

Diary dates

- **12 Dec** Laying up supper at the Stick and Pitcher pub, University Boulevard, Beeston. Near Highfields Hockey and Football pitches. Will include the annual prize giving, disco and buffet. See advert bottom right of this page.
- **20 Dec** Christmas Charity handicap race, mulled wine and mince pies!
- **26 Dec** Cold Turkey Pursuit

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AGM and new committee

Thirty members attended the club's AGM in the pouring rain — showing dedication and commitment to drag themselves out of the house, through the mud and into the clubhouse.

Committee members ran through some of the following key achievements of the year and thanked everyone who had helped to organise and support them including:

Working parties

New men's changing rooms, extended women's changing rooms, new changing room roof, new walkway at the end of the clubhouse, bramble clearance, clearance of island, new committee boat and engine mounts

Social activities

Fitting out supper, bonfire night, 50th anniversary, camp over

Sailing activities

Introduction of the rookie fleet, team racing, fun day, 12 hour race, charity pursuit race, open day, kingfisher cup and ladies plate, weekend in Rutland, tripartites, casual sailing

Training and development

Introduction to racing, sail making, rules night, OOD training, safety boat, powerboat course, instructor training for dinghy and powerboat, junior course and introduction

Not to forget our new club website, thanks to the endless patience of member Emma Clayton.

A new committee was elected to plan more activities, fun and frolics (and oh yes—maybe some sailing too).

New committee:

Commodore: Nick Turnbull Ross
Rear commodore (sailing): Mike Pritchard
Treasurer: Andrea Murphy
Secretary: Dennis King
Steve Boon
Roger Day
Ray Kemish
Julie Rust
Julie Warren
Paul Warren

Thank you to departing committee members Malcolm Davison, Kevin Last and Steve Coupe for all their hard work on previous committees and to Roger for being Treasurer for the last 8 years.

Thank you to all members who have supported the club's events this year.

We are well placed for the future and looking forward to 2010.

There was much discussion on what the rules should be on use of club boats. If you have any comments, email them to secretary@attenboroughsc.org.uk. The new committee will discuss this at their first meeting.

Attenborough Sailing Club
Annual Prize Presentation
&
Laying Up Supper.

Saturday 11th December
Stick & Pitcher
University Boulevard
19:30 till late
£5.00 adults; £4.00 under 16's
Includes Cold Buffet & Disco
Quiz and Great Company

Tickets available NOW
See a committee member
Or visit Sagers in Beeston

Flood defence work

The flood defence work is now well within our area. A lot of the vegetation has now been removed adjacent to the lake and a temporary access road is being laid next to the existing tarmac one.

The tarmac road will then be dug up and eventually reinstated. We will have the temporary road for some nine months. The actual wall should start to be built next to the railway very early in the New Year (if not before). Work will then move on towards Attenborough Village.

The contractors will later return to our stretch to carry out mitigation work, scraping back the banks along the shore and creating shallows for the plantation of reed beds.

We hope to see some car park improvements in the longer term.



Here she comes.....

Starting the working parties early, the committee (thanks to Malcolm Davidson) arranged for the disposal of the old barge that had been left wallowing in the pond (on the right when you enter the compound).

It took a big crane, many men and several camera-wielding members to see the wreck out onto the shore, but it was worth it, we hope you will agree.

It frees up some space where some of our new pontoons could go—see page 3.



Volunteers needed to erect new pontoons (and other things)

New pontoons have been purchased to give us more space to moor up between races. Volunteers are needed to help get these in place before the start of next season.

If you can help in any way, dust off your wellies and gloves and come to the club on Saturday morning or contact Paul Warren / Nick Turnbull-Ross for more details. Check out the notice board in the clubhouse to volunteer your skills.

If you are interested in doing a first aid course, please contact Roger Day. We are organising one for newly qualified instructors and may have some spare places.

The Charity pursuit was cancelled due to bad weather and will be run as part of the Christmas handicap race on 20 December in aid of Mencap.

Please come along and support the event and remember to decorate your boat - like this lot did last year...

(Do you recognise the sailing santas?)



Bonfire do

Thank you to everyone who donated materials to burn and fireworks for bonfire night, particularly to Steve Boon for preparing the fire and to Steve Coupe for making the guy for the top. Sandra and Morgan brought ASC's youngest member with them, their new son Andrew.

A good night was had by all and even the weather held off for us, giving great views of firework displays across Nottingham.

Sailing reports

Kingfisher cup and ladies plate

A great turnout of seven provided the largest fleet for the Ladies Plate in over ten years.

A great start by Julie Rust meant she was the early leader and held off many of our leading lights for several laps. Andrea Murphy also had a good start and slowly moved into the lead, extending it throughout the race to eventually win quite comfortably to retain the plate she won last year.

Carol Gimson had a close race with Julie Rust, eventually coming second with Julie third. Lou Davensac also had a good race at one stage passing Mike Pritchard on the run. Julie Warren and Emma Clayton in Toppers and Linda Kay in a Miracle also sailed well but as is often seen, the smaller and slower boats very rarely sail to their handicap at Attenborough.

Nineteen boats competed for the prestigious Kingfisher Cup. An excellent start at the committee boat end meant Mike Pritchard never looked back and comfortably led around the seven laps in the 90 minute race. The rest of the fleet split into smaller groups with the first group of Andrea Murphy, Keith Brereton and Kevin Last having some close racing with positions changing on the water all the time.

Further down the fleet there was similar close racing. After completing the 60 minutes of the Ladies Plate, Andrea opted to carry on in the main fleet and this paid off as she eventually came second overall, beating Kevin Last by three seconds. Following closely behind were Keith Brereton, Dennis King and Brian Dennis. The Commodore unusually, came 7th.

New Frostbite times....

With the days getting shorter, darker and colder, racing on a Sunday will now be at 12.30pm and 2pm for 45 minutes each. There is no separate Rookie start for these races.

Don't forget your wetsuits—it's cold out there now!

Mike learns to sail???



Mike Pritchard is rescued after capsizing when 'his mast broke'....

.....Proving it can happen to the best of us!

Mike helps test drive the Laser Bug which the club is considering getting for its younger members.