

Hi Everybody,



My apologies to all that the blog has been slightly delayed this week but, I have been subject to what I think was a headache or a migraine that lasted all day – who knows what it was if you have never had it before, and gave me a painful neck. If you are a sufferer of anything like this then you have my absolute sympathy – and the supply of what is left of my paracetamols and ibuprofen! For the information of the girls amongst us, the good news is that I lost 4lbs in weight over two days through lying in bed but please, don't tell anyone that or I'll get sued by Superdrug or healthexpress!!! My thanks to the Commodore Paul for taking the above photos whilst walking our dog yesterday afternoon whilst I was still examining the underneath of my eyelids. Still a peaceful scene without me.



Sailing Events & Angling

Angling

From RC Angling Paul C and from all of our Angling section, well done to BRAAS on Sunday who had 26 members turn up for a fantastic morning's fishing. A thank you to Tony for his donation to the Club for the use of our facilities.

Fishing:

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

Iain Donaldson



I'm sorry to let you know that one of our long-standing members with a Sailing history, as well as in our past a member of the Committee as an RC Social in 1989, has finally submitted to Parkinsons disease at a good age of 86 years. Iain was a keen sailor and many will remember his boat, Abercor. When not on the water he was by trade a Carpenter and did a lot of work both on the roof and inside the Club, including in the cellar to keep the pipes clean and the beer flowing.

When not working hard, he loved to spend time at the pool table with fellow members and enjoy many evenings when he could no longer sail, or keep the pipes clean any more.

Iain's cremation will be held at Arun on Wednesday 18th December at 11am, to be followed by a Wake at PYC clubhouse afterwards. Parking will be in the Boat car-park and all are welcome to join the family in celebration his life and his time at the Club.

Christmas Raffle



If you haven't seen the "Lucky Squares" for the Christmas Raffle yet, they are £2 each for you to put your name down. Get in there early to choose your favourite number – your birthday, your anniversary, your age!!!!!! They do go up to 550 so you have lots of choice. Ask at the Bar if they are not in circulation.

What we are asking as well, to make it a really wonderful Raffle and to increase what we can offer as gifts, that when you go shopping that you think "Santa" and buy an extra **present for our Christmas Raffle** – something that you would like to receive as a surprise. Or perhaps, if you are a kind and lovely person that you would like to give. Or..... perhaps a special indulgence – those chocolates that you would never share but.....! Yes, it's Christmas and a time to give and share. I want to thank you in anticipation so, be really kind to me! (No paracetamols or ibuprofen please!!!!)

Bar

As we are coming up to the busy season, do have a look at the Bar rota and spare an hour or so of your time to go behind the Bar and make our afternoons and evening fun for everyone. Don't forget that we all appreciate the time that members give when they help and that we do buy drinks or tokens to show our gratitude. It all works out for everyone! Having said that, I've just had an email from Phil to say that Alison and G were Bar person of the month for October and they will have 3 x tokens or 10 Raffle tickets (£20) as a thank you. Well done you two! It looks like we will have Bar person for November out fairly soon so do watch out.

Donation of Boats

A very big thank you to one of our Trustees, Simon Eyres, who has just stepped down from the role due to his relocation and who has donated two boats to the Club. One which has been sold on his behalf for £1000, the proceeds which will go to the club, and he has also very kindly donated a topaz 16 catamaran to ourselves.

That is a very generous gesture and will be truly appreciated by all. Thank you to Simon.

Social Events

Friday evening saw combined efforts from Alison to produce a magnificent Christmas tree for the Bar area and for the children in the Snug area. On Sunday, now we were finally in December, we had Tina, Alison, Sarah, Jonathan and John B putting the final Christmas decorations up!! The central feature was the fantastic Christmas lights donated by Gary and Caroline.



My apologies if I missed anyone off the list of workers but I had crawled back home by that time. I popped in today and it really did look magnificent Fortunately, Caroline was more adept on the camera on the day to show you how it looked!

Play Your Cards Right – Keith was at it again! And again, Commodore Paul was in charge of the camera and he missed taking a shot of Terry the winner. How can you avoid taking a picture of Terry – the tall guy with glasses who won £62??? I do give in!



Coming up soon: -



Followed by: -

After all that boogie we thought you may want to settle back and indulge yourself and practice for Christmas with a little bit of relaxation and eating. Well, I think I will.

Turkey & Pork Baps and Christmas Raffle



Don't forget that we will be holding the pre-Christmas **Bap Roll treat** for our members from the Commodore Chef as usual, but this year it will be on the afternoon of Sunday 22nd December with delicious fillings of roasted Turkey or Pork. As I said last year, he is wicked with a carving knife, so please don't get in his way on the day! Clearing up the cranberry sauce is bad enough without anything else involved!

And then..... the Christmas Raffle!!!! Have you added an extra something onto your shopping list that I asked you to do for me? Something that we can put in our Raffle? Last year I've added a Dash Cam at this time and I think that the Commodore has bought one to put in again. Whatever you can contribute would be lovely if it is your ticket that wins! Just get out there and buy something please!

Christmas Day

As usual, the Commodore Paul will be inviting the members into, or outside the Club if it's a lovely day, to join him to celebrate Christmas Day with a drink or two from Midday until 2pm before the Christmas lunch. I'll keep reminding you when it gets closer.



New Years Eve Celebration

Don't forget that tickets are still readily available for our New Year's Party at £45 per head for an "all in" evening from 7.30pm for the Jordan's Buffet, all drinks included (excluding Champagne), music by Sarah Wood and Fireworks at Midnight. These are available, cash only from behind the Bar from members of the Committee.



Future Events

December

- Sunday 8th Adrian Fraser Singer 3.15pm
- Saturday 14th Jamie's 65th Birthday 7.30pm
- Wednesday 18th Iain Donaldson's Wake from 12noon
- Sunday 22nd Christmas Raffle and Commodore's Turkey & Pork Rolls
- Wednesday 25th Commodore's Christmas Drinks from Midday until 2pm
- Thursday 26th Pram Race 11am
- Tuesday 31st New Years Eve Celebration with Sarah Wood, food & drinks included in your ticket from 7.30pm

January 2025

- New Years Day Bar Opening 1 – 4pm

Any Other Business



The Pagham Pram Race - this has a 60+ year history from 1946 when a group of demobbed servicemen decided they would race. One pushing the pram and another as a baby in it, making sure to drink a pint each, at all the village pubs. The prize, a Christmas fruit cake.

Since then, the Pagham Pram Race has been run every year on Boxing Day, whatever the weather, starting at the mill on Pagham Road and passing The Bear, The Lamb, (The Kings Beach – now the Co-op), a course of approximately 3 miles that finishes at The Lamb car park.

As far as I am aware, no one has come forward from our membership this year to suggest that they would like to participate? Or have you? I am wondering if there is someone out there who is keen to show off their boat rescue/making skills to produce something that any Captain of any ship would be proud to have his crew push around? Do let me know as it's all for charity!!

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