

The Climate Revolution



Tees Valley

“Working Together”

To inspire President Macron, in the true spirit of the Olympics, to “Take Part”, by giving a Paddle for Life and a story of hope to President Xi and all the world’s leaders, with the help of Jeremy Corbyn and Theresa May.

David W Train

Former Olympic Coach

On Board with a Paddle and Parmo



Mayor Tees Valley

Ben Houchen

11th August 2017



Celebrating with a

“Parmo”

**David Train
Hartburn**

6th October 2017

Tees Valley MP's on Board

Friday 6th October 2017

Members of Parliament Sign Paris Paddle for Life

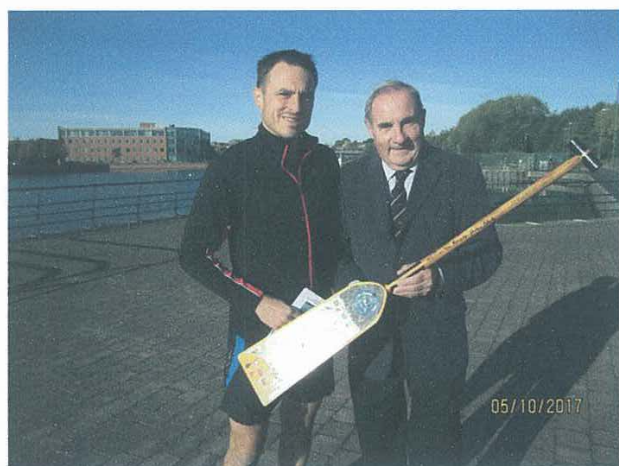


Andy McDonald MP

Middlesbrough North



Alex Cunningham MP.
Stockton North



Dr Paul Williams MP
Stockton South



Simon Clarke MP
Middlesbrough South
and East Cleveland



The Spirit of Tees Valley and Paris

Climate Change is a huge problem for the world to solve, which might well take the next one hundred years to achieve. We have to embed in world culture the idea that we can and will solve the problem, by working together, using the talents of all, in the service of all, so that no future leader, for short term political reasons, is tempted to throw the world off course. The world needs a new story of hope for the future born out of the past that all can take part in creating.

The soft power tools to do the job, including symbolically named bell boats and a Paddle for Life, invented in Worcestershire, are all ready, but they need to be given to President Macron of France, who, now that President Trump is set to jump ship on the Paris Climate Change agreement, has assumed the leadership on climate change in the West.

With, steel, coal rail, boats and bridges, Tees Valley was in at the very start of the story of the Industrial Revolution. Now it can be at the very start of the story of the Climate Revolution, as we in Britain set out on a new voyage.

Alex Cunningham, Paul Williams and Andy McDonald have said that they will do all that they can to get Jeremy Corbyn to sign the Paris Paddle for Life and

Simon Clarke has said the same for Theresa May. If Mayor Ben Houchen, together with Simon Clarke can inspire Theresa May to do so then we will be well on the way to President Macron.

Stockton is where the striking match was invented by John Walker and where the coal fired steam train, Locomotion No 1, set of to help create the Industrial Revolution. All is set for Tees Valley to strike the match which starts the Climate Revolution.

Middlesbrough is twinned with Dunkirk. Tees Valley can be the lead actor in a new world story about how, as at Dunkirk, working with France, the small boats of Britain, by the narrowest of margins, saved democracy and humanity from its greatest ever threat.

The Bell Boat was inspired by the story of Qu Yuan whose suicide 2,300 years in China ago started the Dragon Boat Festival. The first fibreglass Dragon Boat in the West was made in Hartlepool. From it Dragon Boat Racing swept around the world in thirty years.

There are many such stories to tell and use to weave a new story for Tees Valley that every child in the future will be proud of. Through social media they will tell the world their story.

All the world will be made aware of Tees Valley and all the world will win gold.



Letter to The Mayor of Tees Valley

“We will back those who dream and dare to think big.”

Theresa May 13th May 2017

Dear Ben,

Thank you for signing the Paddle for Life which we hope, with the help of you and all the leaders in Tees Valley, Jeremy Corbyn and Theresa May, will be signed by President Macron. As you will see in this latest booklet the members of parliament for Stockton North, Stockton South, Middlesbrough North, Middlesbrough South and East Cleveland have signed the Paris Paddle for Life.

I have many thoughts since, about how to use the ideas, born of my early life in the Tees Valley, to help to turn the eyes of those in Britain and the world towards Tees Valley and I have now started to adapt the books for Tees Valley.

It really is very simple. Theresa May and Jeremy Corbyn both see the need to make the North a driving force for the 21st century. Theresa May has said that she will back those who dare to dream and think big. What can be bigger than giving the tools to the world to ensure the survival of humanity?

It is very simple. I am sure that Alex, Paul and Andy will now inspire Jeremy Corbyn to sign the Paris Paddle for Life. Paul has suggested that they then invite Jeremy to launch the “Spirit of Britain and the Climate Revolution” on the Tees, opposite your office. Both will be national stories for Tees Valley and I am sure that Theresa May will notice. She will be delighted to sign the Paddle for Life for you and again it will be a national story for Tees Valley.

I have already written to Theresa May explaining the ideas and told her how I have suggested that the next big event should be inviting the French Ambassador to launch the “Spirit of Paris and the Climate Revolution’ on the waters of Tees Valley, and invited her to a “Parmo” lunch. I hope it will be followed by many other world news catching events.

Then, at a later date, by “dreaming and thinking big” you could invite President Macron’s wife, who was a teacher, to name the “Spirit of France and the Climate Revolution on the Tees. Within five years the whole world will know Tees Valley!

Good paddling, David.

Letter to the Member of Parliament for Stockton North

Dear Alex,

Delighted to meet you again and even more delighted that you said that you would personally give Jeremy Corbyn a letter from me, asking him to sign the paddle. Andy and Paul have both said that they will give you their full support.

In 2012 you signed a Paddle for Life for and I told you the story of how when the barrage was built I realised the enormous opportunity for Tees Valley to use the ideas that we invented in Worcestershire to draw the world's attention to the Tees Valley.

The chair of the Teesside Development Corporation at the time of the barrage being opened, bought a bell boat for the children of the Tees Valley. That boat along with four others lies at anchor in you constituency in the care of the Tees Barrage International White Water Centre and they tell me that they have had great use. At some stage they will need replacing and each will provide an international story for the Tees Valley as they are named and launched.

To get things started I will give the "Spirit of Britain and the Climate Revolution" to the people of Tees Valley and hope that you will do all that you can to inspire Jeremy to launch it on the Tees, next time that he is in the North.

