Hi Everybody,



Don't you just love it? Welcome to the mid-November seaside!



Sailing Events & Angling

I know I have been reminding you about buying your tickets for the Prize Giving Supper on Saturday 18th for £15pp, but what I didn't make clear was that the price includes one of Sam's pizzas, chicken strips, salad, French bread with either a pint or a short with a mixer or a wine. The kids (youths) do not have to pay so it is a really **VERY** good deal! (And you don't have to do the washing up!) Rosie – please run!!!!!!

I know that some members can't make it to the Prize Giving but it would be great if those that can to fully join in the atmosphere and enjoy what the Club can offer on the night.

Let us know on the Sailing WhatsApp if you would like a ticket by Wednesday as we need to order the food. Don't forget that an order does mean that you will need to pay. Sorry about that.

Angling

From George, four anglers arrived on the beach around 8am on Sunday for our competition. After a couple of castings, the rough seas and the huge amount of seaweed floating about made fishing impossible. RC Angling Paul then had a great idea to retire to the Clubhouse and have a cup of tea while waiting for an improvement in the conditions. Around 9.45am it was decided to give it another go, brave the conditions again and, thankfully conditions had improved with six angling members being joined by Jacquie and Tommy's friend.



George is pleased to report that all eight anglers caught fish with Channel Whiting, Pouting, Bass and a Silver Eel being landed.

Steve Essery won the competition with three fish plus three other anglers with two fish each. On a points basis, George was second, Derek third, Paul fourth with Tommy fifth. Successful baits were Squid, Black Lugworm, Ragworm and Mackerel.

George's hope is that most angling members will attend the prize giving evening this Saturday evening so don't let him down.

The next beach competition is Sunday 26th November 8am until 12.30pm.

Calendar

November

18th SATURDAY PRIZE GIVING SUPPER at 7pm

26th Sunday Beach Angling Competition 8am until 12.30pm

AGM

All AGM papers for the meeting on Sunday 26th November have been sent out by email or by post. If you still haven't received yours and, they are not in the junk box of your computer, they can be downloaded from the PYC website. For the **Full** members who cannot attend the meeting and still wish to vote via the proxy form, I must remind you that the form must:

- a. be returned in an envelope marked **PROXY Form for <u>AGM</u>** with your name and membership number on the outside.
- b. be completed and signed or it will be invalid.
- c. sent or delivered to myself as the Hon Secretary 48 hours before the AGM, by 10.30am Friday 24th November 2023
- d. Please DO NOT include more than one member's voting forms in this envelope as both votes will be classed as spoilt and will not be counted.
- e. Any power of attorney or any other authority under which this proxy form is signed (or a duly certified copy of such power or authority) must be included with the proxy form.
- f. If you submit more than one valid proxy form, the last vote received before the latest time, **10.30am on Friday 24**th **November 2023** for the receipt of proxies, will take precedence.

Also, if you need any details about how to change you proxy instructions or to revoke your proxy vote then you must contact me before 10.30am on **Friday 24th November**.

For newer members who are Social members, don't forget that you do not have the right to vote but that does not stop you attending the meeting to see what is going on. It may even persuade you to change your membership!

Bar Manager

I know I keep repeating this and gets boring without anybody coming forward to ask more questions about what's involved. I can't believe there are so many retired men or women who are bored and want to expend their lives a little bit to include a few days a week (with assistance) to give them a new horizon! Just ask!!! We want you!!!!!! After the AGM we will not have a Bar Manager so we are looking for your help. What else can I say?

New Years Eve Celebration

Well, now that Bonfire Night is behind us, we can look forward to our New Years Eve celebration party to welcome in 2024 from 7.30pm, which you may be aware that we are holding in the Club premises.

The tickets are £40 per head and include entertainment by the fabulous singer Sarah Woods to go along with a tasteful buffet <u>AND</u>, this is what makes it a lovely relaxed evening – all Bar drinks are included in the price (apart from Champagne!) Yes, I know, but after a glass or two of Prosecco you can't tell the difference!

Best you get your tickets – and book your taxis soon as this has always been a very popular event. Well, I'm sure you can understand why!

We will be issuing PYC Tyvek wristbands on the night in a swap for tickets to ensure that only those persons can be allowed access to the drinks etc to ensure a good, sociable evening with lots of dancing! Best you sort your party gear out!

Children

Just a small message from me as Hon Sec who deals with complaints, this time arising from certain children's behaviour inside the Club over the weekend which I was asked to raise by members sitting in tables in the area opposite the Snug (where I was sitting), who couldn't hear what was happening at the Play Your Cards Right session.

The children, not youth members I hastened to mention, were standing on the table in the Snug and shrieking. (I'll have you know that was my mother's kitchen table that we donated to the Club so she wouldn't be best pleased if she was still around as she didn't allow her two grand-daughters and son/my children to stand on that table).

