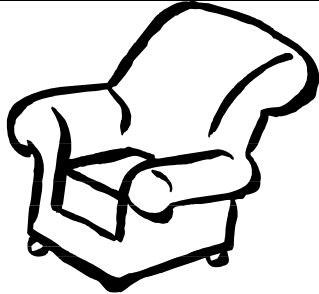




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From the Chair...

It has been a very busy time for us on the water with some of our club members achieving all sorts of personal achievements ranging from 1* in either Kayak / Canadian/Placid water to a record number achieving their 4* Star well done to you all. So if you wish to do a star test course in either Kayak/ Canadian/Placid water then please contact our training team headed by Merry Williams

It was a sad to hear that for only the second time in the club's history we have not qualified for the National Hasler flat water final which this year was hosted at Norwich. I personally feel that more of our members, young and old, should at least try this discipline taking part initially in the clubs monthly Hare & Hounds events and possibly moving to the locally held flat-water races. This might mean we would qualify for the Hasler final next year. Some of our younger members

attended the National Championship races at Worcester, they were Michael Truesdale, Isobel and Naomi Smith a very big well done to you three, more details in Brian's Report

It's with sadness that our Secretary is standing down after 11 years on the committee. If you think you could do the job or would like to join the committee then please speak to me.

Please don't forget to keep up to date with trips and events please check out our recently updated club web site www.b3c.org.uk

Hope to see you all at the AGM.

Happy paddling

Lee Matthews
Chairman

AGM

Notice of Annual General Meeting
The 25th Annual General Meeting of the Basingstoke Canal Canoe Club will be held at, Frimley Baptist Church, Balmoral Drive, (Which is opposite the Johnson Wax entrance on Frimley Road)

Frimley

It will be on Friday 14th October 2004, commencing at 8.30 p.m. There will be an American supper beforehand starting at 7.30pm. Please bring a plate of food to share. Drinks will be provided. More boring but important stuff about the AGM is being sent out with this issue of Waterfront.

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THE COMMITTEE

Have gone paddling. Please turn up to the AGM and elect a new committee.

NEWS

New boats

We have a new addition to our fleet, a Dagger "Caption" white water Canadian which was paid for by your donations from last years Paddleathon. The slalom squad have 3 nearly new slalom K1s from Woodmill. Marathon paddlers have a Kevlar Mirage K2 which is nice and stable for beginners! Pool paddlers have some new Rotobats . You may have noticed some re-organisation in the boathouse to make room!

Boathouse

Please can the owners to the following boats which are currently in the boathouse contact Lee Matthews

Rotomod	Sea Kayak	Red & Orange
HTP/ Prijon	Sea Kayak	Red
Dancer	Kayak	Yellow
Dancer	Kayak	Red

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Boat House "Development"

In an effort to bring in sponsorship and funds the Boat house is under consideration for one of the new 'Super Casinos' approved by Tony Blair. Subject to planning permission the back part of the present building will be converted to house baccarat, pontoon and poker tables together with roulette, tombola and other games of chance. All money raised will go towards new boats, equipment and an 'Elsan' for the changing room area.

The conversion will bring in a much-needed diversity to volunteer roles in the club. Croupiers, "Bouncers" and Cigarette Girls of all persuasion will be in demand, although management will be brought in from outside.

There is even talk of a gentleman's club being housed in the Caravan by the Cafe, but that will require further planning permission under the "Mis-use of Aromatherapy Oils Act (2001)"

Lord Muck

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Sloe paddle.

This year the sloe paddle will be on 23rd October. Run by Chris Belton this is a slow potter along the canal near Odiham in any boat stable enough to stand up in. The aim is to collect as much hedgerow fruits as possible to ferment through the long winter months. Sloes are a favourite and you should refer to back issues of Waterfront for recipes and limericks to inspire and entertain you.

Christmas!

The shops have cleared out school uniform to start making room for Christmas gifts. Pubs are exhorting you to "Book your Christmas party NOW!". And when all that is over and done with

there will be Boxing Day with all that cold turkey. There will also be that venerable Christmas institution the Boxing Day paddle. Start planning your costumes now for a fancy dress paddle along the canal. The Biffin family have raised the stakes in recent years with an illuminated Christmas tree in their boat, can you top that? Meet at Crookham Wharf car park at 10.30 ish for a short paddle and maybe some mulled wine. You can follow up with the Mummers Play outside the pub at noon.

Julian Farrell Memorial

Thought for the Day. Can you run faster than you can paddle? Rumour is that there are some secret joggers lurking in the club. Whilst popular opinion has it that you can run faster than you can paddle now is a chance to prove it. On 2nd October Camberley and District Athletic Club will be holding their annual 10km road race around Camberley. There is also a 3km race for juniors. More info at www.camberleyathletics.org.uk. There will be an opportunity for a 10km paddle on Saturday 15th October at the Hare and Hounds to compare times!

Ross Warland Canal Challenge.

