

Hi Everybody,

Yes – as of last Saturday 20th March, we really are in Spring!



And what wonderful weather we have been treated to. Today reminded me of the lockdown last summer before we were able to open the Club on 4th July. It didn't stop people enjoying the beach, having a picnic with their family and a paddle - and most of all, making the most of our beautiful surroundings with social distancing.



With the warnings being issued about the possibility of holidays abroad not being possible due to Covid, I can see that Pagham may well enjoy a second summer season of popularity with the usual problems that go along with a small number of those visitors with their car parking and litter issues. At least we are forearmed this time! We can open the Club, enjoy the sailing and hopefully the weather.

Don't forget that we are opening for outside Bar service in the Marquee on Wednesday 14th April. We are still needing volunteers to come forward for an hour or two to either do the Bar duty or to do the serving. If you can do the Bar your only contact will be with the server and you will be behind the screens to protect you from any airborne sources. The server will be provided with a mask and will be serving seated members outside. We are taking all other precautions to prevent contamination and I'm pleased to say that during our last opening, we had no members infected by Covid from using our Club.

Annual General Meeting

Don't forget that British Summer Time start at 1am on Sunday 28th March (clocks go forward) so you will have one hour less sleep to get yourself prepared for the EGM and AGM. We are asking that you sign in

(log in) by 9.30am as we are anticipating that some members may have trouble doing this easily, which may delay matters.

If for some reason you haven't received your email or posted papers, everything you need is also on the website. You can download a copy have another member do it for you.

Simon Tomsett, our Auditor has suggested that if you have any questions relating to the 2019/20 Accounts, he would be happy for you to contact him now, rather than wait until the meeting. Please contact Simon at simoncharlestomsett@gmail.com and he will get back to you ASAP.

Don't forget that if you are not sure about participating in the Zoom meeting, or do not have the technology available to you, that you can send in your EGM and AGM votes by post or by hand to the Club. I am visiting our post box daily so be assured that they will be received.

Sailing and Angling Report

For those of you that like to keep an eye on the weather at the beach, you'll be pleased to know our anemometers are up and running again after being repaired and rewired. You can see the current and historical wind speed/direction at the following link:

<https://www.windguru.cz/station/229>

All is quiet on the sailing front, despite the wonderful weather we are now seeing.

RC Angling Pete tells me that a couple of members fished the beach on Sunday morning but nothing at all caught.

On another note, Sunday at 1pm he found the gate to the slip had been left unlocked. This is the second time that this has happened recently so a reminder please to all to keep it locked when leaving.

A second reminder from Pete that the sailing season will soon be on us so, do get your boats checked over. We don't want any disasters on the slip, like trailer wheels falling off or winch ropes snapping!

I was pleased to see the following notice from the Pagham Beach Residents Association on our Boat Park opposite The Dell. Great that we can contribute to keep our local area safe from the dumping of all sorts of rubbish. The Dell is an area between Lagoon Road and Harbour Road which could be a fantastic area for birds and wildlife, but is now filled with mattresses, tyres and all sorts of garbage. There also used to be tennis courts that are now under rubble. Aargh!!!



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Social Membership

Have you been waiting for the answers for this or have you given up on me? If you are a regular traveller on the motorway then maybe you may have guessed the answers. Failing that, a guess can always produce a good score!

1. So, what did you think was was? Did you think it was the M1? If I didn't have the answer I would have said it was BUT the first stretch of motorway in the UK was opened in December 1958 and it was originally known as the Preston Bypass. This 8 mile route cost £3m and was put in place to relieve the traffic on the A6 through Preston. More money than sense these northerners. Well, these Lancaster's (as I'm from Yorkshire)!
2. Moving on to important stuff about when the first "tensioned safety barriers" were put in on a section of the M1. This was March 1973 following 200 vehicles crashing in thick fog resulting in the deaths of nine people on the M1 north of Luton, Bedfordshire in March 1972. What can you say?
3. When I asked this one I didn't say how long the M1 is it is 193 miles long. So, how many Motorway Service Stations are there on the M1 (this includes the ones where you are able to stay overnight)? There are apparently, 18 which is theoretically one every 10.7 miles. Easy riding!
4. If you use the A1(M) heading north, what is the famous place name where you end up if you don't use the M6? (I wanted to use the song "Go North" but I ended up with Pete the Dragon's version so forget that! I think I had in my mind "Go West" by The Village Peopleenough said as it was Scotch Corner. Everybody knows that!

Now we move on to the hard bit! I was a bit concerned about what I was going to challenge you with this week until I wandered along the beach and twisted my ankle on one of those pesky pebbles and nearly ended up on my butt! Aaha! Body parts! Are you ready for this.....? It's going to be "Another name for".

1. Talus – I thought this would be a good starter. Perhaps a name for a dog? No. You have already had a clue earlier.
2. What does Mentum refer to? The clue is that it is facial and it does NOT refer to your brain capacity!
3. What is the Hallux? We all have two of them and they can be essential for balance. Great word and much better than what it refers to. Sounds like an ancient idol that you worship, but you don't need them to do this adulation.
4. What are your pollex? Again, you have two of these and they are essential nowadays to deal with day to day matters such as shopping, hoovering, stripping beds.....that is if you are female, as we know the males in this world don't know what I'm talking about!
5. Last but not not least....what are the cupids? Not at all what you are thinking about so, go on, guess!

Hoping that you all are still well, that you are getting your jabs and that we will hear from you at the EGM/AGM,

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