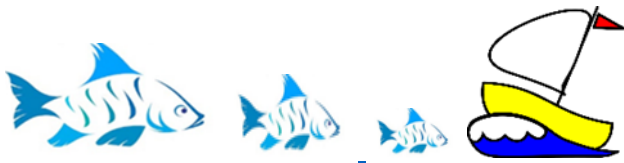


Hi Everybody,



Another beautiful day.



Sailing Events & Angling

Angling

From George, again due to that pesky weather he has not heard of any angling taking place.

The fishing meeting is at 8pm in the Snug on Wednesday evening with many matters to discuss including 2024 Beach and Boat competition formats, RC Angling Pauls' Charter boat over the Christmas holiday period and the Boat Park allocation of spaces along with other points of interest. Hopefully, a good attendance is anticipated and all club members are welcome.

A decision will also be made at the meeting regarding the beach competition on Sunday 17th December.

As mentioned above, RC Angling Paul has booked a Charter boat for 30th December, weather permitting, with Warren Scott. There are 6 names confirmed but the boat can take 9 so, if you are still interested, do get in touch with Paul via the WhatsApp.

Calendar

Wednesday 13th December – 8pm Angling Meeting

Sunday 17th December – planned beach angling competition

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

Mike Atherton

From Mike's daughter Lucy, his funeral will be at 3pm on 14th December in the afternoon at St Thomas a Becket Church in the village. As they said in last week's blog, the family would welcome any of Mike's friends from our Club to join them to share some memories.

Rosie Tomsett

More sad news to share, this time about Rosie Tomsett, the wife of Simon, who has been suffering from a progressive degenerative condition resulting in her being cared for in a nursing home for a period of time. Rosie finally gave up the struggle against this distressing disease over a week ago.

The cremation ceremony is being held at Chichester Crematorium at 2pm on Thursday 21st December, with the Wake held afterwards at Pagham Yacht Club. Simon would be delighted if any of Rosie's and his friends and acquaintances would care to join him to celebrate their life together.

New Years Eve Celebration

You should have listened to me when I kept reminding you about the tickets for this fabulous event! We are now having to close our wonderful recommendation to you as we think we are just about up to the limit of how many people we want to be with us in the Club to enjoy a really fantastic evening. There are still around four or five members who have reserved their tickets but haven't yet paid for them so, if you are one of those, please do hand over your money soon - or we will be selling them onto our waiting list! Sorry about that.

Pram Race

You probably already know that the Pagham Pram Race which runs every year on Boxing Day from 11am has a 60+ year history, starting in 1946 with a group of demobbed servicemen who decided they would race. One pushing the pram and another as a baby in it, making sure to drink a pint each, at all the village pubs.

Since then, the Pagham Pram Race has been run every year on Boxing Day, whatever the weather, starting at the mill on Pagham Road and passing The Bear, The Lamb, what was The Kings Beach – now the Co-op, a course of approximately 3 miles, that finishes at The Lamb car park.



No one as come forward from our membership this year to suggest that they would like to participate but, I am wondering if there is someone out there who is keen to show off their boat rescue/making skills to produce something that Captain Blackbeard would be proud to have his crew push around? Do let me know as it's all for charity!!

Bap Rolls Treat & Raffle



Don't forget that we will be holding the pre-Christmas **Bap Roll treat** for our members from the Commodore Chef on the afternoon of Sunday 17th December with delicious fillings of roasted Turkey or Pork. I have to tell you that he is wicked with a carving knife, so don't upset him!

And then..... the Raffle!!!! Have you added an extra something onto your shopping list that we can put in our Raffle? I've just added a Dash Cam so that should be a good one if it's your ticket that wins! Better than a bottle of wine? Well.....? Perhaps not. But never mind – just get out there and buy something please!

Committee Member



May I introduce myself, Val Young, one of the new members of the Management Committee. My role is to report any suggestions made by you all to push the Club forward. We are encouraging members to take part making families more involved. So, suggest away! The suggestion box is in the bar area. If you leave your contact details, I promise I will get back to you and let's see what we can achieve.

Social Events

It was a really good weekend with High Tide entertained us on Friday evening, showing us what they are all about! What a fantastic band they have become – absolutely stunning! So good, they got Derek and Maggie up strutting their stuff! Just love the new red outfits boys.



On Sunday, TreeAnna came back to entertain us with some Motown and hits from soul and disco that I sadly missed due to this damned throat and snotty nose virus that is going around – and now loves me to bits!



Sorry that this bug chose to hit me on the weekend when we had such stunning performers come in but, I do remember TreeAnna from before, and the reviews I've been told this time were even better which makes it worse! Oh well, never mind, eh?

Childrens Christmas Party



The good news is that whilst I was laid in bed suffering from a snotty nose (did I tell you about that?) I was visited by several Elves who wondered who was making all those eruption noises in the middle of the night whilst they were trying to read their instructions from Santa about the best route for the sled for Christmas Eve. Sorry about this, but I should have explained that they do work best at night and that we do allow them to use a certain area of our garden as they have access to our fridge (and other areas), and I was obviously disturbing them. Well, you have to share, don't you?



ANYWAY, the good news is that Father Christmas – or Santa if you are an Elf, is definitely coming to see us at our **Childrens Christmas Party on Saturday 16th December! Yahooo!**
See you there!

Future Events

December

Saturday 16th Childrens Christmas Party - £5 per child

Family – Skittles etc from 6pm

Sunday 17th Turkey & Pork Baps plus **Raffle in the afternoon**

Friday 22nd Adrian Fraser – Singer 8pm Motown!!!!

Sunday 31st **New Years Eve Celebration from 7.30pm!** Ticket entry only. This includes buffet, free drinks and entertainment by Sarah Wood!!!

January 2024

Friday 5th Play Your Cards Right – from 8pm

February

February 14th Valentines Dinner

May

Weekend 26th/27th Anniversary Celebration – possible outside within a Marquee with food & entertainment with Louise Connely or other options to be looked at by a sub-Committee led by Vice Commodore.
More details to be circulated

Don't forget to bring in your Raffle presents – or your Christmas cards if you wish to leave them for other members.
Thank you in anticipation,

Jill

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