

The Hub Club Directors wish you all a Happy New Year!

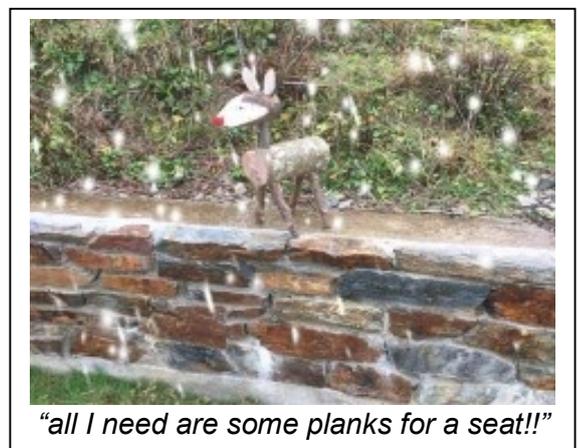


There has been plenty of activity happening this year in the Boathouse with both Clubs becoming accustomed to our new home. Guests and fellow watery competitors have given our facilities the thumbs up and with further improvements still to come.

To meet one of the Planning conditions, a stone-facing to the front wall was constructed by our Directors, John and Graham. The surplus stones will be used to mirror the effect on the other side. We are seeking a **donor/sponsor** for 4 hardwood strips 7ft long by 4inch wide and 2inch thick create a bench. This will be a fantastic spot to take a break whilst watching your crew mates haul the boats and gigs up the hill! It also signals the Hub Club's commitment to promoting community engagement by providing a restful spot for passers-by.

Applying for planning permission is a challenging process and does not always go our way. Unfortunately our submission for lighting outside the shed was refused partially due to a vocal population of glow worms.

We hope that solutions that do not contravene the rules will be implemented. A torch will be tied to the key box to help those of us without a light and we will look at the possibility of using portable LED lighting to illuminate the track.



Coming up

You may have seen fresh block-work appearing over the last several weeks and we are aware that this work has disrupted some training. Thanks go to Chris Miller for employing his 'brickie' skills. Apologies if you have had to cancel any workouts. We rely on volunteers to complete the majority of work it is inevitable that this happens outside of normal business hours. The end is nigh (in a good way!). Early 2020 will see the fitting out of the cubicles. The cladding for the walls is on order [with thanks to DCC for a £5k grant] with the plan to complete the installation by the end of January. Partitions, shower and toilet doors should be installed by the end of February. The Board has sought members' views on what colour scheme to select: the choice can be a controversial topic. The desire is to have colours that are 'cheery and welcoming' to relieve the general greyness of the Boathouse. Those of you who have visited recently will have seen 3 sample colour tiles. They represent one option with a nautical theme being considered too. A big thankyou to Steve Kirby for the preparation work that he has done as part of the Fit-out Group. Speak to him or the Directors on how you can help.

The budget for the works does not include the sanitary ware / showers etcetera so we will be looking for Members to support the Fund-raising group to achieve another target of £8,000 or more. Further information will be sent out shortly on what we need to achieve financially in order to have a fully operational facility. The Boathouse is your asset so please support its completion.

The Board seeks an IT/PC competent person to update and monitor our website. Please apply

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Fit-out Group

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The Hub Club wishes you safe and happy times on the water in 2020!