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Walkers' Party

Walkers are having their annual New Year's Eve Party funnily enough on New Year's Eve which is a Friday, between 1930 & 2230.

However, from 2230 onwards, **all members** will be welcome to enjoy the particular conviviality and perchance see in the New Year. Anyone for haggis and a wee dram?

This 'n That

- Answer to last month's question... four perches in a wicket, what am I talking about? Well, a rod, pole or perch is an old measure of length, 5.5 yards. A cricket wicket is one chain long or 22 yards. Therefore the correct answer is four.
- Thanks to Daphne & Brian Ridge for their meticulous organisation and leadership of their delightful walk from Dittisham
- Frances says, 'the more Raffle Tickets you buy, the better the first prize will be' over £100 so far



**Happy Christmas !
Happy New Year !**

Diary Dates

Fri	26 Nov 1930	Talk: St John's Ambulance
Fri	3 Dec 1930	Quiz
Fri	10 Dec 1930	Frog Racing (new series)
Fri	17 Dec 1830	Carols & Christmas Fare - Topsham School musicians - see p1
Fri	24 Dec 1930	Purely social
Fri	31 Dec 1930	Walkers' Supper 1930-2230 2230 Hogmanay Social - all
Sat	29 Jan 1900	Annual Dinner Dance, Woodbury
Fri	4 Feb	LHFA Annual General Meeting
Sat	5 Feb	LSC Annual General Meeting
Sat	9 Apr early	Craning Afloat
Winter Walks Programme		
Sun	5 Dec	Branscombe - Broom
Sun	16 Jan	Grand Western Canal - Bland
Sun	20 Feb	Bennett
Sun	13 Mar	Sutton/Hurrell
Sun	17 Apr	Broom

Dinner Dance etc

Please note that the enclosed extra sheet serves two roles. Firstly, information and booking slip for the Dinner & Dance at Woodbury Park, but secondly, on the reverse side of the part that you keep, is the **2005 Clubhouse Bar Duty Roster** for Friday nights. To those who have very kindly volunteered to prop up the bar for an evening, please note that if you cannot do your allocated evening, then it is primarily your responsibility to arrange a swap with another person from the list and to mark that change on the definitive Rosta on the Club Noticeboard. This arrangement will also apply to Safety Boat Duty in the sailing season.

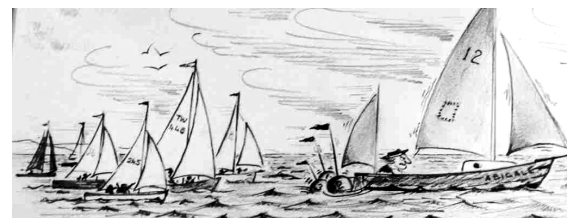


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December 2004

Prizegiving 2004

A full-house for the 2004 Prizegiving & Spuddle is perhaps the best barometer of how well the Club is doing as far as sailing is concerned in the winter months. With dinghies, dayboats and cruisers all well-represented in the trophy haul together with a clutch of new handsome trophies for the junior winners. Students of form and handicap would have found all-but-one of the results predictable, that one being the Darling Cup. As the present holder Roger Howell explained, the recipient is the person whose unfortunate boating mishap is deemed to be the most noteworthy, by the holder. Whilst not sparing the blushes of two previous holders in the room, ('stranding on top of Darling's Rock' is the most fitting!) Roger played down his own misdemeanours before giving his verdict to John Welton, with a strong mention of Tony Clark for runner-up. Apart from the Darling Rock 'Trophy', Roger generously presented a framed original painting by the Commodore depicting the reason for the award. John had previously boasted in these pages that he had beaten the whole fleet in his new dayboat, but had omitted to include the fact that



in sailing too close to the mark, he had snagged the first (& another) buoy anchor rope and sailed on obliviously, thus rendering the course somewhat of a challenge to overtaking vessels! The painting is entitled "Winning Ways"!



