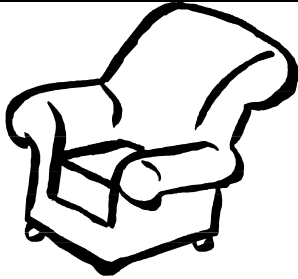




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From the Chair...

Much has happened behind the scenes, since our last newsletter especially regarding the constitution and work required for the club to achieve 'club mark' status. My thanks go to those persons working tirelessly towards these worthwhile goals. Because the constitution (hurriedly prepared for the AGM) requires further work to meet the rigorous standards of the Inland Revenue and the BCU this may take sometime, so please bear with us. We will call an EGM as soon as we have clearance from these two organizations. It's at this time of year when we look back at what we have achieved over the last 12 months. The youth section in particular has been busy in its second year with PaddlePower giving our younger members a chance to try different boats and disciplines. 'Well Done' to those who won awards this year but sadly were unable to collect them at the AGM. Our secretary now has the engraved awards and

will arrange for them to be distributed or presented at events over the coming months.

I hope, like me you have been giving your relatives hints about your Christmas wish list. Best wishes to you all and I hope you all have an enjoyable and safe Christmas. I look forward to seeing you all at our Boxing Day 'funny hat' Paddle at Crookham Wharf from 10.30. See you there with appropriate head gear!

Lee Matthews

Boat goes missing.

By the time that you read this all of the clubs boats in the boat store should have Club Boat stickers on them. This for a real purpose because a member who has kept his boat in the boat store for over a year now had his boat 'borrowed' for a weekend by one of us. Despite the owner having his BCU sticker on the boat, which has his name on it, his boat still disappeared for about 48 hours over a weekend recently. You can possibly imagine his feelings clearly thinking that it might have been stolen.

Please check that the boat you are borrowing is either; yours or clearly a club boat, if you are not sure check with the Quartermaster or a member of the committee.

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TRIPS AND TOURS

Sloe Paddling

The sloe paddle went ahead as planned, the buckets and buckets of sloes that were seen last year were not forthcoming and pickings were thin. However, in anticipation of a good crop next year, Chris has found a sloe wine recipe, details below
From <http://www.davehallwalking.com/SloeWine.htm>

Sloe Wine.

2 ¾ LB fresh ripe sloes.
2 tsp. Citric acid.
1 lb minced raisins
½ tsp tannin.
2 ¼ lb sugar
pectic enzyme.
6 pints water.
Nutrient.
Bordeaux or G.P. yeast.

Stalk and wash the sloes and pour on 5 pints boiling water, cover and leave to cool.

Mash the fruit and add all ingredients apart from yeast. Cover and leave a day.

Add the yeast starter and ferment on the pulp for five days, stirring twice a day.

Always use a wooden(untreated) spoon and plastic fermenting bin. Metal might leave an aftertaste.

Strain out the fruit pour into a fermentation jar, top up, fit an airlock and rack after a month

Sloe Gin.

The recipe for this was in the last issue of Waterfront. It should be ready to decant about now. Don't throw those boozy sloes away though.

You can use the sloes to make liquor chocolates by melting plain chocolate and then pouring it into sweet cases. Add two or three sloes (preferably stoned) to each case. Lovely for Christmas. Can also be added to an apple pie to give an extra zest.

If sloes are not available, you can use damsons for the above recipes in exactly the same way. Crop varies from year to year.

Limerick Competition

*When paddling in autumn with Pooh Sticks,
Tradition says sloes you must pick
But to make matters worse
You must celebrate in verse
Or at least with a dodgy lim'rick*

Thanks to Elaine Horner for the ingenious use of Lim'rick which enabled me to produce the above. Elaine's offering is printed below

*The editor said write a lim'rick
'bout the sloes we had hoped for to pick
but I had such a hard time
trying to rhyme the first line
that I decided to give it up*

And the Somersets came up with these:-

*A jolly 'young' crowd from the club
Went sloe picking instead of the pub
But the sloes to be picked
Had already been nicked
All they managed was one tiny tub.*

*Sloe pickers, not renowned for their bitching
Agreed, "Let's all pick and pitch in".
But the trees were all bare
The sloes were not there
Not even enough for the kitchen.*

Your next opportunity to be creative is Boxing Day. Last year the Biffens had a Christmas tree in their canoe can you do better?

