



## It's all in the wrist!

Please note that we now have wristbands, which must be worn by all Day Members to demonstrate that they have signed on, signed the disclaimer and paid the fee. This is an important part of the insurance procedures – make certain you are covered.

We are also using a similar 'wrist band' system for Camping and Caravans - once you have signed on (and paid) you will be given a wrist band which we'd ask you to display on your tent or tow hitch of the Caravan. This way the Counter Crew can easily make certain that they collect the appropriate fees.

## Talking of Fees

You can get all the fees for 2017 from the website [Download Page](#) – the main ones to note are: Day Membership – Adults £12, Junior £6 (Add £5 for the Tournament Lake). Riding in the boat is still free but you MUST still sign on, sign a waiver and get a wrist band.

Club Tows £15 for members ,£20 for non members (who still have to pay their Day Membership). Inflatable Tows are £10 with a minimum of 3 people for the Banana.

Caravans £10, Tents £5 per night. Electricity add £5 per night.

Club Truck (both ways) £5

## AGM Review

The AGM is always a thrilling event and one not to be missed. Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April dawned with much anticipation .... people gathered early .... the excitement was palpable. Well, that may not all be true, but the AGM did take place.

Richard (Chairman) reported on the events of the past year and highlighted the improvements that have been made to the site pointing out that these are all but complete – so the current year (2017) should see a drop in the Capital Expenditure that has been incurred in 2016.

Overall the club is in a strong financial position going forward and whilst a loss was made in 2016 it is hoped that we will return to break-even or a small surplus in 2017.

You will find other updates discussed at the AGM elsewhere in this newsletter - with full information available on the Download page of the [website](#)

## Lake-Cam & Weather Station

By the time you get this newsletter the first Lake-Cam, overlooking the main lake, should be working. This will enable you to check the water conditions via the website potentially saving you a wasted journey if conditions are no good.

A Weather Station has also been installed and this data, wind direction and speed, temperature etc, will soon be available alongside the lake cam

A further Lake Cam will be installed looking down the Tournament Lake as well as a new Cam looking at the main entrance. [www.churchwilne.co.uk](http://www.churchwilne.co.uk)

## Splash Day 2017

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The date has not yet been fixed but is likely to be some time in August – probably the August Bank Holiday weekend. Watch this space for more details but in the meantime get your sewing kits out and get those Fancy Dress costumes run up.

## Boat Test - Did you miss it?

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If you did not get your boat tested over the allocated weekends then not to worry. All you have to do is to be nice and 'cuddle up' to arrange a mutually convenient time for someone to carry this out.

It's a good idea to run through the checks yourself to make sure that everything is in order – you can download the Test Sheet from the website – [www.churchwilne.co.uk](http://www.churchwilne.co.uk).

Most common reasons for failing? Fire Extinguishers and not producing a valid Insurance Certificate – so remember to bring a copy of your insurance along and.....if you need a Fire Extinguisher contact [gary@fireprotectiononline.co.uk](mailto:gary@fireprotectiononline.co.uk) [www.fireprotectiononline.co.uk](http://www.fireprotectiononline.co.uk).

Remember you are not allowed on the water until this test has been carried out.

## First Aid

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Want to do your First Aid Course? Now is your chance. We will be organising another First Aid Course at the club soon. It is open to all members but places are limited so please let us know ASAP if you want to attend. Cost is just £35 (no charge for club volunteers).

All Counter Crew have to undertake the First Aid Course

## Doggy Rules (AGM)

It has been a year since dogs were allowed within designated areas on site and nobody at the AGM had any issues with this so it will now be incorporated into the Club Rules.

Dog owning members are asked to respect the designated areas and not put in jeopardy the doggy bonus.

## Bow Rider Rule (AGM)

A question came up at the AGM about the rule, which prohibits anyone sitting in the bow section of a boat when out on the lake. Nobody really knew where or how this rule came about and as some boats have been specifically designed to take passengers in the bow section there was a question as to the validity of the rule.

It was agreed that the committee will look into this rule, will consult with our insurers and the BWSW and, if appropriate, will amend the rules.



## Gas Rises (AGM)

The price of LPG has had to increase in line with price rises from our suppliers. It's still good value at 40p a Litre. Further changes, up or down, will mirror the supply price.

