

COMMODORE'S BLOG

What a pleasure it was to again host our local Lifeboat Crew to supper at the club (an amazing supper it was too. If you haven't yet tried the delights from our new chef it's time to do so).

It is always an enjoyable evening and a chance to say "thank you" to the crew and their families for giving up their time just in case we need them. It reminded me of a rescue I saw on the TV a few weeks ago. A chap, if I recall correctly, from Hungary had walked at low water to a small island; now with the tide rising he would be trapped there for the evening. A local, noticing his plight, called the lifeboat to assist. When they arrived the chap was hiding from them, which they thought rather strange but carried on to investigate. Once they'd coaxed him out it turned out he thought he was in trouble for being on the island. Well, they got him into the rib and back to dry land.

Once he was safely ashore, he asked the crew how much he owed them. It appears he was astounded by the reply, "there is no charge". It just makes you realise how lucky we are to have such an amazing volunteer service. Let's make sure we're not keeping them busy

Looking at the upcoming events at the Club, it's a sure reminder that the season is coming to an end: The Racing Crews Lunch is in a couple of weeks' time followed by the Racing prize giving evening and then the, not to be missed, Cruising Supper and prize giving. So, just time to make the most of the still pleasant weather before the nights really draw in.

Looking forward to catching up with you all at one or other of these events.

Regards

**Andy  
Commodore**

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SUNDAY 7 OCTOBER**

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## SOCIAL MEDIA

Due to holidays we had a break of two months since the last Temple Bell, so I'm going to take you back in time as we relive the events that have happened in the last few months. Our cruisers went off on their East Coast Cruise and appeared to have a great time. Anne Peers kindly sent me some photos of their adventures.



Team Heiner in happier times in Ramsgate Week this year.

More sad news greeted us at the start of September when we heard that Broadstairs Sailing Club Members Basil Green had died suddenly. You will probably recognise his face as he was a regular at the club during Ramsgate Week when in previous years he would assist our Race Hut team



This photo was taken on the Sunday just a few days before his death when he was doing what he loved best, Race Officering at Broadstairs.

Then we celebrated the life of Steve Dyson with the now annual Dyson Dash Race. This year was the 10th Anniversary of his life and Sue Dyson was delighted with the continuing support that Broadstairs Sailing Club and the Royal Temple Show to the Pilgrims Hospice. Nine yachts took to the water and 27 dinghies and over £1,800 was raised this year, making over £30,000 in total over the past 10 years.

At the end of August we shared the sad news that Hilary Lister had died at the age of 46. You may remember her being our guest speaker at a joint sailing club Winter Ball when she spoke about her sip-puff technology that she created enabling her to become the 1st disabled woman to sail round Britain.

We also received news that our Ramsgate Week Competitors *Team Heiner's* Yacht, a Max Fun 35, lost its keel whilst on delivery from Breskens to Lelystad. Thankfully all the crew were rescued and safe. Sad news to finish the month on.



On a more cheerful note our Temple Ramblers have been continuing their monthly walks, they appear to always pick a sunny day and for some strange reason always end up in a good pub. If you would like to join them then watch the notice board for updates or speak to Davena Green around the club, they meet up the third Thursday of each month and you can join their WhatsApp group for more information.

At the end of September, much later in the year, we held our RNLI supper. This was our new caterer's first club event and she and her team performed brilliantly. The food was tasty and her kind gesture of providing a complimentary cheese board to each table was much appreciated.



Coxswain Ian Cannon took the opportunity to present two long service awards for 20 years voluntary service to our very own Clive Nicholls and also Lance Oram.

Our Commodore presented the Ramsgate RNLI station with a photograph of both the Inshore and Offshore Lifeboats at sea during a storm in April.



The picture was taken by local photographer Malcolm Kirkaldie whilst the boats were on a shout off Broadstairs beach in dreadful conditions. The Commodore Andy, with Ian and his wife Sarah.



A close-up of the photograph by Malcolm Kirkaldie

And finally after sailing on Sunday 30th September Lucy Dames arranged for American singer/ song writer Todd

Carey to perform at the club. Todd is based in New York but has been over in the UK for a 2 week tour.



With over 3.5 million followers on twitter he is someone to watch and I'm sure he will go far.



A great afternoon was had by all, and it was good to see the Mayor of Ramsgate, Trevor Shonk, pop in for a relaxing afternoon.

That's it from me, I hope you enjoyed your time travel. As usual anything you would like to share with the club please let me know.

All the best

**Karen**



**IN THE ABSENCE OF THE TRADITIONAL  
'TRAFALGAR NIGHT DINNER' AND ALL  
THINGS NELSON,  
A QUIZ TO TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE OF  
THE GREAT MAN**

*(..and yes, I did steal it from the internet! - SF)*

**Club Functions up to the end of 2018**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October**

Racing Crews Lunch at 3.00 p.m.

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October**

Sailing Prize Giving Supper at 7.30 p.m.

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

Cruising Supper Prize Giving at 7.30 p.m.

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**

Rifleman's Evening at 7.00 p.m.

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**

Club Roast served from 12.30.

