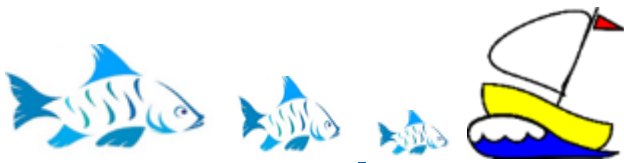


# Hi Everybody,

It really has been a very stormy weekend, interrupted by blue skies, making us doubt what to expect next! I have to say that it didn't stop the wind surfers or the surf boarders getting out there in the waves on Sunday and risking all for the pleasure of disappearing from our sight for breathless moments and then re-appearing to fly over each other! We did wonder when a local came in to report he'd found a surfboard – anyone we knew was missing? Aargh!!!



The good news is we were called on by three regular visitors to our beach from Farnham and other outlying towns, one of whom had lost his £600 surfboard, who was alive and well and very upset about the flyaway board. We did put him in contact with "We Love Pagham" and the man who found his board - but we don't know if it progressed any further. We also offered our superb membership which would have allowed them a hot shower, a hot drink and parking on a stormy day. I'll let you know if they decide to take it up.....



## Sailing Events & Angling

Nothing to report on the sailing front.

## Angling & Fishing

From George, nothing to report on the angling front this week.

## Planning

Please find below a snapshot of the noticeboard in the main Bar area containing all of the plans that are about to be submitted to Arun Planning for the development. Do have a look as they may clarify any queries you may still have.



## Bar Tokens

Final reminder that your blue Bar Tokens need to be used before 1<sup>st</sup> February as they will have 30p added to them after that date.

## Social Events

Well, despite all of the nasty germs going around and several members having to withdraw from the preparation of the tatties – and some from the evening as we didn't want to share their bugs, Burns Night proved to be a very successful evening! Lots of comments about the "fantastic" food and the evening as a whole. Well done to Tina for her very first event of the year!



Well done to the Galley and the Serving crew who made it a fantastic team effort to help Tina – Norma, Sarah, Kim, Alison, Jaqui and Lesley. Wonderful team work!

The only downside was that we had to cancel the fireworks – again, due to the threat of the stormy weather and high winds. Just can't have everything!

Now we have had one fabulous event this year, the Commodore still has his traditional **Irish Stew** to be served after England defeats Ireland in the Six Nations Rugby match on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February, starting at 4.45pm to look forward to!!! As I have said before, we need to know numbers in advance to make it worthwhile for the Commodore to get his pinnie out for the lamb, carrots, onion, celery sticks, leek, garlic, cloves, bay leaf, fresh thyme, sea salt and freshly ground black pepper for the stew, along with potato and small carrots to be served to you. Oh, and some parsley as well. Does it sound good?

As we currently only have nine members putting their names down, we still have plenty of places so please, do put your name down or text me. 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 soon!

The food should be served at around 6.45pm giving you just over an hour before the band, **Wishing Well** start playing at 8pm – something else for you to look forward to! Lots of different music so don't miss out on what is looking to be a great night! Sorry that we haven't publicized them enough but they are really good so don't miss out on them.



## **Wishing Well - LIVE BAND**

### **Saturday 1st February 8pm**

Planning ahead, don't forget that we also have England v France on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February from 4.45pm and that the Commodore is planning to do a Chicken Masala and a Chicken Madras Curry for our Rugby members who want to enjoy watching our team whilst appreciating a good meal! A list will be put up this week - £5 per head, cash only.

### **Play Your Cards Right**

Unfortunately, I don't have any photos to show you this week of Play Your Cards Right as there were two winning rounds! The first round was won by Paul Cooper who, bless him, decided to put the £30 back into the jar. The second round saw the jackpot of £48 going to Zena! It made for a good evening as we were still suffering small numbers from the various bugs going round and the appalling weather which made numbers attending low.

### **Bar Person**

The Bar Person of December is G! Well done G who has managed to keep attending the Bar with his role as Bar Steward on a Friday night. Although we haven't yet started the Raffle up for this year, I will put your name down on the list for the date we start again which won't be too long. Just need to get all those members back from the sunny climes to enjoy the British weather and they can enjoy the Sunday afternoon raffle!

### **Membership**

It's another reminder that you now have until 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025 to renewing your membership and, where necessary, your boat park fees. The start of the new membership year is on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Future Events**



### **Fisherman's Evening -**

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February you are invited to join us for the Fisherman's Evening which start at 7pm with a splendid meal of Fish Pie, steamed potatoes and spicy roast vegetables. This will be followed from 9pm by Fisherman's stories of "truth or lie" – which you don't have to be a Fisherman to take part in and which could win you a prize. It will all be overseen by Keith so your fabrications can be as plentiful as you like!

To make your falsehoods and deceptions much easier to say and accept, there will be Happy Hour from 6 – 8pm which should help.....

To make the evening more fun, Keith will be awarding a prize for the most outstanding truth or deception and there will be some shanty music to add to the feeling of not knowing what's going on!

A list for the food with prices etc will be posted much nearer the time.

#### **Dates for your diary:**

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

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> England v France from 4.45pm, Commodore's Curry at 6.45pm

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> February – Happy Hour from 6 – 8pm to be followed by a Fisherman's Tale evening with Keith from 7pm.

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> 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**

As we have been talking about the Irish Stew, best we have an Irish fisherman's joke:

It was raining hard and a big puddle had formed in front of an Irish pub.

An old man stood beside the puddle holding a stick with a string on the end and jiggled it up and down in the water.

A curious gentleman asked what he was doing.

'Fishing,' replied the old man.

'Poor old fool' thought the gentleman, so he invited the old man to have a drink in the pub.

Feeling he should start some conversation while they were sipping their whisky, the gentleman asked,

'And how many have you caught?'

'You're the eighth

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