



## Social Report

- Sally Brennan

46 people attended the Christmas Jolly and enjoyed a good spread, supplied by the social group. Music by Dave Hurst had everyone on their feet, dancing and generally having fun.

Thanks to Amina, who manned the bar, no one went thirsty and grateful thanks to Nicola and Denise who helped us to clean up on Sunday morning.

We also had the Christmas Raffle on Sunday 18th with carols by the Creekers.

Apart from the New Year's Eve American Supper, that will be the end of a very busy but enjoyable year for me. We will be grateful for help to set up on Saturday for New Years Eve, to clear up on the following morning and taking down the decorations as Bob & I will be going away until after 12th night.

A big 'thank you' to everyone who has assisted me in any way this year.

Burns' Night is looming large and tickets will be on sale shortly after the New year.

As some of the social group will be dropping out or wearing different hats we could use some more helpers. So if anyone out there feels that they would like to come along and help plan the events for next year I would love to hear from you. The next social meeting will be on Thursday January 12th @7.30pm in the club.

On a personal note, Bob and I would like to thank all those friends who have sent messages of condolence at this sad time, when we lost our beloved Grand daughter Jade. It has been a great help to us to know that we are not alone.

Lastly, as we did not send individual cards this year, Bob and I hope you had a very merry Christmas and would like to wish all our friends a Happy New Year.

## Editorial

I hope you all had a really good Christmas, coughs, sneezes and sore throats permitting. I'm sure most of you, like myself, visited friends and relations and caught up with news and gossip. When writing my Christmas Cards, I was astounded this year by the number of friends, relations and neighbours on my list who were with us no more. Granted the list goes back a few years but the number of names crossed out does get longer. Therefore, one must make the most of our current friends and family and see them more often.

Plans are being made for cruising in 2017. Hopefully new grounds will be covered by our boat, Macavity, this year but I feel reluctant to put too many plans on paper in case health and bad weather get in the way. In any case, he who calls himself the captain of the vessel has not fully divulged his intentions to the crew yet. So, if he lets slip his passage plan to you during a natter on Salterns Pontoon, do let me know so I have some idea where we are going. I'm sure the cruising fraternity at our club are all making plans accordingly. However, the racing and lugger sailors have their dates set in stone so they know where to be and when to be there. What do you mean the weather might still get in the way? This is British weather so you expect it to get in the way.

This summer we expect French sailors from our twin town of Vannes to visit us at the end of June. We have a few events planned to raise money to entertain them including a Quiz Night organised by Jack Pryde and an Italian Bistro Night organised by Yours Truly. See page 3 for details. I'm sure you will support these events. Dee, our Vannes Liaison Officer will furnish you with details of all events in the next few months.

**Happy New Year to you all.**

## Forthcoming Events

### Cruiser Dinner

At Lysses House Hotel  
Saturday 4th March

For further details  
watch this space or email  
lizzy.adams@outlook.com

### Burns Night Saturday 28th January

**Posters in Clubhouse**  
**Contact Sally Brennan**  
Spaces limited to 42 so  
Priority given to Club Members  
Ticket only with payment in advance  
Special dietary needs—See Sally.

### A Night of Nautical Quizzing Saturday 21st January

Come and join the fun and  
pit your wits against our  
Quizmaster Jack Pryde.

Pencils ready for a 20:15 start

Food at a nominal price

### Club Games Night at the clubhouse

Join in the fun with board games,  
card games and much more

**6th January**  
and  
**3rd February**

### FSMBC BISTRO NIGHT

Saturday 11th Feb

Celebrate Pre-Valentine with

### Italian Cuisine

4 Courses for £15

Menu in Clubhouse or contact

publicity@fsmbcnet.org.uk  
tel. 07900 622926

**Must book & pay in advance**

**Book before Feb 4<sup>th</sup>**



*New Year's Eve  
American Supper  
Saturday Dec 31st  
Bring some food  
& enjoy the fun*

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

## CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

Message sent by James Pusey (Police, Corporate Communications, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight)

We're issuing some basic crime prevention tips to boat owners in Fareham and Gosport after a recent spate of theft.

A total of 39 thefts of or from boats were reported to us between July 25 and October 31 at locations including Portchester, Fareham Creek, Hardway, Haslar Marina, and at Swanwick.

We're investigating whether any of these reports are linked, but many of them took place in September and October as the nights were getting darker. In some cases smaller boats have been stolen to access larger vessels moored offshore. Electrical equipment such as radios or GPS systems have subsequently been stolen along with specialist marine clothing.

Dedicated patrols have been undertaken by the Marine Unit and the Neighbourhood Policing Teams have been speaking to boat owners and the management of marinas in the area.

Chief Inspector Sharon Woolrich said: "We take marine theft very seriously and I'd urge boat owners to report any suspicious activity to us at the time to enable us to respond appropriately.

"I'm pleased to say that so far in November no incidents of marine theft in the area have been reported to us, but I'd like to remind people to keep their vessels and equipment as secure as possible".

