

Hi Everybody,



The view on Saturday from outside the Club at 9am and then at 3pm. Still cold but, what an amazing change over a few hours.



## Sailing Events & Angling

### Angling

From George, due to the weather he is unaware of any angling activity in the last week.

The planned competition on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December clashes with the BRASS open competition being held at our PYC and so we may change our venue to the pipe off Viscount Drive or, perhaps cancel this match. This will be confirmed nearer the time on the fishing WhatsApp group.

RC Angling Paul is now looking into hiring a Charter boat for the local charter trip over the Christmas period, fishing for the away-day Cup and he will circulate more details this week. If you haven't let him know that you are interested, do contact Paul for full details so he can see if you are ready for the fun - or the challenge!

There is an Angling meeting on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm, with the agenda being posted on the noticeboard before then.

### Calendar

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – 8pm Angling Meeting

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December – planned beach angling competition

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024 - Ice Breaker Sailing with Commodore's Invite to Sailors for cheese and wine (afterwards)

### Mike Atherton

I'm sorry to let you know that one of our long-standing members with a Sailing history, Michael (Mike) Atherton has eventually given in at the good age of 93 years on 29<sup>th</sup> November. His son and daughter, Simon and Lucy called into the Club on Sunday to ask that we let all of his friends from the Club know why they haven't been seeing him for a while and to invite them to join them at his funeral on 14<sup>th</sup> December in the afternoon at St Thomas a Becket Church in the village. Time to be confirmed. Please do contact Lucy on [lucy.collin@btinternet.com](mailto:lucy.collin@btinternet.com) for more details as Simon is heading back to Germany until the funeral. They would be delighted to hear from any of Mike's friends so do get in touch.

### New Years Eve Celebration

Another reminder about the tickets which are still available from behind the Bar for a cash only purchase of £40 per person for some fabulous food, drink and entertainment! Please make sure that your name is ticked off the list against the ticket number to show that you have paid. The Christmas tree is up, we're busy stocking the cellar up and we are heading for some fun!



Prior to that, we will be holding the pre-Christmas **Bap Roll treat** for our members from the Commodore on the afternoon of Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December with delicious fillings of roasted Turkey or Pork. And then the Raffle!!!!



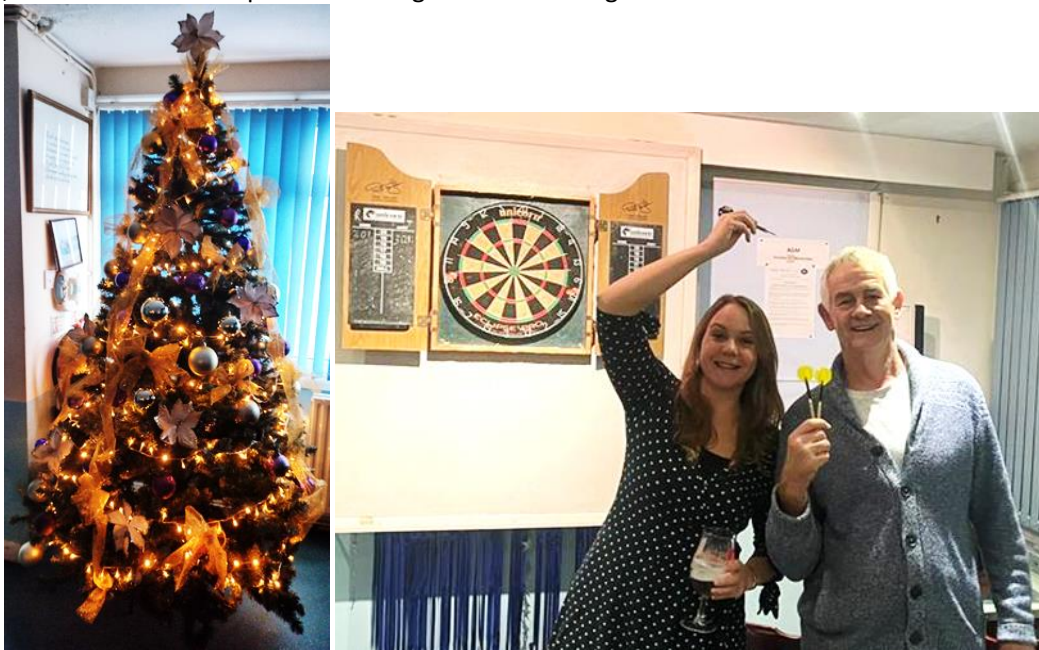
So, to go along with us providing a treat, we are asking that when you go shopping that you think “Santa” and buy an extra **present for our Raffle** – something that you would like to receive as a surprise, or perhaps if you are a kind and lovely person that you would like to give. Or..... perhaps a special indulgence – those chocolates that you would never share but.....! Yes, it’s Christmas and a time to give and share – please!!!

