



Annual Report
1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023

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1. Annual Report

Written by Keith Brocklehurst (Secretary, Deva CC) and approved by John Lewis (Chair, Deva CC).

2. Front page: We are Champions!

With grateful thanks to John Lewis (Club Chair and Chief Womble), Steve Cartney (Club Sustainability Coordinator) and all our watery wombles we are delighted to announce that, in February 2023, Deva Canoe Club was awarded CACW Champion Club status by British Canoeing.

Chantelle Grundy of British Canoeing emailed to announce:

Thank you for taking the time to complete the CACW Champion Club Planning tool.

I am pleased to confirm your actions are fantastic and are aligned to becoming Clear Access Clear Waters Champion club. Your work on water quality and paddle clean-ups will be really helpful for paddlers, as will the improvements to access.

I've attached your digital CACW Champion club logo which can be used on your website and letters etc.

It would be great to arrange the award of your CACW Champion club plaque, if you have any club meetings or events coming up which you feel would be good to present the plaque at, please let me know, we'll also arrange some communications around this.

We'll update your club profile on Go Paddling to include the CACW logo, recognising Deva Canoe Club as a Clear Access Clear Waters Champion Club. Club house will also be updated.

Thank you to your committee and members for getting behind the CACW campaign, it is hugely important to have the campaign championed at a local level.

Best Wishes and congratulations!

Chantelle

Thanks also go to John Lewis, for all the time and effort he's spent representing Deva Canoe Club at various local meetings with our new MP and the local water authorities regarding the ongoing poor water quality of the River Dee.

3. Welcome and Introduction

Our paddling year started on 1 April 2022 with Thursday evening sessions from 7 April until 29 September.

In addition there were also fortnightly Sunday afternoons and numerous away-days throughout the year.

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 82yrs and paid up membership for this year was 206, made up of 155 male and 51 female.

Our members range in ability from complete beginners who've never 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. There are large and very active groups of both white water and sea kayakers, who organise trips on a range of water from the challenging to the less energetic. We also have a strong group of open canoeists, as well as play boaters, surf kayakers, scenic flatwater paddlers, sit-on-top paddlers and stand-up paddle boarders. Many of our members are active in a range of paddling disciplines

4. New Members

The officers and committee extend a very warm welcome to the 65 new members who joined us during our 24th paddling year.

Whatever your reason for joining us, we sincerely hope that you are all enjoying yourselves and, if so, spread the word... if not, please tell us why!

5. Contact us

You can contact any of the club's officers by e-mailing 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).

We deal with over 1500 emails throughout a club year and if you use an earlier unrelated club email to contact us, where the subject titles may be different, this could result in your message being missed.

Club officers are always available to chat to at our Riverside Centre sessions and at the Northgate Arena Canoeing sessions on Monday evenings during school term time.

6. Safeguarding

If any member has a personal issue they wish to discuss with our safeguarding officers (Judith Lathaen and David Riley) they should first email via our confidential email address at safeguarding@devacanoeclub.co.uk

The club's officers wish to reassure everyone that only Judith and David have access to this email address and any communications via this will be treated in confidence.

The Club's policies on Safeguarding, Bullying and Whistleblowing can all be found in a new section of the Club's website at:

<https://www.devacanoeclub.co.uk/safeguarding/>. Details are also on the Club's notice board at the Riverside Centre.

7. Constitution

Members may request a copy of our latest constitution document by emailing the Secretary at devacanoeclub@gmail.com

8. Subscription Rates for 2022-2023

The membership fee and other charges have remained unchanged at £15 since April 2015.

Membership	£15	
Additional family member	£5	
Riverside Centre Sessions		
Members	£3	
Non-members	£5	
Equipment hire:	<u>Riverside Centre</u>	<u>Club trips</u>
Non-members	£2	N/A
Members	£0 (free)	£5 per day

9. Officers and Committee (1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023)

Officers:

President:	Peter Cook
Chair:	John Lewis
Treasurer and Membership Secretary:	Simon Carver
Secretary:	Keith Brocklehurst
Welfare & Safeguarding:	Judith Lathaen
Assistant Safeguarding:	David Riley
Coaching Development, Trips and Safety:	Ray McCann

Wider Committee:

Inclusivity Coordinator:	Rosie Diver
Sustainability Coordinator:	Steve Cartney
IT Support:	Mat Sefton
Representing Brio & CRCC:	Ian McMullen
Safety and Welfare Advisor:	Alan Reay (remotely)

10. Committee Meetings

Thanks to the ongoing efforts of the club's officers, supported by help from the committee, we required only 1 formal meeting this year on 4 February 2023.

