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*The official newsletter of the
Fareham Sailing & Motor Boat Club*
February 2017



Burns Night in full Swing

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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.

CRUISING IN COMPANY



If you are planning a trip out for the weekend, a few days midweek or even just a day trip and would like to sail alongside, or meet up with other Club members at the destination, please add your name (or boat name), phone number and planned destination to the wall planner that is on the downstairs notice board in the Club, so that any members that would like to join you can contact you to arrange to meet up.

The idea of this wall planner is to enable members to plan informal trips together easily, and it is not intended to replace organised Club Rallies or Club Social Events that will still be organised and advertised in the usual way.

We hope this will encourage new members to become involved as well.

It will only work if members use it!

So please take a moment to check future events and add your details if you are planning a trip.

Happy Cruising!

Editorial

Cruising to foreign parts is certainly on the agenda for FSMBC. Two days ago I received an email from the president of the sailing club in Carentan in Normandy. An excerpt is shown below.

'Dear friends,

thank you for your very friendly greeting.

We wish you back during the year 2017 having, health and projects of sailing for you and all members of the FSMBC

We have not forgotten the nice time we spent with all of you, during your last visit.'

Obviously, we made an impression on our last visit! Also, our 'Brexit' vote has not upset them as they invite us to visit them again.

They say they may visit us in September. We must brush up on our French! At least the French are welcoming us with open arms. Who knows who will be welcome in Mr Trump's America in the future. So if any of you are planning a transatlantic trip in the future

Anyway, there are plenty of other places to aim for. Brighton for Easter?

Forthcoming Events

Cruisers Dinner
Saturday 4th March 2017
7pm
Lysses House Hotel, Fareham



*3 course Dinner followed by Coffee
& Petit Fours*

*Tickets £23 per head available from
Lizzy Adams or Charlie Coxwell*

Please contact Lizzy Adams

lizzy.adams@outlook.com

*with Menu Choices by 23rd February 2017 to reserve your
place*

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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 4th

Club Games Night
at the clubhouse

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

Friday 3rd Feb and

Friday 3rd March

Details from John Fagot



**FUNDRAISING EVENING AT
FSMBC**

**FRIDAY 24TH FEBRUARY
AT THE CLUBHOUSE 20.00 -23.00**

RAISING MONEY FOR THE MS TRUST

Come to support George & Chris who are raising
money by cycling 300 miles from London to
Paris in May. Bring your loose cash.

Join them for a fun evening and help
them build up their charity fund

Live entertainment

Hot food (£3) & Puddings (£2) available

See article on page 5 for more details

Easter Cruise
To Brighton Marina

Departing Friday 14th April

Dine out together Sat 15th

Return Sunday 16th or

Monday 17th

Interested?

Contact Ian Saxil-Nielsen on

Mobile: 07796090637 or

email: ian@saxil-nielsen.com

Any items for inclusion in the March
edition to be emailed to
publicity@fsmbcnet.org.uk

Lysses Dinner Menu

Saturday 4th March 2017

To Start

Roasted butternut squash soup with toasted pumpkin seeds

Natural smoked haddock and mature cheddar cheese tart served with a rocket leaf salad

Portabella mushroom topped with fennel, spinach and shallots topped with lightly smoked Applewood cheddar and glazed under the grill

Pork, duck and pistachio terrine served with a red onion marmalade

To Follow

Roasted pork fillet served with a tomato flavoured cassoulet of beans, mange tout and finished with a red wine and tarragon sauce

Classic nut roast set on a base of courgette spaghetti served with roast potatoes and a tomato and basil sauce

Fillet of sea bass pan fried and served with buttered new potatoes, lettuce, peas and baby onions finished with a dill and cream sauce

Chicken breast topped with a Parmesan and lemon crust, sautéed potatoes and balsamic roasted cherry tomato finished with a red wine and basil sauce

Served with a selection of vegetables

To Finish

Banoffee tart with salted caramel, banana and whipped cream finished with chocolate flakes

New York cheesecake served with a compot of strawberries, orange and blueberries marinated with fresh mint

Dark chocolate, mandarin and Cointreau crème brulee topped with a brown sugar crust and served with a gingerbread biscuit

