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## Stoke Gabriel Boating Association

*Promoting community participation in sailing, kayaking, canoeing and rowing*

# SGBA News

## New Clubhouse Appeal

### Fund Raising

As members are aware, a new building is being planned at a total cost of £183,600. Sport England has approved an application for a grant of £50,000 provided that by 30 June we can confirm that we have the remaining £133,600.

The Club has earmarked £29,000 from its funds and is in the process of seeking money through various grant applications and commercial contributions as well as prompting members to support this essential development which is needed to ensure that we continue to be an RYA Recognised Training Centre.

Over the past month the total in prospect had risen from £74,000 to £91,000 and with some £65,000 still in prospect from grant applications there is every possibility that we will raise the money. But prospects of grants are not cash in the bank and members are urged to continue supporting the fund raising.

### Planning Permission

On Tuesday, June 10th the SGBA had a site visit by three members of the South Hams Planning Committee, including their Top Man. Also attending were three members of the SG Parish Council, and Mrs Rowe the DCC Councillor. Hosting the event was our Commodore Roger Stobbart, our Vice Commodore John Bradbury and our Architect Michael Simmons.

To demonstrate the approximate dimensions of the new building in the quarry, Roger Stobbart and Neil Millward had rigged up a "cats cradle" of poles and ropes to outline the plans. After the quarry visit, the planners and (willing) Councillors were taken out onto the river Dart in the two Club Safety Boats to view the outlook from the water. This turned out to be a very popular outing, if in slightly choppy conditions. Many photos were taken and views from many different angles provided. Everyone seemed happy with the visual aspects, if anything accepting that the new building would actually enhance the location.

Although it is not possible to predict the outcome it was a constructive and amenable occasion, the main points at issue being the actual position of the front of the new building and how car parking would be curtailed. All queries were satisfactorily accommodated.

A decision is expected by 3 July.



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## Club Sailing Report

Club sailing began on Sunday 20 May under the watchful eye of Issy Hallam as OOD with Rob Fisher and Louise Leah in the Safety Boat. A little overcast and not a great deal of wind so perhaps not the best sailing day but good conditions to start shaking down the fleet of SGBA boats after the winter lay up.



It's my right of way.....

The weather was much better two weeks later with some sunshine and a good enough breeze for the Commodore to arrive at Mill Point in a Mirror dinghy. Julian Williams was OOD with all the assurance that one would expect from a former Naval Officer.



.....No it's not, it's mine



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.

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



## "Stoke Gabriel sailing... AMAZING!"

Thirty eight enthusiastic junior sailors from the Stoke Gabriel Boating Association (SGBA) were put through their paces on the River Dart during the half-term holiday.

During the annual Junior Sailing Course, for locals aged 8-12 years old, the children sailed in all sorts of wind and weather conditions from rain on the first day, through strong winds to blazing sunshine and perfect learning to sail wind. As Course Co-ordinators Issy Hallam and Sue Mortimer explained "the children were brilliant fun and really enthusiastic, even in the crummy weather or poor wind everyone had a massive smile on their face, learning or perfecting their sailing and boat handling skills with friends old and new".

The SGBA Junior Sailing Course places a strong emphasis on water confidence and having fun on the river; the children learn to sail alongside, paddle races, capsizing drills and games. The fun and games complement the curriculum set down by the Royal Yachting Association dinghy youth sailing scheme. The children aim towards their Stage 1, 2 and 3 certificates covering practical sailing, rowing, capsizes, launching, rope work and more complex sailing manoeuvres such as recovery of man overboard and picking up a buoy.



