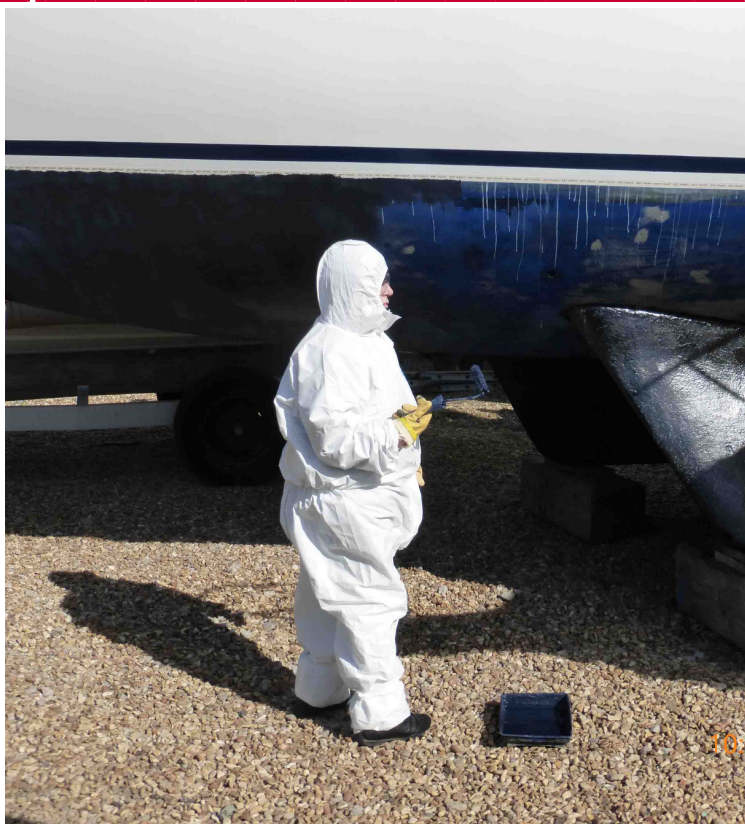


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Time for the
messier jobs
in the sailing
calendar.

Who is this
person in the
stylish suit?

Further clues
on Page 2

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etc. to the editor by the
20th of the month to
ensure their inclusion in
the following month's
edition.

Editorial



It's that time of year again. You can see by the not so stylish attire that my tasks during the past week or so have been somewhat messy.

My lord and master bought me this garment as a Christmas gift. As you may notice, no expense is spared as far as my clothing is concerned. As for the fit; 12 inches of leg turn up, sleeves to fit an orang-utan and enough room inside it to house a small rugby team. Still, the bottom got painted while the skipper busied himself taking silly photos.

As we are now officially into Spring the weather should be improving and we should all be partaking of racing (keep an eye on the website), cruising (see details of Easter cruise and Island Harbour rally on page 3) as well as looking forward to the annual regatta (details to follow) and entertaining the sailors from Fareham's

twin town of Vannes (see details below).

Also to be noted are the various social events coming up. Keep checking newsletters, the website, posters in the club etc.

Update on the Visiting Sailors from Vannes

FSMBC's representative on the Vannes-Fareham twinning committee is Dee Orme.

Dee reports that all is currently going to plan and 14 visiting boats have committed to the visit and they are just waiting on another to confirm making a total of 15 boats and 50 French skippers and crew expected to arrive for the 24th June.

On Monday 26th June the Mayor of Fareham will hold a civic reception at 10.30am and then the visiting party will spend the day with us in Fareham.

Their boats will be moored on the Hamble for the week and our guests will travel between the participating clubs by coach. If you are free on the 26th of June please come and say 'Bonjour' to our guests. We will be entertaining them for the whole of that day; hopefully with lugger racing during the day and music in the evening.

There are no organised events for the Thursday and this is a good opportunity to give our French guests the choice of visiting some of our local landmarks or visitor attractions. We will need volunteers to drive small parties of our guests to various venues. This is definitely not an onerous task but is quite rewarding and you will make friends for life.

So, put Thursday 29th of June in your diary and inform Dee that you are a willing host and driver for the day.

Forthcoming Events

ST. GEORGE'S DAY VICTORIAN FAIR SATURDAY 22nd APRIL 2017 (DAVE HURST DISCO)



7.30pm 'till LATE - IN CLUBHOUSE.

