

Hi Everybody,

This is going to be a blog full of photos – not nearly enough as I have seen so many spectacular photos from many members that would fill books! Don't stop taking them and do keep sending me the ones that reflect what we have been up to.

Enjoy the few photos that we are able to send you and don't forget to look on the PYC Facebook, Website and various WhatsApps for more and for Videos.



Sailing Events & Angling

There was no sailing on Saturday as all hands were required for bonfire building and setting up the fireworks in readiness for the evening's entertainment.

However, Sunday saw some strong breezes that enticed six sailors to the last sailing of the season.



We saw two youths, Bertie taking his boat out for the first time this season under the guidance of Kevin Robbins, with Joe taking his boat out alone. They were joined by Sam, Stuart and Jacob, with John Blagbrough on the Safety boat.

A rough and challenging sea but a great way to end the season.



Fishing



A Schoolie Bass caught by Paul C which was safely returned.

George tells me that yesterday saw a good turnout with 7 anglers fishing the first beach match with all anglers catching fish, with Dogfish, Pouting, Channel Whiting, small Conger eels and small Bass caught.

Gary Hammond won the match with Jim Ellis 2nd and Rob Ellis 3rd.

The next match is on Sunday 17th November with a 9am start to 14.30pm. High tide is 11.48am.

Sailing Calendar

NOVEMBER

Saturday 23rd DE-RIGGING & WORK PARTY 10.0 and PRIZE GIVING SUPPER 19.00

Fishing:

17/11/2024 09.00am 14.30pm 11.48 5.84m Beach Match

01/12/2024 08.30am 13.00pm 10.57 5.30m Beach Match

15/12/2024 08.00am 13.00pm 10.46 5.59m Beach Match

Prize Giving Evening

Don't forget that tickets for the Prize Giving Evening for both Sailors and Anglers/Fishermen on Saturday 23rd November are now available from behind the Bar, cash only, at a cost of £8 each. A list is available on the noticeboard so do put your name down there if you need feeding.

Sam will be doing her famous pizzas along with chicken and salad buffet so I can guarantee you will not be starving. Do let her know in plenty of time as she will need to go shopping.

Social Events

Well, what a busy week this has been on the social front for both the adult and children! As I have said, I am overflowing with stunning photos and it has been hard work to pick out which ones to use.

Let's start with the adult's Halloween Night on Friday. What a fantastic evening for both the imagination let loose on costumes, the food and the amazing members who staffed the Bar! You are truly stars!!!! My contribution was to do some washing up later in the evening and to get my Morticia Addams sleeves very wet. I bet she didn't have to do the washing up!



All of this excitement was followed on Saturday by the children's Halloween party; Firstly, a huge thank you to Sue for arranging this successful event again. Despite Sue standing down as RC Social & Fundraising this year, she will be keeping her interest alive and standing in to take over where necessary for organising any of the children's activities are concerned:



And after the food, carving pumpkins, decorating rice cakes with chocolate eyeballs and several other scary bits, toasting marshmallows, skittles and sparklers.....PHEW!!!! They then let them loose to see the bonfire!



It wasn't like this in my day

So, we then had the big event!!!! The bonfire followed by the fireworks!!!!

Before I start on this, I want to make it clear to whoever it was commenting on the We Love Pagham Facebook site – as I'm sure they will read this, as to why PYC did not openly invite all of the Pagham community to our Club to join us for a drink, to our BBQ and to enjoy our fireworks. In simple terms, they should be aware that unfortunately, in the legal situation things have changed quite markedly for independent Clubs such as ours over the past couple of years.

I will quite happily discuss this with the complainant but briefly, our insurance covers our members and any of their guests (to a certain number over a certain period) **IF** they are signed in by that member on our premises. It would not cover a member of the community letting themselves in to use our toilet facilities – which we routinely have, and then falling down our steep metal stairs. One example of why we are protecting our premises from unofficial visitors

We had roughly 130 persons on Saturday signed in for the burger/optional food and this was amazing and well organised. There were many other members who weren't interested in food but turned up to watch the fireworks. We could not have coped with more just turning up.

With regard to the surrounding beach area – we set up a bonfire and protection screens fully expecting our members to co-operate with what we have told them verbally, in our blog and our WhatsApps as this is a Health & Safety issue and an Insurance matter. We know our members and we know they will co-operate. We cannot advertise this to the community without setting up wardens to supervise their actions and many other matters as we would not be insured if someone suffered any sort of an injury. In the past we used to do this but, as I have said, things have changed and we cannot get 20+ youth members and adult members who wish to donate their time for 10 to 20 community members who can come and watch the firework display without offering to donating to running the Club jar or the RNLI box.

So, moving on.

The bonfire! All of the team started just after lunch and were well on the way to burning it to the ground by just after 6pm. I think that wind heading for Selsey had something to do with it!



And then.....





Well done to Olive and Mike, with G and Alison who kept the BBQ going for many hours. My apologies to those I've missed out as I got distracted once the fireworks started – and oh boy! Were they good!!!! Thank you to Kevin M and Dave G who spent most of the day getting organised for a safe and wonderful event. Absolutely brilliant boys!

AGM

Another reminder that the papers for all items and proposals will be sent out by email to Full members around the weekend of the 9th November and that you must remember to check your Spam folder after this date in case they end up in there.

I will still keep mentioning that we do still have a vacancy for a Bar Manager which any interested member – with another helpful party could still stand for. I know I keep talking about this but I do feel that this is something that a “team” would really enjoy. There are lots of help available and you wouldn’t be left alone if you needed to go on holiday – or take the weekend off to go to a wedding or go camping. Do have a think about this.

On another subject, I mentioned last week a questionnaire about proposed developments to the Clubhouse. This will now be independent of the AGM and forms will be circulated when you sign in at the meeting or turn up as a Social member should you wish to complete one. They can be handed in after the meeting.

Social Events

Take Your Pick

Judging by how Keith looked at the Halloween party, I think we can safely assume that he has got over that illness that was bothering him and we will be seeing him on Fridays after the High Tide evening. Well, either that – or perhaps it well and truly got him, he snuffed it and he’s no longer an NHS problem! Well, I’m not allowing him to breathe over me for a while! (I’m sure you can get some cream for acne that bad...)



Events Coming Up!



Don’t forget we have the return of the popular High Tide this Friday evening so you can get your boogie woogie bodies down to the Club in preparation for shaking it about in readiness for Christmas! Oh no!! I said that word again!!!!

Dinner Dance

Tickets are going well and if you haven’t bought yours yet, they are £60 per head – cash only from Rocky or from a member of the Committee.

It is being held at the Beachcroft Hotel in Felpham on **Saturday 16th November from 6.30pm** for a three course A La Carte Dinner with Coffee and Mints, with £500 in Raffle prizes and disco – black tie and Cocktail dresses please.

As I have said, the list is up so it may be a good idea to see if there is someone on there who you could share a taxi with, or if you could arrange a shared lift with. Have a look at the list and approach someone.



Put this in your diaries boys! Commodore's Nibbles!!!!

Future Events

- Friday 8th High Tide band from 8pm
- Thursday 14th Greece v England 7.45pm Bar
- Saturday 16th Annual Dinner Dance at Beachcroft Hotel from 6.30pm
- Sunday 17th England v Republic Ireland 5pm Bar
- Saturday 23rd Prize Giving Evening with Sam's Pizza & Chicken Buffet 7pm (buy tickets by 17th please)
- Sunday 24th AGM 10.30pm
- December
- Tuesday 31st New Years Eve Celebration! I have no idea what's coming so far!

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