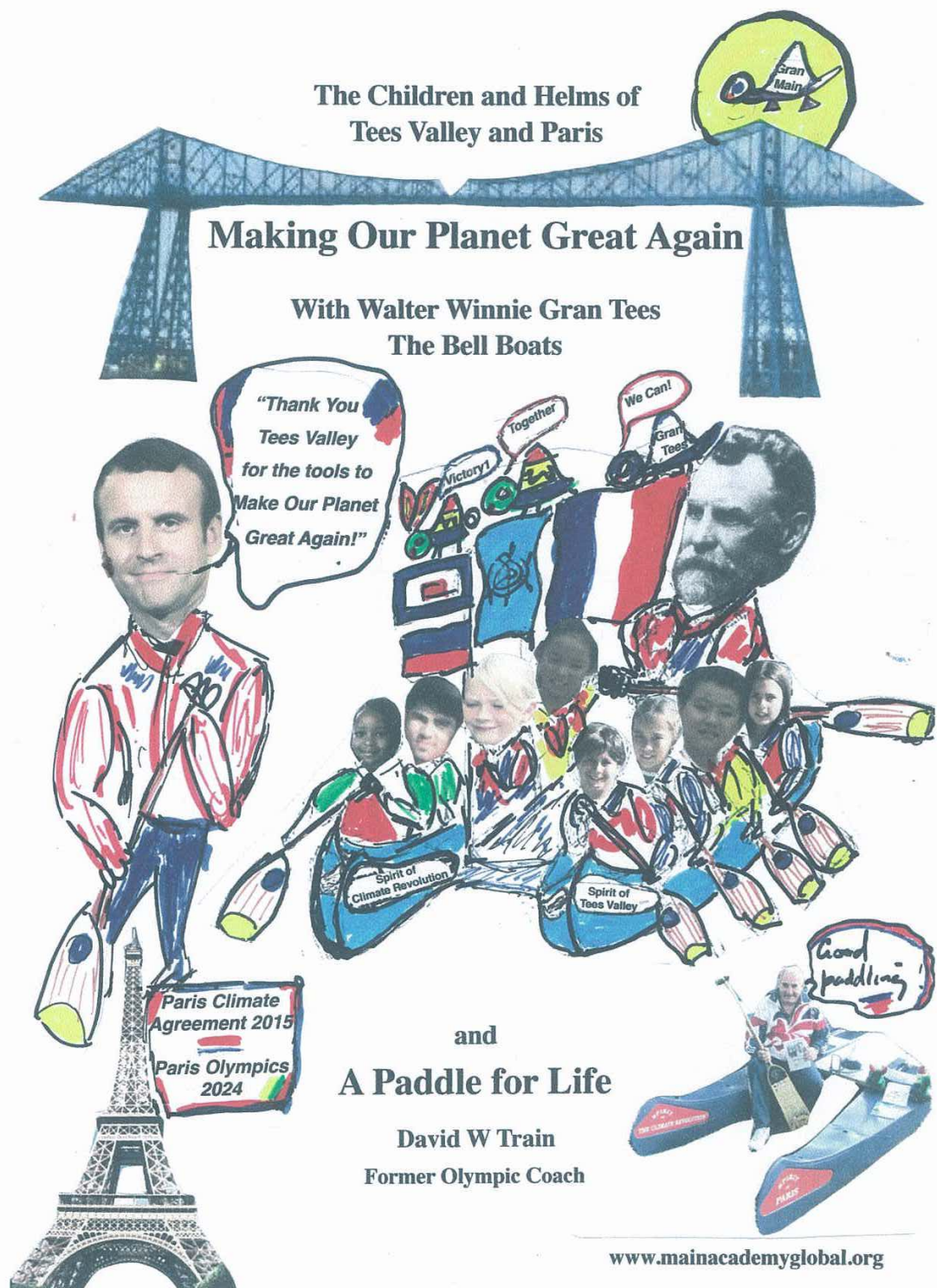
I hope that Mayor Ben Houchen will then invite the French Ambassador to name and launch the "Spirit of Paris and the Climate Revolution" on the waters of Tees Valley, in you constituency, which I will then gift to Paris.

I further hope that Ben, when he sees how they, and the soft power ideas that with go with them, can be used in bringing the world's attention to the Tees Valley, he will follow the example of his predecessor by "giving" two or three boats to the children of Tees Valley so that the ideas continue to prosper in the Tees Valley for the next twenty years.

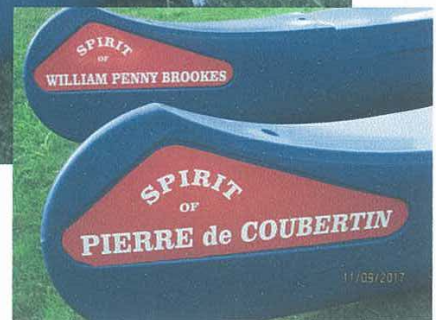
All in Tees Valley will all win gold.

Good paddling,

David



**The children's story for young people of all ages, which starts
and finishes in Tees Valley**



The “Soft Power Tools” for France

The “Hawaiian” Bell Boat. A “School on the Water” with its symbols of hope.

The “Chinese” Paddle for Life for the Children.

The Main Voyages for Our Home on the Blue Planet.

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The Bell Boat

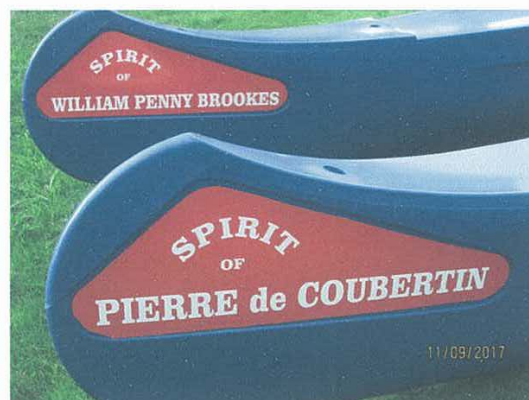
The bell boat is the “main academy” a school on the water, the raft of a philosophy of all taking part and working together to tackle humanity’s greatest problems, starting with climate change. It is a mobile sculpture, equally at home in an art gallery, museum, on land or on the water - spelling out its message.

It is a crew boat, but with the name of an individual, or community who has served society or civilisation, on the stern, helping to steer the world to a better future.

It is a stable, twin hulled boat, so that all can take part without fear.

The port hull bow carries the name of the crew, in this case the “Spirit of Paris”. The starboard hull carries the name “Spirit of The Climate Revolution”.

On the stern is the “William Penny Brookes”, whose ideas lead to the Modern Olympics at Much Wedlock and Peirre de Coubertin who took them to the world after visiting Dr Brookes, when he was eighty.



The top flag on the bow flag staff represents the letter “W” and as a single flag means, “Urgent Medical Attention Needed”. The lower flag represents the letter “E” and as a single flag means “Changing Course to Starboard”.

The rear flag is the French flag. The centre flags are those of the European Union and the United Nations.

