

# Deva



# Canoe Club

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## Annual Report 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019



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## **1. Annual Report**

This report has been written by Keith Brocklehurst (Deva CC Secretary) and approved by John Lewis (Deva CC Chairperson).

## **2. Welcome and Introduction**

The club started back in the last century and, in May 2019, we will have been going for 20 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 170, made up of 129 males and 41 females.

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 last but not least, less energetic white-water paddlers (aka Deva OFs).

## **3. 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.

## **4. Deva's Success and Growth**

For interest, here's how the club has continued to grow over the last 5 years:

2014-2015	116 consisting of 102 male, 14 female (88% / 12%)
2015-2016	111 consisting of 88 male, 23 female (79% / 21%)
2016-2017	143 consisting of 105 male, 38 female (73% / 27%)
2017-2018	151 consisting of 110 male, 41 female (73% / 27%)
2018-2019	170 consisting of 129 male, 41 female (76% / 24%)

A survey carried out during the year indicated a wide range of ways in which new members were attracted to the club which included: Google search, through a friend, our website, Riverside Centre banner and the Northgate pool sessions.

We constantly need to think of new ideas to promote the club and attract more members. Any suggestions would be always be considered by the committee.

## 5. 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 of typically £50 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 the Monday night term time sessions. If you purchase an annual BRIO Canoeing Club Concession card from Northgate Arena then you pay a significantly reduced rate per session. Ask Peter Cook (Club President) or Keith Brocklehurst (Club Secretary) for a signed discount form. 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 (\*\*) may give club discount 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 at any of our Riverside Centre sessions 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), Sit-on-Tops and Stand-up paddle board.

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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.

## **6. 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
Co-opted members	- Mike Evans, Tim Gibbs, Keith Peek, Colin Hayward, Judith Lathaen (Deputy Welfare officer), Ian McMullen, Steve Cartney, Helen Williams, Yvette Schutten

Most of the above officers are available to chat to at the Riverside Centre on Thursday evenings during the summer and at our fortnightly Sunday afternoon sessions. Some will also be at the Northgate Arena Canoeing sessions on Monday evenings during term time.

## **7. Committee Meetings**

The club's officers held meetings as and when business required it and the annual full committee meeting was held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at the Toby Carvery in Hoole village.

## **8. Constitution**

The club's constitution was last revised in March 2016 and members may request a copy at any time by emailing the Secretary.

## **9. Contact us**

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

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

If you wish to participate in a specific Deva event or reply to a recent club email then could we please ask that you reply only to the relevant email(s). Replying using an earlier unrelated club email, where the subject titles may be different, could result in your message being missed as it may not be obvious to the Club officer concerned that it is for them.

## **10. Subscription Rates**

The membership fee for 2018-2019 remained unchanged.

Membership	£15
Additional family member	£5
Riverside Centre Sessions	
Members	£3
Non-members	£5
Equipment hire at the Riverside Centre	
Non-members	£2
Members	£0 (free)
Equipment hire (club trips) *	£5 per day

\* 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.

## **11. 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.

## **12. Promoting Deva**

The publishers of "Love Chester", Chester's monthly business and community magazine, kindly offered to include a free advert for Deva Canoe Club on the community page of their February 2019 edition.

**DEVA CANOE CLUB** is Chester's only adult recreational canoe club based alongside the River Dee on Lower Park Road in Handbridge. We are a group of passionate paddlers and all share a common interest in encouraging adults of all ages to experience and enjoy this exhilarating sport. We paddle throughout the year on sea, rivers (flat and white water), lakes and canals throughout the North West and welcome new members (beginners or experienced) at any time. You don't need to own a boat to participate as we have a wide range of craft for you to try. To find out more, please visit our website [www.devacanoeclub.co.uk](http://www.devacanoeclub.co.uk) or email [devacanoeclub@gmail.com](mailto:devacanoeclub@gmail.com)



### **13. Club Events**

A club event will only be announced from the club email address and all communications relating to the event must come through the same address.

If you participate in any official Deva Canoe 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 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.

If you have any questions then please contact us by email.

### **14. On Home Water**

Our spring / summer season Thursday evening sessions opened on 5 April 2018 until 27 September 2018 with 4-weekly Sunday afternoons and away-days throughout the period.

