

The Wivenhoe Ocean Racing Club



The Quay Wivenhoe Essex

SPRING NEWSLETTER 2008

Dear Members,

It is difficult to know where to start with this edition but I trust that all of you who attended The Annual Dinner enjoyed your evening and the hangover the following morning!

From the feedback the committee has received, we understand that it is a function that you would very much like repeated so plans are already in hand for next year. If you have any comments, positive or negative, please let me know.

As a committee we are aware of some things that could be improved upon, we will have the pre-dinner reception at WORC next year, the bottle-neck downstairs at The Nottage was unfortunate but we can only learn by our mistakes. Given the amount of frequent and very humorous barracking enjoyed throughout the evening we will keep the speakers to within the membership, as to lose two WORC places to accommodate a guest speaker would not make sense at an already over-subscribed event. Please do let me know if you have any suggestions to enhance the 2009 dinner.

Dates for your Diary

Sunday 25th May 13.00hrs Curry Lunch

Tickets are now available at £10 per person. Due to anticipated over-demand this event is restricted to members only. Please do not delay in getting your remittance to me ASAP, as I anticipate more than our maximum capacity of 60 will wish to come. Tickets allocated strictly on a first come first served basis.

Sunday 29th June Drinks Party CANCELLED

This event has been cancelled due to the fact that we have had to rearrange the date of the Jazz at the lakeside event.

Sunday 6th July 13.00 hrs Jazz at the Lakeside

We are deeply indebted to Paul Knight and Pepi, as again we have the opportunity to showcase some of the best jazz musicians this country has to offer. Open to members and guests, we can accommodate up to 200 at this year's event.

A shuttle bus will take you from various pick-up points in the village to the Lakeside Theatre at Essex University. The afternoon starts with a drinks reception at an outside bar by the lake, the first set will start at 14.00hrs. After the first set, it is back to the lake for a Barbeque provided by outside caterers and further refreshments from the bar. The second set is planned to conclude at around 16.00hrs when the shuttle bus will be waiting to ferry you back to the village.

Tickets for this event are priced at £25 per person, which includes all food, drink, transport and most importantly fantastic music. Last year this flagship event was held to support Leukaemia Research and again this year we are delighted to be giving all profit to the same cause. Please register your ticket requirements with me ASAP.

Saturday 9th August

18.00hrs

Regatta Party

All I can let you know at this point is put it in your diary! Last year's party was a major event, this year will be even bigger and better, and the Judith Chalmers are already booked. Keep your fingers crossed for the same sort of weather we enjoyed last year!

Official News

Following the departure of our former Hon Treasurer Chris Barrett in January, we are delighted that Kevin Read has now taken up the post and wish him every success in his new position. Kevin can be contacted at kevinread@hamblyon.co.uk

Following a recent inspection of our premises by a Fire Officer, until remedial work and improvements are carried out to the building, we can no longer allow children under the age of sixteen or pets into the premises.

From the Commodore

So, it appears that the winter may finally go away..... and not before time. For WORC our "Winter Season" has been something of a success as the Club seems to go from strength to strength. It would be invidious of me to allow the winter to pass into memory without extending to you, the members, an enormous THANK YOU for your confidence in the Committee and your stalwart, indeed overwhelming, support for our functions. It hasn't been all beer and skittles, however, and the work of restoring the building continues. Three of our members have given their time to a re-survey of the building in order to set out more precisely the needs of our Branch of the Royal British Legion. In time fund-raising will have to begin, territory in which, for me, dragons dwell! A good start might be to put some more money over the RBL bar and to that end I would like to remind you all that Branch meetings of The Legion occur on the third Tuesday of each month, alternating between "business" and "social" gatherings. Thus the next meeting on 20th May will be Branch Business but on 17th June the meeting is social and our esteemed Hon Sec has volunteered my wretched self to provide food! It would be an enormous boost to both organisations to see some of you at these Legion events. On pretty much the same subject, it has long been our intention to raise more funds by opening the Legion on a limited basis rather more often than is presently the case. That intention is thwarted only by a lack of people to man the bar - if any of you feel that this is something that you would be keen to do please let us know.

In the meantime, with the promise of languorous summer days ahead, here's to a great WORC "Summer Season"

Laurence Knox
Commodore

And finally one small plea for a little help

As some of you know, I now volunteer to run the bar at the RBL, primarily Thursday evening's (bingo night) and at other branch functions that take place after work. However I have one small problem that occurs only on the last Tuesday of each month when the members of Colchester & Clacton Normandy Veterans Association meet at the Wivenhoe Legion Club. Due to my work commitments I find it extremely difficult to be there myself, as this wonderfully entertaining and interesting group of individuals meet from 1.00- 3.00pm. If anyone could spare a couple of hours on a Tuesday afternoon to man the bar, please let me know. You won't be disappointed as Laurence has found out; they are just a wonderful bunch of old guys with some fascinating tales from a very important part of this country's history.

I look forward to seeing you all in the near future.

With kindest regards
Yours sincerely

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