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Registered Charity No 1154479

Stoke Gabriel Boating Association

Promoting community participation in sailing, kayaking, canoeing and rowing

SGBA News

Father Christmas asks your help when he visits!

PLEASE DO NOT DRIVE DOWN MILL HILL BECAUSE THE CAR PARK WILL BE CLOSED. AND THERE WILL BE NO SPACE FOR TURNING

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY OF THEIR CHILDREN, AND THE YOUNGSTERS SHOULD BE KEPT UNDER SUPERVISION AT ALL TIMES

REMEMBER THAT THE TIDE WILL BE OUT AND THE MUD IS VERY MUCKY !!

New Club House - Progress



Progress towards the planning application is almost complete. All the required reports, Marine Management notice, Flood Risk Assessment, Environmental Management Plan, Ecology Survey and a Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment have all been completed. The plans are almost complete and we expect to submit an application by the end of 2013.

Julian Williams has made a superb effort to complete and submit a grant application for £50,000 to Sports England. The online application included more than 10 reference documents pre-

pared by Julian and other committee members. The documents included a club development plan, building cost estimates, performance outcomes summary, financial report as well maps, project plan and risk assessment. Completing the online form took over 1.5 hours and a further hour to load all the files. We now have to wait until March 2014 to find out if our bid has been successful.

In the meantime some great news from the Parish Council, with an award of a £15000 grant towards the project. The money comes from Section 106 funds made up of contributions from property developers for community projects.

Over the coming weeks we will be developing the build estimates and plan.

Help required – If you have a knowledge of Health and Safety practices and are willing to help the club progress from planning to building, please contact:

Roger Stobbart, Vice Commodore SGBA

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Father Christmas will visit Stoke Gabriel on 24th December at 5pm.

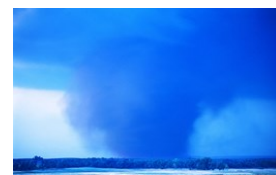
Mulled wine and mince pies at the clubhouse.

Donations to Club Funds would be welcomed!



TIDES and WEATHER.

by
Neil Millward & Anne Davis
Saturday January 25th, 1.45 - 4.15pm
SGBA Clubhouse.



An informal afternoon to help you get the most out of your boating in our lively climate. £5 per person. Maximum 30 places.
Please email names to: sailing@annedavis.me.uk

Junior Sailing 2014

The dates for the 2014 Junior Sailing Course have now been confirmed as the two weekends of May half term next year:

Saturday 24 May, afternoon (HW 15:39, 3.9m)
Sunday 25 May, afternoon (HW 16:39, 4.1m)
Monday 26 May (Bank Holiday), afternoon (HW 17:33, 4.3m)

Saturday 31 May, morning (HW 08.53, 4.3m)
Sunday 1 June, morning (HW 09.23, 4.2m) followed by lunch BBQ

All members with children eligible for the course (children aged 8-12 years) should now have received application forms for the Junior Sailing Course with their membership renewal forms. As we only have places for 36 children, priority will be given to families who are actively involved in the SGBA and/or the course, who live locally, who are siblings of previous course participants or who have made an unsuccessful application in the past. If you have not received an application pack, but think your child is eligible, please contact issyhallam@gmail.com



Planning is well underway to ensure we have enough instructors, boats, helpers and sailing kit. If you are able to help in anyway (even if you aren't a family member of a child on the course), we'd love to hear from you!

We are searching for a rib we can use as an additional safety boat for the course. If you know anyone who owns such a boat, who would willing to lend or hire it to us for the course, please get in touch.

Issy Hallam & Sue Mortimer

Mrs Jan Williams

It is barely a year ago that Julian Williams volunteered to take on the role of charity fundraising for the SGBA, and barely twice that time since Julian and Jan joined the Club. It is thus a very sad occasion for me to have to report the death of Jan at the beginning of December. Her final illness was sudden and rapid, to the shock of all who knew her.

I would like to voice my thanks and appreciation for all the work that Julian has put in on behalf of the Club, juggling the complex issues of Charity Status incorporation with applying for funds for the SGBA whilst at the same time caring for Jan during her progressive illness. We all offer the family our heartfelt condolences. The funeral will be on Thursday, December 19th at 12.30 in Stoke Gabriel Church.