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...when attending any of our Riverside Centre sessions it would be appreciated if you offered help to clean and tidy-up at the end of a session.

The club's officers spend a lot of their time and effort in running and organising everything and hate having to continuously ask you to help out.

With typically 50 riverside sessions a year and with over 100 members attending at some stage during the year, this means that you would only have to help once in 2 years!

So please...offer to help...and don't wait to be asked!

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 Deva Canoe Club, Chester Riverside Canoe Club and Cheshire Scouts 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 first, chocolate biscuits.

The year's home events included:

GKNW Demo sessions on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May and Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June when Andy and John from 'Go Kayaking North West (Runcorn)' kindly brought a wide range and sizes of craft for us to try.

Regular SunDee Paddles from Sandy Lane to the blue bridge and back with an interlude for lunch at the Crook of Dee (a sandy beach on a bend in the river....not a pub!).

Night paddle from Eccleston back to the Riverside Centre on our last Thursday evening of our summer sessions.

Russell Spriggs' winter sea kayak skills and drills sessions during our fortnightly Riverside Centre meetings.

Boxing Day paddle by kind invitation of Ian McMullen's Chester Riverside Canoe Club. 3 Deva members attended.

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

### **15. Stuart Cowie Commemorative Paddle**

Peter Cook, Allen Cummings, Geoff Carter and Keith Brocklehurst joined Stuart's family and friends in a commemorative paddle from Sandy Lane to the Blue Bridge on Saturday 28 July 2018. The 15 paddlers and approximately 10 others joined the remembrance picnic at Eccleston Ferry.

### **16. Paddling in Wales**

Please be aware that there are no current laws which say we can, or cannot, paddle on Welsh waters. As such there is a chance that you could be approached by land-owners, fishermen or local residents all who may have strong anti-paddler views.

Please treat these individuals with respect, listen to what they may have to say and, if you feel the urge to reply, please be polite to them but most importantly, please don't discredit our club!

The Welsh government are currently addressing a wide range of related issues and we look forward to workable agreements that satisfy all sides of the argument.

## **17. Further afield (Mile End Mill, Llangollen)**

DEVA has become well recognised and respected at Mile End Mill (MEM), Llangollen. If you are there, then please introduce yourself to Kirsteen (River Active Llangollen) as DEVA members.

You may find the water level table below helpful before deciding to make the drive to MEM. It relates to the relationship between the Environment Agency (EA) reading at Corwen and the yellow gauge at MEM.

<b>River Levels</b>		<b>River Levels</b>	
<b>MEM</b>	<b>Corwen</b>	<b>MEM</b>	<b>Corwen</b>
<b>1.5</b>	<b>0.52</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>0.89</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>0.54</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0.92</b>
<b>2.5</b>	<b>0.56</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>0.95</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>0.59</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0.98</b>
<b>3.5</b>	<b>0.61</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>1.00</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>0.64</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1.02</b>
<b>4.5</b>	<b>0.68</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1.06</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>0.70</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1.12</b>
<b>5.5</b>	<b>0.72</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1.20</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>0.76</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1.25</b>
<b>6.5</b>	<b>0.79</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1.32</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>0.81</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>1.42</b>
<b>7.5</b>	<b>0.83</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>1.50</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>0.86</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1.65</b>
		<b>19.5</b>	<b>1.70</b>

On the EA website, [loi.naturalresources.wales/ViewDetails?station=4163](http://loi.naturalresources.wales/ViewDetails?station=4163), get the latest retrieved value for the River Dee at Corwen and read off the current MEM level from the table.

For instance, 0.70 on the EA website would be about a level 5 at MEM. Please remember that this is only an approximation based on data that's been acquired over the last couple of years.

Tuesday morning group (aka Deva OFs)

You don't have to be retired to accompany the OFs. It's open to any member who has their own boat, time to spare on a Tuesday morning and is confident in paddling on Llangollen's grade 2-3 white water.

On the odd occasion when the water level was too high at MEM to paddle safely, we moved to other locations including the lower stretch of the River Dee below Llangollen Town Bridge, Llangollen Canal, River Dee (Farndon to Sandy Lane) and the upper reaches of the River Weaver (Winsford Flashes).

