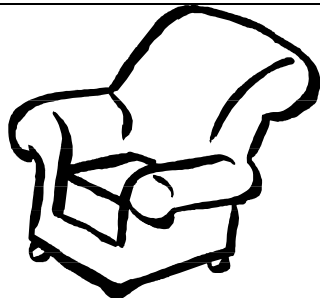




Waterfront

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From the Chair...

Welcome to the Winter edition of Waterfront. And what an important year for the club it has been. We can now look ahead to 2003 with a clear vision of the future.

A sub committee has been formed to proceed with the plans to convert the Mytchett Barn to suit our needs. This involves dismantling and re-erecting internal partitions to create more convenient use of space. This will enable the building of boat racks to accommodate the clubs fleet of boats and also adequate space for club members boats.

The first working party date has been set for January 11th and 12th. Hammers, crow bars and strong backs are required and you are advised to wear work gloves to prevent splinters, all welcome from 10.00am.

Congratulations to all our award winners this year, it's great to see the continued determination. We have had a

busy year at the wharf with general activities, training and courses. It is good to see so many youngsters starting out with so much enthusiasm in the sport. We have a new Youth Co-ordinator, Paul Jeffs, who I am sure, will welcome your support whether you are a parent, experienced paddler or coach.

I trust you have all posted your letters or sent e-mails to Santa by now requesting an array of new paddling kit! An ideal opportunity to show off this kit would be our traditional Boxing Day funny hat' paddle at Crookham Wharf from about 10.30am.

May I take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Richard Somerset

Working Party
***At the canal Centre ,
Mytchett. January 11th & 12th
from 10am. Work off those
Christmas excesses . Come
and supply some muscle
power to knock down the
existing internal partitions
and rebuild them into a
beautiful new boathouse.
Phone Richard Somerset
01252 683584***

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News

AGM Report 18th October 2002.

With a smaller hall this year it would not have been suitable for another film or slide show but I hope we made up for this entertainment with our traditional American Supper.

The recipients of the majority of the competition awards was in the last issue of Waterfront. Also awarded was the Touring Canoe trophy (for the first time in absolutely ages) and this went to Pete and Chris Absolom. The club has two trophies to give out which are not competition based and these are the Ted Ledger Trophy for the greatest contribution by a non paddler which went to Jane Roper. There is also the James Bilson award which is for the young person who has exceeded his or hers personal achievement for the year. There were several contenders for this award which finally went to Andrew Jeffs.

It was decided to keep the subscriptions the same as last year. The meeting closed when all the food and drink had gone.

Subscriptions

Subscriptions for members who joined before 31 December 2001 are due for renewal on 1st January 2003. Subscriptions for those members who joined this year will be due a year after they joined.

The membership secretary, Brian Gandy, will send you a reminder just before your renewal date. Next year should bring new opportunities with the move to Mytchett and we would like you and any family members in your membership, to share the move to Mytchett with us. So please renew promptly.

Making the most of this electronic age.

Our costs to circulate the clubs newsletter (Waterfront) and other club notices exceeds £500 per year. In order to reduce this we are asking as many people as possible to take the newsletter and other club notices via e-mail.

Unless you specifically request otherwise your next edition will appear in your e-mail box and not your letter box. There certainly are valid reasons where this may not be appropriate such as company e-mail addresses, let us know your wishes as soon as possible. The typical file sizes for the newsletter are up to 500KB for the Word Document version and 200K for the PDF version. Free viewers of PDF files can be downloaded from the internet at:

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Please let Brian Gandy know your e-mail address, which version of the newsletter you wish to receive via e-mail and if you specifically do not want newsletters and notices sent to with this method. Brian can be contacted on 01252 622630 or at ***Brian.Gandy@talk21.com***.

Boat Licences

Good news for BCU members. From 1st January 2003 your BCU membership will entitle you to use one canoe on the River Thames, provided you display your BCU membership plate. Details are on page 7 of this month's Canoe Focus.

This is in addition to giving you licence to canoe on the Basingstoke Canal, the Wey Navigation and most British Waterways Canals, such as the Kennet and Avon.

If you are not a BCU member then think about joining. Membership details are on the web ***www.bcu.org.uk***, or you can write to:
BCU
John Dudderidge House
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Quiz Night - Friday, 28th February 2003

This is a general knowledge quiz for teams of six people. The cost is £24 per team. We provide you with wine, soft drinks and snacks and the questions. You give us the answers (well, hopefully) and you can buy more wine, beers and soft drinks at the bar.