250 Club Draw & RNLI Stall for Christmas Cards and Gifts

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas Decorations in the Club from 7.00 p.m.

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

Children's Christmas Party from 3.00 p.m.

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas Dinner at 7.30 p.m. 3 courses

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

RTYC Carol Service in Sailors' Church at 7.30 p.m.

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December**

Ramsgate Illuminations Evening from 7.00 p.m.

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> December**

New Year's Eve Dinner at 7.30 p.m.

More details will be announced as available

1. Where is purportedly the largest collection of Nelson memorabilia in the New World?
2. How many siblings did Nelson have?
3. In what year was Nelson's Column erected in Trafalgar Square?
4. Which French admiral attended Nelson's funeral?
5. What was the origin of Nelson's famous term 'Band of Brothers'?
6. At which first recorded public event was the toast 'The Immortal Memory' first used?
7. What wound did Nelson receive on 12 July 1794?
8. What was unusual about Nelson's coat of arms?
9. In which English county was Nelson born?
10. From which English county were the greatest number of sailors in Nelson's Trafalgar fleet?
11. How tall was Nelson?
12. What was Nelson's nickname as a child?
13. How many men and officers served in HMS *Victory* at Trafalgar?
14. Name Nelson's first command in the Royal Navy.
15. Who was Josiah Nisbet?
16. How was Nelson's body preserved after his mortal wounding at Trafalgar?
17. How did the inn called 'The Wrestler's Arms' find a place in Nelson lore?
18. Which of Nelson's captains was the only one killed at the Battle of the Nile?
19. Who is Anna Tribe?
20. During his lifetime Nelson was a prolific letter writer. Approximately how many do we know of that have survived?

**Solution on the back page**

**...AND A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

**The Ascot-themed Summer Ball**

**Saturday 15th June 2019**

at the

**Pegwell Bay Hotel  
Ramsgate**

*More details to follow.....*



## TEMPLE TEASER

No Temple Teaser this month -Mr Carter is away this week with his family at 'Carterfest'



## RACING

Would race participants please send in their anecdotes and observations of any incidents or misdemeanours that were seen by crew members or other interested parties that we can use for the issue of "fines" during the course of the dinner. Please send these in to the Club.

We will be holding a **meeting for boat owners and skippers at mid-day on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November** to discuss what they want from their racing for next year. For example, do we want more or less Offshore races? If not, what do you want in place of it? Are you happy with the race format for the season? If not, what would you like to see? This second question has particular relevance to Classes 3&4 as we have seen numbers waning of late and are keen to see how we can get more participation. We have some ideas but would like to see if these correlate with the opinion of others.

**Cruising Prize Giving Supper**  
Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2018  
19.00 for 19.30

**£24.00 per person**

Dress code Reefers

Please book through the bar, the office on 01843 591766 or email: [info@rtw.com](mailto:info@rtw.com)  
Payment needed on booking. Spaces will not be reserved

A photograph of a white sailboat with a blue sail on the water, with a white cliff in the background.

## CRUISING



Don't forget to come along for the Cruising Social  
Next Social: Thursday 11 October

A draft programme for cruising in 2019 is now in the making, taking in favourite haunts and some new venues to whet the appetite. This is being firmed up and will be published in the next Temple Newsletter. Meanwhile we are getting prepared for the Cruising Supper and Prizegiving on 3<sup>rd</sup> November. It is hoped that support will come from not only the 'cruising' brigade but from among all the membership. **Guests are welcome.**

## THE EAST COAST SUMMER CRUISE



Four boats set off on the East Coast Cruise, *Assumpta Ann*, *Stella Maris*, *Stay Young* and *Willowind*. Unfortunately *Willowind* had to return to port after three hours out. Others continued with a good sail across the Thames Estuary to Shotley Marina a journey of 43 nm where we stayed for one night. Then 15nm to Tide Mill Marina, Woodbridge and a great dinner at the Anchor Inn. The Deben was very active with youth sports and races cutting across us whilst we endeavoured to stay in the buoyed channel. The stopover in Woodbridge gave us the chance to look around the town and replenish the wine stocks! The next day saw us making our way to the Royal Harwich Y.C. River Orwell a trip of 18nm. The stopover here gave us a chance to walk to Pin Mill favoured for artists, and we saw many taking advantage of the beautiful barge moored just in front of the Butt and Oyster where, once again, we ate in style. Leaving Royal Harwich YC we encountered our first taste of rain and, yes, it came down like stair rods with minimum visibility. Due to a change of plan our next port of call was Suffolk Yacht Harbour which, fortunately, was only 3 nm down the river where we all arrived rather wet. After midday the weather improved enough for a walk around the marina which has probably the best equipped chandlery on the East coast. Evening saw us making our way ashore to the Haven Ports Y.C. This Club operates from a lightship retired from duty on the Mid-Barrow and Cromer stations which they acquired in 1975. Its many internal renovations have made it a comfortable clubhouse with full catering facilities – how could we say no! Next day we were bound for Ramsgate and the gods were with us – brilliant sunshine and a fair wind. If you haven't given it a go – why not try cruising?

