

The Clubhouse

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"The UK's biggest and best canoe club."

THE REDEVELOPMENT

Richmond Canoe Club was founded on the 19th November 1944 at an inaugural meeting held in the Three Pigeons Public House adjacent to our current clubhouse. The club has occupied a number of premises on and around the current site over the last 60 years including an old landing craft, and has seen the present building both with and without a third storey. The opportunity has now arisen to acquire the freehold of the building in exchange for the sale of a long lease on a new penthouse flat to be built as a third storey to the building. Work is expected to start on the 5th January 2005, and a



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small 'Redevelopment Committee' has been formed to spearhead the work involved in ensuring the club is able to continue to flourish during the development. The plan



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involves handing the keys over to the developers on the 5th January 2005 and moving into temporary accommodation on site for a period of five months. We aim to have adequate premises including access to gym equipment, showers and toilets on site, and good access to boats which are in frequent use. We will continue to use the boathouse itself for long term storage of boats which are unlikely to be used during the winter months. We aim to be able to move back into a refurbished clubhouse during the summer of 2005 to start our 61st year in premises fit for the UK's biggest and best canoe club.

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The Timetable for action

November 2004

Workparties to clear the loft of any boats or equipment which should be saved

December 2004

Construction of temporary accommodation which should include a clubhouse with galley, gym, toilets and showers. Racking constructed in Blade House for boats in regular use

January 2005

Vacate the clubhouse; winter programme of events to include a regular programme of Masterclasses and preparation for the 2005 season



The Redevelopment Committee is committed to ensuring that the sporting and social aspects of membership at Richmond remain as unaltered as possible during the building works. We aim to occupy three large portacabin type buildings in the immediate vicinity of the current clubhouse, with good toilet, shower and changing facilities available in Blade House.

Boats in regular use will be stored in Blade House, and those which do not see much use will be securely stored in our current clubhouse or in the basement area of the Three Pigeons development.

You should have just received your notice of renewal of membership for 2004/5. It's important that you send your cheque together with any changed information to Roxanne Dunn as soon as possible. Members not renewing by the end of November 2004 will be liable to be charged an extra £20 for late

Richmond Local Press - May 1972

Richmond Canoe Club is fighting for its very existence, the Commodore, Mr. E. Allen stated at a reception held to honour the eight members who have been selected for the 1972 Olympic Games, recently.

The club which is based at the Lansdowne Boat House, Petersham Road, Richmond will have to leave its premises in twelve months time.

In his speech Mr. Allen explained why. He said "The Richmond Canoe Club was founded over 28 years ago. Of course it's had its ups and downs, but since 1952 it has had members in every Olympic Games. This alone must rank as a great achievement for any club.

It's not the first time we've faced these chal-

renewal!

If you are storing a boat at the clubhouse, we will be contacting you shortly to establish whether the boat is regularly or infrequently used. Storage space is likely to be at a premium, so if your fleet of craft is extensive, now is the time to consider removing all those which you don't use every week. Think of the saving in rack fees! If we find an unidentified boat, a notice will be posted on it asking the current owner to identify it. If you find a notice on your boat, ensure that you complete

VOLUNTEERS

it and post it into the pink box in the clubhouse. Any unidentified boats will be put into secure storage and may not be available during the period of the rebuild.

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help us with the enormous task of arranging our interim accommodation, shifting boats and the multitude of tasks which go into ensuring that the club can thrive over the next few months. No special skills are needed, but if you happen to be an expert in

You didn't really think this process could be carried out without your help did you? Over the next couple of months, we will be relying on the willing help of volunteers such as yourself to give up the occasional Saturday afternoon or Sunday to

building, plumbing, electrical works, project management, catering or cheerleading, make sure that you tell one of the Redevelopment Committee.



It'll soon be summer again, with those lazy Balcony Days.....

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“All Saturday working parties will start at 1.00pm and finish with free pizza at 4.30. Sunday working parties by ar-

The club will provide you with tough gloves to help with any shifting work, and any other tools needed. If anyone has any contacts

The Team

The 'Gang of Three'

- Sean Martin
- Tony Waszkiewicz
- Tim Joiner

Responsible for negotiating agreement with developer and ensuring future operation of club.

The Redevelopment Committee

- Tim Joiner
- Tony Waszkiewicz
- Alison Staite
- Neil Thomas
- Mark Pearce

Responsible with enormous help from other experts in the club for ensuring that the transition and redevelopment of new clubhouse facilities proceeds as smoothly and with as little disruption to normal club life

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e-mails & postal address

Make sure we've got your e-mail address so that we can keep you updated with progress on the development over the winter. Have we got your correct postal address? Send your details to Tim Joiner on tjoiner@zoom.co.uk, or put a note in the white members box in the club room.

Volunteers

SEND TO:	
Alison Staite	
Richmond Canoe Club Lansdowne Boathouse 81 - 83 Petersham Road Richmond TW10 6UT	
Name _____	
Address _____	
City _____	
Skills available _____	
e-mail contact _____	

FUND RAISING

The total redevelopment is likely to cost the club about £140,000.

You may not be surprised to learn that we don't have that sort of sum sitting around in ready cash!

We are making applications to the BCU, and to local charities, but if you know of a charitable body which would grant aid capital works of the kind we are undertaking, please let Alison

Staite our chief fundraiser know. If you have just inherited money from an elderly aunt, consider making a donation to the Rebuilding Fund. All donations of time, equipment or money will be gratefully received over the next few months. Help us provide you with the best facilities we can afford! Especial thanks go to Tony Waszkiewicz who has started off our fund with a personal donation of £5000.