

# Hi Everybody,



And it is still March – and it is Pagham, not the Mediterranean! Don't tell anyone – I'm sure we can fake it if it stays like this!



## Sailing Events & Angling

You may not be aware of the obstruction that suddenly appeared at the end of our slipway on Thursday when Openreach installed [fibre] broadband cables all along West Front Road. Unfortunately, it wasn't until the installers had left mid-afternoon that one of our members realised that one of the cables was now passing over our slipway, obstructing certain vessel launch/retrieval because of the height of some of our masts

You can imagine the chaos that might have created, with the start of the sailing season a week away!

We did get in contact with an emergency engineer who came out to have a look but, of course, the manager wanted to come out himself to confirm this the following morning. Sarah, our Treasurer, earned her Brownie points by tracking down the email address of the Managing Director of Openreach and..... the cable has now been taken down!

They're going to look for a permanent solution for the future but more importantly, they are aware that we need access all the way along the roadway from the boat park to the slipway.

The other good news is that this will have no impact on our current internet as it's fed through a different route. Happy days – and a very well done Sarah!

## Angling & Fishing

From George, on a lovely spring day 7 anglers fished the last beach match on Sunday with Dogfish Flounders, a small Bass Pouting and Smoothound being caught with worms, Squid and Mackerel the successful baits used. The competition was won by Gary, with Jim 2<sup>nd</sup> and Pete 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tommy Essery landing the Best Fish with a 31cm Flounder.

The first boat match is Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April from 8.30am until 15.30pm, ht 12.45 with the largest Skate the target species. If the conditions are unfit to go out in our boats, we will fish the beach - if that is possible.

## PYC Redevelopment

Nothing to report at this stage but, if you haven't had the chance to make your comments on the Arun Planning site, do have a look and leave your hopefully positive thoughts.

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'.

## Social Events

It looks like Friday night with Keith and Play Your Cards Right was yet another stressful evening with an additional contestant Tony so close to winning the jackpot with double queens .....but it was one of our new members, Darren, who was the eventual winner of £78!



Aren't you glad that a few glasses of wine or pints of beer do tend to lessen the overall impact of not winning – although £78 does really help. Actually, spending £78 on 23½ pints of Carlsberg or even better, 22¼ glasses of my favourite Bare-foot white wine would, I think, help lessen any impact on anything I can think of that bothers me! Well, I don't think I would remember if it bothers me at the time.....hic!

### Sunday Meat Raffle & High Tide

What a fabulous day Mothering Sunday proved to be at PYC! Flowers on the tables, balloons and bottles of Fizzy wine as part of the Raffle prizes to celebrate this wonderful event whilst listening to some fabulous music and enjoying the sunshine. Well done (again!) to Carole!



Following the Raffle, we were delighted to welcome back High Tide with their classic Rock & Roll and Pop. With such a wide range of songs, and with their talented and versatile musicians as well as the great lead singer, it didn't take long to start to get some of the crowd onto the floor to show us what they were made of. I have to say that the first one to demonstrate how to "move it and grove it" to the music was Millie, who now moves too fast for me to get a photo of her!



Really great to have them back again, especially with their new lead guitarist and the latest songs that they have introduced.

## Future Events



And tomorrow is 1<sup>st</sup> April! Are you prepared for a trick on April Fools' Day? No one is really sure why we still "celebrate" this, but it's worth keeping an eye out on the news to see if anyone tries to dupe you with an item that you may just believe.

