



NUMBER 4

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Hi all

Well we are on the fourth newsletter of the Peak Paddlers and we seem to be steaming ahead (like that?) with the club. We have loads more new members and families joined us as a result of a very successful carnival so all our efforts were worth it. **Well Done ALL involved!**

So here is an update for you.

Our committee is growing, I am now Nellie No Mates because if you chat to me you get a job, so watch out!! Seriously though, thank you to all of you, it is certainly a team effort.

Welcome John as Membership Sec and Lisa as 2nd Treasurer. Your committee is as follows:

Committee

Chair: Mo Stewart

Secretary: Fred Isherwood

Membership Secretary: John Couchman

Treasurers: Alan Pedlar and Lisa Watson

Coaches: Mark Butland, Debs Cook

Press Officer: Pete Morton

Apprentice Press Officer: Nathan Watson

Web Page: Michael Goddard

Social Secretary/Maintenance: Jonathan Sutcliffe

Kit Maintenance: Darren Ainsworth

Child Protection Officers: Lee Mitchell and Carol Dunn

Boats + Equipment Org: Jean Vale
Coach/Paddling Org: Wayne Graham
First Aid: Carol Dunn and Jane Mellor
Safety Policy Officer: Mark Butland
Grants and Funding: Mo Stewart and Dawn MacDonald

Membership

A number of people have paid up but not completed annual membership forms. Can all members see John to complete one or take one off the website and give them to him please?

John also proposes to produce a list of members for circulation to all club members. It will include the following details: Name, Address, E-mail address, and telephone number. If anyone has any objection to their contact details being circulated could they please let him know at jcfc@biglow.fsnet.co.uk

Web Site

www.peakpaddlers.co.uk is fabulous!! Thanks to Michael Goddard who developed it don't forget to visit it and leave messages on the message board.

T Shirts

These are selling like hot cakes. Help us to fly the flag and buy one from Suzanne at £8.00 each.

Publicity

We had a nice pic and article in The Buxton advertiser this week and it is hoped to have a feature in the next edition of Pure Buxton. Welcome to Nathan Watson Peter's apprentice PR man. Enjoy your job we'll try to get you loads of PR to do.

Outdoor Sessions

The remainder of the summer programme is:

Aug 28 Mark at Errwood

Sep 4 Ourselves at Errwood **Note all sessions in Sep will be 630-830 pm**

11 Ourselves at Errwood

18 Deb Cook coaching at Matlock. Meet at the car park at artists corner at 630

25 Ourselves at Errwood for our last outdoor session

Oct 2 onwards Buxton Spa Pool 8-10 pm

Weekends Away

The weekend 16/17 Aug at Llyn Gwynant, N.Wales went extremely well with some great paddling and a lot of rain! Both the river kayakers and sea kayakers achieved loads and we all gained in confidence from the excellent coaching from Debs, Bob and Simon. Thanks to you guys and especially to Debs for arranging everything in her usual thoroughly efficient and energetic way. A more detailed report by Broni, plus pics, will be published on the website.

The next weekend away is 21/22 Sep at Bala, N Wales.

Details as follows:

Plan: A white water weekend, with 12 places available.

If you are interested sign up to the website on the message board stating whether you need a boat / kit, accommodation, transport etc.

Accommodation: A self catering Bungalow in Rhosygwalia (2km outside Bala) is available for the Saturday night **only** which would work out at a maximum of £8 per person. It has 11 beds, but a couple of extra people could bunk down in the lounge. There is also the possibility of having a tent outside. If you have your own van then please bring that as it will free up space. If people want to drive over on the Friday night rather than Saturday morning, then you will need to find a campsite, or a B and B, or have a van.

Catering: This will be done independently, on an individual basis.

Transport: Paddlers will need to share transport. Debs will take her van with a lot of the kayaks, and if there is roof space, for some others.

Meeting Place: Meeting point will be at a river car park on the Saturday morning, where Debs will meet paddlers with pre-booked kit.

Programme: Paddle the river, lots of skills and fun on the white water. Then drive to the accommodation and settle in. That evening in Bala there is a big kayak party / festival with a carvery dinner, slide and film shows of kayaking adventures, and a DJ. If people want to go along tickets are available on the website of pyranha kayaks. A minibus taxi may be available to bring people back if you are keen to have a beer and not drive.

Sunday: Another river paddle then drive home afterwards.

Sea Kayaking: If people want to do a sea trip or estuary type paddle, then this can be done independently.

Finally!

Thank you for all your help everyone in all the roles you fill within the Club. But above all, thanks to all you paddlers there wouldn't be a club without you! 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

HAPPY PADDLING!!!!