



Royal Sutton Coldfield Canoe Club

A Canoe England Affiliated Club

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AUTUMN 2014

CHAIRMANS CHAT

I hope you all had a great summer, it certainly has been a good one and now it's stretched well into the Autumn too!

On June 2nd I signed the agreement with the Community Association, now we are running Brownhills centre (and paying rent), this means that we must try to promote the centre at all times as we now have vested interest in making enough money to cover the rent. Every opportunity to establish links to the local schools and groups is being explored by our management team, including the Brownhills School watersports "hub" project. We have had a fair amount of groups in the centre over the summer and I am grateful to all our coaches who have been very busy coaching groups there, but we have still got a long way to go to break even, we are hoping that as the membership grows we will be able to break even over the full year and have this great facility under our control for years to come. We had a work party on 21st September, 8 members turned up to carry on with the various tasks we have identified to make the centre more user friendly and well maintained, we completely redesigned the paddle store which now is far easier to use than before, the next target is the buoyancy aid store but that is for another day perhaps after Christmas. We have also fitted two new electrical sockets over the desk which will make tea making (very important) easier and safer. We will also be running a work party at Blackroot soon to carry out important maintenance there, see notices later in the year.

The membership figures are very encouraging; we have, as far as I can remember the largest membership ever at over 190 people.

We have also been busy at Blackroot; we took part in the Sutton community games and put over 250 people on the water over the weekend. A great weekend was had at Blackrock also seeing record attendances of over 90 my thanks to Tim who always works very hard to promote this, we are to have a bigger field next year.

My thanks also to Clare & Ian who have been leading white water tours for some months now it is great to see that their group have now been finding their own fun as well and growing in skill and experience week by week keep at it folks I know you are loving it.

We have been running some F.S.R.T. courses so the skills learnt here came into good use when a team from the club covered the "close in" rescues at the Birmingham Triathlon in July, we hope that we will be doing this regularly, come and have a go it's really fun to do.

A strong contingent from the club took part in "Paddle to the Heart" this year even though it rained all morning; some 70 odd paddlers from about half a dozen clubs treated the people in Birmingham to a show of canoeing over the lunchtime.

We struggled to cover the safety on the Lions Raft Race, this should have been easy and makes money for the club, but why didn't people come? Answers to Tim Please.

On the flip side Brownhills festival was rammed we didn't have a minute all day brilliant for the "Go Canoeing" figures.

There is such a lot to get involved with in the club and you will have a great time doing it, so see one of the people running sessions and offer your help.

See you at the Halloween and Christmas events.

Mike

CLUB SESSIONS FOR AUTUMN 2014

BLACKROOT POOL

EVERY SATURDAY 10.00am UNTIL 12.00noon
ALL YEAR ROUND EXEPT BANK HOLIDAY SATURDAYS
LAST SESSION 13th Dec to reopen on 10th Jan 2015

BROWNHILLS

SATURDAY 2-4.00pm (OR DUSK)
ALL YEAR ROUND EXEPT BANK HOLIDAY SATURDAYS
LAST SESSION 13th Dec to reopen on 10th Jan 2015

BARR BEACON SCHOOL POOL

FRIDAY EVENING STARTING 3rd OCTOBER 7 UNTIL 8PM
The charge for the session will be £3.50 per person
LAST SESSION Friday 5th December reopens on Friday 9th Jan 2015

THE IDEAL CHRISTMAS PRESENT

CLUB GEAR

POLO SHIRTS £8.50

FLEECES £17.50

CHILDREN'S T SHIRTS £ 6.50

CAR WINDSCREEN STICKERS £1

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BLOXWICH WS3 2LT

MEMBERSHIP CARDS **IMPORTANT!!**

Please always bring you membership card with to club sessions and show it when you sign in, also by showing your card you can get 15% discount at West Midlands Canoe Centre. We have decided that as some of you are forgetting or losing your card take a photo of it on your phone and show that it will be accepted.

NEW THING TO TRY

We have, over the last few weeks dipped into the container at Brownhills to get out some racing boats, don't be put off by their long thin body they are really exciting and very quick, you never know you may just get hooked!!