Sunday crew

River Dee - MEM, Llangollen

## **18. Further afield (Day trips and away-days)**

April 2018		
	Club away day	River Dee - Farndon to Sandy Lane
May 2018		
	Club away day	River Douglas
	Alan Reay	Sea paddle - Puffin Island
	Colin Hayward, Keith Peek	Sea paddle - Abersoch
June 2018		
	Club away day	River Weaver - Winsford to Northwich
	Colin Hayward, Keith Peek	Sea paddle - Abersoch to the Tudwal's
	Colin Hayward, Keith Peek	Sea paddle - Trearddur to Rhoscolyn
	Club away day	Mile End Mill, Llangollen
	Colin Hayward, Keith Peek	Sea Kayak training (fortnightly) - Colwyn Bay
July 2018		
	Colin Hayward, Keith Peek	Sea Kayak training (fortnightly) - Colwyn Bay
	Peter Cook, Alan Reay	Sea paddle - Moelfre to Point Lynas
	Peter Cook, Alan Reay	Sea paddle - Port Dinorwic, Abermenai Point, Fort Belan, Dinas Dinlle
August 2018		
	Colin Hayward, Keith Peek	Sea Kayak training (fortnightly) - Colwyn Bay
	Club away day	Mile End Mill, Llangollen
	Club away day	Day at the Seaside - Colwyn Bay
	Colin Hayward	Sea paddle - Conwy ascent
September 2018		
	Peter Cook, Alan Reay	Sea paddle - Menai Straits
October 2018		
	Peter Cook, Alan Reay	Sea paddle - Hilbre Island
November 2018		
	John Lewis	Lakes weekend
December 2018		
	Club away day	Llangollen Canal (pre-Christmas paddle)
January 2019		
	Alan Reay	New Year's day paddle, MEM
February 2019		
	Colin Hayward, Keith Peek	Sea Kayaking - Circumnavigation of Anglesey Stage 1 – Penmon to Newborough
March 2019		
	Rich Bingham	Sea Kayaking - Circumnavigation of Anglesey Stage 2 – Newborough to Porth Treceastel
	Alan Reay	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)

## **19. Sea Paddles – The procedure to follow**

There will need to be suitable weather conditions for the trip to take place.

The numbers going on a trip will need to be limited in order for the group to be manageable and safe.

The limit on numbers will be governed by the number of Novices and the numbers of experienced paddlers.

An E-Mail will be sent out in advance of the trip giving the basic details of venue and times. If you are interested in going on the trip, you must reply on that E-Mail even if you are not sure and may drop out.

Numbers and arrangements will be based on the responses to the E-Mail.

Only those who have asked to be 'put on the list' will be sent the final confirmation and details of the Trip.

Do not just turn up on the day or inform us the night before!

If you wish to use a club sea kayak (£5 charge), you will need to book it in advance (on the e-mail), collect it on the previous Thursday evening and return it the following Thursday evening.

There is great demand for certain specific sea kayaks, so you will need to get your request in early!

However, we will decide how best to allocate out the boats.

If you wish to borrow a club sea kayak but cannot transport it or store it yourself, then you will need to let us know a.s.a.p. as someone will need to be found who is prepared to collect the boat on the Thursday, transport it for the Trip, store it and then return it the following week. This can probably be arranged, but not as a last minute thing.

Please ask if you are unsure whether the trip will be suitable for your ability level, or you need to know what kit to bring, apart from your packed lunch and drinks.

These trips will all be classed as official Deva club trips and anyone wishing to organise a 'Peer Group Trip' should co-ordinate it through the club Facebook page.

## **20. Circumnavigation of Anglesey in 2019**

As you may or may not know, Richie Bingham has set himself the challenge of sea kayaking around the entire coast of Anglesey in stages before the end of 2019.

Being a sensible chap, Richie has asked for any club members with coastal navigation experience and knowledge of the complex tidal flows around the island, to help him plan the stages and he has also invited anyone with suitable skills and experience to accompany him on any of the stages that they would like to do.

The total distance of the circumnavigation is somewhere in the region of 120km but doing it as joined up day trips will probably add some extra distance, as we explore this amazing coastline.

