



**THE RIVERSIDE CLUB NEWSLETTER – ISSUE #95
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News from the Committee

Graeme Bain

The routine Management Committee meeting was held on Monday 4th April.

We continue to operate with seven Committee members instead of the allowable complement of 11. While this isn't causing any significant problems, at least two of our members will be away from Denmark for much of the remainder of the financial year. We will be seeking volunteers to join the Committee in July but in the meantime if anyone is interested in joining and would like to know more, please contact Graeme on 0417 940618. It is also possible to attend the May or June meetings as observers to get an idea of how the Committee operates.

Our long-term savings continue to build satisfactorily in bank term deposits. The bulk of the money is intended for bowling greens replacement at an undetermined time. We simply don't know how long the two greens will last. The bowling committee has been asked to carry out a feasibility study to determine factors such as the ideal surface, potential suppliers and a cost estimate so that we are prepared.

Also on bowls, the Committee discussed the option of extending the very successful Corporate Cup season by two weeks. The corporate bowlers are very keen to see this happen, but as always it will require additional volunteer effort. If you are interested in helping, please contact Richard Hynes on 0406 769552 for details.

On the advice of our resident ex-chef John Kenyon, we have agreed to purchase another oven for the kitchen. Much more modern than the existing ovens, the new equipment will allow for both cooking and warming food while making access and 'food management' much easier for ageing bodies.

The Committee was provided with cumulative data from our event records for the year to date. These track income and expenditure from the many functions held at the club, including bowls tournaments, meal

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evenings and external venue hires to ensure we control costs and pay all the overheads needed to keep the Club running, and of course make a profit. So far this year we are close to last year's total figures with two months of the year to run.

Members are reminded that they accumulate points by using their membership cards when purchasing meals or drinks at the Club. Redeeming these points can be done simply when making a transaction – just ask the bar person to use some or all of your points against the purchase.

Covid Update

It's good to see that Covid restrictions continue to be eased, although with Denmark affected for the first time, including some of our members, we remain vigilant.

From Thursday 14th April there has been some easing of numbers allowed in indoor and outdoor gatherings and the removal of the 500 patron limit for large venues. This of course does not affect Rivverside and as the 2sqm rule is still in place, our indoor capacity remains at 135 for now.

Contact registration, which has been with us for what seems like years is now only required for people visiting a hospital. We have assiduously gathered registration data for all the time it was required and will now destroy the last of the registration sheets. Our thanks to everyone for complying with this piece of legislation.

Proof of vaccination is still a requirement of entry to the Club, but thanks to our register of vaccinated members, we generally only have to ask a few people each week for their vaccination certificates.

You will also be aware that a fourth vaccine dose is now available ahead of winter. Those eligible include everyone over 65, so many of our members can take up the opportunity four months after they had their third shot.

We appreciate and thank you for your cooperation. If you have any immediate concerns or would like any further clarification, please email us at 1Riverside16@gmail.com or get in touch with any Committee member.

Certificates

Here is a reminder of the links for those of you wanting to do any of the courses that require certificates. If you need help with accessing any of the courses, please let us know.

COVID-19 hygiene (two level options):	Covid 19 Hygiene Course
RSA (several providers do this)	Responsible Service of Alcohol
I'm Alert food handling course	I'm Alert

Note that the free I'm Alert training can now only be obtained through a 'subscribing organisation.' The link above will take you to the Shire of Denmark's log in page for the course and you can sign up as a new user from there.

On the Greens Richard Hynes and Lind Paull

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From Men's Captain Richard

As another season draws to its conclusion, many turn their thoughts to how and where the caravans will soon head north leaving the diehards of the club to brave the approaching winter.

Both our men's teams had disappointing finishes to their season. First Division lost 6-0 to Mid Beach Gold in their last game – narrowly missing out on the half point needed to see them into the final four. Third Division finished their season strongly with a 5-1 away win to Frankland but were edged into second place by Mt Barker who finished one point ahead. Our team was then knocked out of the pennant finals in their qualifying game by the narrow margin of two points.

