

'KNOT a CLUB'



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GOOD
NEWS
FOR THE RSA



A 28 YEAR 'DRAFT' LEASE HAS NOW BEEN SIGNED BY ALL PARTIES -
NOW THE RSA CAN LOOK FORWARD TO A MUCH MORE SETTLED AND SECURE FUTURE.

Dear Member,

It is with trepidation that I am stepping into Eric's shoes. Since I joined the sailing club in 1985, he has always been at the helm, firstly as Sailing Master and latterly as Commodore, so I can only aspire to keep up the good work.

Losing Fosse Pool was, I am sure, an all time low for our club, but thanks to Glyn, and more recently, Ken's sterling efforts, we should regain use of it on a very favourable lease.

1993 should prove to be the start of a very exciting period for the R.S.A. as we should be in the position, with a lot of hard work from us all, to develop very good amenities at the pool for everyone's enjoyment.

It won't be all work however, as a varied season's sailing has been planned - Easter at Market Bosworth; two trips as usual to Ferry Meadows; a weekend on the Norfolk Broads organised by Arnie; two weeks in Cornwall trying dinghy sailing on the sea; and last but not least, two weeks sailing around the Greek Islands thanks to John Lakin.

As usual, I expect Doris, Irene and Sandra will organise special events throughout the year for our enjoyment, for which we thank them in advance.

May I take this opportunity to thank Eric and Glyn for all their efforts during the past few years and hope that as they are still sitting on the committee, the new hot seat members can call on them for advice.

So, new Commodore, new joint Secretaries, new lease, new start, but let us retain all the good things from the past we treasure and have worked hard for, remembering we are first and foremost a family club.

Happy Sailing.

Ken Palmer

Thought you might like to know -



Eric Tindall, retiring club Commodore, is a founder member and was the RSA sailing master for seven years 1981-1988 after already serving on the committee.

In those early days he was an enthusiastic racer, competing every Sunday at the Wanlip sailing club, as he belonged to both the WSC and RSA.

He became an RYA instructor and has always been keen to pass on his sailing knowledge and in 1988 took over from Don Wilkin the running of the East Goscote Sailing Base, teaching dinghy sailing at Roundhill school.

Eric was elected Commodore of the club in 1988 and has served the RSA well, through a lot of sticky problems over the past years, in true seamanship fashion, keeping us on the right bearing.

Although retiring from office, Eric will still be serving the RSA, as he now joins the committee.

Glyn Lilley, retiring club Secretary, is a founder member of the RSA, he became a committee member in the very early days of the club being formed. Glyn in fact designed our logo, so you might say he made quite an impression upon the association from the very start.

His sailing experience expanded to become an RYA instructor and later to off shore sailing and in the last few years he has diversified into the sport of aqualung diving and is now a diving instructor.

He became RSA Secretary in 1985, after serving on the committee for two years, Glyn has had his hand firmly on the tiller, steering us through all sorts of rough and calm patches, broaching all problems with a fairlead.

Glyn will now be joining the committee, still giving of his valued service.



Ron Lovering, retiring Committee Member, joined the RSA in 1984 and was very quickly opted onto the committee, where he has served for the last seven years.

Seamanship is nothing new to Ron, as he started his working life as a Thames lighterman, at the age of 14 and worked the river until 1963. Since then has had the honour of being made a Freeman of the City of London.

Ron and his wife Florrie have always been staunch helpers and supporters of the RSA, our many thanks go to them both.

News & Views on Past Events.Wednesday February 17th. Club Night.

Our former Commodore, Tony Rollings, who is at present studying for his Doctorate in Archaeology, gave us a very interesting, illustrated, talk about some of the very earliest boats that have been discovered.

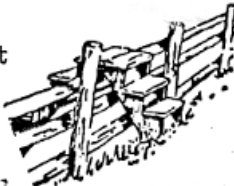


GALLEY (def. 2)

Sunday February 21st. Winter Walk.

For our last walk of the season, we retraced our steps on a ramble we did last year, and enjoyed so much. Thirty of us started from the car park of Mt. St. Bernards Abbey in glorious sunshine. The first leg was through a wood and over Blackbrook Reservoir and then to the welcome hot dogs and coffee supplied by Doris.

Refreshed, we were soon striding out onto the next leg where we crossed many stiles - do you remember how many? I think we went over twelve stiles, and through five gates - enough to give a body a thirst, all that exercise. I had no idea the route went through the lounge bar of the Bulls Head public house, but wasn't that a bit of luck for the thirsty folk. A welcome break! Again refreshed, we set off across the Warren Hills, and the view was fantastic, in the far distance could be seen the hills of the Peak District; and then back to the Abbey, a super walk with a variety of woods, fields, water, and open views. The day was rounded off with lunch at the Queen's Head, Belton.

