

## Trips Meeting 29.10.2010 Minutes

### Present:

Ian Fox, Rose Fox, Paul Jeffs, Andrew Jeffs, Murray Jones, Steve Rees Clark, Josh Bevan, Alan Ebbage, Carolyn Ebbage, Cynthia Robinson, Anne Biffin, Brian Biffin.

### Apologies:

Carl Veness, Garry Winckley, Stuart Edwards, Mark Preece, Liz Murnaghan, Brett & Sue D.H.

The meeting was most constructive with plenty of members attending and a good variety of suggestions were put forward.

As many people have difficulties freeing up whole weekends, I have tried to ensure there are plenty of day trips listed.

### Inland - easy – suitable for beginners / 1\*:

- Upper Thames paddle Cricklade to the Red Lion in Castle Eaton (4 miles) This is less than half the distance we normally cover, and includes the most interesting part of the Cricklade to Lechlade journey. Best done before May.
- River Wey: either from Wey Kayak Club or Guildford town centre to 500m beyond St. Catherines Lock, portage Riffraff Weir and return on the free flowing River. 6 or 3 miles.
- Dedicated visit to Guildford weir.
- Fleet to Mytchett canoe-camp overnight. 9 miles each way.
- Colt Hill (Odiham) to King John's Castle 4 miles there & back – picnic at the castle + games?
- Runnymede (Thames) to weir and back
- Medway 9 miles. Yalding – there and back (p. 158 Pub Paddles)

### Inland moderately easy / 2\*:

- River Mole: Dorking to Leatherhead. 5 miles: one way
- Swift Ditch: Thames & stream at Abingdon 4 miles loop.
- St Patricks Stream. Thames below Sonning Lock via Dreadnought reach. 5 miles loop.
- Oxford Cherwell 10 miles there & back. Explore the heart of Oxford (p111 Pub Paddles)
- Wolvercote circuit 7 miles loop. Oxford canal, Thames, west of Oxford centre (p 105)
- Canoe camp on the Thames (maybe on an island?) Can someone check this out?

### Moderate inland whitewater

- Cardiff Whitewater Course
- Tawe
- Taff
- Usk
- Dart
- Exe
- Symonds Yat
- Severn – Newtown to Abermule. 4 miles. Quite a way to drive there & back in a day but doable, may work better as a weekend camping near Newtown where there is an excellent rapid.

### Sea – easy

- Old Harry – Studland - camping overnight
- Hayling Island
- Durdle Door
- Chichester Harbour – organiser, please!
- Poole Harbour: Hamworthy – Poole – Brownsea Island – Wareham Forest – organiser, please!

Sea – intermediate

- West Wittering – surf day
- Hamble Estuary
- Kimmeridge to Swanage
- Christchurch Harbour – Hengistbury Head
- Hurst Castle to the Needles
- Portland Bill – around
- Portsmouth Harbour – around
- Weekend based near Plymouth to surf, sea kayak, river running (Dart) Mark Preece to plan.
- Surf weekend in Devon / Cornwall

Please consider volunteering to research or assist in the running of any of these trips - just get in touch. Likewise, if you can think of a good trip which is not listed, please let us know.

Thanks,

Brian and Anne.