

PaddlePlus

Newsletter June 2008



Solstice Paddle Weekend

With over 35 paddlers already signed up for the weekend paddle from LOPC to Kegworth, The Solstice Paddle is proving to be a popular event. This is only the second year that club have offered this family based opportunity to camp and paddle on the River Soar. If you have still not signed up but would like to join in you will need to be quick!

Leicester Waterside Festival

A fantastic weekend at the Leicester Waterside Festival included giving over 200 people the opportunity to try paddling and winning the 'Brewster Award' (given in memory of our dear friend, Adam) for our contribution to the festival with the drumming on the bellboats.

A big thank you to all those members who helped to make it such a successful weekend. The money raised has been used to settle the 100m account.

John Lewis provide spray decks

We have just received a grant from John Lewis to purchase spray decks for the Arcadias and Approaches. Jon Simpson was very quick off the mark and submitted a bid via the Leicester Mercury to obtain almost £500 of funding to be used for kit.

New Level One's

Congratulations to Richard Oldham, Sam Berdett, Anton Magrath and Darren Creed who have successfully completed the new UKCC Level 1 Coaching course.

Club Treasurer required

Sean O'Brien has been the club's treasurer for many years but because of a change in his circumstances (working for Oxford University) he has asked to step down from the role.

If anyone feels able to offer themselves for this role the committee would be delighted to hear from them.

The new membership software makes the position far less onerous than it has been in the past and with Marie's support it should be a manageable task.

Committee Meeting

A meeting will be needed at the beginning of July. Please look out for details when they have been finalised. As with all PaddlePlus meeting, they are open to the full membership and you are most welcome to attend.

100 mile Canoe Test a great success!

A team of 11 paddlers participated this year on the River Severn including a group of youngsters for whom it was their first long paddle. The team (including the best base camp personnel we have ever had) were a credit to the club.

Lets see if we can get even more people on the water for next year's Test on the Wye.