### **We'd like to take this opportunity to remind boat owners of the following crime prevention advice:**

- There is only one way to guarantee that your property will not be stolen from your boat and that is to take it home. We understand that this is not always possible but try to look at your boat as you leave it and consider how it looks to a potential thief. Ensure attractive items you are leaving are out of sight or locked away.
- Take a moment to consider how you would get into your boat if you were locked out. This is probably the way the thief will try, so improve your security with effective locks which will last in the marine environment.
- Look at the equipment stored on your boat such as outboard motors and dinghies and use appropriate security devices to secure them.
- There are many different types of alarm, far too many to cover here. Speak to other club members and boat users; discuss the pros and cons, what do you want it to do? If your system notifies you someone is on board your boat, will you be in a position to respond to it?
- Many items are already marked with some sort of serial number - hull identification numbers on dinghies, engine numbers on outboards, serial numbers on electronics and life rafts. Make sure that you record these details somewhere that you can find them again if we need them.
- We strongly recommend additional means of marking. We acknowledge that this will not stop your things being stolen, but it increases the chances of us being able to return them to you. Ensure that the marks are clearly visible and difficult to remove. Support this by marking them out of sight, so that there is still something to check if the obvious marks are removed. Liquid marking systems are another effective means of marking property which could be considered. The important thing is to use a marking system which will allow the finder to identify you, such as a house or club post code or phone number, but they must be current so remember to update them.

## Secretary Calling

Season's greetings everyone!

I thought it might be useful to bring you an update after the AGM.

The meeting itself was a great success with 89 members attending, a record turnout this millennium! We even had the chance to cast our votes with more candidates for the Committee than vacant positions.

Changes to the Committee under our new Commodore, Alan Labrum, include:

Bob Upton, Rear Commodore;

Chris Ferriday, Treasurer;

Charlie Coxwell, Sailing Secretary,

with Martin Bouette, Mike Hooper and Richard Payne chosen as new Elected Members.

Lyse Lemieux now becomes Membership Secretary and Liz Thomson will look after new members.

Highlights from the AGM include the decision not to increase Club subscriptions or charges for next year and the confirmation of Barry Fordham as an Honorary Life Member. We also heard from Robin Wren about the legal requirement for the Club to provide a toilet for the disabled. A working group has already been set up to look at possible solutions, make recommendations to the Committee and manage the project.

Pam Carr, the Bar Manager, proposed that Thursday evening bar duty be added to the Dutyman roster. We learnt that even though Club membership is slowly increasing, there would still be a shortfall in cover. Although Pam's motion was unsuccessful, Corky May did agree to run a temporary volunteer rota for Thursday nights and that list will start in the New Year.

If enough of us volunteer for 3 bar duties when we choose our duties next February, DutyMan would easily cover Thursday nights. Of course we can't expect someone who lives far away to be allocated a Thursday night but we could anticipate "local" members signing up for Thursday slots, which would then count as part of their Work Scheme commitment. There is still work to be done here so please let the Committee know your views and whether or not you would be prepared to take on an extra bar session.

Next month we renew our membership of the Club. Can I remind you that even if you have had a Work Scheme exemption in the past, you still need to write to the Management Committee each year explaining why you should continue to be exempt.

I wish you all a peaceful and prosperous New Year

Terry Flinn, Hon. Secretary

## **Rogues' Gallery.**

(An occasional feature introducing you to club members)

Our new Membership Secretary, Lyse Lemieux, tells us a little about herself.

When I lived in Quebec I was doing lots of windsurfing but not sailing. When I moved to England my husband to be was an excellent sailor and I learnt from him. At the time I lived in Plymouth on our Varne 27.9 and did a lot of sailing on the Cornish coast. We sailed to the Channel Islands but the best sailing I have done was when we took a year out and sailed down to the Canary Islands with our Varne. I acquired lots of experience on that trip.



We started our trip in September 1988 and came back into Plymouth in July 1989. We sailed from Falmouth to Camaret and went down the coast of France visiting many ports and French Islands. In Bordeaux where we took our mast down and went on to Sete through the Canal Lateral a la Garonne and the Canal du Midi. From Sete we leisurely sailed down the coast of Spain up to Gibraltar. On the 19<sup>th</sup> December we left Gibraltar to cross to Gran Canaria and we stayed in the Canaries for three and half months, sailing between islands.

We then sailed up the coast of Morocco to Gibraltar and from there up the coast of Spain and Portugal stopping in many little ports. We arrived back in Plymouth in July 1989.

I moved to Hampshire in 2002 due to my work and I was missing sailing so I did my RYA Day Skipper and met people with whom I sailed around the Solent.

A friend introduced me to Fareham Sailing Club and I decided to join. I then raced a club lugger and later on bought my own lugger. I enjoy racing although luggers are not the easiest dinghies to race. I would rather have a Laser!

Last year I bought Angelica, a Seal 22 and I really enjoy sailing and racing her.

What do I Get from the Club?

I enjoy the sailing and the club atmosphere. It is nice to meet with enthusiastic sailors and share sailing stories. Also the social events are always so well organised. The low membership and moorings fees enable me to keep a dinghy and a sailing boat that I would not be able to afford to keep elsewhere in the area.

What can I give to the club?

I was an elected member for three years. During that time I took on the task of New Membership Administrator and really enjoyed that role. I have now taken over the Membership Secretary role which I am sure will be a challenge.

As you may have gathered, I am French Canadian. I am always willing to help with the French sailing trips and with entertaining French visiting sailors if needed.

I do have lots of other interests which I enjoy.

I play tennis in a team and love cycling.

I used to swim competitively but now I only do the swimming training.

Skiing is also something I enjoy when I can afford to do it.

**But nothing will come before my love of sailing!**

# Images of the Christmas Jolly



As usual, the girls are chatting and the boys are posing

..and the girls are still chatting



Now up and dancing, 'Hi There Everybody'



There's always someone in a Santa hat



## More Jollification



You can't keep Corky away from the bar  
Just checking that all will be well.

Gloria & John found plenty to laugh about



...while Carol & Phil had a quiet smile



...and there was music ..



...but most importantly, all were happily kept refreshed thanks to Amina Cleal behind the bar. And she's still smiling!

