

TALES FROM THE RIVERBANK



NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2009

Introduction to Moving Water

Debra Bookbinder



Week 1 As the water temperature starts to dip what better idea than to take a group of guys and gals onto moving water for perhaps the second time in their lives.

The inspired idea of Ed, who was so enthusiastic to coach this group of miscreants he turned up late. Thus leaving Allan to lead us down the Great Big Weir and, with the exception of Frankie (who turned up late with Ed so didn't know we were doing it) we ALL did it! One came down backwards but claimed she did it on purpose.

All had at least a modicum of experience on moving water so were coached to an inch of their lives, and within an hour were

ferrygliding with their eyes closed (I kid you not!). Sam was a star and really 'got into the groove'.

There was a bit of bunching around the eddies at the few drops there are at the Burrs. The large group did limit the opportunity to play on the features, especially the Broken Weir.

By the end of the session, even Gary Fishwick was beginning to relax instead of sitting rigid in his boat.

A fantastic morning with lots of skills learned in the pool and on the canal put into practice and can't wait for next week....."

Week 2 We should have kept Week one a secret, that way we'd have kept all the brilliant coaching to ourselves and hogged the river.

Somehow word got out for how much fun it was and LOADS of folk made it down for Week 2 making it a really social and enjoyable session too.



Allan put Rosie through her paces in the Topo. By the time they reached the get out they were hand paddling



Although it has to be said for much of the morning it looked like Rosie was the only one doing any work as Allan's paddle appeared allergic to water.



Rosie got her Dad (Binky Boo) doing more of the work in the afternoon.



Sam came down the weir in the afternoon and showed his confidence in a perfect run down the weir, backwards (and on purpose!).

There appeared to be an impromptu committee meeting going on at one stage



There's always a showman brought out when a camera is present and this was no exception (although you would think he was old enough to know better).

The interesting thing about these pictures is the extent to which he's being ignored. Has he done this before by any chance?



With so many experienced folk to hand it was a great opportunity to push yourself and try stuff, knowing it was safe, and then feel brilliant when you'd done it! Which Kath took full advantage of in breaking out and surfing.

The final session was to be on Oct 18th but with the Paddlefest due that morning and everyone doing so well, it was agreed we were all of a standard to manage the opening of the Halton rapids on November 1st... see you there.



Debra Bookbinder

Mostly it was about really enjoying being on the water, which the number of cheesy grins, quiet satisfied smiles and triumphant gestures amply demonstrate...

The illuminations trip

Suzanne Thomas

The illuminations trip has been established on the OAG calendar for a number of years now and has never failed to delight me when I've paddled with them.

It was definitely my paddle of the year!

You never know what to expect of the weather which can alter the difficulty of the trip considerably. This was the second attempt as the first was abandoned due to strong winds and big waves - 6ft on the face. The three brave paddlers who were up for it, Mark Jackson, Jen Horne and Pete Roscoe called it a day at South Pier returning to a welcome by the coast guard at Starr Gate.

After a couple of weeks for the tides to be suitable again, a second attempt was made. Now over my swine flu I was able to go. The high pressure system we were then enjoying brought calm seas with a slight swell. Just how I like it!

We met at Starr Gate and were quickly joined by Alan Hacking and Terry Maddock. Out of the OAG paddlers present all but one are Ribble members - if not regular Ribble paddlers.



It was just dusk as the sea kayaks slipped into the waters, Terry admitting that he hadn't paddled his boat often and remarking that "its owners were going down in ability over time". He admitted to being the third.

We soon settled into a rhythm and the trip was away at a blistering pace, enjoying plenty of banter as we paddled. Well, with Peter Roscoe and Terry for company what else could you expect?

By now it was dark and the boats slide through the water in the inky blackness. We were fortunate that the still conditions allowed us to paddle close in and we enjoyed great views of the subject of the trip.....the Illuminations.



We had company for part of the trip as the inshore Lifeboats were on a training exercise between North and Central Piers. As the Liverpool Coastguard had been informed about our trip, they knew who we were when they came over to chat with us.

It was strange paddling off shore in the dark; you become much more aware of "wearing your boat". Your senses change as you react to conditions by feel rather than sight. It wasn't long before we were much more at home and enjoying the experience.

Paddling in a small group it was unbelievably quiet until we got to South Pier. The music and noise from the Fair, the glaring lights, the smells of burgers and candyfloss were in total contrast to the darkness and silence just a couple of minutes before.