This challenge has been approved by Alan Reay (Safety and Welfare Officer) and as such is recognized as an official club event.

## **21. Annual Lake District Weekend (16-18 November 2018)**

Thanks to John Lewis for organising the club's annual lakes trip to Elterwater and to the full house of 40+ Deva members who supported the event.

Thanks to all those members who took up kitchen duties to keep everyone fed and watered and to everyone else who helped during the weekend to make this annual event a great success.

Nick Bennett summed up the event in an email to the club which said....

Hello Deva!

Reflection and thanks

Reflection: what a fantastic weekend I have just had in the lakes all due to Deva and I can't stop talking about it. Great paddling, great advice, top place Elterwater, good food, great company and, to my new drinking pals, superb entertainment and comedy...you know who you are!!!

Now the thanks:

That took some organising, ran like clockwork and pleased everyone, a very difficult thing to do! So a massive thank you to the Deva club, all the paddling helpers and the rope throwers especially for me.

A special thank you to John L, perfect, book me on next year's!

All the best to you all.

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

The club wishes to acknowledge the kind generosity of members for donations of boats and miscellaneous items of kit and throughout the year.

The organisers of the 2018 Dee Mile Swim made a financial donation to club funds in recognition of its help in supporting their event. We have since donated some of this money to the Hospice of the Good Shepherd in Backford (in memory of Stuart Cowie) and received the following letter of thanks....

Dear Peter

Thank you for your very kind donation of £100.00 to the Hospice of the Good Shepherd in respect of your annual 'Dee Mile' swim and in memory of Stuart Cowie, it is very much appreciated. There are many aspects to our work at the Hospice of the Good Shepherd. We care for more than 1,600 patients each year from Chester, Deeside, Ellesmere Port and surrounding areas. The Hospice aims to improve the lives of people with life-limiting illnesses and care and support patients at the Hospice or in their own homes. It helps people to live as actively as possible after diagnosis to the end of their lives, however long that maybe. The highest value is put on respect and personal choice. This work is made possible by the support of good people like yourself in our local community.

Thank you once again for your fantastic support.

Kindest regards

Kerry (On behalf of Caroline Siddall, Director of Income Generation)

## **23. New purchases**

Road trailer, second hand sea kayak and Pyranha Burn kayak plus a few new spray decks.

## **24. Boat Inventory (26 March 2019)**

22 Inland kayaks,                      10 Sea kayaks and Tourers,    2 Sit on Top Kayaks,  
1 Stand Up Paddle Board,    10 Open Canoes.

## **25. Annual Inspection and testing of boats, helmets, PFD's, clothing**

The 2018-2019 annual inspection took place on Tuesday 20 March 2018 and Sunday 22 April 2018. Peter Cook, Simon Carver, John Lewis, Keith Brocklehurst and Steve Cartney participated. Damaged and defective items were scrapped.

The 2019-2020 annual inspection took place on Tuesday 26 March 2019. Peter Cook, Simon Carver, John Lewis, Keith Brocklehurst, Steve Cartney, Sandy Mills, Clive Herbert, Maureen Corrigan, Peter Walters and Terry Hudson participated. Damaged and defective items were scrapped including 2 kayaks which would be taken for recycling. The officers agreed to sell 7 inland kayaks to the membership.

## 26. Creating links with Universities

We work closely with Chester University's Watersports Society and we ran one taster session for them on 14 October 2108 where 8 of this year's freshers came to have a go at kayaking.



A couple of years ago, when their Watersports Society was founded we created a special 'Deva Associate Membership' solely to enable bona fide university students to benefit from Deva's discounted rate for Northgate's canoeing sessions.

Many thanks to the Deva members who gave up their Sunday afternoon to help and were, from left to right, Phil Peters, John Williamson, Ray McCann, Keith Brocklehurst, Yvette Schutten, John Lewis and Peter Cook who was hiding in the boathouse. Thanks also to Terry Hudson who stays out of sight behind the lens capturing our aquatic moments!



## **27. Helping Others**

Deva CC is always being 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 be part of the Dee Mile Swim on 4 August 2018.

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

Dear Peter,

Thank you so much for all your help on Saturday. I'm sorry I was so distracted when you arrived!