Meringue pavlova topped with a mix of whipped cream and mascarpone, vanilla ice cream, strawberries and drizzled with lemon curd finished with a strawberry and vanilla sauce

Coffee and Petit fours

**If you have an allergy or special dietary requirement
please speak to a member of staff before placing your order.**

Cycling for Charity - Chris Hare



Late last year, George Thomson had a word with me about helping him train to participate in a London to Paris Charity Bike Ride. Now I regularly commute to work by bike and occasionally ride a twenty to thirty mile trip for fun but this is over three hundred miles in four days! However, I have always fancied doing something like this and if you are doing the training you might as well do the trip.

The charity we are raising money for is the MS Trust. George and Liz have been involved with this charity since their daughter Carole was diagnosed with MS and they regularly hold charity events at their house.

So, for our first ride, we set out on a lovely September day from George's house, riding to Funtley then Wickham and then out into the lovely Hampshire countryside up to Southwick, Denmead, Waterlooville, Havant and then over the bridge onto Hayling Island. It just happened to be my birthday and so George suggested stopping at the Ship for a quick libation before pressing on to the Ferryman where we stopped for lunch. We then jumped on the Hayling Ferry to cross Langstone harbour and cycled through Southsea, popping into the Ship and Castle to say hello to George's son-in-law Sean before catching the Gosport ferry and riding back to Fareham.

This was a very relaxed start to our training. Currently we do two one hour evening rides during the week and a longer two to four hour ride at the weekend. Sadly we rarely visit a pub now but some sacrifices have to be made to the benefit of sporting excellence - or something like that. As the weather gets better and we get fitter the weekend rides will get much longer, Alton and back as an example.

As we are raising funds for the MS Trust we would like as many of the membership as possible to sponsor our trip. This can be done by following this link:-

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/GeorgeThomsonChrisHare>

We have to raise most of our donation by mid February so please donate as soon as possible and keep an eye out for various fund raising activities.



George and Chris ready for cycling action

RAISING MONEY FOR THE MS TRUST
FUNDRAISING EVENING for MS Trust
FRIDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 20.00 -23.00



Come along to the club and help George & Chris get their sponsorship fund growing fast. Bring your loose change.

Lots of fun with Live entertainment
Hot food (£3) & Puddings (£2) available
All profit goes to the MS TRUST charity
Chris and George will cycle 300 miles
London to Paris on 10th to 13th of May

Social Report - Sally Brennan

Burns night was a very successful evening, with all 42 tickets sold

The evening began with John Young, the piper, piping the guests in. Bob Upton, suitably "kilted up", said the Scottish Grace before John piped in the Haggis which was carried by our new chef, Dan Harrington.

John then addressed the Haggis in traditional manner asking us all to raise a toast of whisky to Robert Burns.

Dan provided a lovely meal of (Haggis of course) with neaps and tatties, followed by chocolate fudge cake or fruit gateau.

Naturally, wine and whisky were taken—in good measure judging by the sounds of "community singing" from a certain table !!!!!

Pam and Vic did a great job supplying the aforementioned drinks all evening.

After dinner, Chris Hare addressed the Lassies followed by Terri McNally, who suitably replied to the Laddies

John Whalley then sang a Scottish Ballad (words by Robert Burns),

Thank you to all of you.

The remainder of the evening was full of singing, dancing and general merriment and a good time was had by all!

Bob and I would like to thank everyone who helped in any way to carry tables and chairs down and to assist in laying the tables.

Also a big 'thank you' to all who turned up early on Sunday morning to help put everything away and generally clean up.

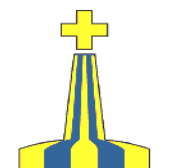
The next important function will be Gaynor's Italian Evening (sold out).

Liz, George and Chris are having a charity evening on Feb.24th in order to raise funds and promote Chris and George in their London-Paris cycle ride raising money for the MS Trust. Please come and support this worthy cause.

The Social group will meet again on February 9th @7.30pm to discuss the St George's day Victorian Fair (April 22nd) so watch this space !!!!

