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The official newsletter of the
Fareham Sailing & Motor Boat Club
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October is here. The Southampton Boat Show has been and gone so it must be getting towards the end of the sailing season or in Macavity's case, the beginning. We actually made it to a club rally this past month so

things are looking up.

We went to the Boat Show and all I bought was a towel. Himself bought nothing.

On a sadder note I have to report on the passing away of Pat Fagot, and extend heartfelt condolences to John, who had been married to her for over 61 years. It was always a pleasure talking to Pat and one would always come away thinking what a lovely, cheerful person she was. She was devoted to her horses and also to her family and many of us remember the happy occasion of her at their 60th wedding anniversary, surrounded by many generations of her family.

Among her many hobbies was learning Spanish and she was a well travelled lady. It was at their anniversary party that I learned how they had emigrated to New Zealand in 1961, paying £10 each for the fare, including food, and stayed there for 3 years arriving back in Portchester in 1964.

She was obviously a lady of many talents. Her Daughter, Nikki, describes how her parents played chess to decide who would wash up. John is apparently now a very good washer upper.

Her funeral will be held at St Columba Church, North Fareham at 12.30 on Thursday the 4th October, with the wake at Lysses Hotel from 2pm. All members are welcome to attend.

All donations to be made to the Dementia Society.

Sailing News

Sadly, I have to report that we have withdrawn from participating in Inter-Club events. With only one occasional club member attending the events over the past two years. This simply does not justify the work involved in organising the Inter-Club fixtures list. A case of 'if you don't use it you lose it'. However, the door has been left open should members' interest in Inter-Club activities be re-kindled.

Both Cruiser and Harbour racing are seeing an increase in the number of members participating, with close corrected times being had in both races during September. Harbour series still has another 3 races to go to conclusion and as I write we have several yachts within reach of collecting the cup for either the Combined or Committee series. I can see that I will have to clean the bottom of my boat before next race day!

I am sure all members are aware of our concerns over the condition of the Lugger Pontoon, its access Bridge and associated Bridge Head. This facility has come to the end of its life and the Club faces some grim choices – to either replace this facility at considerable cost or to close down its use. Faced with this the Management Committee have been working hard at producing a plan that will benefit as many Club members as possible. Our plan to improve the facilities for Luggers, Cruisers, Dinghy owners, members with Tenders or Canoes and allow easier access for wheelchair users have been on display at the Clubhouse for the past year. Inevitably when trying to improve facilities for such a wide range of uses, compromises needed to be made. The best layout for Cruisers is not necessarily the best layout for members with dinghies stored in Locks yard. However, the Management Committee are confident that the best compromise has been reached. How we fund this together, with necessary repairs to our Sea Wall, will be our next big hurdle. The Management Committee are also investigating funding sources such as 'Sports England', who appear to have changed their membership joining criteria for eligibility on grants. A team from the Management Committee will be attending a Funding seminar in November to find out more.

Charlie Coxwell - Sailing Secretary

Forthcoming Events

**Come and join us
For the Annual**

Dinner Dance 2018

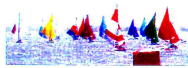
**On Saturday 24th
November at 6.30 for 7**



At the Lysses House Hotel Fareham

Before you dance the night away you will enjoy
a beautiful 3 course meal followed by cheeses
& biscuits, petit fours and coffee

Only £39 per person



**A G M
Sunday 25th November
Starts 13:30**

*End of Season
Christmas Rally
See Page 7*

**VANNES EXCHANGE
VISIT TALK
See Page 8**

**October 20th:
Trafalgar Night at the club**

If you are bored and want to see some tacking and jybing in the creek Linda Neal suggests looking at www.relive.cc/view/1873290935 to see John & Kevin Abbot's antics.

News from the Bar

You may have noticed the absence of a well loved person at the Club bar these last few weeks. As you are probably aware by now our dearly loved Pam has not been well and Vic has been busy looking after her and making sure she has the rest she needs. After an operation taking over 6 hours she needs the rest but thanks everyone for their good wishes.

The operation went according to plan which is great news.

I was surprised when Pam answered the phone a few days back as I was expecting it to be Vick. She sounded really cheerful considering she must have been in real discomfort from her tubes etc. She was even shouting at Vick to make sure he was cooking her tea properly. Mind you, she said he was doing a sterling job.

We wish her a full and speedy recovery and look forward to seeing both of them back in the clubhouse, fit and well.

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

Daisy visits Ashlett Creek

Southampton first HW 17.46 BST 4.1m high.

