

## Stop Press

The worst of the Covid 19 has yet to come. The Jehovah Witnesses are beginning to realise everybody is at home!

Advised by Jenny Jelliss

Firstly, Officers and Committee just wanted to ask if you are all okay? The realities of the Covid-19 lockdown are really coming to bear now and despite early “noises” about the reality of how long the social isolating could really last, we are seeing some amazingly positive, helpful and also fun things being done in the wider sailing network. The Club itself is a lovely community and if there are things that you are struggling with whether it be loneliness, the shopping or not being able to get your preferred brand of loo roll then phone one of your crew, competitors or the Committee for a chat and catch up. Rest assured that when this is all over there will be a big party at the Clubhouse to celebrate.

### New Clubhouse

This week we particularly wanted to give an update on progress on the work behind the scenes for the proposed new Clubhouse. This would have been the subject of a presentation to the AGM but because this had to be postponed, we have put it into this Newsletter. Much of the work has been undertaken by a group of volunteers who have put in many hours over the past four years. Whilst not naming them thanks to all of them and particularly those on the working groups outlined in the **presentation attached**.

The presentation outlines the key steps that have been taken in the last 12 months, a number of significant achievements and some very exciting potential news regarding Sport England. They have made a provisional grant offer of £75,000 towards the cost of the new Clubhouse. This is a preliminary decision and we need to provide several elements of documentation to satisfy them of our technical and organisational competence before we receive a confirmatory formal letter of offer;

therefore, this is not yet a full official offer. Work is in hand on providing the required supporting evidence and we are confident that we can satisfy their requirements. Ian Jakeways prepared the bid and received very helpful advice and input from Sarah Mitchell and Simon Thompson – congratulations and thanks to each of them.

Currently we are continuing to finalise the precise internal layout details and to agree the remaining technical matters of the building with Cornwall Council and this will be done electronically. We will inevitably be taking a considered approach to both the commencement of construction and the further fundraising in the light of the Covid-19 situation.

If you have any questions regarding the presentation please email them to me at [blue2kite@gmail.com](mailto:blue2kite@gmail.com)

Dave Owens Clubhouse Development Chairman.

## Club Sponsors

Clearly Covid-19 is having a dramatic impact on all our daily lives and very heavily on the economy. Many local companies in the hospitality and marine field have had to close their doors for an uncertain period and several of these are long-standing Club sponsors. Therefore, after consultation between the Trustees and the Committee it has been unanimously agreed to Dave Day's suggestion that we should not invoice any of our sponsors this year. So many companies sponsor the Club's activities or advertise in the Sailing Instructions every year and it was strongly felt that as they have supported us for so long that we would support them as much as we could albeit in a small way during this uncertain period. We wish all our sponsors the best of luck during such uncertain times.

## Harbourmasters Decision

On Monday 30th March the Falmouth Harbour Master published a Port Notice to all Mariners stating that recreational use of the harbour is not considered an essential activity. He has therefore directed that operators of facilities such as moorings, pontoons, and slipways should be closed to recreational craft. This will last until current measures are rescinded.

## Winter Talks..... March Reviews by Jenny Jakeways

18<sup>th</sup> February. A well-informed talk by Mike Temple last night about the Mercy Ships and how they change the lives of people living in poor African communities. A huge number of volunteers are recruited making it possible for medical teams to carry out 1000s of operations in safe conditions on board the ships. The ships also provide an environment for local doctors to learn procedures cascading their medical

skills so more people can benefit from life changing operations.

Thank you to everyone who put a contribution in Charlie's pint on the bar. We raised £119 for the Mercy Ships Charity on Tuesday evening.

25<sup>th</sup> February. Prof Juliet Osborne gave us a clear understanding of the plight of the bumblebee and other pollinators. As there was a huge amount of interest in the talk I have attached a link to Patrick Saunders book, Bumblebees of Cornwall and Scilly. Juliet recommends it as a fantastic guide for anyone interested in bumblebee ecology and conservation in Cornwall.

I've also included a link to the Beekeepers Association website which tells us what action we should take if we should see the invasive non-native species, the Asian Hornet....if you find one you must report it!

<https://www.bbka.org.uk/news/tracking-asian-hornets-using-radio-telemetry>

<https://erccis.org.uk/Publications/BombusAtlas>

3rd March. Cornish authors Sue Kittow and Jane Cable talked about the challenges researching material for their novels and walking books. Look on their websites for more information about their books.

<http://janecable.com/home/4577546418>

<http://www.suekittow.com/>

## Confession corner

Even if this never happened to you, I would like to run a **confession corner** and would welcome contributions, there must be something in every sailor's memory bank. Come on you lot admit it to us all. *Here's the first from our deep-sea contributor Neptune*

### Yorkshire Americas Cup challenge

Substantially all true told by Neptune

I had kept my boat on the west coast of Scotland for several years but living in Yorkshire I decided to take a berth in the newly opened marina in Hull. So, I entered the Blue Water Trophy race run by the Clyde Cruising club from Glasgow (Kip) to La Trinite in South Brittany. The plan continued with a cruise in the French waters for the summer then return via the East coast to Hull.

Having arrived in Hull I joined an embryo yacht club based on the new Hull Marina known as the 'Kingston on Hull Yacht Club', it was closely attached to the very old established Humber Yawl Club from which many of the new club members were drawn, having availed themselves of the new marina facilities.