October Teashoppe tour and Picnic

Those of you who read the last copy of Waterfront will be aware of the importance of picnics. Those of you who missed the recent trip on the Thames from Reading to Henley missed an ideal opportunity to practice this noble art.

After the usual car ferry business 12 boats and 14 of your fellow club members (with, I am pleased to say, 14 picnics) set off from the car park dressed for cold weather only to find Debbie had managed to organise one of the nicest October days on record. The group was so large that Richard had trouble fitting us all in his camera (or was it just that his camera was too small!).

We had our picnic at the second portage on a private island and our leader negotiated with a very kind lock keeper to open the toilets for us. The picnic was most successful with many producing flasks of hot drinks and an amazing selection of sandwich fillings. You will of course be pleased to know that all the picnics appeared to be nutritionally well balanced providing all the nutrients required by a hungry paddler.

After lunch we continued on our way making sure to take all our rubbish with us leaving the site in the same good state as we found it (this is something the amateur picnicker is prone to forget).

We continued down the river and managed to avoid the final portage when our leader once again negotiated with a lock keeper this time persuading him that 12 boats was a big enough party to operate the lock for. This was the first time in a lock in a canoe for several of us and Richard took pictures as we descended. The finish was just a short paddle from the lock at Henley canoe club where our cars had been patiently waiting for us.

The weather was superb, the company good, the picnic location perfect and our trip leader and organiser beyond reproach. En route we were treated to a near virtuoso performance of the rest stroke by a paddler in the front seat of a K2. Oh! and we found a lemon floating in the river with writing on it that made no sense at all.

For those of you who are thinking of taking up to sport of picnicking please join us on Debbie's next trip. As a minimum you will need main course with a drink, but pudding is strongly recommended. As the trip will probably be along the next bit of the river some sort of canoe, paddles and buoyancy aid will also be required. Helmets are only required for extreme picnicking and on these occasions a waterproof container is vital to the enjoyment of lunch.

Elaine Horner

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Boxing Day Paddle -Sunday 26th December.

Chequers Wharf, Crookham Village, 10.30-ish - for mulled wine and a short paddle. Any left-over mince pies would be appreciated to go with the wine. Silly hats are usually worn, - full fancy dress would be even better. If the Canal is frozen, we will just go for a walk instead of canoeing. If raining heavily, please ring Charles Hicks on 01252 850657 for possible alternative arrangements.

The paddle can be followed by a visit to the Crookham Mummies at the George & Lobster pub at noon. This lasts about 20 minutes.

BCCC Quiz Evening – Saturday 19 February 2005

The Club is holding a quiz evening to raise funds for the club.

The quiz is based on teams of six people. We aim to make it a convivial evening, but the questions are aimed at adults.

Wine, soft drinks and snacks will be provided, along with a bar.

The quiz is open to anyone, not just club members, so **please organise a team comprising family, friends, colleagues or neighbours.**

I am often asked "How easy is it?" Well we try to make it easy, and it is if you know the answers.

Details are in the attached letter.

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Brian Gandy
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NEW KIT

I'm pleased to announce that there is a new shiny plastic toy in the barn for everyone to use. In common with latest playboat technology it has a flat planning hull and chopped off ends. So chopped in fact it is almost square. The marathon paddlers will be reassured by the large open cockpit. It even comes with sponge supplied. With a volume of only 11 litres however, this tub is too small to be paddled. In fact just the opposite is intended. Fill it up with water and pull some admiring glances as you wash up your mug!!

It's not too much to ask that everyone puts the boats away clean and dry, that paddles are placed in the appropriate areas and buoyancy aids hung up. The same goes for mugs and spoons, please leave them in a clean and dry state ready for the next person.

"A Mug"



"Now that fox hunting is banned, will the fishermen be next?"

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A mini success

The racing section held a series of mini sprint and marathon races during September and October at Mytchett on Saturday mornings.

15 juniors attended the series, 8 of whom came to most sessions, and paddled in Lightnings, fast touring and racing boats. The courses were 240 metres for the sprint and 2400 metres for the marathon. It was pleasing to see that in both the sprint and the marathon each of those who came regularly improved their times. The marathon course enabled us to apply for Placid Water Time Trial Awards which are based on times achieved over any distance greater than 2k. The awards achieved are set out below. The sprint awards must be over a measured 500 metre course, so perhaps that is something to arrange next year.

