

TEMPLE BELL

The Newsletter of the Royal Temple Yacht Club

March 2022

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Significant changes are needed in order to return the club to sustainability, the first of these is the change of licence. Many of you will have seen the blue notices around the building during January. Changing from a club licence to a normal pub licence presents us with a great many opportunities to raise income during periods where the membership does not make use of the club. Can I please assure you just because we have a pub licence does not change how we choose to operate and we will absolutely continue in the format of a members' club, but we must start to generate income, and do so expeditiously. As the committee get to grip with the huge task before them, and fresh opportunities arise I will share the developments with you.

We have promoted Barry Stone who is now the Club Manager, he will take over many of the tasks which had migrated to the Honorary Secretary. That role will now be returned to its original focus. The club diary has now been updated on the website to include all the club functions, and more are being added every week. Fridays are already full! Barry along with the Entertainments Committee are working hard to create many reasons to attend the club; the Carvery is back every month as is Games Night and a new music night too. More events will follow, please support them.

COMMODORE'S MESSAGE

I must first say how proud I am to have become the Commodore of the Royal Temple Yacht Club. It is not something that I ever envisaged when I joined the club with a simple mission to find a group of cruisers to join with and learn from. Little did I realise that I was taking the initial step towards the responsibility of leading the club and helping it navigate the turbulent waters of change as all groups and businesses adjust to the post-Covid era.

I can assure you that I will be communicating with you frequently, to update you on the opportunities we will be creating for you to re-engage with the club, and to encourage you into the clubhouse. I am very pleased that the Temple Bell is ringing loudly once again and I am pleased to be able to contribute to it. My thanks to Sue Foster for returning as editor.

As we ran up to the AGM it was with the realisation that three important positions would be unfilled. I am pleased to say members have now come forward and will be in post after the forthcoming EGM - more on that later.

On the subject of contact, all club business will be dealt with via the office, during office hours and where possible in person. It is my intention to attend the club every Wednesday between 1pm and 3pm, to be available should you wish to drop in and discuss any club matters face to face. General Committee will take place on the first Friday each month and I and other GC members will be available in the bar from 8.30pm and again will be there to listen to you.

Working together is the only way forward for any club and I ask you to work with the Committee and myself to make RTYC once again a fun and exciting place to be part of, and I look forward to seeing you in the club house soon.

Martin Morgans

200 CLUB DRAW

January 2022

£25	Nº 15	Eastwood/Neilson
£50	Nº 62	Mrs A Ketteringham
£100	Nº 10	Mr D J Limon
£200	Nº 30	Mr R Ross

NEXT DRAW

**In the Bar on Sunday 3rd April at 1500hrs,
and this will also include the draws for
both February and March.**

RTYC MEMBERSHIP

IMPORTANT NOTICE

At the forthcoming **EGM (Saturday 26 March 2022 at 11.30 a.m)** there is a proposal to change an element of our Constitution, and I would like to explain to you why it is there and ask that you support it.

Historically, Clubs work when their cost is spread across its membership, this was how our club was funded many years ago.

At some point in our past, our membership fees fell short and, sadly, it went unchallenged. At that point we unknowingly entered a financial downward spiral. We reduced services to reflect our shortfall, and members left. We had even less, we reduced services, more members left, and so it went on. Covid did not help but neither did it stop the repetition.

Now we have a simple choice, carry on in the same way and see the RTYC close, or do something to change it and seek a resurgence of the club.

Your Committee strongly believe that the club can be saved and have voted unanimously to do so and it is the membership aspect of the plan that we ask you, the Members, to vote for at the EGM.

From the start of our next membership year, we propose that ALL the existing membership categories end, to be replaced with 5 new categories.

