

LEIGH CREEK GUZZLERS ASSOCIATION

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GUZZLETTER NO 103

Dear GUZZLERS,

On Tuesday 22nd April your Committee met to discuss activities over the coming months. This is a report of details from the Winter Pub Night & that meeting plus a comprehensive guide of our programme and the latest news.

A Christmas Card to us all, with a recent photo of his family, was received from Nick Martland, in Oz. The card showed a reindeer as a Life Guard on a beach, cost the frightful sum of \$A25.00 (each year it is the same) and \$A2.55 to post. Thanks Nick. Still very expensive!

GUZZLERS membership now stands at 62 in 2013/14, all of those expected to continue their membership have paid up, the others that I have given up on will be removed from the mailing list.

There were just 5 takers to visit National Maritime Museum on 11th February. We had to change our planned visit to the Imperial War Museum as they were refurbishing ready for the WWI exhibition opening. GUZZLERS travelled from start points both north & south of the Thames. The main item which we viewed was the Nelson, Navy, Nation exhibition showing all sorts of artefacts from his life. After a break for lunch at the nearby Wetherspoons we split up and climbed the hill to the Observatory or viewed The Turner Exhibition - 'Turner and the Sea'. The day had begun with very heavy rain but the afternoon turned out much better with some pleasant sun.

The Pub Night on Tuesday 4th March attracted 13 of our members. Roy Salter winning the furthest travelled prize, just nicking it from me, as I had to travel back after the get together. It was pointed out that Steve Driscoll, although a GUZZLER member through his association with the Group, and now an Assistant Scout Leader had actually not been invested. Apparently this has been rectified!

Onto our future social events:-

Den Day

This is planned for Saturday 14th June when those recently recruited will be able to join with the rest of the GUZZLERS to display their boating talents as they did when 'yours'. We would like 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.

Meet at 1030-1100

Boating activities 1130 – 1515 (HW 14.15 @ 5.9)

I am told that Chris McHugh will organise the boating requirements through Peter Jacob.

Recruiting Day

We intend on holding a Recruiting Day to coincide with the Group Open Day, unfortunately the day after the Den Day on Sunday 15th June. We will have a stall when additional prospective GUZZLERS will be encouraged to join.

Social Meeting 2

Summer Pub Night Tuesday 15th July – Crooked Billet 1900 to take in the sun and the sights and have a beer with a seafood snack from Osborne's?

Boat Trip 1:-

What is definitely being arranged is another trip on 'Calypso' to Whitstable for the Oyster Festival departing from Bell Wharf at 0930 on 25th July, returning on 27th July 2014. Regrettably Andy is full up already. Any other boats available?

Boat Trip 2-

GUZZLERS sailing on RSP 'Merrilyn', 8th – 14th September . She is a Ocean 62 schooner which we are chartering. The boat will be in London when we pick her up for a 5-7 day period. The cost will be £300. Andy was full up when I last heard but anyone who would wish to go who has not already registered their interest could go on the 'Standby' list. Contact Andy Clapham email to andy.clapham@yahoo.com or call 07952 923251.

AGM & Social Meeting

I give formal notice of our 2014 AGM on Tuesday 7th October 2014 at 2000, which I am pleased to say will be at The Den where we will be more comfortable than squeezed into a pub. This will be followed by a Pub Night at The Smack on completion.

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

Trafalgar Night

To celebrate the 209th anniversary Neil Paman is once again organizing a Trafalgar Night Dinner 2014 venue 'The Swan, Lavenham, Suffolk on Saturday 18th October 2014. Please go to <http://www.theswanatlavenham.co.uk/> for details of the hotel. If you would like to attend or have more details email Neil on npaxman@btinternet.com. Last year the meal was a black tie affair and cost approximately £30 per head .The Swan a 15th century hotel in a fabulous location with a good reputation for food. The room will take a maximum of 20 people. Lavenham is only a 75 minute drive from Leigh but those who wish to make a weekend of it there is plenty of accommodation in and around Lavenham.

Days Out:-

Visit to Imperial War Museum to be arranged in Autumn / Winter 2014 / 2015

Other news:-

As I have mentioned in previous GUZZLETTERS the Group have purchased the land to build additional storage and facilities on Knapp's Yard. Additional funding will be needed to build the structure and this will be applied for from noted organizations. Personal donations will be asked for at some point in the future. Architects have drawn up plans for submission but I don't know if the actual design is completed, submitted or approved.

The Groups website <http://www.3rdcb.org.uk> is up and running. Do take a look and view it. Our GUZZLERS details are included on the website and there is access to recent GUZZLETTERS.

All that remains is for me, on behalf of your committee to wish you all well. We do hope you are able to attend some of the functions.

Regards,

Stuart Clay
Secretary