



**DEVA Canoe Club**  
**Annual Report**  
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## **1. Welcome and Introduction**

The club started in May 1999 and has now been going for 18 years and hope to do so for many more years to come. Every year we gain more enthusiastic newbies but lose a few members to less exciting time consuming activities.

DEVA's age range spans +18yrs to 80+yrs and paid up membership for this year was 143 (111), made up of 105 (88) males and 38 (23) females. Figures in brackets were for the 2015/2016 year. We constantly need to think of new ideas to attract a higher percentage of both the younger generation and women. Any sensible suggestions would be always be considered by the committee.

Our members range in ability from complete beginners who've barely been in a boat to fully-fledged mad heads addicted to the adrenaline rush of throwing themselves and their boats off waterfalls.

We have members from many paddling disciplines and with a variety of craft preferences. They include play boaters, surf kayakers, open canoeists, scenic flatwater paddlers, sit-on-top paddlers, scary top end white water paddlers, sea kayakers and less energetic white-water paddlers. There were also a number of members who also tried stand-up paddle boarding and mastering a coracle.

## **2. New Members**

The officers and committee extend a very warm welcome to the 57 new members that joined us this year and sincerely hope that you are enjoying yourselves in Deva CC.

## **3. Committee**

The Officers and Committee for the year comprised:

Officers:

Honorary President	- Peter Cook
Honorary Chairperson	- John Lewis
Honorary Secretary	- Keith Brocklehurst
Honorary Treasurer	- Simon Carver
Honorary Membership Secretary	- Simon Carver

Committee

Safety & Welfare Officer	- Alan Reay
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Co-opted members

- Mike Evans, Tim Gibbs, Rachael Hagan,  
Kerry Arnold, Ian McMullen, Steve Cartney,  
Helen Williams

Riverside Co-ordinator - Keith Brocklehurst

Most of the above committee are available to chat to at the Riverside Centre on Thursday evenings during the summer months and at our Sunday afternoon sessions during the winter. Some will also be at the Northgate Arena Canoeing sessions on Mondays and Tuesdays during term time.

#### **4. Committee Meetings**

The club's officers held meetings as and when business required it and a full committee meeting was held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

#### **5. Constitution**

The Club's constitution document was revised in March 2016 in order to bring it up to date with current practice. Members may request a copy at any time by emailing the Secretary at [devacanoeclub@gmail.com](mailto:devacanoeclub@gmail.com)

#### **6. Contact us**

You can contact any of the club's officers by e-mailing [devacanoeclub@gmail.com](mailto:devacanoeclub@gmail.com)

If you want to contact a particular officer then please include their first name in the subject line.

#### **7. Subscription Rates**

The membership fee for 2016-2017 remained unchanged from 2015/2016.

Membership	£15
Additional family member	£5
Thursday evenings (Contribution to the night's rental fee and refreshments)	
Members	£3
Non-members	£5
Equipment hire	
Thursday eve non-members	£2
Members	£0 (free)
Club approved trip	£5 per day (i.e. £10 per weekend) members only

#### **8. Benefits of Membership**

Take advantage of regular club away-day and weekend trips on canal, lake, river & sea (usually free except for any car park / launching charges). If you are free on a Monday evening or Tuesday morning, and have already experienced the weir in Chester, why not come along to Llangollen for a couple of hours? Send us an email for further information.

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Participate in our annual 'Lakes Weekend' in November (A charge is made for the bunk-house style accommodation and meals)

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Attend our Thursday evening sessions (April to September) on the River Dee and weir in Chester (A reduced rate of £3 per night to cover building hire charge).

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Benefit from a Deva member's rate for the Chester Northgate Arena canoe lessons where our coaches organise and staff these twice weekly term time sessions. If you purchase an annual BRIO Club Concession card from Northgate Arena then you pay a

significantly reduced rate per session. Another option is by signing up for Northgate's Brio Leisure Card (Free) to obtain a £1 discount on the normal session charge.

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Some local canoe/kayak retailers (\*) give club discount (typically 10-15%) on production of your Deva membership card.

Manchester Canoes (Warrington) [www.manchester-canoes-and-kayaks.co.uk/](http://www.manchester-canoes-and-kayaks.co.uk/)

Go Kayaking North West (Runcorn) [www.go-kayaking.com/](http://www.go-kayaking.com/)

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Free tuition (\*) by our own experienced members in whatever craft you wish, and at whatever ability level you are at or to which you wish to aspire.