1. Full Membership £200
2. Club Membership £125 - a trial membership of one year, then until the next club renewal date.
3. Club Joint £200 - as 2 above but for couples.
4. Crew Membership £50 - for members of RTYC boat crews who must sail a minimum of three days per season. Be proposed by a skipper and seconded by the relevant Rear Commodore.
5. Honorary Membership - £0. Individuals who have sufficient status to bring benefit to the RTYC and who are granted Honorary Membership by the Committee. This shall be reviewed annually in October and confirmed at the following AGM by the members.

Some members will see a financial benefit from this system as it treats single members more fairly, as individuals, it treats partners as full members rather than an add-on. Current couples will see no change in fees at this time. Veterans, in some cases, are adversely affected and I apologise for that, but we are no longer financially able to discount any

membership. You will be asked to pay the same as any other member.

However, we do not want to lose any of our members who have brilliantly supported the club over the years, we will find an option to help you stay wherever possible. If you are concerned about how this will affect your membership, speak to me and I will find the best solution to offer you.

These changes, in fact, create a shortfall in revenue, so you might ask why we are doing it. It is simple:

- Members are leaving because the club activities do not justify the current cost - so we reduced the fees.
- New members will not join - it is too expensive - so we have reduced the the fees.
- Ex-members will not return at the price - so we reduced the fees.

All of this requires your support:

- Support the membership changes.
- Support the bar by attending functions.
- Support the restaurant by booking.
- Support the club by having a function at the club house.
- Invite friends and family to the club, and to join the club.

We need 40 new members by October to help us to make the transition and a huge effort will be made to secure those new members.

Lastly, come in and help. Many of our sub-committees urgently need members to support their activity. An obvious example is that it is Platinum Jubilee Year and Entertainment is being run by one Member, single-handedly!

If you have questions - ask me. I'm in the club every Wednesday 1pm to 3pm or email me via the office. I will do everything I can to ensure you fully understand what your club is trying to do and why.

Finally, please support your Committee at the EGM and vote to amend our membership so that we can drive the club forward, get new members, increase the club activities and make the club house the thriving, fun hub for sailing that it can be.

Martin Morgans



THE 200 CLUB

The Club holds a **200 Club Draw** at the end of each month with a **Big Draw** at the end of January and I am hoping that you will consider joining the Draw.

The money is used for prizes for members and to assist in the maintenance of the Club building and the purchasing of items for the benefit of the members. These past few years, money has been provided to redecorate the snooker room, purchase the terrace furniture and contributed towards the renovation of the fabric of the building.

The **200 Club** has been in place for many years and those contributing are helping to pay for the items required by the club that are, perhaps, not essential, but go towards making the clubhouse special. Over the years we have purchased the leather chairs in the lounge, paid the extra to have our badge woven into the carpet, provided the comfortable chairs in the dining room, paid for new curtains for the club and helped with the hold bar refurbishments. All these improvements have been made possible by the additional funding provided by the **200 Club**. Later this year it is hoped that the Ladies toilets will be refurbished.

The **200 Club** costs £60 a year, which is paid by standing order in annual or monthly instalments. Each month a draw is held with prizes of £200, £100, £50, £25. In addition, at the end of January in each year, we hold the **BIG DRAW** with prizes of £2500, £1000, and 2 X £500 available.

An application form is attached at the end of this Newsletter.

I hope that you will join the **200 Club** and help maintain our clubhouse and preserve that special atmosphere which is admired by all our visitors and members alike.

John Barrett
Non-Executive Director
Royal Temple Yacht Club

It is a pleasure and an honour to write to you as our new Vice Commodore, a role that I'm looking forward to carrying out although my actual responsibilities have not changed that much.

Ramsgate Week is progressing nicely, I'm delighted to say, with Euromarine Insurance once again taking on our headline sponsor role. They are keen to step up their involvement and their new head of Marketing, Paul Knox-Johnston, is particularly keen to bring his expertise to the role. His name maybe familiar to you, as his family's company, Haven Knox-Johnston, was set up by his father Chris Knox-Johnston, who is Sir Robin's brother. Haven has recently been acquired by Euromarine's parent company, Aston Lark.

