



HAVERCHAT

October 2016



**Gull
girl
Ann**

**hoping
to be
'spirited'
around
the
buoy!**



● Former Haverchat editor Ann Miles and her Gull Spirit going through their paces on the club's lake

Picture: Jean Barr

Ed's ramblings ...

Avast there - a busy winter ahead!

Hi Everybody. All of a sudden it is autumn, funny I never seem to notice the evenings drawing in...until there is need for light over the supper table!

● Do you remember the Ladies Helm in June? It was enlivened by the well-supported Byte Open, some 19 boats with Angie, our Byte sailor, out there with them.

I was pleased with myself taking part in the Ladies helm. In the past I would have been put off by 'too many boats': I must be improving!

However, the Solstice race dented that confidence a bit, as I was back to a rear main, and totally confused about which way to turn (rumours that I did a 360 INSIDE the boat are not true!). Never mind, the 'Gully Mac Gull Face' team proved enthusiastic at crew changing each lap. We also put on a good show for the fancy dress, turning the Gull into Arctic explorer.

The kids' entry as Rubik's cubes was brilliant...but the prize went to the blokes in drag – complete with low cut dresses, wigs and sparkly nails! Lets see some new frocks next year, fellas!

● The experience (sailing a Gull with a rear main, not the fellas in frocks) has made me wonder if I should swap my lightning for a Gull Spirit. Elsewhere in this issue are some photos of the club's three gulls in action, which just might catch your interest!

● We have had another successful Junior Week. They're lucky kids to get this week of fun which delivers some real confidence and sailing skills.

This is something that we do really well! Big vote of thanks to all who helped, and there is more about Kids week on the next page.

● Barts Bash went well in September, with very light winds in contrast to the 15 mph wind on the first Barts Bash two years ago.

● Not long now to Bonfire Night, which will be On The Day (Nov 5) this year when our fire will light up the dark skies.

● Check out the diary or club calendar for other social events

● Please don't forget the Autumn Work party on October 29 – and clocks go back on the 30th, so wet/dry suits needed from then on.

Happy sailing ■

Ed

Jean Lightning 125

Fair Weather Sailors

Are you doing your 12?

Activity points that is!
INCLUDES non-racing!

On the water for hour? Make SURE it is RECORDED.

Ask others what to do, or speak to Geoff Birch.

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Haversham Sailing Club welcomes dogs (and their owners).

We hope there will be no more unpleasant incidents with dog mess

So **PLEASE** clean up after your pet and remove the mess from the site.

Thank you

Kids' Week: it is just Sooo much fun!

We had a pretty good Junior Week this year, and a wonderful last day weather-wise...and I don't know why I ever expect anything different!

But I am ALWAYS amazed by the enthusiasm of everyone taking part – the children are always so full of fun, it makes it all worthwhile.

Well done to all of you for your achievements, and special congratulations to Team Pink who won gold (if I may mangle metaphors).

The week wouldn't be possible without help from many, many people. On any one day we have 20 staff looking after 36 youngsters, and over the week we had a total of 34 lending a hand in one way or another – which is a pretty remarkable effort!

So, HUGE thanks to all the helpers, without which the week would not be possible: the team leaders for a first class job in supporting and encouraging the youngsters, as well as to all the assorted adult helpers – beach managers, safety-boat drivers, racing coaches, galley slaves, mother hens, gofers, cleaner-uppers and our admirable games team; all of you played your parts to perfection.

And we as a club are proud of each and every one of you. And it is only nine months until the next one ...

We have three simple goals for Junior Week: firstly, to send everybody home with big grins on their faces; secondly, to make sure they're all completely exhausted by the end of it; and finally to ensure that basic sailing skills are enhanced – with the novices able, at the very least, to sail a simple triangular course.

I don't think we've failed yet!

Next year's JW will be the same week in August – Monday 7th to Friday 11th inclusive.

