

## Progress at the Pier



If you haven't had a chance to see the works in progress, here is the most up to date news on phase one, which takes us out 30 metres. There are some minor last details to complete so the team will be on site next week or so. Watch this space for dates when access will be possible!

Amicus workers have been hard at work and we have tremendous admiration for their stamina and skill. This week the weather included baking hot days and pouring rain.

The work requiring large equipment has now been completed, so the compound was removed on Friday. We thank our neighbours for their forbearance while the compound took up valuable parking spaces.

Fund raising has become more challenging this year as grant providers have understandably focused on diverting grants towards Covid-19 support. We are ready to install decking on the next section, but this will have to wait till we have completed the next stage of fund raising, as the volunteer Board of Directors take a prudent and cautious approach, and do not commit to expenditure until money has been raised.

The photo below shows the temporary railings, to allow limited access to the pier. We expect to have these in place for 3 to 9 months.

The lower section is filled with recycled mesh, and the overall look is "scaffolding poles." This is a temporary look while we raise funds for permanent railings.



**Sponsor a Plank for £100**

Sponsor a Plank has got off to a roaring start ! Applications are flooding in already.

If you would like to apply, email [shotleypier@gmail.com](mailto:shotleypier@gmail.com) for a form, or ask for one at Pierside Snacks.

With only 200 planks available in phase one, please apply by the end of August if you intend to have your name on a plank. We will date stamp all applications and priority will be given to our members first.

Pier Railing Plaques are also available from £125 - £250 where up to 5 lines of messages and images or photos can be etched.

The plank plaques will look like this:



Fund raising has been severely reduced since lockdown, as our social activities have not been possible.

So, a big thanks to Peter and Jane Stebbings who kindly held a fund raising plant sale at pavement's edge, using their horticultural skills to grow a wonderful variety of plants to sell as a fund raiser for the pier.

A total of £113 has been donated to the pier funds.



## Pierside Snacks

Pierside Snacks will be trading in its usual place next to the Pier entrance now that the builder's temporary compound has been removed.

We've loved being on the corner of Bristol Hill nearer the picnic area, and it has been very handy for our customers to have a burger at Pierside Snacks followed by an ice cream from

the Bristol Arms ice cream stand, but our desire to be near the pier means we will return to our usual spot from 15th August.

Weather permitting, we expect to be there from 9.30am to 3pm every Saturday and Sunday during the summer, and we are trialling Fridays from 9.30am to 2pm. All profits from Pierside Snacks are for the pier.

Here is a photo from today, commemorating VJ Day as the Pier has been part of military history for the last 100 years.



### BBC Radio Suffolk broadcast



Luke Deal from BBC Radio Suffolk came down to visit Pierside Snacks and will be broadcasting the interview on Sunday 16th August from 6am - 10am. He enjoyed a bacon butty on a rather misty morning at the Pier.

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