

Hi Everybody,



*Merry Christmas Pagham!*



### **Christmasssssss.....**

This is a little bit later for you to receive your blog and just a slightly bit different format for this week only to celebrate all of the things that have been going on. I didn't think you would mind as it has been what has been a truly remarkable week!

I'll start by thanking all those members who have sent me literally hundreds of photographs – especially of the Pram Race which was an enormous success for the village.

Well done from all of us to the organisers as it was truly stunning!

**22<sup>nd</sup>** So, let's start at the beginning of the weekend which commenced for us on Friday evening with Adrian Fraser who entertained us with some songs that took me back to when I was sneaking into Night Clubs in Leeds and pretending, I was over 18! Do you remember "Rock Me Gently" by Andy Kim? Blimey – they must have been naive bouncers at that time as I was only 16 and getting in for free! I have to say that did change my attitude – especially when I joined "the job" and then had my children!





And of course, like all established singers, Adrian invited Elvis (aka Keith) to join him on the stage to show the audience how it should be done – this time without the hair but, **what a suit!!!!** If you have epilepsy, you would have had to avert your eyes - or suffer!

Fantastic entertainment from both of them and we look forward to welcoming Adrian back again (and Keith - of course.)

Another big thank you to Simon T who donated a quantity of the food from Rosie's Wake to the Club to be shared with members on Friday. This gesture was most appreciated by those who weren't able to get there to celebrate Rosie's life on Thursday, as well as by the whole Club in attendance on Friday evening who knew why the donation had been made.

**23<sup>rd</sup>** Saturday saw a quieter day in the Club with an early afternoon closing time as most members seemed to spend the day in doing their final shopping for forgotten items and panicking about who still had turkeys for sale! I think someone was telling porkies when they said there were was a huge stockpile of them and don't worry as you will be able to pick them up last minute for a cheap price. Ho hum, never believe anything that supermarkets tell you as they know that when you are desperate.....(and not a veggie) that you will carry on paying whatever it takes! Did I tell you that I love my freezer? Well, until it breaks down or we have a power cut that last beyond 12 hours. But that is another story.

**24<sup>th</sup>** Right, so we are now into Sunday and what looks like a normal day at the Club except that it's Jacquie Nashie's birthday and the family are full of Christmas spirit and cake! Well – what do you do? It seems rude to refuse a drink or a slice of chocolate cake on someone's birthday, doesn't it? Happy Birthday to all of the Christmas Babies – and it seems that we do have quite a few with birthdays in and around the 25th!!!!!!



**25<sup>th</sup> And it's Christmas!** Move over Slade! For Pagham Yacht Club the day begins at 12pm with members invited in to join the Commodore Paul to celebrate the past year with a drink on his behalf and to enjoy the time together before devoting their attention to their families – and food.

Commodore Paul wants to let you know that this year he has seen the most members gathered together in the Club for the Commodores Tot since before he has taken on the role – and he hopes that is because the members are happy with how the Club is progressing – and not the free booze on offer!



On a serious note, Paul wants to let you know that he has been impressed with the support he has received over the past few years that has allowed him to change some of the basic approaches and attitudes that allow our Club to continue to move forward into 2024 without any restraint from the past.

We are on the verge of some new changes that will strengthen and enrich what we can offer to the community that we are part of and from where we need their support and, let's not forget it, from where we seek our new members.



What we might forget is our individual character that makes us so very different from every other pub, club or social association in or around Pagham. Just have a look at this....



Invaded by the Penguins!!!! Aaaargh! From the deep blue sea, they came and even the Christmas Fairy (Millie followed by April) couldn't stop them from occupying the Bar at Pagham Yacht Club. What hope do we have if they can take over? **AND** this was when it wasn't even raining!!!! Can you imagine what would have happened if it was snowing? No, no, too terrible ... we'd have to buy in sardines and anchovies to keep them alive if they go snowed in! Yuk!!! Doesn't bear thinking about.

