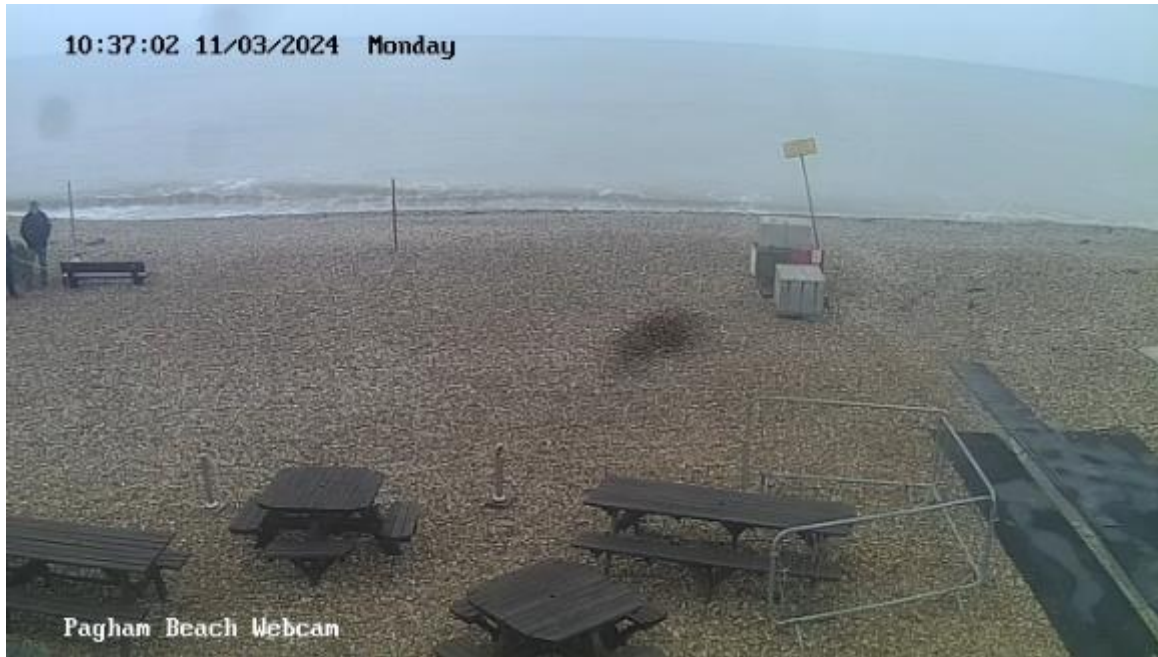


Hi Everybody,



For those of you who haven't had a look on our website for a while, you may not have realised that we have a Webcam on our Bridge that faces the foreshore just outside our Club. Fantastic view and great to have a look at if you are thinking of walking your dog and need to know how many layers to wear! Brrr – not too warm out there at the moment.



Sailing Events & Angling

Just a reminder about the Work party on Saturday 16th from 10am. The more the merrier and those who work hard will be rewarded with Bacon Butties from Commodore Paul's frying pan! (From our newly deep cleaned Galley!)

2024 SAILING CALENDAR

MARCH

- 16th Work Party on Saturday from 10am.
- 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

JUNE

- 29th Shearwater & F18 TT – please note that this date has been changed.
- 30th Commodore Cup Series Race 7 & 8 and Shearwater & F18 TT

Angling

From George, four anglers fished Sunday's competition with Rockling, Channel Whiting, Dogfish and a small Conger caught using Mackerel, Herring and Ragworm baits with Derek 1st, George 2nd, Gary 3rd and Paul C 4th.

A decision will be made regarding our proposed competition on the 24th as BRAAS are holding their Open Fishing competition from our Club that day.

Please don't forget the Fishing meeting in the Snug on Wednesday 20th at 7.30pm – all welcome!



From RC Angling Paul C, photos he has taken showing the Dogfish exhibiting great camouflage on our rocky shoreline and Gary with that conger that gave him the 3rd place.

Membership

We are still receiving renewals for membership and for Boat Park fees so please, if you haven't let us know yet, it still isn't too late. We are getting concerned about boats where we cannot identify owners and there has been no fee paid. If you are one of these then please do come forward and identify your ownership or initially, the boat may have to be moved to the car park before further action is taken for its removal or sale.

Please note that under our Rules that state Social members shall not exceed 40% of the total membership, with our current numbers mean that we cannot accept any more Social members.

For those members who joined last year as Full members and now wish to change to a Social membership, the Rules also state that no existing Full member shall be denied membership notwithstanding the existing ratio of Full to Social, provided they have been a Full member of the club for 5 consecutive years. I am aware that some members have generously been allowed to change to Social after only one year as our Full membership was high, but our current numbers now mean that this change will no longer be possible.

On another note, we wanted to let you know of a family from St Albans who will sadly not be renewing their membership this year, and who haven't been able to get down to visit us for the past two years due to health conditions. David, Janet and Joel Day have asked to be remembered to their friends in the Club who they have spent many happy and "hilarious" evenings in the past, going back to the eighties when their son was racing against other youths. If you would like contact details then please do contact Andy, our Membership secretary who would be delighted to pass them on to you and I'm sure they would be more than happy to hear from you.

