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## BCCC Matters! October/November 2019

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Autumn is here....

there's still tons to do at BCCC...

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## View from the Chair

This from James Freemantle...



The ever popular BCCC Christmas Dinner sells out fast. Strictly first come first serve.

[Book with a deposit online](#)

Tuesday 10th December 2019, Canal Centre Cafe 7PM start.

Organised by [Zoe Griffiths](#)

## CANOE CLUB EXCLUSIVE MENU

### To Start

- Homemade Tomato & Basil Soup (V)
- Slow Cooked BBQ Ribs
- Farmhouse Pate with Toast & Chutney

### Main Course

- Roast Turkey and Stuffing, Roasts and Fresh Veg
- Homemade Nut Roast & Vegetarian Gravy, Roasts and Fresh Veg (V)
- Homemade Thai Chicken Green Curry and Rice

### Dessert

- Christmas Pudding with Cream, Ice Cream or Custard
- Treacle Sponge with Cream, Ice Cream or Custard
- Warm Chocolate Brownie and Ice Cream
- Ice Cream Sundae

Two Courses £15.50

Three Courses £19.50



# Questionnaires

As with last year there are three questionnaires to complete. The first is "[About You](#)", which asks some questions on you, your membership and your reasons for joining. The second is on "[Resources](#)" – how the club uses its resources to buy boats, kit, etc. and what your priorities are. The final one asks about [trips, races and socials](#) – have you done any and how did you enjoy them. In all the questionnaires will take less than 15 mins to complete and your responses are anonymous. The closing date for completion is the **20<sup>th</sup> November**.

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## Boat Repair and Maintenance Group

Several club members received training on repairing racing boats in August 2019. The Club now has a Boat Repair Group, led by John Rickett, which meets regularly to fix boats so that club members can continue to enjoy the sport.

Since August, the group has repaired:

1. 4 rudder problems, one boat the rudder was totally twisted and another the base of the rudder was broken causing it to leak; (John, can you please clarify the fault?)
2. 6 boats with bow and stern repairs and 2 bodywork resulting from knocks;
3. 1 sea kayak skeg wire.

If you find a boat is damaged, please log the details on the board above the table in the barn. Please add your name and contact details should we need to contact you for more details of the damage. Fixing boats can be quite satisfying – you meet other club members, chat and learn about all kinds of subjects

whilst sanding and rubbing down. Most importantly, if you use club boats regularly this is one way you can help ensure the Club can continue to provide boats for you to use. If you would like to join the group, [get in touch with John](#).

## Boat Store

Frequently used racing boats are stored in positions where it is easily accessible to avoid damage. If you are moving boats to take your preferred boat out, can you please put the boat you moved back to where you took it from before you go out. Racing boats with stability 1 – 4 are stored on the right hand side and boats with stability 5-10 are on the left hand side of the central aisle.

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## AGM

From Benji Hansell...

With this year's AGM, we are also having a meal to celebrate our 40th anniversary as a club. This will be on **Friday 29 November** at the Mytchett Community Centre. The timings will be:

- Normal AGM ceremony: 7:00 to 8:30
- Meal: 8:30 onwards

If you would like to attend the meal, there will be a cost of £11 per person, to include a soft drink. There will also be a bar to buy additional drinks. Please **RSVP by 8th November** [via this link](#). We have a limited capacity for catering, so tickets for the meal will be on a first come, first served basis.

If you do not wish to stay for the meal, there is no need to RSVP. More details

will follow closer to the date but latest documents and details will be on the [BCCC Website](#).

A number of positions on the committee may be available this year. Please contact the Club Secretary [Benji Hansell](#) if you are interested in standing for office or committee. In particular, we are looking for some of our juniors to run the youth section of the committee. A great opportunity for a Duke of Edinburgh award project.

## Trophy Returns

If you received an award last year, please return it to [Richard Somerset](#), or leave it in the portacabin kitchen for him to collect.

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## Safeguarding Course

From [Debbie Carpenter](#)...

