



Royal Sutton Coldfield Canoe Club

A Canoe England Affiliated Club

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SPRING 2014

CHAIRMANS CHAT

I hope you all had good Christmas and are looking forward to a happy paddling year, at least we have not had a big freeze like we had for the last two winters, BUT now this winter it's too much rain which did make the rivers dangerous for a while.

We had a good Special General Meeting on the 17th December twenty two members turned up to have their say on the club's direction for the coming years, all were of the same mind and we had a unanimous yes vote which gave the management team the go ahead to negotiate terms with the Community Association for us to take over the canoe centre.

Congratulations to Quinn Furey for his achievements this year which gained him the Rob Leadley Memorial Award which was presented at the Christmas party, speaking of which where were you all, I can guess maxed out on food and drink at your firms Christmas do's. Not having to work any more, I organised the party on the day that most workers broke up for the holidays and all went down the pub.

One problem has arisen at the swimming baths we are not getting the attendance figures we had hoped for and so have made a big loss on the cost of hiring the pool, the only remedy is to cut the session down to one hour which we hope will make it more financially viable.

The courses are starting to fill up so if you are interested book now or you may miss out! Also check out the new white water days.

Well its Annual general Meeting time again so please turn up to have you say at the meeting, we have over the past few years held membership prices but at last we need to increase them.

Mike

CLUB SESSIONS FOR AUTUMN/WINTER 2013

BLACKROOT POOL

EVERY SATURDAY 10.00am UNTIL 12.00noon

ALL YEAR ROUND EXEPT BANK HOLIDAY SATURDAYS, ICE PERMITTING

MONDAY SESSIONS 6-8pm START ON MONDAY 7th APRIL

BROWNHILLS

SATURDAY 2-4.00pm (OR DUSK)

**ALL YEAR ROUND EXEPT BANK HOLIDAY SATURDAYS, ICE PERMITTING
WEDNESDAY SESSIONS 6-8pm START ON WEDNESDAY 9th APRIL**

BARR BEACON SCHOOL POOL

FRIDAY EVENING 7 UNTIL 8PM

The charge for the session will be £3.50 per person

Last session will be Friday 28th March

**DUE TO NOT ENOUGH PEOPLE ATTENDING WE HAVE HAD TO CUT OUR LOSSES AND
REDUCE THE SESSION TO ONE HOUR**

CLUB GEAR

POLO SHIRTS £8.50

FLEECES £17.50

CHILDREN'S T SHIRTS £ 6.50

CAR WINDSCREEN STICKERS £1

RING MIKE ON 0121 360 2136

**ALL MEMBERS OF OUR CLUB QUALIFY FOR AN UP TO 15%
DISCOUNT ON SELECTED CANOEING EQUIPMENT FROM
WEST MIDLANDS CANOE CENTRE ON PRODUCTION OF
YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD. THEY HAVE EVERYTHING YOU
WILL NEED SO JUST POP ALONG TO SNEYD WHARF, 401
SNEYD LANE, 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 BOATS

We will, in the next few days take delivery of two new boats, they are Expression 14 & 15 which will fill the fast tourer gap in the fleet Sarah is already talking of using one on the Devises to Westminster race at Easter

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 has agreed to take control of events & event planning for the club he will need support and will be asking for people to help out at events that the club will put on any ideas for future events will be welcomed please talk to him on tim1840@btinternet.com

COURSES FOR THE FIRST HALF OF 2014

1 Star course (over 16) comprises 2 sessions (both to be attended)

At Brownhills, 9am until 1pm March 15th & 22nd £ 35

Contact Richard on rich118613@hotmail.co.uk to book your place

Paddlepower passport course (under 16)

comprises 2 sessions (both to be attended)

At Brownhills, 9am until 1pm April 5th & 12th £ 35 (inc cert)

Contact Paul on paul@pryder.wanadoo.co.uk to book your place

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.

**COME AND HELP WE NEED TALENTED PEOPLE TO HELP
RUN THE CLUB**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP THEN RING MIKE ON 0121
360 2136**

MEMBERS WITH RESCUE SKILLS

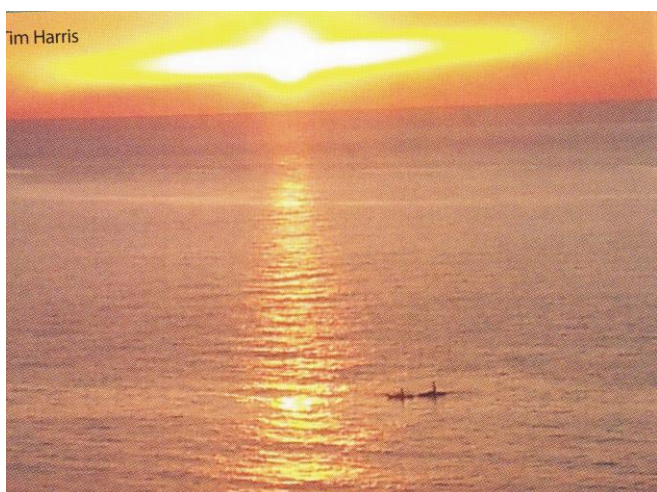
A date for your diary is Sunday 20th July. We have been asked to provide in close rescue for the Birmingham Triathlon it will require approx. 10-12 paddlers in kayaks preferably with rescue experience. Andy Millross is running the event so please get in touch with him on andymillross@hotmail.co.uk

