

Hi Everybody,



Finally! The Sailing season has arrived, complete with sunshine and a decent breeze allowing six boats to compete in the Spring Launch 1 & 2. We couldn't have hoped for more.



Sailing Events & Angling



Spring Launch 1

Name	Crew	Boat	Handicap	Position
Jamie F		Laser STD	1104	1 st
Jack G		Laser RAD	1154	2 nd
Simon O		Laser RAD	1154	3 rd
Kevin R		Dart 15	926	4 th
Joe		Laser RAD	1154	5 th
Stuart	Allan P	Dart 18	881	6 th

Spring Launch 2

Jamie F		Laser STD	1104	1 st
Joe		Laser RAD	1154	2 nd
Kevin R		Dart 15	926	3 rd
Jack G		Laser RAD	1154	4 th
Simon O		Laser RAD	1154	4 th
Stuart	Allan P	Dart 18	881	5 th



Just a snapshot of part of the feast prepared by the Commodore Paul to celebrate the start of the Sailing season. The other table did have another three platters of cheeses, bowls of coleslaw, potato salad, Branson pickle, Piccalilli, Mayonnaise, butter, baguettes..... and yes, he did remember to fill two huge bowls with salad which didn't seem to have as much appeal as the roast potatoes and the specially prepared mustard and honey sausages! Well done to the Commodore!

Sailing Calendar

April

- 12th SATURDAY SAILING SESSION 13.30
- 13th SUNDAY SPRING SERIES RACES 1 & 2 11.0
- 19th SATURDAY SAILING SESSION 13.30
- 20th SUNDAY SPRING SERIES RACES 3 & 4 11.00
- 26th SATURDAY SAILING SESSION 13.30
- 27th SUNDAY COMMODORES CUP RACES 1 & 2 11.00

Angling & Fishing

From George, Tommy Essery and a friend fished from the beach and caught a nice number of Dogfish and small Smoot-hounds.

The first Boat match is on Sunday 13th from 8.30am until 3.30pm with best Skate the target species, subject to a good weather forecast. Please do look at the Angling WhatsApp for details on Saturday when the decision will be made as to whether the match will take place.



Social Events

One of our Pauls, Angling Paul Cooper, sent me a photo of his son Kian's inauguration into the wonders of his first pint at our Bar on his 18th birthday on Wednesday. Apparently, he needs more practice than dad or Uncle as he didn't finish it! Knowing those two, he will get it.....



It was another good Friday evening in the Club, this time for Tina as she won £68 at Play Your Card Right and followed that up with her impersonation of Agnetha from ABBA when the Karaoke started. I've no idea who Keith was trying to be. Benny? Bjorn? I don't remember any of them wearing a hat like that (thank heavens)!



And then there was Commodore Paul and his routine murdering of Spanish Eyes! I thought that a new law had been passed as an Act of Parliament 2024 where anyone found guilty of repeatedly murdering a song, especially under the influence of alcohol, would be banned from singing within a public gathering? I can't remember what the penalty is but it should be to buy everyone suffering the effect of this a round at the Bar!!!! I demand that you write to your MP immediately and insist that the law be changed before the next karaoke starts as he is unbearable when he starts singing!

Wishing Well

On Saturday, we were finally treated to a great evening of entertainment by Wishing Well. They had been booked to come to us in the past and had to cancel due to illness, but well and truly made up for this on Sunday. A fabulous band with a great female singer Kerri – "Remember the Summer of 69", and a young male singer Abrar who made the variety of songs a good all-rounder band for all of us.

The other good news is that they were so successful, we have booked them to come back on Sunday 10th August, outside this time, which will allow us more space to get up and dance! Or, to invite guests to join in the fun.



You may have noticed the Commodore trying out his skills as a Bar tender, serving baby Guinness, made up with Tia Maria topped up with Baileys. They looked good and took him ages to prepare the 8 servings times twice – and about 3 seconds for them all to be downed! Oh well, it was the thought that mattered – and they did look good.

Sunday Meat Raffle



Another successful Raffle on Sunday after the Sailing, prepared by Carole who plans and buys the most scrumptious and well received goodies that make up our prizes. It really is a talent to organise “recipes” that will suit such a wide range of tastes to ensure that they will keep coming back to buy raffle tickets again. Well done to Carole as I look forward to seeing what she has come up with this week.

