

# Hi Everybody,

What a wonderful Easter weekend! And the weather was amazingly kind to us.

The weekend began slightly early on Thursday with a celebration of one of our longstanding members, Don Poulett's life. A good number of our members and the local community attended the Club to reminisce and share memories of this unforgettable character and then, as requested by Don, on the beach for a final farewell to him.



On Sunday, RC Angling Paul C and his twin sons decided to clear the pathway from the side of the Club to the Pagham Mulberry memorial stone. Well done boys! Just in time for Easter.

## Sailing and Angling Report:



From RC Sailing Kevin, Saturday afternoon had five members turn up for the on-shore basic training, three of which have never sailed before.

As part of the training session from Andy G and Simon O about the hazards and handling of the sailing boats and how to rig the boats, they were made aware of safety procedures and of course that magic word that goes along with a boom – duck!

This managed to get all five on the water, some sailing on their own plus a couple of them having more tuition on the water thanks to Nick C taking them out on the club's boat Wayfarer. Hopefully, we have gained a few more sailors! Great to see young Joe out there showing them how it should be done. As always, a big thanks to Bailey, Logan and Lola for manning the safety rib without which none of this could have happened.

Unfortunately, on Sunday morning there was no sailing due to onshore winds and a high tide meaning the sea state made it too dangerous to launch. I was fascinated to hear it referred to as "a dump" on the beach! Never mind. The good news is that Easter eggs will be up for grabs next weekend.

RC Kevin wanted to give his thanks to all the sailors that turned up and a big thanks to all the race Officers, rib crews and a big thanks to Sue for the bacon and sausage sarnies that were needed whilst waiting to see if sailing could go ahead.



<b>APRIL</b>		
23 <sup>rd</sup>	SATURDAY SAILING SESSION	13.30
24 <sup>th</sup>	SUNDAY COMMODORES CUP SERIES RACES 1 & 2	11.00 <b>3</b> Separate Mono Hull & Catamaran Class
30 <sup>th</sup>	SATURDAY SAILING SESSION	13.30
<b>MAY</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	SUNDAY MAYDAY TROPHY RACES 1 & 2	11.00 <b>1</b> Trophies 1st, 2nd & 3rd
2 <sup>nd</sup>	MONDAY	TBA
7 <sup>th</sup>	SATURDAY SAILING SESSION	11.00
8 <sup>th</sup>	SUNDAY SPRING SERIES RACES 5 & 6	11.00
14 <sup>th</sup>	SATURDAY SAILING SESSION	13.30
15 <sup>th</sup>	SUNDAY COMMODORES CUP SERIES RACES 3 & 4	11.00 <b>3</b>
21 <sup>st</sup>	SATURDAY SAILING SESSION	13.30
22 <sup>nd</sup>	SUNDAY SPRING SERIES RACES 7 & 8	11.00 <b>1</b> RYA Pennant awarded on the day
28 <sup>th</sup>	SATURDAY SAILING SESSION	13.30
29 <sup>th</sup>	SUNDAY THE MULBERRY SERIES RACES 1 & 2	11.00

From RC Angling Paul C, he tells me they had glorious fishing weather on Friday and his boat had two Bass and five Plaice. Stunning! On the other two boats, two Congers were caught with Evie catching her first one. Well done to Evie as she beat Pete as per usual. Also, some lovely Bream, Dogfish and a Cuckoo Wrasse were caught so it was a great day out for all involved.

George had an engine issue and was unable get out beyond the shore line over the weekend and unfortunately missed what would have been a good day for him so, let's keep our fingers crossed for many more good days to make up for this in the coming months. He tells me that one boat went out on Saturday with a couple of Bass caught. The next Sunday competition is from 8.30am until 4pm with Plaice again the target species so hopefully the weather (and George's boat) will have improved by then.



Rescue dog?

