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*The official newsletter of the
Fareham Sailing & Motor Boat Club*
March 2015



Past and current
Commodores.
Can you name them?
See page 8 for
answers.

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Commodore's Comments

A busy time for the Club again in February with Luggers New Year Series attracting new member George Thomson to join the fleet – superb! There are 2 Club Luggers available if you want to ‘try before you buy’ have a go, you know you want to!

Valentines Night was a little different this year with the Club being turned into a curry house for the night. Very realistic! Wonderful food courtesy of our lovely Social Ladies and Linda Neale; all beautifully served by Lorraine and Paul – thank you all.

Commodores' Night had commodores and guests totalling 70 in attendance including the Deputy Mayor Michael and his wife Anne. It is always a wonderful opportunity to literally fly the flag for FSMBC. Sincere thanks go to all who assisted in making everything such a huge success.

Warsash Sailing Club was represented by Clifford and Robert Hughes who were FSMBC members at one time and their father was Commodore for our Club in years gone by. Until the early 50's our burgee was just a ½ red and ½ green triangular flag. Clifford then designed the propeller and boat which are still present on our flag today. This is the flag that will be on our new bi-fold doors and Clifford will be attending the grand opening. It's wonderful when history comes alive in the present. News of this event will be advised in the near future. (See Robin's report later in the Newsletter).

A great opportunity to have 6 past commodores and the present one in a photo was not to be missed. Keith Brewer, Chris Paine, Pat Kinchin, Bill Baird, Sandy Patterson, Nick How and I had our photograph taken under the silhouettes of all previous Commodores all together in one space. Quite something eh?

Medusa continues to be embedded into our administration by Alan Stewart, Ian Plummer and Richard Filer and their commitment to ironing out glitches is phenomenal. Being able to e-mail invoices in January was the first big test and feedback from members has been very favourable. Keep up the great work Guys!

As part of the continuing improvements to FSMBC facilities, I'm pleased to announce that Salterns pontoons will be cleaned by Harbour Clean on 10th and 11th March. Harbour Clean will protect boats from the muck created and have assured all areas will be left immaculate. Going forward, pontoons will be maintained by our wonderful Bosun's Committee so this initial clean will make the task a lot easier in the future.

The Roughay Bowl on March 21st and 22nd is shaping up nicely with Luggers at the fore for their annual big weekend. To add to the celebrations Phil Harris-Dean will be playing with his Ukulele group on Saturday 21st and Cuff Billett will play from 2-5p.m. on Sunday 22nd; wonderful jazz for a fabulous weekend on the Club's calendar. Be sure to clear your diaries for this event and come along to support the Lugger Boys!

Cruiser Dinner on 7th, Luggers New Year Series on 8th, Paddy's night in the bar 14th, Mothering Sunday 15th, Roughay Bowl 21st & 22nd of March, Games Evening on 27th and then on SUNDAY 29TH BRITISH SUMMERTIME BEGINS – It's all going on!

On a different note, I'm very sad to advise that Les Ballard is in hospital having been diagnosed with bowel cancer and other complications. Our thoughts are with Les, Sue, Mark, Darren and families at this time and I have sent a card and flowers on behalf of the Club with our love and best wishes.

Dee

Forthcoming Events

To celebrate St Georges Day

Barn Dance

To The Blarney Band



Saturday 18th April 2015
8 until late in the Workshop
Tickets £10 to include Cornish Pasty



Friends and family are welcome.

ST PATRICK'S CELEBRATION

SATURDAY 14th MARCH

NO TICKET

NIBBLES



MUSIC BY THE
WIDELY ACCLAIMED
FAREHAM CREEKERS



BIG PADDY RAFFLE
GET YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS FROM MARGARET

Mother's Day at the Club
Relax and imbibe
Cava & Chocolates
at Lunchtime
15th March



CLUB GAMES NIGHT

AT THE CLUBHOUSE

FRIDAY 27TH MARCH

**FURTHER DETAILS FROM
JOHN FAGOT**

COME AND JOIN THE FUN

Cruisers Dinner
Saturday March 7th 2014
7pm Lysse Hotel
Fareham

SOLD OUT

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Please check the website for
the racing calendar.

To advertise your event in next
months issue please email copy to
publicity@fsmcnet.org.uk
by the 23rd of the month.

More Forthcoming Events

Roughay Bowl

Saturday 21st March: Races 1 & 2 Start at 11.00hrs

Entertainment - Phil Harris- Deans & the Ukulele Band

Sunday 22nd March: Races 3, 4& 5 Start at 11.00hrs

Entertainment - Jazz with Cuff Billett 14.00 - 17.00hrs

Broadcasts from the Bar



Here we are again, now going towards the 2nd quarter of the year, wow how time flies!! We have had some lovely events in the club/bar so far, now looking forward to St Patrick's Night in March and St George's in April. There are more events to come, but a couple you may not be aware of need to be noted in your diary.



