



Editorial

Paul Hewston

I seem to be having problems with the English language again, but you can see this sign by the slipway at Mountbatten.



When I see this sentence, I keep wanting to complete the sentence as something like "Fancy mooring your boat here! Last month 2 boats were stolen, 3 were set on fire and one was left on a pile of bricks". Obviously that's not what's happening, and it's a superb place to moor a boat. Nevertheless, I thought I should admit out loud I have some struggles with the English language. All of which brings me on to the crossword. We had one missing clue. This was noted in the forum - the relevant answer was "Mewstone". However, 10 across should have been the second word of the clue given at 8 down (not 9) giving Duke

Rock. Anyway, answers are included this month on page 6, along with the news that Adam Coulson and Clive Ashford were joint winners.

Another erratum, I missed that Linda Brady had stood down and been replaced by Lesley Hitchen as Introductory Co-ordinator in the AGM report. Many thanks indeed to Linda for all her service in that vital role, and both thanks and good luck to Lesley for taking this work on.

We're short on human new members to introduce on page 3. Please do consider sending a few words about yourself (ideally with a photo):

newsletter@ppca-canoe-club.org.uk if you have joined recently, for some vague definition of "recently".

This month, Adam Coulson has taken logged the club's activities, which means a much more detailed and informative chronicle is presented on page 4.

As usual, comments, questions, material to include in future editions:

newsletter@ppca-canoe-club.org.uk



Club use of Photographs in Publicity Material

Sarah Carlson

Although we do ask on the membership form, if you are ever out paddling and don't wish to have your photo taken for any reason, please do approach the person with the camera and ask not to have your picture taken.

Likewise, if there are any photos that have been uploaded to Facebook from previous paddles and you wish for them to be removed then please let me know via publicity@ppca-canoe-club.org.uk. I will do my best to have them taken down.

Christmas Social December 11th

Sarah Carlson

Many thanks to the members (over 30 of them) who came along to start the Christmas celebrations at the Mount Batten Inn. Some even wore their festive jumpers to mark the occasion.



The Mount Batten kept their word and carried on selling beer and other drinks past Nine O'Clock (unlike 2023) which all helped make this a great social.





Welcome new members

New Air Bag



Figure 1: Arnold the Air Bag

Nobody volunteered a new member introduction this month. However, we are pleased to tell you of a new air bag that has been added to a boat that paddles with the PPCA fleet occasionally. Unlike a politician, who can only be full of hot air, this air bag does something useful in keeping water out of the boat when the owner capsizes. This makes it much easier for everybody else to empty the boat and remedy the situation.

Please, rather than make stuff up it would be great to say something about recently joined paddlers. If you've joined recently (like, in the last 12 months) could you send a few words about yourself and (ideally, but entirely optionally) a photo to: newsletter@ppca-canoe-club.org.uk

Exchange and Mart

Some retailers offer a discount to our members: details are on the PPCA website



Kayaking Chronicle

Adam Coulson

Warm Wet events

- 4th December Pool Session



- 18th December Pool Sessoin

Wet events

- 1st December 7 paddlers joined leader Pete for a trip down the Walkham at a good level to have fun. 0.7m at the start but dropping off during the morning to about 0.6



- 7th December. ~~Both sea kayak and short~~ paddles were cancelled due to Storm Darragh. Good job, peak gusts at Rame Head 75 knots.

- 8th December Clive led a session at Into level and Phil stepped in to offer an Intermediate trip also which turned into a guided trip down the Upper Dart for Jack and Liam




- 14th December Adam led a group of 14 from Mountbatten to Bovisand Harbour and then out to the Breakwater. Due to the wind direction the sea was calmer on the outside as we crossed to Pier Cellars and a quick trip out to Penlee Point which was unusually calm. Lunch was eaten back on Cawsand beach before

returning to Mountbatten via Drake's Island.



From Gillian Mann's Facebook

- 15th December Jane led a group down the Lower Dart with Adam's new creek boat getting it's first outing. A few stayed on at The Strawberry Fields café for coffee and a natter after.
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- 21st December ~~Christmas paddle led by Terry complete with fancy dress and food (or should that read fancy food and dress) – cancelled due to weather. Some met at Ben's Farm Shop instead for some festive fare.~~
 - 22nd December Pete due to lead the White Water trip. A beginners trip on the Lower Dart from Holne Weir to Buckfastleigh. A second group of peers went and paddled the Loop (Newbridge to Holne Weir) including walking in for the last few drops of the Upper. Nice medium levels for playing on.



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- 26th December A short Boxing Day paddle put on by Terry. A chance to work off some of the Christmas stuffing!



From Terry Calcott's Facebook



- 28th December A remarkably calm day due to a winter high pressure system saw

Brim paddling east from Mountbatten, leading 7 others around The Mewstone. After lunch near Wembury Point the group returned with some rock gardening along the way. The weather was remarkably grey, but the paddlers brought some colour to the water.

