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“One thing about the SGBA — you have a lot of fun!”

We're all about promoting water-based activities on the River Dart, but more than that, we want our members to have fun in the process. Judging by the events of the 2010 season, we're not doing too bad a job!

In this issue:

Swallows and Amazons

Did you see or hear the Swallows and Amazons camping, sailing and fighting Captain Flint? It certainly sounds like they had a wild time!

Read more on page 10.

The Big Swim

Even though there's a perfectly serviceable road between Totnes and Stoke Gabriel, and the SGBA has plenty of boats available, some people were still determined to get in the water and swim it!

Find out how they fared on page 6.

Plus...

Write-ups and photos from all this season's events; including the adult sailing course, the Mill Pool challenge, the Middle Back bash and the junior sailing course.

Not to mention news about our new web site — and an intriguing idea to take the strain out of moving boats around!



If you have any news, anecdotes, knowledge, photos, or poems that you would like to share with SGBA members in the next newsletter, please email them to howard.rawlings@ctmarketing.net

Commodore's Log

The highest tides of the year on 9 and 10 September were two weeks ahead of the equinox and gave us an early reminder that the sailing season was drawing to a close. We had recently had our Regatta and still had two Club Sailing sessions to look forward to. A few weeks further on and our Newsletter provides the opportunity to review the summer's activities, as well as look ahead to the winter programme. Here I shall mention items not covered in more detail elsewhere.

Shortly after I wrote my Summer News Bulletin we had confirmation from the Big Lottery Fund of our £5000 grant for the quarry steps project, making our total external funding £6000. After further discussions with the contractor, the siting of the two supporting towers was agreed and a day-long working party dug the two pits for the foundation plinths in early September. These have now been 'blinded out' with a thin layer of concrete in preparation for the placing of the reinforcing steelwork and the casting of the concrete plinths that will support the oak towers taking the three flights of steps up to the higher level ground near the footpath. The project will take most of the winter months but should be well finished before next season, finally giving us the all-tide access that will be of permanent benefit to the club.



By the time you receive this Newsletter, the SGBA will have published the first ever tidal predictions for Stoke Gabriel. Most of you will know from previous issues about my intense interest in the local tides, which started three years ago when the DHNA allowed us to mount tide boards on two of the navigation beacons in

the creek. Subsequently, a leading manufacturer of oceanographic measuring instruments, Valeport of Totnes, agreed to install a digital tide gauge at Duncannon, hosted by an SGBA member. A year's data, collected at 10-minute intervals, were sent to the Hydrographic Office in Taunton and analysed. As a result, Stoke Gabriel (Duncannon) has been officially adopted as a secondary port and the tidal predictions for it from now until the end of 2011 have been provided to us (exclusively for the moment) for publication. Stoke Gabriel Tides 2011 contains not only the tide tables but other useful tide-related information and photographs. It is on sale for £2 per copy (proceeds to SGBA) at the Post Office, the River Shack, the Village Stores and other local retailers. If these are not readily accessible to you send Sheila Adams a cheque for £2 per copy.

So, after the commercial, let me end on a more personal note. As the opportunities become steadily more restricted by the shortening hours of daylight, I have recently been reflecting on how many different ways I have enjoyed our lovely river during the year. There was that frosty morning early in the season when I brought Trufflehunter down from Baltic Wharf on the spring ebb. Then, after a summer cruise in the Channel Islands and Brittany, there was that special feeling of returning to our home port, the safe haven of the River Dart, swaddled by the rolling hills of the South Hams. Later, we brought Trufflehunter up river and enjoyed playing with flags and hooters to start and finish the races for our own SGBA Regatta in September. But Stoke Gabriel is not really about yachting, it's the boating centre of the Dart in that wonderful miscellany of craft that the club tries to nurture. So Pam and I have enjoyed sailing our Wanderer dinghy up to the Maltsters and generally around the nearby creeks, racing an RS Vision in the Dartmouth Regatta at Dittisham and motoring our dory up to the Sharpham Vineyard Café for lunch and, for the best fishy meal for a very long time, down to the Rockfish Restaurant in Dartmouth for supper. No, not on the same day! But really, coming back upriver in the dark with a crew of fellow SGBA members was itself a joy, the moon silhouetting the hills in the crisp autumn air. And rowing. I've rowed one of our club 8-foot Laser Bugs on several occasions and find them delightful. But for a proper grown-up row the club's Whitehall skiff was the craft of choice. What better way to travel from Totnes to Stoke Gabriel than gently rowing one of these pretty boats down our lovely river on a fine summer's day?



