

Park Life



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Searivers Leisure Owners Newsletter December 2018

Hello and Welcome!

Welcome to our Christmas newsletter, I am glad to hear from so many that you enjoyed our new look newsletter. Although it's a bit chilly, there is something lovely about this time of year. The sound of crunching leaves, cosy nights with the duvet and big scarves. There's now a daily excuse to drink hot chocolate with marshmallows and cream because it's cold outside and Christmas is near.

In this edition there is a lot of important winter information. If you do have any queries or assistance with anything needed, please do not hesitate to call us.

We would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we will see you in the new season.

From All of us at Searivers Leisure



Who's Who?

Meet the Team!

We know that some owners don't get to the Parks as much as they wish and when they do come, they, of course, like to enjoy their holiday home and don't need to use the facilities or visit the office. So we wanted to start sharing some interesting facts about the team.

So, meet **DEBBIE** - Many of you may know her already from mostly working in the Cambrian Coast Reception or the tombola we had this year at our Bank Holiday Weekend Fun Event!



- I joined the Searivers Leisure Team in April 2017.
- I have no sense of direction even with a satnav and love dressing up for fancy dress parties.
- I have lived here for 27 years, with 2 grown up children and I'm engaged!!
- I love to socialise with friends and family. I also enjoy baking as a hobby and design celebration cakes.
- I love my job - no day is the same, I strive to make every one who walks through our doors feel welcome and have an amazing holiday.



WINTER'S
HERE!

Using your Caravan in Winter

For those of you who have chosen our long season, colder more adverse weather conditions can occur and there are a few things you may wish to bear in mind.

- Using your caravan during the winter months may mean that you haven't had your caravan drained down by the park yet, and you may want to take precautions to lessen the possibility of frost damage.
- When leaving the caravan to go home, we advise that you turn your water off outside the caravan and turn all taps and showers on – this will empty most of the water from your pipes and help prevent any bursts.
- You may want to double check the exclusions on your insurance policy, so you know where you stand if you were to suffer from frost damage.
- There must be **NO PARKING ON THE GRASS** in the winter months.
- As you can imagine the ground gets very wet! Parking on the grass can cause damage and also vehicles get stuck.. Don't worry if you do get stuck, we can help, however there would be charge! If you don't have a driveway, you can ask our reception to advise on where else you can park.

Unplug from it all..

Need a book, DVD or board game?

Introducing *The Shared Library* which can be found at Searivers in the laundrette.



This is for our holiday home owners and guests to use, please feel free to take them back to your caravan with you. It is free to use! Then, once you have finished using them, bring them back to the library.

Some of you may know that we already have Books, DVD's and Games in the launderette at Riverside. We hope to expand this for next season and, if it proves popular, create a library at Cambrian Coast also.

We hope you enjoy and respect these facilities so that we can continue to offer it throughout the year. Donations are gratefully received, and we thank you for your support.

Want more space out of your caravan?

Adding more space in a caravan can be hard, so, a good solution to this is to move outside and add a decking to your caravan.

LD Solutions are still busy working away, even while the main season has finished.

Why not treat yourself to a decking this Christmas and enjoy the 2019 season in style. If you would like a decking fitted ready for the start of the season, call 07813 490989 for a free, no obligation quote.



Reception Christmas Opening Hours and Gas Christmas Gas Delivery!

	Searivers Reception	Cambrian Coast Reception
Saturday 22nd	9am to 5pm	9am to 5pm
Sunday 23rd	10am to 3pm	10am to 3pm
Monday 24th	CLOSED	CLOSED
Tuesday 25th	CLOSED	CLOSED
Wednesday 26th	CLOSED	CLOSED
Thursday 27th	10am to 3pm	10am to 3pm
Friday 28th	10am to 3pm	10am to 3pm
Saturday 29th	CLOSED	10am to 3pm
Sunday 30th	CLOSED	10am to 3pm
Monday 31st	CLOSED	CLOSED
Tuesday 1st	CLOSED	CLOSED
Wednesday 2nd	9am to 5pm	9am to 5pm