This is a 25 paddle along the Oxford Canal from Oxford to Banbury Canoe Club. You can paddle it non-stop or as a relay. For Juniors the relay is in 4 stages of between 5 and 8 miles and it's in K2s. At the end you get hot drinks and bacon butties. It's on 27th November, so don't expect nice weather. If you would like to take part contact Brian Gandy.

TRIPS AND TOURS

Henley Regatta

“Do you know where we're going?”

“No, do you?”

“Nope.”

Does this sound familiar? It was the conversation held between Jane and me at 8am on a drizzly Sunday morning at the beginning of July. We knew we were going to Wargrave and that the village wasn't very big so decided to go and sort out the details when we got there. After all, we could always have a girl's day out if we couldn't find anyone else. But no, as we pulled into the pub car park (one does get thirsty on these long drives) there were Lee and Keith, glad to see us as we had their boat!

We were soon joined by Dave, Sally, Lucy, Elizabeth and Debbie - our leader and local knowledge person. By this time the weather had cheered up enough for me to take off my wet, cold weather gear and put on my 'going to Henley Regatta' gear, one does like to look the part. We set off down the Thames, four Canadian canoes and a Hobby. After a short paddle down a narrow winding backwater we joined the main river with all its motorised craft and paddled on down to the lock. The sky-scraper gin palaces towered above us, emitting noxious fumes at our nose level but only for a short time. We were soon out the other side of the lock and on our way to Henley.

We moored up within sight of the finishing line and began our picnic. The Pimms came out and we settled down to watch the races and the people. We were opposite the main stadium that housed lots of ladies in very pretty dresses and a myriad of men in their smart striped blazers and boaters. We were quiet convinced that one elderly lady opposite us was falling asleep and would fall off her 'bar stool' perch but her friend woke her up before catastrophe struck.

All too soon it was time to go back. Through the lock, more gin palaces, more fumes, up the narrow backwater, load the vehicles and eat our strawberries and cream.

Anne Biffin

Canadian Canoeing in the wilds of North Wales

Things don't come much wilder than North Wales. Last October Brian and I left the boys at home (that was probably the scariest bit of the whole trip) and drove up to Bala, canoe on roof rack, paddles in the van. About two hundred like-minded people were gathered, together with coaches (instructor type not motorised) from all over the country for the third Canadian Canoe Symposium. I think I knew we were on to a winner when my red wine came in a half-pint beer glass!

Brian and I opted for workshops in canoe poling, where we learned how to pole up a couple of nearby grade 2 rapids, canoe sailing, where we tried sophisticated rigs with otterboards and rudders through to an amazing variety of improvised gaff rigs using canoe poles and tarps. We then set off in a flotilla of canoes rafted in pairs and raced the length of Bala Lake. We also learnt more about deep-water strokes. They were all well run with instructors with a wealth of experience in all forms of Canadian canoeing. Apart from the workshops we chose, there were sessions on whitewater paddling, open water and river rescues, canoe camping, trips on the local rivers and estuaries, solo and double paddling, demo boats, and many others for beginners through to the most experienced paddlers. The social side was not neglected with slide shows, a bar and a barn dance with a local band playing. Accommodation was in bunkrooms; Brian and I had a six-bunk room, with an en suite shower, to ourselves. Food was good, plenty of choice and lots of it. We are planning on going again this year. It rotates between England, Wales and Scotland, this year it's in the Lake District, 11th – 13th November. If anyone would like to join in contact us on 01252 616692

And we needn't have worried, youngest son texted us a blow-by-blow, hourly account of what was happening at oldest sons party! Gulp!

Anne and Brian Biffin

The Normandy Trip

A Group of people went to Normandy for a few weeks this summer to indulge in many things French and some canoeing on the river Risle

Debbie went out to buy bread

On a bike that was folding and red

The bread didn't fit

So she folded it

My bread's like my bike she said

The river had a number of interesting features including a slide that was good for canoe jumping. (Like ski jumping but you don't go quite so far). There were lots of weirs some more interesting than others.

There once was a paddler called Hicks

Who got stuck in a stopper that sticks

He gave a SHOUT

And Mike pulled him out

Which saved him from quite a fix.

We also had with us 2 'extras' from the southeast.

There once was a young man from Kent

And over a weir he went

But he came a cropper

'cos the weir was a stopper

And his boat got mangled and bent.

*He managed to get to the side
I've lost my Snipe he cried
We searched for his boat
Which had neglected to float
'cos it didn't have airbags inside.*

*The repair kit was quick to unpack
And we tended to every crack
With some plumber's goo
A stone and a shoe
We fixed it and he paddled it back*

*Back at the camp we did scrape
For some fiberglass, cling film and tape
they were cut down to fit
And glued over it
So the boat has regained its shape*

The lower half of the river runs into the Seine estuary and is tidal. There are some things you should know about tidal rivers.

Firstly, high tide up the river is an incalculable delay from high tide at the coast (the locals never know). Secondly, the time at which you can expect the flow to reverse at a specified point is doubly incalculable (the locals, even if you can find them, never know).

