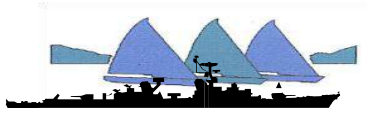


# SOLENT R.C.M.Y.C Scale Section



Founded Jan 1978

## NEWSLETTER

Spring 2025

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**Welcome everyone to the Spring Newsletter.**

### **Captains Chat**

Captains Report - Spring 2025

The last few months have been quiet at the Pond in the main due to the cold, wet and windy weather keeping all but the hardiest of souls in doors.

Hopefully, we will have a nice warm early Spring which will bring more Members down to the water?

You will have heard through Lorna's various emails that we now have our new Annual Permit from Forest England, there were no changes to consider.

We also have our new Annual Insurance Policy in place, so we are all set for the year.

Membership levels have remained steady and strong so we look forward to good attendance levels at the various events, we will be proposing this year's Events Schedule at the AGM.

Forest England have recently repaired the access road to the Pond (it had become almost impossible to use safely). We will monitor its condition as it will inevitably deteriorate and request repairs as and when appropriate.

I look forward to seeing you all down at the Pond soon, if not hopefully at the AGM?

Best Wishes, Happy Sailing.

Charles  
Class Captain, Scale Section.

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### **Dates for your Diary 2025**

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April – AGM, Milford on Sea, Church Hall, Greenbanks Close, Milford on Sea, Church Hill, SO41 0SQ. 7 pm till 8.45pm

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April – Good Friday

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April – Easter Monday

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May- Early Bank Holiday

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Navy Day starts 9.30 am at Setley Pond

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Spring Bank Holiday

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Sailing Day starts at 9.30 am at Setley Pond

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> August – Late Summer Bank Holiday

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August – Exhibition-Milford Community Hall – 9am till 10am set up, open to public 10am till 3pm. Clear up 3pm till 4pm.

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September – Commercial Vessel Day starts 9.30 am at Setley Pond

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Lunch – The Cliff House, Barton on Sea – 12.30pm for 1pm

These dates will be discussed at the AGM, all dates are only provisional except the AGM.

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### **Membership 2025/26**

Subs are due from 1<sup>st</sup> April and have not been revised as per last year's AGM.

Sole	£12.00
Joint	£17.00
Family	£22.00
Junior	£ 5.00

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## **Newsletter and Website**

The club are still going to produce Newsletters, hopefully 3 times a year.

If you would like an article or information included in the Newsletter, please advise Lorna and if you would like articles, information, photo's etc included on the website please contact Peter Taylor who will be happy to assist you.

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## **Clothing**

The club have the following items for sale in all sizes.

Fleeces, Sweatshirts, Polo Shirts, Pilot Shirts, Caps (all one size)

Prices are on the website. if you would like any item of clothing, please contact Lorna.

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## **Badges**



Available now. Club enamel badges, badge diameter 25mm price is only £2.00each, they will be sold at the pond or can be posted, please contact Lorna if you would like one.

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## **Keyrings**

Keyrings were made by a past member.

the club are selling them for £2.00 each, if anyone would like one, please contact Lorna.



### **Boats for sale or free**

On the Adverts page the club have some boats for sale, also a couple of items that are wanted by members, have a look and if interested contact current owner or Lorna.

Or if any member would like to sell their boats, please contact Peter Taylor or Lorna to arrange items to be put on website.

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### **Badges**

Please always wear your badge at the pond, it helps the committee and other members, as in recent years new members have joined.

If you have lost yours or need a replacement badge, please contact Lorna.

