

Firstly a message **from our Honorary President.**

In these turbulent times we should think positively about the year ahead and look forward to a summer of gentle breezes and hopefully sailing, rowing , and fun .

The RWYC is an excellent springboard to raise our spirits and look forward to good times ahead.

A happy New year to all the members of the Royal Welsh Yacht club.

Nev Roberts.

Hon. President

As Commodore I certainly support that sentiment and wish all you sailors, rowers, quizzers and lovers of fine ales a very Happy New year as we plunge into 2022 and our 175th Anniversary year - let's make it a good one.

It certainly started well on **New Year's Eve in the Club.** Attendance may have been minimal under the circumstances, but the crack was good, the snacks delicious and the barrel of Mimosa from Cwrw Llyn was truly excellent. The New year was welcomed in traditional style, led by Graeme, 15 of us braved the calm cold conditions and raised a glass out on the barbican while a few random fireworks briefly exploded from the sea wall below and echoed around the empty streets. A sign of the times but memorable none the less.

And so on to other Club matters. As you will have seen, Louise has decided to retire from editing the **Monthly Bulletin**, after two years of diligent dedication, and I'm sure you will all join with me in expressing our thanks for her contribution. That of course leaves us with a vacancy and we hope that another Club member will step forward and take over before too long. In the meantime it's an opportunity to review the process and, if Louise was finding it difficult to get enough contributions for a Monthly Bulletin, whether we should consider changing it to a Quarterly Bulletin. So, if you have any ideas / views on the matter please don't hesitate to let me know - hopefully before the next Management Committee meeting on January 21st.

Next, we come to **the Snooker Room.** On January 11th we are having a Digital Survey of the Club premises carried out in preparation for the proposed improvement to the gents toilet etc. This survey will include the snooker room and, to make the process easier, we do have to carry out our long standing resolution to clear out some of the junk that has accumulated over time. This of course includes some archive junk which we will endeavour to identify and archive somewhere else. We will make an inventory of the rest which includes such interesting items as a set of sails for a Folk Boat, numerous ancient publications on various aspect of sailing, some charts and out of date - but none the less interesting - pilot guides and a couple of ancient ships compasses that look beyond redemption but may be of interest to someone with more time than sense. We'll publish the 'up for grabs' inventory in the Club and in next week's Bulletin on a first come first served basis with the expectation of a small contribution to Club funds where appropriate. So watch this space and move fast.

Week 2

A quiet week at the Club but good to meet John, our stand in steward, on Friday night for the quiz. I'm sure he'll be a great asset to the Club and relief to Graeme in more ways than one. This was my first quiz for a while - and things can only get better, we hope.

On Sunday Fi and I spent an hour or so going through the Snooker room junk and compiled a list of useable books which members might like to add to their boat or house library, together with some other useful - or not - stuff. We also sorted through some of the archive material, including a selection of past yearbooks, and moved that to the Tegarty bar for now.

So do have a look through Fi's list and let her know if you would like any of the items and we'll arrange collection - don't worry if you're not planning to visit the Club imminently, we'll put things on one side for you. We'll let this run for a few weeks before consigning the remains to charity.

Finally, the results of the Ecological Survey of the Club arrived and we have no bats....

Week 3

So that was a nice quiet week of winter sunshine which the rowers seem to have enjoyed judging by the activity on Messenger - long may that continue. We, on the other hand, have been frantically working on getting Pyewacket ready for a launch date of January 24th in the hope that we might get some pleasant winter sailing in. The fact that the Clubhouse was quiet during the week was more than adequately compensated for on Saturday night when once again Graeme amazed us all by presenting yet another excellent cheese and wine tasting evening. His knowledge and enthusiasm for the subject never ceases to amaze and once more underlines what a huge asset his presence brings to our Club - thanks again Graeme.

Week 4

Yet again Saturday was marked by another very enjoyable event at the Club as twenty four folk sat down to our annual **Burns Night Supper**. The evening was hosted as usual by Graeme ably supported by Ian Park. The poems, celebrating the haggis, the louse and the mouse among other things, were interspersed with song and guitar, and seemed increasingly incomprehensible as the whiskey flowed. The toasts became ever more creative and there was one other worldly moment when JJ stood to give a rendition of A Red Red Rose and did it entirely through mime - or maybe I just imagined that one. The Cock a Leekie soup, fresh borderland Haggis tatties and neeps and a fine Cranachan dessert were such a credit to the chef that I suggest you book now for next year. John did a fine job in the bar and many thanks go to all those who mucked in to help - all in all a fantastic

evening and credit to our Club.

Membership Subscriptions. Can I please remind members that if you haven't yet received your special 2022 Yearbook it's probably because you haven't paid your membership subs which were due January 1st. The preferred method is by 'Go Cardless' see below -

GoCardless link = <http://pay.gocardless.com/AL0000K9PTCRA5>

"General" Bank Account Details = Sort Code 30 90 43 Account Number 01943538

"Subs" Bank Account Details = Sort Code 30 90 43 Account Number 01943422

but the important thing is to check to ensure that you are up to date. Thanks.

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Our **New Flagpole** is ready and we plan to install it on Monday February 7th. We will need a team of at least 8 to meet at Caernarfon Sailing club at 1100 on the 7th. to help unload and carry the pole to the Club - the pole weighs about 50kg . We will then hoist the pole up to the Barbican and into position where it will be secured in the same place as the old pole but with purpose built brackets. Please let Tom know if you can help vice commodore@royal-welsh.com