One day, two very successful and rather brusque Yorkshire businessmen approached the club. They wanted to challenge for the Americas Cup using the name of

Kingston on Hull Yacht club as the challenge club. Now I happened to know both businessmen. One had built a series of boats to challenge for the Admirals cup teams on which I had crewed occasionally. The other mostly a cruising man, had some years ago sometimes crewed with me, one season, on my 505. I did think that the Americas Cup might be somewhat beyond these two, but the club went along with it all.



I forget the detail but the two did put up an awful lot of money for the challenge and flew off to somewhere like ‘New Los San Fran Diago’ to register their challenge. They went to place their challenge at the club and I imagine the conversation went something like this:- *Knock knock. ‘Ow do lad, we’ve cum tu challenge thee fot’cup’* at which the “New Los San Fran Diago’ Yacht Club’ Commodore firmly slammed the door shut in their faces and the pair returned to Yorkshire somewhat chastened.

No more was ever heard of the ‘Yorkshire Americas Cup challenge’

### *Definitions of the month*

**GMT**      The incorrect time in London

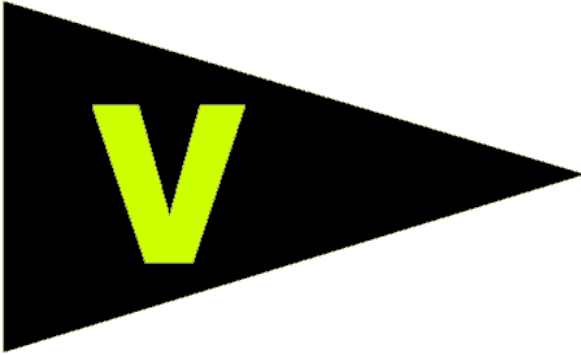
## Membership

For those who would like to join and support the Flushing Sailing Club these are the fees.

Application forms available from the website. Payment can be made online or by cheque to the Treasurer. Details on the form.

<b>Family</b>	2 adults and children up to 25 years	<b>£85</b>
<b>Single</b>	Adult 18 years or older	<b>£75</b>
<b>Pensioner Family</b>	2 Adults aged 70 years or older	<b>£65</b>
<b>Pensioner Single</b>	Adult 70 years or older	<b>£55</b>
<b>Outport Family</b>	Family living outside Cornwall	<b>£65</b>
<b>Outport Single</b>	Adult living outside Cornwall	<b>£55</b>

For those who like movies and have time. Falmouth week from the Roads committee boat. <https://youtu.be/k25RpUySKkI> Enjoy if you can.



# Flushing Sailing Club Replacement Clubhouse Update

# Progress in Last 12 Months

- Volunteer input equivalent to £70,000 (see Appendix 1) - **ongoing**
- Charitable Incorporated Organisation status - **achieved**
- New Constitution & Club Rules - **approved**
- HMRC – Gift-Aid eligibility - **achieved**
- Developing a floating pontoon project - **appendix 2**
- Decision to adopt a Project Management Approach - **approved**
- Support of the Royal Yachting Association - **achieved**
- Sport England – preliminary grant offer of £75,000 - **achieved**

# Progress on the Building

- Building Design
  - Finalising internal layout
  - External finishes and materials
  - Technical matters e.g. air con
  - Construction plans
- All will need final agreement of Cornwall Council
- Cost analysis & reduction process
- Club spend to date £15,800 – Architects + planning application fees.
- Current construction phase estimate is £430,000

# Finance

- **Major fundraising efforts**

• Local donors (in bank or promised)	<b>£ 97,800</b>
• Club donors (in bank or promised)	<b>£ 10,000</b>
• Bequest	<b>£ 20,000</b>
• Membership renewal donations	<b>£ 2,500</b>
• Club reserves contribution	<b>£ 55,000</b>
• Club Lottery, raffle, talks, teas etc.	<b>£ 8,000</b>
• Sport England preliminary offer	<b>£ 75,000</b>

- So the **Club totaliser** now shows **£268,300**

- Still to raise **£161,700**



# Fund Raising Leads

- **Guy English - Individual Club and local donors**  
guy@Tregew.eclipse.co.uk
- **John Hicks – Boat, Club and Company fundraising**  
hicks.farm@btopenworld.com

# Next Steps

- Covid-19
  - Scaled back fundraising activities
  - Keeping under review construction commencement date
- Will continue investigations for pontoon project
- We continue to progress (electronically):-
  - Clubhouse construction plans Approvals from Cornwall Council
  - Satisfying Sport England requirements
  - Fortnightly e-meetings of Development Group
  - Applications to other funding bodies

# FSC Re-Development Project

## Questions & Answers

Email to Dave Owens at  
[blue2kite@gmail.com](mailto:blue2kite@gmail.com)

# Appendix 1 - Development Groups

- **Business Development Group** (meeting fortnightly)

Dave Owens (Chair)

Ian Jakeways

Sue Clarke

Gaye Slater

John Hick

David Mitchell

John Maunder

Jenny Jakeways

Barry Kelly

Peter Harvey

Guy English

- **Building Group**

Dave Owens

David Mitchell

Chris Bell

Peter Harvey

- **Pontoon Group**

Steve Walker (Lead)

Dave Owens

John Maunder

# Appendix 2 - The Floating Pontoon Idea

- Idea initiated originally by the Trefusis Estate, but now FSC led.
- Removal of our current slipway and replacement with a floating pontoon/access bridge design going out into the river to below the spring low water mark giving all tide access.
- Would enable disabled access to the water.
- Such a development would require multiple consents.
- Potential grant assistance discussions are ongoing.
- New Clubhouse is the number 1 priority project.
- This project is at a very preliminary stage.
- Will only proceed if grant funded.