



News from the LDBC

19th December 2016

Commodore's Ramblings

Well Its' no use crying over it .. Andrew has gone, with the echoes of our applause and thanks for all he did to support the LDBC over the last 18 months wafting behind him. Well done Andrew ! (Don't worry he's not gone far).

So we move on into 2016/17. Andy Murray has won Sports Personality of the year, Ore Oduba lifted the Strictly Come Dancing mirror ball trophy and you've got me as the new LDBC Commodore. What a start to the year !

I only hope you know what you're doing !

Many of you will already know that Val our president is poorly at the moment. I visited him at home on Sunday last and was delighted to find him in good spirits and as chirpy as ever. Val has started a course of Chemotherapy and wanted all to know he's OK and looking forwards to the new season. We wish him well.

The club was successfully winterised in November as planned and agreed with our insurers. Plenty of volunteer members answered the call arriving to accomplish the task on the Saturday. The most popular job done on the day was without doubt emptying the freezers, cooking the contents and eating them all. No surprises there then and well done to all !

The Laying up Dinner and prize giving at the Hydro Hotel was brilliant as always, giving us all that well earned excuse to dress up in our finery and make merry with friends as the season came to a close. Thanks to all who were involved in organising the event.

The EGM followed closely on the Sunday and, I am pleased to say, was well attended. One omission I must correct now. I forgot to thank Graham Farrimond on behalf of the members for all the hard work he has put in over the years managing 'House & Jetty' matters. Graham passes those responsibilities to Catherine this year but remaining on the Committee in 2017.

Any nervousness I felt about taking over the Commodore's role was greatly alleviated by the numerous gestures of support coming from all sides both during and after the meeting and in the days that have passed since. I am extremely grateful to all who have offered encouragement and best wishes to us. Thank you.



Now I promised you that we would have a Christmas party despite the club being unavailable and party we did at the Boathouse at Windermere Marina. The food was excellent and a fun festive time was had by all, despite the club magician 'Paddy' trying to remove Andrew Taylor's tonsils with a party popper !

The party was organised by Sailing Secretary Simon Robinson and will no doubt become an annual event. Some phone photos are included here for you lower down.

Mem. Sec. Jane McArdle will be organising some Winter 'Boot Club' walks to keep those waist lines down after turkey fest. I'm sure like myself and Karen, you will all be busy now with friends and family at Christmas and that's how it should be.

New Year's Eve will be on us before we know it with the arrival of 2017 and as you count out the chimes of Big Ben keep this cheery fact in mind ... The Lake District Boat Club opens again only ten weeks later !

From Karen and myself, we wish all the members of Lake District Boat Club a happy festive period and we very much look forward to seeing you enjoying your club with us next year.

John Inskip

Commodore

All in the past now !

The 2016 LDBC Laying up Dinner and Prize Giving.









A few photos from the Annual Dinner
They all scrubbed up well
Every one - a winner !



The Christmas party !



Please note –
These pictures were taken using
mobile phones and it is not the
members who were blurry.
That would never do !





Karen produced a Christmas quiz at the party which, whilst perhaps a bit hard in places, got everyone laughing. A Thornton's Chocolate Snowman was proudly won by the party magician – Paddy!

100 Club Draw

The November draw took place at the Laying up Dinner

1st Prize ticket belonged to Les Lansley for £22.50 which I'm sure he gave to Julie for sitting on that little blue chair all year outside the club!

2nd Prize went to Simon Stobbart for £13.50 (The guy who fell in the lake)

That's all for now folks. Have a good one!

