

ACTIVITY REPORT

Canoeing - The Arun Canoe Race

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Team

Scattered Showers with sunny intervals"; that was the weather forecast for Sunday 18th of July; the day of the Arun Canoe Race. Those of us who were willing to face the elements of the day, meet at the unearthly hour of 8 on Sunday morning, and for once the weatherman was right; what appeared- Rain. Anyway, we climbed aboard the van, and at about 8.30 we were on our way, well stocked with hot coffee.

The van, it's cargo and passengers, arrived at Dulborne first starting point and within half an hour, we had commenced. We had two doubles entrants, starting at this point.

It was now time to proceed to the start of the singles race, some 10miles down River at Houghton. After depositing our singles entrants, this left us, the support team, Paul Pam, Linda and myself to proceed to a selected point along the river, to supply any of our unit with refreshments en route. As you may gather, handling cups of tea in a canoe proves difficult, to say the least, but like the true determination of the E/L.V.S.U. we succeeded.

It was now time for us to make our way to the finish at Littlehampton(not to be confused with Clive) and it was not long before our first members arrived. They were soon followed by the rest, all soaked to the skin and worn out, but nether-the-less quite happy with their performances.

The canoes were carried back to the van and a meal was soon prepared. When the washing up was done, most of us went to the local scout hall, where the results were to be read.

Our entry this year was limited to one Class4 double and a K2 double, and two Class 3 single canoes and their placings were as follows.

G. Springett/R. Prokopowicz	K2-8th.
J. Cranham/J. Bowden	CLASS 4- 2nd.
Fred Farrow	CLASS 3-1st.
G. Farrow	CLASS 3- 6th.