11. Club Events

A club event is only announced from the club email address (not Facebook) and all communications relating to the event must come through the same email 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.

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

Approval for a club trip can be obtained by contacting Ray via the club E-mail and any 'Approved club trip' will then only be advertised to the membership through the club E-Mail. If you have any questions then please contact us by email.

We are always open to ideas for paddling trips. If you would like to get into leading club trips, then have a word with one of the officers. Similarly, if you would like to help coaching beginners or just assisting a coach to see what it's like then please make yourself known.

12. Insurance

Please note that the club's third party liability insurance only covers you for damage to another person's property, not your personal possessions (boat, kit etc.), whilst participating in an approved Deva CC event.

Deva Canoe Club encourages all its members to join British Canoeing as an 'On the Water' personal member and benefiting from, for instance, a waterways licence included for personal trips on canals; Personal Liability Insurance; access to relatively low cost boat and equipment insurance; as well as supporting the wider work of our national body.

13. Benefits of a Deva CC 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 Tuesday morning, and have already experienced the weir in Chester, why not come along to Llangollen for a couple of hours of whitewater paddling? Or for the less energetic, join us for a paddle from Sandy Lane. Send us an email for further information.

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Participate in our annual 'Lakes Weekend' in November (A very reasonable 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. 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), John Lewis (Club Chair) 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/

Go Kayaking North West (Runcorn) 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 or opinion from any member is solely their own view.

14. On Home Water

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 weekly Thursday evening (Spring / Summer) and fortnightly Sunday afternoon (Autumn / Winter) River Dee and Weir sessions.

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

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.

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

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

The year's home events included a Kayak demonstration evening on Thursday 11 August by kind permission of Andy Lees and Kian Stephens from Go Kayaking NW in Runcorn.

Photo by Keith Brocklehurst



15. Northgate Arena Canoeing

Kayaking sessions are held at Chester's Northgate Arena sports complex.

They are voluntarily hosted by members of Deva Canoe Club on behalf of Arena's operator, Brio.

Sessions are adult only (over 18's) and run on both Monday and Tuesday evenings during term time from 20:00 to 21:00.

Members of the Deva Canoe Club can get a club discount card that, for £6 per annum, reduces the session price to currently £7.60.

Further details can be found on the Pool section of our website at <https://www.devacanoclub.co.uk/pool-canoeing/> Or speak to Peter Cook, John Lewis or Keith Brocklehurst at the Riverside Centre.

16. Tour of the Pyranha kayak factory

Many thanks to both Andy Lees from Go Kayaking (NW) and 'Pyranha Andy' for hosting the Deva CC tour of the kayak factory on 24 January 2023.

It was a fascinating insight for 15 members to see the complete process of how kayaks are made and especially being able, due to impeccable timing of our hosts, to witness the complete moulding process from bags of coloured beads to a fully formed boat.

Disappointingly for all those who attended, there were no freebies on offer!



Photos by Andy Lees and Keith Brocklehurst

17. Successful Bid!

Congratulations!



Deva Canoe Club

is a recipient of the Club Coaching & Leadership Bursary

We hope this funding has assisted your club with the development of its coaches and leaders in the running of safe, fun, and rewarding activities for your members.

Valid from: Summer 2022

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Chris Earle'.

Chris Earle

Director of Recreational Paddling



www.britishcanoeing.org.uk

We are pleased to announce that our Chair, John L, has been successful in making a bid for a bursary from our national governing body, British Canoeing, The bursary scheme targets leadership and coaching. We will now be able to run some training courses at a subsidised rate.

18. Getting Into Coaching and Leadership

Leading trips and coaching new paddlers can be a very rewarding experience. Seeing new members from all walks of life make rapid progress, encouraging people to become safe, independent paddlers, and fostering a love for adventure and the natural environment give leaders and coaches a great sense of worth.

