



Slea Paddlers

## **Christmas & New Year News Letter. 2008/9**

**To all Slea Paddlers.**

### ***Introduction***

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all to another paddling year. The last 12 months have seen the club move from strength to strength. Membership is increasing which is good news with more adults getting involved. Events have been well attended and I think the climax was the Surf Competition at Newark Weir. Well done to all members who took part.

We will be looking to up date the events calendar at a committee meeting planned for 8<sup>th</sup> Jan along with many other items to keep the club running smoothly. Keep your eyes on the Website for updates. I am planning to send out quick emails every time it is updated so that you can keep fully up to date and involved with the running of the club.

Whilst talking about the website, if anyone wants to have an item included please forward it to me with photos and I will publish them. I am also looking at creating a "For Sale" page where members can post item's they no longer need or want.

For those of you who are feeling brave, myself and Dane are planning to paddle on New Years Day morning through Grantham. Meet at the Scout hut at 08:30 if you wish to go, we should be back in Sleaford by 13:00 (that's 1.00pm).

To the junior members don't forget you can have your say on how the club is run by passing comments through Liam and Adam your Youth Representatives.

### ***Membership Fees***

As this is the beginning of the year unfortunately it is the time when your Yearly Membership fees are due. These fees run from Jan - Dec. There is a Membership form on the web site in the Log Book section, or you can collect one from Alison when you attend any of the pool sessions. Once downloaded please complete it and return it to Alison. The deadline for membership fees is 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2009. Many thanks to all those who have already paid for the next 12 months. Once we have received the form and payment you will be issued with a 2009 Membership Card.

### ***Consent Forms***

To ensure we have the most up to date information, I will soon be sending out the Consent forms for you all to check and update. All your current details are already recorded so all you need to do is check it, amend if necessary and sign it, then return to either myself, Trish or Alison.

Why do we need these forms? As coaches we endeavour to make the activity as safe as possible but in extreme circumstances it may be necessary to make contact with a parent or Doctor. Speed is always important so by having the most up to date details will make this process quicker. Hopefully we will never have to use it.

## ***Bank Support***

I would like to thank all the parents who have got involved in helping at any or all of the events, big or small. Without your help it would be impossible to take the numbers of paddlers on the water. Please keep up the good work. If anyone else would like to help out, lifting, carrying, getting new members kitted out, act as safety on the bank (training can be provided), providing hot drinks etc, please step forward and be counted.

## ***Log Books***

Over the past 12 months I have been encouraging members to complete their Log Books after each canoeing session. If you have been doing so, keep up the good work, and if you want a coach to look at it and sign off what you have done just bring it along to any session. However, if you have lost yours, then there is a copy on the web site you are able to download and print yourselves.

## ***Pool Sessions***

As you know some of the pool dates have changed over the last month but just to confirm the most up to date details are as follows:

10 Jan 2009	17:00 - 19:00
17 Jan 2009	17:00 - 19:00
21 Feb 2009	17:00 - 19:00
28 Feb 2009	17:00 - 19:00
14 Mar 2009	17:00 - 19:00
21 Mar 2009	17:00 - 19:00
4 Apr 2009	17:00 - 19:00
11 Apr 2009 (Easter weekend)	17:00 - 19:00
18 Apr 2009	17:00 - 19:00

## ***Finally***

I am looking forward to the next 12 months and wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New year and hope that Santa brought you all the new canoeing equipment you have asked for.

## ***Barry***

