

SPLOSH



NEWSLETTER



The summer edition of Splosh is a little later than usual, so the nights are already drawing in which means the last Thursday club night is fast approaching. So why not make the most of the late summer evenings and head down to the club, 6.30pm to 8.30pm for a paddle.

The Club have welcomed many different groups throughout the summer with cubs, scouts, Duke of Edinburgh, local schools, veteran and round table groups all attending. A great way to showcase the club but also helps to raise funds for the club. These events could not happen without the commitment of the volunteers. Thank you to everyone who helped.

A special mention must go to Glynn this edition for arranging a number of trips this summer and Lucy for arranging her first. Glynn has another arranged so why not join him on the Ashby Canal paddle, more details on page 6.

As you can imagine there is always lots to do to keep the club running so, please get in touch if you have any time to spare. There are more details on page 7 about specific projects, and we will soon be arranging more working parties to finish off the second floor of the Clubhouse.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this edition it is really appreciated. Enjoy what is left of the summer and see you on the water soon.



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Coventry Canal Trip

Happy Paddlers on Coventry canal at Fradley Junction having just had a cooked breakfast and thankyou for the cookies 🍪 Yvonne they were yummy. Dale definitely liked them!



Return to the Lakes



Another brilliant week was had on our annual trip to the Lake District. A total of 10 members enjoyed paddling trips on Windermere, Coniston Water and Ullswater. Various walks around the area were also thoroughly enjoyed. We hope that more members will join us next year !



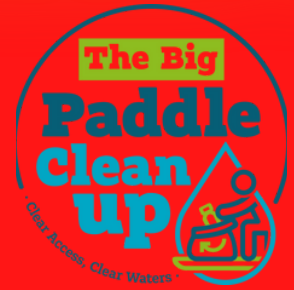
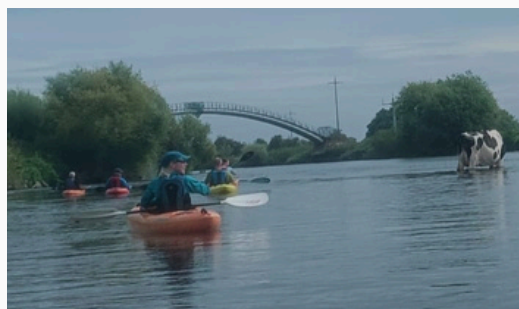
Summer Solstice Paddle

A group of members made the most of the longest day of the year setting off from Walton Bridge stopping at the Riverside for some refreshments before heading back to the Club.



Club Paddle to Willington

Not very often you see a cow in the middle of the river but they did on the Club paddle to Willington. Thanks to all who took part and to Stuart Briggs for opening up.



Big Paddle Clean Up

On Sunday 2nd June, possibly one of the warmest days this year, it was the Big Paddle Cleanup at BCC. We had a great turn out, with open canoes heading in all directions. Not only did we have the sun but swans and moorhens bought their signets and chicks out to help.



One of the other highlights of the day was Lucy and Yvonne stuck deep in the undergrowth down from the Meadows side. How Yvonne managed to drag a huge terracotta pot out of the water I will never know.



Also thanks to Erin and Max from SAC for giving us a hand and for looking after Dave C. Great day had by all, I hope to see more of you there next time.

Kev



Family BBQ & Kev's Kayak Cross Saturday 24th August

It's been a while since the last BBQ, so nothing like a bank holiday weekend as an excuse for another! About twenty members attended and it was also lovely to meet some respective partners for the first time - you are all welcome. After setting up the BBQ with some clever (Dave) wind shielding for flames using tinfoil, it was on with the various burgers, sausages, sweetcorn, peppers, onions, halloumi, and other personal specials - YUMMY. Homemade Banoffee pie and delicious Cookies for afters, kindly brought by members.

Whilst this was going on, and as a first, Kev, spent a lot of time to create a 'kayak-cross-esque' course on the river; buoys, slalom lines, paddle hoop, and other boats arranged to make a FUN event for youngsters and those who 'think' they're still youngsters, alike. It worked really well and provided great fun. Other members used the time between SAC finishing and evening food time, to have a relaxing paddle in the afternoon sunshine. The rain finished its shift at about 2pm, so dry there onwards thankfully.



A lovely convivial evening which would be great to repeat. Thank you to Lesley for taking the time collect the meat and spend time prepping in the new kitchen - greatly appreciated. And of course, the evening wouldn't be what it was without all those who attended. Great to see everyone.
Steve



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



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



CAP - £10.00

One Size

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"



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Ashby Canal Paddle Sunday 15th September 9.00am meet

Ashby Canal Paddle Sunday 15 September meet at Club House 9am. Cars with roof racks would be helpful, bring a packed lunch as this will be a day trip(6-7 miles) and a torch for the tunnel. Launching at the Globe Inn, Snarestone where we will go back for a pint after the paddle.

Glynn



Last Thursday Club Night 26th September

The club will open up for the last time this year on a Thursday as the days draw in from 1830hrs until it is too dark!



pumpkinpaddle Saturday 26th October. 1.30 -3.30pm

The SAC youngsters will be off for the spookiest paddle of the year with decorated boats and fancy dress.

Everyone welcome, so long as you bring copious amounts of chocolate!





.....IN OTHER NEWS

Gary & Alan Yukon Trip

Two of our members recently undertook a canoe trip down the Yukon River, Canada. A total of 445 miles was paddled in 12 days wild camping along the way. Their verdict? "It was a test of endurance with stunning scenery, Beavers, Eagles, Moose but no Bears!



Call for Project Leaders

Are you interested in understanding more about how your Club is run? Would you like to be involved in shaping the future of the Club?

