

Hi Everybody,

It's happened again! Those of us who went for a wander Sunday morning to enjoy that wonderful interlude of sunshine we're turned back along the beach front by the Coastguards. At that time, I thought it may be the danger to the footpaths from the mighty sea which had been busy flooding everything it could get its fingers into but, it wasn't until later when we were sitting inside that we heard the "boom!" when the Bomb Disposal exploded the most recent piece of live ordnance that had been exposed.

This is better than having front seats at a premier Cinema War film! Even worthier as the script and the props change every week and you don't have to pay. I'm not sure about the cast as I didn't get close enough this time. Still, at this rate we've got weeks or even months of the sea eroding the beach to discover more of the hidden secrets of Pagham.

On a more relaxed note, as the Club is now closed the Smileys have taken this opportunity to come in to sand and resurface the top of the Bar. The result is very impressive so a big thank you to them. I have to say that it doesn't look quite right without Andrea or a Bar member behind the counter with full glasses waiting to be collected on the surface. Never mind – very soon! Look at that polish!



Other important works have also taken place as well – more specifically, bringing the Christmas tree down ready for work to start for the anticipated opening on Wednesday 2nd December. Decorating the tree is usually so much fun, especially with a glass or two to help you decide where that bauble should go, or which, hic, colour should we use for the tinsel, hic, perhaps silver again.....?

Okay, I give in, just to let you know that one of our members who has an experienced background in the challenge of being professionally artistic in this region has agreed to come into the Club with the usual disguise (that would be wearing a mask) to prevent us knowing who she is (oops, blew the feminine origin) to put a bit of the Christmas spirit back into our refrained lives when we open our doors. (No arguing about who, or

whom we can please with adding our baubles to our lives – and just in case we have any queries about what these refer to, these are light, brightly coloured glass balls or other decoration hung on a Christmas tree!)

Could I just say that when the word baubles, followed by glass balls came into my brain that the word Anglers sprung up - sorry boys and girls, I think the need to undergo one of those trans-thingy courses that I am no longer able to apply for crops up. That is the way that life treats you sometimes when you are doing the blog and, as I am beyond the susceptible age, well .....(I think I'm always susceptible to a bit more of fun so don't stop winding me up!).

### **Sailing and Angling Report**

From RC Angling Peter W, he tells me that whilst no boats have been out, a few determined members fished the beach on Saturday evening resulting in a few Whiting and a couple of Dogfish and a Ray being caught. Weed was a nuisance again but Tom E and his dad fished through it, while the others gave up after a couple of hours.

Great to have some photos this week when the gales have been blowing!



The Ray that was caught by Tom looks like a cross between a Spotted and a Blonde Ray so, well done Tom!

Dad Steve fished a live bait and something big and nasty took half of it, but unfortunately not the hook.

The next beach match is scheduled for Sunday 13th December, COVID permitting. This will be from 0730 - 1130. High tide at 0917 running to 4.9m.

Another reminder about the gate to the Car/Boat park that is still not being locked properly or has been left with the entry code exposed. Although the Club is closed, members are still quite rightly continuing to use the car park and are sharing the entry code with other members. Please do not forget that we all have a responsibility to ensure the security of each other's property, regardless of whether or not we have a

boat in the park, so don't make it easy for someone to cost us dearly by being careless. Thank you in anticipation.

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### **Social Membership**

Still nothing to report on the upcoming social front yet as we simply can't guarantee if we can re-open on the promised 2nd December. Fingers crossed that we can! Do let me know what you have been up to during lockdown – at least the schools have been able to carry on so I know there will be some relief and, this time, sane families still out there. It has been so much easier this time hasn't it?

Do keep in touch and do keep safe.

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