



Coming Up:

All National events are on the www.canoeslalom.co.uk site.
Good luck to all those competing.

27th July to 2nd August - Alps Trip info.

8th August – Harefield Slalom

15th August
Fun Slalom at Shepperton with
Addlestone Canoe Club

??? August Work Day – helping
build the new store and paint gate
poles.

12th 13th September – Inter Club
competition at Cardington

20th 21st September – our Div 3 4
double event. This is organised by
Tandridge as it clashes with a Div 1
race, so anyone left behind, please
come and support/help. It's fun
when there are plenty of helpers.

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Winter training with good water this year.



Our first Double div 1/2. A success with good water, great prizes and excellent refreshments and the parking happened somehow.



Cat's ducklings take to the water on 21st April

The Lodden Slalom

This was the usual fun day or two out at the first May Bank holiday week end.

Adam Huse was promoted to Div 3 in a well attended and competitive race – well done Adam - and he, Thomas Milligan and David Hall came an impressive 4th out of 9 in the team event.

It was good to see so many members helping and competing – well done to Murray and to Callum for good performances in their first kayak event. Callum and his Dad were , of course promoted again in C2.

Our Tandridge cousins were out in force and their star young girls were out to beat yours truly – never had James' boat gone so slowly!!

This gently flowing course is in a lovely corner of Berkshire this side of Reading and was a delight to paddle.

It was good to see everyone respecting the swan, who decided to build her nest that week- end at the entrance to the return leat. An alternative get out was constructed in haste.



A level 1 coach training course

was run at the club over 2 week-ends in June. There were 5 Shepperton members and 2 from the scouts and 5 from Hastings.

Plenty of training was needed, especially in Open canoe by a patient crew of Paul Newman, Colin Ashworth and Gordon.

We all got through and nailed the written exam. Jamie Rendall – seen here doing his exam up a tree- has put his qualification to good use in helping with the after-school sessions.

Thanks Jamie and thanks to Gordon for organising the course.

St Nicholas School comes canoeing.



It was a first for Shepperton Slalom Canoe Club this summer as it offered after-school beginners' courses - to years 5 and 6 from St Nicholas School, Shepperton.

Shepperton's traditional role has been as a competition club and training facility for the Olympic Sport of Canoe Slalom, providing the only permanent slalom site in the South-East. The Club has produced several world class athletes as well as supporting a fun, exciting sport for white water paddlers from all over the country. In the run up to the 2012 Olympics, Shepperton will provide training facilities to complement the new Olympic venue being built at Broxbourne, in the Lee Valley.

31 children from St Nicholas School took up the offer and in 3 separate groups each completed 4 sessions, under the watchful eye of British Canoe Union Regional Coach, Gordon Walling. Gordon was ably assisted by 3 club members, who have recently gained the Level 1 coaching award at a course run at Shepperton.

The children learned the skills of kayak and open canoe paddling, balancing in the boats and capsizing in the warm water of the Thames (photos). They also discovered the wild life and nooks and crannies of their local river. All enjoyed the water and some showed good potential in the sport, which requires a high level of skill and practice.

There will be opportunities to continue learning the sport with the Club and to progress with the BCU Paddle Power awards, also newly adopted by the Club this year.

At Shepperton's recent national ranking event, the children had the opportunity to see a competition in action and to have a go on the course. They saw 2 Shepperton members (Rosa Hopkins and Pete Scutt) dominate their classes and win promotion to Division 2 and also 4 members of the Paddle Power group, having a go at their first slalom. Hopefully we will see several St Nicholas paddlers entering the Club's next entry-level event, to be held in September.

...And what they might aspire to : our World Class Juniors progress

In June both Zak and Mallory headed to the Pyrenees to race in the ICF French Open Ranking race.

Zak was travelling as part of the 3 strong GB J17 team getting an early feel for racing at the site of next year's Junior World Championships. Following his disappointment in the Junior selection series where he just missed out on a place in the team despite 2x3rd and 1x4th place over the 3 races, Zak rose to the occasion and put in an excellent performance in a very strong field which was not restricted to juniors. The slightest of touches (completely invisible to all cameras) saw him just miss out on qualification to the semi-finals, he ended 24th over (7th J17th boat) and was the top GB Junior boat at the race - some compensation for him.

GB, like a number of nations, had reserved the 6 race slots for Junior paddlers. Slots 4-6 in each category were made available on a self-funded/non supported basis .. and so it came to be that Mallory, rather than just supporting Zak and Ciaran, raced too. She paid heavily with 3 touches but still gained valued race experience - and cannot wait to contend for one of the slots to race there again next year.

Next month both Zak and Mallory will be racing at the German Open in Leipzig, the location of next year's Junior European Championships. This time is Mallory who gained the race slot based on her excellent performance to finish 7th in the U23 selection earlier in the year. Zak has fortunately also be allocated a race slot as other paddlers have been forced to withdraw. It's another opportunity for both to gain some more international ranking points. Mal hopes to race both K1 and C1 to gain some valuable C1 race experience before the World Championships. The great European adventure starts on Friday with the first stop being Zoetermeer in the Netherlands ... a venue Mal will also race in October in C1.

I'll be at home looking for sponsors!



Our July event – very well attended



Congratulations to Mallory

Mallory Franklin has been selected to compete for GB in C1 ladies class at the Senior World Championships in Seu in September. Well Done Mal!!!

In the process of gaining selection (11th / 12th July At HPP) she also gained the maximum 1000 points against the K1M times and so also gained promotion to Div Prem/1.

She came second just behind Fiona both days and had solid percentages but as there were not published criteria she had to wait for the statement issued a week later to be sure...

Mallory's special thanks to Joel for all of his ongoing support.