Commodore's Log cont'd



I haven't time to mention the charming walks and picnics, the foraging for sea spinach and samphire, the just sitting and soaking up the scenery. And I haven't even been out in a canoe or a kayak this season, let alone a windsurfer. But you get the drift. We have a prime spot on one of the loveliest tidal rivers in Britain and the club provides the facilities to enjoy it in so many different ways. Join us in celebrating 40 years of doing just this at our special evening in the Village Hall on 20th November.

Neil Millward

Membership news

New members have joined steadily throughout the year and now number 46. This is probably a record, since the only time I have known the annual number to pass 40 was in 2007. This brings the total membership for 2010 to 233 with the number of members' children exceeding 200, albeit of ages ranging from 1 to 20.

We will be sending the Renewal Forms for 2011 immediately after the Christmas holiday and I would be grateful if payment is made as soon as possible. There is a £15 penalty for payments made after the 31st January and it is really helpful if everyone has paid before the end of February. Processing cheques becomes a real chore after a couple of months and we need to know as soon as possible which dinghy park spaces, etc. have become free for people on the waiting lists.

Sheila Adams

Middle Back Bash

Warm sunshine and a very low spring tide combined to make the revival of the Middle Back Bash one of the highlights of this year's SGBA social calendar.

Over 70 members took the short crossing from Mill Point to invade the moon-like island for an hour or so before it was reclaimed by the strong incoming tide. Once the club flag had been proudly staked in place finely contested games of soccer and boules took place whilst others used this rare opportunity to wander the great expanse of sand, shingle and mud.



Finishing off with the River Shack's BBQ the Middle Back Bash was a high spirited event, so thanks to those who joined in and of course a special mention must go to the brave adults who attempted the swim back to Mill Point... and those who did the rescuing!

South Devon College Marine Academy

South Devon College are considering offering evening classes at their Marine Academy. Dependent on demand, courses could include topics such as laminating, know your outboard and winterisation. They are currently seeking expressions of interest - please contact Matthew Porter (Matthew.Porter@southdevon.ac.uk) to find out more.

New SGBA web site

At the beginning of the year the Committee asked me to join them as webmaster: looking after the website and updating it to provide a more comprehensive source of SGBA information for members and potential members. I spent a lot of time talking to the committee and members, asking how they use the website and how things could be improved. I tried to incorporate all these suggestions into a new SGBA website (at the usual web address www.sgba.org.uk) which went live a few weeks ago.

Although it looks similar to the old site, the structural changes should make it easier to find the information you want. The changes include:

More details of how to use SGBA facilities

New members should now be able to find information about which boats they can use and how they use them on the website – no secure information is displayed, such as padlock codes, but they are told that they will need a code and who to ask for it.

Event news and photos

There is now a dedicated news section with headline stories and photos. The newsletter remains the home of feature articles but if you want to briefly catch up on SGBA news this is the place. If you have photos from events that you would like to share with other members, do email me and I'll upload them.

Information about training

The SGBA can now offer a range of sail and motorboat training for children and adults. It is explained how you can get involved on the website.

Something that many people suggested needed improving was the booking system for the club motorboats. Chris Mortimer of Blacksnow Web Design, who host the website, and I have looked at several options but failed to come up with an easier system. So for now I have improved the instructions for booking the boats which should make it easier, whilst we continue to look for a better long term solution.

Several people asked if we could arrange on-line membership applications/renewals and payments of fees. The Committee agreed that this was something we should look at in the future, but for now they wished to keep membership paper work.

If you haven't yet seen the new website, do have a look. All your registration and log on details remain the same, and any picnic or rescue boat booking have been transferred over to the new site, although it may be wise to check nothing has slipped through the net!

Thanks to everyone who made suggestions and to Chris and Howard for their technical support. If you spot anything that is still missing from the website or if you have news reports or photos to upload, please email me on issyhallam@aol.com





Boat security

Several boats were stolen from the fore-shore over the summer months - a kayak and at least two inflatable dinghies. In one instance, the owner reported that the lock and chain were still attached to the object to which the vessel had been locked!



