

Diary dates

Sunday 6

March - racing starts again. Dust off those drysuits and wetsuits - the water will be cold! Parts of the pond are still icy now.

Saturday 9

April - Fitting out supper - watch out for more details.

Check out the website for course dates and remember to book early!
www.attenboroughsc.org.uk/training_course_dates_2011.htm

Have you paid your membership fees yet? Contact membership@attenboroughsc.org.uk



What did you do this weekend?

These guys have been hard at work to heighten your sailing enjoyment this year.

The working parties have got off to a flying start (and they need to, the number of improvements planned!).

A big thank you to everyone who has been down to the club the last couple of weekends - you've worked wonders.

But there's always room for a few more! If you fancy some fresh air and can turn your hand to any kind of sorting, clearing, cutting,


mending or tea making, you will be welcomed with open arms!

Photos from the last few weekends are featured on the back page. As you will see the clubhouse has been the focus of much love and attention, as well as more brutal demolition. The refurbishment, led by Roger Day, will create a nicer environment to spend time in this sailing season - although we've tried to keep it's more 'rustic', cosy atmosphere too.

Come along to the Fitting Out Supper on 9 April to test it out.

Trailer tags

As part of the site tidy up, the trailer store has been cleared. There are many trailers there that do not belong to current members and we need to remove these to make a more usable space for members.

	Trailer Tag
Boat Type.....	
Sail No	
And/or	
Boat Name	

If you have a trailer in the compound that is not stored on your boat plot, we need you to identify it so it does not get 'cleared away'. Labels have been provided in the starting hut; please could you write your boat details on and attach it to your trailer with the tag provided.

Thank you!



Clubhouse history

A note from a previous member on the last clubhouse re-fit - 30 years ago!

I have been reading with interest the emails about the changes to the inside of the clubhouse.

I thought you may be interested in the origins of the original fit out. As you will appreciate this was done on a shoestring budget as at that time we had a very small membership and an even smaller purse.

At the time Rackhams, the House of Frazer department store in Birmingham, were remodelling their store so we were able to obtain the green upholstered seats, the drum stools, the circular tables, and the teak handrails from there.

The maple cladding to the walls was originally a golf club dance floor somewhere in the shire counties. The bar cladding was weather boarding left over from a housing project and the Heuga Floor floor tiles were from a temporary floor in the Safeway Distribution Centre at Tamworth.

The walkways around the outside of the clubhouse were left over concrete formwork, the anchor chains (no longer in use) were crane lifting chains which had failed their load test.

The T & G boarding to the ceiling we had to buy!! All the labour was provided by the membership.

It's now about thirty years since this work was carried out and I thought it was worth mentioning before it became history. Keep up the good work, it's great to see the club going from strength to strength.

Bob Burton

Sailing news in brief

The new sailing committee has formed for 2011 and has already held two meetings to discuss all sailing activities from cruising to racing.

There will be a number of new initiatives on the racing front and these will be publicised in the next issue of Telltales.

The committee is also focusing on junior sailing this year with a number of training and race days set aside for juniors from late April to August.

Members with children interested in developing their sailing skills will be invited to a launch of the junior club in early April.

Sailing season starts on 6 March with the Snowdrop series with races at 14:00hrs and 16:00hrs.

The Dutyman rota has now been published giving details of which members will be the officers on duty, helping the racing run smoothly each Wednesday and Sunday. For those new to Dutyman a simple guide can be found here: www.dutyman.biz/mailings/general/mailling1011.htm

An overview of the four Officer of the day (OOD) roles will be given at the club on the morning of 19 March by Steve Coupe and Mike Pritchard; starting at 10:00am. This will cover all OOD

activities from setting courses to starting the committee boat. All members are welcome to come along to find out more about what is expected of each role.

Mark Hartley of Hartley Boats, Derby (www.hartleyboats.co.uk) will be hosting a talk for members on Wednesday 16 March. Hartley Boats is locally based and one of the most successful dinghy manufacturers in the UK at the moment, manufacturing boats such as Optimists, Supernovas and Wanderers.

Mark will give an overview on boat building and the range of boats they offer. Hartley will also be opening a chandlery in mid-February and are likely to be our closest supplier in the future.

The venue for the talk will be advised in early February and the intention is provide a buffet for a small fee.

Sailing committee members are: Mark Bell, Steve Boon, Louise Davensac, Malcolm Davidson, Brian Dennis, Nick Marlow, Mike Pritchard, John Shepherd, Paul Warren and Rob Underwood.

If you have any comments or suggestions on sailing activities please contact one of them.



**Broadband
"coming soon"
to the
clubhouse**

Your ideas please

The committee is planning the social events for the coming year, including - dare i say it before the season has even started? - the Laying up Supper.

If you have any ideas for alternative venues we could use, or would like to have it at the Stick and Pitcher again, please let us know by emailing communications@attenboroughsc.org.uk

We'd also like to hear whether you like the format of the event as it is or whether you'd like to occasionally have a more formal, possibly black tie do. This would obviously cost more - so what would you consider a reasonable price to pay?



Working parties

Clockwise from above: Dave Wright braved the cold to fit 'non-slip' wire to the wooden walkway.

Kev Last tidies up the wood work in the clubhouse.

The new kitchen and bar starts to take shape. Yes - that is a dishwasher, so all

we have to do now is load and unload it!

The clubhouse upheaval (and new lights!). We need your help to get it shipshape for 6 March when racing and sailing starts again! Note the slimline steps at the entrance that will free up more seating space.

The ladies changing rooms are a temporary workroom and

kitchen. The new dark red benches for the clubhouse are being built up in here.

The committee boat has been hauled out the water for some TLC - Tinkering, Looking over and Cleaning.

Can't wait to see it all come together!