At this point I realised how much the flu had taken out of me and John Roberts and I sadly left the group and made our way back to Starr Gate.

I'm told that Terry now knows where the starlings of Blackpool roost at night, under the Piers. They left their mark, say no more!

Nature played quite a part in the trip. Although we didn't see any seals this time, as we made our way back we were treated to one of nature's own light shows. John noticed that as we paddled, our bow waves and paddle swirls light up fluorescent green, a phenomenon known as bioluminescence. The crests of the waves literally glowed as they broke and we slipped silently out of the blackness and onto the sand. Amazing and just off Blackpool to!

The others returned safe and sound shortly after us. Then, after letting the coastguard know we were all back, that was it, all over for 2009. Roll on 2010!

Weather permitting I'll be there next year.

I must pass on our thanks to OAG particularly Mark Jackson and Peter Roscoe for running the trip and inviting Ribble along.

Suzanne Thomas
Photo's courtesy of
Mark Jackson

The Riverdance grounding:- In defence of two local celebrities

Mark Dillon



On 31st January 2008, the Bahamas registered Ro-Ro cargo vessel Riverdance grounded and

became stranded on Shell Flats off Cleveleys Beach, Lancashire.

In February 2008 Messrs Burger, Burger & Pie Solicitors did maliciously and wrongfully state in the Lancashire based Canoe Club forum of Ribble Canoe Club and again at a later date supply dubious evidence to support such a claim at a Christmas party attended by the aforementioned canoe club members that the Riverdance disaster was due to actions relating to a misplaced kayaking safety item. Namely a 'throwline' becoming entangled in the vessels propeller. Messrs Burger, Burger & Pie suggested that the 'throwline' once owned by Mr Roscoe and misplaced by Mr Dillon somewhere downstream of Halton Rapids on the River Lune in Lancashire became entangled in the Riverdance propeller train. In defence of this allegation we Messrs Flagging, Windy & Tired are acting on behalf of internationally renowned sea kayaker Mr Peter Duracell Roscoe and Local nobody Mark Crappaddler Dillon

The Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) enquiry published on 3rd September numbered 18/2009 quite clearly refutes the above allegations and sites several reasons for the Riverdances' demise. www.maib.gov.uk

The following is a summary of the main causal factors and key events that were identified during the investigation:

- The true weights and the disposition of the vessel's cargo were not known.
- The stability of Riverdance was not calculated before sailing from Warrenpoint.
- Ballast was never adjusted regardless of cargo or expected weather.
- Some openings on the weather deck were not closed off in anticipation of the expected poor weather.
- The vessel was proceeding in following seas at a speed slightly slower than that of the following wave train. Under these circumstances, a reduction in the vessel's stability can occur and more pronounced rolling can be experienced.
- As the vessel approached more shallow waters, the seas became steeper and rolling increased further. This resulted in a small shift of cargo to port.
- The vessel sustained a series of large rolls to port which caused additional trailers and their contents to shift.
- In an attempt to bring the vessel's head into the wind, the master decided to make a broad alteration to starboard. This exacerbated the port heel causing the deck edge to immerse, possibly allowing water to enter the vessel through openings on her weather deck. Ingress of water would have further reduced the vessel's residual stability.
- The port main engine tripped due to the excessive list and, with only one engine, there was not enough power to bring the ships head into the wind. The vessel lay beam on to the wind and seas, rolling heavily with a large list to port as she drifted towards shallow water. The weather deck on the port side continued to be intermittently immersed.
- The vessel took the ground and returned to an almost upright position. An attempt was made to redistribute the ballast to compensate for the expected port list once she re-floated on the rising tide.
- Because the disposition of the weights on board the vessel was unknown, the amount of ballast transferred was based on the master's estimate. The owner's shore based crisis management team did not have access to accurate stability information. Had this been available they would have been able to provide better support to the master.

Clearly the evidence gleaned from the enquiry clears my clients of all blame in this marine disaster, however in conjunction with the MAIB investigation and acting on behalf of my clients, further information that may have relevance to the demise of the vessel and the problems related around cargo weights and disposition has come to light and are detailed as:

- A stowaway had unbeknown to the Riverdance captain entered the vessel and concealed himself in a storage area amidships on the starboard side.
- The stowaway identified as Mr B.Boy -an amply proportioned Preston area socially unaccepted ragamuffin with a healthy appetite
- was seeking a free ride (nothing new there) to attend an urgent coaching update in Lancashire in order to gain favour with a local canoe club.
- The main cargo of the Riverdance was food stuffs in particular a product called Digestive Biscuits, a favourite of Mr Boy.



