



The Rotary Club of Pangbourne **Charity Dragon Boat Challenge**

Saturday 7 June at Pangbourne 2008

Advance Race-Day Instructions

Crew Captains must supply a copy of this to all crew members and, where possible, supporters.

• Location and Parking

The location is Pangbourne Meadow, which is just downstream of the toll bridge. In Pangbourne by the George Hotel is a miniroundabout. Take the north exit, which leads to Whitchurch. In about 100 metres pass under the railway bridge. In a further 200 metres turn right into the public car park (just past a road on the right called Thames Avenue) This is immediately before the toll bridge. Do not continue on to the toll bridge.

The parking for the Fete will be in the Meadow, reached by going through the public car park past the Dolphin Centre, which is the building at the end of the public car park. A small donation per car will be looked for to cover parking (programme purchase). This will be for all visitors to the Fete including those attending for the Dragon Boats.

• Registration and Racing

Currently we expect the racing to commence by 09.30 hrs.

We aim to contact all Crew Captains by email at least three days before the event, 3 June, to confirm registration time for their crew. This may vary depending on the time of their first race. Any other further instructions will be given at that time.

Once the crew is assembled the Crew Captain must go to the Pangbourne Rotary Club Control Desk to register. We expect the Control Desk to be operational by 08.45 hrs. If you are raising funds for your own charitable cause, don't forget to have your sponsorship forms validated at the Control Desk before the end of the day.

Teams will be called forward for a full safety instruction and racing briefing prior to their first race. No crew member will be allowed to race at any time during the day without having undergone this briefing. This briefing must include crew reserve members. Crew Captains must have all their crew members present in the marshalling area and ready to race at least 20 minutes before their first races or when called subsequently. It is important to listen to Dragon Boat Racing announcements given over the PA system. Crews not ready in the marshalling area prior to any race may have to be left out of that race. There will be a notice board giving race details and results, which will be updated throughout the day. Boats will be allocated by a 'lucky dip' personal selection of coloured balls before each race.

• What to Bring

Team members should bring:

- General clothing appropriate to the weather (**no denim clothing is allowed for safety reasons!**)
- Soft footwear and suitable loose clothing for racing. Buoyancy jackets will be provided. A change of clothing may also be a good idea just in case! Crew members must be able to swim in light clothing.
- Crew tee-shirts or such designation if decided by teams (not obligatory)
- Sponsorship forms for validation by Pangbourne Rotary Club

Safety: Please remember, for personal safety reasons, people will not be allowed to take part if, in the sole judgement of the Race Marshals they have consumed alcohol and thereby may be a danger to themselves or others. No one under 10 years of age may take part. The Henley Dragons Race Marshals have sole and final discretion and judgement. Decisions are not open to appeal.

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