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And remember, owning your own kit is not essential. You can use ours free on Thursday evenings before you decide to buy, or borrow for a nominal daily charge (£5) for our away-days! We have a wide range of craft: Kayaks, Sea Kayaks, Open Canoes (Canadian type) and Sit on Tops.

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You'll be one of a friendly bunch of folk, keen to help others and introduce them to the joy of our sport. We all have one thing in common which is we all paddle for fun and enjoyment and, apart from water safety, don't take anything too seriously.

(\*) One of the main benefits of becoming members of Deva Canoe Club is that all of our coaching, help, advice and time are given for free. Even on non-club trips you will find that our members will give up their time to coach and help to the best of their ability anyone new to kayaking. Please note that members are welcome to seek private coaching or courses external to the club if they so wish but this would be at a cost funded by them. Deva Canoe Club does not endorse any coaching business, equipment supplier or manufacturer and as such any related advice from its members is solely their own opinion.

## **9. Peer Group Paddles**

Deva's Officers are aware that some members organise paddling events through Facebook and we wish to encourage this.

However, we feel that it is important to make clear that such trips are informal, NOT the responsibility of the club and NOT covered by the club's liability insurance.

Members paddling on such trips should consider having their own appropriate liability and personal possessions insurance.

It is the responsibility of each member to decide whether a proposed activity is suitable for them, in particular, beginners and those with limited experience should be aware that some trips may be too difficult.

## **10. Club Events**

A club event will only be announced from the club email address (devacanoclub@gmail.com) and all communications relating to the event must come through the same address.

If you participate in any official club event, are a paid-up member of the club or a registered guest, you will be covered by our British Canoeing Liability Insurance whether you are a member of British Canoeing or not.

Please note that this liability insurance does NOT cover your boat or kit and therefore members should consider having their own appropriate personal possessions insurance.

A club trip can be organised by any club member but must first be approved by the club's Safety and Welfare Officer (Alan Reay) and have approved leader(s) within the group responsible for leading on the water.

Approval for a club trip can be obtained by contacting Alan Reay via the club E-mail.

### **11. Use of Club Boats and Kit**

Please note that the club only loans-out its boats and kit for official Deva events and not for peer group paddles or one's personal use.

### **12. On Home Water**

Our Spring / Summer season Thursday evening sessions opened on 7 April 2016 until 22 September 2016 and continued on Sunday afternoons (at two-week intervals) throughout the Autumn and Winter.

Many thanks go to everyone who organised, lead trips, coached our inexperienced members, photographed our moments, cleaned / mopped up and most importantly supported our events throughout the year. Too many to name individually but your contribution is greatly appreciated.

Please remember that the club cannot operate without the help of its members. If you can spare some time then please come forward and speak to one of the committee.

The Riverside centre, the building that we and three other local canoe clubs rent from the Queen's Park High School, is our base and home to our Thursday evening (Spring / Summer) and Sunday afternoon (Autumn / Winter) River Dee and Weir sessions which included the all-important socialisation, hot drink and, for those fortunate to be off the water before Derek, chocolate biscuits.

The year's home events included:

Sea Kayak taster evening

Demo Night in June when 'Go Kayaking North West (Runcorn)' brought a wide range and sizes of craft for us to try. 35 members and guests attended.

An opportunity to practise capsizing, swimming and rescues in July

Fortnightly SunDee Paddles

Night paddle from Eccleston back to the Riverside Centre in October

Boxing Day paddle by kind invitation of Ian McMullen's Chester Riverside Canoe Club. 12 Deva members attended.

For those who loved paddling in warm chlorinated water, the twice weekly term time pool sessions in Northgate Arena.

### **13. Further afield**

Approval for a club trip can be obtained by contacting Alan Reay via the club E-mail and any 'Approved club Trip' will then be advertised to the membership through the club E-Mail. Full details of an approved trip will not be advertised through Facebook. A club trip can be organised by any club member but must have a 'committee approved' leader within the group responsible for leading on the water. If you have any questions then please contact us by email.

DEVA has become well recognised at MEM, Llangollen. If you are there, why not introduce yourself to Kirsteen (River Active Llangollen) as DEVA members and don't forget to say hello to Dave the dog too!

In July we received great news that the long-standing disagreement between various landowners at MEM had been resolved and we could again access the meadow to walk up to the railway bridge.

