

# TALES FROM THE RIVERBANK



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## *RCC's humble beginnings*



Whilst recently looking through some old RCC Newsletters, my eye was drawn to the February 1985 edition, and I thought that part of it ought to be recycled for this edition.

*Note: The photographs in the article have been added, they were not in the original article. The 1980's Newsletters did not contain any photographs.*



1982 - Peter Singleton awarding the prizes at the first Slalom ever organised by Ribble Canoe Club. Guess who the female is in the blue blouse. Older members of the club may recognise Dave Bailey and Sean Duffy.

The reluctance to change has always been a theme at Ribble, the retiring chairman was P. Singleton (Peter) and the new one was P Singleton (Phillip). We could have asked the new Chairman to change his Christian name by deed poll I suppose.

Interestingly enough the introductory article in the newsletter was actually written by me because we had just changed to a new Chairman, and he had not got around to writing the opening article (Chairman's Chat). At that time Pat was the typist and editor but had not yet learned the art of browbeating chairmen into supplying the Chairman's Chat on time, (a skill she has now acquired). I was therefore ordered to write an article on behalf of the new Chairman so that we could get the newsletter out on time. Not much change there then.

Anyway if the new Chairman hadn't written an article on time, the retiring one certainly had, and he was keen for it to be published, so here is the article reproduced below. The original article was prefaced by an introduction written again by me. Read On.

Despite the fact that he has now retired as chairman and thus not strictly eligible to write "Chairman's Chat," Peter Singleton has nevertheless written an article for the newsletter intent on going out with a bang (in the literary sense).

If you find mistakes in the following article it is probably due to the typist losing concentration due to fits of hysterical laughter and aching arms after having picked herself up off the floor so many times. Having read the article myself I wonder if he has given up the chairman's job to take up comedy script writing.

## ***The Dark Ages***

The recent AGM was a poignant gathering for me as retiring chairman. I would have said much more than "Thanks for the pleasant memories" but by tradition one never speaks at length at a Ribble AGM. Anyhow people stop listening after ten seconds but unfortunately cannot switch one off! Therefore I would now like to take this opportunity to commit a few thoughts to paper, and it is entirely up to you whether to read on or not.

Perhaps the most satisfying aspect of my association with Ribble CC has been its phenomenal growth. For those who do not know, the origins go back through the annals of time to about 15 years ago. (1970 ish). It all began down by the River Ribble at Penwortham Holme Recreation Centre, when Stan Melton, Andy Melling and myself used to run courses using PBK lath and canvas canoes. You remember those boats don't you? The ones you could hold a barn dance in!





The river at Penwortham is tidal and the usual session entailed launching on water and disembarking into nostril deep silt.

In retrospect we really were not very well organised – if the river was in flood and the tide ebbing we often lost classes through the Penwortham Bridge and re-located them clutching the grassy bank half way to Lytham-St-Annes. Again we had on more than one occasion run out of water on low tides and had to walk back up stream. Other hazards included the poisonous Triffid –like Gant Hog Weed, rats and local Yobbos.



I can with great clarity recall an interesting episode which would have sorely tested any instructor. One day in early November we had paddled upstream and were examining the idiosyncrasies of moving water under the old Blackburn Railway Bridge, when some half-wit dropped a fizzing banger right into the bottom of this young lasses canoe. I was somewhat alarmed as she had already gone into “Rigor Mortis” due to the moving water effect on her craft. It was probably the burning sensation on her knees that stimulated her neurons into action and the aforementioned pyrotechnic object activated just as she released it skywards.

After this we graduated to Sports Dippers. Still the lath and canvas but rubberised hulls (wowie) and the name printed on the deck (posh). We migrated upstream via Newshams Farm. I only mentioned this because it was here that Tony Moxham embarked on his illustrious canoeing career. Tony came as a very experienced cyclist. I still wonder if he started his cycling career as he started his canoeing one he mustn't have had a single unbroken bone in his skeletal system!! But look at him now- or suit yourself then.

We ended up at Alston as our base. Here we quickly discovered that all water wasn't chocolate brown and being non-tidal there wasn't the twice daily surge of oil drums, rotten bananas and drowned seamen. Unfortunately to our dismay we found others had made the same discovery – Fishermen.