Top effort by all and there is always next year to look forward to. The final ladders are shown below:

First Division

Pos	Name	Played	Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	Score Diff.	Score %	Points
1	Emu Point Red	14	11	3	0	0	872	724	148	120.44	57
2	Albany Gold	14	9	4	1	0	860	773	87	111.25	54
3	Middleton Beach Gold	14	7	6	1	0	863	750	113	115.07	49.50
4	Middleton Beach Green	14	7	7	0	0	760	814	-54	93.37	40
5	Denmark	14	6	8	0	0	855	804	51	106.34	39.50
6	Albany Green	14	5	8	1	0	785	902	-117	87.03	33.50
7	Middleton Beach Black	14	5	8	1	0	748	916	-168	81.66	32.50
8	Mt Barker Golf	14	4	10	0	0	782	842	-60	92.87	30

Third Division

Pos	Name	Played	Won	Loss	Draw	Bye	For	Against	Score Diff.	Score %	Points
1	Mt Barker	16	10	4	0	2	880	783	97	112.39	58
2	Denmark	16	9	4	1	2	930	760	170	122.37	57
3	Emu Point Black	16	9	5	0	2	856	771	85	111.02	49.50
4	Green Range	16	8	6	0	2	814	853	-39	95.43	46
5	Middleton Beach Lime	16	8	6	0	2	832	809	23	102.84	45
6	Mt Barker Golf Blue	16	6	7	1	2	782	865	-83	90.40	36.50
7	Emu Point White	16	5	9	0	2	832	800	32	104	35.50
8	Albany White	16	4	10	0	2	716	913	-197	78.42	26
9	Frankland	16	3	11	0	2	765	853	-88	89.68	24.50

Denmark teams continue to give strong support and perform well at events held at other clubs. In recent results:

Mid Beach Open Fours - Ross Hogben, John Kenyon, Rob Hancock and Ash Cooper finished second.

Walpole Mixed Pairs - Ian Robbins and Linda Humphries finished third.

My Barker Golf Triples (meat day) - best we forget that one. Rob Hancock won one of the raffle prizes.

Albany Men's Fours Carnival - Ash Cooper, Ross Hogben, Rob Hancock and Bluey Klingberg finished third.

The Men's League Fours and Singles were held at Mt Barker Golf on 9th/10th April. Denmark was represented in singles by Ash Cooper and in the Fours by Bert Linden, Richard Hynes, Sean Brown and Dave Wilson. All performed well but didn't make the final.

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One of our club highlights is approaching, namely the Gloria Smith Medal/Neville Plowman Trophy presentation on 26th April with the recipients receiving recognition for consistent performance.

Our AGM on the 14th of May ushers in our winter season and a new season of our TTT competition

All keep safe and hopefully covid free throughout Easter

From Ladies Captain Lind

The Bowling season is beginning to slow down, with League Championships the major events on the calendar.

During the first weekend of April, the Ladies Singles Championships were played at Middleton Beach, with very hot and humid conditions on the Saturday, and heavy rain on the Sunday. Although the whole programme could not be played, enough games had been completed to declare a winner - Yvonne Shalders from Emu Point. Our representative Marilyn played some very close games, without success.

Last weekend, the Triples were played at Walpole, with a similar weather event! Olivia, Rae and Irene were our representatives and were beaten by stronger teams. Again, Emu Point was the winning club.

I wish Linda and Olivia every success at the Pairs Championships, to be played at Mt Barker on the weekend after Easter.

With our tireless catering organiser, Elspeth, having a long-awaited visit to Scotland and family, catering responsibility falls back to all of us! Your help is requested for several events in the near future:

- Men's League Pairs and Triples on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th April.
- Bowls AGM, Wind-up and Presentations on Saturday 14th May.

All members, and partners as well, are asked to contribute in some way to the task. There are lists on the Notice Board at the club, or you can contact me, Lind Paull, on 9848 3813 or by email plpaull@bigpond.net.au

Perhaps you could cook at home or help in the kitchen. If everyone helps out, the load is shared among many, and it may be a way to meet new people.

The Bowling Committee is beginning the planning for the 2022/23 season, and will be looking for support with sponsorship, as well as positions on the committee, so if you would like to be involved, please contact me.

