
MINUTES

1. Welcome new members.

MDL Marinas Ltd and Dixon Carpets and Flooring were welcomed to the Chamber.

2. Guest Speakers.

a. Julian Fisher and Eleanor Hoggart of Brixham Theatre.

Brixham Theatre is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (C.I.O.). Julian and Eleanor, and others, stepped in to help save the theatre from closure. Many on the committee are not from a theatrical background.

The organisation's objectives are to promote public appreciation of performing and visual arts, particularly with young people.

It is not-for-profit and income will be used to enhance the theatre.

They intend to invite other local organisations (eg Shoalstone Pool) to make use of the theatre to complement their business.

Currently there are 70 members (£10p.a.). They are looking to make membership as wide as possible, and welcome comments and suggestions from all members.

Many events have been booked, with more on the way. Also looking to use the theatre as a cinema, for daytime events, and for schools to use.

A brochure will be launched on 22nd September.

b. Sean Twomey of The Golden Hind.

Sean has owned the business for just six weeks. He previously worked in marketing and his wife Mary was a teacher. They currently own and run Backpackers in Torquay.

They will be expanding the range of events held on The Golden Hind, such as private parties and murder mystery evenings.

Some refurbishment will be carried out, but they will not be advertising extensively, relying on word-of-mouth and reputation instead.

3. Chamber Membership presentations

a. Dennis Burke of West Country Hygiene

Denise started in catering; worked for 22 years as a chef in Brixham Yatch Club, and others previously. He is also a part-time policeman.

After leaving BYC was offered a franchise selling WCH products.

He offers cleaning fluids in containers that can be re-used instead of re-cycled, provides hygiene and safety- related signage and can also provide COHS staff training.

b. Ben Leach – Independent Specialist Nurse.

Ben started as a health care assistant, then went to university to study nursing, later specialising invulnerable people.

Left the NHS in 2016 to become independent.

He provides medico-legal decisions for people who can't manage for themselves e.g. for power of attorney and assisting courts in medical issues, helping people get the care they need. Also provides Testament Assessment – allowing a will to be made or altered with challenge.

Ben can provide team coaching and motivating classes.

4. Alex Foley – Update on Seafood Feast

September 22nd to October 7th, food festival spread all across Torbay with a lot of events being hosted by different businesses.

- Over 40 events listed and a lot more that are very nearly there.
 - Special lunch at Greenway, Agatha Christie's birthday meal
 - Special seafood meals at restaurants around the bay
 - Fish market tours
 - Sea creature hunt on Berry Head
 - Vigilance sails and open day
 - Penguins and prosecco at Living Coasts
- Over 20k flyers distributed, including in the next issue of the English Riviera Magazine. If people would like some they can collect them from the Visitor Information Centre if they're in Torquay, or put them in touch with me and I'll get some sent or delivered.
- The flyer is purely to send people to the website, as that is where the up to date listing is.
- How can people get involved? As long as they use local seafood in some way the world is their oyster!! Accommodation providers might want to offer a seafood breakfast, restaurants a set menu or special event.
- If people want to host an event the best place to start is to email Anna Trant: anna@atevents.at. (We have to remember it's a benefit to ERBID members, so it's for hospitality, accommodation and attractions. If someone who isn't a bid member wants to be involved they can contact Carolyn on Carolyn@englishrivierabid.co.uk for more information.)

- Accommodation providers can use the Feast to encourage people to stay by sending them a link to the programme: www.theseafoodfeast.co.uk
- How to tell people about it – Please follow and share The Seafood Feast on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Also use #TheSeafoodFeast.

5. Executive updates

a. Pauline Neale – Time and Tide Bell

This is part of a National community of bells. They are designed to ring at high tide.

For Brixham there are two possible sites that have been considered - Shoalstone and Breakwater.

After an assessment Breakwater has been chosen.

Volunteers are invited to help form an installation committee, a meeting is to be held at The Berry Head Hotel 1st August 18.30.

b. Jackie Shaw – Twinning with Treasure Island

Jackie met with a representative from the Chamber of Commerce at Treasure Island in Florida. They are very interested in forming a connection with Brixham. Over 300k people turn up at their Pirate Festival!

c. David Giles – Parking Fees.

Torbay Council have agreed to reinstate the half-hour tariff at 60 pence.

Tariffs will stay the same all year, starting from November this year.

6. Meeting Close.

Next Exec. Meeting: - Tuesday 11th September 2018 at the Conservative Club. 1800 to 2000 hrs.

Next Gen Meeting: - Tuesday 25th September 2018 at The Berry Head Hotel. 1900 to 2100 hrs.