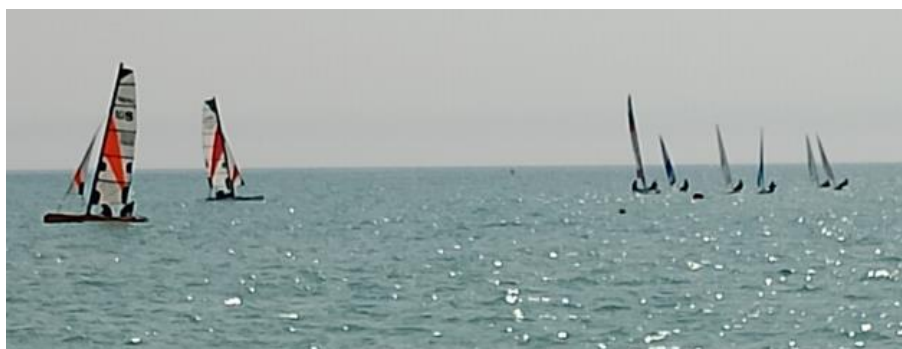


Hi Everybody,



At last! The weather has arrived – plus the mechanical workings of our ribs and our ski jet has arrived to allow us to launch ten boats to compete in the Commodores Cup to show each other what we can do! At flipping last!!!!!!
What more can I say?



Sailing Events

Next Sunday, 4th May the Commodore Paul and Dave G will be taking the Blue rib down to Selsey to support the RNLI inaugural sponsored swim – The Seal Dip. The Selsey Sea Bathing Society and the RNLI are collaborating on this new charity sea swim which will take place at 10am and the organisers are hoping for a large turnout with all proceeds from the event going directly to the charity. Do go down and give them your support – and take some photos for me as well! The White rib will still be used for the sailing here.

On another note, this is the season where we normally see the arrival of “visitors” looking for places to park their caravans and vehicles in areas where they can enjoy their community living for a few days before being moved on. Bearing this in mind, please do NOT leave the gates open unlocked to our Car/Boat park and, if you are walking in the area, do check that the code hasn't been left clearly shown as we may lose boats, gear or space.

Sailing Results

Commodores Cup 1

POS	Helm	Crew	Boat	Time
1	Guy H		Laser Rad	1249
2	Jack G		Laser Rad	1281
3	Simon O		Laser Rad	1366
4	Jacob		Laser	1377
5	Jim F		Laser	1385
6	Joe A		Pico	1560
7	Stuart	Sam A	Dart 18	1634
8	Kev R		Dart 15	1717
9	Jenna R	Alan P	Topaz C	2118
10	Ryan R	Paula	Topaz 16C	2615

Commodores Cup 2

POS	Helm	Crew	Boat	Time
1	Guy H		Laser Rad	1305
2	Jim F		Laser	1311
3	Jack G		Laser Rad	1374
4	Jacob		Laser	1413
5	Simon O		Laser Rad	1423
6	Joe A		Pico	1535
7	Kev R		Dart 15	1599
8	Stuart	Sam A	Dart 18	1688
9	Ryan R	Paula	Topaz 16C	1919
10	Jenna R	Alan P	Topaz C	2101

Sailing Calendar

May

3rd SATURDAY SAILING SESSION 13.30

4th SUNDAY LUKE SEAWALKER TROPHY RACES 1 & 2 11.00

10th SATURDAY SAILING SESSION 13.30

11th SUNDAY SPRING SERIES RACES 5 & 6 11.00

17th SATURDAY SAILING SESSION 13.30

18th SUNDAY COMMODORES CUP RACES 3 & 4 11.00

24th SATURDAY SAILING SESSION 13.30

25th SUNDAY SPRING SERIES RACES 7 & 8 11.00

31st SATURDAY SAILING SESSION 13.30

Angling & Fishing

From George, six boats went out on Sunday in near perfect conditions with lots of Dogfish caught, along with a few Congers a Thornback, a Tub Gurnard, a few Smoothound and Black Bream - which were the target species. We had Chris landing the largest at 37cm, George 2nd and Derek and Steve joint 3rd.



