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SGBA News

Building the New Clubhouse



The concrete base for the new Clubhouse has been laid. See inside for a status report from the Commodore

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Building the New Clubhouse

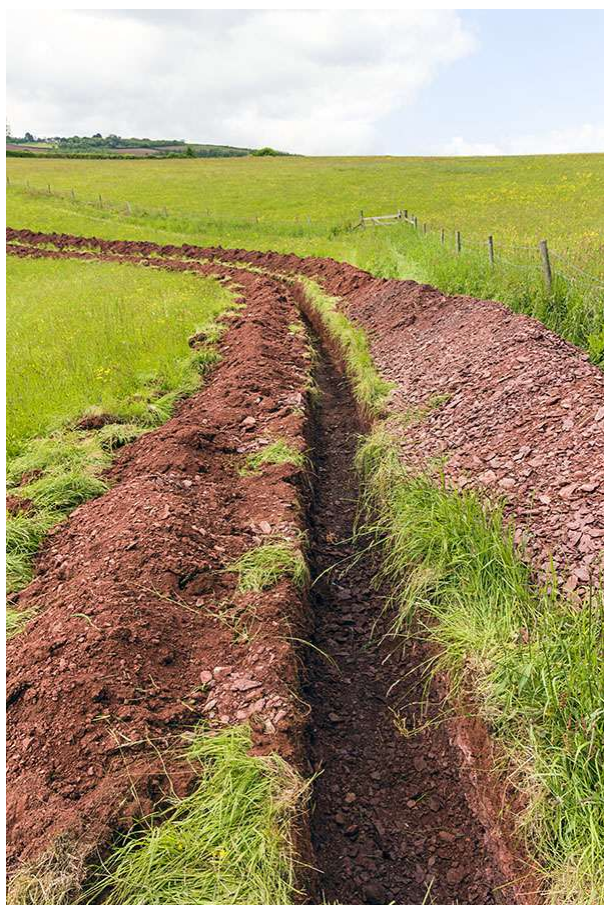
A status report from the Commodore

The first phase of securing planning permissions and all the necessary approvals for construction came in at £1500 over our budget of £16.4k. We had great support from many parties including our Parish Council, Dart Harbour and local land owners.

The second phase involved cutting a trench between pump lane and Mill Point to lay in the supply of water, electricity and a means of pumping our effluent back to the main sewer in Pump Lane. We have to thank the local landowners, Rob Brown and Charles Caudle for their support and patience as Rodney Stidson's team skilfully dug the trench and our volunteer members laid in the pipes and reinstated the fields and woods. The task was not without its challenges, lots of rock to dig through, a couple of Devon banks to tunnel under and land above the cliff inaccessible to the mechanical excavators. And of course there is the magnificent pipe conduit down the cliff built by Neil Millward and Robert Foster.



The pipe conduit



The Trench

The pipes are all in the ground and in the process of being connected and all that remains now is to complete the block work of the pumping station in the quarry and to address a technical challenge presented by SW Water effluent dept; we need to add a chemical dosing station. Because of the length of the sewer and our intermittent usage of the showers and toilet we need to add a measured amount of chemical each day to the pumping station to prevent odours and toxicity developing in the tank and 400m long pipe.

Our phase budget of £50.6k for laying all services to Mill Point have been exceeded £12k mainly due to the complexity in trenching and the added cost of the chemical dosing system.

The penultimate phase is the construction of the Boat store and Club House. You will have noticed that the foundations are in place, well done to our contractors, Connell Construction, who started and finished on time and would have come in on budget except for an unexpected hole in the ground that needed more concrete!

Laying the Concrete Base



Laying the shuttering



Pouring the concrete



Smoothing it out



The Next Phase of Construction

The steelwork for the ground floor will be on site from 3rd August with the big steels arriving midday on the 6th. **Please keep foreshore clear of vehicles and other obstructions 3 -7 August.**

The main club building is due to arrive the week commencing the 24th August when it will be fitted on top of the steel structure and should be glazed and weatherproof within 10 days.

This penultimate phase will be over our original budget as the building is slightly larger than original and it has a balcony and big windows.

Painting dates and times will be subject to weather. **Sign up to the paint team now.** The steel frame is no more than 2.3m high so no need for ladders and scaffold. SGBA will provide disposable gloves and protective safety glasses.

Tasks for volunteers

- Mix concrete and lay blocks to complete the pumping station in the quarry.
- Paint the steel work when it is in place
Weekend 7th Aug - see the note on steelwork painting below.
- Once the steel work is painted member volunteers are needed to build a low level block work wall between the steels.

We are working hard to keep down the cost, helped by a small band of volunteers who contribute their time and skills for the benefit of the whole Club. If you have yet to make your own contribution to this effort and are able to help with any of the above over the coming weeks, please contact Neil Millward on neilandpamela@talktalk.net or 01803 782981.

