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dated 12 Apr 09

Hi All

Well what a week we have had!!! The 'Big Launch' was a great day with over 80 people attending! Our guests really enjoyed themselves and I am sure their introduction to Peak Paddlers will pay dividends!!!! On the same day four Peak Paddlers passed their 2\* assessment and as of yesterday we now have our own Peak Paddlers trained safety people. 2\* awards go to John Beresford, Alan Riggott, Daz Ainsworth and Paul Quest. Additionally, John Beresford, Alan Riggott, Dave Roberts and Wayne Graham successfully completed their FSRT assessment on a very ably run course by Jenny Harding. Well done Guys and the coaches for all their hard work !!!

**BCU Club of the Year Application**

Unfortunately we were unsuccessful in our bid for the 'BCU Club of the Year'. However we were strongly encouraged to reapply next year so watch this space!!!!!!

**1\* Assessment**

Clive is currently running 1\* assessments so if you have not done yours yet please contact him on [kayakclive@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kayakclive@hotmail.co.uk)



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## **2\* Training/Assessment**

A weekend course of one day's duration will be held for those wanting to take their 2\*. This is suitable for paddlers who have 1\* and have done 2 journeys on river/canal in open boat and kayak as a much greater knowledge of paddling in 2 different crafts is required. If you are interested please give your names to Clive by 30 Apr.

[kayakclive@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:kayakclive@hotmail.co.uk)

## **3\* Training and Assessment**

Peak Paddlers intends to run training for 3\* kayak or canoe very soon. This will be followed later in the summer by the assessment. If you are interested and have not yet been contacted please let Mo know on [mo.stewart@sky.com](mailto:mo.stewart@sky.com)

## **Membership Renewals**

Our first year is nearly over so membership renewals are due at 1 Jun. To ease the admin burden we would be grateful if you could please start paying from 1 May at the gate on any paddling night. Slightly revised fees are as follows:

Adults (18 +) £25

Families £25 for 1 member (adult) £10 for each member thereafter (children age 9-17)

## **Forthcoming Events**

There are lots of fun things happening this summer as detailed below and on the event planner. Future paddle days out will be notified as they are planned.



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## **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 [thewatsons1@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:thewatsons1@tiscali.co.uk)

## **Pavilion Gardens Community Groups Day 6 June**

This is good PR for the club so please help out. If you can help on our stall please let Mo know. [mo.stewart@sky.com](mailto:mo.stewart@sky.com)

## **1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Paddling Weekend Anglesey 13/14 Jun**

Claire is planning a weekend paddle in Anglesey. It will be a great way to celebrate our first anniversary. Details soon from Claire [Claire Hinchliffe@hollowford.org](mailto:Claire.Hinchliffe@hollowford.org)

## **Tittesworth Paddling**

This is now open for public paddling for £5 launch fee. We aim to go as a club one Thur evening but you can go on your own [www.peakpursuits.co.uk](http://www.peakpursuits.co.uk)

## **Working Party 25 Apr with ESC**

Errwood sailing Club will be holding one of their twice-yearly working parties. It would help inter-club relations if we could help them out so please turn up on the day 10am. Please let Stu know so he can form a plan!!! [thewatsons1@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:thewatsons1@tiscali.co.uk)

## **Errwood Paddling**

With effect from 16 Apr club nights will be outside at Errwood 7-9pm. Additionally wef 21 Apr private paddling to members who have their own boats will be available on Tues evenings. A launch fee of £1 will be charged, and iaw Peak Paddlers Safety Policy, there must be a minimum of 3 paddlers in the group.

[www.peakpaddlers.co.uk](http://www.peakpaddlers.co.uk)



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**Stu intends to use Tuesdays for site work so please turn up to help out as well as paddle.**

### **Rolling Courses**

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

### **New Merchandise**

T shirts and hoodies are available and can be ordered with your name on the back. See JB for this fantastic new [merchandise!](#)  
[j.bero@virgin.net](mailto:j.bero@virgin.net)

### **BCU Individual Membership**

As more of us are becoming better paddlers it is in your and the club's interests to join the BCU. Fees are £32.75 [www.canoe-england.org.uk](http://www.canoe-england.org.uk)

Anyway that's all for now folks

Don't forget .....

**SAFE PADDLING!!!!**