In the next 12 months we are planning to run Paddlesport Leader Award training and assessment for 6 active members.

The first of these is planned to take place on the weekend of 22/23 April 2023.

Every club relies on volunteers, and I hope you will consider training to become part of the club coaching team.

You do not need to be an expert on 'gnarly' grade 5 whitewater to become a coach or leader! At the higher levels, most paddlers learn from challenging themselves in peer groups and possibly using professional coaches. For beginners and intermediate paddlers we need people who can plan touring trips on sheltered water, and either coach or assist a coach at club meetings.

19. Paddling in Wales

Please be aware that there is a chance that you could be approached by land-owners, fishermen or local residents in Wales all who may have strong anti-paddler views.

Please treat these individuals with respect and listen to what they may have to say.

If you feel the urge to reply please be polite and, most importantly, don't discredit Deva!

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

20. Tuesday morning groups

These are open to any member who has their own boat, time to spare on a Tuesday morning and are confident in paddling on up to grade 2-3 white water.

There are usually two paddling opportunities, one at MEM in Llangollen for those addicted to white water and another from Sandy Lane in Chester for a more leisurely flat water paddle.

Look on our Facebook page to see what's happening at MEM on the day.

The Sandy Lane paddles are not posted on Facebook, they 'just happen'. You could end up being the only one there (not advised!) or amongst a number of fellow paddlers going upstream to Eccleston Ferry for a coffee and chat. Enquire about our Sandy Lane adventures next time you at the Riverside Centre.

21. Club Event – Communications at Sea

Many thanks go to club member Paul Jenkins for kindly offering to run a VHF instruction evening on 27 April 2022 for our sea kayakers on how to use and get the best out of a VHF radio.

22. Annual Lake District Weekend (18-20 November 2022)



Thanks to John Lewis for again organising the club's annual lakes trip and to the 25+ Deva members who supported the event this year.

John took over the organisation of this event in 2016 and he's been running it at the Elterwater hostel every year since, except in Covid year 2020.



Thanks also to all who took up kitchen duties to keep everyone fed and watered and to everyone else who helped to make this annual event a great success.

Photos by Colin Hayward, Peter Steel and David Riley

The following notes of thanks were also received:

Many thanks for organising such a brilliant weekend - the catering was amazing and everything worked so well. Kind regards to you and the team!

Big thanks to the two Johns and others for a brilliant weekend at the Lakes.

Really good crowd, good water and even good weather.

23. Further afield (Waterways licence)

You need a licence to paddle on any Canal & River Trust and Environment Agency waterway, plus other actively maintained waterways including the Norfolk Broads.

As part of the club's responsibility towards this, it has purchased 10 licences from British Canoeing. These are available for use by any Deva member participating in a club event, in a club boat, who are not a member of British Canoeing but paddling on a waterway where a licence is required.

24. Further afield (Mile End Mill, Llangollen)

We have become well recognised and respected at MEM so feel free, if visiting the on-site TNR Outdoors shop, to tell them that you are from Deva CC.

'TNR Outdoors' wishes to remind users of the MEM site NOT to access the field (aka the Meadows) as it is private and the owner doesn't want paddlers on their land. It's the field on river left from the railway bridge down to Tombstones. Please direct any questions you may have on this to TNR.

Please be aware that parking on the MEM site is now controlled by an off-site parking company. Anyone driving a vehicle onto this site must ensure their vehicle details are registered, on arrival, in the TNR shop. Failure to do this, like a non-paddling club member had recently witnessed for just an 11 minute stay, could result in a £100 parking penalty fine.

25. Further afield (Sea Kayak Safety at Colwyn Bay)

Thanks go to Colin Hayward, Keith Peek and Russell Spriggs for again running their sea kayak training sessions during July and August at Colwyn Bay on Tuesday evenings for those Deva salty types who wished to learn and practice their sea safety and rescue techniques.

26. Further afield (Day trips and away-days)

Thank you to the individuals who organised the trips and to those who supported the events.