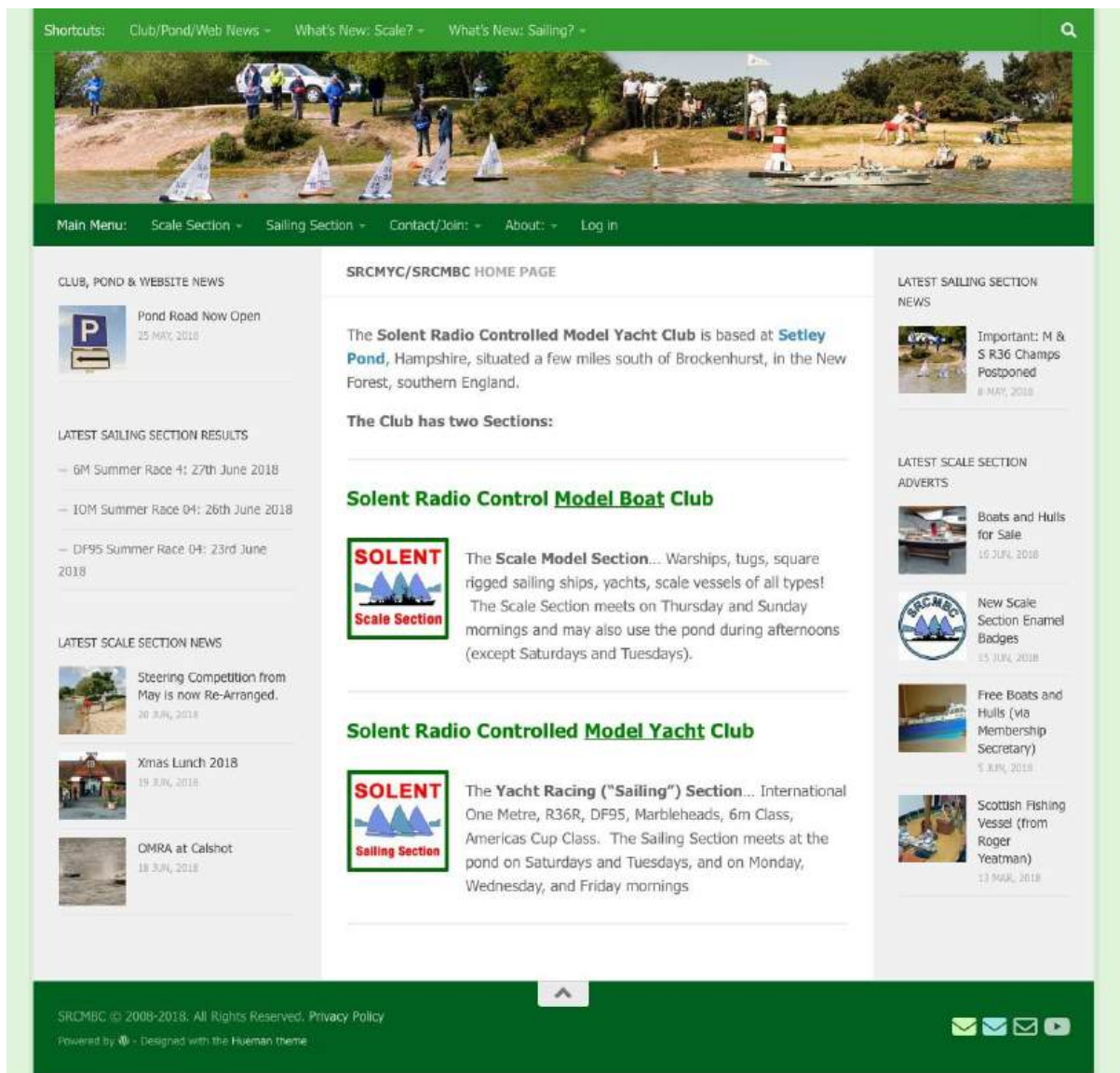
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### **Forestry England**

Please remember the rules of the pond, we are only permitted a maximum of twelve boats being sailed on the water at any one time, unfortunately on busy club days this may mean that members may from time to time have to take a voluntary break to allow others to sail to enable compliance.

Sailing times are 7am to 7 pm.

Members also need to comply with Forestry England Rules and regulations at all times.



The above is how the Website looks on the home page, if anyone would like to put any articles, photos, information for everyone to read and enjoy, please contact Peter or Lorna.

