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Dear GUZZLERS.

What a landmark – your 100th Guzzletter!!

I again say 'Hello' to all, and begin with my traditional welcome to another GUZZLERS year.

If you have a red * at the top RH corner of this letter then your subs are outstanding. If you wish to be included in future correspondence, then please forward your cheque for £5 to me, made payable to 3rd CB GUZZLERS. THIS IS THE ONLY REMINDER I SHALL SEND.

I can now take payment for subs online but should you choose this method please also send me an email to alert me to the fact that you have made the transaction. The GUZZLERS Account number is 56032994 Sort Code 60-17-44.

Our membership remains at about the same level as last year, 41 at latest count, so please send me your subs if they are outstanding, we do so much want to retain your membership.

To those who receive the GUZZLETTER by email I will send out a separate reminder requesting your subs if you are overdue.

I attach the AGM Minutes from our meeting on 9th October 2012 and for those who receive this by post I have included the Balance Sheet that was approved at the AGM.

The trip on Calypso trip on Friday 20th July went ahead, departing from Bell Wharf with a crew who had an enjoyable trip to Faversham where they spent one night before moving on to Whitstable, for the annual Oyster Festival. They had another overnight stop, and returned on Sunday 22nd July.

There was a good turnout at the AGM / Pub Night on 9th October, all business was concluded very quickly as you can see from the minutes with a few suggestions coming from the floor.

In July, last, we understand that the Group was able to go ahead with the purchase of a part of Victoria Wharf and that site clearing is progressing. Plans for its longer term use will be drawn up later once a number of options are considered but in the meantime it is being used as boat storage.

Patrick Fairplay visited the Old Leigh Regatta on Saturday 15th September and this is his account:-

I went with my wife Nicola to the Saturday Regatta Day. The Old Town was jumping. Much eating of hog roasts, burgers, cockles and muscles "alive –alive - oh!", not to mention ice cream in many flavours. The Sea Rangers were doing a great job selling programs, and Angela Cruiks, and Pipa (was Hawkes), Phil Hawkes daughter, were emptying the collection tins in the Den with great enthusiasm, and concentration. We did not spot any Guzzlers, so we just mingled and were blasted by four Bands, while we watched the sailing races get away

from Bell Wharf, and disappear towards HMS Essex Yacht Club. The Cubs, if that is what you still call them, were manfully competing at dinghy tug of war in Bell Bay and the Scouts were doing something vague around a Laser Dinghy on Victoria Wharf. There was the men's cockle eating competition, and the ladies banana eating competition. As it was shortly after our late lunch I did not join in, but gender apart I could probably have distinguished myself at the Ladies Banana eating, as I had sailed with Elders & Fyffes for three years as Second Mate; £52 a month and all the ripening Bananas, you could eat. I missed the Scouts versus Fishermen pulling race of yester year, but I think they had just gone to the Smack and were shoveling down beer having bypassed the pulling part of the event. Nicola said it was great to see so many families and youngsters in the Old Town just enjoying everything that was on offer, on a wonderful sunny day. So may there be many more. I hope this is going to reach you and not just hover over the Cley Marshes (where Patrick lives – Ed.), and fly off with the Geese to wherever they go to in the autumn.

Not enough interest was forthcoming in the end when we asked, at the AGM, for a show of hands to see if we should hold a GUZZLERS Trafalgar Night Dinner at The Elms. Some locals decided to do their own thing and decided to celebrate the 207th anniversary of the battle. And here is a photo to prove it. Well done (the very well dressed) Neil, Barry & Nick and their other halves, Sally, Ann & Michelle (photographer) of course!!



At the committee meeting we discussed arranging some different activities over the coming months, some of which were raised by you at the AGM.

Days Out:-

On November 20th a number of us will be visiting The Cutty Sark, meeting on the concourse facing the Starboard side (not the Port side as previously intimated!) of the ship between 1115 -1130. Having drinks & lunching locally afterwards of course.

On March 21st 2013 we will arrange to meet and go on to visit the Imperial War Museum.

Social Meeting 1

The Winter Pub Night, for inclusion in your 2013 diaries, is on Tuesday March 5th March 2013 at The Elms at 2015.

Boat Trip 1:-

We intend on holding a 'Recruiting' Den Day when some of the current Dads of lads (and ex members) will be invited to come and display their boating talents as they did when 'youfs'. Two dates have been suggested and both are Saturdays, 22nd June or 6th July dependant on any badge work that is going on. We want current GUZZLERS to be around to welcome other people who might like to recreate the fun they had in days gone by and to use the boats and facilities at The Den.

Boat Trip 2:-

What is definitely being arranged is another trip on 'Calypso' to Whitstable for the Oyster Festival from 19th to 21st July 2013.

Boat Trip 3:-

We are curious to ask who would be interested in coming on a chartered narrow boat on the Midlands Canals (Rugby / Oxford) for a few days. We are actually looking for someone who can lead and make arrangements for this which would be dependent on the numbers who will need to make a deposit and are committed to go. Let me know if you are willing to step up to the mast!

Social Meeting 2:-

Pub Night & AGM Tuesday 8th October 2013 at The Elms @ 2015

Social Meeting 3

Shall we have another Trafalgar Night in 2013? We shall see what arrangements can be made and then put it to you all. Some of our members are keen on repeating the function which would include our other halves as well.

Boat Trip 2014:-

Trips on Rona did not seem to interest sufficient numbers to make it feasible to crew up for the last two years but with some new members possibly joining we might be able to make a bid in 2014 for a timeslot with the Rona Trust.

Final details will be posted in the next GUZZLETTER.

The Groups website <http://www.3rdcb.org.uk> is up and running but with not too much content at present. GUZZLERS details are shown but there is not much in the way of news. As far as we know the Group is full to bursting with Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and Rangers all making use of the facilities of the 3rd CB with a strong management team to run all the activities. Isn't that a wonderful legacy that we were all part of?

All that remains is for me, on behalf of your committee to wish you all well for 2013, and best wishes for an exciting Christmas.

Regards,

Stuart Clay
Secretary