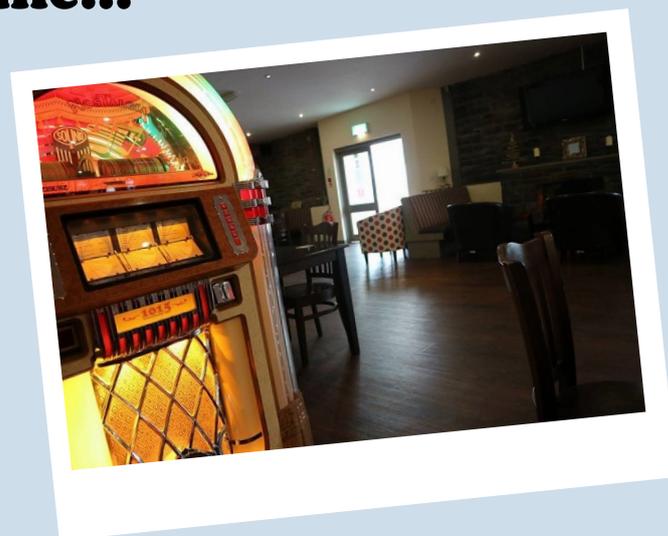
When the office is closed, our on-call mobile number is **07968 864543**.

We ask that you use this number only in an emergency. Please make a note of when the offices will be open as our staff are available for emergencies only at other times over the Christmas period.

Last delivery of Gas Bottles will be Wednesday 19th December. If you plan to visit over Christmas, please ensure you have enough gas before and contact us no later than 12pm on December 19th to arrange delivery.

If you plan to be on park over this period, please ensure that you have the local doctor, hospital and veterinary surgery details to hand.

'Come Lounge with me...'



As the main season has now come to an end we would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their ongoing support this season. We have had a fantastic year and each season is getting better and better. Over the winter we will be open as follows:

- Friday: From 5pm
- Saturday: 12-3pm and from 5pm
- Sunday: 12-3pm (for Sunday lunch bookings – book by Saturday afternoon)

The opening hours will remain the same until December 23rd, however after this they will be slightly different. (28th & 29th December and 4th & 5th January from 5pm only)

At this time of year the Lounge Bar remains open solely for the owners of our caravan parks, and we really hope that these hours prove viable so we can continue to provide such a valued service for our owners. If you are at your caravan, even if it's just to close up, please pop in for a festive drink and a catch up.

For any news of upcoming events and the most recent opening hours please see the Lounge Bar Facebook page, and if you haven't already give us a like so you always stay up to date with what is going on.

Finally we would like to wish everyone a magical Christmas and a very happy new year.

from everyone at The Lounge Bar

Local Spotlight

Looking for somewhere to visit locally?
here is our spotlight in this edition.

CORRIS CRAFT CENTRE A GREAT DAY OUT...

Corris Craft Centre, located just north of Machynlleth, has a great collection of craft shops, attractions and activities that will keep the whole family entertained for hours. At the craft studios, you can paint your own pottery, make your own candle or even your own chocolate bar. Venture deep in the mountains and through a waterfall, to enter the magical world of King Arthur's Labyrinth or explore the old Welsh slate mine. And don't forget to buy a bottle of award winning gin from the Dyfi Distillery, made using local botanicals. There's free parking, a playground and free WIFI available in the café too.

A great day out for the whole family!



Do you want to earn extra cash?

Are you interested in earning additional income from your holiday home when you're not using it? There may be times when you are unable to use your holiday home due to other commitments, so the bonus of this scheme is that your holiday home can earn you money when it would otherwise, be empty.

This income can be used towards your 2020 Site Fees or paid out to you just in time for Christmas 2019!

If you are interested in letting your holiday home in 2019 through our subletting scheme, please let us know and we will send you a subletting pack. When we receive this, we will then assess your caravan for suitability and advise you of the grading. We look after cleaning, linen and arrivals. You can still use your holiday home as much as you wish - all you have to do is tell us the dates you want to keep the caravan for your own use and we will do the rest! If you would like more information please call our friendly reception or email info@seariversleisure.co.uk.



If you're not aware, we have Facebook Page which will help you keep updated with all that's happening on the parks. Search for 'Searivers / Riverside / Cambrian Coast Holiday Parks Borth'.



We also have started to use Instagram more! So if you want to see day to day life on Park even when you're not here. Search for 'seariversborth' and click the follow button.

We really hope you find these pages helpful and enjoyable. Make sure you still pop in for a chat though!

A little bit of Fun...