Dragon Boating Mo Cowdell

Adelaide was a wonderful venue for the Dragonboat National Championships.

The job of being a race official at such a high level was quite a learning experience. Though it proved I had studied well and knew my stuff, there is nothing like the hands-on work. I certainly learnt something new every day, rekindled friendships and created more. The only downside is that since returning home I have since done a RAT and tested positive!

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Next Wednesday the Denmark Dragonflies have been invited to take part in a Denmark Arts Project (ecotourism/community arts project-waterways) to tell stories of the river. Nari Lees will film us and interview our members, then it is edited to be part of an informative tourism QR code to be displayed for tourists to use. Members are looking forward to it.

Denmark Community Rowing Association Dave Cliff



The kit consists of CNC cut plywood and some additional wood to shape and fit

Denmark Rowers have successfully managed to fundraise the money required to buy two St Ayles Skiff kits thanks to community support, sponsors and a successful application for a Federal Government grant.

In February we began setting up the building frames in Harry and Kay White's kindly donated shed. The plywood kits of boat parts arrived on the 24th of February. Since then we have been working on the first boat on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings. There is a variable crew of up to 15 volunteers who come in when they can and have a go on the tools. It's been really great to get to know each other and there is always time for a chat, especially at tea break. We have been amazed at how we have overcome complications and learnt new skills. One of our builders bought his own kit boat eight years ago and hasn't had the confidence to start building it until he joined in with our build. Now he's getting ready to start.

Some photographs



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I am keeping a blog of the daily activity which can be reached through our website www.denmarkrowers.org.au. Or if you'd like to drop in and see how we are going on the mornings mentioned above you'll be most welcome. You can also join in the fun by becoming a member.

We are looking forward to having two beautiful St Ayles Skiffs to row from the Riverside Club by the end of the year and are enjoying the process of getting there with community support.

Cheers Dave

David Cliff

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"Communities build boats, boats build communities"

Poem of the Month Dixie Solly

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Dixie Solly, who died in January 2021, was a well-known Albany horse trainer who trained 217 winners over a long career and spent 23 years as the Country Racing Association president. In 2020 he was recognised with life membership of the Albany Racing Club.

Solly was also a talented bush poet, who recited poetry at events across WA. Wally Pederick kindly loaned us a selection of his poems from which we've appropriately chosen this month's ode.

Albany Races

They're racing down at Albany
From there to way out back
They're bringing their hay burners
To the Percy Spencer track

Blacks and browns and chestnuts
Some big some kind of small
They're bringing some says David Hicks
That should not come at all

Keith Solly humps his watering can
And sprinkles down the grass
The pot hole looks like drying up
And he curses Lindsay Glass

There are trainers in the city
Coves like Cummings, Smith and Pike
But I bet they'd learn a thing or two
From 'Reidy' and Van Eyk!

For to win a race in Albany
My friends is no mean task
Down there they give no quarter
No quarter do they ask

'Able Sam' the steward
Will do his best to please
He'll have them on the carpet quick

If 'Lemon' gets a squeeze

'Pete the Punter' Morrison
Will call the card with zest
Perched high above the race course
Like an eagle in his nest

And for lousy information
And some very dodgy tips
Just listening on Saturdays
To my old mate David Hicks

As he wrestles with his numbers
He must make the bookies grin
He should take note from Lindsay Glass
And stick to using pins!

Alan Jones the bookie
Lays tossing in his bed
Having nightmares that young Dick O'Neil
Has put him in the red

So come on down to Albany
The racing's really great
To see them prance onto the track
While Charlie swings the gate

You'll wine and dine like royalty

On chicken, gin, vermouth
No need to go to Ascot now

They're racing way down south.