Thirdly, the height of the river is no indication of the imminence of the tide turning (the locals think it must be soon).

Fourthly, if you paddle up river with the tide you can overtake it and find yourself first in slack water and then paddling against the downwards flowing river.

Having said all this it is interesting to see the way a river changes with the tide. Imagine paddling down a rapid dropping several feet and then to come back an hour later to find the rapid has disappeared and although now going the other way you are still paddling down hill, the river behind you being higher than the river in front. With all this in mind a small group of us set off

*It is quite possible don't you know
To go there and back with the flow
But if the river has lied
about the state of the tide
the trip will be long and slow.*

The Horner family, with a little bit of help from their friends

The Alps trip, week 1 of 2

The day of departure we all left Brian Biffin's house at about 2pm on a sunny day with his campervan fully load with us and kit and set off to pick up Adrian Green from Hawley lake. When we arrived Adrian jumped on board ready to go. As a joke Brian asked have we our passports with a shock look on Adrian's face he had forgotten his, so he was left behind to travel along to France under his own steam. We then hit the road to Dover

On route there was a number of accidents and we did not make our ferry time. Lee made a number of calls, the last being Euro tunnel which there was a slot available so we headed for the train. A short while later we were in France. We started our way down the autoroute to our stop over for night. We believed that Merry and the others were in front of us and Lee our driver was trying to make up time but Merry's gang was behind us due to a toilet stop. We arrive at the Motel for the night early the next morning .

Following morning we made our way to our camp site which was about 6hrs on the road. At about 8pm we arrive on site to meet the Pepper & Sparks families, who had already set up camp. We set up camp and went to bed

Sunday morning we decided to paddle the Durance. We went from the slalom course to the campsite with Brian leading. There was a number of us needing to be rescued, but it was a lovely introduction to paddling in France

Monday

Adrian arrived on the Sunday evening with Paul Rose via the train. Lee with Tony Sparks picked them up from the local station. So for Monday it was decided to visit a local lake out side St Crispen, where we all had a refresher in basic rescue/ support skills. For the afternoon some of the group stayed at the lake while others went with Adrian to paddle the Durance from a point near a kayak shop to Rappide a local play spot wave, in which we all got trashed.

Tuesday

After a night of sampling the local wine at our campsite, Lee and myself had our early morning call from Brian with the ritual coffee ground of course. We were surprised to see it raining. This continued though the rest of the morning. We hit the Durance with a small group of confident adults and younger paddlers from the Slalom course to the campsite. It was decided in the afternoon to paddle a small river called the Duron grade 3 in places, which a small group of us did with Adrian.

Wednesday

The early morning call arrived, and after your French style breakfast it was decided to have a break from paddling and hit the ski slopes with mountain bikes. So six of us hired bikes and via cable car arrived at the top of a local slope. We took on coffee and doughnuts before cycling/ flying down the slope. This we all did twice.

Thursday

Decision to paddle the upper Gassiane river with a mix of younger and older paddlers. Good fun especially the grade 4 section that a few of us older paddlers attempted with success. Arriving late in the afternoon at the campsite, the chance discovery of a Dagger Caption C3 that belonged to a Dutch family allowed us, to try it out on the Durance near the campsite. Great fun!!! We prepared for the group bar-b-q on the riverside of the Durance, plenty to eat lubricated with wine, which flowed well, too well for some individuals.

Friday

Slight sore heads we paddled the lower Durance from Rappide to a local town further down the river can't think of its name. Again it was a mixed group of adult paddlers. The afternoon rounded up with some people going to a large lake for sailing and another group hit a river that had a section called the racecourse grade 4.

Saturday

Me Lee and Brian said our farewells to the others, who were staying for the second week, Hitting the road at 8.00am and arriving at our homes around 4.00am Sunday morning.

All in all it was a great week in the Alps having gained a lot of experience.

Keith Ambrose

The Alps trip, week 2 of 2

Saturday and it was good-bye to the boys but not all their kit (Keith's trunks and a few other bits stayed with us - We kept them on a line outside.) We started looking forward to a quieter week ahead. The Roses took on the Mathew challenge and supported the need to ensure camping remained a lowgeinic experience. We warmed up with a morning coaching moving water skills with the less experienced at St. Clements, while the potential 4 stars learnt some tricks on the slalom course. Then blasting down to the Rabioux. Callum looking particularly good with his improved skills.

Another evening of culinary delights from the Rose brothers, or was it the next morning when the potatoes were cooked. Eeeeeee by gum Ray Mears fire lighting skills to the fore, lets all whittle together; there's nothing like the taste of Blackened Chicken on a bed of heavily grilled silver foil. Cremation must be a pleasant experience relative to this chicken supreme.

