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*The official newsletter of the  
Fareham Sailing & Motor Boat Club*  
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Can you believe the change in Salterns Carpark? See Pages 4 - 5

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## Editorial

It's cold, it's wet, it's dark and it's snowing. It's winter!

Never mind! The Winter Solstice is now well past and so the days are getting longer. The Six Nations rugby tournament has just started and I have just watched Wales win against France so things are obviously on the up.

I notice that the cold and wet weather has not stopped our eager volunteers from turning out and doing some sterling work on the Club car park at Salterns. All this exertion was carried out with the encouragement of their foreman (did anyone say slave-driver?), Tony Blair.

If Tony catches you unaware be prepared to utilise a shovel, hammer, saw or whatever other implement gets thrust into your capable hands. I'm told that resistance is futile. Joking aside, it seems that they all enjoy the challenge and it is good exercise in good company and that is what you need to work off the excesses of Christmas over indulgence and keep you young and healthy. It is also cheaper than joining the gym.

On that note, I feel it is time for a nap.

## Clubhouse Pontoon Improvements

Richard Payne, Hon Sec

As you may be aware the House Committee is very aware of the current bad state of the Locks Yard storage pontoon which the Lugger fleet currently uses.

As a matter of urgency this is to be replaced once other essential club works have been considered.

At the same time the committee will consider modernising the remaining pontoon facility to increase the access and use by both the Cruiser and Dinghy fleets.

Already there have been proposals which aim to achieve this but in order to gain maximum involvement by those using the pontoons we would like to invite ideas for improvement from members before finalising any design.

Please submit any suggestion to the Pontoon Sub-committee before the end of February, preferentially by email, or chat to them in the club.

They are:-

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Their thoughts will be posted in the clubhouse shortly.

**Do not delay if you wish to have your proposal considered.**

## Forthcoming Events

# ST PATRICK'S

**SAT 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH  
2019**

BAR OPEN AT 7.30PM - NIBBLES

**"Fareham Creekers"**  
(On The Balcony)

Supporting Act..... **"The Creeklets"**



## BIG PADDY RAFFLE

GET YOUR TICKETS FROM MARGARET!!!

Free Entry (as long as you wear GREEN)

## Lugger Sailing

Sunday 10th Feb 13.30  
Lugger New Year Series

Sunday 24th Feb 13.30  
Lugger New Year Series

Sunday 10th Mar 13.30  
Lugger New Year Series

Saturday 23rd Mar 11.45  
Roughay Bowl 1, 2 & 3

Sunday 24th Mar 12.45  
Roughay Bowl 4, 5 & 6

## Cruiser Dinner

The ever popular annual Cruiser Dinner has  
been postponed.

An alternative date and venue will be decided  
upon and advertised in due course.

Any items for inclusion in the March edition to be emailed to [publicity@fsmbcnet.org.uk](mailto:publicity@fsmbcnet.org.uk)  
by 20th of February.



## Boatswains Team (Issue2)

"Mighty Oaks from little acorns grow".

December was a strange time to plant (ideas, that is) but we have had an encouraging response both in activity and intent.

Many thanks to those members who have offered to become involved.

Those of you who have visited your vessels in the new year via Salterns Car park will be aware that a certain amount of tree and ground clearance has taken place.

Peter Martin and his crew, Sandra, (Waveney Harrier) have, for some years, been itching to minimise the fire risk from the Creek side of the carpark and this, together with a request from all neighbours with property adjoining the club's ground, set the plan of our first (and hopefully not last) major volunteer project.

Other Club Members involved in the project, as time allowed, included David Branscombe, Graham Cotton, Laurie Curle, Richard Ferriday, Pat Galvin, Pat Kinchin, Ronnie Noades and, of course, yours truly.

More 'less urgent' work in the carpark will progress at a less frenetic rate and, once the main project is complete, Peter and Sandra are prepared to continue with general maintenance of the area.

We believe we have saved several thousand pounds of the Club's funds through the teams action and are sure this money will be put to good use for the benefit of all members.

Other projects are underway throughout the Club Facilities. We will continue with our efforts and are convinced the teams will flourish and grow.

If you are inspired sufficiently to require further discussion concerning the FSMBC Volunteer Teams, by all means please send me a TEXT on 07715981941 and I will arrange to meet as soon as possible.

Tony Blair

*This sounds like good work done by willing hands.*

*See page 5 for photos of Men at Work. 'Where are the women?' I hear you ask. They were obviously moving too fast for the camera! ... Ed.*



# Danger! Men at Work.



The deep dark woods where no one dares go.

Maybe not!  
Our brave heroes set forth and now look at it.



It all looks better after a nice cup of tea Tony.



Dave testing the railings for stability.



That fire is going well! What do you mean you forgot the barbeque sausages?



It's all hands to the pump & it will all get done...

...and as you can see, it all got done.

