



## **Newsletter – Summer 2009**

**To all Slea Paddlers.**

### ***Introduction***

Hi guys

Where has the year gone? I thought I would just take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in the club for their support, either by just attending the weekly meetings or for those who help get everyone on the water. Thanks.

As you may be aware we have recently won a Lottery grant for just under £10,000 which we are using to increase our fleet and you may have already seen extra Canadians on the water. There are still some more boats on order that should be arriving soon.

The aim of the club is to increase its membership so if you know anyone who would like to try their hand at Canoeing then bring them along to any of our weekly meetings (Wed or pool). We have seen a rise in adult membership which is encouraging and to them, welcome.

### ***Future events.***

#### **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September at Newark Weir Surf competition & B-B-Q**

This is open to all club members to gain more experience on moving water and have some fun in the meantime.

Details:

On the water at 11.00  
Practice time – 1 hr  
Competition start at 12:00  
Competition end at 15:00 (approx).  
Free time  
Bar-B-Que at Scout Hut 17:00

Rules:

Each paddler will get 2 runs of 1 min each to perform as many “tricks” as possible.

Competitors will be grouped on age and ability.

## **Bar-B-Que.**

If you wish to attend can you please inform Alison who will collate the numbers she will then be in contact asking you to provide some sort of salad dish.

The club will provide burgers, sausages, and rolls. Please bring your own drink.

Presentation from the day's competition will take place at the B-B-Q.

Good luck

## **Sat 26/27 September Camping weekend – Llangollen**

The campsite is in Llangollen itself, cost approx £ 4.50 / adult (£3.50/child) + £2.50/ car.  
Please be at the campsite by 11:00 on 26<sup>th</sup> to be on the water by 12:00  
If you are intending to come can you please inform Barry so that the campsite can be informed of the numbers.

We will try and get the 3 stars assessed this weekend

Paddling is off site and it is believed to cost £5.00/day per boat

## **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October River Trip - Matlock – Now on the River Nene through Peterborough.**

It has been decided to change the trip from Matlock because the river levels cannot be guaranteed so rather than having a wasted day, the River Nene will have water in it.

This will be a long distance trip on the river Nene in the Peterborough area. A full day  
Bring a pack up and drinks.

Meet at the scout hut at 9:00 am  
Return time approx 5:00 pm

## **7/8 November 2009 Open Canoe Course**

I am planning to run a 2 day open (Canadian) canoe course to 2 star level. These skills will be assessed as part of the 2 Star award.

This will cover the basic strokes, handling, recovery, capsized drills and journeying.

There are a limited number of places (6). If you are interested please contact Barry.

The first day will be at Tatershall playing around the pontoons. The second day will be a long trip around the Newark Loop (8 miles) to finish on the weir learning to ferry glide across the moving water breaking in and out in tandem.

## **Sunday mornings – November/December Grantham – River Witham**

We are planning to run a number of trips through Grantham to play on the weirs. This is normally a 2 – 3 hour trip. These will be short notice trips due to the weather at this time of the year. I or Dane will put out a txt/email a couple of days before to find out who is interested.

Come and join us, it is a good river to practice low level moving water skills.

### **14 November 2009 AGM**

The Annual General Meeting will take place at the Scout Hut on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm. We will have the meeting and then launch into a pot luck supper. Please bring a dish of something and your own drink.

### **22 November 2009 Hack Falls**

Earlier this year several members of the club went to Hack falls near Ripon and had a good day. The rest of the club decided the weather was too bad to travel so we have re scheduled this for 22 Nov. Meet at the Scout Hut at 08:00.

If you decide to come you need to be competent on moving water. Please let Dane, Barry or Kev know if you are coming.

### **Club evening's.**

Now that the evenings are drawing in, the last club evening will be 2<sup>nd</sup> September at Newark Weir – This is so members can practice before the competition.

### **Pool sessions from 10 Oct.**

The pool sessions will be starting on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> Oct at RAF Cranwell swimming pool. Start time 5.00 pm – 7.00 pm

See the website for details.

### **Website**

If you have any photos or video from our activities over the last year and would like them published on the website please forward the files to Barry.

Happy paddling

Barry



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