

Hi Everybody,



Sailing Events



Sunday proved to be a good day for sailing here at Pagham, with 11 boats out for the first race with 13 sailors. I'm told that of them all, we had 4 new people went out to try sailing, with John and Kev on the white rib giving them support. Great stuff! We also had non-competitive sailing with Allan sharing the enjoyment with younger – and much better looking members! (Don't tell dad that!)



Also on Sunday morning, the Commodore Paul and Dave G took the Blue rib down to Selsey to support the RNLI inaugural sponsored charity swim – The Seal Dip. Despite the chilly wind, 50 – 60 swimmers of all ages, children to pensioners spent at least 10 minutes in the sea as part of the rules.

I'm pleased to say that Paul and Dave's help wasn't needed and they went ashore afterwards to say hello to everyone involved before heading back for home. Well done to the RNLI and to everyone involved! Brave lot!



Sailing Results

LUKE SEAWALKER Trophy Race 1 (For those of you wondering why it is called that, the races are taking place on 4th May - May the Force Be With You! Yes I know....slight lisp)

POS	Helm	Crew	Boat	Time
1	John		Laser Rad	2436
2	Jacob		Laser Rad	2824
3	Stuart	Sam	Dart 18	2993
4	Simon O		Laser Rad	3281
5	Kevin		Dart 15	3481
DNF	Ryan	Paula	Topaz 16C	
DNF	Joe		Uno Plus	
DNF	Scottie		Fusion	
DNF	Mark		Lica 6	
DNF	Jack		Laser Rad	
DNF	Jenna	Alan	Topaz 16C	

Commodores Cup 2

LUKE SEAWALKER Trophy Race 2

POS	Helm	Crew	Boat	Time
1	Stuart	Sam	Dart 18	2209
2	Kevin		Dart 15	2223
3	Simon O		Laser Rad	2235
4	Jack		Laser Rad	2272
5	John		Laser Rad	2295
6	Jacob		Laser Rad	3442

Sailing Calendar

May

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

I haven't heard anything from George about any catches but I don't think that there was any fishing this weekend on the beach.

On another important note, at the last Management Committee meeting last week it was decided to confirm that any points awarded towards trophies would only be given for catches made during competitions/matches when photos of the fish are taken to prove the size claimed by picturing them alongside a measure, and of the date caught. This will not harm the fish and should not take more than a minute if you are prepared for this eventuality.

Be aware that any fish caught at any other time outside of this would not be awarded any points, so please do not challenge this.

This may seem a little harsh to some, but in any other sport such as Golf, you have to justify each shot and where the ball lands. This is now enforcing our competition rules.

As mentioned last week, 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. Don't forget your phones and your measures!

Paddlers/WaterSports

A final reminder that this Wednesday 7th May we are hopefully seeing the first of our seasons watersports activities beginning from 6pm - 8pm and, don't forget that **all under 16's will need a parent or guardian to accompany them**. We also highly recommend a wetsuit as it may get a little cold in the evening, and all – children, youths and adults will need to wear a buoyancy aid. I will be checking this.

You will need to sign in – and it will be me signing you in, so we can track you if we can't find you when everyone has signed off, and we know of any equipment that you borrow.

While the SUP's and Kayaks are on the water, the club's Jet Ski will be launched to supply safety cover and sometimes, a tow back to shore. (I'll be taking the photos as well!!!!)

Access to hot showers and parking are available if you haven't tried this experience before, and the Bar will be open for participants and observers to sit and relax **after you have signed off and returned equipment** – and enjoy a pre-ordered pizza! (If you haven't ordered it by now on the pizza WhatsApp then I think you are too late as well).

Don't forget to check the Paddlers Facebook Page each Wednesday to see if it is being posted as a "GO" - "No Go" after we have checked the weather. I will keep reminding you about this weekly.

Social Events

On Friday night, Keith had around 60 members as his audience for Play Your Cards Right with the winner in the first round! Along with the money carry forward from two weeks ago, Sarah O'Brien managed to win £80! What a lucky girl.



So, having exhausted the audience's choice with regard to card numbers, Keith chose to move on to music numbers and introduced that most wonderful of events for an evening's entertainment, Karaoke! Not to be put off, it seems that almost everyone had a go. Sorry about this – but I managed to avoid this so no one had to suffer my rendition of West Virginia, or It's Raining Men and, as there were no complaints from next door and no Police interruptions, I have no idea who was the most successful. I have heard that Ken was really good but as no one can remember what he sang, that can only suggest that the audience were either well and truly imbibed by then or they loved Ken whatever he does.

Moving on to Saturday, a fairly sunny day with a peaceful atmosphere on the beach with quite a few of us enjoying the Bar until we realised we hadn't eaten an evening meal and that it was time to shut up and go. Lovely to sit and watch the sea and the visitors with a glass at your elbow, until it starts to get a little bit chilly. Ah, well...

And then there was Sunday!



A new singer James Austin who, I am really sad to say, we hadn't advertised him fully in advance! Our loss as he was absolutely brilliant! This was a man who knew how to handle his audience. I heard him say as one point that he has been on cruise ships as an entertainer – which means he knew how to deal with a variety of people, attitudes and songs. He started before the Raffle by circulating request forms for any songs that we would like him to sing and by heck – did he give it a go! Well worth his weight in gold – and well worth getting him back as he had us all up dancing and enjoying ourselves. I'm not even going to start listing what he sang as there were so many – and all really good. Well done Tina – a really good move!



