

NEWSLETTER - April 2008

April

Forthcoming Events

- 20th Sunday Band performance - Teignmouth
- 26th Saturday Working weekend - Boat Shed footpath repair and general tidy of the unit. If you can spare a few hours please come along and lend a hand. Your help will be very much appreciated.
- 27th Sunday
- 28th Monday Health & Safety Inspection

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- 2nd Friday Band members travel to Gosport - Portsmouth to join the Massed Sea Cadet Band.
- 3rd Saturday Sea Cadet Massed Band travels to Twickenham for performance before the Army vs Navy match.
- 12th Monday AGM Parents & Friends Association - 7.30pm Wardroom.

Please See Reverse

31st Saturday

Race Night

This year's event will be held at the Liberal Club, Gladstone Road Chippenham. Commencing 7.00pm

Eight Races plus a Ploughman's supper included in the ticket price should make for a great evenings entertainment.

Full Details will appear in next month's Newsletter

Please keep this date free on you calendar!

News in Brief

Congratulations to Commanding Officer Barry Archer and Chief Petty Officer Martin Sausins for completing the 125 mile Devizes to Westminster canoe race in a time of 27 hours, 27 minutes. This was a tremendous achievement considering the weather conditions over the Easter weekend. Many of the competitors withdrew during the race suffering from hypothermia. Currently they have raised over **One Thousand Pounds** for the boating facilities at the unit.

The Skittles evening raised **Eighty Five Pounds** for the unit. Thanks to Taylor & Isobel, every body that supported this event enjoyed a great evening.

Dear Parent / Guardian,

I write in the hope that I will be able to persuade you to come along to the Parents & Friends Association Committee Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm on the 12th May with a view to joining the committee.

Each Sea Cadet unit is responsible for raising the money to cover the running costs of its own facilities (heating, lighting, electricity, insurance etc). This all adds up to about £12,000 per unit per year, i.e. £1,000 every month.

At Chippenham, the unit's buildings are now at an age where they require continual maintenance in order to provide a safe and suitable environment for the Cadets. The money to cover this upkeep is the responsibility of the unit to find.

The subscriptions you pay for your child only cover a small part of the unit's expenditure. The short fall has to be raised through other means. That is why every month in this Newsletter we are appealing for your support.

The Friends & Parents Association of Chippenham Sea Cadets hold monthly fund raising events. These range from quiz, bingo and skittles evenings to sponsored events such as the Race Night.

We are currently in a situation where we are struggling to find enough committee members to operate under the rules of the Sea Cadet Corps. Without the committee the fund raising will cease and the future of the unit will be in jeopardy.

We desperately need new members to join the committee. I am not asking for a huge commitment, we hold one meeting per month on a Monday parade night which is concluded before the Cadets finish. The events we organise are spread out over the year and any help you would be able to offer would be much appreciated.

This is your chance to make a difference and ensure the opportunities and activities at the Chippenham Sea Cadet Unit remain available to your child.

I look forward to meeting you at the AGM which will take place in the Wardroom.

Yours faithfully,

Mark Hemmings
Secretary PFA