April 2022

John Lewis River Trent

May 2022

John Lewis / Ray McCann Introduction to white water at MEM (1)

July 2022

John Lewis / Ray McCann Introduction to white water at MEM (2)
Colin Hayward / Keith Peek Dee Bore
Colin Hayward / Keith Peek Anglesey Sea Trip

August 2022

John Lewis / Ray McCann Introduction to white water at MEM (3)

September 2022

Ray McCann Lower Tryweryn
Rosie Diver #ShePaddles event on the River Dee

March 2023

Colin Hayward Sea trip around the Little Orme and Great Orme

27. Christmas Paddle

Sadly our pre-Christmas paddle, and our last Riverside Centre event for 2022 scheduled for 18 December, was cancelled at short notice due to ice and adverse weather conditions.

28. Club Newsletters

A number of club newsletters have been issued this year and we see these as an important part of our communication process keeping members up to date with items occurring throughout the paddling year.

Our thanks go to our chair, John L, for all his efforts in compiling and circulating these.

29. Supporting British Canoeing's #BigPaddleCleanup

As part of the BC's nationwide #BigPaddleCleanup initiative in June 2022, our Sustainability Coordinator Steve Cartney organised our contribution by getting Deva's watery wombles to tidy-up from our Riverside Centre base to the Sandy Lane car park.

The event took place during our Thursday 30th June Riverside session and the photos below show the wombles in action and showing off the 9 bags of rubbish, 2 barrels, car wheel and a large builder's rubble sack collected.



Photos by Karin Rodgers and Peter Cook

30. Supporting British Canoeing's Paddlers' Code

Deva Canoe Club and its members are proud to be supporting BC's Paddlers' Code.



These are our places to enjoy, protect and respect, and this is our code.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cH0SQPj9VNo>

<https://gopaddling.info/the-paddlers-code/>

31. Supporting British Canoeing's Floating Pennywort events

Floating Pennywort is an Invasive Non Native Species from North and South America which is now found in abundance in areas of London and the South East, as well as other rivers nationwide. British Canoeing is working in partnership with multiple organisations and clubs to tackle the spread of Floating Pennywort in the Thames and its tributaries.

There have been numerous local events throughout the year and we are grateful to our Chair, John Lewis, and everyone else from Deva for supporting these events.

If you wish to learn more or even volunteer to help for a future event then please follow this link: [Launch of a new national campaign to control the highly invasive Floating Pennywort \(britishcanoeing.org.uk\)](#)

32. Standup paddle boading accident

This is a sobering report and it highlights the importance of training and the skills and knowledge we all need to promote safe paddling.

If you wish to read further, follow this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/maib-reports/commerical-stand-up-paddleboarding-accident-on-river-weir-with-loss-of-4-lives>

Summary:

At about 0900 on 30 October 2021, a group of nine standup paddle boarders on a commercial river tour from Haverfordwest to Burton Ferry, Wales, descended Haverfordwest Town Weir. Four of the group became trapped at the weir by the hydraulic towback and subsequently lost their lives.

Safety Issues:

- *The leaders' planning and preparation for the tour was inadequate and overlooked the extreme hazard posed by the weir*
- *Signage at the launch point and on the river did not adequately alert participants to the risk of descending the weir*
- *Clothing, buoyancy aid and leash wearing by participants did not follow recognised guidance*
- *The leaders did not have the training, experience or qualifications to lead the tour*
- *UK stand up paddle boarding safety messaging and training governance is inconsistent and there was no means for the participants to judge the proficiency of training and tour providers*

33. Donations to the Club

The club wishes to acknowledge the kind generosity of its members for donations of miscellaneous items of canoeing alia throughout the year. However, we are unfortunately unable to accept any items of used safety kit such as PFD's, helmets or ropes.

We also wish to thank Chester's King's School for their donation of miscellaneous items of water sport clothing and kayak spray decks in November.

34. Annual Kit Inspection

This year's annual kit inspection took place on Tuesday 15 March 2022 with Peter Cook, Simon Carver, John Lewis, Keith Brocklehurst and Steve Cartney in attendance.

