



Royal Sutton Coldfield Canoe Club

A Canoe England Affiliated Club

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CHAIRMANS CHAT

What an exciting few months we have seen over the summer, Gold's and Silvers and bronzes in the canoeing at the Olympics. We have seen lots of new faces at our sessions which have been very full most days especially if the weather was good (or at least dry). This has highlighted some problems for the management team as we were short-handed on some sessions. I would remind coaches that when the club sponsored courses it was implied that the coach would help out regularly, we will be creating a coach rota for all sessions please ring Paul and volunteer to help out as we need all the coaches to help at sessions. Well back to the exciting things, we were invited to take part in the Sutton Community Games which by luck coincided with our July open day, we had a stand at Wyndley along with lots of other sports, and we had booked an Ergo machine from Canoe England which was in constant use over the two days. Typically we had also agreed to help at the Birmingham Triathlon on the Sunday so Sunday turned out a very busy day.

The weather has not been good, the wettest summer in 100 years this has made the rivers swell to dangerous proportions causing us to cancel or put off river trips. Sarah has been our river queen this year she and her team have run most of the trips. Simon has been working hard also to get the club ready to apply for Clubmark our application will be going in during October. We also have a new Welfare Officer in Lizzy Thompson and a new Youth Coach in training Katie Francis-Rowe.

Black Rock Sands weekend was stunning with over 60 people attending despite the weather. I am sorry couldn't be there but was on holiday elsewhere.

Mike

CLUB SESSIONS FOR WINTER 2012/3 BLACKROOT POOL

**EVERY SATURDAY 10.00am UNTIL 12.00pm ALL YEAR
ROUND (except Christmas holidays DEC 15/22/29. Resume on JAN 7th)**

**RUSHALL OPEN CLUB SESSIONS
SATURDAY 2-5pm (OR DUSK) ALL YEAR ROUND**

**OCCASIONALLY DUE TO A FOOTBALL MATCH RUSHALL
COULD BE CLOSED ON SAT AFTERNOONS**

**This may happen from time to time when there is a big match on
We will try to move the session times please see face book for the
Last minute news.**

BARR BEACON SCHOOL POOL

**THURSDAY EVENING 9 UNTIL 10PM
EVERY WEEK FROM 4th OCTOBER TO END OF MARCH
(Christmas Break, last session on 13th December start back 10th
January)**

FOR SALE

Pair of Thule roof bars 120cm long for car with roof rails
£25
ring 07709711260

Genuine Ford roof bars for Mondeo (to 2007)
£20
ring 0121 360 2136

FOR SALE

DISCOVERY 17/4 OPEN BOAT

£300 ONO

RING Mike on 0121 360 2136

GOOD NEWS

ALL MEMBERS OF OUR CLUB QUALIFY FOR
A 15 % DISCOUNT ON CANOEING EQUIPMENT
FROM WEST MIDLAND CANOE CENTRE
ON PRODUCTION OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD
THEY HAVE EVERYTHING YOU WILL NEED
JUST POP ALONG TO SNEYD WHARF
401 SNEYD LANE, BLOXWICH WS3 2LT

DON'T FORGET TO TAKE YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD

CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

Will be held at Rushall on 14th December

**Bring a
prize raffle**

**PRESENTATION OF
YOUNG PADDLER
OF THE YEAR**

**Throw a coin
at the bottle**



DISCO DANCING BAR PARTY GAMES BUFFET

STARTING AT 8PM

TICKETS ONLY

£7 ADULT £5 CHILDREN

FROM MIKE ON 360 2136 OR AT SESSIONS



**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**

DROP IN COACHING 2012

We are continuing our drop in coaching on Saturdays at both our venues if you attend the coaching sessions and go on the required river trips you will be able to work towards your 2 star award. The award requires both sorts of craft to be used so you will need to attend both open and kayak sessions. Below are the dates and times for the sessions, they will form part of our normal session on Saturdays, please be prompt and be ready to launch at the designated time.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>SKILL</u>	<u>BOAT</u>
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NEW BOATS

The club has a few new additions to the fleet. Continuing our commitment to providing members with up to date kit to use we have bought 4 new boats this year.

We wish to thank Finnings through Paul Ryder for their generosity again this year they donated £300 which went towards buying a Z1 large the club matched this and purchased another Z1 medium.

On 6th of October we took delivery of two Prospector open boats with blocks and kneeling thwarts, this major investment helps the club to coach single Canadian paddling more effectively. We hope you all enjoy them.

FOR SALE
Dancer Club Kayak
£50 ONO
ring Mike on 0121 360 2136

OLYMPIC TORCH EVENT

Walsall 30th June 2012

Walsall Council got in touch with us as we are a Walsall accredited club To help out with their event in the town centre which would coincide with the torch passing through the town.

A number of the members offered to help with the stand and in the Gala baths. We shared a stand with Walsall Outdoor Education Dept. I managed to get some banners and flags from Canoe England which put on a good display.

We had been given a time slot in the pool to do a demo and a try it session Matt & Liam put on a good demo Not helped much by me on the P.A. and when they had finished they were joined by Brian & Alice to help with the try it. I had able help on the stand by Dave Stanton , Andy Millross & Sarah & all the others when they weren't getting wet.

Thank you all for giving up your Saturday and helping to raise the profile of the club.

Mike

MADDY'S PARTY

Also 30th June 2012

While some of us were in Walsall the rest of the coaching team where hard at work on Blackroot giving all Maddy's friends a taste of canoeing as part of her birthday celebrations.