On a more positive note, we have not been made aware of any outboard thefts - perhaps the security marking and police-issued covers have contributed to this.

Raise money for the SGBA when you buy your boating books



The Royal Yachting Association (RYA) have invited us to join their partners programme. This means that whenever you wish to buy a boating book, DVD, log book or other publication, or if you wish to join the RYA itself, if you do it via our website the RYA will pay a commission to the SGBA of 8% for publications and more for membership, at no extra cost to you.

The RYA has a fantastic selection of sailing, power boating and other water related publications. See what takes your fancy by following the website links at www.sgba.org.uk/training/ryatraining.aspx.

Adult Refresher Course

Some of us were just rusty, some had never sailed before, but we all came together with the same desire to get out on the river in a boat and of course get back safely in!

With winds gusting to force 5 we headed out all reefed up in Wanderers and Picos for our first day's sailing. The conditions were challenging to say the least and our skills were tested to the full. It would be fair to say that most of us did enough capsizing during our first day that the idea of capsize drills wasn't brought up again.



The winds had died down sufficiently on the second day for us all to relax a bit and run through what we had learnt so far without having to right our boats every 5 minutes. We were all doing so well that Bones organised an afternoon's racing. After being drilled on the rudiments of racing and tactics the 'refresher' groups got a chance to show what they could do.

After a bit of a break most of us returned for the second half of the 4 day course and the weather was dry for us again despite the forecasted rain. Barry's group took out the Toppers this time and the other group the Picos. The wind was light, but enough for us to navigate proficiently around the set course.

On our final day the rains came but this didn't dampen our spirits. All sorts of skills were executed from sailing backwards, sailing standing up and swapping boats at the sound of the whistle. At the end of the day we were wet and exhausted but pleased as punch to have come away with our level 1's and 2's for beginners and refreshers respectively.

A big thank you to Barry for organising this course and his tuition, and to Bones and Pete for their excellent instruction as well. A further thank you to Neil whose boat we borrowed for the course - who was it that said it was next to impossible to capsize a wanderer?!

Kirstie Barrett

Totnes to Stoke Gabriel – the hard way!

11 September, a cool but still morning set the scene for the event and by 08.30 am the 30 hardy swimmers were gathering at the Totnes Rowing Club and beginning their preparation for the swim.



Olivia and Stuart Palmer, the event organisers, signed in the participants, issued the high visibility pink swim caps and made sure each swimmer had a

support kayaker/ canoeist or motor boat. The SGBA, Paignton Kayak Club and Totnes Rowing Club provided excellent support whilst some swimmers had roped in husbands, boyfriends, wives and those simply keen to be on the river (rather than in it!) on a crisp September morning. The SGBA team, led by Commodore Neil Millward, arrived attired in their offshore kit, woolly hats and prepared with thermos flasks, sandwiches and tenders ready for their role as support and rescue vessels for the swim.

The swimmers seemed more relaxed than the support teams as they chatted whilst making their preparations. By 09.15 the first of the swimmers had donned their swimming attire ranging from sporty speedos to the full Buster Crab kit and were into their warm-up exercises routines.



As the tide turned so the first wave of swimmers waded into the Dart and set off and by 09.30 all were on their way.

The river was calm but there was a quite a bit of debris in the water and the kayakers did what they could to guide the swimmers around the bad patches on the bends.

As the swimmers approached Sharpham the ferry

arrived and politely slowed right down as they approached the flotilla and swimmers.

By Sharpham the swimmers were spreading out, some managed their pace, others were chatting! Meanwhile the power swimmers headed downstream in impressive style and speed.

Rounding Mill Point saw some very competitive swimming as those close together raced for the quay.



The event was a great success and looks like it will be back again next year and with even more swimmers. Olivia and Stuart will be encouraging swimmers to frequent the River Dart throughout the winter to acclimatise for next year's swim and welcome all interested in regular dips in our lovely river.

Why not join them for their Christmas Day dip? An annual tradition, which this year's tides suit perfectly. They will be dipping from Stoke Gabriel Pontoon at 9am on Christmas Day. If you are interested in details email Olivia on oliviapalmer@live.com for more information. Father Christmas Hats, Flasks, Christmas tipples and warm jumpers encouraged!

