



Slea Paddlers

Winter 2014



Rapid Times

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Welcome.

Welcome to the winter newsletter for 2014. With the summer a distant memory we have moved into our winter programme. This does not mean that we have abandoned the great outdoors there are still river trips taking place as well as our usual pool sessions. Winter is the real start of the canoeing session as the rivers will hopefully be full of water!!

Looking back at 2014

What a year it has been:

The club successfully gained club mark.

We supported Sleaford navigation trust with their open weekend at South Kyme.

We also entered a float and had a stall for the first time at Sleaford carnival.

Several coaches attended a Duke of Edinburgh open night at the girls high school.

The club also ran a come and try day in May, but, unfortunately the weather was not kind to us. We got wetter standing on the bank than if we had been canoeing!!

All of this was in addition to the usual river trips and weekends away that your committee organise.

Planning Meeting

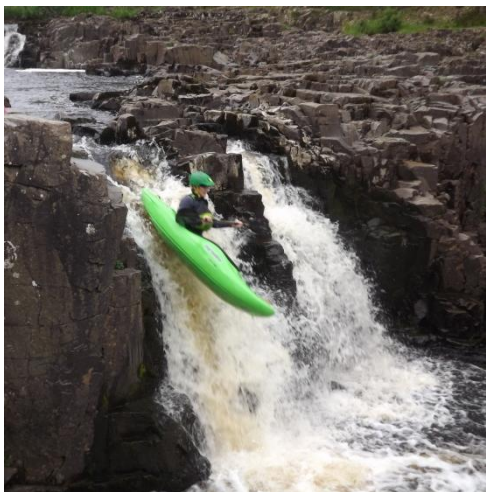
January will see the committee holding its annual planning meeting to discuss the programme for 2015. If there is a river you would like to paddle or a place you think that the club should visit please let either myself or a committee member know?

Congratulations.

I am sure you will wish to join me in congratulating Paul Pattinson in successfully completing his level two coaching assessment. There is a great deal of work that has to go into becoming a level two coach, before they even turn up for the assessment. Well done Paul. The club has more than doubled its number of level two coaches this year . This can only be good news for the club.



In a first for the club Adam Callaby successfully passed his four star kayak assessment. This assessment takes place over a weekend and looks at the paddler's river running, river leading and rescue skills. Congratulations to Adam who can now lead a group of paddlers down a white water river.



Paddler of the year.

In the last news letter I announced that the club was going to introduce a 'Paddler of the Year' award. With the winner to be announced at this year's AGM. I am pleased to be able to announce that the first winner of the "Slea paddlers" paddler of the year award goes to Adam Callaby. Adam was presented with a winner's shield upon which his name has been engraved. He was also given a trophy which he gets to keep.

The competition will be run again throughout 2015 so start thinking of your nominations for next years AGM.

Surf Competition

This year's surf competition was once again very well organised by the youth committee. The results were announced at this year's AGM but for those that were unable to attend I am pleased to say that in third place was Maz Marrott, second place was Josh Kerr and the winner of the novice event was Greg Darling. A big well done to all of the winners and those that took part and thank you to the youth committee for organising the event.

There was no experienced event this year as they were all too busy playing on the wave and refusing to come off !!!!!

Youth Committee

The Youth Committee are looking for new members. It is open to all members under the age of 18. You do not have to be a brilliant paddler you just have to be willing to give up a couple of hours every couple of months and have a say in how YOUR club is run.

Committee

Brian Wardell has very kindly agreed to come on to the committee. You do not have to be a paddler to join the committee just someone with an opinion. We are always on the lookout for new members. If anybody else would like to join please let either Alison or myself know.

Pool Dates 2015.

Saturday	10th Jan
Saturday	24th Jan
Saturday	7th Feb
Saturday	14th Feb
Saturday	28th Feb
Saturday	14th March
Saturday	28th March

As always all of these dates can be found on the website along with all the information about the club.

If there are any articles you would like to see in YOUR "Rapid Times" please email your articles or ideas to kevandrish@btinternet.com



It just remains for me to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy new year on behalf of all the committee
Kev.