

PEAK PADDLERS

NEWSLETTER No 1

dated 12 May 2008

Welcome! This is our first newsletter of the newly formed

'PEAK PADDLERS'

Enclosed are the minutes of our inaugural meeting so read them to find out what is happening in your club, the fees for membership and who is on the committee.

But just in case you don't fancy reading those here is an update:

COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Mo Stewart

Secretary: Fred Isherwood

Treasurery: Alan Pedlar and Mike Hudson

General Jobs & Maintenance: Jonathon Sutcliffe and

Darren Ainsworth

Website Design: Michael Goddard

Coaching Advisor: Deb Cook

Paddling 'Away Events': Lee Mitchell

Social secretary: Jonathon Sutcliffe

Membership Secretary: Fred Isherwood

Membership

Annual membership wef 1 June and payable pro rata:

Adults: £24.00

Family (irrespective of size): £48.00

Juniors: £12

Per session fees:

Adult members: £1.00

Adult non-members per session: £3.00

Equipment Hire per session: £2.00

WEEKLY PADDLES

Weekly paddles will take place in Buxton Pool during the winter and at Coombs, Errwood reservoirs and Whaley Bridge Canal during the summer. Other possible venues will also be arranged by Debs. Here's the programme for the summer:

MAY:

15th - Coach: Simon Fairman. Location: Errwood Reservoir, Goyt Valley - go to the sailing club and the barrier should be open. You can park up behind all the sailing boats. No access to the changing rooms here, so be aware you will be getting changed 'al fresco', so bring a towel if you want some privacy!!

22nd - Coach: Derek Burdett. Location: Combs Reservoir (on the road from Whaley Bridge to Chapel, next to the Golf

Club. There is a gated entrance which should be open when you get there and the boats and Derek will be there by the bay at the gate)

29th - Coach: Jenny Harding. Location: Combs Reservoir. There will hopefully be a mix of canoes and kayaks on this week so people can start learning skills in the new craft!

JUNE:

5th - Coach: Jenny Harding, Deb Cook. Location: Errwood Reservoir. Canoes and Kayaks - safety test training, as well as skills training.

12th - Coach: tbc. Location: tbc

19th - Coach: Derek. Location: Combs Reservoir. Canoe skills for 2 star award.

26th - Coach: Jenny Harding. Location: Errwood Reservoir. More safety test training.

JULY:

3rd - Coach: Jenny Harding, Deb Cook. Location: Combs reservoir. Canoe Safety Test Assessment.

10th - Coach: Jenny Harding, Deb Cook. Location: Derwent River, Matlock in either kayaks or canoes, or a mixture.

17th - Coach: tbc. Location: tbc

We hope to have some social events after the outdoor events and over the next 10 weeks hope to get everyone up to 2 star level, as well as the Canoe Safety Test. These two awards are the pre-requisites for any entry into the

coaching scheme for the BCU. The 2 star award is the performance of flat water skills in both kayaks and canoes, which for regular club paddlers will be very achievable. The Canoe Safety Test is all about being able to rescue yourself and others, as well as general safety on, off and around the water. We hope some of you will be keen to do this, as it will mean that you are safe and competent paddlers able to look after yourselves!

The coaching and assessment will all be provided from us, so the only cost to you as the paddler will be the certification and any BCU fees.

If anyone already has these awards and wants to do their Level 1 Coach Award then Leo will be running one for us very soon - Part 1 is 5th and 6th of June.

In September / October we will look at doing a club course for those of you that are keen and have gone through the 2 star and Canoe Safety Test.

If you are interested in doing **ANY** of these awards let Mo know on **mo.stewart@sky.com**

If none of this interests you, then please don't be put off, come along anyway, as you can still just have a paddle around and enjoy being outside. Also, if you have your own kit, then please bring it along and there will be more of ours

to go round. If you are interested attending **ANY** of the sessions then please let Mo know on **mo.stewart@sky.com**

EVENTS

Lee Mitchell hopes to arrange weekends away and needs some help any volunteers please to Lee at **lee.mitchell@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk**

WEB PAGE

The web page will soon be up and running look out for us at '**www.peakpaddlers.co.uk**' Many thanks to Mike. Any articles, pix etc to him at **mike.go@virgin.net**

Well, I think that's all for now folks! Anything you want to put in future newsletters please send them to Mo. In the mean time we hope to see you at **ALL** the events!

HAPPY PADDLING!!!!