Tuesday morning group (aka Deva OFs)

Deva OFs broke their previous attendance record of 16 with 20 members attending their Tuesday session at Llangollen on 4th October 2016.

You don't have to be retired to be one of the OFs gang. It's open to any member who has time to spare on a Tuesday morning and is confident in paddling on grade 2-3 white water.

River Dee - MEM, Llangollen

River Dee - Ponsonby Arms to Trevor Rocks

River Dee - Farndon to Sandy Lane

Llangollen Canal - Sun Trevor to Pontcysyllte Aqueduct

Sunday crew

River Dee - MEM, Llangollen

Tuesday evening group

River Dee - MEM, Llangollen

Richard Bingham

Introduction sessions to the lower and upper Tryweryn

Plus:

April 2016

Peter Cook / Alan Reay

Sea - Menai Straits to Caernarfon and Fort Belan

Alan Reay

Canal - Dudley Tunnels

May 2016

Nothing arranged.

June 2016	Alan Reay Simon Carver Alan Reay	Sea – Anglesey River Severn – Bridgnorth to Upper Arley Sea – Colwyn Bay / Llandudno
July 2015	Helen Williams	River Dee – Playboat coaching at Llangollen with Lowri Davies
	Keith Brocklehurst & John Lewis Simon Carver	Intro to kayaking on Llangollen’s white water Intro to 'open boating' on Llangollen’s moving water.
	Richard Bingham	Basic rescues and safety techniques on grade 2 white water at Llangollen
	Alan Reay	Sea - Anglesey
August 2016	Simon Carver Alan Reay	River Severn – Iron Bridge to Bridgnorth Sea kayaking for first timers – Colwyn Bay
September 2016	Nothing arranged.	
October 2016	Alan Reay Alan Reay	Night paddle - Eccleston to the Riverside centre Lower Tryweryn
November 2016	John Lewis	Annual Lakes Weekend
December 2016	Robin Harris Alan Reay	River Dee - Glyndffrwy to Town Falls Canal - Pontcysyllte aqueduct
January 2017	Sea trip cancelled due to unsuitable weather conditions.	
February 2017	Nothing arranged.	
March 2017	Alan Reay Alan Reay	River Wye - Builth Wells to Boughrood River Dee - Bore

Don't forget to check the calendar on the Deva Canoe Club website for future trips  
[www.devacanoecub.co.uk](http://www.devacanoecub.co.uk)

#### **14. Annual Lake District Weekend (4-5 November 2016)**

Thanks to John Lewis for organising the club's annual lakes trip especially since he had recently undergone hip replacement surgery. Thanks also John's wife, Alex, for acting as his chauffeur and the help she gave throughout the weekend. And last but not least, Chef Peter Steel for his culinary skills in feeding the 35 members who attended.

Members too showed their appreciation on Facebook. A few of their messages are given below....

Phil Peters said...BIG THANK YOU!!! to the Deva Team for a great weekend. Well done to John Lewis and the firework display was a nice touch. Food was amazing thanks Peter Steel and helpers. Also thanks to Bill Bottomley and Andrew Wrigley for looking after me and the gang on the River Kent. Good weekend with good company.

Fran Rhodes posted...Just going to jump on board with the thanks for a fab weekend! Felt a tad nervy about not knowing many people & being a newbie sized pain in the ass but you all made me feel really welcome & I had a lot of fun running my first river (...and rock).

Helen Williams commented...Thanks everyone for a great weekend. A special thanks to John Lewis for organising, Peter Steel for cooking and Alan Reay for leading on Saturday. Also massive thanks for letting us bring Thomas so we both could come on the trip, I think he enjoyed being entertained by everyone and I am sure it will seem very boring to him tomorrow when there is only me and Pete.

Keith Peek added...Massive thanks to all involved in making the lakes trip happen and such a great weekend despite having to search for water!! Special thanks must go to John for organising it.

John Williamson wrote...I would like to thank John Lewis for organising a great weekend and finding such good accommodation, Andrew Wrigley and Bill Bottomley for a great trip down the Kent, Peter Steel for his chef skills and great company from all. Let's hope the rain gods are on our side next year!

Bill Neary (also the Quiz winner)...Ditto from me - great weekend brilliantly organised by John et al. And speaking of Al(ex)... special thanks to John's wife for all her hard work in the hostel. We loved the quiz but strangely, my wife doesn't appreciate this magnificent trophy taking pride of place in our lounge.