Thus, the signalling flags spell out the message that “WE, the crew of France, aboard the “Spirit of Paris”, steered by the



“Spirit of Peirre de Coubertin and William Penny Brookes”, recognising that our Home on the Blue Planet is in need of urgent medical attention, are changing course to starboard to join “The Climate Revolution” to prevent a collision, and inspiring the European Union and the the rest of the nations on our planet to join us.” On the top of the flagstaffs are the characters in the children’s stories.

The name of the boat and the flag at the helm can be changed for any club, county, country or organisation, spelling out that everyone has a responsibility to tackle the problem. Each boat tells a story about the history of their country which, together, would create a new world story for all for the future.

www.mainacademyglobal.org is the library of the “main academy” where the stories and other information can be viewed.



The Paddle for Life



The idea of the Paddle for Life was inspired by the red lines on the floor of the House of Commons. They are two sword lengths apart and were put there when the members of parliaments wore their swords. The members were not allowed to cross the line, so as not to kill each other, if the debate became too heated. The whole British parliamentary tradition is about conflict, but we can use that history to show that out of controlled conflict we can co-operate to create a better world.

Children make a Paddle for Life from what starts out as a wooden sword and shield, symbolising conflict to co-operation. They paint the paddles with their individual designs and then get their parents and friends to sign the back and sponsor them. They plant trees to replace the wood used and keep the paddle for life, thus taking the first step in sinking carbon from the atmosphere

The Paddle for Life Perpetual Prizes signed by world leaders.

In any system, whether it be a club, school or country, it is essential to get whoever is at the top of the system on board. To achieve that and to start the process in any country we get a Paddle for Life signed by leaders which is used as a perpetual trophy for an event. Many leaders have signed Paddles for Life and are shown on the following pages. In terms of climate change it is vital that we get President Xi of China on board. Because of the 2,300 year old Chinese Dragon Boat Festival, if the children of China made a Paddle for Life, and planted trees, as part of the festival, the ideas could quickly reach over a billion people. With President Trump jumping ship on the Paris Climate Agreement, President Macron is now in pole position to inspire President Xi on board. With France and China on board other world leaders will follow and the ideas will sweep across the world.



In the photo is David Lidington MP when minister for Europe. Now Minister for the Cabinet Office

The Main Voyage for Our Home on the Blue Planet



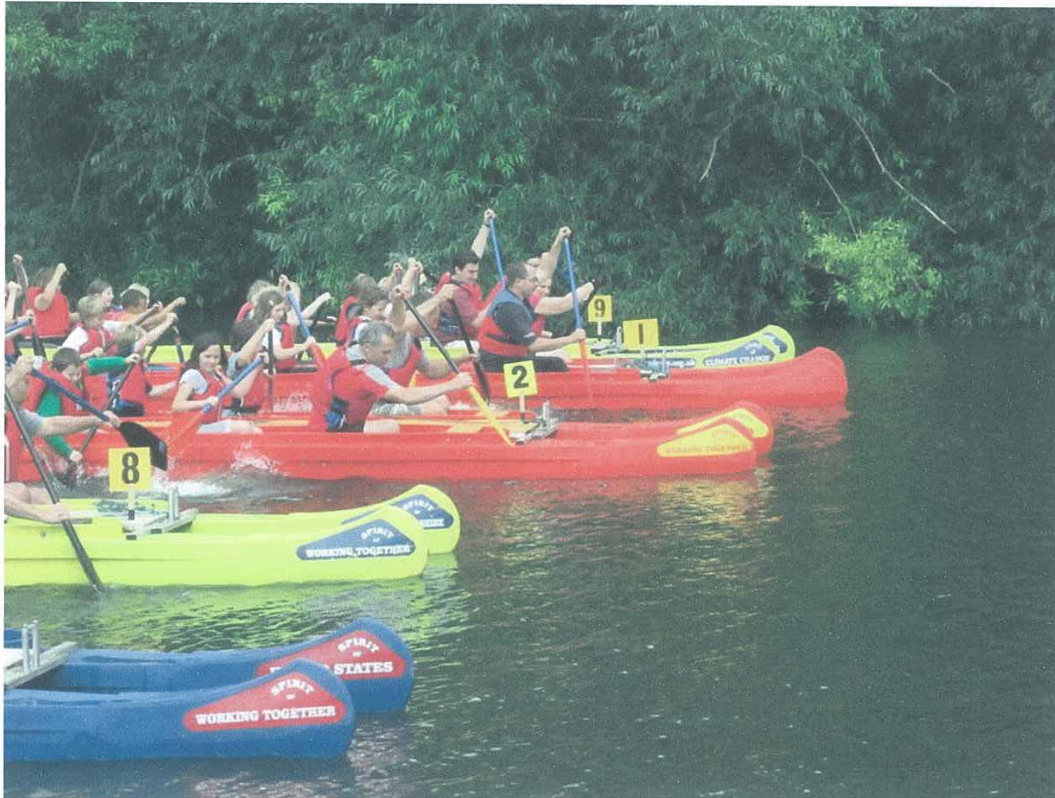
Children with their teachers and parents take part in voyages. In Worcestershire well over half the primary schools now have a day on the canals or rivers.

On 9th August 2016, a new bell boat was named by Sarah Cohen, of the Mid Worcestershire Green Party, together with her grandson Tom - in the pushchair. On the stern was the “Spirit of John McGregor and the Climate Revolution”. John MacGregor, was an Anglo-Scott, who in 1865 went on a voyage around Europe, in a kayak called the Rob Roy. It led to the formation of the world’s first canoe club and started the modern recreation and sport of canoeing. He later did voyages on the Baltic and the Jordan.

His paddle is used as the perpetual trophy for the British national team championships in the Olympic sport of sprint canoeing. That idea is now being used across the world.

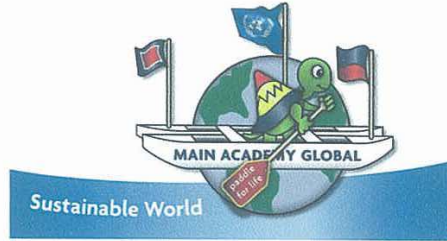
The bell boat was named with Pershore College, “Cheerful Gold Apple Juice” which seemed very apt. Earlier the boat, together with the “Spirit of China” and the “Spirit of Germany”, crewed by children, parents and teachers of “Schools and Activity Club”, had taken part in the Evesham to Fladbury, “Main Voyage for Our Home on the Blue Planet”.

The Main Regattas for Our Home on the Blue Planet



Children, parents, grandparents of all ages and abilities take part together in the regattas. They are a “Henley” for “all”, with all taking part, rather than a few, with others watching. In Worcestershire we have fourteen regattas, the largest being the Pershore-Main Regatta for Our Home on the Blue Planet, which has over one thousand people taking part. In 2017 over four thousand five hundred children took part in both voyages and regattas. Everyone receives a certificate.



