



ENGLISH REGIONS DEVELOPMENT TEAMS - EAST

Cambridgeshire Canoeing Association

Newsletter April 2005

CCA ?

Cambridgeshire Canoeing Association is a county-based, informal group of canoeists who exist for mutual support and promotion of canoeing in its widest sense. The CCA is open to all. It produces an annual newsletter which details its activities and other county-based activities for which information is known and also advertises its events as part of the Cambridge Canoe Club Website (<http://www.cambridgecanoeclub.org.uk>) and the English Regions Development Teams-East website. Information on other counties and East Region are advertised in the ERDT-East website, via BCU website (www.bcu.org.uk).

Trophies: the CCA awards two trophies annually:

The Marathon Trophy is for the highest placed paddler in the two county marathon races (Cambridge and Huntingdon Great Ouse) held in one year (Richard Stagg (CCC) 2004). The Reed Trophy is for the youngster (U18) who has contributed most to the sport during the year (Gabriel Kempinski (CCC) 2004). Nominations for 2005 welcomed by the committee (before October, please).

CCA programme

Saturday 7 May, Hire of Cardington. Come and test your skills on this moving water course near Bedford which is ideal for novices and improvers. 10.00 am - 4.00 pm. The course is a flood relief channel with waves created with installed fibreglass rocks. The course will be aimed at novices in the morning and made more technical after lunch. The more help we have in the morning, from 8.30 am onwards, to erect the course, the sooner we can get on the water. Fees: £3 for everybody – adult or junior with £1.50 extra for non-BCU members. All interested paddlers welcomed. Contact: Arthur Davis, arthur.davis@tinyworld.co.uk Tel 01223 832128

Sunday 5 June, River Tour of Little Ouse, Thetford to Santon

Downham with barbeque. Check in and registration from 10.00 am in Riverside car park Thetford. Shuttle arrangements to be completed by 10.30, with tour starting at 11 am with NO LATE CHECK IN. Barbeque at Santon Downham. There will be a small charge. Contact : David Savage, squeezer@ntlworld.com Tel 01223 424935.



Wednesday 6 July Sociable Paddle County paddlers are invited to join the Cambridge-based paddlers for a sociable evening paddle to be followed by a Barbeque at Cambridge Canoe Club's Club House, Sheeps Green, Newnham, Cambridge. Please arrive as soon as possible before 7 pm. Contact: Arthur Davis arthur.davis@tinyworld.co.uk Tel 01223 832128.

25 September Huntingdon Gt Ouse Marathon Race. A good venue on a wide placid river, so ideal for novices and experienced paddlers alike, parking and beginning at Huntingdon Riverside. Contact: Peter England Tel 01487 831920, peter.england@stanref.freemove.co.uk

Others events to which County paddlers are welcome

17 April Cam Marathon. Beginning from the Club House of Cambridge Canoe Club, Newnham, Cambridge, this is the first of the county races in 2005 (the other being Huntingdon Marathon race on 25 September) which are qualifying events for the Cambridgeshire Marathon. A good race for new paddlers with no portages in the lower divisions. Higher divisions race through the City as well as into the countryside to Fen Ditton and Grantchester.

Contact: Richard Stagg 01223 503414, richard.stagg@ntlworld.com

Bank Holiday 30 April/3 May Cambridge Canoe Club trip to Symonds Yat. An open invitation is extended to all County paddlers who wish to join them. Ideal for novice paddlers. This is a good family event with lots to do for non-paddlers.

Contact Tim Mitchell (01799 531115, Mitchell-t@ukonline.co.uk) or

Terry Elsey (01954 210814, elseyts@elseyts.screaming.net) for more information.

Sunday 15 May, Disability Awareness.

This event is being held again this year for all sports. Please note that this year it is being held at Sawston Village College. Helpers are always welcomed.

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Weekend 24/26 June, Eastern Region Weekend.



This is being organised by the Regional BCU Development Committee through David Savage at Mepal Outdoor Centre near Ely. There are a wide range of

courses and workshops aimed mainly at L1 and L2 coaches but lots of skills training, fun water events, demo boats, Desperate Measures shop, Sat evening BBQ, real ale bar and camping and limited dormitory accommodation. Something to appeal to everyone. Some of the Outdoor Centre facilities will be available at different times through the weekend... Climbing wall, Archery, High Ropes, Adventure play for under 12s etc.

There is a discount for bookings before the end of April and some courses may be 'closed' at the 30th April, so book NOW!

Full details and registration at: www.bcu.org.uk/eastern All the courses are being run voluntarily by Eastern Region Coaches; more volunteers are needed both to assist with the general running and to run specific courses. Please offer help to david@mepal.co.uk ('Profits' for the weekend go to the East Region Development Committee for the development of coaching in the Region.)

Officers of the CCA for 2005

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