Portsmouth HW 18.04 BST 4.2m

5th August 2018

Dee, Louie and I departed Portsmouth Harbour just before high water with the aim to pick up a buoy outside Ashlett Creek and wait for the morning tide. At the entrance I decided to try my luck and see how far we could get with a view, if necessary, to just turn around and come back out. So I left a small amount of centreplate down. We managed motor as far as the sailing club pontoon before we stopped. I raised the plate and with the help of two gentlemen who caught our lines and pulled us into their "*only to be used for loading and unloading pontoon*". In five minutes we were firmly on the mud. The mud isn't flat, but undulates, as if a bait digger has been in with a JCB and if you are not in the buoyed channel, within a few meters, you are in VERY shallow water.

The clubhouse was closed the next day. So we had a five minute walk to the Jolly Sailor pub tucked behind the tide mill. There was one other cottage that faced the creek, with the New Forest wrapping itself around this quiet back water. Although at night there is the distant hum from the refinery, during the day you don't notice it. In front of the mill was a small quay that you could potentially moor alongside. But, all the available space, when we were there, was taken up by long stay motor boats. The south side of the club pontoon is designated for visiting yachts. At high water there was only 1m on that side of the pontoon with the mud quickly shelving to a higher bank and there was a boat parked on the end. So we would have struggled to get in.

There is an honesty box for overnight stay of £12 and the clubhouse, when open, does NOT sell alcoholic drinks!!! We will certainly go back sometime. It was a very unique place; maybe just to dry out.

Cheers, John, Dee and Louie



John states that this is a good place to dry out.

Is that the boat drying out or the crew drying out due to the lack of alcoholic drink?...Ed.

Note the drying mud in John's photos so study your tides carefully. Bear in mind that the green SHM buoy is well out of the channel at low water. See photo below.



Please note that Daisy only draws 700 mm with plate up.

Ashlett Sailing Club's Website:

<https://ashlettsc.co.uk>

Relevant excerpts from the site:

Visitors Fees:

£12 per night. Lunchtime stop over £4.00

You are urged to make contact with Ian Round on 07733730187, or email contact@ashlettsc.co.uk before setting out



Because of our restricted draft in the creek, no boat should exceed 34 ft (subject to certain dispensation at the Pontoon Master's discretion). Catamarans will be accepted subject to availability of spaces, without obstructing other visitors.

Bursledon Regatta Rally Saturday 1st September 2018

Lizzy Bolan – Cruiser Captain

Whilst we were at Swanwick on the club rally in May, we heard about the Bursledon Regatta that takes place annually and is a really fun event. Club members expressed an interest in another rally back to Swanwick to attend the Regatta, so I made enquiries about organising an extra rally on the weekend of 1st September 2018. Swanwick Marina was fully booked, because of the Regatta, but I managed to book us into Universal Marina in the River Hamble.

8 boats were booked into Universal Marina, and 18 people booked for dinner in The Olde Ship Inn Saturday evening. Thank you to George for booking the pub restaurant and organising the meal for us all.

We had spent a month sailing to Vannes in South Brittany and the Channel Islands on Zircon, planning on making the Bursledon Regatta Rally our last port of call on our way home. We sailed across the Channel from Cherbourg on Friday 31st August, making good time, and arrived in the Solent to join Bluebell, Delphini, Takira-M and Kashiya on their way to the rally. Blue Mistique was already there, and it was fantastic to see everyone and catch up. We felt like we were being met by a welcome home committee!!

We went for dinner/drinks in the Bistro Friday evening, then, an early night for us, we were exhausted after our early start from Cherbourg.

The rest of the rally boats arrived Saturday morning, it was a beautiful sunny day, so with hats and sunglasses on we set off for the Regatta, stopping off at the Olde Ship for one on the way, followed by one or two more in the sunshine!

We finally arrived at the Jolly Sailor where all the action was taking place in the river next to the pub. It was great fun to watch, the theme this year was Australia and they had erected a mock Sydney Opera House and lots of fancy dress costumes were being worn, even a kangaroo took part! We had a fantastic afternoon watching the events which included blindfold dingy races and a tug of war on the water!

After the fun events of the afternoon we went back to the Olde Ship Inn for dinner, and ended the evening watching the fireworks to mark the end the Regatta.

Thank you to everyone who took part in the rally and made it such an enjoyable weekend and a great way to end our holiday too.



Above: Plenty of activity on the water.

Left: liquid refreshment being imbibed. (So what's new?)

Right: Picture of Pub Sign just in case they can't find their way back there.



Island Harbour Rally Saturday 15th September 2018 Lizzy Bolan - Cruiser Captain

15 boats were booked into Island Harbour for the Rally on Saturday 15th September 2018, with a planned afternoon BBQ on the grass area opposite the marina.

The first boats left for Island Harbour on the Friday morning tide, we (Zircon) left Friday late afternoon, along with Ladybug, with a plan of staying at Shepherds Wharf Marina, as we would not make the lock at Island Harbour, but we found Shepherds to be totally stacked out with another rally. Ladybug decided to moor on an outside berth at Cowes Yacht Haven, whilst we decided to carry on to East Cowes Marina.

