

SPLASH!

Share Paddlers Latest Achievements & Successes Here!

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Once again a late publication...it's just been such a busy few months! We've been up to so much in the club and a lot of our paddlers have got involved in dry land activities either working on the facilities at the Farm or having fun at one of our two recent 'silly days'!

CONGRATULATIONS!!

At the Canoe Club AGM on Thursday 9th October 2008 a new Crowson Team Award was given to five of our junior members; Kyle, Matt, Reese, Alicia and Emily for their achievements over the past year.



Fun Day @ the Farm! Saturday 4th October 2008.



Luke, Reece, Matt, Kyle and Jo were all at the Farm bright and early for an action packed day. We started in the boat shed with a talk about fitting all kinds of equipment, kit and clothing, the different types and uses and did an activity in kitting out Jo and choosing an appropriate boat for a first paddle. We then moved down to the garden where we lit the Stevensons Rocket and put our foil wrapped potatoes in it to cook. We watched the fire while doing throw line work from a safe distance. Some were better shots than others but by the end everyone had a better technique and understanding of how to use the throw lines. More practice is needed though! Next we stoked the fire and got into the ice cube for a quiz on all sorts of aspects of canoeing and paddle sport. It got quite competitive! Having finished a hard mornings work we got our potatoes back out of the Rocket and had lunch. Next was a walk with Ellie the resident Labrador to finish the day!

Alternative to Halloween – Friday 31st October 2008!

Our second 'silly event' lasted from 5 to 9pm on Halloween night and we weren't bothered by any trick or treaters!

A gang of youngsters and not-so-youngsters joined Pat, Harri and Becky in a crazy few hours of potato cooking, toffee apple making and treasure hunting all over the farm! From searching tree houses and solving riddles to seeing who could roast their marshmallow into the blackest inedible blob...we had loads of fun on the farm!

Below left: Becky, Philip and Doug on the Derwent. Right: the gang all ready to go (18th October).



Work @ High Farm – Thursday 25th September and Thursday 2nd October 2008.



These 3 pictures represent a lot of work done by Club members up at the Farm where we enjoy the hospitality and very kind support and friendship of our good members Pat and Rob, both of them also paying their Subs like you and I!!

Over the last few weeks I asked you to support again the work parties on the 25th September and 2nd October to fix and paint the railings to the Mezzanine floor which was very well supported by some of our young people but abysmally by the adults! You know me; I feel I cannot keep this 'under my hat' and you would not expect me to do that either! So, I will say it as it is and then turn over to the next page in the life of our great Club. From now on please don't take it for granted some one else will do the not so easy maintenance whilst we enjoy the paddling and coaching time given free to us week on week. Now I have got that off my chest let's enjoy our new Club year.



With Every Blessing

John (Mr. C)

Slalom Update.

Canoe Slalom - Pupils Past and Present do well at Town Falls event.



When looking for athletes to watch for in the 2012 Olympics, look no further than pupils, past and present, from Henry Fanshawe School in Dronfield.

On Saturday, Gareth Wilson (6th Form 2004 to 2006) enjoyed success in the final Premier Division Race of the season by finishing 4th overall and also picked up the prize for Highest Placed U23 competitor in the Canadian Singles

Class. This was his best ever result in the Premier Division.

Grace Marshall, paddling in her first ever Premier Division Race in the Ladies Singles Kayak, notched a respectable 19th place out of 28. Town Falls is considered to be the premier site for Slalom in the country. Competitors at Premier level are not permitted to practise before competition. They have to look at the water and the course and try and pick the best route to negotiate the gates and the currents. In her first race at this level, Grace has performed exceptionally to finish in 19th place.



Not to be outdone, brother George Marshall, competed in the Division 1 Canadian Singles Class on Sunday. George produced an exceptional run and won by a clear 8 seconds over his rivals at one of the most difficult venues for Canoeists in this country.

All were supported by Leo Marshall as he recovers from a shoulder injury and he is already looking forward to paddling with George in the Canadian Doubles Class next year. They made the GB U18 team this year but Leo's injury prevented them from competing at international races over the summer.



All the above named are current and former pupils of the school and all commenced their canoeing careers with the local canoe club based at Dronfield Baptist Church. It is early days yet, but their names are certainly going to be mentioned in the run up to the London Olympics and beyond. They are a credit to the school and the canoe club. Join me in congratulating them on their success and wishing them all the very best for the future.

Yours, David Wilson
Slalom Coach.

In loving memory of Brian.



Brian Hall died in September after a battle with cancer.

Brian was an active member of DBCCC for many years and goes a long way back - along with his grandson Josh. He was also a Mainstream member and came along to events such as the White Water Safety and Rescue Training, Keppleway and the H2O Below 0.

He was no stranger to hard work and his enthusiasm and energy were an infectious and inspiring influence on those around him. Whether he was

paddling over a long distance, assisting a coach or just playing around on the river Brian was always to be seen with a smile on his face and a kind word for those around him.

Brian was a believer who had faith in the Lord God and while we grieve for ourselves we rejoice in knowing he is safe with the Lord. He will be much missed. Please continue to pray for his family as they come to terms with their loss.



A sponsored paddle in aid of Ashgate Hospice is being held on the Chesterfield Canal on Sunday 2nd November. Please join us if you can!

Keppleway – November 2008 – LAST CHANCE!!!!

This year the cost is **lower!!!** Than last year.

That's just one good reason to come along! If you haven't been before then make this year your first time. Keppleway is a wonderful experience with paddling opportunities for all! Great food, company and conversation are also guaranteed!

Book NOW with John Cowie!

Coming up shortly...

We're back at Norton for our winter pool sessions from Thursday November 6th so invite your friends, relatives and neighbours to come and give paddling a go! For more details please contact Mr Cowie on jmcowiefts@tiscali.co.uk

H2O Below 0°C Friday 9th to Sunday 11th January 2009.

Back for the third year running we have our popular winter event this time hosted by Rita in our new club bunkhouse 'Harrys Barn'. A date for your diary...more details to be circulated nearer the time!

High Farm Family Camp - July 25th August 1st 2009.

A self catering week long camp involving canoes, kayaks and lots of kids and bigger kids...need I say more? Pat and Becky have run this camp very successfully in the Lake District for the last three years and hope moving it so close to home will encourage more of our club members to come along. More details to come later on...

FOR SALE

Palm Sidewinder dry cag, size large, repair to neck seal be still 100% watertight. (Can be replaced for about £15 if necessary) only used a few times mark on chest under BA. Colour blue £80 o.n.o.

Palm Sidewinder dry trousers, size medium, (to match cag) as new condition, only used a few times no marks or damages. double waist seal (creates 2 piece dry suit with cag). Colour blue £80 o.n.o.

Mania symmetric paddles used but still plenty of life left in them. Length 200cm. Colour black £40 o.n.o

Pyranha neoprene spraydeck used but still watertight and very comfortable. fits most plastic playboats. (contact me with your boat design and i can confirm if it will fit.) Colour green and black (pyranha standard design) £35 o.n.o

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