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Fareham Sailing & Motor Boat Club*
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ensure their inclusion in
the following month's
edition.

Commodore's Comments

15 degrees in the sun reported in March, clocks changing, so summer is on the way! Hooray! Winter finally kicked into touch, England won the Rugby and Club members are busy getting their boats ready for the season ahead, time to go sailing!

To get us in the mood for sunnier climes on the briny, Nicola and Terry Flinn gave a fine presentation to a packed Club House with interesting pictures and tales of their time in the Med and Azores. Very inspiring with lots of hints and tips for long sailing trips – thank you for an entertaining evening. Much appreciated by all who were present.

The day after the talk was the wonderful Roughay Bowl with much excitement on the water over 2 days enhanced by lovely music in the Club House enjoyed over the weekend. At the end of Day 1 the competition was very keen after some tight match racing on the water, all to do on Sunday but who would win? The sun shone and the wind blew, a few beers after race 1 and the fleet were back out on the course. Racers were so tightly together, Tony Cleal had the hard task of having to working through the collective results to determine score – race 3, tension rising on the start line and they were off! 12 Luggers, Pete, Lyse, George, Walter, Chris, Mark, Martin, Tony, Paul, John, Bob and Alan all out there but. by a small margin, John Herbert won the event! Well done all competitors. Everyone worked hard out on the water and provided a great spectacle for the observers. Thanks also go to the Fareham Ukes who provided the music on Saturday and Cuff Billett on Sunday. An excellent Club weekend!

A special mention goes to Robin Culverhouse who has co-ordinated the annual Cross Channel Cruisers dinner at various locations in the South over a good few years. Always an excellent evening, Robin with Hilary's support has gathered us all together to share Cruising experiences and outlined events for the coming year. After looking after everyone so well, the Culverhouse team are selling the boat and taking time out to pursue other things, thank you both for all your hard work, enjoy what ever comes next.

3 new members attended the recent induction meeting and these along with our previous intake will be invited to a new members evening in the near future. Look out for this date and do come along as it helps our new folk to settle into the Club and underlines the warm welcome FSMBC is renowned for.

Paddy's Night was a very good evening. Creekers and a big raffle that Margaret How arranged made sure fun was had by all. Aawesome raffle! Thanks Margaret. Creekers weren't bad either - a tad biased eh? (Yeah! OK! Just because you and your nearest & dearest were performing...Ed)

A gentle reminder to all; if there are any concerns or issues you'd like raised at the monthly Committee meetings, please e-mail or write to the Committee so that these issues can be included on the monthly agenda and heard correctly. Major debacles in the Club House are not acceptable, do not achieve desired outcomes and are upsetting for other Club Members who want to enjoy some down time at the weekend.

So, on the horizon, Shirley is having a little birthday bash April 2nd. She is a long standing member of FSMBC. Congratulations, love and best wishes from us all Shirley. Be sure to come along and celebrate!

The Rylard series continues apace, are you joining in? Kipps Cup, thanks to Dick Kipps for inspiring the Lugger fleet for more racing!

John and I will be representing the Club at the Fareham Mayors Charity evening in Ferneham Hall on 15th April and attending Langstone Sailing Clubs Commodores evening on 16th April. St Georges Night is on 23rd and tickets are now on sale via the Social Committee. aaaaaanumbers limited so don't miss out.

Its all going on at the Club, see you there! Cheers, Dee.

Forthcoming Events



CELEBRATE ST GEORGE'S DAY AT THE FSMBC CLUBHOUSE ALL THE FUN OF THE OLDE ENGLISH FAYRE



Tickets £10

*Includes
Disco*

Saturday 23rd April - 8 'til late
Prize for best fancy dress costume



Ticket price includes a meal, prize for best fancy dress, raffle and disco

Friday 1st April

Creekers in the Clubhouse to wish
Rob & Richard Bon Voyage

**It's Party
Time!**

Shirley's 80th

*She's no Spring Chicken
just ONE
SWINGING CHICK!*

**Saturday
2nd April
7.30pm**

Come and help her celebrate

Rave to the DJ

American Supper

RACING

Saturday April 9th

Rylard Series 3 (Yachts in Harbour)
Start 12.30hrs

Sunday April 10th

Rylard Series 3 (Yachts in Harbour)
Start 13.30hrs
Kipps Cup Series 3 & 4 (Luggers)
Start 13.30hrs

Sunday April 24th

Lugger Summer Series 1 & 2
And Dinghy Sailing
Start 12.30hrs

Any items for inclusion in the May edition to be emailed to
publicity@fsmbcnet.org.uk by 20th of April

Editorial

I must be careful what I say in this column.