Olivia and Stuart (and all the swimmers I'm sure) would like to sincerely thank the SGBA for all the support and advice that was provided right from the start: it ensured the day went smoothly. Special thanks must go to Neil Millward, Anthony Showell, Anthony Prowse and John Cornish who patiently monitored the swim from start to finish, making sure all swimmers and their escort boats were safe, sound and happy. Also Paignton Kayaking Club and Totnes Rowing Club deserve a special note of thanks for their willingness to support and be involved. Details of 2011's swim will follow, so watch this space.

Roger Stobbart



SGBA Junior sailor chosen for Topper National Youth Squad

After a successful year sailing in various Topper events SGBA sailor Lucy Caseldine has been selected for the ITCA GBR National Youth Squad for 2010-2011. The squad comprises around 20 sailors and involves a series of training weekends through the winter at various locations including Grafham Water, the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy, Rutland Water and Northampton Sailing Club.



Training at Rutland Water, January 2010

As with much of junior dinghy sailing the infrastructure has benefitted greatly from the RYA putting in place a series of squads to bolster the success of British sailing. Thus for the Topper there are squads covering differing age groups, which use the extremely popular regional and national events as a basis for selecting their sailors. Lucy has progressed through the SW regional squad, to the Junior Development Programme, the ITCA Intermediate National Youth Squad and finally the ITCA National Youth Squad.

There are around 10 regional travellers for SW sailors from Cornwall to Gloucester and Dorset, 4 Nationwide weekend events, an Inlands championship and the Nationals on the Topper circuit. The Travellers take place over one day with usually 3 races, the Nationwides and Inlands over a weekend with 6 races and the Nationals over 6 days with 3 races a day, the latter involving sea sailing and around 6 hours offshore, possibly taking up to an hour each way just to get to the course.

Numbers taking part have increased such that Nationwides now attract up to 220/230 boats and the Nationals this year had 330 in the main fleet, with another 30+ in the Regatta fleet. For the Nationals the first 3 days determine who is in the final Gold, Silver and Bronze fleets with 3 separate starts of around 100 boats each ensuring that all sailors have a chance to compete against each other. The top third then sail in the Gold Fleet, the middle third in the Silver and the

final third in the Bronze.

Obviously over a week the weather can change radically and this year at Pwllheli, although better than the gales of the previous year, there was competition



Waiting at the finish line

in conditions from light breeze barely touching 5 knots, to squally 20 knots, coupled with waves of around 1.5m; all this after 5 days of hard racing. Lucy made it into the Gold Fleet with a best individual result of 10th in one of the qualifying races and an eventual result of 90th out of 330. Her best national result overall was in the Inlands at 56th out of around 200 boats.

The competition in Toppers is intense and close as the squad training from regional to national level produces extremely competent and competitive sailors – it is also mixed, with girls comprising around a quarter to a third of entrants. Start lines of over 100 boats are quite intimidating and potentially chaotic, as is mark rounding. The 3 starts and a course that tries to separate the different flights normally prevents even greater chaos, but when conditions change between starts and one flight catches up with another there can be interesting conditions, especially when counting boats in over the finish line.



Sailors progress from Toppers into Lasers and a variety of double-handers – Lucy is currently joining

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SGBA Junior sailor chosen for Topper National Youth Squad

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sister Sophie in a Feva but there are plans for a 29er, one of the boats for which there is also a strong RYA Youth Sailing set up. All this started from the SGBA junior sailing course as a 7 year old with Roy Chadwick, the sort of basic grounding that both gave her not only the skills and confidence she needed but also the enjoyment and the persistence to cope with chipping the ice out of the mast step in January at Rutland prior to training!

Chris Casseldine

Why do we need tide times for Stoke Gabriel ?



Mill Pool Challenge

Stoke Gabriel Carnival started in grand style with on the water fun and games at the Mill Pool. Children and adults competed in the pallet running, duck racing, dunking stool and rowing races. Martin and Manny won the men's and women's rowing races, and Harry the under 12s pallet run, with Liam and Ethan bringing home the parent and child pallet relay.



The undoubted success of the day was the new walking on water balls. Having climbed into the clear plastic balls, air was then pumped in to fill them, before you were launched off into the Mill Pool, few got the hang of walking within them but everyone enjoyed having a go.



Thanks to Charlie Gillmore and all the helpers for organising the day, the River Shack for sponsoring the event and to Jimmy & Perry for allowing us to use the Mill Pool.