## Members Information

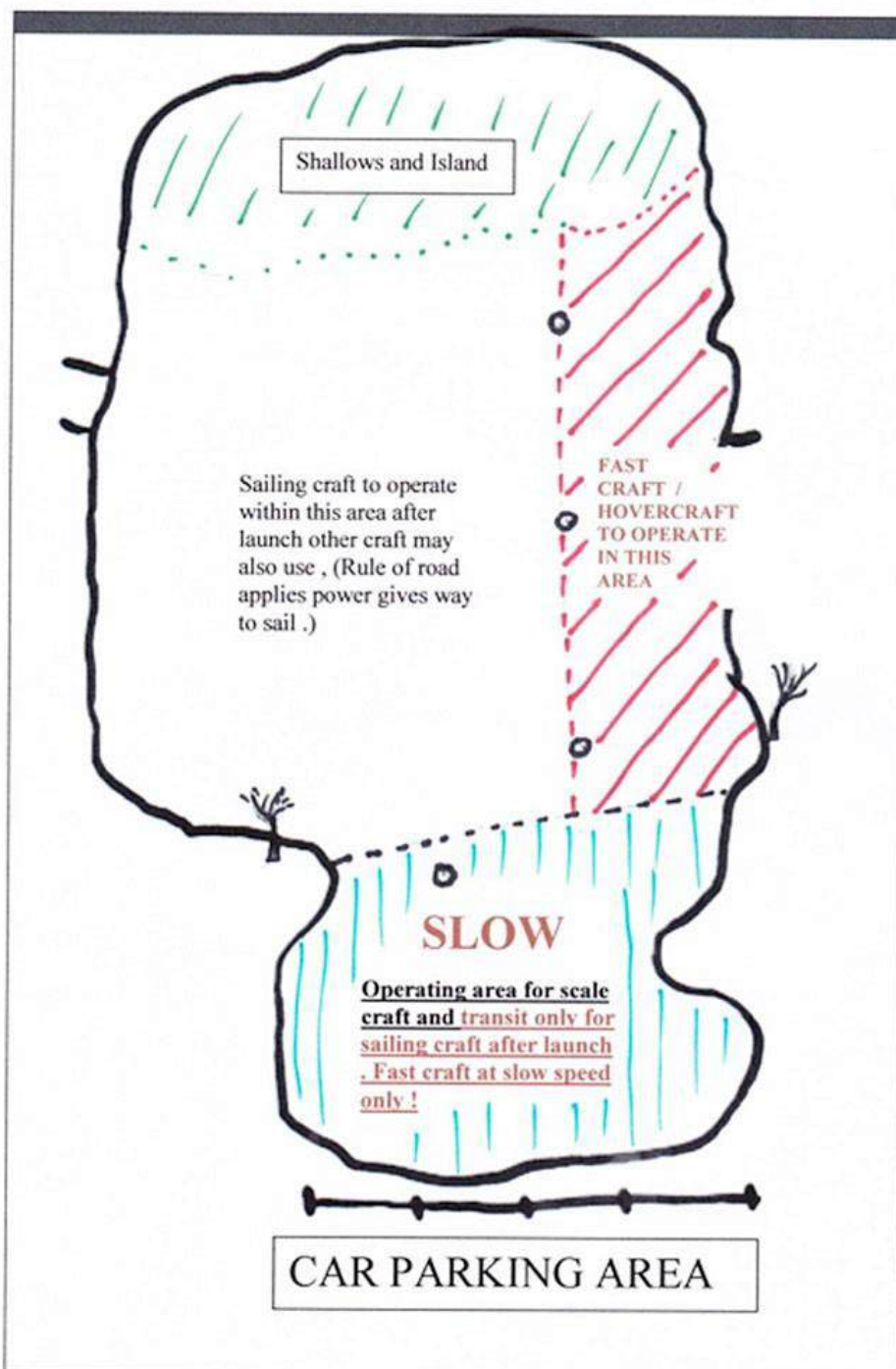
Please visit the Website regularly as this is the place for important information, Exhibitions, what's going on, new information, Boats for sale.