I must not be controversial. I must remain impartial. I have told myself that I must not stir things up.

After my mildly political comments last month I got some stick from fellow members of the Club. So what's new? I got more stick when Wales lost at Rugby to some upstart of a team - now who was it - oh yes, England! I would expect no less seeing I was the one who gloated in a red rugby shirt last year when the reverse happened. Friendly banter never hurt anyone as long as it remains friendly.

There is no point to back-stabbing or shouting matches. As our Commodore says, take your issues to the committees where they can hopefully be sorted in a civilised manner.

What do you mean your issue is with the committee? If that is the case then put up or shut up. There are ample opportunities for you to become committee members so you can show us all how it is done and I am sure we will all be grateful to you. Oh! I forgot, I must not stir. I never was much good at listening to my own advice.

I did, however, discover a new wheeze at the Cruiser's Dinner. Sit next to someone who is drinking beer and not partaking of the free wine. When your glass is empty, he gets his filled and swaps it with yours. That way, your glass seems to magically fill itself without you noticing. I shall have to sit next to Bob Brennan more often at these events!

There have been so many social events at the club of late that I have had loads of lovely pictures taken by Dee and Bob & Sally Brennan, and also myself. I'm sure lots of you took your own.

If you have any photos of relevance to the club that you think would look good in the Newsletter just email them to me or, as one member of the club who claimed no knowledge of computers did recently, just look pitiful. I met him plus his camera in the sailing club and extracted the relevant images directly.

All, or at least most, obstacles can be overcome with some thought.

What I am really after is articles for inclusion in this rag. There is a lot of knowledge and talent amongst you. So share it with us.

Failing that, let me know what type of article you would like included. My contact email is on each and every edition so no excuses.

Anyway, enough nagging for now. I hope you all had a lovely Easter even Storm Katie kept us off the water.

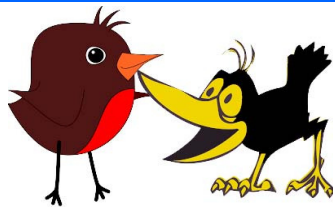
I must now exercise to work off the chocolate and Hot Cross Buns.

*****Beaulieu Boat Jumble*****

The Club has been invited to have a free stand at the Beaulieu Boat Jumble on Sunday 24th April.

The free stand will include entrance for up to 4 Club members and 2 cars.

Anyone wishing to take up this offer please contact the Hon. Secretary, Terry Flinn, for further details.



The Robin and The Crow team up to help teenagers with cancer

Who are they and what are their intentions?

They are FSMBC members Robin Buckley and Richard Crow. See picture on right.

They are raising money for the Teenager Cancer Trust while sailing round Britain.

Richard (The Crow) has been a member of this club since 1983 and owns the boat 'My First'.

Rob (The Robin) gives his own reasons for doing this trip.



I would like to raise as much money as possible for the charity **Teenage Cancer Trust**.

This charity is very close to my heart as my son Carl Buckley passed away on 15th November 2010 aged 20 years old after being diagnosed with a very aggressive cancer which resulted in Carl having 3 large inoperable brain tumours.

It has taken me some time to think of a way to raise money, so I am going to embark on a voyage sailing around the UK in an anti clockwise direction in my little boat, Merricrew, which is a Dockrell 27.

I will be starting at the beginning of April 2016, when the storms have past, and the trip will take me around 4 months to complete, visiting as many estuaries and harbours as possible. I will also be writing a book about my travels, and hope to get it published, with the proceeds going to the charity. The charity have also given me their blessing and permitted me to fly their flag/logo from my mast during my travels.

During my travels there will be a pro-cam filming aspects of the trip, which I will be uploading to YouTube.

Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure.

Your details are safe with JustGiving – they'll never sell them on or send unwanted emails. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to the charity. So it's the most efficient way to donate, saving time and cutting costs for the charity.

You can donate on line at www.justgiving.com/robin-buckley4carlbuckley

When donating, please put 'FSMBC' after your details so that Rob can easily tell where the donations are coming from.

Also, watch out for the odd bucket being passed around at events encouraging you to part with your money in aid of this worthy charity.

Hopefully, we will be updating you on the progress of the Robin & the Crow each month.

They hope to set sail on Saturday Morning 2nd April. The Creekers will be performing in the bar on Friday Night 1st April to wish them luck. Do join them.

We wish you the very best of luck boys.

Roughay Bowl 2016

12th and 13th March saw the first major Fareham Lugger event of 2016. The Roughay bowl, affectionately known as the 'Lugger Worlds' is an open event over 2 days and 5 races with 2 discards. This year the weather was very kind with glorious sunshine and moderate winds on both days.

Saturday was a South Easterly so racing started Southwards with a good beat down the creek and then a reach and run back up past the clubhouse. There were 2 races but with wins for both Mark Jones and John Herbert the field was left wide open for Sunday's racing.

After racing, the Fareham Ukes led by our very own Phil Harris-Deans played to a club house packed with competitors, support crews (mostly wives and girlfriends) and those who had come especially for the music and were mildly distracted by the goings on out on the water. The Ukes were great, the sing-along fabulous and Phil's jokes as bad as usual.

Sunday morning saw more sunshine and a North Easterly breeze so racing started up the creek with a mark nice and close to the line causing the obligatory bun fight at the first rounding. The excitement proved too much for Lugger Captain Tony Cleal who having set the course an hour before promptly forgot it and started heading off in the wrong direction. Thankfully in the true spirit of Lugger Camaraderie his fellow competitors shouted out the error of his ways.

Further embarrassment followed on the next race; heading to the leeward mark close to the green post down the creek the leading boat, tucking inside to keep out of the tide hit one of the wrecks, causing a sudden change of course by the following lugger into deeper water where unfortunately she hit another wreck providing two useful markers for the rest of the approaching fleet.

Everything hinged on the final race! The course was much disputed. The first race had been a bit long, the second race a bit short so the third race had to be just right. It was finally agreed that the sausage should stay (in the course) but the start had to be postponed as the club lugger being raced by Walter Hart tipped over and had to be bailed out. The ebb had set in the way it does at Fareham and added an extra dimension to the tactics. John Herbert had an excellent race and looked like he was heading for an emphatic 3 win victory but on the last leg Tony Cleal sneaked past him and crossed the line just a couple of boat lengths ahead.

Cuff Billet was already in full swing in the Clubhouse entertaining the crowds as the boats were packed away and the results poured over. These were so close that rules had to be checked and discards counted before the results were passed over to our Commodore, Dee Orme, who made a fine speech, read out the results and presented the trophies.

Dave Hardy also made a short speech reminding us that the Roughay Bowl is a very significant part of Fareham's dinghy racing heritage. The club was one of the first to hold frostbite events and the sheltered waters and relative safety of Fareham Creek attracted huge numbers with over 100 boats competing annually. In those days there were no pontoons and few moorings to constrict the courses. Many famous names are on the Roughay Bowl and it's certainly worth taking a closer look at it sometime.

Thanks were given on Sunday to those who had helped make the weekend's racing and entertainment such a success. The Lugger Captain would like to reiterate them:

Sally and Bob Brennan for organising the entertainment

Stuart Armitage, Mike Young, Nigel Munt and Andy Burrell for manning the patrol boats

Dick Kipps and Mark Beckett for race officer duties.

Bar Staff and Pam Carr for keeping the bar open late.

Galley staff for the coffee to keep the competitors going (get them started) and manning the galley.

Fareham Ukes and Cuff Billet for entertaining us so well despite Phil's jokes

Roughay bowl 2016 Results

Congratulations to all!

