



1<sup>st</sup> Nailsea Scout Kayak Club

# Progress Report

30 April 2011 to 10 June 2012

**30th April 2011**

Great News!! We raised £222.52 in sponsorship from the River Axe Canoe Race. Well done to TL, JC, JR and MD for your great achievement! This will go well towards new kit and we will be back again next year I'm sure!



### **24th May 2011**

AP and AB carried out our first session for another Scout Group- 5th Bristol Scouts- We went to the River Yeo and had a great time teaching the basics of kayaking to the Scouts who were full of enthusiasm! Thanks guys.

### **13th July 2011**

AP and AB ran several sessions over June and July for Wednesday Scout Troop. Although less Scouts turned up than expected, we still played lots of games and taught plenty of new skills. Thanks to the parents who helped with packing away kit and to adults who drove the minibus for us.

### **2nd July 2011**

AW organised a car boot sale at the Nailsea Carnival. Thank you to all the Scouts who donated items to be sold and to everyone who helped on the day.

We raised a staggering £149.10 which will buy 2 and abit new BA's for the polo squad!

### **14th August 2011**

AP and AB went to the Puxton Park car boot sale. It was good fun and £30.60 was raised towards another polo BA!

### **22nd August 2012**

AP, JC and TL ran a day of traditional for Concorde and Compass Cub Pack at Saltford Shallows. Everyone had a go at designing and building their raft, followed by lots of sinking and some paddling! Everyone got wet and had a great time. The weather was ideal to be out on the river.

### **24th September 2011**

AP, AB, DM ran our first skill session for members of Cubs and Scouts from 1st Nailsea Scout Group. We were pleased with the turn out of 7 young people from a variety of the sections. We worked on capsizing drills and paddling skills and finished with a game of polo. Everyone had fun and learnt new skills.

### **8th October 2011**

AP, AB, DM ran the second skill session for members of 1st Nailsea Scout Group at sidcot pool. We had a turnout of 6 members including some repeats from the last session and some new members. JC also came to help run the session. Everyone got very wet, learnt some skills and enjoyed themselves. Thanks to everyone involved- our first skills sessions were a success. We look forward now to the next adventures!

### 15th October 2011

AP and AB ran a session at Sidcot pool for Concorde and Compass Cubs. We had a great session of games and lots of splashing. Everyone succeeded in at least 1 capsizes! They made chariots, did raft running and played polo finishing with last man standing. Check out the pictures below.



### 26th October 2011

Today we picked up the new Polo Pirates BA's from Outdoor Active. They look great and can't wait to use them. Well done to everyone involved in raising money for them and to 1st Nailsea for helping us with the last few pounds we needed.



### 26th November 2011

AP and AB ran a session for Concorde and Compass Cubs at Sidcot pool. We had 7 Cubs, some their first time, all having fun, learning some paddling skills and most importantly getting wet! By the end they could all capsize their kayaks, paddle where they wanted to go and were thoroughly soaked!

### 27th November 2011

Some of the youth polo team (LW, JC, MD, CD, AFB, AC) made use of the County Boathouse on Bristol Docks and did some sprint training in K2's run by AP and AB. The weather couldn't have been nicer for a November, sun shining and only a little wind. Well done everyone, I hope you all enjoyed the new experience and learnt something.



### 17th December 2011

£33.30 was raised by 1st Nailsea Scout Group! They bought used books from the foyer and donated money. Thanks to everyone who donated books or money! This is an ongoing fundraise and the books will continue to be sold next term.

### 21st January 2012

The Polo Pirates from 1st Nailsea Scout Kayak Club took part in the first of 3 tournaments. They are competing in the South West Youth Polo League and are taking on competitors from as far as Wales. 7 teams are competing in the league and 4 matches are played at each tournament. The pirates did a great job on the night getting a win of 3v2 in the first match of the night, and a draw against Brecon. Thanks must go to the crowd of supporters that turned up to cheer our team on. Great fun was had by all and the next tournament is only a month away so time to get back to training.

Results sheet attached.



## 25th February 2012

The Polo Pirates squad competed at the second of 3 tournaments in the South West Youth League. They all played hard and worked well together during the 4 matches. Almost every member of the squad managed to score a goal at some point. They managed to win 6-1 against Brecon and 3-2 against Aberfan. This is a good improvement on the last tournament. Get the results, attached.