**Anne Peers**

# THE WALKING GROUP



**Thursday 18 October 2018**  
**Meet at 11:00am in the free car park at the *New Inn*, Minster CT12 4AG**  
**The walk will be around fields and rivers for approx. 1hr 15 mins so wear suitable shoes or boots.**



Lunch afterwards at the **New Inn**  
Keep in touch on the **WhatsApp Group**  
Contact Davena to be included  
07760 402479

**John Chater is wondering if anyone is interested in starting a Sea Swimming Group? Some hardy souls are apparently still out there enjoying the briny!**



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# TEMPLERS GOLF SOCIETY

THE GOLFERS HAVE BEEN BUSY PLAYING AND ENJOYING THE GREAT WEATHER BUT DAVID SAY IS CURRENTLY AWAY SO A FULL UPDATE WILL BE IN NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE



## SOLUTION TO THE NELSON/TRAFALGAR QUIZ ON PAGE 4

1. The Horatio Nelson Museum, Nevis. Nelson had a number of associations with the Caribbean, especially in his early naval career, and married a young Nevis widow, Frances Nisbet, there in 1787.
2. Nelson's parents had eleven children, of whom three girls and five boys survived. Nelson was the third boy.
3. 1843. Almost forty years after Nelson's death!
4. Villeneuve. After the Battle of Trafalgar he was taken on board *Euryalus*. In England he was placed in open confinement in Bishop's Waltham in Hampshire, but was given leave to attend Nelson's funeral. Later that year he was returned to France following a formal exchange of prisoners, but only a few days after his arrival he was found dead in his hotel room in Rennes, stabbed through the heart. The official story was that he committed suicide, but rumour has it that he was murdered on Napoleon's orders.
5. The famous Agincourt speech in Shakespeare's *King Henry V*. Nelson used this phrase to describe the close relationship that existed between himself and his captains at the Battle of the Nile. By extension it has come to encompass all those officers who were particularly close to Nelson.
6. Each year Nelson is remembered with a special toast, 'The Immortal Memory', at Royal Navy Trafalgar Night dinners. Although the word 'immortal' was often applied to Nelson even when he was alive, the first recorded public event at which it occurred was at a dinner held on Trafalgar Day in 1811, at the *Green Man* public house near Greenwich. The toast was slightly longer than today: 'The immortal memory of Nelson and those who fell with him.'
7. While directing his ship's guns set up in a shore battery during the siege of Calvi a French shot struck the battery rampart in front of him and he was struck in the face with a shower of gravel. Nelson subsequently lost the sight in his right eye; the eye itself remained intact and he never wore an eyepatch.
8. Nelson's family already had a coat of arms but Nelson's knighthood entitled him to supporters on either side of the shield. Nelson insisted on having Jack Tar as a supporter – this was a heraldic innovation and set a precedent, which has been followed by a number of naval knights and peers since.

9. Norfolk. He was born at Burnham Thorpe, close to the coastal town of Great Yarmouth on 29 September, 1758, the very year a new first-rate, HMS *Victory*, was ordered by the Admiralty. His father was rector of the parish and the Nelson family lived in the parsonage, now no longer standing.
10. Devon, where I now live. Nelson's men at Trafalgar included over 1,100 men born in Devon.
11. The popular image of Nelson is that he was quite a small man. However, modern research has established that he was about five feet, six inches (around the average male height in the eighteenth century).
11. Horace.
12. Her full complement was 850, however at Trafalgar it was only 820.
13. The sloop *Badger*; he took command in January 1779.
14. Nelson's step-son. In 1793 Nelson took Josiah to sea with him in HMS *Agamemnon* but their relationship deteriorated with Nelson's infatuation with Emma Hamilton. Despite this, Nelson used his influence to have Josiah made a post captain at the early age of twenty. He was not fit for this responsibility, however, and left the sea shortly thereafter. He became a successful businessman and after the war ended moved to Paris. Nisbet died in 1830 and was buried in the churchyard at Littleham in Devon, where, just eleven months later, his mother was laid beside him.
15. Brandy and spirits of wine – not rum! Nelson's body was placed in a large cask that was filled with brandy and lashed to *Victory's* mainmast, guarded by a sentry night and day. The popular nickname for rum, 'Nelson's blood', originates from the sailors' tall tale that Nelson's body was preserved in rum, and then after the body had been removed, the alcohol was issued to all of *Victory's* Jack Tars!
16. When the landlady asked Nelson if she might change the inn's name to 'The Nelson's Arms' he delightedly told her that the name would be absurd, as he only had one.
17. Captain George Westcott, a Devon man, and like Kydd from humble origins as a common seaman to post captain and command. After Westcott's death Nelson made a special visit to his widow and presented her with his own Nile medal.
18. Nelson's closest living relative today. She is Nelson's (and Emma Hamilton's) great-great-great granddaughter. Mrs Tribe is also Life Vice President of the Nelson Society.
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### Picture ~Quiz from July

Who was up the mast???

It was none other than ..... Sally Ball!!!!!!

Not surprisingly, nobody guessed correctly.