They are:

Saturday 28 March - Wine & Cheese Night. Come along! Taste some wines you wouldn't normally try and maybe some you have tried before but forgotten about. Of course, these will be served with a nibble of cheese and there maybe a tippie of Port to really get your taste-buds sizzling.

There will be a nominal charge if you want to participate in the wine & cheese but the bar will still open as usual for those who just want to view from a distance !!

Friday 8 May - Singalong Night. Come along and give your lungs some airing!!

Look out for finer details on the notice boards soon.

Hope to see you there,

Regards,

The BAR TEAM



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

Update on Clubhouse Alterations - Robin Wren

I have just been down to the Club and can report the following.

The structural work necessary to stabilise the rear of the building has now been completed. The old door, windows and mock fireplace have been removed.

The new frame is being put in place today (Tuesday 24th February) together with the double glazed doors, so that the building remains sealed overnight.

Work is being carried out on the patio side to make sure it is watertight, and that a watertight lip to the new door frame is in place.

I have been assured by the contractor that apart from the final coat of the paint system, the works will be finished, including the window to the top floor. The only exception being the decals for the doors and these are on order.

Just enjoy the view!

Update: Wednesday 25th February.

....just come back from the Clubhouse. The doors are super. Good choice of colour is down to Dee and John. The doors are heavy, but move easily. The post holding up the canopy will go soon, but that is a job for Hampshire Canopies, the people that put it in the first place. We have a quote for the work. This will be taken into account when the tiles to the patio are laid.

We may have make the patio out of bounds (except for emergencies) over the weekend to allow for the tile fixing to set. This is weather dependant.

Editorial

Having read the above article by Robin Wren take a peek at the pictures on page 5. The new doors do look spectacular. I must say that a big '**Thank You**' is due to Robin for the epic task of overseeing this work. He must be extremely happy with the result.

All we need now is some nice sunny summer weather and we can all enjoy the benefit of the views and the fresh air. The Roughay Bowl on March 21st and 22nd will be the first big event to benefit from being able to open these doors to view the activities from the comfort of the Clubhouse interior. Start praying for good weather and then come and see what all the fuss has been about. Chilling out with a beer, listening to jazz and watching the dinghy sailing in the company of fellow sailors, not to mention Phil Harris-Deans and his Ukulele band! What more could one ask for?

I'm still nagging you for articles for the monthly newsletter.

Come on. Put pen to paper or finger to keyboard and let me have the result by 23rd of next month. Also, if you have any bright ideas for club social events, big or small, give our House Secretary a call. It's your club. Tell us what you want.

The Door Fitting Saga. A pictorial record.



Oh dear! Will it all stay up?



Doesn't look too good from the outside either.



Well! They are working on it.



Wow! They fit! Wonderful!



Smart wood grain effect



The bar's not open yet John but Louie the dog seems to approve of it all.

Rogues' Gallery

This month it is the turn of our newly appointed Pontoon Master to be in the spotlight. This job was carried out ably and efficiently for many years by Richard Filer who has now passed the baton to Ian Saxil-Nielsen.

For those of you who don't know Ian (or for those of you who don't know how to spell his surname) he has put a few words together below.



My sailing started when I bought a 17' 3" Topaz in 1968 and had to get it from Kew Garden Bridge on the Thames to Lowestoft. My chart was a Road Atlas with the lighthouses marked with their light sequence. It took 3 days without a break. When you're young, you seem to have more stamina and less fear. That three day trip taught me more than the three years I spent at Trinity House Navigation School in Hull.

Over the years I have had many types of boats, both bilge keelers and fin keelers; it seems I need to change my boat every five years. It has given me extensive experience, from building my Colvic 26 to sailing a 33'11" fin keeler single handed. I would like to feel that my knowledge of electrics, especially 12VDC, has helped many of my friends.

When I joined the FS&MBC, it took a while to get into the flow of things, but by taking part in the activities I made more friends which is what it is all about. Taking on the role of Pontoon Master for Salterns is giving me the opportunity to give back to the Club some of the friendship and comradeship I have received. I hope you Skippers at Salterns will help in making the position an efficient and fair one.

Pictured here is my boat Jalousie, now sold on to her next, hopefully caring, owner.

Fear not, I am not retiring from sailing.

On the contrary, I am eagerly searching for my next boat which will take me cruising comfortably for the next five years.

Thanks for your anticipated assistance with my post as Pontoon Master in the future.

Ian



Scenes from Commodores' Night. See Commodore's Comments on Page 2.



Deputy Mayor
Councillor
Michael Ford
and his wife
Anne.

Our present
Commodore,
Dee, with past
Commodore
Keith Brewer.



Line-up in Front page photo.

From left to right:

Keith Brewer, Chris Pain, Bill Baird, Pat Kinchin, Sandy Patterson (front row), Nick How & Dee Orme