Firefighters at Mill Point

Many thanks to the Paignton Fire Service, who came down to Mill Point earlier in the year to help clear the mud from under the slipway.



In fact, they made good use of the activity, they tested their mobile pump and their extension hose kit, tried different hose nozzles and spent a lot of time discussing how they would rescue someone from the mud bank! They asked for a volunteer... no takers.

Junior Sailing Course

After a gloomy first day, the weather chose to be kind to the junior sailors on this year's course - bringing ample quantities of both sunshine and wind.



No need for any more words really - the pictures say it all - other than a big thank you to Kim Connabeer and her team of instructors, and all those who helped with rescue boat and on-shore support.

Swallows and Amazons

Friday Evening



The camp was soon a hive of activity: tents put up; wood collected and a fire lit. With the tide on the turn no time was lost before the Swallows and Amazons had boats launched and a pirate game commenced. For the next hour or so boats were sailed, paddled and capsized, lost and won as the Adventurers' fun and laughter rang out over the Amazon River. But with pangs of hunger and the



promise of a hearty meal in the Natives' camp, the boats were put away and the warmth of the camp fire beckoned.

Saturday

It was a peaceful night, and even the light rain that had woken a few in the night did not dampen the enthusiasm of the camp as they headed back to the boats for an early morning sail. It was a beautiful morning on the river; but with the tide low at midday it was soon boats away and back to camp for breakfast. After breakfast it was time to collect more firewood and explore the dark forests. As they fought their way through the jungle they stumbled upon



the charcoal burners Billy and his son; and after learning how to make charcoal, Billy showed them his Tee Pee; and let them see his Adder (which he kept in a box under the seat).

Back at the lookout (which they had found earlier) they spied Captain Flint's ship anchored off the entrance to the Amazon River. Captain Flint had been a spoil sport in recent days by spending more and more time teaching the pretty Natives how to sail rather than joining in with their games. So with 'no more ado' the Swallows and Amazons decided to declare war on Captain Flint and went to prepare for the greatest sea battle of all time. With war paint on, and war declared, it was not long before Captain Flint's boat was over powered by the Swallows and Amazons, and Captain Flint himself was bound to the mast for safe keeping.



Despite his pleas for mercy, he was forced to walk the plank and drop into the shark infested waters of the Indian Ocean. He was soon followed by all the Swallows and Amazons who decided that walking the plank had been

“It was the best time ever!”



Swallows and Amazons cont'd

far too much fun. With the battle won, and the promise Tea (a cream tea!), Captain Flint was rescued and peace restored.



After every great battle there is a great feast; so with supplies packed and spirits high the Swallows and Amazons set out to find a new feasting spot far away across the water. On a beach strewn with shipwrecks they built a fire; cooked their huge feast (complete with marshmallows and pancakes) and told tales of great adventures. It was after dark when they made the way home with the help of the magic sky lanterns.

Sunday

Up with the dawn, and with the help of Captain Flint, the Swallows and Amazons made their way down river to Rio to catch the steamer out to the Skerries Bank for a spot of mackerel fishing. Others (including some Natives) went sailing on Captain Flint's boat. With the sea emptied of fish it was back to camp to smoke the mackerel and strike camp. After another sail, the exhausted Swallows and Amazons (and Natives) headed off home to regale stories and dream of all their adventures. Beds were welcome that night.

“ please can we do this again next year? ”

On behalf of all those who had such a great time: a big 'THANK YOU' to all those who made it happen.

Simon Ellyatt

SGBA Regatta, 5 Sept 2010

After a gloomy morning the weather gods relented for our regatta. The sun made an occasional appearance and a perfect SE breeze of about 8 – 10 knots blew for the duration of the sailing races, giving clean wind for the windward-leeward courses set for each class.

Class A (Gaff and Lug) was expanded to include a Hurley 22, giving five starters, ranging in size from a 22-foot Romilly to a diminutive lugsail dinghy (sailing a shorter course). After a close duel with the Romilly, the winner of the Gaff and Lug Shield was the Drascombe Dabber, Quivitoq, sailed by Robert and Sunil Foster. The Shrimper Trophy was awarded to Anthony Showell in Tosca, and the Small Cruiser Trophy to Terry Ridge in Siccawli.

