

Hi Everybody,



Ducks and Coots sitting on the widespread ice in the Lagoon on Friday afternoon and the view from the Club on Sunday evening. It might be cold but it's still a wonderful place!

You may have noticed that last week's blog was not as long as my usual ramblings and that was because Commodore Paul and I managed to escape for four days touring Devon and Cornwall with Binky the dog. Despite the frost and chilly wind, the sun shone on us and made for an absolute bliss time away! The fact that we were staying in a pub might have helped as well.

That meant that I wasn't able to spend my usual couple of days mulling over the blog and I wasn't able to go into detail in my usual way. This had to affect my reporting of Peter Boteler's sad demise and hopefully his family will forgive me for my spelling and relationship slipups in my haste to let you know what had happened rather than wait another week for the news to trickle out. My apologies to Doreen, Peter's mum as I didn't have time to confirm her name before my departure.

Now I am able to let you know that the date of Peter's funeral and Wake have been confirmed and the family want you to know that they will welcome you to join them at either occasion. The funeral will be held at Chichester Crematorium on Wednesday 1st February at 2.45pm with the Wake held afterwards at PYC. The dress code is black if you wish or, red to represent the football team Arsenal who Pete supported. No flowers, just donations via Reynolds the Funeral director to the St Wilfrid's hospice in Chichester where Pete spent his final days, or the Ronald McDonald house in Southampton. As I have said, the family look forward to having as many friends of Pete coming to join them during the afternoon.

Going back to the blog and, just in case you were curious about what happens, the blog relies on team work. I do my part over the weekend and then it will get passed it on to Kevin H our IT hero to distribute to members on Monday evening or later – usually after spotting any inconsistencies when he gets time from his full-time job! He has also stepped in to be the Phantom Blogger to allow me to go away for more than four days, bless his cotton socks. So, if you have anything that you wish me to include, do let me have it by email or text by Sunday afternoon to give me time to include it – just in case I get the opportunity to be whisked away for another excursion around the country!



Sailing Events & Angling

From RC Sailing Kevin, he is looking to get as many people as possible on the morning of Saturday 28th January at 10.30am to clean and organise the boat park to enable more boat storage. This has become a more urgent task than usual at this time of year as we have had more new Sailing and Angling members recently joining with their own boats so we do need to ensure space for all. The good news is that the Commodore has promised Bacon and Sausage

baps for the worthy workers and the Galley will be open for Tea and Coffee as well. Do let Kevin know if you can help. (I'm not too sure about the Work Party below being included?)



George reports that when we held our first competition in 2023 on Sunday the five anglers were met with a very cold bright sunny morning with a calm sea, which normally results in poor return for the anglers. Indeed, only one angler (George!) had caught any fish with three Whiting and a Rockling but with 15 minutes left before the competition ended RC Angling Paul and our Commodore Paul both caught a Whiting each. Don't ask about the size of the catch, just look at the picture of Commodore Paul – if you can see what he caught! The winner of the competition, not surprisingly, was George.

The next PYC competition is Sunday 5th February with a 9am start till 1.30pm. Hopefully a few more anglers will try their luck and the temperature will improve!



From BRAAS, they are holding a Pagham Open Beach competition on Sunday 5th March with an 8.30am start until 1.30pm. It's a Catch & Release with draw for pegs at 7.30am with Optional Pool Flat £1 and Round £1 (pool highest single fish points). Entry £8 and £4 for juniors with a cash prize subject to entry. If interested, please contact John Small after 5pm on 07799 762377.

Another Pagham Beach competition later in the season you may be interested in is being organised by Thorpe Bay Angling Association from Southend on Sea who have around 20-22 anglers planning to stay at Church Farm for a weekend. They have arranged a fishing match with BRAAS on Sunday 15th October from 9.30am until 2.30pm and want it to be a good inter-club social event. The more the merrier! If you are interested, do contact John as above or email kewdecor@talktalk.net

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Membership

From Andy Day our Membership Secretary, he wants you to know that the Membership year finishes on 28th February 2023. All members renewing their membership should submit their renewal applications and pay the membership fees, and where necessary, the boat park fees, during February ready for the start of the new membership year

on March 1st 2023. If for whatever reason you are unable to re-join within that timescale, please do contact him at membership@paghamyachtclub.com so that we can look at how a relaxation of the renewal period could work for you and the Club. Our Rules require that the renewal process should be completed by 31st March 2023.

We really do hope you will re-join. The Management Committee have been working hard on the sailing, angling and social calendar for 2023 and, once again, we have some exciting events for you to put in your diaries. Check out the details on the website www.paghamyachtclub.com and do make a point of regularly reading the Blog to find all the relevant information you need.

For renewals, our preference is that renewal of fees is paid by way of BACS, if that is possible, so that the transfer of cash or cheques is kept to a minimum. Payments of cash and cheques put an additional duty to visit the bank which is not always an easy task these days. Last year nearly 70% of payments were by BACS which makes life a lot easier for the Management Committee.

Don't forget that we are a volunteer-based Club and so we are asking for all of those renewing to complete the 'volunteers list' on the application form so that we can update member details and, at the same time, try to capture some information about member skills that might be helpful to the Club. In particular, please add your name to the list of volunteers that help behind the Bar. This can be great fun, is not too onerous with help and training will be provided enabling you to make friends amongst a very sociable bunch of people. What could possibly go wrong!

