

Hi Everybody,

I just couldn't resist showing you the difference that a week has made to our Club. Is it the beginnings of Spring in the air? Look at that sky!



All I could talk about last week was how wonderful our new blinds looked to the public who were enjoying the view from our seats on the beach – and that was before the snow got 'em!

What I forgot to say was a huge thankyou to Ali and Sarah, two of our members who own Stock Blinds and stepped in smartly to deliver our order at short notice. Their quick action saved us from the wandering eyes of intruders who we had heard were “hanging around”, plus the public who were keen to have a look through our former battered blinds into our Bar. I have to say, I quite liked the interim Batman and Thunderbirds quilt covers hung up as a temporary measure but.....

On another safety issue, at the weekend, RC Sailing, Angling and the Commodore went out on the beach trying to recovering the heavy-duty rubber mats for the slipway which the sea seems to have a liking for and were horrified to find that the last member to unlock the gate hadn't securely fastened the lock when leaving.

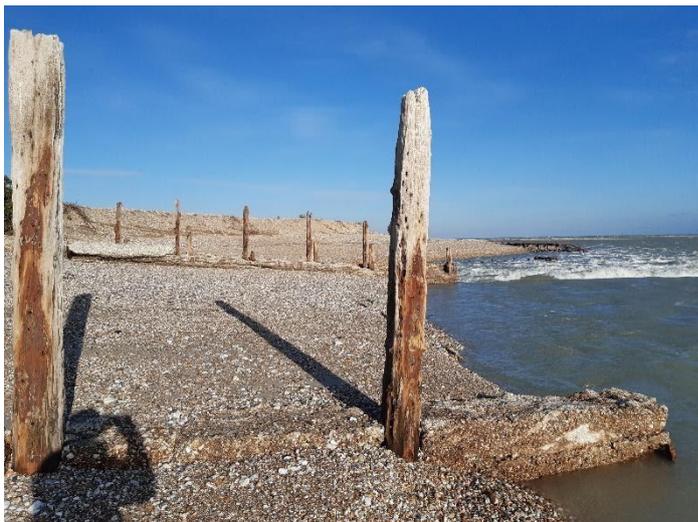
Please, please do take your time to lock this gate as we do not want anybody, especially someone who is not a member, gaining access onto the beach with a motor vehicle as it can be a very dangerous place to be with a vehicle, let alone an unlawful place to be without permission.



The same caution applies to the lock into the Boat Park where members have thankfully increased their attention. Don't forget that we do have the Sailing season approaching when there will be an increase in visits to the Boat Park to check over equipment etc so please do bear this in mind.

I know I keep asking you for photos and I had this one from Kev R who has been watching the area by the harbour for 15 years and has never seen these before. He is asking if anyone knows what they were and does anyone have a photo of what it looked like years ago.

I think they are the old groynes but do let me know one way or the other and if you have photos from the past then I will pass this information on to Kev, or any suggestions as to where he can go for further information would be helpful for him.



I was delighted to receive another more seasonal photo from Michael G of Margaret in the snow. Looking at the snowfall, I think they got it a lot worse than we did. We also heard from David and Janet Day who now live up there in St

Albans who sent us their greetings to all that remember them and hoping that all are well.



I was going to post a picture of my new haircut as my husband has just given me his version of a back and sides as I was getting desperate but then I remembered, this blog is open to junior members, some elderly members and members of the public. Ah! So I decided that it wasn't worth risking the comments, shock and reports in the papers about aliens - in that order.....so I've been out and bought a woolly hat. The hat cost me £6 so I've still saved at least £30 before they open hairdressers again! The things you have to do during lockdown!

### **Annual General Meeting**

Now that the EGM and AGM on 28th March are getting closer, the Management Committee are asking that you keep an eye on the website for information, including the video conference (Zoom) we will use to host both these meetings. <http://www.paghamyachtclub.com/EGM-and-AGM/>

Full information will also be sent out via email and be posted on the website two weeks before the meetings (as required by our Rules), and for members identified as not having email or internet access, they can be sent via post. If you know of a member in this position, please ask them to contact me or another member of the Committee.

