

Hi Everybody,



Having enjoyed some wonderful sunny days over the weekend with the temperature today reaching over 15°, I have just heard the words “fresh start”, “northerly wind” and, dare I say it, the risk of frost on the weather forecast for the week ahead. So, I thought we might as well make the most of the beautiful scenery around us, breath deeply and make the most of it while it is smiling at us.



Sailing Events & Angling

Only 27 days to go before the start of the Sailing season! Don't forget to check your boat, the masts, the engine - water filters, oil levels, belts, bilge.....nag, nag, nag.....

Angling & Fishing

From George, he hasn't received reports of any angling taking place. RC Angling Paul C is only aware of Pete W, Rocky and Jack the boat mechanic going on a beach excursion with Rocky catching a Bull Huss.

Next week's competition is cancelled due to BRAAS holding an Open Match from our club on Sunday 16th March.

The next PYC competition: 30th March 10.00am - 15.00pm Beach Match

Bar

Going back to what we published last week about moving to the Summer rota hours, it has been decided that we won't open until 1pm on Saturday and Sundays and also allow the rota to run until 7pm. That will be unless the number of members is very low after 6pm and it is not worthwhile keeping the Bar open – or we have a function on in which case the rota will show the closing time.

For those of you splendid persons who have taken on a duty behind the Bar, there are a couple of issues that arise from time to time that may affect you when serving. One of those is when taking a payment by card. If you mistakenly ring the payment in as cash, please just leave me a note in the till for the amount before you put the amount in again for the card payment.

Also, if the card machine will not accept the payment, then what it probably wants the member to do is to insert the card and use his/her pin number, so please do not try to force the machine to accept another card when it is trying to deal with an outstanding payment – or try to dismantle the machine as that doesn't help!!!! Quite simply, our machine is not set up to show the simple message to insert the card and it will not operate until the payment is dealt with in this way (or cancelled on the Till if the member can't remember his PIN). Ever hated technology?

Social Events

Keith was up to his usual alternative guise – this week he was dressed as a Judge. Lovely wig Keith! We started the game with a £26 rollover from last week which was added into the ticket money from this week. I think it started at about £85 when we had a few late attendees.

We nearly had a winner until it got to the final card and then.....aargh! He called higher (I think) and it was lower! Really sorry but I can't remember the name of the disappointed loser.



But naturally, when we exhausted all of the tickets and there was no winner, it was time for the second round when tickets are called and a card is removed each time. And finally! For £112 the winner was Olive! I'm not sure about why he's wearing the hat – applying for a job as a Tram driver on one of the old trams perhaps? I'll let you know if he goes missing.



Six Nations Rugby



Well, what can I say? On Sunday the England v Italy game starting at 3pm enjoyed a good – and loud audience at the Club! We did try to tell Rocky that players from either side couldn't hear his meaningful advice, no matter how loud he shouted it, but it didn't put him off. And to be fair, our side seemed to take it on board as we won! 24 – 47!!! Brilliant!





Whilst all of that was going on in the Bar area, in the Galley I was helped by a fantastic team of Carole W, Caroline G-S and Jean H to prepare the five options for the Tapas (Italian) menu - Tomato Bread with Manchego Cheese, Tuna & Roasted Red Pepper, Prawns, Smoked Salmon & Cream Cheese and Charcuterie Meat & Cream Cheese to help celebrate the competition between the two countries. Yummy! These were all served at the end of the game to the members who had put their name down. What a shame if you missed out as the prawns cooked with virgin olive oil, lots of garlic and chillies, served on sliced baguette proved to be the most popular option.

Meat Raffle

When Carole had a break from helping me in the Galley and during the Rugby interval, another successful Meat Raffle saw seven prizes including a succulent Beef joint with Brussel Sprouts, Chantenay Carrots, Cauliflower Cheese & Yorkshire Puddings. If you didn't fancy that there were the Scottish Mussels in White Wine with Ciabatta Rolls, Salmon- en-Croute Parcels and Rocket Salad, plus lots of other choices. You have to admit, Carole has good taste!

