



Royal Canoe Club Newsletter

January 2026 Edition

Happy New Year Everyone! We hope 2026 brings lots of enjoyment and success on the water!

Below is an update from the RCC committee meeting held on 12th January.

Winter Paddling and Training

The weather has been extremely cold so far and, although we escaped the worst of Storm Goretti, we must still be aware of river conditions when going out for a paddle. You must always be part of a group and someone in the group must be responsible for doing a risk assessment on the river conditions before you go out. Juniors, especially, must not go out paddling alone but as part of a group with a qualified coach in attendance. Also, junior members must not use equipment in the gym without supervision as accidents can easily occur.

Royal 10@10

This was the last race held at Royal in 2025 with 18 K2s starting. Weather was bright and sunny, and everything ran smoothly. The race was won by Alex Worgan and Dylan O'Connor from Richmond CC.

Club Successes

The Frank Luzmore race, run by Richmond CC, took place on Sunday 4th January. Dianora and Adriana de Bilio won the K2 junior girls race and Elise Montagne, along with her partner Katie Brooks from Richmond, won the senior women's race.

Marco Mangiantini raced at the Cambridge Winter Series Marathon and won the U14 boys' race.

Well done to everyone! A great start to the year!



First Aid Course

We are hoping to run a first aid course at the club as soon as possible, but we need 10-12 participants to make it viable. The course is an absolute must for all coaches, including volunteers and paid assistant coaches, and for race organisers and is open to all members of the club. The club is also looking at subsidising some of the cost. For further details, please contact club secretary Eleanor McKinlay at secretary@royalcanoeclub.com.

Wednesday Club Night Kitchen

The kitchen is back open after the Christmas and New Year break, and we hope to provide dinners every Wednesday night throughout the winter as long as numbers permit. We really need 12-15 diners to make it financially viable. Please be sure to get your orders in early each week so that we can gauge numbers, and we will always notify everyone by email or the members Facebook page if we need to cancel.

Those of you who use the kitchen to make tea and coffee after training during the week may have noticed the kitchen has been de-cluttered and tidied and shelves have been labelled. Please keep it tidy, and wash and put away any crockery and cutlery you use.

Drinking Water Point

A drinking water point has been installed downstairs, outside the mainland clubhouse, to allow all site users to fill up their water bottles and avoid going into the kitchen during busy times.

Dates for your Diary

157th Royal CC AGM – Wednesday 15th April. Food will be available.

Royal Hasler race – Sunday 14th June.

Paul Gilbert race – Wednesday 1st July.

Royal Sprints – Saturday 18th July.

Royal Paddling Challenge – Saturday 10th October.

Club Awards Evening – Wednesday 4th November.

Royal 10@10 – Sunday 22nd November.

It is hoped we can run some social events during the year, so if anyone has any ideas please speak to the kitchen crew – Eleanor, Jackie and Pippa.