

PaddlePlus

Newsletter May 2007

Welcome to a new season of paddling. The Juniors started back on 19th May and there were lots of coaches on hand to help - thank you. Following a committee meeting, the following events and dates have been agreed.

Moira Festival

12-13th May

A weekend on the Ashby canal at Conkers. The club will be offering tastier sessions to visitors to the event and camping over the weekend. Please let Jo Evans-Hughes know if you can help. We will need volunteers to assist both on the water and off. We will have a BBQ on the Saturday evening. This will be our 3rd year at the festival and it has always been a good friendly family weekend.

CYP 100 Mile Canoe Test

25-29th May

Each year we send a team to take part in the Clubs for Young People Canoe Test. This year it is back on the River Wye, familiar territory to PaddlePlus members. We will try and fit as many training paddles in as possible and would welcome new team members (from the age of 14yrs up). Please see Andy Oughton for more details or to put your name down.

Leicester Waterside Festival

2nd-3rd June

We have been asked back to provide 'have a go' sessions on the bell boats and kayaks at the City Council organised festival in the centre of Leicester. We will paddle the bell boats up from the OPC on Saturday morning and again finish off the day with a BBQ. If you can help on either of the days please let Andy Oughton know.

Summer Solstice Paddle

22nd-24th June

This is a new event in the paddling calendar and has been organised to pay tribute to Adam Brewster (one of the club's founder members and driving forces). It combines all that Adam valued - Journey Canoeing, involving children, camping, fund raising and waterside enjoyment!

We will set off from the OPC and camp overnight at Coats Mill then paddle on to Trent Lock on the Sunday. We would like to involve as many of the club's members as possible and particularly invite the juniors to join in with the assistance of their parents. More details will follow but please speak to John Liquorish or Andy Oughton if you are interested in taking part.

To our Coaches

Firstly Thank you for your commitment. The club sinks or swims from your involvement.

The BCU have asked that all coaches now have a CRB check done by them and will no longer accept transferable CRB's. Andy has the forms which need completing as soon as possible. Also could you please let Marie know of any weeks you will not be available for assisting with the juniors so that we can maintain cover.

Congratulations to...

Sean O'Brien who is now a Level 3 Kayak coach.

Andy, Angela & John who have completed their training for Level 3 Canoe coach (Angela has also done her Kayak training). Any club members wishing to progress to coaching courses should make themselves known and courses can be found (along with some financial assistance).

E-Mailing List

If you are not on our electronic mailing list please send an e-mail to webmaster@paddleplus.co.uk to have your name added.



PaddlePower is an exciting new programme for junior paddlers that offers progression in paddling (with awards and badges!). PaddlePlus will be offering PaddlePower awards from mid May during the junior sessions.

Recent Trips

A group of paddlers and walkers set off to [Scotland](#) for their Easter break. Good kayaking and company were aplenty. A video of the trip is on the club's YouTube space (a link is available from our website).

Another group have just got back from open boating/swimming on the [Tryweryn](#) in North Wales. After such an enjoyable day it has now been agreed to have a family weekend camp in July offering hill walking, flat (Lake Bala) and white water plus trips on the local steam train etc. A new venture that is worthy of your support.

Keep these dates free...

July 1st - Activities and BBQ for visiting Chernobyl children .

July 14-15th Bala family weekend - details to follow

August 25-28th Wye Camp weekend