

Re-awakening the dragons of Loch Ken

Two 40ft dragon boats have been 're-awakened' and returned to their home on Loch Ken ready for Paddlers for Life Scotland SW's new season on the water.

Thirty volunteers turned out to help move the boats from their winter storage, provided by Alan Wallace, to Galloway Activity Centre with the aid of a flatbed truck from Hayton Coulthard.

In a traditional Chinese ceremony, the dragons' eyes were painted in to signify their re-awakening on returning to the water.

The Chinese legend about the origins of the dragon boats was told by professional storyteller and paddler Anne



Storyteller Anne Errington
with fellow paddlers

Errington from New Galloway.

The paddlers then took to the loch for the first outing of 2012. The charity's regular Sunday paddling sessions are

open to all.

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