

LEIGH CREEK GUZZLERS ASSOCIATION

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GUZZLETTER NO 110

Dear GUZZLERS,

On Tuesday 13th March your Committee met to discuss activities over the coming months. This is a report of the latest news from The Den plus a guide of our programme.

Once again we received a Christmas card to us all from Nick Martland, in Queensland. The card showed the outline of a map of Australia, with kangaroos looking at a Christmas tree, whales and koalas standing around, playing guitars, surfing, playing cricket (ugh! Just slight scuffing seen on the ball) and standing on the Sydney Opera House. Very tasteful! Another expensive \$A25 card. Many thanks Nick.

I also had a card just before Christmas, from late 1950's Troop Leader, Richard Thompson from La Motte d'Aigues, France, who would like to extend his best wishes to all of the Leigh Creek fraternity for 2018. On hearing the news relating to Kath Bentley he remembers when she was a stalwart of the Westcliff Operatic & Dramatic Society and regularly appearing with WODS at the Palace Theatre in the 1940's & 50's.

GUZZLERS membership is now down to 49 in 2017/18. All of those expected to continue their membership have paid up and others, which I have given up on, will be removed from the mailing list.

The Pub Night on Tuesday 20th March attracted 14 of our members who enjoyed a very convivial evening get together at The Mayflower. Paul Burden getting the furthest travelled prize. My hopes of some new members coming along to join us did not materialise.

Onto our future social events:-

Den Day

General consensus at the Pub Night was that we should have a Den Day, but we have a revised date from that mentioned in GUZZLETTER 110, it is now Saturday 14th July, HW 1415 (6m). John Blackburn together with Colin Fraser will be running things and anticipate welcoming you a couple hours before HW. They will use best endeavours to get people afloat in private or the Groups boats.

Social Meeting

Summer Pub Night, Tuesday 24th July, at the Crooked Billet. Meet from 1900 /1930 to take in the sun and the sights and have a beer with a seafood snack from 'Simply Seafood' the fish & chip bar under the flyover which I hope is still in operation. Last year the weather was not too good but one hopes we will be able to sit outside and do a bit of lamp swinging.

Boat Trip-

GUZZLERS sailing on RSP 'Merrilyn', 28th August – 6th September. She is an Ocean 62 schooner which we are chartering. The boat will be in Hamble this time for a whole weeks sailing. There could be a couple of places available should anyone like to go. Contact Andy on 07952 923251 if you are interested.

AGM & Social Meeting

I give formal notice of our 2018 AGM on Tuesday 9th October 2018 at 2000, which will be held at The Den, as last year. This will be followed by a Pub Night at The Mayflower 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.

Days Out:-

During the Pub Night I was not overwhelmed with enquiries or interest regarding a possible brewery visit to the Shepherd Neame brewery at Faversham. Latest comment was that perhaps a brewery in London could be visited as this would be more accessible for most members. Other than that we have no plans at present, if you have any suggestions about the brewery visit or other visits that would be of interest let me know on the Summer Pub Night.

Other news:-

The Groups website <http://www.3rdcb.org.uk> contains up to the minute news. Do take a look and explore it especially the impressive 6 minute video on what the Group has been up to in 2017. I should say that it is an excellent marketing tool for any parent looking to involve 'little jimmy' during his/her teenage years. Our GUZZLERS details are included on the website and there is access to all the 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 activities.

Regards,

Stuart Clay

Secretary