First Aid Training Course

I'm pleased to say that we now have eight members signed up for the First Aid Training Course on Saturday 15th March from 10am – 2pm, with one observer who wants to learn more but has problems with mobility. I cannot emphasize that we still do need as many people as we can who are more aware of what action to take in cases that range from a simple cut to unconsciousness.

The list is on still on the Noticeboard by the window in the Bar so please, do have a think about this and put your name down.

Future Events

On Saturday 15th March after the First Aid course, the Bar will be open as usual from 1pm. The course will be finished in sufficient time to allow members to settle downstairs in the Bar to watch the Six Nations Rugby Italy v Ireland at 2.15pm, followed at 4.45pm by Wales v England.

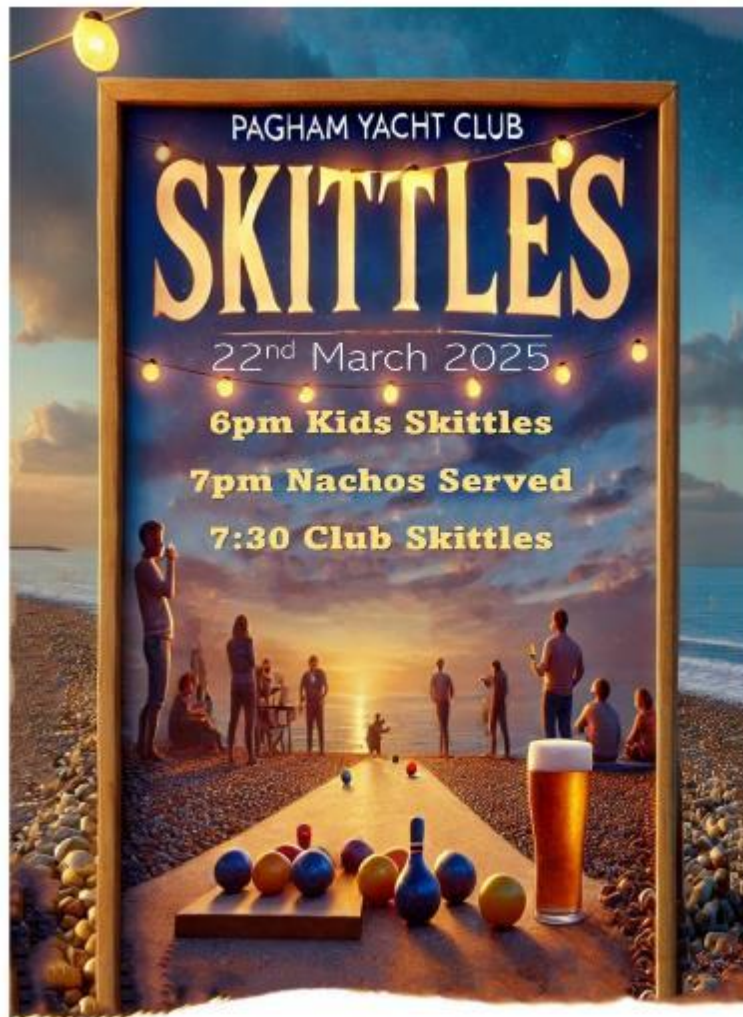
As it's a Saturday, the Commodore has decided to provide **Pork Baps** after the game for the supporters that are allowed out so hopefully, if we win against Wales you will have something in your stomach to absorb the celebratory drinks! And no garlic this time!!!



After the Raffle on Sunday 16th March we are welcoming Melissa to entertain us with a fantastic variety of songs ranging from Fleetwood Mac to my favourite lady singer – Tina Turner! I am really looking forward to this. It does say bring your dancing shoes so I won't need any excuse. See you then!

Still in March, on Saturday 22nd we have the very popular Skittles evening with a Meat Chilli or Veggie Chilli Cheese Nacho for adults back on the menu at £5 per head, with Chicken Nuggets and Chips at £3.50 for children from our RC Social Tina. Please can you put your name down with your selection and the number of portions requested, on the list asap which is posted just inside the Bar. Please can you pay **CASH** at the Bar by 20th March.