Please read your emails it might be important and sometimes saves a phone call.

If any member has recently changed address or any other information, please advise Lorna.

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## SETLEY POND OPERATING AREAS ON CLUB DAYS



Note re **FAST CRAFT AND HOVERCRAFT OPERATIONS** :- These may be operated at high speed only within the designated area, operators should be able to see and control their craft at all times and take action to avoid collisions. During times when fast craft are not operating others may use this area but be prepared to exit it and remain clear if required.

**SOLENT R.C.M.Y.C**  
**Scale Section**



**NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

**At**

**All Saints Milford, Greenbanks Close, Milford on Sea SO41 0SQ  
(Where we used to have September Exhibition)**

**TIME... 7.00 PM till 8.45pm**

**AGENDA**

- 1. Minutes of last meeting (see website for details and attached)**
- 2. Matters Arising**
- 3. Captains Report**
- 4. Treasurers Report**
- 5. Election of Officers and Committee for 2025/2026**
- 6. Website Update**
- 7. Club Exhibition**
- 8. Club events for 2025**
- 9. Xmas Lunch**
- 10. AOB**

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NOMINATION FOR AN OFFICER OR COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR 2025/2026 TO  
BE ELECTED AT THE AGM TO BE HELD SPRING 2025.

I would like to nominate ..... for the

position of ..... and he/she agrees to  
serve.

Signature of  
Nominee.....

Proposed.....

Seconded.....

If anyone would like to complete this form, please do so now and return it to Lorna,  
also if anyone would like to discuss the positions and what it would entail, please  
contact Lorna.

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## **Minutes of the SRCMBC 2024 Annual General Meeting**

The 2024 AGM was held at 7pm on 10<sup>th</sup> April at the Milford on Sea, Church Hall.

The attendance was 16 members and committee members. Apologies were received from Colin Vear, Jenny Davis, Ken Cookes, John Lockyer, Neville Bramley, Colin Markham, John Andrews, Simon Jeffs, James McAusland, Brian Rolls, David McNair-Taylor.

### **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the last AGM were read and approved. These were sent out with last newsletter by email and post and was available at the AGM.

Proposed by Graham Coombs

Seconded by Keith Young

### **MATTERS ARISING**

Website – all contributions greatly received – mentioned again in section 6.

Mentioned to members if they still wanted 3 Newsletters a year, the response was yes.

Captain mentioned about Club items in David's garage which is discussed in AOB.

Proposed by Nigel James

Seconded by Mike Beard

### **CAPTAIN'S REPORT**

Good evening, everyone and thank you for taking the time to come along to the AGM.

I can hardly believe that another year has passed. When I took over from David M-T last year I said that we would do our best to return the Club to its former vibrant state post COVID. We said that we would re-establish the key events and even planned a new one.

I am delighted to report that we believe we have been successful in doing what we promised, we held our traditional Navy Day, we held a new Sailing event and a Commercial vessel day.

On all three occasions we were blessed with good weather and excellent attendance.

We were also able to re-instate the Club Exhibition which was a great success and raised a significant amount for our chosen charities.

Towards the end of the year, we also re-instated the Christmas Lunch,

which again was well attended and enjoyed by all that were able to attend.

All of the above are the more visible aspects of the Club however there has been a lot going on in the background. We have successfully moved our bank account, we have re-vamped the website, re-written the joining welcome letter, re-written our HS&E Policy / Risk Assessments, renewed our insurance in line with the Sailing Group and of course the FE Permit. I would at this point like to thank the key players who have made all of this possible. Peter Taylor for the website, Graham Coombs for the HS&E / RA work. I would also like to personally thank Lorna for her continued hard work and support in her crucial role as Secretary and Treasurer without whom I would have sunk without trace!

Finally, my thanks to the rest of the Committee who have stepped in to support us through the year.

Of course, the Club would not be what it is without the Members who have supported all the events, we have tried to provide a framework enabling you to enjoy your hobby, we hope that as the membership grows so will the enthusiasm.

