

Hi Everybody,



A bit of a change to the introductory photo this week. Two butterflies spotted today (Tuesday) on a Buddleia on a footpath by the side of the sea. It really is summer! Long may it last (as I've been in bed with coughing and sore throat – hence the delay with the blog!)



Sailing Events & Angling

From RC Sailing Kevin, he has nothing to report from sailing this week as due to high winds, strong current and the rough sea state, sailing was cancelled on both Saturday and Sunday.

He tells me that it did give him some time off to enjoy the great entertainment from the Smileys on Saturday and also with Louise with her band Search For Solitude on Sunday.

If you don't see him this week, he's going to enjoy his first holiday in four years and will be back to see us in a couple of weeks. He hasn't said where he is going so, I can't even warn them that he's on his way! Hope it isn't via Gatwick.....

Calendar

July

22 nd	SATURDAY	SAILING SESSION	13.30
23 rd	SUNDAY	SUMMER SERIES RACE 1 & 2	11.00
29 th	SATURDAY	SAILING SESSION	13.30
30 th	SUNDAY	SUMMER SERIES RACES 3 & 4	11.00

Angling

From George, a similar message about the strong winds that cancelled Sundays' competition. Also, no angling took place during the last week.

The next competition is Sunday 30th from 8am until 4pm with the best Bass the target species. Fingers crossed that the weather improves!

Paddlers and Snorkelling

Same story – high winds and fast running tides meant paddlers was cancelled.

Bar

Just a reminder that our Bar is run and staffed only by our members who are not paid for their time (and who also have to buy their own drinks unless they are bought by other wonderful members with kind hearts!). The good news is that means we can keep our prices down below others in the licence trade. Phew!

For instance, on Saturday afternoon into the evening, six of our members, Natalie, Sharon and myself, plus Sam, the Commodore and Allan were delighted to give up our time for Paul K's 70th birthday party to be entertained by the Smileys and to dance around each other. (Don't the below look a good team?!) It always has been a lot of give and take at PYC so, please do think about giving us some of your time when you want to spread your wings as we want to ensure that PYC can continue to offer our splendid facilities and entertainment.



This is the time to let our new members know again of our plans for the future which includes improving the Bar area (used to be called the Sun lounge), improving the window format to make it more attractive and accessible, plus improving access to our sailing facilities and parking site. Oh, and solar panels to lessen our electricity bills, keeping the costs down and making us a more cost-effective “business” for our members. And that didn’t include the long-term plans of looking at totally re-building the sun lounge. Not a bad deal, eh? But we do need you to carry on putting yourselves forward to help us out as this is your Club. You are investing to benefit yourselves.

Boat Park

I’m pleased to say that we now know who the owners of the two boats that we printed pictures of in last week’s blog and we are now chasing them for fuller details. Unfortunately, we still have someone who leaves the code number showing on the padlock for anybody to see – and this happened twice on Saturday by the same person after it had been re-set when they did it earlier! What is the point of ensuring that expensive property is protected when you have one idiot who doesn’t know what they are doing? If you see who it is then tell me. I’m not nice when upset.

Sam’s Pizzas & Pebbles

Paddlers might have been cancelled but that didn’t stop a good turnout for Sam’s pizzas as we all know that if you ordered one – you have to pay! Not that anyone has tried to evade eating one as they are scrumptious! This week it was Sharon who won the free pizza with her name being pulled out by Natalie. The really good news is that Sam has decided that all profits from this week’s pizza night and from next Saturday Pebbles opening will go to Sue’s Charity, **CANCERWISE**. What a great thing to do! Please do make the most of what she has to offer at Pebbles – Cheesey deep fried Chips, Toasted Sandwiches or just stacked sandwiches with lots of healthy salad. This girl has imagination!!!!



Sue’s Charity **CANCERWISE**

Well done to both Sue and Olive for spending so much time over the past few months to get everything together for this week. Aw – don’t they look lovely together?



—A big thank you to Chichester Golf Club for hosting our Golf day on Friday to start our plan off to raise funds for **CANCERWISE** with 88 golfers taking part, 16 of those from PYC along with 6 of our helpers. Whoohooo!

Despite the rain it turned into a fantastic day with lots of prizes! Olive has sent me lots of photos but I have been banned from printing so many as usual as those of you who receive the blog by a certain phone cannot cope and it rejects my blog!