The quiz is open to anyone. There are three aims:
- for you and your friends to have an enjoyable evening;
- for the club to raise some funds, and
- for us to fill the hall with 120 competitors, as we have for each of the last six years.

Please get a team together from your family, or your neighbours, or friends, or colleagues at work. Get them to raise another team for a little friendly head to head.

An entry form is enclosed. Do come and join in the fun.

Congratulations to Paul Massam and Tina Murrey who announced their engagement last month.

Congratulations also to Martin and Lynda Sanders who got married in September

TRAINING

Coaching Corner.

Well done to everybody for gaining their Star awards this year, these include:

1 Star: Jonathan & Harry Mudd, Paul, Andrew & Michael Jeffs, Sonja Roper, Denis Lisle, Tyson Simons, Matthew Fowler, Daniel Scott

2 Star: Paul Jeffs, Jonathon Mudd.

Several people took their level 1 coach training this year and might need a gentle push towards their level 2 next year? The Southern region organised an Aquatic First Aid course which several members have taken advantage of.

We will be running a rolling improvers course in the New Year in the new training sessions at Odiham pool.

The other major announcement is that Jane Roper has volunteered to be our Coaching and Training co-ordinator. So for your course requests please contact Jane on: 01252 622628 or jane.roper@kilnbank.demon.co.uk

BCCC do it in three's!

Covertly training for about 12 months 3 intrepid level 2 coaches have had two big days in mind, 2/3rd December.

But for what you might ask, well another 2 days paddling on the River Dart not unusual in itself but this is a Monday and Tuesday when most people are hard at work. The plot thickens when they are paddling with a group of kayakers from Woodmill Outdoor Centre, what aren't the BCCC White Water group good enough? Of course they are but they do not give out level 3 closed kayak coach certificates do they?

Well done to:

Andrew Jackson
Paul Mant
Richard Somerset

TRIPS AND TOURS

River Wey Trip - Summer 2002
Pauline Somerset

The day loomed bright and clear, no lie-in this morning then. A small part of me hoped to see rain lashing the windowpane, but this unfortunately wasn't to be.

The gathering of the 'hardy' took place at Shalford - just outside Guildford. After the usual shuffling of cars to the other end, namely Send, the happy band set off in various craft ranging from white water, GP's, tourers and Canadians.

I must admit I do enjoy the Canadian, one can go through the motions without too much effort and still glide along quite comfortably. I don't want to delve too deeply but I think it may have something to do with the person at the back.

Sun shone, water sparkled, it was just great to be out among extremely fit, like minded enthusiastic paddlers!

"How far is this paddle Richard?" I heard someone ask shortly after setting off,

"Oh... about nine miles.. I think." came the hesitant reply. I also think I heard, "as the crow flies" being muttered under his breath.

During the early afternoon we found a convenient spot by a lock and stopped for lunch. We all enjoyed the chatter and the rest. Once again we were off for the second 'half' of this Sunday jolly.

Only one soaking, Margaret, through no fault of her own while launching* from the bank ended up swimming complete with the day's supply of cigarettes.

"Are we nearly there yet?" was heard on more than one occasion.

Nine miles came and went.....so did ten, eleven and twelve.

"Richard, are you sure we haven't passed the finishing post, it seems an awfully long way".

I did notice on more than one occasion Richard peering at the bank desperately trying to recognise something familiar.....like all our cars.

Then the inevitable happened. One younger male paddler (who shall remain nameless) had to succumb to a lift and a tow for the last few miles from members of the older generation.

"They just can't cut it, can they?"

We did eventually arrive at our destination all tired but feeling quite exhilarated. Everyone agreed that it was a lovely day out and our thanks go to Richard for the hours of planning. We all hope to repeat the trip again next year albeit a slightly shorter version!

(* Or being pushed by a member of her family!)

Dragonboating Scouts

For the second year running, the 29th Odiham (Pondtail) Scouts managed to avoid capsizing at the Annual National Scout Dragonboat Championships, held at Longridge in September. Due, in no small measure, to the paddling skills they have acquired at the Wharf on Tuesday nights, they came second in the heats, then came in first in the repechages. Through to the semi - finals, our team of nineteen scouts came in with their fastest time yet of 2' 07" and got second place! The cox called "easy!", the Scouts yelled "tiger!" and the race was over.

