

Hi Everybody,



Red sky at night.....before the storm?



A really busy Sunday – once SSEN had managed to put the power back on after an unexpected early closure on Saturday.



Sailing Events & Angling

Nothing to report on the sailing front yet!

Angling & Fishing

From George, five members and a guest fished the beach on Sunday. The fishing was very slow until the last hour when some very small Whiting and few Rockling were caught, mostly on worm baits.

The next Competition is Sunday 2nd February, 11.30am until 4pm. We are all hoping that a few more fish will be caught of a better size!

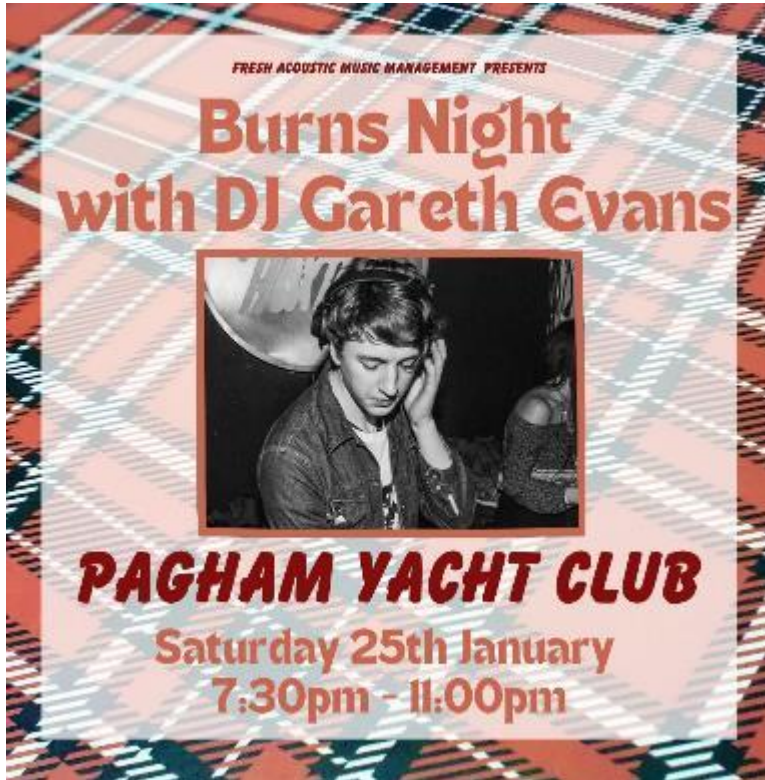
Bar Tokens

Yet another reminder that your blue Bar Tokens need to be used before 1st February as they will have 30p added to them after that date. I will give you another reminder next week so you can make full use of them.

Cynthia Orrey's Wake

John had Cynthia's Wake today at the Club today and was pleased to be supported by members of the Club as well as his family. A thank you to Sylvia, Sarah and Tina for sorting out the food and the Bar to make the afternoon spent in the Club for all remembering Cynthia a comfortable place to be in.

Social Events



Scottish dress is optional



HAGGIS NEEPS & TATTIES!

With a Veggie option at £5 ph – Cash only

Don't forget to put your name down now if you want to enjoy the Haggis Neeps & Tatties, or the veggie option on Burns Night as we do need the numbers in good time to provide the food. £5 per person, cash only please.

It looks like it's going to be a fun night on Saturday 25th January, with the Bar open from 6pm, followed by DJ Gareth from 7.30pm and.....



FIREWORKS to finish the evening off in style!!!!



So, that takes care of next Saturday evening but remember, that we still have plans for the afternoon and evening of **Saturday 1st February!**

That should give you enough time to recuperate from anything Scottish and think about putting your name down for something Irish instead! We do like you to experience the many cuisines that the world has to offer, especially when the Commodore enjoys cooking them!!!

Right – who is going to put their name down for a Fabulous **Irish Stew** to be served after England defeats Ireland in the Six Nations Rugby match on Saturday 1st February, starting at 4.45pm???? As I have said above, we need to know numbers in advance to make it worthwhile so please do put your name down in good time.

