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Dear Member

It is with much regret that I have to inform you that the PNYC Bar and Restaurant will close for business from March 31, 2012. This is not a decision that Alan and I have made lightly, but it is a sad fact that the business is no longer economically viable and we can no longer support it financially as we have done since 1999. We have so enjoyed owning the yacht club and have so many wonderful memories of happy times shared there with our members, family and friends.

The economic climate is such that running the club from 350 miles away with overheads and other costs increasing all the time makes it an impossible business to continue with. The winter months in particular have always been a difficult time financially and this year it continues to be a big problem.

It is our intention that the 'Boating and Yachting' side of the business will continue, subject to there being an on-going requirement for this service, this being the moorings, pontoon berths & the running lines for smaller boats and dinghies. Someone well known to nearly all of you has expressed an interest in a part time job overseeing that side of PNYC in the summer months, before he sets off yet again to the other side of the world. We are also anticipating finding someone to act as a caretaker during the less active winter months.

We thank all those members who have been loyal customers of the Restaurant and Bar during our ownership and we shall miss seeing you at the club on our visit to Port Navas. However, we hope we will meet up with many of you in and around the village and in other local places and of course out on the river from time to time.

We would like to thank our managers, without whom we could never have managed to keep the bar and restaurant open, and as you know they have done us proud over the past 13 years. We started with Geoff Dandy, who like us, never realised the huge job he was taking on, but grew into his role and managed splendidly during his six years at PNYC. Peter and Margaret Goad then stepped into the breach and for the next six years the club flourished under their superb management. Jonathan and Janet Fine have taken over at a very difficult time - the economic situation in the country being so negative - and they worked most enthusiastically during the busy summer months, but the winter season has been disappointing for us all and we have had to face harsh realities and make this decision to close that part of our business.

We wish you all well and hope that you retain happy memories of meals shared with friends and family, New Year's Eve parties, treasure hunts, regatta days, etc. We will always be glad that we bought the club and, like you, will remember all the happiness it brought us and our family. PNYC has been a very special and quite unique venue for us all. It will be sadly missed but never forgotten.

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Sadly for the majority of our social members this means that their membership will automatically lapse at the end of March 2012. For those who keep boats with us we will be issuing renewal notices, and we currently expect the overall charges to be similar to the current year.

We also realise that we have a number of members who do not keep boats with us, but use our pontoons and slipway as a "gateway" to the river, so we are thinking of establishing a "Gateway" membership to meet this requirement. If you are interested in this option please contact us, preferably by e-mail so we have a written record, nearer the time.

We recognise that we have an obligation to members and staff to keep the Restaurant & Bar operational until the end of the Club year, 31 March 2012. Jonathan & Janet are planning to hold a number of "events" up to the end of March starting with those in the enclosed program, which we hope you will be able to support, and judging by the success of the recent Club Evening we are sure they will be very worthwhile.

Apart from those evenings the club will be open for business as per the normal winter opening times, and we have asked Jonathan to reduce our main menu prices by up to 10% (excluding the special nights, which are already competitively priced), and the current member's discount of 10% will continue to apply. The revised menu prices will apply from Thursday 8th December.

We know this development will be a disappointment for our members, so please feel free to contact Alan or myself directly using our Essex contact details as above.

Once again it is with great regret that we have come to this decision, and we wish all our members well for the future.

Our very best wishes

Sandra M. Gardner.

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