For the last session we ran a K2 mini marathon, pairing juniors with experienced paddlers and when we had finished, had drinks, biscuits and an award ceremony in the function room at Mytchett.

Thanks to all who attended, to Mums and Dads who helped and to my colleagues in the racing section for their help and encouragement of the juniors.

Time Trial Awards

Gold (under 7 minutes per 1000 metres)

Katie Lambert
Michael Lambert

Silver (under 8 minutes per 1000 metres)

Annadel Horner
Harry Mudd
Stephen Rees-Clark

Bronze (under 9 minutes per 1000 metres)

Elliot Croft
Daniel Thackeray
Michael Truesdale

Blue (under 9 minutes per 1km in a K2)

Craig Horner
Sarah Murnaghan

The series has given us encouragement to run another next year.

In the meantime, if anyone of any age wishes to try faster boats with rudders you are welcome to

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join us at Mytchett on Saturday mornings. We paddle throughout the winter and find that the weather is no obstacle on most days. You do need to dress appropriately, but we can advise you about that.

Brian Gandy

Paddlesport Challenge SLALOM results

Exciting stuff!

Well done to all those who attended on the 21st November. Our Platypii and the Otters teams finished 4th and 7th overall (respectively) out of a field of 12 and we had 6 top-3 placings in the 8 classes. The PS challenge slalom competition actually qualified as a BCU Div4 event and as a result some of our youngsters have already been promoted to Div 3 (congratulations Harry Mudd and Annadel Horner - sadly Hazel Williams was just piped to the post for promotion)!

Highlights for our club include Annadel Horner getting 3rd place for the girls over 14 class, Hazel Williams getting 3rd place for the girls 12-14 class, Michael Rees-Clark getting third in the boys 10-12 class, Craig Horner getting first in the under 10 boys, Andrew Jeffs getting second in the under 10 boys, and Samantha Rees-Clark getting first in the girls under 10 class.

These results are very pleasing and I know everyone had fun attending too. With the spread of ages across each team we've given everyone a chance to be in a successful team. Well done everyone!

So here are the team results

Overall

- 1 Pangbourne
- 2 Reading B
- 3 1st Sea Scouts 1
- 4 Basingstoke Canal Platypii**
- 5 Black Swan
- 6 Banbury Bravehearts
- 7 Basingstoke Canal Otters**
- 8 Reading A
- 9 Banbury Buccaneers
- 10 Reading C
- 11 Warren
- 12 1st Sea Scouts 2

Lewis added an extra age group thanks to the fantastic turn-out of over 70 paddlers!

Paul Jeffs

TRAINING

We have had a fantastic season of progress through the BCU star awards, thanks to the enormous commitment of our volunteer coaches and the energy and determination of our members. According to my records the following successes were achieved. My apologies for any omissions, please let me know if you find any errors. Congratulations to the following:

Keith	Ambrose	occ 2*, cck 3,4*
Alex	Bennett	cck 2*
Josh	Bevan	cck 2*
Tom	Biffin	cck 4*
Mike	Carpenter	cck 4*
Andy	Dallibar	occ 2*
Annadel	Horner	occ 2*, cck 2*
David	Horner	occ 2*
Elaine	Horner	occ 2*
Paul	Jeffer	occ 2*, cck 3,4*
Andrew	Jeffer	cck 2*
Michael	Jeffer	cck 2*
Megan	Kerry	cck 1*
Derek	King	cck 2*
Matt	Lockey	cck 4*
David	Mantell	occ 2*, cck 4*
Lucy	Mantell	cck 2*
Lee	Matthews	occ 2*, cck 4*
Jake	Mclaren	cck 2*
Alix	Moore	cck 1*
Jonathan	Mudd	occ 2*, cck 3,4*
Harry	Mudd	cck 2,3*
Liz	Murnaghan	cck 4*
Fred	Oliver	cck 2*
Megan	Priestley	cck 1*
James	Priestley	cck 1*
Liam	Priestley	cck 1*
Denis	Rees-Clark	cck 1,2*
Tracey	Rees-Clark	cck 1,2*
Michael	Rees-Clark	cck 1*
Samantha	Rees-Clark	cck 1*
Steven	Rees-Clark	cck 1,2*
Tim	Roper	occ 2*, cck 4*
Nick	Spratt	cck 2*
Teela	Spratt	cck 2*
Daniel	Thackeray	cck 1*
Bev	Williams	occ 2*
Hazel	Williams	occ 2*, cck 2*
Merry	Williams	occ 2*, cck 3,4*

occ = open cockpit canoe, cck = closed cockpit kayak

And even more important for the club Keith Ambrose, Lee Matthews and Paul Jeffs have successfully completed their assessments to be level 2 coaches, and Paul Batchelor, Brian

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Gandy and Liz Murnaghan have qualified as level 2 Racing coaches. Congratulations all!

