

Hi Everybody,

Fabulous Friday.....to be replaced by Miserable Monday! Just two days and what a difference. Ho hum.



Have you noticed that fencing off our seating area to stop use by the public doesn't seem to be as effective at preventing it's use as the snow! Good thing the blinds look wonderful!



On another more personal note, can I just say that this week I have received two really positive notes of support for the blog which came in at just the right time. We are all trying to deal with so many issues that covid has thrown our way, so to hear your response to the blog was very important to me. The Club needs to know that, even during this awful time that we are still keeping you in touch with what is going on and still making you feel a part of it.

Speaking of which, I know I keep saying it but do send in any photos of what you have been up to, especially with our youth members who may not have been able to get out and about with their friends. It helps to see that they are not the only ones. And for those members who do not live locally – what was the snow like for you? Were you in one of the areas that had the heavy fall of snow? Let us know and send us any photos to cheer us up.

Despite the fact that we haven't been able to open up the Club, some of us have been able to carry on our normal jobs and I've just heard from Sue, our Committee Membership representative to tell me that she has just opened up a new little business. She tells me this is with artificial flower arrangement for all occasions called The Flower Shed. Unfortunately, she hasn't yet sent me any pictures but it's good to hear some positive news. Tell what are you up to?

Annual General Meeting

The virtual Zoom EGM and AGM meetings on Sunday 28th March at 10am and 10.30am are getting closer. The Management Committee is still finalising the paperwork and set-up for you as we will have some important issues about past expenditure on Club renovations and the Committee structure to be decided this time around, before the next AGM in November.

There will now be a number of vacancies on the Management Committee as we have been very fortunate to have had several co-opted members step in and, although some are willing to stand again, we will need to know that there will be positions where we need you to step forward to help us out.

I have mentioned the Bar Manager's vacancy previously but we also now have the Membership Secretary and Assistant Secretary positions becoming vacant for co-opting. The Membership Secretary is a very important role and I am sure that Andy D would be happy to talk to anybody interested in standing in for this position about what is involved and what he can offer to help you through what you need to do. That is what we are all about so do let me know and I will pass you on to Andy for his good advice via honsec@paghamyachtclub.com

As before, more to follow!



Sailing and Angling Report:

RC Angling Pete W tells me that a few of them fished the beach on Friday (that being the glorious sunny day) with Steve E and George S catching a few small Whiting and Rockling, but the third angler (who will remain anonymous, but his initials are PW) catching sod all. That was his phrase, not mine.

I'm told that they are all looking forward to the end of February when things should pick up – and Storm Darcy will be a far distant memory.

Do keep your fingers crossed that RC Sailing will be in a good position to get you, and any new membership, out there on the water rather than still ensuring that his hard work means that the under-croft and the Boat Park is prepared for when Covid regulations are eased. At the moment all we can do is to keep our fingers crossed and keep an eye out for the Boat Park x

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Social Membership

Okaydokay, here we go again!

It's EU warfare time.....

We probably forget that we first applied to join the EU in 1961! We should have known then when they got awkward about allowing us in that it was going to be a tricky marriage as it wasn't until 1973 that they finally let us in – and it was the EEC in those days. Remember the Common Market?

Do you know why they refused to let us in during 1963 and 1967? Nothing to do with increasing trade or sharing skills. Apparently, Charles de Gaulle the French President at that time feared that English would suddenly become the common language of the community. Blimey! Twelve years of being tricky and then after another 57 years of the 28 nations and at the moment English, French and German now have the higher status of procedural language of the EU. Interesting eh?

And the Prime Minister who finally got his way? Edward Heath, who won the Admiral's Cup in 1971 on his 42-foot yacht Morning Cloud.



Even I remember the stunning victory as there was a growing crisis in Northern Ireland and they admitted afterwards that there were plans to lift him off the yacht by helicopter should things develop – bearing in mind that the team had been told the entry would be disqualified! How dare they mix a yacht race with conflict, competition, struggle and feud! Oh, perhaps we should not think about that as that is what racing is all about!

Having made that comment, does this remind you of a certain golf playing President who went everywhere by helicopter? If you need to go out there and take part.....?

Going back to how many countries (number) were in the EU at that time (to include Britain)? Only 9 apparently but, when we left it looks like there were 28. It looks like we started a trend. I will allow for any discrepancies as whoever was in the treasurer's department over those years when they were allowing nations in as they weren't being too concerned if they could speak English or not. (Or French, or German?) Come on, did you win?

So now is the BIG moment!

This week's quiz. Aargh..... Hopefully you will have been watching The Savoy on the tele which got me humming. Some of this is a guessing game, which I like as you don't have to KNOW the facts but you can make an informed guess, or even better, a wild guess!!! I like tossing dice if you are



1. Firstly, let's start with the most important person in The Savoy, the Head Butler. What is his (first)name? Sean, Seamus or Conor? I'll give you a clue that he is Irish. Yes, I think you may have already guessed that.
2. How much do they charge for a suite per night at The Savoy? NO – do not look this up!!! Is it - £12,000, £15,000 or £17,000 per night? I won't ask if this includes breakfast as neither of us could cope with the answer.
3. What year did The Savoy open? This is a good one and I will allow you ten years grace on your guess if you are prepared to risk it. Is it 1880, 1889 or 1895?
4. Who was the first General Manager of the hotel who was sacked for stealing £25,000 in wine and later became a famous hotel owner: César Ritz, Richard D'Oyly Carte or Auguste Escoffier? Yes – they got up to that all that time ago and I can't find evidence that he got nicked for that! In today's money that would beare you ready for this.....£2,246,022.73. Bl**dy hell! Don't you wish grandad had hidden away some of that wine? I think that is enough to get your brain cells working through this cold season.

Until next time.

Do take care and make sure that you are warm enough - and do keep your brains working.

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