Name Dropping – Graeme Bain

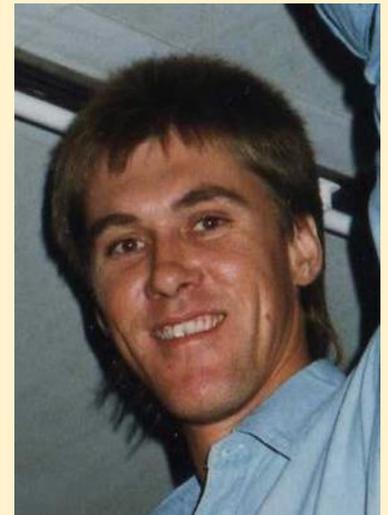
A further episode in the believe-it-or-not tale of famous people that Graeme has encountered over the years, mainly from his involvement with cricket, and of course, Footie

Part 2 Clark to Langer

In 1985 we moved to Perth and bought a house in Inglewood. I played cricket at Bayswater-Morley and renewed acquaintances with Bob (Massie) and Tom (Mullooly). It was here that I got to rub shoulders with a lot of cricketers. Most of whom were just grade cricketers, but there were a few good ones among them. There was '**Dunny**' Clark who opened the bowling for Australia against India in 1977 and toured the West Indies in 1978, both under Bob Simpsons' captancy. Wayne was accused of having a bent arm whilst bowling (something akin to committing murder in cricket circles) and always bowled with his shirt sleeves down to deter observation and criticism. Dunny became a very good cricket coach, firstly at Bayswater-Morley, and later when he was appointed coach of WA and led them to, I think, three Sheffield Shield wins. (Ed: Wayne Clark got his nickname 'Dunny' because of his initials W.C.)

Dennis Baker was another who represented WA as a medium fast swing bowler in 16 matches, taking 40 odd wickets. I faced him in the nets one day and couldn't put bat on ball. There was a distinct difference in class between Shield cricket and 3rd/4th grade batsmen. Bernie was a prankster; no one was safe around him. You did need eyes in the back of your head. Most of his pranks cannot be repeated in this family newsletter. Although he did buy me a beer after training one night, took off the cap and passed it to me. I tipped it up for a big mouthful and next thing I noticed is beer all down the front of my shirt. He had used a dart and penetrated a small hole in the can right below where your mouth goes. Bernie was a client of my business as well and I got to know him quite well. He introduced me to the greatest fast bowler the world has seen, **Dennis Lillee**. I can't claim much more than that I shook DK's hand and said "G'day, how are you mate". I was too overawed at the time to ask for his autograph.

Bruce Reid was a gentle giant. Tall at 6' 8" and angular; a bit like Mitchell Starc of today, but skinnier. 'Big Bird', as we called him, ate, and ate, and ate, and ate, and took protein shakes, but couldn't put weight on. Today he is still slim with just a little puffiness showing for his age. Bruce averaged four wickets a test, with a 12 and a 13 thrown in against England and India, both at the MCG. However, his slight frame couldn't stand up to the rigours of test cricket and he retired unable to perform at his best. Whilst Big Bird was rehabilitating from an injury, he wanted to roll a few down in the nets at a gentle medium pace. It was a real honour for me to face him and I took the opportunity to play an expansive cover drive to a rare half volley. Sadly, I got too excited and ripped my calf muscle. It was now my turn for rehabilitation. I can still feel the injury occasionally, over 30 years later.



South Perth travelled to Hillcrest Oval one Sunday for a match. In their team was a young English batsman who would later play many test matches and score nine centuries and over 4,000 runs. His potential had been well and truly flagged, so I went to watch him bat. Luckily for me one of our players suffered an injury during the game and I was the only suitable spectator there to replace him. Here I was fielding in first grade cricket next to the umpire at square leg, and watching one of the future stars of world cricket; how lucky am I? **Robin Smith** scored 120 that day. It was one of the prettiest innings I ever had the pleasure to watch. I never met Robin, but I had the pleasure to say 'well batted' as he left the field after his dismissal.

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My favourite at the club was **Brett 'Piggy' Mulder**. Brett was the quietest and most naive young man you would ever meet. So quiet, he never appealed, but rather enquired to the umpire when appealing for a wicket. So naïve he never cottoned on to the fact that his future wife was interested in him. Helen got so tired of waiting that she ended up inviting him on a date. Piggy took more wickets for the Baysie Bears than anyone else, bar one. He was also without a job, and I employed him for a while until he found something suitable. His real passion was cricket and he hoped to make a career of the game. Sadly, he played in an era when off spin bowling was not the flavour of the month and received few opportunities at state level. He is now a renowned coach and has travelled the world with his lovely family teaching thousands of others the subtleties of the game.