Harry, Jon, Adrian, the Roses and McClarens climbed up to the Le Blanc glacier with 4-year-old legs getting Ewan all the way to the top. We saw a Mammut on the way down and got some cracking pictures. A quick glimpse at the Grade 6 section on the car journey home. Not something for anyone sane and described as a risk to life and limb! Probably less dangerous than a French Clio overtaking you on a bend.

The weather remained fantastic and the water levels low. Rowan and Callum were looking really competent now and completed the Middle Durance paddling all 3 sections between Argentiere and Embrum. Callum shot through the Rabioux and enjoyed a celebration swim. Jon decided to make a major effort for the Neptune award with a dramatic Endo Going over the Top part of the wave at the Rabioux.

Harry and Hazel joined Jake, Neil, Paul, Merry and Adrian on the Gisaine, a beautiful river with a classic gorge section that also winds through Sur Chevalier 1500 combining interesting architecture and aroma.

Having broken through at the Biffen Ping-Pong challenge Margaret took on all bets from all comers, disposing all youth to tears and despair and making some dramatic acquisitions from kids willing to bet Campers and wifely/mums meals in camp.

Wednesday and Harry, Hazel, Neil, Paul and Jake took full advantage of having Adrian along to successfully pass their 4* assessment. We watched the rain in the mountains whilst enjoying lunch in the sunshine. Then Sarah and Callum went with Adrian to the lake to complete their 2*. As Neil and Paul played in the rapidly rising waters of the Argentiere slalom course Merry got himself munched playing in a stopper and swam for the rest of the course.

For the last day we decided that the Rabioux had to be the finish. This time we had 100% success rate for Adrian. No swimmers and notable performances from Callum looking cool and purposeful, Harry solid as a rock, Hazel with her eyes closed and chucking her paddle to hand roll out. We got some great pictures and treated ourselves to some chips!.

And then the long drive home.

Merry Williams

COACHING

2005 Year of the Volunteer

In the summer some of your coaches gave up a morning to provide a taster session for a group of Yr 6 children from Mytchett Primary School. This has had a positive impact on the Club, some of the youngsters have joined and it builds good community relations. We have received a large envelope stuffed with "Thank you" notes. There isn't space to print them all but here are a few extracts:

"Thank you for the lesson. I really enjoyed going round in circles and falling in."

"I am writing to say a big thank you. I had a wonderful day and would love to do it again. Thank you for teaching us and supporting me when I got into the kayak."

"Thank you for teaching me how to canoe. I found it a lot of fun. It was really good. I really wanted to stay and canoe even longer."

"Thank you for teaching me how to kayak it was the best thing I have ever done."

All your club coaches are volunteers. We love it when you say "Thank you".

Well Done!

Time trial Awards July05 Hare and Hounds

Mike Truesdale 18'40" Silver

Sarah Murnaghan 22'40" Blue

Placid Water Kayak 1 Star Sonja Roper

Closed Cockpit kayak 4 star Harry, Hazel, Neil, Paul and Jake

Closed cockpit Kayak 2 star Sarah and Callum

POOL & POLO

Session times remain the same but note changes to Polo.

1st session: 6.00 to 6.40pm. Polo. On the first pool session of the month this will be to full BCU rules with pushing in etc. The second session of the month will be modified "Youth" rules which is less aggressive and suitable 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

We had good performances from Rowan and Hazel at Shepperton in July. Hazel competing effectively in div3 with a 2nd, and Rowan moving steadily up through the field in div4 compared to earlier races. There are still a couple of local events before the season ends. For all you div3 paddlers there is the div2/3 event at Shepperton (very close to WWTCC). The final event is the one we started the season with at Yalding Weir in Kent. This is a lovely event with the bonus that they open the dam from time to time (not whilst racing, unless you are a judge) so that you can do some real moving water practice if you fancy.

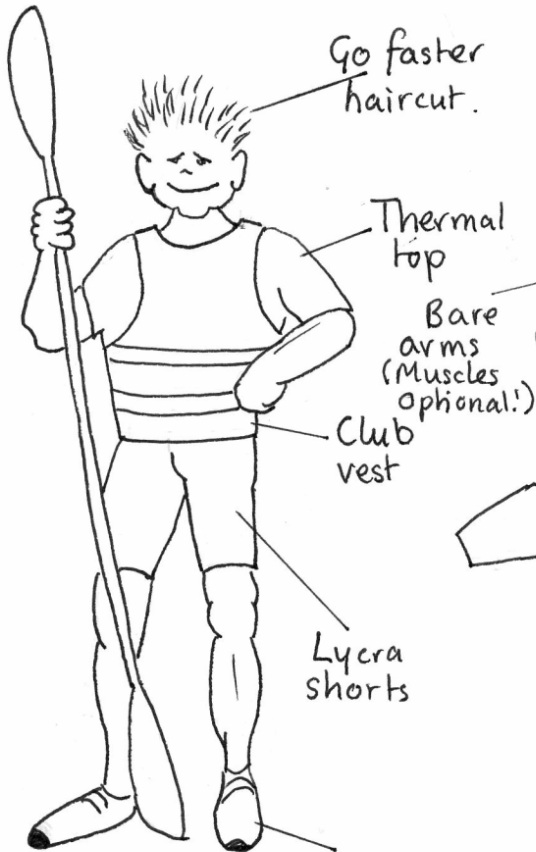
You may have noticed that we have recently received some new slalom boats. These are almost new and are ideal for the junior and smaller paddler. Please give these boats a go, they are great for practicing short sprints and bow turns. You can always hang a few gates if you have a bit of time at the weekend. There will be no formal slalom training sessions as Tuesday evenings draw to a close. If you are keen to do some training during the winter you can contact me, or one of the other slalom coaches (Keith, Elaine, Paul and Mike S.), or join in the excellent Tuesday training sessions at Reading CC in Caversham.