- Several days into the trip it appears as though Mr Boy had eaten most of the biscuits on the starboard side and went looking for more on the port side. His movements combined with the exceptionally bad weather caused the vessel to list to the port side.
- Despite attempts by the Riverdance captain to correct the vessels list, movements around the mid deck area by Mr Boy continued to cause the vessel to roll excessively and as previously described in the MAIB investigation the Riverdance was doomed.
- Mr Boy was seen by local residents and coastguards wobbling from the scene shortly after the grounding clutching a crate of

biscuits and trying to bribe someone to be his friend.

In summary, the preceding two investigations into this tragedy clearly exonerate my clients of all blame in the actions of the night of 31st January 2008. Upon this premise I shall be in contact with Burger, Burger and Pie to seek recompense for damage to my clients good name and an apology.

**Flagging, Windy & Tired Attorneys of Law
Stig House, Little Windup, Mockingem**

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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.

Date	Session	Contact	Supervisor	Committee
20 Nov	Open	N/A	Mark Dillon	Paul Binks
27 Nov	Polo	Nicky Marsh	Mark Buttle	Terry Maddock
4 Dec	Open	N/A	John Kington	Brian Woodhouse
11 Dec	Paddle Skills	Allan Hacking	Tony Morgan	Will Body
18 Dec	Fun Night	Paul Binks	Mark Buttle	Rachel Drew
Jan 8	Open	n/a	David Nelson	Alison Nelson
Jan 15	Paddle Skills	Allan Hacking	Mark Loftus	Will Body
Jan 22	Rolling	Simon Stammers	Albert Risely	Kath Risely
Jan 29	Rolling	Simon Stammers	Mark Dillon	Brian Woodhouse
Feb 5	Rolling	Simon Stammers	John Kington	Paul Binks
Feb 12	Paddle Skills	Allan Hacking	Mark Buttle	Rachel Drew
Feb 19	Open	n/a	Tony Morgan	Will Body
Feb 26	Slalom taster	Rachel Drew	John Kington	Rachel Drew
March 5	Open	n/a	Albert Risely	Kath Risely
March 12	Paddle Skills	Allan Hacking	David Nelson	Alison Nelson
March 19	Sea/Touring Safety	Allan Hacking	Mark Dillon	Brian Woodhouse
March 26	Open	n/a	Mark Buttle	Paul Binks

Please note prices for pool sessions: Rolling Course £20 plus club membership. Freestyle £5. All other sessions £4. Please book in advance for the Rolling Course & Paddle Skills Sessions by phoning the named contact. Telephone numbers can be found on the contact list page in the newsletter



Christmas Dumbongo '09



The Pool, 9pm 18th December

See the forum for details



*4 teams engaged in loosely canoe based jocularity
and festive high jinx!
you will get wet -even if you're stood on the side!*

"The most fun I've had all year",
Terry Maddock,
"I do need to get
out more!"



Tryweryn Pyranha Fest 2009

Mark Dillon

Despite a distinct lack of Ribble attendees at this year's event the main people were there, those being Serious Allan, Jo the Map, Burger Boy, Hotfoot and myself with Mags and the Brayfield clan in tow. The weather was glorious and with a guarantee of water a top quality weekend would hopefully be in store.

For this year Burger Boy and I were determined to do the whole river trip from above the Chipper all the way to the get out at Bala including the whole of the Tryweryn course and Bala Mill Falls. In previous years we had missed sections for one reason or another – namely a badly bruised bum last year for me curtailing the trip - and we had always missed out on the lower stretch trips.

Upon arriving we checked into our 'accommodation', not the usual top notch B & B that we use but this time the PGL squat on the shores of Bala Lake. All I can say about the accommodation was that the food was good and the room was okay for sleeping in, that is once the disco died down and all the people who stood outside it smoking and shouting until the early hours had gone to bed.