Friday Night Suppers

Yes, yes, I know! Don't keep telling me!!! My mistake – I said last week that Sue is planning to re-introduce her Friday Night's Supper evenings BUT I forgot to mention that it would only be one Friday a month. Sorry Sue! Watch out for more details as to when this will start and what the menu will be. I can't take any more stress from her.....

Sunday Meat Raffle

Another great event – which I didn't win, again! Carole and I wanted you know that we are very grateful for your support for our weekly Meat Raffle which, I have to say, Carole is the main organiser and the one with the taste behind the choice of the food menus that she buys that makes it so attractive.

What we wanted to emphasize to you is that any money raised always goes to PYC to buy specific items that have been raised as being extra items that are wanted – or longed for, but don't fall within the ordinary "needs" that can be procured via the membership fees.

We do have ideas about what to buy as suggestions are always very forthcoming but we will always have to balance against the money available and sensibility of the requests. We will always let you know when we make a purchase so you can see where your money is going – especially if you haven't won anything!!!! As always in the past, it seems that it was better you have a good chair to sit on outside in the sunshine, or a good resilient mat to winch your boat up on if the choice is that or a Raffle ticket so, we will carry on and let you know what the new choices are.

RSPB presentation

A great turn out on Wednesday for what was described by one of our members as a "fascinating presentation" and by another as a "lovely, interesting and informative evening" by Gail and Georgia from the RSPB.

Well done to Alison for arranging this, and for the supply of Cheese, Pate with biscuits and baguettes to keep any stomach rumbles quiet during the talk and the wonderful pictures.



I think the entire evening gave us all a great insight into what the two girl's roles are and what is going on with the preservation and protection at the RSPB reserves. Alison wants to thanks everybody for their generous donations at the close of the talk, which helps to keep efforts such as this working for our surroundings and the life within. Love it!

Real Ale - Friday 23rd to 26th May

Yet another change of dates for the Real Ale weekend I'm afraid – but this is because we noticed that we have another Bank Holiday weekend coming up and we thought that it would be so much better to move it till then. Aren't we thoughtful when it comes to beer drinkers? (Says she who hates the stuff...)

The other good news is that we have a group called Citizens of Somewhere over that weekend so it looks like we have lots to look forward to! Hic!

VE Day Celebrations 8th May

Pagham Yacht Club
in association with
Pagham Parish Council and
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

RC Angling Paul Cooper who, bless him, has taken on the onerous task of arranging the ins and outs of our part in the celebration of the 80th Anniversary of VE DAY on Thursday has been active again!

******* One of the things he wants to mention is the Ration Book which has been designed by Nicola from Pagham Parish Council which will be sold at £5 cash each to cover the cost of tea, cake and a sandwich. Members need to be forewarned about this to ensure they had the cash on them to buy them the Ration Book *******

His latest achievement has been to persuade the junior members of our Club to gather together to paint stones collected from the beach in Red, White and Blue to make a VE Collage.

A big thank you to all of the children and parents who helped to make such a lovely art work, along with Alison and Sue who finalised the work on Monday afternoon. Olive is now going to make a frame and a sign for the work so it can be permanently fixed on a wall for all to see.



Paul C tells me that he has been approached by a few members who have said that they are willing to give the Orange & Ginger Cake a go based on the recipe provided, but he would be grateful if you could let him know if there are any more agreeable members who can also help to make it a worthwhile – and tasty, event. Don't forget that it will all go to charity!

Paul is still looking for helpers on Thursday morning from around 10am to help clear the pathway and patio area of stones, set up flag poles outside, and also set up the Gazebo if you are free. I'm sure he still has other items he hasn't thought of yet....

More importantly, we are running two Bars behind the one bar area on Thursday – one for CREDIT and one for CASH. As I have said, this is behind the same Bar area with two tills, both signposted outside on the Bar - but using the same pumps and getting the bottles from the same fridges inside etc.

We need Bar people to take on the CREDIT or the CASH role and stay with that. If you would like to help with filling up stock from the Cellar then that would be most appreciated but do let someone behind the Bar know at the time.

We need more people to help behind the Bar who are: CALM, ORGANISED, CHILLED, FRIENDLY and most of all.....people who will not get themselves upset by non-members who get impatient when they have to wait to get a pint pulled because we only have one pump for Carling, Guinness etc and it's being use. Dahhhh!

We also need a lot of people to do this so we can swop and change after 15/30 minutes and come back again after a rest so no one gets tired or upset as we are dealing with non-members. Do let Phil know if you can help as the more the merrier!

If you can't help behind the Bar then please do remember what I have said above and bring correct change or your credit card for drinks - and do allow some time to be served if it's busy, And, do keep smiling! We are celebrating a much worse time now than this can ever be!!!

Dates For Your Diary

Wednesday 7th – Paddlers/WaterSports Commences

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

Sunday 18th – Duncan McKenzie Singer 3.15pm

Friday 23rd – Sunday 26th Real Ales Beer Festival (Change of date)

Sunday 26th - Citizens of Somewhere - Band

Any Other Business

I was going to speak further to you of Real Ale but, if what I need to do is a gentle word before the Summer season hits us full in our pockets before we decide what we want to drink to take us through the next six months, is to ask you to have a

think. Do let me have any details and prices and let's see what's come of it before next November. Go for it and let me know!

Really, really bad joke time as it's nearly 11.45pm on Easter Monday! I looked at Real Ale jokes and they were abysmal! So, you now have one that reflects a Malibu on ice that has melted in front of me for the last half hour:

My doctor said I need to watch my [drinking](#). Now I drink in front of a mirror. 8-)

Have a really good night!

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