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*The official newsletter of the
Fareham Sailing & Motor Boat Club*
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Please try to get your articles, pictures, adverts etc. to the editor by the 20th of the month to ensure their inclusion in the following month's edition.

Commodore's Comments

I start my report this month with the sad news that Bob Patterson passed away last Friday night following a recent stroke. Bob was a popular member of the club and was the husband of ex Commodore Sandy Patterson who herself is very poorly. All Bob and Sandy's friends in Fareham Sailing and Motor Boat Club will be thinking of Sandy and the family at this sad time.

On a lighter note, the Club House has been a hive of activity recently. It started off with an excellent attendance for the Police Talk. They provided loads of information for the forthcoming water activity season with good tips on how to stay secure both ashore and afloat. The underlying message was to remain vigilant and report anything suspicious as soon as possible.

The 'bar refurb bash' was great fun; well done Pam for a **SUPERB** do – consider the bar well and truly tried and tested! A lot of hard work has gone into this project. Key contributors have been Kev Syms, Dave Branscombe and Jenny's son Darren all of whom gave their time and skills in order to realise the completion of the project started at the end of last year – fantastic effort by all concerned.

Commodores evening had 75 people attend and the opportunity for visiting Commodores from around the local area to get together in our wonderful Club House was much appreciated by all. A visit by Fareham's Deputy Mayor Connie and her husband Geoff ensured that our Club is 'on the map' and Connie has already booked in to attend our Creek Regatta later in the year. Wonderful!

John and I attended Emsworth Cruising Association Commodores event recently, a fine group of like minded sailing people and we've been invited to join their rally next year to Paimpol in France which we intend to do! Great fun with lovely people.

One of the terrific benefits to come out of the Commodore events is the building of relationships between different Clubs all of which warmly welcome visiting boats. With so many Clubs in and around the Solent choices are hard to make! Rally anyone – where to go first?

John Riley celebrated his birthday in the club. A splendid turn out again for a truly wonderful evening complimented greatly by Barry Fordham's trio with excellent food, music and dancing.

Looking ahead, the Vannes Twinning Association is 50 years old this year which is worthy of celebration anyday. The French are coming over next year so ideas of how to raise funds will much be appreciated – watch this space!

Date for diaries: 11th March Club Talk to be given by Terry and Nicola Flinn on their sailing escapades near and far. Looking for ideas for the new season? Come along and be inspired!

Although chilly, the sun has been out and daylight hours are getting longer – Spring is just around the corner at last - hooray! Time to turn the top sides of the boats back from green, or is that just Blue Mystique at present!

See you in the bar or on the water soon

Dee

Bob and Sandy Patterson at the Club in happier days



Forthcoming Events

Clubhouse Talk
Crete to the Caribbean and beyond
 by Terry & Nicola Flinn
 on Friday 11th March @ 19.30hrs

Bermuda *Azores* *Crete*
Caribbean

Be entertained, Be inspired,
 Be educated, Be impressed
 by their 15 month epic journey

The Azores, the Med, the Caribbean & Bermuda.
 Nibbles provided. No charge.

PLEASE NOTE

**Club Games Night
 at the clubhouse
 CANCELLED
 FOR MARCH**

**To be resumed
 Next Autumn**

**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

F.S.M.B.C
 IN ASSOCIATION WITH
 'TOP "O" THE MORNING PRODUCTIONS
 PRESENTS

ST PATRICK'S

**SAT 19TH MARCH
 2016**

BAR OPEN AT 7.30PM

STARRING:
**"THE FAREHAM
 CREEKERS"**

BIG PADDY RAFFLE
 GET YOUR TICKETS FROM MARGARET!!!
 NIBBLES

Cruisers Dinner
Saturday March 5th

7pm Lysses House Hotel
 Fareham

robin@culverhouse.info
 01329 832500

Roughay Bowl:

Saturday March 12th Sailing

Phil Harris-Deans & the Ukulele Band in the afternoon.

Sunday March 13th. Sailing

Jazz with Cuff Billet in the afternoon.

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

Brexit or not; that is the question.

We have to make our mind up before the referendum day in June and will probably have to put up with three months of propaganda, pompous political debates and loads of media know-alls squabbling and publicising the pros and cons of leaving the EU. Perhaps we ought to think about it from a cruising sailor's point of view.

Some of us remember the days of old when we were expected to fill in Customs forms before leaving the UK and having to fly the yellow 'Q' flag 12 miles off on our return. On arrival we would phone the authorities to inform them of our return and invite them to board our yachts and search for illicit duty free goods.

Ah yes! Duty Free goods! The good news was that they had no tax or duty at all on them so they were really cheap. The bad news was that the quantity one was allowed was limited. You could bring in 16 litres of beer, 4 litres of wine (not sparkling) and either spirits or other liquors over 22% alcohol - 1 litre of fortified wine, or 2 litres of sparkling wine and alcoholic drinks up to 22% alcohol. I forget how much tobacco goods you would be allowed.

The possession of EHIC card currently gives you the right to access state-provided healthcare on temporary stays to the European Economic Area (EEA). So, assuming we remain in the EEA even though we leave the EU there should be no change there.

