



The Turtles Swimming Club is a registered charity number: 1055585

Christmas

Pool Closures

The last swim session for 2011 will take place on Saturday 17th December.

There will be no club session on 24th and 31st of December.

Club sessions will re-commence at Highgrove on Saturday 7th January 2012.

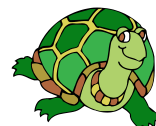


Turtles Newsletter

FOR MEMBERS OF THE RUISLIP TURTLES SWIMMING CLUB

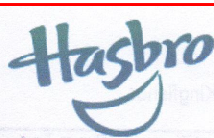
DECEMBER 2011

Happy Holidays!



To all the Turtles!

.....and thank you to the organisations that have supported us throughout the year and thank you to the individuals that have made generous 'anonymous' donations!



London Borough of Hillingdon Youth & Connexions Service

Ruislip Combined Charities

Highgrove Refurbishment Update

On the 22nd November a sub-group of the Turtles Committee met with Hillingdon Sports Council, and also with Fusion Leisure at the Hillingdon Leisure Centre (Gatting Way, Uxbridge).

It has now been agreed that when Highgrove closes for refurbishment, our Saturday club sessions will switch to the above venue. However, our pool session time will be an hour later than at Highgrove running from 6 until 7 o'clock.

We will have use of one of the 25 metre pools (the shallow one) and also the Children's Recreation Pool. The other 25 metre pool is likely to be utilised by one of the other Highgrove clubs. We accept that when the Centre has conflicting gala bookings we may have to cancel our session.

The Hillingdon pool is 20 metres wide and so we will still be able to continue with all our current activities (including the 15 minutes diving session).

The Highgrove refurbishment proposals should be considered for approval pre-Christmas but even if approved, it remains unclear at present whether the pool will close after February Half Term or be postponed again until after the Easter school holidays in April.



Hillingdon Leisure Centre



Funding Updates



The Committee has decided to use the £200 donated by the Ruislip Lions to purchase 16 additional poolside 'Helper' shirts. We are very grateful to the Ruislip Lions for their donation that was received earlier in the year.

We will be presenting to the Fourways Ladies Group on Wednesday 4th January 2012 meeting at Field End Road Junior School.

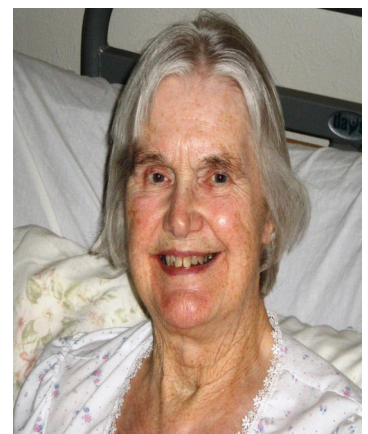
We have applied to Kelloggs Swim Active for a grant to acquire more swimming and flotation aids.

We should know if we have been successful early in the New Year.

Sylvia Smith OBE

The next Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday 15th December and we hope to hold the meeting at the home of

Sylvia Smith. Sylvia is making steady progress and sends you all her love and hopes you all have a great Christmas.



Sylvia at home 26.11.2011

2012 Diary Dates

We have scheduled our next club outing for **Sunday 20th May, 2012**

We will be arranging a trip to the Bluebell Steam Railway in Sussex (inc. a 90 minute trip on the train). This will be followed by a visit to Sheffield Park National Trust Gardens. The trip will be suitable for wheelchairs and scooters (scooters cannot go on the train though).

We will be ordering a special coach from Chalfont Coaches as usual thanks to the £595 donation from one of our members.

We will let you know the cost of the admission tickets in the New Year but in the meantime

make a note of the date and check out the two venues on the web at: www.bluebell-railway.com and www.nationaltrust.org.uk/main/w-vh/w-visits/w-findaplace/w-sheffield-park-garden.htm



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March Evening Meal

The Spring Evening Meal has been scheduled for **Thursday 22nd March 2012**.

The venue will be communicated in the New Year but if anyone wishes to suggest a venue (that has good disabled facilities) please make one of the Committee Members aware.

We will be providing a mini-bus if there is sufficient support but we will need to ask for a contribution towards the cost this year as this expenditure is not covered by a grant.

We expect the contribution to be circa £4 per passenger.

2012 AGM

The 2012 AGM has been scheduled for **Saturday 12th May 2012**.

This year though, the Turtles Championship will be on a different date (tba) to that of the AGM as we will not be swimming at Highgrove Pool on the date of either event.

Gala Dates

The Feltham and Hanworth Lions Gala will take place on **Sunday 12th February 2012**.

The Hatfield Platypus Gala will take place on **Saturday 14th April 2012**

The 47th Annual NASCH Championships will take place on **Saturday 3rd November 2012** at Leamington Spa.

We are a swimming club for anyone with a physical, mental health or learning difficulty.
The Turtles Swimming Club based at Highgrove Pool, Ruislip meets every Saturday between 5pm & 6 pm



Turtles website: <http://www.ruislipturtles.org.uk/>

Turtles email: turtlesswimming@yahoo.co.uk



Congratulations Emma



Congratulations to Emma Harrington who has now passed her ASA Level 2 Teaching Aquatics qualification.

We are very grateful to the young helpers who give up their valuable time to help with our Saturday swim sessions. With Pippa Haggitt now at Southampton University, Emma is now our most qualified instructor! Well done Emma!

If you need help with your swimming development, please make Linda Clarke (Chief Instructor) aware.

Badge Awards

Congratulations to the following distance badge awards:

Oliver Regan
(200m and 300m)

Luke Hammond
(50m)

Scarlet Regan
(25m)



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NASCH AGM & Conference



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Invites you to our

A.G.M. & Conference Weekend

At High Leigh Conference Centre

Lord Street, Hoddesdon, EN11 8SG

(www.cct.org.uk)

From Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th March 2012

An informative weekend, ideal for networking your good practices and taking away ideas to try at your club. We will have 3 interesting presentations including a visit from

Help for Heroes

Included in the price, £130.00, are 3 cooked meals a day, en suite facilities in each room, morning and afternoon refreshments and entertainment on Saturday evening.

If you would like to attend, please speak to your club secretary or contact Mike O'Leary on 01329 833689



Harrow Association of Disabled People

A new social group has been formed on behalf of Harrow Association of Disabled People (HAD) - <http://www.had.org.uk/>

The idea is to give a chance for people with disabilities to get together and socialise, to come with their suggestions and ideas or just turn up for a drink on a Wednesday evening at the Red Brick Café (Wealdstone Centre).

For more information please contact Bijan Ghorbanian on 07724197267