We soon settled our differences, and progressed to GRP boats from some long passed away firm in Morecambe. Boy were these canoes heavy. It was a bit like horse riding, but you carried the horse! As a direct result of courses at Alston the Ribble Canoe Club was formed to cater for further activities after learning the basic skills. At first there were about twelve members. I always remember the secretary, Brian. He never canoed (couldn't swim) but he was the only one who could write neatly! There were usually about six stalwarts who turned out regularly to meet with Lakeland Canoe Club, Brathay Cruises, Ribble Trips, Eden Outings (in more ways than one) and of course Halton Days.

Our equipment in those days was limited, no wet suits or flash gear, mainly adapted fell walking stuff – minus the vibram boots. On a trip to the Brathay in flood in January I fell over in the pool just below Skelwith Bridge in company with another capsized. It was so cold I couldn't even scream. All the necessary vocal mechanisation took place but my larynx was frozen solid! We immediately ran back up the snow covered track to the minibus. The other faller-in was one of the leaders from the Girls Nautical Training Corp. who instantly produced this bottle of Rum. Any distant thoughts of continuing canoeing rapidly receded but I wasn't bothered and was soon warm and happy.

One year under Stan Melton's guidance we made some dry suits. They bore no resemblance at all to today's version of the same. These were brilliant yellow party balloon thickness of rubber in two pieces which rolled together at the middle overlap with a wide cummer band to conceal the joint. We used to turn up for the Leven Test like a bunch of bananas!

The funniest thing concerning these short lived garments took place in the ablutions of the Fieldens Arms on the way up to a Ribble Cruise one very cold winter's day. We stopped for a quick pint and a butty on the way up to Clitheroe. As per usual the log fire and beer detained us so much that on leaving we felt the urge to communicate with nature at the back of the pub. This is a well-known watering place for transport drivers. Need I continue? Right in the middle of the very intricate and complicated undressing procedure of these hideous tacky elasticated rubber suits two huge hairy lorry drivers appeared in the doorway. I shudder to think the number of times this incident has been related and embellished throughout the transport cafes of Britain. The other unforgettable quality of these unique suits was if one nicked the thin rubber skin, after a few minutes one got fat wet ankles where all the water gathered.

Other notable meets in the early days were Norbreck (Blackpool) when we raced the raw sewage out to the Isle of Man, Ribble jaunts when farmers shot guns and on one occasion the whole of Hurst Green Police Force summoned to remove us from the river at Dinckley. (Sadly his mini-van sank during the chase). I could go on – for example the first AGM at Fulwood Barracks when we put forty odd chairs out in the hall and in the end ten committee on the top table addressed three people in the audience. This caused our first major policy decision – always meet in a pub.

However we must not dwell in the past when the future holds all for us. No doubt some of you will be penning a similar article in ten years' time about today's club happenings.

Happy Paddling  
Peter Singleton

## ***REASONS TO BE CHEERFUL***

***Suzanne Thomas***

We are all involved, to some degree or another, in a wonderful sport that takes us here, there and everywhere, so in a spare 5 minutes I reflected on some of my reasons to be cheerful so far this year.

### **‘REASONS TO BE CHEERFUL PART 1’**

- 1) After a summer of ice cream indulgence my dry suit still fits me!
- 2) I remembered to put the bung in my boat!
- 3) My sandwiches are still dry ..... even after a swim
- 4) My car keys are safe and dry inside a dry bag, inside a dry bag, inside a dry bag ...
- 5) There's always water in the sea to play on
- 6) Tea is in hand when I get home
- 7) Cake.... lots of yummy cake
- 8) Kelly kettles, cotton wool and Vaseline!
- 9) It's raining!
- 10) Ribble Canoe Club and all the lovely folks to paddle with

What are your reasons to be cheerful? Who's writing Part 2 in the next magazine? Go on, you know you want to!

