

Hi Everybody,

VE Day Celebrations 8th May (Victory in Europe)

It was almost like a travelling back in time when Pagham Yacht Club, along with Pagham Parish Council, showed the world how to celebrate VE Day in 2025 style! On the beach, of course!

It all began at 6.15pm with the Proclamation from G.....nothing unusual there. But do have a look at the crowd he's attracted. Absolutely stunning. And the outfits! There are just so many that I have only included a few as my blog would be too heavy for your phones to allow it – but I understand that the wonderful Tracey B will be putting a selection on Facebook for all to see when she gets the time. No nagging please Jill.....



A huge thanks to Alison and sister Sue for all the time they spent on the catering side of this event, along with Roy who I'm sure wasn't there just to taste the goodies in case of any potential side effects – which we know wouldn't involve any shortages! In fact, now is a good time to say thank you to everyone from the Bar staff and the runner arounders who gave their time freely to make it an extraordinary event. Well done all!

Which leads me on to the singer Sarah Saville who we know from the past, and who is always spot on with her entertaining. A really good choice whoever decided that one!



Speaking of good choices – having eaten Sylv's Lemon Drizzle Cake in the past, if I was a betting man (or woman) I would have put my 20p on her Orange and Ginger Cake being a winner! That, and having seen Commodore Paul's efforts which I knew put him in the last leg of the race, or put him on a baker's training course. So, well done to Sylv with a brand new piece of equipment to make even more cakes. Is it me, or does that sound like cruel justice? Give with one hand and take any cakes she makes with the other hand – hopefully! No room for more pictures of the other winners I'm afraid. Another big thank you to Chefs Jacqui Naish, Vikki from the Old Tea Room and our Carole K for their expert knowledge.

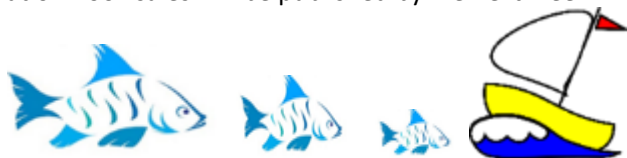
I'm pleased to hear that Sylv's cake was sold for £35, as all proceeds go to the charity and amazingly, the Commodore's Cake was sold for £10 to Pete W! You have to know that Paul did offer £1 at the sale to anyone to buy the cake so, a well done to Pete. He is still alive, by the way.



And then the serious part – to say a thank you for why we are all still here today and to remember that it cost the lives lost of both the people and the animals that were relied on. I was lucky, I was born 13 years after VE day but the memories of my parents and grandparents were very strong and resonated throughout my childhood.

Words from Peter Atkins a Chairman from Pagham Parish Council, a post from Alison highlighting the roles of animals during the war, a welcome from the Commodore with a finale of the shape of the war from Geoff Lewis and what it had meant to the world at that time were spoken. After a prayer from Father Peter from Our Lady of Sorrows, our Beacon with the Flames of Peace for the 80th anniversary of the ending of the World War II in Europe was lit by RC Angling Paul C.

We have heard from the Poppy Appeal and they raised £129.72 from you during the evening and their thoughts that they wished that they had more poppies with them. Well done to all for contributing. The final sum raised from cake sales and Ration Book sales will be published by me next week.



Sailing Events

Sadly, due to “shore dump” and sea state, there was no sailing on either Saturday nor Sunday. Do you not love that phrase – Sea dump? But, please don’t use it when discussing what you got up to at the weekend in a classroom or, even worse, trying to attract a partner on a dating agency or that may be your last use of it!

Sailing Calendar

May

17th SATURDAY SAILING SESSION 13.30

18th SUNDAY SPRING SERIES RACES 5 & 6 11.00

24th SATURDAY SAILING SESSION 13.30

25th SUNDAY COMMODORES CUP RACES 3 & 4 11.00

31st SATURDAY SAILING SESSION 13.30

Angling & Fishing

From George, regrettably Sunday’s competition cancelled due to the sea conditions but our next competition is on Sunday 25th from 7.30am until 15.30pm with high tide at 12.24 @ 5.76m. The target species is the Best Bass and Bream. Get me some good photos for the blog please!

RC Angling Paul C tells me that Steve E with Tommy, Max and a friend managed to fish on Friday and Saturday nights catching lots of small Congers, a few Dogfish, 3 Beam – one of a good size, and a small Bass. Looks like things are looking up despite the sea situation.

Paddlers/WaterSports

Wednesday 7th May saw the first of our seasons watersports activities taking place out on the water with a mixture of kayaks, paddlers and some swimmers. As it is still early in the season and the water was still chilly, we saw a good number of adult members – with some new members, plus 5 children/under 16’s turn up to enjoy the experience.



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

If you are interested, do come along after 6pm to see what is going on and perhaps enjoy a drink in the Bar. You can sign yourself up for the Season with a form on the Paddlers section of our website and subscription payment will be required at time of application. All Paddlers fees are payable on the first session you attend of the season unless it is a trial session. Adult £35.00 / Couples and Family £50.00 / Independent Youths (U18) £25.00.