The Nautical Quiz - The Editor

Another successful event at the Clubhouse this month was the 'Nautical Quiz'. This was organised to raise money to entertain our sailing guests from Fareham's twin town of Vannes when they visit us this summer. Our quizmaster for the evening was Jack Pryde who ably kept our quizzers under control throughout the evening. Well, he had stated categorically that the quizmaster's word would be final and anyone who argued with this would be challenged to a duel of paddles at dawn on the club pontoon. You will be relieved to know that no blood was shed although our Social Organiser, Sally Brennan, was heard to squeal in a distressed manner 'I only wrote down what they told me to'. Some heated discussion was evident during the consumption of the buffet supper but the main point of discussion was the identity of the sailing mark shown on the right—yellow and blue vertical stripes with a cross top mark! Do you recognise it? No? well, you should have been there. The winning team, who I believe are still gloating, consisted of Marian & Phil Harris-Deans, Tony & Amina Cleal & Steve Capel whose wife Chris ably fulfilled the important task of keeping the punters lubricated by manning the bar.



News from your Sailing Secretary - Charlie Coxwell

The role of 'Sailing Secretary' is tasked with "Overall responsibility for all water-borne activities through the Sailing Committee". To help me achieve this I have a team of the following club members:

- Lugger Captain Kevin Abbott
- Cruiser Captain Lizzy Adams
- Dinghy Captain David Hill
- Work scheme Alan Labrum
- Elected Member Martin Bouette.

We are lucky enough that within our Club we have members interested in Cruising, Cruiser racing, Lugger racing, Rowing (Gig racing) and Fishing. However, attendance numbers on some of these activities could be much improved. The question is 'How do we achieve this?' I believe that one way to increase our enthusiasm is by changing established club routine – especially the structure of our Fixture list. With this in mind I am hopeful that the following changes will encourage members to participate in more waterborne events.

When you receive the Fixture list for 2017, you will notice that the following changes have been made:

- No Sunday Cruiser harbour races – these clash with the Lugger Races and are often crewed by the same members. Sunday Cruiser harbour races have been moved to the nearest free Saturday.
- Addition of two extra harbour Cruiser races – this will bring the total number of harbour races to 10, comprising 4 Rylards and 4 Committee. The remaining 2 races will form, in conjunction with the Rylard & Committee results, a new series. From the 10 races any 8 will count for the new series, to be called the 'Combined' series. This will spread the cruiser races throughout the year, from mid-March to end-October.
- With the support of the Scouts, we hope to secure the use of their Gigs for regular summer evening rowing sessions. If successful, I will seek funding for the club to purchase two Gigs, similar to the ones used on the Hamble River. Hamble teams are very keen to get together for friendly competitions. **Volunteer required to coordinate**, please contact me if you would like to help the club in this new venture. An excellent way of keeping your fitness at peak level!

Racing Handicap

There is nothing more depressing than participating in a race with the certain knowledge that you have no chance of success. I believe this is a major reason why race participant numbers are low.

Achieving a fair and successful Handicap is all but impossible – the RYA and many others have been trying to improve the Handicap system and although they have not achieved complete success, their latest procedures have successfully tackled some of the failings of the PY system.

Check out the following tab on the club web site to discover more on how the handicap system works. *Sailing > Yacht Racing > Handicap Explained*.

I believe that the aim of Club Racing is to encourage new, perhaps less confident members to come racing. To do this race participants with slow boats crewed by less competent members need to feel that success is within their grasp. Conversely, skilled sailors with fast boats need to know that they have an achievable challenge on their hands. In an attempt to achieve this, the Sailing Committee will be yearly reviewing all competitors' handicaps, based on their past racing results.

Racing is an excellent way to improve your sailing skills and it provides a good basis to understand how to get your boat sailing to its best. So if you have never raced before – please give it a try, it supports the Club and can be great fun.

Any constructive comments / suggestions to: sailing@fsmbcnet.org.uk

Images of Burns Night



Share the secret, John

Love the waistcoat George

Jim & Karen enjoy a moment of romance

Denise looking elegant

Chris addressing the Lassies

Well, they all thought it was funny

Leave his sporran alone Pam

...and the piper piped

The Scottish Grace was said by Bob Upton

The smiling barman

The organiser, Sally, chilling out

The Haggis