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**DIARY DATES**

Fri	3 Feb	1930	Photographer Jem Southam
Fri	10 Feb	1930	LFHA AGM
Fri	17 Feb	1930	From Dartmouth to the Med
Fri	2 Mar	1930	RNLI Chas M-Wiggin
Fri	16 Mar	1930	"French for sailors" Isabel and Brett
Sat	7 April	0750	Craning afloat
Sat	20 Oct	1035	Craning ashore

**SPRING CLEAN OF CHANGING ROOMS AND CLUBHOUSE**

I will be organising the annual spring clean of the Clubhouse in early March. **Before the end of February, can everyone who has left personal property anywhere in the Clubhouse, please retrieve it and take it home.** If it is still there by the end of February, it will be taken to a charity shop or re-cycling. I will be calling for a few willing hands in March so **please** contact me if you can help.  
 Judith Carter 01395274104

**FRIDAY EVENING TALKS AND EVENTS**

On Friday 3rd Feb, internationally acclaimed artist photographer, Jem Southam, will focus on Rivers, Rockfalls, and Ponds including the Jurassic Coast and the pond at Upton Pyne. He lives in Exeter so knows the Exe well, albeit strictly from the shoreline. Jem is Professor of Photography at Plymouth University.  
 On 17th Feb Chris Coomber will whet our appetite for summer sailing further afield with an account of his travels From Dartmouth to the Med.  
**For all talks the bar will open at 7.30, talks commence at 7.45pm**

**WINTER WALKS**

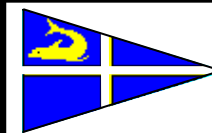
Sunday 19 February: Walking Group Leaders: Alistair and Barbara Robertson. Details are posted on the LSC board outside the clubhouse.

**NEW ASSISTANT SECRETARY**

Michelle Pryor took on the role of Assistant Secretary this year so if you cannot get hold of Rosemary and want to make enquiries about hiring the sailing club etc then please contact Michelle on 01395273706 or mspryor{at}hotmail.co.uk

**SKITTLERS**

Topsham SC skittles team, who have been struggling to find their form this season, had a good night against the Dolphins when they beat us in 5 of the 6 legs and scored nearly 400. The Dolphins have now lost their 100% success record. We can only hope this is not the start of the slippery slope downwards - 6 matches left to be played. Diana de la Rue



# Lympstone Sailing Club

## February 2012 Newsletter

**BOATWATCH**

My name is Police Community Support Officer Sarah Trayhurn and I am responsible for the Neighbourhood Policing in Lympstone Village. I have been invited to write this article informing you about my future plans to launch "Boatwatch" in Lympstone. This is a scheme set up by Devon and Cornwall Police and helps you, as boat owners/users, to have better communication with the police and, hopefully, work towards the reduction and prevention of marine theft. We aim to carry out a presentation in the next few months introducing Boatwatch and to explain about Project Kraken, which is run by Special Branch and which enhances counter terrorism vigilance with the aim of increasing public safety. The date we will be attending the Sailing Club is to be confirmed and will be published in the near future. In the meantime, if anyone would like more information, please contact me on the details below. I look forward to speaking to you in the near future.

Best wishes

PCSO Sarah Trayhurn 30110 Email: [sarah.trayhurn@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk](mailto:sarah.trayhurn@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk)

**DIAMOND JUBILEE COMMEMORATIVE TEXTILE**

Pat Boaden is looking for sailing club, harbour & fishing photos and personal stories from the 1950s, 60s & 70s. Please contact her on 01395272067 or [patb@millcombe.com](mailto:patb@millcombe.com) if you think you may have items of interest. E.g. the flooding in the 1960s

**THE NEW YEAR'S DAY SWIM**

There was a superb turn out for this year's swim - very ably led by Brett (goosepimples) Candy. It was generally agreed that the positioning of a buoy in line with the end of the harbour wall was an improvement, ensuring that the brave swimmers did actually have to swim, whilst the even braver onlookers did not have to suffer the wonderful aroma from the estuary which we all remember from the "crossing of the brook" two years ago. Thanks as always to Graeme Wheeler for acting as "starter".



## LSC ADOPTS VILLAGE FLOWERBED

For the past year a small group of people from LSC have been looking after the rose bed at the junction of Nutwell Road and Meeting Lane. So far this has included: Lyn and Chris Batson, Jenny Moon, Jill Dixon, Karen Gratton, Linda Lyon, Geoff Lill and myself. The Parish Council has recently made a request for people to take responsibility for looking after different flowerbeds around the village. LSC has offered to take on the maintenance of this bed. This involves about 3 gardening sessions a year; to prune the roses, weed the bed and generally tidy up. This year there is a bit of a challenge to make the beds look particularly good for the Diamond Jubilee. If anyone is willing to join our little group as an occasional gardener, please let me know. Geoff pruned the roses last week, but the weeds are growing!

