

Hi Everybody,



A moody dawn to start this weekend – the dawn for a King.

Sailing and Angling Report:



From RC Sailing Kevin, Saturday afternoon's sailing was delayed by an hour to allow the high tide to calm down and make it easier to launch.

Many thanks to Allan, David and Nick for running the sailing in RC Kevin's absence as they were there to make sure everyone got afloat safely, especially as we had two new potential members, both complete novices our sailing. We have had a email from them saying how grateful they were for all the help and friendly atmosphere around sailing and, in particular, they wanted to thank Nick for taking them out in the lady Margaret and to Molly for helping out with wet suits and buoyancy aids. Well done to everybody as you have made PYC proud!

Bart's Bash

Sunday morning saw the long-awaited Bart's Bash in aid of the Andrew Bart Simpson Foundation. It was fantastic to see fourteen boats compete in both races with all of them finishing both races.

A great effort by all sailors, rib crews, beach crews and race officers for making it a great event and fantastic team effort in making sure all boats and crews came ashore safely and, as importantly, having a really good time on the water!



Overall places from both races:

1 st	Simon Orde	laser 8.1
2 nd	Louise Greene	laser 4.7
3 rd	Jack Goodland	laser standard
4 th	Nick Cook & Kevin Freeman	wayfarer
5 th	Steve Greene & Paul Palmer	wayfarer
6 th	Charlie Donahue	topper
7 th	Joe Atherton & Bertie Kirby	topaz uno
8 th	Jay Steer	topper
9 th	Clive Briggs	laser pico
10 th	Graham Salter	laser radial
11 th	Scottie Smith	laser pico
12 th	Kevin Robbins	dart 15
13 th	Oscar Ridgewell	laser pico
14 th	Nathan Wyborn	laser pico

Photos of the overall winner, Simon Orde and our youth winners.



PS: The Commodore asked me to point out that he came in 5th, with the able assistance of Steve Greene. I think that should read "more than able assistance!" otherwise it would have been unmentionable and involved the RNLI.

SEPTEMBER

- 17th SATURDAY SAILING SESSION 13.30
- 18th SUNDAY COMMODORES CUP SERIES RACES 11 & 12 11.00 3
- 24th SATURDAY SAILING SESSION 13.30
- 25th SUNDAY AUTUMN SERIES RACES 1 & 2 11.00

Angling

From RC Angling Paul, what a week of weather! One minute it's lovely - the next minute it's raining cats and dogs. And yes, he did mean to say that as dog fish have been caught as per usual. He has also told me the Gurnards have been caught off the beach using prawns on the last feathers (that means hook to you and me) which is quite impressive.

On the sea fishing, he's aware of only two boats that went out on Saturday and Sunday catching Congers, Mackerel, Bream and Pollock. Some have tried for flat fish but none have been caught.

RC Optimist Paul did go out on the kayak fully equipped with fishing kit but, unfortunately the Bass had a day off and forgot to tell him! I really must speak to him about that.

Next Sunday's match from the boat is targeting Plaice. Let's hope we're the place they are hanging out! Groan.....

George and RC Paul are planning to do the next beach **Learn to Fish** event very soon but will confirm in next week's blog.



This is the catch of the week by Jordan. A lovely Codling caught off East Beach.

Paddlers & Snorkellers

Regretfully, strong winds of between 12 and 15 gusts defeated Paddlers again and it was finally decided that this would be the last gathering for the year. Unfortunately, a problem with the Jet Ski meant that the Snorkellers weren't able to carry on either but they have another week to try their luck before the end of the season for them.

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Queen's Life Celebration

On the forthcoming Bank Holiday, Monday 19th the Club will be open from 10am to provide Teas and Coffee and nibbles for those members who wish to gather together to watch Queen Elizabeth II's State Funeral and to celebrate her life in company with others. The Bar will be open from 12noon as is usual on a Bank Holiday and we ask that members who are able to put themselves forward for a Bar duty.



The Brass Monkeys started the tribute to her life in their usual way at 7am by enjoying the waters that belong to the Crown and flying their flag, before a visit to our local church, St Thomas a Becket to reflect on the life of a lovely person that will not be forgotten.

World's Biggest Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer – 24th September



We are holding our Coffee Morning at PYC which will be open to everybody from 11am until 4pm but we would be grateful for any donations of cakes and for our tombola and the big raffle on the Sunday. This is a weekend event starting with golf on the Friday and the profit will carry over to this Saturday as well. Many thanks in anticipation!

Dinner Dance

The Dinner Dance is on Saturday 15th October at the Inglenook Hotel – just over 4 weeks away.

For the veggies amongst us, the main course option is:

- Homemade 5 Nut Roast, Vegetarian Roast Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce & Vegetarian Sausage

For all, if you would like a place, please can you sign on the menu list and pay for your tickets which are available from behind the Bar. Payment is by CASH only.

As I have already let you know, the cost is £35 pp for a three-course meal to include the raffle and disco.

At the moment we have a good number who have put their names on the list but I do need payment to confirm your place to let you know about the table set ups for you to arrange who you are sitting with.

Entertainment

In the wake of the news of Queen Elizabeth's death, Friday evening turned out to be a quiet event so no one felt inclined to take part in any of the planned entertainment. It just didn't happen.

Following all the physical exercise used during Bart's Bash on Sunday morning and lunchtime we were treated to a more relaxing afternoon with a great variety of songs from a lone guitarist, Timothy Quinlan including my favourites of Almost Heaven West Virginia by John Denver and Go Your Own Way by Fleetwood Mac, amongst many, many others (including American Pie and He's my Brother, by the Hollies just in case you are still wondering).

And the sun shone on us!!!!

The other good news is that the Snug is being better used and we are hoping that when we have the darker evenings rolling in that it will be seen as a more friendly area for all.



SEPTEMBER

Saturday 17th The Smileys @ Pagham Village Hall 7pm (all tickets have now been sold so it is only a cancelled ticket option – great for the charity!)

Saturday 24th World's Biggest Coffee Morning – Macmillan Cancer @ PYC 11am – 4pm All welcome!

Mark's 56th Birthday Celebration from 7pm

Sunday 25th Louise Connelly Back with us again as a Solo singer from 3.15 – 5.15pm

OCTOBER (please note that all entertainment from now will be indoors)

Sunday 2nd One 4 the Road (duo) 3.30 – 5.30pm

Sunday 9th Duncan McKenzie 3.30 – 5.30pm

Saturday 29th Kid's Halloween Party 3 – 5pm

Adults 7pm – till late

NOVEMBER

Saturday 19th Prize Giving & Supper 7pm

DECEMBER

Friday 23rd Smileys Christmas Show

Any Other Business

Bar – this Sunday has shown again how very few members still put their name forward to help behind the Bar, despite them belonging to the Bar WhatsApp. One of the reasons is that I have heard that a few members are still concerned about using the till and the credit card option.

I want to reassure you that Dave, our Treasurer has spent many hours simplifying the “buttons” on the till to make more painless to use than the old system! Payment by card is now undemanding – you simply press the button to say that payment is by card, hand the machine over to the member (never take the card from the owner) – and hey presto! All is done. No need to think about how much change to give.

This applies to taking payment by cash if you want it, as the till will tell you how much change to give. So much simpler. If you would like to get more involved with the Bar, we have a Bar Buddies system where you will be shown what goes on, how everything works and where everything is – and you will not be left alone for however many shifts you want until you are happy with what is going on.

We need your help to make the Bar work for all of us.

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