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Winter Social Events - Fridays

Friday Clubnights are on the up! Following John's Junk, we have a talk by Ian Moody this coming Friday (26th Nov.), a quiz - maximum 6 per team on 3rd Dec, Frog Racing - brilliantly introduced by the Commodore earlier in the year - on the 10th, and on the 17th, **STARTING at 1830**, we have yourselves Carol Singing, accompanied by an excellent young 10-piece ensemble from Topsham School presented by Graham Pearson, plus mulled wine & mince pies. Christmas Eve is a Friday so the Club will be open purely for socialising. 'The Walkers' will be having their traditional annual supper on New Year's Eve from 1930-2230 in the Clubroom, **after which** everyone will be welcome to see in 2005 in convivial manner. (see also 'Walkers Party' on page4)

Junk on The Pond

The Friday-night Social Activity Committee opened their winter programme with John Lupton's illustrated talk, 'Junk on The Pond'. Forty seven souls who braved heavy showers were not disappointed. John's talk of his erstwhile passage from New York to Falmouth in a junk-rigged schooner in 28 days was most entertaining without relating any crises or evidence of severe weather. Maybe the ease with which the junk rig can be single-handedly adjusted played-down any drama. Whilst explaining the simplicity of the rig he spared us the befuddling details of lizards, sheetlets, euphroses, snotters, and bowsing tackles. Thank you very much, John! See Diary Dates (p4) for further planned activities and page 1.

Committee Matters

- Nominations for new Committee members must be made in writing, signed by a proposer & seconder, & received by the Secretary 14 days before the AGM ie 21 January. There are likely to be at least three vacancies - at the time of writing.
- Peter Conibere, our Bar manager, has compiled a 2005 full-year roster of names & phone numbers for Bar Duty. Thanks to those members who have volunteered. Please see panel 'Enclosure' on page 4 for further details of this and of the Dinner & Dance.

Editor's Perch

- Once again, thieves are in evidence; no sooner than boats are washed ashore after breaking their moorings in the recent gales than the b***** take advantage, stripping them of anything valuable. Even the decent clip that the Commodore provided to fasten open the Club door appears to have been stolen. So swiftly do these thefts occur, one can only conclude that the perpetrators are probably locals. Considering no Club member can seem to make a mistake when afloat without it being noticed and discussed in terms of Darling Cup potential, I'm surprised that our light-fingered friends have not been spotted.
- Luckily, on a positive note, our large white southern racing mark, normally off Sowden End has been recovered from near the Goat Walk at Topsham. Also thanks for the sterling work by locals, not all Club Members, in preventing greater damage and loss during the unusually high tide, gales and floods.
- Do you remember the Ancient Mariners **Friday lunchtime** gatherings? I have heard that there maybe sufficient interest to restart this again. The initial format might be: bring your own grub, the bar will be open. However it would probably flourish even better with an informal organising team. If you are interested in supporting this in any way, please contact me or the Secretary.
- According to Club records, about half the membership have email yet I only received 5 email replies to my request to gauge numbers for the last talk. If you have changed your address in the last year please email me or make it clear on the membership renewal form that you address is altered.

RYA, Royal ty & The Commodore & His Lady

Prior to the RYA AGM it is customary to invite some Commodores and their wives from the eleven areas around the UK to a Royal Reception, held at a Convention Centre in Westminster and hosted by the Princess Royal. who of course (*show off - Ed*) is the President of the RYA.

This year our club was honoured with an invite, so naturally Adrienne and I attended. We were fortunate in having quite a lengthy chat with Princess Anne, mostly about horses, Powderham and Bicton but of course I extended your best wishes which were reciprocated. Having met her, you cannot fail to be impressed by her easy manner and the workload she takes on, (four receptions that day alone! As well as Chair-



I name this Lifeboat 'The Don Govan'

The RNLI box on the bar was opened recently and contained £22.29p. This is mainly the result of skittle teams' members who are 'fined' 2p for every time they miss the pins. Your Treasurer would like it to be noted that, due to his recent form, he has contributed more than his fair share! He also points out that non-skittlers are allowed to put their spare change into the box. And whilst we are on the subject of putting money in boxes, please buy more Raffle tickets from the Bar.

Spuddle Notes

By having the three captains introduce their provisional ideas for 2005 at the start, members were encouraged to put forward their ideas too. And several very good ones emerged causing one captain to comment jokingly "we'll have to rip up the provisional plan". Perhaps hold the Spuddle first, next time? The themes from the floor were: longer courses for races (cruisers and dinghies), pursuit races (all sections), helm, rather than boat handicaps, ladies (only) race. Jeremy Chew as Sailing Captain was singled out for praise, not only for presenting the prizegiving but also for effectively championing the sailing programme throughout the season.