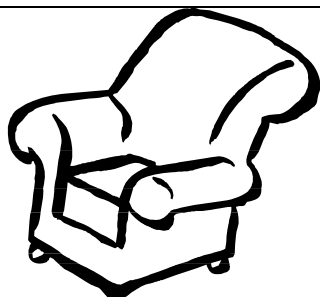




Waterfront

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From the Chair...

This is not a printing error!

News

Some of you will have met Jerry Rogers from Blackwater Valley CC, (and thus indirectly a member of BCCC) he is a familiar sight at Watersides races in his Cornish rugby shirt. He has done the DW 11 times and fancied a bigger endurance challenge. Inspired by a book from his daughter, with a friend he plans to enter the 2005 Trans Atlantic rowing race and row from the Canary Islands to Antigua starting out in October. You can find out more about the challenge and sponsor Jerry at <http://www.rowingforclic.org.uk>

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NEWS

The Snack Bar

Those who frequent Mytchett on a Tuesday evening will have noticed the club snack bar. If you are not a Tuesday evening person, the stripy Gazebo next to the boathouse is home to a club snack bar that runs every Tuesday during the Paddlepower season. It serves hot food from 6:00 to 6:30 and again from 8:00 to 9:00. Drinks, cakes, fruit and biscuits are available all evening from 6:00 to 9:00. The aim is to provide good quality food at reasonable prices whilst making a modest profit for club funds.

Thank you to everyone who has supported this venture so far and in particular to Dave Bevan for the use of his BBQ.

Due to Summer Holidays there will be no snack bar on 26th July, 2nd August and 9th August.

If you find numbers fascinating you might like to view the sales summary on www.B3C-Youth.org.uk.
Elaine Horner

Club Buoyancy Aids

In April the Club's Buoyancy Aids were tested, or shall we say those present in the Boat Store were tested.

Yet again there were a lot missing, some that were missing last year were there this time and others have gone AWOL.

I am concerned that Buoyancy Aids go "floating" off without being listed on the Board as being borrowed. Please have a "ratch" and when they return they must be quarantined until they are tested, no ifs, buts or maybes - quarantined.

Of particular concern are the "Guls", which go with the Lightenings, - one is missing and one failed the test. This one has been quarantined pending further investigation.

Lee has the full test results, which will be added to the Asset Register as part of the Club's records.

Chris Belton

Bill Oddie to launch Mytchett's first moorhen crossing

Following on from recent incidents at Mytchett the Moorhen Liberation Front has revealed that it will putting forward plans for a Moorhen crossing close to the Canal centre adjacent to the Potters pub.

Moorhens were already concerned about the possible dangers to their chicks on Tuesday nights but feeling is now running at fever pitch following a recent Sunday when a reported 270 boats caused havoc on a peaceful Sunday afternoon.

Local Moorhen freedom fighter and spokesman 'Notorious Quack' reported that there was much fighting with blades and some rather suspect language coming from the paddlers on that Sunday. 'At one point we heard of an incident where a rather silver haired gentleman launched out of his boat attacking a young Moorhen close to 'Unwins' near Ash Warf whilst four blokes on the bank stood around laughing. Two similar incidents have been reported at different locations on the canal.

'Bill Oddie' the well-known BBC ornithologist has agreed to augment his Spring-watch activities and supervise the training of all local Moorhens. They will be taught using a combination of bread treats to press a crossing button set 3 centimetres above the water. This will stop boats whenever the moorhens want to cross over to the other side of the bank.

This will be the first scheme of its type in the country and similar schemes could follow. The initiative is being closely monitored by the Liberating Front for Ducks.

Lord Muck

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

I forgot to put Debbie's dates for Teashoppe tours in the last Waterfront, but there is still time to enjoy the one and only Henley Royal Regatta. Royal Ascot may have gone "Ooop North" this year but Henley is still on the Thames on 3rd July. An opportunity to load up your Canadian with strawberries and champers and watch the racing from the river. (Just don't drink too much because there are no loos midstream!) Contact Debbie Carpenter on 01252 877982 Debbie will also be running a Teashoppe tour on Sunday 17th July.

