

Hi Everybody,



From Pete W, a lovely picture of two swans enjoying Pagham

Beach. What a wonderful world.....



Bar Windows

I am beginning the blog this week with an enormous thank you to a member of our Club, who wishes to remain anonymous, for the very generous donation of arranging and paying for the repairs of the faulty windows in the Bar.



For those of you who sit by the windows and the radiators know, these windows have been leaking warm air out and cold air in – and the window handles were either not working or, just seizing in the shut position. Not ideal, whatever the weather decided it was going to do! And as we have put in planning to revamp the whole of the Bar area in the next year or so, replacement windows weren't thought economical. Eh, what???

They obviously weren't freezing to death or looking at the rising gas and electricity bills!
Thank heavens we have a member who knows what the British weather can be like and how long it can take for planning papers to finally emerge as a solid structure with windows.
I haven't taken any pictures of the repairs/new parts as I'm sure you will notice them when you are next in the Club.
So, I can only repeat my thanks and now relax about fighting to get a chair by the radiator as I am sure it will now be a warm area for all.

Sailing Events & Angling

With only 12 days left until the Spring Launch Races 1 & 2 on Sunday 6th April, commencing at 11am, the Blue RIB had its successful Sea trial on the water on Sunday with the Bosun Kevin and David G in charge. A big thankyou to the two fishermen who helped launch and recover as that is what the Club is all about.

Angling & Fishing

From George, Jim E fished on Sunday and landed 5 dogfish so hopefully, with the warmer weather promised the number of fish available for us to catch will continue to increase.



This one being 60cm, with two at 51cm, one at 57cm and 58cm.

Next Sunday is the last beach match starting at 10am until 3pm, with the high tide at 12.54 & 5.25mts. The next Angling meeting is 7.30pm on Wednesday 9th April in the Snug.

PYC Redevelopment

Hopefully you will have had the chance to consider our planning application and taken the time to enter any of your comments. If you haven't had the opportunity yet, please can I encourage you to have a look on the Arun Planning site as it's awaiting comments before any approval can be granted.

The reference is P/23/25/PL and the link to page is <https://www.arun.gov.uk/planning-application-search>

Simply copy the above reference into the search box and you should see the application. From there you can click through to 'enter comment'.

As I have said before, the more positive comments we can post will be extremely helpful to the Club gaining permission so please do spend a little of your time on this. Many thanks.

Social Events

What a weekend! Blimey – I really don't know where to start as I missed two of the events on Friday and Sunday which proved to be absolutely award winners. It has been suggested (by people that I feel I shouldn't talk to any more), that more people turn up when they hear I'm not going to be there???

Tough! It wasn't my fault – I can't be blamed for an earth-shattering migraine on the Friday and my family gathering on the Sunday for a pre-arranged birthday celebration which lets me off for both of them for another year now (hopefully).

So, in my absence it seems that it was a very good night on Friday with lots of new members and guests. Tracey B told me that one of them said to her that he hadn't had such a good night in a long time and asked her how to join the Club! The Club was really busy with a great atmosphere provided by Keith's brilliant wit and charm, as well as the cards who repeatedly mis-behaved causing many oohs and aahs, and OMGs and disbelief head holdings!

I hear that G had a near win – again! He got to the last card with a 4, went higher and got a 3! Aaarghhh!



Josie was the winner of

£98 on the second round. Blimey, a huge £98!!!

On Saturday, things didn't get any less busy with Tina and her helpers setting up shop in the Galley for the Meat or Veggie Chilli Cheese Nachos for the adults, and Chicken Nuggets and Chips for the kids in readiness for the Skittles evening.



It all began with the eight members of the youth section showing the rest of the members how it should be done – with lots of energy. And this was before we had fed them!



After the Chicken Nuggets and Chips had been demolished, the Youth winner was announced as Mathew Greene. He was joined in the prize awards by all involved in the competition to ensure the even distribution of the very important sweeties. (These things do matter when you are under 12.)

The adults were treated to Meat or Veggie Chilli Cheese Nachos and that went down very well. In some cases, it went down very well twice! Well done to Tina as everything looked good and was eaten without any waste.



And then, it was the ladies turn with our Youth member Delilah adding the scores



And then it was the men's turn!



The Men's Winner was Russell with the Ladies Winner, his wife Dorn, beating him in the overall score. A fantastic night!

Meat Raffle & Luke Elder

Sunday was yet another busy day in the Club with an enthusiastic purchase of the Meat Raffle tickets that this week included Sweet Chilli & Lime Salmon Fillets with Risotto Stuffed Red Peppers & Garlic Stuffed Mushrooms, as well as a Half Leg of Lamb with Potato Gratin & Green Minted Veg Selection, a Joint of Beef with Beef Dripping potatoes, Yorkshire Puddings and Sliced Spring Greens & Chantenay Carrots as well as lots of other selections.

A really good choice that is making me hungry just typing the three partial selections out of the seven that were on offer. Yum.....



I'm really sorry to say that I missed Luke on Sunday as I was entertaining my family for my birthday. Everything I have heard has been full of praise for Luke and his music and demands for him to return later in the year. I understand that Tina has managed to do that so I look forward to seeing him then. I'll make sure to give you lots of warning!

Future Events

Don't forget that we have High Tide live music next Sunday 30th from 3.15pm, Mother's Day, so that can be an enjoyable treat to share with your mother, or your partner, whilst enjoying a glass of something special after lunch.



Sunday 30th March
3.30pm
Pagham Yacht Club

For some
Mother's Day
Rocking



Moving on into April, don't forget that we have already put the list up for the Children's Easter Party on Saturday 19th April from 12noon until 1.30pm with Nick Clarke as their Entertainer. This is only £3 per head and is payable by 15th April to Jenna, our Safeguarding & Welfare Officer, or you can otherwise hand over the cash to a member of the Committee who will put it in the box behind the Bar and sign the list to show you have paid. Do put your child's name down in any case so we know your child is coming.



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

Dates for your diary:

March

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 6pm

May

Friday 2nd – Sunday 4th Real Ales Beer Festival

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 next week.

Any Other Business

Having now improved our windows in the Bar – best we have a windows joke?

The wife of a member texts her husband on a cold winter Friday evening whilst he's enjoying a pint of Camden at the Club:
"Windows frozen, won't open."

The husband, feeling a bit guilty about leaving her at home whilst he's being entertained by the other semi-drunk members, texts back: "Gently pour some lukewarm water over it and then gently tap edges with hammer."

The wife texts back 10 minutes later: "Computer really messed up now."
Sorry – couldn't resist 8-)

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