Anyway, after booking in we dropped Hotfoot's car off at the Bala get out then sidled up to the course centre to kiss some babies and shake hands with our ever expectant public, as well as prime the Pyranha staff with our expectation of freebies to come over the next two days. After a quick brew and a psyching up chat I walked up the course to allow Hotfoot to see the river whilst BB drove up to the Chipper to park up. Hotfoot wasn't going to paddle the Graveyard and middle sections but we had decided he would get some practice on the top stretch before walking the middle when we made our run down and rejoining us below Chapel Falls.



Hotfoot attempting to go through the 'chipper' from a seal launch.

After watching Jo and Mags warming up for the competition Glyn kindly coached Hotfoot above the graveyard whilst BB and I practiced looking good – not an easy task.

With the warm up done and Hotfoot safely on the bank to take photos, Glyn, BB and myself worked our way down the top section of the graveyard in a mild self induced panic which I hope one day we can dispense with.

As Glyn wanted to watch Mags competing the rest of us skipped the next stretch and walked to the café for a brew before getting back on the river at the raft get out and setting out for Bala.

I know everyone who is great at paddling says the lower stretch is boring but let me tell you we loved it. The anticipation of running a piece of river without a guide was fantastic and we approached every rapid in a read and run manner and scouted from the boat, we did exactly what it says in the book.

The stretch is full of features and made for a great trip with lots of eddies to catch and mid river rocks to negotiate unless you're HF who seemed to want to hit them all.



Burger Boy took HF's advice on rock hopping.

After what seemed a long trip we came upon the Bala Mills Falls section and so parked up the boats and went for a scout (not the type who wears a woggle). As a group we discussed the line, breakouts, obstacles and cover required until just as we were happy we had the fortune to see another batch of kayakers come through who took the same line confirming our assessments, that is apart from one guy in the group who seemed to be trying a line without a boat, however after an embarrassing bum slide down the river left chicken shoot he too made it through safely.

Undeterred we went back to the boats and set off and as I made the first few eddies I could see HF & BB making the lines and looking good, and that's how it continued with us all running the section in fine style to the accompaniment of cheers and whoops of joy, boy were we on form, that is until at the get out when we all overshot the eddie and crashed into each other. What a shambles with the three of us pressed against the eddie lip as BB & HF both drifted off down river having to furiously paddle back up to the get out, its not what you come to expect is it! I blame it on tiredness because what a day it had been, we were shattered as we finally got off the river at 6.00pm and made ready for the hog roast and talks.

The evening party was as good as last years but with more food. The slide shows and talks were all top notch by some of the main men of the kayaking and canoeing world and the food was great. We even got in on a 'pod cast' (something to do with moving pictures for you techno-phobes) and had to bite our

lips when the audience was asked if they had any questions about the talk based on Machu Picchu. I was desperate to say what makes you think you had done the first descent because we did it in 2007, or what time did you have breakfast.

The night flew by and as we were all shattered we skipped the disco to return instead to the delights of the squat and background disco music until the crack of sparrow fart before falling asleep.

Next morning everyone was up early as the roads were to be closed for a triathlon event in the town and so after a hearty breakfast we abandoned BBs car at the Bala get out for we had decided to run the lower stretch again because we had enjoyed it so much on the previous day.

Up at the centre more babies were kissed and hands shaken as we made new and met old acquaintances before getting stuck into the Pyranha staff again for more freebies. It must be said that we did very well, so well in fact that BB and I now consider ourselves as 'Pyranha sponsored paddlers' and most of my family are walking round in Pyranha tee shirts.

Pyranha staff then spent ages refitting HF's boat out including supplying (fee of charge) a new footrest set up, and much to BBs delight pointing out that my hip pads were incorrectly fitted which they helped me sort out.

The Pyranha team were brilliant in loaning boats and giving stuff away, so much so we felt so guilty at their generosity we even purchased beanies off them – also available to non-sponsored paddlers.

We started day 2 by getting in right at the top and warmed up on the top weir and worked out way down to the chipper where the playboaters were doing stuff upside down. With the guidance of Glyn and Mags (not calling her flapjack anymore because the supply seems to have dried up lately, I believe she has been supplying them instead to the

'River Crew' an intrepid bunch of daredevil kayakers she is sucking up to)

We negotiated the length of the graveyard with no mishaps and safely reached the café for a well earned drink with Hotfoot, who had again portaged this section.

