

Dabchicks SC

Clubhouse Improvement Appeal

The story so far...

Some years ago we realised that the ground floor of the clubhouse was in great need of a complete refurbishment to bring it up to the standard we should expect in the twenty first century.

Initial plans were drawn up but were interrupted by a tidal surge that wrecked the galley and made its' replacement top priority. Fortunately our insurance policy paid for virtually the whole of the cost of a complete galley rebuild and after lots of hard work, we now have a modern efficient galley to be proud of.



Our next priority was to both enlarge and refurbish the changing rooms. Quotes were obtained and with the help of some grant aid we believed the club's reserves would be sufficient to cover the cost of modernising both the Male and Female changing rooms.

Problems encountered along the way...

Once we started to examine in detail the work to be done, it quickly became apparent that parts of the clubhouse's foundations were seriously inadequate and in some parts non-existent! Putting these matters right has not only caused us substantial delay but also cost the club significant sums of money. In addition the grant aid we received was only half of the amount we had hoped for. As a result we have only been able to complete approximately half the project this winter and we now have

insufficient funds to undertake the remainder at the end of this year's sailing season.

The Way Forward...

We very much want to complete the changing rooms project next winter and in the future tackle the remainder of the ground floor to make it more welcoming and therefore usable particularly in the winter months. However whilst we are actively seeking grant aid from a number of different sources we, the members of the club, need to raise approximately £20,000 to enable us to proceed.

The Appeal

This appeal is to all clubs members, to do what they can to help the club achieve our ambition to keep our clubhouse adequate to meet our needs and something to be proud of now and in the future.

"I ask all club members to get behind this appeal, to make a donation and help us to raise the money we need to go on improving our clubhouse.

I am confident that the members of Dabchicks will rise to this challenge; please prove me right."

Peter Fitt, Commodore

Any donations from individuals who pay tax (and most of us do) means for every £100 donated + Gift Aid = £125

Company donations qualify for relief from corporation tax.

If every Dabchicks household were to give **£50** and signed a gift aid form we would easily achieve our target.

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AT THE CLUB

Support the variety of fundraising events our imaginative social team will be putting on this year

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DONATE

You can make a donation to the club either direct or through our campaign website

<http://www.chuffed.org/project/dabchicks-clubhouse-improvements>

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HELP ON THE FAST TRACK!

Make a donation to the club **AND** sign a gift aid form.