It was also Chris Holt's birthday, so the cox got the poor lad to stand up while the rest of the crew and all the spectators on the bank sang him "happy birthday" at the end of the race. So if you see lots of Scouts crammed into a canoe, with a drummer on the front, you'll know what we're up to.



Brian Biffin

Trepidation, Eskimos, White Water and Tea Shops

River Barle – 9/10 November 2003 – My First Official Club Trip - Paul Jeffs

Trepidation? It's early morning and I'm sharing the car with Alan Dressel and Nigel Telfer. My companions are relishing the prospect of a high river. Me... I'm looking forward to improving that most basic of whitewater skills, staying upright.

Running a little behind schedule we met with the rest of the party (Martin Sanders, Lee Matthews, Mike Carpenter, Matt Lockey, Richard Somerset, Keith Ambrose, Tim Roper, & David Mantell) at picturesque Marsh Bridge. On the way to Tarr Steps, the starting point for the day, we see a full hunting party, hounds, horses, riders, all racing over the moor.

Previous club reports of the Barle had been of a bumpy, shallow, trip between features. This was slightly different!! According to the guide the water level is 'normal to medium' (fast grade 2 with the occasional grade 3) – the water was close-to but not overflowing the very picturesque rock footbridge that forms 'Tarr Steps' itself. To while away the time until the car ferry parties arrive back, David and I lay on some entertainment for the others by trying to get unwary 4x4 owners to use the ford (great fun seeing them scrabble on the rocks). I wish the Mercedes had tried it! With the car ferrying, gear collation, walking, dressing in rubber etc. out of the way, we've with 11 eager paddlers and 11 kayaks, all raring to go.

Nigel gives us a briefing on how we're going to organise today – two groups – each a mixture of novices and the skilled – particular hazards to look for (tree branches) – and how and where to get in safely.... We now change some names to protect the guilty..... Just as Nigel says "the safest place to get in is in this eddy – but watch the branches there", 'Joe Cool' sets up for a seal launch off the Steps. No-one doubts Joe can do it, no-one doubts Joe'll stay upright, but.....why is his paddle floating downstream all on its own and he's still sitting on the Steps? Perfect timing!! Richard can run really fast and so Joe's paddle was back a few minutes later.

We set off. I'm in the first group. The guide says of the first section 'Always rockier, faster and narrower than expected. Most novices swim....' Hurray, I was on the water, heading downstream, following Lee. A tree looms and plucks him from the water. I avoid the tree and cross the main stream to find the tiniest of eddies. Lee gets wet getting out of the tree and is soon on the water again, but topples all too quickly. Two dunkings on top of not feeling too well put Lee's blood sugar in the wrong area and he decides to have a rest while he still can.

Sitting in my micro-eddy I hear a paddle splash behind. I turn to see not a paddler, but at what at first sight appears to be a baguette hanging in the air, about a foot out of the water. It falls back in before I realise it's a large salmon jumping vertically out of the water.

The second group are now some way ahead, having overtaken us. Shouldn't we catch them up? I lean the wrong way and we soon have the next swimmer of the

day. Ouch, this sort of swimming hurts! Nigel performs the rescue and I get in my kayak - 100m and many rocks downstream. Richard appears out of no-where with my paddle. Nigel decides, rightly, that we (me especially) need some practice breaking and breaking out. Mike starts scouting eddies and we do just that. I do (I think) some great breakouts only to fall over in the calm stuff. I try to do some great break-ins but perpetually lean the way that seems right, not the way that is right. A couple of pushes off the bottom, a couple of good Eskimo rescues (thanks Nigel) and far too much bumpy swimming. This is one great river – but there's no let-up in the bumpy stuff! I'm sure Keith joins me in the water just the once on that section that I can remember!

On down the rest of the river, bumpy bits, really bumpy bits and waves that dwarf me. Wow, I even fly over that rock! Punch through those waves, feeling on top of the world. Hey, feeling great, let's punch through this big one on the right. Oh 'sugar' must remember to try and use those recovery strokes! Winded, I now lose count of the number of swims! Mike guides us down the middle channel at Three Way Islands and we catch the rest of the party up. They've finished their late lunch and are beached up by a playful wave near Mounsey Bridge. Alan, Richard, Matt, Tim and Lee all have a play. The others report a less eventful journey so far.