***Suzanne Thomas***

# ***The Mystery of History***

## ***(Access to water for Canoeists and Kayakers)***

***Norman Green***

I was recently asked a question on the subject of access and realised what a complicated and confusing subject it can sometimes be. With the fairly recent influx of new members to the club I thought it might be an idea to write an article about "Access to Water for Recreational Purposes." (So using the "War & Peace" Template here goes)

It is the coming of the time of year when more rivers will be swollen and therefore paddable by seasonal rain (and snow even). This is also a time of natural progression by members who have learnt the basic paddling, having done one or two star awards, and want to further develop by moving on to moving water skills.

In practical terms it is better for aspiring moving water paddlers to paddle with experienced paddlers from the club, who will be able to give advice on where to paddle for safety reasons as well as legal ones. Unfortunately even experienced paddlers can sometimes be confused by the Access Issue, which has recently been undergoing change in the light of several factors.

I need to mention that the legal position in Scotland is different from that of England & Wales. Scotland has its own legal system and it passed legislation in recent years allowing river access for recreational purposes. (When you look at our legal mess you can see why).

### **History**

To explain the issue, we need to consult the pages of history, but fortunately mass recreational paddling only developed during the last 70 years or so. This started when the "Working Class" acquired motor vehicles with which to transport their boats. Prior to that it was a recreation enjoyed by a small minority who used permanently based/stored craft or "Folding Boats" that could be carried in a "Kit Bag" and transported by public transport. The BCU (British Canoe Union) was only set up in 1936 so that a British Team could be sent to the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin.

So if you looked back to the immediate post war years, initially there was little interest in paddling and more interest in Angling. Unsurprisingly the Anglers jealously guarded their right to the water. The commonly accepted legal position at the time was that the right to take fish from a river was one enjoyed by the owner of the land on the riverbank (The Riparian Landowner). This legal right could be sold by the Riparian Owner and frequently was done because Angling Groups were prepared to pay handsomely for this right.

As recreational river users like Canoeists started to appear on rivers, it was decided that the rights of Riparian Owners also extended to the rights of navigation, meaning that canoeists had to seek permission from a Riparian Owner to use the stretch of river he controlled. This situation was clearly fraught with difficulties for canoeists who would need to find out who owned the various stretches of riverbank (in the days when there was no land registry office) then contact them to ask permission. If one of them refused then it would not be possible to legally paddle that stretch of river.

In practice not many landowners would bother about canoeists paddling past their bits of riverbank provided that they didn't land, unfortunately an awful lot of Anglers did get bothered by it. In the main it is Anglers who oppose our presence on rivers because they say that we are disturbing their recreation. Anglers paying lots of money for fishing rights can exert a lot of pressure on Riparian Owners and others to oppose our use of rivers and have done so for many years. This opposition has been in several forms, sometimes by citing that we do environmental damage, commit trespass and that we frighten away the fish when we are around. Over the years these arguments have been countered by evidence to the contrary supported or commissioned by the BCU or Canoe England. The BCU has also been striving for many years to get Parliament to introduce a Bill which would clarify the legal position once and for all. Unfortunately successive governments have been unwilling to do so. (N.B. Canoe England and the other "Home Associations" SCA, WCA & CANI, were set up in 2000).

## **Recent Events**

Over the years, economic, social and technological changes have put pressure on the generally accepted legal position on access, but the status quo remained relatively unchanged. Then a couple of years ago a retired vicar (The reverend Douglas Caffyn) started a complete rethink by publishing the legal research he had done to gain his doctorate in law from Brighton University. His research showed that the currently held legal position was very dubious and that every unregulated river which was physically navigable actually had an ancient right of navigation on it. This research was widely distributed in order that it could be tested by counter opinion at every level and as far as I am aware no-one has been able to point out any discrepancies in his views in a factual way. As would be expected there are lots of people, mainly Anglers, who dispute his conclusions, but don't seem to have the factual evidence to back up their assertions.

Unfortunately the only way that Douglas Caffyn's evidence can be relied on completely is for a legal case to be brought before the courts so that the resulting legal judgement could form a "Legal Precedent." If a case were to be brought it could cost an awful lot of money in legal fees. If the judgement went against the canoeists then it would be a major impediment to the future of the sport and recreation in England and Wales. The position is the same for the Anglers; if they lost a court case then it is lost forever. So what we have is basically a stand-off.