Family Kayak, Surf, Play & BBQ at West Wittering - 2005

Following popular demand, we're organising two more of these events for 2005 - one on a Saturday, one on a Sunday, to maximise the catch!

All family and individual members are welcome. This is an opportunity to play in the surf (or at least the waves) whether you want to kayak, bodyboard, swim or just build sandcastles. West Wittering is typically around an hour's drive away. The beach has an EC blue Flag for water cleanliness and a Beach Award from the Tidy Britain Group for the facilities and cleanliness. The car park covers over 20 acres of mown grass. Vehicles may be parked anywhere and no part of the car park is more than 100m from the beach. The beach has truly extensive acres of neatly mown grass- perfect for parking, picnics, bbqs or impromptu games. Ideal if the wind or surf is too high! Cars are parked close to the beach for whatever you want to do. Swimming is safe, and the site is popular with windsurfers and kitesurfers too.

We'll fit times in so that we can play on an incoming and then a high tide. That means we'll be there to play for the afternoon on Sunday 24 July and the morning of Saturday 17 September - followed by a BBQ. The Barbecue will be bring-your-own - bring a disposable or portable barbecue and your own food/drink and we'll get together to cook! We've had some good surf here several times and the event has proved popular with all skill levels and ages, even non-paddlers.

I'll be sending out emails before the event carrying full details. I hope to see you at one or the other!
Paul J.

TRIPS AND TOURS

The Thames and Barle Canadian style

It's amazing, that's two weekends running, I've been off canoeing with (most of) my family and a good bunch of friends! At the crack of 8am on Sunday, 13th March, the Club's ace 3 star OCC team headed west to show Old Father Thames they meant business. Once at Cricklade, the 4 open canoes and the Lightning were offloaded and prepared for the 11 -mile trip to Lechlade. Lee was in good form and produced a supply of rather nifty 25 litre barrels from the Bongo bus for the packed lunches. Keith took position as the frontman and with sail reefed and ready for action, was the first to launch. Merry, Bev and Rohan were next, with the Lightning in tow. Due to a minor technicality, it was towed backwards, a somewhat irreligious spectacle, but hey we were canoeing, not kayaking today! Dave was not a well man and was unable to join us, so I let one of my Scouts loose in the front of Jane's canoe. That left Anne and myself to bring up the rear in our incredibly robust Explorer (or so Mad River keep telling me). At lunchtime we somehow paddled straight past a perfectly good pub at Castle Eaton. (rumours that Lee and Keith were bound and gagged at that point are unfounded) Lunch was taken to the accompaniment of gas

stoves roaring away for the hot drinks. We unfolded a nice big tarp and set it up as a windbreak in true pioneer style, using the canoe poles to position it. The Scout, Richard, had to be deployed to refine the technology a bit - okay, to stop the whole lot falling over. After lunch Lee secured the mainsheet, stepped the mast and deployed the sail - pity about a significant lack of wind. Rohan took a spin in the Lightning and we set off once more. After a short paddle the river was blocked by a couple of fallen trees. After much pushing, pulling and muttering two canoes broke through the barrier, Anne, Jane, Merry Rohan and Bev took the sensible option and portaged around. We portaged Lechlade lock at 5pm with just time for another brew up while Brian and Merry did the ferry.