### **Election of Officers**

In order to ensure the greatest chance of all Committee positions being filled, the list of nominations completed for the postponed AGM in November 2020 will be carried forward to the AGM in March. Whilst this is not strictly in adherence to Club Rules, the unique situation in which we find ourselves calls for a practical approach, which both the Committee and Trustees have agreed. In addition to

the current nominations list, there are still a number of vacant positions, and positions which have become vacant since November:

<b>POSITION</b>	<b>RE- STANDING</b>	<b>NOMINEE</b>	<b>PROPOSER</b>	<b>SECONDER</b>
Rear Commodore Building	-	Paul Haynes	Paul Palmer	Andy Day
Honorary Treasurer	-	Rosie Denny	Sara Hole	Steve Smiley
Membership Secretary	Vacant			
Bar Manager	Vacant			
Assistant Secretary	Vacant			

Committee Members elected in March will serve only 7 months before the next planned AGM in November 2021, and we sincerely hope life will have returned to near-normality by then!

If you are interested in any of the above positions, or know of someone who you feel could contribute to moving the Club forward beyond this difficult time then please do let us know with details of a proposer and seconder. There is a description of each role on the website.

For nominations or more details please contact me at [honsec@paghamyachtclub.com](mailto:honsec@paghamyachtclub.com)

From the Membership Secretary, Andy Day:

Membership and Boat Park fees should normally be paid by 1st March 2021. In that we were unable to hold the AGM in November, which is when we would normally set the fees for the forthcoming year, we have been asking members to hold back on payments until the members, at the AGM, adopt any fee changes that might be proposed by the Management Committee. With the AGM set to be held on 28th March 2021, we ask that you continue to hold back on paying your fees for the time being.

In addition to asking the membership to agree the fees for the coming year, the Management Committee will also be asking members to agree a plan to refund membership fees for that part of the membership year when the Club has been closed. Currently, that is around two thirds of the membership year.

Through the Blog, we have also offered the option of waiving the refund of fees

and a good number of members have already taken up that option. It's not too late if you wish to waive the refund. Let me know by emailing me at [membership@paghamyachtclub.com](mailto:membership@paghamyachtclub.com)

### **Sailing and Angling Report**

RC Pete W, Steve E and Tom went out on the beach but it was too rough for any fishing. It seems to be the story now so we just have to be patient.

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### **Social Membership**

It's that time again when you know the answers but just can't remember them! It doesn't matter – have a glass of wine, or two and about 2am it will wake you up! Right, this is all about Sussex.

1. What year did Gatwick open as an airport? 1954, 1958 or 1962?
2. Before it was an airport, Gatwick was a Racecourse and the Grand National was run there until a certain year. When did it close as a racecourse? 1928, 1935 Or 1940?
3. Britain hosted the European Song Contest at Brighton. What year? 1972, 1974 or 1976?
4. The clue to 3 is that ABBA won. With which song? I am not giving you a clue to that!
5. Which is supposed to be the longest beach in Sussex? Birling Gap, Seaford Beach or Littlehampton? I have to say that this may be open to discussion!

Good luck!

Right - are you ready for the answers to last week's quiz? Are you one of the watchers of The Savoy? Let's hope that if you are not that you are good at guessing!

We started with an easy one. I did call him the most important person in The Savoy, the Head Butler and his name is Sean. I don't know why, but you do expect the Head Butler to have a much classier name such as Benson or Jarvis?

Oh, never mind.

So, let's move on to the frightening one. They start to charge for a suite per night at The Savoy from..... £15,000 plus. I didn't ask if this includes breakfast as I really suspect the answer is a negative and I think they would have put the phone down on me.

This is a really good one as, The Savoy opened on 6th August 1889 in London. We know it has been closed for what turned into a £220m refurbishment after 3 years in 2010 so, I can see why it is more expensive than Travel lodge!

Having said that they have just spent so much on doing the place up, how did the first General Manager of the hotel get away with stealing £25,000 in wine? Obviously good at what he did because it was César Ritz and he made that sum grow and grow. Sound familiar? I bet no one who worked for him in his hotels afterwards dare do anything dishonest! Interesting to hear where he started.

Until next time.

Be careful and enjoy the daffodils, crocuses and snow flowers.

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