



Pirate News May 2017

Trolley Park

As a result of the encouraging turnout by a dedicated group of hardy Pirates we have now completed the installation of a trolley park behind our platform at the lake.



Whilst it took a bit longer than anticipated to complete and absorbed more material than planned we are delighted with the outcome. Thanks are due to the following members who participated in the activity, David Rodger, Alex Byng, Eddie Crawford, Ian Richardson, Tim Garrod, Tim Lawrance, Chris Green, John Cox, Raleigh Mander, Simon Blackburn and Richard Davies who all played a significant role. Particular thanks must go to Roger Fox who put his considerable building experience to sterling use leading the construction efforts at the lakeside.



The trolley park has since been signed off by the appropriate park authorities who are extremely pleased by both the standard of work carried out and the appearance of the finished article.

The concept is to use the area to park trolleys and boats off the path and out of the road of the general public. It should only be used for seating if not needed for the above.

End of the Football Season

The football season has now officially ended and as such the car parking problems on Saturdays and Sundays will significantly ease. The new season will reopen in mid September, so make the most of the peace and quite Pirates.

Waterside Café Opening

The new café is now open for business (10am to 4pm Mon. thru' Fri. and 9am to 5pm on Sat. & Sun.).

The club took part in the opening ceremony on May Day at the invitation of DCC and the APF. Thanks are due to the significant number of Pirates participated in the event.



The entire café takings for the day (£400) were donated by the café management to the APF group.

It is currently operating on a reduced menu but expects to be fully operational by the end of June. Whilst prices are slightly higher than the previous owners charged they are competitive with similar local establishments. The also intend introducing a customer loyalty scheme in the near future, we'll make details available once we have them.

AGM Postal Voting

The Committee have been looking at ways of increasing general membership involvement in the running of the club.

At the last AGM we created the role of General Secretary in part to give members a focal point to which they could raise issues for consideration by the committee. This has been successful with a number of members coming forward with ideas, most of which have been positively acted on.

We have now considered the problem of the falling numbers of members attending the AGM and have concluded that we should introduce a postal voting system to at least allow all members to easily vote on the major issues facing the club even if they can't actually attend the meeting. This will operate on similar lines to those used by publicly listed companies at shareholder meetings.

We are working on the exact details of how to implement such a system and will have it in place prior to the 2017 AGM. We will advise you in the next couple of months on how it will work.

2017 Annual Regatta

The 2017 Annual Regatta will take place on Sunday 25th of June commencing at 10am and running thru' till 4pm. We will use the same location as last year.

We are no longer prepared to hire equipment (tables and gazebos) due to the extortionate costs involved. The club has procured a few tables and has access to a couple of gazebos, but could do with more for the event.

Any members who own folding picnic tables or pop up gazebos are requested to advise the General Secretary if they are prepared to lend them to the club for the day (we can arrange pick up and return). Likewise we would be delighted if anyone wished to donate such equipment to the club.

We have a number of bits and pieces that have been given to us thru' the year that we'll be selling off at the regatta.

Club 500 Proposal

At the 2016 AGM a working group was set up to come back to the committee with a firm proposal on the setting up and running of a Club 500 racing section. As we understand it this group has failed to meet and as such the committee have decided to close the proposal.