## **15. Public Rights of Navigation (PRN)**

British Canoeing and Canoe Wales issued the following statement regarding Public Rights of Navigation (PRN) in February 2017 and it is important that everyone familiarises themselves with its content:

**British Canoeing and Canoe Wales continue to commit resources to improve access to and along all our waterways – from rivers and canals to lakes and the coast.**

**We work closely with a wide range of organisations, partnerships, navigation authorities and environmental agencies to promote the interests of canoeists and kayakers, and the need for greater recognition of access rights.**

**The legal position for paddlers continues to be a hot topic, and we remain committed to securing greater recognition of the research conducted in the past 15 years which has challenged previous assumptions regarding the public's right to navigate our waterways.**

**This issue has been in the spotlight recently following the threat of legal action relating to an issue on the River Dee, which led to a court claim being issued against a member of Canoe Wales.**

**British Canoeing and Canoe Wales worked closely together to support the paddler in question who took independent legal advice. However, the case did not proceed to court as the angling clubs and paddler both decided to reach a compromise out of court.**

**As such, no legal judgment was issued on navigation and access rights, either on the River Dee or regarding any universal PRN. The case does not provide any authority or precedent to suggest there is no general PRN and British Canoeing and Canoe Wales' stance on such matters remains unchanged.**

**We do however want to emphasise that both organisations want to encourage and promote responsible and sustainable use by all river users which means working together for the benefit of all who wish to enjoy our waterways.**

**Our position on the legal background to PRN matters, along with details of our stance regarding both Shared Use of our waterways and a Code of Conduct for paddlers can be found in our Position Statement on Shared Use, downloadable using the link below.**

**British Canoeing and Canoe Wales have made considerable efforts over the years to work towards increasing cooperation and partnership between user groups, landowners and other organisations on and around our rivers and lakes.**

**We remain absolutely committed to this process so as to develop shared fair use arrangements which benefit all inland waterways users and we are fully supportive of initiatives which bring all river users together, to find genuinely cooperative solutions to facilitate access for all.**

**More information on our policy regarding Shared Use and developing positive partnerships between users can be found in our Position Statement on Shared Use and a Briefing Note on Trespass.**

## **16. First Aid Training**

Alan Reay organised a two-day Rescue and Emergency Care (REC) First Aid course on 3&4 September 2016. The course was presented by Chris Brain and 10 members attended.

## **17. Sea Kayaking Theory Training**

Peter Cook and Alan Reay ran three 2-hour classroom style evenings in Jan, Feb & Mar 2017 to introduce budding sea kayakers to all aspects of this sport with 17 members supporting the sessions.

## **18. Donations to and from the Club**

The club wishes to acknowledge the kind generosity of members for donations of unwanted boats, boat rack on wheels and other miscellaneous items of kit throughout the year.

The organisers of the 2016 Dee Mile Swim donated £150 to the club for its help in supporting their event.

We have since donated this money to the Hospice of the Good Shepherd and received the following letter of thanks:

Thank you for your very kind donation of £150.00 to the Hospice of the Good Shepherd in respect of your annual Dee Mile Swim. I would like to thank you, on behalf of everyone at the Hospice, for choosing to support our good cause.

Your wonderful gift is now working hard to continue providing specialised nursing care at your local Hospice to care for people from your local area. We care for more than 1,500 patients each year on the hospice ward. We also offer complementary therapies, physiotherapy and a whole range of support through our day care services and bereavement support. Our education service is also influential throughout our catchment area.

Through this gift you are making a huge difference to so many people who need our vital services so thank you once again, your support is greatly appreciated.

Kindest regards, Kerry Taylor

## **19. New purchases**

Sea kayaks, open boats and miscellaneous bits and pieces.

## **20. Boat Inventory at year end**

Inland kayaks	25 (+1 rescue practice boat)
Sea kayaks	8
Sit on Top Kayaks	2
Stand Up Paddle Board	1
Open Canoes	10

## **21. Annual Inspection and Testing**

The annual inspection of boats, helmets, cagoules, wetsuits plus the testing of all buoyancy aids (PFDs) for this year took place on Sunday 20 March 2016 at 1pm. All damaged or defective items were removed from service.

Peter Cook, Simon Carver, John Lewis, Keith Brocklehurst and Steve Cartney were present.

