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peak paddlers newsletter

dated 11 May 09

Hi All

AGM 30 June 730pm The Clubhouse, Errwood Sailing Club

Our AGM will be held at the end of next month so please all make a diary note so we have a full attendance. A formal notice will be sent out to members shortly. Committee vacancies are arising for Secretary and Treasurer so if you would like to help us to run your club please contact mo at mo.stewart@sky.com

Paddlers Qualifications

In order to keep a record of paddlers qualifications which may be useful for the club paddlers are asked to forward copies of any first aid certificates along with any other water/ paddling related qualifications to Carol at Errwood or on cdunn08@btinternet.com

Membership Renewals

Membership renewals are due at 1 June and we will be writing to you shortly to remind you to pay up! To ease the admin burden it would help us if you could please start paying anytime now on the gate on any paddling night. Slightly revised fees are as follows:

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Adults (18 +) £25

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

1* Assessment

1* Awards go to Dave, Frances, Jake and Sam - well done all!!!!
Remember Clive is still running 1* assessments so if you have not done yours yet please contact him on kayakclive@hotmail.co.uk

2* Training/Assessment

Canoe nights are now being held most Tuesdays and Thursdays with Peter Montandon and Jenny Harding. We are very fortunate that these sessions are FREE so if you want to take your 2* please attend. The date of the assessment will be set by the coaches when they think we are ready.

A plea for help from Peter

I need 3 volunteers to back me up getting Open Boats from White Hall on Tuesdays and Thursdays wef 26 May. You must have a tow bar and be willing to tow a trailer, collect from and return to White Hall after the session. Contact Peter on petermontandon@gmail.com or 07971878047 Please help if you can as we won't have any boats to paddle!

NW Paddling Event 20/21 June

Level 1 Coaches Course

A great event will be held at Chorley over the weekend 20/21 June. There are many interesting courses both on and off the water for a minimal fee. One of which is the level 1 coaches course. Peak Paddlers aims to put suitable paddlers on a local course in September

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but if you feel you are ready now give this course a try. Have a look at the details on our website www.peakpaddlers.co.uk If you are interested ask Mo to sign your form so we can keep track of who is attending which course.

Forthcoming Events

The coaching team, headed up by Lewis, will be planning more paddling trips this summer so keep an eye out on the message board/calendar. Some of the forthcoming events are as follows:

Sun 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 contact Stu Watson thewatsons1@tiscali.co.uk

Sat 6 June Community Groups Day, Pavilion Gardens

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

Tues 9 Jun Paddling Awareness for parents and Guardians (and anybody else who may be interested) A session without boats but you may/probably will get a little wet so come prepared!

Peter Montandon will give parents etc a 2 1/2 hr session for mums, dads and guardians and will look at:

Getting ready for the water

Giving your child the best chance of having a brilliant time on the water (inc food, kit, health concerns, drinking water, sun creams and much much more).



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Getting on the water

What you can do to help your child and the Coaches have a safe and stress-free session. Getting ready, lifting boats, water, health issues, snacks (Sweets for the Coaches!)

Being Useful

Bank side support, what to do in an emergency. What is an emergency?! First aid, throw lines, keeping yourself safe, identifying hazards and risk.

**Thurs 11 June Errwood 7pm Junior Event
Welcome to the new members
Presentation of new boat by 'The Billerettes'**

This will be a great FREE evening of fun and paddling accompanied by entertainment by 'The Billerettes' male majorette team who have bought us a full set of kit and boat for a junior paddler. Ben Watson has planned a junior event to welcome the newly qualified beginners who will have joined Peak Paddlers. Brookbank will also be with us with lots of tempting goodies to buy. So bring your sausages for the BBQ, money for shopping and of course your paddling kit!!!

1st 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. There are still soon spaces contact Claire at claireh1978@yahoo.co.uk

Paddling At Manchester Canoe Club

Just to remind you that we have a group membership of Manchester Canoe Club and you are welcome to paddle at their Marple site on Tuesdays 6.30-9pm and Sundays 1030am -1pm. Fees are only payable for boat hire (£3). Just show your Peak Paddlers membership card to the duty officer, sign in and away you go!

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Paddling At Tittesworth, Leek

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
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Errwood Paddling

Club nights are now at Errwood on Thursdays 7-9pm. Additionally, private paddling to members **who have their own boats and kit** is available on Tues evenings. A launch fee of £1 will be charged on Tuesdays and, iaw Peak Paddlers Safety Policy, if not 2* and above there must be a minimum of 3 paddlers in the group.

Rolling Courses

Rolling Courses will be held occasionally over the summer in the pool. Details will be sent out when these are arranged.

Photo Competition

Geoff Shoults has kindly volunteered to run a Peak Paddlers Photographic Competition which will be judged at Xmas for presentation at the Xmas Party. The two 2 categories are as follows:

1. Social category – Representing the clubs’ social scene, humour, members enjoying themselves (or otherwise!)
2. Paddling’s Sporting Aspect - White-water, touring etc

So get your cameras out this summer, print off your pics (6x4) and drop them in with Geoff at his shop at The Colonnade, Buxton.



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New Merchandise

T shirts and hoodies are available and can be ordered with your name on the back. See JB for our new offers! j.bero@virgin.net

BCU Individual Membership

As more of us are becoming better paddlers it is in your own and the club's interests to join the BCU. Fees are £32.75 www.canoe-england.org.uk

Anyway that's all for now

Don't forget

SAFE PADDLING!!!!