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Notices from Suffolk Coastal have been dropping through our letter boxes – soon to be followed by a request for your hard earned cash – so summer must be just around the corner. OK, we've got to get through Spring first, but it means that the time for making the most of our huts and chalets is rapidly approaching.

Your Committee hasn't been hibernating through the winter so we thought it's time to update you with what's been going on and what will be happening this year.

OVERLEAF - DATES OF THE NEXT QUIZ NIGHT AND THE AGM

The long awaited upgrade to the chalets is well under way. We were puzzled as to why the chalets with back doors only had new doors at the front – but we're still awaiting an answer from Suffolk Coastal. We're told that the roof, fascias and soffits on Cliff House will be replaced later in the year. No idea why it wasn't all done at the same time!

We're also awaiting an answer as to why the licence fees were put up by 2.6%. At a meeting with Councillors and officials last year we were told that the fees would rise in line with inflation. A quick piece of research revealed that inflation was 2.6% in June 2014 and has fallen since then, so why that figure was chosen is a mystery. We've asked, but haven't been told.

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You will know that we campaigned from the start to get toilets at Manor End. Last year temporary cubicles were erected and we are delighted that a permanent block is now being built in their place. For far too long hut owners at Manor End have been the poor relations and we have been able to cash in on the provision of the playground at Martello Park to emphasise our case to get the loos. Next will be an attempt to get new steps down to the beach so hut owners don't have to use a parachute to get from the prom to the beach. (We love a bit of sarcasm!)

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We are acutely aware of the lack of toilets at Clifflands since the old toilet block in the car park was demolished some years ago and never replaced. We'll be doing what we can to get some toilet provision back there.

(Continued overleaf)

