

Hi Everybody,



So, I said to them behind the Bar, all I wanted was a pint of Black & Tan – same as you’re drinking, and do you know what they said? “You’re a dog! You can’t order beer!” So, I said, “But I just have! If you’re being difficult about that, then give me a pint of Guinness with a white top and I’ll lick the top off!” And then they started getting difficult and they said I was only 3 ½ years old so I wasn’t old enough to order alcohol! I mean, talk about picking holes in my membership! I give up. I’m part of a FULL membership!!! Hey Keith – buy me a drink will you, as I’m getting really thirsty sitting here looking at you enjoying that?



## Sailing Events & Angling

It’s those not so magic words that you just don’t want to hear – sailing was cancelled on both Saturday and Sunday due to high winds and rough seas. And I thought we were at the end of July with lots of summery weather! Groan!

One piece of good news is that Nick the Tash Cook got over the finish line on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> of the Fastnet race after 5 days 15 hours and 45 minutes representing PYC. Well done Nick! Okay, I think we can let him off a few Bar duties next week....



What we do have is some brave Brass Monkeys who seemed to have calmed the early morning sea and to now have enlisted some of our youth members, Bertie and Jo to join them, as well as some more ladies including Theresa. Well, if you can’t beat ‘em, join ‘em!

## Calendar

### August

|               |                                    |       |
|---------------|------------------------------------|-------|
| 5th SATURDAY  | SAILING SESSION                    | 13.30 |
| 6th SUNDAY    | COMMODORES CUP SERIES RACES 9 & 10 | 11.00 |
| 12th SATURDAY | SAILING SESSION                    | 13.30 |
| 13th SUNDAY   | SUMMER SERIES RACES 5 & 6          | 11.00 |
| 19th SATURDAY | SAILING SESSION                    | 13.30 |
| 20th SUNDAY   | SUMMER SERIES RACES 7 & 8          | 11.00 |
| 26th SATURDAY | PYC REGATTA RACES 1 & 2            | 13.00 |
| 27th SUNDAY   | PYC REGATTA RACES 3,4 & 5          | 11.00 |

### Angling

Sadly, as expected, Sundays' competition had to be cancelled again due to the weather. George hasn't heard of any angling taken place but hopefully, if the weather improves soon, they can get out in their boats and enjoy some time on the water.

The next competition is Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup> August with an 8am start until 4pm with the best Skate the target species. (Good thing it's not till then as I've just looked at the weather forecast and think he may have to wait until the 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> anyway!)

### Paddlers and Snorkelling

Sorry to keep repeating the no paddlers due high winds and rough seas for last Wednesday, BUT despite whatever the sea decides to do this week the pizza order was nearing 40 the last I heard!!!

### Bar

A couple of really positive things to tell you this week. Firstly, a huge thank you to aa the bar staff, particularly Sylv, Olive, Rosie, Ken and too many others that I can't remember - and to members who collected glasses and kept things going at Julie and Ken's party. They tell me that they had 130 guests and I can believe that as they were such a lovely crowd! The other positive news to tell you is that Ken W is our first winner of the Bar Volunteer of the Month and will be receiving £10 worth of raffle tickets on Sunday to enter our Meat Raffle. Ken was chosen as he is the oldest member of the team who is still eager to learn what is going on, is always willing to work and is just a lovely member of the Team! Can't ask for anything better!!!!

### Guests

Following complaints by a few members, it has been raised that some members are now taking advantage by inviting guests into the Club without signing them in and, on many occasions, this has exceeded well beyond the six times permitted. Let's be honest, you are using your membership to take advantage of our system for your friends!

Our Rules state:

**17. Members shall enter the names of all guests in the Visitor's Book. Not more than three guests may be introduced in any one day and the same guest may not be introduced more than six times in any calendar year. Guests introduced by a Youth Member must be countersigned by an adult member.**

From this Wednesday, the Visitors Book will be checked to make sure that all Guests have been recorded in a legible way to identify who they are. Print it! Any Guest recorded more than 6 times will be asked to leave and will not be allowed to re-enter unless they take up membership or the calendar year has expired.

