

Dear Parents and Swimmers

Guildford Gala L3 - 27/28th April, Bexley L1-13th & 14th April

There were two possible up and coming galas: Guildford, which is a Level 3 gala (first come first served) and Bexley long course, which is a Level 1 (will accept all appropriate entries by the closing date). Guildford is already half full so it is, therefore, urgent to send in the entries soon. The coaches are working hard and will send out eligibility reports in the next few days. They will advise you which gala would be better to do for your swimmer as you probably won't want to do both with them being so near to each other. For a Level 1 gala, Bexley entry times are not too high. They are mostly 100's and 200's at Crystal Palace. Guildford is always popular and has all the normal races in a 25m pool.

If you want to swim at Guildford please fill in the entries and pay and email by Tuesday 19th. If you are away we will try a second entry a week later on the 26th of February but we cannot guarantee getting in with the later entries.

Adam Roberts - Red Nose Day

11 year old, Adam, is going to swim a very impressive 25km in 5 days for Comic Relief, swimming at the Riverside and at St Paul's. If you want to support him, please go to:

<http://my.rednoseday.com/sponsor/adamskiroberts>

I wonder if he has to wear a red nose for the swim?

Minutes

The minutes of the first committee meeting have been prepared and once approved by the committee will be appearing on the website.

Welfare Officers

We have a new Welfare Officer! Welcome to Ellie McDaid. Ellie has been a member of the club for a long time and is a very talented master swimmer having won gold and silver medals at National, European and World level! She has two children, one who swims in Academy. Her patience, coaching and training in NLP and business, will be invaluable in this role, which she will take up as soon as the DBS checks have been finalised. As part of her induction, she will be mentored by a Welfare Officer from one of our neighbouring clubs. She will also be liaising with the ASA to ensure that we follow the guidelines with regards to our children's safety and welfare.

If you are interested in being our male welfare officer, please do let us know.

Swim21

Another welcome! This time to Giampaolo Lupi who has kindly offered to take up the volunteer role of running the Club's Swim21 accreditation. Giampaolo is, by profession, a specialist in Change Management. He will need a few other people to help him, as this is quite a big job. Again please let us know.

Coaches Contracts

Currently we have received 12 applications following our advert for a coach and will be assessing candidates in the next few weeks when the advert closes next Friday.

We are still in discussions on some contracts and are working to resolve these, unfortunately we cannot go into more detail due to confidentiality issues.

Over the next few weeks we have a regular rota of coaches who will be working to a consistent programme based on the LTAD programme and leading up to the Surreys.

Mike Clarke

Unfortunately, Mike Clarke has decided to resign as Membership Secretary. He has kindly helped us with the intake from the latest trials, but feels that he does not share the committee's vision for the future of the club. Thank you Mike for your work over the last year.

Emails

We are receiving many complaints about the unsolicited and factually inaccurate emails being sent to the club membership. Many people are not happy having their emails used for non-club emails from the ex-committee members and others. Please can we ask that you respect the data protection law. In addition, if you do not want to receive these emails please contact the senders and ask them to stop.

Yours

David Brandon and Kate Cheeseman
BSC Committee