

Christmas Special



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Your regular update on Club events past, present and future.

Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

We are very proud to announce that we have been nominated for a Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. Our two letters of support, required for the nomination, were provided by Geoff Holt and Vida Lewis. For those of you who don't know Vida, she and her husband have been members of the Royal Vic for many years and she is a teacher at St George's School. It was Vida who was the school's representative in arranging the Group Membership. The second stage of the nomination process was a panel interview from representatives of the Lord Lieutenant's office. The interview took place on Monday 7th December at the Royal Vic and the interview panel comprised Mrs Patricia Partridge DL, Chairlady, Sir Guy Acland, Vice Lord-Lieutenant, and Mrs Fiona White, Chairman of SSAFA. The interview comprised a presentation followed by a question and answer session. Present were your committee together with a number of members and helpers. We think it went very well but... The awards are formally announced on the Queen's official birthday, 2nd June, so we will just have to cross fingers until then.

Christmas Party – Tuesday 8th December

WOW!! Over 80 members, guests and friends attended this year's Christmas Party and what a party it was. A bottle of bubbly for the Lucky Ticket got the evening off to a good start and limericks were written with gay abandon over an excellent supper from Gail Force catering. We are grateful to Gail for administering the double portions of Sticky Toffee Pudding as requested for medical reasons! Our guests included Mrs Gay Edwards, High Sheriff, with her husband David, Harry and Beryl Castle, Yarmouth Sailing Club, and Olympic sailor Andy Cassell with his wife Sue. In the limerick competition the three choices for first lines were given as 'There was a young lady called Gay', 'A sprightly young sailor called Andy' and 'A limerick writer called Chris'. There were many creative limericks written and the winner was:

*There was a young lady called Gay
Who liked a roll in the hay
One night in the barn
This chap spun her a yarn
And now she's expecting in May*

The Christmas Hat competition was won by the 'David Prowse and his carers' team and the Christmas special 'Heads & Bums' won by one of David's carers, with lot's of noisy support. A 'radio play' of Jack's Return Home completed a thoroughly excellent evening of fun. We thank the generosity of all present in raising enough money to fuel Dougal for the 2010 season!

IOW Amputees Group AGM

We were privileged to be asked to present at the AGM of the newly named Isle of Wight Amputees Group on Friday 4th December. They have just appointed Andy Cassell as their new President so it was good to see him again together with Trevor Bendix and Jas Shawford and our very own Jill Christian, all on the management table. We went in force! There was Michael, Ben, Mike and Gail, Carol and I. We gave a quick presentation and came away with an agreement to meet in the New Year to draw up a Group Membership arrangement for 10 sessions!

Winter Entertainment

You will see that the Spring talks schedule is coming together. We have a couple of extra Tuesday evening sessions to put in and we'll advise on those in January. Come and enjoy (hopefully) – no extra charge – what value!! STOP PRESS: TUESDAY 23RD FEBRUARY – ANDY CASSELL

For Sale – 10 metres by 4m thick builders DPC – ideal for keeping weeds down in an area – just £25.

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Programme – Spring 2010

Date		HW	Topic	Start times
January				
Wednesday	6			
Tuesday	12		Mountbatten Festival of Music The Massed Bands of Her Majesty's Royal Marines (great DVD) In concert at the Royal Albert Hall.	6:30pm start
Wednesday	13		Fast Sailing Machine Development - Malcolm Barmsley, Vestas	8pm start
Wednesday	20		Recreational tree-climbing. - Paul McCathie of Goodleaf Tree Climbing.	8pm start
February				
Wednesday	10		History of the Isle of Wight Coastguard stations – Tony Gale	8pm start
Wednesday	17		First Aid on Boats – Chris Lacey	8pm start
Tuesday	23		Andy Cassell	6:30 pm start
Wednesday	24		Marine Model Making - Tony Saunders	
Saturday	27		COG Race Night	7 for 7:30
March				
Tuesday	2			
Tuesday	9			
Tuesday	16			
Tuesday	23		FSC Annual General Meeting	7:30 pm
Tuesday	30			
April				
Tuesday	6			
Tuesday	16			
Tuesday	20		Start of Season Briefing	6:30 pm
Tuesday	27			

The Galley on Wednesday evening talk nights.

Please note that the Galley will be serving supper at 7pm on the Wednesday talk nights. Bookings should be made with the Club Manager on 882325.

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