One of the highlights of my time with The Bears was the night Bob Massie invited two of his ABC commentary team colleagues down to the club. It was a warm summer night in December, typical weather for a Perth Test Match, and we sat outside the clubhouse drinking and listening. **Neil Oliver** and **Jim Maxwell** kept us thoroughly entertained for 2-3 hours. They talked of cricket, cricketers, and experiences. Many of the stories told would never be found in a biography or book of cricket stories.

We were playing 4th grade at Charles Veryard Oval against North Perth in 1971 when this tiny little kid came out to bat. The bat he was carrying was almost as big as himself and the pads covered every inch of his legs. I'm sure you can envisage the picture. This kid batted, and batted, and batted. He didn't score many runs because he couldn't hit the ball off the square, and we couldn't get him out. He remained not out at the end with very few runs to his name. I was talking to their scorer between innings and asked if she knew 'The Kid'. "Yes," she said, "That is my son Justin. Back then JL was 14^{1/2} years old. We all know how far 'the Kid' (**Justin Langer**) got in the game.

... to be concluded.



Odds and Ends

Rae's Treasure of the month

Three blokes were working for the council in a country town – one would dig a hole, the other would follow him and fill it in. They worked furiously all day, one bloke digging a hole the other bloke filling it in again.

An onlooker, who had been watching while having a coffee nearby, was amazed at their hard work, but couldn't understand what they were doing. So he wandered over and spoke to the hole digger. "I appreciate the effort you're putting into your work, but what are you trying to do?" he asked. "You dig a hole and your partner follows behind and fills it up again."

The hole digger wiped his brow and sighed. "Well, normally we're a three man team, but the bloke who plants the trees is sick today."

Dave D's Ditties

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Around the Club

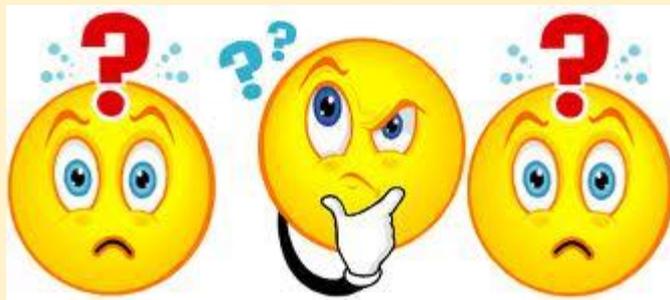
Bingo

Come along and join the fun every Monday. Eyes down 12.30pm.

Riverside Winter Quiz Nights

Our winter quiz nights proved very popular and a lot of fun last year so this year we'll be running them again on the last Friday of the month from May to August, starting on 27th May. \$10 a head to enter in teams of six (we can help you make up a team if requested), BYO nibbles/supper to share.

We'll advertise the details ahead of time and ask you to book in the normal way.



Denmark Lions Club – Tony Farrall

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Tony Farrall, together with his wife Bev are Riverside Club members often seen in the Club on a Friday night. We're very pleased to report on the significant award presented to Tony recently for his service to Lions Australia.

Denmark Lions were proud to present Lion Tony Farrall with the milestone Chevron Award for 20 years of service to Lions Australia. Lion Tony started his life of service to the Australian Community in 1984 when he was invited to a public meeting regarding the formation of a Lions Club in Cunderdin and Tony went on to become a Charter Member of the Cunderdin Lions Club. Tony was then in Mullewa Lions for 12 months and the Northampton Lions for 4 years. In 2001 Tony joined Denmark Lions Club where he continues to be a valued member.



The award was presented by Lion Brian Redfern with President Belinda Rowland.

Functions at the Club

A reminder that members get 'special deals' when they hire all or part of the Club for a function. We have the capacity and experience to host virtually any function be it a party, anniversary or wake. If you would like to reserve a date for a personal or business event, get in touch with Graeme Bain (0417 940618) or Jane Holland (0480 167338) or email us at events.riversideclub@gmail.com. We are also happy to provide a venue for local bodies and offer discounted rates for not-for-profit and charitable organisations. Talk to Graeme or Jane.

