

Hi Everybody,

It has been quite a stimulating week on the social front. An electrifying 60th birthday party on Saturday night for one of our members, Pete Warren, where watching the action was better than the exciting parts of a 007 movie! I'm pleased to say that nobody has let me know that they had to go to A&E afterwards suffering from exhaustion, hoarseness or perhaps the worst problem of being legless! Ah well. If you don't know what I am talking about then have a look at the photos below or, our PYC Facebook to get you into the spirit.



Sailing and Angling Report:

Good news from RC Sailing Kevin, Shearwater Catamarans have asked if we can host their Nationals from 18th to 21st August this year. This is usually a good weekend with lots of exciting racing to watch which we aid by providing them with Race Officers, ribs, beach crew, food and entertainment. We haven't hosted them for several years so it is good to see them coming back to us. Nearer the time we will be asking for volunteers to help us with this as this is a very worthwhile event. Whilst we will charge for any outgoings, more importantly it raises our image in the sailing world and allows us to show our younger members how other boats perform and a new race situation.

On our Angling front, from George five anglers and a guest turned out to fish in Sunday's competition. Unfortunately, the fish didn't turn up which was a great disappointment to the anglers, to say the least!

The next beach competition is Sunday 6th February at 12.30pm until 5pm when hopefully, the fish will keep the anglers busy!

From BRAAS (Bognor Regis Amateur Angling Society) they are having an Open Beach Competition for Catch and Release on Sunday 20th March from 8.30am till 1.30pm. This is to be fished at Pagham Beach with pegs drawn from 7.30am at PYC. Entry cost £8, senior, £4 junior with optional Pool Flat £1, Round £1. All of our anglers are welcome. Please contact John Small 07799 762377 after 5pm for more information.

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Club House:

You may remember that last week I mentioned some changes to the Snug were underway. Our RC Buildings Paul has been working hard to uncover the original carriage structure to see what could be achieved with it, and surprisingly found that one small section of the original side had still been left fairly intact.

Fortunately, for those of us who wanted to keep this feature, this portion of the carriage has to be left in situ as it supports the carriage roof. You may be able to see that underneath the ugly brown paint there is the



original blue paint that matches the colour used on PYC pennants. Quite apt! Should make quite an interesting feature when finished.

Committee Items

Last week I did ask for any members interested in taking on the role of Communications and Press Officer or the role of RC Social and fund-raising Officer to come forward and let the Committee know. I did say that if we didn't hear a response then the Committee will definitely co-opt Sue and Lesley into these roles.

Regrettably, we had a negative response from our members BUT I am glad to say that in Sue and Lesley we have two members who are impressive with their input and their plans for the future, now already working together to improve – not just the entertainment, but in promoting the Club in a positive manner and getting our message out to the wider community.

Both candidates have displayed drive and determination and are already making plans to push things forward. The Committee feel that these candidates will represent the Club in these roles and they have co-opted Sue and Lesley with immediate effect.

We always welcome help and advice from our members so, if you are aware of a good local group or singer or other useful ideas, do pass this information on so we can all continue to work together.

Social Events



Back to Pete's 60th. Where to start? Elvis and Buddy Holly paid us a visit of course. And then there was a singing Unicorn....don't ask, and a visit by the Scots showing us the bare essentials of life.





Speaking of bare essentials, after This Is Your Life (truly) identified him as a Page 3 male model in the Sun when he was 30ish, Pete showed the audience the strut and how he made it as a model. Of course, the slimline (?) competition wanted to show the audience that they could strut their stuff as well, with or without the usual attire! Best you cover it up boys. You're putting Keith off!

Fortunately, the girls were able to carry on, once they had stopped laughing – and taking photographs to compare their own male models later! There were so many other wonderful photographs of members that took part in the karaoke that I couldn't possibly have put them in the blog so please accept my apology for that.



What a very enjoyable night which carried on the following morning and into the afternoon when quite a few gathered together again to sort the Galley out, to finish the remaining food off and to open the Bar again. The good news was that Pete won the first prize in the Meat Raffle. Well deserved! Many thanks to Russell and Keith, that brilliant team who made a very good evening for all involved.

So, back to future social events. The Six Nations Rugby with England v Scotland is on Saturday 5th February and numbers for Commodore Paul's infamous Curry during half time are now 25+ so, if you

have put your name down and not paid yet I will need your cash payment of £7pp this coming week or no food!

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



Another event planned for Saturday 12th February with a 6pm start is a Skittles evening with hot dogs. This is intended to encourage more children/youngsters into the Club so, if you have friends who may be interested in an evening with you, please do invite them to join you for this event. Don't forget to sign them in.



Numbers for Rosie & Andy's Fun Quiz on Saturday 19th February with a start time of 7.15pm are increasing nicely but don't forget that it is for teams of **four**. If you see two names then put your name with them. No one seems to want to join us yet! Aw. And don't forget to find a name for your team!!!! I was thinking of The Untouchables as no one wants us!

This will be £5 pp to include a prize for the winning team, raffle tickets and a light buffet and payment is behind the Bar please.



Looking further ahead, on 9th April we are revisiting Race Night so that is something to look forward to. More details to follow but do put it in your diary.

See you all very soon.

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