



# Royal Sutton Coldfield Canoe Club

A Canoe England Affiliated Club

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SPRING/SUMMER 2014

## CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

We are facing new challenges at the moment, we have agreed to take over Brownhills and are now taking all the bookings for the centre, so we must be business like in our approach to Brownhills. As of 1<sup>st</sup> June we will be paying quite a lot of rent for the centre and so will need have it used especially by groups, so if you know of a group who would like to have a session there please ring me and I will organise it for you. Because we are going to have a lot more money to handle we need to make the club incorporated so that we can indemnify the officers of the club, this will require a solicitor's advice and we will be seeking this in the coming weeks.

I had a lovely surprise on Sat 29<sup>th</sup> March Jane and Abbie Creswell dropped by the lake and said hello, Abbie was one of our young canoeists who joined the club a number of years ago as a novice, she was the first recipient of the Rob Leadley Memorial Shield and now she is in the GB ladies Polo Squad, I am so proud of her (as an old National League player myself).

Last week I spent a few days in Portmadog with my grandkids and found a couple good places to eat, for breakfast it's Breaktimes café which is by the Lidl & Aldi they have a great range of breakfasts and they also do take away. We went to the Castle in Criccieth by the station fabulous evening meals and not dear, also Spooners Bar at the Ffestiniog railways station isn't bad either.

Please come along to our open days and support the club events, they are all in the diary dates.

Mike

## **BLACKROOT OPEN DAY 3<sup>rd</sup> MAY 2014**

What a fantastic day we all had at Blackroot last Saturday, the team was Tim, Taz, Marc, Maria, Simon Brett, Dan Harris, oh and me too. Most got there at 9.30ish and set up, it was a good job we did because we were hit by people at 10am, I didn't realise the time until 12.05 when I felt hungry and looked at my watch. As the afternoon drew on we ran out of kids buoyancy aids at approx. 2pm, but just managed as kids came off, we had to call and end to new people at 3.20 as all of the team had been at it all day and needed to go home. We were entertained by taz trying to roll any boat he could get into including Simon's Carolina (no he didn't). And one foreign chap who claimed he was an expert and then fell in as he got in. Some kids just stayed most of the day there were picnics, sunbathing and lots of messing about, yes even Andy Leadley and Andy Nicholls made guest appearances in the afternoon; we had booked it as a national "Go Canoeing" day so no charge was made and records show we had over eighty on the books at the end. My grateful thanks go to all the team who put a great days work to show the club off to so many people at least half the enquiries were from people who didn't actually paddle, when told our membership prices one said "oh that's not for a month" but most said "that's great value".

Mike

## **CLUB SESSIONS FOR SPRING/SUMMER 2014**

### **BLACKROOT POOL**

**EVERY SATURDAY** 10.00am UNTIL 12.00noon

ALL YEAR ROUND EXEPT BANK HOLIDAY SATURDAYS,

MONDAY SESSIONS 6-8pm START ON MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> APRIL (except for Bank Holidays)

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### **BROWNHILLS**

**SATURDAY** 2-4.00pm (OR DUSK)

ALL YEAR ROUND EXEPT BANK HOLIDAY SATURDAYS

WEDNESDAY SESSIONS 6-8pm START ON WEDNESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> APRIL

### **BARR BEACON SCHOOL POOL**

FRIDAY EVENING 7 UNTIL 8PM

The charge for the session will be £3.50 per person

**DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND WE ARE KEEPING THE BATHS SESSION OPEN FOR THE FORSEEABLE FUTURE BUT WILL MONITOR IT MONTHLY**

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# **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 week or so take delivery of two new open boats, they are Prospector 15's, they are same spec as the ones we had in early 2013 which will fill a gap in the fleet we identified recently, and they will both be at Brownhills where they are most needed.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:paul@pryder.wanadoo.co.uk) including proof of your Journey to see if you qualify.

## MEMBERS WITH RESCUE SKILLS

A date for your diary is Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:andymillross@hotmail.co.uk)

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## EVENTS FOR 2014 (so far) DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

SUN 11 <sup>th</sup> MAY	DOGGY PADDLE (more details in touring in next newsletter)
6/8 <sup>th</sup> JUNE	SLALOM WORLD CUP, AT LEA VALLEY WW CENTRE
SAT 7 <sup>th</sup> JUNE	PADDLE TO THE HEART ( “ “ “ “ “ ” )
SUN 22 <sup>nd</sup> JUNE	LIONS RAFT RACE ( “ “ “ “ ” )
SUN 29 <sup>th</sup> JUNE	BROWNHILLS OPEN DAY AND BROWNHILLS CANAL FESTIVAL
SUN 6 <sup>th</sup> JULY	ANNIVERSARY TOUR (to Stanton towers)
SAT/SUN 12/3 <sup>th</sup> JULY	SUTTON SPORTS WEEKEND Blackroot will be open 10am to 4pm both days
SUN 20 <sup>th</sup> JULY	BIRMINGHAM TRIATHLON (see above article)
SAT/SUN/MON AUGUST 23/4/5 <sup>th</sup>	BLACKROCK SANDS WEEKEND (see article and posters at club sites)
SUN 28 <sup>th</sup> SEPT	REGIONAL TOUR RIVER SEVERN BRIDGNORTH TO BEWDLEY

# 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](mailto: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**

### **SATURDAY 10<sup>th</sup> MAY RIVER TRYWERYN WHITE WATER CENTRE**

Upper (grade 3) or lower (grade 2+) depending on group skill level.  
contact Ian & Clare on 07715005153

### **SUNDAY 11<sup>th</sup> MAY RIVER AVON, DOGGY PADDLE**

Sponsored tour in aid of Guide Dogs For the Blind, £10 entry fee. From Leamington to Stratford on Avon 18 miles, on section of the river not normally available to canoeists. You will need to be reasonably proficient due to the distance.

