

SPLOSH



NEWSLETTER

Festive Greetings



2023



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COACHING

The program of coaching course started with members venturing out on the second weekend of December. Yes, the one after the heavy rain, so the river was a little higher and faster than normal! This didn't put anyone off with members completing the Kayak Explore award and starting the Paddle Sport Safety and Rescue course. The latter makes good use of what can only be described as a large puddle by one of the landing stages!



MULLED WINE & MINCE PIES

Another staple Club event happened on one of the last Sundays of the year with members gathering for a group paddle before heading back to the Club House for well deserved warm mince pie and mulled wine. Thanks to Lesley and Yvonne for decorating the clubhouse and providing the festive refreshments.

Skittles

The annual BCC skittles evening took place recently at The Burton Bridge Inn with club members old and new taking over the upstairs skittles alley. The names of those present were chalked up on the board before the battle commenced. Various techniques were utilised to knock the most skittles while fellow members looked on picking up tips for when their turn came. There was a healthy amount of competition on occasions someone would celebrate the success of knocking all the skittles down and scoring a maximum. The most impressive skills was shown when someone managed to avoid all of the skittles with all of their balls, very hard to do as it only happened once!



The only time the action stopped was to enjoy the fantastic buffet sourced by Lesley and when someone had disappeared downstairs for more refreshments.

It was a close competition but in the end, Neil came out and top with last year's champion being relegated to joint last position!!





DATES FOR THE DIARY

Saturday Afternoon Club

CHRISTMAS



EVERYONE
WELCOME

£2
CHIP-RI-BUTION
PLUS NORMAL
SAC FEE

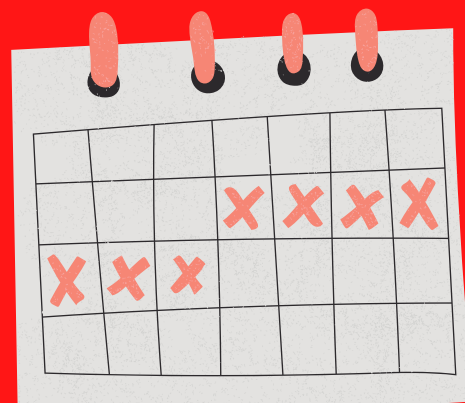
PUDDINGPADDLE

23RD DECEMBER



SANTA HATS MUST BE WORN

Weather and river dependent we will take the Bell Boats out then back to the Club House for festive games, chip butties and puddings!!



Get fit with Big Steve 6th & 9th January

Steve is arranging Keep Fit classes in the New Year to help members keep that New Year's resolution! It will be held on the second floor and may involve paintbrushes, rollers, and paint!!

If Steve gets enough volunteers, he will dust off his leotard and leggings!! If you are interested please let Steve know.



Coaching

There're loads going on why not sign up on the notice board

January 2024

Sunday 7th & 14th

Stand Up Paddleboard (SUP) Sheltered Water Award

February 2024

Sunday 4th

Paddle Discover Award - Kayak

Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th

Paddle Explore Award Canoe – also include Paddle Safer

March 2024

Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd

Paddle Sport Instructor Course

Sunday 10th and Sunday 31st

Paddle Explore Award – Kayak – also includes Paddle Safer

More information on the club notice boards and if you're not sure which one is for you speak to Dave Hastie or Mark Brian.

ADULT TEE - £12.00



100% Cotton, Classic Fit

Small 34/36, Med 38/40, Lge 42/44
 XL 46/48, XXL 50/52, 3XL 54/56,
 4XL 58/60, 5XL 62/64

LADIES TEE - £12.00

100% Cotton, Classic Fit

Small 8/10, Med 10/12, Lge 12/14,
 XL 14/16, XXL 18/20



CHILDS TEE - £10.00

100% Cotton, Classic Fit

26" 3/4, 28" 5/6, 30" 7/8, 32" 9/11
 34" 12/13



ADULT POLO - £22.00

65% Polyester 35% Cotton
 Contrast Panels

XXS 28/30" XS 32/34"
 Small 36/38" Med 40" Lge 42"
 XL 44" XXL 46/48" 3XL 50/52"



A range of club garments are now available to order. Order forms are available in the Clubroom.

