

CLEVEDON CANOE CLUB

NEWSLETTER

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Saturday

What a beautiful sunny day it was. Despite the cold, there were lots of people on the lake, including some new members and Clive was there yet again with his barbeque. THANK YOU CLIVE. Yes we do intend being there again next Saturday but unfortunately Clive and family wont be. If anybody would like to volunteer to take charge of the barbecue next Saturday then please get in touch (before Clive goes away).

Some people did turn up in the afternoon and everything had been put away. If you intend going down in the afternoon, make sure one of the key holders is aware of it.

NEW WEBSITE - www.clevedoncanoecub.org.uk

Gavin is continuously updating this site. Have a look, if there is anything you wish to see added to the site or if you would like to make a contribution then let him know.

CLUB MEETINGS

We will be meeting at the Sailing club this Thursday the 9th of November. There will be a committee meeting taking place but feel free to come along. The bar will be open.

Discussions are still taking place regarding a regular slot. When it has been finalised I will let you all know.

TRAINING – DECEMBER 8/9 2006

Ian Lamb has put together a course over this weekend for those interested in doing it. The course is a pre-requisite for the instructor training.

He says *'I realise it will be cold but if people want to get started before Christmas then it is the only chance we will get. i can work out a cost unique to club members but unfortunately people will need to pay something as fuel costs etc will need covering.*

At a guess then if there are 8 or more which i think we do have, then it will be in the region of £45 per head for the whole weekend, and we will

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aim to have the safety test completed and possibly run some 2 star assessments too so people achieve both awards in the one weekend.'

If you wish to partake please e-mail him as soon as possible so that numbers/ price can be finalised as soon as possible. His e-mail address is 'silence-51@tiscali.co.uk'. He is waiting to hear from you.

POOL SESSIONS FOR WINTER2006/7

We are looking at the possibility of hiring a pool for some practice sessions over the winter. We have been told that there is a pool available in Bristol at a school on a Sunday afternoon. There is going to be a cost so the more people we have coming along the less we will have to pay. It will be a brilliant opportunity to learn/practise capsizing and getting in and out of a kayak at the side instead of launching down the slip.

If you are interested in coming along then please e-mail me. Put 'pool sessions' as a title and let me know how many members of your household would be interested in coming.

MARLENS – PUBLIC MEETING

There is a public meeting being held at Princess Hall on Thursday the 23rd of November, starting at 7.30pm (I have been told that there will be a bar).

The aim of this meeting is to discuss Marine Lake and the possibilities it holds. We will be having a display there so please do come and have a look. Photo's courtesy of Lyndsey and Clive Bishop and the Display board will be put together by Mark Dyer.

MEMBERSHIP

Thank you to those who have returned their forms. We look forward to receiving them from the rest of you. It appears that this form is not being received in the same format as I designed it. If you would prefer one that I have printed off, then let me know and I will arrange to get one to you.

When we receive a few more membership forms, the names and type of membership required will be passed to Mark Dyer who will then produce membership cards. These will be passed back to you to be signed and then returned to Mark to be laminated. Once they are laminated you will get them back. You will be able to use this card to get 10% off anything you purchase at Performance Kayaks.

If you are receiving this newsletter and don't want to receive it because you do not want to belong to our club then please let me know and I will take you off the circulation list.

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If you know of anyone who would like to become a member then please direct them to our website or pass my e-mail address onto them.

KEY HOLDERS

We currently have three key holders to the boat store where the kayaks are kept. These are; At the moment someone will be down on the lake on Saturdays. Please don't abuse this information and call the key holders about other club matters. Their telephone numbers are here specifically to arrange access to the boat house when it is not already open.

Gavin Price home 01275 874766 mobile 07989582061
Mark Dyer home 01275 543705 mobile 07886964587
Clive Bishop home 01275 340602

EVENTS

What would you like to see the club doing?

It is your club. What events would you like to see organised?

Things that have been suggested so far are;

Some theory training for club nights - especially for the children
Pool sessions over the winter period
Trips to other rivers
Camping trips
Sea Trips
One Star course
Two Star course
Canoe safety course
First Aid course
Talk from member of BCU(British Canoe Union)

We need feedback. You all have my e-mail address. Let me know 1) if you are interested in any of the above and 2) if you want to add to the list.

We have the quiet winter period to get us organised. So lets start talking.

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