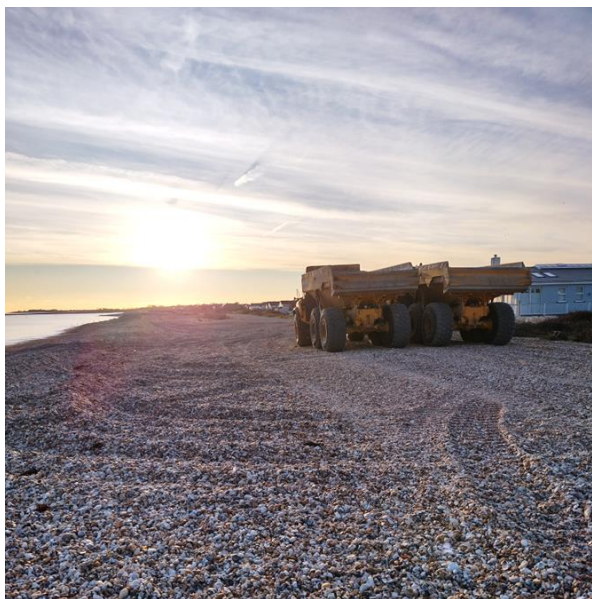


Hi Everybody,



Photos taken at 4pm tonight. What a change! And what a view!



Sailing Events & Angling

From our new RC Sailing, Stuart Ashwood, a reminder that there will be a Sailing meeting on Saturday 24th February at 2pm for all sailors, rib crews, race officers, winch crews and beach crews to discuss the coming season ahead. It would be appreciated if as many people could attend to put their thoughts forward. Many thanks!

2024 SAILING CALENDAR

FEBRUARY

10th SATURDAY WORK PARTY 10.00am onwards

24th SATURDAY SAILING MEETING 2pm

MARCH

30th SATURDAY SAILING PREP/RIGGING PARTY 10.00am

APRIL

7th SUNDAY SPRING LAUNCH RACES 1 & 2 11.00am Commodore's Invite to Sailors for cheese and wine

Angling

From George, only four fished Sunday's competition and unfortunately - despite the angler's best efforts, with a calm sea along with a lovely bright day to encourage them despite the cold temperatures, the fish were not inspired to show up to reward the angler's efforts.



One of the anglers was young Louis Cooper, a very promising young angler. Well done to Louis for trying! More luck next time, although I understand he did find another way of amusing himself – great what you can do with only a bank of pebbles to roll down when you're bored! Funny how most anglers don't seem to do that anymore to entertain themselves when the fishing is poor? Arthritis? Or fear of heights?

The next competition is on Sunday 28th January 10.30am until 15.30pm.

Calendar

Sunday 28th January 10.30am – 15.30pm Beach Angling Competition

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

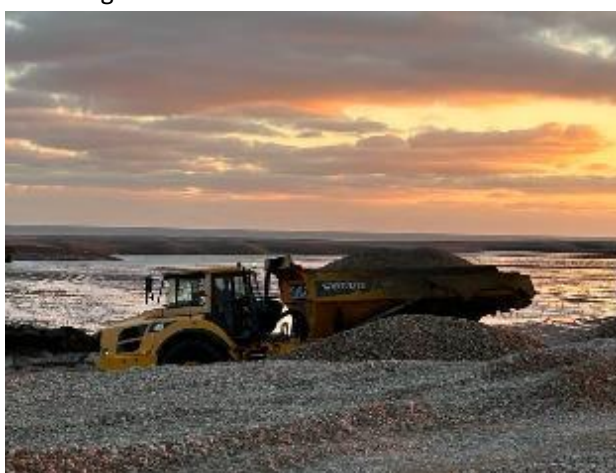
60th Anniversary

Finally, we are now making sensible plans about what we are going to do to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of our Club! We did initially look at was hiring a marquee, putting down flooring, hiring in tables and chairs, food and a band for one evening's celebration.....but whilst the concept was wonderful - the cost per head would have been simply outrageous for most of our members who would have liked a week's holiday abroad if they were going to spend that amount of money! We have decided that the chosen weekend, 24th – 27th May which is a Bank Holiday, will allow us to fill in a variety of events including two bands/singers and a Hog Roast amongst other entertainment, that all members should be able to attend should they wish to enjoy without breaking their banks!

