

# Aldershot Youth Swimming Club

A member of Rushmoor Swimming Association

## Newsletter – Spring 2015



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### Message from the chairman !

Welcome to this edition of our newsletter and especially if your child is one of our 20 new swimmers to join our swimming club this term. Please do take the time to read this newsletter as it contains lots of useful information for you.

### Aquatic's Helper Course

During November last term our club ran a very successful aquatic helper course aimed at assistants and helpers under the age of 16. We ran it in conjunction with Rushmoor Youth Swimming and we had 10 of our assistants and helpers taking part ! A very well done to the following for passing the course.

*Bethany, Madi, Ella, Charlotte C, Nicole, Rebecca, Sarah, Charlotte A, Ellan & William*



### ASA Level 1 Teacher Training

Rebecca and Charlotte C are booked on to complete their level 1 teacher qualification during this term. We wish them the best of luck with the course !

*Chris Gillman*

### **Swimmers - Please Note**

All pupils should use the toilet, blow their nose and shower before entering the water. Parents of younger swimmers should ensure their children carry out these three actions.

### **Swimming at Weekends**

Please remember to take your children swimming at weekends to give them a good chance of developing their strokes and skills for their tests. A swimming lesson once a week is often simply not enough for your child to learn to swim and be confident in the water. Full details on the STA Learn to swim scheme can be found on our website.

### Key Dates for this term

18th February - half term  
All lessons running as usual

18th March - Last teaching week before tests  
25th March - 1st test night - See website  
1st April - 2nd test night - See website  
8th April - Short distance swim & splash time

**Sunday 19th April - Charity Distance Swim**  
More information will be available shortly

### **Supervision on the Poolside / Changing Rooms**

While our teachers are responsible for your children during their swimming lesson, we do ask for your help supervising your children before and after their lesson in the changing rooms and out on the poolside. If you do come across any children misbehaving then do come and inform Chris or Linda who will deal with it appropriately with the children concerned.

We are not responsible for your children before and after their swimming lesson on poolside or within the changing rooms.

### **Online Questionnaire for Parents**

We would love to get your feedback on how we are running the club and on your child's swimming lesson. There is an online questionnaire available on the website. Please do take a couple of minutes to let us know your thoughts. Your feedback is appreciated and we welcome your comments.

### **Extra Clothing Required**

Swimmers in Angelfish 2 and above are required to wear additional clothing for their lessons and their tests. Please check on the website as it is important your child gets practice wearing additional clothes while swimming in their lessons.

### **Parents - Hygiene Overshoes**

'Places for people leisure' have asked us to ensure that parents and other spectators wear the blue over shoes provided when on the poolside. If the containers are empty on a Wednesday evening, then do speak to one of us and we will speak to the lifeguards to bring some more out to fill up the containers.

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### Upcoming Important Dates

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- 8th April 2015 - Short distance swim & splash time
- 15th April 2015 - Club closed: volunteers swimming only
- 22nd April 2015 - Summer term begins

A full calendar can be found on our club website.

### Club Test Dates

At the end of each course we have two test nights. You can find out your child's test date & time on our club website and notice-board. You must ensure your child is available to be tested on the test night as we cannot guarantee that an alternative assessment date or time is available.

### Summer Term Enrolment Fee

Thank you so much to all parents who enrolled after their child's swimming test in December. This really was appreciated and helped a lot with pool planning. Our course fee for our summer term will remain at just £28 !

### Certificates & Badges

At the end of each term we run a short distance swim. Certificates and badges can be purchased afterwards for £1.50.

The cost of the certificate and badge for your child's course is included in your course fee.

### 6pm Swimmers - Please note

This term will be really busy for us as there are now 152 swimmers enrolled with us. It is really important for 6pm swimmers to queue down the corridor before 6pm to avoid congestion and noise on the poolside before we take over the pool each Wednesday evening. We thank you for your cooperation regarding this.



DIVE  
FLOAT  
FRONTCRAWL  
GOGGLES  
LIFEGUARD  
STANLEY  
SWIMMING  
TEACHER  
TOWEL  
WATER



Why don't you print this newsletter and see if your child can complete this word search !

### Volunteering on Poolside

We are always on the lookout for new volunteers on poolside to assist our teachers with teaching children to swim. As much as we admire all our young volunteers coming forward to help and to become teachers their selves, it is always very useful to have adults as teachers as well.

If you are a keen swimmer and would like to volunteer within your local community then please do speak to Chris, Linda or Helen for further information. An application form will be provided along with an enhanced DBS form as well for everyone aged over 16.

### Duke of Edinburgh Award

We allow young people to volunteer with us to achieve their Duke of Edinburgh's award. If you know a young person who is looking for a volunteer placement for this award then do point them in our direction. This can be good starting point to become a teacher in a few years time.

### Water Safety Questions - Octopus & Goldfish classes

The swimming teachers association have published new guidelines on the learn to Swim framework we follow. The main change is to simplify the waters safety questions used in the Octopus and Goldfish series. There are now only 10 questions at each level. These questions, with possible answers, are available on our website.

### Facebook & Twitter Reminder

As well as our website, our club also has a Facebook page and a twitter account. We use these to publish information and changes to our club calendar and in the unlikely event of any pool closers.

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