Dress up in victorian costume & have fun

Food (pie & mash + pudding) provided

TICKETS £10.00 EACH



Easter Bank Holiday Cruise Sail East for a change

*Enjoy the company of
your Sailing Club friends*

*Dine out in company at
a venu to be arranged*

*Depart Friday 14th April
Dine out Saturday 15th
Return Sundy/Monday 16/17th*

*Intersted? Contact Ian
on Mobile: 07796090637 or
email: ian@saxil-nielsen.com*

Island Harbour Rally Saturday 20th May 2017



*Dinner in The Breeze Restaurant
Menu on website and club noticeboard*

*To take part in this popular event, please add
your name to the list in the club house or email:
cruiser@fsmbcnet.org.uk*

*Please confirm your boat details and menu
choices by Thursday 1st May 2017*

Indian Bistro Night



**Thursday 27th April
at the Clubhouse
Meal served at 7.30p.m.**

**Poppadoms & pickles
Selection of starters
Choice of 2 curries
Choice of pudding**

£15 per head

For details and menu contact
07900622926 or publicity@fsmbcnet.org.uk
before 20th April
Profit to entertain French visitors

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



Update on Proposed Clubhouse Alterations - Tony Blair

The management committee has decided to proceed with alterations to the ground floor at the clubhouse by amalgamating several projects, some long outstanding. These include:-

- 1) Providing an alternative chilled room for the storage of Beer with its associated control and conditioning equipment mounted nearby. The new room would be insulated to a greatly improved level and would be the Primary Objective of the project group.
- 2) The Male changing facility is to be re-established in the vacated room currently in use as the Beer Store and access will be gained through the Race equipment store door. The existing door to the current beer store will be secured and permanently blocked off when time permits.
- 3) The Race store. Storage for race gear will be provided elsewhere.
- 4) On practical completion of items 1) to 3) the remaining area between the new Beer Store and the Male Toilet door will be converted into a Toilet for the Disabled with a child changing facility as briefed by Robin Wren at the last AGM.

While much of the work will be carried out by specialists either In House or Out House as appropriate it is hoped the Club Spirit will prevail and those members with an inclination to get involved will make themselves known. It would be a great help to have a register of people who might be available to help drive the project forward.

The plan has only recently been approved and there will be a short period while details are finalised. This includes seeking any planning permissions that may be required. Every effort will be made to keep disruption to a minimum. Easter, Pirates day and Vannes Twinning rally will all be given due consideration.

The committee believe we have now reached a decision on the best and most cost effective solution for the area concerned. Yours Truly has happily drawn the long straw to coordinate the project and has able support particularly with all things underground, damp or dripping by our resident Mole, Kevin (Sammy) Sims.

Our maritime roots remind us that one volunteer is worth 10 pressed "persons" so the Cat (O'nine tails) will be secure in its bag, hopefully, for the duration. Most of you who have worked alongside other members on Boat-swain projects have come away with a degree of satisfaction and this one will be no exception.

Before we venture outside the club searching for Artisans please would those of you interested in this nice, warm, rewarding, free social event let me have a mini C.V. of no more than 20 words with obvious information on an old envelope or, if you must show off, Email to Anthony.e.blair@hotmail.co.uk

During productive times, those members just wanting a chat will be welcome if bearing a tray of tea and are prepared to adhere to the 5 min positive input rule. When phase 1 of the work comes in to plan, the Lord only knows what delights Pam and Vic might dream up exclusively for the Grafters.

A list of activities for various levels of capability from assistant to skilled operative follows:-

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| Labourers, | Plumber and Heating Engineer, |
| Electrician , | Air con engineer, |
| Bricklayer, | Carpenter(s), |
| "Insulationers", | Ceiling fitter, |
| Metal racking man, | Shelving man, |
| Bench maker man , | Painter & Decorator, |
| Odd Job Bods. | |

Report on Paddy's Night Shindig. - Sally Brennan

I think I'm correct in saying that it was the BEST celebration of St. Patrick's that the Creekers have ever performed. The music, singing and corny Irish jokes had the audience cheering and clapping all evening.

We had a wonderful selection of hats and much wearing of the Green too.!

Many thanks to all the musicians and vocalists, especially Nicola for her lovely harmonising to many of our well loved old Irish melodies. Of course the evening wouldn't have been complete without Chris Hare's rendering of Dirty Old Town. As someone remarked "It has become the sailing club anthem now".

We have to give a BIG thank you to Nick How for organising this annual event and to Margaret for the raffle, and the many magnificent prizes and also for providing snacks on the tables. Young Daniel (Nicola and Terry's grandson) kept the crisps and nuts topped up, with the help of his Mum.

So, all in all, a very happy and lively evening.



Just to illustrate the tone of the St Patrick's night shenanigans at the club see the two photos shown here.

We have a rather haughty look from George (left) and on the right the blonde bombshell is Chris Hare (with hair).

Mrs Brown had better watch her back.



If you think they look a trifle camp in these photos check out on Facebook what they looked like in Ireland !!!

The other successful event in March was the Cruiser's Dinner. This was Lizzy Adams's first time in charge of this event and you can see from her beaming smile in the photos on the back page that she was enjoying herself even before she was presented with a bouquet of flowers. Robin, who has spent many years organising these events was heard muttering that he had never got flowers for his efforts. Never mind Robin! We can assure him and Lizzy that these events are always enjoyed by everyone attending. - Ed

The Cruiser Dinner

Some were having a laugh
&
some were in deep conversation



Some
pull faces & others smile sweetly



Lots of chatting



& generally having a good time



Lots of giggling