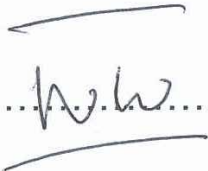


This is to certify that

took part in

**The Main Voyage
for
Our Home on the Blue Planet
'Evesham-Fladbury 2016'**

"The Main thing is to train and take part: then we ALL win."

Signed..........

Walter and Winnie

July 2016

Safety and Hygiene

This event has been organised by qualified instructors of British Canoeing.

Paddle sport on placid water is a very enjoyable and safe activity provided buoyancy aids are worn and people are aware of water hygiene.

There is now a general awareness of Weil's disease, which is a *rare* illness to which water users may be exposed. The common symptoms are:- a high temperature, influenza-like illness, joint and muscle pain-particularly in the calf muscles.

If you fall ill with the symptoms after fishing, sailing or taking part in paddle or other water sports, particularly 3-19 days following, then see your doctor and advise her or him that you have taken part in water sports.

To prevent infection:-

Cover scratches and cuts with water proof plaster.

Wash or shower after being in or near lakes, ponds, rivers or canals, particularly before eating.

Safety of Our Home on the Blue Planet.

"The Main Voyage for Humanity"

On the 4th October 1957 Russia launched Sputnik into space. It led to the "Space Race" and the launch of the United States of America Apollo Programme.

In May 2015, Sir David King, Lord Nicholas Stern Lord John Browne, Lord Richard Layard, Lord Gus O'Donnell, Lord Martin Rees and Lord Adair Turner called for a Global Apollo Programme to tackle the climate change problem. It is the "Main Voyage for Humanity" - "Saving Our Home on the Blue Planet."

What we believe is that we have to learn from history and "create a creative competition", sharing our knowledge to achieve our aim, with all the nations of Earth taking part.

Here in Worcestershire we have invented the soft power tools needed to inspire every-one to take part, by using historic events from all cultures to create a new shared story for the future. They include, the bell boats, the Paddle for Life, the Main Regatta's and Voyages for Our Home on the Blue Planet and children's stories for "children of all ages".

We are now sharing the ideas with the world. The ideas are now in Russia, China, the USA, Germany, Singapore, Lithuania, Pakistan and throughout the EU and the UK. You can see more about the ideas on You Tube.

There are three videos: **Paddle for Life - David Train: Keep Paddling -Steve Train: Greening the Vale.** You can read the stories on www.mainacademyglobal.org

The Walter and Winnie Stories.

Saving Our Home on the Blue Planet: A story which can be adapted for any place.

Walter's Festivals. Explains the meaning of the "Bell Boat"

The bell boats are a school on the water - they are the Main Academy Global. There are over 300 around the world.

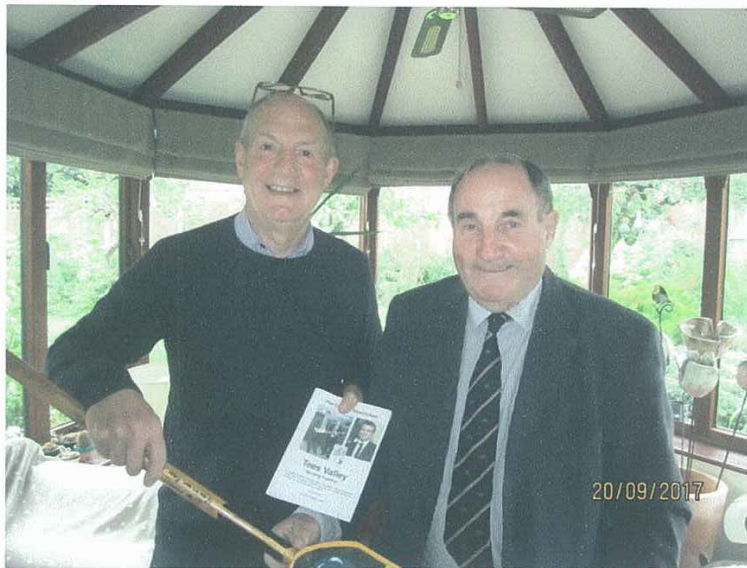
The website is the library.



All the stories can be seen on:

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British Canoeing On Board



John Coyne

**Chair British
Canoeing**

**20th September
2017**



Ivan Lawler

President British Canoeing

Pershore 2017

Science, Education and Business

Grasping the Paddle for Life and Inspiring All

Lord Martin Rees President of the Royal Society and Master of Trinity College Cambridge at Trinity College in the hall where Newton was knighted.

July 2007

Professor Peter Fiddler. Vice Chancellor Sunderland University June 2007



Peter Rothera. Managing Director
Denison Mayes
Leeds July 2008



Andy Bond CEO of Asda
Leeds March 2007



Taking Part

Lord Seb Coe
London 2012 chair
February 2007

Boris Johnson
London mayor
June 2008



William Hague
British foreign
secretary
February 2011



David Cameron
British prime
minister
May 2011

Taking Part



Alex Salmond
first minister Scotland
6th March 2008

Douglas Alexander shadow British
foreign secretary
7th March 2008



Tony Blair
when prime minister
20th April 2007



Gordon Brown
when prime minister
22nd June 2008

Taking Part

Nick Clegg.
Deputy prime minister
March 2008
Westminster



Ed Miliband
Leader of the Opposition.
February 2008
Doncaster

Peter Luff MP
Mid Worcestershire
February 2007

With Andrew Train
Westminster





**Nigel Huddleston MP. Mid
Worcestershire**

**Then member of the Media,
Culture and Sport Select
Committee. Now PPS for Sport,
Media and Culture.**

**Harriett Baldwin MP for West
Worcestershire.**

**Now Minister for Africa
in Theresa May's government.**





Robin Walker MP for Worcester City.

Before becoming Under Secretary of State for Brexit, in Theresa May's government.



Rt Hon Gavin Williamson MP for South Staffordshire. 2016. Now Secretary of State for Defence in the Cabinet of Theresa May.

Robert Harris. President of the Oxford Union at the debate on the Referendum.

“This House Believes the United Kingdom Should Leave the European Union.”

It was defeated 74%-26%



Coburg to Frankfurt Main Voyage for Europe 2002



Lord Peter Mandelson. Launching Bellboats when MP for Hartlepool.

EU Presidents on Board

Inspiring all to Take Part

President José Manuel Barroso
European Commission
Signed Paddle for Life
February 2009



President Herman Van Rompuy
European Council
Signed Paddle for Life and
wrote letter of support July 2013



President Martin Schulz
European Parliament
Signed Paddle for Life June 2013



President Dalia, signing the Paddles for Life and receiving an earlier version of the story, at the time of the Lithuanian presidency . Brussels 2013.