With helpful nudges from Bosun Tim acting as Beachmaster, all nine competitors in Class B (6 Picos and 3 Toppers) made it to the starting line on time and some keen racing followed. Demand outstripped supply for the Picos, so a second heat on a shorter course was swiftly organised. Overall winner in the Picos were Charlie and Freddie Gillmore, while the Topper class trophy deservedly went to Rowan Halkes.

In Class C (Handicap Dinghies) Megan Barratt, helming an RS Feva for only the second time, narrowly beat Ken Kies on corrected time in the club Wanderer.

With the sailing dinghies ashore and tidied away it was on to the rowing races, organised by Matt Halkes, using Whitehall skiffs and the club Laser Bugs for the under 12s. New, simpler courses led to fewer collisions and some very tight finishes, with the following emerging triumphant:

Class	Winner
Men	Peter Dingley-Brown
Ladies	Heather Hooper
Veterans	Sheila Adams
Children under 6	Rowan Halkes
Children under 12 (Whitehall)	Jamie Ridge & Frankie Barrett
Children under 12 (Bugs)	Freddie Gillmore

Onlookers were fortified by a barbeque organised by Lucy Bate and the event ended with a prize giving and thanks to those present and all who had helped to make it an enjoyable afternoon.

Neil Millward

4 wheels = less strain

Moving boats around is always hard work, so the challenge to an engineer is to make it as easy as possible. The Bonwitco 320 weighs in at a modest 84kg (185lbs) add a small outboard at 12Kg, oars and some other bits and pieces and a small slope just gets even steeper. Having to lift the trailer as well and then pull the lot ...

Initially a single nose wheel option seemed to provide the answer: it worked on a smooth and level surface, but when tested on the rugged stone and occasional soft patch of the foreshore it provided little advantage.



The answer seemed to be a 4 wheel trailer that would take away the weight whilst allowing steerage and so a MK1 version was made from an old Mirror launching trolley, some plywood and a lawnmower handle. It lasted 2 seasons but did provide an effective prototype for something more efficient and durable.



Made in stainless steel, the two wheel front bogey comprises a flat plate with an axle with standard trolley wheels and a 'T' shaped pulling handle is attached to reinforcing under the plate. A vertical stub, welded to the reinforcing, rises through the plate to go through the mast support socket on the original trolley. At the

base of the stub and sitting on the plate is a nylon disc (or a piece of plywood) to act as a free moving bearing to allow the plate and axle assembly to swivel around the trolley frame resting on top of it.

The added wheels eliminate trolley nose weight, provide easy steerage and allows the trailer to be pulled or pushed, or both if you have help. The boat can be recovered complete with outboard and contents. Just looping the rope from the foreshore winch over the 'T' part of the handle ensures the trailer is automatically steered up the slipway without supervision: just wind the handle!

The recovery even works when the tide is off the slipway - simply let the rear wheels off the end of the slipway and let the front wheels take the initial weight; the winch can easily retrieve the boat and trailer.

To help guide the boat onto the trailer, especially if there is a breeze, the conventional rear boat supports on the trolley have been extended to make a pair of guides slightly wider than the boat but just sufficient to direct the boat onto the trailer. It does not matter if the recovery is at an angle to the slipway as the front wheels are easily steered.

With the boat up the slipway the kit can be removed and the cover fitted before pushing/pulling it to its berth on the chain.

Launching is obviously the reversal of the process... but as the whole lot floats we could start the outboard and go head first... lifeboat style!

The axle has been fitted to the SGBA Wayfarer. Neil Millward can put you in contact with the local manufacturer or drawings are available from Roger Stobbart roger.stobbart@btinternet.com.