During the break and one of Burger Boys ramblings he captivated his audience (yawn) by regaling tales of his time spent making Indian carpets and saying how as a child in a sweatshop in Salford he had to make small imperfections in every carpet because to the Hindus only the Buddha is perfect. BB seems to hold an affinity with Buddha, but I'm not sure what the likeness is.

So thoroughly educated and bored we got back onto the river and paddled down to meet HF at Chapel Falls, and with BBs advice on river running and carpets ringing in my ears I got the line wrong and ended wrong way up only to miss the roll, why do I listen to him?.

After a swift rescue I got back into my boat only for BB to suggest my Mojo was hanging from a tree on the other bank. I was undeterred and knew I had paddled well so far and only swam to make him feel good about

himself. As we set off I grabbed my Mojo and stuck it in my BA ready for re-fitting after making a few more eddies.

The run down this time seemed shorter and not as exciting as the day before as the expectation had lessened but it was still good and the Mojo was installed again well before Bala Mill.

We did the same scouting expedition and checked out the break outs and eddies again then BB lead off, followed by HF with me taking up position as tail end Charlie. On the way down we eddied out at various places and all went smoothly especially for HF who even caught the eddie on the river right half way down the falls, top man.

With our intrepid trio safely at the bottom we practiced rolling and with none missed this time I was the only one of our band who had suffered that fate, and so headed off for the get out and long journey home satisfied that this weekend only the Buddha was perfect, and of course on this occasion HF.

Mojo and Me.

Booking Equipment

A reminder to any members wanting to borrow club equipment

Please remember to follow the standard booking procedure, which is:

- **Ring me on a Monday evening (contact details in Newsletter)**
- **Collect and return kit at H&D on a Tuesday evening.**

Easy!

**Happy Paddling
Albert**

Seaqwest 2009



Le Mans Start (photo courtesy of Mark Jackson)

19th September saw the OAG Seaqwest event from the Marine Hall at Fleetwood to Shard Bridge and back. Ribble was quite well represented with over a dozen participants.

Adam and Mags along with Dom made up team Z and had put in a lot of practice over the summer running up and down the Canal. It certainly paid off with Team Z getting the fastest team time and Mags the fastest ladies time 2:47. Mick Huddleston came 4th in the mens K1 with a time of 2:32 followed very closely by Albert Risely and Andy Biggs.

The short event of sea tour also had a Ribble presence of Roy Garriock, Ben and Bruce Carter, supported by John

Richard Collins had responded to my post to join the D'Ribblers 6 pack as 'associate members' and ensured me we'd leave him behind and that we shouldn't wait for him: by the time I'd got my spray deck on he was rounding the 1st buoy and we never saw him again!

The 6 of us were me, Sam, Gary, Adam, Jack and Terry – except Terry forgot he was away that weekend and then forgot when he was away that he should have been with us! (if you know Terry for long enough you come to accept and expect these things.)

Terry's advice to us was that it was just a bit of a paddle and no real competition in mind.

And it was with this ethos that we embarked on our epic journey. Roy Booth was also invited to join our merry band but obviously

had an eye on the trophy so casually said he's go it alone. We trailed Roy (and in fact everyone else) for the whole trip. This was an advantage when we could see him hugging the coast looking for the points. All we needed to do was see where he landed and head straight for it. This tactic didn't always work when he actually ended going to a point that we didn't need to and so we wasted a few vital minutes!

When we landed at Shard Bridge we were just on the cusp of the tide turning. The marshals were quite glad we'd arrived but were a little perturbed when the flasks of soup and pies came out – we were following Terry's ethos and it was dinner time after all! They persuaded us to get going and we took pity on them by bringing in the markers so they didn't need to get out of their boats.

We still had the competitive spirit though and raced to the finish and sprinted up the beach to cross the line in a fraction slower than Team Z in 3:45 minutes!

Next year I think we might not take our butties!

Paul Binks

AGM 2009

Agenda

Notice is hereby given that the Ribble Canoe Club AGM for the year ending 31st December 2009 will be held on Thursday 25th February 2010 at The Hand & Dagger, Salwick at 7:30 for 8:00pm start for the following purposes:

1. To receive the Hon. Secretary's report for the year ended 31st Dec 2009.
2. To receive the Hon. Treasurer's report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st Dec 2009.
3. To receive the Competition Secretary's report for the year ended 31st Dec 2009
4. To receive the Hon. Chairman's report for the year ended 31st Dec 2009.
5. To elect Officers and Members to the General Committee.
6. To appoint auditors.
7. To discuss any other business.
8. To present the Club Trophies.

