



Slea Paddlers

# Rapid Times

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## Welcome.

Welcome to the winter newsletter for 2013. With the glorious summer over and the nights getting darker we move from our summer programme to the winter programme.

## Pool Sessions

We have been forced to move from Cranwell pool by the MOD / RAF wanting to charge us £50 per hour, plus a licence fee, plus the hire charge of a life guard. These charges made it impossible for us to carry on using Cranwell pool. We have been fortunate enough to be able to use the pool at City school.

## Pool dates are:-

9 November 4 to 6  
 23 November 4 to 6  
 14 December 4 to 6  
 21 December 4 to 6

Next year's dates to follow.

## Congratulations.

In the last issue I mentioned that six members of the club were hoping to complete the great glen canoe trail or as it is more commonly known, the Caledonian way. The sixty mile (95km) self sufficient trip was completed in five days. The Scottish weather was very kind for most of the trip. Congratulations go to Martin on successfully planning this exhilarating trip from the west coast to the east coast of Scotland.



Congratulations must also go to Martin, Nikki, Brian, Dan, Steve, Jon and Patricia who all made the journey north on Sunday to the Tees barrage to take part in their three star canoe assessment. I am pleased to be able to announce that all successfully passed. A big thank you to Barry for organising and running the three star canoe training.

I am looking to run a three star kayak training and assessment in March of next year. If you are interested in gaining your three star in a kayak please let me know.

### **AGM / Social night.**

On Saturday 16th November the club will be holding its annual AGM at the scout hut. This event is very much a social evening. With the main business out of the way we tuck into a potluck supper. You will not be press ganged into doing anything (unless you want to?) So please come along and join in the fun and look back at what your club has been up to over the past year.

### **Art of nothing.**

A committee is a group of individuals who can do nothing individually and sit to decide that nothing can be done together.

### **Future events.**

1/2/3 November	Tyne Tour
16 November	AGM
24 November	Peterborough loop
7 December	Christmas Social
15 December	Ripon
22 December	Christmas Paddle

### **Website**

Please take time to check out the website which has all the up to date information on what the club is up too. A big thanks of gratitude go to Barry for all his continual hard work and time spent in keeping the website updated.

If you have any pictures or articles you would like adding to the website please forward them to Barry.

### **Surf competition**

September saw the club make its way to the Nene white water centre in Northampton for the annual surf competition. A thank you to the youth committee for organising and running this great event. For the first time there was even a veterans heat, which saw most of the competitors



*Guess who is looking good in green?*

swim at one stage or another which just goes to prove you are never too old to take a swim !!!!!!! The results of the surf competition will be announced by the youth committee at the AGM. Another reason for attending if you needed one.

### **Planning Meeting.**

In early January there will be a planning meeting to plan next year's programme including trips and events. If there is somewhere you would like to paddle or you have an idea for a social event please let one of the committee members know.

### **Tyne tour.**

The beginning of November will see fifteen members of the canoe club making the long trip north on the A1 to Hexham to take part in the annual Tyne tour. There is a water release from Kielder reservoir giving 50km of reliable white water from grade 1 to grade 3. Nine members will be tackling grade 3 rivers in kayaks whilst six members will be taking more sedate trips on grade one rivers.

If there are any articles you would like to see in **your** "Rapid Times" please email your articles to [kevandtrish@btinternet.com](mailto:kevandtrish@btinternet.com)

Happy paddling,

Kev.