35. New purchases

- 1 Pre-used small Pyranha Z-One
- 1 Pre-used small Pyranha Burn
- 2 Ex-demo Pyranha Surfjet sit-on-tops
- 1 manual Boat mover to aid movements of our two heavy kayak trailers

36. Boat Inventory at year end

27 Inland kayaks
11 Sea kayaks
10 Open Canoes
4 Sit on Top Kayaks
1 Stand Up Paddle Board

37. Loan of Club boats

We wish to remind members that we only loan-out club boats and kit for official Deva events and not for peer group paddles or one's personal use.

38. Helping Others – Dee Mile Swim

We see this annual event as an important part of our ‘paddling life’ and again we were delighted to have been asked by the Chester Triathlon Club to provide full safety cover for the Dee Mile Swim which took place on 6 August 2022.

A big thank you to the 32 club members in 31 boats who kindly gave up a beautiful warm and sunny Saturday afternoon to assist Deva in ensuring the 350+ swimmers had a safe and enjoyable paddle.

Unfortunately we don't have a photograph of those who helped so on this occasion for the record, and in no particular order, they were:

Keith Brocklehurst, David Riley, Peter Wingrove, Ray McCann, Neil Thompson, Clive Herbert, Simon Lawson, Linda Shuttleworth, Stewart Shuttleworth, Angela Temple, Warren Temple, Judith Lathen, Steven Reid, Toby Annison, Scott Winning, Allen Cummins, Ian Moran, Bob Bynoe, John Pond, Beth Pugh, Andy Walker, Peter Cook, John Lewis, Peter Walters, Brian Sanderson, Chris Riley, Bill Neary, Bill Bottomley, Graham Jones, George Johnson, David Draper, Ian McMullen.



Photos by Peter Cook

We received a letter from the last person to finish the race, Sandra Ellison, and she wrote:

I just wanted to say a big thank you for amazing support yesterday on the Dee 2k swim. You really kept me going by chatting and encouraging me all the way from the start to the finish line. That's probably the furthest I've ever swam, certainly in open water. So I'm really grateful for your support. It was a great feeling being escorted to the finish line by a flotilla of canoes. My friend Rachel who was just in front (non-wetsuit) said she felt like royalty as you all escorted us. We both agreed everyone should experience coming in last (she was last non wetsuit and I had the honour of last wetsuit) - it was far better than being one of the also rans.

I love the thought of canoeing on the river far more than swimming in it - and surely I can't be any worse at that than at swimming - can I? I used to have a canoe many years ago and fancy trying it again.

What do my husband and I do if we want to join your club?

Thanks again.

Sandra Ellison

39. Club Facebook Page and Peer Group Paddles

The club has a private Facebook page solely for access by DEVA KAYAKERS + friends of, administered by John Lewis and Keith Brocklehurst.



DEVA KAYAKERS + friends of.

Photo by David Riley

Our Facebook wall is used by club members to post ad-hoc peer group trips and if you wish to access this page and unsure what to do then please email John Lewis at devacanoecub@gmail.com and he'll send you instructions.

Deva's Officers are aware that members organise 'Peer Group' paddling events through Facebook and 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.

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 water, must be competent paddling the Lower Tryweryn).

40. Deva Photographs

Many thanks to all who have photographed our canoeing/kayaking 'moments' during the year.

Don't forget to look at our website <https://www.devacanoecub.co.uk/gallery/> for more recent additions.

Photographs shown in this report are used with the kind permission of their copyright holders.

We are conscious that club members could be seen in these shots and have our assurance that they will not be identified.

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.

41. Club Website



Photo by Terry Hudson

Don't forget to check the calendar on our website for dates of future trips and events.
www.devacanoecub.co.uk

42. Club Clothing

Club branded Hoodies, Polo shirts and T shirts are available to buy at:
<https://www.myschoolstyle.com/shop/clubs/deva>

Your name can also be embroidered on the garments for a small additional charge.

my school style .com

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Your basket is empty. To add items, please visit our shop or get help with shopping.

Clubs & Societies > Deva Canoe Club

Select items chosen by Deva Canoe Club and each featuring the club logo printed or embroidered. Simply choose your colour and size requirements, provide any personalisation information, checkout and we will do the rest typically dispatching to your chosen delivery address in 2-3 days.