By order of the Committee.
Paul Binks, Secretary

New Calendar on website

John Kington

You may, by now, have noticed that the calendar on the website has changed its appearance. However, not only does it look different, but it really is different. While the old calendar could only be updated by loading a whole new document onto the website (which meant it only got done when the new newsletter got added) the new one can be updated as and when we have something new to add - so it should be a far better reflection of what we're actually doing. You can also change the appearance depending on which format you prefer. We've made the change, on a trial basis until the AGM, in response to

concerns that the only way to keep track of what trips are on was by constant monitoring of the forum - which not everyone has the time or inclination to do. To keep some control over what entries get made on the calendar we have restricted the permissions needed to add/change entries to members of the coaching forum and committee. If you are going to be running trips/events and think you should have the necessary permission please speak to a member of the committee. If you have any views on the new format - favourable or otherwise - again, please speak to a member of the committee.

Chairman's Chunter

We're back at Halton and with good water levels so far. I didn't go myself this year, but I hear that the Tyne Tour went very well. The club was represented by both kayaks and canoes for the first time, I think. Keep an eye on the Forum on our Web Site for what's going on, especially for novice paddlers and improvers.

The recent committee Meeting was one of the longest for some time, logging 2½ hours. Well, we had a lot to talk about :-

Ed's looking at a potential summer trip in foreign parts.

Paul's organising the Dumbongo Fun Night on Fri 18 Dec. He's looking for 4 teams. So get in touch with him if you have a team (pref 6 people) or if you want to join a team. I'm looking for mature paddlers to join my proposed "Old Feckers" team.

Albert and Kath are organising a ceilidh (kay-li) probably for some time in March. There's a thread on the Forum where you can register your interest on a poll.

Albert's been busy building a new rack in the Container and another rack's ongoing.

Mark Shaw brought to our attention the availability of grants in the run up to the 2012 Olympics to purchase slalom boats and equipment. The Committee felt that whilst it encourages and supports members pursuing slalom, there were problems of storage space and a lack of any apparent demand. Further, any acquisition of boats/equipment would need to be accompanied by a programme of slalom coaching. If you feel that the Committee has misread the feelings of the Club in this matter, please feel free to voice your concerns to me or to any committee member. Of course, you may be assumed to be offering your services to apply for a grant, coach slalom and/or store the boats in your garage.

A proposal to obtain another one or more open boats was postponed pending a look at what space, if any could, be created in the container by selling some older boats or storing them outside.

The Environment Agency's "Strategic Planning of Water Related Sports and Recreation in England and Wales" was noted with interest. If any member wants to study the 88 page report in detail and report back to the Committee please let me know.

Pat and Norman Green have been discussing with the new owners, the possible improvement of facilities/access on the north bank of the Lune at Halton. The BCU and other NW Clubs have been informed and we await any developments with interest.

The pool sessions at Fulwood Leisure Centre were programmed for the period Christmas to Easter.

The Coaching Forum's proposal to take over the organising of the calendar was welcomed, as was Paul's suggestion of running monthly canal sessions on a Saturday throughout the winter when paddling on a Tuesday night was not considered an option by our more normal members.

Ed is organising a 3 Star Open Boat course for some time in the New Year with fees of £30/£20 adults/juniors.

It was agreed that a slalom session be programmed at the pool for 26 February 2010.

The routine review of Club Policies is to continue with the formation of a single Club Code of Conduct as soon as (a) BCU template(s) can be found and extracted from their web site.

BCU Affiliation Fees are due by 4 December.

The Quartermaster had completed a full stock take and all was present and correct. It was agreed that surplus boats from the Container and the pool store should be offered to Club members for a donation.

No action is currently proposed regarding achieving Club Mark Status for the Club.

The AGM will be held at the H&D on 25 Feb 2010 and a formal notice is in this newsletter.

Some Committee members still need to send in details for the Committee page of our web site.

It was agreed that the small cost of hiring Hothersall Lodge for a Foundation Safety & Rescue Course would be met by the Club.

This course is part of the requirement for Pool Supervisors at Fulwood Leisure Centre.