Just a reminder that whilst the SUP's and Kayaks are on the water, the club's JetSki is launched to supply safety cover and sometimes a tow back to shore, all under 16 years must also have a parent/guardian readily available on site in case they are needed. We cannot take full responsibility for their care and safety and they must be signed in by a parent/guardian.

PYC Pizza

A big thank you to Sam for re-opening the PYC Pizza for this Summer, which went down very well last week with a fabulous salad to accompany the variety of pizzas that include BBQ Chicken, Spicy Meat Feast, thin and crispy Pepperoni with Peppers and Onion.....and so much more to suit the various (and sometimes unusual) tastes of our members!

The hotline is now open for new orders to be served on Wednesday 21st but, don't forget, no more orders after 12 noon on Sunday 18th. Blimey, she's really getting herself well and truly planned and organised this time around so I wouldn't have to have a run in with you this time for you to do what she wants! Phew.....

Do get yourself put on the PYC Pizza WhatsApp if you haven't already done it - and you want to join in the fun!

Social Events

On Friday night, Keith had around 60 members as his audience for Play Your Cards Right, with the Champion surfacing in the second round. This was Tony, the happy winner of £46! To make it for a more enjoyable evening for everybody there (who didn't win), it was also Josie's birthday and she provided some delicious food. Happy birthday Josie – and a big thank you for the goodies and making it a lovely evening to have more than one person celebrating!



I know it's none of my business – but isn't that a pink milk shake that he has in that jar? Not £46? Don't tell him – probably one of those highly expensive weight loss treats that we females can't afford to buy.....or perhaps it's a body building protein shake that men join clubs to buy and compare how big their muscles are? Oh wow! Tony on a body building whey stuff! Minds are boggling! No, no! Enough of that.....

Sunday Meat Raffle

I'm pleased to say that before Carole was whisked away on a pre-wedding holiday by her future husband Pete to Cyprus, she had the good sense to buy all of the goods for the Meat Raffle - so I only had to sell the tickets. Intelligent girl that. Fortunately, I was helped this week by my side kick Carol M-S who geared me to put the right stuff in the correct boxes so I didn't look too out of order when I was asked why parsnips don't fit in with a Chilli Con Carne Kit with Beef Mince, Boiled Rice and Cheese and & Garlic Flatbread. (Do not send me any answers to that if you have tried!)

So, I am pleased to say, we are now in the positive side when I have to submit my accounts to our Treasurer when I can look her in the face with a reasonable smile on my face knowing that, at least, she can understand what I have done! Ah well.....I haven't finished yet as, next week, you will have to work out what I have done with whatever I will buy. Do you like being kept on tenterhooks? Oh heck – better make it good next week.

Duncan McKenzie Singer

We can now relax and look forward to next weekend as we are being treated to a singer, songwriter and guitarist in the form of Duncan McKenzie. Duncan has been to us in the past and more recently is also popular with other pubs in our area so he should know what our taste may be like.

I've just looked at the weather forecast and Sunday is looking good for outside entertainment. This may help some of our members who don't like the music to be too loud and, also free up some dancing space for those of us who like to show off! Well, that would be me for starters!!

I can feel a Gazebo coming on!



Dates For Your Diary

May

Sunday 18th – Duncan McKenzie Singer 3.15pm

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

Sunday 26th - Citizens of Somewhere, a return to us of a very popular twosome Band

June

Sunday 1st – Slowburn Band. I think this is a new one to us.

Sunday 8th – Luke Elder, a return to us of a popular guitarist & singer

Sunday 15th - Louise Connolly, singer

Saturday 28th – 8 – 11pm Adrian, singer

Any Other Business

A really big thank you to the following local businesses who helped make the VE Celebration such a huge success and, I am so aware in passing on your thanks that without their support, we couldn't have made it so enjoyable for everyone who came to the beach to push the boat out (theoretically):-

Bognor Tesco, Pagham Metro Tesco, Rose Green Co-op, Pagham Spa and Runcton Farm Shop.

For the Cake Prizes; Whitlocks Estate Agents, London Tea Rooms and Warrens Roofing.

Also, Nicola Swann Paperwork (Jose supplied all of the paper used for the "Vintage" Newspapers, Ration books etc) and Pagham Residents Association via PPC who paid for our Singer, Sarah Saville.

I'm sorry if I missed you off my list but there was so much backing that I lost track of what I was being told. Happens frequently. Please do carry on and support our local businesses as we all know that we just couldn't be without them!

Apart from talking about mind boggling protein shakes, a really bad joke to make you regret you survived this far down: Frankenstein joins a Body Building Competition....and finds he has seriously misunderstood the objective.....

Yes, I do know.....it was REALLY bad!

See you soon.

Jill

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