- Canal Centre, Mytchett
- Evening of Friday 18th October 2019
- Lead by Kevin Dennis from Adventure Dolphin Pangbourne

This course is for Coaches, Instructors and Leaders. There are also spaces available for anyone in the club who would like to attend. Useful for members working with children or may be helping coaches at the club.

If you would like to attend please contact [Debbie Carpenter](#).

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## Hare 'n' Hounds

This Saturday (19th) is the October Hare and Hounds. As usual you can choose the 2, 4 or 6 mile course (9.45 for anyone doing 2 miles).

It's open to everyone and in any boat (or SUP). If you haven't done it before then [drop me an email](#) if you want any further details or to agree an appropriate start time if you want to do the 4 or 6 mile courses.

It looks like the rain may even have stopped by the weekend!\*

Your handicap means that (in theory), everyone finishes at 11am.

The emphasis is on fun rather than hard racing but you can take it as seriously as you like. Any ability (so long as you are an on-the-water member), any boat (so long as you are signed-off to use it).

Third Saturday of the month. Let Tony Gallagher know if you want to do it (but don't let that stop you just turning up if you roll out of bed with extra energy on the day).



## Donation

That got your attention! Actually Alan Coleman has kindly donated a set of V-bars (not a speed boat). If anybody has need of a set, please [contact the editor](#). Thank you Alan.

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## BCCC Racing News

From Tina Looi...

### Hasler

The last Southern region **Hasler** for 2019 is at **Banbury** (OX16 2PR) on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2019 before taking a break and returning in May 2020. This year, the Banbury Hasler will start at 11:00 (for all divisions) instead of 12:00. This is because of the re-development of the Castle Quay shopping centre and parking may be difficult.

If you would like to race, please send in your entries to [Tina Looi](#).

## Winter Challenges

Although the Hasler races take a break, there are Winter Challenges which will satisfy your racing fix.

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2019. Charles Hicks Challenge, Mytchett 13 – 14 miles

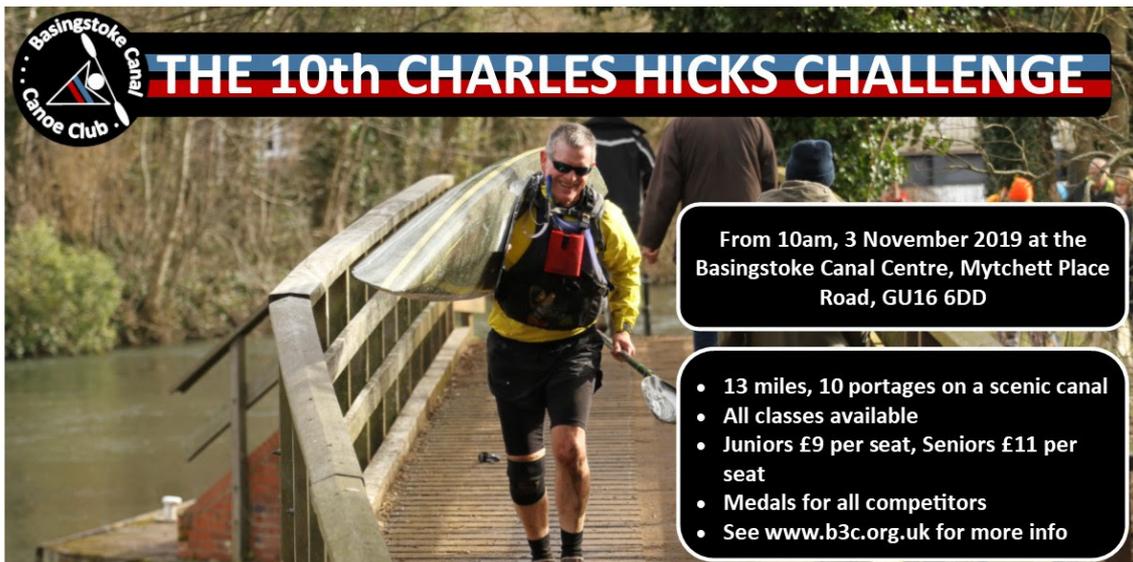
10 portages. [Book Here](#).

