

### AVIVA Community Fund Vote – Aiming Higher



Help us attempt to raise up to £25,000 by voting for All-Aboard in the Aviva Community Fund. If we are lucky enough to win the grant the money will be used towards another accessible powerboat to replace 'Aiming High' (see boat in picture below). This will help us to continue to deliver sessions to children and adults with additional needs or mobility issues.

The Aviva Community Fund is a platform where the community can vote for community projects which are delivered by charities and community organisations, designed to make a positive difference within the community by improving wellbeing and health, inclusivity, skills and community support.

Voting takes place between 24<sup>th</sup> October and 21<sup>st</sup> November. The top three charities/projects with the most votes in each category get through to the final round where a judging panel will decide which projects win the funding.

This is where you come in! You can vote for us by visiting <http://ow.ly/9FcE30g4i8a>. It takes just 5 minutes to register, we would really appreciate your support. Please share this with your family & friends – every vote counts! You have ten votes per e-mail address, so get your voting hats on!



## Older People Friendly Open Day 2017 – 19<sup>th</sup> Oct

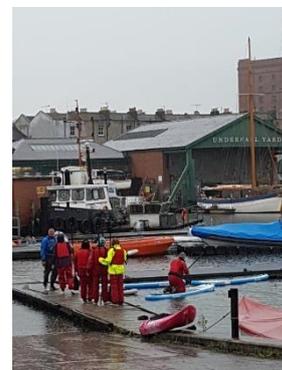
By Sonya McMillian – Activities Manager



On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> of October we ran **HUGELY** successful Older People Friendly Open Day. With the help of a staff and a volunteer crew we saw **37** people take part in a range of activities throughout the morning. We offered sailing, kayaking, rowing, stand up paddleboarding (SUP) and accessible powerboat trips and despite the really rainy weather nearly every activity slot was full!

Rowing seemed to be the most popular activity and it was wonderful to see people try completely new activities that they had never done before. We also had some fabulous cakes baked by our volunteers, which were thoroughly enjoyed at the end of the session along with tea and coffee and a good natter.

It was brilliant to see the centre full of so many people all enjoying the activities and each others company. We would like to say a big thank you to all those who worked on the event and those who gave up their time to bake cakes and help the day run smoothly. On the back of such success we are running another 50+ Taster Afternoon and Evening on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November, more information can be found on our website, Facebook or in the 'Upcoming Events' section of this Newsletter. Please tell all your friends!



## All-Aboard Canoe Project

By Steve Evans – Volunteer/Trustee

There was a need for canoes to be taken off site on canoe expeditions for our Duke of Edinburgh Scheme for children with Special Educational Needs (SEN) on regular occasions. To enable this to happen we needed a trailer capable of



transporting both canoes and equipment to avoid having to hire a lorry to transport the equipment (a significant cost).

We had an old trailer that could be made suitable with some modification as well as making it road worthy.

The initial task was for the work force, made up of retired volunteers, was to make an assessment of a trailer in our possession. There were many faults - wheels were found to be rusty, the tyres in need of replacement, brakes not working and in general need of a spruce up with a board to be made to be fitted onto the base.

The funding from the Older People Friendly Community Chest was used to buy the required materials and work force set about the repairs and improvements in October. The work was carried out in our workshop utilising the wide skill base of our volunteers, engineering, carpentry, painting and general labour.

Certain parts had to be sourced from specialist trailer suppliers as well as plywood for the base and a durable paint to finish it.



The work took a group of ten Shed Men four Tuesday maintenance sessions to complete. We now have a working, safe and reliable canoe trailer capable of transporting canoes and equipment to wherever is required. We thoroughly enjoyed the project, especially knowing the trailer was going to enable our work with

Duke of Edinburgh project for SEN pupils to continue.

## October Highlights

**Half-term holiday club:** We continued to have good attendance to our holiday club and youth stage 1 and 2 courses which ran over half term. Along with several novice sailors, we had a lot of regular sailors who came back to develop their skills further. We even had two frequent sailors carry out their work experience with us over half term holiday week.



**Schools:** Despite the weather starting to turn and the nights drawing in we continue to be busy, delivering sessions to schools.

We welcomed back 3 schools who were Satellite Club funded since the new academic year and several other schools. Demand for our school groups has grown considerably, allowing us to reach more children from a range of different backgrounds. With new funding on the horizon we look forward to working with more schools next season.

**Welcome back Brian Howell!** : We were delighted to officially welcome back Brian Howell as he carried out his First Aid Course on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> after returning from sick leave.

Brian was one of the original founders who worked tirelessly to run 'Bristol Sailing School' in order to fund 'WESSA' and Bristol Sailability; allowing children and disabled sailors to access the water. Thanks to his contribution in 2013 these 3 organisations were able to amalgamate into All-Aboard Watersports. Brian has been heavily involved through the progression of our charity. We were shocked to hear that Brian was suddenly taken ill earlier in the year, though are delighted that he is feeling better and ready to get stuck in again.



