



# Dronfield Dolphins News

## October 2007



### Grants

Dolphins have accessed funds from the Local Network Fund\* and Awards for All to deliver the following:

- ✚ ASA Level 1 Courses - Swimmers and Parents will be able to access part funding to enable them to undertake this qualification. If anyone is interested and wanting to undertake this course, please see Dave Shepherd, Graham King, Ann Basford, Jo Ashman or Trevor Hocking, (Grant Funding Sub Committee).
- ✚ Land Training - Part of the application was to provide our Swimmers with Land Training as part of their training regime. This is being planned as we speak, and information will be given out at a later date.
- ✚ Free community swimming lessons for children in the Dronfield area. These are currently being planned

*\*The Local Network Fund for children and young people is a central government initiative giving local people the chance to make a difference to the lives of children and young people*

### New Timetable!!

Our new timetable is now under way, and we had our first weekend at Eckington last week. Feedback at the Committee meeting was good, and it was reported that everything went without a hitch. A few Parents suffered a little confusion with times, but teething troubles are bound to crop up. Bear with us, it has been a big move, and I am sure we will all settle into it shortly.

### Swim Shop

Lesley has been looking into providing our younger members with Club bags. She has been liaising with a company to provide Drawstring Bags for the E2 & Learner Swimmers and for anyone who would like to purchase one.

The cost of these should be around £6, and Will be available shortly. Club Tracksuits are Also available to order.



PLEASE NOTE: Lesley is placing an order very shortly. This will be the last order before Christmas. Lesley is available at Eckington on Sunday nights between 6.30pm & 8pm.

## Dronfield Dolphins

Annual A.G.M  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November  
At the  
Thomas Taylor Hall  
The Peel Centre  
Dronfield  
Time: 8pm  
Everyone Welcome

If you are interested in joining our Committee for the Year 2007-2008, please speak to Ann Basford or any Committee member.

We are looking to recruit more Parent Representatives for the forthcoming year. We meet once a Month on a Tuesday night, and discuss various issues surrounding the running of your Child's Swimming Club. This is a great opportunity to get involved.

Please support the Club by attending the above function. Refreshments will be served afterwards, and there will be an opportunity to speak to the Coaches about your Child's progress.

### Galas

Dronfield Dolphins enters various competitive Galas over the year, and try to access Galas that are inclusive of all abilities. We have recently competed in a 'Novice Gala' at Matlock where the Team Managers were able to include Swimmers from the younger end of the Squads in giving them some Gala experience. This Gala carried cut off times to allow the Swimmers who don't regularly compete because their times are not yet fast enough for more demanding competition, but need experience of competing. As swimmers progress through the training regime, and gain better times, they then move on to higher grade competition.

Dronfield Dolphins is a competitive club, and Swimmers are expected to compete when selected. It should be an honour to be asked to swim for your Club in a Gala, and Swimmers should compete whenever possible.

Swimmers are also encouraged to compete in Open Galas where they compete against other Swimmers in their age group for Medals and Trophies. Swimmers can enter these Galas from 9yrs of Age. If you would like more information about these Galas, see Trevor Hocking or visit our Web Site.



[www.dronfield-dolphins.co.uk](http://www.dronfield-dolphins.co.uk)

Dronfield Dolphins Christmas Party  
Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December - Civic Hall, Dronfield  
Disco, Buffet and a visit from Santa



# Scarborough Weekend

13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> June 2008



We will be competing in the  
**Scarborough Open Gala**  
14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> June 2008

9yrs to Open Age Groups

Accommodation is at the Blue Dolphin Holiday Park, Filey.

We ran this weekend last year with great success.

The cost is:

£168 for 8 Berth (approx).

£155 for 6 Berth (approx).

If you would like to book, please request an application pack from Trevor at:

[trevor90@btinternet.com](mailto:trevor90@btinternet.com)

A deposit of £50 will be required before Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October along with Gala entry fees. For more information, see Trevor.

## Christmas Raffle

We are looking for Donations of:

Chocolate, Wine, Biscuits & Christmas Fayre



For our Fundraising Raffle

If you have anything to donate, please see Jo Ashman.

### Judges & Timekeepers

We are keen to encourage Parents to train as Judges & Timekeepers for our Club. Every time we attend a Gala, we have to supply a Judge & 2 Timekeepers. We currently have a dwindling supply of these Officials, and are keen to recruit Parents from our Younger Swimmers to participate in this Training. It is not Rocket Science, and there are now options to do this course online. This recruitment is essential to sustain the Club's Contribution to successive competition.

If you are interested, please see Ann Basford or E-Mail Ann at: [ann@dbasford.freemove.co.uk](mailto:ann@dbasford.freemove.co.uk)