As EU members we, in theory, do not have to show our passports if we travel in another EU country. However, we do need proof of identity so we all carry passports in the EU and as the UK is not part of Schengen anyway they could ask to see these on entry. So no change there.

If we left the EU I assume that UK boat owners would be allowed to use red diesel and pay the appropriate UK tax and duty and not be dictated to by Brussels as to what we should pay for it and where we should store it.

The EU have also been attempting to ban the application of antifoul paint by the amateur boat owner. If that went through we would have to pay out for professionals to apply it because we can't be trusted not to poison ourselves.

The European Commission have also brought in regulations and rules for trailers and vehicles towing trailers. Be careful how you tow your dinghy.

After all these considerations, who says that we will be able to trust our own dear MPs to come up with sensible legislation in the future so how much change will there really be?

Am I going to side with David Cameron to stay in the EU or with Boris and Nigel Farage to leave? What a choice!!

Ah yes! I nearly forgot about the regulatory decrease in the power of our vacuum cleaners courtesy of the EU. No matter, as I am not that keen on vacuuming anyway. However, they did make utterances about restricting the power of hairdryers. How could they? Hands off my hairdryer I say. I haven't mentioned the fact that I can't replace our outboard with another 2 stroke one. The 4 stroke is too heavy for me to carry. Well, my husband would have to carry it. Not all bad then.

Anyway, good luck making up your minds. As long as I can enjoy a delicious bowl of moules washed down with a good Muscadet in a nice French bistrot I'm happy.

FSMBC Yearbook 2016 Marian and Phil Harris-Deans

We have the task of producing the Club's Yearbook each year. The Yearbook for 2016 is the 5th that we have produced and it's always a learning curve!

We used to aim to get the Yearbook out by mid December for signing in days, this was a bit of a mad rush as much of the information in the book could not be finalised until after the AGM at the end of November. This year it was agreed that the book should be produced by mid January, which made it a little less pressurised. The fixtures calendar in last year's Yearbook ran until February 2016 with this in mind. As always, a copy of the calendar is available on the website once it has been fixed.

Hopefully you have all now received your copy of the FSMBC Yearbook 2016. One copy has been posted to all members' addresses held on the membership database (one per address, not one per individual member). If yours hasn't arrived, please let our Membership Secretary, Lin Anderson know, so that she can update her records and ensure that you get a new Yearbook.

She can be contacted at: membership@fsmbcnet.org.uk

The cost of producing the Yearbook is defrayed by including advertisements. The Club charges £35 for a half page advert or £70 for a full page advert (a little more for those in colour on the cover). It's a cost-effective way for businesses to reach a range of potential customers. We are always interested to hear from new potential advertisers so do let us know if you, or someone you know, might be interested in advertising in next year's book. Don't worry too much about the artwork for your advert – our printer is good at converting whatever we give him into an appropriate form.

Our job is not to draft the detailed content of the Yearbook but to compile the various contributions from Committees and Officers and put it into a form suitable for printing. However, we try to be proactive in assisting the Committees and members with their parts of the Yearbook. The fixtures calendar is where this is most crucial as it requires input from many contributors, not just the Social and Sailing Committees. For example, John Fagot fixes the dates for the Games Evenings and Robin Culverhouse the Cruisers' Dinner.

Although some items need to be included each year (including a reminder of our duties under the health and safety legislation), we are always open to suggestions as to content and/or format so please don't be shy – let us know. Sometimes it is not possible to include everything suggested – for example, people have asked for phone numbers to be included in the boat names list, but this would require the consent of all and not everyone wants their phone number advertised.

Also, if you see errors in this year's Yearbook that need to be corrected in next year's, do let us know. However, if it's an error in your boat name entry (or maybe you are not in the list at all?) you need to update your details with the Membership Secretary as well as us as the list is drawn directly from the membership database.

The best way to contact us is through our new email address:
yearbook@fsmbcnet.org.uk.

Wishing you all fair winds for 2016.

First things first:



Salterns Pathway

Can any of you commit to donating some time and effort to join a team headed up by Ronnie Noades to work on the Salterns pathway during Friday, Saturday and maybe Sunday morning 11/12/13 March?

With a few people prepared and able to shove a few shovels and wheel a few barrows we will achieve a substantial improvement to the track between Salterns Bridge and the end of the path renovated last year.

The work involves skimming off the grass and shallow mud now covering the original hard path surface and moving, laying and compacting a top layer of scalpings to create a low-resistance relatively dry trolley runway.

We intend to be on site from 08.00, weather permitting, on each morning. Bring your own shovels or spades if you can.

Please use Tony Blair as the coordinator and advise through my Email the dates /times you can offer Anthony.e.blair@hotmail.co.uk

Moving On:-

Refuse

There is no refuse collection from Salterns Car Park a fact which I am sure the majority of members are aware. Two bin bags of rubbish somehow recently found their way into a dark corner of the Car Park

They have now been moved to a more conspicuous location in the misguided assumption that they would prompt the original offenders to correct their inconsiderate attitude.

