



Adventure Dolphin

Water water everywhere!

Along with many other homes and businesses Adventure Dolphin flooded in January. The boathouse and the lift shaft filled with water, the climbing wall floor tiles lifted, and water came in through the front door, bizarrely only the ladies' changing room was unaffected.

Thankfully the main building had dried out by mid January so classes could resume in the main hall. The damage to the lift shaft has been assessed.

We are buying new equipment this year.

Our project for 2023-2024 is to raise over £40,000 to replace old and out of date canoes, kayaks and safety equipment.

Replacing our old out of date equipment is vital for the water-based activities that we offer and will enable our team of experienced volunteers to continue the guidance and expertise they willingly offer to local communities, schools, adults and disadvantaged people.

The new equipment will be a long-term investment with a 10-year life span.

Through the generous support we have received from Greenham Trust, Englefield Charitable Trust, Peter Baker Grants, Pangbourne College and Gallagher Community Fund we have already taken delivery of buoyancy aids, SUPs (stand up paddle boards) and canoes.



D of E

Our DofE groups have returned from their Christmas break full of energy and eager to prepare for their expeditions this year. At the moment they are all taking part in first aid training and will then move on to map work and expedition planning.

They are all also starting to get involved with the other activities they need to take part in to complete their Award. This includes volunteering, physical activity and a skill. They will take part in these over a period making a weekly commitment. One of the very popular skills is cooking so we are hoping that they bring in samples of cakes and cookies for us to try.

Pangbourne Paddlesport Club



We have coped with and taken advantage of the huge amount of water we have experienced over the winter. Our Centre was flooded for a while (the ground floor is still being aired out so our racing paddlers (in swift, unstable boats) have moved most of their training from the Thames to the canal at Aldermaston (where the current is weaker). The recreational and white-water paddlers have been having fun with the rapid river conditions on the Thames and have just come back from the first white water trip of the year which was on the Dart River in Devon (left photo below).



The photo on the right above is a picture of Arabella and Julia, two of our youngest members on the canal – it's cold, but we are pretty sure they are still smiling under their scarves.



Climbing Wall

"Attention Climbers! We're thrilled to announce that our climbing wall has been reset with fresh routes, offering climbers of all levels a chance to test their skills and push their limits. For more information about our climbing courses, including NICAS, please contact Carl and Geraldine, hello@borntoclimb.uk"

Wild Adventures

Beth and her team are offering an afterschool climb on Thursdays and activity courses over the school Easter Holidays which are very popular. To find out more information and to book a place please visit www.wildadventures.uk