Merry

NATURE NOTES

There was a sighting of an unusual variety of paddler in early September. *Paddlerium marathonii* is found all year round on the canal. The usual summer plumage is T shirt and shorts. On this occasion a large number of *Paddlerium marathonii* "Smartly Dressed" were seen on the canal banks. Of particular note were the females spotted wearing summer frocks. It is believed that this change of plumage may be related to a ceremony involving the leader of the local tribe of *Paddlerium marathonii*. The ritual included feasting and a cake was set alight and extinguished after singing a short song.

P. marathonii



Go faster haircut.

Thermal top

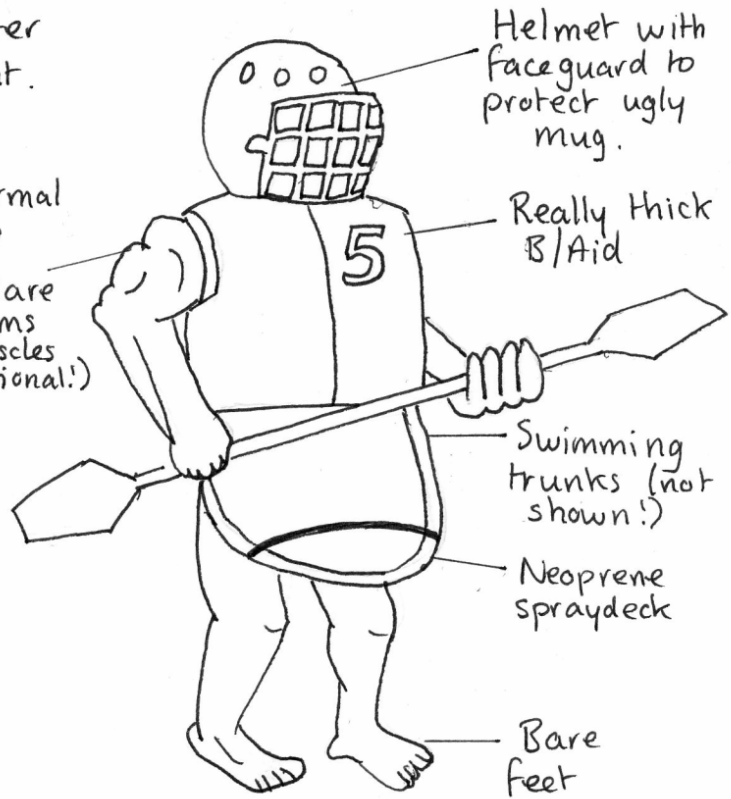
Bare arms (Muscles optional!)

Club vest

Lycra shorts

Knackered trainers or neoprene shoes (or barefoot if really fit!)

P. polorum



Helmet with faceguard to protect ugly mug.

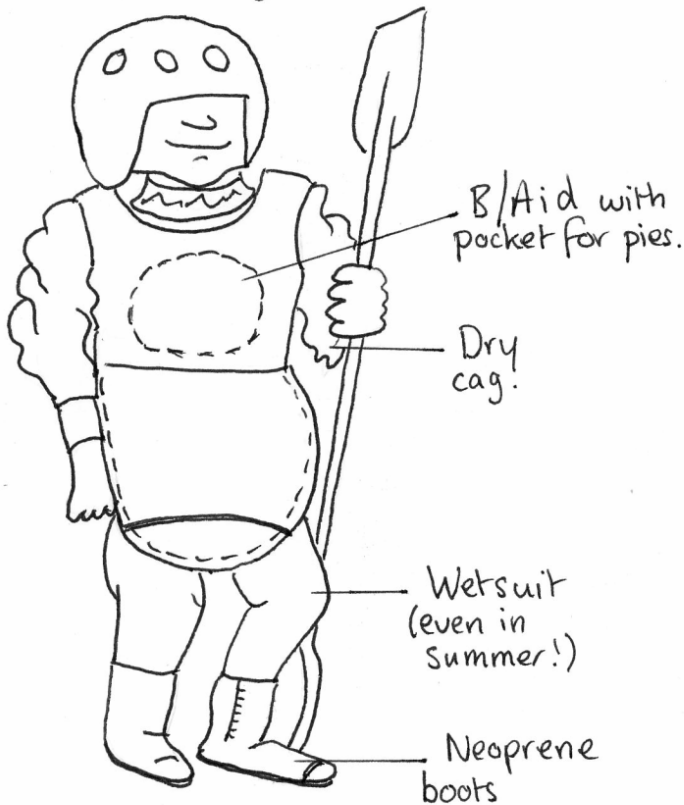
Really thick B/Aid

Swimming trunks (not shown!)

