

Winter News 2017/18



Christmas holiday play at Sandbanks

First of all may I wish all our members a somewhat belated but Happy New Year.

You will notice this newsletter is shorter than usual as our editor is currently away. This edition was compiled before our AGM, the review of which usually dominates the winter edition. Consequently, a summary of the meeting will be emailed separately to members and will also be posted on our website.

Keep up-to-date with PBHA news and regular updates on www.poolebeachhuts.co.uk

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News from the committee

Members met in the New Year to plan the AGM and discuss emerging news from Bournemouth Seafront Services.

Some questions were recently submitted to Chris Saunders, Head of Operations, Tourism and Corporate Communications.

We asked for clarification regarding the new hut building programme. Mr Saunders confirmed that a planning application for 10 new upper deck huts at Shore Road, revised down from 12, will be submitted shortly with work planned to start in September.

An Echo article recently revealed that an application has been made for four new beach huts and a 'seaside play garden' at Flaghead Chine.



This project is part of the Seafront Development Programme, a £6.6million investment in Poole's seafront funded by a grant from the government's Coastal Communities Fund.

It features planting, stone blocks for sitting and carved stone shells at the entrance to the chine to provide an opportunity for 'sensory plan'. Benches will be integrated into the planting to create multiple seating areas for small groups of people. The four huts will be arranged in a crescent to maximise sea views.

If plans are approved, work expected to start after Easter is likely to last up to about eight weeks. The huts, with pitched roofs, will be available to rent from the council on an annual, short-term basis.

In other areas, the stability of the cliffs at Canford Cliffs is still being monitored and remedial work is likely to start in September. Further development in this area will be dependent on a successful outcome.

Four new huts are planned at Branksome Dene Chine this summer and sixteen at Hamworthy Park.

Good news at Shore Road - the ladies' toilets have been refurbished with new doors, hand dryers and refreshed interior paintwork and panelling.

Swaps and shares

There has been an increasing number of enquiries recently from members about the possibility of finding an existing tenant to share their hut, thereby halving the annual rent of one hut and releasing the other hut back onto the waiting list.

Other enquiries have been from tenants wishing to move location and to find another willing tenant with whom they could arrange a mutually agreeable swap. The beach office has indicated that this could be arranged for an administration fee of £50.

If you are interested in exploring either of these options please contact Bob Lister who will add your details to the PBHA website.

Bob said: "This is a valuable service which can be offered to members who are keen to retain their tenancy of a Poole hut but whose circumstances may have changed since they initially took it up."

For more information contact Bob on 07980 928752.



Canford Cliffs promenade

In January, we learnt that engineers monitoring the cliffs had detected some movement in recent weeks.

As a precaution against a possible land slip, a block of beach huts has been sealed off. A short stretch of footpath on Cliff Drive is also temporarily closed.

Date for your Diary

Summer BBQ and buffet - 13th June

This year with optional fish and chips to be pre-ordered
if required

Branksome Dene Community Room

Tickets £10
All Welcome!



Events planned for this summer

British Sand Polo Championship - 13/14 July -
Sandbanks Beach

Mini-steam Day - 13 May
Poole Quay

Poole Harbour Boat Show - 8/10 June
Poole Quay

Harry Paye Day - 16 June
Poole Quay

Folk on the Quay - 30 June
Poole Quay

Dream Machines - Tuesdays April to September
Poole Quay

Quay for my Car - Fridays July & August
Poole Quay

Summer Breeze - Thursdays 27 July & August
Poole Quay



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