HOODY - Adult £25.00 / Kids £20.00



80% Cotton, 20% Polyester
 Double fabric contrast Inner Hood
 Ribbed Cuffs & Hem

Adults - XS 34" Sml 36" Med 40"
 Lge 44" XL 48" XXL 52" 3XL 56"
 4XL 60" 5XL 62"

Kids - XS 3/4 Sml 5/6 Med 7/8
 Lge 9/11 XL 12/13

MICRO FLEECE - £25.00



100% Polyester Micro Fleece
 Full length Zip
 2 Zipped Pockets
 Elasticated Cuffs
 Drawstring Hem

Small 36/38" Med 38/40"
 Lge 42" XL 44/46" XXL 48"

SOFTSHELL JACKET - £50.00



Waterproof 8000mm. Breathable 1000g
 Windproof TPU Membrane. Concealed Hood.
 Micro Fibre Fleece Inner Layer
 Zip Underarm Vents. Right Chest Zip Pocket
 Two large Inner Pockets.
 One Inner Media Pocket.
 Side Outer Zipped Pockets
 Adjustable Cuffs, Drawstring Hem

XS 34" Sml 38" Med 41"
 Lge 44" XL 46" XXL 48"
 3XL 50"



Garments will be ordered monthly and payment must be made in full on ordering.



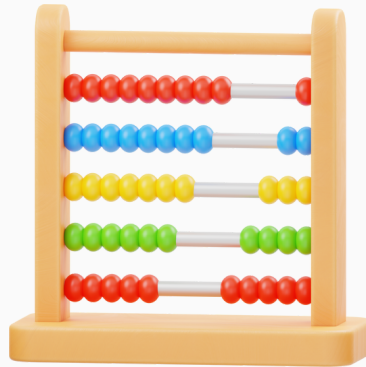
CAP - £10.00
 One Size



Treasurer

We are soon to have a vacancy as after many years of volunteering Keith Bright has decided to hang up his abacus.

If you want to know more please speak to Mark or drop an email to the club email... remember every little helps!!!



Landing Stages

You may have noticed that the landing stages are looking a little worse for wear. They have provided sterling services for a good number of years having been expertly installed by members. It was agreed that the preferred option this time around would be to look into funding options so the whole project could be 'outsourced' meaning that the members could focus their time on completing the ongoing project on the second floor of the Clubhouse.

Steph Lloyd has taken on the task of finding and applying for funding along with obtaining quotes. Two funding sources are confirmed, and we now have to wait to hear about a third with a decision being made early in the New Year. As soon as the funding is confirmed orders will be placed and we hope to have the replacement landing stages in use for the time the weather warms up.



Paddling for all, always paddling



Jobs

There are always lots of jobs, fondly referred to as "Bob Jobs", to keep the club running.

If you have a chance next time you are at the club have a look at the card index board in the club room. Regular jobs are listed on the cards, pick one out, and once completed sign the card and pop in the completed section.





UPDATE

paddleperformance

The numbers have been lower towards the end of year which is to be expected. The core group of youngsters are still building on their skills as they work their way through the club's paddleperformance award.

pumpkinpaddle

Storm Babet put pay the plan to paddle down the river to Trent Adventures at Twyford. The conditions were too scary even for a Halloween paddle, so it was changed to a more local paddle. Whilst the SAC youngster braved the elements on the water with the coaches the parents and volunteers decorated the club room, set up the games and spooky snacks for the little monsters return.



Once the kids had returned, and dried themselves off the evil grown up only went and sent them back outside for an eyeball and spoon race around the clubhouse. To them come back inside to try and rescue sweet treats from a bucket of gunge.

They then tortured them by hanging doughnuts between two paddles only allowing them to snaffle bites without using their hands...awful stuff!! Not to be outdone by those pesky kids Big Steve got in on the action trying to devour swinging doughnuts using only his gnashers.



Remember.....

...the Club is open for all members on a Saturday for a paddle or to use the gym. If you are coming down for a paddle, please wait until the kids are on the water before you start selecting your kit otherwise it can get a little more chaotic!!