## **Where are we now?**

Currently Canoeing & Kayaking are the fastest growing Watersports. According to information from Canoe England there are 33,000 individual CE members, 420 affiliated clubs and 150 approved centres.

A survey in 2011 found that 1.2 million adults go canoeing in the UK between 1 and 5 times per year. In England 50,000 adults paddle at least once per week and 150,000 adults paddle at least once per month.

I don't have figures for participation in Angling, but I am fairly confident that we are winning the numbers game if not the war of words on access. It is worth noting that the main opposition comes from "Game Fishing" i.e. fishing for Salmon & Trout. The cost of this is quite high and by its very nature means that there can never be large numbers participating at the same time in the same place, unlike canoeing.

It is not uncommon for expensive stretches of river to have only one or two people fishing where lots of people could be paddling. Sometimes there is no one fishing at all and yet as canoeists we would (in the eyes of the Anglers) be breaking the law if we went on the river *N.B. This would be a civil offence of trespass not a criminal offence*

### **How are we viewed by others?**

As previously mentioned Canoe England has been trying to get Parliament to introduce legislation to give clarity to the legal situation but it's response to date has been to tell us to negotiate access arrangements with the Anglers and Riparian Owners. This has been tried many times but has not resulted in improvements for canoeists because there is no willingness to accept our legal assertions and no inertia for change from landowners who fear that their fishing rights will be severely devalued. There is also vested interest within the current government who do not want change. When we try to negotiate we have to do so from an unequal bargaining position and therefore we usually fail.

### **DEFRA (Department for Rural Affairs)**

At a political level we have not been able to achieve very much, but at an organisational level our position is being grudgingly recognised as a valid one. DEFRA recently issued a statement about the current position which clearly is designed to be a "Sit on the fence" job. In the past they would probably have dismissed us out of hand. Below is a section of an article from the Canoe Camping club magazine written by Kevin East, Access Development Officer from Canoe England.

*Opinion on the law is divided and that it is unclear has been a long held position by the canoeing community. This view has recently been upheld by DEFRA who have issued legal advice that included the statement:*

***"There is no clear case law on whether a 'common law right of navigation' exists on unregulated rivers. This is widely accepted to be an unclear and unresolved issue."***

*DEFRA also stated it is not prepared to take the matter further for providing clarity, but nevertheless this advice further challenges those who believe their permission for access is required. It is a development to further the shared use of our rivers*

### **Environment Agency**

The EA recognise that as the body responsible for the waterways they can't dismiss a very large group of river users as trespassers. They have a duty to protect and improve all waterways for the benefit of the public. They are funded out of tax payer's money so it would be a bit rich to turn round and say you can't use the rivers that you are paying us to maintain. That maintenance includes stocking rivers with fish, although to be fair to the Anglers their licence fees pay for 20% of the cost. (So you pay 80% of the cost of stocking rivers with fish, please mention this to the next aggressive angler who tells you that you shouldn't be on HIS river because you don't pay anything).

Once again the EA will sit on the fence when it comes down to asking their opinions on the access issue.



## **Access Arrangements**

As someone who has been following the situation since about 1980 I have noticed a change in attitudes towards the access issue which seems to be moving the right way.

Public perception of the situation seems to be swinging in our favour. As more people try out the sport, they have a better understanding of the issues and less likely to be influenced by some of the more extreme views sometimes expressed by anglers.

Attitudes towards angling are swinging to the view by some that it is a “Blood Sport” and that canoeing is a benign activity which does little or no harm to the environment if carried out responsibly.

Some sections of river historically had access arrangements on them, but these have recently been abandoned and people just get on and paddle. The River Lune Rigmaden to Kirby Lonsdale and River Leven are two such examples. As far as is known there have been no repercussions from this action so perhaps the way forward is to simply paddle and be damned.

Well unfortunately if we ignore other river users we are not acting in a socially responsible manner and this could be used against us in the future. What we really need is a dialogue between ourselves and other interested parties so that we all get along. Unfortunately it is usually difficult to get landowners and anglers to negotiate access in a spirit of fair shares for all. What usually happens is that canoeists are expected to accept a raw deal or no deal.