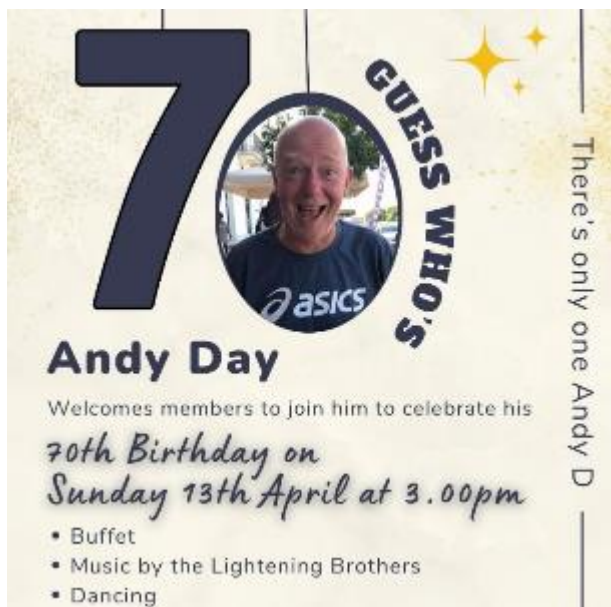
Perhaps someone will say that large natural gold nuggets have been found in the lagoon at Pagham and that the estimated value is £150,000. At the moment, Police have been called in to prevent cars that have been parked blocking all of the approaching roads and people diving into the water searching for more nuggets?

Well, you never know! I love stuff like that!

Next Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> we are about to be treated to a group called Wishing Well from 8 – 11pm. The group, with five members cover a really good wide range of songs, including our favourite such as the Eagles and Tina Turner. The Bar will be open, the sun will be shining all day long so, do come out and join in the fun from!



Speaking of having fun, (and finding gold!) Andy Day will be celebrating his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April with a buffet and dancing to music by Lightening Brothers who he will be paying to entertain us when you've stopped telling him jokes about 70 year old men. It looks like a great event! Hope to see you there to push the boat out – theoretically, that is!



Other events coming up in April are the Children's Easter Party on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April from 12noon until 1.30pm with entertainment from Nick Clarke. The list is up on the Noticeboard so please do put your child's name down before the 15<sup>th</sup> so we can arrange food. The cost is only £3 per head and food and goodies are involved. It looks like it will be a great afternoon for all involved – and the Bar will be open from 1pm if the grown ups want a drink.



At the end of the month on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm we are being treated to a talk by the Rangers from the RSPB Eastern Solent on the birds and wildlife at Pagham and the Medmerry. That is something to really look forward to – to find out more about the wildlife around us!  
The Bar will be open from 5pm for those of you who may wish to get down there early and start without me.



### Dates for your diary:

#### April

- Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> - Wishing Well 8 – 11pm
- Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> - Andy Day's Birthday from 3pm with Lightening Brothers 3.15pm
- Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> - Kids Easter Party 12 noon – 1.30pm
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> - Adrian (with Keith) from 8pm
- Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> - Olivia Kinghorn 6pm
- Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> – 6.30pm RSBP talk 6pm

#### May

- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Real Ales Beer Festival
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> – 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.

### Any Other Business

I thought this week we'd have a bit of a home-grown joke, so this is about Neil, our local Butcher who we get our meat from for our Raffle:

As Neil the butcher is shooing away a dog from his shop, he sees a £10 note and a message in his mouth that reads: "10 pork chops, please."

Amazed, he takes the money, puts a bag of 10 pork chops in the dog's mouth, and quickly closes the shop.

He follows the dog and watches him wait for a gap in the traffic, look both ways, and trot across the road to the bus stop. The dog checks the bus schedule and sits on the bench until the bus arrives, then boards the bus. Neil follows, dumbstruck. After a while, the dog stands on his back legs to press the button with his nose. Neil follows him off the bus.

The dog runs up to a house and drops his bag on the step. He goes back down the path, takes a big run, and throws himself \*WHAP!\* against the door. He does this again and again. No answer. So, he jumps on a wall, walks around the garden, beats his head against a window, jumps off, and waits at the front door. A big guy opens it and starts cursing and shouting at the dog.

Neil runs up and screams at the guy, "What the hell are you doing? This dog is a genius!"

The owner responds, "Genius, my foot! It's the second time this week he's forgotten his keys!"

Have a good week!

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