Sorry about that but, every hole of 18 was sponsored by a group, or person or a company involving alcohol, with Natalie and Paul sponsoring the 8th hole which raised £605!

The 3rd hole was sponsored by Warren Roofing (Pete) and the View Finder worth £300 was won by one of our members, the "real" fireman, Gary Smith. (Don't ask!!!!) Olive won what he tells me was the hardest prize – nearest the pin, but I don't have any evidence to show what that means?

So, the final winner was Frank Osborne a work friend of Olive, who did tie in with our Guy Lawson. In fairness, Frank was awarded the shield as the day was full of goodwill (and alcohol!). The very good news is that £4,220 was raised on the day but we think the final total will be more. Stunning!



Despite the amount of alcohol consumed to keep the rain out of their system during the day, it didn't seem to interfere with the party spirit of anyone when they returned to PYC that evening to join Keith with Take Your Pick and the other members who hadn't been golfing. (Is there such a word?) Mandy was the winner of the fun and is now £34 richer!

We now have all the preparations to get in place for our charity open day and evening for **CANCERWISE** here at PYC on Saturday. Let's hope the weather stays kind for us as during the day we have lots and lots of stalls and goodies to entice you to spend your, or your children's money on. We have the Tombola, the BIG Raffle (so buy your tickets now!), Cake Stall, Roll the Pound and lots more!!!!



During the evening we will have a BBQ from 6.30pm cooked by Pete Warren (prices will be displayed), followed by the drawing of the BIG Raffle and entertainment by Louise Connolly.

Social Events



I think we could safely say that Paul K's 70th birthday party was a huge success on Saturday! Paul and Angela have asked to say a big thank you to everybody for the cards, the lovely messages left in Paul's book, presents and to the Smilies for their fabulous performance. The second photo above was of the dancing to Laura singing YMCA - in case you were wondering. (And the Y if you are still in doubt!) Aren't the Smilies brilliant? Just love 'em.



Sunday afternoon saw Louise with the Search For Solitude band (after Raffle) who came to entertain us. After all the rain we were treated to a sunny day that made it even better to have the door open and sit outside whilst listening. Well, it is supposed to be summer! What a weekend of amazing entertainment – well done Sue!

Other Future Events

July

Friday 21st Evening: Keith – Play Your Cards Right (Jackpot Night!!!)

Saturday 22nd Sue's Charity Day (We need your help please)

Sue's Charity Evening 6.30pm till late

Sunday 23rd Rewind 3 Piece Band (after Raffle) 3.15/3.30pm

Saturday 29th Joint Birthday Party

Sunday 30th Adrian Fraser (after Raffle) 3.15/3.30pm

August

Sunday 13th Lightning Brothers c.3.30pm (outside event)

September

Saturday 17th Bart's Bash Race

For the Children

The RSPB at Pagham Harbour have several "Discovery Days" over the Summer from 10.30am – 12.30pm for those of you with children who may need some other form of entertaining than we can offer:

- Amazing Amphibians & Remarkable Reptiles August 1st
- Here be Dragons! August 10th
- Secretive Spiders August 15th
- Pond Dipping & Bug Hunting August 24th

Selsey Lifeboat Week

For those of us who like to support the RNLI whenever we can, you may be interested to learn that the Shantymen are performing on the following dates at the Lifeboat Station during the Lifeboat Week. Well worth a trip over there with the obligatory pub visit as well!

August 4th, 6th and 20th Selsey Shantymen at Lifeboat Station for Lifeboat Week

More information on <https://selseyshantymen.co.uk>

Odds and Sods

A couple of items for your consumption that don't fit into our usual areas. Firstly, a thank you from Rose Green Infant School for our contribution of £100 which, along with contributions from others, allowed mostly PYC parents to provide a BBQ at their recent fete. That's what being part of the community is all about!

The other item is a request from our Youth section who are busy making sure that the Training room is also a safe area for them to be able to use for their enjoyment. Did you know that they now have a TV and a fridge up there? And that they

have stacked the fridge with snack items along with a price list and a jar for the money? Blimey! Future Commodores and Treasurers. Anyway, what they are now needing is a stair guard. They are encouraging young members to join them but there is a downhill stair to the boat garage which can be a hazard to a young child. Does anyone have a stair guard that they no longer need? Please let me know.

Hope to see you soon,

Jill

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