

## Bradford on Avon Canoe Club Newsletter

March 2017

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# General Notices

**Mark and Tim Escott racing DW for Charity** On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April, club members Mark and Tim Escott will embark on the gruesome 125 mile Devizes to Westminster Canoe Race. Most of you will know what this means but for those that don't, it is an annual international race starting on the Kennet & Avon canal at Devizes and finishing on the River Thames under Westminster Bridge. Mark and Tim will be competing in the Senior Mens K2 race, racing straight through the night and will finish on Sunday morning. This will be Mark's first time entering this race since 1988 and Tim's first time ever, so we wish them luck and I know some of you have offered to help support them on their way. They are doing this to raise money for the Helen & Douglas House charity who care for terminally ill children & young adults. This is a great cause and if you wish to help them in raising money please visit their just giving page found here -

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Mark-Escott5?utm\\_source=Facebook&utm\\_medium=fundraisingpage&utm\\_content=Mark-Escott5&utm\\_campaign=pfp-share](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Mark-Escott5?utm_source=Facebook&utm_medium=fundraisingpage&utm_content=Mark-Escott5&utm_campaign=pfp-share).

**Easter Monday the annual Bradford on Avon Duck Race** 12 noon from the Town Bridge. A few volunteers in plastic boats are required to help round up the ducks. Please let Simon or Mike know if you can help.

The 4 canoes we had for sale at the beginning of February have all been sold on eBay, a big thank you to Andy Phillips.

The two new canoes similar to our Red Elios have been ordered and will be arriving within the next few weeks. The new canoes will be for use by our novice paddlers.

We are pleased to welcome Ian Stoke who has recently joined the club. Ian is an experienced canoeist and is currently training for this year's DW race at Easter.

27<sup>th</sup> May to 4<sup>th</sup> June, British Canoeing National Go Canoeing Week, any ideas how we as a club can promote this event. Discover more: [www.gocanoeingweek.org.uk](http://www.gocanoeingweek.org.uk)

From June 12<sup>th</sup> the Army will be using our club facilities for their annual week long Canoe training camp. Come along and join in with them.

### **Important notice from the main club committee:**

#### **HON SECRETARY POST**

We will need to co-opt a new Hon Secretary for the Club as Oliver has got an offer for a University place in September this year.

Ideally it would be good to have his 'replacement' shadowing him for a little while prior to taking over in August.

The role is an important and vital one for the Club. It is not just taking minutes of the monthly Committee meetings but involves contact with British Rowing and British Canoeing, communicating with Club Members and of course the Committee.

Considerable support is available from other members of the Committee for anyone taking on the role. A short outline of the role is set out below.

- Ensures the Club is aware of and complies with all relevant legislation
- Organises meetings of the Committee and the Club, agreeing agenda with the Chairman.

- Records and disseminates the minutes of such meetings in a timely manner.
- Gives notice of meetings of the committee and the AGM.
- Act as the key contact with external bodies such as British Rowing and other rowing clubs, British Canoeing and other canoe clubs.
- Maintains the Club Constitution and Members' Handbook (in course of development for submission to the November AGM)
- Ensures mail sent to the Club is controlled and disseminated as required.

Please contact Rodney Beer or any other member of the Committee if you are interested or indeed if you would like to find out more about what the role entails.

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## Training sessions

### Summer Training Times

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday paddling sessions - 5.30pm

Wednesday - Main club session - 6.00pm

**Time Trials** The monthly 5km time trials will now resume for the summer months. Starting **12<sup>th</sup> April** and will run on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month** with the first boat starting at around 6:15pm. Please see James Escott for any issues.

Saturday - Club session - 9.00am

Sunday - 9.00 am

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## Race Reports

### Waterside Results

In March both Waterside B and Waterside C have taken place with club members taking part in both race. These are 18 and 23 mile races along the Kennet & Avon canal and part of the 4 race Waterside Series which will conclude with a 34 mile race on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Waterside B provided some very tough conditions with swirling winds and a lack of water, whereas Waterside C provided much nicer conditions with a tailwind the whole way down the course.

#### Waterside B

Mark & Tim Escott 6<sup>th</sup> Senior men K2

John E & Stan M 5<sup>th</sup> Veteran Men K2

Mike P & Nigel U 7<sup>th</sup> Veteran K2

Richard L & Vicky S 3<sup>rd</sup> Mixed K2

James E 9<sup>th</sup> Senior K1

#### Waterside C

Mark & Tim E 3<sup>rd</sup> Senior Men K2

Mike P & Nigel U 4<sup>th</sup> Veteran K2 (1<sup>st</sup> Masters)

Callum G & Stan M 1<sup>st</sup> Junior/Vet K2

Richard L 5<sup>th</sup> Veteran K1

James E 7<sup>th</sup> Senior K1

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# Racing Calendar

## Hasler Races

The first South West Hasler of 2017 will take place at the end of April at Roadford Lake and it would be good if we could take a team of races down in order to try qualify for the Hasler Finals for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year on the trot. A sheet will go up on the board shortly, if you want to enter, or have any queries please talk to James Escott.

To be able to race at the Hasler Finals you **must compete in 3 Hasler races**. The qualifying period starts in September.

8th-9th April	April Regatta Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham
14th-17th April	Devizes to Westminster
Sunday 30th April	Roadford Hasler Race Devon
6th-7th May	May Regatta National and open masters sprint championships Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham
Saturday 13th May	Elmbridge Sprint Regatta Perfect introduction event to sprint events
Sunday 14th May	Worcester Hasler Race and K2 Assessment race
Sunday 21st May	Tamar Hasler
Sunday 28th May	Reading Hasler
3rd-4th June	June Regatta Inter-club Regatta & National & Open U23 Sprint Championship Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham
Sunday 11th June	Thames Valley Hasler
Sunday 18th June	Oxford Hasler

Saturday 24th June	BOA Race Weekend Bath to Bradford Race
Sunday 26th June	BOA Hasler

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