



Autumn 2019

Dear Fellow Elizabethans,

I hope you've had a good summer: the weather hasn't always been conducive for pleasant sailing, but we've had some warm weather and air winds as well as the usual horizontal rain the British summer can bring. Here's hoping for some calmer weather between now and winter.

We are planning another meeting in Southampton before Christmas, details below. There is also more news from Steve with his refit of Florya.

December 2019 Southampton meeting

Monica and Alastair (e23 Elissa) called into the Duke of Wellington in Southampton and, as it is still as delightful a pub as it was last year, booked a table for an EOA get-together on Saturday 7th December, at 12:30. As before they've suggested that if we pre-order the food then that will help their kitchen, so I will attach the menus to the end of this newsletter. There is, in addition a choice of pies (steak and ale or chicken, ham and leek) and burgers (beef or venison). If you'd like to come along, please let me and/or Monica know your preference, when you email us to say how many people you'd like to reserve a place for. If you've not been there, the pub is a 15 minute walk from the train or bus station, and is dog friendly.

Membership news – boats and people

I'd like to welcome Paul Whitman from Redruth, who has joined us with his new Liz 23, as yet unnamed, or un-renamed. He is after the dimensions for an outboard well, so if anyone has one on their boat and would like to spend a couple of minutes with a tape measure and a camera, we can pass that on to him. The Liz 23s that I've seen with an outboard have it perched on a transom bracket, so I'm afraid I can't help there.

It does remind me that John Baynes was threatening to organise a South west Raleigh next year, probably somewhere west of Lyme bay, so if Paul or anyone else from west of Weymouth is interested, I am sure John will want to hear from you. We hope to head west with Evadne next year, but I'm not sure how far we'll get. It sounds like a pub lunch in Plymouth or thereabouts might be called for as well....

You may have heard the news of a boat fire at Sparkes marina, Hayling Island. Although two boats were, sadly destroyed and sunk, Andy Marshall's Liz 29 "Freyja" on the same pontoon is apparently undamaged.

Steve Mellors (Florya, e29 No. 2)

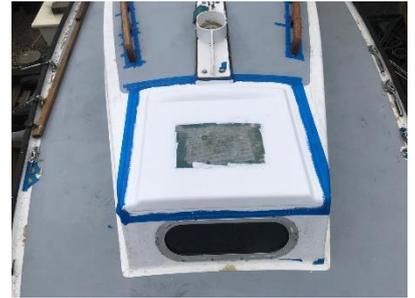


As you can see, Steve has been busy. Following all the work detailed earlier in the summer, he has pulled out one of the keel bolts for his surveyor. The good news was that as you can see, the 1962 bolt is looking good. He has been talking to Andy (Freyja) and Stu (Aelana) about what to seal it back up with, but comments from anyone else with keelbolt-drawing experience would be gratefully received. The bad news is that after much sucking of teeth, the surveyor probably wants to see another one removed. Florya is going



to be bomb-proof for the next 50 years as well as sparkling and new when she goes back in the water!

Steve has also been busy resealing the forehatch, sealing the windows and fitting new winch pads and hand rails, as well as fairing the keel.



Tasmyra

I had a letter from Alessandro Casano, who regretted being unable to join us, but included some pictures of his beautiful E31 ketch in Sicily.



Duke of Wellington menu

Beer battered cod, chips and mushy peas 11.95

Beef lasagna, salad and chips 10.95

Sausages, mash, peas and gravy 10.95

Chicken curry and rice 10.95

Beef chilli, rice and nachos 10.95

Home cooked ham, eggs and chips 10.95(gf)

BBQ ribs, salad and chips 13.50

Mushroom, Brie, chestnut and beetroot tart, salad and chips 10.95(gf,v)

Butternut squash and walnut tart, salad and chips 10.95(v)

Pesto pasta, salad and garlic bread 10.95 (v)

Plus steak and ale or chicken, ham and leek pie; and beef and venison burgers.

<http://southampton-pubs.co.uk/dukeofwellington/>

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