We received the flowing e mail from her parents, Good work guys.

"I wonder if you could pass this on to everyone that was there on Saturday.

The girls had the most amazing time. All raving about it.

The patience that your guys had is legendary!

Thank you for the best party ever.

See you all soon,

Amanda Hope, and all the girls!

We have bought a vango event tent to use on open days it is 3.5 metres in the shape of a pentagon and will be available for members to hire for garden use at £5 per day ring 3602136 for details

A MORNING'S FISHING

Birmingham Triathlon, Powells Pool

Sunday 15th July

After a week's uncertainty over blue/green algae the event finally went ahead but was moved forward to a 7am start. Eight of us managed to get to Powells Pool for the 6.30am briefing in which we were told that we needed to appoint a lead man to stay with the lead swimmer and a tail person to bring up the last one, the rest of us to position ourselves so as to nip in and pick up any swimmer who got into difficulties and transfer them to the waiting "ribs". After a short discussion Simon Brett was to wear the leaders HiVis and Sarah the tail. Simon chose the right place and so became the champion "fisher" of the day. The course was an oblong of buoys across the lake the top class of competitors had to complete four circuits then as the classes descended two and one.

A BIT OF LUCK!

Whilst on holiday in Wiltshire recently we decided to visit the pretty riverside town of Bradford On Avon. Walking round the town we found a Golden Postbox which is dedicated to Ed McKeever the 200 metre sprint champion, a notice above it stated that he would be at the postbox in a short while so we waited and as the hour approached the crowd grew and grew until it seemed like most of the town was there (reported that over 2000 people turned out) the police had to close the road. Local Dignitaries made speeches and a lot of autograph signing went on. Afterwards I managed to shake his hand and congratulate him on behalf of the club.

Mike.



THE IDEAL XMAS PRESENT

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

FIRST AID

There will be a First Aid course running in November please get in touch with Paul Ryder. If you are or are planning to instruct its needed cost is usually really inexpensive (£5 last Time)

Ring Paul on 01543 458204 for deatils

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BECOME A COACH

If you would like to become a canoe coach the club usually sponsors paddlers who become coaches, the only thing asked in return is that you volunteer to coach at some club sessions on a regular basis.

Ring paul on 01543 4580204
or Mike on 0121 360 2136

TOURING CALENDAR

AUTUMN/WINTER 2012/3

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 RING MIKE ON 0121 360 2136. OR SEE FACEBOOK .

YOU MUST RING THE MEET LEADER IN PLENTY OF TIME AND BOOK YOUR PLACE,

SATURDAY 20th OCTOBER 2012 River Trent, Salt to Wolsey Bridge, This is a Saturday tour for those who find it difficult to go out on Sunday. Grade 0/1 suitable for most skill levels. Dave Stanton is leading ring him on 07709711260 by Friday 19th to book, please note Dave is not on facebook.

SUN 4th November 2012 WHITEWATER MASTERCLASS at Mile end Mill Llangollen Andy Nicholls & Andy Leadley will be coaching whitewater skills here for the day competent paddlers only, meet at Rushall at 9am for Llangollen at 10.30am.

There is a £5 vest charge, pay on the day To book ring Mike on 0121 360 2136.

SUN 18th NOVEMBER 2012 T&M CANAL/RIVER TRENT, HANDSACRE TO ALREWAS

This may be a new section to some of you but a very nice grade 0/1 with some moving water to train on.

We shall be launching By Handsacre and touring down to Alrewas. Meet at Rushall at 9am. Ring Sarah On 0791944677

XMAS PARTY PADDLE

SUN 9th DECEMBER 2012 RIVER TAME /COVENTRY CANAL “Santa & Elves”

A shortened version of our nice Hopwas tour. Grade 0/1 suitable for most paddlers, we start Peels Wharf and end up at the Tame Otter for lunch and a merry get together . If you don't want to paddle just ring Mike on 0121 360 2136 about the pub booking & time Meet at Rushall 9am.

MONDAY 31st DECEMBER 2012, RIVER VYRNNWY, Rob Leadley Memorial Tour, Andy & Jon will be leading this tour over this grade 3+ river, only paddlers competent to canoe on this grade of water, any one aspiring to tackle this water should come to the white water masterclass in November. Meet at Rushall at 8.15am for Pont Robert at 10am ring Andy on 07973662578.

13th January 2013 RIVER TAME TOUR NEWTON ROAD TO PERRY BARR

This river will surprise you, suitable for most grades of paddler, but can be shallow. Meet at Rushall at 9.30 am for Newton Road at 10.00am. Ring Mike on 0121 360 2136

SUN 27th January 2011 RIVER BANWY

This tour for those who are moving on to harder water please ask about your fitness for this tour, it will be limited to 12 people. We will run the river from by Melin Y Doll to Henllan Meet at Rushall at 7.45am for Welshpool at 9.30am . Tour leaders Andy & Mike Nicholls 0121 360 2136

SUN 10th FEBRUARY 2013. RIVER SOW/STAFFS & WORCS CANAL LOOP

Nice easy paddle from Great Haywood up to St Thomas on the canal, then on the river Sow back down to Gt Haywood, grade 0 suitable for most people. Meet at Rushall at 9am. Ring Sarah On 0791944677

SUN 24th FEBRUARY 2013 RIVER TEME (subject to water level)

This is a tour for those who are moving on to harder water please ask about your fitness for this tour. We will run the river Teme Ludlow to Ashford Carbonnel . Meet at Rushall at 8.15am for Ludlow at 10am Ring Mike 0121 360 2136