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General Notices

Car Stickers for access to Barton Farm – From the 1 March 2017 any member requiring vehicle access to Barton Farm Country Park for the purposes of loading and unloading boats **MUST** display a 'Bradford on Avon Rowing club' car sticker. These will only be issued to those members who have renewed their 2017 club membership. A register of car stickers will be kept. See Mike for more details.

We require more volunteers to support our Junior and novice paddlers. The club will give full support on DBS clearance and help fund a coaching qualification as well. See Mike if you are interested.

We would welcome any volunteers to help occasionally sweep out the boathouse and clean the changing rooms. Thanks.

Congratulations to Ed and Anya's Mckeever, a Gold medal winning performance, a 9 lb 11oz baby boy, Peter, born on 18th January. Congratulations also to proud grandparents Derek and Janice.

Club fleece hats for sale cost £6.00 See Mike

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Winter training sessions

Circuit Training, a full workout – 48 exercises! - Every Tuesday 6 to 7pm St-Laurence School. All members including parents are invited. £2 / session. We regularly have up to 18 members attending.

Club paddling sessions:

Wednesday night's 6pm - A reminder that you must wear lights.

Saturday mornings 9am - All welcome

Sunday mornings 8am 20km paddle or **9am** 10-12 km paddle.

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Upcoming club events

Saturday 4 February 2017 - 4 peaks walk Brecon Beacons – to date 28 members have signed up for the walk, we hope for ideal conditions – report to follow in February newsletter.

Saturday 11th February 2017 - Video review session -11am

Simon Kay has offered to host the video review session from the training day at his house. We will also be showing some clips of racing/technique. There will be hot drinks and biscuits.

Address:

1C Whiteheads Lane, BoA, BA15 1JU. House is at the very top of Whiteheads Lane. Whiteheads Lane is the left turn by the Bunch of Grapes as you go up Silver Street towards Holt. Not to be confused with Whitehill which is the next turning! NB there are a lot of houses with No.1 (1a, 1b, 1c, 1d) not all adjacent. Just keep going up the narrow private road until you see the house with double red garage doors. Can accommodate around 6 or 7 cars so parking not a problem.

Friday 17th February 2017 - Club meal at the Dandy Lion pub BOA 7.00 for 7.30

Please sign up on the club notice board or by emailing vixieswallow@gmail.com by **Sunday 12th February**. As soon as I have the menu I will put it on the notice board and email it out.

Race Reports

Frank Luzmore Memorial Race

The Frank Luzmore K2 race took place on the 8th January this year and as always, the competition was fierce and vast. This annual race is the first race of the calendar year and a good chance to see who will be competing for the big trophies this year.

Bradford on Avon were represented by 3 people this year: Harriet Quigley and Simon and Alison Dark. Harriet was racing K2 with her partner Samantha Martyn from Wey kayak club in the U18 Ladies class. They were 2nd in a very competitive class which was a very good show given their inclusion in the Great Britain Marathon teams training day the day before the event. Simon and Alison were competing in the Mixed A Doubles class and finished a very respectable 6th place behind some very quick crews.

A big congratulations to both crews as we start the year as we mean to go on with some good results.

Racing Calendar

Axe Vale Canoe Club - River Axe Race - Sunday 5th March 2017

The annual River Axe Race will be held on Sunday 5th March this year and is suitable for all paddlers of all ages to have a go (11-70). Organised by the Axe Vale Canoe Club, we typically have 100 boats on the river in about 12 classes depending on the type of boat being used (both kayak and canoe).

We would particularly like to encourage you all to have a go in whatever boat you feel like (from canoe to sea kayak to slalom kayak to Sit-on & SUP).

All the details are on the club website

(<http://www.axevalecc.co.uk/Events/River-Axe-Race/river-axe-race.htm>).

If you have any questions please ask.

Thanks and hope to see you there ...Colin (Axe Vale CC)

Sunday 19th February	Waterside A Great Bedwyn to Newbury www.watersideseries.org.uk/
Sunday 26th February	Thameside 1 Aldermaston to Reading www.reading-canoe.org.uk/thamesides/
Sunday 5th March	River Axe Race
Sunday 5th March	Waterside B Newbury to Aldermaston Wharf and Return
Sunday 12th March	Thameside 2 Reading to Marlow
Sunday 19th March	Waterside C Pewsey to Newbury
Sunday 26th March	K1/C1 Assessment race Elmbridge Canoe Club
Sunday 2nd April	Waterside D Devizes to Newbury
8th-9th April	April Regatta Holme Pierrepont, Nottingham
14th-17th April	Devizes to Westminster
Sunday 30th April	Roadford Hasler Race Devon

New canoe committee members 2016/17

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