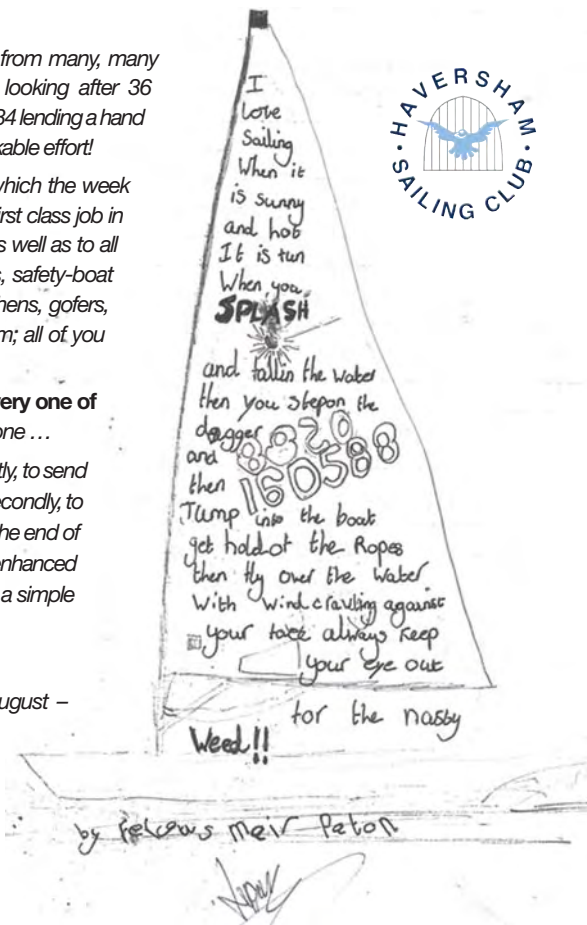
Are you looking forward to it already? ■

Robin Stubbs

And thank you all - again!



Peace reigns – albeit briefly!



All roads lead to the White Hart

HSC WALKERS

MK boundary - Parts 5 & 6 to the north of Stony Stratford

Our first evening walk (Milton Keynes Boundary 5) back in May was on familiar ground, starting in Stony Stratford...with some concerns about distance making a short cut a good idea: to ensure that we got to the White Hart pub in Grafton Regis before they stopped cooking!

boundary 6) where Forest Road goes over the M1 but – sadly – nowhere near a pub!

So we went back to the White Hart, taking rather a lot longer than we had meant to.

We had also taken the precaution of making a phone call to the publican to assure him we were on our way, and our orders were taken and served promptly! Lovely grub!

Now we're back to Saturday mornings which means we can increase our distance a bit, which turns out to



Cosgrove Lock: and we managed this line-up shot without anyone falling in!

It was a lovely sunny evening, and leaving the town behind we headed for the Grand Union Canal. We walked through a strip of woodland where the branches of the blossoming horse chestnut trees hung low to meet the frothy flowers of the cow parsley.

With the dappled sunlight, it all made a beautiful picture of early summer. So it was a pity my photo didn't work out...

For all sorts of reasons we only managed one more evening walk: Grafton Regis to Forest Road (MK

be useful as in the next section of the Milton Keynes boundary walk heading north, the pubs are more spread out. And we can't miss out on a visit to a pub, can we?

But the Club is NOT a pub...

SO...if there is NO barperson on duty: PLEASE wash up YOUR glasses and put empty bottles in the plastic bin. Thanks

It was a life on the ocean wave

National Youth Regatta Week

- and it was great!

REAL sailing on the wide-open North Sea – with swells and tides and all that goes with them: that is what made this year's regatta a REAL event for us!

And we had a GREAT week in Great Yarmouth, taking on the added challenge of sailing on the sea!

For most of us – who have little to no sailing experience as we live in the most landlocked area of England – the swell, sea breeze and being able to invert the boat without getting the mast covered in mud and losing the burgee, meant new skills for us all.

The tides around the north Norfolk coast proved to be the most challenging new aspect, causing us to hold a team meeting to learn how to navigate the marks. However, by the end of the week...most of us had caught up with the regular sea sailors and were finding the tides considerably less problematic!

A group of almost 30 young people from Milton Keynes and Bucks, aged 12 to 18, had attended the 2016 National Youth Regatta hosted by the Norfolk schools sailing association.

Monday fortunately presented us with moderate winds and chance to adjust to the new conditions, however the strong tides meant at some points sailors were struggling – and even moving backwards between races! That said Alex Cook finished an impressive first followed by Jack Daniels' second place in the Laser Radials - a great start for MKBYSA.

However, in stark contrast, Tuesday morning came with sunshine and such low winds that our racing was held off until 11:30. The afternoon picked up into a force 5, causing more excitement for the majority of sailors.

