



Felixstowe Beach Hut & Chalet Association

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WHAT HAPPENED AT THE AGM?

For members who were not at the AGM in June we can give you a brief update. All the current Committee members agreed to stand again and were returned unopposed. Not a surprise, perhaps, as people are often reluctant to come forward to sit on committees, but we are always looking for members to join our Committee as almost all of us have been in place since the Association was formed in 2013 and we won't all go on for ever! It is not an onerous job.

Following the Treasurer's report that we had £9845 in our account, of which £3990 was ring-fenced on our Fighting Fund, it was agreed that we would open a separate account for the Fighting Fund. There was a suggestion from the floor that we put £1000 a year from our everyday account into the Fighting Fund so, with the professional assistance from our member, Susan Penn, who works at Barclays, the Fighting Fund account was opened and we have already earned £1.02 in interest !!!! At a recent Committee meeting we agreed to put half the money we receive in subscriptions each year into the Fighting Fund. That means we will be adding £1387 to the Fund this year.

For members who have joined since the Fighting Fund was set up - a brief explanation. In 2017 we were faced with the possibility of a huge increase in the licence fee that beach hut owners pay to the council. If implemented, many owners would have been priced out of owning a hut. In order to pay for legal advice, members very generously dipped into their pockets and almost £8000 was raised. Nearly £4000 of that was used to pay a solicitor to challenge the council and it proved to be money well spent. The outcome was a new pricing structure where most hut owners paid a little more but nowhere near what was proposed, with a 10% increase each year until 2021. We are maintaining the fund just in case another situation arises affecting hut owners or chalet tenants where we need to consult a solicitor so we don't have to ask members for money again.

There are also details of companies that insure beach huts and many other businesses that offer their services to our members. There is much more on the site too.

THE 'OCCASIONAL CAFÉ' WILL BE OPEN AGAIN THIS WINTER

Joy Reeve and Karen Kenny, of Grandma's Little House at Manor End - which was Beach Hut of the Year 2017 - will be opening their hut again this winter, every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 7am to 12.30pm, this time raising money for Parkinson's UK. They have raised thousands of pounds over the past few years for various charities and they provide a warm welcome as well as a warm drink and homemade goodies.

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HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR CONTACT DETAILS?

We must comply with the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and maintain correct records of your personal details. So, if you have changed your address, telephone number(s), email address or perhaps got an email address for the first time, please let us know. We will never share your details with others. We often send out snippets of information by email which we are unable to send out by post. Apologies to members without email, but it would be costly to put a few lines of information in the post regularly. We will continue to put as much information as we can on our newsletters.

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FUNDRAISING CONTINUES

The Committee, and several of our members, have spent some time this summer raising money for good causes.

Di and Peter Chilver held their annual MacMillan Coffee Morning at their hut at Brackenbury Cliffs. Lots of fellow members and passers-by called in and made generous donations in return for delicious cakes, snack and drinks. The outcome was an amazing £915.14 raised for the charity. The photo shows just how busy it was.





EVERYONE HERE LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE A MEMBER.

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