

Catering for the Clubs weekend trips



Notes from Your Chairman – February 2011

It was not until the other day that somebody actually asked me how the food/duties system worked on an RCC weekend paddle. The fact is we don't really tell anyone, especially new members, hence probably the lack of volunteers, or just the same few doing the jobs. So I thought maybe it should be written somewhere

Where a club trip takes place over a weekend we have to cater for the lunches Saturday and Sunday and a supper on Saturday evening. The Friday evening is generally left to fend for your self as we all travel and arrive at different times.

Breakfasts: Saturday and Sunday

This usually includes the normal stuff: bacon, eggs, sausages, milk, butter, tea, coffee, preserves, tomatoes mushrooms etc

Lunches: Saturday and Sunday

We need the trappings for lunch: rolls, drinks, fillings /cold meats , pickle, salad, choc bars, fruit and crisps. etc

The club asks for volunteers to bring something along. The trip organisers will co ordinate this so we don't double up as we also carry some items over from one trip to the next. It sometimes makes it easier to apportion the 'load 'so no single person has to fill their car up, before they even get their paddling kit in.

You purchase the goods, keep the receipt or remember what you spent, and the trip organiser will reimburse you when doing the final tally of costs for the weekend. So it doesn't really cost you.

Supper: Saturday

This generally is a super human being who will cook the Saturday evening meal. They might preprepare it at home and then bring it along frozen or do a Jamie Oliver on the night. It is nice to offer help to this person. **Again the price of all the 'ingredients' will be paid back at the final tally.**

Doing the Housework

We don't detail anybody to do any jobs. We rely on volunteering. People get up and start cooking breakfasts, if they wish, washing up needs doing, if you wish, tidying up, getting logs, making tea/coffee, setting out the crockery etc all require volunteers and **getting the jobs done quicker means we get on the water quicker, or down the pub.**

When we come to leave, we need to clean the place up, **so sort out your kit and then volunteer to get cleaning, we like to leave these places as we find them, many hands make light work.**

So don't stand back and watch the same people do the jobs, get stuck in.

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