The evening will start with skittles for the kids at 6pm and adults at 7.30pm. Nachos will be served hot and fresh at 7pm and to keep you busy in between, the Bar will be open and music will be playing for us to enjoy.



On Sunday 23rd we are being treated to Luke Elder, singer and his live music from 3.15pm after the Raffle. More details to follow next week. We also have High Tide Live Music the following Sunday 30th on Mother's Day so there's an enjoyable treat if you haven't sorted anything out yet.

Moving forward into April with British Summertime and the Sailing season, Tina has lots planned for us which are all listed at the bottom. One of the groups we are welcoming back are the Lightening Brothers but this time, they will be joined on Sunday 13th April by Andy Day in celebrating his 70th birthday! Oh – but Andy didn't want people to know about his birthday celebration as he wants everyone to just enjoy the group. I've told him I would never tell anybody as I'm not like that so, don't tell anyone about it, will you?

Later on in April is a real treat for our youngsters – the Children's Easter Party on Saturday 19th April from 12noon until 1.30pm. This will only cost £3 per head and is payable by 15th April to Jenna, our Safeguarding & Welfare Officer.

A list to put your child's name down will be put up by the poster this week.

The payment will be by **CASH** only behind the Bar, or to Jenna directly or a member of the Committee.



£3 per child
payable by 15th April 2025
to avoid disappointment

Dates for your diary:

March

Saturday 15th – First Aid Training Course from 10am – 2pm followed by:
 2.15pm Italy v Ireland
 4.45pm Wales v England **with Pork Baps**

Sunday 16th – Melissa singer from 3.15 – 6pm Performing music from Blondie, Kate Bush, Fleetwood Mac, Tina Turner...

Saturday 22nd - Skittles with Chilli Nachos from 6pm

Sunday 23rd - Luke Elder Live Music 3.15pm

Sunday 30th – High Tide Live Music (Mother's Day)

April

Saturday 5th - Wishing Well 8 – 11pm

Sunday 13th - Lightening Brothers 3.15pm

Saturday 19th - Kids Easter Party 12 noon – 1.30pm

Friday 25th - Adrian (with Keith) from 8pm

Sunday 27th - Olivia Kinghorn 6pm

Wednesday 30th – RSBP talk 6/6.30pm

May

Thursday 8th – 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 and this time it has to relate to the popular prawns...

Two prawns were swimming around in the sea one day. The first one was called Justin and the second one was called Kristian. They were continually being chased and threatened by the sharks that inhabited the area.

Eventually Justin had had enough. He said to Kristian, "I'm fed up with being a prawn. I wish I was a shark, and then I wouldn't have to worry about being eaten all the time."

As he said this, a large mysterious cod appeared and said, "Your wish is granted!"

And believe it or not, with that Justin turned into a fearsome shark.

Kristian was horrified and so immediately swam away as he was scared of being eaten by his old friend.

As time went by, Justin found his new life as a shark to be boring and lonely. None of his old friends would let him get near them as they thought he would eat them and so they just swam away whenever he approached.

It took a while, but eventually Justin realized that his new menacing appearance was the cause of his sad plight.

Then one day he was swimming all alone as usual when he saw the mysterious cod again. He thought it'd be better if he could go back to his old life so he swam to the cod and begged to be changed back. The cod worked his magic and suddenly Justin was a prawn once more.

With tears of joy streaming down his cheeks Justin swam straight to Kristian's home.

As he opened the coral gate, the happy memories came flooding back. He banged on the door and shouted, "Kristian, it's me, Justin, your old friend. Come out and see me again."

Kristian replied, "No way! You're a shark now and you'll just eat me. I'm not being tricked into being your dinner."

Justin shouted back "No, I'm not a shark any more. That was the old me. I've changed..."

I've found Cod. I'm a prawn again Kristian."

It just gets worse...

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