



# Dolphin Ladies Newsletter



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**From the Editor:** Spring seems to be springing! Welcome to the Spring edition of the club newsletter and welcome to new members at both venues. We have a very exciting time ahead as we celebrate the 40th Anniversary of the Dolphin and the 25th at Ardingly. More further on. We also had a very successful social morning and AGM. A report further on. Please take time to read the newsletter and make note of dates and times. If you lose your newsletter, you can always read it on the club website - [dolphinladiesswimmingclub.co.uk](http://dolphinladiesswimmingclub.co.uk) You can also find us on [facebook](#)

## THIS IS THE IMPORTANT STUFF!

**TERM DATES: DOLPHIN:** This term ends **Tuesday** 4th April

**Summer Term 2017:** **Tuesday** 25th April - **Tuesday** 18th July **Half term:** **Tuesday** 30th May (no swimming)

**FEES** for Summer Term are £43 (as agreed at AGM)

**ARDINGLY:** This term ends **Friday** 7th April

**Summer Term 2017:** **Friday** 28th April - **Friday** 21st July **NO** swimming on **Friday** 2nd June (**Half term**) or **Friday** 30th June (**Ardingly College Commemoration Day**).

**FEES** for Summer Term are £32

**Payment is due, at both venues, before the end of term.** If you pay by cheque, at the Dolphin, please leave it in the ice cream tub on the poolside table. If you wish to pay electronically, details are available at both venues.

Please remember to collect your receipt from the blue box on the table at the Dolphin.

**AGM 2017:** Pam Edwards, Chairman welcomed everyone to the AGM. 53 members of the club, Andy Jones, Leisure Centre manager and Clare Whitlock, Places for People Leisure Publicity Officer, were present. A number of apologies had been received.

In her **Chairman's** report, Pam thanked members and teachers for their support during the year. Stephanie Wilson wished to stand down from committee duties and was presented with flowers and grateful thanks for all the hard work she has done over the years. (Stephanie is a past Chairman of the club and has also written a history of the club, which is still available if anyone would like to buy a copy). Pam also welcomed Theresa and Freya Barham, our two new teachers.

Andy Jones then spoke about the nearly 40 year association of the club with the centre and offered his continuing support.

**Election of Officers:** All were willing to stand, with the exception of Stephanie Wilson, (Health and Safety Officer). Chairman, Membership Secretary, Treasurer, Secretary and Newsletter Editor were re-elected by a show of hands. Lorna Towner and Lynne Adams were elected as Members Reps. Yvonne Ray (former Members Rep) has agreed to become Health and Safety officer for the upkeep of the health forms only. Other H&S duties will be divided amongst the committee.

**Constitution:** Chairman proposed a change to the wording under "Powers of the Club" Rule 2, line 2 to now read "with a sub committee of teaching and non-teaching members" (instead of "with a sub-committee of four teachers and two non-teaching club members") Carried unanimously. The full constitution can be found on the club website. Pam also spoke of the need to encourage members to train as teachers, as there will be several teachers retiring under the 75 years of age rule, in the next 2/3 years.

Due to falling membership and rising costs at the **Dolphin**, the fees will go up from **£40 to £43 next term** and then to **£45 in September**.

Sue Coppinger was thanked for organising the quiz, the raffle was drawn and cakes sold, bringing the social and AGM to a close.

The raffle and cake sale raised £451.90. (This did not include the foreign coins that someone paid with!) This is to be split between "Harebee for Kenya" (The charity that Jackie Cooper works with) and Patchwork Farm@Chailey Heritage. Thank you to all who contributed to this magnificent total.

The full minutes are posted on the website.

From Stephanie:

Ladies, That is indeed a wonderful effort from all. I thought Jackie's display board of the boys in Kenya was an excellent idea, as were the Daffodils on all the tables. Andrea did a brilliant tea/coffee lady impersonation, followed by Sue's "University Challenge" Quiz - thank goodness I did not take part. I'm afraid I would have come bottom of the class. It certainly entertained our ladies.

The cakes as ever continue to be a big fund raiser and even the raffle prizes looked amazing this year.

My biggest "thank you" is to you all for my lovely flowers, not really deserving when I am leaving my post but very much appreciated.

Steph xxx

## CELEBRATIONS!

### D.L.S.C. 40th Anniversary Celebration and Challenge

April 1977 - 2017

To commemorate the day that our founder Jeanne Izod began the ladies swimming club in 1977 with only twelve members, we are going to celebrate on the first day back after the Easter holiday, Tuesday 25th April.

Your teachers will have told you about the challenge and Stephanie will record all names and your challenge for posterity.

We will have a celebration cake made by Margaret Carter to be cut on poolside. At 9.50 am would all swimmers leave the water and make their way to the table where the cake will be cut and a few photo's taken. Please do look out for further notices or posters on poolside.

All Friday swimmers are invited to pop down and celebrate with us at anytime during the morning or lunch time and have a chat. .

Those members who prefer not to be caught on camera in their costume should a photographer arrive, please bring alternative covering or large towel. Mark your calendar or diary and join us on 25th April 2017.

Stephanie Wilson

Stephanie has master-minded the Challenge and the celebration day, as well as organising publicity. Thank you Stephanie for all your work. - Editor

## Ardingly 25!

1992 - 2017

And as if celebrating 40 years of Dolphin Ladies wasn't enough, we will also be celebrating 25 years of swimming at Ardingly! On the last Friday of the summer term (21st July) we will be holding a 'swimming gala' to mark the occasion when there will be an extended morning of swimming at the pool. There will be fun swimming activities for everyone to join in with as well as tea, coffee and cakes on the patio. More details will follow but please mark it in your diary now. Tuesday ladies are more than welcome to join us for the occasion. Andrea Fall



Our tree at the Cuckfield Christmas Tree Festival decorated by Andrea Fall and Friends. Well done again Ladies.

Donations were split between the Church and Mid Sussex branch of Parkinson's UK.

I also have to report the recent passing of Veronica Acres who was a long-standing member of the club. We extend our condolences to her family and friends.

From Wendy: Thank you to everyone who has kindly saved milk bottle tops.



Have a good break and see you on 25th April for "Challenge" Day!