For those of you aware of our local wildlife, the Anglers saw a small number of Swallows heading inland with the better weather finally coming our way.

The next competition is Sunday 11th May, 8.30am until 4.00pm with HT 11.37 @ 5.02m. Black Bream the target species and, if unfishable, we may try off the beach.

Kevin has requested that members do not keep asking him to try and sort out the big problem we have with cars being parked opposite the slipway when launching and recovering our boats. We can only hope that people don't do it!

And the **MATS**.... please remember that we **MUST** pull them up after we have finishing fishing for the day unless there are still craft out at sea. A thank you to the few that did it for us on Sunday - well done to you.

Social Events



Adrian, in cahoots with Keith, provided a well enjoyed entertainment on Friday evening. Adrian introduced some new music to the audience from the last time we had seen him and, Keith – as always, provided us with his version of Freddie Mercury and a little bit of Elvis. Can you have a little bit of Elvis? Anyway, I'm sure that Keith had a deal going with Freddie about the suits as every time I see Keith performing Queen he is wearing another outfit! Was it in Freddie's will? If I die before your waistline extends beyond mine then you can have all of my costumes??? Can't ever see Elvis doing that....his lawyers would have sorted that one well out before we got there!

Anyway – we did have a great performance from Darren who showed us what The Flood from Take That should have sounded like! Has he got a manager? No? Best we speak to him soon before they find out about him.

But it was a very good start to the weekend with Phil laying on some Cheese and Biscuits in the Bar on Saturday afternoon/evening to entice some non-believers to join him to watch his football team Crystal Palace play Aston Villa. I'm not sure if he thought that lining the stomachs would help if the situation got really bad if we had fighting in the Snug??? (Who are Aston Villa's fans????) but, whatever happened in the Snug was very positive and all of the cheese and biscuits were consumed AND, yes!!! Crystal Palace won 3 – 0!!!

Well done to Phil for admitting to his shortcomings and providing the necessary compensations. As a Leeds United fan, I don't have to do that. The supporters for other regional north Clubs don't travel this far to find me and, now that we are back in the Premier league that I have said we would be, I can afford to be nice to my husband.



On Sunday, what a difference to the Club's social life! A new singer Olivia Kinghorn, introduced by Tina, that was able to sing outside under our Gazebo. What a stunning refresher!

A really good singer that introduced a variety of songs that we all knew that made a Sunday afternoon a relaxed and, dare I say it, a really enjoyable afternoon to get up and dance along in the sunshine when you felt you wanted to. Loved it!

Sorry that I don't have any photos of dancing to Olivia but I was up there strutting my stuff with seven or eight minimums who have no regards for their personal images! (And it looks like no one wants to take photos of me doing that.....)

Can't say it enough – let's have her back here again so we can strut our stuff to 'The summer of '69' and remember that was when you remember you got the 11 year results (like me) or, were one years old!!! Arghhh.....

Let's have more Olivia!

On Sunday, while we enjoying the singing and strutting, our Youth members were getting acquainted with the wild life of the locality and what they could do. To you and me, they are called snails.



Please do not ask.

Friday Night Suppers

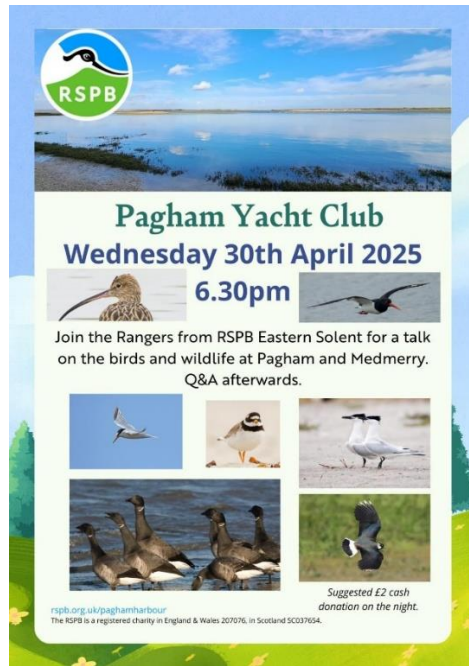
From Sue, early warning that from the end of May she is planning to expand your waist with her Friday Night's Supper evenings. If you are a new member and haven't experienced what this means, from 6.30 – 7.30pm she is planning a different menu each week - but it could be a Gourmet Burger with Bacon, Barbeque Pulled Pork, Slice of Smoked Cheese, Onion Rings, all in a Roll with a side salad and Fries.....yes, I know, so do watch the noticeboard for more details!

