

# Ulverston Canoe Club

## February 2022 Newsletter

After a busy Autumn, the weather hasn't provided many opportunities to paddle throughout the winter – and the forecast for the next few weeks doesn't look promising either...



On a positive note, the AGM last weekend was very well attended and provided a welcome opportunity for members to socialise again. We were fortunate to have The Farmers at Lowick open especially for us where we enjoyed a very tasty Pie & Pea supper followed by a delicious dessert. It has been

suggested that cuppas and cake at the Famers post any Coniston paddle would be a good idea...

One of the developments following the AGM is the introduction of a monthly Club Night at Fell Foot with the first to be held this Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> February from 6pm in the Active Base Clubhouse. This will be an informal evening giving members and friends the opportunity to meet, hear about what's going on around the club, ask questions and make suggestions for 2022 (both on and off the water) and to have a look at the Club Pod in the Active Base and the Club trailer (boat store). Tea, coffee and biscuits will be on offer! Please let us know if you would like to join us and we will email you the gate code. An overview of the internal signoff process will be given both for those who might wish to consider leading trips for the club without having to follow the formal British Canoeing Leadership pathway.



The spring diary is taking shape so fingers crossed the weather improves and the planned trips come to fruition. Our first away trip of the season will, weather permitting, be to the Oban area in the hope of a wild camping trip over March 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>. We're hoping to be able to paddle around Luing or Lismore with a trip to Loch Etive

as a poor weather fall back option. More trips may be added at short notice so please keep checking the calendar.

<https://www.ulverstoncc.org/calendar.html>



During the school Easter holiday the club is supporting Cumbria County Council's Holiday and Food Programme (HAF). On each of the four days April 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> we will host up to 16 disadvantaged local youngsters at Fell Foot where they will be making healthy packed lunches before embarking on a canoe trip on the lake. Our Expression of Interest to deliver these activities has been well received especially as the County Youth Forum had identified canoeing as an activity of interest.

In order for our involvement with HAF to be a success we need our members to volunteer their support. This could range from helping with administration from home, helping at Fell Foot, on or off the water on one or more days, picking up a "Click and Collect" from Tesco to offering the loan of equipment (canoes, buoyancy aids and paddles in particular).

If you are interested in supporting this or would like any more information about HAF, please give Barry a ring (07729179307) or drop an email to the usual club email address.

Even with the removal of most restrictions, if you are experiencing any Covid19 or flu symptoms, please do not attend club events as per our Covid Risk Assessment,

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Members, please keep an eye on your inboxes for Membership renewal packs for 1<sup>st</sup> March. For non-members considering joining the club membership information can be found via the link below.

<https://www.ulverstoncc.org/membership.html>

Happy spring paddling, and hope to see you on the water soon.