- Deva Canoe Club Hoody** From £18.75 Find out more
- Deva Canoe Club Polo** From £11.25 Find out more
- Deva Canoe Club T Shirt** From £7.50 Find out more

Find my school A to Z

- Boys School Uniform
- Girls School Uniform
- Bags and Name Labels
- Protective and Hi Viz
- Fancy Dress
- Clubs & Societies
 - Deva Canoe Club**
 - Shindo-Kai Karate Club

43. Next Year (1 April 2023 – 31 March 2024)

The start of our 25th paddling year begins on 1 April 2023 with Thursday evening sessions commencing on 6 April 2023.

44. Membership Subscriptions for 2023-2024

If you joined Deva CC in late 2022 / early 2023 you will have been notified that you're membership is valid until 31 March 2024, for everyone else membership subscriptions become due on 1 April 2023.

45. 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 devacanoecub@gmail.com

46. Data Protection Statement


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

The full data protection policy is available on request from the membership secretary.

- We record whatever information you give us on the membership application form in a computer.
- If you gave any medical information, this 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.

47. Treasurer's Report for 2022/2023

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 2022-2023 are given below.

heading	CREDIT	DEBIT
 DEVA CANOE CLUB		
		07/04/2023
	balance sheet	
cash at start	£265.48	
balance at bank	£11,178.61	
B/F	£11,444.09	
membership	£2,185.00	£20.00
Lakes2022	£1,800.00	£1,970.37
capital		£50.00
boats		£1,150.00
training	£15.00	£90.00
other	£7.26	£255.97
riverside	£3,520.51	£2,488.25
coaching&leadership...	£250.00	
bcu		£620.00
SumUp		£51.37
TOTALS		
totals	£7,777.77	£6,695.96
total + B/F	£12,525.90	
represented by		
cash in hand	£79.28	
bank balance	£12,646.62	
cheques not presented		£200.00
C/F	£12,525.90	

Simon Carver
Treasurer, Deva Canoe Club
07 April 2023

48. Deva Canoe Club AGM - 2022

Minutes of the DEVA Canoe Club AGM Held at the Riverside Centre at 18:20 on Thursday 5th May 2022

1. Welcome by Chairman.

Our Chair, John Lewis (JL), welcomed 29 club members to the AGM.

Those attending comprised 6 officers, 3 wider committee and 20 members.

2. Apologies for absence.

John Goggin and Simon Carver

3. Matters arising from the 2021/2022 Annual report, including Financial Report.

There were no matters arising from the annual report.

Andy Walker proposed acceptance and Steve Cartney seconded.

Keith Brocklehurst was thanked for compiling the report and Simon Carver for maintaining healthy accounts.

4. Club Officers and Committee for 2022 – 2023.

Officers:

President:	Peter Cook
Chair:	John Lewis
Treasurer and Membership Secretary:	Simon Carver
Secretary:	Keith Brocklehurst
Welfare & Safeguarding:	Judith Lathen
Assistant Safeguarding:	David Riley
Coaching Development, Trips and Safety:	Ray McCann

Wider Committee:

Inclusivity Coordinator:	Rosie Diver
Sustainability Coordinator:	Steve Cartney
IT Support:	Mat Sefton
Representing Brio & CRCC:	Ian McMullen
Safety and Welfare Advisor:	Alan Reay (at distance)

JL described the new committee structure and read out all names and roles.

Mark Sampson proposed acceptance and Colin Hayward seconded.

JL made particular reference to Mat Sefton who, with his IT skills and knowledge, has redesigned and built our new website bringing us up to date with technology and ensuring Deva remains at the top of public domain web surfing lists.

5. Proposed events for 2022/2023.

JL read out the proposed trips so far and asked everyone to let him and/or Ray McCann know if there are other paddle destinations they would like to see in the calendar.

River Tame/Mersey

Introduction to MEM (14 May 22)

Glyndyfrdwy / Horseshoe Falls

River Severn (Mountford Bridge)

Llangollen / Trevor Rocks

Llangollen / Country Park

Sea trips

Go Kayaking 'Demo Evening'

#ShePaddles: Midsummer Evening (Eccleston) & camp; Lynn Padarn

6. Any other business.

None received

Minutes written by: Keith Brocklehurst (Deva CC Secretary)

Approved by: John Lewis (Deva CC Chair)

5 May 2022