## **22. Learning Occurrences**

Nothing to report this year

## **23. Promoting DEVA**

A DEVA flier was circulated to all members in June asking them to post it on workplace noticeboards and forward onto friends who they think might like to join us.

A number of Deva's officers (Simon Carver, Keith Brocklehurst and John Lewis) attended the Chester Riverside Canoe Club's 'Go Kayaking' day on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May to promote Deva Canoe Club to their junior members and, of course, their parents. This proved very successful and a number of those spoken to have since joined us.

Peter Cook and Keith Brocklehurst represented Deva CC at the new Watersports centre's 'pre-planning consultation drop-in session' in Chester town hall on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2016.

Llangollen Outdoors, River Active Llangollen, Manchester Canoes and Kayaks and BRIO (Northgate Arena) kindly exhibit DEVA advertising posters.

Many thanks to Michael Evans for help in designing and producing our new advertising banners. These are put up on the railings outside the Riverside Centre whenever we are in residence.



Thanks also to Andy Walker for producing the sign above our bay door.



## **24. Creating links with Universities**

For some time we have been attempting to create links with local universities to encourage their students to take up paddling.

As a result of Peter Cook's and John Lewis' liaising we have seen a breakthrough in our efforts and we are delighted to now be helping students from both Chester University and MMU (Crewe) whose students are now attending the weekly Northgate canoeing sessions.

In November 2016 we created a special club 'Associate Membership' solely to enable bona fide university students to benefit from Deva's discounted rate for Northgate's canoeing sessions. However, any student(s) wishing to join Deva CC will still have to pay our full membership fee.

We are also working closely with Chester University's newly created Watersports Society to encourage its members to take up canoeing.

## **25. Helping Others**

The club is always asked by local charities and organisations to help with their events.

We see these as an important part of our 'paddling life' and this year we are delighted to been part of the following:

### The Dee Mile Swim in July 2016

20 Deva members gave up their spare time to help and we received this email from Ciara Murphy, organiser of the event:

Please can you pass on our heartfelt thanks to all of your wonderful canoeists for their fabulous work on Saturday at the Dee Mile swim. The feedback from swimmers was wonderful and from an organisers point of view we felt in very safe hands. It was my first year organising and I would love to hear any feedback on how we can improve. Many thanks once again.

### Hospice of the Good Shepherd "Light up a Life" Remembrance Ceremony on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2016



12 members helped and thanks to Bill Neary for taking the photos.

## **26. Christmas Paddle**

Thanks to Alan Reay who organised this year's Christmas trip along the Llangollen Canal and, for those with a head for heights, an opportunity to paddle over the Pontcysyllte aqueduct finishing with lunch at the Sun Trevor pub. This was very much enjoyed by the 18 paddlers who participated.

## **27. Club Facebook Page**

The club has a Facebook page, **Deva Kayakers + friends of** (administered by John Lewis) which is going from strength to strength with 214 registered followers (190 last year) with an estimated 100 (50 last year) viewing new posts within the first week.

Existing members have been out in force posting ad-hoc friendship trips on our Facebook wall and newer members are learning it's always worth asking if you can join in even if you are unsure if you meet the required ability level, as long as you are honest about your own ability. After all none of our regular members will purposely put you at risk or on water that you won't cope with, so the worst that can happen is they reply with "not this time due to your ability level or the current water level".

Often (water level allowing) you will find that they will willingly take you and look after you if it is at the top end of your ability, so thank you to all members who have been doing this and as such helping less experienced paddlers to improve their skills.

But please remember, anyone wishing to organise a trip on Facebook should ensure they make it clear that it is a peer group paddle and not a club organised trip as well as indicating what standard of paddler the trip is suitable for (e.g. Grade 2/3 must be competent paddling the Lower Tryweryn).

Note: not all of Deva's officers use Facebook and therefore will not be able to see any comments or posts on the club's own Facebook page.

If you wish to access our Facebook page then please email John Lewis at [devacanoecub@gmail.com](mailto:devacanoecub@gmail.com) and he'll send you instructions on what to do.

## **28. Deva Photographs**

Many thanks to those who have captured Deva's canoeing/kayaking adventures throughout the year. In particular Terry Hudson who, as the official Deva paparazzi, continues to capture the moments of the club's members.

The majority of pictures are posted on our Facebook page with some also being uploaded to our Flickr account.

