



## NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the Spring edition of Splosh, not only is there a lot of change in nature, there is a lot happening behind the scenes at the Club. As the days are getting longer, and hopefully warmer, the **Thursday Club Nights** sessions will return on the **6th of April** when the Club will be open from **1830hrs to 2030hrs**.

The main building works are nearing completion so in the coming months the first floor will be handed over to the Club. Although the majority of work will be complete there will still be plenty to do so please watch out for News Splashes where we will be asking for your support to make the space ready for us to occupy.

We are hoping that one of the first events to be held in our new loftier position will be the **Clubs AGM** on **Thursday 20th April**. So please come along to support your club, find out what has been going on and what is planned, and to understand some of the challenges we face. It is an opportunity to air your views and shape the future of the Club.

The Management Team have been working hard to manage costs to quite literally keep the lights on, for example the initial proposed renewal cost for electricity was five times higher than our current costs!! More competitive costs have been sourced but we are still facing a considerably increase. This highlights just one of the challenges we face as a Club.

That said there a lot of positives and things to look forward to. The afore mentioned first floor developments, trips making a comeback after a hiatus and training sessions planned, so all in all we have a fantastic year of paddling ahead, see you on the water soon.

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## Mince Pie and Mulled Wine

It was cold, very very cold so it was decided to avoid frost bite and miss the paddle from Walton to the club and just do the warm bit at the end. Some hardy souls did go for a paddle but most opted to watch from the warmth of the club house and indulge in some festive treats.



## SAC puddingpaddle

Slightly later than planned, the SAC youngsters, coaches and groupies went for a paddle and then came back to the Clubhouse for a warm, demolished some festive leftovers and devoured the spoils from the chip run.

Due to the later date, it was combined with the Celebration Afternoon where paddleperformance certificates were awarded.



## Coach Social Update

Mark hosted a webinar for coaches to update their CPD and stay up to date with British Canoeing coach development. The webinar was looking at Coaching, Leadership and Rescue. There will be opportunities for the Coach Social update sessions coming soon, which will be open to all even if you are not a coach but would like to develop you own understanding.

## POOL SESSIONS

The last two months of pool sessions went ahead in January and February with a good mix of members learning and perfecting skills in the relative warmth of the Meadowside pool. I am sure you will be seeing some of these honed skills being put into practice in the Trent very soon. As ever, huge thanks to the coaches for giving up their time to coach at these sessions.

The pool session are going to take a break for while but will be back later in the year.







# DATES FOR THE DIARY

## Dove Trip

Saturday 18th March

After a hiatus, the popular Club Trip along the River Dove from Sudbury to Claymills is making a return. It is only open to BCC members this time around. An 11 mile trip giving you the opportunity to use and improve paddling techniques and skills on moving water. It is for members who consider themselves ready for a longer trip.

On the day we will be meeting at the Clubhouse at 07:30 and returning at approximately 16:00. The early start is required to allow for travelling, ferrying and sufficient water time. Transferring to Sudbury to start point; vehicle ferry to finish for drivers return; return to start paddle and finish at Claymills.

Sign up on the Board in Clubhouse and if you have any questions the trip is being organised by Steve Ball and the cost is £5 per person.

So that the SAC coaches can join the trip there will be  
**no SAC** on this date.

## primrosepaddle

Saturday 15th April. 1.30 -3.30pm



The SAC youngsters will be off for an Easter themed paddle on the 15th April.

We would love for some adult paddlers to come along to join and hide some eggs along the river for the kids to find.

## Return to The Lakes

7th to 14th June 2023

Low Wray Campsite  
Ambleside.

Come for the week or just a few days!

Tent, Pods, Campervans, Motorhomes, Safari Tents.

Booking to the campsite must be made in person. No reference to BCC

please as group booking are restricted

Planned Itinerary

8th - Windermere Paddle/Ambleside

9th - Rydale & Grasmere Hike

10th - Derwent Water Paddle

11th - Windermere Paddle (pm)

12th - Coniston Water Paddle

13th - Mystery Hike

Trip organisers Russ & Paula Adkins, Lesley Gilmour.

Please sign up on the club noticeboard



## Big Paddle Clean Up

Sunday 4th June

Ellis and Erin, two of our younger members, who are regular SAC attendees, are currently undertaking their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh award. As part of the award, they have taken on the challenge of arranging for the club to be part of British Canoeing's 'The Big Paddle Clean Up'. Paddlers from all over the country will be coming together to clear the blue spaces we all enjoy.

So save the date so you can not only support this fantastic initiative but also two of our younger paddlers.

Both Ellis and Erin are baking as part of their award so there may be a cake sale involved!!





