



Friends of Langstone Harbour News..... September 2024

Langstone Harbour the future - whatever that may be!

That is the title for the debate we will be discussing at our annual AGM to be held at;

Langstone Sailing Club PO9 1RF Thursday November 7th November...19:00 for 19:30.

We have engaged a range of interesting speakers to offer their view of a Langstone Harbour of the future; Speakers include

Robert Bailey co-founder of the Clean Harbours Partnership will be reviewing his recently published a directional paper for the Langstone Harbour Board Essentially he wants the Harbour to re-invent itself as an eco-tourist destination..

Megan Roberts Environment Officer for the Harbour Board speaks on various environmental opportunities for the Harbour, including seaweed harvesting.

Beth Hewden will outline detail of the proposed Havant Energy Co-operative; this initiative will enable local residents to buy into their own renewable energy system.

It will be a good platform for discussion...looking forward rather than back?

We look forward to seeing you there.

Dates for your Diary;

We will be meeting this Saturday 28th September at the car park at the seaward end of Southmoor Lane for a special range of events. Jonathan White will be heading up a few volunteers to conduct a detailed study of the designated area we have been monitoring for over 25 years. This data is forwarded to the Marine Conservation Society to help build up a national picture over a period of time. Meanwhile John



Worley our Conservation Officer with his regular team will be clearing a stretch of the beach from the Hermitage Stream to the sea wall breach at Southmoor. This year this will become part of the Great British Beach Clean where people from all over the country join in to make our coastline environment that little bit special. All welcome to join in and help...meet at the Southmoor Road car park at 10:00.

The following Saturday, 5th October we will be holding our annual Round the Harbour Walk. It is just over 13 miles around the harbour, although you are welcome to join us at any stage, if you do not want to walk the whole circumference. We will meet at Hayling Theatre car park @08:55, to then walk to the Hayling Ferry for the 09:35 crossing to Eastney. From there we walk along the newly opened footpath alongside the Eastern Road coastal defences onto the Portsmouth Outdoor Centre We will stop for lunch at the Ship Inn Langstone, at 13:45 and then plan to arrive back at the Hayling Theatre for 15:00 approx. For more information please see attachment or contact John Worley on 07923 876409.

The Advisory Committee to the Langstone Harbour Board for which the Friends have representation, are holding an Open Forum on Tuesday 8th October at the Eastney Cruiser Association, Ferry Road Portsmouth PO4 9LY. This is an opportunity for all stakeholders and members of the Friends to learn more about the Harbour, its management, environmental significance and the organisations that represent it. Speakers include Mark Pullen Chairman of the Advisory Committee, Megan Roberts LHB Environment Officer, Alison Mayor from Southsea Aqua Club and back after popular request following last year's brave presentation Jeff Edevane from Southern Water The event starts at 19:00 until 21:00 and Colin Hill has agreed to lay on special Ferry service for those coming from Hayling.

The Friends have recently commissioned two promotional tear drop flags. Look out for our distinctive logo when attending one of our events.



We have also taken delivery of the first of a series of cards painted by our Artist in Residence Sarah Butterfield. This one entitled *View from the Oyster Beds* will be familiar to many and will shortly go on sale as a greetings card with all the proceeds to help the Friends of Langstone Harbour. We are very grateful to Sarah for her generous act.

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