Paul recently met with me at our club to see it for himself, and sung its praises. He could see how it suited itself as the hub and entertainment centre of the regatta. With his company's previous experience sponsoring the Round the Island Race and the EAORA Offshore Racing he is keen to use his knowledge to help us market Ramsgate Week.

I'm also delighted that our own club members have also sponsored the regatta, with **Kent Decking Supplies** joining us last year thanks to Anthony Nicholson and Caroline Hodson. Two new sponsors joined us this year, **Turner Jackson Day Associates** with much thanks to Alex Jackson. **Gentslodge** are new sponsors too, thanks to Alan Page's son Bradley. It would be great and much appreciated if club members could support them in return.

All in all, this year is shaping up to be a great event, and we will need to stock up on the Bacardi as Danny Besse and the crew of *Mallemok* have already booked their holiday and will be heading over, they have been missed for the last two years!

My usual plea, as always, is for club members to lead the way by signing up for the regatta at www.ramsgateweek.com. And talking about the website, my thanks to Mike Brand for breathing new life into it, and adding a media page where all of our newspaper coverage is shown.

Karen
Vice Commodore / Chair of Ramsgate Week



CARVERY – SUNDAY 13 MARCH

STARTERS

Green pea & ham soup with a pork croquette
Served with crusty Bread
Or

Goats Cheese, Chorizo & Tomato Bruschetta
With Salsa Verdi & Wild Rocket
Or

Garlic Breaded Mushrooms
Served with aioli
Or

Chicken Liver Pate
With Onion Chutney & Granary Toast

CARVERY

Roast Topside of Beef, Roast Breast of Turkey & Sugar Baked Gammon Ham
Served with Roast Potatoes, Ham and Cheese Potato Bake, Yorkshire Puddings, Home Made Stuffing Balls, Homemade Red Wine Gravy & A Selection of Vegetables
Please Ask If You Would Like Our Home-Made Vegetarian Alternative

DESSERTS

Passion Fruit & Strawberry Cheesecake
Or

Apple & Rhubarb Crumble
Served with Custard
Or

Chocolate Guinness cake
With a cream cheese frosting
Or

Belgium waffles topped with fudge and bananas

2 courses for £16 and 3 courses for £21

Please call the Club to book



RNLI LIFEJACKET CLINIC AT THE RTYC

Sailing season is nearly here, so get your lifejacket checked - it could save your life!

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TEMPLE TEASER No 58

(Post-pandemic restart)

POT LUCK

FROM STUART CARTER

Solution on page 7

1. Sailing is an Olympic sport. When was the first time it was included on the Olympic program?
2. What was the name of Captain Pugwash's Vessel?
3. Cape Sparte is the most north-western point on which continent?
4. Few people with anacrophobia become sailors. Why? What are they afraid of?
5. What do UK shipping forecast areas Bailey, Viking, the Forties and Dogger have in common?
6. How many nautical miles in a league?
7. To the nearest 1,000 miles, how many miles of coastline are covered by the RNLI Lifeboats in the UK and Ireland?
8. A tide that has two equal daily high waters and two equal daily low waters is known as what?
9. A Mediterranean cold wind from the north or northeast tinged with frigid air from the Alps and northern Apennines is called what?
10. What ruined the life of Joseph Bruce Ismay?

SAILING NEWS



THE FULL 2022 RACING PROGRAMME IS NOW FINALISED AND IS ON THE CLUB WEBSITE

CLUB MEMBER, PETER THOMAS, HAS SHARED THIS EXCITING NEWS

My son, James, will be flying out soon to the Philippines to join the Clipper Round the World fleet presently moored in Subic Bay. He's had to wait two long years for the opportunity to race the north Pacific leg due to Covid. The eleven yachts' crews will have to undertake refresher training for a few days as many of them are novices. They will then have a short race of approximately 600-700 miles to fulfil the number of races to count towards the overall standings before embarking on a non-stop race across the Pacific. Their track will take them around the top of the Philippines, across to the bottom of Japan and then up the east coast of Japan, all probably into a prevailing wind. After leaving Japanese waters they should pick up easterlies from one depression after another and will be taking a great circle route across the Pacific ending up in Seattle.

