

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

April

Tues 8 evening paddle, 6.30 on the water
 Sun 13 Geirionnydd, 11 am at lake
 Tues 15 evening paddle, 6.30 on the water
 Tues 22 evening paddles now 7pm on the water
 Sat 26 boat repairs
 Sun 27 Northwich marathon race

May

Sun 11 Chester marathon race
 Sun 18 Mid Weaver marathon race

June

Sun 1 Macclesfield Marathon Race
 Sun 15 Northwich lightning race (juniors)
 Sat 21 Conwy Ascent
 28—29 Cheshire ring marathon event

July

Sat 12 Geirionnydd
 Sun 13 Northwich lightning race (juniors)

Aug

Sun 31 Addlington marathon race

Sept

Sun 7 Geirionnydd
 Sat 13 Liffey Descent
 Sun 14 Macclesfield Marathon Race
 Sun 21 Chester marathon race

More DCP events will be announced shortly

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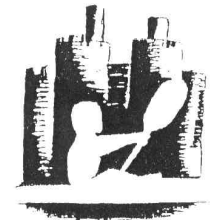
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AGM

Sue Kenwell kindly hosted the AGM in March. The full minutes are available now from Sue for anyone who has not received a copy.

Sarah Gardener resigned as Treasurer after several years of dedicated and reliable service. Harry Marshall agreed to take over. The other officers remain as:- Chair-Penny Wingfield, Minutes Secretary-Sue Kenwell, Membership Secretary-Alison Haynes, Web Master-Dan Thomas, Ordinary Member-Kamala Sen. Alison Davies and Sarah Wenham joined the committee as ordinary members.

Sarah was able to report a profit of just over £100 for the last year.

The meeting agreed to buy Dan's sea kayak.

A few dates for events were set (see the back page). A committee meeting will be held shortly to arrange more events.

The revised policies on new paddlers and children were discussed. See later in this newsletter for details.

Time Trials

Friday time trails are restarting on 11 April, meeting at 6pm. Open to anyone who fancies testing their speed and is happy to paddle through the harbour practically on their own.

Phone James on 650989 on the Friday just to check its going ahead.

New Paddlers

We have decided on a slightly different approach to dealing with new paddlers. This will give them a better service and will reduce the disruption sometimes caused on Tuesday sessions.

When someone new wants to join the club we will arrange a Geirionydd session, either at a weekend or in an evening. This will allow them to try out a couple of different boats on safe water. It will also allow us to explain about the club, the boats and the river without disrupting the Tuesday sessions. If the new person is happy with their experience and we believe we can offer what they want they will be asked to come early to the next Tuesday session so that they can be shown around the club. We will charge £5 each for the Geirionydd session.

Experienced paddlers who are new to DCP do not have to go to Geirionydd first but will be asked to come to the hut early to be shown around.

Membership

Membership fees are now due. Forms are available from Alison, Penny or in the hut. Please pay before you paddle and please send both money and form to Alison (address on the back).

Children

We have decided that we do not have sufficient people to cope with inexperienced children on the river. Children under 18 will only be accepted if they have relevant experience or if they come with an experienced adult who is capable of looking after them in the conditions prevailing.

Equipment

As well as buying the sea kayak we are trying to buy another Sceptre but are having trouble contacting Alan Bennett who makes them. If anyone comes across a Sceptre for sale please try to buy it!

Safety Warnings

Two recent incidents have highlighted a couple of safety issues.

The first is that anyone who is at the club on their own is more or less completely screened from other people by the fence so that if you have any sort of accident within the compound or hut no one will notice—just be aware.

The other point is that it is a very long walk home from the RSPB side of the river if you get separated from your boat or are not willing to paddle back across the river. Because of the railway there is no easy way back except past Tesco and over the cob.

Boat Repairs

We need to check all the boats and do a few repairs. Please come and help on Saturday 26 April from 10am. It is our tradition to provide fish and chips at lunch time.

Geirionydd Session

Hopefully three potential new paddlers will be coming to Geirionydd on 13 April. Help with them will be appreciated. It is also a good chance for people who haven't paddled all winter to get back in a boat.

We don't plan to take the trailer so can you let me know if you intend to go and if you are able to take any boats.

Penny

Cotswold Discount

Remember you can get around 15% off most things at Cotswold Camping in Betws y Coed just by showing your DCP membership card.

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