





## Introduction

Welcome to November's Newsletter. In a fairly quiet edition this month, Ken describes the AGM for those of us who couldn't make it, I find something interesting on the Council website and Terry performs a public service both by reminding that Christmas (in the form of the Christmas Paddle) is not far away and also suggests a suitable present for the paddler in your life.

## Editorial

Those of us who work in the NHS are used to reviews being announced at regular intervals. These generally create unease, consume vast amounts of money and lead to no visible changes so it's with a slightly cynical mind that I've put the piece in from the council about the review of Mount Batten. I suspect that the punch line is the bit about supporting the Fastnet race given the revenue that it generates but no doubt I am being cynical. It will be interesting to see what happens.

Ivor Jones

Newsletter Editor

## Next Committee Meeting

Please forward any items you would like considered at the next committee meeting to [secretary@ppca-canoe-club.org.uk](mailto:secretary@ppca-canoe-club.org.uk). They will go to the secretary.

## Next Edition

There is no specific deadline as such for contributions but please bear in mind my general sloth and indolence and let me have anything time-sensitive well in advance.

## Contributions

Please send any contributions to [newsletter@ppca-canoe-club.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@ppca-canoe-club.org.uk)

## Acknowledgements

The cover photographers for August are, as ever - Joy, Debbie and Terry - plus, by way of a change, Doug

### Chair's Summary Report on the Annual General Meeting by Ken Hamblin, Chair

As many of you were not at the AGM on the 22nd October 2019, I thought I would just bring you up to date with what happened that evening, which was nothing out of the ordinary.

The meeting commenced at 1900hrs and on your behalf I paid a personal thanks to each member of the committee for all the hard work they had put in for us over the past twelve months and what had been achieved during this time. The major items being the completion of the new Website which I think looks fantastic and hopefully is much easier for everybody to operate. In addition, the 5-year plan for the Club has also been updated and is now running up to the Autumn of 2024 with 3 monthly reviews by the committee. Alongside this a 5-year financial plan has also been completed. On both counts you will see that we are still in a very healthy position.

Copies of these documents are available for anybody to peruse If you would like to contact the Club Secretary Jackie please

This was then followed by the Club Leader Ian Brimacombe's report who thanked all the Coaches for the efforts they have put in as well through both the Winter and the summer sessions. As he said we wouldn't have a club without these people who basically get little reward for the time and effort they put in. Thanks, were also given to the people who organised all the Club trips and safety cover during the summer along with the organisers of the Beach Cleaning sessions.

The Club Treasurer Sharne Dodds then gave her report on the financial position of the Club after which she took a few questions on various points.

Our President then gave his report where he spoke about how the club was situated at this present time with a general overall thank you to everybody for all their efforts and the continued comradeship he felt he enjoyed along with the all the paddling that he has been involved with since last years AGM. A Point I think we would all endorse!

The election of Officers then took place and the following personnel were voted in.

Chair	Ken Hamblin	Vice Chair	Mark Perry
Club leader	Marty Johnston	Assistant C/Leader	Ian Brimacombe
Treasurer	Sharne Dodds	Secretary	Jackie Perry
Equipment Officer	Pete Anderson	Membership Sec	Adam Coulson
Intro Course Coord.	Jane Hitchens	Welfare Officer	Alan Ede
Health & Safety	Damean Miller	Youth Development	George Hamblin

President this is a 2-year post and Bob Grose is now into his second year.

Thank you once again to all these volunteers for putting your hands up!!

There is one more post which unfortunately could not be filled and that is the Publicity Officer. As with all the posts they all have an important role to fill for the smooth running of the club and its financial needs. This role probably only requires about 5/6 months work from about the new Year through to the middle of the year aiming to publicise our Club and the courses that we provide. The income from this helps to provide the great facilities that we enjoy at Mountbatten. Please if anybody can spare a few hours a week to take on this role please get in touch with either the Club Secretary Jackie or myself. The job description is on the web Site.

Finally, the Club awards which this year was limited to three were won by the following.

For the Most outstanding Contribution to the Club this was awarded to Mark Perry for the major contribution he has made to renewing and redesigning the new Web site, along with rewriting the 5-year Plan amongst many other jobs.

For the Most Improved Paddler this was awarded to Debbie Rowlands for all the effort and enthusiasm she has made to her paddling through the year along with her photography skills.

