



## SPLASHDOWN – Issue 1 (January 2011)

With the launch of the Joint Wimbledon & Wandle & Sutton Districts Canoe club I thought it time to replace a rambling email with a rambling newsletter.

As an introduction, we are a small group of canoe coaches who run or know a man who does run, a number of canoeing activities that may be suitable for either you or your young people. We cannot guarantee to have all the answers and please remember that we all have families, jobs & scout/guide units to run. The canoeing is done in our spare time.

Our main aim is to increase the number of canoe instructors in the area which in turn will increase the opportunities for the young people and we are grateful to Sutton & Wimbledon & Wandle Districts for their support. (See Flysheet '<http://www.suttonscouts.org.uk/flysheet/flysheet-2010-10>) for more info.

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### Pool Sessions

These take place in the Wimbledon College Pool, Edgehill, SW19 4NS from 1-2pm on 16th Jan, 20th Feb & 20th March— split into U14s working towards the Scout (& Guides) Canoeists Badge and 'Roll & Rescue' for the O14s. We intend taking both groups outdoors in the summer.

Access is through the Sacred Heart Church Car Park. Bring swimming kit, t-shirt & towel. Places are limited and must be pre-booked through Keith and paid for (£6 ph).

### Summer Activities

The club will be running BCU Paddlepower trainings during the Summer Months together with a weekend in the Wye Valley (16/17 July) which will include a BCU 3\* Assessment. Contact Pete for details

### Cub & Scout Activity Days

The 2nd Malden Boating Team are running two events that may be of interest—Contact Keith

**Sixers Water Activity Day 11th June** at Shepperton (clashes with the GLSW Cubeaver Day). Teams of 3-6 cubs (depending on interest) to try various activities including canoe jousting & pillow fights over the water..

**TYM Activity Day—8th October**  
Open to cubs, scouts, & Guides.

### The man who does....

The following are Boating Centres we have used that may be able to help you

Wimbledon Park— [Erica.Bishop@merton.gov.uk](mailto:Erica.Bishop@merton.gov.uk)  
TYM, Ham— [outdoor.learning@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:outdoor.learning@surreycc.gov.uk)  
Aqua Sports Redhill—[info@aquasports.co.uk](mailto:info@aquasports.co.uk)  
HOAC, Hillingdon— [groups@hoac.net](mailto:groups@hoac.net)  
Albany Park —[albanyparksb@rbk.kingston.gov.uk](mailto:albanyparksb@rbk.kingston.gov.uk)

### Boats for Sale

The 6/12 Mitcham have a few kayaks and an Open Canoe (Canadian) for sale—contact Pete if interested

### DofE Trips by Canoe

These are organised by the 28th Wimbledon Guides. The mixed Explorer-Senior Section Group successfully completed their Silver DofE trip along the Upper Severn and we are now planning their Gold Trip to Scotland, from 22-27 August. The practice is in Wales 13-17th July. Cost £750. There are a couple of spaces if anyone is interested. (1G/2B or 3G)  
Contact [Sam\\_axbey@hotmail.com](mailto:Sam_axbey@hotmail.com)  
The Bronze trip (18-19th June with the practice 21-22 May) is now fully booked. We are running a DofE Training Camp at Longridge 9/10 April.



### BCU 2/3\* Activities and Adult Training

Andy Amer of the Paxmead & Wraysbury Instructors is running **2/3\* sessions** for over 16s on the first Sunday of the month 9.30—12.30 at Paxmead Guide Boating Centre, Docket Eddy Lane. To book places contact Andy on 07802 230922 or email [Andrew.amer@openreach.co.uk](mailto:Andrew.amer@openreach.co.uk)

The 2nd Malden Boating Team are running a **BCU Training weekend** for 13+ Guides, Senior Section and Leaders at Paxmead 21/22 May weekend, with some spaces available for scouts & Explorers. Further details from Keith



Spelthorne District are organising **FSRT & Level 1 Instructor courses** in Autumn 2011. Since the District launched their new campaign to recruit and train more Instructors over 30 coaches have qualified, including 7 from 2nd Malden.

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