Judith Carter, 01395274104 judith\_carter{at}hotmail.com

## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Thanks to everyone so far who has paid their subscriptions – roughly 70% have now done so. If you have not yet paid and intend to resign from the Club, could you please let me know in writing (email is fine). If you have not yet paid and wish to renew your membership, please arrange to pay as quickly as possible. If your renewal form is lost then please contact me to find out what you owe. Taking any of these actions saves me a great deal of unnecessary time and effort spent chasing up, not to mention cost to the Club. Many thanks for your cooperation and support.

Tony Gratton, Hon Membership Sec (tony.gratton{at}fintecs.com)

## SAIL TRAINING FOR 2012 SEASON - YOUR REQUESTS?

This year we will run a regular fortnightly activity evening as the setting for some "Sail Coaching by stealth". Our aim is simply to encourage more people to be able to enjoy the water. At the moment there is no fixed agenda for what activities to include, so now is the time to have your say: PLEASE phone, text or email djahawes{at}googlemail.com 07917 774802 or 01395 227052 with your ideas or requests for what you'd like to learn or do as part of a training programme. Some examples might be:

- A goal for you or your children to achieve RYA level 2 by the end of the season;
- To helm a race confidently for the first time;
- An evening of Try Windsurfing;
- Or to improve on existing skills; gybing, spinnakers, trapezing.

Activities will be short (1.5hrs), regular and sociable and will start and finish on time!

We really look forward to hearing from you  
David & Emily Hawes 01395227052

## THANK YOU

Karen & Tony Gratton hosted a very convivial party in January to thank those who deliver the LSC Newsletter to your letterbox each month. Most, if not all were present, so we thank our hosts for in effect saying "Thank you" to all our "posties" over recent years.  
Richard Crisp

## HARBOUR ASSOCIATION AGM

The Lympstone Fishery & Harbour Association AGM will take place from 8pm in the Club on Friday 10th February 2012. The Board invites members to receive reports from the Chairman and Treasurer on matters arising during the concluding year and to vote on proposals for the year in prospect. On conclusion of the formal part of the meeting Members are welcome to ask questions on any matter relating to the Association. Doors open 1930, the bar will close at 1955 & during proceedings. The outline information is already on our website under LFHA.

Richard Crisp

## WEBSITE DESIGN—IDEAS NEEDED

We are seeking inspired ideas/designs for the banner for the new website, so why not spend a few of your idle winter hours hunting through your snaps and putting fingers to keyboard. Let your imagination run wild. It would be good to get a few different images so that we can change them on a regular basis. All ideas/suggestions to Richard Crisp please; r{at}rgtcrisp.plus.com (note: the ratio of width to height needs to be 12:1)

## COMMODORE'S CORNER

Some frosty mornings, but still no snow at this end of the world and we are now into the first month of another year. Looking back – the mulled wine evening to start the Christmas festivities was well attended and many a glass of the red warm stuff was scuppered along with a fair few mince pies. The walkers have had their New Year's Dinner and Brett, joined by an encouraging number of brave stalwarts, had fun in the New Year's Day splash, venturing out to and beyond the end of the harbour wall. It was great to see so many take the plunge this year. A collection on the morning added another £50 towards our aims of helping to re-kit our Lifeboat crew. We now are able to fund the purchase of one new lifejacket at £350 and the hope is to raise enough through the rest of the year to fund a second. Many thanks to all who added their coinage to the pot so far. Now seasonal festivities are well behind us, diets well under way to rid ourselves of the Christmas over indulgence, New Year's resolutions well and truly broken, despite all our best intentions, and some tentative thoughts drifting towards the ideas of warmer weather and on water activities. For my part I dream the dream with enthusiasm and have started boring those around me with my many plans and ideas for the coming sailing season. Most of which may not happen – but then – the dreaming is fun. As the days threaten to lengthen (yippee) there are signs around the harbour that some of the hibernating sailing beasts amongst our membership have ventured tentatively from their dens to start doing things on their nautical charges. Amongst them yours truly, having started work in depths of White Lady (note - out of the wind and rain) on some of the many jobs on my list of things to do before craning afloat. I look forward to seeing more of you down there as time and tide progress. In the mean time our Dinner Dance is on the horizon, once again at the village hall, winter talks and skittles are underway and our programme for the coming season is not far off ready to go to print. On a final note for this January signal I look forward to seeing you all in and around the club and harbour and wish you everything you would wish for yourselves for this New Year. CHAS