[To view the Deva Canoe Club photos on Flickr....](#)

Go onto Flickr.com  
In the search box type DEVA CANOE CLUB  
Click on SEARCH PEOPLE

Click on the DEVA LOGO  
Click on the large blue DEVA CANOE CLUB wording

Click on PHOTOSTREAM to show all photos.  
Click on ALBUMS to show photos by events.

To add Deva Canoe Club photos on Flickr....

Send the Secretary an email to [devacanoeclub@gmail.com](mailto:devacanoeclub@gmail.com) and you'll receive the log-on details and password.

## **29. Club Clothing**



Deva CC has club clothing with its logo on it (on front with or without your name and on the back too). There is a choice of polo shirts £12.50, tee-shirts £8 and hoodies £20, plus postage. There's a selection of colours too. Products are being supplied by Sportsform in Bedford. We are listed on the front of their front Website page, <http://sportsform.biz/90-deva-canoe-club>. You need to order from and pay them directly, and if several of you want to join together to form an order to see if it saves postage then feel free (the website states postage at checkout) but you need to sort it out among yourselves!

## **30. New Community Watersports Centre**

As you may be aware, there is an on-going proposed Project to build a new Community Watersports Centre on the site of the existing Riverside Centre/Queen's Park H.S. boathouse.

This has been on-going for the last two years and it has now reached the stage when the proposed design and site layout has gone to public consultation, prior to being submitted for pre-Planning Application in April 2017.

Peter Cook and Keith Brocklehurst represented Deva CC at the public consultation event on Tuesday 25th October 2016.

Further details about the Project, Aims and History etc. can be found on the Project website <https://chestercommunitywatersportshub.wordpress.com/>

Although there are no actual plans shown on the site there is one artist's impression of the building.



The club's position is that currently we do not know whether the provision being made for our club is sufficient for our current needs and operation and also future expansion and development of the club.

There is also no financial Business Plan as yet so we do not know if the proposed Centre is financially viable and capable of being self-financing long term and whether or not the club can afford to be part of it.

It will obviously cost a lot of money to run such a Centre, and that money must come from somewhere.

Please be assured that if Deva's officers feel the project is unsustainable or disadvantages the club they will consult all members through a general meeting.

If you have any questions please ask one of the club's officers but we can't guarantee to have all (if any) of the answers.

An enormous vote of thanks goes to Peter Cook for representing Deva CC at all the Design User Group and Steering Group meetings and to club members Alan Reay (representing the Scouts Canoeing group) and Ian McMullen (representing the Chester Riverside Canoe Club) for their joint support too.

Keep your paddles crossed for a successful outcome to this project.

### **31. Next Year (2017-2018)**

Our 19<sup>th</sup> year starts on 1 April 2017 with the Thursday evening Riverside season commencing on 6 April 2017.

We are also delighted to announce that the autumn/winter fortnightly Sunday sessions will continue throughout the spring and summer.

Your annual Deva membership subscription (£15) becomes due on 1 April 2017.

Please make the treasurer's life easier by paying on-time....you know who you are!

Last year's non-payers (2015-2016) will soon be removed from the club's email circulation list by the Membership Secretary, whose decision is final!

### **32. Your Personal Information**

When you first joined the club you advised us of any current health issues. If your health has changed in a way that it may now affect your paddling ability then it is your responsibility to inform the leader of every Deva trip/event that you participate in. The Membership Secretary should also be informed so that your personal details can be updated. Email Simon at [devacanoeclub@gmail.com](mailto:devacanoeclub@gmail.com)

### **33. Data Protection**

Personal information given to us on the club's membership and health declaration forms is solely for the purpose to help with the administration of the club and communicating directly with members. It will always be treated in confidence and never shared with anyone. Members can request to view their own personal data held by the club by emailing Simon at [devacanoeclub@gmail.com](mailto:devacanoeclub@gmail.com)