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2019. Leighton Buzzard Remembrance Challenge 15 miles 4 portages from Milton Keynes MK14 5AX to Leighton Buzzard LU7 2AE

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2019. Ross Warland Challenge, Banbury OX17 1PJ 20 miles 12 portages

## B3C Sprints

We are exploring the idea of setting up a monthly B3C Sprint regatta. We have received some replies to our email asking for expression of interest. If you are interested in a monthly Sprint regatta but have not replied, please [email us](#) with **Sprint Racer** followed by **your name** in the subject line if you like to race or **Sprint Organisation** if you'd like to help organise.



**THE 10th CHARLES HICKS CHALLENGE**

From 10am, 3 November 2019 at the Basingstoke Canal Centre, Mytchett Place Road, GU16 6DD

- 13 miles, 10 portages on a scenic canal
- All classes available
- Juniors £9 per seat, Seniors £11 per seat
- Medals for all competitors
- See [www.b3c.org.uk](http://www.b3c.org.uk) for more info

## Charles Hicks Challenge

[Get your entries in now!](#)

Be a part of this long-standing event. Here's some history of the event courtesy of Debbie Carpenter...

The Canal Challenge was the idea of the Steel family in 1992. Arran Steel aged 15 as part of his school project, set a challenge to canoeists to paddle the complete 32 mile length of the Canal. Arran, along with fellow Basingstoke Canal Canoe Club member Kit Price completed the whole length in 9 hours 53 minutes. He also raised over £200 to help fund Madame Butterfly, the holiday

narrow boat, still in use, run by The Accessible Boating Association.

The challenge continued for many years with canoeists coming from other clubs to paddle the complete length. This included Charles Hicks who was a founder member of the B.C.C.C. Charles, our enthusiastic racing captain at the time, encouraged many paddlers to take part and to make it part of their Devizes to Westminster training.

Over the years, due to closures on the canal, the distance and course has changed. It became the Charles Hicks Challenge in memory of Charles after he died in 2012.

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## Peer Paddles

### Marathon

If you are looking for a group to train with, there are groups who train mainly on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings. It is not coach-led. If you'd like to join these groups, please contact [Rob Ames](#) or [Tina Looi](#).

### Touring

If you're into gentle touring paddling along the Basingstoke canal and have a Tuesday Morning (9.30 to 12) or a Saturday (12 to 4) free, come and join a group of NON-RACERS for a peer paddle. We enjoy just being on the water and seeing the sites. We generally paddle all year round, unless the ice gets too thick or in my case, its raining. We paddle in either direction as the whim takes us. We could be ice breaking in winter, bird watching, litter picking, saying 'Hello' to people on the tow path, to name a few fun things. Sometimes we may go to another location on the canal for a change. You can contact me, [Ray Rasmussen](#) and let me know when you might be coming.

### Trips and More...

See the [Website](#) for the latest trips on offer.



## Membership Database

From Bill Hansell...

Our online [membership management system](#) allows members to manage their subscriptions and information required for the safe and efficient management of the club.

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From our local friends at Blackwater Valley Canoe Club...They have a very big calendar of events...

We just wanted to give you a quick update on our programme, which can also be found on our website calendar <https://www.bvcc.org.uk/programme/>.

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Checkout our [calendar](#) on our website. Did you know you can subscribe to the B3C calendar? Just click on the Subscribe button at the [B3C Calendar page](#) to show B3C events in your own calendar.

Got an event that's not on the calendar? Contact [Bill Hansell](#) with the details and we'll make sure it's put on there.

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## Club Kit

There's no excuse not to be blinged up to the eyeballs with B3C branded kit. It's really good stuff and the editor highly recommends the B3C bobble hats.

Here's the link to our supplier [Granite Sports](#).

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## Your chance to contribute to the Newsletter.

Have you got something of general interest to the B3C circulation? A trip, race or competition report? Something you've been up to in a boat? Some good pictures of our paddlers or waterways? An event you think would be good to attend? [Let us know](#) and we'll get something in the monthly newsletter.





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