It was Saturday, 10 March, time to dust off my rather scruffy Coleman canoe and check the patches of Ram-X over the holes in the keel were still holding. The Barle beckoned. We joined the team at Marsh Bridge. It was Anne's first and Nick's second encounter with the Barle. Will, another Scout, was on real moving water for the first time. The weather was perfect, the company was convivial, but where was the water? Dulverton Mill loomed. Pity they hadn't considered 16ft canoes when they built the fish steps. The canoe became abruptly and firmly wedged between the 3rd and 4th sills. First Anne jumped out on to sill 4 then I moved forward got out to help Anne unjam the bows leaping back into the boat as it slid down the sill. Shortly after this, a rock leapt out of the river bed and punched an impressive 6inch gash in the hull of the club's Master.~ Callum's understatement of "there's some water in my boat" was quite commendable. It would have sunk within a minute and by my personal definition, was therefore no longer a canoe. Time to get the repair kit out. First collect the firewood, pop a battery into the "furnace" to power the fan and smear the Vaseline around, and wait till the embers are glowing nicely. The molten milk bottle would not stick to the hull, so, once again, it was time to demonstrate the never ending versatility of Gaffertape on a well warmed up crack, which only goes to prove, you CAN have your kayak and heat it! Dave and Jake performed some good cross deck prys and pivot turns in the Coleman and Lee and Keith tried using an old tv ariel to do some more poling at Exbridge. After a delay of several months, we now have 6 members who have gained their open canoe 3* award. Congratulations to Lee Matthews, Keith Ambrose, Jane Roper, Merry Williams, Anne Biffin, and Dave Mantell. It's been great fun, who's for doing their 4* OCC?

Thanks to Richard Somerset for keeping us out of too much trouble.
Brian Biffin

Oh I do like to be beside the seaside.

A long time ago, (when I was pregnant with Matthew) I joined Richard Somerset and some other club members on a sea kayak paddle around Chichester harbour. I had a lovely time and put "More sea paddling" on my trips wish list. Richard is a member of Portsmouth and District CC which do lots of sea paddling and he fancied their day trip to the Isle of Wight. This he offered round to a select few club members to join him and P&DCC. The club has a sea kayak, an Anas Acuta model and I quickly reserved it.

I spent some time trying to move the footrest forwards but eventually opted to stuffing a large chunk of foam into the cockpit to rest my feet on.

On the appointed day I collected Richard and his boat and I drove to Lepe to meet the others. Lepe is west of Southampton and well out of the ferry routes. Richard bought me a cup of tea which I enjoyed in the sunshine. We filled our boats with picnics, bivvi bags and spare clothes. Applied suncream and made sure drinks bottles were secured under decklines within reach. Steve from P&DCC is a big fan of Anas Acutas and recognised my boat, he told me it had been round the island before, so I should be OK to go there and back. I'm not the only person to succumb to this sort of "logic" Richard used it with my Wavehopper on the Exe Descent and Jerry has bought an Atlantic rowing boat on similar grounds! We headed due south, there was a bit of chop which is common in the Solent, but nothing to worry about, the sea kayaks made light work of it. Turn right and follow the coastline until you enter Newtown creek, which is much bigger than it sounds. We explored one of the arms of the creek looking for a nice picnic spot. Egress was rather muddy as those who couldn't wait for a wee found out. (Shouldn't have had that cup of tea!) We turned and went up the main channel to the 14th century harbour. It used to be the commercial centre of the Isle of Wight but not much remains now. The National Trust own the place, but since land access is via a narrow track not many people go there so the ice cream money was

redundant. We had a clean dry wall to sit on for our picnic and bushes within easy walking distance completed the facilities. With the tide turned we headed out, due north this time. The wind was behind us and a following sea made life interesting for a bit until I had adjusted. I was using "Wings" and stern rudders did not come naturally. My toes were frantically searching for the non-existent rudder! Before long we were back at the car park. A great day out and I must not wait 5 years before I have another go at sea paddling.

Liz Murnaghan.

Hell on Flatwater

A few years ago in 2002 I completed the DW over 4 stages with my son Richard, it was hard but we enjoyed the challenge and had a good result. I did always feel that I should do it again in the more classic style of non-stop overnight; it couldn't be much harder, Oh dear was I in for a shock.

The first problem was to find some mug to do it with as my son was now travelling round Australia, during the previous season I had done a number of K2 races with Pete Absolom and he had done the DW back in the late 80's, he was also an ex Para so they are usually up for a challenge.

Can't really remember how we agreed to do the race but we must have. I even talked of doing it in less than 20 hours; it all seems rather silly now.