Later, it started again with throwing discs from one end to the Snug to the other with accompanying yells. I dealt with both of these incidents quietly with the children so no one was disturbed from what was happening in the main entertainment and both disturbances subsided. This later progressed to the children going out to the corridor and, for a better word, interfering with specially crafted wooden plaques donated by Olive on the wall displaying names of past and present Commodores, along with shrieks which drew my attention from where I was sitting in the bar area. Again, I had to move to warn them that this was unacceptable and asked them to return to the Bar area.

The point of this message is that from now on - what I should have been doing, and I will now be doing, as part of my role as Hon Sec, if your child breaks these Rules then you will be sent a warning letter as we are now in the position where I cannot ignore any actions that are brought to my attention by a Club member as I am now duty-bound to follow up any of these complaints. Please, please think about what a child in your concern is doing so we can all relax and enjoy having them around as what should be. Let's move forward and allow me to enjoy a peaceful evening in the Bar!

Social Events

I know I keep saying this and, it may be getting boring.....but on Friday night when I thought that we would see a very rich winner of Play Your Cards Right – it just didn't happen! The sum is now, I think, around £700. I can't be sure as I was busy when it was announced. So, we have to wait another 2 weeks to see if we can spend Christmas in the sunshine. Ah well.





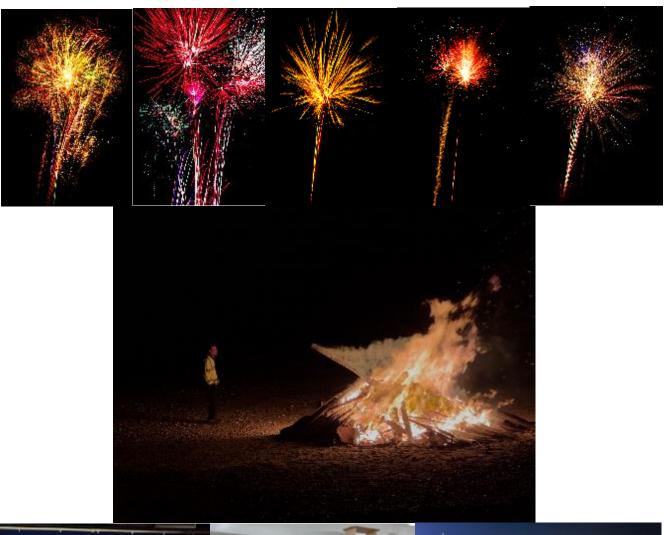
And then eventually there was Saturday, the longed-for Bonfire Night, Fireworks and BBQ! Whoohoo!!!! Chicken, sausages and beef burgers with coleslaw and salads. Yahoo! Burp!!!

I would just like to pass on the thanks of all of the Committee and all of the members who have come forward to express their gratitude for the hard work and long hours that went into making this a memorable evening. You were all absolutely stupendous! How you all kept going I have no idea!











What amazing fireworks!!!! The photographs do not really show what a brilliant performance we enjoyed. It was stunning! No other words!

Special thanks go to RC Sailing Kevin, RC Angling Paul, Dave G, Jacqui, Bertie and others for building the bonfire, Pete W, Steve P and Harry for the BBQ, Carol W, Alison, Mary D and Rosie for providing the members with the BBQ food – and especially for Rosie who kept the washing up going all evening and I couldn't get her in my photograph!!!

There were so many others who kept the Bar supplied and members served, who collected glasses or plates – that is what makes our Club a wonderful place to belong to. A really special place to be part of.

And then we had the 3 of Diamonds! Our Terry on the vocals and the Harp, Steve on the vocal and Guitar and Chris on the Bass.

Unfortunately I had to leave early but I'm told that they went down really well – as usual!!!! I don't know if the pouring rain had anything to do with attendance but those that were there had a really good time. Well done boys xxx





Don't forget that next Sunday we have the Lightening Brothers with their Motown and Soul!!! From 3.15pm after the Raffle. I know I'm biased but anything to do with Motown – let's get it on!!!!!

Future Events

November

Sunday 19th Lightening Brothers band 3.15pm Saturday 25th Triple X Band 8pm - Evening event

Sunday 26th AGM – 10.30am Please register before 10.30am as that is when then the door will close.

Louise Connolly - vocalist 3.15pm

December

Friday 8th High Tide Band 8pm

Friday 22nd Adrian Fraser – Singer 8.15pm evening event (wrongly printed as an afternoon event!)

Sunday 31st New Years Eve Celebration! Ticket entry only for £40 pp to this event and now on sale behind the Bar,

cash only. This includes buffet, free drinks and entertainment by Sarah Wood!!!

Lots of things in this blog for you to look at and think about. Do send emails if you want to join in the food items. Otherwise - see you soon!



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