



Our thanks to the 'team':

As well as Simon and Graham, this consisted of Alun Pari Huws, Mike Thompson, Steve Bray, Richard Walton, Paul Beales, Ken Bramhall, Alan Thomas, Jack Longman, Deborah Finn and Gerallt Jones.

Graham Booth and Laura Downs have produced a sailing plan for 2023, which for this year is aimed at not just weekend sailings, but also evenings and optimum times during the week. We hope that this will enable as many members as possible to take advantage of the opportunities offered.

We are planning that CHA will be back in the water early on April 22<sup>nd</sup> and we'd like to thank Dafydd Owen (Peibron) for his continued support for the Boat Club.

Looking at the past year, the notice boards on the pier and the beach café have been a good way of communicating with both tourists and the local community. Our other communications are via the brilliant website and Facebook page. The website has been redesigned by Janet Cross and Graham Booth so that it will be easier to book sailings, access information and pay subscriptions in future. Despite a few teething problems, this is proving to be popular.

We are hugely indebted to Cronfa Padrig for their support and the generous provision of a grant of £8,646 to help the Boat Club become established at The Firs. Steve Bray was integral in helping to achieve this. All the equipment that has been purchased has allowed us to achieve so much this year.

Looking back over the past year some occasions need to be mentioned:

- The social event with Dilwyn Morgan was a resounding success, the Gadlys function room was filled to capacity and a great night was had by all. Subsequently, Dilwyn was interviewed on Radio Cymru and told all his listeners that he'd had a great time and wanted to return.
- Open Day was well attended and provided the opportunity for the wider Cemaes community to come along and visit The Firs and see the Charles Henry Ashley in her winter home.
- The Beach Party in August was another great success – and the pirate theme is perennially popular – now that everyone has a pirate costume no other theme will do!! We kept this going for the Cemaes Carnival and Simon Drakley's scale model of the CHA won best in class.
- The Cemaes Boat Club took part in the Green Space Dark Skies event at Amlwch Port and this was broadcast by the BBC on Countryfile and netted us £600 for Boat Club funds.
- The Christmas Dinner was a great event attended by a capacity crowd of 54! The Raffle is always a successful fundraiser.

The Boat Club is strongly aware of its links with the community and we are very grateful for the continued support that we receive from Llanbadrig Community Council. A recent initiative by Carys Davies has brought different groups together to help plan village events more effectively.

'Carys Vigour' was presented with a service medal from the RNLI in recognition of all the support that she has given them over the years - and as a gesture of our own thanks, Cemaes Boat Club was able to give her a framed photograph of this occasion.

Steve Bray presented a wreath from the Boat Club on Remembrance Day and there was a good attendance at the Cemaes War Memorial.

Cemaes Boat Club has also supported MonSar by donating free sailing places for a raffle to assist them in raising funds.

Looking forward to the RNLI bicentennial in 2024, we are liaising with them and hoping to engage in joint activities.

The future looks bright. We had a total membership of 63 last year plus a number of 'one day' sails and are aiming to build on this over 2023. It only remains for me to thank you all once again for coming and I hope we have a fabulous summer. See you on the water!

#### **4. Agreement of the Constitution**

Richard explained the proposed changes to the current constitution which were about the Membership and methods of payment to reflect the changes to the website. After some discussion about the payment methods and the delay in recognising members BACs payments, the Constitution was formally agreed.

It was suggested that some further discussion could take place at the next meeting to explore whether Direct Debits could be introduced.

#### **5. Treasurer's AGM Report**

Simon was unable to attend the AGM, but had sent a report to the meeting.

After recent payments for the website upgrade and the purchase of new lifejackets, the balance of the account on 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2023 was £5,705.74.

Future commitments will be the cost of launching and insurance of the boat (due 26/5/23).

Membership fees are now incoming and we are waiting the results of some recent grant applications. A huge saving has been made on the cost of winter storage now that the CHA is housed at The Firs.

#### **6. Boatswain's Report**

Norman gave a brief report on the condition of the boat and the huge amount of work that had been done by the maintenance team. The quality of the work was very professional.

A further work party will be at The Firs on Tuesday afternoon 18<sup>th</sup> April to ensure that the final tasks are completed before launch on Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> May.

As Norman was now stepping down from his role as Boatswain, he passed back his 'Bosun's Whistle' to be presented to his substitute.

Richard thanked Norman for everything that he'd done.

#### **7. Secretary's Report**

Marilyn reported that over the past 10 years she had really enjoyed working as Secretary for Cemaes Boat Club, but was hoping to step down from her role at least by the end of this season. This will require someone to step forward and take on the role of writing up the minutes from each meeting.

She reported that she is pursuing a few grants that might be available and that this is something she would do in the future on behalf of the Boat Club.

## **8. Membership Secretary's Report**

Sian reported that last year's membership had been very positive and that since April 1<sup>st</sup> 2022, the membership was 47 full members and 16 friends, with an additional number of one day sails.

So far this year, there are 23 full members and 10 friends, with more 'pending' due to bank payments. There have been a few 'glitches' with family emails that can be resolved by talking to Janet Cross.

## **9. Appointment of Officers**

The following Officers were appointed to manage the business of Cemaes Boat Club according to the agreed constitution for the next year 2023-2024.

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| Chairman             | Richard Downs (with notice to stand down in 2024) |
| Vice Chairman        | Steve Bray  |
| Treasurer            | Simon Drakley                                     |
| Boatswain            | Graham Booth                                      |
| Minutes Secretary    | Marilyn Downs / Alan Thomas                       |
| Membership Secretary | Sian Jones  |
| Deputy Boatswains    | Jack Longman and Mike Thompson                    |
| Website Manager      | Graham Booth                                      |
| Publicity Officer    | Gillian Thomas                                    |
| Fundraising Officer  | Marilyn Downs                                     |
| Sales Officer        | Gillian Thomas                                    |

## **9. Any Other Notified Business**

Richard asked that someone could attend an event on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 3.00pm at The Harbour organised by Rose Allan for the Cemaes Carnival as this year, Charles Henry Ashley will have a representative Carnival Queen. Richard Walton volunteered to attend.

## **10. AOB**

Mike Thompson suggested that there should be a succession plan to take over the roles of Officers for the future. All agreed and the following members offered to do this:

- Steve Bray – Vice Chairman (moving to Chairman in 2024)
- Richard Walton – Deputy Vice Chairman (moving to Vice Chairman in 2024)
- Alan Thomas – Deputy Minutes Secretary
- Gillian Thomas – Deputy Treasurer

Meeting concluded at 13.05 with sausages rolls, cheese rolls and welshcakes.

**Date of next meeting for Cemaes Boat Club will be Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> May in The Vigour at 7.30pm**

16/4/23 MD

