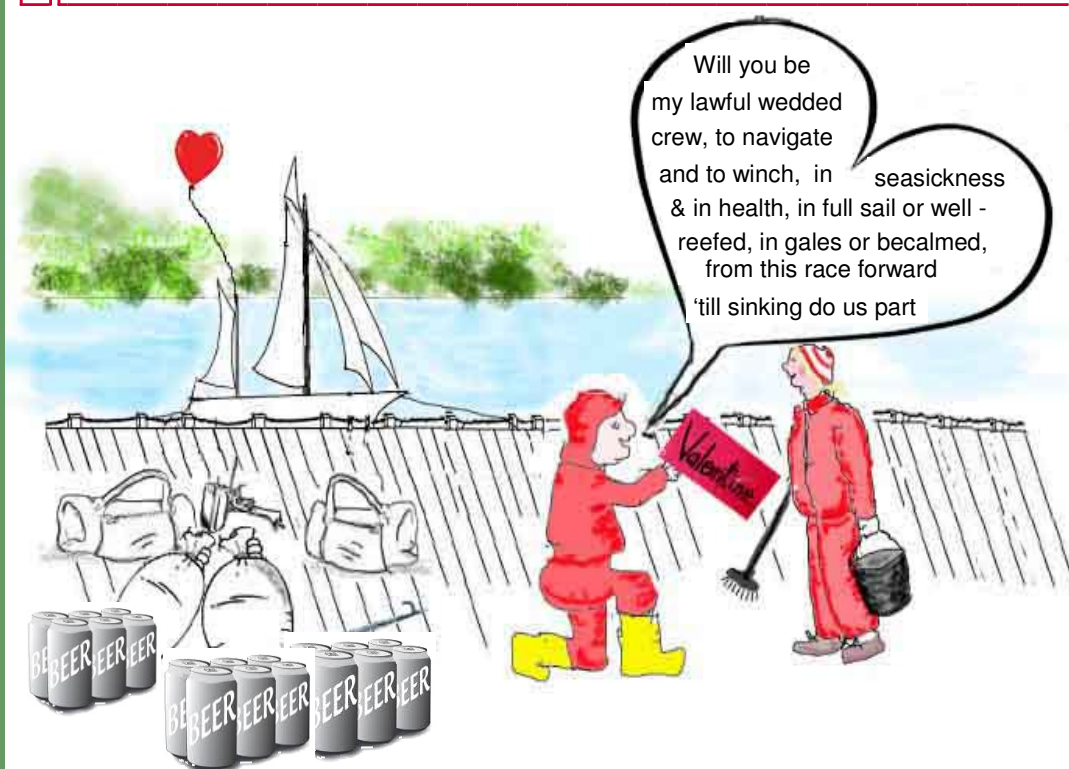


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**I do hope you
have a more of a
romantic time on
Valentine's Day
than the lady in
the cartoon!**

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Commodore's Comments

So that was January; gone in a blur but an active one for the Club.

Great to see and hear all the Sub-Committees getting together to discuss plans for events both afloat and ashore for 2015. Some great ideas are coming about to further enhance FSMBC and I'm sure we will reap the benefits in the near future.

The bi-fold doors installation is well underway and a completion date of mid February is the target so fingers crossed. The panoramic views of the Creek and beyond will be enjoyed by all for many years to come so we are looking forward to having all the work finished.

Club talks got underway with the Green Blue presentation which was thoroughly enjoyed by all those who attended. The talk was both interesting and informative and the light hearted quiz with prizes for the winners was well received. Thanks go to Dan and Kate from Green Blue who have promised a return visit next year so watch out for that date.

Gaynor made a splendid job with supper and her efforts were very much appreciated. Thanks Gaynor.

Burns night happened and the proof is on our Facebook page. Were you there? Great speeches by Alistair and Kirsty, awesome food by Corky with Sue and Annie as his glamorous assistants. John the Piper was in fine fettle, John Whalley gave a fine solo and the bar hostess with the mostest, lovely Pam, with Vic by her side made a winning team on the night.