## **Park & Play/Occupation Sites**

Some sections of river are ideally suited to us parking up and playing on the river. There is a view amongst some of the paddling community that this practice requires a different level of access permission than if we were simply paddling down a river on a tour. If we claim that a river has an ancient right of navigation, is that a right to paddle up, down, across and generally loiter on it? If you compare that with a public right of access along the footpath it is analogous to someone stopping and playing possibly outside your house. How would you feel about that?

Because of this there has been a general acceptance that such sites should be treated as a separate case than that for touring access. This has sometimes meant that we have to pay for access. In the past Halton was just such a place, requiring negotiated access during the fishing season on payment to the then fishing licence issuers for loss of revenue.

## **Pay to Play Sites**

There are sections of river where you are expected to pay before you can paddle. In most cases this has nothing to do with rights of access but sheer financial necessity. If you want to paddle the river Washburn, currently you have to pay £9 per adult, this goes towards paying for the water company to release the water and to fund past and future infrastructure developments at the site. There are also man made pay and play sites like Cardiff WW centre, Tees Barrage, Holme Pierrepont and the 2012 Olympic WW site at Lee Valley. Paying to use these sites is no different than visiting a theme park and paying to use the various rides.

The river Tryweryn in Wales is a different situation again, the site is owned by the WCA and it used to charge paddlers to use the river. It was in the process of lobbying the Welsh assembly to change the laws on river access when it was pointed out that as owners of the Tryweryn site it only allowed access if people paid for the privilege. It therefore was forced to allow free access to the Tryweryn or drop its lobbying. It chose to allow free access, although it does make a reasonable charge for parking at the site and does provide toilet and changing facilities.

## **Conclusions**

If you really want the full picture of how we got into this complicated mess just to be able to paddle a canoe or kayak then I suggest you visit the web site of Doug Caffyn who opened up the legal can of worms.

<http://www.caffynonrivers.co.uk/>

If you want to know more about paddling in an environmentally responsible manner visit the web site of Canoe England.

[http://www.canoe-england.org.uk/media/pdf/youyourenv0206\\_lr.pdf](http://www.canoe-england.org.uk/media/pdf/youyourenv0206_lr.pdf)

If you want to know more about Ribble Canoe Clubs Paddling Policy visit the website at

<http://ribblecanoecub.co.uk/policies.html>

Finally Canoe England issued a “Position Statement” laying out what it believes with regard to access at

<http://www.canoe-england.org.uk/media/pdf/AA%20Position%20Statement%208%20June%202012%20.pdf>

I have it on good authority that this position statement is under review and that a revision will be out in the near future. So just when you think you have it all sussed out it will probably change again.

So there you have it in a nutshell albeit a 5 page one.

So be warned, that’s what you get when you ask questions about access and we are short of newsletter articles.

***Norman Green***

# *Editors Bit*

Once again we have a thin Newsletter due to lack of articles submitted. Other than Suzanne's contribution and Terry's 'Cha Cha (Thank You)' we have had to use a recycled article and one written by me to pad things out a little. I have another article ready for the next edition which is even more boring so be warned. Whilst I have no problem sitting down and writing an article I feel that the newsletter should reflect the views, opinions and requirements of the current membership. If the membership doesn't supply articles then it is difficult to do that. I do recognise of course that people lead busy lives and finding time to write an article may not be that easy for many. I am also aware that when we do receive articles very often it is from a small core of regular contributors who by now may be thinking that it is someone else's turn.

So my plea is that some of you newer members should consider writing a small article for the next issue, since you are the ones who will have something new to tell us.

A little bird told me a story of some new club members who purchased a second hand Sailing Boat on a Greek Island with the plan to fix it up and sail it back to the UK. Surely this not only has the potential for a good article, but a complete mini-series. (With a little artistic licence).

If the current situation continues then perhaps the future of the newsletter should be reviewed by the committee and a decision made as to whether or not we continue with it in its current form. It may be that we should only produce a newsletter if we have sufficient interest and content to make it worthwhile.