A quick lunch and we set off close behind the advance party. Things are a little more straightforward for a short while and then the rapids creep up on me and throw me out again. It's annoying when you do capsize, manage to grab both paddle and kayak, and then find there's nowhere to go with them but downstream – over the rocky bits!

At Dulverton Weir Keith and I portage past and watch the rest of the party go over the weir itself. We both comment that it looks easier than the big wave at Nene, but safety first – my reactions are slowing up. Almost everyone gets beached on a bank at the bottom. We join them downstream and Keith goes for a swim. Keith's back afloat, we rejoin everyone and I find I'm swimming through Town Falls. Richard, Alan, Nigel and David do an ace job of a rescue.

After a total 6 miles, an exhilarating run through the rest of the falls ends with us getting out at Dulverton Bridge. A blissful bath in the B&B, inspecting bruises and avoiding the cold drips from wet gear hanging above me, does wonders for the body. Later, a couple of pints of Exmoor Best and a game pie at the Anchor in Exebridge do wonders for the mind! A pleasant evening was had by all, planning for the next day's possibilities.

Next day, after steady rain through the night we realise that the river has risen 4 inches at Dulverton Bridge, not overnight but in just one hour. 'Raging torrent' is now a very valid description, with the overhanging trees now deeper into the water cutting the navigable route even further.

A quick conference at Marsh Bridge and several of us opt out of doing the river that day. Richard, Martin, Nigel, David, Matt and Alan set out to cover the same stretch

as the day before. The spectating party- Lee, Mike, Tim, Keith, and I turn to alternately checking out the weir, chatting to fellow canoeists and sitting in Dulverton's tea shop, which Lee had found the day before. The river party has a much faster trip and with inspirational timing we manage to meet them both at Dulverton Weir and Dulverton Bridge. Smiles all round and only one report of a 'swim' when Matt had a play on the now bigger wave near Mounsey Bridge!

Great coaching, great company, great fun. The River Barle is accessible by permit only – October through March from Tarr Steps to Exebridge, to April, from Marsh Bridge. My name's already down for the next trip!

Paul Jeffs

A TALE FROM THE RIVER BARLE

The occasion on which this article is based was perhaps one of the more bizarre occurrences on a recent canoeing trip to the River Barle. So bizarre in fact that I felt compelled to tout it around tabloid and broadsheet editors of the national press. They turned out to be an unimaginative lot and in much the same way as Decca turned down a recording contract with the Beatles they passed up the opportunity to entertain their myriad readers with this amazing little tale. So, it is the learned columns of this worthy and erudite journal that has found it self thrust, once again, into the glare of publicity.

So, imagine. There you are standing on the slabs of the medieval clapper bridge at Tarr Steps. The river on the previous day had been on the high side but heavy rain overnight had swollen the river still further. The water was just below the slabs and at this level flows really quite fast. There were long trains of sizeable standing waves and from where I was standing there seemed to be one obvious way to go and one somewhat less obvious.

There I was, standing on the bridge surveying what would be quite an exciting trip down river when along come a couple, youngish people with, well, the appearance at least of having been well educated at one of the more expensive schools and possibly universities. They were clearly impressed with the look of the river and questioned our sanity in planning to launch in what they took to be boats offering less than adequate protection.

I was just bidding my farewells when the man asked me....."**and which way are you going then ?** I was tempted to say that we were going to paddle

upstream and then hike over the moors to Minehead but I wasn't sure that the expensive education would have spotted the subtle sarcasm. Instead I challenged them to a race to Dulverton, they by car and we by boat. It was an unfair challenge really, I knew who would win. After all Tarr Steps to Dulverton by car via Weston Supermare, the Devonshire Riviera, Exeter, Taunton and Tiverton would take a little while !!!

Martin Sanders

White Water Trips.

We plan to run some ad hoc day or even part day trips to local rivers and weirs when the water levels are either good enough and safe enough. We, that is the White Water group, believe we know who is interested in this but it would not do any harm to let us know for certain.

The November trip was up a bit on our normal visited levels although nothing to worry about just deeper, not bouncing over rocks so much and with a greater current running we had a few swimmers.