If you were one of the members that this relates to then please, do us and yourselves a favour, and ask your Guest to apply for membership or stop inviting them in. That would save us the embarrassment of asking your Guests to leave and effectively barring them. Sorry if it sounds harsh but, we have encountered Guests who don't want to be members when they can get in for free by using their mates. Not any more.

### Boat Park & Parking

It just keeps happening! Despite all of the warnings that we are giving there is someone – or several persons, who are using our car park and leaving us with the gate open and the code on display. And worse, someone is also leaving the Boat gate open as well! This is now happening during the day, whether or not the Club is open and, whether or not sailing has been taking place. We are reaching the point when we are doubting if our current access by code can continue or if we need all members, Social as well as Full members, to sign in to purchase a key to allow them access. It would seem that some of our members have been more than kind in letting their friends know the code to have free use of our car park. I will let you know what the Management Committee decide as there is a lot of property at risk.

Speaking of abusing car parking, please be aware that the gateway to our slip is NOT a place to park your car as it is an emergency access route for the Coastguard, RNLI, Ambulance and Police 24//7, it is also used by Full members for their

boats out of hours. Nor is the piece of land at the bottom of the Club stairs which is used by the Bar Manager or persons stocking up the Club or for cleaning. Both of these pieces of Club owned land are not a parking space for you to use when you cannot be bothered to walk from our car park – and, let's be honest, you must have realised that you are just encouraging other people to do the same as it's the holiday season? Please, do stop abusing your membership with PYC.

## Sam's Pizzas & Pebbles

I am pleased to say that only one week's absence from pizzas stirred the longing stomach pains again and that orders were flowing in by Thursday – a whole five days in advance! I think we can safely say that they are very popular so please do keep your orders coming in.

What isn't so popular at the moment is the Saturday afternoon opening as the demand has been falling off due to sailing and angling being called off and, dare I say it, some actually daring to go on their holidays! We have decided that it really isn't worth Sam opening up until the weather perks up so, it really is a "Watch this Space" at the moment. Sorry about that but, you have been warned. If you have a secret contact with the Weather Gods then please can you tell them that the current winds are not what is wanted by our frustrated sailors!

## Golf Section



Four of our Golfers met on Friday at Brighton and Hove Golf course, just after the rain had stopped, to enjoy what turned out to be a great day in the warmth of some sunshine for a friendly match - without lunch as the Chef went sick! That'll teach 'em. Olive won with 28 points, Rob second with 26, Commodore Paul third with 25 and Pagey with 21. Isn't it a hard life being a bloke? Ah bless.....(Bet none of them returned to cut the flipping lawn!!!!)

## The Blog

A bit of a different issue for you here. I've looked at how long I've enjoyed doing the blog for PYC and I have to say, I don't know why you have put up with me for so long! Or, why HP haven't approached me for a testimonial as I must be the longest surviving owner of one of their most obscure printers that still works. Must be the price of their ink cartridge as the system makes anyone else's cartridge incompatible! (The USA have made this illegal!!!!)

Having said all of that, I am aware that things do have to move forward and that there are other newer (and younger!) members who will have better ideas about how to present what is going on in the Club – and that is the way it should be. So, I am looking for a replacement to move the blog into another era, to present what is going on and to make it a more vibrant and approachable feature for all ages to continue to enjoy.

To give you some idea, we have Molly who goes out on the safety boats and when she can, takes some fantastic photos. We also have Tracey who has taken over as Assistant Secretary, who has great knowledge about producing posters and media items which is all part of encouraging members to submit their images of parties or other social events and post them on our website as well as the blog and Facebook. Does that interest you as well as the written word? If not, then you can still encourage more members to contribute to what is going on and present it a more active way than we are currently doing.

