

# Aldershot Youth Swimming Club

A member of Rushmoor Swimming Association

## Newsletter – Spring 2017



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Welcome to this edition of our newsletter and especially if you & your child are new to our swimming club. Please do take the time to read this newsletter as it contains lots of useful information for you.

### Christmas Distance Swim - 21st December 2017

We had 12 swimmers arrive for the short distance swim before the Christmas holidays. They swam well and achieved great distances. Well done to the following swimmers and a big thank you to Sarah, Abbie and Louise for organising the swim on the evening.

1. Charlotte Allgood - 2500m
2. Emma Simms - 2500m
3. Katie Hurcombe - 2500m
4. Finian McFadden - 2000m
5. Catherine Norman - 1 Mile
6. Louise Laker - 1 Mile
7. Joseph Norman - 1000m
8. Alyssa Hayhoe - 800m
9. Rebecca Wilson - 800m
10. Alice Wheeler - 600m
11. Jacob Wheeler - 600m
12. Jonathan Wilson - 600m



### Volunteer Achievements - Teaching Awards !

Well done to Charlotte A for completing her level 1 teaching award during the October half term.

Good luck to Sarah who will hopefully be completing her level 1 teaching qualification in February half term.

### STA Partnership with the Scout Association

The STA have teamed up with the Scouts to support their five staged swimmer badges. If your child is in cubs or scouts and they would like to achieve these badges then do come and speak to us and we will check your child's progress and hopefully sign your child's badge book.



### 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.

### Key Dates for this term

4th January 2017 - Spring term begins  
22nd February 2017 - Half Term - lessons as usual  
22nd March 2017 - 1st Test Night  
29th March 2017 - 2nd Test Night  
5th April 2017 - Short Distance Swim

A full calendar can be found on our club website.

### Swimmers - Please Note

Each week 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 before their swimming lesson.

### 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 Linda or Lesley 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. This is why all parents must remain on site while your children are in their

### 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.

### 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 this term. 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

### 6pm Swimmers - Please note

Each week we are really busy especially at 6pm. It is really important for 6pm swimmers to queue down the corridor prior to 6pm to avoid congestion and noise on the poolside. When we invite parents and swimmers on to poolside at 6pm, please help us by sending your child around the pool to find their class teacher.

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### Club Test Dates - 22nd March / 29th March 2017

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.

### Swimming courses / Distance Swim - 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 after your child's test is included in your course fee for the term.

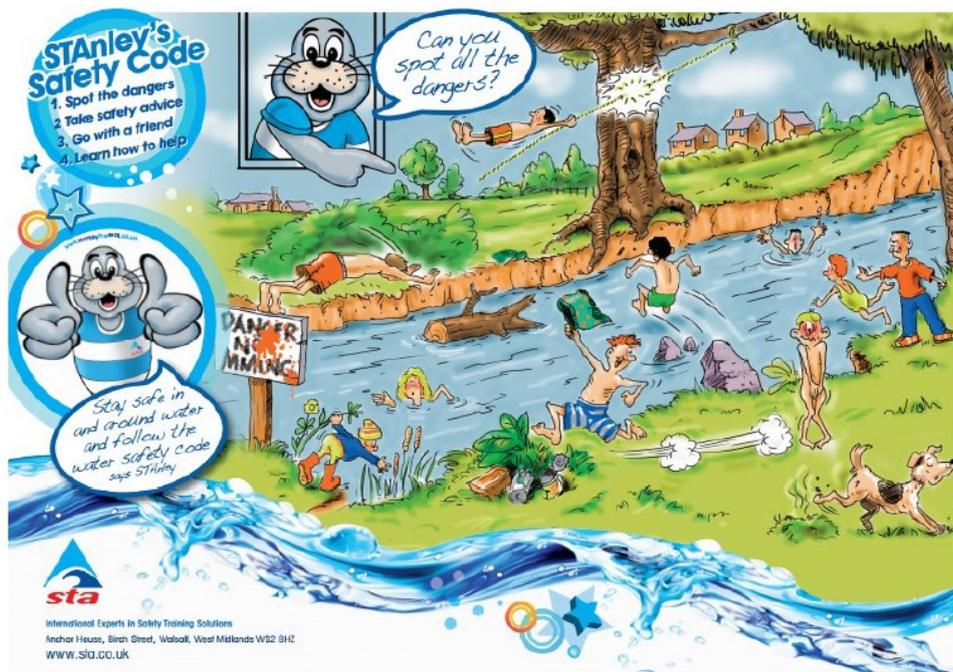
### Our Committee - Effective from January 2017

- Chris - Chairman
- Lesley - Swim Leader & Safe Guarding
- Linda - Swim Leader & Welfare Officer
- Louise - Waiting List Secretary
- Ludmila - Club Treasurer
- Natalie - Front Desk Secretary
- Angela - Badge Secretary



### Poolside Volunteers

- Andy - Swimming teacher
- Richard - Swimming teacher
- Jess F - Level 2 teacher
  
- Mandy - Level 1 teacher
- Charlotte C - Level 1 teacher
- Ella - Level 1 teacher
- Madi - Level 1 teacher
- Charlotte A - Level 1 teacher
  
- Nicole - Teacher assistant
- Sarah - Teacher assistant
  
- Ellan - Pool water helper
- William - Pool water helper
- Robert - Pool water helper
- Abbie - Pool water helper



### Changing rooms / lockers

Please ensure that your children are using the lockers provided and not leaving their belongings out on the benches. With 40-45 swimmers at each session there is not room

### Water Safety Questions

Each Octopus and Goldfish class will be asked two water safety questions as part of their swimming lessons and their test. You can look up these questions to teach your child at home by looking on our website.

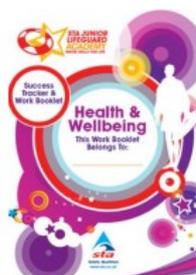
### Swimming at Weekends

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 later.

### Facebook Reminder



As well as our website, our club also has a Facebook page. We use this to publish information and changes to our club calendar and in the unlikely event of any pool closers. 'Like' us today to keep yourself informed on our club news.



### STA Health and Wellbeing Leaflet

The STA have produced this wonderful leaflet on water safety which swimmers will receive once they start Angelfish 2 each term.

It has lots of information and activities to teach our swimmers about water safety at home and on holiday !