If you have any ideas for this page, let me know via email josh.smith@seariversleisure.co.uk. So any jokes (keep it PG), recipes or easy games to keep the kids entertained for those rainy days, and you may see your suggestion here soon..

Something to laugh about!!



Another Dad ish joke for you.
Still made me lough out loud though!

An invisible man marries an invisible woman.

The kids were nothing to look at either .

Boom! Boom!

Quick Game

There's always the board games and car journey like games that you play with the kids when it rains, but hopefully, this can inspire something new when you run out of ideas.

Laser Maze! I know again, it sounds mad but it's actually pretty fun and something even mum and dad can join in with!

All you need is a toilet roll and masking tape (make sure the tape doesn't leave a mark). Then either you let the kids or yourself make a maze unrolling the toilet roll and secure to the wall or furniture using the masking tape. Then you can all try and work your way through the maze without breaking any of the 'laser' lines.

I've found that the men tend to get very competitive with this one, so its great fun just for just adults!

A recipe to try...

Shortbread Bites

Perfect for the homemade Christmas Gifts!

Ingredients

125g butter, 55g caster sugar, 180g plain flour

Method

1. Heat the oven to 190°C or Gas 5.
2. Beat the butter and the sugar together until smooth..
3. Stir in the flour to get a smooth paste. Turn on to a work surface and gently knead until the mixture is smooth.
4. Roll out until the mixture is 1cm thick.
5. Cut out using a cutter or a clean knife and place onto a baking tray.

6. Sprinkle with caster sugar and chill in the fridge for 20 minutes.
7. Bake in the oven for 10-15 minutes, or until pale golden-brown. Set aside to cool.

For little bit of added luxury dip into melted chocolate (milk, dark or white), and you can then leave them to cool again or add fudge pieces or crushed nuts.

Then bag or wrap them up and they make great little thoughtful gifts for people.



Stay Safe...

Gas and Electrical Safety in Static Caravans

These days caravans use both gas and electric to provide lighting, heat and power so it's important to acknowledge that proper maintenance and regular safety inspections of your caravan are very important for you and your family's safety.

Important risks to consider are carbon monoxide poisoning and fire. Carbon monoxide is a highly poisonous gas. You can't see it, taste it or smell it, but it can kill quickly with no warning. And whilst static caravan fires are uncommon, they quickly take hold and devastate the unit.

Many owners often question the necessity of safety tests. The one thing we hear again and again from our owners is "we don't need a gas test, we only use the caravan ourselves". Safety tests are currently not mandatory in the U.K unless you let the caravan out. This means that whilst the law gives you no option but to consider the safety of your guests, it is left down to you to consider your own safety and that of your own family and friends.

If you let out your caravan either through the park as part of the subletting scheme or privately, you need to understand and comply with the law relating to gas safety. This applies even if you let your caravan to family and friends. The law states that you must make sure all gas appliances you provide are properly maintained and a gas safety check is carried out every 12 months by a Gas Safe registered engineer. Electrical inspections are generally required every 3 years.

In addition, it is always important to ensure gas equipment and appliances are regularly serviced for peace of mind. It is a good idea, and more cost effective, to get the test and service at the same time.

Even if you don't use your caravan very often, the gas hoses can degenerate when exposed to the elements or simply through non-use.

While prevention is much better than cure, should a small fire take hold in your static caravan, having safety devices such as **Smoke Alarms**, **Fire Extinguishers** and **Fire Blankets** close to hand can help to keep the worst at bay.

We can arrange any of the above for you and will be happy to advise further on any of the points mentioned. Please give us a call on 01970 871399 or email info@seariversleisure.co.uk.



Useful Information

Cut me out and keep me safe!

Telephone Numbers

Searivers Reception

01970 871399

Cambrian Coast Reception

01970 871233

Emergency Number

(Out of Hours)

07968 864543

Opening Times...

*Please use these times as a guide. They may vary slightly, updates can be found from reception.

Searivers Reception

9am to 5pm

Cambrian Coast Reception

9am to 5pm (Closes at 8pm on Friday*)

Cambrian Coast Pool*

Daily Owners Hour– 9am to 10am

Open to Owners and Holidaymakers– 10am to 4.30pm (last swim at 4pm).
FRIDAY– open until 7.30pm (last swim at 7pm).

*please note that the Swimming Pool is open from Easter School Holiday to October Half Term inclusive. This is also the only time reception is open until 8pm on a Friday!