If you are unable to contribute physically you might like to help with further fund-raising; more information on this soon.

Painting the steel

There are two reasons for painting the steel, firstly to protect against corrosion and secondly to protect the structure in the event of a fire. We will paint the steel with 'intumescent' paint; it looks and feels like gloss paint but has the remarkable quality of expanding into a heat-proof foam several centimetres thick when subjected to excessive heat or flames. This insulation blanket slows down the heat build-up in the steel, delaying any buckling and the inevitable collapse that would follow. The expanded paint insulation has to be sufficient to protect the steel from fire for at least 60 minutes to ensure the building can be evacuated.

Applying the paint to all the structural steel posts and beams will be by brush or small rollers. The paint needs to be applied as one or two coats to specific minimum depth, we have some special gauges to check the depth of paint as it is applied. Once the intumescent coat has been applied to depth we will add one or two weather proof finishing coats to protect the intumescent paint.

SGBA Junior Sailing

Grenville House 6th - 7th June 2015

The sun was out, the sky was clear with a good East, North-easterly wind blowing. The young SGBA sailors arrived at Grenville House slightly apprehensive, especially as this was unknown sailing territory for most of them. But they relaxed when they saw Sam Sale-Parkes was leading the junior sailing course again this year, as it provided that continuity with SGBA. There was a good support team as Kate Ryley from Grenville House was assisting Sam and both days the dinghy instructors were able to have 3 rescue boats out on the water with extra qualified support provided by the parent volunteers. James Barrett on Saturday and Rob Gardner-Jenkins on Sunday took the third rescue boat. Other parent volunteers provided useful help and support as crew in the rescue boats. 6 picos were used for the course and even though the wind was reasonably strong at times, the full complement of picos was used.

The 9am to 5pm schedule meant long days on the water for the young sailors but they managed admirably as Sam took them through their paces. It was a mixed ability group but this did allow the more experienced sailors to double up with those less experienced ones. Practices for getting picos out to sail were different to that of SGBA but the students adapted well to the differences, such as hauling picos up and down a steep slipway at low tide and rigging up at sea. They were also undeterred with the deep water. The beginners in particular, capably practised their capsize routine without the reassurance of shallow water. In fact the capsize routine seemed a real hit. On the Saturday afternoon the wind had picked up and many of the picos were struggling so Sam suggested a capsize routine practice. I thought they would all be too tired but they loved it and kept wanting to do more. A resilient lot! The picos rounders match on Sunday was also received with great enthusiasm and everyone had great fun.

Many of the junior sailors achieved their stage 1 and stage 2 RYA qualifications, with others working towards their next level. What a wonderful experience for our juniors to have this opportunity to sail picos at sea. I am sure they did miss the familiarity of SGBA, the river and the full flotilla of different dinghies the SGBA offers, ranging from fevers and picos to bugs and wanderers to toppers. Hopefully this course has whet their appetite for more sailing this summer especially in anticipation of the arrival of the new club house and its facilities.

Roz Morrell (parent volunteer)

Royal Dart Yacht Club Dartmouth Junior Dinghy Regatta

Any children from SGBA wishing to take part in the Dartmouth Junior Dinghy Regatta (entrants to be 16 years or under) from Saturday 22nd August to Tuesday 25th August would be most welcome to enter and we would be very pleased to see them. We have Oppie, Topper, Tera and Feva classes. Storage for trailers and dinghies can also be arranged for entrants over Regatta.

Junior Dinghy Entry forms can be downloaded from the website www.dartmouthsailingweek.com

Contact at RDYC is Melinda Smallwood office@royaldart.co.uk , www.royaldart.co.uk , 01803 752496

Cricket Match on Middle Back vs Dittisham

The annual cricket match against our friends, the Dittisham Sailing Club will take place on Saturday 12th September on Middle Back at 11.30 followed by BBQ on Foreshore at 1300.

Charity Concert

The next Stoke Gabriel Concert Series in support of Dart Sailability is on Thursday 8 October, 7.30pm start in Stoke Gabriel Church. Featuring the Steve Banks String Quartet.

Summer Sailing

Summer sailing is based on the foreshore opposite the pontoon because of the building work on the new Clubhouse. Some boats - sufficient to meet expected demand - are stored there and other equipment (spars, foils etc) are available. When the early stages of building work have been completed, it will be possible to move back to Mill Point. Further information will be emailed and put on the website as soon as it is available.

The table, below, shows the proposed sailing dates for your diaries but remember, sailing cannot take place without an OOD and a Safety Boat crew.

The definitive status of a sailing day is shown on the [Sailing and Events web page](#)

Sunday 23 August	10:00
Sunday 6 Sept	11:00
Sunday 20 Sept - Regatta	09:30
Sunday 4 October	10:00
Sunday 18 October	09:30

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](#).

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