We have had lovely feedback from swimmers commenting on how brilliant the canoeists were.

We would like to make a donation to the club again if you could just confirm that the bank details are all the same?

Please feel free to let us know any feedback and also if we can offer any assistance in supporting canoeing events we would be more than happy to return the favour!

Kindest regards,  
Ciara

## **28. Club Facebook Page**

The club has a Facebook page, **Deva Kayakers + friends of** (administered by John Lewis) with 247 registered followers.

Our Facebook wall is used by club members to post ad-hoc peer group trips. If you wish to participate then feel free to ask 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 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).

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.

## **29. Deva Photographs**

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

The majority of pictures are posted on our Facebook page.

We also have a Flickr account that is linked to our website to show prospective new members the sort of activities we get up to and, as we have almost reached our limit of 1000 images, we have decided to cease uploading any more.

To view the Deva Canoe Club photos on Flickr....

Log onto <https://www.flickr.com/>

In the search box type DEVA CANOE CLUB

Click on SEARCH PEOPLE

Click on the circular 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.

## **30. 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 and to enjoy a festive mince pie.

This was very much enjoyed by the 20 paddlers who braved the fierce icy rain and 4 other less hardy members who just came for lunch at the Sun Trevor pub.

## **31. Club Clothing**



John Lewis is in contact with a local company regarding them supplying Deva CC branded clothing. We hope have a wider choice of garments and further information will be circulated to members once negotiations are complete.

### **32. New Community Watersports Centre**

There has been no activity on this project since last year's annual report. We received a short progress update from CWaC's planning committee in January 2019:

“As you are all aware following the outcome of the judicial review there has been an ongoing planning redetermination process.

It was necessary as part of this process to commission a number of additional ecological surveys. These surveys have been completed but have identified the need for additional emergent bat surveys before the full picture can be understood. The emergent surveys cannot be undertaken until mid/late May to coincide with the end of the bat hibernation period. The planning application cannot be determined until these surveys have been completed and assessed. The earliest that the application will be presented to Planning Committee for determination will therefore be June 2019.”

### **33. Next Year (2019-2020)**

Our 21<sup>st</sup> paddling year starts on 1 April 2019 with the Thursday evening Riverside season commencing on 4 April 2019.

Following the success of our away-days last year, we will be continuing this format with alternate fortnightly Riverside Centre and away days. Think of it as playing 'home' and 'away' on a two week rotation.

### **34. Membership Subscriptions**

If you joined after September 2018 then your membership is valid until 31 March 2020, for everyone else membership subscriptions become due on 1 April 2019.

Please make the treasurer's life easier by paying on-time and without having to be reminded by the Black Monks, the bank who are sanctioned with debt collection on behalf of the club.

The Bishop of Bath and Wells, and his Archdeacon, can be very persuasive if annoyed and are always seeking an opportunity to use their newly acquired poker that has some interesting sharp bits at the business end.

### **35. 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 [devacanoclub@gmail.com](mailto:devacanoclub@gmail.com)

### **36. Data Protection Statement for members**

This is a summary of the Deva Canoe Club data protection policy and procedures.

The full data protection policy is available on request.

We record whatever information you give us on the membership application form in a computer.

If you gave any medical information that is kept on paper only.

We record any payments you make in the computer except weekly attendance fees which are kept on paper until the end of the financial year and then destroyed.

We will not pass any information about you to any third party.

When you cease to be a member your record, and all 'backup' copies, will be deleted and you will be removed from the email distribution.

We will use your email address to keep you informed of club activities.

If we do not have your email and permission to use it then we will not be able to contact you.

You may 'unsubscribe' from the email, but remain a member, by sending an email request to the membership secretary through the club email.

You may terminate your membership by sending an email request to the membership secretary through the club email.

You can obtain a copy of your membership record by asking the membership secretary.

If you find an error in your record we apologise and will correct it when you tell us by informing the membership secretary.

### **37. Veils Disease (Leptospirosis)**

All water users should be aware of this potentially fatal infection.

This is a bacterial infection normally believed to be spread by rat urine, though can also be transmitted by cat, fox and rabbit urine.

