

Rain, Rain, Rain!!!

It didn't just rain, it deluged! It rained from 6pm until 11pm, absolutely torrential just before the evening guests started arriving, to the extent that there was a 4 foot wide river of water across the front door, and in danger of coming in, until Clive scabbled around on his knees in the rain and cleared a drain. As for the BBQ chefs ... like drowned rats!!

Did it dampen the proceedings? Was it a wet rag event? Not one bit!

The final crew list for the Golden Jubilee Summer BBQ at Papercourt Sailing Club was a record 74 people, including 9 past members who returned to catch up with old friends and relive some club memories. The Ukelele Duo serenaded members as they arrived to a glass of fruit fizz, playing well-known songs from the 70's 80's and 90's. The noise levels rose even higher as friends greeted each other with handshakes and laughter.



After a Welcome from Commodore Andrew, a roll-call of hands was called to identify past members, Commodores, and Presidents, and Flag Officers, in the room. It got a bit rowdy with even past Treasurers demanding to be recognised

Then it was a call that the food was ready, and everybody filled their plates with their choice of three BBQ meats, or a vegetarian option, and a choice from seven delicious salads. Even with full mouths the noise level of chatter was amazing!





The nearby tables raided a mouth-watering selection of about seven desserts even before it was more generally announced – the sweets obviously looked too good to wait too long!



After formal “Thank You”s from the Commodore, there was a brief announcement about the forth-coming Sailing weekend in August at Lymington – register now! And keep an eye open for a future notice about an early December Winter Ball event. Past Members will be invited too. And then the band played for another 45 minutes as people said their good-byes and wandered off home.



So that was our first major event of this Golden Jubilee Year - a huge success! It was delightful to see everybody, members both past and present, celebrating the club, and friendships, and stories were plentiful. Together we created the club, and have managed to keep it going for 50 years. Well done!

It was still raining when we went home, but it didn't matter one drop, it had been a great night!!

Thanks, Thanks, Thanks!

A huge thanks to the Jubilee Working Party for their organisation, to the bar-people who worked so hard, to the salad-makers and meat chefs, to the lovely ladies who made the tables look so pretty, to the bunting girls, to the washer-uppers, to the kitchen crew, to the table-shifters, to the chair-movers, the Ukelele Duo for their music, and of course, everybody who turned up to attend and enjoy the evening!