

WINGS News Wraysbury Supplement :

I hope most of you have had the opportunity to visit the water activities site at Wraysbury, if not we have produced this special WINGS News supplement showing some of what is going on.

Our WINGS group has been very lucky to be able to go to Wraysbury Lake Sailing Club; it's a beautiful site, with such a history.

Can you believe that Wraysbury Lake Sailing Club is over forty years old, having been founded in 1956 by a group of enthusiasts? Wraysbury Lake is where Enterprise sailing started; therefore the favourite boat for the members of the club is the Enterprise.

Over the years the Club has developed and expanded but all the while retaining its valuable combination of good competitive sailing and friendly family atmosphere. The Enterprise is a two sail dinghy of just over 4m in length, which has been great for all of our fun water activities. At the Wraysbury Lake Sailing Club, we have been able to go swimming when we fall out of the Canadian Canoes and sailing around the lake, sounds like great fun doesn't it?



During Construction:

A team effort, remember to tighten those lashings, but if the raft sinks flap those wings.

Or:

Why do we need Rafts when we've got these wings?



It Floats:

Full speed girls, and a little to port.

or:

Hey everyone look at me, I'm off Ta, ta for now!

Caption

Competition:



I hope you had fun with the captions, here's what we have, thanks to those who participated.

1. So it's true - Sea Scouts tents do sink!
2. Keep holding on, my kayaks down here some where.
3. Orrr! Those beans I had this morning are playing up!
4. I know you've done your map-readers badge, but I told you to take the last left!
5. Did you take those bungs out again?
6. How about those Guides humm? Oh yeah phwoar!
7. I'll be ok, it's just this walking on water just takes time to get right.
8. Did you know there's a Canadian canoe six feet below you?
9. I know they said it would rain by Friday, but this is ridiculous!
10. Are you sure you tied Skip to the seat of the raft before we sunk it?
11. Did you leave that shower running again?
12. Do you think this counts as a wash?

We were interviewing these boys. Their favourite bit of the Canadian Canoeing was jumping out of the boats. They swam most of the time. We took photos of them jumping in as we watched as they enjoyed themselves.

Julie and Shawna from 1st Bagshot Guides pushed their leader into the water which they only did because their leader was wiggling the boats. They had been standing up in the boats with one foot in one of the boats and the other was in the boat alongside, this configuration of boats is called a Chariot.

Written by Kathryn and Emily of 1st Salisbury Guides.



In the drink:

Eww! Waste water leak!



Water Sports

Water sports are very popular with such hot weather. We have some people who were telling us about their great day out doing water sports.

Hannah Whatley: (Rafting) "I loved it because it was cool"

Carrie Dodd (SCUBA Diving) "I liked the coolness of the water but I wished we had more time. The instructors were very nice and they were also very safe."

Jasmine Hatcher (Newsbound)

WET WET WET!

Do you want to do something really brilliant? We scored it

at 10 out of 10.

We're 3 Scouts and 1 Leader from 1st Newchurch, Isle of Wight, and on Wednesday we went to Wraysbury Water Centre to take part in the WINGS 2003 water activities in a really beautiful setting about 15 minutes, by bus, away from the campsite. There were 4 things to choose from: bell boats, kayaks, canoes and raft building, and we could choose to do an hour each on any 2 of them. We decided to try kayaks first and then canoes for our second hour.

Before we could start, we had to learn about the water safety rules. Rule 1 was that we all needed safety jackets. Our Leader, Rosey, got stuck in one with her nose and eyes popping out through the neck hole . . . and she couldn't get in or out! She was unable to move, and we were all laughing so much that we couldn't help her.



First of all, we were fitted up with paddles. We had to be able to stand the paddle up straight and touch the top with our fingers. Grant had to use a paddle that was far too big because there weren't any smaller ones left. Clive, who comes from



1st Burghfield Scouts, showed us how to hold and use our paddles. Soon we were on the water and met our instructor Geraint, who is from Caerphilly in Wales, he got us to hold each others' boats and then we took it in turns to stand up in our kayaks and introduce ourselves – our names, where we come from and our hobbies. After that we had a game of tag in which we had to throw a ball at somebody else's boat to make them "it". Then we paddled about a bit and finally Geraint told us how to do chariot races. In pairs, one sat at the back with one foot in each boat and the other stood at the front. Then you were meant to paddle, BUT nobody got that far! We all fell in and were roaring with laughter. Geraint had to help us get all the water out

of our kayaks, and Jake tried to get into his boat the wrong way round so couldn't work out where to put his feet. More laughter! Half the canoes were capsized and the 7 people in our group all had to help each other back to the shore. It was great fun.

We then went to the canoes; some took 2 people, some 3 and others 4. We collected our paddles, Grant and Jake were in one boat and Harry and Rosey shared another. There was a lot of splashing between the boats and we all got wet! Jake rocked his boat from side to side and, to start with, Grant was getting concerned that the boat was going to capsize. Once he got used to it he was joining Jake, jumping in and then getting back on board again. Eventually, Grant decided to swim over to Harry's boat that he somehow managed to capsize. Fortunately, help was near and one of the safety crew came and tipped the water out. It's very easy to sink an open canoe!

By the end of the 2 hours we were soaked but very happy. We'd had a great time and learnt a lot – including how to get back into a boat when it capsizes! This was definitely our best activity so far; with building the railway at the Australia base a close second (we beat the record and finished in 51 minutes).

Thanks to everyone at WINGS 2003 for organising these great activities for us.

Newchurch Newsbounds: Jake, Harry, Grant, Rosey