**26<sup>th</sup> Boxing Day** This is where the fun begins again! With the Pram Race! You may remember that we put forward three entries: - Firstly the Brass Monkeys....





And then.....a slightly overweight baby and under-age Bar person???? I'm not sure what they finally called themselves but I'm told they were The Rescuers in case Ryan (pushing our next entry, the Boat entry) fell over. My mind boggles about what Phil was going to do with Ryan if he needed CPR –

- Place your head beside their mouth and nose, and listen for breathing.
- Place your cheek a few centimetres away from the mouth to see if you can feel breaths being inhaled and exhaled.

Aaargh.....with that stomach in the way???? Roll over! I really don't think so. And then we had the Boat entry:



And then finally, we have some of our members, who are also members of the Beach Club, showing off their stuff!!!!



Do we know who are the winners of this competition? Well, we all are, of course!

## Sailing Events & Angling

### Angling

From RC Angling Paul, on the fishing front, due to the winds and the bad weather, unfortunately the charter boat trip has now been cancelled for Saturday. Sorry about that as it was looking to be a good trip. He is looking to see if we can re-arrange something similar in the very near future.

Nearer to home, two non-club anglers were fishing over the weekend and caught a couple of Thorn Back Rays and Whiting so there is hope for all of us! Watch this space!

### Calendar

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



## New Years Eve Celebration!

I'm sure that I don't need to remind you that all of the next fun begins at **7.30pm on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December** – another 4 days away!

I have said this to you before now but you **MUST** bring your tickets with you to exchange for a wrist band to allow you to access the Bar's content – apart from any Champagne, which you must ask for and pay for. Speak to me or another Committee member for access to this.

Please can I also remind you during the evening to bring all of your glasses and empty cans back to the Bar prior to refilling as you will be acting as your Bar person!!!! Think of this as your home so don't leave stuff all over the place for someone else to clear up – as it's yours!

I am not joking about this as we are **ALL** looking to enjoy a fantastic and pleasurable evening – and, please be aware that none of us will be acting as a cleaner-upper so, do your duty to make it a pleasant evening!!!!

### Meat Raffle

I am pleased to let you know that from Sunday 7th January, when you've finished eating all of those left overs, that we shall be starting the Meat Raffle again! Yahoooooo! Carole will be exposing parts of her body to the Mediterranean climate for a week or two but the Hon Sec (that's me) and the Commodore will be arguing over what you need to win in the meantime. Sorry about that but I have better taste than he does!

### Committee Member



So far since our AGM in November, I'm pleased to say that you've heard from two of our new PYC Membership representatives on the Management Committee, Val and Jenna. This week we are hearing from Mike Naish, our RC Planning. The Job descriptor is that the 'Rear Commodore is Planning' responsible for the following; Support the Commodore to further develop and implement the club 5-year plan, oversee any supporting 5-year plan documentation, Establish realistic timelines for each element of the plan, Work with the committee and any sub-committees to ensure all officers are proactively engaged in the programme, Provide updates to the Trustees, Committee & Membership on delivery of the plan. From Mike, what he is doing now is looking to re-generate the Club with the solar panel proposal and developing several sets of plans to engender an improvement to the beach front for the membership to vote on. A three D image will be available for the membership to vote on about this and the Commodore will call a meeting to discuss this in due course.



## January 2024

### Bar Opening Hours on New Years Day 1 – 4pm

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

### February

February 14<sup>th</sup>      Valentines Dinner

### May

Weekend 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> 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



And how shall we welcome the New Year in? Well, the above looks a good starter to me! How did Olive get so many women around him???? – Drugs? Payments? Lassos? Not After Shave??? Please don't ask me or submit any answers.

If you can't get to any of our wonderful celebrations of seeing out 2023 and welcoming in 2024, then I'm so sorry that you will have missed out on a wonderful evening BUT, never mind. We've only just begun!!!! Look out 2024!

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