



NUMBER 5

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Hi everyone

My how we have grown! Fifty members now and we've had to close to families! Depending how the pool sessions go we may have to close to beginner adults as well as the current members all need to progress and having new beginners every week is a bit of a handful at the moment. So let's all just consolidate into become great paddlers so we can all help the new lot when we open the doors again. Thank you all of you who are working so hard we really are becoming a great team!

BALA

Another great weekend, some might even say (me) epic! What wonderful weather too for our trip down the River Dee on Sat and 'The Treweryn' on Sunday. Thank you to our coaches Dave Barker and Deb Cook for their help and Carol for her kind hospitality. As usual, Broni's fantastic report and Deb's amazing pics will be posted on the website shortly.

POOL

As you all know we start in Buxton Pool on Thurs 2 Oct at 8-10 pm. We are not sure how many will attend and will devise a plan accordingly so please bear with us for the first couple of sessions. We intend to use the pool boats but if you wish to bring your own small play boats please ensure they are clean. Please bring your certificates with you for us to check as Mark the coach intends to put us all through capsized tests so **NO**

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CERTIFICATE YOU WILL BE TESTED! Cost £6.00 per head. Mark will be arranging a training programme for the sessions so they will form a pattern with which to improve.

SAFETY COURSES

Mark Davies of Manchester Canoe Club has agreed to deliver the new Foundation Safety & Rescue Course for us if we have 6 people interested. The cost for up to 6 people is £150 + BCU registration fee (£5 members & £10 non-members) + water fees (if required).

OR he is running a course on the 8th November at Roman Lakes, Marple at £40 per person + BCU fees.

Pre-requisites are:

- a. Hold or be a standard of that of the 2* award
- b. Be able to swim in normal canoe clothing for the prevailing conditions
- c. Minimum of 14 years old

If you are eligible and interested let Mo know on mo.stewart@sky.com by 10 Oct 08.

AWARDS

Congratulations to our first Peak Paddlers to gain a BCU award. 1* was gained by some of the committee on Saturday to encourage and thank them for all their hard labours on land on Thursday nights. The self-funded course was run by Clive and congratulations go to all the Watson family, Jean Vale and Mo Stewart. We aim to run more * awards courses in the future.

DEB'S STUFF

Deb has kindly put together a programme of paddling experiences as follows:

www.peakpaddlers.co.uk

Days Out Paddling

For those people that would like to do some more white water paddling, I suggest we put on some coaching days for people to take part in over the winter months. These would be short day trips based around the immediate area, so that we don't need to worry about accommodation or canoeing in the cold and wet!! It is likely that I will get a coach in to help and we will just need to cover their costs.

White Water Rafting

The British National White Water Rafting Champs are being hosted in November at Llandysul Paddlers (west Wales). Teams of six are invited to enter, and you get free camping for the weekend, use of the rafts, all the competitions, big party on the Saturday night etc.

So.... come on and get a team together - or two, or three!! All welcome but **you must have been on white water before**. No rafting experience doesn't matter (I can give you some top tips!!), and even under 18's can be part of a team, so everyone can join in!

There are loads of safety cover for the event, so lots of people in safety kayaks and also bank support, so super safe and loads of fun.

Hope you guys can get a team or two together because it will be great fun.

Weekend Away 13th-15th March or 10th-12th April (Good Friday weekend)

I have been doing some research into another weekend away for the club next year. There are a couple of options, but one is a place up in the North East. They have a self-catering bunkhouse and also offer a river guide service, so there would be the chance for everyone to have a trip out on a river appropriate to them.

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The place sleeps 30, so we would need to be running a fair size trip, but this shouldn't be a problem if sea paddlers and river paddlers want to come. The accommodation would work out at £20 per person for two nights (lots of rooms are en suite etc so sounds quite nice),

The website of the place is: www.paddle2climb.co.uk. If you would like a guided river trip (i.e. have someone taking you down and looking after safety) then it would be £15 per person. With fuel and food, accommodation and guided trips, the whole weekend would be about £60 in total.

There are guides available for sea trips, river trips and touring journeys also so everyone can be catered for.

If you are interested post your reply to Deb on the website message board.

FINALLY

We are a club full of enthusiasm and we have grown so quickly in numbers and strength of paddling so let's use this winter to consolidate our skills to emerge next year competent to have even more fun!

HAPPY PADDLING!