Training: as we had paddled together in a lot of races we decided to train individually as we knew we could paddle OK together and we would do the build up races. For me looking back training never really got going at a pace, Christmas came and went and then I had an injury at work (stepped on a nail that was a weeks rest) but after that I usually managed a paddle on Saturday or Sunday with some cycling machine work twice a week and a swim in the pool, I know what you are all thinking. (Ed Yes not enough training!)

By the end of January the Watersides (4 races) and Thamesides (2 races) had started. We had paid our money to enter these which shows commitment to the cause. This year they were the coldest and windiest for a long time, we did manage to pick up a pot on Thameside 1 for 3rd place in the Vets, this was followed by 2 swims at Waterside B.

By the end of the Waterside series we had managed to come 5th, we were fairly happy with the result but didn't let on. Training had increased a little and it was coming together but now we only had a couple of weeks to go so it was time for a last bash up the Thames. It was another cold windy day paddling upstream from Runnymede to Windsor and back with Richard S and LizM. The last week was rest up and stuff as much carbohydrate in as possible, sounds good but I don't eat pasta or rice so it was potatoes for me, boiled and baked. The real novelty was a whole week without chips (never again).

Well here we are, Paul Batchelor and myself Pete Absolom at Devizes. The training, Watersides and Thamesides all done and now it's the big one. Support crews at the ready, Westminster here we come. The weather is good and we keep a nice steady rhythm going

Two miles out we meet our first problem, a swan, head straight for him, out bluff him, he gives way, but being cunning he attacks from behind, quite a lot of flapping and pecking of the boat but then gives up. Some swan, more like a big chicken.

Wootton Rivers portage at last a stretch of legs. Through Savernake Tunnel (Richard's favourite bit of Watersides), Crofton Flight next with a long run. Charles joins us to give us a bit of encouragement (it's OK for him he has got a bike) . Approaching Newbury not feeling too good, mad dash for a bush- sick now feel much better, Paul seems OK though. Through Newbury on toward Reading, it is now getting dark as we come in to Reading and then on to Wokingham. Compulsory stop at Wokingham CC and a quick change into night gear, it feels good to be dry again, and on we go. Into Marlow, had a bad portage there and took a swim, well the novelty of being dry was wearing off. Romney with mutterings of giving up, no way, only 41 miles to go, (only 41 miles did someone say)

We keep going, lock after lock- Shepperton – Sunbury, 100 miles done, just another 25. Teddington at last, I thought it was never going to come. Down the Tideway we go, portage Richmond draw lock. With a cry from Charles "WATCH OUT IT'S SLIPPERY!" Too late Paul's feet fly out from beneath him and with a thud he is on

his back. He gets up and carries on, either he is OK or past caring, I think the latter is more likely. Somehow we get back in and keep going, my arms are working but I don't know how.

The welcome sight of the London Eye and Westminster Bridge. The last few yards we painfully limp through with me shouting "Paddle Paul, Paddle!" every few yards.

Ah, the lovely sound of the finish horn that I have been longing to hear. We were there in 23hrs58mins59secs, broke the 24 hours, just. We were lifted out of the boat, yes lifted and helped up the stairs, some would say carried to receive our medals. I hope it's not too heavy or my legs will give out. Now in dry clothes, hot cup of tea and a cigarette, ah, I may just live after all.

There is only one thing worse than doing the DW and that is not quite doing the DW.

Our heartfelt thanks to our support crews,

Charles and Katie Hicks

Brian and Stella Gandy

And to our long suffering wives

Julie and Margaret

And moral support from

Debbie, Peter, Liz, Richard and Simon

Paul and Pete

Cardington 2005- What you missed!

Lots and lots of lovely warm weather, enough to send under18s swimming in the river

The BCCC version of that infamous UN programme "Oil for Food" became "Gas for Breakfast" in which a well known leader (Dictator?) supplies fuel to a struggling family so they can cook his (and their) breakfast while he and his henchman waits on in luxury.