The change over of the calendar to a “live” Google version embedded in our web site was agreed for a trial period. There were implications for security and for the creation of the printed version in the magazine. Tom Kington has now embedded the Google calendar – take a look. The implications for the printed calendar are proving more troublesome than first thought.

So, you see, the Committee isn’t perhaps quite as idle as you thought – maybe.

Terry Maddock
Chairman@ribblecanoecub.co.uk

Editors Bit

The Club Calendar has gone interactive. Well the “White Heat of Technology” has definitely arrived at Ribble Canoe Club, what next? A web based Newsletter? We have come a long way since we produced the newsletter on a Duplicator.

We personally think that the new Calendar is a step in the right direction, it seems simple enough to use and if all goes to plan, it should more up to date and useful than the old style paper calendar. Who knows it may eventually replace the paper calendar and be one less item to place in the newsletter.

Thanks to the contributors of articles for this issue. Especially Debra Bookbinder who has sent in her first one since joining the club fairly recently. There is a prize for the best article (Shakespeare Prize) awarded each year at the AGM, so keep the articles coming.

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would be referred to the original author of the article for their permission.

Dates and Deadlines the next committee meeting will be on Wednesday 6th January at 7:00pm at the Hand & Dagger. The next newsletter will be published on 20th January. We would appreciate all submissions by Wednesday 13th.

Please send your submissions by email, to newsletter@ribblecanoecub.co.uk. When we receive them we will send you an email acknowledgment. If you don’t receive one you will know it hasn’t been received

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Technique:

BCU Handbook
 The Practical Guide to Kayaking
 Canoeing & Kayaking
 William Nealy's "Kayak"
 Bombproof Roll and Beyond!
 Eskimo Rolling for Survival
 White Water Safety & Rescue
 Weir Wisdom Rapids
 Canoe & Kayak Games
 The Playboater's Handbook
 Complete Book of Sea Kayaking
 Sea Kayak Navigation
 Path of the Paddle
 Canoeing
 Open Canoe Technique
 Rowing it Alone
 The Handbook of Survival at Sea
 BCU Coaching Handbook
 Sea Safety: The Complete Guide
 White Water Kayaking
Olli Gru
 The Art Of Freestyle

Guidebooks:

English White Water
 Scottish White Water
 White Water Lake District
 An Atlas of the English Lakes
 Canal Companion: Cheshire Ring
 Anglesey Sea Paddling
 Welsh Sea Kayaking
 Touring 100 Paddles in England

General:

The Rough Guide to Weather
 The Liquid Locomotive
 Many Rivers to Run
 Norwegian rivers
 Canoe Focus
 Working out of Doors with Young People

Expeditions:

Travels with a Kayak
Whit Descher
 On Celtic Tides
Chris Duff
 Blazing Paddles
Brian Wilson
 Dancing with Waves
Brian Wilson
 Paddling to Jerusalem
David Aaronovitch
 The Last River
Todd Balf
 Paddle to the Arctic
Don Starkey
 Canoeing across Canada
Gary & Joanie McGuffin
 The Canoe Boys
Sir Alastair Dunnott
 Odyssey among the Inuit
Jonathan Waterman
 Barbed Wire & Babushkas
Paul Grogan

Videos:

Liffey Descent
 Deliverance (18)
 Extreme Sports Canoeing
 A Taste of White Water
 Wicked Water 2

Drill Time

Destination Nowhere
 Path of the Paddle: Whitewater

DVDs:

Tony Morgan - Grand Canyon
 LVM Lunch Video Magazine
 Ribble Newsletters (CD)
 The Martin Years RCC Newsletters 2002-2009
 Without a Paddle (13)
 Whitewater Kayaking
 The Cockleshell Heroes (U)
 Mags Brayfield in Nepal
 Tatshenshini/Alsek 2007
 Mountain River Movie
By Michael Allender
 Jackson Kayak Promo
 It's Different Every Time
 Halton Rapids
Norman Green
 Fort William 2005/06 Trip
 My Tartan Adventure (VCD)
 Ribble Canoe Club, Scotland 2007
 Thistle Float Your Boat
 RCC, Scotland 2007 & 2008
Norman Green
 Locks and Quays
 Featuring Ribble Canoe Club
 The Politics Show
 Featuring Ribble Canoe Club
 Open Canoeing
Reg Blomfield
 EJ's Rolling and Bracing
 This is the Sea - 1st ever action sea kayak video
Janet Robinson
 The Call of the River - 100 years of Whitewater Adventure (USA)