If any members are interested in following James's exploits they can log into www.clipperroundtheworld.com/race/standings James will be sailing on "Punta del Este".

The website is not active at present but should be up and running early/mid-March when the racing actually starts. The tracks of all the boats and their standings are being constantly updated.

Peter Thomas

We look forward to receiving a full report from James and, hopefully, a presentation can be made to members on this epic trip.

RTYC CRUISERS

Please remember to join us for our regular,
3rd Friday in the month, Social Evenings.



Cruising Social Evening Friday 18th March at 7:30pm

On this Cruising Evening Don Gray and Peter Giffen will be giving a slide show and talk on their trip with *Blown Away* through the Dutch Canals to Amsterdam, the IJsselmeer, the Friesian lakes to Leeuwarden and back in August 2020.

Television Room 8:00 pm

Please come along for a much needed get together and a bar chat about our favourite destinations. Bar Open All Evening

Draft Sailing Programme for 2022

Easter Weekend: 15th – 18th April

Shakedown cruise to Dover with the possibility of extending the cruise to Boulogne.

Bank Holiday Weekend: 30th April – 2nd May

Burnham-on-Crouch/Round Sheppey.

Allez à Calais: 27th – 29th May

Depending on weather conditions there is a possibility to:

- (1) extend the cruise to Gravelines, Dunkirk
- (2) extend the cruise to Dieppe, Fécamp, Caen.
- (3) extend the cruise along the Belgian coast.

East Coast Cruise: 24th June – 1st July

Ramsgate, Harwich, Southwold, Lowestoft, Aldeburgh, Orford, Ramsgate.

Ramsgate Week: 17th – 22nd July

Summer Cruise: 13th – 27th August:

Cruise to Holland meeting up with the Little Ship Club.

St. Katherines, London: 17th – 19th September (with an opportunity to extend as wished)

September:

We will enquire whether the Thames Trafalgar Race is being reinstated for 2022

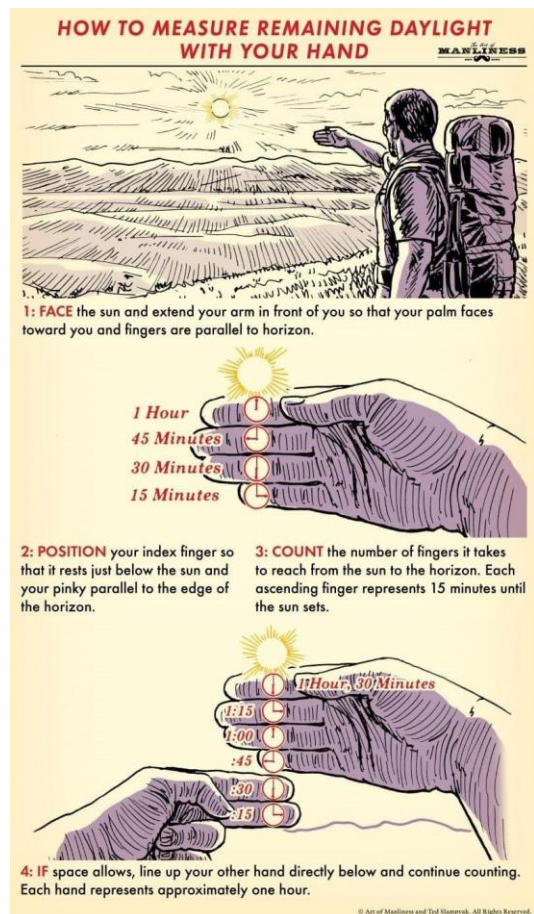
November:

We will check if the Beaujolais Race with RCPYC is to be held this year.

