



## Newsletter Spring 2013

The club's mains water supply is back on so it must be spring!

### Diary Dates

23 March, Spring Working Party from 10 am, just turn up - some gardening tools would be good!  
06 April, start of the new Saturday mornings RYA course, call [John James](#) for more info  
Sometime in April - Junior Race Coaching ...

### What's New?



Well for a start, the club has taken delivery of **two brand new RS Tera's** which come complete with

both standard and race sails. The boats will be available for RYA courses and for membership hire. We may well have a special launch day so watch out for more on this. Big Chris is the Tera bosun ... ☺☺☺

**Flying 15 owners** and maybe others will be pleased to here that there will be a new winch in operation for 2013. It's a two speed job which should make things very much easier for all concerned. FF Fleet Captain Mike Davy is the man behind the scheme and has all the details.



Once again, the club has run the **New Years Day 'Topper Bash'** and once again there were some survivors though not necessarily by design.

Whilst the Topper fleet is somewhat aged, they have just had their annual check and lets face it, for a £5 afternoon hire fee they have to be the best sailing deal anywhere!

Agree? Don't agree? The [newsletter editor](#) will publish your views!

...and all the Laser 2000 sails have been fettled for 2013 and there will be a new set of GP14 sails ... all just waiting for you on renewal ...

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## People

For the latest on [Arnold Grayston's](#) most recent circumnavigation of Wales, do please take a look at the 'All by Water' website for which there is a direct link from the [club's home page](#) - with just one purpose - **to raise money for Severn Hospice**. Quite a few club members are helping out incl Peter & Chris Knight for canals, Brian and Karen Ashton, Dave Wright and Brian Rapson for rivers and Dave Braddick for the sea.

## Prizegiving Dinner

A very good turn out of the great and the good though not necessarily in that order. Here's the heroes and heroines from 2012 ...

Name	Series or Award
David Cope	3rd Shropshire Shiverer
Charlotte Norris	3rd Autumn Series
Bob Rowley & John Ellis	3rd Winter Series, 3rd FF Class
Liz Cadd	3rd Ladies Championship
Paul Virgo	2nd Chiroptera Series
Elis Hughes	2nd Spring Series
Ben Lawrence	Tie 1st Shropshire Shiverer
Jim Shipp	1st Chiroptera, 2nd Midsummer Series
Angus Bartaby	1st Long Distance A, 1st Long Distance B
Patricio Bell	Newcomer Championship
Hugh Butler	3rd Laser Class
Brian Rapson	2nd Winter Series,
Rachel Thompson	2nd Ladies Championship
Tim Allan	2nd Solo Class, 2nd Day Series
Basil & Rachel Thompson	2nd FF Class, 3rd Early Summer Series
Martin Parry	2nd Long Distance A, 3rd Long Distance B, 3rd Solo Class
Lottie Rapson	Tie 1st Shropshire Shiverer, Tie 3rd Day Series
Graham and Craig Parry	1st Laser 2000 Class
Brian Ashton	1st Autumn Series, 2nd Laser Class, 3rd SSC Championship, 3rd Men's Championship
Dave Wright	1st Menagerie Class, 2nd Early Summer Series, 2nd Autumn Series, 3rd Chiroptera 3rd Spring Series
Brian Johnson	1st Winter Series, 1st Solo Class, 2nd Men's Championship. Tie 3rd Day Series
Karen Ashton	Ladies Champion, 2nd SSC Championship, 1st Laser Class
Mike Davy	Men's Champion, 1st SSC Championship, 1st Spring Series, 1st Early Summer Series, 1st Midsummer Series, 1st Day Series, 1st FF Class, 2nd Long Distance B, 3rd Long Distance A
Dominic Baldwin	Junior Challenge Special Commendation
Matt Lush & Simon Martin-Jones	Mere Whisper Award for non racing achievement
Karen Ashton	Endeavour Trophy for personal commitment to the club

Huge thanks to Karen who takes the richly deserved Endeavour Trophy. Well done Mike who needed a wheelbarrow to move all those trophies!. Think you could do better? Almost certainly - all you have to do is rejoin in 2013 and get out there racing ...which reminds me ...

Do you want to get racing in 2013 but not sure how to go about it? I'd be most happy to talk it through with you. Just email [sailsec@shropshiresailingclub.co.uk](mailto:sailsec@shropshiresailingclub.co.uk) or just phone on 01691 657000

That's for everyone though some younger members have already had an email about junior race coaching ☺

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## Summer Camps

Some years ago, the club ran a sort of summer camp during the schools hols; we were 'open' for a whole week Monday to Friday and while the focus was on activities for young people, quite a few adult members turned up too. It was a great success but very hard work for those running those days. We might try again in 2013 if there is enough support. Here's a few initial thoughts based upon past experience ...

- whatever we might do, it won't be a crèche for the youngest members or a 'drop in' centre for busy mums and dads
- ... or a picnic where others do all the work ...
- there would need to be an appropriate team of adults looking after rigging, safety, games and so on
- it might be one nominated week or could be a day or two a week over several weeks

Very early days but do let us know if you have any thoughts on this to [editor@shropshiresailingclub.co.uk](mailto:editor@shropshiresailingclub.co.uk)