If you have an hour or more spare and could offer your skills on one of the following,

Social media – to develop a social media strategy, identify appropriate platforms, set them up and create a process that the Club can easily keep up to date with.

Membership – identify various ways that we can attract new members to the Club that creates a fully inclusive culture.

Sustainability & Environment – develop and support the implementation of a sustainability strategy and review/improve the current environmental policies.

Club accessibility – complete a feasibility study of improving members accessibility to the Club facilities, including safety aspects, technology improvements and costs, etc.

Trip coordinator – work with members to identify, advertise and coordinate trips to suit all abilities.

The list includes short projects, strategic tasks and volunteer roles and if you were to take on one of these you would be fully supported by one of the Management Team.

If you don't see anything of interest here but would still like to be involved, please let me know as our strategy includes many more exciting projects.

Interested? Email burtoncanoeclub@outlook.com.

Paula Adkins Club Secretary



Quality Club

The Club has been accredited with British Canoeing's Quality Club Status.

The club has demonstrated its commitment to not only meeting but exceeding standards in governance, safeguarding, and safety as well as , helping promote equality, diversity, and inclusion within our community.

A fantastic achievement for the Club with only 12% of UK affiliated clubs holding this prestigious award.

This was of course a team effort but special mention must go to Club Secretary Paula who was the driving force who ensured the club achieved this.

*Since we received the accreditation British Canoeing rebranded to Paddle UK, they will be sending us an updated plaque for the clubhouse.



Community Canoeing 2024

I am delighted to say that the 2024 Community Canoeing programme has been a resounding success. As this was my first year of organising (or even being involved with) the programme I was obviously slightly nervous, however everything went according to plan and we have had some amazing feedback, both from the children and their leaders. We've had approximately 350 young people enjoy a variety of activities on the water including bell-boats, rafted open canoes and kayaks. They played games such as changing seats in the middle of the river, and in some cases even changing boats. We've had a few swimmers, but it's often been difficult to distinguish between those and the 'splash' victims!!!

One thing is very clear, they all thoroughly enjoyed the experience, even the ones that started off very nervous have left excited and wanting to come back for more. In fact, we've had a number of families join the Club as a result of their visit. None of this would have been possible without the all the amazing volunteers who supported each session.



Special mention to Dave Carpenter who was at every session this year, to Kev Ainscoe, who only missed a couple of sessions because "he had to go on holiday" and finally to Captain Jack Sparrow (aka Andras Bacsi) who kept the youngsters (and adults alike) entertained on the lookout for pirates and crocodiles. We closed the programme with a follow up workshop with the volunteers where they identified 'what went well' and how we could make it 'even better if...' To show my appreciation to all the volunteers I also provided a 'thank you' supper.

Now we need to start planning for 2025!

Paula





Landing Stages

As many of you attending club in past couple months will have noticed, the club is now in possession of brand new landing stages and a new three tier design podium. Prior to their installation, some of you will also recall the desperate state of the old timber stages. The timber ones were approximately 12 years old and both having been renewed once each prior. Weather, river water and frequent use resulted in their demise.

After many months of planning and meetings with the contractor, and hard work behind the scenes, the club was awarded a substantial amount of funding to cover cost of materials and building of the stages. It was decided to appoint an outside contractor on this occasion to reduce the workload on the already busy club volunteers. And, to allow us all to do more paddling.

A huge thank you to Steph who was instrumental in securing the funding and continues beavering away finding other funding sources.

Thanks also to Pete and Stuart at PJR Property for all their hard work in constructing the stages. Their work was delayed frequently, interrupted due to high river levels in May, June and early July.

The stages are constructed entirely of recycled plastic and non-corroding fixings, so should last as long as the river bank remains stable. The latter point still needs some work to stabilise and encourage natural build-up of vegetation to help knit the bank structure.

The downstream stage needs a small gap to be filled to continue the full availability to wheelchair users and others who require/prefer to access from tarmac path that runs to rivers edge.

The middle stage (podium), features three levels and a launch pad! The latter is more a guide to help boats enter the water at a better angle and prevent damage to the river bank.

The top level has attracted many of all experience, to enjoy the 'splashdown!' It is hoped everyone is enjoying the new stages. Please let us know any feedback you may have.
Steve Ball

Paddle Sport Instructors

Massive well done to four new Paddlesport Instructors at the club. Justin, Kev, Adam and Katie.
Thank you to Dave Hastie for providing the course.



Dave testing the over 60s podium!!



Paddling for all,
always paddling



Saturday Afternoon Club

UPDATE

Found Farewells

Two of our SAC families are sadly leaving us. The Shaws are relocating to Pembrokeshire and the Potts have returned to Germany.

So watch the space for the inaugural pembrokepaddle next year, (especially as Matt's new job is managing a chocolate factory!!) and SAC's first overseas tour to Germany.

Don't forget to pop in for a paddle when back in the area.



Alles Gute Julian, Elias,
Matthias & Wiltrud.

Pob Iwc Rohan, Noah,
Gemma & Matt.

primrosepaddle

The unwanted addition of Storm Kathleen meant that the on-water plans for SAC's annual primrosepaddle had to be curtailed somewhat. Not to be put off by a little wind the hardy youngsters ventured out in a variety of craft for a rather blustery paddle before heading back to the clubhouse for cake and chocolate and to celebrate a certain ladies Birthday.



Storm Phinea extinguishing
a fire in the clubhouse!



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!!



Huge thanks to Dave and Kev who have joined the SAC coaches that give up their Saturdays to coach the club youngsters.

PLEASE NOTE - It is complete coincidence that two families are leaving now Kev has started helping out!!



Double Olympian

SAC's very own Laura bumped into double kayak Olympic medalist Kimberly Woods. Now Laura is plotting her grand entrance into the next Olympics!