By the Thursday we still had force 5 winds (with less pleasant rain for those waiting on the shore)

and the conditions proved far better for some of our sailors, with Olly Anderson sailing very well in the strong ebb tide, managing to score a sixth in challenging conditions.

Friday's calmer wind and strong tide lead to another interesting day – with many MK sailors in their their fleet's top 10: with a third from Jasmine Gosling in the 4.7s and a second from Alex Cook.

Wednesday had seen the notorious Mount Hayes trophy, which this year was raced in RS Quests 'sporty' double-handers. MKBYSA put three teams into three separate heats of a knock-out which sees the first and second sailors from each of six heats go into three semi-finals, with the winners of each semi going face-to-face in the final.

Unfortunately no MK sailors made it through the semi-finals, though Jack Daniels and his crew narrowly missed out on a second place.

We were all sad to see Friday's racing come to an end, and had a tiring time pulling all our boats up the sandy beach – much resembling horses pulling a carriage.

We were lucky enough to have a coaching boat with us and received a helpful talk on how to sail with tides on the Thursday evening. As the week progressed we got to know each other a lot better as, for many, this was their first NSSA week.

Alex Cook won the MKBYSA trophy for the best placed sailor on our team, and Ella Ackroyd was presented with the 'dog bowl' for her helpfulness throughout the week. In the Laser 4.7's Olly Anderson had achieved eighth place, followed by Jasmine Gosling in 11th.

Our biggest success came in the Laser Radial fleet with Jack Daniels, Jamie Blake and Alex cook placing sixth, fifth and fourth respectively. Overall we had a tremendous week with a huge thank you to Julie, Geoff and Simon for taking us.

Alex Cook and Eve Tanner

The question **HAS** to be asked...

Have you seen your trailer lately?

Our autumn work party is going to blitz the trailer 'graveyard'.

If **YOU** have a trailer there, **PLEASE** identify it with a label and move it to the mown grass next to the bonfire site **BEFORE** October 29.

A committee member will then tag it. Trailers can be moved back **AFTER** the graveyard has been tidied up.

Any queries – email Fiona Scott, Barrie Lyman or Olly Anderson ■



The 'graveyard'. Surely no need to explain why it cannot stay like this...

All unidentified trailers will be scrapped!

Help keep your club **SAFE & SECURE**

When using the combi-lock on the gate, don't forget to twist the numbers around so the code isn't left visible to would-be intruders. **PLEASE** do this when opening / closing the gate and **EVEN** when leaving it unlocked



Thanks to all for saving stamps for Willen Hospice

Please keep them coming any time of the year!

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Please leave them in the Club and I will collect!

Siggy Martin W8323

YOUR chance to win a RIB!

Are YOU aged 8 to 16 & Want to Learn to Drive a RIB?

Join the Haversham Youth RIB Training Squad

Contact Gareth Lumsdaine
garethlumsdaine@yahoo.co.uk

Join us for the HSC

Annual Dinner & Dance



12th November 2016

Hosted at the

KINGFISHER GOLF CLUB

6.30pm until midnight – Dinner starts at 7.00pm

Three Course Meal

Starter – Carvery – Dessert

● **TROPHY PRESENTATION** ●

Raffle for Willen Hospice

Prizes include: boat berth for one year, meal vouchers for a local restaurant, flight with Doug Scott, and many more!

Includes (new this year) GOLDEN TICKET to win cost of your ticket back!

MUSIC

This year we are trying something new! We have the Kingfisher's in-house DJ and, so he he gets to know us better, **we are giving you all the opportunity to request one song** you would love to hear.

Requests need to be put in when you make your menu choice.

**For Tickets See Louise, Brenda, Claire, Gillian,
Sue, Lisa, Jeanette, or Joanna**

Payment by cash, cheque or bank transfer

Rooms available: £80 inc B&B



HSC 2016 Annual Dinner

MENU

Starters

Tomato and Basil soup with crusty bread roll

Venison liver Parfait served with caramelized red onion chutney

Granary toast and mixed salad

Main Course

Carvery

Roast Beef, Roast Chicken and Honey Roasted Gammon

Oven-baked Loin of Cod (on request)

Served with Yorkshire puddings

Roasted potatoes, seasonal vegetables and red onion gravy

Spinach and Ricotta Tortellini

With Garlic Bread and Creamy Basil sauce

Desserts

Apple and Cinnamon Crumble with hot custard

Chocolate Fudge cake with dairy double cream

● DON'T FORGET TO CHOOSE A SONG YOU WOULD LOVE TO HEAR!

