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NOTES FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Well I'm not sure last year went out like a lamb but this year has certainly come in like a Lion. The late milder weather did allow us to sail till quite late and some hardy souls were still active until well into October.

So what does this year hold in store for us? We do at least have lots of water in Rutland Water to get us started in April. In the meantime it is business as usual in this Admin season.

As time goes by the profile of the usage of our various classes of boat changes so we are continuing our review and subsequent possible renewal of our various fleets. The object is not simply to sell off boats but rather to try to give our members the best possible and safest equipment.

However, if boats are sitting unused week after week, they are costing us a lot of money for no advantage to members. That money could be better spent elsewhere. This is especially true in the present economic climate where we have seen our income drop this year, so we are doubly grateful to all our donors and fund raisers.

What we have in mind for this year is to replace the longboat, the *Wally Goldsmith*, with a new one. After many years of excellent service, our current boat is showing some signs of age. I think however that we have found her a good home. We also hope to buy and equip another "electric 303W" as there is now a need for this additional capability. (The "electric" part refers to powering the controls of the sail and rudder). Some of the hoists on the pontoon are getting a bit old and on safety grounds we need to think about replacements. All of these projects are expensive and we will have to spend wisely. Other projects may pop up but they will have to be good ones!

That's what we have planned for the immediate future, but one never knows what the

future will bring. I hope it will bring some sunshine and kind winds. See you on the pontoon in April.

Martin Sutcliffe

JUBILEE PAGEANT

In June we were honoured to be asked by the Lord Lieutenant of Rutland to represent the county in the Jubilee Pageant on the River Thames. This was fully



reported in a special edition of *Gone Sailing* at the time, but as a reminder ...

The Rutland Boat, Wally Goldsmith, saluting the Royal Barge



*The crew:
Craig Nairn, Bill Ridlington, Martin Sutcliffe, Ian McNair, John Deane, (front) Geoff Willerton,
together with the High Sheriff of Rutland, Bart Hellyer.*

ANNUAL AWARDS

Awards were presented at the Christmas lunch by our Patron, Penny Wake.



The President's Trophy was awarded to Graham Blake.

Other winners were, John Chapman, John Coombes, Christine Wootton, Trudi Clark, Richard Johnson, Chris Emmet, Trevor Tanser, Matt Smettem, Simon Harle and Nancy Brand.

SUPPORTERS' DAY

On Thursday September 6th we held our annual Supporters' Day, this being our way of thanking those who support us through the year and showing something of what we do.

The weather, for once, was near perfect for this important event. We welcomed 41 visitors, more than half of whom enjoyed a sailing experience at first hand. Although our Jetty team were not at full strength, none of our guests, who had opted for a sail, went away disappointed. In fact, seeing what Rutland Sailability



achieves, on a weekly basis, couldn't have been better demonstrated. Our visitors went home with an excellent impression and a

deeper understanding of Rutland Sailability and in the knowledge that their continued interest and financial support is fully benefitting our members.

ACCESS RACING TEAM



Pat Crowley, the Access Racing Team Captain has written a report of the year.

"2012 proved to be a very successful year for the Rutland Access racing team. Between April and September, nine TT (Traveller

Trophy) race days were held in places as far afield as New Forest, Carsington in Derbyshire, Bristol and Ipswich. Most places involve a very early start, pick up team members, and arrive at the destination by 9.30. Our helpers and boats are usually there before us and are already unloading the boats from the trailers, rigging and launching them while the sailors have a briefing from the race officer and get themselves ready for a first race start at 11am.

Our helpers take a break once we are on the water but are ready to help us ashore after the morning's two races. After lunch we have a further two races before the helpers work their magic again and get the boats off the water, packed up and loaded onto the trailers for the trip home. Some light refreshments followed by the presentation of the prizes before we head for home tired but happy.

Rutland sailors had a successful year with Pat Crowley taking second in the 2.3 class; Chris Emmett helmed his 303 into second. Simon Harle and David Durston took first and second respectively in the Liberty class. Rutland were second in the team competition.

The sailors have lots of fun, all made possible by our helpers. These TT days are often 16 hours from beginning to end. I raise my hat to our dedicated helpers without whom none of this could happen!

CHALLENGER RACING

The club has six of these fast trimarans and some of our members have their own. They are sufficiently competitive to be able to compete in dinghy handicap

races both at their home club and in events held by other clubs. The boat sails amongst the fleet, not bringing up the rear and a lap behind! In this way it gives its sailors the opportunity to become known and make friends with able bodied sailors who recognise Challenger sailors for their ability not their disability. Our members have competed in some twelve national events during 2012 at locations ranging from Scotland, to Wales and to the Southwest of England and all parts in-between. They have also taken a full part in the Rutland Sailing Club events throughout the year competing against all classes of boat against fully able bodied sailors.

Prominent for Rutland Sailability at all these events have been Val Millward and Graham Hall followed closely by fast improving Diana Faulks. At the Challenger UK Championships held at Rutland Val was Champion, Graham 2nd and Diana 7th. Val won the event by winning every race apart from one where she came 2nd.



Val Millward in her boat Red Jester

In the overall UK rankings for Challenger sailors Graham and Val have vied for 1st and 2nd place since 2008. In 2012 the number one place was taken by

Graham, with Val 2nd. Diana improved from 18th in 2011 to 8th in 2012, beating many more experienced sailors.



Diana Faulks sailing Swimarathon – a boat donated to the club by the Rotary Club of Grantham from funds raised from their annual Swimarathon event.

