



Pin Mill Sailing Club

Circular

March 2005

Peggy Williams November 1928 to February 2005

On 11 February, Peggy's service of thanksgiving took place at St Mary le Tower Church, Ipswich. The Civic Church was well attended for this occasion and PMSC was strongly represented, all those present joining in the hymns. Afterwards, there was a gathering of relatives and friends at the nearby Ipswich and Suffolk Club.

Peggy leaves behind husband Frank (they had celebrated their Golden Wedding) and three sons.

Peggy was well known in Ipswich, where until retirement Frank ran a wallpaper paint and fabric shop in Orwell Place, opposite St Pancras Church. (known to Ipswichians as "the wallpaper shop"). They both got involved at Pin Mill from the 1950's in family sailing and in social activities. Peggy was on the House Committee and generally helped things to go with a swing throughout PMSC's "dancing years" and beyond.

Latterly Peggy enjoyed attending the Clubhouse with Frank, particularly on Sunday lunch times, where she was always ready with a smile, a kind word, or a chat.

Peggy's smile belied her suffering for a very long time from a serious illness, throughout which she showed great courage and remarkably, always came across to her fellow Club members as a gentle, kind and caring person. All who knew Peggy will miss her.

Diary

Saturday 12 March 19.30 for 20.00 at the Clubhouse

Winter Lecture by Life Hon Member Tony Cowley, entitled "My Pirate Ancestor Circumnavigated the World (illustrated).

Friday 25 March (Good Friday) 3.30

Grindle Dig and afterwards at the Clubhouse.

Saturday 9 April

19.30 for 20.00 at the Clubhouse

New Members' evening and afterwards, a showing of the film Ha'penny breeze.

Saturday 16 April

19.30 for 20.00 at the Clubhouse

Fitting out supper (tear off slip attached to this Circular)

Commodore's Corner

At the same time as one the of the first signs of spring (the hedgerow as you come up Freston Hill), we are hit by a severe cold spell and threats of snow, with major traffic disruption. Not the best of weather to start contemplating fitting out. Nevertheless when the time comes, do remember that, normally when the Clubhouse is open, you can get hot snacks etc in the Bar, plus an even more warming welcome.

February has seen the Burns Night supper provided by Jackie and Jo and Fred's quiz evening with about ten teams of four taking part (modesty forbids revealing the winning team), a very enjoyable evening Thanks Fred.

We also hosted the Sailing Barge Association/ Association of Bargemen joint winter social; an event that left our Bar Secretary Jim with a bigger smile than normal. As I write this, the Italian evening is about to take place; more of that next month.

Coming up on March 12 Tony Cowley is going to regale us with tales of his relation the Pirate (explains a lot, I hear you say). I have been helping Tony a bit with audio/visual technology so have had a sneak preview. It promises to be a fascinating evening. Maybe Tony will reveal the whereabouts of the hidden treasure?

Grindle dig will take place on Good Friday, although I personally must give my apologies, as I am away

In the Almanac and on the Website we have published New Members' Evening as being March 26 As this is Easter Saturday, we have decided to change to April 9.

I will be writing to all new members inviting them along to meet as many of their fellow members as possible, so please make the effort.

As an inducement the Committee has decided to show Ha'penny Breeze during the evening, which if you haven't seen it, is well worthwhile and if you have, is probably still worth a look.. I hope it can be shown via a projector, so we won't all have to crowd around the television. Look forward to seeing you there

One thing I would ask some of you to think about: over the years, a few have taken the opportunity to reduce their membership to Single and this is fine.

However, the Club now lays on far more events, lunches etc. than it has for a long while. The rules are that all guests (this includes spouses and partners) must sign in the Visitors Book and are allowed 6 visits per year. This could perhaps limit the number of times you are able to enjoy the Clubhouse too.

If you find yourself in this category the Committee is willing to allow your spouse or partner to rejoin, on payment of the difference

between Single and Household Membership (but for a limited period.)

Finally with this Circular, there is a tear off slip for the Fitting Out Supper. Reply early please, to avoid disappointment.

Julian Ackland

Grindle Dig

**Good Friday
at 3.30 pm
25 March 2005**

There will be the traditional Grindle Dig on Good Friday at 3.30 pm – meeting at the Clubhouse and following the tide down the Grindle digging out any silt built up over the winter – to keep the water running beside the Hard.

This will allow dinghies to be pulled up and down for the start of the season. All energetic members welcome – bring your own spade (or shovel, if you are feeling strong!)

There will be hot dogs and a free pint for all those who help

Looking forward to seeing you there.

**Dilly Ridge
Vice Commodore**

Sailing, Bye!

What, March already?? Oh dear, nearly time for 'clean bottoms' again.

