

SPLOSH



NEWSLETTER



Hello Autumn



You know that summer has ended when Thursday Club Nights have come to an end and the nights are now drawing in. Don't worry though, there's still plenty of opportunities to paddle with Sunday Morning Sessions and Saturday Afternoon Club still going on throughout the year. You never know there may even be some pool sessions to keep those skills up until the weather warms up again.



On the water events are 'drying up' as the weather changes and the days shorten. However everyone is welcome to join the SAC pumpkinpaddle to Tywford. See the events section for more details.



Its only 84 days to Christmas so don't forget to get your orders in for Club Clothing. See the full collection on pages five and six in this edition.

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Elford Trip

Everyone met (including two four legged members) early at the Clubhouse on a rather damp Sunday morning. Even with the less than favourable weather forecast everyone agreed to push on. The plan was to miss out the stops if the weather was too bad and with the help from the high-water levels we expected to make good time.

After the ferrying had been completed, all set out from the salubrious surrounds of Elford Hall Walled Gardens, with some even using the old boat house to launch from!



The weather was not nearly as bad as forecasted with a few short sharp showers to cool everyone down. The first stop of the trip was just after Walton on an island known locally as Swanny Island, where everyone enjoyed their picnic. The next stop was a short paddle downstream to the Riverside for some refreshments before we set off again on the final stretch to the Club.

Thank you to Lesley for organising the trip and Elford Walled Garden Project for allowing us to launch from their grounds.

www.elfordhallgarden.org



SUMMER BARBEQUES

We held two barbeques over the summer, one was scorching hot and the other a little damp. Members came armed with food to expertly sizzle on the Club's barbeques and have a good natter after a paddle..



The Lloyd's introduced everyone to S'mores which proved an extremely popular addition to the barbeque repertoire.



SAC parentpaddle

All the P's, parentpaddle, pistolpaddle, phinea**paddle**, picnic**paddle**, the weather joined in by 'P'ing it down, the event had it all!! The SAC kids invited their adults to join them on the water for another damp event!! The groups were split between two bell boats with an arsenal of water pistols also stashed onto the crafts.



The two crafts set off, with the one helmed by one of the SAC members taking a rather meandering route up stream. It wasn't long before the boats were broadside each other, pistols drawn, dampening down the crews of each boat. A trip around Broad Holme followed with the youngsters trying to convince everyone it would be a good idea to see if the bell boats would make it down the weir! We headed back to the Club with one last pistol battle with Big Steve attempting to throw a bucket of water at the other boat but ended with more on his fellow ship mates.

After everyone had dried off it was back to the clubroom to enjoy some well deserved cake.

Canal Trip

A group of paddlers, on various craft, set off along the canal from Stretton heading for the Mad Hatters Tea Rooms in Findern. By all accounts they made it in time for lunch and had a lovely time.



TTTV Celebration in the park

The Transforming the Trent Valley team asked the Club if they would be involved in their 'Celebration in the Park' event which was to be held on Newton Park. As it was on our doorstep, we thought it would be rude not to!



Steve Ball hastily arranged the event ably support by the SAC team and other Club volunteers to offer a 'Paddle Experience' for visitors to the event. This involved taking rafted canoes (on one of the hottest days of the year) down the Trent to give most their first paddling adventure. The highlight of the day must have been Big and Little Steve taking out the brass band on the water and the paddling being interspersed with musical interludes as the band also had their instruments on the water!!



A great advert for the club which has resulted in new members, so a huge thank you to all of those volunteers who came to support on the day!



Do you dare join the kids on the

Saturday Afternoon Club

HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN PADDLE TO TRENT ADVENTURE TWYFORD



£5 trip fee

Meet at the club for 12pm on the water for 12.30pm

21ST OCTOBER 2023

FANCY DRESS & DECORATE YOUR CRAFT

All Club members welcome to just enjoy the paddle or join the activities and games.

The trip is 8.5 miles with a paddle time of approximately 4.5 hours. Please sign up on the SAC notice board by Thursday 19th October so we can sort out logistics.

Pool Sessions

We will be booking some more pool sessions so you can practice getting wet in more comfortable surrounds. If you are interested, please can you email the club so we can gauge the levels. The Club must foot the bill if we do not fill all the spaces so we need to ensure each session is full.