Members Sponsorship

Sorry that this is a bit late for some of you to notify you about but one of our members, Terry May, has asked if we could let other members know of his walking ten miles with a 30kg back pack for Combat Stress that he is aiming to finish at our Club on Sunday 17th March between 12.45-1300pm.

Terry is hoping to raise funds for life-changing mental health treatment for veterans and, so far, he has sponsorship for £360 plus £75 Gift Aid toward his goal of £510 for Combat Stress. This is the UK's leading charity for veterans' mental health. For over a century, they've helped former servicemen and women deal with issues like trauma, anxiety, depression and post-traumatic stress disorder and today they provide support to veterans from every service and every conflict. Please can you support Terry in whatever way you can by having a look on the website

[Yahoo Mail: Search, organise, conquer](#) and sponsoring him, or turning up at the Club on Sunday 17th and cheering him for his efforts and donating a couple of quid directly that will make all the difference.

From Terry, thank you so much for your support and together we march!

Social Events

Well, it always starts on a Friday evening with Keith in his usual good humoured mood to test our odds in Play Your Cards Right, with this time Mike choosing to reverse the roles to test him. Needless to say, Keith didn't win! It's not as easy from the other side.



The night did move on with many members submitting themselves again and again to see if they could win this time. I gave in after two cards as I know when I'm beaten. Commodore Paul thought he'd give it another go and.....this time he had the winning card!!! Paul's chance of getting the last card twice then winning was 9600 to 1 in odds worked out by our Mike. I don't think Paul cared – looks like a happy man to have won £171 and was to buy everybody remaining a celebratory drink and donate £20 into the RNLI boat. That's what it's all about. I can see him trying this again. Oh well.....

On Saturday the Six Nations and Commodore's Curry Night proved to be a huge success! Thanks go to Pete W for his Bhuna sauce, to RC Angling Paul C as well as the Commodore, to Sue and numerous others who aided and abetted to provide professional Bhuna, Masala, Tikka Masala and vegetarian curries along with normal and vegetable rice, naan breads, onion bhajis, Bombay potatoes, popadoms, samosas with yogurt and finely diced salad. Wow!

I also need to mention the most important part of an event like this – the collection of the plates and the washing up. A huge thank you to those who helped clear everything up as you are priceless. And there was a lot of washing up as you can imagine.



One thing that Paul the Commodore has asked me to say is that he was given a special thankyou gift of a bottle of alcohol which was wrapped in a red/black carrier bag that he left on a table whilst he was chatting, preparing the food and moving between the Galley and the Bar. When he left at the end of the evening he realised he had left the bottle on the table but when he returned ten minutes later the gift was not there. If anyone has picked this up, perhaps for safekeeping, please could you return it to Paul as it was a gift and he would like it back. Thank you in anticipation.

Coming Up..... Our Diary



March

- Saturday 16th 20.00pm France v England Six Nations. Open house.
 Saturday 23rd Skittles evening from 6pm with Local Pie & Mash & Peas £6 or Sausage, Mash & Beans £3 for children – the list is up so please do put you name down now!
 Sunday 24th Men Behaving Badly 3.30pm (after the Raffle)
 Saturday 30th Easter Egg Hunt 3 – 5pm followed by Killer Darts in the Evening

April

- Saturday 6th 21st Birthday Party with the Athertons - Evening event
 Sunday 7th Melissa – singer: Fleetwood Mac, Blondie, Kate Bus, Donna Summer, Queen, ABBA and more!
 Sunday 14th One 4 The Road band 3.30pm
 Sunday 21st Sean sings Elvis with Malc de Reding (welcome back!)

May

Weekend 24th- 27th PYC 60th Anniversary Celebration over the long weekend to include a 60s/70s/80s disco, Raffle, Games & Water Sports! Please do put this in your diary for the selling of tickets for Hog Roast!

July

- Sunday 14th Lightening Bros 3.15pm
 Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th – Shearwater Catamarans visiting. * Advance warning that the car park will be closed from Friday afternoon.

August

- Saturday 16th Triple X 3.15pm

Conclusion

Blog You will have seen me asking if anyone would be interested in taking on the blog as I am a firm believer that new ideas and a fresh approach is the way forward for something that has been chugging along quite happily for a number of years under my power. You will also have noticed that no one has come forward.

I do feel that now is the time for me to step away and that this will be my last blog to you.

We do now have lots of creative help on our PYC Facebook which will continue to provide current news and dates plus a new PYC TikTok account is being formulated, including videos as well as photos, which should provide online social media to all TikTok users locally and widen our approach. That should hopefully be online very soon.

If you are not familiar with Facebook or using the website, don't forget that posters are all over the Club advertising future events to keep you informed of what you can look forward to.

I have really enjoyed presenting our current affairs to you via the blog but, as I am also stepping down from my role on the Committee, I think that now is a good time to wave goodbye to me sitting in front of a rapidly failing laptop on Mondays and start to enjoy more of what the Club has to offer as we have got so much to look forward to – especially with the Sailing season about to start! (We just need some nice weather which I have no control over).

Goodbye for now.....

Jill
Honorary Blogger

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