Sunday Meat Raffle

Another highly successful afternoon with lots of goodies to please everyone! I see that Val and Phil enjoyed their prize of Chicken Legs, Roast Potatoes, Carrots and Brussell Sprouts for their tea that night. Great to see the photos as well – although they weren't so good at sharing. Oh shame you two 8-)

Future Events

Final reminder that on Wednesday 30th at 6.30pm, we will have the long-awaited talk by the Rangers from the RSPB Eastern Solent on the birds and wildlife at Pagham and the Medmerry, complete with cheese and biscuits. I will be there from 6pm as the Bar will be open and I look forward to seeing you there too!



Real Ale - Friday 9th – Sunday 11th

As we have so much going on in the Club at the moment, the date of the Real Ale weekend has been put back a week till after the bank holidays and the VE Day Celebrations. I will let you have more information about the ales to be tried and tested nearer the date.

VE Day Celebrations 8th May

Please do have a look at the posters in the Club advertising the celebrations for VE Day which regrettably I cannot fully display in the blog - or your phone or laptop would have a fit!

Briefly, the Club will officially open the VE Day to members and to the public with a speech from our G with the Proclamation at around 6.15pm. He will be dressed in suitable formal attire similar to Sussex Day so he should be a most impressive sight (not that he isn't anyway!).

We are hoping that, should you feel inclined, that you may wish to dress either in the fashion of the 1940's or in the uniforms of the day – should you be able to acquire one. Nothing like joining in the true spirit of the day!

The singer Sarah Saville is due to start performing at 6:30 pm, after the Proclamation, with lots of songs from the era so that is something that I am looking forward to. We'll meet again, don't know where, don't know when.....

Arts and crafts for the children will be based on games of the time, from hop-scotch to Dominos and many others that most of us were still playing as we were growing up, so hopefully they will be kept amused – or wondering where to plug them in.

Food will be sold to you by purchasing your ration book slip, with sandwiches from the era - corned beef, spam, cucumber, cress.... with cakes and tea readily available. The Ration Books are being prepared by Nicola, our Village Clerk, so that is something I am really looking forward to seeing as I have vague memories of something that was kept by either my father or mother. My mother was in the Land Army so you would have expected her to have been really well fed but, she had an 18inch waist when she got married. I know that as she kept her bridal dress which I used to wear until I was over 6 years old and then the button wouldn't go over my stomach! We forget how well we are looked after now because of what went on, and how many people we lost to ensure that we are now here, safe and healthy.

As always, we are hoping that you will be very kind and donate any of the food for us to make the goodies to sell on so please do have a think about this when you are next shopping. All food donations, after costs will Help the Hero's and RNLI respectively.

Alcohol can be bought from the bar with a separate cash bar for faster service and, provided the Weather Gods are with us, Kevin M will be doing his traditional role of a Cocktail Waiter and will be manning a Gin and Tonic outside Bar

The speeches will be from at 21.15pm and will include words from Commodore Paul and Peter Atkins the Chairman of Pagham Parish Council as they are the joint leaders of this celebration on behalf of the residents of Pagham.

This will be followed by the Lighting of the Lamp in honour of serving animals, and the Lighting of the Beacon with Flames Of Peace.