The Dart in November was also a little lively but very enjoyable and apart from a hail storm the weather was fine and we even saw the sun for a few hours!

The trip to River Barle is being planned for March, accommodation is a bit scarce in this area now no one place can usually take us all so early booking reserves a place with the main group after that you might find yourself scattered about the lovely town of Dulverton.

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Liz Murnaghan 01252 01276 514766,
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or last but not least

Richard Somerset 01252 683584,
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Thames Weir Rodeo - Hurley 1/2nd Feb

Want to see some top moves on some fast moving water? Then get down to Hurley Weir over this

weekend, go early because parking can be a problem.

This event is always popular and you might even see someone you recognise (Matt?).

The event is very dependant upon water availability so check the levels on the net at: ***www.hurleyweir.com***

Pool.

In order to accommodate more Polo and dedicated training sessions the popular Sunday evening sessions are to be split into 3 x 40 minute sessions:

1st session (7.00 to 7.40) general free practice

2nd session (7.40 to 8.20) training

3rd session (8.20 to 9.00) polo

Each session will cost £3.

Please contact Mike Carpenter to book your session.

Remember we can still use our own carefully washed boats for these sessions provided they are clean, not too large and do not have sharp ends which could be hazardous to other paddlers in this fairly small pool.

More diary dates

A date for your diaries, 14/16th March 2003 is the now annual **International Canoe Exhibition** held at the NEC Birmingham.

So save that money from Auntie Jane given to you at Christmas and get Dad & Mum to take you to Birmingham for the day, you will not be disappointed.

All the new boat designs paddles and everything to do with kayaking and canoeing under one roof.

You can even try out boats before you buy in a special pool. Just next door is another exhibition called the Ordnance Survey Outdoors Show which does not need much explanation, climbing and biking among the special features here.

BCU members can book 2 tickets in advance for £8 while at the door others pay £10 each!

See you there! (phone the committee to ask who else is going that you can scrounge a lift from them)

Boxing Day Paddle 2002

Meet at Chequers Wharf in Crookham at 10.30ish for a gentle paddle along the canal. Warm up with mince pies and mulled wine and then watch the famous Mummers play at the pub (12noon). This is a fancy dress paddle so dig out those fancy dresses and join in the fun. No prizes, but remember photos may be taken and used to fill up space in Waterfront.

Pete's Plan.

A past contender in the popular winter/spring series of marathon races called the **Waterside** series Pete Absolom has suggested that we put together a team to contend the 2003 series of races.

We are looking for a team of ideally 4 K2's to commit to participating in all of these races for the team award. The dates are as below (as are the Thameside races).

Are you interested?

Can you commit to all of the races?

If you are and you can contact either:

Pete Absolom - 01483 303868

or

Paul Massam - 01252 372892

efymassa@nmhg.com

Training will likely be on Sundays on various stretches of water in the area until these races commence in the New Year.

January 5th Frank Luzmore K2 event, 13 miles from Shepperton to Richmond

February 23rd **Waterside** (A) 13.5 miles

March 2nd Thameside (1) 14 miles

March 9th **Waterside** (B) 18.5 miles

March 16th Thameside (2) 18 miles

March 23rd **Waterside** (C) 22.5 miles

April 6th **Waterside** (D) 34.5 miles

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andy.morgan4@btopenworld.com

15ft glass fibre kayak and paddle. Good condition. £60.

Telephone Mr Walling. Reading 0118 987 2758.

Letters

Dear Liz,

In the recent BCCC Waterfront you asked for views on the comments by John Fawkner regarding Canoeists and Anglers.

For about 15 years now there have been "Users" meetings under the auspices of the Canal Authority, held twice a year at the Mytchett Centre for all User Groups along the Basingstoke Canal to discuss all the different aspects. Canoeists and Fishermen always attend and the BCCC has always had a representative.

The BCCC representative is given a list of all the activities and future dates along the Canal as is everybody else. The National Fishing Match in question was known at the beginning of the year.

The Fishermen always provide a list of their matches generally about a year in advance and our "Hare & Hounds" are on the BCA consolidated list. NEHWACA has never taken bookings when there are large National fishing matches. When there has been a clash of dates on smaller matches once or

twice, I have rung the Fishing representative and asked them not to put pegs between NEHWACA (Court Moor School, Fleet) and Coxheath Bridge, and they have been very amenable. The Fishermen do put

recent issue of the "Surrey & Hampshire Canal Society's" newsletter.

