



SAFFRON SEALS

SAFFRON WALDEN AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

Newsletter November 2010

NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2010

This short Newsletter is principally to provide you with one or two dates for your diary. This is the last newsletter before 2011, so may I be the first to wish you all a fun Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

2011, as our Centenary year, is shaping up to be a busy one. We have one or two things planned to celebrate 100 years of SWASC, details of which are given below, and we hope you will be able to join us in these and make it a year to remember.

Jan Bright

Goodbye to Howard

On Friday, 17th December, we have planned a 'goodbye' evening for Howard. We have booked the 'Gator Run, and also the Training Room at the rear of the leisure centre where drinks and nibbles will be available for all. Make a note of this date, and join us in a fun evening and an opportunity to say thank you and goodbye.

• *Replacement Coach*

As we go to press with this newsletter I am pleased to say that we have received contacts from potential replacements for Howard. Members from committee will form an interview panel for prospective coach which will sit in early December. Our aim will be to appoint during December with our new coach taking up duties from January 2011 if all arrangements can be agreed.

• *Membership Secretary*

For the past few years Tamara Lamb has been our Membership Secretary but she has decided to leave from end of November. If you would like to take on the role (Tamara has offered to "train" any new person wishing to take this on) please can you let me or a member of the committee know. This is a key role as it deals with new members coming into the club.

May I take this opportunity to thank the Seals Committee, coaches, teachers, parents, supporters and all club members for their hard work during 2011 and wish you all a great Christmas and New Year.

Neil Pottrill, Chairman.

Fixtures List

Our final fixture this season is on Saturday, 4th December, at Newmarket, for the VW Cars Trophy. Invitations to swim have already been emailed to the selected team. Please remember to confirm with Janet Rogers that you are available, and we look forward to an enjoyable and competitive evening

Swim Session Dates

• *Friends' School*

Autumn Term 2010
Final session
Wednesday, 15th December

Spring Term 2011
Monday, 10th January, to
Wednesday, 6th April

Half term
Monday, 21st February, and Wednesday, 23rd February



• *LBF&LC*

Final session 2010 Friday, 17th December
Re-commencing Tuesday, 4th January 2011
There will be no session on Good Friday

Christmas Present Ideas & Beat the VAT Rise

Orders are now being taken for kit items required for Christmas presents. All items available can be viewed on our website and include -

- Costumes (girls) - £18.50;
- Jammers (boys) - £11.00;
- Kit bags - £20.00;
- T-bag tops for poolside (great for Club Championships!) - £10.50; F
- Flippers suitable for training sessions.
- *Personalised items are -*
 - Sweatshirt hoodies (available in Gold or Black with the Club logo) - £19.99;
 - mugs - £4.99.

These items must be ordered by 26th November if they are to be available in time for Christmas.

Please contact me on 01799 501571 or e-mail g.sarginson@ntlworld.com for orders.

Collection of purchases can be made poolside at any session, or by special arrangement if a surprise for Christmas.



All prices will be reviewed from 1st January 2011 to reflect the increase in VAT which affects many of our items, and to keep up with increasing costs from the manufacturer's.

Happy shopping.

Gill Sarginson



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Centenary Year Events

We have put together one or two events for next year which we are sure you will wish to be part of. Dates for some have yet to be confirmed and we will let you know them as soon as arrangements have been finalised.

- *Friday, 14th, and Saturday, 15th January Club Championships*
- *March/April Afternoon Tea, for members past and present, with photographic display*
- *July 2nd Carnival procession*
- *July 5th Fun relay gala*
- *July 9th Photographic display*
- *November Invitation gala with lanes allocated to local clubs*

Other ideas are in the 'think tank' and if they come to fruition we will let you have the details.

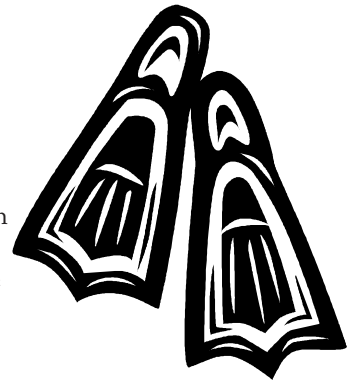
Centenary Sub-Committee

Two Reminders

You will by now have received an *Entry Form for Club Championships in January*. These two evenings are an opportunity for you to compete in friendly rivalry and also to improve your personal best times (ideal for future team selection). Remember, closing date is Friday, 3rd December, so, to avoid disappointment, download the entry form, complete it and post it off. Entries will not be considered after that date.

Entry arrangements for The Great East Swim, to be held at Alton Water in June next year, are now available. If you are interested in entering check out the web site www.greatswim.org. The intrepid three adults (Iain, Mark and Neil) are taking part once again, as are their daughters, and they would like to hear from other members who might be interested in forming a team for this prestigious open water swim.

it is Carnival Year too ... 1st to 9th July 2011 inclusive ... and we hope to have an eye-catching float in the Carnival Procession as well as running a Fun Gala which will likely be a team relay event. Other events have yet to be decided upon, so watch out for more details in forthcoming newsletters.



If you think you're not receiving emails or calls from the Club it might be because you've forgotten to tell us a change of email address or we haven't an up to date mobile number for you. Remember to tell us if you have moved or changed your contact details.

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