## Bar

At the moment we do accept a wide variety of debit and credit cards to pay for alcohol, goods and membership on our till behind the Bar. We have however, decided that we will no longer accept American Express due to their relatively high transaction fee which eats into the overall costs for the membership. I’m sure you will quite understand why we are doing this.

## Social Events

Friday evening saw combined efforts from Alison to produce a magnificent Christmas tree for the Bar area for everyone to admire, with Santas little helpers decorating one for the snug. And doesn’t it look fantastic?! Love it! Well done to Alison.



Whilst that was happening, the World Darts Team – Pagham region, consisting of Jacqui, Bob and RC Angling Paul competed for what seemed like hours, before Bob eventually won! Thank heavens for that, as we couldn’t stand the stress of waiting any longer! And we do need to close the Bar sometime!

On Sunday afternoon we were treated to Men Behaving Madly once again and, didn’t they go down well!!! I am pleased to say that they stayed later than they were booked as we wouldn’t let them go! Great entertainment and a really good afternoon. I think we all agreed that they can come back anytime they like! (Did you hear that, Sue? Sue? Sue????!!)





Next weekend we have two events booked for you with our own band, High Tides coming in to entertain us on Friday evening from 8pm so, do get your dancing shoes on! Having looked at the weather forecast for the week ahead I think we do need something to warm us up!



On Sunday we are welcoming TreeAnna back to entertain us from 3.15pm so we can enjoy some Motown, ABBA and lots of other songs and hits from soul and disco that will get us up and moving again! I can feel my body demanding a lie in on Monday happening already.....(TWO nights of moving and grooving! Groan.....)

### Childrens Christmas Party



Don't forget that the list is now up for the Childrens Christmas Party on Saturday 16th December with Santa Claus! The list will be taken down this Sunday so if you cannot get into the Club to put names down then please just email me or another member to do it for you. Do encourage your child to join in this event as it's a great way to get to know other members of the Club.

## Future Events

### December

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> High Tide Band 8pm – evening event

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> TreeAnna – singer 3.15pm

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Childrens Christmas Party - £5 per child  
Family – Skittles etc from 6pm

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> Turkey & Pork Baps plus Raffle in the afternoon

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> Adrian Fraser – Singer 8pm Motown!!!!

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> **New Years Eve Celebration from 7.30pm!** 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!!!

### January 2024

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Play Your Cards Right – from 8pm

### February

February 14<sup>th</sup> Valentines Dinner if good interest – we need sufficient interest by December please as this is a limited offer

### May

**Weekend 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – outside within a Marquee with food & entertainment with Louise Connely**  
- more details to be circulated

## Other Business

I did mention the proposed Valentine's Night dinner in last week's blog – dependent on any response that we received. Sadly, the response has been only a few and as that has been, as I reported previously negative. We do need to know how the wider selection feel about this before we dismiss what we thought was a great idea so, do let us know if something like this is not what you want.

Speaking of things you don't like, the Brass Monkeys have now gone under-cover! Either that or they've run out of batteries again!



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