EVENTS FOR 2014 (so far) DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

SAT 19th APRIL
SAT 3rd MAY

EASTER EGG HUNT at Brownhills 2pm fancy dress
BLACKROOT OPEN DAY 10am until 4pm

SUN 11th MAY DOGGY PADDLE (more details in touring in next newsletter)
 SAT 14th JUNE PADDLE TO THE HEART (“ “ “ “ “ ”)
 SUN 15th JUNE LIONS RAFT RACE (“ “ “ “ ”) PROVISIONAL
 DATE
 SUN 6th JULY ANNIVERSARY TOUR (to Stanton towers)
 SAT/SUN 12/3th JULY SUTTON SPORTS WEEKEND Blackroot will be open 10am to 4pm both days
 SUN 20th JULY BIRMINGHAM TRIATHLON (see above article)
 SAT/SUN/MON AUGUST 23/4/5th BLACKROCK SANDS WEEKEND (see article and posters at club sites)



Congratulations Tim in getting this super sunset from Blackrock into the Focus Photo competition

TOURING CALENDAR

SPRING 2014

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

SUN 26 JANUARY RIVER DERWENT PLAYDAY AT MATLOCK SLALOM COURSE

Suitable for white water experienced and improvers, meet at Brownhills at 8am for Matlock Bath at 10am. Contact Darren on tazmar99@yahoo.co.uk or Dude & Dudettes facebook page

SUN 2nd FEBRUARY 2014 RIVER PENK COVEN TO PENKRIDGE

Suitable for improvers due to it's narrowness and overhanging trees. Grade 0/1. Meet at Brownhills at 9am for Coven Bridge at 10am. Contact Dave Billingham on doggydave1970@msn.com or email grahamzone1@gmail.com

SUN 9th FEBRUARY WHITE WATER COACHING DAY This tour, venue TBA will be a day's coaching on moving water skills for those wishing to move up their 3 star award. Contact Ian on ian.dallaway@btinternet.com

SUN 23rd FEBRUARY RIVER TAME BESCOT STATION TO FORGE MILL CAR PARK
Suitable for all grades grade 0/1. Meet at Brownhills at 9.15 for Bescot at 10am. Contact Sarah on 07919044677

SAT 8th MARCH RIVER SEVERN BRIDGNORTH TO HAMPTON LOADE
Suitable for all grades grade 0/1. Meet at Brownhills at 8.15 for Severn Park, Bridgnorth at 10am
Contact Graham on 07425147489 or email grahamzone1@gmail.com

SUN 16th MARCH 2013 RIVER DOVE TOUR
This tour is run by Burton Canoe Club and is the only time in the year that we are allowed to paddle this river. It's an approx 11 mile tour from Sudbury to Newton Solney, suitable for improving paddlers as it has 3 weirs on it. There is a charge (TBA) levied by Burton CC as they provide a minibus for the ferry. Meet at 8.30am Brownhills for Aston Bridge, Sudbury at 10am. Info from Graham grahamzone1@gmail.com

SUN 23rd MARCH RIVER SOW/CANAL LOOP
Suitable for all skills levels grade 0/1 Meet at Brownhills at 8.30 for Great Haywood at 10am
Contact Sarah on 07919044677

THE TWENTY THIRD ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
ROYAL SUTTON COLDFIELD CANOE CLUB
TO BE HELD AT BROWNHILLS C.A.
PELSALL ROAD, BROWNHILLS WS8 7JW
TEUSDAY 28th JANUARY 2014 AT 7.30pm

AGENDA

- 1 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME
- 2 ATTENENDCE & APOLOGIES
- 3 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
- 4 PRESENTATION & ADOPTION OF ANNUAL REPORTS
- 5 PRESENTATION & ADOPTION OF 2013 ACCOUNTS
- 6 ELECTION OF OFFICERS & GENERAL COMMITTEE
The officers of the club are elected for a term of two years staggered chair/treasurer, secretary/coach/vice chairman
NOMINATIONS FOR THE COMMITTEE FOR 2014 ARE:-
Chairman Mike Nicholls one year to run
Vice Chairman: Simon Gledhill
Secretary: Vacant
TREASURER: Jeni Leadley one year to run
COACH CO-ORDINATOR: Paul Ryder
COMMITTEE: Dave Stanton, Sarah Witheridge, Richard Francis-Rowe, Andy Millross, Darren Parker, Sally Leese, Matt Ryder, Marc Webley, Tim Harris
- 7 APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR: J Thom
- 8 RESOLUTIONS:
 - 1/ That the annual membership fees be increased to

