



## Christmas wishes from TSC Chairman!

It's hard to believe we are nearing the end of 2016, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support towards TSC this year. We have had a busy and successful year for the club and it's swimmers once again.

This local sporting club exists because we have a dedicated group of coaches who give up their time to develop your swimmers, and we could not run the club without them. The other essential force behind the swimming club is the group of parents and volunteers who make the annual club calendar events happen, and organise these often complex events you see during the year. In 2016 we started off the year with our club awards for swimmers at the January presentation night, and moved on to see a record number of our swimmers achieve county and regional qualifying times in January, February and May. We have also seen many of our competitive swimmers reach new personal best swimming times for their racing at the club, and taught younger swimmers water confidence and how to swim 25m in all four strokes, which is a great achievement for our smallest club members. During 2016, TSC organised a licensed level 4 meet for the Club Championships and also held the successful 10th Tiverton Sparkler, a licensed level 3 open meet that we are immensely proud of running at the club. We took teams of swimmers to the 2016 Mini League, Interclub and Arena league team galas, and supported lots of swimmers at a wide variety of open swim meets, race nights and distance swimming nights. There was also much fun in the summer on the giant inflatables at the pool and at the Fun-splash nights on the run up to Christmas.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the coaching team and parent volunteers at the club for continuing to make the swimming club function so well for our members - you all do a great job for so many youngsters in the local community.

**Thank you and a Merry Christmas & Happy New year to everyone!**

## Coach and volunteer updates

We are delighted to add Rosie Jones and Jasmine Swanson to our coaching team.. They are both young volunteers at the club and

## Events & info

### Club galas & Meets

#### LTS Distance night

Fri 2nd Dec 7pm EVLC

#### LTS funsplash night

Fri 9th Dec 7pm EVLC

#### CSA Race Night

Wed 7th Dec 6pm EVLC

#### Yeovil Christmas meet

Sat 17th & Sun 18th Dec  
Millfield Pool

#### CSA funsplash night

Wed 21st Dec @ EVLC

#### Annual Club presentation evening

Moorhayes Community Centre,  
Lea Road, Tiverton  
Sat 7th January  
7.30-11pm

Awards, disco, food and fun!

#### Devon County

#### Championships

Jan 14/15th block 1

Jan 21/22nd block 2

Jan 28/29th block 3

in Plymouth Life Centre

have recently achieved their Level 1 ASA coaching award in December. Both Rosie and Jazz are ex-competitive swimmers at the club and we are delighted they have now turned their hands to coaching our swimmers at their club. Congratulations Rosie and Jazz!



### Annual ASA and club fees for 2017

For Tiverton swimming club to function, our members pay both an **annual membership fee** (this comprises a combined fee to both TSC and the ASA) which is taken as a one off payment, **AND a monthly subscription fee** (this is to hire the EVLC pool and to pay the head coach).

The ASA and TSC committee have now set the **annual membership fees** for 2017. Category 1 swimmers will pay £30 and Category 2 swimmers £47.35. The annual fees are a combination of mandatory ASA membership fees and a £17 contribution towards the cost of running the club for swimmers throughout the year.

Each year we have to collect the mandatory ASA annual membership fee and pay the ASA by March to avoid the club being fined for late payment. At the same time, TSC also collect their annual club membership fee which finances the "hidden costs" of running the club (e.g. trophies, awards, computers, printers, toners, website, IT software, meeting room hire, new club kit, funsplash, team competition fees, uniforms, etc).

As a rule of thumb, any swimmer who competes in open meets, or county/regional events and in the arena league must be ASA category two registered and those only competing in club championships and mini leagues (or not racing at all) are ASA category one registered. If you start out the year as a "Cat 1" swimmer and decide to enter an open meet, then there is an option to upgrade to "Cat 2" during the year to meet the ASA

### Spring 2017 open meets

Yet to be announced

### Presentation evening 2017



The annual Club presentation evening will be held on **Saturday 7th January** at **Moorhayes Community Centre** on Lea Road in Tiverton (next to Tesco Express) **from 7.30-11pm**. This is a fun evening where awards and presentations are made to swimmers across the club celebrating their swimming performance during 2016. We will have a disco a "bring and share supper" and an open bar to buy soft and alcoholic drinks during the evening. All members - young and old alike and their families are welcome to come along and join in the celebration. We do want **raffle and tombola donations** to raise funds on the night so please bring in your donations and give them to a committee member in the run up to the evening. Thanks for supporting TSC and making this a fun club

requirements.

If you have any questions about which ASA category your swimmer needs to pay the ASA, then please contact the membership Secretary Anna-Marie Southcott for advice.

## 10th Tiverton Sparkler

We held the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Sparkler Gala with approximately 220 youngsters from 16 clubs around the South West competing at the Exe Valley Leisure Centre on Nov 6th. Twenty nine members of TSC took part and had a successful day by claiming a total of 54 medals between them.

