

Welcome to the October 2009 issue of :

THE BRADWELL QUAY BLOG



Hallo everyone,

I always find October a difficult month. With a mixture of glorious sunny days interspersed with some really grey and cold spells the decision as to when you take your boat out of the water is hard to make. Too early and you might miss some good sailing, too late and you end up doing everything in the rain and cold.

The reference to booking in the title of this month's Blog is to remind you all about the string of social events between now and, dare I say it, Christmas. Like laying up your boat it is time to be decisive. Get those diaries and calendars out, make up your mind about the events you want to come to and **PLEASE BOOK!!!** Try to imagine how YOU would feel if YOU had put a tremendous amount of work into arranging a series of events and no-one made up their mind about coming until the last minute. You would be pretty miffed, to say the least.

If you can't find your events programme a reminder follows, or you can look on our website at www.bqyc.org.uk Please act NOW.

More Bar news

Your cheap beer is being drunk by everyone else! The price of a pint of IPA was reduced to only £2.30, bottled beers introduced at £1.90 and last weekend a polypin of Adnam's was brought in. The lads from Bradwell Outdoors and the Civil Servants Sailing Association thought it was great and the Adnams is gone (it was delicious!). But where were you all for the Club Night last Friday?

LOOKING AHEAD

This Saturday, 17th October, is the **Laying up supper and our annual photo competition.**

Categories will be:

- Sailing (of course)
- Club related (this is a new one and can be anything to do with BQYC)

- Humourous
- Sunrises/sunsets (possibly a bit old hat but gorgeous to look at)
- Wildlife (nothing to do with parties or clubbing!)
- People (portraits, in action or just someone in a typical pose)

The rules are simple, voting sheets will be provided on the night, one vote per category and you can't vote for yourself. Prizes are a bottle of wine for each category. So get your best snaps printed off and bring them along for display on the night. Please book your places for the supper with Elaine Kitchener on 07956 268328 or 01799 502627.

Our first **Halloween Fancy Dress party**. This is on **Saturday 31st October**, of course, and will be an all ticket affair to cover some entertainment, possibly on the sea wall (??). I know your minds are all boggling but all will be revealed in due course. Dig out those Witches and Wizards outfits and stick on warts (!) As usual you can get your tickets from Elaine Kitchener on 07956 268328 or 01799 502627.

Our **Annual Dinner Dance & Awards Presentation is on Saturday 21st November** at the Three Rivers Country Club. It is officially called the **Big Wig Ball**, which gives a small clue as to what the theme is on this occasion! There will be prizes for the most innovative creations so get working on them. An opening drink is included in the cost this year which is £36 a head. Why not bring a friend or two to what is always a very good event and a chance for the ladies to wear their posh frocks. Tickets can be obtained from Jason or Elaine Kitchener. Please call them on 07956 268328 or 01799 502627 to book your places ASAP so that menu etc. details can be finalised. (the Three Rivers are quite pushy about deadlines)

A bit of advance warning for this year's AGM which is on Saturday, 5th December, at 1600. Our one bit of formality in the year but also an opportunity to address a few issues and to hear how things have gone in 2009, both actively and financially. Eva Spencer will be providing food after the meeting, being a choice of meat or fish lasagne followed by a fruit custard tart. Cost will be around £8 and the meal can be booked by calling Eva on 01692 403826. Don't complain you haven't been given enough warning!

Hope to see you in the Clubhouse this Saturday.

Robin