### **24-27<sup>th</sup> MAY CORNISH SURFING**

A four day trip to surf in Cornwall and camp  
Contact Clare on 07968118137

### **SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> JUNE RIVER TAME KINGSBURY TO PAPERMILL WEIR**

Grade 0/1 suitable for most members, weir can be portaged contact Tim on [tim1840@btinternet.com](mailto:tim1840@btinternet.com)

### **SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE PADDLE TO THE HEART**

Canal tour where groups start at different points on the canal system and meet at the Convention Centre in Birmingham at the same time. The club will start from an access point TBA and paddle to Birmingham parking in Birmingham has been arranged next to the canal. Suitable for most members  
Contact Sarah on 07919044677

### **SATURDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JUNE WHITE WATER TRAINING**

Progressive training for kayaking on moving water, developing the skills to be confident on grade 1/2 water. Venue tba nearer date, contact Ian & Clare on 07715005153

### **FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JUNE EVENING PADDLE ON STAFFS & WORCS CANAL & RIVER SOW**

Easy short loop around Great Haywood suitable for most members contact Graham on 07425147489

### **SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JUNE RIVER AVON RAFT RACE**

We are providing safety cover on two weirs for the raft race, this is a chance for those of you who have or want to train for rescuing, we also will be sweeping at the back of the race all the way to Stratford, and so it is a trip as well. It is usually a great laugh also. Contact Tim at [tim1840@btinternet.com](mailto:tim1840@btinternet.com)

### **SUNDAY 29<sup>th</sup> JUNE BROWNHILLS CANAL FESTIVAL**

We will have the canoe centre open for the day from 10pm to 4pm and will need cover so please come along for a couple of hours and help promote the club. Contact Mike on 0121 360 2136

### **27<sup>th</sup> JUNE TO THE 6<sup>th</sup> JULY FRENCH ALPS TRIP**

Ian & Clare will be hosting this week in the French Alps camping and kayaking some great Alpine white water. Contact Ian & Clare on 07715005153

### **SATURDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JULY RIVER SEVERN ANNIVERSARY TOUR**

This tour is the 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary tour it will be from Bewdley to Lincombe (Stourport) Grade 0/1 suitable for most club members. We will be finishing at Dave Stanton's country seat where we will have a bar-b - cue (bring you own food and alcohol) Contact Sarah on 07919044677

### **SAT 12<sup>th</sup> & SUN 13<sup>th</sup> JULY SUTTON SPORT WEEKEND**

We will be keeping Blackroot pool open from 10am to 4pm both days to coincide with the sports promotion days which are being held at Wyndley Sports arena, we will require instructors at the pool and staff to man the stand at the exhibition. So please come along and help for a few hours. Contact Mike on 0121 360 2136

### **SATURDAY 19<sup>th</sup> JULY WHITE WATER TRAINING**

Progressive training for kayaking on moving water, developing the skills to be confident on grade 1/2 water. Venue TBA nearer date, contact Ian & Clare on 07715005153

### **SUNDAY 20<sup>th</sup> JULY BIRMINGHAM TRIATHLON, POWELLS POOL**

We are providing "close in" rescues for the swimming parts of the triathlon, another chance to use those rescue skills, we go into the swim pack and bring out swimmers who are in difficulties and pass them to the Rib boats. Contact [andymillross@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:andymillross@hotmail.co.uk)

### **SATURDAY 26<sup>th</sup> JULY RIVER WYE GLASBURY TO HAY**

A great summer open boat trip and kayaks as well, grade 0/1 suitable for most members Contact Dave Billingham on 07846133797

### **SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> AUGUST TAMWORTH CIRCULAR TOUR**

This trip starts and finishes at the Tame Otter pub, we go along the canal onto the river then back onto the canal again, Grade 0/1 suitable for most members the weir can be portaged then finish off with a drink in the garden of the pub. Contact Sarah on 07919044677

### **WEEKEND 22<sup>nd</sup> TO 25<sup>th</sup> AUGUST BLACKROCK SANDS CAMP**

This is a firm club favourite we have our own field at the campsite by the beach trips, surfing messing about bar-b-cue on Saturday night partying every night, great time will be had by all. Contact Tim at [tim1840@btinternet.com](mailto:tim1840@btinternet.com)

### **FOR SALE**

Cag and spray decks for sale, ideal for adult beginners.

"Palm" Blue cag size X-Large

"Palm" Blue cag size Large

Both in as new condition, used 3 times

£20 each

"Playboater" Rec Deck neoprene spray deck size L/XL to fit waist 34 - 40 inch (80 - 100 cm) and to suit cockpit "Bigdeck" 80-95 cm (they fit the club boats OK)

Two identical decks for sale, used 3 times.

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Contact Mervyn Jackson  
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28<sup>TH</sup> September

Bridgnorth to Arley

Please contact

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Area Coaching Rep

**for further details and registration form.**

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