Neoprene spraydeck

Bare feet

P. whitewaterii



B/Aid with pocket for pies.

Dry cag.

Wetsuit (even in summer!)

Neoprene boots

Note:

P. whitewaterii comes in several varieties. "Slalom" usually has no wetsuit covering over the legs and lighter weight cagoules with slimline B/Aids without pockets. 'Playboater' has - nose clips and sometimes ear plugs too. "Touring" is more likely to be found in older, mismatched kit.

The Adventure Dolphin Pangbourne Regatta – 26th June

The Pangbourne Regatta was great fun because you could enter a lot of races which were split up into age groups (A, B, C, D) and we were in age group A (under 12). There was something for everyone to enjoy, ranging from 200m races in different boats to a mini marathon. Throughout the day a diamond slalom challenge was running, and anyone could enter at any time. With Michael Truesdale we made a `Basingstoke Base Camp` made up of two gazebos, two small tents, the three Lightnings and the Mirage 3.

We took part in the following events. Firstly, were the rafted canoes - that was great fun as we didn't know how to steer the boat! Next were Lightning races and the big boats went zooming by, making a lot of wash which made it harder. Then we went in open canoe pairs and of course we went together. Soon after was the double race, there were only two boats competing. We liked that race because we had a secret code that baffled anyone listening. As we had a break, Naomi tried the diamond slalom and that was strange as she had only tried slalom once before and that was with buoys and she had to go through gates. Then we did the relay and for the baton we had to use a hat! We did 100m each and there were four people in the team. We also went in a kayak race (G.P. boats) and that was straight after the lightning race so we had to get in and out quickly. Finally we did a mini marathon which was over a 1500m course and we could use any boat. We used Lightnings (of course). Then we went for a paddle with the ducks and our friends.

The races went by quite quickly and there was always something to do. There was a small refreshments tent where you could buy energising sweets and in the morning, bacon butties and sausage rolls. Once the races were over you could go for a swim in the Thames providing you had a change of clothes and didn't mind swimming with swans, ducks and geese!

Naomi & Isobel Smith

Lightning Races

Lightning races for juniors are proving more and more popular with junior paddlers up and down the country and races are now held at all nine Southern Region Hasler races and at most other Hasler events in other regions.

Lightnings have their own separate series of races and a team trophy – The Geoff Sanders Trophy, is awarded at the end of each season to the team that gains the most points. This is a new trophy and takes the place of the Pyranha Cup.

Races are divided into four classes – Under 10 Girls; Under 10 Boys; Under 12 Girls and Under 12 Boys. The races are over distances of up to two miles and typically take between 20 to 30 minutes.

Ages are taken as at each 1st January and points are accumulated at regional races during the season from 1st September to the following 31st August, plus a race held at the Hasler Final. Points are awarded to each finisher: 10 points for 1st; 9 for second and so on with 1 point for 10th place and all other finishers. Double points are awarded at the Hasler Final race. Each paddler's points from their best two results are included in their club's total for the season, plus any points scored at the Hasler Final. The Geoff Sanders Trophy is awarded at the Hasler Final.

Lightnings are stable junior K1's and were introduced to encourage young paddlers to take part in racing. We have had success this year with three juniors, as we report in another article. If any junior would like to come racing or to join in some of our training, please speak to Brian Gandy or any of the marathon squad.

So come and have a go and let's see if the BCCC can knock Banbury off their perch - they seem to win most years. We might even be able to make more noise than them as we pick up prizes at the various races during the year.

Brian Gandy

Jokes

Proof that some people read Waterfront, blame the Horner family for these offerings!

*How many DW racers to change a lightbulb?
None they like racing in the dark.*

*How would Charles change a lightbulb?
Why change it when it can be fixed?*

MARATHON

National Marathon Championships

This was a superb event. Very well run by Worcester Canoe Club and at a venue on the Severn that is made for hosting such a large event.

It is a two day event, and with over 500 canoeists from 58 clubs (including Ireland and Holland) and with over 800 entries in the races, there was a bit of a carnival atmosphere and a great spirit amongst the competing paddlers.

The club was represented by Michael Truesdale, Isobel Smith and Naomi Smith and they each had excellent results - indeed, the best they have yet achieved.

The full results are on the Worcester web site <http://www.worcestercanoeclub.org.uk>

On the Saturday, Michael raced in a Lightning in the Under 12 Men's Kayak and came 4th out of 11 in 13min.20sec just 18 seconds behind the winner.

