

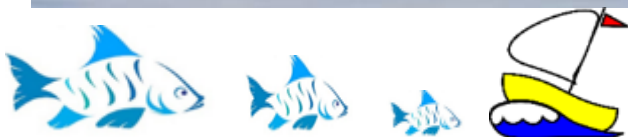
Hi Everybody,

Oh, at last the decorations are up, we had a dusting of snow and it is beginning to feel like Christmas!



A huge thank you to Alison and April who chose to show us how to decorate the main Christmas tree and the smaller one for the Snug. The trees are both absolutely stunning! Another big thank you to Jenna, Ryan and Paul P the Commodore for taking the time to put up the illuminated garlands and all the other decorations that make the Club appear so cheerful and seasonal! Just love it.

Quite different, but just look at the below photo taken at the entrance to Pagham Harbour yesterday by a local resident. Blimey, a walrus! What a wonderful Christmas present to Pagham and what a truly wonderful place we live in!



Angling

From RC Angling Paul C, five members risked the weather to fish the Clive Briggs Cup on Friday with Whiting and Dogfish caught. Guy L and Andy T caught the most followed by Clive B, Pete W and Paul C bringing in the rear with one Whiting foul hooked. Is it me, but I seem to feel that when Paul C and hooks are involved that we should issue a warning in any case – not to the fish, bearing in mind his past history. Can't be too cautious with him and sharp instruments.



I'm told that a great day out was had by all, despite the cold, but Pete the skipper made cups of tea and played his harmonica to try to get the Codling to jump onto the hook (to no avail). Yes, I know – these fishermen do have some strange ideas!

Fishing events coming up:

RC Angling Paul C is going to look at another Learn to Fish event between Christmas and New Year dependent on tides and weather playing a factor so, do watch out for more on this.

He is also looking at the possibility of another charter boat trip in January/February, wreck fishing if the interest is there, going out of Brighton so again, do watch this space for more information!

Future Beach Competitions:

2023

8th January 09:30 till 14:00

22nd January 09:00 till 13:30

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World Cup Football

Now that England have come back home, we can concentrate on the other important issue – who the members are that are going to receive the World Cup Sweepstakes winnings now that the places are decided!

So, who will be the World Cup Winner of £200? Or the World Cup Runner Up of £50, World Cup Losing Semi Finalist of £25 or the World Cup Losing Semi Finalist of £25? And don't forget the World Cup Sweepstake Charity Donation of £20. At the moment we have:

France - Carole Warren

Morocco - Sonia Smith

Argentina - PAGES - Pete, Andy, Geoff & Steve

Croatia - Paul Gray

Almost as exciting as watching our Harry Kane miss the penalty!

Bar Help

Fantastic help over the past few months that has helped to keep the Bar open but.....looking back we can see that it really isn't enough to keep it storming through the winter months.

We are all aware that nobody wants to come out when it's cold and dark – and let's face it, it gets dark from 4.30pm!!! BUT there are enough members that want to come out for a drink after 5pm and sit and talk and may spend 2 or 3 hours in the Club so – we still need to cover the Bar from 5pm till 10pm for the late comers who go home to eat and want to see who is at the Club after 8pm. We have to relax and if you are a late comer – can you do an hour? Or an 1 ½ hours? Or the other way around. If you an early person. Can you open and do one hour? Talk to me.

I open up and I close up if there is an issue so don't be worried. 8-)

Entertainment

RC Angling Paul C couldn't resist sharing the fish that the boys had caught during the day out and, with the help of Clive, he treated the members to a vegetarian tai green curry and fish cakes. Brilliant way to start the weekend! Burp!



Now that everybody stomachs were full and we couldn't move - apart from our seats to the Bar and back again, Keith was now in his element. A late Happy Birthday to our beloved entertainer who knows how to get us on our feet thinking that this time we can win!!!! Sorry to say that it hasn't happened to me.....oh, and what did you ask? How old was he this time? Pick a number and see if you were right! Hah! Wrong again!!!! Serves you right. (but, doesn't the Christmas tree look lovely?)

Sooooooo.....coming up.....



Children's Party is on Saturday 17th with Father Christmas being flown in. The Bar will open from the usual time at 1pm but, if you see reindeers parked on the foreshore, we have been warned – DON'T FEED THEM! Greedy little whatsits but please, don't forget that they need to still take off and, if they eat too much??!!! Need I say more? Groan.....

As an aside – do mind the reindeer poo as our poo bags aren't big enough to cope with any excess! Moving on, there are still some numbers left on the Christmas raffle tickets and as they are **only £1 per square!** you still have time to have a look at the numbers before the draw on the afternoon of Sunday 18th to choose another 5 or 10 numbers. Take a risk! Treat yourself!!! Go on, cash only so they can't use your details to buy another drink at the Bar.

Now, let's move on to the New Year's Eve celebration! Don't forget that if you have thought about buying a ticket that it does include food, all drinks (non-alcoholic if you prefer) and entertainment by Sarah Woods to welcome in 2023. The tickets are available from behind the Bar but we do need names plus money as well to ensure we buy enough food and booze to welcome in 2023! Do let us know so we can prepare and not panic at the last minute if you suddenly decide to join us!

One thing I haven't mentioned until now is the Commodore's Christmas Pork & Turkey Baps on the 18th which has always gone along with the drawing of the Christmas Raffle. Apologies to the vegetarians amongst us but this has always been a turkey and a pork tradition to feed the hungry members (or keep them fairly sober!) for the afternoon! We do try to please as many as we can but that is life as we know it now – and all of our baps are still free so please don't object or I will go hungry!

New Year's Eve

Please be aware that following challenges to our Rules, Members will always still be welcome into the Club premises whatever goes on but, if they visit the Club on New Year's Eve, they will now be challenged and asked as usual to pay for any drinks rather than ticket holders with wristbands who are eligible to free alcohol all evening long. There will also be no food available to such members so, please do not put us in the difficult position of asking you to show us your wristband to prove you are entitled to if you have not paid for this.

Also, please note that donations for Band entertainments throughout the evening will be available to all members as this has only been paid for by ticket holders so we are asking for your contributions if you are not a ticket holder.

DECEMBER

Saturday 17th Children's Party with Santa!

Until Sunday 18th - Christmas Raffle Squares still available to purchase!!!!!!

Sunday 18th Pork & Turkey Baps and the drawing of the Christmas Raffle – extra help behind the Bar please

Friday 23rd Smileys Christmas Show from 7pm - extra help behind the Bar please

Sunday 25th Christmas Day Commodore's Tot from 12noon till 2pm

Saturday 31st From 7pm New Years' Eve – Singer, buffet and drinks for ticket holders and with usual paid Bar drinks and donations for the band entertainments for non-ticket holders!

Do come along on Sunday 18th and beyond to join in the general festivities. That is what we all about: Sharing, helping and enjoying! Let's hope that 2023 will be like that as it is down to us to make sure that it is!

Jill

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