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Stoke Gabriel Boating Association

Promoting community participation in sailing, kayaking, canoeing and rowing

SGBA News

New Clubhouse Appeal

Planning Permission Granted



For the past 12 months our Architect and Club Member, Michael Simmons and his team at Critical Mass Architects has converted our basic specification into an elegant and functional design, guided us through the planning process, created the drawings and coordinated the creation of the multitude of pre-planning surveys. SHDC passed our application 7 July.

Fund raising

We have now raised the £133,600 needed to secure the Sport England grant.

This success is in part due to the willingness of five members each to lend the SGBA £5,000 interest free over five years.

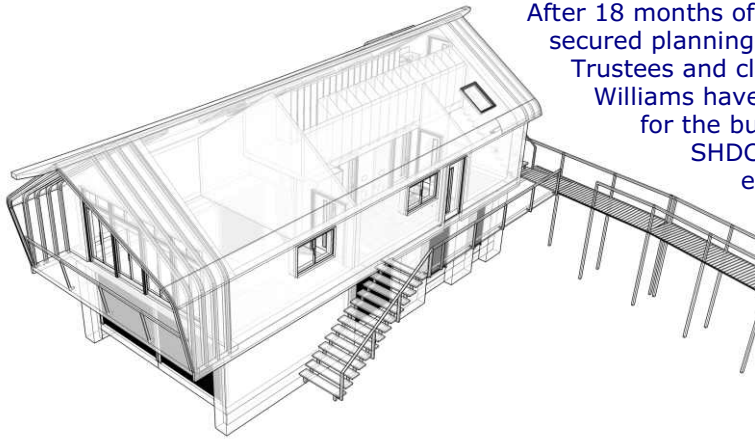
In due course the Club will have to repay the loans so generously given and the costings for the construction project are now more than a year old and will need to be revised - upwards, inevitably. Also, certain changes to the specification will also increase costs - such as wanting larger windows than in the original specification. So additional funding will be needed.

Fortunately we have the prospect of income from several charitable trusts but the Club is still looking for donations from members or anyone who shares the Club's vision of a wonderful facility for the village of Stoke Gabriel.

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The new SGBA club house is on the way!



After 18 months of research and pre-planning preparation we secured planning approval on the 7th July. In parallel the Trustees and club members under the guidance of Julian Williams have worked hard to raise the necessary funds for the building. With grants from Sport England, SHDC, local businesses, benefactors, fund raising events and donations from members we have almost raised the target sum of £200k, the shortfall being covered by modest loans from a few club members allowing building to commence this Autumn. The new building will replace the current boat store at Mill Point.

The new club house has been designed in consultation with members. It is an eco-efficient structure based on 'Passive Haus' principles. The final architectural design has been by Club member Michael Simmons through his practice CMA Architects. South Hams eco centre are providing the expertise to design the eco heat and energy systems. The new building will contain showers, toilets, training facilities and club boat storage facilities – it will be a luxury for club members who have for so long relied on a seasonal portaloo and the nearby woods for changing rooms.



The modular design will be prefabricated with club members laying in services, doing the ground work, decorating and external finish. Specialist contractors will be employed (or volunteer) for installations of the heating, electrical and water services. Completion target is the end on May 2015.

Celebrating Clubhouse Planning Permission



The Trustees and the Executive hosted a barbecue for members to celebrate the granting of Planning Permission for the new Clubhouse and



.... the Commodore gave a short address to those present and Julian Williams, one of the Club's Trustees, explained what had been collected, promised and pledged towards the final figure.

Open Garden Fund Raising Event

On 27 July Neil and Pam Millward opened their garden at Middle Well to raise money for the new Clubhouse fund. The weather was perfect and several hundred people enjoyed the splendid landscaping and the rich variety of perennials, shrubs and trees. As well as enjoying the garden, visitors were able to refresh themselves with superb cakes and pastries made by Club members or spend time browsing the well-stocked secondhand book stall.

In total the Club raised £1800 from entrance fees, teas and books and several visitors added to the fund by donations or a pledge to give money.

Well done to everyone who helped run this event but a very special thanks to Neil and Pam.



A warm welcome from Julian collecting entrance fees then an explore of the garden, its water features and flowers before arriving at the bookstall and finally some well-deserved refreshments.

SGBA wins a prize in the Stoke Gabriel Carnival

Congratulations to the SGBA Pirates led by Ros Morrell who captured first prize in the Junior Pedestrian Group in the Stoke Gabriel Carnival parade. Their adept use of cutlasses also ensured a significant collection of loot from innocent bystanders!

Well done to Ros and the team for their effort. The cup and certificate will be on display in the club house.