Isobel and Naomi raced in Lightnings in the Under 12 Women's Kayak. Isobel won in a time of 12min 25sec and Naomi was second just 3 seconds behind Isobel.

Earlier on Saturday, Isobel and Naomi had raced in a division 9 K2 for the first time in a field of 13 boats made up predominantly of Banbury and Leighton Buzzard paddlers, juniors, seniors and veterans.

Having led up stream past the club house on the penultimate lap, they were just beaten at the end into second place in a time of 39 min 13 sec, just 6 seconds behind the winning LBZ boat.

On Sunday Isobel and Naomi again raced K2 in the Under 14 Ladies Kayak over the same four mile course but against girls up to three years older than themselves. They came a creditable 6th out of seven boats in a time of 39 min 45 sec.

Then on Sunday afternoon, Isobel and Naomi were back on the water in a junior Hody K2 and won in a time of 11 min 19 sec, 23 seconds ahead of the second placed boat.

So between them Naomi and Isobel came home with four gold and two silver medals and Isobel can claim the title of 2005 Under 12 Women's National Kayak Champion of Great Britain.

This is not an event the club has supported much over the years, but next year it will be at Reading in mid-August. It caters for paddlers of all ages and abilities and it would be good to see larger numbers paddling from the club next year.

BG

Hare and Hounds resultsJuly 05

Tyson Simons	56'05"	10pts
Pete Absolom	57'35"	9
Liz Murnaghan	58'20"	8
Brian Gandy	1hr03'25"	7
Lisa Wardle	1hr19'20"	6
Alan Coleman	1hr05'25"	5
Tracy Rees- Clark	1hr11'45"	4
Brian&Anne Biffen(TC2)	1hr30'45"	3

4miles

Andy Croft	59'00"
Mike Lambert	44'46"

2miles

Michael Truesdale	18'40"
Sarah Murnaghan	22'20"

August 05

Howard Smith	1hr15'05"	10pts
Michael Lambert	59'50"	9
Tyson Simons	54'56"	8
Richard Somerset	55'40"	7
Paul Batchelor	57'10"	6
Isobel & Naomi Smith	1hr00'28"	5

4miles

Michael Truesdale	59'35"
Tim Truesdale	1hr00'40"
Greg Miles	1hr08'30"
Lyndford Miles	1hr08'30"

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>

Hare and Hounds fastest times and points 2004-2005 season

Singles			:	Best 6 scores (No of races in brackets)
Tim Middlehurst	48'27"	Oct 04	Fastest Visitor!	Liz Murnaghan 56 (9)
Tyson Simons	54'56"	Aug05	Fastest Junior U18	Tracy Rees-Clark 55 (9)
Richard Somerset	55'26"	Jun05	Fastest Veteran	Richard Somerset 47 (8)
Paul Batchelor	55'46"	Nov04		Paul Jeffs 45 (6)
Pete Absolom	57'35"	July05		Alan Coleman 43 (8)
Liz Murnaghan	57'58"	June05	Fastest Lady	Brian Gandy 40 (7)
Chris Absolom	58'35"	Dec04		Pete Absolom 37 (6)
Michael Lambert	59'50	Aug05	Fastest JuniorU14	Tyson Simons 32 (5)
Charles Hicks	1hr01'40"	June05		Chris Absolom 16 (3)
Brian Gandy	1hr02'09"	Dec04		Charles Hicks 15 (3)
Alan Coleman	1hr05'04"	June05		Lis Coleman 12 (3)
Tracy Rees-Clark	1hr08'25"	June05		Lisa Wardle 12 (3)
Lis Coleman	1hr09'00"	Apr05		Howard Smith 10 (1)
Stephen Rees-Clark	1hr14'00"	Nov04		Paul Batchelor 10 (2)
Howard Smith	1hr15'05"	Aug05		Michael Lambert 9 (1)
Lisa Wardle	1hr18'36"	June05		John Fawkner Corbett 8 (2)
John Fawkner Corbett	1hr29'30"	Apr05		Tim Middlehurst V (3)

Doubles

Paul Batchelor & Pete Absolom	51'47"	Dec04	:	Batchelor & Absolom 21 (3)
Paul & Tina Massam	1hr00'09"	Nov04	:	Gandy & Coleman 10 (2)
Isobel & Naomi Smith	1hr00'28"	Aug05	:	Smith & Smith 5 (1)
Brian Gandy & Lis Coleman	1hr00'40"	Jan05	:	Biffen & Biffen (TC2) 5 (3)
Brian & Anne Biffen (TC2)	1hr30'30"	Apr05	:	Massam & Massam 3 (1)

Marathon report

Brian has already written about the fantastic results our junior paddlers achieved at the National Marathon Championships. The success of the junior paddlers has continued in the start of season Hasler marathon races.