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New boats will have task of spreading the message

Brigitte and Manfred Schäfer with David and Matt Train, next to the 'Spirit of Germany and the Climate Revolution' at Fladbury Paddle Club. (s)



A FORMER Olympic canoe coach from Fladbury has joined up with German friends in naming two bell boats to help spread awareness of climate change.

David Train met with Brigitte and Manfred Schäfer, the President of Coburg Canoe Club in Northern Bavaria, on Thursday, June 5 at Fladbury Paddle Club to name the boats' the 'Spirit of Germany and the Climate Revolution', to highlight how Germany and Britain must work together to tackle climate change.

"I've been friends with Brigitte and Manfred for many years. In 2000 we gave two bell boats to Coburg which were named and launched by Princess Stephanie of the House of Saxe Coburg and Gotha, the House of Prince Albert and the Prince Consort of Queen Victoria," Mr Train said.

"In 2002, the boats, 'Spirit of Victoria and Albert', were used for a ten day voyage from Coburg to Frankfurt on the River Main, where more than 1,000 German rowers and canoeists relayed me, Manfred and Brigitte on the

'Main Voyage for Europe and the Environment'.

"We stopped on the banks of 22 German towns and cities where the mayors welcomed us and I read out a message from the Queen.

"Whilst I believe we should remain in the EU, whatever is decided by the British people on Thursday, June 23, it seems for world peace, Germany, Great Britain, the European Union and America should lead the way for the rest of the world by working together," he added.

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More than 100 sixth form students learned about the current issues of climate change from three US embassy representatives. (s)

Discussing a current topic

A TRIO of representatives from Britain's US embassy have visited Pershore High School to educate students on the effects of climate change.

Ed Heartney, Isabella Kuliga and David Hartnoll spoke to the school's sixth form students about the current issues of climate change and how they can be combated.

The visit was inspired by an article in The Times written by American Ambassador Mathew Barzun last

December about the special relationship between the UK and USA in reducing climate change.

David Train, a former Olympic canoeing coach from Fladbury, then sent a letter to Mr Barzun telling him about his bell boats the school use as a sustainable way to help tackle the problem.

Headteacher Clive Corbett said: "Almost every one of our pupils has taken part in bell boating. The bell

boat was inspired by Hawaiian culture so I'm sure President Barack Obama, an Hawaiian, would be delighted to learn from Ambassador Barzun we use that type of boat.

"Ed Heartney told more than 100 students Ambassador Barzun is passionate about spreading the message of the special relationship we share with the US. It was a very well attended and interesting session for all concerned."

Engineering students take stroke toward saving planet

By BETH STUTSMAN

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At first, freshman Brianna Owens wasn't sure about David Train's idea of changing the world by building canoes.

But at the completion of the Purdue University freshman Engineering Project in Community Service (EPICS) course, Owens realized what Train, a former British Olympic canoe coach and former British National Canoe Champion, is trying to do.

"I started to see his vision," she said. "Preventing global warming made us want to do more as a class as a whole — not just us — everybody."

Train, the founder of Main Academy Global, is a visiting professor at Purdue from England. In England, his agency works with young children to teach them about teamwork, leadership and environmental issues.

During the fall semester at Purdue, he brought those same concepts to 28 freshman engineering students, who partnered with Main Academy America through EPICS to build a Liberty Bell Boat. Students celebrated the completion of the boat Thursday.

A bell boat is a stable, canoe catamaran that requires cooperative paddling.



By Michael Heinz/Journal & Courier

David Train talks Thursday in West Lafayette about his "Paddles for Life" project that is meant to teach young people about community and environmental issues.

It has become part of many schools' curriculum in England to use Bell Boats as teaching tools.

It's Train's vision that the whole world start teaching children how to take care of the Earth through his program, and he believes it can only be accomplished if the United States leads the way.

He said if President George W. Bush would make this a priority, "within 15 years the world will have got on top of the problem. Without America, our (English) scientists say, humankind is dead."

Bill Oakes, associate professor of engineering, said Train taught the students how to think about the long-term effects of designing products and how to choose materials that can be recycled.

"Engineers can impact other things," Oakes explained.

"David Train definitely had a strong idea and a big goal coming in," engineering freshman Nick Landowski said.

Landowski is satisfied with the canoe the class made.

"Satisfied with actually building it, but the idea it stands for makes it more worthwhile," he said.

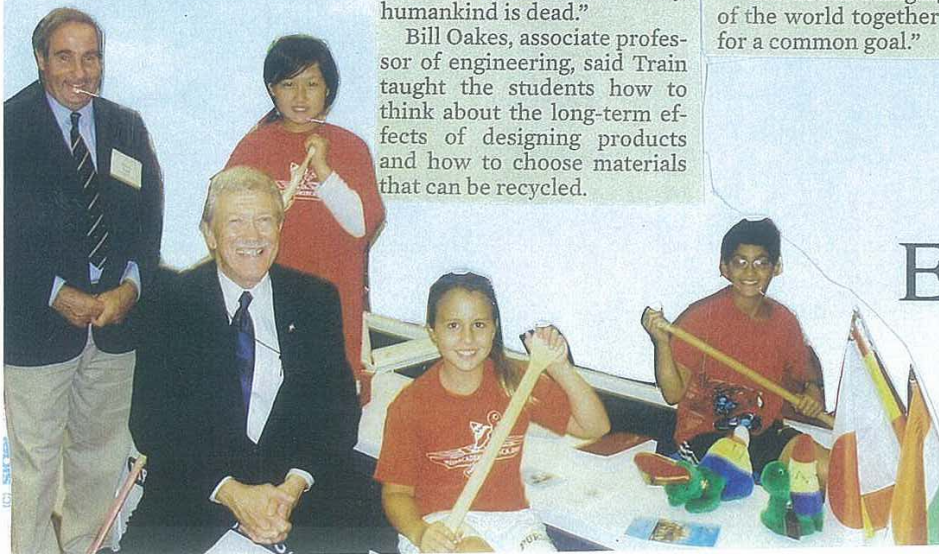
That idea, according to Landowski, is specifically about global warming for Train, but for him it's larger.

"It's about bringing people of the world together to unite for a common goal."

Children from China, America and India on board the "Spirit of the United States and Climate Change" at the Purdue Energy Summit 2006 with Martin Jischke, then President of Purdue University.

This booklet shows HOW TO inspire the children and people of China, America and Britain to climb on board. Next to India, Africa...

**Engineering
Inspiring All
On Board.**



Minnesota Inspiring America and the World to Climb on Board

Tim Pawlenty



The "Spirit of the United States and Climate Change" was launched on Winona Lake at the Dakota Homecoming in June 2006. On the 7th November 2007, the City Manager of Winona, Eric Sorensen, signed the Paddle for Life, together with students of Winona State University.

