



ISLE OF PORTLAND CANOE CLUB

January 2012 Newsletter

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you had a good time over the festive season.

December was quite a busy month for the Club, despite it being the depths of winter. On 3rd December Buddy organised a surfing trip to the North Cornwall coast. On 4th December Jon Massey led a sea trip from Sandsfoot in wild and blustery conditions.

On 17th December we had our Christmas Do at the Royal Breakwater Hotel at Castletown, Portland. This was quite a noisy evening with good food and service. The following day we paddled from Bowleaze. It was a bright calm day and we potted along to Ringstead and stopped for a leg stretch before returning to Osmington Mills where we landed and went up to the Smugglers where we enjoyed lunch in front of the fire. The paddle back to Overcombe was quite a chilly affair as a bit more breeze had come up but it wasn't very far and we soon warmed up by carrying the boats back to the car. We were pleased to welcome newcomers Paul and Tina on this trip.

Boxing Day was a big day for Sharon, as Dicky popped the question and Sharon said yes so they are engaged. Congratulations to them.

Jim and Beryl Lloyd have left their home in Weymouth and moved to Portugal. We wish them all the very best in their new home and hope everything works out well and they are very happy there. We will miss them both. Jim was our paddling coordinator so in his absence I have put the 2012 programme together, but I do need everyone's support in making the paddling actually happen and particularly need experienced paddlers to come forward and put their names down to lead trips. Many thanks to Bertie Beckram for leading the white water trips and to Steve Budd for organising the many surf trips which are now a regular feature in the programme all the year round.

In Jim's absence there is now a vacancy on the Committee for Paddling Coordinator. The role involves planning and organising all the Clubs paddling. As mentioned above, Bertie takes on the white water and Buddy organises all the surfing so it is mainly the sea trips and training courses that the paddling coordinator deals with. The role also involves finding a leader to organise each trip and ensuring that the information about the trip is posted on the forum well in advance.

Our 2012 paddling programme is now on the website. There are still a lot of opportunities for people to organise a paddle as there are plenty of blanks in the 'trip organiser' column. Without the more experienced members of the club taking a turn at organising we cannot offer a full programme so please do get in touch if you haven't already done so. Thanks to the few who already have. We are offering a credit off your



The IOPCC Christmas Meal at the Royal Breakwater Hotel



**For the 2nd month running...
The Ring!!**



Christmas Social Paddle at the Smugglers, Osmington.

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2013 Club membership fee for every paddle organised led and recorded.

January has plenty of activity. The first sea trip of the year is being led by Dicky on 7th January. Details are on the forum and please check back closer to the time when Dicky will post any last minute changes when the weather picture becomes clear. On the same day Buddy has organised the first surf trip of the year probably to North Devon. On the following day, the 8th January, Bertie will be leading a white water trip.

On 14th January the surfers are out again. Please check the forum for up to date information which may change as the weather and surf conditions change.

On 21st January there is a rolling session at Bridport Leisure Centre. We are very fortunate to have the opportunity to take our own boats in to the pool to practice skills, rescues and rolling. Many thanks to Ken for his continued help with coaching in the pool. Details on the forum. There are still a couple of places available.

On the 29th January there is a sea paddling trip. I am hoping that the weather and conditions will allow us to paddle from Sandbanks to Swanage. If we can't then we will paddle somewhere more sheltered. Details are on the forum and any changes will be posted when the weather picture becomes clearer.

Looking ahead to February we need trip organisers for local paddles on the 12th and 26th. The tides are good for a paddle round the Isle of Portland E to W on the 19th – but we need someone to come forward and organise the trip. There will be a rolling session on 18th February at Bridport. Bertie's white water trip will be on 12th and there is bound to be some surfing going on. As ever all the details will be on the forum.

There are still places available for a weekend of BCU 3* sea training and assessment on 21/22 April and BCU 4* sea training on 21/22 July. Cost to members is £50. Details on the forum.

The Cornish Symposium is filling up fast. There are only 25 places and you need to book now. We had a fab time in 2011.

Access to the forum and members pages will continue for all 2011 members until the end of January. Please pay your 2012 subscription (£20 or £23 for non BCU members) to Jill Franks the treasurer if you haven't already done so. The form and details of how to pay are on the ['Join Us'](#) page of the website.

Barbara Browning | IOPCC Chairman



**One for the surfers.
Mark showing style**



Bertie...our white water god!



The Cornish Symposium

Paddling on the Jurassic Coast