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Stoke Gabriel Boating Association

Promoting community participation in sailing, kayaking, canoeing and rowing

SGBA News

Looking Forward to 2016

To the casual observer taking a stroll along the foreshore to Mill Point there might appear to be little progress on the new Clubhouse. Nothing could be further from the truth. Following the completion of the structure in October an enormous amount of work was undertaken by Club members to specify the way in which the Clubhouse should be fitted out and holding discussions with potential contractors.

In December we asked several companies, many local to Stoke Gabriel, to quote for the installation of the hot water system, plumbing and drainage, the electrical fit and the interior fit.

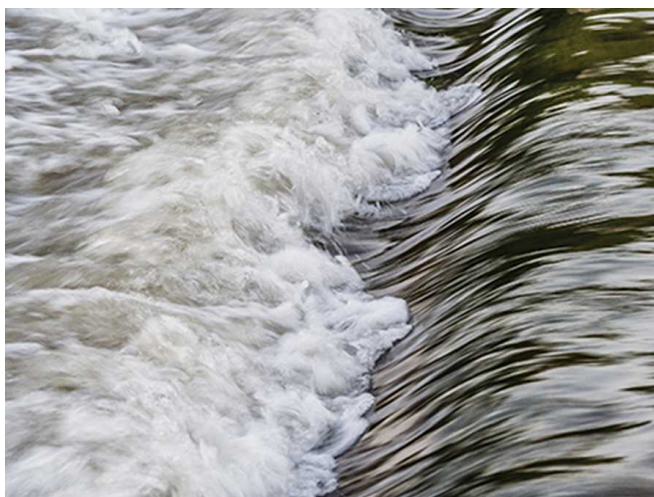
At the time of writing we have just placed the final contract for all this work and are very happy to see that a start has been made on the installation of the electrical services in the undercroft - the lower part of the building where there will be the equipment store, members' lockers, a small workshop and space for the Safety Boats over the winter.

We hope that the rest of the work will start in earnest February with sufficient completed to support all our sailing activities by April. There will still be work to do such as painting some of the interior and we will be looking for volunteers.

Meanwhile, Roger Astley and Robert Foster, with some help from other members, are insulating and boarding the ceiling of the undercroft.

Stoke Gabriel Tides

Stoke Gabriel Tides 2016 is now available from the Village Stores and the Stoke Gabriel Post Office. The booklet contains other useful information about local tidal conditions and costs £2 - all proceeds go to the SGBA.



Water flooding over the Mill Pool dam

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Fitting the picture windows on the balcony



Installing the ceiling insulation in the undercroft

Sailing 2016

Junior Sailing

Course A: Sat—Mon 28—30 May, and Thurs & Fri 2 & 3 June.

Course B: Sat & Sun 16 & 17 July, and Sat—Mon 23—25 July.

The SGBA Junior Sailing Courses are an opportunity for your child to learn to sail whilst having a huge amount of fun on the river. Children will develop water confidence and river safety, and may also get a sailing qualification.

run and taught by qualified dinghy sailing instructors and experienced sailors.

The course costs £98 per child and at least two days of parental/family volunteer support per child. The successful running of the course is dependent on the volunteer involvement of parents or other family members in various roles, in a team of shore based, rescue boat and dinghy helpers.

Please note that your child should be equipped with suitable sailing clothes and a buoyancy aid. Sailing helmets will be provided.

For Application Forms, or any other enquiries, please contact Anne Davis on juniorsailing@sgbahost.co.uk



As the SGBA will soon have a new clubhouse the courses have been redesigned to use our lovely new facilities, while simplifying organisation. All activity will take place from the Mill Point area. To allow this, we are offering two courses of 18 places each rather than one larger one.

As an RYA accredited training centre, the SGBA can issue the RYA Youth Sailing Scheme certificates to participants; but our primary focus is enjoying being afloat on the river.

Each course is for complete beginners and more experienced sailors, aged between 8-12 years on the first day of the course. All applicants should be members of the SGBA.

Our two courses are identical; as each is for mixed experience, families can sail together. And you have more choice for dates!

Those new to sailing and our less experienced sailors start off in Laser Bug dinghies. More experienced children sail Toppers, Laser Picos and RS Qubas. The courses are



The SGBA Summer Programme 2016

The first club sailing and boating Sunday is planned for 17th April 2016. The new Clubhouse build should be largely completed by then and most of the boats should be back in the quarry available for use. There will be more information on this later, but the intention is that we don't lose any time on the water.

The events calendar with the dates of Sunday and Thursday sailing is available on the [Sailing and Events Support Site](#) which is the definitive resource for all sailing dates. But note that this calendar does not include dates for other events such as the Middle Back cricket match. As soon as the dates for these are settled, members will be notified by email.



The SGBA can only work successfully if members play a part in helping to run the the Club's activities.

Nowhere is this more important than the Sailing Events which can only take place if we have the necessary people to run them i.e. OOD and safety boat helm & crew one of whom must have PB2.

We need to find three names for each event before it can go ahead - so, if you can help, please contact the [Sailing Secretary](#).

The Winter Social Programme

Our winter social programme got underway with a cracking talk by Admiral Jonathan Tod who described his progress from Dartmouth to Downing Street via a variety of interesting jobs and a few scrapes.

A couple of weeks later our village nature expert, Dr Edward Lovesey gave an illustrated talk about Otters on the River Dart.



A River Dart Otter

And we rounded off 2015 with a dinner at Emma's restaurant and the arrival of Father Christmas on the quay.

Our first talk of 2016 was hosted jointly with the Friends of Stoke Gabriel Church when Geoffrey Pocock gave a talk about Footpaths and Flowers in the Swiss Alps.