The paddle returned to England where it was signed by Tony Blair, when Prime Minister, together with many other British leaders. The Paddle for Life was sent back to Winona in October 2007 and in November 2007 the Governor of Minnesota, Tim Pawlenty signed the paddle. Governor Pawlenty is the Chair of the Governors Association of the United States. It was later signed by Will Steger the Polar Explorer.

On 7th December 2007 students in outdoor education from Winona State University raised their large Paddle for Life on the bluffs overlooking Lake Winona and the Mississippi. They signalled to America that we have a great problem with climate change but we can solve it if we all climb on board, with our Paddle for Life. In September 2007 Winona was badly affected by floods. It will use the Winona-Main Boat Races and Regatta for the Blue Planet in 2008 as a rebirth celebration after their devastation.

It is hoped that other Governors will be inspired by Governor Pawlenty and the CommuniVersity of Winona to leap on board the "Spirit of the United States and Climate Change" and implement the "Minnesota Model" throughout the United States.

Winona and Minnesota Taking Part

**Chad Uhl Winona.
Governor Tim Pawlenty
of Minnesota, Jerry
Miller Mayor of Winona,
Eric Sorensen, city
manager. May 2008**



**US Representative Tim Walz and
Mayor of St Paul, Chris Coleman**



**United States Senator
Amy Klobuchar
December 2008**



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CHINA

Inspiring All the World On Board



President Hu Jintao leading the Chinese people in planting trees at the Olympic Park on April 1st 2007. It is part of an annual tree planting programme. If President Hu Jintao could be inspired to:

*Sign the Beijing Paddle for Life to launch the ideas in China.

*Inspire all the children of China to make their Paddle for Life, pledge to keep it for life and plant trees, taking their first step part in sinking carbon.

It would be a huge 'leap' forward for humanity and in the creation of a world story, with the Chinese Dragon Boat Paddle as the 'brand', to help and inspire all the children of the world to 'leap' on board and take part in solving the climate change problem.



"Ruan Quanli"
("Soft Power")

HE. Mme Fu Ying, the Chinese Ambassador, after signing the Chinese Paddles for Life and being presented with GranChi, Walter and Winnie, the "Ruan Quanli" tools to help save our planet. She said that she would try her very best to inspire President Hu Jintao to "Take Part". Just one step off the world story of how we Saved Our Home The Blue Planet!!

London April 28th 2008

“I’m proud that they have used a Chinese story and a Chinese Paddle for Life to bring all the children of the United Kingdom, and their friends in the West on board to solve the problems of the world in peace and harmony, which is what China was trying to do by holding the Olympics. We must make sure that all the world knows about the Chinese Paddle for Life, the Bell Boats, the Dragon Boats and the Main Regattas for the Blue Planet. Now that the Olympic Torch has left Beijing we can give the whole world our Chinese Paddle for Life, so that all can Take Part, as Baron de Coubertin wanted, in solving the world’s problems in peace and harmony.”

Gran Chi Page 16



Andrew Train: Teacher and Coach Fladbury Paddle Club. Five times Olympian and former world marathon champion, he is leading the Paddle for Life project in Wychavon and Worcestershire. Seen here holding the Olympic Torch in one hand and the Paddle for Life in the other at the Chinese Embassy, London April 28th 2008



Taking Part



"Dragon Boat Racing was founded by the collective acts of people to save the life of one man, Qu Yuan, in China 2,500 years ago. It is very fitting that the Chinese Dragon Boat paddle is now being used to inspire all humanity to climb on board with their Paddle for Life to collectively pull together to save humanity and civilisation."

Mike Haslam Executive President of the International Dragon Boat Association, signing the Chinese Paddle of Life November 2007.