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## Ukraine

Perhaps this is not the final total but in addition to the £900 already reported taken from the generous donations to the Club's raffle and other fund raising, Sue tells me that another sum has been raised making it in another amount in excess of £470.00 totally £1,370.00 to donate to the Ukraine needs. An amazing sum reflecting how generous our members have been. Thank you all from the bottom of all of our hearts. You are truly wonderful!

## Coming Soon

Advance warning of the Mike Cole Memorial Day on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July, an annual event in memory of a member who devoted his last years to fully supporting the RNLI in whatever way he could. This annual two-race sailing event, always starting at 11am, which this year will be focused on making it a big family day with the splendid attendance by the RNLI and their mascot, Stormy Stan, along with a BBQ and lots more stalls and fun for the children as well. There will be lots more details to follow nearer the time but, in the meantime, do put this date in your diary to ensure you will be with us to join in the fun.

We don't want to hear who he looks like - or where he can get his beard trimmed!!!!

## Social Events

A big thank you to Sue for all the work she has been doing over the past months arranging the collection of goods for Ukraine, organising the social occasions including the children's events, the Early Years photos and running Pebbles. All of this takes up a huge amount of time and energy and unfortunately the flu bug caught up with her last week. I'm pleased to say that she is now back with us, just in time for the kiddies Easter Party yesterday. That'll teach her to be ill!



**Children's Easter Party** – despite Sue being worried that not enough children had put their names forward for the party to take place, I understand that there were around 24 or more enjoying the freedom of the Easter Egg hunt and playing with new found friends on the beach. Let alone relishing the food and the prizes.....

From Sue, a big thank you to Lisa A and Joe, for sorting the Egg hunt, Gish C and her friend for helping with food, Paul C for help with games that included rolling the freshly painted eggs down the drain pipe to achieve a hole in

one. You will love this – the only winner was a two-year-old girl! Wahoo!!! And lastly, to the lads for drying up the plates as they managed to look as if they enjoyed it! (Well done boys xxx)



Another big thank you to Dean from the Amusements who supplied some of the winning prizes for the children and the Easter Raffle. The two footballs went to the two boys with the decorated Easter Bonnets and other prizes went to the winners of the Egg hunt and Put the Tail on the Donkey (or have I got that wrong?), but it was somewhere in the region of animal life 8-)

## Entertainment

What great entertainment over the Easter weekend, especially with **Sarah Wood** who joined us on Easter Sunday afternoon. The weather was good enough for some of us to sit outside and get some vitamin D3, but too breezy to allow her to perform outside as she had hoped for. Never mind – that didn't stop the boogie-on-downs showing their talents to lots of songs that lots of us could sing along to without embarrassing ourselves. Oh, apart from the Treasurer Dave who didn't know who the Jackson 5 were. Do you believe that? Bah humbug Dave!

The Commodore left them to it at 7.30pm when the disco kit was out along with the karaoke kit ... oh dear! That is what a Bank Holiday is all about!!! I will let you know next time what happened and any photos that I am allowed to post (or that I was sent).



What a busy afternoon in the Club! And, don't forget that next week we have **One 4 on the Road duo** on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> from 3.30pm till 5.30pm playing again all yours (and mine!) favourite tunes from the 60's until the present day.

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**One 4 the Road DUO**



**Early Years Photos** – don't forget that the photos will be posted in the Bar area for the **Jubilee weekend** so you still have plenty of time to search for those hidden photos from your childhood. Believe me, you can have as much fun going back and finding them as letting us see them! I know that as I have been there ...

**Go on – do it!**

Don't forget that you need to be in it this to win this hamper!

Have a lovely week enjoying the sunshine as, I hear that the Phantom Blogger is about and wants to be heard. You have been warned so do let him have your thoughts and photos whilst he's letting you know what he does to make the blog happen whilst I moan and groan and continue to be your Honorary Blogger!!!

Don't forget that we entering the most active part of our Club's life's and we want to make it a success for all of our members so do join in and tell us what you what you want – and what you can contribute. We are a Club where all the members work together.

*Jill*

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