John and Sarah Burt demonstrating that the SGBA is young at heart and anyone can join in the "Junior Pedestrian Group"



DHNA Regatta 27 –30 August

The Commodore's boat Katrina (Moody 31) will be in the anchorage area off Dart Haven Marina from the Wednesday evening through to Sunday morning. Look for the SGBA flag up the mast and come and join us for morning coffee, afternoon tea or just to watch the evening events. No appointment necessary.

SGBA Cricket 13 September

The annual match against our friends at Dittisham will take place at shortly after 2pm on Saturday, provided the tide goes out! As many players as possible required to play this unique unisex cross of cricket and baseball. We may even muster a BBQ and bar on Middle Back. We need a minimum of 8 to play so if you are up for a game please contact Roger Stobbart 01803 7823434, roger.stobbart@btinternet.com

Dart River swim 14 September

800 swimmers racing from Totnes to Dittisham will pass down the Cornworthy side of the river (south of the moorings) from about 1115.

SGBA Annual regatta 14 September

Come and watch the sailing and rowing races! The regatta takes place on 14th September and starts at 0950 with a series of dinghy and rowing racing events and just to make it more competitive an invitation has been extended to Dittisham Sailing Club to add some inter-club competition.

If you have a boat with a sail come and join the annual SGBA race around the cans fun race. Club boats first come first served, so arrive early for the fastest boat! Race starts at 1000 with 3 classes. Sign on in the morning. **Sailing instruction will be on the club Web site.**

10:00 Preparatory sound signal for all classes

10:10 Warning signal for Class A: Shrimper, small cruiser and luggers

10:15 Start of Class A

10:20 Warning signal for Class B: Toppers, Pico (must carry a helm and crew!) and Bug

10:25 Start of Class B

10:30 Warning signal for Class C: Dinghies by PY class

10:35 Start of Class C

11:15 Start of rowing races

13:00 onwards: Barbeque (£2.50 adults, £1.50 children),

15:00 approx, Prize giving.

From the Quartermaster

It has been good to see our sailing and other dinghies being well used over the summer. Keep sailing, there's plenty of season left yet.

I try to keep up with boat repairs and it helps enormously if you can let me know if you spot any defects or breakages. You can do this through the contacts page of the [web site](#) or use a smartphone and zap on the notice inside the door of the Clubhouse.

Our Toppers are a very popular boat but their weak point is the self-bailer. Please take care to leave this closed until you are in deep water. And, most important, **please remember to close it** before you land on the foreshore.

As an interim measure you may find the bailer glued or bolted shut. This won't stop you sailing.

Happy boating

Anne Davis



Good fun in a Topper

From the Social Secretary

Laying-up Ceilidh Saturday October 25th at the Football Club.

After the success of the last Ceilidh, and by popular request, this will be a fun-filled night when we can remember a great summer of sailing and also look forward to an exciting new Boathouse!

Details will follow soon but put the date in your diaries now!

Winter Programme

The winter program will begin in October with a range of talks to entertain and inform! Details of each session will be emailed out nearer the time but in the meantime, please make a note of the dates in your diaries!

Thursday 30 Oct	"Dove" How a story about a 16 year old who sailed solo around the World inspired adventures many years later.
Thursday 20 Nov	A presentation about the National Coastwatch Institution - it's history, what they do and how they can help you.
Thursday 15 Jan	A presentation from the Met Office about the technology that is used to collate the weather forecasts.
Thursday 5 Feb	Undersea cables - Where are they? What are they? How do they get there?
Thursday 5 Mar	Anne's weather - back by popular demand! "Weather: Facts and forecasts"

Sarah Hunt

From the Newsletter Editor

It would be nice to have more contributions to the Newsletter. I welcome articles, letters, drawings or photographs and promise minimal editing, except for spelling, libel and un-amusing attacks on the management. If you have a tale to tell, a view on the current sailing scene, an apocryphal story, an account of epics survived and would be prepared to share it, or them, with others then please send them to me via the contact page of the [web site](#).

Geoffrey Pocock

Club Sailing and Boating

Members have enjoyed some excellent sailing and boating during the wonderful weather we have had this summer. The dinghies and canoes have been well used and those on the water have been supported by Club members in the safety boat and on shore by the OOD.

It is easy to forget that the SGBA's success depends upon members playing a part in running the Club's activities. So, if you have been out on the water in one of the Club's boats and have not helmed or crewed a Safety Boat or acted as OOD why not offer to help?



The Commodore taking to the water



We still need an OOD for 31 August.
Please contact [Roger Astley](#) if you can help.

