

Work has Started

After a lot of hard work gaining the grant offer, we signed the contract to restore the "Land Bridge " section of the pier in September.

As mentioned at our well-attended AGM, the first stage of work started, measuring up accurate individual elements of each part so that the timber contract could be very specific, all must be cut to size before delivery. As the original tenders included in the grant application did not have that level of detail, the timber suppliers needed to update their quotes, and the final choice of contractor was decided based on price and source of the timber.

Our skilled civil engineering volunteers finalised the details and visited the timber site to discuss it all with the shortlisted supplier.

Keen attention was given to price as well as the source of the timber. Little video clip here of the greenheart timber being trimmed and cut to size for us from reclaimed old timber. Volunteers were delighted to discover the company had reclaimed timbers from Woolwich Pier - our Chairman John realised that as a child he probably walked on those very timbers as Woolwich Pier was a family favourite!

Using reclaimed timber reduces the environmental impact and saves time.

Now it's all about the weather, we hope to start the visible part of the work in January. As there is nowhere to store materials on site, storage and delivery schedules also needed to be arranged.

[Watch the reclaimed timber being trimmed](#)



Enjoy Saturday Dec 7th Christmas Coffee Morning



We thank Mandy and Doug of the Red Lion for their generous support. This will be our 3rd Christmas themed coffee morning, with a few stallholders invited to sell Christmas table arrangements, jewellery, art and pottery, and Christmas cards in aid of the pier.

Pier merchandise will be available for that special Christmas gift, and an extra special raffle will be held. Some of the many raffle prizes are shown below.



December Artist of the Month

Anthony Cullen's stunning photos of the peninsula have featured in the official Peninsula Guide and were admired so much that he was invited to contribute to the newly published Harwich Guide. Based in Pin Mill Studios, his work includes innovations in farming for [The Guardian](#) to incredible stunts for [Jaguar](#), from portraits of [Hollywood superstars](#) to website images for [local charities](#).



Pierside Snacks

We aim to be open as many Sundays as possible over the winter months, from 10am - 2pm subject to weather conditions, and availability of volunteers. We intend to offer regular paid employment when the weather improves.

We hope to be there on Sunday 8th December. We will be able to take payments by cash and contactless debit card.

We will send an update every weekend by email newsletter to ensure you will know if we will be there. We would be pleased to gain a couple more volunteers if you fancy helping.

Menu items are: Burgers, Bacon Baps, Sausage in a Bun, hot and cold drinks including tea, coffee, hot chocolate, and soup. We have added a separate Vegan griddle to offer burger, soup, veggie baps and "a sausage type item". We are trialling vegan hot chocolate with oat milk courtesy of Hanks Vegan Deli in Ipswich.

So, bring the vegan in your life, and give us your tips for developing our vegan menu.

As stated at the AGM, members' funds have not been used in developing the mobile catering business, we were fortunate to get an economic development grant to "improve and develop trading".

We are delighted to get a 5 out of 5 for food hygiene rating, a great start to our new trading for Pierside Snacks.