Thank you, Charles, Class Captain

Proposed by Keith Young

Seconded by Mike Pusey

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer gave the Financial Report showing items of Income received as per balance sheet, and the details of Expenditure also as per balance sheet.

Subscriptions were increased by £2.00 for Sole, Joint, Family, Junior were kept the same.

Subs are now due and out of 123 members 58 have re-joined to date.

Items explained by the Treasurer from the balance sheet are as follows -

#### **Income**

Subs £998.00

New Members £155.00

Clothing £277.49

Calendars £322.90

Website payment from Sailing £74.83 (£41.17 2023 - £33.66 2024)

Milford Exhibition Bucket £92.00

Milford Exhibition Raffle and Tombola £126.00

Xmas Lunch £1,465.00

Xmas Lunch Raffle £140.00

## **Expenditure**

Website £112.79  
AGM Hall £36.00 (2023)  
Pond Rent £157.50 (2023 - £163.50 2024) increase of £6.00.  
Public Liability Insurance obtained by Sail section decrease of £22.64.  
Membership Cards £49.50  
Clothing £410.20  
Postage, Newsletters, Subs, New Members etc £166.30  
Calendars £286.56  
Badges £15.99  
Milford Hall Hire Exhibition £129.00  
Charity Oakhaven Exhibition £218.00  
Milford Hall Exhibition Posters £10.00  
Bank charges HSBC final £5.00.  
Dennis New Donation £30.00  
Ray Hellicar Donation £30.00  
David & Shirley Hardy Donation £30.00  
David Purchase Donation £30.00  
Xmas Cliff House £1,260.00  
Xmas lunch refunds £205.00  
Xmas Lunch Raffle Scarf £70.00  
Xmas Lunch Raffle New Forest Disability £70.00

Members were advised that the Club last year had 14 new members and so far, this year 5 new members.

Proposed by Brian Rapley

Seconded by Paul Nixon

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE FOR 2024/2025**

No nominations were received from members. The committee (as follows) have said they would still run if re-elected.

Charles Chambers	Captain
Andy Davis	Committee Member, Boiler testing
Lorna Soffe	Membership, Treasurer
Kevan Wallace	Committee Member
Peter Taylor	Webmaster

All the above were re-elected by all members.

Proposed by James Forrester

Seconded by Nigel James

## **WEBSITE UPDATE**

The Club would like to remind members that if you have photos of your models, you can send them to Peter Taylor to be put on the website, or you can do it yourself. Photos of models on the pond are best by camera or mobile phone. Information about the model is also interesting – was it built from scratch or a kit, size of the model, any remarks about it. Also, information about the original boat could be included. It's your website, why not make us of it. You never know what a website item may lead to. We do get enquiries from other modellers, sometimes from abroad, The website has been re-vamped, which has made it hopefully easier for members to read and found things, any information about how you have built the boats at various stages, anything you feel other members would be interested in, have members been in the model boat magazines, the club can put that on the website. Please use it, the club does pay for it and Peter does such a good job keeping it up to date.

Proposed by Graham Coombes

Seconded by Mike Pusey

## **ARRANGEMENTS FOR CLUB EXHIBITION AT MILFORD ON SEA**

The club asked members at the AGM and also after last year's exhibition if they would like another this year and the general opinion was yes. So, the club will book the same venue as last year and will be in September, date to be confirmed, at Milford on Sea, Community Hall (now called the Bridge), Sea Road, Milford. From 9am till 4pm, doors to the public will open at 10am.

The car park at the side is still short and long stay, there is a front and back entrance to take the boats through, the back door will be open as it was last year for easier access.

The Hall again will put the tables up and take down, the club will look at the table layout.

The Club will be charged £30.00 per hour and free use of tables and chairs, the café will be open to all members and the public.

A charity will be chosen nearer the time.

The club would ask all members to help where they can (tablecloths, banners etc) and putting up posters, the help from members last year was excellent.

