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Hi All

Well a lot has happened again since our last Newsletter! We got our lottery grant for £10000 and now we await the delivery of our new boats and box trailer which are due to arrive during March. We have the 'Big Launch' planned at Errwood on **Sunday 5 April** where our Patron Cllr Robin Baldry, in his official capacity as Mayor of The High Peak, will launch the boats and hopefully not the trailer! So come along from 11am to help out before the big moment and join in the BBQ and, of course, paddle the new boats.

We are currently awaiting the outcome of yet another of Mo's begging letters to The Billerettes and of course we wait to see if we are the BCU club of The Year!!! The accompanying £6000 would be very useful.

### **Trips Out Programme**

There is a lot happening out on the water in the near future, so a diary is enclosed for you to detach and pin somewhere useful! More details of the events are listed here.

#### **1 Mar Whaley Bridge Canal to Disley.**

1.30 pm at Buxworth Basin for cheque presentation by Cllr Tracy Critchlow from Whaley Council. Please wear Peak Paddlers T shirts for the photo. This will be followed by a long paddle to Disley and

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back so bring your open boats, sea kayaks and longer boats. Cost £3.00. Names to Mark, ([adventureworksLtd@mac.com](mailto:adventureworksLtd@mac.com)) with boat and kit requirements, by 28 Feb please.

### **21 Mar River Dove Sudbury to Burton**

Open only one weekend per year so Peak Paddlers will be making their mark. Clive will give us details nearer the time for this epic 11 mile paddle. Cost £3. Names to Clive, ([kayakclive@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kayakclive@hotmail.co.uk)) with boat and kit requirements, by 28 Feb please.

### **5 Apr 'The Big Launch' Errwood**

Our new boats will be launched by the Mayor, our Patron, and there will be PR, BBQ and lots of paddling. Come down from 11am to help prepare for the presentation at 1pm. Names for BBQ to Jean ([bronte.vale@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:bronte.vale@tiscali.co.uk)) by 2 Apr please.

### **17 May RNLI Sponsored Raft Race Carsington Water**

We have entered 2 rafts for this event and it promises to be a great fun day out. If you would like to join in please see Stu Watson, we also need someone to organize the 2<sup>nd</sup> team ([thewatsonsl@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:thewatsonsl@tiscali.co.uk)).

### **Level 1 Coaches Cse**

Whitehall will be running a level 1 coaches course for Peak Paddlers. There are 12 places and cost £60 of which £50 will be refunded on the agreement that the new coaches will coach 6 sessions for Peak paddlers over the next 3 years. Names on the message board or direct to Mo [Mo.stewart@sky.com](mailto:Mo.stewart@sky.com) by 28 Feb please. Dates are:

Safety & Rescue Cse – Errwood ( pre-requisite for the coaches cse)

4 or 11 Apr £25 per head choose one date only (note the change of date from 5 Apr). Venue and times will be confirmed to participants.

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## Level 1 Cse

18/19 Apr and 30/31 May. Note two weekends of two days are required. Venue and times will be confirmed to participants.

### **Pool Programme 2 & 9 Apr**

Two beginner's classes are scheduled for the pool sessions on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> April. Peak Paddlers are welcome to paddle for the 2<sup>nd</sup> hour (from 8pm) on these 2 dates.

### **Summer Programme**

Peak Paddlers start paddling at Errwood again on Thur 16 Apr 7-9pm. Cost £5 for members using club equipment and £3 for members using your own equipment. See you all there!

Beginners start paddling at Errwood on Tues 14 Apr 7-9pm  
Cost £7.50.

### **1\* & 2\* Tests**

The next 1\* test will be on Sun 29 Mar at Errwood. Names to Clive please [kayakclive@hotmail.com](mailto:kayakclive@hotmail.com)

Tests for 2\* will soon be starting at Errwood watch the message board for details.

### **Private Coaching**

As you are aware all the club coaches offer private coaching. Just ask Clive, Mark, Derek or Claire and they will be glad to help you improve your paddling skills in kayak or canoe. Currently, Mark is offering afternoon sessions on 10th and 17th Mar for £40 inclusive.

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### **Rolling Courses**

Rolling Courses will be held occasionally over the summer in the pool. Watch the message board for details.

### **New Merchandise**

We have ordered new T shirts, rash vests, morffs (mixture of hat and buff) and keyrings. Hoodies are also available and can be ordered with your name on the back. See the desk at the pool for this fantastic new merchandise!

Anyway that's all for now folks

Don't forget .....

**SAFE PADDLING!!!!**