Much of the newsletter basic information can be made available via the web site forum so that it is only available to paid-up members, and other more entertaining stuff could go out via an email service like "Mail Chimp." You may have already received similar newsletters from Canoe England via the "Mail Chimp" Service without being aware of it.

The other problem is that this is a one way communication and we have no idea of how the newsletter is viewed by its recipients. (Not literally, we know you use a computer screen). We receive very little feedback as to whether you enjoy reading the material or not so we have no idea if we need to change things or what you like or don't like. Even if you don't want to send us an article, you could let us have your opinion either by email or by an ear-bashing at the Hand & Dagger on a Tuesday Evening or on a club trip. We won't be offended by your views.

Time and Technology move on perhaps it is time for the newsletter to move on with it. (This is sounding like a plea for redundancy).

**Dates and Deadlines:** The next committee meeting will be on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November September at 7:00pm at the Hand & Dagger. The next newsletter will be published on 20<sup>th</sup> November. We would appreciate all submissions by Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>. **(Actually we would appreciate any submissions – please don't make me grovel)** Please send submissions to [newsletter@ribblecanooclub.co.uk](mailto:newsletter@ribblecanooclub.co.uk)

***Norman Green***

# ***Chairman's Chat***

Well it looks like we can stop worrying about all that awful dry, hot weather and start worrying about the 200 mile an hour jet stream coming across the Atlantic and bringing extreme gales and torrential rain with it. And it's still summer till 21st of this month. Apologies if that date's gone already – I'm late again with this miss able banter.

Rhosneigr was another good camp with a large attendance, but apparently no articles coming forth for the magazine. It seems a long time ago now, but I remember the surf wasn't up to much but we had a good paddle along the coast down to Chapel Island and back. The play wavers went to Stanley Embankment and had a good time. Most importantly, the barbecue went well. Where are the articles?

Bala isn't so far in the past and again split into white water paddlers on the Tryweryn and more sane people on Llyn Tegid – and all in the rain. I've posted some fuzzy pictures on the Forum Gallery from the lake paddle, including a bit of moving water at the incoming river. Again no articles coming from this camp as far as I know. The highlight for me, apart from the lake paddle was the barbecue on Saturday night. Thanks to Mr Binks' Quince wine on top of some beer, I travelled a downward path to red wine, port and lots of cheese and biscuits. I don't remember much else but laughing a lot. Sunday morning was a low point but at least the tents were got down in the dry (more or less). I know others who weren't quite as thirsty on Saturday night paddled the lake again and some went back to the Tryweryn. I remember Rick T talking to Jack and Anthony about the Conway!!!! Now there would be an article for this mag.

Thanks to John Kington and Rache Body who organised these two camps this year and thanks to all those, especially Peter Roscoe, who organised and ran the 3 Star Sea course. The course has now finished apart from a couple of assessments still to be arranged. Congratulations to those who succeeded, so far being Matt Aspden, Alan D Blackburn (The Captain) and A N Other. Now I'm pretty sure Peter asked me to present certificates to three members the other Tuesday evening at The Hand & Dagger so who was No 3 ? You have my sincere apologies for my famously recalcitrant memory, but on the positive side you may have gained a lifelong nickname of "No. 3".

I'm getting this off to Pat now as I'm already several days late – sorry Pat. It's coming up 9.00am on Sat 14 September 2013. I mention this just in case tomorrow's storms bring the end of the world as we know it.