For the Coaches award this went to Kevin Jones for the amount of time and the enthusiasm he has put in with coaching the Paddle Discover Award sessions, along with his support for many of the Scouting Come and try it sessions (Introduction to Paddling)

Fortunately, there were no contentious issues raised and the meeting finished at 2000 hrs





## Christmas Paddle, Saturday 21st December by Terry Calcott

Yes folks it's very nearly that time of year again, brush off those hats and Santa costumes, and come join your fellow club members for a paddle feast and make merry. The paddle venue will probably start and finish from Mount Batten, but if a good weather window occurs it may be away from MB. The minimum dress requirement for this paddle (in addition to your normal paddling and safety gear) is a festive hat. The preferred costume is fancy dress above the spraydeck. We always have a communal picnic of festive fayre. I will be compiling a list of sweet or savoury, so please let me know what you are bringing along.

Please let me know if you are intending coming along by email [terryc1@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:terryc1@blueyonder.co.uk) or phone 07981489857 or a post on the forum (I will start a forum post nearer the date).

The good news this year is that the facilities at Mount Batten will be open as usual.



## Review of Mount Batten by the Editor

The article below appeared on the Council's website in October.

*Plymouth City Council is setting out plans to review the city's watersports offerings and the service offered by Mount Batten Watersports Centre, in line with Plymouth's new Visitor Plan and Plymouth Sound's recently declared status as the UK's first National Marine Park.*

*The review will explore how the Mount Batten Watersports Centre's existing offer – and the surrounding land and water – can be enhanced to provide maximum benefits to both locals and visitors.*

*This will include improving access to and increasing participation in watersports, as well as securing long-term financial sustainability for the centre. A report will establish the cost of redeveloping the centre and the surrounding land and on-water facilities in order to achieve these goals.*

*Councillor Tudor Evans OBE, Leader of Plymouth City Council said: "As Britain's Ocean City and home of the UK's first National Marine Park, Plymouth Sound is at the heart of what makes our city such a brilliant place to live, work and visit.*

*"It's shocking that 17 per cent of children from Plymouth have never even been to a beach, so it's vitally important that we work to engage them with the ocean so they experience all the benefits our wonderful natural environment brings. In addition to this, this review will enable us to nurture the economic advantages that the Sound can bring – which will make our city a better place for everybody."*

*The review will also identify how Plymouth can better support major racing events like the Rolex Fastnet Race, which has finished in Plymouth since it began in 1925 and which attracts hundreds of sailors to the city.*

*Plymouth City Council is going out to tender to appoint a consultant to carry out the review, with applications open from now until 15 November.*

Exactly what this means is anyone's guess but, no doubt, the committee will be keeping a close eye on proceedings.

## First Aid Course by Marty Johnston, Club Leader

My thanks to Joy for organising and booking this 2 day first aid course!

We are holding a 2 day First aid course over the weekend of the 18th of January costing only £70. The product is now live on the website, where there are more details and is available for booking.

Places are limited to 12 so book early to avoid disappointment!

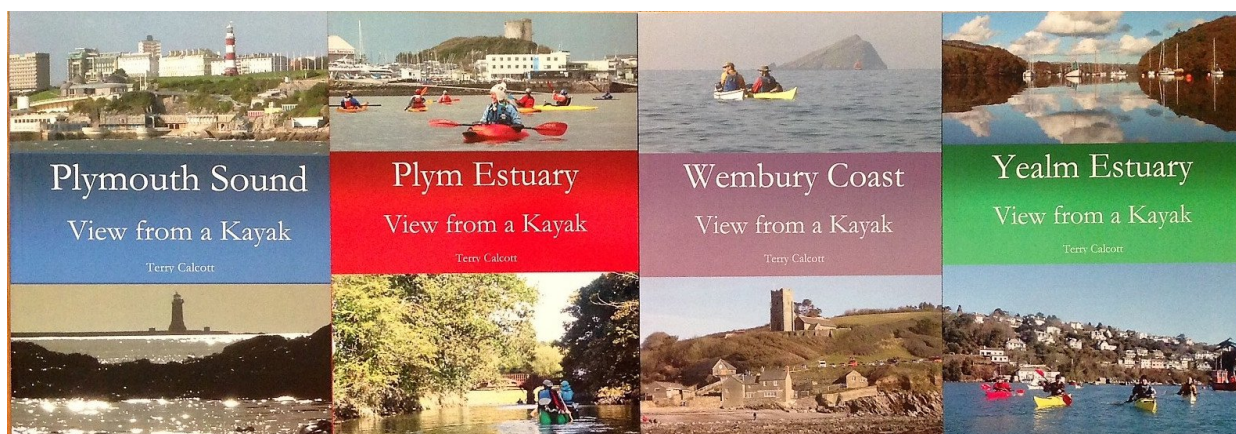


## Shameless Commercialism

### View From a Kayak Book Series by Terry Calcott

For those club members who missed out on the earlier print runs the following books are still available to purchase.