Hopefully we can build on these achievements in the coming year with trips, slalom events (Loddon and Frome are great for beginners), races and even more progress through the BCU star scheme. Anyone else interested in working towards their 4 star sea?

Merry

Training 2005

We are planning the following courses for next year:

Polo training and polo referee course

Kayak 1, 2 and 3 star courses

Canoe 1, 2 and 3 star courses

Freestyle coaching from Graeme

Placid water courses may also be available

For the freestyle course it will be essential to have a confident roll, get down the pool and get it cracked! For details of what is involved in star courses please check the BCU website. As far as the club is concerned 2 star is the usual prerequisite for whitewater trips, 3 star for more challenging rivers such as the Dart and Tryweryn. We are also considering running a surf trip employing a professional coach. It may be of interest to some that the nice people from the Loddon Slalom run slalom training sessions every Tuesday night at Reading Canoe Club in Caversham.

If you would like to take part in any of this training or have any other ideas please let me know at merrywilliam@waitrose.com.

Merry

Freestyle

Want to try something different. Ever wondered how they pull those moves.

More and more paddlers are starting to recognise the world of **Freestyle** as a kayaking discipline. Its great fun, helps to keep you fit without having to paddle miles and its here on your own doorstep.

This year has seen a great impact on the freestyle world by young people. Kids from the ages of 10 and upwards have been entering competitions across the country and are now challenging some of the more experienced paddlers out there. Interested?

For next years Spring/Summer season. I will be putting together a flat water freestyle programme. This is mainly aimed at the kids but adults are more than welcome to join in.

The courses will start at an easy level covering posture, edge control, and head/trunk rotation and splitting up body parts. Don't worry I'm not going to cut arms and legs off. Yet!

So what can you expect from the courses. You're going to get wet. You're going to sharpen up that roll and hopefully you're going to have loads of FUN. The courses will not develop paddling in straight lines, this isn't freestyle. I'm hopeful that some people may well move onto using some of the strokes on moving white water.

Pre-requisites for the courses will be:

- a) 50% roll
- b) The smallest boat that you can fit into.
- c) A great big smiley face.

I will be trying to get hold of a range of small freestyle Kayaks from time to time but this isn't guaranteed. Club support on this would be a bonus. If you want assist me we the courses give me a call.

Comments should be sent to Graeme on glaycock@btopenworld.com or call me on 07976 247682.

Slalom Coach Training

I now have a date for the Slalom level one course, it will be held on the 26th /27th February at Reading CC I will subsidise the course but you will need to pay £10 plus the £17.50 BCU registration fee if you are not a coach and BCU member

The course will be tutored by Nigel Winters and Dave Lomas

I would ask all who attend this course to bring at least 2 other people (who do not normally attend a slalom) to a slalom this season.

Please pass this information to anyone who may be interested

Please book places with me, James Hinves
BCU Southern Region Paddlesport
Development Officer
Tel: 023 8031 9815
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Address: BCU, Sport and Recreation, Southampton Institute, East Park Terrace, Southampton, SO14 0YN

Disability Awareness Training

A course will be run at Adventure Dolphin, Pangbourne on 23rd /24th April 2005. Contact Peter Harris, BCU Southern Region Disability Rep.

Email 1767@surrey.pnn.police.uk

POOL

Just a reminder of the session times

1st session: 6.00 to 6.40pm. Polo for younger members of club, though adults can join in to make up teams numbers or assist at poolside.
2nd session: 6.40pm to 7.20pm. Training / fun play.
3rd session: 7.20 to 8.00pm. Training.

Please, please remember to thoroughly wash out your own boat before taking it into the pool area. Make sure that you take all your property home afterwards.

Those who wish to attend please let me know via e-mail:

Keith.ambrose@ntlworld.com

FOR SALE

Canadian canoe, red, fibreglass construction with three plywood seats. Fourteen feet long. £200 ono. Tel.01252 850657 or 01252 683584.

