

# TALES FROM THE RIVERBANK



*September/October 2015*

## *RCC Fun Day*

*Pat Green*



There were 50+ attended this event. It was a super day with all levels of abilities and of age mixing together and generally having fun, in a variety of boats, including a coracle and an inflatable kayak. This has recently been donated to the club. The day was rounded off with a BBQ. Below are a selection of photos taken by David Sutton, it gives an essence of what a fabulous day it was.

**Caption competition**

Photo from Trearddur Bay, Anglesey. I will set up a thread on the forum for suggestions and a (sur)prize will be awarded for the best entry.

One to start things off: *Despite his best efforts, Paul's surfing skills did not seem to be impressing the locals.*

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# Club Boat List

**Graham Kingaby**

Recently you may have noticed there is a new item in the main menu “member area” this area is for RCC members’. When you click on it you will be asked to enter a user name and password.

See the email you received advising July 2015 Newsletter was available to view it contains the user name and password

User name: xxxxx    password: xxxxx

Please enter search details.

Make:

Model:

Search Canoes/Kayaks

Click [Search Canoes/Kayaks](#) on this will take you to the boat list page you can then search by make or model or by putting a % in either box it will give you the full list of boats.

## ***Loch Ken 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> September***

This year's trip to Loch Ken will be Friday 4th to Sunday 6th September at the Loch Ken Holiday Park (see link below). I have emailed them to let them know about our return visit. However, if you are coming along please contact the camp site to book your own pitch. I would advise as well to let them know, when booking your pitch that you are with the RCC, so they can put us all together. Otherwise you may miss out on the evenings' revelry. [office@lochkenholidaypark.co.uk](mailto:office@lochkenholidaypark.co.uk)

For those who haven't been before, anyone can come along - best done in a long pointy thing because the round trip is about 10 miles. In the evening BBQ and beer (wine for the ladies)

I would just like to point out the trip is not coach lead. So, and I know this sounds a bit off putting but is not intended as such, you paddle at your own risk and are responsible for your own safety as well as any consequences that may arise from your own behaviour and conduct. Also Dave's Rules apply.

See you there

***Dave Sutton***

# ***Anglesey Camp Rhosneigr***

## ***24, 25, 26 July 2015***

This year's Rhosneigr camp will take place over the weekend 24, 25, 26 July. If you've been before you'll know the script. If not, read on.

Since time immemorial Ribble members have congregated on Anglesey in July to pay homage to the surf deities. Given that such deities are not entirely reliable we compromise on a weekend of jollity by the seaside. Many tales have been told of antics real, imagined, and possibly hallucinated. The original premise, which remains at the heart of the weekend, is surf – on the sea, in kayaks. Most kayaks will surf after a fashion – modern river boats with planing hulls are ideal.

As surf cannot be guaranteed sea kayaking is increasingly popular – and Anglesey is one of the premier sea paddling destinations – anywhere. Those members who have the use of sea kayaks tend to take on more ambitious day trips, but shorter excursions are possible in river boats – perhaps over to Rhoscolyn Beacon to see the seals or along the coast. The less confident can explore the sheltered waters of the Inland Sea, or simply play on the beach – whatever suits.

It's not compulsory, but Saturday night is invariably barbecue night – bring something to incinerate and maybe something to wash it down with. Alternatively there is a chip shop and a couple of pubs in the village.

Most people arrive Friday evening and leave Sunday. If you want to arrive earlier or stay longer please arrange that with the campsite. We will be camping at our usual site – Bodfan Farm ([www.bodfanfarm.co.uk](http://www.bodfanfarm.co.uk)). Their website has details of how to get there and site fees. It's very much a traditional farm campsite – no shop or bar, but it's clean, friendly and welcoming, just remember some 20p coins for the showers.

I've made a reservation for "around 40" – so no need to book direct, just let me know you're coming via the forum. If you're intending to bring a caravan and/or want electric hook up please arrange that directly with the campsite.

***John Kington***

# ***BALA SUMMER CAMP***

## ***21/23 August 2015***

We are indeed heading back to Glanllyn campsite, lakeside at Llyn Tegid (Lake Bala) - <http://www.glanllyn.com/> Contact details for the campsite can be found on their website - an email address and phone numbers.

As with previous camps, please can you contact the campsite direct to confirm your pitch - details are on their website and below. Please mention that you are with Ribble as I believe they will try to keep the caravans together. Camping pitches aren't allocated.

There are good facilities at this campsite with a big clean shower and wash block. Campers are kept

slightly separated from caravans & campervan but this didn't prove an issue last year! As far as I am aware (and based on last year) they have no problems with BBQ's.

**Activities:**

We are right on the banks of Llyn Tegid which can be paddled by all (after the purchase of a permit). There is also Canolfan Tryweryn for the white water paddler, but the release details are not up on their website yet - [www.ukrafting.co.uk](http://www.ukrafting.co.uk).

Also nearby is Coed y Brenin which is the largest Welsh Mountain Bike centre is about 20 minutes away and has a fantastic variety of mountain bike trails of various grades and walks. More details will be posted on the forum nearer the time

**Roy Booth**

## ***Editors Bit***

Here we are again with another bumper edition of the Newsletter and once again thank you to all our contributors. I sometimes get the feeling of Déjà vu because we have the same adverts for the same club trips, run by the same people, but then I remember that our membership is constantly changing as new paddlers join us and they look forward to participating for the first time. Some things definitely don't seem to change of course, Stan seems to get himself into deep water and become the subject of an article by Adam Fielder every two months.

Talking of change it seems that we are starting to realise that prospective new paddlers are likely to appear in the warmer months of the year when traditionally we couldn't paddle at Halton, there was no water in most rivers and we didn't use the Fulwood Pool. In response Roy Booth has taken up the mantle and started running sessions at the pool to get newbies over their fear of capsizing ready for right way up training on the canal. Well done to Roy and his Friday helpers.

To all the new paddlers i.e. the ones who only started this year well done for what you have achieved so far. Without naming names (and risk missing someone out) you have impressed us with your commitment and determination which has shown up in your improved paddling skill.

Thanks must also go to the coaches who have had a hand in it.

I have been warned to keep the Editors Bit "Ramblings" to a minimum this time because it is already late and we want to get the Newsletter out. So that's it from me.

**Dates and Deadlines:** The next committee meeting will be on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 7:00pm. The next newsletter will be published on 15<sup>th</sup> September. We would appreciate all submissions by Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>. Please send submissions to [newsletter@ribblecanooclub.co.uk](mailto:newsletter@ribblecanooclub.co.uk)

**Norman Green**  
[newsletter@ribblecanooclub.co.uk](mailto:newsletter@ribblecanooclub.co.uk)

# Ribble CC Library

If you want to borrow something contact Amanda Spavin by either sending her a text (you can find her number on the contact page at the back of your newsletter) or by sending her a message via the club forum. Her name on the forum is Spav. These books/DVDs will then be brought to the H&D for you to collect at a mutually agreed club night.

## 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  
DVD Sea Kayaking in Wales  
(conservation) - NEW

DVD Sea Kayak Essentials Volumes  
1 & 2  
Intermediate & Adv. Boat Handling  
Skills  
Safety & Rescue Skills

### 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)

### White-water

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  
White-water 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 - White-water 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