Pagham Yacht Club
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Pagham & District Residents' Association

VE Day 80 Celebration
Pagham Yacht Club 8th May 2025

6.00pm	VE Day 80 Proclamation - event opens
6.30pm	Entertainment - Sarah Saville
to	Arts & Crafts and Games for children
8.30pm	
9.15pm	Speeches
9.25 pm	Lighting of lamp in honour of serving animals
9.30pm	Lighting the beacon with flames of peace

Come dressed in 1940s style
Tea, sandwiches and cakes available
Profits to Help for Heroes and RNLI

VE DAY ©
80TH ANNIVERSARY
A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION

In the lead up to all of this, apart from us intreating you to add us onto your shopping list and reminding you that you used to do hop-scotch, we now want to persuade you to not only join in the official competition of Cake Baking to win a prize.....but hopefully to donate a range of prizes to encourage more talented people like you to take part.....and then, if you win.....to donate your cake so we can raffle it!!!!!!

Well, it was worth the effort to ask, so....

The official cake is the Women's Institute VE Day 2025 **ORANGE AND GINGER CAKE**. We are asking if anyone would like to try to make the cakes for the event with a chance of winning a prize – and if they would be willing to donate their cake to be sold.:

Orange and Ginger Cake This is a simple and classic bake and is made using The Rubbing In Method – not often seen these days. It's a recipe used by Nancy Birtwhistle's (Sunday Times Best Selling Author) grandmother who had lived through two world wars, and requires no specialist mixer or whisk and the batter will not curdle – a handy recipe if you have little or no equipment. Just as women during World War II would have made it.

You will need: a mixing bowl and a 7 inch round cake tin greased and base-lined with paper or reusable baking parchment. Preheat the oven to 180 degrees (fan) – 350f – gas mark 4

Ingredients: 200g self-raising flour

pinch salt

40g butter at room temperature

40g lard at room temperature (or use all butter if preferred)

100g caster sugar

1 heaped tablespoon marmalade

Finely grated zest of 1 large orange plus the juice

1 tsp ground ginger 100ml milk

1 egg 80g stem ginger (from a jar of stem ginger in syrup)

1 tbsp demerara sugar or sugar nibs to sprinkle over. Alternatively add 3 tbsp icing sugar to a bowl, add 1-2 tsp orange or lemon juice, stir until smooth and runny then drizzle over using a spoon or piping nozzle.

Method:

1. Start by prepping the stem ginger – wash under the cold tap, dry on kitchen paper then cut into small dice and place into a bowl.

2. Take then 1 tbsp of the recipe's weighed self-raising flour, add to the ginger and stir around to coat thoroughly. Set aside.
3. In a medium-sized bowl place the self-raising flour, salt, butter and lard then rub in together just as you would for pastry. The mixture needs to be looking like fine breadcrumbs.
4. Add the ground ginger, sugar, zest, juice and marmalade and give a stir. Add then the egg followed by the milk which should be added a little at a time until you achieve a soft dropping consistency. You will probably need all of the milk but add it gradually just in case. If the batter is too thin the ginger will drop to the bottom of the cake whilst baking.
5. Finally fold in the chopped ginger.
6. Transfer to the prepared tin then sprinkle over either the demerara sugar or the sugar nibs or once completely cool drizzle over a simple icing.
7. Bake for 35-40 minutes until the cake is golden, risen and springy to the touch.
8. Leave to cool in the tin for at least 20 minutes before turning out onto a wire tray to cool completely.
9. Wrap in foil and store in a tin for a couple of days but if you just cannot wait to eat it – enjoy!

Dates for your diary:

April

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

May

May

Saturday 3rd SAILING SESSION 13.30pm

Sunday 4th LUKE SEAWALKER TROPHY RACES 1 & 2 11.00am

Thursday 8th – VE Day. Please see the above for more details.

Friday 9th – Sunday 11th Real Ales Beer Festival (Change of date)

Any Other Business

Just an apology for a long blog and a hope that you do take the time to go through it all. Hopefully, some of it will be posted on the website – the recipe for the cake etc so do take the time to see if you can help us sort out what needs to be done before the 8th. Many thanks in anticipation.

Jill

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