**Hotwells Primary Project** : Over a 6 week period, 28 children from Hotwells Primary learnt to sail over a 6 week period and put their skills to the test during an in-house regatta. They challenged each other to



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time being disqualified through each round, until the winning team was announced. This was a great project as all pupils (including the 3 students requiring 1:1 support) worked as a team and bonded as a class, learning each others skills and strengths.



Thankyou to all of the instructors and Helen, Fergus, Anna and Ellie for thier efforts in making this such a success.



## UPCOMING EVENTS



### **50+ Multi Sport Twilight Taster Evening 6<sup>th</sup> November at 3.30pm – 7.30pm**



Why not come and join in the fun on 6<sup>th</sup> Nov by trying some rowing, canoeing/kayaking, stand-up paddleboarding or go take a trip on one of our accessible powerboat trips – for free!

We are offering 45 minute taster sessions of each activity from 3.30pm to 7.15pm. If you would like to book on simply visit

<http://www.allaboardwatersports.co.uk/courses/course/older-people-friendly-open-day-2017/> or call us on **0117 929 0801**.

### **Skiff Mini Regatta, 19<sup>th</sup> November, 12.00pm**

All rowers are welcome, Sunday 19th November afternoon. Meet 12 noon to launch boats, start 1pm prompt, finish by dark! Help will be needed with setting up, drawing teams, scoring, timing etc. £5 per head. Same format as before, no doubt retiring to the warmth of 'The Cottage' afterwards.



**It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas ....**



### **Easyfundraising Reminder – Make your Christmas shopping count!**

#### **By Sarah Harding – Finance Officer**

All Aboard Watersports is registered as a good cause with Easy Fundraising. This is a website that will raise donations for us whenever you shop online – at absolutely no extra cost to you! Please try and use this it if you are shopping online – particularly with Christmas fast approaching.

There are nearly 3,000 online retailers who will make a donation to us, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, the trainline, Sainsbury's ..... and it doesn't cost you anything. It's really simple, all you have to do is:

#### **1. Join.**

Go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/allaboardwatersports1/> and sign up for free. If you are searching for us the name is “All-Aboard Watersports”

## 2. Shop.

Every time you shop online, go to [Easyfundraising.org.uk](http://Easyfundraising.org.uk) first, pick the retailer you want and start shopping (even better and simpler is just to use the “donation reminder” – see below)

## 3. Raise.

After you’ve checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

**AND – even better is to download the Donation Reminder using this link:**

<https://new.easyfundraising.org.uk/donation-reminder/>

## Christmas Card Competition

If you want to enter our Christmas card competition, it’s not too late!

Simply collect a template from the office or email [admin@allaboardwatersports.co.uk](mailto:admin@allaboardwatersports.co.uk) for us to send you one, design a card and get it back to us by 8<sup>th</sup> November!

The winner’s design will become All-Aboard’s 2017 Christmas card which you will be able to purchase from the office.

We look forward to having your entry in the competition!

## Christmas Presents! - Gift Voucher



Why not make someones Christmas this year by purchasing a Gift Voucher for them to have some fun on one of our courses or try out an activity. Vouchers are valid for a year. You can purchase our vouchers by visiting:

<http://www.allaboardwatersports.co.uk/courses/course/gift-voucher-2017/>.

## Christmas Presents! – RYA books, lanyards and bags!

Christmas is coming, so why not be prepared and get your loved ones a great gift to help them along the way to becoming a great sailor or powerboat driver. We have all the RYA logbook and syllabus books you need to complete your sailing, powerboating and safety boat courses. We also have All-Aboard branded t-shirts, bags and lanyards. Call 0117 929 0801 to purchase for great prices!

## **Christmas Holiday Club: 18<sup>th</sup> Dec – 21<sup>st</sup> December 10.00am - 4.00pm**

Join the fun at our 4 days Christmas Holiday Club. It will start on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Nov and will include activities such as orienteering and a treasure hunt round the harbourside, making Christmas jumpers, painting Oppi's and playing games!

Book now by phoning **0117 929 0801**.

## **Festive Boat Trips!**

We will be offering Christmas boat trips throughout December. Twilight boat trips with festive refreshments will run every Thursday in December from All-Aboard into the Centre of Bristol and back to take in the Christmas lights. We will also be running Saturday Santa boat trips, with Santa, a gift for the children and light refreshments. More information about both trips will be available on our website soon!

## **Christmas Lunch Date**

Save the date! We will be holding an All-Aboard Christmas lunch on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. More details to follow.



If you have anything that you would like to be considered to go into the newsletter – please send to [admin@allabardwatersport.sc.uk](mailto:admin@allabardwatersport.sc.uk) by the 21<sup>st</sup> of each month.

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