

NEWSLETTER



September 2016

Issue 4

Bognor Pier Trust Directors and Friends of Bognor Regis Pier Committee

will have the pleasure of inviting all Members to their

3rd ANNUAL MEETING

Date will be early November, 2016
Invites will be issued in October
and the venue confirmed

Celebrating Bognor Pier Trust Funders







Department for Communities and Local Government



The Architectural Heritage Fund









Heritage Lottery Fund: Round 1 Bid Update

While preparing this update on the Bid for Round 1 funding for the Pier I, like many of you, have been watching the Olympics and the success of Team GB. It reminded me of a piece of advice given to me last year while we were working on the Coastal Communities Fund bid.

That advice was "Remember the project is a Marathon and not a Sprint". Wise words in hindsight but they forgot to warn about the trips and hurdles you need to overcome on the way to the finish line. The similarities don't end there, with funding in particular from the lottery, which is key to getting the infrastructure in place and the correct support and advice to provide the structure for success.

The last twelve months have been like a marathon for the Trust in terms of getting the funding in place; this ensures that the specialist work required to support our Round 1 Bid to Heritage Lottery Fund can be completed.

Over this time we have raised over £90,000 to support our bid with grants from:

- Bognor Regis Town Council,
- Arun District Council.
- Coastal Communities Fund,
- Architectural Heritage Fund,
- Community Economic Development Programme
- Awards for All

The Trust is also applying to the West Sussex County Council Big Society Members Fund

We have also been actively promoting our plans for the Pier both locally and nationally with meetings and presentations to Bognor Regis Town Council, Arun District Council, West Sussex County Council, Mark Francois: Minister for Communities and Resilience as well as Nick Gibb our local MP.

It is important that our plans are in line with the Seafront Regeneration Plans and West Sussex County Council objective

of "Make Bognor Regis Better". Piers are in vogue and we want to ensure our plans ride the increasing popularity of piers as a visitor destination. In a recent survey, the most popular thing to do at the seaside last year was to "Walk on the Pier", and we aim to ensure that visitors will continue to want to walk on Bognor Regis Pier.

The money the trust has raised has been invested in preparing for the Round 1 Submission. We have engaged professionals and specialists to undertake a structural survey of the pier; we have commissioned a valuation of pier; further funds have been used for bid writing support and development of a funding strategy and, importantly, new designs for the pier in line with RIBA guidelines.

A meeting was held with HLF earlier this year following our Project Enquiry which provided an overview and update on the Project. A major output was the need to improve the utilisation of the key heritage assets of the pier, namely the Edwardian theatre, underpinned by a sustainable long term business plan.

dRMM, a leading Architect and design practice with an established background in piers and seafront developments, have assisted the Trust to develop concepts for Bognor Regis Pier.

We are on the home front with just a couple of pieces of key work required to enable the Trust to submit its Round 1 Submission to HLF.

A massive team effort by the members of the Bognor Pier Trust Board and the Friends of Bognor Regis Pier, who have worked together to get us to this important stage of the Project.

Ken Blamires

HLF Bid Project Manager and BPT Director

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News from Bognor Pier Trust

Friends of Bognor Regis Pier (FoBRP)

Our mission is to provide a comprehensive service to our members and be the Public Face of the Bognor Pier Trust by supporting their Vision of returning Bognor Regis Pier back into Public Ownership and overseeing the restoration process.

The FoBRP achieve this by raising the profile of the Bognor Pier Trust wherever and whenever an opportunity arises - through:

- * Monthly Coffee Mornings updating members with the latest progress and news.
- * Our twice yearly Newsletter celebrating our successes and future projects.
- * Listening to our Members' views and suggestions.
- * Spreading the word through informative Gazebo opportunities in the local community.
 i.e. Proms in the Park, Hotham Park, Country Fair, Bognor Regis Precinct,
 Village Fetes, Kite Festival, Drive thro' Time, Supermarkets
- * Visits to Schools to engage the 'youth of today our custodians of tomorrow'.
- * Signing up new Members.
- * FoBRP volunteers at our seasonal Pier Point Visitors' Centre on the Pier guiding visitors through the history of our Pier with the help of words and photographs, displays and young supporter contributions.
- * High profile events such as the Bognor Regis Carnival and Illuminations Gala.
- * Organising Social activities and other events.
- * Fundraising opportunities if you have a successful fundraising idea let us know.

Jan Malpas: Chair of FoBRP

Meet the FoBRP Committee



Jan Malpas (Chair of FoBRP)

(Chair of FOBRP)
Retired Accountant and
Bognor Pier Trust Director
Resident of Bognor Regis
since 2006



Hazel Denman

(Vice Chair of FoBRP) Retired LA Children's Services Manager and Project Leader Resident of Bognor Regis since 2011



Val Morris

FoBRP Committee Member Retired local teacher Resident of Bognor Regis since 1957



Tricia Gore

FoBRP Committee Member Retired Accountant for Marina/Shipyard Resident of Bognor Regis since 1981



Les Thomas

FoBRP Committee Member Ex WRAF Resident of Bognor Regis since 2005

Bognor Pier Trust CIC

Profit and Loss Accounts for the Periods Ending 31st August

	2014/15	2013/14
Income:	£	£
Members Subscriptions & Renewals	3,717	905
Donations	1,001	3,479
Fund Raising	3,797	972
Grant Income Revenue	12,113	0
Grant Income Capital	3,102	0
Sponsorship	0	485
Total Income	23,730	5,841
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Expenditure:		
Printing, Brochures, Newsletters, Postage	1,324	522
Fund Raising Expenditure	2,837	1,505
Revenue Grant Expenditure	12,113	0
Membership Administration and Mail Shot	715	0
Professional Fees and expenses/Governance	699	1,592
Insurance	473	479
Subscriptions	120	25
Equipment	600	0
Depreciation	714	93
Total Expenditure	19,595	4,216
Operating Profit before Tax	4,135	1,625
Corporation Tax	349	251
Profit/(Loss) for the Year	3,786	1,374

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The quote above, borrowed from the internet, reminds us that we each have a local story to share.