Weifang 2012



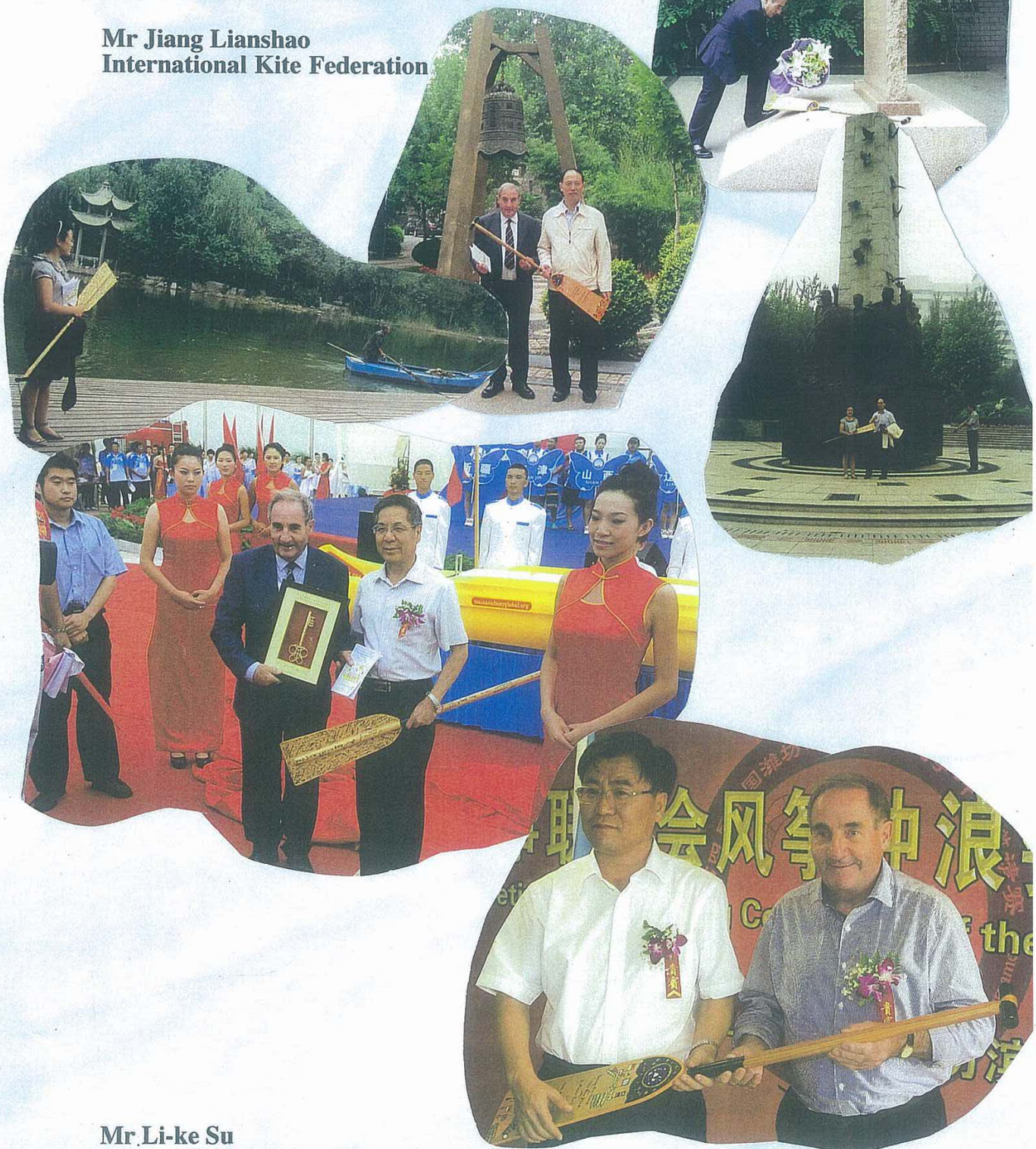


Penglai
China 2012

Weifang 2012

Eric Liddell Memorial Park

Mr Jiang Lianshao
International Kite Federation



Mr Li-ke Su
Director International Kite Surfing Committee

Reflections on the Olympic bell-boat relay

The Vale of Evesham School decided to mark Olympic year in a special way. There was never any doubt in my mind that bell-boating would be centre stage.

Feature by:
Andy Train.

www.valeofevesham.worcs.sch.uk
click on the Olympic link to see lots of images.

The full story of this journey can be found on the Canoe England website.



After working with many Worcestershire schools, we wanted to share an Olympic legacy with Worcestershire children and across the world, particularly in China – hosts of the 2008 Olympics.

Stoke Mandeville – birthplace of the Paralympics was the logical starting point; it is in Aylesbury, which has its own canal, a six mile arm off the Grand Union Canal.



A successful application to Get Set, the official London 2012 education programme meant we were recognised as a Plan Your 2012 School, along with only 150 others across the country.

On February 20th, The Mayor launched the head of the bell-boat fleet, The Spirit of Penglai and Sustainability. We travelled six miles and 14 locks from Aylesbury to the Grand Union Canal carrying our Mandeville Paralympic mascot, as well as Walter and Winnie the bell-boat mascots symbolising the importance of 'working together' and 'taking part'.

The next leg on 9th March saw us paddle into Birmingham, having journeyed up the Grand Union Canal to Kingswood, then along the Stratford-upon-Avon Canal to King's Norton, joining the Worcester and Birmingham Canal into Gas Street Basin. One boat now became two as The Vale was joined by a second boat paddled by children from Lickey Hills Primary School.

A week earlier, students from The Vale completed the other 'arm' of our relay - Ironbridge to Stourport, designed to include Much Wenlock, the Shropshire village where Dr Brookes planted the seed for the modern Olympic movement.

After Birmingham, the fleet increased to six bell-boats, involving schools in the locality. Sixty children from Greenfield Primary School, Stourbridge completed a stage, followed by schools from Hagley District, Kidderminster and so on.

There are too many stages to the journey to recollect them all. The journey continued right through to the end of June. Ninety Worcestershire schools, around 3,000 children and 500 adults, took part. Along the way, we held six regattas.

One of the key parts of our Get Set project was running helm courses for teachers, around 70 of whom took up the offer. This will also form part of our legacy as more schools will have the capacity to run their own bell-boating clubs.

Our journey made China's national news websites and one of the boats involved is now been in China. Chinese children will paddle from the Eric Liddell (Chariots of Fire) Memorial Garden in Weifang to a new 'water' city site – the 'Venice' of China.

Hopefully, the messages behind the bell-boat, our Olympic legacy, will continue to spread.

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Bell boat voyage had eco message



Bryan Barnes, chair of the Aylesbury Canal Society, David Lidington, Jeanette Chippington, Anne Dickins, David Train, Andrew Train, Phil White, of Broughton Church and students from the Vale of Evesham School with the bell boats. (s)

YOUNGSTERS from an Evesham school have travelled down the Grand Union Canal on bell boats to help spread awareness of climate change.

Led by former Olympic canoe coach David Train, the Vale of Evesham School children set off on the first leg of their 'The Main Voyage for Our Home on the Blue Planet' journey, from the Circus Field Basin of the Grand Union Canal at Aylesbury, on Friday, October 21.

As the birthplace of the Paralympics, David Lidington, the member of parliament for Aylesbury, leader of the House of Commons and Lord President of the Privy Council, named two bell boats, along with Rio Paralympian gold medalists Anne Dickins and Jeanette Chippington.

Called the 'Spirit of Global Britain and the Climate Revolution' and the 'Spirit of Global China and the Climate Revolution', Mr Train is hoping other countries will get on board to help tackle climate change.

Mr Train said: "With ratification of the Paris Climate Change Agreement, every country needs to focus their people on tackling the issue for many decades to come.

"These Worcestershire ideas provide a way of doing it. The two bell boats will be relayed along the inland waterways by crews from canoeing, scouts, guides and many other groups heading north to Hull, which is the City of Culture 2017.

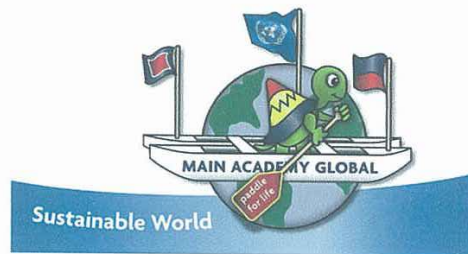
"We hope to involve many other members of parliament in launches along the way. The boats will eventually be sent to Beijing and with Theresa

May's help, be presented to President Xi.

"This year more than 4,500 children, teachers and parents have taken part in regattas and voyages in

Worcestershire and the surrounding counties. Slowly but surely our Worcestershire ideas are being sown throughout Britain, China and the world."

Rt Hon Jeremy Corbyn MP,
Leader of the Opposition.
House of Commons,
London SW1A 0AA
9th October 2017



BY HAND - Alex Cunningham MP, Stockton North.

Dear Jeremy,

Tees Valley and the Paris Paddle for Life.

Last Friday I had a truly wonderful day in my birthplace of Tees Valley, when I met Paul Williams Andy McDonald and Alex Cunningham. They all signed the Paris Paddle for Life, which I hope will soon be signed by President Macron and used to inspire all the people of France and the world on board the "Spirit of Paris and the Climate Revolution" as Paris moves toward the 2024 Olympics. Alex, Andy and Paul all promised to do all that they can to inspire you to sign the paddle as soon as possible and I will be delighted to bring it to London, or wherever suits you, for you to do so.

A few weeks ago I had another great day in Tees Valley, when Mayor Ben Houchen signed the Paris Paddle for Life. In my efforts to get these Worcestershire ideas into the hands of President Macron I challenged Ben to a creative competition to see who could first inspire Theresa May to sign it, as you will see in the enclosed article by Nick Gullon in The Northern Echo.