Thanks Guys and be sure to check Facebook for those piccies – great dancing and singing by everyone else!

Be sure to check your handbooks, Facebook, Newsletter and the Club website for news of upcoming events and come along to meet fellow members in a relaxed manner. Valentines bash on 14th Feb is the next big social event and tickets are nearly sold so don't miss out; contact Laurie today to reserve yours!

See you in the bar soon!

Cheers
Dee

Editorial

It's February! The snowdrops are out. The rest of the bulbs are fighting through. The sun has been shining. But what's this I hear? Snow is on it's way? Never mind, we can all sit in the warm and plan our Summer Cruises

or races or just plain holidays on land. Some members of the club are venturing southwards to the Morbihan for a rally in Vannes. Others are planning to sail in that area but not to the rally. Some members over-winter their boats in South Brittany or even in Spain. Perhaps we should have a Breton branch of our club. Maybe not! The price of beer is cheaper in our club in Fareham.

It is also time to think about club rallies to places more local. We have had a number of boats meet up in Weymouth as well as the Solent in the past few years not to mention the Bembridge BBQ which seems to have become a popular annual event. Is there anywhere you think would make a good destination for a few cruising boats with thirsty and hungry crew? All we ask is favourable tides there and back plus a friendly pub and eating place within staggering distance of the target destination. As for the weather, well, I don't think I can ask anyone to take responsibility for that. Anyway, who told you that sailing was all about fair winds and sunshine. They lied!

Here's hoping for some really good cruising this season despite the vagaries of the British weather, or the French weather come to that. I'll drink to that, Cheers!

Forthcoming Events

Valentine's Night
Saturday 14th February
at the Clubhouse .
8 until Late.



Ticket Only - £10 each
Indian theme.
Please see Curry Menu
Alternative food available.
Please ask when purchasing ticket.

Cruisers Dinner
Saturday March 7th 2014

7pm Lysses House Hotel
 Fareham

robin@culverhouse.info
 01329 832500



**CLUB GAMES NIGHT
 AT THE CLUBHOUSE
 FRIDAY 30TH JAN
 AND
 FRIDAY 27TH FEB
 FURTHER DETAILS FROM
 JOHN FAGOT
 COME AND JOIN THE FUN
 SEE DETAILS ON PAGE 4**

*St Patrick's
 Day Celebration*
Saturday
14th March
7-30 pm
or whenever the bar opens
No Ticket
Just turn up

*Music by the
 Fareham
 Creekers*



Other events to look out for:

St George's Day Celebration April 18th

Also check the website for racing calendar

To advertise your event in next months issue please email copy to parker.gaynor@yahoo.co.uk by the 23rd of the month.

Update on Clubhouse Alterations

Work started on the alterations at the back of the bar area on the 5th of January after some investigative work in December. The fireplace has been removed so that accurate measurements for the new bi-fold doors can be taken. It will take around 4 weeks for them to be made during which time the beams, floor etc. can be made ready.

Some problems with a wood wormed beam have been uncovered, but only to be expected in a building this age. Doubtless other problems associated with old buildings will arise, but hopefully can be overcome.

When the windows and frames have been manufactured it should take about a week to fit them and we are aiming to have them all in place by the 18th of February. In the meantime, the contractor has undertaken to keep the room as clean and tidy as possible, making sure that the building is secure at all times.

However, please bear in mind that the work is ongoing and at times may be an inconvenience.

Robin Wren

Games Night at FSMBC

Arranged by your very own John Fagot

To all Club Members new and old.

Roll up! Roll up! roll up!

Come and join in our Games Evenings which are full of fun and excitement.

Come and experience the thrill of Mexican Train with Phil and Carol.

It's also a chance to try your hand at Scrabble, Golf, Card Games, Game for a laugh, Chess, and more.

What a great way to meet new members.