Trix and Ian Davey

Hare and Hounds Results

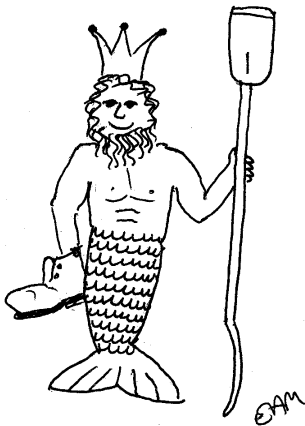
a lot of money into the Canal. Regarding the Angler's point of view we would refer you to a

Sept02				Points
1	Tyson Simons	Hobbie	66-34	10
2	Pete & Chris Absolom	TC2	74-08	9
3	Tina Murrey & Debbie Carpenter	K2	66-30	8
4	Paul Massam & Paul Batchelor	K2	50-57	7
5	Liz Murnaghan	K1	61-10	6
6	Charles Hicks	K1	61-21	5
7	Alan Coleman	Laance	65-21	4
8	Jonathan Johns	Laance	77-44	3
Oct02				
1	Lis Coleman	Laance	67-30	10
2	Pete Absolom	K1	60-10	9
3	Alan Coleman	Laance	65-10	8
4	Richard Somerset	K1	56-00	7
5	John F Corbett	GP	80-42	6
6	Jerry Rodgers & Brian Ellwood	K2	57-00	Visitor
7	Debbie Carpenter	K1	74-05	5
3 miles				
1	Harry Mudd		47-00	
2	Jonathan Mudd		49-00	
Nov02				
1	Chris Absolom	Tourer	70-20	10
2	Paul Massam	K1	60-23	9
3	Pete Absolom	K1	59-30	8
4	John F Corbett	GP	79-34	7
5	Paul Batchelor	K1	54-38	6
6	Alan Coleman	K1	71-44	5

Swimming Results.

This autumn has seen some unusually mild weather, a large number of people have taken the opportunity to do some open water swimming. Contrary to what they might say, none of it was premeditated. The Neptune Award (Water God, half man, half fish) must go to Paul Jeffs for his multiple swims

on the Wey, Nene and Barle. Honourable mentions must go to Lee Matthews, Jon Mudd, Keith Ambrose and Matt Lockey. On the flat stuff (out of wobbly boats) your editor is in front, closely followed (and helped) by Tina Murrey with Pete Absolom and Tyson Simmons also deserving a mention



Following a recommendation from the BCU we must draw your attention to the following statement: "Canoeing and Kayaking are "Assumed risk"- "Water contact sports""

A few dates for the calendar.

Dec02	
21st	Hare and Hounds Contact Paul Batchelor 01252 845510
25th	Christmas Day Open up all that new Kit!
26th	Boxing Day Fancy Dress paddle. See inside for details
Jan03	
5th	Frank Luzmore K2 Contact Paul Batchelor 01252 845510
5th	Pool session Contact Mike Carpenter 01252 877903
11 ^{/12th}	WORKING WEEKEND see front for details
26th	Pool session Contact Mike Carpenter 01252 877903
Feb03	
1 st /2nd	Hurley Weir See inside for details
9th	Pool session Contact Mike Carpenter 01252 877903
23rd	Waterside A Contact Paul Massam 01252 372892
23rd	Pool session Contact Mike Carpenter 01252 877903
28th	QUIZ NIGHT See inside for details
Mar03	
2nd	Thameside 1 Contact Paul Massam 01252 372892
9 th	Waterside B Contact Paul Massam 01252 372892
9th	Pool session Contact Mike Carpenter 01252 877903
14/16th	International Canoe Exhibition See inside for details
23rd	Waterside C Contact Paul Massam 01252 372892
23rd	Pool session Contact Mike Carpenter 01252 877903
Apr03	
6th	Waterside D Contact Paul Massam 01252 372892
13th	Pool session Contact Mike Carpenter 01252 877903

EDITOR'S BIT

Well it is definitely winter, I can confirm that the canal is very cold and the pogies have been taken out of mothballs. It's not too late to ask Santa for a set, they keep those fingers warm .As an alternative I suggest a trip to New Zealand, they are having a heat wave at the moment,(but it's not a cheap option.) Keep sending in those articles. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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