

Hi Everybody,



On the bank opposite the Car/Boat Park, the first signs of Spring. Despite the early morning frosts we have had, three daffodils trying to get into bloom. Just love it! Keep smiling, it won't be long before the clocks go back and we are complaining that our shorts don't fit!



Sailing and Angling Report:

From George, four anglers fished the beach competition on Saturday evening, and amazingly the weather was perfect - it wasn't even cold for the time of the year and Whiting were caught by everyone. The competition was won by RC Angling Paul, 2nd was George, 3rd Derek and 4th Peter. It was disappointing that more PYC anglers did not try and catch their supper, especially when the weather was so kind for a change. Never mind boys, you can try again!

The next competition is Sunday 23rd at midday until 4.30 pm with hopefully a good turnout of PYC anglers.

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Club House:

This week we had two birthdays amongst our lady members, Sylv and Sue, who both managed to suffer – sorry, enjoy being sung the full Rugby(?) Happy Birthday version of the song by all present. Sylv also enjoyed Keith's presentation of **This Is Your Life** along with the list of what she really wanted from Mick (see attached photo with list) which was lengthy – and then what Mick really wanted from Sylv. Yes, you guessed it – Beer!



On another note, those of you who have been in the Club this week will have noticed some changes to the Snug. Due to comments from members over many years, the Committee have finally decided to take some action to further open up the Snug into the main area of the Bar to make it more accessible/integral than it was. The TV will be moved to the other end of the Snug and the wall (where the TV was) facing the outside window will be opened up letting more natural light in. There are a few other changes but it is hoped to have them achieved in the next month and the area redecorated certainly well before the sailing season starts. Watch this space!

Just in case you don't know, we want you to be aware that PYC supports many local sporting organisations and Clubs within the community and area by the use of our facilities outside of Club hours which includes BRAAS and our local Band Hi Fi.

Committee Items

From the Committee, we do have a limited number of vacancies that we need to bring to your attention. One of them goes back to our last AGM which we have advertised and has still not been filled.

This was the role of Communications and Press Officer which you may remember we split aside from the role of website co-ordinator, which has been expertly dealt with by Carol Gale.

I am pleased to say that we have had quite a number of new members since November and I am wondering if we have had someone with the knowledge/experience to fulfil the role of Communications and Press Officer? I did spend several years in a school doing this role after undergoing a weeks' long course about the press, publicity, advertising and approaching other local community organisations and feeder schools to make the "name" of our school familiar. However, I am aware that things (and the area I am now in) have

changed vastly since that time and PYC now needs someone with an up-to-date approach/knowledge of how we can make ourselves more noteworthy in our local community. Lesley, our RC CPC (Rear Commodore Child Protection Coordinator, in case the acronym is unfamiliar), is willing to step in and take on this role if we don't have a more positive response from the rest of the membership.

So, if you are retired from a similar role or working part time or maybe you have you children at home, could you help us? We can supply you with whatever information you might need, so you can work more or less from home? Lesley is willing to help anyone who is interested.

Please don't forget the Club relies entirely on volunteers, so we really need you!

Moving on, we also have a vacancy for RC Social and Fundraising. Unfortunately, Jo currently has other matters to focus on, but has done an excellent job despite this Covid spoiling attendance at some of our planned summer music events. Sue is willing to take it all on board if no one comes forward, but it would be great to see and hear some new volunteers.

If we don't hear anything the Committee will co-opt Sue and Lesley into these roles. The other option is that if you are interested in the music side, Sue would be very delighted to take you on board to advise her as to the best bands/groups/individuals to hire for the summer season – and we need you very soon as their diaries are getting booked out!

As I have said before, we all look forward to working together as **WE DO NEED YOU!**

Social Events

Coming very soon on Saturday 5th February is the Six Nations Rugby with England v Scotland. The Club is being prepared for an enjoyable match with the Commodore Paul's infamous Curry during half time. Numbers so far are looking really good with four members opting for the king sized Prawn veggie option, so do get your name down on the list by the Bar. As mentioned before there is only a cash payment of £7pp for this which you will be able to pay behind the Bar in a separate payment container with a list with your name on it. Do make sure you pay well ahead of the time as we will not cater for you without it being received. I'm from Yorkshire, so you might have heard the saying, "A Yorkshireman is a Scotsman with all the generosity squeezed out of him". Your

payment is only for the food only so do help us to make a reasonable and tasty meal for all involved, veggie or meat eaters alike!

A reminder for your diaries are that other dates for February when alternative arrangements for food will be made are:

13th Feb Italy v England

26th Feb England v Wales

With other dates for March as well as the above, we will ensure that you are notified later via the blog.

So, in the meantime the Committee are working hard to plan as many appealing events as we can to keep all of our members, both young and old, entertained and active before the Sailing season with the warm weather and light evenings that will allow us all to enjoy the outdoors.

Aside from the Six Nations, one of our forthcoming events to put in your diary is Rosie & Andy's Fun Quiz on Saturday 19th February, arrival by 7pm with a start time of 7.15pm for teams of **four**.



This will be £5 pp to include a prize for the winning team, raffle tickets and a light buffet. A list has already been posted in the Bar so, do think of an original and witty name (first challenge!) and get it down on the list! If you took part in Rosie & Andy's quiz before then you will know how much fun it is! PS – no phones allowed! I really do mean this!!!! Are you listening Guy?

What a lovely way to end. I look forward to seeing you all at the Club soon.

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