

BORTH-Y-GEST UPDATE

June 2011

Hello All

It feels like summer today, but I fear it won't last – rain is forecast for the rest of the week.

Bring back April weather!

There are a few things to update you with.

1. The AGM

We held the AGM in May and it was quite well attended, given that AGMs are not everybody's favourite type of meeting. The review of the past year showed just how much we have achieved and how many different activities took place.

Sheila Roberts and Dion Jones had completed their 3 year term on the Committee and were re-elected. Faf Bourke left the Committee after several years of service and we welcomed Gill Bywater and Pauline Hale to the Committee.

So your Committee and officers are now:

Richard Walwyn – Chairman

David Medcalf – Secretary

Robert Idris Jones – Treasurer

Committee:

Sheila Roberts

Dion Jones

Phil Eccles

Gill Bywater

Pauline Hale

And the ever helpful Councillor Selwyn Griffiths as observer and advisor.

The new Committee will meet next week to lay out the programme of events for the next few months.

In the meantime.....

2. The Village Barbeque – Saturday 25th June at 6.00pm on the beach

We have revived the tradition of holding a village summer celebration, by holding a barbeque on the beach on Saturday 25th June. The Committee will provide gazebos and charcoal barbeques for people to use. Please bring your own food and drink and, if you have one that's easily transported, an extra barbeque. There will also be the opportunity to sample some of the [increasingly] famous Borth-y-Gest lamb – a 'rare breed' treat!

There will be musical entertainment from Gary Bywater on his saxophone plus a jazz music colleague, and singing from the "World Singers". We will have children's games, if we get volunteers to organise some, please.

So...do come along and meet fellow "Friends", and enjoy good food, good music and good company in the superb setting of Borth-y-Gest bay.

3. Important – Borth-y-Gest boats

If you have a boat, or know somebody who has, on the dinghy park at the end of the car park, please be aware that you need a 2011 Registration Sticker from the Harbour Master. By the time you read this, all the unregistered boats will have been moved to the Harbourmaster's compound in Porthmadog, where they will be held for a few weeks before being sold on behalf of RNLI. If your boat has disappeared, contact the Harbour Master, David O'Neill, on 01766 512927 as soon as possible.

The intention is that only registered boats will be permitted in the dinghy area, and no boats or tenders may be stored along the grass strip in front of the car park or the pilot houses. This will improve the appearance of the area, whilst keeping the very useful facility enjoyed by boat owners over many years.

3. Environmental Grant

The Committee has been successful in an application for a grant from the Land Fill Environmental Fund for projects around the village. This will enable us to speed up some of the work that we started last year – improving footpaths, getting rid of invasive species, opening up bracken infested land, replacing fences and benches, opening up view points etc. The major changes will be on the land at the top of Mersey Street, beyond the school, and on the land to the right of Mersey Street above Glyn Terrace, but our scope can be anything that helps to improve the village environment.

If you would like to join a small team to plan some of the aspects of this work, please contact me.

4. Finally.....

If there are events or walks that you would like to see take place – either repeats of previous walks, or new ideas, please let me or any other Committee member know.

See you at the Barbeque!

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