

Blandford Heart Forum (BHF)

November 2014 Newsletter

Dear Members,

Just under 6 weeks before Christmas and we have just one meeting left before our Christmas party on the 11 December, but more of that later..

Our next meeting will be held on the 20 November at 2.30 PM in the RESTAURANT OF BLANDFORD HOSPITAL. Our speaker will be Trevor Craven who will be talking about the work of the "National Coastwatch Institution". Since the closing down of most of the UK's CoastGuard Stations, this voluntary organisation has taken over much of the work carried out previously by the Coastguards. Try to be there if you possibly can !!

At our Committee Meeting held on the 6 November, it was decided to hold our Christmas party this year on the 11 December, but at the NEW TIME of 2.30 PM in the Restaurant of Blandford Hospital. This has been done to accommodate the older members who find it increasingly difficult to deal with dark evenings and inclement weather. Hugh and Margaret have kindly offered to provide tea, coffee and refreshments to avoid duplication. There will be the usual raffle to help with costs and in addition a single charge of £1/person will be made. It would be helpful if Members who cannot attend would let me know so that we are able to gauge the amount of food we will need. ?

Whilst on the Christmas theme, I have received notice from the RNLI College in Poole where we enjoyed our conducted tour last June, that they are holding their Christmas Market in the College from 2 PM to 6PM on the 30th November. The Restaurants will be open for those wishing to have a snack or tea while attending. More information about this event will be available at our next meeting or on-line from me if you are interested.

I have to make mention of the very poor attendance at our 16 October meeting when only 7 people turned up to listen to Michael le Bas give his talk on "1000 years of Blandford's history.". Six of those were Committee Members !! This could partly have been due to sickness, but the weather was not that bad, The talk was very interesting and relevant to local people. It has to be said that if the decline in attendance continues for whatever reason, then the Committee will have to consider closing down Blandford Heart Forum within the coming months. Considerable effort, time and expense goes into running the Group and if it is no longer valued then there is little reason to continue. It is up to you all to either support BHF or be honest and candid and let the Committee know your thoughts.

The date of the next Committee meeting will be on the 4 December should anyone wish to have a particular issue placed on that meeting's agenda ? Please do not forget to look at our website www.blandfordheartforum.org.uk for news and upcoming events. It is frequently updated by Betty.

All Best Wishes for a Truly Healthy and Happy Festive Season

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