Doctor Who! Camping has advanced since the days of rubbing two Boy Scouts together to keep warm.

The awning of the Mudd camper van became converted into the Odeon and aficionados could get their fix of the Doctor via a portable TV.

Barbeques and birthday cake (Michael Jeffs was 12 on 1st May and Liz Murnaghan was a bit older on 30th April)

A 45 minute display of lightning (the flashing in the sky stuff, not a plastic K1 in sight) with thunder. Too bad it started at 3.15am. This was followed by discovering the difference between "Waterproof" and "Showerproof" gazebos.

An informal competition was held to discover the fastest Wavehopper paddler. This was narrowly won by Harry Mudd for the juniors. The adults had to show willing too. Merry Williams demonstrated how to mount a hippo. Keith and Lee showed they could handle 4m of plastic rather than the usual 2m. Paul Jeffs lost out to Mudd Senior, but he was just pipped by Brian Biffen. Although Brian has White Water Racing experience, it is in a C2, does that count?.

There was considerable discussion about the syllabus for a proposed new award, BCCC 1 & 2 star gazebo pitching. 1 star relates to the relatively simple pop up umbrella type whilst 2 star the more complex type with mismatched poles, sides etc.

The health benefits of chocolate and other nutritional gems.(Ask Elaine!)

Leaning to port. Not how to steer a Wavehopper, but grown ups slumped sideways in deck chairs following consumption of Portugal's finest export, generously provided by the mugful by Merry Williams.

The Paddlesport Wavehopper challenge run by Paul Jeffs..

Liz

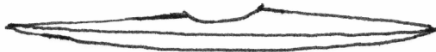
Picnickers Guide to boat selection



'Park and Play' at your local weir. Leave picnic in car because this boat has only got room for a Mars bar.



River running boat, use for winter white water trips where gravity and heavy rain will help you along. Enough room for a pie and a flask in the back.



G.P. and slalom boats have a good picnic capacity. OK for W.W. and Teushoppe tours.



W.W.R. have huge picnic capacity but are rarely used, anyone paddling plastic won't be able to keep up with you!



Open Canadians are great for picnics. Bring a friend, a large coolbox and still have room for the dog.



Sea kayaks are great for coastal picnics but too heavy to carry around obstacles on inland trips.



K1



K2

K1 and K2's are ideal for those longer placid water trips of up to 24 hrs (eg Devizes to Westminster). There is enough space for a picnic and mandatory kit - but there is even more space in the estate car your support crew will be driving!

K4's are 11m long. Much of the boat is inaccessible so there is very little picnic capacity. Long straight banks or jetties are required for launching which further limits their use.

EAM

Scale 1:60 approx

COACHING

Courses

Contact James Hives (Tel: 023 8031 9815 Mob: 07834 583 369) if you are interested in competition coaching. There is a Level 2 coach Racing course at Wokingham on 24/25th Sept and a L2 WWR course on 9th Oct at Nene WWC

Well Done!

The following have passed their 3 star Canadian

David Mantell, Lee Matthews, Keith Ambrose, Jane Roper and Merry Williams

Thanks to Brian Biffin for all the coaching

Craig Horner has passed 2 star kayak test

Jason Dyer and Craig Horner have passed 1 star Placid Water

Sarah Murnaghan, Fraser and Charlotte Spratt have passed their 1 star kayak test

YOUTH**BCU Youth Freestyle Series 2005**

This year, all young white water and freestyle paddlers will be invited to take part in a series of events taking place up and down the country. Run by local enthusiasts, each event will provide anyone under the age of 18 with the opportunity to:

- Pick up some free coaching on freestyle paddling, river skills and river safety
- Meet and paddle with the freestyle stars of the GB team (including our new junior World Champions, Jenny Chrimes and Alan Ward!)
- Compete in a fun freestyle competition

For those wanting to enter the competitions running at the end of each session, their best three results can contribute to a national ranking within their age group (under 12's, under 15's and under 18's). You will be able to see how you're doing compared to people all over the country. Remember though, the series is all about having a good laugh on the river, If you don't want to compete, don't!