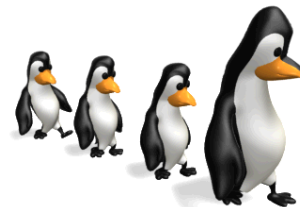
More details to follow

Don Gray
RCC

Please send any contributions for compilation into the next issue or comments, etc to Sue Foster at sueandtommyfoster@gmail.com



THE WALKING GROUP



Contact Davena on 07760 402479
to be added to the group *WhatsApp*

Our Walking Group has kept active when permitted during the pandemic with Julie Rook also kindly organising some walks.

The next walk for your diaries is:

Thursday 24 March starting at 11:30am

Meeting Point:

The Prince of Wales Public House
Maypole Road

Hoath, Nr Canterbury, CT3 4LN

It will be a circular, 3-ish mile walk on fairly flat terrain.

Non-walkers very welcome to join us for lunch at the pub at 1pm.

Please let Davena know if you are planning to join us to enable booking at the pub.

TEMPLARS GOLF SOCIETY



A few words on behalf of your Captain follow:

The Templars Golf Society was started about 20 years ago for members and friends of the Royal Temple Yacht Club in Ramsgate. Our net is cast even wider now and anyone who would appreciate a friendly, sociable round of golf is very welcome. We play off IG handicaps with monthly adjustments at the Captain's discretion!! Those who don't have a registered handicap will be allocated something suitable. So again, be nice to Roy Naylor....

John Barrett

Wednesday 16 February 2022

As we slowly emerge from the restrictions imposed by the pandemic, so the Templars Golf Society is crawling out of hibernation. Six of us; Howard Wilton, Robin Curtis, Alan Stagg, David Withers, me (Don) and Roy Naylor (Captain) played at Westgate yesterday. Alan and David are new Templars.

The course was in reasonable condition although a little muddy in places and three temporary greens were in use as a result of improvements being made to the regular greens. The weather was a little 'Blustery' at times with one or two golf balls finding their way to the beach but it was generally good golfing weather.

Howard did a brilliant impersonation of a Bandit and won with 38 points, Robin (Boy Wonder) was second with 34 points. No-one managed to be Nearest the Pin, in fact, it would have been difficult to determine who was nearest the Green!! The Longest Drive (The Cake) was awarded to Alan.

It is the intention to play courses other than Birchington and Westgate at various times throughout the year with Robin and Roy investigating the options available to us. The 3rd Wednesday of each month provides us with the opportunity to take some fresh air, have some exercise and enjoy the company of others. Oh yes - and play some Golf!

The next meeting is Wednesday 16th March and it would be so good to see you all. Roy will contact you all by email nearer the time with details of tee times, venue, etc.

Don Cross

**For and on behalf of
Roy (Captain) Naylor**

ENTERTAINMENT



Join our WhatsApp Group to keep up to date with forthcoming Club events

TEMPLE TEASER SOLUTION

From page 5

- (1) 1896
- (2) *Black Pig*
- (3) Africa
- (4) The Wind
- (5) None of the areas touches the land
- (6) 3
- (7) 19,000
- (8) Semidiurnal tide
- (9) A Tramontana
- (10) The sinking of the *Titanic*. He was the chairman of White Star Lines and a survivor of the disaster for which he was heavily criticised and socially ostracised.

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NORTHROP SAILS

Denys Tweddell

5th March 1924 – 22nd December 2021

It was so very, very sad to lose an outstanding and good friend recently. He was a Past Commodore (1990-1992) and sailor extraordinaire. He was also our unofficial "historian" who researched our archives to bless us with many stories of our illustrious past from the very beginning on the Temple Steps in London to the famous early members and esteemed racing yachts they sailed.

Below is a reprint of his last contribution to the newsletter.

Thank you, Denys

LOST TROPHIES

In April 1988 we had a serious robbery; thieves broke into the Trophy Cabinet in the bar and stole a collection of our silverware.