If I have roused any interest at all on any part of this, I am happy to carry on at the sideline to enable you to build up a new image of how you think the blog should be as it can be so much fun getting involved in what is going on in the Club. Do contact me if you would like more information as I would be very pleased to talk about what I do and how the information and pictures do come to me at the moment. Let's move forward and make it a new image for the Club!



## Social Events

The Saturday joint Birthday Party for Ken and Julie was amazing! What a fantastic and huge crowd! And Adrian with a range of songs we hadn't heard from him before – Mustang Sally, Knock 3 Times.....whoop hoo – filled the dance floor again!



And then Sunday!!!! I have to say well done to Jo and her workers (that would have been Steve) for sorting out the Club before opening to resemble so much normality after such a brilliant evening that involved lots and lots of alcohol and some fabulous food from Sue. Did I say that it was a great evening? Oh – I did. Well, after the hangovers subsided and members crawled out of their pits – I have to say that it was slightly later than usual, Sunday afternoon turned into a fabulous continuation of the magic music we had been receiving from Adrian when he set up again. (That was after I lost the Raffle – again!)

It was team work that made the opening of the Club such a success after such a busy night so I cannot praise the members who gave their time to make their Club work for us all. Thank you all!!!! And then the fun began again!



Aren't we lucky to find a performer who appeals to such a wide diversity of people who can enjoy his style and music and can get down on the dance floor? Love it! (and, just so you remember that I knew some of the words!!! and NO, I won't be taken bribes to keep my mouth shut). Do you remember Pretty Flamingo

and Semi-Detached Suburban Mr James, both by Manfred Mann? Or So Happy Together by The Turtles? Showing your age again! Let's face it, they must have been good as I was only 8 years old then!

## **Other Future Events**

### **August**

- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Play Your Cards Right with Keith. Best you turn out for this as it's getting to be a hotter competition!!!!!!
- Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Lightning Brothers c.3.30pm (outside event) and the sun is predicted to be shining! (May have to get the Gazebo out)

### **September**

- Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Bart's Bash Race
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Macmillan's Coffee Morning (all day event)

### **November**

- Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> AGM - Advance warning for your diaries

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## Donations for **CANCERWISE**

A big thank you to Pete W who did the BBQ at home due to inclement weather on shore on Saturday evening to keep everybody well fed and satisfied to make sure that they carried on throughout the evening with Burgers, Chicken Kebabs and sausages with the usual onions and salad bits to look healthy.



The final total was an amazing **£8,865.87** which was raised to **£9,000** by a further donation from Clive and his company Signs4golf.

A big thank you to the following who contributed to the **CANCERWISE** charity event of last weekend and the Golf event of the week before. The gifts were used as part of the Golf Day, as part of the Big Raffle or, some were auctioned off to raise some **substantial** amounts.

### **Golfing Holes Sponsored By:**

Signs4golf (Clive) Main sponsor

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Floyd Gray New Home Sales Solution

Hendy Ford (Guy Lawson)

Mark Harding Roofing

Chichester Golf Club – for the free use of their course for the day and for the provision of a splendid buffet!

### **PYC Cash Donations:**

Clive Briggs

Steve Parker

Allan Fry

Kim & Alan

Geoff (Raffle Winnings)

Sam – Pizza & Saturday profits

### **Big Raffle Prize Donations:**

Jordans Chemist – Pamper set

Alex – Tinwood Hamper

Sue & Natalie – assorted prizes

Brass Monkeys – 3 Bottles of Whiskey

Sandra, Keith & Sam – assorted brand new clothes

Ron Fisher – Tent, Camping Chair & Windbreaker

Zee – Avon goodies for Tombola

Various other items such as the dry robe from NEXT that were bought from the cash donations to be added to the Raffle

## **Cakes**

A final mention to everyone who baked or bought cakes to be sold or auctioned that added to the fun and the grand total.

We couldn't have done it without you.

To those that we haven't mentioned - it was quite simply a team effort and we all know that the total says it all! You are all stunning!!!!

*Sue & Clive*