

Coaches Meeting

We had a very constructive coaches meeting in February following on from which we agreed a few principles (confirmed by committee) that we will be following this year:

Course Costs and Membership - There will be free taster sessions after which newcomers will be able to book onto beginners courses. Course Costs will be £30 per child and £50 per adult for 5 or 6 week courses.

At the end of each course newcomers will be offered the opportunity to join the club at full cost. There will not be a discount for already having paid the course fee. We put a lot of effort into running beginners courses and are VERY competitive with commercial outfits that do the same job.

Once members follow on courses etc. will be free of charge. Where a brother or sister, daughter or son etc. of an existing member wishes to join a beginners course they will not be charged for the course.

People Turning up “on spec” – We will not accept people who turn up on spec and wish to join in club activity except at taster sessions. There will be a pack of information that can be given to prospective members and they are welcome to look around / watch what is going on but they MUST come into the club via a taster session or course unless they have a reasonable level 2* or similar of paddling experience. Trying to slot people in disrupts courses for everyone. Juniors need to know that they cannot just “bring a friend along”. I will be keeping a list of enquiries and the easiest way to join that list is for people to email me on suehawthorn@btinternet.com that way I can't lose their details on a soggy piece of paper in my canoeing bag!!

Experienced Paddlers – We will be happy to let experienced paddlers who enquire join in a session with us to see how they get on but it is better NOT to encourage people that they will be crewed up with K2's on a Sunday morning until we have SEEN their standard. It is not fair on them or us! Wednesday night club night will always be a good time to come along.