The food should be served at around 6.45pm giving you just over an hour before the band, Wishing Well start playing. It's £5 per head and a list is up on the notice board in the Bar – cash only, so do get your name down now.



Play Your Cards Right



Keith was at it again but this time we did have several people who did manage to make it up onto the top row before being sent packing! Needless to say that I wasn't one of them. This time the winner was a guest of Andy Day called Phil who won £86 and, bless him, he took £50 and donated £36 to the Club jar. What a hero! No photos to show of the winning moment as I was crawling home by then.

Electricity Power Cut

Following the power cut last Saturday in Pagham which affected PYC and left one of our members in charge of the Bar uncertain about what had actually happened, or what to do about it, we will now be compiling a risk assessment document for our Bar staff about incidents such as this.

Amongst other issues, this will cover lone working and what to do at closing-up time to ensure that someone is aware when you have left the building etc.

In the meantime, emergency phone numbers of members - such as the Commodore and Vice-Commodore who live locally and are aware of the layout of the building, will be easily accessible behind the Bar for advice and help.

Membership

Now we are approaching the end of January I will start to mention regularly that the Membership year finishes on 28th February 2025. All members renewing their membership should submit their renewal applications and pay the membership fees, and where necessary, the boat park fees, during February ready for the start of the new membership year on March 1st. The application forms can be downloaded from the website on the Membership section. This year we are asking that members, and new members, to pay their fees if they can by BACS (a transfer of the money from their bank account into ours) as we are being charged a ridiculous amount in fees by paying cash or cheques into our account.

If this is a problem for you then please do let the Membership secretary, Geoff Lewis know, and he can sort out an alternative payment method for you.

All of this is to keep our fees down so do work with us.

Future Events

Dates for your diary:

Saturday 1st February – Ireland v England Six Nations 4.45pm followed by the Commodore's Irish Stew at 6.45pm
Wishing Well Band from 8pm

Wednesday 19th February - Sussex Underwater presentation by Paul Boniface for members and their guests from 7pm, for a minimum donation of £2 per head on the night.



Friday 21st February – Happy Hour from 6 – 8pm to be followed by a Fisherman's Tale evening with Keith.

Thursday 8th May – VE Day. Lighting of **Beacons** and **Lamp Lights of Peace** at **9.30pm**, the raising of a unique VE Day flag at **9am**? More details to follow once decided.

Any Other Business

Bad joke time. Sorry in advance.

Pete is walking down to the beach and sees George and another fisherman. He always wanted to have a go at fishing so he goes up to them to ask.

Pete has a stutter though so he says, " h-he-hello guys. Would y-you you mind if i come f-f-fi-fishing with you?"
They look at each other and decide that "Yes you can come, but be quiet, we don't want you to scare away the fish". So Pete, all happy gets in the boat and they go out into the sea.
All goes well and Pete is having fun. The fishermen are getting fish and it's like a dream come true.
Suddenly, behind them appears a huge ship, getting closer and closer.
The fishermen don't notice but Pete does and he goes "G-G-Guys".
"SHHHH you'll scare the fish away"
"B-B-BUT THERE'S A SH-SH-SH.."
"SHHHHHH Keep quiet" the fishermen say.
The ship crashes onto them, they start sinking and drowning but the ship captain, thankfully notices, and saves them just in time.
A few Months go by
Pete walks down the beach again and sees the fishermen. He goes up to them and they have a small chat. He asks if they could take him into the sea again for another fishing trip and they agreed with one condition.
"If you see a ship TELL US FAST this time!"
So, they go out into the sea again, time passes, fish get caught, everyone is happy again.
But Pete suddenly goes "G-G-GUYS A SH-SH-SH..."
The fishermen don't even wait for Pete to finish, in panic they jump into the water and start swimming.
Pete says... "SH-SHARKS YOU IDIOTS".

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