Saturday was a glorious sunny day, we were able to get through the lock at Island Harbour from 12:15, along with Ladybug and the rest of the rally boats. We lit the coals on the BBQ's at 13:00 to make the most of the lovely sunny afternoon. Club members began to gather with their culinary delights to cook on the BBQs, along with plenty of refreshments to enjoy and wash down our food. We all had a great time, and the BBQ's were in use all afternoon, and the drinks were flowing nicely.

After all that food, we thought it would be good to have a little evening stroll, and some club members enjoyed a nice walk to the Folly Inn, for one drink....like that was going to happen!! There was live music in the Folly and the evening ended with lots of us dancing on the tables.

Sunday morning, it was obvious to see that club members had enjoyed themselves and had taken full advantage of the refreshments Saturday evening. This did not stop the club boats getting out of the lock gates on time to participate in the race back. We had a great sail back to Fareham in the sunshine on Sunday, whilst a few boats decided to stay in Island Harbour for another night and venture into Newport for more refreshments (hair of the dog?).



Thank you to Island Harbour for making us so welcome, and for the free use of their BBQ's. And a big thank you to all the club members who took part in the rally and made it such an enjoyable weekend.

Macavity had a good (if lumpy) sail to Island Harbour on the Friday afternoon and also a good but more comfortable sail back. No racing involved. The skipper decided that his female crew was not ladylike enough for the 'Ladies' Helm Race' which, I'm told was won by Nina Coxwell. The overall winner of the race home was John Gunn in the Moody 27, Kashiya. Well done!

Thanks go to Lizzy for organising the rally and BBQ. ...Ed.

End of Season Christmas Rally

Haslar Marina Saturday 17th November 2018

3 course Christmas Dinner Saturday Evening
7:30pm in The Castle Tavern, £16.95 per head
Restaurant is limited to 25 places on first come first serve basis so
please book early!!

To take part in this Rally, please add your name, boat details and
menu choices to the list on the noticeboard in the club,
or email details to

Lizzy Bolan: cruiser@fsmbcnet.org.uk by Sunday 21st October 2018
Copy of the menu also available on club website

Christmas Food Menu

2018



The Castle Tavern
Mumby Road, Gosport
Tel: 02392 583991

Christmas Fayre

Available from 1st to 24th December

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Starters

Vegetable Soup

served with a warm knot roll

Prawn Cocktail

served on a bed of iceberg lettuce with a knot roll

House Pâté

served with salad garnish & hot fingered toast

BBQ Baby Ribs

served with salad garnish & BBQ dip

Main Course

Roast Crown of Turkey

served with pigs in blankets & stuffing

Homemade Chicken & Stilton Pie

with a suet crust top - A Castle Favourite!

Home Roasted Gammon

topped with a creamy parsley sauce

Tavern Cod Loin

topped with a wholegrain mustard & mushroom sauce

Ratatouille Bake

broccoli, tomato, cheese & a crumbed top

All the above served with roast potatoes & seasonal vegetables

Desserts

Christmas Pudding

served with Brandy Sauce, Fresh Cream or Ice Cream

Black Forest Gateaux

served with Fresh Cream or Ice Cream

Rhubarb & Apple Crumble

served with Custard, Fresh Cream or Ice Cream

Red Cherry Ice Cream Sundae

Please let us know your choice with your pre order

£ 16.95

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VANNES EXCHANGE VISIT 2019



The dates for the Vannes 2019 exchange have been set for 23rd-29th June. A week of events is being planned by our French hosts and FSMBC, along with Warsash, Hill Head and Portchester Sailing Clubs are starting to organise the flotilla to join in with the celebrations.

A total of 15 boats, comprising of 50 people, are expected to attend the event and FSMBC have been allocated 5 boat spaces. To date, 3 boats have definitely signed up, 1 possible and space for another is available. List will be on the Club notice board week commencing 1st of October. Fees for the event have been set by our French Colleagues of 110 euros to be paid in full by 31st March 2019.

A basic outline of events is that the combined fleet will amass in Crouesty Marina on the 23rd June with a sail past to Vannes on the 24th of June with 5 nights free berthing up to and including 28th June. The fleet will depart on 29th June. Events during the week are being planned by our hosts. Updates on these will follow in due course.

I will be doing a Club talk in early November explaining what to expect from the exchange so watch for the date.

Hopefully, Gaynor will be able to do some nibbles, ably assisted by Margaret Pryde!
Oh la la!

This is a wonderful exchange twinning event and long may it continue. FSMBC is very proud to participate in this great event.

Très bien mes amis!

For details see Dee Orme.