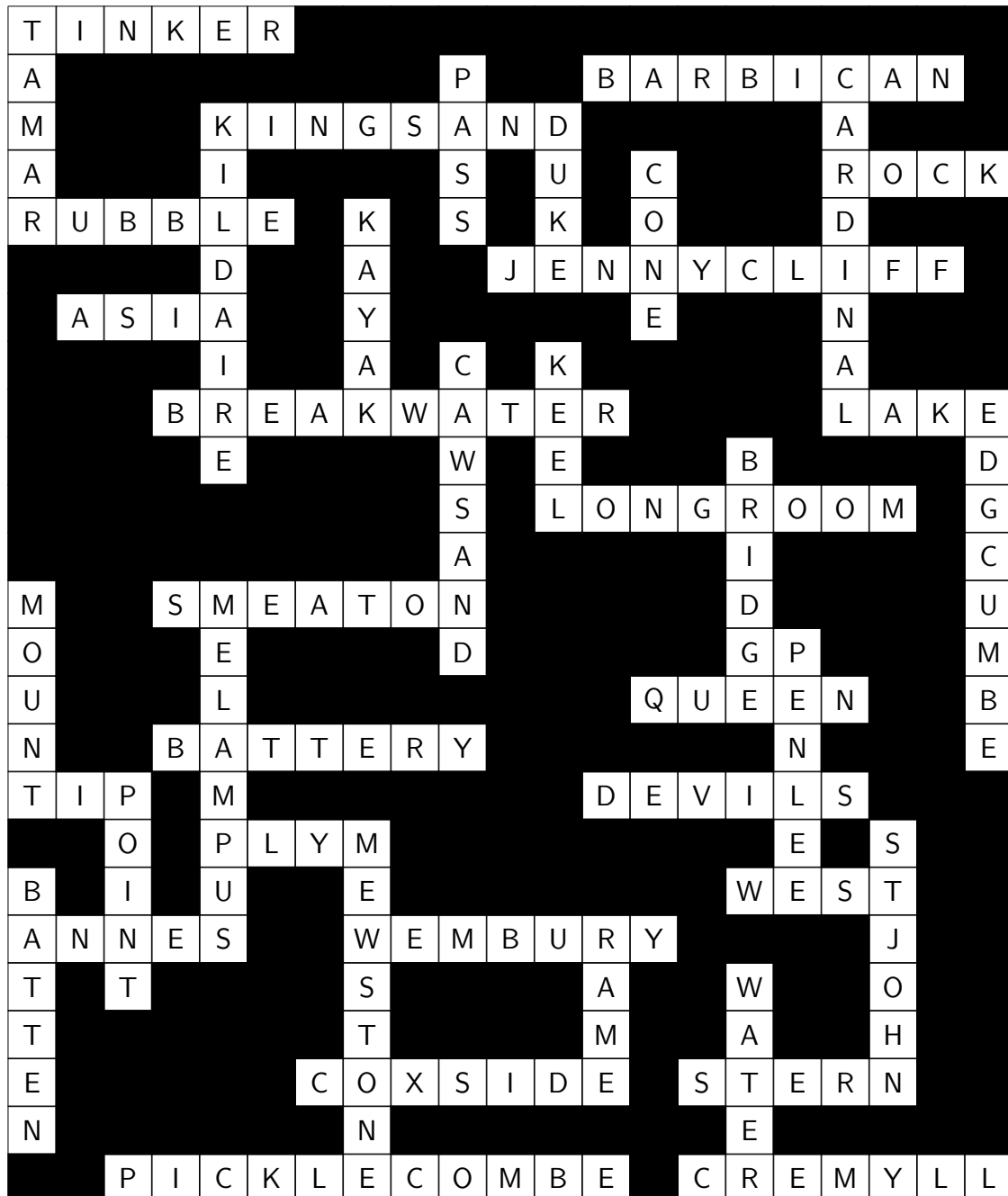
- 29 th December Last white water trip of the year was slightly lacking in the essential ingredient but Jane succeeded in putting on a beginner trip down the Lower Dart

5.1 Dry Events

- 11th December Committee Meeting
- 11th December Christmas Party at Mountbatten Hotel. Well to be strictly accurate, not altogether a dry event!



Christmas Crossword Puzzle Solution





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The PPCA Committee

PPCA is a friendly Club, and we'd love to hear from you!

The Club is run by a committee of unpaid volunteers, most of which work full-time. Contact details are listed below. For non-urgent enquiries, please email the person you require rather than telephoning.

If you are new to paddlesport or thinking of taking it up then please contact our Intro Coordinator who can point you in the right direction. Our Intro Coordinator can also answer any questions you may have about our Club, courses on offer etc, drop them an email at intro@ppca-canoe-club.org.uk

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Thank you to everyone who contributed material, especially the material we just stole from Facebook.

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