Forget lazing on the sofa watching 'EastEnders', falling asleep in front of 'The Big allotment Challenge' or yet another episode of 'Corrie'.

Come and live life in the fast lane at our Games Night.

**The date of the next extravaganza is Friday 30th January 2015 at 19.45 hours
and subsequently on Friday 27th February 2015 at 19.45 hours.**

We look forward to seeing you there.

John Fagot



News From The Bar



Hi all.

So here we are again.

Christmas and New Year celebrations seem a long and distant memory already! How time flies! We are now trying to get our heads back to some semblance of order. We are hoping to get some bargains for the bar, if or when they are found, so watch out for our 'Specials'. You will see that we have just reintroduced cans of Coke as a special so take advantage whilst stocks last. We will be getting bigger and better things (hopefully) so keep an eye out.

Don't forget, we really do welcome any comments and suggestions. It is OUR bar, ALL of our members' bar so let's ALL take an interest. Is there a particular beer you prefer or a particular wine perhaps? Do let us know.

Hopefully we will organise a cheese & wine night soon. Can you give us an idea of interest in this event please.

We are looking forward to a good year full of dinners, celebrations and various other functions. We have just had a very informative and interesting Clubhouse Talk by two young people from the 'GreenBlue' organisation, giving advice and guidance on the environment and related issues. On the subject of the environment we, The Club, produce a lot of waste. We all need to be aware of how we dispose of these items. The Bar team continues to collect and recycle all the glass, plastic, cans and cardboard that we can. So remember, if you are covering bar duty, please DO NOT dispose of bottles etc. If the box in the bar is full please use spare boxes which can be found in the beer cellar. Also please remember, if you have any query or problem when doing a duty we are just at the end of the phone and always happy to take a call.

Hoping to see you in the bar soon.
Pam, Vic, Pat, Dave & Mike5



Do patronise the bar. Opening times are:

Thursday evening..... 19.30 to 23.00 hours

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Saturday lunchtime..... 12.30 to 16.00 hours Galley 12.30 to 14.30 hours

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Do keep a lookout for guest beers and special offers

Rogues' Gallery

This month it is the turn of our Acting Secretary, Terry Flinn, to introduce himself to the membership. The term 'Acting' does not mean he performs with the RSC only that he was nominated (arm-twisted?) for the post as opposed to being voted in at the AGM. For those of you who do not know him and wish to see him in the flesh he is often in evidence at the clubhouse, clutching a pint, providing vocals and guitar in that supremely talented group of musicians, our very own Fareham Creekers.



My wife, Nicola, and I moved to Fareham in 2002. We joined FSMBC in 2007, just after we had completed our epic 15-month voyage of 16,000 miles which took us to the eastern end of the Mediterranean, then on to the Caribbean before returning home through Bermuda and the Azores. We like to think of this as our Gap Year even though we took it about 30 years late!

We are active cruisers and spend June through September living on board Flinesse, our 39ft Malo. We have based it in Northwest Spain for the past four years exploring the Spanish Rias between La Coruna and Vigo as well as completing another trip out to the Azores.

Currently, Flinesse is on the hard near Cork ready for our last big adventure when we plan to circumnavigate Ireland this summer. It will be a slow and leisurely voyage with the declared intention of visiting as many harbour bars as possible. Thereafter we will probably downsize and take up our berth on Salterns.

With a bit more time on my hands I might even have a go at lugger racing.

Nicola and I are active social members of the Sailing Club and are both members of the Creekers, specialising in Irish songs and Irish jokes of questionable taste.

Now, did you hear the one about the Irishman who?
See me at the club if you want to hear more of that sort of thing.

Finally, a photograph of myself and Nicola taken on Corvo which is the smallest and most remote island of the Azores.



They do get about! Ed.

Images of Burns Night



The Clubhouse was full

Mustn't forget the piper or the Haggis

Table service from Pam, our lovely Bar Manager

and the Very same to you, Chris!

Laughing out loud

Too much Haggis, Nick?

See no evil.....etc

Obviously a good story