And, at the time of writing this Newsletter the Club will have held its Ceilidh at the Football Club.

Forthcoming Events

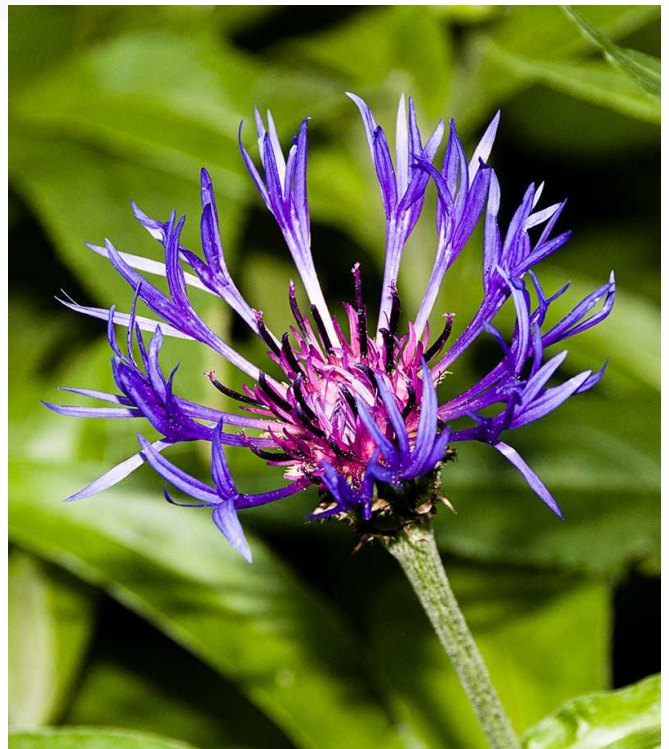
On Thursday 18 February Anne Davis, who members will recall has talked on the various aspects of marine weather, will describe her adventures Sailing Round the UK in 2015

On February 27 there will be a Sea Urchins Pool Session from 13:00 to 15:00 at the Admiral Swimming Pool, Brixham. For children of 6 - 8 years: an introduction to handling a Bug, and Fun on the Water. **Please note new venue.**

We are always looking for speakers

The talks are a great way of keeping in contact with other members over the winter (and committee members - we're all very friendly!). The speakers usually talk for about 45 minutes, after which there is an opportunity for some questions then some time for socialising and chatting to the speaker.

If you have a story to tell, and it need not be about sailing, then please contact the [Social Secretary](#)



Perennial Cornflower - Centaurea montana

House for sale

From Fiona Mulliner-Marshall

I and my family have been members, donors and involved with the fantastic SGBA since the beginning. In fact, I and my brother were some of the first Optimist young sailors with Colonel Grimshaw back in 1978(?). Since when, my three children have progressed though the courses and we have all gone on to become day skippers and enjoy ongoing sailing, in warmer waters sometimes!

As a family, after nearly 40 years of Stoke Gabriel pleasure, we propose to let go of our much loved

holiday home which has welcomed many an SGBA member due to its close locality to the pontoon/quay. We would really like our friends in the SGBA to have the first opportunity to view the brief details because of its accessibility to the Quay and Club house facilities of SGBA.

FOR SALE: Mill House, Stoke Gabriel. TQ9 6RD Idyllic location by Mill Pool, River Dart & Quay. 3 Double Beds, Spacious Reception, Eat in Kitchen, 2 Bath/Showers, Ground Floor WC & Utility Area, Attractive Bench Porch, 2 Terraces, Secluded Garden, Off Street Parking, Extension planning applied for. 17th Century Fully Modernised. Highly Recommended. Guide Price £550,000.

Contact: fiona.mulliner@gmail.com



Boat for Sale

Enterprise, fibre glass. All sails with a launching trolley (has one flat tyre). Good to go but may need some minor work. £200 ono.

Contact owenbickerstaff@hotmail.com

Outboard for Sale

4 HP Mercury 2-stroke outboard. About 20 Years old but very little used and mainly in freshwater. Needs a service but does run. Reason for sale - downsized to a 2.5HP.

£100 Contact Peter Waite Peterj.waite@btinternet.com or 0771 888 2117. Will deliver in TQ9

Who Runs the Club? - a view from the editor

"The Charity Trustees of the SGBA, acting as a Board, carry the responsibility of complying with the requirements of the Constitution. Their scope touches all aspects of the club's activities, but they rightly do not intend to involve themselves in the management and direction of all of these. Those responsibilities are for the club's Executive Committee."

Correct and proper constitutional words but on the ground, or should I say on the River, the Club is run by you. Or at least a very few of you.

Over the past couple of years or so, I have been to most of the Club's events: social, boating and Clubhouse building and it is apparent that the same, small group of people are involved in running the events. Now that we are about to have a new Clubhouse the Executive Committee will need some more willing helpers to operate the Clubhouse and to extend the Club's activities on the water. We will need a Clubhouse Manager and there is great scope, for example, for organising events for kayak, canoe and rowing.

If you are interested in supporting the Executive Committee and perhaps even joining it - there are always vacancies - then do contact the Commodore or any of the Committee members, they are all listed on the club's web site.

If you have specific questions or would like to make suggestions about the operation and organisation of the club please contact the Commodore or Vice Commodore by phone or email or you can submit a formal question for a response at the AGM by writing or email to the The Secretary, SGBA, The Clubhouse, Mill point, Stoke Gabriel TQ9 6XF. Your questions must be submitted prior to the 15th March 2016

Full details of the AGM will be sent to all members during the first week in March



The SGBA's Committee in the old Clubhouse

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