

Dear Parents and Swimmers

Surrey Entries

The entries were completed for the Surreys incredibly smoothly and in record time, making us wonder whether a short deadline was a good thing! Milton expressed his delight at not having to carry cheques around. Thank you Mark and Robin for making this so easy. The little pictures helped me!

Future Galas

In April we have Bracknell and Guildford galas, L3 and L2 respectively. Mark will be checking the entry status for these on Monday (many galas fill up rapidly). Then we can start the entry process as soon as possible. There is also a L1 gala at Bracknell, but Level 1 galas are dependent on times not first come first served, so we have longer to decide. More on those, in the near future.

Swimming Camp

It is with much regret that we have decided to postpone the half term swimming camp. We have looked at the possibilities and had arranged an alternative camp run by Robin Brew, ex-Olympian and world-renowned coach at Kelly College in Plymouth. This was for a similar amount of training and cost as Crystal Palace. As this is a college set up for running such courses and as we had also arranged suitable level 2 training for our chaperones (as discussed with Jenny Dearman at the ASA), we would have been more than covered to take the camp there.

However, in view of everything happening at the club we have decided it would be more prudent to postpone the camp until we will more time to deal with such things rather than sorting out club matters. We will of course refund all deposits. We were all looking forward to this camp, so it is not without much thought that we have made this decision.

There is also a Mark Foster camp advertised on the board.

Welfare Officers

Please contact us if you are willing to take on this role. It has to be independent from the committee and we need two – a man and a woman.

Welfare Officers

- We need two Welfare Officers, who do not sit on the committee (ASA Guidelines)
- Welfare of young people in club
- Ability to resolve conflict in sometimes heated/sensitive situations etc
- Involvement with Swim 21 and welfare policies
- Putting in place good governance and procedures
- Involvement with procedures and policies of eg chaperones and trips
- Issue/bullying/ resolution and policies
- DBS checks (Taking over from CRB and now on-line)

More details if you are interested.

Contact Karen - karenpenney.bsc@gmail.com

New Coach

An advert has now gone onto the ASA website for a new coach and will appear in Swimming Times from the 18th of February.

Yours Kate Cheeseman
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