### **34. Useful Websites**

Deva Canoe Club	<a href="http://www.devacanoeclub.co.uk">www.devacanoeclub.co.uk</a>
UK Rivers Guidebook	<a href="http://www.ukriversguidebook.co.uk">www.ukriversguidebook.co.uk</a>
Environmental Agency	<a href="http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/homeandleisure/floods/riverlevels/default.aspx">www.environment-agency.gov.uk/homeandleisure/floods/riverlevels/default.aspx</a>
Rain Chasers, River Levels	<a href="http://www.rainchasers.com">www.rainchasers.com</a>
British Canoeing	<a href="http://www.britishcanoeing.org.uk">www.britishcanoeing.org.uk</a>
Manchester Canoes and Kayaks, Warrington	<a href="http://www.manchester-canoes-and-kayaks.co.uk">www.manchester-canoes-and-kayaks.co.uk</a>
Go Kayaking, Runcorn	<a href="http://www.go-kayaking.com">www.go-kayaking.com</a>
Dee Sports, Chester	<a href="http://www.watersportschester.co.uk">www.watersportschester.co.uk</a>
The Rubber Man, Dry Suits and Repairs, Glan Conwy	<a href="http://www.rubberman.co.uk">www.rubberman.co.uk</a>

### **35. Treasurer's Report for 2016/2017**

The financial position of the club continues to remain healthy thanks to the efforts of our Honorary Treasurer, Simon Carver.

The year-end accounts for 2016-2017 are given below.

	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Debit</u>
Cash in hand at start of year	£196.98	
Balance at bank at start of year	<u>£7,387.13</u>	
Balance B/F	£7,584.11	
Membership	£1,815.00	
Riverside centre	£3,312.12	£2,001.50
BCU		£295.60
Boats		£2,918.32
Other capital		£393.10
Lakes trip	£1,700.00	£1,507.30
Training	£860.00	£986.98
Miscellaneous	<u>£150.00</u>	<u>£317.11</u>
TOTALS for year	£7,837.12	£8,419.91
Balance C/F	£7,001.32	
Balance at bank	£6,897.40	
Cash in hand	<u>£103.92</u>	
	£7,001.32	

Simon Carver  
Treasurer - Deva Canoe Club  
March 2017

### **36. Minutes of the 2016 Deva Canoe Club AGM**

#### **RIVERSIDE CENTRE, 18:20 THURSDAY 28TH APRIL 2016**

Present: 22 (5 officers, 3 committee, 14 members)

Agenda:

1. Welcome.

The Vice Chairman (John Lewis) welcomed members to the meeting. He mentioned that, in the absence of the Chair (Kerry Arnold), he would front the whole meeting.

2. Apologies for absence: Kerry Arnold and Anthony Brockway
3. Matters arising from the 2015/2016 Annual report (including minutes of 2015 AGM and financial summary).

None. Acceptance proposed: Alan Reay Seconded: Peter Cook

4. Matters arising from the revised Club Constitution.

None. Acceptance proposed: Ian McMullen Seconded: Simon Carver

The Vice Chairman thanked the secretary for compiling the annual report and the revised constitution document.

5. Membership Subscriptions for 2016/2017 and the delisting of unpaid members.

Members were reminded that subscriptions are now due for 2016/2017 and those who didn't pay last year and do not renew will be delisted from email communications.

6. Officers, Committee and Co-opted Committee Members for 2016 – 2017.

Officers:

Honorary President	Peter Cook
Honorary Chair	John Lewis
Honorary Treasurer	Simon Carver
Honorary Membership Secretary	Simon Carver
Honorary Secretary	Keith Brocklehurst

Committee

Safety & Welfare officer	Alan Reay
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Co-opted committee: Kerry Arnold, Steve Cartney, Mike Evans, Tim Gibbs, Rachel Hagan, Ian McMullen, Helen Williams

Riverside co-ordinator Keith Brocklehurst

The list of committee was read out.

Acceptance proposed: Peter Walters                      Seconded: Andy Walker

Members were reminded that if one wished to help the club in any way then they should make themselves known to the committee.

7. Forthcoming Deva Events.

- a. Go Kayaking North West Demo Night at the Riverside - Thursday 9 June
- b. Playboat training at Mile End Mill with Lowri Davis - Saturday 9 July
- c. Safety refresher event at the Riverside Centre - Sunday 31 July
- d. Lakes Weekend – 4/5 November.

Members were reminded about our calendar of events on the website and that notification is usually sent out by email about 2 weeks before an event.

Members were also reminded about the difference between ‘official DEVA trips’ and the ‘Peer trips’ that are put on FACEBOOK

Alan Reay asked for any ideas / suggestions for future club trips to be sent to him at the club email address.

8. Any other business.

None

Keith Brocklehurst  
Secretary – Deva Canoe Club  
29 April 2016