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## Christmas Newsletter

December 19th, 2018

### Seasonal Greetings!

Wishing you all good sailing in 2019.

Barry

### John Clifton

We've recently heard that John Clifton has been in hospital over the past few weeks. We understand that he is on the mend and has just moved into residential care at [Manton Heights Care Centre](#), Manton Lane, Bedford MK41 7LW (Telephone: 01234 267556). If you wish to visit, you can make prior arrangements by telephone or at the above web address.

### News from Nick!

Nick has kindly provided me with an update on current sailing conditions at Grafham; Ian Dubock and Nick sailed on the 2nd of December, the first day after the slipway had been cleared of mud. There were no problems with launching. they enjoyed excellent boat-on-boat match racing over four races against Mike and Jean (welcome back!) in force 4 plus winds with planing reaches set by race officer Richard Major. Temperatures were more like the middle of summer at 15 C. Brian Appleyard and crew Guy managed the first race but Guy had to get back to Portsmouth. The following weekend we had just three fifteens, Ian and Nick, Les and Susie, plus Mike and Jean. Good sailing again and not even cold. This Sunday was the Christmas Pursuit, followed by the usual lunch. Apparently, the wind was pretty light and the few Fifteens who put in an appearance chose not to launch. Solos (including our own Dave Lucas) took the top five spots in a field of 30 boats.

### Grafham Open Meeting Trophy

The trophy for the winners of the Grafham open meeting was won this year by Graham Vials and Chris Turner. Silverware to commemorate the event was in short supply, because the class trophies have gone AWOL. We did trace the GWSC club trophy and presented this (with some embarrassment, given its condition!) Chris kindly decided to do something about it and has arranged refurbishment of the trophy AND construction of a handsome case. So no excuse for this to go missing in future years!



Many thanks to Chris and Ovington Boats for sparing our blushes.

## **Fleet AGM**

The Fleet AGM is scheduled for January 6th, around 15:30 - or as soon thereafter as we get off the water. This year, we plan to offer free hot drinks and cakes, so it would be helpful if you could let [Trish](#) and [Susie](#) know if you plan to attend.

## **Draft Agenda**

- Apologies
- Minutes of the 2018 meeting
- Treasurer's Report.
- 2019 Fleet Subscriptions
- Scorer's Report.
- Forthcoming FF Events at GWSC.
- Appointment of Fleet Officers
  - Fleet Captain
  - Treasurer

- Scorer
- Fleet Dinner & Trophies
- **General discussion**
  - Training
  - Promoting / re-vitalising the Fleet
  - Fleet trophies in relation to Club series
- **Date and Time of next meeting**

I will circulate the full Minutes of the 2018 AGM and the draft accounts as email attachments (very) early in the New Year.

Best wishes to all

[Barry Wyatt](#)

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