Members also mentioned about advertising the show, the club informed them that posters were put up in local yacht clubs, camp sites, shop windows, the Community Hall also put poster in their window, on their website and Facebook, members were asked to put up posters where they can, to publicise the show.

Proposed by Brian Rapley

Seconded by James Forrester

## **2024 EVENTS CALENDAR**

AGM 10<sup>th</sup> April – Milford Church Hall 7pm till 9pm

Navy Day – 19<sup>th</sup> May – Setley Pond – 9.30am till 1pm

Sail Day – 23<sup>rd</sup> June - Setley Pond – 9.30am till 1pm

Milford Exhibition – September – Milford Community Hall – 9am till 4pm – open to the public 10am till 3pm. Date to be confirmed.

Commercial Day – 23<sup>rd</sup> September - Setley Pond – 9.30a till 1pm

Christmas Lunch – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

## **CLUB EVENTS 2024**

The Club have three events on at Setley pond.

Navy Day 19<sup>th</sup> May, please bring your own tables if you wish to display your boats between 9.30am till 1pm

Sail Day 23<sup>rd</sup> June, own tables if you wish to display boats between 9.30am till 1pm

Commercial Day 23<sup>rd</sup> September, own tables again if you wish to display boats between 9.30am till 1pm.

All events are reliant on the weather and can go on longer if members wish.

It's a get together for all members to show off their boats and sail them, last year was well attended, hopefully this year will be the same.

Proposed by Mike Beard

Seconded by Peter Radcliffe

## **CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

The Club have provisionally booked the The Cliff House, at Barton on Sea again, for the annual Christmas lunch, on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>

December. At this time the club are not able to say what the menu will be or the price, members will be informed when available.

Proposed by Nigel James

Seconded by James Forrester

## **AOB**

### **Club Calendars**

Members were asked if they would like calendars again for next year and members agreed. So, Wall and CD calendars will be done and ordered again before July in order to get 10% off, they will be on sale August onwards and sold at the Exhibition and the pond. If any member would like their boat on the calendar, please inform Lorna, an email will also be sent.

### **Clothing**

Members were reminded that the club still have clothing in stock, any member who would like to purchase items please contact Lorna, will also be sold at Exhibition or at Pond (pond if ordered before hand)

### **Badges**

Please could all embers wear your badge at the pond, it can be very difficult sometimes to know if you are a member, it saves the committee asking, especially as the club now has some new members.

### **Club Enamel Badges**

The Club have an enamel badge priced at £2.00 each, picture on website.

### **Keyrings**

For sale at £2.00 with picture of yacht and tugboat on, made by past member.

### **Newsletters**

The Club will still produce a Newsletter three times a year (February, July, November) to advise members of any events coming or any general information the club feels members need to know. Some members are not on the internet, so it keeps them up with the news, if you would like a copy sent in the post, instead of by email please let Lorna know. If anyone would like an article put in the newsletter, eg building boats info etc anything you feel would be of interest to other members please let Lorna know.

### **David's Garage**

David still has items belonging to the club eg steering comp items etc and tables, members were asked at last year's AGM, but nothing came from it. This year three members came forward for 4 tables and a non-

member will take the remaining, anything else that is not wanted or unable to be used with go to the tip.

### **Text Messaging**

The Club asked members if they felt the text messaging informing them of bad weather, pond road closures etc were good, everyone agreed it was still a good idea.

If anyone is not registered for the text and you would like to be please contact Charles or Lorna.

### **AGM**

Members were asked if they preferred the AGM to be of an evening or during the day. Members voted for evening time was best.

### **Potholes**

Members mentioned about the craters in the road leading to the pond and was it done regularly. The Club informed them that when a complaint was put into Forestry England they were usually done, weather permitting. Bollards were put at edge of pond to warn anyone, of danger of height of water, in the end they were under water.

Please could all members be careful and mindful of health and safety when putting and sailing boats in the water.

Proposed by Brian Rapley

Seconded by Paul Nixon

No further business was put forward, the Captain and Committee thanked everyone for coming and the meeting was finished at 8.20 pm.

See everyone at the pond.