John Bradbury,
Commodore, SGBA

Mrs Patricia Kidman Bibby: 1/1/1914-18/09/2013

Mrs. Bib was the oldest surviving Honourable Life Member of the SGBA, my neighbour, and as she said "my DIY man" (seagull nests, gas fires, central heating and so on)! She was a very generous benefactor to the Club and very supportive, particularly where her "kiddywinks" were concerned. It was a great occasion when she "launched" the new SGBA safety boat "Blue Hills", which she had donated, from the Mill Pool Dam earlier this year. Sadly she died just 15 weeks short of her 100th birthday and I am indebted to Mr. Nigel Wollen for the following extracts from his tribute at her funeral on 30th September.

I have always been amazed at how much one learns at the funeral of someone who one thought one knew well. Nigel's encomium, plus a few peeps at Google are most revealing. Mrs. Bib was born in Adelaide in 1914 and her grandfather, Sir Sidney Kidman (sound familiar?) rose from stockman to large landowner in Australia, having spotted the need for contiguous stock feeding and transporting across the Continent. Her father, Nelson Clover, was a Captain seconded to the

Australian and NZ navies and when he retired they moved to Torquay. She met her husband, Pat, in Cockington, and he served with the navy in the Second World War, being awarded the DSC for his action at Dieppe. Sadly he was captured and interned until the end of the war.

Meanwhile the family moved to "Woods" at Stoke Gabriel and strong links were forged with the village, the church and the SGBA. It is reported that Mrs. Bib was rather concerned by the "tilting" of their 7Ton yacht "WYLO" and thus the move to a more stable 21Ton motor vessel "Blue Hills" was made. In this vessel the Bibbys cruised extensively both in home and Continental waters, and as Nigel says "Mrs. Bib would usually go to sea in twin set and pearls"!! The connection with the sea is clear and her love of meeting people lasted all her life – there were always drinks parties, dinners or bridge groups at her house right up to a few weeks before she passed away. She will be sadly missed.

John Bradbury,
Commodore, SGBA.

SGBA Sea Urchins take to the water

Eight mostly 8-year-olds took to the warm waters of a local indoor swimming pool in mid November in a new venture to help youngsters gain confidence both in and on the water before they enrol for our ever-popular Junior Sailing Course. The 2-hour session began with some pool-side training in getting comfortable with a buoyancy aid. Then it was into the pool for ...

- ◆ **Games** with inflatable toys - kindly provided by Tony Bradley, a recently joined member of the SGBA
- ◆ **Befriending** a Bug, getting in, balancing, learning how tip-py/stable it is
- ◆ **Swimming** under an upturned Bug to breath in the air pocket (so no need to worry about being trapped in a capsized)
- ◆ **Paddling** a Bug, 4 in a Bug, to collect more yellow ducks than the other boat!
- ◆ **Rowing** a Bug, one child at a time
- ◆ **Bug tug-of-war**, 4 paddling
- ◆ **Bug tug-of-war**, 8 paddling against Anne Davis rowing the other Bug. The children just won!



Many thanks to Simon Ellyatt, the leader/entertainer/trainer, to Anne Davis and Sue Mortimer who helped in the water for the whole session, Tony Bradley for the toys and Devon Hills Holiday Park for the use their lovely warm swimming pool.

We plan to do another session for a different group in January.

Neil Millward, Vice Commodore SGBA

Notice To Members

Are you an SGBA Registered Helm?

If so please remember your commitment to provide support at club boating events. The full diary of SGBA events is provide in this newsletter so please book your preferred dates with Roger Astley, Hon Sailing Secretary.

Safety Boat Training 2014.

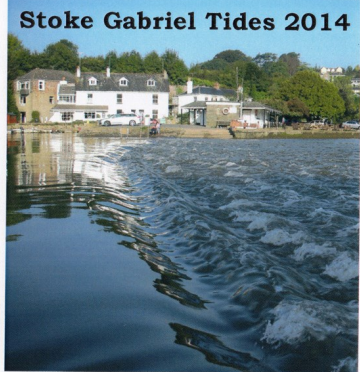
For all members who crew or helm SGBA Safety boats. We are developing a one day SGBA introduction to Effective Safety boat operation. Aimed at members who volunteer to crew or helm the club safety boats at club events, it will provide practical guidance on identifying boats at risk and helping crews in difficulties. All members who crew or helm at club events are asked to participate unless they have RYA Safety boat qualification.

