



Royal Sutton Coldfield Canoe Club

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WINTER/SPRING NEWSLETTER 2016

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
ROYAL SUTTON COLDFIELD CANOE CLUB
TO BE HELD AT BROWNHILLS C.A.
PELSALL ROAD, BROWNHILLS WS8 7JW
ON TUESDAY 2nd February 2016

All nominations for committee and any motions/resolutions must be lodged with the secretary by 12th January 2016

EDITOR'S VIEW

The festivities for Christmas were truly wonderful this year, we actually did things a bit backwards as even booking the hall for the Christmas party way back in September we could not get the hall after the 28th November, but we had a great night and everyone enjoyed their time. The Rob Leadley Memorial award this year went to Rohan Dhodia a member who always has time for new people and has improved greatly over the year. The new award this year was the President's award for the club person of the year, which I gave to Nicola Gledhill for her personal achievements and for organising the membership so well. We thank all the ladies for doing the food and Matt for the disco not forgetting Paul's tombola and games.



ROHAN RECEIVING HIS AWARD



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Then there was the Twinkle Paddle, a huge success, about fifteen boats were “Glittered” and paraded up and down the canal to the accompaniment of a choir and brass band playing carols, this fitted in as part of Brownhills Christmas Festivities.



THREE STRAGGLERS



PAUL AND NOAH



SOME OF THE LINE UP

Tim and Dave Stanton attended a presentation in November for the Wellesbourne Lions Raft Race at Stratford Football Club. The Lions hold this presentation evening to honour all the clubs who help the race run smoothly, they also presented a cheque for £11,000 that was raised by the race to the charity of their choice, the Shakespeare Hospice; the club was presented with a cheque for £150 supporting the race with safety cover last July. A great evening and a lovey event for our members to support again on the 24th July 2016. It's also the only way you can ever get to paddle that section of the Upper Avon, a beautiful river that is closed to canoeing the rest of the year.



THE BAND

To top it all came the Christmas Paddle, some members braved the weather and paddled the Tame but most just went to the pub about twenty five members and guests met at the Tame Otter for a meal and merriment. I hope you all had a merry Christmas and are looking forward to next year, the team have lots of activities lined up for you to take part in.

Please note Paul Ryders new e mail is pryder58@btinternet.com

Mike

BLACKROOT POOL

EVERY SATURDAY 10.00am UNTIL 12.00noon ICE PERMITTING
Reopening on 9th January 2016

BROWNHILLS

SATURDAY 2-4.00pm (OR DUSK) ICE PERMITTING
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NEW TIME!

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BARR BEACON SCHOOL POOL

FRIDAY EVENING 7.30 UNTIL 8.30PM (sometimes 9pm)
Starting on Friday 8th January 2016
One hour will be £3.50 (price for 1.5 hours to be announced)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

26th TO 29th AUGUST BLACKROCK SANDS BEACH BASH

Come to the seaside with the club camping or caravanning, lots of activities over the weekend with events in the evening as well bar-b-que etc. To book contact Tim Harris on tim1840@btinternet.com

SUN 24th JULY WELLESBOURNE LION'S 40th RAFT RACE

For the past eight or so years we have provided safety cover on the two weirs shot by the rafters and also sweeper cover following the rafts and tidying up. This is one of the few chances this year to paddle this section of the river Avon so please put your name down to help it usually a lot of fun.

To book contact Tim Harris on tim1840@btinternet.com

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

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 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 pryder58@btinternet.com

WANT TO BECOME A COACH ?

Please talk to Simon Gledhill on sdgledhill@hotmail.com if you would like to train to become a coach. You can learn all the skills and take your personal awards with the clubs and then go on to coach training.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

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 to 20% off retail prices at Desperate Measures' and 'great offers for club members at ukadventurestore.co.uk

TOURING CALENDAR WINTER/SPRING 2016

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 DAVE BILLINGHAM ON doggydave1970@msn.com OR SEE THE CLUB FACEBOOK PAGE .

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 10th JANUARY 2016 RIVER SOW

Come on and blow those new year cobwebs out, on this easy grade 0 trip, just the thing to get you going for the new year, details from tour leader Sarah get in touch on 07919044677 or sarah.witheridge@clearwater.eu.com

SAT 16th JANUARY 2016 RIVER SEVERN (subject to water levels)

Slightly more difficult than the above trip but still a very pleasant paddle is the section of the Severn we are doing. Arley to Bewdley is grade 0/1 and a perfect trip to learn those moving water skills. Leaders are Sarah call on 07919044677 or sarah.witheridge@clearwater.eu.com and Simon on sdgledhill@hotmail.com

SUN 31st JANUARY NENE WHITE WATER CENTRE

This one for the white water improvers, this is the UK's first pumped canoe course situated just to the South East of Northampton. Just buy a vest for £12 and play all day. The leader will be Dave Billingham who will be checking your ability to cope with the course, contact him on doggydave1970@msn.com

MORE TOURS TO FOLLOW KEEP A WATCH ON FACEBOOK OR ASK DAVE ON doggydave1970@msn.com