BANK SUPPORT

When we run our normal sessions we need to have a person to help us to get the kit and people ready. This person doesn't necessarily have to be a canoeist or an instructor but someone who can help get members signed in and kitted out to go paddling. If you are a parent or partner of a canoeist and would like to help out in this way please get in touch with Paul Ryder on paul@pryder.wanadoo.co.uk

EVENTS

Tim Harris is now in control of events & event planning for the club, if you have an event in the future you wish to run please talk to him on tim1840@btinternet.com

STAR TEST ASSESSMENTS

If you feel that you are ready to be assessed for your 1 or 2 star test an assessment can be arranged at a cost of £10 just check with Paul on paul@pryder.wanadoo.co.uk including proof of your Journey to see if you qualify.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

FRI 17 th OCT	REGIONAL DUDLEY TUNNELS TOUR
SAT 1 st NOV	HALLOWEEN PADDLE
SUN 7 th DEC	Club CHRISTMAS PADDLE
FRI 12 th DEC	CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY



HALLOWEEN PADDLE

AT BROWNHILLS CANOE CENTRE
ON 1st November at 2pm

Children welcome to come and find the sweets
by the canal fancy dress is a must

Contact Simon & Paul for details



CHRISTMAS PARTY

AT BROWNHILLS ACTIVITY CENTRE
ON FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2014
STARTING AT 8PM



DISCO -- BUFFET

BRING YOUR
OWN ACHOHOL
SQUASH PROVIDED

BRING A
RAFFLE PRIZE

PRESENTATION OF
YOUNG PADDLER
OF THE YEAR

PARTY GAMES
TOMBOLA

**TICKETS ONLY £7 ADULT £4 CHILDREN
SEE NICOLA**

TOURING CALENDAR

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ALWAYS CONTACT THE TOUR LEADER BEFORE THE TOUR AND TAKE HIS OR HER ADVICE AS TO YOUR FITNESS FOR THE CONDITIONS PREVAILING ON THE DAY OF THE TOUR. PLEASE TRY TO BE PROMPT AT THE MEETING PLACE AS WE DO NOT ALLOW MUCH TIME FOR WAITING ABOUT, WHEN WE MEET TO SHARE CARS FOR THE JOURNEY AND TO SHARE COSTS FOR THE TOUR. PLEASE OFFER THE DRIVER FUEL MONEY AS IT IS SOMETIMES EMBARRASSING TO ASK.

ANY ENQUIRIES, ALTERATIONS TO PROGRAMME OR SUGGESTIONS FOR FUTURE TOURS PLEASE CONTACT GRAHAM THORN ON 07425147489 or email grahamzone1@gmail.com OR SEE FACEBOOK.

YOU MUST RING THE MEET LEADER IN PLENTY OF TIME AND BOOK YOUR PLACE, THE CUT OFF TIME FOR BOOKING WILL BE FRIDAY EVENING

Fri 17th October “Dudley Tunnels Tour” Leader Phil Hadley

**SAT 18th October River Severn Arley to Bewdley. Meet at Brownhills at 8.45 for Arley at 10am
Meet Leader Sarah 0791944677**

**SAT 1st November “Halloween Paddle”
At Brownhills Canoe Centre 2pm Organisers Nic & Simon Gledhill**

**SUN 2nd November River Teme Ludlow to Ashford Carbonnel
Meet leader:TBC**

**SUN 16th November River Severn Ironbridge to Coalport (inc Jackfield rapids)
Meet at Brownhills at 8.45 for Ironbridge at 10am meet leader Graham**

SUN 7th December “Club Christmas Party Paddle” Ending in the Tame Otter for lunch and a merry get together . Ring or mail Tim to book, you can paddle or just come to the pub for the meal.

**Meet Leader Tim Harris contact 01543 433562 or mobile 07796494551 or
e mail: tim1840@btinternet.com**

Canoe England

West Midlands Regional

Development Team Present

Dudley Tunnels

8.30am Friday 17 Oct 2014

Join fellow regional paddlers with friends, family or your local canoe club on this underground adventure!

For further enquires contact Phil Hadley:

phil@philhadley.co.uk

£5 donation to Dudley Canal

Trust per person to support tunnel preservation