Now last year, I explained that we would have a reduced Summer calendar and asked for any subsequent comments or suggestions. None came so I'm pleased to announce a fairly similar calendar for this coming season. Full details will be in the imminent Almanac, but I'll just ask for feedback on a couple of items.

After the success of the summer cruise to St Katherine's Dock the Committee felt we could repeat it this year. I'm sure it would be

enjoyed just as much by all participants and we might even get some nice weather! However, think about Chatham as a possible alternative venue. It's a slightly shorter trip but still two days, especially if there was a deliberate stopover at one of the many clubs en route. Our Rear Commodore has already made enquiries and we can expect a warm welcome and good berthing rates. This year we've chosen the week starting 23 July, which I'm told is just into the school hols, so maybe some families can turn out. Please give me feedback on whether we do Chatham, St Kats, or both, because the decision hasn't been made yet and I'll be very democratic about it (but don't forget that a tin of the Club's excellent mild could help the democratic process if the voting is close).

Our other cruises, (spring and summer bank holidays) are to Aldeburgh/Orford and Brightlingsea and it would be nice to get half a doz or so boats at each.

Orwell Yacht Club have gotten sponsorship from Ferryways for a race to Ostende on the Spring bank holiday weekend (actually I think the start is on Friday 27/5) and it has been opened up to Pin Mill and RHYC. This will clash with our own cruise, but anyone who would prefer the adrenaline rush of a sprint to Europe and back please contact me for details.

I've kept the Ladies Race in and will be making direct contact with all the lady sailors I know, to encourage a better turn out than last year. Unfortunately I don't actually know many, so everyone out there who knows a lady who sails, immediately get them to put August 13 in their diary.

Now, much as I hate to end on a serious note..... I sent out a call last year for volunteers to help with the few races we have. Pin Mill has over 400 members and the response was nil. This year there are opportunities to help with the first 3CRS race on 11 June, which Pin Mill is hosting. Also, the Ladies Race and the weekend of 3 September with the Regatta and RNLI race.

Not a lot and you can pick which one you prefer. Any willing volunteers out there??

A Call from the Bar

Hello folks, just a brief run down as your new Hon Bar Secretary: having got through running out of beer (twice) over the Christmas holiday, I and the Bar Committee will endeavour to emulate the quiet, efficient stewardship of my immediate predecessor, Nigel Mower.

First I would like to introduce you to our much researched, new wine list: a wide and varied selection, offered at incredibly low prices. These wines come recommended by some of the most expert wine tasters in the country. Normally advice like this is expensive and hard to come by, but as luck would have it, the equivalent can be found at the Clubhouse Bar most weekends.

And that's not all, we are now able to introduce guest breweries for your delight and delectation. If you weren't in during February, you missed Adnams Old, a fine traditional ale made with toasted hops that gave a delicious, smokey taste and Butcombe Blonde, a first class bitter of the utmost pale clarity that had a remarkably clean finish.

We have had Nastro Azzuro put in on draught and watch out for Bitter and Twisted during March, from somewhere in Scotland. And to top it all, guest crisps have appeared – Thai sweet chilli (hope no Sudan1, Ed.), cracked black pepper and sea salt, oh how mouthwatering!

All that we have on offer is hand served by the finest trio of barmaids ever to greet a member. Watch out for coming events in the Diary column, including the ever popular Sunday lunches. Book your accompanying wines early.

Cheers

Jim Clarke

Welcome Aboard!

**Peter Hibben from Sudbury, owner of
Bimbo, a Hunter Sonata**

**John and Margaret Prichard of
Woolverstone**

**Stephen, Dianne and Natalie Barker of
Ashbocking, owner of Grand Cru, a
Beneteau Oceanis**

**John Turner of Woodbridge, owner of
Matty, a Francis 26**

**Jerry Wilson of Sudbury, owner of Thor, a
Cornish Crabber**

Terry Sporle of Chelmondiston

PIN MILL SAILING CLUB
FITTING OUT SUPPER

SATURDAY 16 APRIL 2005
AT THE CLUBHOUSE
7.30pm for 8.00 pm

BY THE INCOMPARABLE JACKIE “N” JO!

Please reserve for me places

**I enclose my cheque payable to Pin Mill Sailing Club at a cost of
£11.00 per person**

MENU

SMOKED SALMON BLINIS

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CITRUS PORK LOIN WITH OLIVES & SEASONAL VEGETABLES

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EXOTIC FRUIT KLAFOUTI WITH CRÈME FRAICHE

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CHEESE & BISCUITS

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COFFEE

IF VEGETARIAN OPTION REQUIRED TICK HERE

**Please return this completed form with signed cheque to arrive no
later than**

**9 April 2005 to JACKIE FOOKES, LITTLE SHOP, CHURCH HILL,
HOLBROOK, IPSWICH IP9 2RP**