

## Highworth Canoe Club

Highworth Canoe Club was formed in 1991 by four mad enthusiasts, who regularly paddled together. The aim of the club is to introduce canoeing to as many people as possible.

Trips, usually at weekends, cover a wide area of the south-west are good fun for everyone from all ages taking part. It may be a lazy paddle along a restored canal, in a beautiful tree lined valley teeming with wild life, or a heart pounding blast down rapids and over waterfalls where staying dry is impossible and remaining upright a real challenge.

Recalling a recent Welsh excursion - Teifi Tour Llandysul – Michael Wood says: “Henllan Falls consists

several drops of about 6 feet over water falls in to pools of fast moving water. At each fall there was safety cover; Fire Men will jump in and rescue you if you have a problem when you go over the falls!”



So if you crave the excitement of canoeing, take a look at [www.highworthcanoeclub.co.uk](http://www.highworthcanoeclub.co.uk) or phone Michael Wood, Tel: (01793) 765125.

## Rec report

### “Patience is a virtue!”

Since last writing in Link, progress on the pool has been slow as the contractors deal with a number of problems following the first pool test. This takes time as when they have filled the pool it must not lose more than a certain amount of water in a week. If it does, the pool has to be drained and the problem rectified. Then it needs to be refilled and tested.

However the good news is that the other works are proceeding to plan. This means that they will shortly start work on the ventilation and lighting rigs and the installation of the diving boards. In addition we have agreed the work to be done for linking the pool with the existing changing rooms. To see the latest pictures of the work on the pool, please do look at the Highworth Link website ([www.highworthlink.co.uk](http://www.highworthlink.co.uk)).

This whole process is certainly testing our

patience as all of us at The Rec are eagerly looking forward to opening it to the public. However we will not open it until we are satisfied that we have a good quality product to offer the people of Highworth. As yet we cannot give a definite opening date until all the pool tests have been completed satisfactorily – so it is still a matter of “watch this space”.

### The Rec hits the big 40!

This year The Rec celebrates its 40th birthday. We are currently looking at ways to celebrate this momentous achievement. This is especially incredible as, until now, The Rec has not received one penny in public funding towards its capital expenditure. It is only now with the Pool redevelopment that we have received Public Funding for capital developments. Thus far, the pool had been financed by the people of Highworth and the surrounding areas.

*Phil Baker, Chair Executive Committee*