

LEIGH CREEK GUZZLERS ASSOCIATION

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GUZZLETTER NO 119

Dear GUZZLERS,

Your committee has had Zoom Video committee meeting on 5th April to see what activities could take place during the forthcoming summer as restrictions are returned to normal, whatever that is nowadays.

Above all – I hope that you have kept safe and you are anticipating a return to things we mostly did before the outbreak.

I did say in the last GUZZLETTER that we had received a very early Christmas card to us all from Nick Martland, but in addition Patrick Fairplay, Richard Thompson & the 3rd CB also sent cards with seasonal wishes to all.

GUZZLERS membership was 53 in 2021/22 and all of those expected to continue their membership have paid up. Steven Xavier has joined; some might remember him as one of two Nazareth House boys who joined the troop in the 1970's. Unfortunately Stevan was victim of an assault some while ago and is wheelchair bound but hopes to be reunited with those who knew him at a future Pub Night. Brian Cammell also rejoined after a 40 year absence!! I tried the old 'back subs' play but was unsuccessful. Brian writes 'We're a mile from the sea here on the fantastic Jurassic Coast. I dare say a few Guzzlers have strayed down to nearby Lyme Regis or Weymouth from time to time. I'm always on call to advise the best hostelryes! Phone: 01308 538692. So do get in touch if you are near!

Social Events (Past).

The Winter Pub Night was held at The Mayflower on 15th March with just 9 attending. I was unable to attend as I had tested positive for Covid and was not feeling too good. I understand others had been similarly affected. . There was a poor response from the Pub as they closed at 2130 so members moved on to the Smack where conversations continued. I received apologies from Patrick Fairplay & Bert Frame both sending regards to all.

Social Events (Future)

3rd CB Band Night Saturday 21st May 1800-2300. This event is on the back of the Groups 90th Anniversary Dinner which was very successful and advertised to our members. Tickets can be purchased via a link on the Groups Website.

3rd CB Open Day Saturday July 2nd 1230-1800. This will also be our Den Day as we can incorporate our get together with this planned event. The Groups invitation says to join them at The Den for the Group's annual Open Day and BBQ. A chance to see what they get up to and get out on the water in some of the boats. Please identify yourselves as GUZZLERS to any of the leaders and enjoy a summer BBQ in Old Leigh. It is suggested that GUZZLERS can meet up during the day and view the Group's activities, there being no longer any suitable boats for GUZZLERS to commandeer but there may be the opportunity to sample a ride in one of the Groups notable fleet of both power and sailing boats. Andy Clapham might be on hand in 'Calypso' to offer boat trips or John Blackburn on 'Baccus'.

Summer Pub Night will be at the Crooked Billet on Tuesday 26th July 2022 at 2000, or earlier if you are so inclined. Hopefully a good number can attend.

GUZZLERS Barge trip on SB 'Centaur' for the Colne Barge Match 1st - 4th September 2022 is fully subscribed as a full crew of 12 places is achieved with only one non GUZZLER. All deposits had been paid and just final details are awaited from the TSBT.

AGM & Social Meeting

I give formal notice of our 2022 AGM on Tuesday 4th October 2022 at 2000, which will be held at The Den. If we can get some technical help there is a chance that we may be able to put it on ZOOM for those who are unable to be there as we did last year.

These people will unfortunately be unable to follow us to 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.

Other news:-

I commend that you visit the Groups website <https://youtu.be/--SxA5Vn8Eo> and watch the very impressive 3rd CB review of 2021. What prospective Scouts' parent would not be impressed? Also I picked up a 2015 video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wo1GyoSk-l0&t=615s> of Chris Daly sailing a 'Stratos' with good effect. I almost felt that I was on the boat myself..

In 2021 the Group extended the fleet of powerboats with a new 6m RIB, supported by funding from Sports England and Co-Op Community Fund but a name for it is needed and they want the help of our members amongst others to decide on one. After much discussion they've narrowed the list of names down to four options. Please take a look on the website at 3rdCB.org.uk/2022/name-that-boat/ to read about the different names and vote for which one you think they should go for.

The major refurbishment of facilities is still underway. The heads & changing rooms are now complete, as is the wardroom redecoration and slipway. You may have noticed the new davit that's appeared in the yard, which will drastically ease launching the safety boats, and the new training room is all kitted out with training aids and IT to run this year's water activity courses. Still to come is the installation of the waterfront pontoon to assist launching boats, the replacement of the aging cladding and windows in The Den (all original from over 40 years ago!). Revised planning permission is going in for the boating and camp store in the yard. Watch this space for more updates!

The Groups website <http://www.3rdcb.org.uk> contains up to the minute news. Do take a look and explore it, especially the impressive 'You tube' clips.

Our GUZZLERS details are included on the website and there is access to past GUZZLETTERS.

All that remains is for me, on behalf of your committee to wish you all well and very hopefully we will be meeting up soon.

Regards,

Stuart Clay

Secretary