

150th Anniversary Celebrations

On May 4th 2015, hundreds of people came to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the opening of Bognor Regis Pier in 1865

The numbers attending the celebrations reflect the affection in which the Pier is regarded locally as a key asset for the town.



The crowd awaits the countdown to celebrate the exact opening time of the Pier at 2.00 pm.



Mayor Tony Gardiner with BPT Director Jim Brooks



Raising flags
Raising funds
and
Raising awareness!



Trust Board Vacancy - Company Secretary

Things are moving fast at Bognor Regis Trust. We have grown our "Friends Organisation" to over 600 people, we have achieved much success in obtaining Grants to help us secure the long term future of the Pier, and we have created our own centre, Pier Point, located on the Pier

We are now looking for an Honorary Company Secretary. The role will be to guide the Directors in their responsibilities towards their statutory and legal requirements of operating the Trust, and to administer the running of all Board meetings.

Please contact our Chairman, Paul Wells, by email for an informal discussion of the what the job entails and how you might be able to help us.

We look forward to hearing from you. Contact: paul.wells@bognorregis.force9.co.uk

Membership

August 2013 - December 2014 (17 months)

257

January 2015 - Sept 2015 (9 months)

384

Total Members as at 30th Sept 2015

644

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October

Friday 9th October - Friends of Bognor Regis Pier Annual Meeting
7.00 – 7.30 Regis Centre Guest Speaker Jess Steele our Consultant and founder Hastings Pier Director, who helped get the £11.5 million for HLF for Hastings Pier, with Wine and Nibbles

Saturday 31st October – Members Event - A Halloween Murder at The Kitticat Casino – Regis Centre

November Wednesday 4th November – Members Coffee
Morning 10.30am Regis Centre

December Wednesday 4th December – Members Coffee
Morning at 10.30am Regis Centre Carol singing and Mulled Wine with Mince Pies at the Pier Point, date yet to be confirmed



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Friends of bognor regis pier



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Pay Pal Membership is just a click away!

Email Address: If you are on email and haven't given it to us, we are unable to keep you up updated with current information. We send out monthly emails. Please forward your email address to janmalpas@gmail.com if you want to be included in the monthly email. Thank you

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NEWSLETTER

Bognor Regis Pier
150 years old 1865 - 2015

September 2015

Issue 2

Visiting Government Minister gives us a resounding 'thumbs up'!

"I am writing to pass on the Minister's thanks for arranging such a brilliant visit to Bognor Regis. He was very impressed with the work that has been done using the Coastal Communities Fund and the other projects around the town which are rejuvenating the area. It was great to see a real-time CCF project delivering, as well as the potential for the next phases. I'd also like to add my thanks for being so flexible and arranging the visit at short notice. It was very well organised and the Minister enjoyed meeting you all. I would be grateful if you could also pass this on to your colleagues who he met on the day.

We look forward to hearing how the next phase of the CCF project and the station improvements progress."

Lucy Yates
Private Secretary to the Rt. Hon Mark Francois MP,
Department for Communities and Local Government



Pier Trust Directors Paul Wells & Ken Blamires with Minister Mark Francois



Minister for Communities and local Government, Mark Francois and FOBRP Tricia Gore and Lesley Thomas

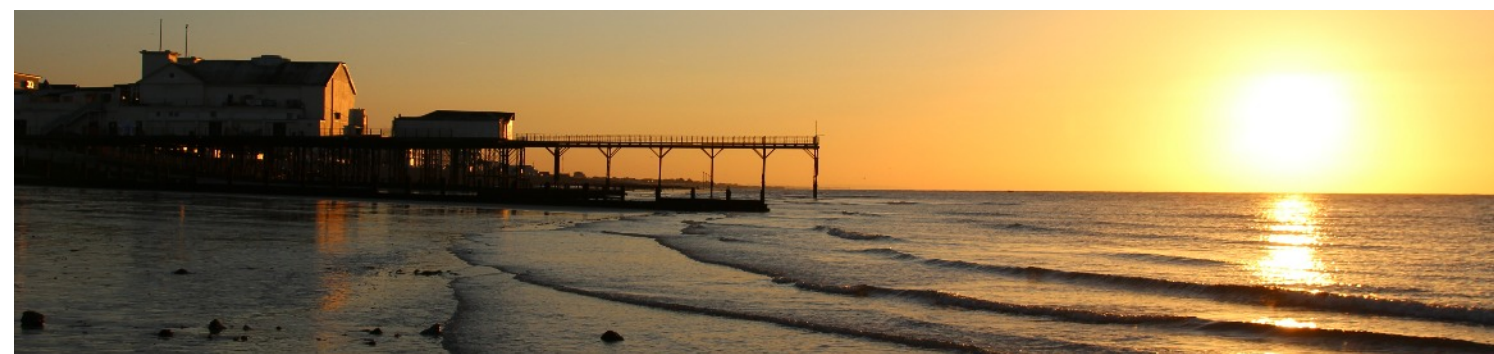
Recognition from 2015 Funders:

Heritage Lottery start-up Grant for professional work and surveys - £10,000 and BPT have funded an additional £5,600 so Project is for **£15,600**

Arun District Council have given us a grant for **£5,000**, which will be used for the Bid writing

Bognor Regis Town Council gave us a grant for **£1,500** towards the Pier Point Refurbishment

The Government Coastal Communities Funding awarded Bognor Regis £10,000 and BPT will receive **£5,000** from this towards the Bid writing costs



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Director's Report January – September 2015

What a great nine months the Bognor Pier Trust has had in all areas.

The recognition we now have from the start-up grants awarded to us by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) and the Coastal Community Fund (CCF) has put us in an excellent position as we start to move forward with writing our Bid for the HLF.

We have had a change in BPT Directors and we welcome Ken Blamires who joined the board in April 2015 and more recently Paul Vanzebroeck who joined us in September 2015. I wish to thank our outgoing Directors, Sandra Daniels, Nick Stuart-Nicholson and Adam Cunard for all their hard work at BPT since its foundation in January 2013 and their contributions have helped BPT to be where it is today.

Jess Steele, our consultant, will be the guest speaker on the 9th October 2015, which is the Annual Evening meeting for the Friends of Bognor Regis Pier at the Regis Centre. Jess will give us an overview of her experience with the Hasting HLF Bid and how it was achieved. I am very much looking forward to taking this opportunity to meet and talk to as many friends as possible.

I would also like to thank the Friends of Bognor Regis Pier (FoBRP) Committee and the builders refurbishment & Volunteer Team who have done amazing work so far this year. The FoBRP Monthly Coffee Mornings, Gazebo Days and staffing the Pier Point have, and are, making a huge difference to the public awareness of the Bognor Regis Pier project. Their work is vital to raising the profile of BPT, FoBRP and Bognor Regis Pier itself. They have and are doing this on a weekly basis and, on behalf of myself and the Board of Directors, I sincerely thank them.

Together we are moving forward to bring Bognor Regis Pier back into Community Ownership and that is all thanks to YOU for the wonderful support you give us.

Paul Wells BPT Chairman

The Pier Point Refurbishment

11th & 12th April 2015



Team of Contractors



The pier point took 24 days from start to finish to refurbish



Thank you to the following contractors

Paul Riley & Lee Balchin Anglo building & Renovations & South Promo. Ross Keene & Darren Reed Keene plastering, Ricky Carter The roofing company, Dave Towers Trevor Ragless DT Electrics. Lee Penson Clinton carpets. Chris Furnis Southdown brick works. Peter Mitchel, Steve Mitchel, & Martin Shepard. Tony Balchin Wayne Breeds, Ant Fanrnde, Dave Haydock Tom Stannard and Jan the tea lady.

Thank you to the following companies that supplied materials



Clinton Carpets



Anglo building & Renovations



South Promo Ltd

You, our members, are the corner stone to this success

Activities January to September 2015:

Friends of Bognor Regis Pier (FoBRP) monthly Coffee Morning started in January 2015. These coffee mornings are well attended and have created the FoBRP Committee, our Volunteer Team and our Public Face. Come along and join in the chat!

• **Events Calendar for whole year January to December 2015**

- Photographic Competition
- Members Pier Point Naming ideas with winning Name "Pier Point"
- Winter Gazebo Days in Bognor Regis Precinct – Sooo cold but successful
- Members Event Murder on the Titanic March 2015 – Sell Out and fantastic success, Halloween Murder will be on 31.10.15 - tickets also heading for sell out. Get tickets quickly!
- Young Pier Supporter Charlie Hobbs sponsored Hair Cut
- Spring and Summer Gazebo days covering Armed Forces Day, Birdman, Drive Through Time, Hotham Park County Fair, Felpham Beach Estate Fete, Middleton Fete, Southdowns folk festival
- National Pier Society Visit to Bognor Regis 02.05.15



150th Birthday Celebrations



150th Anniversary of the Opening of Bognor Regis Pier 04.05.15 What a success!



The Pier Point Visitor Centre

- Creation, Refurbishment and Opening of the Pier Point Visitor Centre which is now open every Sunday and other days during the summer
- Two school presentations recognising the work for 150th from schools
- New Website launch and now we now have a Twitter account as well as our facebook page
- Directors visit to Hastings – July 2015
- Members help with Video Shoot for Web Site
- White Polo Shirts for FoBRP members to show support Bognor Pier Trust
- Communication Committee created with a mix of BPT Directors and FoBRP
- Creation of Claude. Who is Claude??!!