Catering Elspeth Weatherstone

We're delighted to welcome a new member to the catering committee – Lorraine Cotton. Lorraine has hit the ground running and has offered to make sure our schedule of Friday night meals continues over the winter. In addition to keeping in touch with all the volunteer and professional caterers, Lorraine will be the friendly Riverside person who send members details of upcoming meals each week and fields their booking requests.

Upcoming events:

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| Friday 22nd April | Brenda and friends will cook stuffed potatoes (four fillings) plus a dessert for \$20 a head |
| Friday 29th April | Lorraine and friends – spaghetti bolognese and dessert \$20 |
| Friday 6th May | Curried chicken and rice plus ice cream \$20 |
| Friday 13th May | Soup and an assortment of pizza |
| Friday 20th May | Beef stroganoff and rice plus dessert. |

Remember to look out for quiz evenings over the cooler months and to let Lorraine know if you would like to get together with friends and organise a meal night.

TO BOOK: WHEN THE CLUB IS OPEN PUT YOUR NAME ON THE LIST ON THE FOYER TABLE. ALTERNATIVELY SEND AN EMAIL TO 1Riverside16@gmail.com. Regrettably, we can't take 'phone bookings.

Recipe of the Month - Elspeth

Oat Pancakes

Ingredients:

- 2 generous cups of rolled oats (blend to make oat flour)
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup milk
- 2 eggs
- Pinch salt
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup jumbo oats

Method:

1. Whisk all ingredients together. Rest for 15 minutes
2. Add a little bland oil or butter to a frying pan over a medium heat
3. Place $\frac{1}{4}$ of the mix in the frying pan and cook for ~ 2-3 minutes
4. Flip over and cook until the other side is golden

Serve for breakfast with fried egg or with berries yoghurt and honey, or as a starter with smoked fish and pickled salad veg.



The Last Laugh – From Lancashire

In celebration of Lancashire (the English county) Day, the Lancashire Post compiled a list of jokes from famous Lancastrian comedians. Here are some examples:

From Peter Kay

- Why does mineral water that has 'trickled through mountains for centuries' have a 'use-by' date?
- I think animal testing is a terrible idea – they get all nervous and give the wrong answers.
- So this bloke says to me, "Can I come in your house and talk about your carpets?" I thought, "That's all I need – a Je-hoover's witness."

Victoria Wood



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Lee Mack

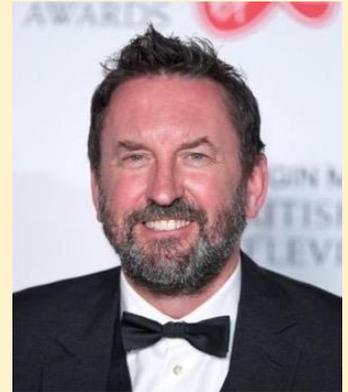
- I thought Coq au Vin was love in a lorry
- My children won't even eat chips because some clever so-and-so at school told them potato was a vegetable.
- Everybody in my class was enormous. They had to stop us doing cross country running because we dented a viaduct.
- Foreplay is like beefburgers – three minutes on each side.

- We've had to get a live in nanny, 'cos that dead one wasn't working out.
- My wife, she's carrying our first child. He's eight, the lazy little ***
- I went to a handwriting expert last week. She could tell I was laid back, gullible and well off just from a signature on a cheque.

Ken Dodd



- Do I believe in safe sex? Of course I do, I have a handrail around the bed.
- I have kleptomania. But when it gets bad I take something for it.
- Did you hear about the shrimp that went to the prawn's cocktail party? He pulled a mussel.
- Five out of three people have trouble understanding fractions.
- Just read a book about Stockholm Syndrome. It started off badly, but I the end I really liked it.



Contact Us

Something to tell your fellow Club members or the Committee?

For general comments, meal bookings and queries: contact us on the Riverside email 1Riverside16@gmail.com

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