



## Thameswey Canoe Club Newsletter Issue 1 November 2008

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### LATEST NEWS

- New Committee elected
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Hello and welcome to Issue 1 of your new and improved newsletter. We are going to be publishing this newsletter on a quarterly basis to keep you up to date with what's happening in the club.

It's also a great opportunity for you to feed back to the other club members about the trips that you've been on and anything else you think may be of interest.

Thameswey Canoe Club has a great website packed full of information. Check it regularly for updates and join in the chat on the online forum!  
[www.thameswey.co.uk](http://www.thameswey.co.uk)

We've been thinking of how to expand the website and here are some of our ideas – let us know what you think!

- League table for swimmers and rollers.
- Photo caption competition and photo of the month.
- What's New section
- Feedback section

Now it's officially winter it's too dark in the evening to allow us to paddle on a Tuesday night. So, instead we have a full calendar of events planned to keep you happy and paddling over these cold and dark months. Here are the dates for the next 3 months so put them in your diary and see the website or a committee member for more details:

Here's your new Committee, elected at the AGM on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2008. Their contact details are available on the website.

- Chairman:** Rob Wykeham-Martin  
**Treasurer:** Doug Manning in conjunction with Kevin Cooper  
**Secretary:** Siân Smith  
**Membership Secretary:** Paul Hedges  
**Training Officer:** Paul Gibson  
**Trips Officer:** Dave Mellor  
**Equipment Officer:** Rich Stroud  
**Publicity and Web Officer:** Paul Hedges and Gerard Ring  
**Youth Officer:** Mim Smith  
**Welfare Officer:** Dave Mellor  
**General Members:** Alan Fagan, Amelia Clarke and Rachel Cawte

2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Milton Road pool session
7 <sup>th</sup> -9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Forest of Dean weekend
16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Lake Session
23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	River Wye: Built Wells to Boughrood
30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	River Barle
7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Milton Road pool session
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	River Monnow
21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Lake Session
28 <sup>th</sup> Dec	River Thames: Cricklade to Castle Eaton
4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Milton Road pool session
11 <sup>th</sup> Jan	River Teme
18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Lake Session
25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	River Usk

Fancy standing out from the crowd? If so then why not invest in some TCC branded clothing.

The hoodies and fleeces have a little paddler embroidered on the chest with your first name underneath and Thamesway CC on the back. You can even personalise them with extra comments if you want.

Children's Hoodies  
£15.21

Adult Hoodies  
£18.14

Adult Fleece Jacket  
£22.78

Women's Cut Fleece Jacket  
£19.78

Regatta Omicron II Fleece Jacket  
£35.12

Other items are available.

If you want more info on the garments check out [www.sewpersonal.biz](http://www.sewpersonal.biz)

If you want to order you need to let Siân know and pay by cheque in advance.

At this time of year many of your memberships come up for renewal. Please can we remind you to pay promptly when you receive your reminder. Your membership fee goes towards paying for the upkeep of the club's kit.

Adults £17  
(BCU members £12)

2nd Adult in family £9 (BCU members £8)

Children £7 (BCU £6)

On 5<sup>th</sup> October, TCC entered two teams in the annual Dragon Boat Racing. Despite the rain, an excellent day was had by all with both the junior and adult teams winning their classes. The junior team deserve special mention for winning their section so comprehensively and for coming 3<sup>rd</sup> overall, beating all but our adult team and South Cerney men! Well done to everybody who took part and thank you also to all the parents on the bank cheering us home.



It's almost time to dust off those tuxs and little black dresses. Yes, that's right, it's time to party! TCC's Christmas party is on 21st November 7.30pm to midnight at Cirencester Rugby Club. You are all cordially invited, although it is first come first served for tickets so don't delay, buy today! We'd like everyone to bring some food to share, Rob will be compiling a list so contact him for details. Tickets cost £5 for adults and £3 for under-18s and can be purchased from Rob, Paul Hedges or Siân.

Looking forward to 2009

Let's hope for a better summer next year!

The successful, safe and efficient running of the sessions at the lake are dependant on the voluntary efforts of our coaches, committee members and volunteers. It is essential that we register all paddlers on and off the water, issue appropriate kit, welcome newcomers and collect fees.

With this in mind, we need two volunteers at each session to help out with registration and kit issue. To avoid overloading the same volunteers each week, we would like all club members, or their family members, to take a turn on the rota. This will leave the coaches free to organise the session and advise paddlers.

Alan Fagan will begin making up the rota in November, so please contact him to let him know which dates you can help with. If all members chip in we should only need to do one or two sessions each.

*... if you have any comments or suggestions please let Rachel know at [rachel\\_cawte@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:rachel_cawte@hotmail.co.uk)*