## Paddlesport Safety & Rescue Course

The Paddlesport Safety and Rescue Course aims to provide paddlers with the key safety and rescue skills required to operate safely and to be able to deal with common problems in a sheltered water environment.

The course is designed for all paddlers irrespective of their chosen craft. The objective is to introduce, explore and practice simple strategies and safe skills that can provide the paddlers with the tools to solve common paddling issues.

The Paddlesport Safety and Rescue course is a 6-hour programme that consists of 6 modules.

- Clothing and Equipment
- Safety frameworks
- Contact and Towing rescues
- Self-rescues
- Deep water rescues
- Reflection and development



Click [here](#) for more information

## Chris Mayne's Canal Trips



Chris has suggested that he is going to organise a few canal trips in the coming months, Suez and Panama have been mentioned so watch this space!!

## Personal Performance Awards

Mark will be promoting the Personal Performance Awards. These replaced the no longer available Star Awards. The START, DISCOVER and EXPLORE Awards are a benchmark to an individual's standard of achievement and are administered through British Canoeing. Mark will be delivering the training and assessments for these awards.

*Let's Party*

Look out for the 'News Splash' as we will be asking for volunteers to join working parties to Splish, Splash & Splosh paint around on the first floor.





## Check, Clean, Dry

When out paddling please follow British Canoeing advice to help stop the spread of Non-Native Species.



**CHECK** your boats, equipment and clothing for living organisms. Remove anything you find and leave it at the site.

**CLEAN** everything thoroughly as soon as you can, paying attention to the inside of your boat and areas that are damp and hard to access. Use hot water if possible everything thoroughly as soon as you can, paying attention to the inside of your boat and areas that are damp and hard to access. Use hot water if possible.

**DRAIN** water from every part of your boat and dry with a sponge or towel before leaving the site. Dry everything thoroughly for as long as possible. Some invasive plants and animals can survive for two weeks in damp conditions.

For more advice click [here](#)

## Transforming the Trent Valley (TTTV)

Mark and Stuart's recent meeting with East Staffordshire Borough Council (ESBC) was very productive. As ESBC have taken on board the concerns regarding access and portage around Burton Weir. In ESBC's original plan there was no allowance for any egress points which would have created a dangerous situation. The ESBC have agreed to leave sufficient area above the fish pass to allow safe portage around the weir for all users, a definite positive for us all.

## TTTV Marker Post

You may have noticed a new addition to the club. As part of the TTTV project a new marker post has been installed close to the upstream landing stage. Expertly installed by Chris with other members standing around leaning on shovels peering down the hole and occasionally helping...well at least that's what Chris said!!

If you would like to find out more about the Transforming The Trent Valley project click [here](#).

# Paddling for all, always paddling







# MEMBERSHIP UPDATE



## FEES 2022/2023 EXPLAINED

### Attendance Fee

As you are all (hopefully!) aware attendance fees have been raised to £3.00 per session.

This has been necessary to cover the ever rising costs. The revenue from attendance fees pays for our variable costs predominantly made up of Electricity and Water rates which will rise substantially this year.

### Membership Fee

We as a Club, along with every household and public premises are facing a huge increase in costs. The Management Team have therefore taken the difficult decision to increase membership fees. The income from these fees pays for our fixed costs, Insurance, Ground Rent, Affiliation to British Canoeing and Maintenance.

With effect from April 1st 2023 fees will be as follows

Full Single Membership £65

Family Membership £130

Youth/Concession £55

Associate £35



The club will be starting to use WebCollect software to manage membership, subscriptions and events. The systems will not just have benefits for those members who volunteer to run the club but all members. You will be able to renew membership online, no more filling out forms each year, and have the option to pay online. You will be able to see information about upcoming trips and courses with the ability to book and pay for them online too. The system will be linked to our current website so members old and new can find out about membership and events via the website.

The system will also manage club communications so all emails will come from a WebCollect email address, [bcc@webcollect.org.uk](mailto:bcc@webcollect.org.uk), membership renewals, Splosh, News Splashes etc. The first email you will receive from the new system will be about renewing your membership. It will explain the process including how to pay online, this initially will be via bank transfer, which we encourage you to use so as none of your membership fee is used to pay bank fees. Once the payment method has been set up it will appear at checkout for future use. So watch out for the email towards the end of the month.



**Burton Canoe Club** [Admin home](#)  
[www.burtoncanoeclub.co.uk](http://www.burtoncanoeclub.co.uk)

### Welcome to Burton Canoe Club

Welcome to the "WebCollect" site for Burton Canoe Club

On this site you can pay for your membership subscriptions, sign up for trips away, and other so

[taster sessions](#)

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[courses](#)

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[pool sessions](#)



[day trips](#)

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[multi day trips](#)

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[other events](#)



### Membership

New applicants must have completed an introductory session or a full beginner's course and been assessed by a session coach before joining the club.