First race was Marlow, held at Longridge Scout Boating Centre. The sun shone and all the big cruisers were out to show us what wash really looked like. Quite a few drivers of these floating gin palaces got shouted at by paddlers who wanted them to slow down. Tyson showed he was up to speed in his new boat

with a Div 6 time only 1 second behind Richard's Div 5 time. Mike Lambert (Div 9) paired up with Paul Batchelor (Div 5) to win the Div 7/8 doubles event in style. Isobel and Naomi Smith were 4th in Div 9 K2 and got a prize for fastest Juniors. Michael Truesdale had a 3rd in the U12 Lightning class. Sarah Murnaghan had her first go at U10 Lightning racing. Our club place was 3rd overall at this event.

The following week was Henley. No sunshine this time, but that didn't stop some big cruisers being out. Mike Lambert had a quick paddle round the course to win Div 9. His time would have won Div 8 and he should get notice of his promotion soon. Isobel and Naomi had another prize for 4th place in Div 9K2. Michael Truesdale paddled well and we all thought he had won the U12 Lightnings but a controversial judging decision spoiled his day. A fast paddler in Div 7 K1 also upset the scoring, with several paddlers failing to score we came 5th overall. Our position after 2 events is now joint 4th. We need to maintain or improve on that place to get to the Hasler Finals next year.

Liz

Editors bit

I hope that you have enjoyed reading this bumper issue of Waterfront. It wouldn't have been possible without all your contributions, so keep them coming in! Looking back over previous issues it seems that water levels has been a recurring theme. Canal and river levels are still low. According to the proverb "One swallow doesn't make a summer" and one rainy day won't fill up the rivers. So it's fingers crossed for lots of rainy days to make the trek westwards for whitewater worthwhile.

Copy date for the next issue is 11th December.

Email it to me at liz.murnaghan@ntlworld.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 6pm Mytchett For Marathon training, Contact Charles Hicks 01252 850657

Thursdays 9.30am Marathon training Contact Charles Hicks 01252 850657

Thursdays 6pm Mytchett For Marathon training, Contact Charles Hicks 01252 850657

Marathon training times will be reviewed at the end of October

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

Items suitable for younger paddlers are marked with a*

A few dates for the calendar.

Sept05	
24/25th	C2R course at Wokingham Contact James Hinves 023 8031 9815
25 th *	Pool session Contact Keith Ambrose keith.ambrose@ntlworld.com
Oct05	
1 st *	Paddlesport Marathon Contact Paul Jeffs 01252 615412
2 nd	Woodmill K4 Contact Charles Hicks 01252 850657
8th *	Reading K4 Contact Charles Hicks 01252 850657
8 th	C2WWR course at Nene Contact James Hinves 023 8031 9815
9 th *	Pangbourne Marathon Contact Charles Hicks 01252 850657
9 th *	Pool session Contact Keith Ambrose keith.ambrose@ntlworld.com
15 th *	Hare and Hounds Contact Charles Hicks 01252 850657
15 th *	River Barle Trip Contact Lee Matthews 07950 232193
15-16 th *	Marathon World Championships in Perth, Australia. Contact TV Schedules.
16 th *	Windsor marathon Contact Charles Hicks 01252 850657
23 rd *	Sloe Paddle Contact Chris Belton chris@viscom.co.uk
23 rd *	Pool session Contact Keith Ambrose keith.ambrose@ntlworld.com
22-23 rd *	Torrige trip Contact Brian Biffin 01252 616692
30 th *	Banbury marathon Contact Charles Hicks 01252 850657
Nov05	
11-13 th	Open Canoe symposium Cumbria Contact Brian Biffen 01252 616692
12 th *	Paddlesport Slalom Contact Paul Jeffs 01252 615412
13 th *	Pool session Contact Keith Ambrose keith.ambrose@ntlworld.com
20 th	Exe Descent Contact Richard Somerset 01252 683584
26 th	Dart Trip Contact Richard Somerset 01252 683584
26 th *	Paddlesport Wavehopper Race Contact Paul Jeffs 01252 615412
27 th *	Ross Warland Canal Challenge Contact Brian Gandy 01252 622630
27 th *	Pool session Contact Keith Ambrose keith.ambrose@ntlworld.com
Dec05	
10 th *	Paddlesport Pool Fun Contact Paul Jeffs 01252 615412
10 th	Dart Trip Contact Keith Ambrose keith.ambrose@ntlworld.com
11 th *	Pool session Contact Keith Ambrose keith.ambrose@ntlworld.com
11 th *	Copy date for Waterfront send articles to liz.murnaghan@ntlworld.com
26 th *	Boxing Day Paddle at Crookham wharf 10.30 ish. See inside for details
Jan06	
1 st	Upper Wye/Irfon Contact Jake McLaren jake.mclaren@nokia.com
7 th *	Paddlesport Polo Also 21 st and 28 th Jan Contact Paul Jeffs 01252 615412
8 th	Frank Luzmore K2 Contact Liz Murnaghan 01276 514766

Further information on some events may be found at www.b3c.org.uk

For Sale

Playboat suitable for larger paddler. Contact Tim Roper 01252 622628