

Newsletter Issue 6

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Holiday Homes Trust

A big thank you to the Scout groups for your kind donations, gratefully received

Office News

We are now fundraising to purchase a new caravan hopefully for the start of the 2018 season. Please spread the word about us amongst your family and friends who may be able to help us with fundraising by holding an event, such as a coffee morning.

We already have a number of bookings for the 2017 season so please consider a holiday break with us yourself. If you would like to book a holiday please contact us to discuss availability and to obtain a booking form.

Seashore Holiday Park - Opening of new caravan – Saturday 16th July 2016



We had a lovely day at the opening ceremony of our new caravan at Seashore Holiday Park. The event was well attended thanks to our local manager Gillian Mays who brought along her local Scout members and she also organised for the local Mayor, Malcolm Bird and his wife Donna to attend.

Seashore Holiday Park very kindly provided the refreshments.

The photo on the left is the view from our caravan which is amazing. It is in a really peaceful location and is lovely to sit outside on the veranda and look at the view.

New Director

We would like to welcome Mike Hebden as a new Member of the Board. Here is a little introduction from Mike:

"I have been a grateful user of the Trust's caravans and chalets for many years and am delighted to be offered the opportunity to serve as a Trustee and help continue the Trust's good work. I took early retirement from the IT industry a few years ago and now run my own small property maintenance business although as a Group Scout Leader of a large and growing Scout Group quite a lot of my time is taken up with voluntary work too!"

Discounts

If you have had a holiday with us in 2016 or 2015 you will be entitled to a 5% discount off a holiday in 2017. Please mention this on your booking form.

We offer a 5% 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 5% discount to the Guide Association so please contact us if you would like to book a holiday. Only one discount can be applied per booking.

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:-

I'm glad to say that the Trust has been progressing well, with a successful season and we are already busy taking bookings for 2017.

We are happy to welcome a new director to the Trust, Mike Hebden. He has recently joined us. You can read more about Mike elsewhere in this newsletter. Great to have another volunteer and welcome aboard Mike!

Now that the current season has almost finished and caravans are being shut down for the winter, most of the Directors are making arrangements for end of season site visits to check inventories, meet local voluntary teams and link up with site staff at the various locations. This very much helps the Directors to keep in touch and have a real first-hand knowledge of the caravans and sites.

The Directors are also looking to try and increase the number of caravans that we currently have and to this end our office administrators, Jo and Marion, are actively seeking funding for another caravan and researching for a new location. We would like to try and have another caravan in place by 2018. Any donations towards this project will be gratefully received and can be sent to the Holiday Homes Trust, address below.

Sadly our excellent treasurer, Phil Harnby, has given us notice that he wishes to step down from this role, due to family commitments, during the next year. So we are on the lookout for a suitable replacement. If you know of someone or feel like volunteering for the role yourself, please let me know, via Jo and Marion at Gilwell.

Enjoy the season of goodwill that will soon be upon us.

Best wishes - Roger Hurrion, MBE

Board of Directors

Chairman - Roger Hurrion Treasurer - Phil Harnby Robert Panton David Ranger John LeWarne Valerie Drew	Ian MacKenzie Alan Foster Philip Andrews Mike Hebden Administrators Johannah Browne and Marion Killoran
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Most of our caravans are looked after by local volunteers who do a great job and we are very grateful for their help throughout the 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)
- 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

Christmas is fast approaching so we thought we would give you our favourite Christmas biscuits recipe for you to try. They are yummy. E-mail us your Easter recipes for inclusion in our next newsletter.



Ingredients

470g plain flour, 1 teaspoon baking powder. 1/2 teaspoon salt, 225g butter , 300g caster sugar, 2 eggs, 2 teaspoons vanilla extract

Method

Preheat oven to 200 C /180 fan/ Gas 6 and lightly grease two baking trays or line with parchment.

Sift flour, baking powder and salt together; set aside. In a large bowl, cream together the butter or margarine and sugar until light and fluffy. Beat in the eggs one at a time, then stir in the vanilla. Gradually blend in the sifted flour until evenly mixed. Cover dough, and refrigerate for 2 hours. On a floured surface, roll out portions of dough to 5mm thickness. Cut out shapes using a variety of Christmas cookie cutters. Bake for 6 to 8 minutes in the preheated oven, or until edges are barely brown. Transfer from baking tray to wire cooling racks. Decorate with icing when completely cool.

