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NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE COMMODORE

By the time you read this the boats will be out of the water and we will all be settling into winter routine which, I hope, means more time in the club enjoying the social life.

We held an open meeting on 20th October which was attended by the faithful, but for those of you who could not make it I have included my introductory remarks and a brief summary of the ensuing discussions.

“The sailing season is all but over and I think that I can safely say that it has been a disappointment to everybody, the weather being chiefly to blame. Not only have we been discouraged from taking our boats out but our usual visitors have stayed away in droves. However, whilst our bar takings do reflect the absent visitors, we have had some very successful functions and events. Notable amongst these were the Lundy Race, the Power Boat Weekend and the Gig Club Launching Ceremony as well as a number of quizzes and barbecues.

On the financial side we have paid off the long standing loan from St Austell brewery and, subsequently, we have been able to negotiate much more favourable terms with them. Also, they have given us a new barbecue and a gazebo shelter for the patio. The Gig Club have got off to a good start and have agreed to contribute £500 to the Club.

All in all we are in a far less parlous state than we were at this time last year but we must bear in mind that we are entering the lean season. We will have to repeat the efforts made last winter.”

It was agreed that the Gig Club has got off to a very good start and that their contribution to our finances is most welcome. It was felt that some Gig Club members are still a bit shy of us yachties, please don't be; we would love to see you at all of the social events held in the club and at any other time for that matter.

There were a lot of suggestions made regarding activities over the winter period and the social committee will be pulling things out of the hat over the next few months.

Although we have not set a date for the next Open Meeting I would be looking to have one early in the New Year. We do have a date for the AGM; please make a note of the 21st of February.

The night after the Open Meeting was Trafalgar night and a truly splendid time was had by all. Thank you to John and Sharon for a superb dinner, and to Maxine for your support on the night. It was a shame that not more of you could make it, you missed a very convivial evening. I know that weekdays are not the most convenient for going out so next year we will be considering ignoring convention and holding the dinner at the weekend.

There are plenty of functions in the pipeline and I look forward to seeing you at many of them. One not to miss is the Commodores Quiz on 15th November at 8pm. All questions set by me so they are bound to be easy. See you then.

Chris Marman

SOCIAL SIDE

OCTOBER

Fri 31st Halloween Party 21:00

Fancy Dress party with prizes for best costumes. Disco with "Night Owl" until late. Pumpkin soup available. Come along and "rattle your bones" in your best scary costume.

NOVEMBER

Sat 8th Boozy Beetle Drive 20:00

Remember the old Beetle Drive? If not, it involves dice throwing, the drawing of a beetle, a lot of moving from table to table, and in this case a few drinks! All we need is people and I can promise a good laugh.

Sat 15th Commodores Quiz 20:00

Chris Marman has put himself forward to host this quiz. Always a good night. Usual quiz rules (teams of 4 or so).

Tue 18th RADAR demonstration by John Rice 20:00

Sat 22nd Pink Floyd in concert 20:30

Calling a Pink Floyd fans – a night for you and anyone who enjoys a good concert. Dancing and drinking permitted!!

Sun 30th Table Top Sale

A chance to pick up a bargain or two for Christmas. Crafts, bric-a-brac, IYC & Gig Club outfits. To book please phone the club (£5 per table)

Coming up in December is a Christmas Quiz with Dave Welch on Saturday 13th. Christmas Lunch & Party dates will be advised in next month's newsletter.

I would just like to thank our Commodore, Chris and his lady wife, Janice, for the superb Trafalgar Dinner.

Although we were low on numbers, it was a lovely evening.

Food and service were excellent, for which I thank John & Sharon Ward and Maxine.

Also thanks to my fellow diners for their entertaining company. A really good evening.

Bobby

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