'View from a Kayak' Plymouth Sound, Plym Estuary, Wembury Coast and Yealm estuary. The books are a mix of local history, nature, with plenty of maps and photos to accompany the text covering everything that you can see from a kayak in the local area. A must for anyone who paddles regularly around our fantastic local coastline. Price £6 a copy, or a special of £20 for all 4 books (all profits going to St Luke's Hospice). If you would like any of the books please email me at [terryc1@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:terryc1@blueyonder.co.uk) or have a look at Facebook 'viewfromakayak'

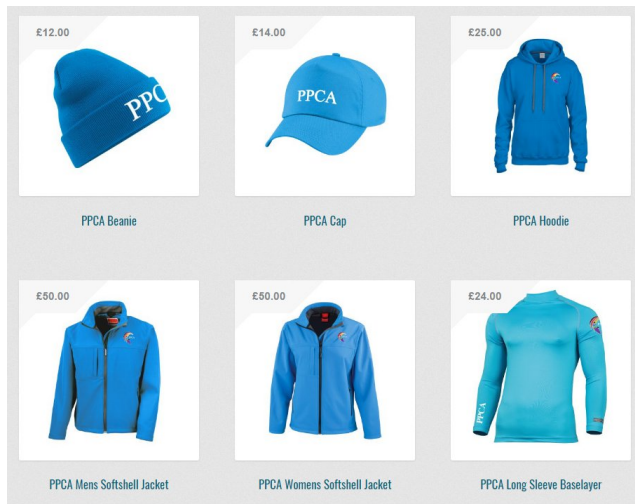
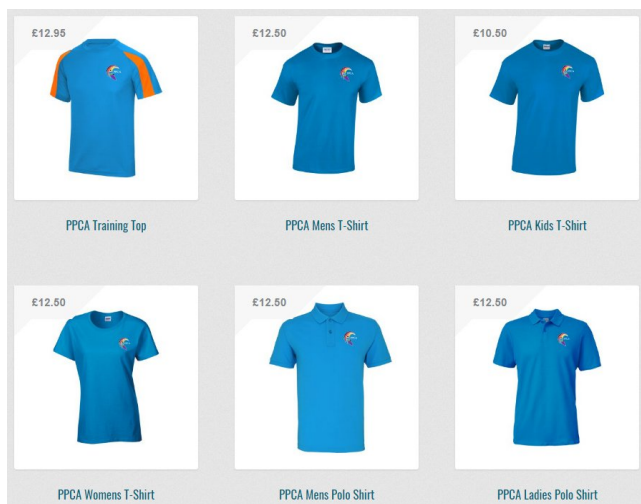


## Exchange and Mart

### PPCA Club Clothing by Jackie Perry, Publicity Officer

A full range of customised kit in either blue or black is available to order direct from Tailored Branding via the link below

<https://hsclothing.co.uk/ppca-3/>



Discount Available at Millets, 38/40 New George St, Plymouth PL1 1RW

One of our members works in the Millets store (Big 'Thank you' to Lee McKenzie!) on New George Street, Plymouth and has negotiated with his Manager a great discount of 15% on production of your PPCA club membership card. Usual T's & C's apply, e.g. goods already discounted/sales items might be excluded.

Discount Available at Kayaks and Paddles

Kayaks and paddles offer discount to local kayak and canoe clubs. The PPCA and Tamar Canoe club can get a discount up to 15%. This is an offer not a right for the person that is making a purchase, so please do not go upsetting Kayaks and Paddles employees as this discount might be taken away.



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## Club Calendar - Please Check Website and Forum for Updates

### For the Diary

7th August 2020: Isles of Scilly

### Recreational Paddles (Saturdays)

2nd November - Brim (Sea Paddle)

9th November - Joy Ashford

16th November - Clive Ashford

23rd November - Gavin Bennett

30th November - Terry Calcott

7th December - Bob Grose (Sea Paddle)

14th December - Brim

21st December - Terry Calcott(Christmas Paddle)

28th December - Joy Ashford

### Pool Sessions (19:15)

1st November

Apologies, but this is where the online calendar ends

### White Water Beginners (Sundays)

3rd November - Chris Doidge

### White Water Intermediate (Sundays)

10th November - Ken Hamblin

17th November - Doug Sitch

24th November - Clive Ashford

1st December - Pete Anderson

8th December - Chris Doidge

### Open Canoe White Water

10th November - Brim

8th December - Brim

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