CALENDAR

NOTE: Last minute trips are often arranged on the forum on the website (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**

NOVEMBER

Friday, 20 November 21:00 Pool - Open Session for all Members to do their own thing (within reason)

21 November 10:30 Canal Trip - Lancaster Canal - Towards Preston & back - Hand & Dagger - All members & boats welcome - Paul Binks

Tuesday, 24 November 19:00 Club Social Meeting - Hand & Dagger

Wednesday, 25 November 19:30 Sea Kayak DVDs of West coast of Scotland & Coaching - Brookbank Canoes, Lancaster - REPLY TO FORUM

Friday, 27 November 21:00 Pool Session - Polo "Come & Try It" - Book in with Will Body

Saturday, 28 November All day BCU Coaching Symposium - FULLY BOOKED

Sunday, 29 November All day BCU Coaching Symposium - FULLY BOOKED

DECEMBER

Tuesday, 1 December 19:00 Club Social Meeting - Hand & Dagger

Wednesday, 2 December 19:00 Coaching Forum Meeting - All Club coaches, trainee coaches, assistants and mentors are welcome.

Friday, 4 December 21:00 Pool - Open Session for all Members to do their own thing (within reason)

Sunday, 6 December 10:30 White Water Development Trip - Venue to be Decided - Meet at Halton - Rick Patterson

Tuesday, 8 December 19:00 Club Social Meeting - Hand & Dagger

Friday, 11 December 21:00 Pool Session - Paddle Clinic - Booking required - Allan Hacking

Sunday, 13 December 10:00 Flat Water trip - Windermere or Coniston - Venue to be arranged - Roy Garrioch

Tuesday, 15 December 19:00 Club Social Meeting - Hand & Dagger

Friday, 18 December 21:00 Pool Session - "Dumbongo" Fun Night - Fun for all - Book in with Paul Binks

Saturday, 19 December 19:00 Ribble Christmas Dinner & Disco - BOOKINGS NOW CLOSED

Sunday, 20 December All day Beginners trip - Watch forum for Details

Tuesday, 22 December 19:00 Club Social Meeting - Hand & Dagger

Friday, 25 December All day Reindeers arrive down chimney

Sunday, 27 December All day White Water - Washburn release - Check Club forum to see if anyone's going

Tuesday, 29 December 19:00 Club Social Meeting - Hand & Dagger

JANUARY

Sunday, 3 January All day Development Trip - Watch Forum for details

Tuesday, 5 January 19:00 Club Social Meeting - Hand & Dagger

Friday, 8 January 21:00 Pool - Open Session for all Members to do their own thing (within reason)

Saturday, 9 January Flat Water Trip - Watch Forum for Details

Tuesday, 12 January 19:00 Club Social Meeting - Hand & Dagger

Friday, 15 January 21:00 Pool Session - Paddle Clinic - Booking required - Allan Hacking

Sunday, 17 January Beginners Trip - Watch Forum for Details

Tuesday, 19 January 19:00 Club Social Meeting - Hand & Dagger

Friday, 22 January 21:00 Pool Session - Rolling Course - Booking Required - Simon Stammers

Sunday, 24 January All day Coaches' Open Boat Lune Trip - 8 boat Limit

Tuesday, 26 January 19:00 Club Social Meeting - Hand & Dagger

Friday, 29 January 21:00 Pool Session - Rolling Course - Booking Required - Simon Stammers

Saturday, 30 January All day Trip - Sat or Sun - See Forum

Sunday, 31 January All day Trip - Sat or Sun - See Forum

ADVANCE NOTICES

Thursday, 25 February 20:00 AGM at Hand & Dagger, Treales Road, nr Kirkham 7.30 pm for 8.00 pm

River information:

Burrs 0161 764 9649
www.burrs.org.uk

Canolfan Tryweryn 01678 520826
www.welsh-canoeing.org.uk

Tees Barrage 01642 678000
www.4seasons.co.uk

Washburn/Wharfe 0845 833 8654
<http://www.yorcie.org.uk/>

This data is extracted from the Google calendar on the RCC website. Google Calendar amendments may be made after this one has been printed. Trips may be changed or cancelled at short notice. Always get in touch with the trip organiser the day before to check! If you don't, and you have a wasted trip, don't blame us.