Good luck and keep your heads down,

***Terry Maddock***  
[Chairman@ribblecanoecub.co.uk](mailto:Chairman@ribblecanoecub.co.uk)

# ***Pool Sessions***

The following lists the pool sessions booked at Fulwood Leisure Centre, the contact for the courses and the Supervisor and Committee member on duty.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Session</b>	<b>Contact</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>	<b>Committee</b>
20 Sep	Rolling	Allan Hacking	Matt Aspden	Allan Hacking
27 Sep	Rolling	Allan Hacking	William Body	Allan Hacking
4 Oct	Rolling	Allan Hacking	Rick Turner	Allan Hacking
11 Oct	Paddle Skills	Allan Hacking	Albert Risely	Allan Hacking
18 Oct	Open	N/A	Tony Morgan	John Hooper
25 Oct	Sea Kayak Skills	Paula Sharples	John Kington	Paula Sharples
1 Nov	Open	N/A	Bill Turner	Graham Kingaby
8 Nov	Paddle Skills	Allan Hacking	Bruce Carter	Suzanne Thomas
15 Nov	Polo	Gareth Jones	Brian Petherwick	Graham Eccles
22 Nov	Open	N/A	Debra Bookbinder	Paula Sharples
29 Nov	Slalom	Mark Shaw	Rachel Body	Gareth Jones
6 Dec	Open	N/A	Sarah Jones	Terry Maddock
13 Dec	Paddle Skills	Allan Hacking	Graham Kingaby	Allan Hacking
20 Dec	Dumbongo	Gareth Jones	Terry Maddock	Gareth Jones

**Prices for pool sessions:** Rolling Course £20 plus club membership. **All other sessions £5**

**Pool Session Protocol:** Open sessions are open access, with no need to book. Please book in advance for ALL other sessions by phoning the named contact or via the forum.

If using club equipment it is up to the individual to collect it from the pool store before 9.00pm, after which time the store will be locked. A club member will be on hand to assist. (best to arrive at 8.45)

If using your own equipment please ensure it is clean before entering the pool area.

If you use a boat at a pool session it is your responsibility to return it to where it came from (your car or the pool store) IMMEDIATELY at the end of the session and BEFORE getting showered and changed.

The pool sessions run from 21.15 to 22.15. We are not to enter the pool area before 21.05 - this to avoid risk of injury to swimming club members who have to clear the pool area by 21.05.



# ***Ribble CC Library***

See Albert or Kath Risely to borrow a book or DVD.

## **General**

BCU Handbook (2 copies)  
The Practical Guide to Kayaking  
Canoeing & Kayaking  
BCU Coaching Handbook  
The Rough Guide to Weather  
Canoe & Kayak Games  
Working out of Doors with Young People  
More Than Activities  
The Knot Book - NEW

## **DVD - BCU 'Go Paddling' 2012**

### **Touring & Sea Kayaking**

An Atlas of the English Lakes  
Canal Companion: Cheshire Ring  
Touring 100 Paddles in England  
Welsh Sea Kayaking Guidebook  
Northern England & IOM Sea Kayaking  
Scottish Sea Kayak Trail  
Scottish Canoe Touring  
Great Glen Canoe Trail  
Anglesey Info Pack  
Scottish Sea Kayaking Guidebook  
The Outer Hebrides Sea Kayaking Guidebook

### **Sea Kayak Navigation**

Complete Book of Sea Kayaking  
Sea Kayaker Deep Trouble

DVD - Sea Kayak Rescues  
DVD - Sea Kayak with Gordon Brown -  
Instructional Journey along Skye Coast  
DVD - This is the Sea 1  
DVD - This is the Sea 2  
DVD - This is the sea 3  
DVD - This is the Sea 4  
DVD - Performance Sea Kayaking-  
Skills, rolling & rescue techniques  
DVD - BCU 3 & 4 Star Leaders Sea Kayaking

### **Canoeing/Open Boating**

Open Canoe Technique  
Path of the Paddle  
Canoeing Safety & Rescue  
Canoeing

DVD - This is Canoeing (ww & wilderness)  
DVD - Open Canoeing -  
Reg Blomfield (amazing moves!) (2 copies)

## **Whitewater**

Canoe & Kayak Guide to North West England  
English White Water  
Scottish White Water  
White Water Lake District (2 COPIES)  
White Water Kayaking  
White Water Safety & Rescue (2 copies)  
Weir Wisdom  
Many Rivers to Run  
The Playboater's Handbook 2  
Whitewater Paddling (Strokes & Concepts) – NEW  
L'Eau Vive - NEW

DVD -Moving on to Moving Water  
DVD - EJ's Advanced River Running  
DVD - The Call of the River -  
100 years of WW Adventure  
DVD - Whitewater Kayaking