Sue Mortimer - Junior Sailing

Sue learnt to sail as a young child with her Dad who couldn't sail himself at that stage. They had a Mirror dinghy on a gravel pit in Berkshire and there was a lot of trial and error and falling in! They progressed to racing, Enterprises mainly, and eventually yachting. Sue has happy memories of being allowed to take her turn at watch on channel crossings in the middle of the night when it was long past her bedtime. She moved to Stoke Gabriel, with her husband about 9 years ago and has been involved with the SGBA in some shape or form ever since. She is currently part of the team that organises the Junior Sailing Course that runs every spring.



Lesley Jenkins - Secretary



A committee is only as good as its Secretary and the smooth running of the SGBA Executive Committee is a tribute to Lesley. She took up the role three years ago and enjoys the challenge especially at this exciting time for the Club. Lesley has always been in and around boats, initially as a child when she enjoyed messing about on the River Thames in her parents' cabin cruiser and later had the opportunity to do a little sailing in Chichester Harbour. For ten years Lesley and her husband, Alun, kept a motor cruiser in France on the beautiful River Mayenne from where they had access to three other rivers so were able to explore rural France. Now they enjoy the lovely River Dart with the occasional coastal cruise in their 24' Tamar, a traditional motor cruiser.

Members' Photographs

Members are invited to send their photographs of just about any water-based activity around Stoke Gabriel to the editor for inclusion in the SGBA Newsletter.



Calm enough here

But not here



Watching the water flood over the Mill Pool dam at high water springs is fascinating.

Use the SGBA tide table booklet to find the best time to see this phenomena.

Stoke Gabriel Tides 2014 is available from Stoke Gabriel Post Office, the Village Stores and the River Shack.

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Events 2014

2014 Date	SGBA Event	Venue	Start
Sat 5 April	Family quiz Night	Club house	18:30
Sat 12th April	Head of the Dart Race Dartmouth-Totnes, 100 boats!	Totnes	15:00
Sun 20 April	Club Sailing & Boating	Mill Point	09:30
Thurs 1 May	Social Sailing and Boating	Mill Point	18:00
Sun 4 May	Club Sailing & Boating - Try-out Day	Mill Point	09:30
Thurs 15 May	Social Sailing and Boating	Mill Point	18:00
Sunday 18 May	Club Sailing & Boating	Mill Point	09:00
Thurs 29 May	Social Sailing and Boating	Mill Point	18:00
Fr1 23 May	Kingswear rowing club visit to SGBA	Mill Point	13:00
Sat 24 - 26 May	Junior Sailing	Mill Point	14:30
Sat 31 May -1 June	Junior Sailing	Mill Point	14:30
Sun 8 June	Club Sailing & Boating	Mill Point	12:30
Thurs 12 June	Social Sailing and Boating	Mill Point	18:00
Sun 22 June	Club Sailing & Boating	Mill Point	12:30
Thurs 26 June	Social Sailing and Boating	Mill Point	18:00
Fri 27 June	Collecting for RNLI	Totnes	All day
Thurs 10 July	Social Sailing and Boating	Mill Point	18:00
Sun 20 July	Club Sailing & Boating	Mill Point	10:30
Thurs 24 July	Social Sailing and Boating	Mill Point	18:00
Sun 27 July	Fund Raising Garden Opening	Middle Well	11:00 - 18:00
Tues 29 July	Social Sailing and Boating	Mill Point	18:00
Sun 3 August	Club Sailing & Boating	Mill Point	09:30
Sun 10 August	Flotilla day	On the Dart	08:30
Tues 12 August	Social Sailing and Boating	Mill Point	18:00
Sun 17 August	Club Sailing & Boating	Mill Point	09:30
Thurs 28 August	Social Sailing and Boating	Mill Point	18:00
Sun 31 August	Club Sailing & Boating	Mill Point	09:30
Fri 5 September	Collecting for RNLI	Totnes	All day
Thurs 11 September	Social Sailing and Boating	Mill Point	18:00
Sat 13 September	Middle Back cricket SGBA vs Dittisham	Middle Back	14:00
Sun 14 September	SGBA Regatta	Mill Point	09:30
Sat 20/21 September	Swallows and Amazons	Mill Point	
Sun 21 September	Club Sailing & Boating	Mill Point	14:30
Thurs 25 September	Social Sailing and Boating	Mill Point	17:30
Sun 5 October	Club Sailing & Boating	Mill Point	14:00
Sun 19 October	Club Sailing & Lay Up	Mill Point	13:30
Sat 25 October	Laying up Ceilidh	Stoke Gabriel FC	19:00

Remember, Club Sailing can only take place with an OOD and a Safety Boat crew. Keep an eye on the Sailing Programme page on the SGBA web site and follow the links to the [events calendar](#) to see the status of the event.