Full details will be published when they have been finalised but do put the dates in your diaries as it looks like it will be a busy weekend!

Beach Works

If you remember the email from the Coastal Protection at Arun last week about recycling 8,500m³ shingle from the ebb delta at Pagham Beach to the foreshore in front of properties at East Front Road, you may be interested to see the photographs of what went on and the end result (as above). Let's hope that it lasts throughout our sailing and angling season so we can launch and recover our boats in a much more dignified manner!



Expenses Claim Form

Procedures and controls have now been put in place to protect individuals and the Club when submitting Expenses Claim forms. Please can you ensure that you fill out the form when recovering any money spent rather than leaving a rough note. The new forms are available from behind the Bar and are easy to fill in. Thank you for doing this.

Foldable Chairs

We purchased twenty hardwearing black foldable chairs at some expense about two years ago for use at our sit-down dinners etc. They have been stored in the upstairs Training room – until now. We have just completed an audit of our furniture to discover that ten of them are now missing. We are not aware of giving permission for these chairs to be borrowed for an outside event but, if you have loaned them at some stage during the summer months for a home event, please can you let us know and return them. That was me being nice to you as we need them back.

Meat Raffle

I am pleased to see that the second Meat Raffle of the year on Sunday is proving very popular and I think we can safely raise the number of prizes for next week for the time being from 6 to 7 to thank members for supporting this. I'll see if we can carry this on. I'm looking forward to seeing as many of you for drawing out the raffle around 3/3.15 on the 21st!



This was one of the prizes won by Phil and Val that saved them cooking on Sunday afternoon – Gammon Steaks, Large Eggs, Tomatoes On-the-Vine and French Fries. Yummy!

Social Events

Well, following the breathtaking events of last week when Keith awarded the final jackpot of £900 for Play Your Cards Right, we were expecting this Friday to be a quiet evening. How wrong could we be!

Nothing like a surprise 60th Birthday Party for our RC Social & Fundraising Sue organised by Olive (Clive) with This Is Your Life with Keith, standing in as Eamon and filling in all of the details about Sue's past that we had always wondered about. Well, those that we hadn't made up!



I still don't understand why she has shares in the Royal Hotel at Bognor? Never mind, I'm sure someone will tell me when they've had too much to drink – and then I'll let you know!



Lovely food prepared by the lovely ladies who, when armed with knives, we do not disagree with!

A great evening by Keith who, after Sue, went on to entertain us with Take Your Pick. Those of you who weren't there won't believe this – the first ticket drawn out won the £60 jackpot!!!! And it was April. Best her Dad takes some financial advice from her about where to invest his money in the future, eh April?

And then of course, it has to be the Karaoke for all to embarrass themselves!

Another word of advice from me – when we have Keith and his electrical equipment exposed – the equipment I mean! – please do not allow your children to charge in and out by them as they are very expensive and equally dangerous!!!! Keith is too nice to make a fuss – I'm not as I have to put in the insurance claims and find a new entertainer. Bah humbug!

Future Events



Don't forget that we have TreeAnna coming back to us again on the evening of Friday 26th January so we can enjoy getting down to some soul, Motown, Cher and ABBA amongst others. (I'm keeping Tina to myself for a future performance). I've been looking up the weather and you'll be pleased to hear that from around 8pm on that day it will still be 9° and no rain! Yahoo!

On Sunday 28th we are stepping back in time and chilling out with Roy Coombes and, although it may be too early in the season to sit outside, we are looking at 10° or 11° and sunshine for that day! Yes – sunshine in the afternoon! Let's make the most of it so, come on down! (Meat Raffle at 3pm)

January 2024

Sunday 21st 3.15/30pm Meat Raffle
Friday 26th TreeAnna 8pm - **Singer**
Sunday 28th 3.00/15pm Meat Raffle
3.30pm Ray Coombes - **Singer**

May

Weekend 24th- 27th PYC 60th Anniversary Celebration over the long weekend!

Nearly the end so, it must be time for my bad jokes! I'll keep it short this time:

Did you hear that the Commodore has drunk some invisible ink? He's in the hospital waiting to be seen!

Boom, boom!!!

Jill

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