

Club xmas paddle

Just a short few words about the recent club xmas paddle (the first for many years).

24 suitably dressed paddlers turned up at Wembury beach. The majority of people had made the effort and wore the correct headwear as requested, red and white santa hats or in a couple of cases pink pig and pygmy santa (see group photo). Special thanks to Stuart for dressing in a complete red suit, and to all those who decorated their boats with tinsel.



The weather gods were on our side and we managed to launch through the slight surf and with very little wind head for the Mewstone. The group paddled out and around the Mewstone and then crossed to the Yealm estuary mouth and landed on Cellar beach for lunch. We were on the high tide so beach space was limited, but utilising Helga's Carolina as a table the paddlers spread out all the festive food I had asked them to bring. What a feast appeared, a whole xmas cake (cheers Phil), a couple of hundred mince pies (home made and shop made), sandwiches (best ham/ corned dog/ smoked salmon), profiteroles, various other savouries and sweets all washed down with lashings of coffee and brandy and lovage. Much laughter ensued as the hungry paddlers socialised and made an effort to demolish the food mountain, not quite achieved as there were still lots of mince pies to take home.



Thankfully the return to Wembury beach was only a short paddle under the cliffs and before long the festivities had reached an end. Many thanks to all who turned up and contributed to a successful afternoon of eating and paddling. Hopefully it has wetted people's appetites for xmas 2008.

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