FROM THE BACK OF THE FLEET

A month in the making – with Mike ‘Weedmeister’ Corboy and many men standing scratching their heads and gazing intently at a pile of scrap metal (sound familiar, ladies?) – and Witchdunker#1 comes into existence.

Speculation was rife: some thought it was a gibbet from which to suspend club members who don’t turn up for duties, others that it was a trebuchet (‘Strewth, don’t we have some educated folk in the club!).

One wag suggested it was a device – commissioned specifically, if belatedly, for Junior Week – for hurling unruly youths from one side of the lake to the other in a desperate attempt to encourage games participation.

As is often the case, the reality is mundane ... it’s a device for transferring bags of sodden lake weed from Noo-noo to wherever bags of sodden weed need to be transferred to (probably the other side of the lake)...and if you don’t know what Noo-noo is, then you’ve not been reading this column!

● So, you thought Lester ‘Duck Tail’ Merridale had had enough of using Janet ‘Tongues’ Thompson

as a tea-bag? Not a bit of it. Not content with buying one of those lethally-pointed go-faster swooshy RS500s, he’s put daughter Ellie ‘Lolly’ into a nappy and forced her out on the wire. Child exploitation, that’s what it is...bit like the old sweeps sending kids up chimneys!

● Talking of which, Rebecca ‘Bex’ Perry has sold her RS200, yet dad Russ ‘Champagne’ Perry has acquired an aged Phantom. Go figure. Or maybe he’s staging a one-man class revival, now that the Nova Nutterhood appears to be in terminal decline ... a measly four entrants turned out for the Inlands at Pitsford! It’s not so very long ago that Haversham fielded the largest of any Supersofa fleet. Sic transit Gloria thingy.

However, despite the imminent demise (remember, you read it here first) of the Supernovas, we note that #1016 is back to haunt the club. Too little too late?

● Are Laser 2000s the coming class? There’s a

frightening number already in club ownership ... all we need is to get them SAILED regularly. Steve and Shelley ‘Madmen’ Maden have one, so do Julie and Christian ‘Otter’ Maxwell, and Patrick and Helen ‘Pitter-patter’ Pakes (yup, they bought a whole Laser 2000 just for ‘Angry Birds’ Marcus: my goodness, but he pulls a punch, that boy!) and we know of at least four others contentedly nestling in the nettles, including one supposedly jointly owned by Jonny ‘Footsteps’ Pakes and Daniel ‘Lion’s den’ Stewardson. ‘Strewth, they’ll be demanding their own start next!

● Now Peeps, we really **MUST** learn to unhook from the mooring before attempting to drive the Rigiflex down the lake. Careering in a restricted circle round and round – in full view of the balcony, no less – makes one a candidate for the Chaton Trophy, doesn’t it, Dave ‘Fame at last’ Hall? Although Robin ‘The Human Torch’ Stubbs has probably got the inside edge on...



Noo noo!



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Dates for Your Diary

October

21st: Quiz night – 8pm

22nd: Super Nova Open

28th: Half a Crowners 'A Bit of a Do' supper @ Wolverton Mill House
7.30 for 8pm

29th: Autumn Work Party!
09.00 – 16.00hrs

30th BST ends – wet suits compulsory
Winter series races begin!

November

5th Bonfire night –
bring a big one and help
light up the sky!



**Attention all
members...**

October 28: the Half a Cowner's have booked a room at Wolverton Mill House for our 9th Annual Supper!
(7.30 for 8pm, old money)

YOU & your partner are invited

To ensure we book the correct size room {we have a choice of three}
PLEASE will you let me know by either:
emailing me at enfieldmugwump@gmail.com
or texting 07762 954188
if you intend to attend

Thanks and regards
Mick Flack

12th: Dinner Dance & trophy presentation
19th MYBYSA NSSA trials at Haversham

December

26th Commodore's Rum Do

...and more Backmarker!

...that one following his (narrowly failed) attempt at self-decapitation involving a mast and a missing forestay.

