

Keele Pyrate Network

Programme



Spring Semester 2008

This is the Keele Pyrate Network programme as it stands for the spring semester in 2008. As ever, the programme is subject to change, but the exec shall be sending out emails every week to remind you what's happening and to keep you updated. As the committee elections are half way through the semester, it is likely for things to be changed about a little, so keep an eye on your inboxes for the latest! Any issues can be directed to the usual place (keelenetwork@googlemail.com).

Monday 21st January – Refreshers Fair

During the day, KUSU will be hosting the Refreshers Fair, a surprisingly similar affair to the fresher's fair held in September. This should be going on from 10-4 in the Ballroom, and the Pyrates have already got their stall booked. So, if you feel like helping us recruit on that day, feel free to drop by and lend a hand.

The evening will see our first meeting back, as we shan't be meeting during exam season. And of course, I'm sure you'll all be in need of a good drink, so we will be meeting in Templar Bar for a good old fashioned piss up! Bring your favourite drinking games along, and be prepared to kick start a Pyrate-packed year!

8pm – Templar Bar, Keele Campus

Monday 28th January – Orienteering

Orienteering around Keele woods, to test your map and compass work. Yes, something Scouty! Will try and encompass some other scouting skills into the evening, but will possibly end up in the pub...

7pm – Horwood Bar, Keele Campus

Monday 4th February – Elections!

An important night for the society, this will be our first election night! The committee as it stands has been in place mostly due to lack of interest from others, so here is the chance to either vote in someone better for the job, or stand yourself and get more involved with the society.

Details of this night will follow closer to the event, but please be aware that if you wish to stand for a position, we (the exec) must know *at least* 2 weeks in advance, otherwise we can't let you stand. More information about the committee positions and the elections can be found in the constitution.

8pm – Lindsay Bar, Keele Campus

Saturday 9th February – D of E Registration

This is where it all begins. This evening will be dedicated to getting everyone registered for the Duke of Edinburgh's award, and working out what everyone is going to be doing. We will have a D of E representative from County to sign all of the official bits of paper, and will start thinking about expeditions and projects and Queens Scout Award details. So even if you're already registered, you'd be mad not to turn up!

8pm – Lindsay Bar, Keele Campus

Monday 11th February – Plundering Newcastle!

To celebrate the new committee, we will be having a pub crawl in Newcastle! A little closer to home than Hanley, but fortunately it's still student night, and with no exams or deadlines looming we're hoping for a good turn out and a night of debauchery and drunkenness!

8pm – Union Square, Keele Campus, or in Newcastle

Monday 18th February – CRB Night

This week we will be having Tony from County down to Keele to get everyone's CRB forms done and out of the way. You need to have a CRB check before you can take part in any scouting activities outside of Network, and we also require it before you can come away camping with us. Although not overly exciting, this is an important night, so please make sure you can attend.

We will lighten up the evening by having a well deserved drink at Manic Mondays afterwards.

8pm – Lindsay Bar, Keele Campus

Monday 25th February – Member Run Night

Going to leave this night as an opportunity for anyone who has an evening they want to run to do so. An email will be sent out closer to the time with details, but if you have an idea for an evening, don't delay, email the exec today!

To be decided

Monday 3rd March – Night Hike

This is the night hike we planned to do in the autumn, but couldn't for various reasons. We'll get ourselves dropped off in a pub somewhere near Madeley, have a swift whiskey to fight off the cold, and then rough it through the countryside back to Keele in time for a cheap pint in Templar Bar!

7pm – Union Square, Keele Campus

Saturday 8th March – Food Night

Food! Cooking! Eating! The plan is to have a ready-steady-cook style evening! We have managed to convince a local Scout group that they want to let us use their hut in Newcastle, which has a kitchen and such, and so it seemed silly not to have a food night, full of food and edible things! More details to follow closer to the date. Food!

It is the same hut that we managed to commandeer last year, so for those of you who have been there already feel free to meet us there. Everyone else I recommend meeting at Newcastle Bus Station around 7pm and someone will meet you, and it's only a few minutes from there. If you wanted to drive, just give the exec an email and they can give you some directions.

7pm – Newcastle Bus Station, Newcastle-Under-Lyme

Monday 17th March – Golf

This will be our last meeting before the Easter holidays begin, and so we will be letting off some steam on the Keele Golf Course driving range. It's walking distance from campus, and so we'll meet in the pub, hit some balls about, and then return to the pub! Should only be a few quid each.

7pm – Union Square, Keele Campus

Other Things

Other things that have been suggested by people include a day hike in the peaks, a fire and camp over in Keele woods, a recruitment day, some fundraising, sailing, paintballing, bowling, and maybe a trip to the beach!

If we can't cram these things in before Easter, then we'll try our best to sort them out for the summer, which may be for the best anyway as a lot of these suggestions require good weather!

There has been interest in doing a weekend camp too, perhaps over the Easter holidays. We will try and get some preliminary planning done for this and then find out when everyone is free and if we've got enough equipment!

Once we have had the D of E sign up night, hopefully things should start happening with that too, so be sure to check your emails regularly to make sure you're not missing out!

It's set to be a good year, hope to see you all at many of the events!

Thanks,

The Keele Pyrate Network Executive Committee