Boulter, River Thames

August 6th

Organiser: James Farquharson (james@thamesweirproject.co.uk)

Northampton, The Nene

August 20-21

Organiser: Ollie Castle (oliver.castle@parknplay.com)

Dartmoor, River Dart

October 22-23

Muppet (muppet@nookie.co.uk)

For more information email the series organiser, Matt Tidy (matt@bcu.org.uk).

Jokes

How many White Water kayakers does it take to change a light bulb?

Nine. One to change the bulb and 8 to lie about the size of the hole.

How many slalom paddlers does it take to change a light bulb?

Four. One to change the bulb and three to go "Nice turn, nice turn, nice turn"

How many marathon paddlers does it take to change a light bulb?

Marathon paddlers can only remove lightbulbs. They can't do clockwise turns to put new bulbs in.

MARATHON

BCCC Hasler Marathon Race 2005

Wow! What a very successful marathon thanks to the huge support from competitors and to a lot of hard work by the BCCC team of officials and helpers.

We had 275 competitors in 225 boats. That is by far the biggest entry we have ever had, beating the 190 we had last year and far exceeding our norm in recent years of 100-120. It is one of the biggest entries recorded by any club for a regional event, certainly in recent years.

Yes, we were a little overwhelmed by the numbers and that caused delay to the starting. We also had a little problem with a dredger parked blocking the finishing line. It was moved the night before but it forced us to plan for two start times and changing the courses for those who race over 8 and 12 miles. In the event that was a blessing in disguise because we needed two start times with the numbers that turned up and we would have been in serious trouble if we had not done any planning. Despite delays we were blessed with excellent weather and patient competitors.

Reading and Wokingham clubs were joint winners of the event with 230 points followed by Pangbourne and Banbury. The BCCC was 6th, behind Cokethorpe Park School. Our Lightning paddlers were most successful, with Isobel Smith 4th, Michael Truesdale, Naomi Smith and Samantha Rees-Clark 12th, 13th and 14th respectfully out of 28 competitors. Let's hope they can build on their successes and help attract new paddlers of all ages – that's what the BCCC needs.

Finally, another way to measure success: we made a profit of nearly £800. Very helpful.

Brian Gandy

Marathon Time Trial awards

The Racing Tests are to encourage paddlers to improve performance and recognise their progress in racing boats. The awards can be taken in any canoe or kayak. The Club has a regular Hare and Hounds race (usually) on the 3rd Saturday of every month. Beginners are welcome and can start out by just paddling from the swing bridge to Kings Head bridge and back a distance of 2400m. The more enthusiastic can race over 4.5 miles (swing bridge to Ash wharf and back) or 6 miles (swing bridge to Ash wharf then up to Kings Head bridge and back to swing bridge).

The times to beat on the short course are as follows:

| | K1 | K2 | C1 | C2 |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Blue | 24'00" | 21'36" | 28'48" | 24'00" |
| Bronze | 21'36" | 19'12" | 26'24" | 21'36" |
| Silver | 19'12" | 16'48" | 24'00" | 19'12" |
| Gold | 16'48" | 14'24" | 21'36" | 16'48" |

Hare and Hounds results

Hare and Hounds results are now online, you can check the latest scores and series points at <http://homepage.ntlworld.com/richard.somerset/results.html>

Mar 05

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| Paul Jeffs | 1hr12'10" | 10pts |
| Liz Murnaghan | 1hr00'45" | 9 |
| Tracy Rees Clark | 1hr13'40" | 8 |
| Richard Somerset | 57'26" | 7 |
| Brian Gandy | 1hr03'55" | 6 |
| Pete Absolom | 1hr03'55" | 5 |

4 Miles

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| Steven Rees Clark | 1hr02'00" |
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Apr05