The sessions are held at the Meadowside Leisure Centre on a Tuesday evening between 8.45 and 9.45pm costing £5 (if the leisure centre hasn't changed their pricing) per person. Club kit is available or bring you own as long as it is clean!



Painting Session Saturday 14th October 10.30am

Another date with Big Steve! The painting is coming along but there is still more to be done so Steve has arranged another session.

So, if you are free why not pop down for a couple of hours to Splish, Splash, Splosh some paint around on the top floor. The sooner it's done the sooner we can move in.

Can't make it, don't worry there will be more dates coming up. Keep a look out for a News Splash & Facebook updates.



ADULT TEE - £12.00



100% Cotton, Classic Fit

Small 34/36, Med 38/40, Lge 42/44
 XL 46/48, XXL 50/52, 3XL 54/56,
 4XL 58/60, 5XL 62/64

LADIES TEE - £12.00

100% Cotton, Classic Fit

Small 8/10, Med 10/12, Lge 12/14,
 XL 14/16, XXL 18/20



CHILDS TEE - £10.00

100% Cotton, Classic Fit

26" 3/4, 28" 5/6, 30" 7/8, 32" 9/11
 34" 12/13



ADULT POLO - £22.00

65% Polyester 35% Cotton

Contrast Panels

XXS 28/30" XS 32/34"

Small 36/38" Med 40" Lge 42"

XL 44" XXL 46/48" 3XL 50/52"



A range of club garments are now available to order via Jenifer Cooke. Order forms are available in the Clubroom.

HOODY - Adult £25.00 / Kids £20.00



80% Cotton, 20% Polyester
Double fabric contrast Inner Hood
Ribbed Cuffs & Hem

Adults - XS 34" Sml 36" Med 40"
Lge 44" XL 48" XXL 52" 3XL 56"
4XL 60" 5XL 62"

Kids - XS 3/4 Sml 5/6 Med 7/8
Lge 9/11 XL 12/13

MICRO FLEECE - £25.00



100% Polyester Micro Fleece
Full length Zip
2 Zipped Pockets
Elasticated Cuffs
Drawstring Hem

Small 36/38" Med 38/40"
Lge 42" XL 44/46" XXL 48"

SOFTSHELL JACKET - £50.00



Waterproof 8000mm. Breathable 1000g
Windproof TPU Membrane. Concealed Hood.
Micro Fibre Fleece Inner Layer
Zip Underarm Vents. Right Chest Zip Pocket
Two large Inner Pockets.
One Inner Media Pocket.
Side Outer Zipped Pockets
Adjustable Cuffs, Drawstring Hem

XS 34" Sml 38" Med 41"
Lge 44" XL 46" XXL 48"
3XL 50"



Garments will be ordered monthly and payment must be made in full on ordering.



CAP - £10.00

One Size

Payments

You can now pay by card (including your attendance fees) using the machine. It's straight forward, just follow the instructions on the board next to the signing in/out book.

The signing in sheet has been updated so please indicate if you have paid by cash or card.

Processing card payments

Press on button on the left hand side



Enter the value and press "Card"



Tap card on the top of the reader or, insert card



Please write card next to your payment amount in the signing in book.

Funding

We are currently looking into funding options to replace the landing stages and complete the works to the first floor.

If anyone knows of any, or if they work for an organisation that may support local sport clubs, or if you have contacts that may be able to provide materials for the project please get in touch.



Paddling for all, always paddling

Help always welcome



The Club is run wholly by volunteers and the old adage 'many hands make light work' is never more true at a volunteer run Club.

There's always loads to do to keep the club running so if you can spare any time, please drop an email to the club and someone will contact to discuss opportunities.





COACH SPOTLIGHT



WHEN AND WHERE DID YOU START PADDLING?

My first paddling experience was as a child we had an old fibre glass kayak called Snoopy, which my dad acquired. He took me and my brother on the local canal to sink or swim. Back in the early 80's I was a Youth Worker at Staffs County Council and we managed to raise funds for a fleet of 8 kayaks and paddling gear to deliver paddling to the young people. This is what started me on the Leadership/ Coaching journey.

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN PART OF BURTON CANOE CLUB?

I Joined probably late 80,s early 90's to further my paddling skills as this was the best local club to my location of West Midlands – There was a bit of a paddling guru there apparently at that time that did quite a lot for local paddlers (I'm still there now looking for him ha! ha!)