Adult	£36
Under 18	£ 24
Full time student	£24

Family

£ 72 (now includes all children
living at main address)

Affiliated Group

£42

Membership system will be reverted to the “month you join” (tax disc) system

10 FORUM DISCUSSION “Brownhills the future?”

R.S.C.C.C. CHAIRMANS REPORT 2013

Things didn't really get going properly until April, what with the freezing temperatures and heavy snow in March, I remember walking from the road to the centre at Brownhills up to my knees in snow. We have had to focus on administration this year, the team have spent a lot of hours attending to Brownhills. We have now been asked to take over the centre completely this will mean lot of hard work both now and in the coming years, but I am sure it will be worth it. Am most grateful to Simon & Paul for their level headed help and commitment to the project, I am sure they will be of great help as we see this through.

We have not had a good touring year despite Sarah's best efforts. We have had to cancel a number of tours, some of them because of the weather and river levels but also for the lack of experienced leaders, we have a group of very committed paddlers led by Graham who I am sure will get us touring more again in 2014.

The club continues it's coaching under the good leadership of Paul who runs a comprehensive coaching programme & largely due to his efforts we now have a group of enthusiastic people getting qualifications to help with what the club has always been known for, coaching old & young canoeists. My congratulations to all those who have gained awards in the past year. Worthy of mention is Quinn Furey who has been awarded to Rob Leadley Memorial shield for his improvement over the past year.

We tried something new in the Autumn, two hour swimming pool session, Taz & Marc have taken on the task of running this but even though we have 140 members we couldn't manage to get twelve people to turn up regularly even though the hours are more favourable than previous years, we have now made quite a loss on the last three months and now will have to cut it down to one hour.

Richard has been taking good care of the membership but has found that the old system could be easier & less time consuming and so as of January he will revert to using the old method. I look forward to next year with a little trepidation but a lot of excitement as we work toward the complete control of the centre at Brownhills, it's bit like going into unknown territory, there are so many things to do & we must be very business-like in our approach, mind you we must have done ok so far, when Simon & I met with Canoe England to revalidate our “Club Mark” award they realised that we were so well above the criteria that with a little more work we could be “Top Club” we easily completed this & so our Christmas present was gaining the Award.

This a great club and it has an excellent team running it, my thanks go to them for all their hard work, there is always room for more committed people to help out so please get in touch and volunteer.
Mike

Membership Report 2013

As we've come to the end of another year in the life of Royal Sutton Coldfield canoe club we've seen quite a few changes which show in the membership takings for this last year.

At the end of October 2013, the membership stood at:

67 adult members
24 youth members
9 families (which make up 34 club members)
4 student members
5 affiliated clubs

A total of 109 members

To the end of Oct 20113 we have taken:

£2211 in new memberships and renewals
£1263 in day memberships (£655 from Blackroot & £608 from Brownhills)

This amounts to a total of £3473

Unfortunately we have seen a drop in membership takings this year, but with all the changes we have undertaken hopefully this is just us at the Launchpad before we're shot into orbit.

With Brownhills on the up and a load of new coaches with new perspectives on things, as the song says "things can only get better".

See you all on the water.

Richard Francis-Rowe.
Membership secretary.

Coach Coordinator Report – January 2014

Coaching Team

Coaches

We have 13 active Coaches with BCU accreditation who regularly run session at either Blackroot Pool or at Brownhills Canoe Centre. We have 2 members working towards accreditation (on BCU L1 or waiting for L1 Course). A further 5 are not active or support on an ad-hoc basis. We have 2 BCU cadets registered and active on the scheme and potentially a further 1 looking to register.

Sessions

Coaches calendar in place for both locations up to the end of the year. Still need administration support for both locations to allow coaches to get more people and time on the water.

Introduced paperwork at both locations to capture Paddlepower start awards for club mark and coaching records.

Courses

One 1 star course ran earlier this year at Blackroot

Two 2 Star courses run at Brownhills

Two FSRT courses run at Brownhills

One 3 Star Kayak Whitewater course run

One 3 Star Open Boat course run

1.4 2014 Programme

We have a new addition to the coaching team Graham Thorn to support the coordination of the River Trips and we already have a range of trips to suit all abilities for 2014.

Paddlepower Passport, 1 Star and 2 Star courses have already been planned for delivery in the first half of the year.

Finally with Ian Dallaway and Clare Morgan joining the club we able to offer whitewater training leading to 3 Star awards for kayak and canoe.

FOR SALE!



Hello All, a colleague of mine from Scouts has an open canoe for sale, it is an Old Town Guide, please see the pictures if you have any interest I will give you his details so you can contact him. He is looking for £400.00

Andy Millross,
0121 355 4118,
07734 552440