

ALTON CANOE CLUB

Summer 2026 NEWSLETTER



Another winter season has almost gone and the summer evenings outside are on the way.

This summer we will be using the same format as last year to manage the Friday evening sessions with only a few minor updates after last years' trial run.

With this newsletter and calendar, there are two other important documents that we all need you to read.

- **Outside Meeting Statement** - what you need to know and do.
- **Outside Operating guidelines and procedures** - how we intend running the sessions.

There is also a set of additional documents that support the above:

- **Generic Outside Risk Assessments – two versions, Low Risk and Medium Risk**
- **On the day Briefing and Risk Assessment sheet**
- **Float Plans** (sent by email & on the website) - for each session giving location details and a summary of the proposed paddle.

We will run through all these documents during the final two pool session on **Friday 17th and 24th April** and they are all available on the club website.

TO ALL MEMBERS. If you intend joining us outside this summer, please attend one of these two evenings.

Summer 2025 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.

Outdoor Friday evening meetings..... meet by 6.30pm with the aim to be on the water at 6.45pm.

The Club will venture out into the wide-wide world again on Friday evenings from the **1st May 2026**.

The first session will be held on the Basingstoke Canal near the Barley Mow in Winchfield.

During this first session we will run through all the Clubs' requirements with our new paddling members and refresh the memory of those who have paddled with us before.

This will include checking through personal equipment and kit to ensure it is suitable for Club activities.

Need equipment?

If you would like to attend Club paddles and you are lacking kit – the club and a few of our members do have spare equipment and are usually willing to lend it out if you make an effort to ask and are willing to transport it.

Licences

Can we remind members that a licence or a PaddleUK membership is required to paddle on the Basingstoke Canal and River Wey.

If you have neither of these, the Club may be able to purchase 'club' licences from Paddle UK, please ask us for details.

For details of Paddle UK membership visit - www.paddleuk.org.uk

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