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|-------------------------|-----------|-------|
| Paul Jeffs | 1hr11'00" | 10pts |
| Liz Murnaghan | 1hr00'30" | 9 |
| Richard Somerset | 55'00" | 8 |
| Lis Coleman | 1hr09'00" | 7 |
| Alan Coleman | 1hr06'30" | 6 |
| Pete Absolom | 59'40" | 5 |
| Steven Rees Clark | 1hr15'00" | 4 |
| Tracy Rees Clark | 1hr15'10" | 3 |
| John Fawkner Corbett | 1hr29'30" | 2 |
| Brian&Anne Biffen (TC2) | 1hr30'30" | 1 |

4 Miles

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| Tyson & Carole Simons | 48'00" |
| Mike Lambert & S Robinson | 51'00" |

2 Miles

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| Michelle (Lightning) | 18'00" |
| Elliot (Lightning) | 20'00" |
| Sarah Murnaghan (Lightning) | 27'00" |
| Harry Mudd (Sea Kayak) | 19'00" |
| Andy | 22'00" |
| D & A Horner (TC2) | 23'00" |
| E & C Horner (TC2) | 25'30" |

May05

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|-----------------------|-----------|-------|
| Tracy Rees Clark | 1hr09'20" | 10pts |
| Paul Jeffs | 1hr10'40" | 9 |
| Liz Murnaghan | 1hr00'36" | 8 |
| Pete Absolom | 58'46" | 7 |
| Alan Coleman | 1hr06'00" | 6 |
| Tyson & Carole Simons | 1hr08'10" | 5 |
| Brian Gandy | 1hr04'20" | 4 |
| Lis Coleman | 1hr12'10" | 3 |

4 Miles

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| B Biffen & R Widdowson (TC2) | 1hr21'30" |
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2 Miles

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| Andy Croft | 18'32" |
| Eliot Croft & M Truesdale | 20'30" |
| Sarah Murnaghan | 36'00" |

June05

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|--------------------------|-----------|-------|
| Tracy Rees Clark | 1hr08'25" | 10pts |
| Liz Murnaghan | 57'58" | 9 |
| Richard Somerset | 55'26" | 8 |
| Alan Coleman | 1hr05'04" | 7 |
| Lisa Wardle | 1hr18'36" | 6 |
| Paul Jeffs | 1hr09'52" | 5 |
| Charles Hicks | 1hr01'40" | 4 |
| Pete Absolom | 59'34" | 3 |
| Brian Gandy | 1hr04'12" | 2 |
| Brian & Anne Biffen(TC2) | 1hr38'302 | 1 |

4 Miles

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|-------------|--------|
| Lis Coleman | 53'25" |
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2 Miles

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| Michael Truesdale | 25'30" |
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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

SLALOM

Congratulations to you on your fantastic showing at the Winchester slaloms, 1st place for Sam, Steven and Hazel in 3 out of 4 div4 events and plenty of other good results. A whole generation of Rees-Clarks gained promotion to div3 along with Guy, Hazel and yours truly. Freddy missed out by just one place! Josh, Craig, Rowan and the Jeffs boys put in great performances for their ages and our existing div3 paddlers, Annadel and Harry, also put in very competitive times. And well done to the Jeffs family for also getting down to Langham Farm, especially Andrew with his clear run!

The next competition is Shepperton slalom on 9/10 July. This is only half an hour down the M3. I believe that this is held on the weir, which should add a little excitement. I expect to attend one of the days of this event. Please come along.

Llandysul is quite a drive but the River Festival and Slalom from Aug18-21 sounds like great training and great fun.

The plan is to have slalom training for the first 2 Tuesday evenings in July. Plans for erecting the slalom poles are well advanced. If we could arrange a working party to get these up then we might be sorted for subsequent sessions. Please offer your services to Lee who is coordinating this activity

Another option might be a trip to Shepperton weir one of the Tuesday evenings. We would need to arrange a level 3 coach for this. If it is something you would like to do, and will work with your family, then let me know and we'll see what we can do.

