

Rockley Park Owners' Association
March 2012 Newsletter



CHAIRPERSON

Hi to all members and those who have joined us this year. It was nice to come back to see everything was working i.e. Gas, Electric and Water. Nice to see lots of new faces on Park and hopefully they will enjoy the Park as much as we do. With the beach café opening 7 days of the week it looks like a lot of fun will be had with all the activities on the sea and sand. (don't forget litter & dog collections) There are bins for both!

As ever your Chairperson.

Mavis White (Chairperson)

Committee is as follows:-

Mrs Mavis White (Chairperson)

Mr Eddie Kapp (Vice Chair)

Mr Terry Warner (Secretary)

Mrs Penny Kapp (Membership)

Mrs Patricia Warner (Treasurer)

Mr Stuart Chinery

Mr Oscar Howlett

Vice Chair

A well attended AGM and Sunshine. Many thanks to Mavis Chairing the meeting, being that she has not been very well for some time. Both myself and Committee will be assisting Mavis more in the coming months, in order for her to concentrate on getting better. We all wish her well.

Going forward, I would like to let you know I will be taking over the Newsletter Editor position, a hard act to follow, but hopefully will do Terry proud, who's wit and no-holds barred editorials has been widely noticed. I would very much appreciate any members to send observations, comments or articles for submission in the future editions. Don't forget the Website, and any comments good/bad or changes you would like to see www.rockleyowners.org.uk Email: rockleyowners@aol.com.

Eddie Kapp (Vice Chair)

Swimming Pool

"Water Babies" come along to the Pool "under New Management" and it shows. How wonderful to come back to Park to our lovely CLEAN Pool, Paintwork and Tiles. What a long overdue pleasure – and the Staff are so Professional. Nothing is too much trouble and keeping it clean and well maintained, hopefully it will continue but with the right CAPTAIN at the HELM just keep paddling.

The soft "Owners Exclusive" towels are a real TOP NOTCH touch.

On another subject well done Russell in getting my TV and the channels sorted – a real Good Job done – 2012 has started well and it feels like a 5 star Park again which is long overdue.

Reece Craig (AV7)

AGM 2012

This year the AGM took place at Yarrells Preparatory School in Upton on Sunday 25 March. The change of venue being due to the high cost asked by Hamworthy Middle School. Yarrells being suggested and arranged by Oscar Howlett. Members had been sent a circular prior to the meeting with the necessary proposals and resolutions, all of which were passed unopposed. The Secretary told the meeting of a very busy year pursuing the Association stated objectives and giving a little history for the benefit of new members and owners. Also advised were the concerns raised with Park most recently on December 4th 2011. These were as follows: Poor Entertainment in Showbar and M&B particularly late season. Regular use of Owners Lounge and facilities by unaccompanied non caravan Owners, Owners Lounge car Parks used by Contractors, Team Members and misuse of Disabled Bays, Owners Events being attended by non-picture Pass Holders, Sky switch off when Holiday Makers leave, recent signed for Sales Letter, Need for 'Second Venue', Keith Ramsome Trophy and Health & Safety issues.

For those unable to attend the AGM we list below the major items of AOB:-

Vouchers: Concern that vouchers seem to be discontinued despite preseason promises. In particular, breakfast and Sunday Carvery vouchers preferably undated.

Owners Lounge Bar Prices: Members at a loss to understand increase in 'Can' prices up to 28%. Following removal of pump draft, cans were supposed to be low cost and 500ml when available. Soft drinks expensive.

TV From Bristol: It would appear some owners still have problems with TV reception. People in Poole have no interest in Bristol & West News, weather and traffic so can we return to South from I.O.W now digital switch over is complete!

Diamond Jubilee What is happening?

TV Licence: Necessary or not?

Post: Many members still very unhappy with 'no post'. Human Rights Act mentioned.

Repairs: One Owner reported to have been waiting 12 months for repairs to vehicle standing that had consistently damaged his car.

Special Note: Significant number present thought many Owners' benefits were being slowly whittled away.

What The Papers Say

The last time we ran this was back in July 2011. Here is the latest selection:

As reported in the Mail, the Chancellor has decided in the budget that VAT at 20% will now be due on static caravan holiday homes. As an example according to the paper this will raise the cost of a typical holiday home from £25,000 to £30,000! What planet are they on!

Meanwhile the Mirror gives over a whole page to yet another unscrupulous Park Owner, albeit residential in this case.

Finally News Breaking in the Sunday Times on the day of our AGM has probably opened a whole new can of worms about political donations and undue influence. Now what did we tell you about last July?

Mind The Gap

One question we are being asked more & more is the minimum spacing distance between caravans, possibly because caravans, lodges and chalets are increasing in size and sometimes seem to be shoehorned onto 'standard' pitches. The answer can be found in the 'Model Standards for Holiday Caravans' and the Site Licence which quotes the 'Model Standards' verbatim. The minimum spacing distance between caravans made of aluminium and materials with similar fire performance should be not less than 5 metres and 3.5 metres at the corners. For those with a plywood or similar skin it should not be less than 6 metres. Where there is a mixture of aluminium and plywood the separation distance should be 6 metres. The 5 and 6 metres distance would be between flat parallel surfaces of adjacent units, 3.5 metres would refer to an arrangement when 'vans are offset such that there is a corner to corner distance. Eaves, drainpipes and bay windows may extend into the 5/6 metre space provided the total distance between the extremities of two adjacent units is not less than 4.5 metres. Where there are ramps, verandas and stairs extending from the unit there should be 3.5 metres clear space, 4.5 metres if a mixture and such items should not face each other in any space.

Editor's Note: Generally speaking aluminium is considered non combustible and has a melting point of around 650°C, where as wood ignition temperature is some 250°C and PVC about

400°C. Modification of all these material types by composition and treatment may well amend these figures. Please be aware our copy of the 'Model Standards' only deals with aluminium and wood. The notes regarding combustion, melting and ignition are not quoted from the regulations.

Association Events:

Chrissie's Cream Teas: This will be held on Saturday 21st July at 90 Harbour View. For booking details. Contact Penny Kapp on 01179515137 Mavis White on 01202682161 Tricia Warner 01202 660 384 or mobile 077716221.

Bransome Dene Chime Fun Day 9th August: Free Hot Dogs, coffee and tea with prizes for the best Sandcastle and Treasure Trail. For further details please contact Tricia Warner 07771628213.

Entertainment:

Hello to you all, hope everyone is well and all are glad to be back for another season. To those of you that haven't made it down yet, there has been a change to the showbar. The disco and sound system have now been moved to the other end of the showbar, near the wonderbar and the sound seems a lot better. We would like to welcome a new entertainment leader Ski, and hopefully with her in charge of the Funstars we can look forward to a great season ahead. We would also like to welcome back, from last season, Stewart and Charlie. The Funstars have a new, smart uniform an all look very professional and from what I have seen so far, they are all full of energy and eager to entertain us. The entertainment to date has been good and I'm hoping as I am sure you all are, that it continues throughout the season.

Oscar Howlett (Committee Member)

Editors Corner:

After 7 years as editor, producer and major copy writer, this will be my last Newsletter in charge as I am handing over to Eddie Kapp. Hopefully I've kept you all well informed and with an occasional touch of humour. I firmly subscribe to the saying that 'words are not swords but ploughshares to cultivate better understanding' and at this point I should say that I apologise if over the years I have upset anybody, but of course me being me I'm not!

As many of you know I took over the position of Secretary last year and there is much to do in that area. My thanks to my contributors for their articles, please continue to support Eddie. Be assured with space available and Editor willing, this will not be the end of my scribbling!

Terry Warner (Editor)