Saturday March 6th. Barn Dance.

Yet again a very good Hoe Down, quite a different crowd of people this year as many of our regular supporters could not make this particular date, but it was still a sell out. Doris would like to thank the Social Committee for their help in preparing the refreshments, and for the men for setting out the hall, and for the marvellous help of all the RSA members who helped to clear the hall at the end of the evening. We have it off to a fine art, much to the wonderment of the school caretakers. Well done everybody.

Sunday March 14th Splash & Swim.

Last swim of the winter season, still very popular with the members that came, but forgotten perhaps by a few. Changing the time of the swim has caused some confusion, so before we book next winter's sessions we must decide whether to start at 3.00pm or 3.30pm, that is if we have a choice. Remember it is a good way of keeping in touch during the winter months.

Wednesday March 17th. A.G.M.

The meeting was very well attended, and the Minutes of the meeting will be sent to members. Meanwhile a report on the matters which concern us most. Our new Commodore is Ken Palmer, and new Secretary, Ken Sewell, ably assisted by Carol Solomon. All other officers remain the same. Item 9 on the Agenda was Update on the Water Situation, and Ken Sewell went through the various options that had been raised at the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 22nd January 1993.

Durrington Marine.

As most of us know, Durrington Marine is now in the hands of The Receivership, and although Leicester City Council may offer us the remaining 14 year lease it was thought the cost would be too great. Also the whole area is open to the public with a footpath along the shoreline.

Thornton Reservoir.

Controlled by the Water Authority, and they vetoed any idea of the use of the water for sailing.

Charnwood Water.

This seemed at first to be promising, but it was discovered that a fishing club had sole use of the water.

Cossington Water.

After a lot of meetings between Ken Sewell and Mick Brittle and the owners, the owners agreed to let the RSA sail there, with a possibility of a five year lease, but at a greatly increased rent that we have been paying. The owners were prepared to speak to their Land Agents with regard to drawing up an agreement.

Fosseway Pool.

A most unexpected thing had happened. Jelson, being the parent company of Acresford Sand & Gravel Co, said they were prepared to give the RSA a 28 year lease. A meeting was held to discuss rent, expences to be paid by RSA, and boundary lines. Ken was able to show the meeting a plan of the area with boundary lines marked, and a iraft lease.

After some discussion the members were asked to make a decision between Cossington Water and Fosseway Pool. There was a resounding yes for Fosseway, and it was agreed to put the matter of the lease in the hand of the respective solicitors.

Eric thanked all parties who had worked so hard and had given so much of their time in procuring water for the RSA.

Subscriptions.

Membership fees have increased this year to help meet the extra rent, the need for further development of the water, and improvement of facilities.

Family Membership	£45.00
Single from 18 yrs.	£30.00
Social 1 person only	£15.00
Berth.	£20.00
Trail & Board.	£10.00

Important. Please Note.

The RSA has a membership limit, and a waiting list. You are therefore asked to pay your membership subscription by 14th May, cheques made payable to RSA and send to Mrs. Carol Solomon, [REDACTED].

If you have any queries regarding membership Carol will be happy to assist you.

The field gate and compound gate keys are the same as last year, but if you have any difficulty contact Ken Sewell. Don Rushin. Tel: [REDACTED] is the man to speak to regarding boat berths or trailing your boat.

There is a lot of reorganizing, and much work to be done so please have patience with your committee, and if you can offer any help, please do contact Ken Sewell or Carol Solomon.

Having had the pay pay pay -
Let us have some play play play.

Holidays = Away Meetings.Norfolk Broards. May 14-15-16th.

There might still be a vacancy, if you would like to try sailing a yacht on the broads, in good company, novice or experienced sailor, contact Arnie Kendall [REDACTED].

Cornwall July 3rd - 17th

Camping and Sailing. There are still some places left, if interested contact Ken Sewell.

Sailing in Corfu. September 13th - 27th

Four boats going, still one spare. If you fancy sunshine and sailing contact John Lakin. Tel:

Agean Cruising on HALBERG-RASSAY 39

Cruise from Athens in comfort on a top class yacht for the same price as a mass produced French boat.

This classic yacht is a long keeled cutter ketch with 10 berths and all mod cons.

Bareboat charter for most of the season for just £125.00 per day or, if you wish combine your holiday with instruction from a Yachtmaster Instructor at very reasonable rates.

See Neil Burgess for details or telephon [REDACTED].

Neil is a member of the Wanlip Sailing Club.

Need not be only a dream you know !.