Future Events

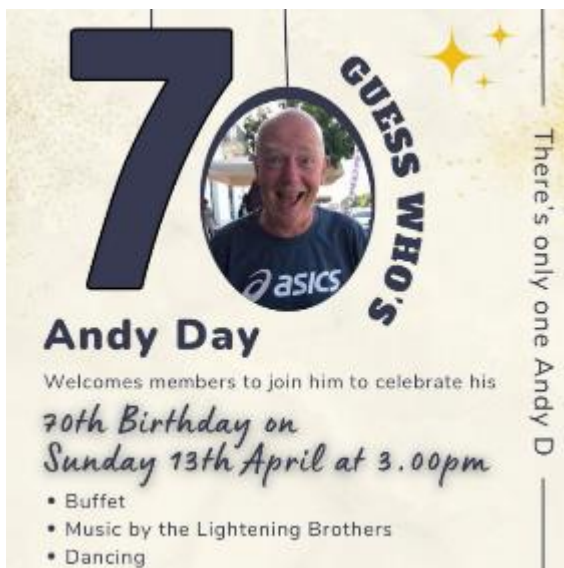
So, what were you doing 70 years ago? Hopefully, you have no idea as you weren't even thought of but if you were one of our senior and valued members, then perhaps you will remember some of the following; first Birds Eye Fishfingers go on Sale, the first British woman News reader, the Launch of ITV, Ruth Ellis Hanged and – more importantly, Stirling Moss is first Englishman to win the British Grand Prix!!!!

There were also other events that happened in 1955, such as the formation of the U.K's first atomic bomber unit, No. 138 Squadron RAF, and the U.K. release of the Halas and Batchelor film animation of George Orwell's Animal Farm.

If you look events that happened in this year, you will see that one occurrence is sadly missing – the moment that Andy Day was brought into this world! Never mind. I'm sure we can make up this lack of attention by celebrating his birthday on Sunday 13th April with a buffet and dancing to music by Lightning Brothers!!!!

You do know why Andy is having his 70th birthday party at the Club, don't you? Are you ready for this? It's because you know when you are 70 when you have a party at home and the neighbours don't even realise it. Boom boom! Bad joke of the year!

My apologies to Lightning Brothers for shoving an “e” into their name on three occasions in my last blog which Simon T rightly pointed out to me. I'm blaming Trump for Americanising the spelling on my laptop as it obviously wasn't my mistake, really, honest!!



Other events which I have let you know of before that are coming up in April are the Children's Easter Party on Saturday 19th April from 12noon until 1.30pm, with entertainment from Nick Clarke. Names down soon, please.



On Friday 25th, along with Keith, we will see the return of Adrian who will be performing his Motown, Soul and Reggae songs from 8pm. Looks like yet another dancing evening – whoohoo!

On Sunday 27th Tina is bringing us a new local act from 3.15pm after the Raffle. Olivia Kinghorn is a live music performing pop, rock and country, jazz funk & soul singer with lots of personality. Something for us to look forward to – and get our bodies back on the dance floor. If we can still move, that is.



Don't forget at the end of the month we are having something totally different to our music entertainment. On Wednesday 30th 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.

To ensure you don't have to rush your mealtime to join us, the Commodore will be providing Cheese and biscuits to make an evening at the Bar an event to really look forward to – so you can find out more about the wildlife around us in a contented and cheerful way. Nothing like nibbles to improve learning!

The Bar will be open from 5pm for those of you who may wish to get down there early and start without me.



VE Day Celebrations

Very briefly, as more information will be displayed in the coming weeks in the Club, on Facebook, on the blog and by the Parish Council, this is just to give you an idea of what to expect: on VE Day, Thursday 8th May, at 6pm we will have the Town Cryer announce the evening's agenda on the beach outside the Club.

The Club will be open to all (Bar volunteers please!) and Sarah Saville, a singer will be there to entertain everybody from 8.30/8.45pm dressed in the style, and singing songs of the 1940's.

At 9.30pm the Beacon will be lit and there will be speeches and words of remembrance.

Beforehand, there are plans for a VE Day Cake competition based on a recipe from the 1940. That is all the information I have about this so I cannot say any more!

I know there are lots of plans about memorabilia being on display, news headlines of the time being printed out for tables and lots of other stuff that should be interesting for those of us who didn't know what went on, or are children and weren't born until a few years ago and don't even know about the war. Should be an interesting time for all of us.

Dates for your diary:

April

Sunday 13th - Andy Day's Birthday from 3pm with Lightning Brothers 3.15pm

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

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

Sunday 27th - Olivia Kinghorn singer from 3.15pm

Wednesday 30th – 6.30pm RSBP talk 6pm with Cheese & Biscuits

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.

Any Other Business

Okay, only one tiny bad joke at Andy's expense so far, so he must deserve another:

Why do 70 year-olds never play hide-and-seek? Because whenever they try, nobody bothers to come and look for them!

Have a good week in the sunshine and I look forward to seeing you soon,

Jill

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