Roger Stobbart

Spring newsletter

If you have any interesting stories or photos you'd like to share with SGBA members, please email them to:
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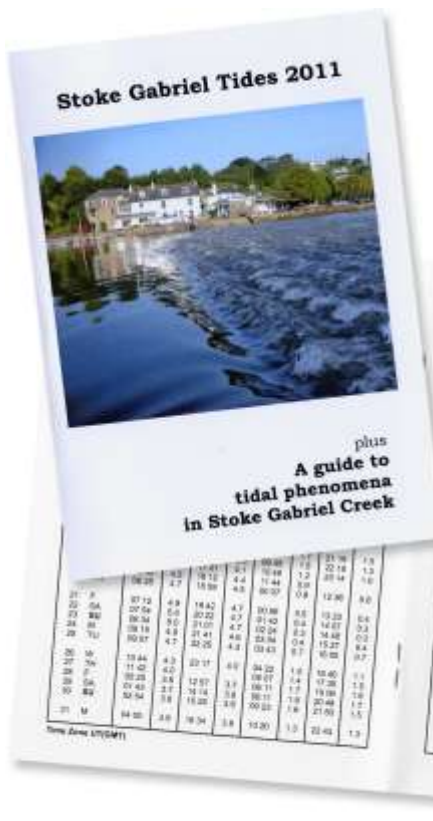
The October sunshine has warmed us all but our days on the river are limited as we move towards Winter. So we have organised a number of evening talks to entertain and inform members over the coming months. The talks will be held on Thursday evening in the clubhouse and the dates will be emailed to you shortly. There will be drinks and nibbles and we look forward to seeing you there.

Events currently planned include:

- Quiz Night - Hosted by Lucy Bate
- Youth evening - Talks from our younger members hosted by Bones
- Flotilla Sailing Holidays - Barry Neilson, Managing Director of Sailing Holidays Ltd.
- River Dart - Music from Steve Banks and Blue Jewel with local historian John Ridsen - 3rd February 2011
- DART - songs created from Alice Oswald's poetry performed by Viva
- Christmas Eve - Father Christmas will visit us all at the Mill Pond

The jewel in the crown of our Winter Programme will be our 40th anniversary dinner. This will be held on Saturday 20th November in the Village Hall. There will be a three course dinner, drinks and entertainment. A formal invitation has been delivered to all members and tickets will be allocated on a first come first served basis. This will be a great event and we look forward to welcoming you on Saturday 20th November.

Lucy Bate



Stoke Gabriel Tides 2011

FEBRUARY 2011
STOKE GABRIEL (DUNCANNON)

HEIGHTS ABOVE CHART DATUM

Date	High Water			Low Water		
	Morning	Afternoon	Evening	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
1 Tu	04:59	4.3	17:33	4.3	11:53	1.0
2 W	06:46	4.6	18:19	4.2	11:50	0.9
3 Th	08:31	4.9	19:01	4.1	11:47	0.8
4 Fr	10:15	4.6	19:39	4.3	11:47	0.8
5 Sa	11:54	4.8	20:00	4.4	11:50	0.7
6 Su	13:29	4.8	20:00	4.4	11:57	0.6
7 M	14:02	4.5	20:26	4.4	12:00	0.6
8 Tu	14:24	4.3	20:51	4.3	12:05	0.6
9 W	14:35	4.2	21:16	4.2	12:10	0.5
10 Th	14:36	4.2	21:52	4.0	12:14	0.4
11 Fr	14:28	4.0	22:28	3.8	12:18	0.3
12 Sa	14:11	3.7	22:59	3.6	12:21	0.2
13 Su	13:56	3.5	23:26	3.4	12:23	0.1
14 M	13:43	3.3	23:49	3.2	12:24	0.0
15 Tu	13:32	3.1	24:09	3.0	12:24	0.0
16 W	13:23	2.9	24:26	2.8	12:23	0.0
17 Th	13:16	2.7	24:41	2.6	12:21	0.0
18 Fr	13:11	2.5	24:54	2.4	12:18	0.0
19 Sa	13:07	2.3	25:05	2.2	12:14	0.0
20 Su	13:04	2.1	25:14	2.0	12:09	0.0
21 M	13:02	1.9	25:21	1.8	12:03	0.0
22 Tu	13:01	1.7	25:26	1.6	11:56	0.0
23 W	13:01	1.5	25:29	1.4	11:47	0.0
24 Th	13:01	1.3	25:30	1.2	11:36	0.0
25 Fr	13:01	1.1	25:29	1.0	11:23	0.0
26 Sa	13:01	0.9	25:26	0.8	11:08	0.0
27 Su	13:01	0.7	25:21	0.6	10:51	0.0
28 M	13:01	0.5	25:14	0.4	10:32	0.0
29 Tu	13:01	0.3	25:05	0.2	10:11	0.0
30 W	13:01	0.1	24:54	0.0	9:50	0.0
31 Th	13:01	0.0	24:41	0.0	9:28	0.0

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