

Hi Everybody,



I can't believe that it is nearly Christmas! I've just looked back at last year's blog to see that due to Covid the Club was closed, that we were all staying close to home – some of us were in Tier 4, and that we were running a Christmas Quiz via the blog.

I had reported to you that I had just put the Turkey into the freezer as my family were in Tier 4 and unable to join us for Christmas. But now, I can tell you now that the same Turkey is due to make its second appearance. The circle of life. Well, the benefit of having a large freezer!

Speaking of food, this weeks' Meat Raffle went down well again with the salmon fish choice in there as promised for those veggie members who don't want the meat choice. Having said that, it was my ticket that won it! Nothing like being smug occasionally.....



### **Sailing and Angling Report**

From RC Sailing Kevin: subject to weather and sea state on New Year's morning, he will be inviting anyone up for a kayak or paddleboard – in fancy dress (?) to have a fun splash/voyage around the Mulberry and back. Meet him at the Club at 10.30am. For the rest of us – best you watch this space! I'll make sure the batteries on my phone are well charged for any interesting costumes!

From George, four fished the beach on Thursday evening with Whiting, Pout, Conger, Eels and a Dogfish caught.

Although only four anglers made it to the beach competition on Sunday, what a beautiful day it turned out to be. And the fish were keen as well with over 100 Whiting were caught with several fish dinners on the menu for the anglers. Gary Hammond won the match with George in 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Derek 3<sup>rd</sup>. With the previous two competitions won with a single fish, today it was a fantastic result for those who fished and those who did not fish today losing out on a great day. The next Beach Competition is 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2022, 8.30am until 1pm.



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### Social Events

Before I let you have the pictures of a fabulous Friday Karaoke & Disco evening with the **Ruske Bros.** can I let you know that Sue has wisely postponed the 3 course Christmas Dinner at PYC **which was to be held on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December.** A date will be looked at for late January and Sue will let everyone on her list know so alternative arrangements can be made.

So – back to the good news and the Karaoke Night! I was advised not to print any pictures of the Commodore Paul or Olive Clive singing as we're still waiting to see if the neighbours have worked out what the strange noise was. Best we keep quiet about that. Shame they didn't! Never mind as we had some stunning performers who gave us great entertainment and some fabulous food. A huge thank you to all that provided Mussels, Quiches, Cheeses, Prawns and lots of other delicious items for an American Supper. Another thank you to Keith and Russ for not only running the Karaoke but singing to certain songs to keep the evening moving along. We do have a wonderful membership!





Looking ahead to this next week to see what we are hoping we can still enjoy before 2022 comes in and finds us:-

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> December, Christmas Eve** – a reminder that the list is now up for the Pork or Turkey baps which will be served early evening in readiness for the drawing of the Christmas raffle. This year we are being extra cautious about the amount of meat and rolls prepared as we are aware that many members may well choose not to mix socially due to Covid – or may be travelling to visit family or the reverse. So, please do let me know by email if you would like a roll if you know you cannot get in beforehand as we don't want to leave you without. Raffle tickets are still being sold by Sue at £1 per strip or 6 for £5 for some lovely prize BUT you are running out of time!

To make up for this, Zee has also decided to run her own raffle/tombola on Friday afternoon/evening with the surplus stock she has from her Avon agency. **All contributions will**

**go into the RNLI** so this may be a good way to fill up the Christmas Stockings of your loved ones. Are you listening husbands, boyfriends or men in general? Brilliant idea Zee.

**Christmas Day** – Let's keep our fingers firmly crossed that you will be able to join the Commodore Paul from mid-day until 2pm to celebrate with him the joy of Christmas with a drink or two. Let's be optimistic, keep smiling and assume it's going to happen. Well, let's be honest, it is a free drink before all that cooking and washing up! Don't forget that this will be the last blog before Christmas Eve and Christmas Day so please do keep an eye on our website should anything change about the arrangements. If it is anything drastic then you can be sure that we will send out an advisory message.

**Boxing Day** – whilst sadly the Paghams Pram Race will not happen again this year, we will still be opening our Bar from 1 – 5pm as it is a Sunday. If you would like to help behind the Bar for an hour or even ½ hour then that would be greatly appreciated. Let me know if you are not on the Bar WhatsApp and I will pass your offer on. Great way to try out if you like it – no pressure and a very calm and friendly group of members.

**New Years Eve** – the list is still up for the fun party evening with a late buffet along with the light hearted quiz on the run up to 2022. I know I keep saying this but, we are still assuming that this will be not only be possible but more importantly - that you will want to join us!

### **Galley**

More good news! We have finally entered the 21<sup>st</sup> Century and have bought and installed a dishwasher in the Galley! Yahoo! It was tempting to have an opening and naming ceremony but the male members present didn't understand what the fuss was about. I'm sure you can work that one out. What would we name it? Interesting. I think it would have to be a boys name or, perhaps Metallica, or Bugatti? Never mind that as I could go on for ages, or pages.

In the meantime, our thanks go to RC Buildings Paul H and his son, a qualified plumber, who spent a whole morning fitting the dishwasher in at no cost to the Club – although I did see that they were distracted by England being annihilated by Australia at Cricket on their Smart phone during that time. I didn't think men could multi-task? Oh well.....

I'm looking forward to seeing as many of you as I can before 2022 xxx

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