

Northampton Off-Shore Cruising Association



November 2023 Newsletter

Hello all, we had a very successful and enjoyable laying up dinner in October at the Roade House.

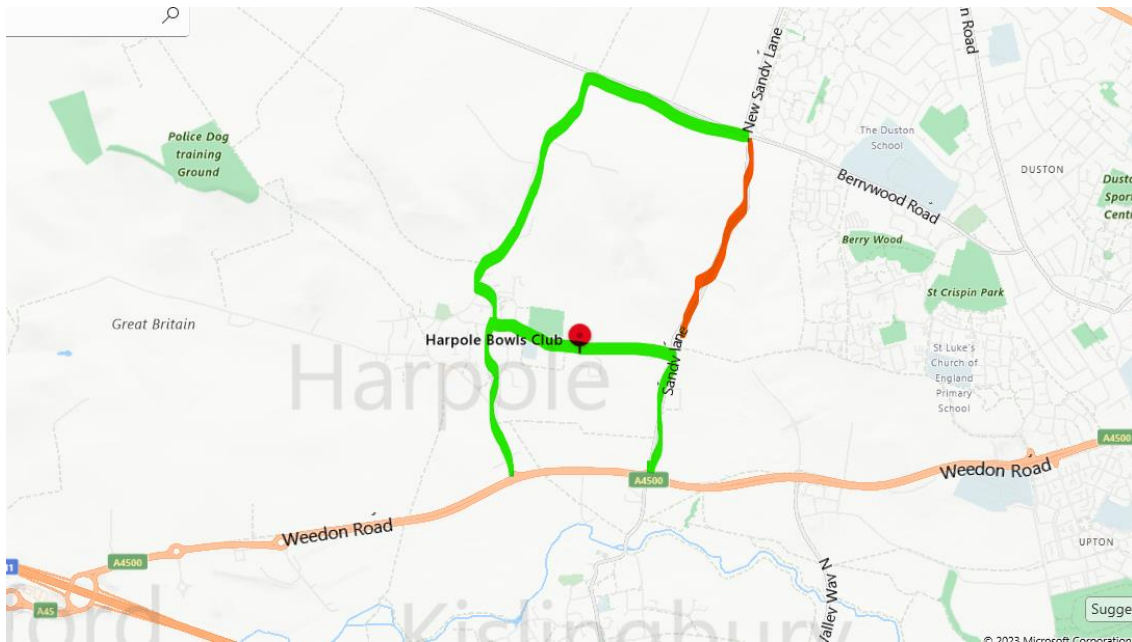
It's just under a week first visit to Harpole Bowls Club for our Autumn - Winter season of club get together: 7:30pm for 8pm, November 7th. Our Guest speaker is Ken Bryan and his talk 'The Quest for North West Passage and the Franklin Expedition'.

129 men lost their lives on this ill-fated attempt to find a route from the Atlantic Ocean to the Pacific Ocean via the Arctic Ocean. Ken's talk traces the history of such attempts from an English point of view and explains why these were necessary. Harpole Bowls Club, Harpole, NN7 4DF.



Note: there are long-term road closures near the Bowls Club, specifically for Sandy Lane reconstruction.

The roads marked in GREEN show accesses from A4500 (serving West, East and South), and alternative access from the North (Roman Road, signposted to Nobottle).



Sailing opportunities with NOSCA 2024

Neil proposes that we charter some Bavaria 36's from Plymouth from 20th to 24th May 2024 (Monday to Friday). There are at least 3 charter companies operating from there. Liberty yachts, for example, have 4 boats suitable for 4 or 5 people. Rough cost £200 to £250 per person, plus food, berthing, fuel, etc.

From Plymouth we have the choice to go west towards Looe, Polperro and Fowey if the weather is fine, or east to River Yealm and Salcombe, or maybe some of each! In other words, plenty of coastline to explore for a few days.

These would be smaller boats than we have chartered in the recent past, so more helm time for everyone, lighter weight winches and

sheets and perhaps easier marina handling for those of a nervous disposition!

FYI, a Solent trip may also be in the offing, but this would be later in the year so no conflict there!

At this stage I am looking for "expressions of interest", not a firm commitment. If enough people are interested then I will firm up more details to make a costed proposal.

Please contact Neil if you are interested



NOSCA October laying up dinner at the Roade House, Roade Northamptonshire.

NOSCA NEEDS YOU

At the 2022 AGM Mary Ireland, our Commodore, stated that she would be standing down as Commodore at the next AGM. We are almost there!! **Peter Rutledge**, our Vice Commodore, is also standing down.

We need nominations for both these posts – to be voted in at the AGM on 5th December.

At the Laying up Supper **Bob Ardern** summarized the role of Commodore – ‘**Welcome**’, ‘**Please**’ and ‘**Thank You**’. This is the visible part of the role, at our monthly meetings. But more important is leadership. The Vice is expected to fill in, in the Commodore’s absence, and is a potential successor. Peter Rutledge has already done his term as Commodore.

Our programme for 2024 is almost complete. We have an experienced team who carry out routine work, and are committed to continuing. We hold committee meetings via Zoom, on the second Tuesday of the month – but only when we have something to discuss.

Eb Brown
NOSCA Secretary

Your Future NOSCA Events

Note

There are long-term road closures near the Bowls Club, specifically Sandy Lane. See the beginning of this newsletter for details before setting off for the club.

November 7th – Guest speaker 'Ken Bryan', Quest for North West Passage and the Franklin Expedition.

The Bowls Club Harpole, NN7 4DF 7:30pm for 8pm

December 5th - AGM and Seasonal quiz.

Harpole Bowls Club Northampton, NN7 4DF 7:30pm for 8pm

Upcoming in first quarter of 2024 - Sailing in the Canaries, The Jodrell Bank Story and 200th anniversary of the RNLI.

Future other events

SOCA will be holding its 2023 Laying Up Lunch at the [Station Pub Knebworth](#) on **Saturday 11th November at 1:00pm.**

This venue was praised by all who attended a SOCA event earlier this year, see [Autumn Menu](#).

NOSCA members welcome

Next SOCA Meeting Thursday 9th November

Jeremy Batch gives one of his very interesting talks:

[Sailing into the Electronic Age.](#)

NOSCA members welcome.

Please be at the **RNA** club **before 19:30**

We want to hear from you!

Please contact [NOSCA](#) for all membership enquires or if you wish to attend any of NOSCA's monthly events. New members welcomed throughout the year!

Articles, snippets and photo are always most welcome for inclusion in the monthly newsletter, send to the newsletter editor at newsletter@nosca.co.uk

Lastly from the editor

My antics of October, my son thinks I'm some kind of steeplejack as he sends me up the outside of a three story town house, and I took a 5k walk underground in Northamptonshire's Catesby

Tunnel for charity and a look around, or is that up and down?

See you Tuesday evening November 7th at Harpole Bowls Club for our Franklin Talk.

Harry Bryant



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