

Newsletter Issue 4

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Holiday Homes Trust

Some Donations Received so far this year this year

- The Toy Trust - £2,000
- Robert Hall Foundation - £1,000
- The Hedley Foundation - £2,000
- Albert Hunt Trust - £1,000

A big thank you to everyone for your kind donations, gratefully received.

Office News

We have had a very busy year opening three new caravans at different parks around the country. We managed to book the whole of the summer holidays for all of our caravans and in July we started taking bookings for 2016.

Rockley Park Opening – March 2015

In March 2015 we purchased a new adapted caravan at Rockley Park to replace our old one. The Daniels family very kindly donated some money towards the purchase of the new caravan. As a family they have stayed in our caravans over the years and decided to donate some money from their parent's estate towards the purchase of the caravan. Our Chairman, Roger Hurrion gave an opening speech. In the photo below you can see Mike Daniels cutting the ribbon with the Mayor and the Sheriff of Poole.



Church Farm Opening – May 2015

In March 2015 we sold our chalet at Carmarthen Bay Holiday Park in Kidwelly. The proceeds of the sale went towards the purchase of an adapted caravan at Church Farm Holiday Park (Haven) near Bognor Regis, West Sussex. We held an opening ceremony for this caravan in May and this was attended by the Chairman Ray Radmall of the local Parish Council who cut the ribbon after a speech by our Director Bob Panton. Also in attendance were Directors from the Trust and staff from the park including the characters.



Blue Dolphin Opening – August 2015

In August 2015 we held the opening ceremony for our new caravan at Blue Dolphin Holiday Park, near Filey. This caravan was sited and ready for the start of the 2015 season but we held the ceremony in August so that Derick Wilson, a volunteer with the Trust for 30 years could attend. Derick and his wife Sue have looked after our caravan at Skipsea over the years and have now kindly agreed to continue their work for us at the Filey caravan. The ribbon was cut by Tony Viney, the Chairman of Gristhorpe & Lebberston Parish Council and John Le Warne gave a speech. The 1st Filey Guide Group, park staff and Directors and staff of the Holiday Homes Trust attended.



Jamboree

Adrian, who is an Explorer Scout Leader from South Wales and Sean who is a Scout Leader from Cornwall, have very kindly decided to do a JOTI Drive Along on 16th to 18th October to help raise funds for the Holiday Homes Trust. They aim to travel from North to South of the UK visiting Scout groups along the way and are asking for the groups to set challenges for them. They have a facebook and twitter page and we have set up a fundraising page on Virgin money giving. Details below. Please promote this venture for them. They would be grateful for any support you can give.

Their Twitter page is [@JOTIDriveAlong](https://twitter.com/JOTIDriveAlong)

Their facebook page is m.facebook.com/JOTIDriveAlong

The Virgin money giving page is called JOTI Drive Along and is under our Events page. Please help support these guys.

Ade visited the Gilwell Reunion on Saturday and had a photo taken with Jo and Marion. Was lovely to meet him.



Discounts

If you have had a holiday with us in 2015 or 2014 you will be entitled to a 5% discount off a holiday in 2016. Please mention this on your booking form.

We offer a 10% discount to any member of Scouting that would like to book a holiday with us. That can mean either a Scout Leader or if your child is in the beavers, cubs, Scouts etc.

We are also pleased to now be offering the same 10% discount to the Guide Association so please contact us if you would like to book a holiday.

Fundraising - Coffee Morning/Cake Sale

Once again, we are seeking your help and asking if you could hold a coffee morning within your local community to help us raise funds. Please give it a go on our behalf. You could ask your friends to make cakes and bring them along to sell. The event can be held anywhere, like a Scout or Guide group meeting or in your garden or at a regular community meeting. Please contact us if you are interested and need some advice or would like your event listed on our Virgin Money Giving web page or we can help with posters for your event.

A Gift in your Will would enable us to make a difference

As a charity we rely on our supporters and members and it is only through your donations that we are able to continue to provide holidays for people with disabilities or individuals who are disadvantaged, whether through income or circumstances.

Leaving us a gift in your Will ensures that we can look to the future. Any gift that you make will help us to continue to make a difference to people's lives by providing the opportunity for them to have a holiday they may otherwise not have been able to look forward to.

Perhaps you could consider mentioning us in your Will or even adding a codicil to your Will to help us plan for the future.

Part of our long term plans are to replace our existing caravans, some of which are now quite old and larger legacies enable us to invest in new caravans.

Giving in Memory

If you are organising a funeral for a family member or a friend and would like to offer donations instead of flowers in memory of your loved one, then please contact us. We can supply gift envelopes for donations or you can ask the funeral directors to accept donations on our behalf. Alternatively we have a donations page at <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com> – type Holiday Homes trust in the “find a charity” box. Please call us on 020 8433 7290/1 if you would like any help.

Please contact us if you would like to contribute to our Newsletters or would like to become a member of the Holiday Homes Trust

Chairman's Message:-

2015 has been a very busy and productive year for the Holiday Homes Trust, which has put the Trust in a good position to face the future.

Our bookings for this year have substantially increased, and for 2016 we already have numerous bookings.

The chalet at Kidwelly has finally been sold and the money re-invested in purchasing a new caravan on a new site for the Trust, just outside Bognor Regis. We were also lucky, through grant funding and donations, to replace two other caravans within our fleet. The first of these was at Rockley Park, Poole and the other one at Filey, near Scarborough, Yorkshire, which replaced the caravan based at Skipsea. All the new caravans had official openings, with local mayors and members of the Holiday Homes Trust attending, giving us good local press.

Funding permitting, the Trust will try to continue to carry out its policy of refurbishing its fleet of caravans and if necessary changing locations to provide better facilities for our clients, into next year. Over the past two years we have been fortunate in the amounts of donations, legacies, grant funding and fundraising that have we have received, to enable us to carry out our work. Your continued support in these areas is vital to the Trust, for the future.

None of the progress made this year would have been possible without paying tribute to the magnificent work carried out by our office staff, Marion and Jo, at Gilwell Park. Thanks for your help in overseeing the Trust through a successful season. Thank you also to all of our supporters out there at local level who have helped to raise funds or kept an eye on one of caravans in various part of the country.

Best wishes

Roger Hurrion, MBE

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All of our caravans are looked after by local volunteers who do a great job and we are very grateful for their help throughout the 2015 season.

Our caravans are located at the following parks:-

- Church Farm Holiday Village, Pagham, near Bognor Regis, West Sussex (Haven)
- Devon Cliffs Holiday Park, Exmouth, Devon (Haven) - 2 caravans
- Blue Dolphin Holiday Park, Filey, Scarborough (Haven)
- Seashore Holiday Park, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk (Haven)
- Hoburne Naish Holiday Park, New Milton, Hampshire (Hoburne Holidays)
- Devon Bay Holiday Park, Paignton, Devon (Hoburne Holidays)
- Rockley Park Holiday Park, Poole, Dorset (Haven)
- Pentewan Sands Holiday Park, St. Austell, Cornwall