



Bradford & Bingley

canoe club



Newsletter January 2010

Welcome to the January newsletter. We are now in the winter period when nights draw in and we use the river lights more often. As you all know we run 52 weeks a year so we hope you will all still continue to paddle to some degree over the winter months.

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 10th January 2009 Fully booked

Due to demand we have been able to add an extra pool session date to the calendar. This is to be held on Sunday 31st Jan 2010 at 1.30-2.30. Places are limited, and will first be offered to any club member who has been turned away from another session, then to all on a first come first served basis.

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 sometimes 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

A reminder and one or two additions to the club calendar for January. Brrrrrrrrrrr ... !

Sat 16th Jan - an easy trip or just skills on a nice long easy rapid somewhere - eg Slenningford or the Lune depending on water levels

Next easy river trip – Sun 17th January.

<http://northwestcharitypaddle.wordpress.com/>

Sun 17th Jan - Burrs paddle day in aid of the flood survivors in Cumbria - they want numbers so they can lay on hot soup and stuff.

A nice cold day out for a minimum donation of a fiver. Brrrrrrrr!

Difficulty: not an awful lot harder than Wagon Lane but longer stretch of river with access to footpath and facilities 10 mins walk away at furthest point. Let me know by email to acuwoo@fsmail.net if you're up for it so I can give an indication and think about team strength etc for providing our own safety. Wendy

Sat 23rd Jan - another easy trip eg white water skills at Mile End Mill, or Slenningford. If there's a lot of water about, I'll run a trip on the Ingleton Greta or Ure, which is a Grade 3 trip and a bit harder - watch the weather.

Sun 31st Jan 1pm Washburn introduction.

If you want to come along to any of these, let me know so I can give you the customary words on gear and sort out experienced paddler: inexperienced paddler ratios.

Your loving Chair, Wendy xxxxx replies to 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.

Dates:- 23rd Jan, 27th Feb, 20th Mar The Eden- booked for 20 paddlers!

Let me know if you're coming and I'll balance up weather, experienced people to do looking after and water levels. acuwoo@fsmail.net Wendy x x x

Yorkshire Slalom are holding a series of winter training days of which one will be held at our site this Sunday 3rd January.

Details are all on the website under Events for those who may be interested. They are also all on the notice board in the club house/store.

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.

Also if anyone bought a Christmas tree with roots and would like to donate to the club for planting we would be happy to accept. Also trees without roots can be used to help with bank protection. (If they can be used to protect dunes at the seaside then I do not see why we cannot do the same)

Next Year

Next 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 afield.

Proposed Open Meeting Dates for you diary

28th Jan - planning for year ahead

22nd April - pre Slalom

8th July - anything

16th September - pre AGM - closed - committee only

3rd November - AGM

Proposed Working weekends - could be Saturday or Sunday - subject to change - dependant on weather

13th - 14th March - Spring clean up

8th - 9th May - Get ready for Slalom

10th - 11th July - general work

12th - 13th November - Autumn clear up

15th and 16th May - Slalom weekend

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.

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.

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

Anne