The leader of the successful Paris Olympic bid is Tony Estanguet, a canoeist, who won a gold medal at London 2012. He has already told John Coyne, the chair of British Canoeing that he will sign, and with your signature, Theresa May's and Tony Estanguet signature on the Paris Paddle for Life, I am sure that President Macron will be more than delighted to sign. With President Trump about to jump ship on the Paris Climate Change Agreement, President Macron has seized the helm for the West and I am sure that he will be delighted, as president and head of state of France, to give the ideas to President Xi of China, and the rest of the world.

President Macron has a great need to embed the ideas of the Paris Climate Agreement in world culture. We in Britain have invented the tools to finish the job and the Paris Olympics presents a huge opportunity for him to gift them to the world. I hope that, in the true spirit of the Olympics, you will sign the Paddle for Life, with the speed of our fastest Olympians. The rest will follow and all the world will win gold.

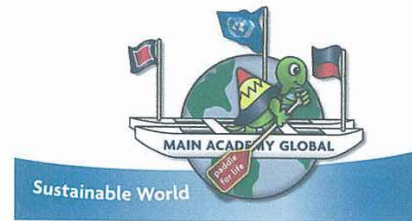
Good paddling,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David W. Train'.

David W. Train. President Fladbury Paddle Club. Former Olympic coach. LA to Atlanta.

cc. Alex Cunningham MP, Andy McDonald MP, Paul Williams MP, Mayor Ben Houchen.
John Coyne, Chair British Canoeing.

Rt Hon Theresa May MP,
Office of the Prime Minister,
10, Downing Street,
London
9th October 2017



Dear Prime Minister,

Helping to promote Tees Valley with a "Parmo" and a "Paddle for Life".

I enclose a letter that I have sent to Jeremy Corbyn about two wonderful days that I have spent in Tees Valley, when Mayor Ben Houchen and members of parliament, Paul Williams, Andy McDonald and Alex Cunningham signed the Paris Paddle for Life. As you see, I hope that it will soon be signed by President Macron and used to inspire all the people of France and the world on board the "Spirit of Paris and the Climate Revolution" as Paris moves toward the 2024 Olympics.

Ben Houchen signed the Paris Paddle for Life the day before your recent visit to Tees Valley. I challenged Ben to a creative competition to see who could get you to sign the Paris Paddle for Life as you. I have tried many times to get the ideas to you but have failed in all my attempts so far. I am sure that if you were aware of what we are doing you would be delighted to sign, but it is very difficult to get through your "gatekeepers". I am hoping that the story of Jeremy Corbyn signing the Paris Paddle for Life will reach you and inspire you to sign. It will be a great story for Tees Valley and Britain when you do.

Paul, Andy and Alex gave me great "hope" for the future of Britain and I celebrated with my first ever "Tees Valley Parmo", in a delightful pub in Hartburn, a village in Stockton, where George Washington's ancestors lived, and where I often played as a child during WW2. Mayor Ben Houchen, in his efforts to make Tees Valley better known to the world is campaigning to have the Parmo recognised and protected as a unique Tees Valley food. I hope that the story of Jeremy Corbyn and you signing the Paris Paddle for Life will also help to take the name of Tees Valley to the world.

As you will see from the small booklet, I have spent many years trying to get the ideas into the hands of the presidents of the China and the United States, but with President Trump about to jump ship on the Paris Climate Change Agreement, President Macron has seized the helm for the West and I am sure that he will be delighted, as president and head of state of France, to give the ideas to President Xi of China, and the rest of the world. I would hope that at some future date, as we go forward to the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics, whoever is president of the United States will bring the United States back on board, working together with the rest of humanity to solve one of its greatest long term problems.

Once you, Jeremy Corbyn and Tony Estanguet have signed the Paris Paddle for Life, I have suggested to Ben that he invites the French ambassador to name and launch the "Spirit of Paris and the Climate Revolution" on the Tees, before giving it to the people of France, as the flagship of the "Climate Revolution" that we need if humanity is to survive beyond this century. I have also suggested to Ben that when the French ambassador visits, she should be offered a Tees Valley Parmo, in the delightful pub, in the village where George Washington's ancestors played in the fields!

It is an event that could be carried out many times by Tees Valley, with ambassadors for China, India, Russia, Canada and the world, as a means of focussing the world's attention on Tees Valley, as it moves from being a leader of the coal based industrial revolution, to the leader of the the climate revolution, out of the wilderness, walked on by Margaret Thatcher. But the ultimate world story would be to inspire a future President of the United States to visit Tees Valley, to name and launch the "Spirit of the United States and the Climate Revolution", and to enjoy a Parmo in the pub in Hartburn, with its historic connection with George Washington.

So, as you read this letter, you have in your hands the tools to change the course of history. President Macron has a great need to embed the ideas of the Paris Climate Agreement in world culture. We in Britain have invented the tools to finish the job and the Paris Olympics presents a huge opportunity for him to gift them to the world.

I hope that, in the true spirit of the Olympics, you will sign the Paddle for Life, with the speed of our fastest Olympians. The rest will follow and all the world will win gold.

Good paddling,

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David W. Train.

President Fladbury Paddle Club. Former Olympic coach. LA to Atlanta.

**cc. Right Hon Jeremy Corbyn MP, Alex Cunningham MP, Andy McDonald MP, Paul Williams MP, Mayor Ben Houchen. Jeanette Chippington. John Coyne, Chair British Canoeing.
Nigel Huddleston MP.**



The Evesham-Fladbury Main Voyage for Our Home on the Blue Planet.

09/08/2016



The Mayor of Evesham, Councillor Richard Jones signing the Paris Paddle for Life and launching the “Spirit of Paris and the Climate Revolution” on the Avon. 29th September 2017

A week later he presented the ideas to the Mayor of Dreux in France, its twin town. The crew were pupils from the Vale School Evesham.

You Tube Films

Google. "TED.com Lord Stern."

It spells out the problem for humanity and how we must act quickly to bring all the world on board.

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"Paddle for Life...David Train."

It spells out a solution, through sport and culture, of how to get all the world on board and working together to tackle the problem.

"Bell Boat...Keep Paddling "
How Scotland could use the ideas.

"Greening the Vale"

What is happening in the Vale of Evesham.



Lord Stern with Paddle for Life



Taking Part in the Climate Revolution
The Main Voyage for Our Home on the Blue Planet



This book is about Tees Valley, at the helm, creating a new national story for Britain starting with looking outwards to France and inspiring China to take part in The Climate Revolution.

To create such a new national story we will need to inspire all the people of Britain on board taking part and working together - children, parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, teachers, and all, with a great global common purpose.

It is an Olympian task and we need Tees Valley, in the true spirit of the Olympics, to "Take Part", to inspire France on board with us. The rest will follow and we will all win gold. To DO IT!

We Need Tees Valley
"Working Together"