

Club Scene

Wychavon Canoe Club

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We continue our journey to visit enthusiastic passionate canoe clubs from around the UK with a trip north to Worcestershire to visit the paddlers of Wychavon Canoe Club at one of their regular pool sessions.

For this month's Club Scene we were off down to Worcestershire to join Wychavon Canoe Club for one of their regular winter pool sessions. Wychavon meet on the River Avon, at Pershore, during the warmer months, but as autumn arrives they move indoors and meet each Thursday evening at New College pool in Worcester, and then take to their local rivers for a weekend river trip once a month.

On our arrival, as the club members lined up the boats and got changed, we chatted to Club Chairman Clive Pearson who told us about the club and it's many strengths. Wychavon is a community-based club who open a welcoming arm to all ages and disciplines. At Wychavon, paddlers enjoy structured coaching sessions along with plenty of fun and games.

The Thursday night meeting is split into two sessions in the pool, a junior session and an adult session. First up on the water were the youngsters with a few adults thrown in for good measure. Club coach Adam ran the session, which involved everything from rescues to draw strokes. Adam and his assistants would explain and demonstrate a technique as the assembled paddlers watched from the side, and then they would take to the water in groups to have a go themselves. By having these structured sessions paddlers can learn quickly and easily, to then be ready to take their skills out onto the river on their club trips.



Concentrating hard on getting that draw stroke right.



The adults get chance to practice their skills.



Young club members give each other support as they practice rescuing a swimmer.



The pool is a great facility for the club.