Sail No	Name	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Position
15	John Herbert	3	1	1	4	2	1
16	Tony Cleal	2	6	3	1	1	2
21	Mark Jones	1	5	2	3	3	3
11	Paul Limburn	5	3	5	2	4	4
4	Chris Hare	6	2	4	6	6	5
18	Martin Duffus	4	4	6	5	7	6
1	Nick Howe	DNS	8	7	7	5	7
26	George Thomson	7	7	8	9	8	8
41	Walter Hart	7	9	9	8	DNF	9
50	Bob Brennan	8	10	10	DNS	DNS	10
	Peter Raggett	Started race on Sunday just to sail on a sunny day					
	Lyse Lemieux	Took part on Sunday to test her injured shoulder					

The next big lugger event is Fareham's very own 'Round the Island Race' – around Pewit Island just beyond Wicor Marine in Portsmouth harbour on 5th June. Bob Aylot will be out filming again so please polish your hulls and practice your smiles! If you haven't seen the video yet check out www.myclassicboat.com. In the meantime there are plenty of opportunities to lift a lug and twitch your tweaker with racing on most other Sundays and the evening series starting in May. Check your club book or the website for dates and times.

For those who fancy joining the Lugger Tuggers (other words can be substituted) the club has 2 Luggers available to members on a first come first served basis. Call the Lugger Captain Tony Cleal 07720435825 or just ask around on race days.



Social Report

Sally Brennan

Paddy's night on the 19th March was, as usual, well attended with members and friends wearing the Green plus a wonderful selection of headwear (and whiskers!) I do believe that this was the CREEKERS at their best. Listening to comments around me, the audience were also of that opinion. The groans from the "stalls" when the jokes were told was worthy of Shakespearian theatre!! Well done everyone including our 2 female vocalists, namely Dee and Nicola. Also a big thank you to Nick and Margaret for organising the Evening and providing us with a good supply of nibbles.

The raffle was a huge success, mainly due to Margaret selling tickets over the past few weeks. Many happy "customers" walked away with some very acceptable prizes

(Some tables having many more prizes than than the rest of us poor unfortunates.... you know who you are!!)(Not bitter at all then Sally?... Ed)

If you are interested in taking on the Christmas raffle Margaret????

The next important event in the club will be Shirley's 80th Birthday party on Saturday 2nd April. This will be an American Supper with a disco.

If you intend coming to help Shirl celebrate this milestone in her life please let her know what food you might provide (so that we don't all arrive with a cheese board for instance)

Preparations for St George,s night Olde English Fayre,. on April 23rd, are now well underway. Tickets are now on sale from members of the social group. They cost £10. Each. See poster on page 3.

This will include a hot meal with a pudding, a disco, cky ticket raffle and prizes for the best costume (male and female)



Really suits you Bob



It's not a parrot John!
"Who's a pretty boy then"



A pair of female
Leprachauns



Fun at St Patricks



An Irish Minion?!

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Cruisers' Dinner at Lyses

This event has become a focal point of our cruisers' calendar, denoting the start of cruising season. It is an ideal opportunity to reminisce over voyages

taken long ago and to discuss plans for future voyages, or let's face it, just have a good old natter and catch up with gossip with like-minded people from our Club.

Our Commodore gave a speech. She is well practiced at this now but, as her term in office is rapidly coming to it's conclusion, this, will be her last official speech at a Cruisers' Dinner. I'm



sure we will hear from her at future events in an unofficial capacity as she enthusiastically enjoys cruising in Blue Mistique.



For many years now Robin Culverhouse has been at the helm in arranging this annual event. Pictured on the right, he is

announcing that he wants this post handed over to anyone who wishes to take over. Robin is selling his beloved boat Signet, a Sadler 34. Any offers for this well-founded fast cruiser?

Some regular faces were absent due to other commitments. JR had a 2nd, or possibly 5th, party to celebrate his 70th and others were on holiday.

However, it was nice to see some new faces at this event and hopefully we will see all the new faces and the old ones out on the water.

See you next year.



Crowd at Roughay Bowl



Cuff Billett Trio at the Roughay Bowl



Creekers at St Paddy's Night

Fun in the Clubhouse



Phil Harris Deans & the Uke Band



Attentive audience at the Flynn's club talk



Mine's a half

Images of Roughay Bowl 2016