FAVOURITE PADDLING LOCATION AFTER THE TRENT AND WHY?

This is a hard one to pin down to one location, there are lots of favourites for different reasons. I have fond memories of white water kayaking in Scotland and Wales, which was my first skill set. Before mastering the art of open canoeing on lakes and rivers. The challenge was to take the open canoe on the white water I had taken my kayak previously. A different style of paddling. I think my favourite these days is multi day expeditions in canoe with either campsites or better still, wild camping. This has taken me to various French, Scottish and English rivers. I am still very active with the Duke of Edinburgh Award which feeds this passion regularly

PADDLING HIGHLIGHT?

A few of us did a multi-day paddling trip in Scotland. We started on Loch Shiel, then came out the bottom continuing along the river Shiel, then out to sea to follow the coast round to the finish point. For those of you that have been to Scotland, as beautiful as it is the weather is extremely unpredictable. On this occasion we could have been in the Mediterranean. The weather was to die for, the water clean and clear and we vowed never to do this trip again as we could never, ever beat it.



Steve Ball



Chris Mayne



Jonathan Whetton



Yvonne Waring



Stuart Briggs



Mark Brian



Steve Stewart

Dagger Katana



Paddler Weight Range 68-102kg

Boat Length 292cm

Spray Deck Specific

It will take on rapids and glide over calm water. Balanced rocker profile for manoeuvrability in whitewater and with waterline length for speed and tracking. Cockpit is more spacious than traditional whitewater designs, there's plenty of room in the stern for expedition gear.

Pyranha Magic Bat



Paddler Weight Range kg

Boat Length 330cm

Spray Deck Universal

This one is from the early 90's, so before the internet, so details are sparse. It is long and fairly narrow a little tippy but easy to roll. A favourite of Stuarts, so much so I thought it was his personal boat until I came to write this! I am sure he will be able to tell you all about it.

Riot Enduro 13



Paddler Weight Range 136kg

Boat Length 385cm

Spray Deck Specific

Its sleek fish form cuts through the water efficiently with its grooved hull there is plenty of stability, tracking is enhanced with a skeg. Twin hatches for storage and safety. We also have a blue one if orange isn't your thing.

Perception Sierra



Paddler Weight Range <160kg

Boat Length 338cm

Spray Deck Specific

Easy handling and stability with a long waterline and sleek shape, which means more speed and less effort if you're paddling all day. The rear hatch and bulkhead give you a good size compartment for all your kit.

Perception Expression 11



Paddler Weight Range <114kg

Boat Length 353cm

Spray Deck Specific

A sleek crossover between a recreational and touring kayak, it features a stable and manoeuvrable design that is built to handle a multitude of water environments. Designed with beginner to intermediate in mind.

Dagger Redline



Paddler Weight Range 65-100kg

Boat Length 259cm

Spray Deck Universal

A true design classic the Redline has introduced countless people to paddlesport. With its versatile plaining hull with bevelled edges and tapered sidewalls to allow controlled edging. Too big, try the smaller Infrared.

Which one will you choose next?

paddleperformance

SAC is thriving, and the numbers are increasing with new families joining the team. At the end of each month the Club youngster's success is celebrated by awarding certificates to record the progress they have been making on the clubs paddleperformance program as well as British Canoeing Paddle Awards.

This month was a bumper month with awards ranging from paddleperformance first time on the water awards all the way to Paddle Awards Discover Award.

Roll of Honour

The following achieved paddleperformance level **Two**
 Noah, Rohan
 Elias & Julian

First time on the water & First Paddle
 Max, Margot & Layla

well done everyone



SATURDAY AFTERNOON CLUB

1:30PM TO 3:30PM

EVERY SATURDAY

A huge thank you to everyone involved, coaches, club volunteers, parents and of course the youngsters themselves, a wonderful team effort. All fuelled by cake and biscuits which is becoming somewhat of a tradition on a Saturday afternoon

Remember.....

...the Club is open for all members on a Saturday for a paddle or to use the gym. If you are coming down for a paddle, please wait until the kids are on the water before you start selecting your kit otherwise it can get a little more chaotic!!

Roll of Honour

The following achieved Paddle Awards **Start**
 Erin, Laura, Ellis, Jack, Noah,
 Rohan, Elias & Julian

Discover
 Erin, Laura & Ellis

well done everyone