It's not so long to the AGM now and the finest trophy in the club is the Simpson Trophy for the 'best newcomer to slalom'. The first name on the trophy is our own superstar Helen Reeves. There are plenty of contenders for this trophy at the moment, lets see what you can do over the rest of the season!

Regards,

Merry merry.williams@waitrose.com

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 (term time only) Contact Liz Murnaghan 01276 514766

Tuesdays 7pm Mytchett General sessions start on April 12th For Marathon training, Contact Charles Hicks 01252 850657

Thursdays 9.30am 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

Editors bit

Well the longest day has been and gone and paddlers are still moaning about lack of water. I've inspected the Thames weirs and they are nothing but a trickle (and I was in a K1 at the time!) The water level in the canal is also down by about 7" and this upsets the marathon paddlers too because it increases drag and makes them go slower (It's a good excuse and I'm sticking with it). A large number of the Club are off to France this summer to see if the situation is any better over there. You will be able to read about it in the next issue if I'm successful in getting participants fingers to keyboards or even pen to paper! Have a happy and safe summer paddling.

Copy date for the next issue is 9th September.

Email it to me at liz.murnaghan@ntlworld.com

Items suitable for younger paddlers are marked with a*

A few dates for the calendar.

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| July05 | | |
| 3 rd | * | Henley Regatta Contact Debbie Carpenter 01252 877982 |
| 9 th | * | Paddlesport wavehopper Challenge Nene Contact: youth@bcu.org |
| 9/10 th | * | Shepperton Slalom Contact Paul Jeffs 01252 615412 |
| 10 th | * | Pool session Contact Keith Ambrose keith.ambrose@ntlworld.com |
| 10 th | * | Wey Marathon Contact Charles Hicks 01252 850657 |
| 16 th | * | Hare and Hounds Contact Richard Somerset 01252 683584 |
| 16 th | * | Reading K4 race Charles Hicks 01252 850657 |
| 17 th | * | Teashoppe Tour Contact Debbie Carpenter 01252 877982 |
| 17 th | * | Dorset Sea trip Contact Brian Biffen 01252 616692 |
| 24 th | * | Pool session Contact Keith Ambrose keith.ambrose@ntlworld.com |
| 31 st | * | Thames Valley Marathon Contact Charles Hicks 01252 850657 |
| Aug05 | | |
| 6 th | * | BCU Youth Freestyle james@thamesweirproject.co.uk |
| 7 th | * | Boulters Annual freestyle event james@thamesweirproject.co.uk |
| 7 th | * | Woodmill Marathon Contact Charles Hicks 01252 850657 |
| 20 th | * | Hare and Hounds Contact Richard Somerset 01252 683584 |
| 20/21 st | * | BCU Youth Freestyle oliver.castle@parknplay.com |
| 27/28 th | * | Marathon National Champs, Worcester Contact Charles Hicks 01252 850657 |
| Sept05 | | |
| 4 th | * | Marlow Marathon Contact Charles Hicks 01252 850657 |
| 9 th | * | Copy date for next issue of Waterfront Contact Liz Murnaghan 01276 514766 |
| 11 th | * | Pool session Contact Keith Ambrose keith.ambrose@ntlworld.com |
| 11 th | * | Henley Marathon Contact Charles Hicks 01252 850657 |
| 17 th | * | Hare and Hounds Contact Richard Somerset 01252 683584 NEW SEASON! |
| 18 th | * | Hasler Finals Not that we will be going! |
| 24/25 th | * | C2R course at Wokingham Contact James Hives 023 8031 9815 |
| 25 th | * | Pool session Contact Keith Ambrose keith.ambrose@ntlworld.com |
| Oct05 | | |
| 2 nd | | Woodmill K4 Contact Charles Hicks 01252 850657 |
| 8 th | | C2WWR course at Nene Contact James Hives 023 8031 9815 |
| 9 th | * | Pangbourne Marathon Contact Charles Hicks 01252 850657 |
| 9 th | * | Pool session Contact Keith Ambrose keith.ambrose@ntlworld.com |