Dogs around the Club

Please ensure that dogs are on leads whilst on Club premises and any fouling to be cleared away to ensure the comfort of Club Members at all times.

Store Shed

We should shortly take delivery of an 8' x 6' shed intended for the storage of gardening and similar tools and, again, we would welcome some assistance in the preparation for and the assembly of same.

Thanking you, in anticipation of your willing assistance.

Tony Blair

News from the Bar

Hi all, yet again a few words from the Bar. We've had a fantastic February, with our official Refurbishment celebration, which went down very well (as did the bubbly and nibbles), a great Commodore's Night and possibly the best night ever (certainly this year) celebrating Mr John Riley's 70th birthday. What a night that was, brilliant food, brilliant company and BRILLIANT entertainment. Thanks John and hope your actual birthday, and all the celebrations you have working up to 4th March, are as good. Btw, you don't look a day older!

We have a couple of newbies in the bar. You may already have seen that we are now holding bottled Budweisser, JP Chenet Sparkling Single Serves, varieties of single serve wines and more recently Recordelik Apple Ciders. For March we now have 275ml Carlsberg Citrus - bring on the Summer Sunshine!

You may have heard there are changes afoot with Electric Card supply for Salterns Pontoon, but don't forget that we (The Bar) still hold them. Although we don't hold them in the actual bar they can be supplied by request to any member of the bar team (details/names/telephone numbers etc all readily available in the bar area).

All the best, Pam & the Team

Looking back through the Logs. Robin Culverhouse

I've been analysing our logs and note we have made 38 return crossing of the Channel in 20 years since joining FSMBC. Is this a record ? (Not if you count the late Eddie Miller - Ed)
However I found this piece which should interest beginners :-

Crossing the Channel by Crew Unknown (or take plenty of underwear)

From Portsmouth to Cherbourg is like crossing from one side of the M4 to the other on a Wales v England rugby international day except these are not cars but floating apartment blocks zapping up and down.

No problem! You can see them 5 miles away.

Fog. Visibility now down to 100m.

Where was Captain "weather forecasts only worry you" Dave Evans? In his bunk asleep. He was working on the beginners luck theory of sailing - leave as many beginners in charge as you can and their luck will ensure no apartment block will hit you.

First mate Richard saw the fear in our eyes and decided on a morale boosting quiz - guess how long we would have to react if one of these blocks loomed out of the fog. We all got it wrong. It was 25 seconds very useful at next pub quiz night. But his morale raising activities didn't end there. He then started a game of hunt the Fog Horn - a good game and we all lost it. We never found where Dave had hidden it so we woke him up to say 'you win'. What an amazing place to hide it - in with the plates. A master stroke!! (You'll never guess where the flares were. You guessed it! In with the washing up liquid and cleaning stuff logical when you think about it).

In case you're worried we were not run down but I ran out of clean underwear.

Robin, you are meant to **encourage** beginners not put them off for life! Ed.

Social Report Sally Brenan

Sat 20th Feb was a truly wonderful evening to celebrate John Riley's 70th birthday. Good food, great company and terrific music from Barry Fordham and the group made for much merriment and dancing till midnight. We would have gone on all night but for some reason the band wanted to go home!!!



Wine & Marigolds in the galley

A party's no party without balloons



JR socialised & socialised... & socialised... & socialised.

Well, it was his party & he made the most of it.



Forthcoming social events: March 19th St Patrick's night shindig with the CREEKERS — an evening of Irish music, song and, no doubt, a few anecdotes and jokes. Not to be missed !!

Shirley Rosser will be celebrating her 80th birthday on Sat 2nd of April with an AMERICAN SUPPER in the Club. Everyone welcome! Do let Shirley or one of the Social Committee know if you intend to come and give an idea of what food that you are contributing to the feast.

On Sat 23rd of April we will be celebrating St. George's Day with "Ye Olde English Fayre".

Plans are underway for this event which will be a Fancy Dress affair.

More on this subject next month.

John Riley's 70th Birthday Bash

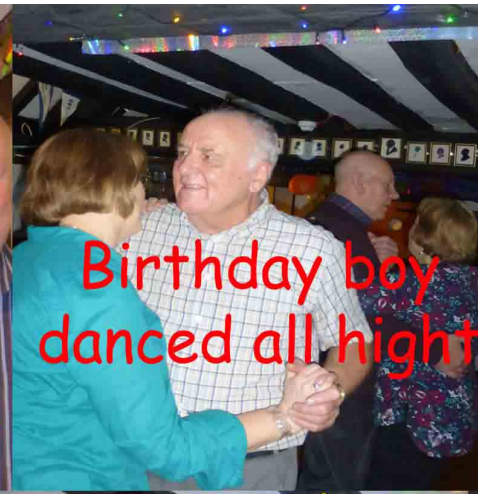
(And Guess Who's Getting Married)



Why are they all
so excited?



Ask this
happy pair



Birthday boy
danced all night



Who's holding
who up?



It's my birthday
& it's my cake



Dancing the
night away



Loving glances



And a nice
slice of
cake



Barry and the band
in good voice



Care to dance?



Mine's
a pint



How many empty
wine bottles girls?