### Existing Members

[Renew subscriptions >](#)

[Access your account >](#)

### New Members

[Join here >](#)



# COACH SPOTLIGHT



## WHEN AND WHERE DID YOU START PADDLING?

I was introduced to paddling when I attended Derby University to study a Degree in Outdoor Activities Management. Part of my course included canoeing and I visited and paddled on the River Derwent in the Peak District.

## HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN PART OF BURTON CANOE CLUB?

I wanted to upgrade my skills as part of my study at Derby Uni so I joined Burton Canoe Club in 2007. I was made very welcome by members of the club and I was eager to learn from other coaches and was happy to volunteer and assist with sessions when necessary.

I am happy to paddle kayak, canoe and paddleboard and have paddled on lakes, rivers and canals.

## FAVOURITE PADDLING LOCATION AFTER THE TRENT AND WHY?

I have paddled in many varied locations but I think my most favourite place for paddling is the Lake District. Lakes such as Coniston and Windermere are vast with such beautiful scenery.

## PADDLING HIGHLIGHT?

I think my Paddling highlight must be paddling down the River Dordogne in France with a Gold Duke of Edinburgh School group over a period of 5 days. A lovely river to paddle, great scenery and some good quality campsites along the way.



Steve Ball



Chris Mayne



Jonathan  
Whetton



Yvonne Waring



Stuart Briggs



Mark Brian



Steve Stewart



**Pyranha Master 2**

Paddler Weight Range	40-125kg
Boat Length	340 cm
Spray Deck	Universal

The Master 2 is one of the best easy-going kayaks to learn with. With its optional skeg system, an all-round beginners' kayak. Too big, try the smaller Master Lite. Has a retractable skeg to help keep you in a straight line.

**Pyranha Master Lite**

Paddler Weight Range	35-70kg
Boat Length	290cm
Spray Deck	Universal

The smaller version of the Master 2 so an easy-going kayak to learn with. It is one of the best all round beginners' kayaks for children and smaller paddlers. Has a retractable skeg to help keep you in a straight line.

**Dagger Dynamo**

Paddler Weight Range	20-60kg
Boat Length	220cm
Spray Deck	Universal

The number one kids kayak. The displacement hull, with soft edge, is ideal for learning skills on flat and moving water, with space to fit a range of sizes.

Which one will you choose next?

**Dagger GT 7.8**

Paddler Weight Range	35-65kg
Boat Length	231cm
Spray Deck	Universal

Perfect for learning the basics and progressing to moving water. A stable planing hull, with softened rails and balanced volume provides confidence boosting performance, ideal for learning edge control. Outfitting is easy to adjust. Too small, try the larger GTX 8.1.

**Dagger RPM**

Paddler Weight Range	50-100kg
Boat Length	272cm
Spray Deck	Universal

The RPM is a fantastic river runner with its stable and forgiving displacement hull rounded deck and sidewall with balanced volume distribution. A great introductory kayak with easy to adjust outfitting.

**Dagger GTX 8.1**

Paddler Weight Range	65-105kg
Boat Length	249cm
Spray Deck	Universal

Perfect for learning the basics and progressing to moving water. A stable planing hull, with softened rails and balanced volume provides confidence boosting performance, ideal for learning edge control. Outfitting is easy to adjust. Too big, try the smaller GT 7.8.





## paddleperformance

There is a regular group of youngsters who are progressing through the paddleperformance awards covering a wide range of ages and abilities. All levels are currently being worked on and completed which is fantastic. The dedication from the coaches and kids is really paying off with huge improvements being made. SAC youngsters improving their techniques and skills in Kayak, Open Canoe and Long Boats with others utilised as well (SUP, different shape/purpose kayaks etc). This approach is what we have applied for all of SAC years it has been running. We believe this gives young people (and adults) best chance of maybe specialising in a particular discipline and then in future maybe deciding they want to migrate to different craft or discipline: with the above approach, people have the option.

Above also applies maybe when a paddler has had a long career in a specific boat type, and then for reasons of injury for example or just wanting a change, they have the previous background to at least know what other boat type they could use, without having to start completely from scratch



There was not only the youngsters paddleperformance progress to celebrate at SAC February's Celebration Afternoon. There was a special Birthday, it was the big Six O for 'Big Steve'. As Ellis is learning the new skill of baking as part of his Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award he baked a Steve sized Victoria Sponge to enjoy after the partypaddle.



### 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!!