Meanwhile back at the pool -

Sailing has started.

And we look forward to another enjoyable season. The RSA has an excellant safety record, and to continue thus all members are asked to comply with the following rules.

1. All boats must be covered by at least third party insurance.
2. All boats must have adequate bouyanc;
3. All boat owners must have sufficient bouyancy aids for helm and all crew.
4. When a safety officer is not on duty there must be at least two boats on the water and a responsible person on shore.

May we also remind you that the duty officers on Sunday afternoon and Wednesday evening during July and August, give of their own time to provide a safety rescue service. So please in return do comply with any request they may ask of you regarding safety on the water.

Children in the compound must be supervised by their parents, or minder, because the duty officer is responsible for safety on the water, and not on the foreshore.

RSA adult bouyancy aids are for the use of duty personnel, and the childrens bouyancy aids for the use of the children using the RSA junior fleet. Dogs riding bicycles are not allowed in the compound.

These may seem a lot of rules and regulations, but the longer you sail the more you realize they make sense.

Notice Board.

As mentioned before, please make a habit of checking the notice board in the RSA hut for up to date information, and the latest copy of the Knot a Clew. Perhaps this is a good time to remind you that we usually publish four news letters per year, and if you feel that you have not received one for some time, contact Sandra on [REDACTED].

Only those members who have paid their subscriptions for 1993 will receive the next copy of Knot a Clew.

Future Programme.

Dates for your diary -

Wednesday 28th April. Skittle Supper.

Just a few places left. Meet at the Gate Hangs Well at 7.30pm for a game of skittles and supper to follow. **BOOK WITH DORIS.**

Weekend. 2 - 3rd May. Bank Holiday.

Fosseway Pool.

Book your pitch with Doris if you wish to stay for the weekend. Hopefully the weather will be kind so that we can have a B B Q and camp fire on the Saturday night.

Sat & Sun 8/ 9th May. Work Party.

Many hands make light work, so please can we have a good turnout for the many jobs to be done, The compound has to be made secure, and as we have extended our area by some 100 yards it is going to take some time.

Contact Ken Sewell if you can offer assistance - goods equipment labour refreshments.

Weekend. 14 - 14 Norfolk. *****

Notice from Arnie - There will be a meeting on Tuesday 27th April at 8.00pm at the Bulls Head ph. at Shellthorpe, Loughborough, for all people who are going to Norfolk.

Weekend. 29 - 31 May. Bank Holiday. Fosseway.

Book your pitch with Doris if you wish to camp for the weekend. Usual B.B.Q. & campfire. Also we will ask Wanlip Sailing Club if they would like to join us for one of the days. They have been very kind in offering our racers a season of sailing whilst we were without water, and the committee feel that we would like to reciprocate their goodwill.

Saturday 5th June. Wanlip Sailing Club. Childrens Sailing Day.

Held at Fosseway last year, but at Wanlip this year. A day when children from the age of 7 years are encouraged to learn sailing skills. A fun day enjoyed by children and adults who teach them. Details from Kez Brown Tel: [REDACTED], or Gary Phillips. [REDACTED]. Please book.

Weekend. 11 - 13th June. Ferry Meadow

Please book your pitch with Doris, with deposit of £5.00. We are limited to 25 places so do book soon. Day visitors are welcome, if you require more information Doris is the person to see. If anyone has room for a sack of firewood for the bonfire let Doris know.

Two Week. 3rd - 17th July. Cornwall.

Wednesday 7th July. 6.00pm - Dusk.

During July & August there will be a safety officer and rescue service at the pool. If the weather is good a pleasant way to spend an evening. sailing and enjoying good company.

'FORCE FIVE' SUMMER SERIES 1993

If all goes well we intend to start racing on Sunday mornings at the Fosse Lake on 25th April 1993. This will be the start of the summer series which will run until 10th October 1993. Below I have listed names for O.O.D. and SAFETY duties. If you cannot make your duty day please try and swap with someone else or ring Gary or me as soon as you can. Looking forward to seeing you all and having some good sailing!

Cheers Kez

DUTIES INCLUDE:

ARRIVE ABOUT ONE HOUR BEFORE THE FIRST RACE
 PUT R. S. A. SIGN ON THE GATE
 PUT PORTABLE TOILETS IN LADIES AND GENTS
 OPEN UP O. O. D. HUT
 GET RACE BOARD AND EQUIPMENT FROM R. S. A. HUT
 PUT UP R. S. A. FLAG TO INDICATE WIND DIRECTION
 LAUNCH RESCUE BOAT AND MAKE SURE ENGINE IS O. K.
 DRAW OUT RACE COURSE AND MOVE BOUYS IF REQUIRED
 START FIRST RACE AT 11 a.m.

