



News 2011 Spring/summer

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Coming Up:

July 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th After school club
 July 16th and 23rd Adult course
 ??? tba Lots of help needed reinstating the gate lines
 Sept 9th 10th Inter Clubs at Cardington
 Sept 24th 25th Tandridge and our div 3 / 4 event at Shepperton
 Oct 29th 30th Yalding

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The site:

The Environment Agency have decided to rebuild the bank on the club side of the weir pool as it has been undermined by the trees. They have been very cooperative regarding avoiding disrupting our events and have been keeping Dave Waine informed of requirements and progress. Thus the trees were removed immediately after our Div 1 2 event in March, for which we had to remove some gate lines. The bank work started immediately after our June div 3 4 event – so all lines had to be removed by Tuesday 28th June. The weir pool will be closed for at least 4 weeks whilst this work is done. The bank will be of sand bags just like existing and back filled with diggings.

The EA would erect new poles, 5 flood light poles, duct between poles, 6 to 10 shorter poles nearer river, channel cabling to hut – at a cost of £4400 !!! The flood lights would need to be connected by an approved contractor and other work required -costing another c.£1000. The committee agreed to get this work done by EA and have asked for help from someone to try to secure some funding.

Thus we will end up with a very smart site but at a huge cost to the club.

Please be prepared to help where you can at the forthcoming work days to reinstate the course – times tba. Dave Waine will manage the project but needs our help, including from paddlers!! After this process, you will all know how to put up a course and can help look after it, including putting up a gate each at the next event – we really do need to find ways of reducing the efforts of the few and spread it among the many. Thanks.

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The after school club is in full swing with all those from the first intake wanting to continue to a second 4 week course. Coached by our Local Club Coach - South East, Gordon Walling, ably helped by Jack and Josh – from Surrey Youth Development service, and Alex G. Josh paddled at our June Div 3 / 4 but it was a bit soon for his charges.. The club is aimed primarily at St Nicolas School in Shepperton but local enquiries are also directed to the course.



Spot the difference



Winter Polo – Danger Ducks

Polo competition at Tandridge Pool for 10 Danger Ducks from Sept to Dec 2010 and then Jan to Mar 2011.

Mostly in 2 teams this time – the more experienced and the floundering.

The rules are coming on slowly but the confidence building in the side pool between games is invaluable



Other indoor sessions have included Woking Pool in the Easter Holidays – this is on every Wednesday at 8.45 to 9.45 but is rather late for the youngsters. So they went with Nic in the Easter holidays.

Nic will also support some of the Guildford Lido sessions on Mondays in June/July – aiming for water confidence and ultimately learning to roll. Ask him about this.

White water week end with Addlestone 4th 5th June.

This clashed with Frome to which our new competitive wanderers went to compete.

Next year I recommend the youngsters try to support this event if it happens as it gives gentle white water experience – just playing around in and out of the eddies and drops and movey bits, mostly in short plastic boats. Callum and Jake went and enjoyed. A word from Becky. Callum G's mum 'We made it to Cardington with Jake, the boys took one look at the course and said that they didn't want to use their boats as they thought they would get stuck.

David (Moss- from Addlestone) was a super star he looked after the boys sorting out boats and going down the course with them. He spent the whole time we were there with them.

They all looked like they were having a great time.

Jake had to swim a couple of times but he just got back in the boat and carried on.

Callum wants to do it again sometime although the boats are a lot heavier to drag back to the start.

The boys also helped put the course away even jack (2 yrs) helped a little by carrying the straps.'



Paddle power group start competing in earnest at the local (ish) div 3 / 4 events with good turnouts to club outings to Yalding, Winchester and Nottingham; some ventured to Frome, Shepperton, and Cardington,- winning 2 promotions to Div 3 and 2 to div 2.,. And that Shepperton is now leading in the L&ser competition.

Yalding 26th 27th March
Seb learning from the master

On Saturday, good results (3rd) for Matt Scott and Caitlin in their Div 3 events, who with Alex made up a good Team Shepperton. Hamish and Murray Weir also competed well. On Sunday there were 2 l&ser teams with Seb, Max, Ben, Callum.in K1 and Matt LC , Piers and Hanna in C1



Winchester 2nd April- calm water and lovely park. Will



Nic and Jason – but would they compete??



.. and Callum G – winning promotion to div 3-....



Max and Matt giving C2 a go



..and Ben, all in great style

HPP 14th 15th May– baptism of fire on the Darleks



And not forgetting;- the judges
- thanks to Oliver (pic) and to
Poppy, who did loads of judging-
and got some good moving water
experience in her Judges runs,



A very determined run from Callum W wins him promotion to div 3. The water moved fast and some learned to spin - the only way to get some of the gates.. A difficult course but our gang faced up the challenge.



-or the spectators, -or the
seniors in a wobbly C2



An interesting club week end!! Challenging water for many at the div 3 4 and at the Inter regionals on the main course – (see below). Also, initiative was needed as no food wagon appeared, the weather was cruel and the other challenge was the camping, for some !! But we all survived and enjoyed and learned and a convivial meal was had by 30 plus of us at the Bridge on the Saturday evening.

