# **ALTON CANOE CLUB**

## Summer 2024

## **NEWS LETTER**



Another winter season almost gone!!

Summer evenings are on the way and the Friday evening calendar is now published.

This News Letter contains only some basic information for meetings during the summer period, if you need more details – please ask!

#### Summer 2024 Calendar

Please see the enclosed summer calendar and pin a copy to your notice board!

Contacts are shown at the bottom of the calendar if you need any advice.

There is also a 'Find us on Friday evening' pdf on the web site which shows almost all of our meeting points. Shout if you need help finding the location.

**Outdoor Friday evening meetings....** meet at 6.30pm and on the water at 6.45pm.

The Club is due to venture out into the wide-wide world on Friday evenings from **26**<sup>th</sup> **April** (the first two weeks are limited to previous years paddlers only please)

NOTE: If your aim is to join us during the summer for the first time....

Please attend a pool competence evening on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> and/or Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April, <u>plus</u> the morning introduction sessions on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May, which will be held on the Basingstoke Canal in Odiham.

To meet with our safety responsibilities, please read through the sheet titled "Outside Meeting Statement" and if you have any questions or queries, please contact one of the committee members.

Evenings on either canal or river are normally suitable for novice paddlers but please ask before joining us on your first sea paddle.

#### Other club events

There are a few additional club weekend/day trips provisionally planned – see the calendar for dates. We will remind you nearer the time...

<u>Please register your interest with an email or a phone call</u> well before the day otherwise we may assume no one is interested and we may not be there!

### **Equipment**

If you would like to attend any Club paddle (including the outdoor introduction/sign off sessions) and you are lacking kit – a number of our members do have spare equipment and are willing to lend it out if you make an effort to ask and are willing to transport it.

There may be a few items shown on our website to borrow or purchase, please have a look.

#### Licences

Can we remind members that a licence or <u>membership with British Canoeing</u> is required to paddle on the Basingstoke Canal and River Wey.

If you have neither of these, the Club has purchased a small quantity of licences for 'Club owned' boats which will be available to borrow on the specific Club evenings.

You will be asked for a £5.00 contribution per boat towards the cost of these licences.

For details of British Canoeing membership visit - www.britishcanoeing.org.uk

Please keep an eye on the website - www.altoncanoeclub.co.uk - for updated information.