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GUZZLETTER NO 95

Dear GUZZLER,

On Tuesday 23rd March your Committee met to discuss activities over the coming months. This is a report of details from that meeting & the Winter Pub Night plus a comprehensive guide of our programme and the latest news.

Nick Martland's 2009 family Christmas Photo from Queensland, which he sent along with a really tasteful Christmas Card showing snowflakes and 4 Father Christmases! The envelope had no stamp and the Post Office didn't charge excess postage. Strangely, in comparing notes with Barry Sullivan, the one he received had no stamp either. Perhaps the A\$25 card was postage paid!



Thanks Nick.

GUZZLERS membership now stands at 48 in 2009/10, all of those expected to continue their membership have paid up, others have now been removed from the mailing list.

I was in Plymouth in November, spending a few days with old Navy friends, who I had not seen in 25 years, and in a watering hole, 'The Seven Stars' in Tamerton Foliot, when this fellow wanders by.

'Hello' says I. 'Your name is Andy, ex Air Engineer Officer in the Fleet Air Arm and ex member of The GUZZLERS'. 'That's right, yes', says Andy. 'So who am I?' asks I. Yes he got

it in one! So even though it was close to closing we had a beer and I relieved Andy Bull of his £5 subs for this year!

I have had some contact with Joe Steel, a coastguard at Walton-on-the-Naze, and Ian Burden about renewing their memberships but I have heard no more recently.

The Pub Night on 2nd March attracted 10 members. It would have been more but Neil Paxman was in The Billet whilst we were in The Mayflower!

Thanks to Guy Heath for arranging the fishy chippy bites freshly cooked from the shop. They were a great compliment to the pints of London Pride.

Patrick Fairplay again got the furthest travelled prize, followed by Roy Salter, with me in 3rd place. It was a cheerful affair with small groups talking nostalgia. There was little interest for the charter of a Barge or Narrow boat however most were in favour of some sort of water based activity during the summer.

The Group have given their approval for us to have another 'Den Day' for messing about in boats, gig or dinghy sailing on **Friday 23rd July** carrying over to Saturday / Sunday 24th / 25th July for those who wish to kip and spend sometime on Andy's 'Calypso'. Depending on the weather, it might be a daytime steam up the Thames to London. It is possible, however, that 'Calypso will already be in London at that time, so bring your railcards and be ready for a few beers in London! Diesel and food costs will be shared at the time.

Friday has again been chosen for our 'Den Day' as most of those who attend these days are no longer working so we can take advantage of good tides and water at a time when the Group is about to leave for Summer Camp. Time your arrival at The Den for 1000 on Friday, HW is at 1129. I am sure we can find some sailing and entertainment after the tide has left. Food is generally available in the Old Town in the evening.

September Sailing on Rona II is confirmed for 16th to 21st September and is fully booked. The aim this time is to get to Jersey.

I give formal notice of our 2010 AGM & Pub Night on 5th October 2010 at 2015 in The Crooked Billet. The Committee felt that this is a better venue for the AGM.

Please put the date in your diaries now and if there any items for inclusion in the agenda or revision of Aims please advise me before the end of September.

A project to board the landing stage to make access easier for boats laying alongside The Den has been proposed and approved by the Group, but was on hold pending the possible need for planning permission from the Borough Council. Measuring had been done and a rough quotation showed that we could afford it from our funds. The Group Chairman had to see the Planning Officer on another matter so he would be asked to clarify this at the same time.

Check out the Groups website on www.3rdcb.org.uk where you will find all GUZZLERS activities together with recent GUZZLETTERS and AGM Minutes available.

Just to remind you that my email address is clay_oldcleeve@ntlworld.com

If you can receive the GUZZLETTER by email & don't do so at present please get in touch so I can add you to the 42 who are already in my address book. It is so much easier, and cheaper for the association, for me to contact you.

All that remains is for me, on behalf of your committee to wish you all well. We do hope we see you at the functions

Regards,
Stuart Clay

Secretary