Graham Hall



AWARD FOR SIMON



Simon Harle was named as Rutland Disabled Sports person of the Year 2012 by Active Rutland Community Sports Awards in November.

Simon has been a member since 1998. He has been National Champion in Access and Liberty class boats in many years and is currently Access Liberty Northern Champion. He has represented Great Britain on many occasions. The next



events are the European Championships in Italy and the World Championships in San Francisco. He has amassed some 55 trophies of all sorts. Well done Simon, an award richly deserved!

FRIENDS OF RUTLAND SAILABILITY (FRS)

2012 has been a busy year at Rutland Sailability (RS), especially the inclusion of the RS longboat in The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Pageant on the R Thames in June.



RS Longboat 'Wally Goldsmith' undergoing 'sea trials' on Rutland Water, prior to the Pageant on 3 June 2012

The Pageant was the focus of The Friends of RS Reception on 27 June when over 100 FRS members and guests enjoyed a pleasant summer evening at Barnsdale Lodge. Our thanks to Managing Director Ed Burrows and his enthusiastic and helpful team.



On 28 March 40 Friends and their guests enjoyed an informal supper at L'Olivetto Italian Restaurant on Rutland Water, when Rutland Sailability Deputy Chairman, Ros Mulholland-Gullick, described her experiences as a disabled sailor

at Rutland Sailability.

Over the weekend 4/5 August the third annual Backpack at Wm Morrisons Supermarket Stamford raised over £1,800 for Rutland Sailability funds. Our grateful thanks to 'Friend' Paul Fieldhouse and his contact at Morrisons – General Manager Nigel Walters.



The second annual FRS Dinner was held at Greetham Valley Hotel on 24 November, when Eric Morecambe's daughter, Gail, told us all about 'Life With My Father – Eric Morecambe!' A most enjoyable evening, that raised Over £1,600. Another successful visit to Greetham Valley – thanks to Robert Hinch, Mitch Bardwell and the Greetham team – which has led us to book the venue for the 2013 Dinner on 9 November 2013.



204 Friends of RS and their guests gather for the dinner

Friend of RS, Terry Connolly, thanks Gail Stuart for her entertaining talk – presenting Gail with an RS 'Gone Sailing' picture as a memento



'Friends of Rutland Sailability' raised over £8,000 for RS during 2012. Since 2009, when we held our first Reception at Burghley House, we have welcomed new Friends and made substantial funds available to RS – totalling more than £38,000 by the end of 2012!

Attracting new 'Friends.'

During the year we have encouraged supporters to join Friends of Rutland Sailability and make regular donations to RS funds. A number of existing FRS members have increased their regular donations. The web-based fundraising system – 'Easyfundraising' – has been promoted to FRS members and some of our members are regularly earning money for RS as they make their on-line purchases



A new Access 303 was dedicated to Friends of Rutland Sailability at the R.S. Supporters Day on 6 September. High Sheriff of Rutland, Bart Hellyer, joined Friends to 'launch' the new boat.

The Future of Friends of Rutland Sailability

Mike Baumber has coordinated the activity of FRS since 2009, supported by a small group of Friends, through The Steering Group. At the RS AGM on 21 March, Mike will retire from his coordinator's role and a new committee will take over the planning and organisation of FRS events.

FRS programme for 2013

- **Wednesday 19 June – Annual FRS Reception**, Barnsdale Lodge, Rutland Water
- **July** (dates to be confirmed) **Annual 'Backpack' fundraising weekend** at Wm Morrisons Supermarket, Stamford.
- **Saturday 9 November – Annual FRS Dinner at Greetham Valley Hotel.**
Speaker Revd Richard Coles – Entertaining anecdotes from Richard whose varied career includes the pop scene, radio and TV and his current role as parish priest at Finedon, Northants. (Hear him on BBC Radio 4, Saturday Live!)

Full details of the new FRS Committee and the 2013 programme will be circulated in the near future.

A personal 'Thank-You!'

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the Friends of Rutland Sailability, the members of Rutland Sailability who have helped us to run our activities and those who have sponsored our events, helping us to achieve so much to develop 'Friends' as an active group in support of Rutland Sailability since 2009.

I look forward to meeting you all as we move into 2013 and beyond!

Mike Baumber January 2013.

SANTA FUN RUN



Once again we were pleased to be able to support one of our long term supporters, The Rotary Club of Stamford Burghley, in entering a team in their annual Santa

Fun Run held on December 16th. Our team of 16 members were a part of a total of almost 750 runners/walkers/strollers taking part. Our members were able to raise over £1100 for Rutland Sailability funds.

DONATIONS AND SPONSORSHIP

We are fortunate to receive too many individual donations to list here in full and some from donors who wish to remain anonymous. The following list includes those donations that have been received since the last edition and were received by the time this issue went to press. We express our grateful thanks to all of these:

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Santa Fun Run participants & sponsors (ho ho ho)

A big **Thankyou** to all our *Friends of Rutland Sailability* for their generous contributions and support.

In addition many club members have raised funds and given generous donations to the club. There are too many to acknowledge here individually, but we are grateful for each and every one. Thank you to them all.

KEEP UP TO DATE WITH EVENTS AT RUTLAND SAILABILITY

Take a look at our web site: www.rutland-sailability.org

The site is being continually updated with reports and photographs of events and notices of future events. There is also a wealth of information about the club, how we operate and contact information.

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