



ISLE OF PORTLAND CANOE CLUB

September 2011 Newsletter

It's wet and windy (again) and looking as if the summer – such as it was – is over. It has been windy and cool all through the summer months and this has affected what we have been able to do on the water. However, many successful IoPCC trips have taken place. Most recently Dicky organised a great trip on the Llyn Peninsula in North Wales and a large contingent from IoPCC took over Summerleaze surf beach at Bude last weekend on the '**Classic Hedonistic Surf Weekend**' organised by Buddy. Trip reports and images from these events will be on the website soon. As ever we will continue to paddle throughout the year and details will be posted on the forum. Thursday evening sessions will continue for a few more weeks while there is still enough light. The water is at its warmest now and ideal for practicing rescues and rolling at Sandsfoot.

The Committee are meeting on Friday 9th September. We are beginning to plan the 2012 paddling programme. If you have any ideas for new paddles/activities that you would like us to consider please let me know asap. Every member will be consulted about the 2012 programme, so that it will reflect the wishes of club members as much as possible. You will all receive a 'questionnaire' in a week or so. Please complete and return this. We really do want the programme to reflect the interests of our members and we can only do this if you have your say. The programme will be finalised before the AGM which is on Friday 11th November. We will also be asking you whether or not we should include the Portland Harbour Permit in the membership fee next year. Several of our members do not live locally and never make use of the permit and our growing contingent of kayak surfers never paddle in the water controlled by Portland Ports so we need to consider if this is now the best option for most members.

The swimming pool at Bridport Leisure Centre has been booked for a rolling session on October 22nd. We are allowed to take our own boats into the pool so this is a rare opportunity to practice skills in the comfort and safety of a swimming pool in sea kayaks, or your own short boat. Details are now on the forum. The limit is 10 boats – first come first served.

We are hoping to paddle out of Kimmeridge this Saturday 10th September. At present the forecast is for strong winds so we may have to change the venue. We will be out though - even if it is just a rough water session from Sandsfoot. Please check the forum on Friday afternoon for final details.

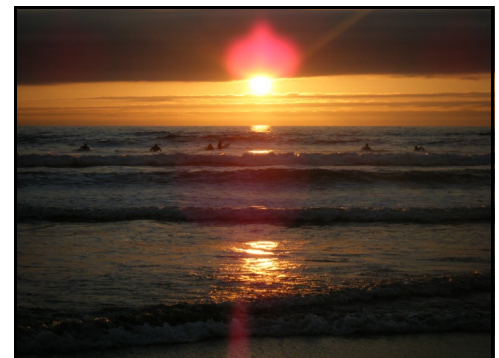
The following weekend on 18th September there is a club paddle from



Barbara being stalked by a seal on the Llyn Peninsula



The Hedonists at Summerleaze Beach



Summerleaze Beach

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West Bay to Lyme Regis. This should be a stretch of coast suitable for all members as there are no headlands and the tidal streams are weak. However as we found out earlier in the year, if it is windy it can be very rough and landings en route are tricky. If anyone would like an elective swim at West Bay at the end of the day bring your swimming gear.

Looking forward to seeing you out on the water.

Barbara Browning
IOPCC Chairman



St Agnes, Isles of Scilly



**Paddling around Lands End
during the Cornish Symposium**



**John, Barbara and Ian on
Bardsey Island, Lley Peninsula**