



RAPID TIMES

Welcome to Decembers Rapid Times

ITS CHRISTMAS.....Welcome to Decembers newsletter, where we will bring you up to date on the going on's in the club since October and then look forward to the New Year.

The Months that were November and December

NOVEMBER

The main event in November was the club AGM which was very well attended.

Dane opened the meeting with thanks to all the volunteers for the past 12 months and the support of the members. There was then updates on a number of items from the committee members. There was heart felt thanks to Beverly Russell for all her hard work as she was standing down as the club treasurer. Steve Walker has stepped forward for the role and he was voted in as treasurer by those at the meeting. All other committee members were re-elected, which then left the role of club secretary. There were no volunteers at the meeting to take up the role with Patricia Mathews stepping down after a number of years of service with the club.

If you do know anyone who would be willing to take on the role of secretary with the club, please get in contact with Dane.

For the youth committee we saw Amy Callaby step down as chairperson. We would all like to thank Amy for all her hard work over the last few years, with equal support from Evie Russell. Greg Darling was elected by the members as the new Youth Committee Chairperson, congratulations Greg.

Once all the updates had been completed at the AGM, there a number of awards in recognising the achievements of the members for the year. This all builds up to awarding the paddler of the year.

Below is the roll call of those award winners for 2016;

Paddler of the Year

STEVE CALLABY

The award is based on the nominations from the committee and then the votes from club members. This shows how popular Steve is and recognises all the time and effort he gives to the club. Well done Steve this is very well deserved and thank you from everyone at the club.





White Water Freestyle Competition - Junior

1st Place - Harrison Wardell

2nd Place - Jonathan King

3rd Place - Archie Wardell



White Water Freestyle Competition - Adult

1st Place - Steve Walker



British Canoeing 3 Lakes Challenge

Harrison Wardell

Brian Wardell

The AGM was then closed and the pot lunch supper commenced. We then moved onto the club raffle and our thanks go to Evie Russell for doing a great job in selling the tickets for the evening. The final event for the evening was the auctioning off the chance to experience the Typhoon Simulator at RAF



Digby. There were a few parents starting to panic when their children started bidding on the experience, which in the end was won by William Hillaby.

The rest of November was filled with pool sessions which continue to be really well attended by our members. These sessions allow the coaches to focus on advanced skills that help build people's confidence on the water, ready for when we go back on the rivers.

DECEMBER

The beginning of the month saw us holding the last pool session for 2016.

The kayakers also set out on a white water trip during the month at Sleningford Mill in Yorkshire. This enabled the club to assess a number of paddlers for their British Canoeing 3 Star award. Even though the river levels were lower than expected it still provided a good opportunity for the assessment. Congratulations to Greg Darling, Dan Marsh and Joshua Stuart for passing their 3 Star assessment. It is a recognition of all the hard work required in achieving your 3 star. Well done to all 3 of them.

December also saw the club hold its annual Christmas paddle. This year the paddle was held on the River Witham in Lincoln, which saw the trip start 2 miles outside the city with the finish point being at a Brayford Pool. The weather was perfect for paddling in both kayaks and canoes, with a great turnout it was a brilliant trip that also included a stop off at Burger King in St Marks.



For the Christmas paddle Jonathan King was the winner of the duck after brilliantly decorating his kayak, which included a tree. He will provide a good home for the duck over the festive period.





Finally, for the month of December we want to do a roll call of all those paddlers that have recently achieved awards in line with the British Canoeing requirements.

Start

Ella Siddiqi
Ryan Tittershill

Passport

Jonathan King
Lauren gamble
Jamie Gamble
Ryan Whitworth
Matthew Huckle

1 Star

Ian Whitworth

3 Star

Greg Darling
Dan Marsh
Joshua Stuart

Congratulations to all the above paddlers on achieving their awards.

Happy 2017

The club coaches and committee will be meeting in early January to build the program for 2017. Once this has been finalised all dates for the club sessions and events will be published on the website calendar.

The new year will also see the 2017 membership forms being sent out and placed on the website.

In the meantime the perfect way to banish the new year blues will be to attend one of the pool sessions planned in January on the following dates;

7th January - first session starts at 5pm.
21st January - first session starts at 5pm.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

From everyone at the club we would like to wish all our members a merry Christmas and a fabulous New Year. Have a brilliant festive period and we look forward to paddling with you in 2017.

Thank you for your amazing support.



TINY RAPIDS

Youth Committee Newsletter

The youth committee has a new chairperson in Greg Darling. Greg will be arranging a youth committee meeting in January. With Greg stepping into the role of Chairperson it means that Amy Callaby has stepped down. Amy and her right hand lady Evie Russell have done a brilliant job with the Youth Committee and the club thanks you for all your hard work and commitment.

During the last few months we have seen a number of the youth members of the club achieving certain milestones in the British Canoeing award system. Congratulations to all those members who have been listed in the club newsletter, this is a brilliant effort.

It was great to see so many of the youth members turning up for the Christmas paddle, it was brilliant to have you on the water and thank you to Dane for supplying the burgers and fries.

We hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas holiday and that Santa brings you some great paddling equipment.