A neighbour reported that after failing to start a car near the Tidal Ball, they were seen running down Cliff Street carrying bags. (The getaway car was stolen from the forecourt of Dumpton Garage.) No more was heard of them and it seemed that this was going to be another unsolved crime.

Some years later we had a telephone call from the Hemel Hempstead Police in Hertfordshire. They asked if one of our lost trophies had a Viking Ship emblem. This was, indeed one of the features of the Europa Cup. Saying this, we were asked if we could come to Hemel Hempstead to examine a collection of pieces that they had impounded.

Brian Martin and I were taken to the station where we were shown a heap of scrap metal. Clearly these had been cups and salvers; all had the Hallmarks removed and engravings buffed out but there, in all its glory, was our Viking Ship.

A closer examination of the pile showed the arms of the cup. Piece by piece we could identify other items of our collection and, except for two items, all totally ruined. These two items were the Telescope and the Temple Mug. The Mug had been presented to the Club by Dick Walsh. The engraving had been buffed out and the Hallmark cut out but re-soldered into place again. This gave a clue as to what had happened to the Trophies. In their original state they would be difficult to sell but their Hallmark could be used on modern material giving "age" and so a piece made yesterday could be passed off to the gullible as being made in the reign of George IV with a very enhanced value.

There is a very interesting story of how our trophies came to be in Hemel Hempstead. It begins with a series of robberies in the Home Counties that were under investigation. One day a member of the Hemel Hempstead Crime Squad recognised a possible suspect in the town and apprehended him. Under questioning, the suspect admitted to being involved in

a life of crime and decided to go straight. He co-operated fully under questioning until asked how he disposed of the stole goods and now he prevaricated for some time. Eventually, he gave the name of a firm in Ramsgate (he, himself, was not involved in any of the crimes in that part of the country).

Now we come to the interesting part of the story: Hemel Hempstead police decided to raid the Ramsgate premises. They did this without the involvement of the local police force. They raided the premises of a jewellery shop in the High Street and found the silverware and a quantity of a jewellery from a local jeweller who had also suffered from a series of robberies.

The sequel to this was that the owner of the High Street premises was charged at St Albans Court and on trial was found Not Guilty. The jury accepted the view that the manager of the shop had bought the scrap in good faith. We recovered some of trophies but in a very sorry state of SCRAP.

Former Commodore Brian Martin has supplied this newspaper cutting recording the raid and the photograph of the smashed cabinet



Silverware raid stuns yachtsmen

The missing Europa Cup

Twelve silver trophies valued at £35,000 have been stolen in a raid on Ramsgate's Royal Temple Yacht Club.

The thieves smashed the club's glass display cabinets with sledge hammers, grabbed 15 cups and salvers and drove off in a car stolen from the Dumpton Park Garage.

The car and two trophies were later recovered.

The Cliff Street club's star commodore, Mr. Denys Tweddell, described the loss of the silverware as a tragedy.

He said: "The stolen cups were among the finest in the yachting world and can never be replaced.

"Some of the trophies date from the turn of this century and the workmanship is out of this world. That standard of craft does not exist any more.

"A valuer recently said it was almost impossible to value them because they could not be judged solely on their weight in silver."

He said the club was considering offering a reward for the return of the trophies, but was waiting for financial advice.

Among the stolen trophies were the Beales Cup, presented to the club in the 1940s by Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh, and the Europa Cup, presented to the club around 1904 by the German emperor Kaiser Wilhelm.

"These cups are part of our history," said Mr. Tweddell.

"The Europa Cup is one of Germany's premier trophies and we often chide our German friends that we have their cup. Quite recently they said they would give us £10,000 for just that one trophy."

Anyone who knows any-

offering a reward of £3,000 for any information that will lead to the recovery of the stolen trophies and/or information leading to a conviction.

Commodore Mr. Brian Martin outside the club in Cliff Street.

A section of the club's fine collection of trophies.



Royal Temple Yacht Club 200 Club

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Signed..... Date.....

Please remit this form to the Club or direct to the organiser:

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