Transmission is usually through an open wound or abrasion but can also be caused by ingestion of contaminated water.

Symptoms are lethargy, diarrhoea, headaches, vomiting and muscle pain; sometimes referred to as flu like symptoms, if untreated can be fatal.

#### **Prevention**

Prevention measures against water borne infection are:

- Cover all cuts and abrasions with waterproof plasters.
- Always wear footwear to avoid cutting the feet.
- Avoid capsizing or rolling practice in suspected waters.
- Where possible shower soon after the activity
- As a minimum always wash your hands after paddling and before eating or drinking

If you feel ill after paddling you should tell your Doctor as soon as possible and let them know where and when you have been on the water.

The NHS publish the following guidance:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/Leptospirosis/>

Further information and support is available when required by contacting:

[safety@britishcanoeing.org.uk](mailto:safety@britishcanoeing.org.uk)

### **38. Treasurer's Report for 2018/2019**

We wish to remind everyone attending our Riverside sessions that Deva CC is not a "Bureau de Change" and as such our treasurer would appreciate cash to be restricted to Pounds Sterling unlike some other foreign currencies that have also been tendered during the year.

The financial position of the club continues to remain healthy thanks to the efforts of our Honorary Treasurer, Simon Carver, and his year-end accounts for 2018-2019 are given below.

	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Debit</u>
Cash in hand at start of year	£320.00	
Balance at bank at start of year	<u>£8641.38</u>	
Balance B/F	£8961.38	
Membership	£1,995.00	
Riverside centre	£3,450.40	£2,215.50
BCU		£355.00
Boats	£100.00	£840.00
Other capital		£742.19
Lakes trip	£1,995.00	£1,665.86
Training	£200.00	£36.00
Miscellaneous	<u>£257.17</u>	<u>£257.47</u>
TOTALS for year	£7,997.57	£6,112.02
	Total	£16,958.95
Balance after sending	£10,846.93	
<u>Represented by</u>		
Balance at bank	£10,634.74	
Cash in hand	£212.19	
Total	£10,846.93	

Simon Carver  
31 March 2019

## **39. Minutes of the 2018 Deva Canoe Club AGM**

**Riverside Centre**  
**18:20 on Thursday 26th April 2018**

Present: 20 (4 officers, Safety & Welfare officer, 5 co-opted committee, 10 members)

### Agenda:

1. Welcome.

The Chairman (John Lewis) welcomed members to the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence.

Kerry Arnold, Steve Cartney, David Riley, Keith Peek

3. Matters arising from the 2017/2018 Annual report (including financial summary).

None

Acceptance proposed by: Alan Reay Seconded by: Peter Cook

The Chairman thanked the secretary for compiling the annual report.

4. Committee Officers and Co-opted Members for 2018 – 2019.

Officers:

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

Committee:

Safety & Welfare Officer     Alan Reay

Co-opted Committee members:

Steve Cartney, Mike Evans, Tim Gibbs, Ian McMullen, Helen Williams,  
Judith Lathaen, Keith Peek and Colin Hayward

The list of committee was read out.

Acceptance proposed by: Brian Sanderson     Seconded by: George Johnson

Terry Hudson thanked the officers and committee for all the hard work they do in running the club

5. Forthcoming Deva Events.

- 5<sup>th</sup> May, away-day on River Douglas
- Go-Kayaking Demo Day (Joint with Ian's CRCC), Sunday Afternoon 20th May 2018
- Lakes Weekend at the Elterwater Youth Hostel will be on 16-18 November 2018

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

Any ideas / suggestions for future club trips should be sent to Alan Reay at the club email address.

6. Watersports Hub Update.

President Peter Cook described the current situation where a judicial review had upheld a challenge to a technicality within the planning permission process.

Planning permission will have to be re-applied for and this could be around May 2018.

The major issues that still exist are there is a shortfall of £2.5M in the building budget and no one has any idea of where the £100K per annum running cost money is going to come from.

7. Any other business.

None received.

The treasurer reminded everyone that subscriptions are now due for 2018/2019.

AGM minutes written by:

Keith Brocklehurst  
Secretary – Deva Canoe Club  
27 April 2018

Approved by:  
John Lewis  
Chairman – Deva Canoe Club