

## NEWSLETTER

No.12

Sunday 07 April

### **My Resignation**

I have resigned as the Secretary of the Canoe Club. It wasn't an easy decision. At the committee meeting on Thursday some things were agreed about the direction the club is going that I do not agree with. I've enjoyed my time as Secretary and putting these Newsletters together. Any communication that you make with the club goes to Gavin Price, the chair.

### **Swimathon**

The Swimathon on Sunday evening was a great success. Between the Adult and Junior teams we swam 192 lengths. We should collect more than £500 for the Children's Hospice South West between us (exact figure will be published when all monies are in. It is not too late to contribute). Amongst the swimmers was a Deep Sea Diver, a Sailor, a Transvestite, and a Fisherman as well as various sports kits and school uniform. There might be a photo in the local newspaper so keep an eye out for it.

### **Symonds Yat**

This has been rearranged for Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> of April – depending on the weather. The fine details ie time, meeting place etc. will be circulated a few days beforehand when we have a better idea about the conditions.

### **Saturday mornings and Easter Holidays**

If you fancy a paddle on the lake there is normally someone down there on Saturday mornings to keep you company. A few of us are also thinking of going for a paddle on Easter Monday.

### **Events and Trips**

The calendar of events has been sent out. If anybody has any thoughts or ideas don't be afraid to come forward with them.

### **MARLENS events to raise money for the New Boat Store**

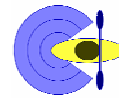
#### ***Barn Dance***

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> of May at 8pm, MARLENS are holding a Barn Dance at Clevedon Community School to raise money for the **New Boat Store**. It is 'A Tamps' Ball' Theme and tickets cost £8 for Adults and £5 for juniors which includes food. It is in our interest to support this event. If you would like tickets then let me know.

#### ***Splash and Dash***

This will be taking place on Tuesday the 8<sup>th</sup> and the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May at 7pm. It will consist of a lap or two of the lake followed by a run up to the pier and back. This is to be advertised shortly. Is there anyone brave enough in our club to take part?

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## ***Quadrathlon***

This will take place on Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup> of July, beginning at 10AM. It consists of a paddle of around 7km on the sea, a swim in the lake, a cycle ride followed by a run. I know we do have some cyclists amongst our membership. Are they going to be brave enough to take part? Nigel? I would participate in this one but the last Harry Potter book is out so I have a date on my sofa with him.

## ***Training***

You should all have received a copy of the e-mail listing the training we have lined up at the moment. If anybody has any comments to make on this then please get in touch. If there is any training that is relevant to kayaking that you would like to see happening then let us know.

## ***Requests for Paddlers***

I have received a few requests for paddlers for the following events

***Gary Carpenter*** - He is 16 years old and in August intends to swim the Bristol Channel. He will be the youngest person to do it. Part of Gary's training is swimming from Portishead to Clevedon. He will need someone to paddle by his side. His father has asked if there are any paddlers who would be willing to keep him company on these training sessions. They are to begin in May when the evenings are lighter and the tide times will all be worked out for you( I believe that a boat is provided). If anybody is interested in an evening paddle after a stressful day at work then let me know and I can pass the information on.

***Open swimming competition*** – The long swim dates are Saturday 11 August from Ladye Bay to the slip way by the pier briefing is at 7pm 2nd date in case 1st date is postponed is Saturday 25 August same place briefing at 5.45pm Canoeists are needed to paddle the course with the competitors.

We do not know until the briefing time if the swim is on or off - we usually have a reasonable idea about lunch time but the official decision is not until that evening and time - we use the sailing club and facilities and small buffet for canoeists after the event - I have also asked the South Avon canoe club as they have always supported us for many years - normally approx. 2 - 4 turn up. As many as could accompany us would be great - we usually have approx 36 people adults and children that take part.

Thanks for your help.

## ***Requests for Marshals***

We have been asked for the following:-

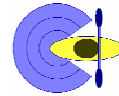
“Can the Canoe Club provide 3 experienced canoeists to act as marshals for the swimming leg in the marine lake for each race?”

8<sup>th</sup> May – Splash and Dash – Swim around the lake and run up to the end of the pier and back

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Marshals are also required for;

21<sup>st</sup> July – Quadrathlon – Kayaking/swimming/cycling/running. Beginning at 10AM.

## ***Items for sale***

Clive Bishop has a few items for sale. This information has been posted on the notice board at Strode and on our website.

The South Avon Canoe Club also has items for sale. Their web address is

[www.sacc.co.uk](http://www.sacc.co.uk)

## ***Club Discount***

Bike King, which is owned by Mitch Butler has offered club members 10% discount at his shop. A shop which is often used by my son – thank you Mitch.

## ***Correction***

In the last Newsletter I put in an article about some people trying to raise money by canoeing 100 miles down the River Wye. The spelling of the website was incorrect it should have been [www.aylburtonhippos.co.uk](http://www.aylburtonhippos.co.uk). If the link doesn't work then paste the address into your browser.

Lynne Lamb