He thought he'd got away with it, but Doug 'Tarry-breaks' Scott had taken time off his frantic globe-trotting to personally witness the incident. And we won't mention anything about Gordon 'Tweedle-Dee' Tweedle and his wrestling match with Nova #1135 at Llandudno...

● *What do you all think of this mobile pizza palace that keeps appearing beside the club house? Bit confusing, really, since you'd expect to shout 'Luigi' or 'Paulo' or 'Benito' to get attention, but it turns out to be Al 'Heard 'em all before' Gosling.*

And what's all that with the smoking chimney? Bit Vatican innit? White smoke...we have a pizza; black smoke...no we don't. But, hey, try The Gemma: it's bloody bellissima!

All for now – see you at Pot Night, complete with wheelbarrows!

Backmarker

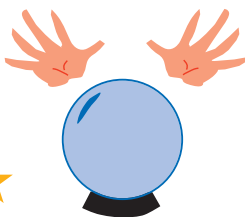


Pssst! In case you hadn't heard – Steve 'Jellyfish' Swain got beaten by a girlie in a 4.7 Laser! His response? Quote "What happened to school kids staying at home and doing their chores, or even homework!!!" Unquote.

Buy the man a beer – he'll get over it ■

MYSTIC MOFF sees stars

Your cosmic profile. Read it
and weep!



HEALTH WARNING

Reading this may cause
ego deflation in those
taking themselves
too seriously...

Scorpio 24 October – 22 November

Gold, silver, jewels. They are all smashing...but ruddy expensive. You might want to lower your expectations with Pot Night pending? Indeed, you'll be lucky to get a plastic rowlock as a trophy rather than anything sparkly.

Sagittarius 23 November – 22 December

I'm going to be honest – I'm grasping at straws here! Not a lot is happening for you just now, Sagittarius. Catch up on the racing rules revisions, or take a 'Day Skipper' course, join the Committee, or do SOMETHING.

Capricorn 23 December – 19 January

If homeless people wander up to you and offer to buy the magazine you're holding...it is probably a reflection of the fact that you have not changed out of your Wednesday evening sailing gear. Not to panic it'll be dry-suit weather soon.

Aquarius 20 January – 19 February

Aquarians are one of the most liberated zodiac signs, as you might imagine. With their hearts free of fear and anxiety, they can instead fill them with love, desire – and a need to replace their righting-lines every six to eight weeks...

Pisces 20 February – 21 March

The thing about Pisceans is that they have many of the characteristics of a goldfish: short attention spans, a predilection to sail around in circles...and a tendency to look quite uncomprehending when you try to shoo them away from the queue for the pizza van!

Aries 22 March – 20 April

You will soon sail the greatest race of your life, which, unfortunately, has less to do with the quality of the former than the brevity of the latter.

Nevertheless, chances are it'll happen before Pot Night, so better go out and buy a trophy cabinet.

Taurus 21 April – 21 May

Science tells us that Taureans are at least as likely as other lucky people to win often and plentifully. Except, of course, that winning races is really more about ability than luck. Sorry about that.

Gemini 22 May – 22 June

Keeping your friends close and your enemies closer still is, like Don Corleone said, very difficult ...especially when they all sail Wayfarers.

Cancer 23 June – 23 July

Couples need to renew their romances, so take your vintage Solo to the riverbank and set fire to it. Wave fondly as it vanishes downstream to Newport Pagnell (say what you want – it will beat Freeview for entertainment!)

Leo 24 July – 23 August

Luffing Supernovas up into the reed beds doesn't carry the automatic death sentence any more – though you would never know by looking at them. Still, I'd advise you not to try. OK? Just don't!

Virgo 24 August – 23 September

They say that True Love is only ever one step away. But then, so are Humiliation and Abject Failure. Best avoid the potential for disaster and go sailing single-handed: buy a Laser!

Libra 24 September – 23 October

The fifth moon of Mars in your Jupiter house means the time is perfect for you to take advantage of celestial radiations that will settle in the third axis of Neptune's house of air. Understand? Good...because it is, like, crucial that you get it that: trophies are at stake!!



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AND FINALLY...

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*where we live life on the edge...and
sometimes a little beyond!*



Heeling Bytes...

The Byte Open in June

Photo: Jean Barr