



# ISLE OF PORTLAND CANOE CLUB

## June 2010 Newsletter



**Massed kayaks at Padstow**

May started with a successful 4-day bank holiday trip to North Cornwall. The weather was not very kind to us but we did some great sea paddling, found a couple of decent pubs and had a splendid walk on the South West Coast Path.

The next club paddle was open to everyone and was meant to be from West Bay to Charmouth. Unfortunately the day was cold wet and windy and the sea state at West Bay determined that we will have to come back another day. Not to be totally outdone most of the group drove to Castletown and had an enjoyable couple of hours paddling in the more sheltered water of Portland Harbour.

The first surfing weekend at Widemouth near Bude was eagerly anticipated. Several members arranged to have the Friday off work to get an extra day in the surf.

I am sure I speak for everyone when I say it was a fantastic weekend. Everything was good – the weather the surf the campsite – and the company.

Bertie ran surf clinics on Saturday and Sunday mornings where the less experienced members were taught the basics whilst the more experienced enjoyed the bigger waves.

Throughout May Thursday evening sessions continue. Typically people tend to arrive from 6pm and continue until dusk. The water is warming up now so most of us are tempted to try a roll or two. Usually we also go for a short paddle.

Ken has managed to arrange more pool sessions at the Thomas Hardy Leisure Centre this month. We hope to be able to organise another block in the Autumn.



**Bertie's surf clinic at Bude**



**Pool session at Thomas Hardy  
Leisure Centre**

It is good to see more use being made of the Forum to share informal paddling arrangements, transport, advice etc.

Our first outing in June is the weekend of 5/6, which is an overnight wild camp in the South Hams area of Devon. Details are on the forum.

The other Club event in May is an overnight trip on mid summers weekend from Weymouth to Poole. If the weather is kind and there is some settled high pressure some members hope to paddle out to Lundy and around the Isle of Wight. If anyone would like to organise a day paddle this month please post the arrangements on the forum – I am sure you will have some company.

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It is great to see so many members out paddling. However – some are notable by their absence and I hope now the weather is warmer and the sea generally calmer we will be able to tempt you out again. Come along to a gentle Thursday evening session at Sandsfoot and enjoy what we have in our back yard.

Speaking of back yards – Ian and I are moving to a new back yard beside the sea on 7th June!

**Barbara Browning**  
IOPCC Chairman



**Laurie at one of the Thursday night sessions at Sandsfoot**



**IOPCC barbecue at Bude**



**Ian 'rockhopping' at Rame Head**