COMPUTER PROBLEMS? Get your computer sorted out and help raise some extra cash for the club at the same time. I charge on a time basis with a minimum charge of £25, and I'll donate 10% of all fees from club members into club funds. However, if I can't fix your problem then I won't charge anything. I come to you – you don't even have to leave the house. Give me a ring on 01252 672693. Alan (Club Treasurer 2001/2004)

MARATHON

Racing News

BCCC finished the 2003/2004 Hasler race series in third position out of the eighteen or so racing clubs in Southern Region and so qualified for the Hasler Final at Nottingham in October. This is the Annual Inter-Club and Inter-Region national championships.

Our own Southern Region won the Inter-Regional Cup (Reading were second, Pangbourne fourth and Wokingham sixth out of the 31 clubs which qualified for and attended the Final). BCCC finished thirteenth (historically a good finish for us since we are one of the smaller clubs in racing terms). Our best K1 performance came from Tyson Simons (sixth out of 16 in Division 6) and our best K2 was Liz Murnaghan/ Charles Hicks (ninth out of 26 in Division 7/8).

Five races have already been held in the Southern Region's 2004/2005 Hasler series and, after the first four of these, we were behind Reading, Pangbourne and Wokingham and tying on points, in equal fourth place, with Bourne End. On this form we are just in with a chance of qualifying for the 2005 Hasler Final.

Eighteen BCCC paddlers have raced for the Club so far this season, including Katie and Mike Lambert and Charlotte Rouse, all juniors, who have begun racing this year and done well. We very much hope other BCCC newcomers to racing will join them in 2005, from among the participants in the Hare & Hounds and Brian Gandy's Mini-series for example. It's clear we will have to achieve good turnouts and good results in the four 2005 races (our own, Reading, Woodmill and Wokingham) if we are to make it to the Final next September.

In preparation for the January/February long distance races in the Waterside and Thameside series, and the 125 mile Devizes to Westminster race at Easter, our winter training sessions on Saturday mornings (at 9.15) and Tuesday evenings (at 7pm) have begun to include some stamina work, running and portaging practice. The heavy leaf fall this year must surely be helping some of the stamina training! Personally I am still trying to find a way of keeping my knees warm.

We welcome newcomers and squad members are still offering coaching for anyone who wishes from about 11 am on most Saturdays. Do bring suitable canoe clothing and a change of clothes for afterwards. We do sometimes train on the Thames so it would be wise to ring me on 01252 850657 beforehand to avoid disappointment.

Charles

Ross Warland Memorial Paddle.

Ross Warland was an active member of Banbury Canoe Club. He died aged only 21 of bone cancer and the club holds this annual event in his memory. It is a 25 mile race which

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winds it way along the Oxford canal. The main event is a team relay but for those with masochistic tendencies there is the option of going the full distance.

The entry details give the distances between each changeover point and the number of portages (16) and OS map references are thoughtfully provided too. A look at the map shows one other small detail that is omitted from the race details, all the portages are uphill! The elevation gained is just over 30m, about 100 feet or 4' per mile. Doesn't sound much I know, but compare it to the Grand Canyon which drops 10' per mile and maybe we would have to work a bit!

Brian Gandy offered to partner me and gently twisted Stella's arm to provide back up. Lis Coleman came too, to help Stella. It was grey and cold when we arrived at Thrupp Bend, scene of many an Inspector Morse episode. After booking in, the priority was to find the loo. The Public ones were shut, but the bushes weren't, and whilst poking around the British Waterways Board yard I found an unlocked door which led to a loo. (Yess!)

Banbury canoe club were out in force for the first of the mass starts. We changed and lined up for the less fashionable start at 9.45. The only other boat was Graham Warland and his partner, Ian who were doing the relay event. We sped out of the marina without any regard for the speed limit of 2mph. The first landmark was Richard Branson's recording studio at Shipton on Cherwell, we did not sing "Tubular Bells". Gradually we eased away from Graham and Ian. There was a flash of blue, a kingfisher. This was shortly followed the sighting of a blue patch in the sky, it lasted about as long as the kingfisher did. The Oxford canal is a lot more open than the Basingstoke canal, less trees and more boat traffic means less leaves which was a great relief. We saw a lot of moored narrow boats and in summer the canal gets very busy. The first changeover point for the relay race came at Lower Heyford. We saw the notices for Ice creams and Gift shops but only stopped for new drinks bottles and squares of chocolate from Stella and Lis.