The beginners group gathers for their morning briefing before the first day's sailing at Mill Point

Children on the course start as complete novices in Laser Bugs training dinghies, they progress over the years to racing single-handed Toppers, Picos and Fevas dinghies. Throughout this year's course, past graduates of the Junior Sailing Course returned as Assistant Instructors and dinghy helpers, the children really loved sailing with them, many even vowed to return as Assistant Instructors themselves in future years.

by the prize giving. Senior Dinghy Instructors Sam Sale-Parkes and Pete Joscelyne presented Royal Yachting Association dinghy sailing certificates and SGBA trophies. Trophies went to Emily Mortimer and Thomas Leah for most improved sailors, and Trixie Morrell and Verity Howle for their fantastic attitude, enthusiasm and motivation throughout the course .

The SGBA Junior Sailing Course is run by a dedicated team of volunteer dinghy sailing instructors, safety boat crew and shore helpers, without whom the course wouldn't run. The SGBA would like to thank all those who helped, all the children and adults really embodied this year's course motto "Stoke Gabriel sailing....Amazing!".



The more experienced group start their race back to Stoke Gabriel on the last day of the course

## Anne Davis - SGBA Quartermaster

Anne loves anything to do with being on the water - it is rumoured that she has webbed feet - so when Roger became Commodore and had to off-load some of the other jobs he had been doing, Anne was delighted to take on the responsibilities of the Club's Quartermaster.

Anne started sailing as a teenager progressing from the family's Mirror dinghy and Wayfarer to her first boat, a Contessa 26. Although her day job as a surgeon was based in Portsmouth Anne has always kept her boats in Plymouth, preferring the West Country waters to the Solent. Early experience with her elderly Contessa made her an expert in boat repairs of both the perfect job and the make-do variety.

Anne moved to Stoke Gabriel when she retired from the NHS and was soon playing an active part in the SGBA becoming social secretary and organising amongst other things the first Stoke Gabriel boat show. Now she hopes her surgical background which demanded high quality outcomes will be applicable to her role as the SGBA Quartermaster.



### RNLI Annual Street Collection

The RNLI are holding their annual street collection in Totnes between 9.30am and 1.30pm on Friday 27 June. If you can spare an hour to stand with a bucket and stickers your help will be much appreciated. It is quite a sociable experience as most people recognise and support the RNLI. The organiser will provide buckets etc. from a contact point in Totnes High Street.

Please contact the RNLI organiser Ross Parker as soon as possible so that he can help you choose a convenient slot.

His details are: Mr Ross Parker  
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## 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.

To start the ball rolling here are a couple of pictures of the village's cygnets.

### More Junior Sailing



# **For Sale**

## **Whitehall Skiff**



- Elegant and sturdy rowing boat.
- Bought new in 2007
- Includes launching trolley (in photo) and 4 blue fenders. Does not include oars, rowlocks, footrest, cover.
- Situated at SGBA boat park, Mill Point quarry.
- Slight superficial damage to gel coat in places.

**£1,850 ono**

Contact Steve Banks  
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## **Westerly Centaur for Sale “Corah B”**

**Westerly Centaur 1978,  
bilge keel. A plan layout.**

**£9500**

Sailed and moored in South Devon. Much improved and updated over the last 4 years. Safe and easily sailed. Good family boat that has served us well, selling now as we upgrade to larger boat.

Perkins Perama 25hp engine (last serviced March 2014)

DSC VHF (2011), autopilot, clipper duet, log/depth (2011)

Fish finder. Compass (2011) Sloop rig.

Running rigging (renewed 2012). Standing rigging checked 2012. New Furlex furling system ( 2012)

Mainsail furling headsail, cruising chute.

6 berths in 2 cabins ( new upholstery 2011)

Jan 2011 Keels strengthened and reset and two new engine mounts. New headlining in fore-cabin. August 2012 Replacement reconditioned gearbox. Jan 2013 Quarter berths and side main cabin headlining replaced

Further details at [www.luardandshaw.co.uk](http://www.luardandshaw.co.uk)

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## Events 2014

<b>2014 Date</b>	<b>SGBA Event</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Start</b>
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
Sun 26 October	Laying up Supper	TBA	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.