## **Rolling**

Bombproof Roll and Beyond!  
Eskimo Rolling for Survival


DVD - This is the Roll  
DVD - EJ's Rolling and Bracing

## **Club or Club Members Trips**

DVD - Mags Brayfield in Nepal  
DVD - It's Different Every Time - Halton Rapids  
DVD - Fort William 2005/06 Easter Trip  
DVD - RCC Scotland trip 2007 & 2008  
DVD - Tay Descent 2011  
DVD - Ladies Day at Washburn August 2013

## **Expeditions/Adventure/Action**

On Celtic Tides  
Dancing with Waves  
The Canoe Boys  
Three Men in a Boat  
DVD - Revenge of the Fat Cats (Greenland)  
DVD - The Cockleshell Heroes (wartime adventure)  
DVD - Tatshenshini/Alsek 2007  
DVD - Mountain River Movie (Canada)  
DVD - Liffey Descent 1992

	Ribble CC Contact List	Committee	General Information	Access	Courses	Instructor	Hand & Dagger Key holder	T.E.A. Trips	Beginners River Trips	Intermediate River Trips	Advanced River Trips	Sea Trips	Open Canoes	Surfing	Beginners' Slalom	Advanced Slalom	Polo	Freestyle	Other
Albert & Kath Risely							☺	☺											Library
Allan Hacking		☺			☺	☺	☺		☺			☺	☺						
Brian Woodhouse		☺	☺	☺				☺	☺	☺									
Elizabeth Kingaby																			Webmistress
Gareth Jones		Secretary																	
Graham Eccles		☺																	
Graham Kingaby		☺					☺												Quartermaster
John Hooper		☺					☺												
John Kington		Treasurer								☺				☺					Treasurer
Mark Shaw		☺													☺	☺	☺	☺	Competition Secretary
Norman & Pat Green		☺						☺											Newsletter
Pat Green		Membership																	Membership Secretary
Paula Sharples		☺																	
Suzanne Thomas		☺																	Club Welfare Officer
Terry Maddock		Chairman	☺		☺	☺	☺	☺											Chairman

**Additional Key Holders:** Andy Dowe, Rick Turner, Roy Booth, Tony Morgan, Spare Key (Terry Maddock)

# CALENDAR

NOTE: Last minute trips are often arranged on the forum on the website ([www.ribblecanoeclub.co.uk](http://www.ribblecanoeclub.co.uk)), at the Hand & Dagger on Tuesdays or at Fulwood on Friday (RCC pool nights). If you have any dates for the calendar please contact **Terry Maddock**

Ribble CC development trips are in **bold**

Ribble CC recreational events (assumed risk) are in ***bold italic***.

Other Ribble CC events are in *italic*.

Events in normal type are external events listed for information only.

## SEPTEMBER

**Sat 21 Sep**  
**beginners trip – windermere**  
**Contact: Graham Kingaby**

Sun 22 Sep  
Washburn release

## OCTOBER

**Sat 5 or Sun 6 Oct**  
**development trip - venue tba**

Sun 6 Oct  
Washburn release

*Wed 9 Oct 19:00 – 21:00*  
*Coaching Forum*

Thu 10 Oct 19:30 – 21:30  
An Evening with Ray Mears  
The Outdoor Life - Bridge  
water hall Manchester

Fri 11 – Sun 13 Oct  
Welsh Open Canoe Symposium  
Glan-llyn Outdoor Centre, Bala

**Sat 12 Oct**  
**Intro to moving water - Burrs**  
**country park**  
**Contact: Allan Hacking**

Sun 20 Oct  
Washburn release

## NOVEMBER

Fri 1 – Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov

Tyne Tour - Tyne Green,  
Hexham

*Wed 6 Nov*  
*Committee meeting*

Sun 10 Nov  
Washburn release

**Sun 17 Nov**  
**Beginners Trip.**  
**Probably Intro to moving**  
**water**  
**Halton?**  
**Contact: William Body**

Saturday 23 Nov  
BCU North West Region ACM  
Halton Rapids. More details will  
be published on RCC Forum & NW  
Region Website including provision  
for paddling, food etc.  
Contact: Pat Green