



Bradford & Bingley canoe club



Newsletter February 2010

Welcome to the February newsletter. Due to weather conditions junior sessions have temporarily been cancelled. We are keeping an eye on conditions and as soon as things improve normal service will resume.

I recommend you all keep an eye on the web as I will endeavour to keep that up to date on a weekly basis but may not have time to email everyone with updates due to my work hours having doubled for the next couple of months.

Pool Session

We are holding a number of coach lead pool training sessions. These sessions are ideal to either learn or brush up on kayak rescue training and capsize drills, in a safe, warm and fun environment. Places are limited, so booking is essential.

Rhodesway School, Oaks Lane, Allerton, Bradford, BD15 7RU

The sessions start (be in the water) at 1.30pm-2.30pm. At a cost of £3.50 per session.

Sunday 7th February 2009

Fully booked

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Each paddler must bring: a paddle and spray deck (these can be borrowed from the club, however must first be signed out in loaned property book.) Boats are available to use from Rhodesway pool free of charge. **Please note, anyone bringing their own equipment must ensure it is thoroughly cleaned beforehand as we risk losing use of the pool.** If you want to come and help please contact Viki for info.

If you are interested or want to book a place please contact Viki Bailey on [01535 655248](tel:01535655248) or viki.bailey@blueyonder.co.uk

Coaches are also required and must show the staff at the pool their current coaching, first aid and crb certificates. **Thank you to all coaches who have volunteered to run these sessions, without your commitment we would not be able to do this.**

Winter Trips/Training

During the winter months we run river trips for all abilities. You must have your own transport and to be able to carry your own boat and equipment. If anyone is interested in this sort of thing contact Wendy and myself on bradbingcanoe@gmx.com or acuwoo@fsmail.net

Designed to suit almost anyone who can cope with Wagon Lane. Possible venues include Burrs, Matlock, Slenningford, Rawthay, The River Rawthay, Brathay, Lune, Wharfe if low, Eden, Saltburn, depending on water levels and air temp. Juniors are welcome but your parents must accompany you. If you want to come, please give Wendy lots of notice and think about what you're going to wear - advice available if you want it. There's one a month and they're on Saturdays so John Huggan is more likely to join us.

Next Easy River Trip Dates

Dates:- 27th Feb, 20th Mar The Eden- booked for 20 paddlers!

July 11th easy river trip somewhere

23rd - 30th October Scotland Trip see Wendy if interested

Let Wendy know if you're coming and she'll balance up weather, experienced people to do looking after and water levels.

acuwoo@fsmail.net

Wendy x x x

River Trip Report (photos on web)

After a week of uncertainty over river levels on the Ure and peeping at Metcheck, I rang go2h2o (the gear shop at Sleningford) and asked him what the river levels were like. Simply ask a local ... and he said we'd have enough water for a trip. He didn't say that we would have masses of water, that the rapids at Sleningford would be so big they were starting to wash out, and that the source of the water was Dales Snowmelt.

As temperatures were so cold, a swim at the beginning of the Hack Fall trip would have been both likely and dangerous so we decided to do the shorter trip from Mickley. Twelve paddlers split into two groups and we all had a jolly time except Mark Fairbrass who had to submit to first aid intervention by Nurse Neill.

The infamous Death Weir at Sleningford was its usual benign self because we ran it in the right place. Crossing the weird currents below it was managed successfully by all and we had fun on the waves below surfing about and practising our skills. The trip ended at the camp site for some, and the more experienced set off down the last rapid for a rather pleasant go on some rather big water. The surfing prize goes to Rich and the "Day spent kneeling" award goes to guest paddler Caren who amazed us in a 14 foot open boat that day.

Thanks to all who turned up - it were grand x

Tree felling

We are due to fell a tree by the steps soon for safety reasons. This means that those of you have open fires/woodburners if you would like logs please let me know, donations towards felling costs appreciated bradbingcanoe@gmx.com. Will let you all know date when it is to be done, you must be able to be on site to collect logs otherwise it will all be taken away by the tree surgeon.

2010

This year we are hoping to organise club slalom trips similar to the Tully and Tanfield trips. We will ensure that these trips have coaches to help all participants. They may be a full weekend away with camping or just a single day. We will try and make sure they are within a couple of hours drive during the school terms, but during school holidays they may be further a field.

27th and 28th February 8 hour First Aid, Aldwark Time to Listen and Safeguarding at Aldwark. Please contact Wendy if you would like to join her on this course

Proposed Club Meeting Dates

22nd April - pre Slalom

8th July - anything

16th September - pre AGM

Proposed Working weekends

could be Saturday or Sunday - subject to change - dependant on weather
Sunday 28th February - Spring clean up – Confirmed date
8th - 9th May - Get ready for Slalom – Confirmed dates
24th - 25th July - General work
12th - 13th November - Autumn clear up

Slalom Club Events

At least one per month
April 17th Oughtibridge Div 3-4 (Anne)
April 24th/25th Matlock Div 2-3 (Wendy)
May 15th/16th OUR SLALOM
June 12th/13th Fairnilee Div 2-3 Sat. Div 2-3-4 Sun (Anne)
June 27th Sowerby Div 3-4 (Wendy)
August 21st/22nd Fairnilee Div 2-3 (Anne)
August 28th/29th Tully Div 1-2 (Anne)
Sept 11th/12th Interclubs All levels and ages (Julie)
Sept 25th/26th West Tanfield Div 3-4 (Wendy)

If you will be ranked as a J18 slalom paddler or under at the end of the 2010 slalom season, the club will give you financial help. We will pay for half your entry fees for your first four races. When you have done 4 slalom races this slalom year, contact Wendy (acuwoo@fsmail.net) and let her know which races you have done. She'll get the money to your parents as a cheque. Simple. Alternatively, let her know what slaloms you've done at the end of the season if you haven't made it to four. Put a note in your diary so you remember to do it!

Cottages4you partnership – we have gone into partnership with Cottages4you to bring all club members, friends and family a 5% discount on cottage price. There is a dedicated link from the clubs website and a dedicated phone number to dial which shows up on computer screens at work and allows myself and colleagues to add the discount.

As a club we take security of the boat store and personal belongings seriously therefore please remember

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

For security reasons do not pass the security code to anyone even club members.
You must contact John who is the only person able to provide the code

john@harringtonbates.co.uk

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

Anything you want on the next newsletter or on the web please forward to me. Feed back on web content would be appreciated.

Anne