Please take some time to write down your memories of Bognor Regis past, not only the pier but the flavour of the time and maybe the people and places that defined a more relaxed and peaceful seaside town.

Short or long, please include any dates, your name and contact details - Paul Wells will read every one. paul.wells@bognorregis.force9.co.uk



Photographic Competition winners' presentation evening hosted by Oxfords Bar and Eatery

In May, from over 200 entries, the winners receive their framed photos from Bognor Regis Mayor, Jeanette Warr.

News from the Friends of Bognor Regis Pier

Gala Float makes it a Double First!



Themed around a Variety Showcase in the Pavilion Theatre at the end of our Pier. Victorian ladies enjoyed music from live band Musical Express and watched the Magician and his Assistant, Muscles Malone and Jester Minit, the Frilly Frolickers and teenage Acrobats.



Paul Wells (BPT Chair) receives trophy from Mayor Pat Dillon



This was a brilliant team effort and huge thanks go to: The Musical Express band and the Art of Dance dancers, Mick the driver and F&G Motors who supplied the float, Jim Brooks who generously allowed us to use his lighting equipment and the BPT Directors and ladies who rode the float. Together with the Fabrication and Rigging team, they made the whole spectacle come together!

BPT Float is Top of the Class



Member's band Musical Express, youngsters from the Art of Dance and Fitness School and BPT Directors. entertained the crowd with beach-themed music and costumes. Claude made his debut appearance 🤵 on the bright white Bognor Pier Trust balloons

The Royal Challenge - Accomplished!



The bespoke front cover is embossed 18 in with gold lettering and the BPT logo. Left: It's big, it's blue and fit for a Queen! Below: The lettering and logo enlarged

200 pages To date, the Album has over of heartfelt good wishes to Queen Elizabeth II in her 90th year, with room for more greetings and photographs of the delivery of the Album to Buckingham Palace. We are just waiting to hear when this high-profile event will occur.

90th Birthday Oueen Elizabeth II



The Album opened to show the first two pages -Above: and every page has colourful pictures and messages on over 4,000 individual greetings.

So, just how heavy is the Queen's Album?

Come and find out at the Annual Meeting. You will be as staggered as the Communications Group were because they've got to get it to the Palace !!!



Food Hall Fundraising for BPT

As voted for by the Bognor Regis community and surrounding area, we have been successfully selected as the Marks and Spencer's Food Hall Bognor Regis Community Organisation of the Year until April 2017

We have participated in the Waitrose Token Community Promotions in July 2016 and wait to hear if we have won

IMPORTANT: COFFEE MORNING CHANGES

YES: Coffee Morning Wednesday 5th October but it's an 11.30 am start



NO: Coffee Morning Wednesday 2nd November



News from the Friends of Bognor Regis Pier



Membership now...



...and rising!

Annual Meeting Reservation

Contact Details

To reserve your place when you receive your invitation:

Email - fobrp@gmail.com

Write to Jan Malpas 6 Bradlond Close, Bognor Regis, West Sussex, PO21 2RQ

Text Jan Malpas @ 07854854787

We look forward to welcoming all our new and existing members to this annual friendly and informative evening

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2016/17 Diary Dates		
September 7th	Members' Coffee Morning	
October 5th	Start at 11.30 am Coffee Morning	
20tl	Drop-in Session - William Hardwick 6.30 - 8.30 pm Call in to meet us and talk about Bognor Regis Pier	
29tl	BPT Gazebo in London Road	
November	NO Coffee Morning!	
To be confirmed	Annual Meeting	
19tl	Christmas Market at the Methodist Church High Street, Bognor Regis	
December 7th	Members' Coffee Morning	
16tl	Carol Service at the Pier Point	
January 4tl	Members' Coffee Morning 2nd Anniversary	
February 1s	Members' Coffee Morning	
19ti	Gazebo in London Road	
March 1st	Members' Coffee Morning	
April 5th	Members' Coffee Morning	
May 3rd	Members' Coffee Morning to celebrate our Pier being 152 years old tomorrow!	

Well done!

You have saved us £200 in postage by hand-delivering our last Newsletter.



Where would we be without you?

Don't forget to tell us if you have helped out in any way



Meet & Greet: October 20th

Please make a note of our very first Drop-in Session at the William Hardwick

Between 6.30 pm and 8.30 pm the **Directors of the Bognor Pier Trust** and Friends of Bognor Regis Pier Committee will be on hand to talk with our members, listen to your views and suggestions and answer as many questions as we can.

Keep a look out for these future FoBRP events



Collecting

Bric-a-Brac in good condition Christmas items and decorations unwanted presents (even really naff ones!)

Help needed

with cakes, flowers & plants nearer the date

Saturday (19th) November at the Methodist Church Hall in the High Street



Membership Renewals

Choose a way that suits you!

At Coffee mornings or return by **post** when you receive

vour reminder

PayPal

Payment e.mail address: payments@bognorpiertrust.co.uk

By Bank Transfer

A/c name Bognor Pier Trust CIC A/c no 13798720 Sort code 20-20-62 please quote your membership number



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Friends of bognor regis pier



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