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Hi all

Welcome to the third newsletter of the Peak Paddlers with lots to report as always. Your committee have all been working very hard to get us up and running after Debs' splendid efforts in starting us up. **Many thanks Debs we do appreciate you and all your enthusiasm and hard work in starting us off.** It is hard work keeping our heads above water (you like that?) so any help from any of you would be greatly appreciated and of course we need you ALL to come paddling!

Carnival 12 July

Well, we all worked very hard to get the Peak Paddlers float ready for the Carnival and what a success it proved to be! Of course the theme was water and we had a guest appearance from 'Messy 'the Loch Ness Monster! Live music was provided on the float by Harry and Paul (named Nessy and the Whale Fins for the day!) which was very welcome as it saved us all from singing! The weather was kind to us but then we are used to getting wet. So all in all a great success particularly as we had only officially formed 6 weeks before and this was our first Carnival float. Thank you to all who helped in the preparations and those who came on the day to fill our lorry and fly the flag Thanks also go to Daz & Jonathon for their building skills. Suzanne for her great art work and loan of her garage and Dawn, Alison, Geoff, Wendy, John, Michael and his son Danny and Harry from the band for wielding a paintbrush. Also thanks go to Jim at Hotline Signs for the free banner and

Buxton Woodworks and Buxton Building Supplies for the free materials. Thanks also to First Choice Musical solutions for the PA system and Terry Peel for the generator (which didn't work and Woody who appeared out of nowhere with a new generator which did!). Thanks to our great driver, Ian, from Lomas Distribution. Thanks also to Geoff for the great advertising flyers and Fred for getting the Brookbank banner.

Web Site

www.peakpaddlers.co.uk will be up and running very soon thanks to Michael Goddard who is in the process of developing a very professional site, thank you Michael. We hope you will like it.

T Shirts

These are now available to buy after Alison's efforts. They cost £8.00 and come in dark blue with our great logo. Any orders to Suzanne. Thanks Alison and Suzanne.

Membership

We still need more of you to join for us to survive, so please join!!!

Outdoor Sessions

Alan, our Treasurer, has negotiated the use of Errwood and changing facilities so we have decided to make this our base and will store our boats there. Jonathon and Daz are in the process of constructing a secure rack for the second hand boats we have bought from Suzanne and again our thanks go to J & Daz for their efforts. Thanks also to XPress scaffold for their kind donation of the poles.

We now have a training programme for the outdoor paddling with Mark Buckland and Debs who have kindly offered to coach us. This does not mean we don't need all you other coaches it's just that we know how busy you all are during the summer so please come along and help out when you can. We

need as much help as we can get!! It is intended to cover the fee for the coach at the session by those who attend the session.

For those of you who are interested in doing your coaching award Fred has found the following which might be of use for your funding:

Derbyshire Sport - Derbyshire Sport Coach Bursary Fund
<http://www.derbyshiresport.co.uk/coaches-volunteers/derbyshire-sport-coach-bursary-fund>)

Wayne Graham has worked out the **summer programme as follows:**

July

17 Ourselves at Errwood

24 Mark Butland at Errwood trying out different Canadian canoes (which he will supply for us) and spray deck and capsize drills for ready for canal trip

31 Mark Butland at Whaley Bridge canal for trip up to Buxworth and back

August

7 Mark Butland further coaching at Errwood

14 Deb Cook coaching at Errwood

21 Deb Cook coaching at Errwood

28 Ourselves at Errwood

Sep

4 Ourselves at Errwood

11 Ourselves at Errwood

18 Deb Cook coaching at Errwood

25 Ourselves at Errwood

Equipment

We have received three grants so far:

Cllr Wilson	£450.00 for a new boat.
Cllr Baldry (also the Mayor)	£450.00 for a new boat.
Sports Development Fund	£250.00 to cover Errwood fees.

Weekends Away

The **position of Events Organizer** to arrange our weekends away is still vacant but Debs has arranged the following trips:

16/17 Aug at Llyn Gwynant, N.Wales. (camping)

The minibus can take 14 people in it. This will be a kayak based trip (obviously those with your own boats can bring them and they can be put on the trailer).

Rough Plan:

Leave Buxton Friday evening after work. Stop for Fish and Chips on route to save cooking on arrival. Arrive at Lake Gwynant campsite, set up camp. Beers and campfire.

Saturday: morning paddle on the lake. 2 star session for those who want it, free paddle for those who don't. Take lunch and head to the beach at BlackRock sands near Porth Madoc - paddle on the sea, fun on the beach etc. Return to camp.

Evening paddle for those extra keen people!! More 2 star stuff if people want. BBQ dinner and beers!

Sunday: morning paddle on the lake. 2 star session for those who want it. Pack up camp, take lunch and head of to Llanrwst or Dolgarrog and paddle the Conwy to the sea. Arrive at Conwy, chips at the harbour, drive back to Buxton.

People need to bring tents and sleeping bags, mats etc. If you don't have their own then they can be hired from white hall. Whitehall will provide the boats, buoyancy aids, paddles, cags etc.

Charges payable in advance: Set fee for camping to include food for one BBQ dinner, breakfast stuff and some lunch snacks. Plus £2.15 charge per person in the mini bus plus fuel costs. Names to Debs please at buxtoncanoecub@yahoo.co.uk

20/21 Sep canoe trip at a venue TBD.

If you are interested please tell Debs.

Publicity

Pete Morton has really grasped the metal regarding PR and has got us a mention in the Buxton Advertiser. Great stuff Pete, Thanks.

Committee

Lee Mitchell has taken on the role of Child Protection Officer on the Committee. Thankyou Lee.

Boat/Kit Coordinator

Jean Vale has taken on the job of Boat/Kit Coordinator for our sessions. Thankyou Jean.

Finally!

Thank you for all your help everyone in all the roles you fill within the Club. Your support is vital. We have done extremely well and achieved so much in such a short time and are also enjoying great paddling. So keep it up and remember

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HAPPY PADDLING!!!!