

Bradford & Bingley Canoe Club ~ Key People

Wendy Robinson

Chair, Welfare Officer and Volunteer Co-ordinator



Wendy was a top(ish) slalom paddler in her youth. Had a sulk at 17 and took up long-distance running. She came back to paddling aged 37 because it's a nice sport where you can sit down.

Wendy still enjoys crashing through gates at the club, as well as shopping on-line for gear and running rivers.

Likes: help loading her boat on the car.

Wendy is also Acting Welfare Office

Volunteer Co-ordinator This role sits with the Chair.

ALL CLUB MEMBERS ARE VOLUNTEERS. The role is to:

Promote the default assumption that all club members and attendees want to contribute to the Club's maintenance and development.

To understand the skills of its individual members and encourage and enable participation in line with their skills

To advise the Committee and activity leaders on availability of skills and volunteers.

To ensure that information on opportunities goes out to volunteers.

To seek volunteers' feedback at all stages of an activity.

Tony O'Connell

Coach and Junior Liason



Tony has been paddling long enough to have had 25 years off. He paddled the back end of a slalom C2 for the British Youth Team in 1971 but all trace of that former brilliance has now disappeared.

Forever young.

Qualifications

Level 3 Recreational

Level 2 Slalom

Junior Coordinator

Aims: to ensure paddling opportunities for junior paddlers in the Club.

Objectives: to promote understanding of safe procedures, to promote and develop paddling opportunities for juniors and to educate parents and paddlers about the sport.

- understand junior paddlers aspirations and paddling needs;
- liaise with Programme Officer to maintain and develop paddling opportunities;
- identify and promote paddling opportunities from outside the club eg Yorkshire Region;
- liaise with parents regarding the programme, transport, gear etc;
- liaise with the club's Child Protection Officer;
- communicate with the committee regarding the above.

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Viki Bailey

Pool Organisers



As one of the newest members Viki took on the role of pool organiser even though she didn't know what it involved

A lady to come to in a crisis if you are a junior.

Neill Morrison

Coach and Programme Co-ordinator



One of the few members of the committee who still has youth on his side, Neill is also identifiable by his collection of green helmets. Has a minute knowledge of river get-ons and boat specs. Often seen rummaging in his boat for a flask of something hot.

Often seen wearing a sling.

Qualifications

Level 1 Recreational

John Huggan

Coach and Treasurer



At 37, I am one of the younger, more active and certainly the fittest of the coaches. I suggest that you make an immediate beeline for me if you are looking for the best tuition and advice.

Remember . . . better a bad day on the water than a good day in the office!

Qualifications

Level 3 Recreational

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Dave Bingley

Facilities Co-ordinator



Dave looks after the building, the site and you. Help Dave by looking after the gear you borrow.

He has a background in civil engineering and is pretty good at building stuff. He occasionally asks for help and the odd bit of maintenance work is great fun cos you can get really mucky if your mum'll let you.

Paddles in nice weather

Anne Howarth

Secretary



Actually, at 36 and a half, Anne is the youngest and most energetic of the "Key People" team.

Anne likes (ie does it without moaning) organising events including the club's annual slalom and Washburn river races.

Anne and her son are the acting Webmasters (we'll work it out eventually)

A person to come to for help, advice and a job! (even if you don't want one!)

Colin Shackleton

Trainer



A slalom paddler of huge experience, Colin is the mainstay of evening training sessions. Many of us who claim to be superfabulous whitewater heroes, look to him for advice.

Colin is always polite and friendly towards people who paddle plastic boats. Maybe it's because he feels sorry for us.

Likes: The Tryweryn and Castlefields

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Could this be you?

Summat



If you feel you have something – a skill, a contact or just plain honest to goodness money – to contribute to the club, have a word with someone.

There is always stuff that needs doing, or maybe opportunities we just haven't thought of.

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