



'NEWS SPLASH'

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Latest club news, information on club events, trips, extra sessions, members items for sale or swap, Paddle2Nature and junior paddlers. If any club members wish to contribute, all contributions to our club newsletter are welcome.

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Club News....

- The Paddlesport Instructor course is being run over two weekends 2nd/3rd June and the 9th/10th June (Paddlesport Leader Dates are the following weekend) The club has agreed to help fund some of the cost of the above course for full members
- Plans are now well underway for the Club open day (5th May 10-3pm) which was discussed by members at an informal meeting after a recent club session, if you want to volunteer and haven't had chance to do so already let Liz Loader know.
We now have a have a great poster for the Open Day designed by Ben Homewood to put out and about in the local community so if you want a copy there will be some available at the club on Saturday 7th April.
- We now have the new ladies kayak at the club which was purchased with the £500 grant money from Oswestry Sports Forum. It was well and truly christened by Alex when she took it down the Jackfield Rapids on the Attingham to Ironbridge club trip recently!



Paddle2Nature

The Club had a very successful Annual litter pick on 31st of March, despite the wet weather, with 28 volunteers turning up to help clear the canal and banks of litter, armed with litter pickers and bin bags. This was followed by an Easter egg hunt, bacon butties and chocolate Pancake!

P2N next event is the Bioblitz on 21st April, during the normal Saturday morning club session, all welcome



On Sunday 25th March, 20 intrepid paddlers set out from Attingham to paddle 15 miles of the River Severn to Ironbridge. The weather was sunny and the river was flowing well through the lovely Shropshire country side. A great day was had by all.



A painting party was held recently to paint the stairway and both entrance lobbies at the club, with great success

Montgomery Canal Triathlon – 19th May. As a club we help out with the Triathlon, helping to portage competitor's boats. Volunteers needed please.

CLUB DIARY DATES

SUNDAY 8TH APRIL – MONTFORD BRIDGE TO SHREWSBURY (FRANKWELL) SUITABLE AS A FIRST RIVER TRIP.

SATURDAY 14TH APRIL – CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING, 11.30 FOLLOWING NORMAL CLUB SESSION, ALL WELCOME.

SUNDAY 22ND APRIL – TRENT AND MERSEY CANAL CURCUI. 14 MILE CIRCULAR TRIP INCLUDING EASY CANAL AND RIVER PADDLING. INCLUDES 9 LOCKS TO PORTAGE.



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Shropshire Paddlesport as a club is affiliated to British Canoeing.



Is a great resource for paddlers, whether advanced or beginners. Whether you're looking to develop your paddling skills or explore a variety of topics or the disciplines, there's something for everyone. There is information on the different awards, courses, places to paddle, go canoeing.

For further information www.britishcanoeing.org.uk

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