New members are very welcome – the more the merrier! During 2022 we had around 91 new members joining our Club. This coming year we want to focus on new families, taking part in on-water activities and also benefitting from the extensive social programme that we are planning. As we have said, do keep an eye on our calendar for events that are designed to showcase the Club, in particular those social and water-based events that we hope new members will sign up to.

If you have any questions, do contact Andy at membership@paghamyachtclub.com or any other member of the Committee. Better still pop in to the Club and join us.

PYC Sweatshirts & T-Shirts

Now that the Sailing season is fast approaching (starts on Sunday 2nd April) and the weather that we are enjoying is still a bit chilly, don't forget that we have our own PYC gear on sale. The Polo shirts @ £20, Hoodies @ £30 and T-Shirts @ £15 in all sizes from small to XXL and fit both sexes. Do ask any of the Committee if you would like to make a purchase. (Alcohol is not included in the purchase price – nor is a prize for guessing who the models were!!!)



Assistant Secretary

I know I've mentioned this before but if you have had any experience in an Admin area and are curious about what the Management Committee get up to during their meetings, have you considered stepping forward and taking on the role of Assistant Secretary?

This is a non-voting role and only involves taking the minutes of the meeting once every month and eventually the AGM. It's a good way of getting to know what is going on and, if you have stopped full time working and are feeling a

trifle bored, it is a good way of getting involved in what is going on in the Club without taking on too much obligation if that is not what you want.

At the moment, I am taking the minutes whilst trying to participate in the meeting in my position as Hon Sec – not an ideal situation, believe me!

If taking on this role sounds of interest to you, do please contact me so I can take you through what is involved so you can make your mind up and see if it is for you. honsec@paghamyachtclub.com

Social Events

Following Sylvia's three-day birthday celebration that started on Friday, followed by Sue's birthday celebration on Monday, the PYC Ladies have finally been able to get together on Thursday to enjoy a delightful meal (that they didn't have to cook!) to accompany the fizzy stuff. Is it my imagination or are they getting much more outrageous than our male members? Never mind – I'm not going to argue with them, especially after all of that wine!



Fifa Tournament


On Saturday afternoon we had youth members, after a few apologies from some who couldn't make it, gathering again at the Bar to continue the Fifa tournament with this time Joe being the winner. Not to be outdone, Commodore Paul tried to prove his dexterity and skills in the game against Youth Officer Allan.....and lost! Never drink and try to control players Paul!



High Tide Band



They've done it again! Another brilliant night that had everyone up and dancing – and singing along, including Sarah Wood who entertained us last month joining in with the vocals.

All you want to do is ride around Sally, ride Sally, ride..... 

A big thank you from Sue to everybody who supported our first musical event of 2023 – and to the floor show for showing us that they remembered how to boogie on down! (I heard there were quite a few headaches Sunday morning.)



Sunday Roast Dinner



Sue, Natalie, Sylv and Andrea cooked an amazing meal and lots of others helped clear up and served behind the Bar. A brilliant evening – bring on the next one!

For those of you who missed out, the cost was £7 with an additional £3 for the Apple Strudel with custard or ice-cream if you wanted a pudding. The next one is March 5th so do watch out for when we post the list in the Bar as, judging from the response, I think there will be much more demand next time!

Sue has also let me know that she is starting a Friday night supper on 10th February so, best we order some wider Bar seats – or get the wooden ones reinforced as she seems keen to feed everybody! Thank heavens she is also booking bands that we can dance to so we should lose some of those calories. Not that I am complaining you understand. The list with further details will be posted nearer the time.



Looking ahead to next week for the **Burns Night** on Saturday 28th, Skudder, our Colin, will be in charge of the cooking which will be served from 7.30 for 8pm with a two-course meal, a tot of whiskey at £10 pp. Again – please do get your name down or let us know if you want a place as the list will be taken down after Wednesday and it's looking to be a great evening.

Speaking of greatness, Sue has also asked me to let you know that she has plans afoot for the King's Coronation May bank holiday weekend and she will let you know more details next week. Watch this space.

Future Events

January

Saturday 28th Burns Night from 7.30 for 8pm. A two-course meal, tot of whiskey, £10 pp. The list is up till Wednesday, cash payment only. Payment to the safe behind the Bar when putting your name down please.

February

Friday 10th Supper Night – more details to follow

Sunday 19th Lightening Brothers Soul Band 3.15pm (after the Raffle)

Saturday 25th Commodore's Curry at the end of England v Wales Six Nations Rugby 16.45 kick off. More details to follow and a list will be posted in the Bar.

Sunday 26th Louise Connelly 3.30pm (after the Raffle)

April

Saturday 29th and Monday 1st May (Bank Holiday) – SailFish starts – more details to follow

May

Saturday 6th – Monday 8th King's Coronation Events – more details to follow

Friday 26th Sheerwater arrivals – Car park will be closed

Saturday 27th Sheerwater TT Races 1,2 & 3 11am

Sunday 28th Sheerwater TT Races 4,5 & 6 11am

I have looked at the weather forecast and I'm pleased to say we can now look forward to a slight raise in temperature

with light cloud and gentle breeze. I'll be so relieved when I can put my thermal underwear away but at least it's not going

to pour with rain!

Have a great week and I hope to see you down the Club soon.

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