

23 January
Desperate Island Discs
Introduced by Nigel Gee

Eight Club members say a few words about a favourite piece of music that means something to them, and then it will be played.

30 January
RVYC AGM. No talk.

6 February
Orient Line : The Last Great Liners
Stephen Payne MBE

The Orcades (1948), Oronsay (1951) and Orsova (1954) were near sister ships that entered service post-war with high hopes of long and profitable careers, sailing from the UK to Australia on line voyages, interspersed with holiday cruises.

The fourth ship, Oriana (1961), although primarily based on the earlier ships, was much enlarged and significantly faster. She was designed specifically to allow an intensified, expanded routing.

13 February
"And now for something completely different..."
Ian Murray

Following on from his entertaining hazardous life story last year, Ian will give us "something completely different"

20 February
The Nelson 40 story
John Askham

John, designer of the legendary Nelson 40, semi-displacement boat, describes its genesis and many variants.

27 February
Navel Encounters
Stephen Capps

My life as a paediatric surgeon at Great Ormond Street and St George's hospitals dealing with the problems associated with the umbilicus, pre-birth, at birth and through life.

6 March
"Fire of Life" : The rise of the dominant species
Jim Sondergaard Harris

A journey back through time to study the evolution of man, looking at the key stages of our evolution, of not only when they happened but more importantly why they happened.

The talk will include artefacts for the audience to look at and possibly demonstrations of some of the day to day skills that our ancestors possessed.

13 March
Our local Mulberry Harbour archaeology – an epic top-secret maritime drama from 1944.
Hilary Martin

Seventy-five years ago, a race against time to prepare for the D-Day landings was in full swing in our local waters. The largest engineering project of WW2 was taking place in utmost secrecy. The plan was not deemed viable without two pre-fabricated harbours .

Daily dramas were taking place during the launching, sea trials and assembly of the units in waters which today's Solent sailors know well.

The Mulberry Harbour relics, either visible at low tide or hidden beneath the waves, may really surprise you.

HAPPY HOUR AT THE BAR 6 TO 7PM
PIG SUPPER SERVED FROM 6PM
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TALKS START AT 8PM

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12 December

The remarkable life of RVC Commodore, Captain H W Edwards, RN (1881-1965)
Hilary Martin

The story of Bertie Edwards who rounded Cape Horn in 1896 as a 14 year old apprentice on a four-masted ship at the beginning of an exceptional 50-year maritime career. He witnessed many of the great events of his time and narrowly survived to tell the tale when others close to him did not.

After retiring in 1946, he applied his management skills to revive the failing RVC allowing us all to be here today.

CHRISTMAS BREAK

9 January 2019

Cruising under sail then and now
Colin Palmer

In 1972 two young men hatched a plan to sail around the world. They bought Cooya, a 13m Linton Hope yawl built of teak in 1914. Colin was one of those young men.

Colin's talk will recall the highs and lows of his time with Cooya, and compare those times to sailing today on his 10m aluminium Ovní 32. How did they manage without AIS, DSC, GPS, LEDs and most importantly of all, watertight decks.

16 January
Film evening - The history of Brading Haven
Mel Dennett

The history of Brading Haven takes you on a whirlwind journey through the ages from pre-Roman times to the present day.

Includes interviews with local people recounting their memories.

1914, the First Sea Lord, Admiral 'Jacky' Fisher,

demanding a fast 'Fleet' submarine that could maintain fleet speed (20knts+) at sea.
To achieve this speed they would have to be steam-powered! They would be designated the K-Class.

7 November

Operation Corporate : A story of air-to-air refueling
John Gulliver

An illustrated talk about the story of air-to-air refueling – the air-bridge to the Falklands – 1982.

14 November

Mooring and manoeuvring a 70 foot Yacht. Alone and on a budget
Graham Lascelles

Problems, Solutions and Lessons Learned. Necessity is the mother of invention. Graham's fiscal necessity, despite its 9 ft draft, is to moor his vessel in Wootton Creek.

21 November

All the islands of the UK and Ireland to port
Jason Lawrence

A single-handed circumnavigation of the UK with a three-week family cruise in the magical south-west of Ireland.

28 November

Dunkirk Little Ship "ELVIN"
Hywel Perkins

The discovery and restoration of the Dunkirk Little Ship ELVIN.

5 December

An Englishman in New York
Mike Whitehead

... Or how I didn't get to visit the Statue of Liberty, but did get to see almost everything else.

The days are getting cooler, boats are laying up, and evenings are getting darker, so what better way to brighten them up than by coming to a Wednesday talk and pie night.

17 October

The Pier's Tale : Pier pressure and pier beneath
Sue Hawley

Sue Hawley, the Isle of Wight Estuaries Officer and The Pier's Tale project manager, relates many stories about Yarmouth Pier, from its interesting past to its survival into the future.

The Pier's Tale project incorporates the recent restoration work with elements of Yarmouth Pier's history, heritage and life in the surrounding coastal waters.

24 October

The Wildlife Wanderer
David Bailey

David Bailey was born in the New Forest but spent many years living in Dorset before moving to Wales; he now travels the UK photographing wildlife. David won the 2011 Welsh Wildlife Photographic Award and was voted best Welsh Marine Photographer.

31 October

The disastrous steam-powered submarines of World War 1
Noel Stimson

The story of one of the Royal Navy's worst ideas. When the Submarine Service was still in its infancy in