The weather got worse, the wind was cold and from the North and the rain started. The fresh K2 of Carl Warland and Laura Ferguson caught up with us and we enjoyed a tow on their wash for a couple of miles before we overtook and they could sit on ours. We saw more paddlers as we caught up with some of the slower crews from the early start. The Anyho lock was the

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next changeover point and Graham and Ian got about 10 seconds ahead of us as I swapped hats for a warmer one. The good wash was tantalizingly out of reach for ages until approaching Banbury Graham slowed up, not used to the distance. Our fabulous support crew plied us with coffee and fruitcake at Banbury lock.

We were on familiar water now, the start of the Banbury marathon. However we were not in the melee caused by 14 other K2s, flashes of Carl and Laura in the distance but otherwise on our own gave us a chance to notice things you are unaware of in the race. We did not appreciate how close the road was to the canal for instance. Once past the turn for the Div 7/8 race the miles started to drag and the sight of canalside buildings led to thoughts of "This must be it". Eventually we were right and Cropredy Wharf came into view after 4hours 36mins and 41seconds of racing.

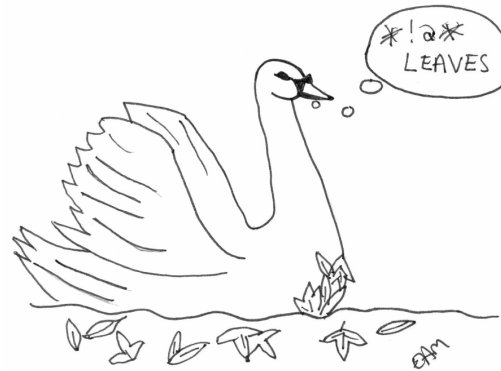
Banbury Canoe Club are housed in the 250 year old stables that used to supply horses for canal boats. The changing rooms are upstairs in the eaves. There are low doors to get in. So low that they do not need "Please mind your Head" signs as they are at chest height. There is an outside loo which isn't going to win any awards but after 2 litres of energy drink, plus tea and coffee I thought was absolutely fabulous. Gallons of soup were being heated up (Apparently Banbury CC have a shed full of the stuff) and bacon was being fried on a gas stove. Bacon butties were

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provided for competitor refreshments, and since entries were low for support crews too. Yum Yum!

To our surprise Brian and I were given a prize for fastest K2. We have a large trophy to share and a T shirt each. The K2 relay team of Graham, Ian, Carl and Laura were fastest overall, 57 seconds ahead of us. (Shouldn't have lingered over that coffee!) The Oxford canal is suitable for a Teashoppe tour, you don't have to paddle as far as we did. And the support crew have suggested that perhaps more time in the shops next year might be appreciated!

Liz Murnaghan



Hare and Hounds Results

October 2004

Tyson Simons	55:34	10pt
Tim Middlehurst	48:27	V
Liz Murnaghan	1:01:28	9
Richard Somerset	55:18	8
Pete Absolom	1:00:02	7
4 Miles		
Brian Gandy	46:40	
Michael Lambert	48:54	
Katie Lambert	50:03	

November 2004

Liz Murnaghan	1:04:12	10pts
Alan Coleman	1:06:37	9
Brian Gandy	1:02:40	8
Tracy Rees-Clark	1:20:10	7
Richard Somerset	58:24	6
Charles Hicks	1:02:28	5
Paul Batchelor	55:46	4
Paul & Tina Massam	1:00:09	3
Tyson Simons	59:56	2
Stephen Rees-Clark	1:14:00	1

Chris Absolom	1:02:04	1
Tim Middlehurst	52:52	V
Marie O'Connor	1:25:00	1

Points for the Year (Best 6 results to count)

Singles

Liz Murnaghan	29(3)
Richard Somerset	14 (2)
Tyson Simons	12(2)
Alan Coleman	9 (1)
Brian Gandy	8 (1)
Tracy Rees-Clark	7 (1)
Pete Absolom	7 (1)
Charles Hicks	5 (1)
Paul Batchelor	4 (1)
Stephen Rees-Clark	1 (1)
Chris Absolom	1 (1)
Marie O'Connor	1 (1)

Doubles

Paul & Tina Massam	3 (1)
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EDITOR'S BIT

Christmas is coming and there is still time to add a few items to your paddling "Wish List". A spot or two of rain to bring the rivers into condition would be nice, and not too cold for the Watersides either. On a more practical note, maybe a "Hip and Thigh" diet so I can squeeze into a smaller boat for Graeme's freestyle sessions in the spring! And maybe some more contributions for Waterfront too! With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year!