## Which Facebook page - reminder.

The official Facebook page is '[Church Wilne Water Sports Club](#)' - if you find yourself on another page and there is no up to date news then you are probably on the wrong one.... If anyone has any of the usernames and passwords for the other (old) FB pages then can you please let us know so we can close those sites.

## Counter Crew

The Club Counter is being run on a paid volunteer basis made up of family members. We've got a great team and thanks go to Jade, Ellie, Charlotte, Ben, Molly, Steph, Pete and Tom – you will easily be able to spot them in their red tops.

In due course they will all be fully qualified First Aiders and also trained in the use of the DeFib machine.

Be kind to them - they are new to this and so bear with them.

Good luck team.



## We Need You!

Have you got time for your club? Want to help out on the Committee? Please step up - your help will really be appreciated.

## Lost Property

Have you lost anything recently? Or not so recently? Take a look at this little lot that has been left at the club. Quite what someone was doing with a pair of ski boots (snow ski boots) at a water sports club is hard to imagine – anyone know?

Anyway – the bottom line is that this lot is on the way to the bin – if you see anything you recognise them “speak now or forever lose your stuff”



On the conveyor belt today we have: snow ski boots, back packs, caps, denim jeans, a blanket, some neoprene boots and some leather boots, a sweatshirt or two, flip flops (slaps) and jumpers, a jacket and a watch, some gloves, a pair of trainers and some socks... and more...

Where did this all come from? Who knows? At the end of April it will be heading to the bin or a Charity shop.

On a similar theme the Green Container is being cleared to make room for inflatables - you have been warned - Remove it or Lose it.

## Brian Resigns (AGM)

Brian Tennant has Resigned from the Committee - we would all like to thank Brian for his invaluable contribution over the past years. You have been a great asset to the Club and Committee and we are all grateful.

## Cutting Edge Kids

Sixteen or under? Then that's all you need to be to qualify as a Church Wilne Cutting Edge Kid and all you need to do is get down to the club on Saturday afternoons.

What's in store? Teaching, coaching, fun and guiding for you no matter what level you are – from beginners to experts we want you to come and join us. It costs nothing but your time.

There will be experts on hand to guide you through the basics and take you further in your chosen disciplines. Whether this is slalom, jump, barefoot, wakeboarding or kneeboarding. Whatever your skill you will benefit from these sessions

Starting at 1pm every Saturday all you have to do is turn up and register and then get out on the water. Sessions will go on until at least 4pm – and longer if necessary. First Saturday (22 April) we'll discuss what everyone wants to do and sort out groups.

The club will be holding an 'in house' competition later in the year and for those that may be interested the National Cutting Edge competition will be at Cotswold Water Ski Club on the 19th and 20th August. CWWSC hope to send a team (or two).

## Club Clobber

Why not treat yourself or loved ones to some Club Clobber. Hoodies, T Shirts and Caps are all available in 2 colours and 2 designs (one for skiers and one for boarders). These are available over the counter.

Kids/Adults T's – £10/£12 • Hoodies £20/£25 • Caps £8/£12

## SBDA Course

Need your Boat Driving Licence?

If you are looking to get more qualified drivers for your boat then now is the time to put names down. The SBDA Course is just £100 for Members (£250 for non members). There's a 2 or 3 hour 'classroom' presentation followed by a written Exam ... which is nothing to worry about.

Then it's time to practice on the water under the watchful eye of one of the Trainers. You will be guided and taught all the finer details. Then, when you are ready, you'll take your Practical Assessment.

You can get as much time as you want to practice – either with the Trainer or in your own boat as long as you have a qualified SBDA driver alongside you.

In no time at all you will be fully qualified and ready to rock.

Interested? Email [news@churchwilne.co.uk](mailto:news@churchwilne.co.uk) to put your name down – we will keep you posted as soon as the dates are announced.

## Rules & Constitution Changes (AGM)

It was overwhelmingly decided at the AGM that Rule 70, which allows the Committee to Fine members, be removed.

Similarly it was overwhelmingly decided that the Constitution be amended to enable members who are commercially involved in water skiing or ancillary equipment to stand for election to the committee

A further discussion took place on the Constitution whereby members only get to exercise their voting rights after a full year of membership. On this point the AGM was split but in the end a majority vote opted to keep this rule in place.