New Club House Project

We need expert assistance in the development and implementation of the project. If you have skills and experience in any of the following disciplines and are willing to invest some time and effort to bring this project to completion please contact either Neil Millward or Roger Stobbart

- ◆ Health and Safety
- ◆ Construction Site Project Management
- ◆ Structural Engineering

Stoke Gabriel Tides 2014



plus
A guide to
tidal phenomena
in Stoke Gabriel Creek
and the nearby River Dart

**Now available at the
Stoke Gabriel Stores
and the Post Office at
£2 per copy**

2014 Dates	SGBA Event	Venue	Start	OOD/contact
Sat 25th Jan	Tides and Weather by Anne Davis and Neil Millward	Clubhouse	1345	Anne Davis/Neil Millward
Fri 31 st Jan	Trees and Gardens, Philip Nieuwoudt and Anna Ingrams, Head Gardener Sandridge Park	Clubhouse	1900	Philip Nieuwoudt
Sat 1 st Mar	Family Friendly Pirate Ceilidh with Blue Jewel	SG FC	1930	Anne Davis
Mon 3 Mar	Club Security Codes Changes	All facilities	1900	Quartermaster
Thurs 13th Mar	General Meeting	Club house	1930	Commodore
Sun 16th Mar	Slipway pressure wash party	Foreshore	0930	
Sun 16th Mar	Foreshore Clearance party	Foreshore	0930	
Sun 23 rd Mar	Relaunch Safety and Training boats	Foreshore	0900	Quartermaster
Sun 30th Mar	Prep a boat, barbeque and garden party	Mill Point	1000	Sue Mortimer
Sat 5th April	Family Quiz Night	Club house	1830	Anne Davis
Sat 20th April	Head of the Dart Race Totnes-Dartmouth	Totnes	0900	
Sun 20 April	Club Sailing & Boating	Mill Point	0930	
Thurs 1st May	Social Sailing and Boating	Mill Point	1800	
Sun 4 May	Club Sailing & Boating	Mill Point	0930	
Thurs 15th May	Social Sailing and Boating	Mill Point	1800	
Sunday 18 May	Club Sailing & Boating	Mill Point	0900	
Thurs 29th May	Social Sailing and Boating	Mill Point	1800	
Sat 24 - 26 May	Junior Sailing	Mill Point	1430	Issy Hallam
Sat 31 May -1 June	Junior Sailing	Mill Point	1430	Issy Hallam
Sun 8 June	Club Sailing & Boating	Mill Point	1230	
Thurs 12th June	Social Sailing and Boating	Mill Point	1800	
Sun 22 June	Club Sailing & Boating	Mill Point	1230	
Thurs 26th June	Social Sailing and Boating	Mill Point	1800	
Sun 6 July	Club Sailing & Boating	Mill Point	1030	
Thurs 10 Jul	Social Sailing and Boating	Mill Point	1800	
Sun 20 July	Club Sailing & Boating	Mill Point	10.30	
Thurs 24th Jul	Social Sailing and Boating	Mill Point	1800	
Sun 27 July	Millpool Challenge	Quay	1000	
Tues 29th Jul	Social Sailing and Boating	Mill Point	1800	
Sun 3 August	Club Sailing & Boating	Mill Point	0930	
Tues 12th Aug	Social Sailing and Boating	Mill Point	1800	
Sun 17 August	Club Sailing & Boating	Mill Point	0930	
Thurs 28th Aug	Social Sailing and Boating	Mill Point	1800	
Sun 31 August	Club Sailing & Boating	Mill Point	0930	
Thurs 11th Sept	Social Sailing and Boating	Mill Point	1800	
Sat 13 Sept	Middle Back SGBA Cricket vs. Dittisham Cricket	Middle Back	1400	
Sun 14 Sept	SGBA Regatta	Mill Point	0930	
Sat 20/21 sept	Swallows and Amazons	Mill Point	TBA	
Sun 21 Sept	Club Sailing & Boating	Mill Point	1430	
Thurs 25th Sept	Social Sailing and Boating	Mill Point	1730	
Sun 5 October	Club Sailing & Boating	Mill Point	1400	
Sun 19 October	Club Sailing & Lay Up	Mill Point	1330	
Sun 26 Oct	Laying up Supper	TBA	1900	

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Committee Opportunities

Quartermaster -Vacant from March 2014, or sooner!

The SGBA Quartermaster oversees the clubs fleet of boats and all the associate equipment to support their operation. The role also involves

- ♦ Working with committee members to ensure members using the clubs boats have sufficient expertise to operate them with minimum risk to themselves and the boats.
- ♦ Ensuring adequate security is in place to protect the boats on and off site
- ♦ Planning and managing replacement of boats and equipment
- ♦ Ensuring the safety boats are maintained and operated to the highest standards practical
- ♦ Organise training for powerboat helms and crews to support club events

Like to know more? Please contact Roger Stobbart

Traditionally, it was the quartermaster's responsibility to lead the boarding party when coming aboard another ship, usually from the quarter deck which was where two ships touched during an attack. The quartermaster was also chiefly responsible for discipline, assessing punishments for crew members who transgressed.