**England Inter Regional Championships:
May 15th**

The first couple of weeks of May suddenly turned a bit manic; who knew!
Following a tentative enquiry to Pete Bedingfield about whether the region were entering a team in the Championships, Rich, Dee and Elaine got in touch with some really positive input and it got the ball rolling.
After some initial difficulties in forming a team, mostly due to many studying for exams (at least that's what they said), the backbone of a team started to emerge.
In what proved to be a vain attempt to gather more paddlers I even resorted to a few hasty calls to people I hadn't spoken to for a while.
When all that was done (along with some juggling and cajoling) we emerged with a team, albeit not a full one!

The following team all turned up for the weekend in good spirits:-

Mallory/David – C2M allory – K1/C1
Mike – C1/K1 Hana – K1W
Harry – K1 Craig – K1 Piers – K1
Noah – K1

All paddled on Saturday along with Syd, Greg, Rosa, Forbes, Alec and Louise. In addition many young people entered in the Div 3/4 and got some good results (see above)

Sunday's Inter-regional's were exciting with lots of thrills, some spills

Particular credit, I feel, has to go to

- Mallory for doing three categories, including an entertaining C2 run with David incorporating an impressive solo roll. Hats off!
- Hana and Piers, for stepping into the breach and doubly to Hana for quelling her nerves and allowing herself to be talked into it by me; a valiant effort (her not me.)

Well done also to Mallory, Mike and Noah for representing England in the Pan Celtic Cup

Ultimately credit has to go everyone for taking part at such short notice.

Hopefully it'll be easier next time.....
Neil

?Forbes?



David and Mallory still upright



Hana Oliphant (aged 14 years) has been a member of Shepperton since Dec 2010 and has up till now avoided big white water even though she is in Div 2 in both K1 and C1. After much hard talking and team pressure from certain members of Shepperton she convinced herself that she was up to carrying out a suicide run on HPP during the Regional Championships in May this year.
This was the first time Hana had dared venture onto HPP and I think the attached picture captures it perfectly - pure horror, nevertheless in true Shepperton style she stuck to it to completed the course- well done Hannah.



Our Div 3 4 event on 25th 26th June ran very smoothly and thanks to the organisers and all the helpers. Promotions here for Max to Div 3 and, Matt LC to Div 2 in C1. And we made the local paper .

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SPORT

Youngster's stock continues to rise

CANOING

GIVING it the Max is what a Shepperton schoolboy did in a national ranking canoe slalom event.

Max Bushell, a pupil from St Nicholas School in Shepperton, won a well-deserved promotion in the Olympic sport at the meeting held at Shepperton Slalom Canoe Club.

Talented Bushell, who only took up the sport a year ago, has already competed in entry-level events in Kent, Hampshire, Somerset and in fast-moving water at the National Water Sports Centre, Nottingham.

His perseverance paid off with promotion to Division Three on home waters after he finished fourth

among 17 entries to qualify for the higher division.

Bushell became hooked on the sport at the after-school club offered to children each summer term. He and many other young people who benefited from this opportunity, now paddle regularly at the club.

The club boasts former Olympian Helen Reeves, who won bronze in 2004, among its alumni, while Mallory Franklin represents Great Britain in the Ladies Canoe Class.

Clubs from all over the south enjoyed the event at the club's site at Lock Island, behind Shepperton Lock.

Others from the club also competed well and the Shepperton team was second in the inter-club Laser competition.



■ MAKING WAVES: Max Bushell Contributed

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Our Div 1, 2 double event on March 5th and 6th also ran very smoothly. Dee did a great job organising and the Slalom Committee Timing team took the responsibility for the timing, as they did last year. The usual band of helpers made it possible – thanks everyone- you know who you are, and especially thanks to Gordon for setting the course and putting up most of it !! We made a point of getting our new youngsters to take on a judging position between them over the 2 days – they did brilliantly and made Elaine's job of organising the judges a lot easier. The cafe was run as ever – and thanks so, so much - by Helen Maloney with Sarah's and others' help

Div 2 and Div 1 paddlers have been competing around the events with some quite affected by study priorities.

Let's hear it from you in the next issue !!! as none of you have sent any comments etc for this issue.

Our Prem and ex prem group with some editor's privilege!!

Mallory is competing in the GB team in C1 – so watch the web site

www.canoeslalom.co.uk for news of her progress.

Zac is training with the Elite group and has access to Broxbourne – the Olympic course.

They will both be trying hard for selection for the Olympics in Kayak (no ladies C1 class yet) but realistically it might be the next one!!

Joel, Andrew Rendall and George Durden– our only other remaining Prem Paddlers – had a good trip to Cardiff, - Joel came 8th, Rendall 16th and Big G 31st . Joel and George competed at Tryweryn also..

They train with others on Mon, Wed and Thurs evening and more Div 1 paddlers are welcome to join them.

Joel



Harry M is aiming to get back into Prem . After 2 wins at Shepperton he managed a 7th at HPP . Plenty of effort in the race but some boat training might help!!

Mike Scutt is pushing towards promotion to Prem too



