



HORIZONS' Children's Sailing Charity ~ Plymouth, Devon



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100 NUMBERS

This month our numbers were drawn by one of our neighbours in Richmond Walk, Ed Varcoe and witnessed by Alex Murphy of Euro Spars.

The Winning numbers are:

- 70 - £25
- 84 - £15
- 73 - £10



BURNS SUPPER

A celebration with old friends and new.

The 2010 Horizons 'Burns Supper' was well attended with many long-time supporters and past members as well as new volunteers from far and wide. The evening started with the piping in of "The Chieftain of the pudding race" by John Baxter and it being dispatched at the hand of Ian Hamilton, both ably supported by their wives Elizabeth and Jean.



The delicious feast was cooked and served by Sonia Weeks and her team whilst Colin Cotton played appropriate background music during the meal.

Then there was a short interlude for the Chairman Rod O'Connor to thank all present and a lightning raffle before everyone could get on with the dancing to music and call by the most patient man in both counties Gill Jefferies.

Thank you to all who attended and helped us again to have a great time and make a little for the charity.

We must not forget to thank the many volunteers and supporters for donating prizes to the raffle.

Thanks also to: Langage Farm for the Yummy Clotted Cream and Ice Cream – lots of takers for this one; Brittany Ferries - who gave us a whopping £100 voucher valid for 2 years as part or full payment on any crossing or holiday and the Royal Plymouth Corinthian Yacht Club for donating the sailing clothing.

MIRROR 101

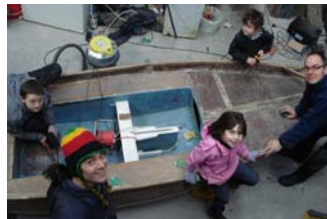
For those that do not know some time ago Mr Ken Holdstock donated to Horizons a Mirror dinghy numbered 101. This was home built in 1963 from a kit and was one of the first Mirrors to be built and also one of the first production sailing dinghy kits making the sport of sailing available and affordable.

There are now over 70000 mirrors in existence and boat number one built in 1962 is currently in the National Maritime Museum in Falmouth. These boats can be seen all over the work with their famous red sails; however our boat has its original sails that were blue and white.

Over the half term break some of our younger sailors with support from parents and 'Molly the dog' spent a lot of time with heat guns and scrapers getting all of the old paint and varnish off of the boat ready for small repairs and re-painting. The intention is to race the boat in couple of classic races later in the year.



Above - Day 1: Sam, Harry & Chloe making a start - Michael on camera.



Left - Day 2 Top deck finished with Michael, JJ, Isabel, Tim and Sebastian sanding the decks smooth. (Photograph via the Sam-Cam)

Right - Day 3 and JJ and Molly taking a break from sanding inside the hull!



Left - Day 4, Jon getting to grips with the repairing and fibreglass taping

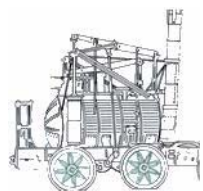
More photographs next month after all the fibreglass repairing is completed. If anyone has some time in the next week or so and would like to do some painting we know of

a little boat that needs some Primer, Undercoat, Top coat applied to it..... No CV is required, application by all means of communications to Jon.

NEW LASER PICO

This month Jon collected our new Laser Pico kindly bought for us by the Hedley Foundation. The young sailors that came to help with the Mirror dinghy were the first to set eyes on the new style Pico with aluminium rudder and daggerboard and a very fetching black racing sail. There was little wind so there were no excuses for a quick rigging session to check out all the equipment.

We asked Mr J Rodwell the Chairman of the Hedley Foundation if they could come up with a suitable name.



William Hedley after whom the foundation is named invented the first steam engine in 1813 and as wind and transporting was common with both sailing and this engine they would like the boat to be called "Puffing Billy"



So the Pico with black sails is now named Puffing Billy. We will be having a launch and naming ceremony at the start of the season in April.

Right – " James – what happens next Michael?"



DRAKE ROTARY TALK

On the 4th of Feb Bab's and I were luck enough to be invited to the RWYC to give a talk to Drake Rotary. We were made most welcome by their President Alf Gurney and our talk after supper must have been passable as no body dozed off and the few questions were spot on. It was great to be able to tell people about our charity, so if you know of any organisation who would like us to visit please contact me. (Jon)



PORT OF PLYMOUTH REGATTA

The Port of Plymouth Regatta starting on the 24th of July was recently announced in the Evening Herald.

The regatta this year will be supporting Horizons, we are doubly honoured as we are the first charity they have ever supported.

The regatta will run through to the 1st August and includes all classes of racing including a rookie dinghy racing series that we are hoping some of our young people will be able to attend.

Check their website for the full programme of events - www.plymouthregatta.co.uk



GOLFERS TEE OFF FOR HORIZONS AND HELP FOR HEROES

The Plymouth Area Surveyors & Estate Agents Association hold a charity golf day and ball each year and their latest one benefited both Horizons and Help the Heroes charities. Barclays Bank also supported this event by match funding the charity money raised. Both Jon and Craig went to a presentation at the Herald Building to be presented with the two cheques.



A big thank you goes to all the Associations members that supported these charity functions that enabled us to receive £500 from the association and £750 from Barclays Bank.

Above (L- R) Mark Christie Chairman of The Plymouth Area Surveyors & Estate Agents Association, Jon, Paul Green Barclays Bank, Lisa De-Lar from Help for Heroes.

MONEY FOR MAKING A SPLASH.

Craig and Molly went and collected a bucket full of money from Katie Fry the organiser of the Pre-Christmas swim in aid of Horizons.

The swimmers and supporters raised a whopping £571.48.



Big thanks to all that got cold on the day, the swimmers and their many supporters watching on.

Left – Craig and 'Molly' with Katie

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