DUTY LIST

<u>DATE</u>	<u>OFFICER OF THE DAY</u>	<u>SAFETY OFFICER</u>
25. 4. 93	KEZ BROWN [REDACTED]	GARY PHILLIPS [REDACTED]
2 . 5. 93	MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY	
9. 5. 93	RICHARD FRIDAY [REDACTED]	DON RUSHIN [REDACTED]
16. 5. 93	NORFOLK BROADS WEEKEND	
23. 5. 93	IVOR HALL [REDACTED]	JOHN TAYLOR [REDACTED]
30. 5. 93	SPRING BANK HOLIDAY	
6 . 6. 93	SHARON RUSHIN [REDACTED]	RON LILLEY [REDACTED]
13. 6. 93	FERRY MEADOWS WEEKEND	
20. 6. 93	PETER MORGANROTH [REDACTED]	MICK BRITTLE [REDACTED]
27. 6. 93	PAM BUNNEY [REDACTED]	JOHN LAKIN [REDACTED]
4. 7. 93	} To be DECIDED LATER	
11. 7. 93		
18. 7. 93		
25. 7. 93	JAMES SEWELL [REDACTED]	GEOFF ELLIS [REDACTED]
1 . 8. 93	PAUL HARRIS [REDACTED]	KEN SEWELL [REDACTED]
8. 8. 93	JOHN CORNWELL [REDACTED]	IAN BUNNEY [REDACTED]
15. 8. 93	GARY PHILLIPS [REDACTED]	KEZ BROWN [REDACTED]
22. 8. 93	DON RUSHIN [REDACTED]	RICHARD FRIDAY [REDACTED]
29. 8. 93	AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY AND FERRY MEADOWS	
5 . 9. 93	JOHN TAYLOR [REDACTED]	IVOR HALL [REDACTED]
12. 9. 93	RON LILLEY [REDACTED]	SHARON RUSHIN [REDACTED]
19. 9. 93	MICK BRITTLE [REDACTED]	PETER MORGANROTH [REDACTED]
26. 9. 93	JOHN LAKIN [REDACTED]	PAM BUNNEY [REDACTED]
3. 10. 93	GEOFF ELLIS [REDACTED]	JAMES SEWELL [REDACTED]
10. 10. 93	KEN SEWELL [REDACTED]	PAUL HARRIS [REDACTED]

All members are invited to take part in Sunday morning activities, either sailing or cheering.

Future Programme.Thursday 29th July. Social Evening.

The Roundhill Sub Aqua Club have asked if they can have another social sailing evening at Fosseyway - must have enjoyed themselves last year ! The above date would suit them, so your social committee will work on this date, possibly with the Birstall Bowmen, and then we may have a return visit for archery and diving.

Bank Holiday Weekend. 27 - 31 August. Ferry Meadows.

Book with Doris for your pitch. More details of activities later.

Sunday 12th September. Regatta.

Pencil in this date, could be a regatta or a hazard course. Don Rushin has some different ideas about this day from the usual sailing round a course. Will keep you posted.

Two Weeks. 14 27th September. Corfu.Sat: 6th October. Bavarian Evening.

Mark this date. Bring your family and friends to a great evening of entertainment. singing and dancing. Details later.

Hopefully there will be lots more social functions throughout the year, making full use of the sailing club, so do please keep looking at the notice board.

Notices.

Kevin Taylor saves tin foil for his school charity efforts. Angie says please could it be CLEAN tinfoil, so if you would like to help, Kevin would be pleased to receive your donations.

R.S.A. SWEATERS

28".....	£ 7.50
32".....	£ 7.50
36".....	£ 8.00
40".....	£ 8.50 *
44".....	£ 9.00 *
48".....	£ 9.50 *
50'.....	£10.00 *

* - IN STOCK SUBJECT TO SALES
Ring Ken Palmer.

CALLING ALL JUNIOR SAILORS !!

At the AGM it was decided that as there are so many sailors in the club now under 18 it was time we got organised and arranged some activities just for you !

I've been given that task, so what I would like to do is to arrange a meeting with you all down at the lake one Sunday when it's a bit warmer to find out what kind of things you would like to be doing during the summer.

I can't promise that we'll be able to do everything you'd like but we'll have a go.

Last year we had the race training day with Wanlip - would you like something like that?

How about a proper sailing course just for you?

What about your own mini regatta?

Have a think about these suggestions and come up with some of your own and we'll see what we can do.

If you'd like to let me know what you think before we have chance to have a meeting give me a ring or send me a letter or get your Mum or Dad to do it for you!

See you all soon.

Sharon Rushin