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 (Articles preferred in *.rtf - rich text format)

The closing date for issue 101 is 1st Mar2005

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

In addition to the events listed on the calendar, don't forget the following "regular" sessions:-

Tuesdays 9.30am Mytchett Introduction to Placid Water Contact Liz Murnaghan 01276 514766

Tuesdays 6pm Mytchett Marathon training, bring your own flashing light Contact Charles Hicks 01252 850657

Thursdays 9.30am Crookham Wharf Marathon training Contact Charles Hicks 01252 850657

Saturday Mornings at Mytchett Flat water coaching Contact Brian Gandy 01252 622630 and general paddling contact Jon Mudd 01252 629800

Most Saturdays Trip to local weirs or Nene Whitewater Centre Contact Dave Bevan 01276 502524 or Keith Ambrose 01252 523579

Christmas Crackers

Just to get you in the mood for Christmas here are some cracker jokes supplied by Charles Hicks.

Q: Why did the gardener plant bulbs?

A: So the worms could see where they were going.

Q: What is the difference between a coyote and a flea?

A: One prowls on the hairy, and the other howls on the prairie.

Q: What is purple and cries for help?

A: A damson in distress

Q: Why didn't the skeleton go to the party?

A: He had no body to go with.

Q: What was the tortoise doing on the motorway?

A: About one mile an hour.

A few dates for the calendar.

Dec04		
16 th	*	Paddlesport Pool event Contact Paul Jeffs 01252 615412
18 th	*	Hare and Hounds Contact Charles Hicks 01252 850657
26 th	*	Boxing Day paddle, Crookham Wharf Contact Charles Hicks 01252 850657
Jan05		
8 th	*	Paddlesport Challenge-Polo Contact Paul Jeffs 01252 615412
9 th		Frank Luzmore K2 Richmond CC
9 th	*	Pool session Contact Keith Ambrose <i>keith.ambrose@ntlworld.com</i>
15 th	*	Hare and Hounds Contact Charles Hicks 01252 850657
15 th	*	Paddlesport Challenge-Polo Contact Paul Jeffs 01252 615412
22 nd	*	Paddlesport Challenge-Polo Contact Paul Jeffs 01252 615412
23 rd	*	Pool session Contact Keith Ambrose <i>keith.ambrose@ntlworld.com</i>
29/30 th		River Barle trip Contact Mike Carpenter 01252 877903
30 th		Waterside A Contact Liz Murnaghan 01276 514766
Feb 05		
6 th		Thameside 1 Reading CC
6 th	*	Pool session Contact Keith Ambrose <i>keith.ambrose@ntlworld.com</i>
13 th		Waterside B Contact Liz Murnaghan 01276 514766
19 th	*	Hare and Hounds Contact Charles Hicks 01252 850657
19 th		BCCC Quiz night Contact Brian Gandy 01252 622630
20 th		Thameside 2 Reading CC
20 th	*	Pool session Contact Keith Ambrose <i>keith.ambrose@ntlworld.com</i>
27 th		Waterside C Contact Liz Murnaghan 01276 514766
Mar 05		
6 th	*	Pool session Contact Keith Ambrose <i>keith.ambrose@ntlworld.com</i>
13 th		Waterside D Contact Liz Murnaghan 01276 514766
19 th	*	Hare and Hounds Contact Charles Hicks 01252 850657
20 th	*	Pool session Contact Keith Ambrose <i>keith.ambrose@ntlworld.com</i>
Apr05		
3 rd	*	Pool session Contact Keith Ambrose <i>keith.ambrose@ntlworld.com</i>
16 th	*	Hare and Hounds Contact Charles Hicks 01252 850657
17 th	*	Pool session Contact Keith Ambrose <i>keith.ambrose@ntlworld.com</i>
30 th /2 nd	*	Cardington Weekend Contact Lee Matthews 07950 232193
May 05		
15 th	*	BCCC Club Marathon Contact Brian Gandy 01252 622630

Events marked with a * are suitable for junior members