

DEVA CANOE CLUB

A.G.M. 3RD. JUNE 2004

CHAIRMAN & TREASURER'S REPORT

The numbers in the club continue to steadily rise. From the 68 we had last year we lost 16, although a couple of those will be re-joining again this year. However, we gained 32 new members, which was excellent. So at the end of the year we ended up with 84 in total, with 7 of those being family members.

This trend is continuing, as we already have 12 new members signed up for this year. Most of them are coming through from the Northgate Arena and through the Website.

Many thanks to Matt Perrins for maintaining the website and keeping it up to date. It seems to be being used more as an information site for potential new members rather than as a means of contact between existing club members.

We continue to maintain our strong coaching base with 45 coaches within the Club.

The club has laid on a number of courses throughout the year:

Aquatic First Aid courses.

Palm White Water Safety course.

Canoe Safety Training and Assessment course.

L2 Coach Training course.

Organising these courses is rather difficult. We need people to tell us that they want to do a course. Then when there are enough names, it is worthwhile trying to arrange a convenient date.

Thanks are as usual due to Lyn for all the hard work that she does in putting the Newsletters together. Distribution to, and contact with, members is quite straight forward as nearly everyone is on E-Mail. However, people MUST let me know:

- a) if they do not receive a Newsletter regularly each month.
- b) If they change their E-Mail address. (This generally explains why some people have been having problems with a))

The club is slowly building up its stock of boats and equipment, which is used to help newcomers get started on the water. But we are always in the market for donations of any spare / no longer used equipment :- Helmets spraydecks, paddles, cags & boats etc

Negotiations have been going on throughout the winter with Steve Wilson of the Youth Service, regarding the use of the Riverside Centre by the Club. This has proved very successful and we now have an agreement to use the centre on a regular basis on Thursday evenings. This is working well and we are averaging at over 20 on each

session. Many thanks are due to Paul Janvier for his sterling work in bringing about the meetings which have resulted in such good co-operation.

River Access Rally. Sunday 13th. June.

Farndon to Chester. Being organised by Peninsular Canoe Club.

Details and entry form (£1 donation) are available through me. Give me your name and I will E-Mail them to you. It would be nice to see as many paddlers as possible out on the river on the day in order to show the numbers of canoeists in the area and the strength of feeling on access.

Latest position on the Dee Tours.

Finances.

Although we have spent more this year than our income, we are still in credits as we brought forward over £500 from last year. So the balance stands at £ 289 . 68. If we bring in about £800 from membership fees this will give us about £ 1000 to work with during the year.

I propose that we maintain the Membership Fee at £10 with £5 for each additional family member.

CLUB PROGRAMME 2003 – 2004

June.

21 Farndon to Chester. Night Paddle.

July.

18/19/20 Croyde Bay surfing trip.

September.

6 Club coaching day on Tryweryn.

7 Tryweryn Tour to Bala

14 Aquatic First Aid Course.

18 Club Bar-B-Q at Katrina's house.

21 Trweryn Tour to Bala.

27/28 Woolacombe surfing trip.

October.

4/5 L2 Coach Training Course.

17/18/19 Club Tour. River Teifi.

25 Sea Paddle. Conway ascent.

November.

8/9 Tyne Tour.

22/23 Club Trip. Mid Wales. Upper Wye.

December.

8 NW Region AGM & Coach Update Day. Southport.

January.

24/25 Club Trip. River Dart.

31 Club Meal. Chez Jules.

March.

5/6/7 Club & Youth Club weekend in Lake District. Grassmere.

May

8 Sea Trip. Menai Straits.