

## Chairpersons report for year 2024

Thank you all for attending today's A.G.M.

The year 2024 has seen us welcome back to the committee our secretary Allan who I am sure you will all agree was a great miss to Blyth kayak club and is well on the way to full recovery and we look forward to him being back in a boat soon.

An influx of new members of all abilities have been welcomed throughout the year and we are looking forward to seeing everyone progress even more so this new year. As a club we have supported events such as VO2 Max triathlons at Druridge Bay and QE 2 lake, and paddleability events. Thank you again to all those who have volunteered and helped out at these. As you are aware these events help us to support the club financially.

Our annual lake district event was well attended even with the expected weather forecast that we always manage to arrange for it. The senior paddle to Scotland went successful, however, no wallabies were seen. I am sure our sea kayakers have some more adventures lined up for this year. I know we will certainly have to keep an eye on Liam after this year's adventures not sure if these are just becoming excuses to buy more boats.

Pool sessions are still very popular, and we are still pursuing the new management to allow us to use 'the tank' at the top end of the pool which will allow us to invite in our experienced paddlers back into the pool to perfect their rolling techniques.

This year's event calendar is beginning to fill up already and hopefully the weather will be on our side for all the events we have planned to ensure everyone gets more experience on different types of water.

As always the club could not survive without the support of all our members and their families, so a massive thank you to you all.

Finally we have one vacancy on the committee due to Francesca stepping down so if anyone is interested in filling this position please let us know and we can discuss it in more detail with anyone who would like to be a part of this.