



# Bradford & Bingley canoe club



Newsletter March 2009

Welcome to the March Newsletter.

## Thursday Club Sessions

If you're a beginner and not part of the junior section and you want to paddle on a Thursday night, please email Wendy on [acuwoo@fsmail.net](mailto:acuwoo@fsmail.net) with as much notice as possible and she'll let you know what the water level will be like for you, and will try arrange for a coach or experienced paddler to look after you.

Wendy

If you are part of Eamon's group please liase with him.

## Junior Section

Scott and Tony have been comparing diaries. They are able to restart the sessions on Thursdays. Unfortunately, they can't always run both sessions but will do as many as they can. So far, they can confirm the following dates:

5/3 - both sessions

12/3 - both sessions

19/3 - both sessions

26/3 - both sessions

2/4 - probably neither session

9/4 - both sessions

16/4 - neither session (Easter)

23/4 - both sessions

30/4 - both sessions

They will do they're best to stick to the above but things could change, in which case, Tony will contact you.

It is important that they know whether you are coming or not so please text Tony on 07887 885011 no later than 9 pm on the Wednesday evening to confirm. Some of the sessions will be run by one coach and they cannot exceed a ratio of 1 to 8 so there may be limited spaces available on the second session - first come, first served! Please do not turn up unannounced.

## Slalom

The slalom season is about to start so please can we all remember to get our bibs ordered and ready for the new season. The new year book has arrived on your door mats so you have no excuse for not knowing your bib number.

I am happy to arrange the summer trip to Fairnilee and Tully as usual so if anyone wants any info please contact me on the club e-mail.

## River Trips

Wendy has agreed to organise the harder river trips and to take part in these you must be an experienced paddler.

I believe Eamon has agreed to organise the easier river trips

Anyone interested in taking part in any river trip please let Wendy, Eamon and myself know and which is your preferred day

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### **Open Meeting –**

The next open meeting is due Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup>. Anything you would like to discuss please let me know.

### **Other News – Working Party Days.**

We would like to arrange 4 working party days over the year where we get together over a weekend, Saturday or Sunday, to keep the site tidy, ie clean the gutters, cut the grass and do the gardens etc.

We are planning a working weekend for 7<sup>th</sup> March. This will be to get more slalom supports in, get gates up and to dig over the garden areas to get the whole site tidy again. Please let me know who is free to help.

### **Coaching ( from Niell)**

Scott is happy to have some Coaches running sessions on Thursday under his supervision. This to all our L1s and aspirant coaches.

The club is struggling for coaches and regarding our existing senior coaches the club needs the ability to take some pressure off them. To that view I'd like to push some coach development as one of the main parts of the programme this year. Part of that is getting the experience of running sessions under our belts. I'd like all of us to run some sessions and look at moving forwards with further coaching qualifications when you feel comfortable.

Tony and Scott are starting Thursday Sessions again soon and I'd like this to be the start of the development process for at least some of us. If you want to take some of these sessions please let me (Neill) know and I'll set out a calendar. If no-one contacts me I'll start chasing you individually (You've been warned)

Moving forwards with qualifications - there is usually club funding available for this and I'll speak to Wendy nicely when people feel in a position to take a course.

### **Web Site**

I would like to give a BIG THANK YOU to Niall who has worked hard over the last few weeks to bring our website up to date. As yet I do not know enough to access to keep it updated but please all look and see what you think.

### **New Funding**

To all under 19's we would like you to possibly apply for funding so would like at some time to get you together to find out your views and fill in forms. Who would like to be part of this funding initiative? Please let me know and we will set up a meeting.

**Important** – please can we all remember that if you are on the water at the club and there is no-one in the store the roller doors and personnel door must be locked

**If you use club equipment please also remember to sign it out and back in, the book is on the main notice board.**

Please let me know if you have renewed your membership so that I can keep sending you the newsletter. Anything you want on the next newsletter please forward to me.

Anne