### 4th March 2012

Good work polo pirates! You raised £156 in sponsorship when you completed the River Axe Canoe Race. LP and EB completed the race for their first time and MD competed for his second year running. They all braved the wind and rain and it will be worth it for the new kit we can now buy!



### 9th March 2012

AP, AB and DM ran a session for the Spartan Explorer Unit from Axe District. We had 12 explorers who took part and were all beginners. We quickly taught them the basics and moved on to some games and competitions.

### 31st March 2012

Thanks to 1st Nailsea Scout Group members we have raised another £52.91 from the book sales. Thanks again to anyone who donated or bought books. The money will go towards new sets of air bags to fit out our river boats with.

### 28th April 2012

1st Nailsea Polo Pirates at the South West canoe polo youth tournament on the 28th April 2012. An unfortunate clash of dates meant half the team are away training for Ten Tors. That meant we had only 5 players for the team so no subs meaning no chance of a rest during matches. Despite this the team did a really good job scoring 5 goals, winning 1 and drawing 1 of the 4 matches. This was the final youth tournament of the canoe polo season meaning that the 1st Nailsea Polo Pirates came a respectable 4 out of 7 teams with a total of 21 goals scored at the 3 tournaments over the season. Really well done to all involved with the team thanks go to the player's coaches, parents and supporters. Time to start training for next year! If you are interested in doing some kayaking or joining the youth polo squad then contact the kayak club direct from their website; [www.1stnailseascoutkayakclub.weebly.com](http://www.1stnailseascoutkayakclub.weebly.com)



### 12th May 2012

Thanks to EB who turned up to the skills session at Sidcot pool. Who didn't let the low attendance put him off learning some kayaking skills. We started with the basics, capsizing drill and paddling in a straight line and then moved onto turning and sideways. Hopefully he will pass the word around and the numbers will increase next time.

### 17th May 2012

We had a booking for Tomahawk Troop Scouts which is one of 1st Nailsea's troops. We went to the River Yeo for a 2 hour session on the water. We started with a journey up the river where everyone got a grasp for the basics. We reached the weir and played some games before travelling back and having wet games by the jetty. Everyone was chilly by the end but had lots of fun. Thanks go to the instructors, driver and the scouts.



### 24th May 2012

We took out the next group of Tomahawk Troop Scouts for their kayaking session. Everyone got really involved in the games and learnt the basics of paddling. Thanks again to everyone involved.



### **29th May 2012**

AP and JB ran a session for 5th St Lukes Scouts. 22 Scouts had a go at kayaking during a 2 hour session on the River Yeo. There was a range of abilities within the group, some had paddled with us before in the previous year. All seemed to enjoy themselves, thanks to you all, you were an excellent, well behaved group. The coaches had a great time.

### **1st-4th June 2012**

AP, AB and DM coached around 130 Cubs, Scouts and Explorers from all over Gordano District as part of the District Jamboree. We ran 7 sessions over 2 days on the River Yeo. Thanks to everyone involved in helping and supporting us and thanks to the participants for making it such a fun weekend.



### **10th June 2012**

AP and AB held the first yearly bbq at 1<sup>st</sup> Nailsea Scout HQ. Several certificates were presented including the player of the year, merit award and coach award. We looked back over our first year and also looked into our plans for the future including the new boat store and opportunities for kayaking, canoeing, polo and coaching.

### **Term time**

During term time in this time period AP and AB ran sessions at Sidcot every week on a Saturday night. We went through a lull in students for a time but over the last few terms our members increased to almost more than we could cater for. There has been a mix of boarders and non-boarders coming along to sessions and we haven't had less than 10 people for ages. Most of the polo team helped us in delivering these sessions, including teaching the basic paddling skills and even advising on rolling! Thanks to AFB, EB, JC, MD, TL, JR and LW for your help and to AC, CD and LP for your assistance also. DM also assisted at some sessions this year.

As part of our nights at Sidcot pool we also had an hour to use for the club. Most nights were used for polo training for the team. We started off the year welcoming our new members and getting them up to a good basic paddling standard and then we started polo tactics and training. All of the 10 members played in the tournaments this year and have developed into better players, as the results show. Thanks to Sidcot school for the pool time.