9 year old Emma Declerk, swimming in her first Sparkler, bagged an impressive gold medal in the 200m backstroke as well as silvers in the 50m freestyle and 50m backstroke. In the 10 year old age group Bethany Moakes won bronze in the 50m butterfly and gained five personal best times. There were also personal bests for Arabella Boyde who claimed three, Cadie Yardley with two and one for Corbyn Spargo. There were also successes for the 11 year olds, with Jodie Dilks winning golds in the 200m freestyle and 200m breaststroke, as well as a further five silvers and one bronze. Gemma Dilks didn't disappoint either, claiming gold in the 200m backstroke, silver in the 100m freestyle and another three bronze medals. Jessica Swanston gained two pb's and was rewarded with a bronze medal in the 100m breaststroke and there were also strong performances from Isaac Reaves, Peter Smith, Lucy Webber and Wilfred Arrowsmith, who notched up several pb's between them. 12 year old Amy Stewart won silver medals in the 100m individual medley and the 200m breaststroke, Jon Carpenter-Smith claimed a bronze in the 100m breaststroke and Olivia Broom did likewise in the 100m individual medley and the 50m freestyle. There were also four pb's from Sophie Attwood-Groves and three from Micah Partridge. Representing the 13 year old boys, Sam Arrowsmith, Jack Aldridge, Kai Clayton and Robert Jones dominated their age group by winning nine golds, six silvers and five bronze medals between them. Emily Peters also put in a fine performance and gained two great pb's. For the 14 year olds, Finn Stoneman was rewarded for his efforts with gold medals in the 100m individual medley, the 100m and 200m backstroke. Dylan Cleverley and Yasmin Smith both grabbed bronze medals in the 200m backstroke and Jessica Fitch secured pb's in both of her races.

15 year old Katie Walton was on top form, winning gold in the 200m freestyle, silver in the 100m backstroke and three further bronze medals. Oliver Bennet claimed silver in the 100m butterfly

night out for all of the family.

## Sparkler meet makers



A big thank you to all of the volunteers who made the 10th Sparkler such a success and a big fundraiser this year. We could not have achieved this open meet without the army of volunteers who plan, organise and run the event. This year we had many familiar faces and a were delighted to welcome some new volunteers to help us run this large licenced and very local swim meet. Thanks also to Jo Skeel, the Sparkler fundraiser who created such a great raffle prize drawer for us on the day.

## December Race Night

The swimmers in CSA raced over 25m in all four strokes on Dec 14th to gain new times under race conditions. The results from the night have now been posted onto the club website [www.tiverton-swimming.co.uk](http://www.tiverton-swimming.co.uk)

Medals will be given out to the top three swimmers in each stroke for age groups: 8 and under, 9&10 combined and 11

and Lauren Aitchison (17) just missed out on a medal when finishing fourth in the 100m individual medley.



Club swimmers competing at the 10th Sparkler 2016 in EVLC  
Photo supplied by Ryan Kerswell, Web Designer & Photographer

## Sparkler Awards

It was a special year for Tiverton Swimming Club this year, as we celebrated running our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Sparkler Gala at Exe Valley Leisure Centre. To mark this occasion, we presented awards to a group of officials and supporters who have volunteered and helped at the Sparkler over the last 10 years. A silver salver was given to nine of the longstanding volunteers on the day, as a mark of our appreciation for their support in running the Sparkler galas over the last 10 years.



and over at the January presentation night.

## Distance Night

The swimmers in Friday Learn to swim enjoyed swimming at the December distance night, where they were all encouraged to swim as far as they could. Again badges and certificates will be given out to swimmers at the club presentation night in January.

## New club postbox

The club has a new post box for members to use to pass on information to the Club secretary, Competition secretary, Treasurer, committee or coaches. The postbox is white, labelled and can be found on the back wall of the viewing balcony at EVLC (next to the trophy cabinet).



Pictured from left: Sue Haigh, Jim Loosemore, Terry Fullick (President), Alison Williams, Kathy Forward, Dan Ayshford (announcer), Bob Jarman, Peter Boulton and Lisa Stoneman.  
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## Exeter Hub Club Championships

This year 18 swimmers from the club entered the East Devon Hub club championships held at Pyramids pool in Exeter over three days in October. Our swimmers were able to compete at the L3 closed meet in the full range of sprints and long distance events to suit, many gaining qualifying times for the Devon Counties in January 2017. Unfortunately here were no medals given out during this meet, but many of our swimmers came away with new pb and ranked times after competing against the other hub clubs, Exeter, Barnstaple, Dawlish, Exmouth, Honiton, Crediton, Sidmouth, Paignton and Torquay at this highly competitive event.

## Arena league Round 2 gala

On November 12th a coach left EVLC at 2.45pm and took a team of TSC swimmers to race at round two of the National Arena swimming league at Horfield swimming pool in Bristol at 5pm. The swimmers put on a fantastic team performance again and we came 3rd in the gala with Dawlish taking first place and Devonport Royal coming second. There were many fast swims and pb's gained during the event, and the team put on a great display supporting each other and making a terrific noise cheering during the evening -it was so loud! Head coach Lucy was very proud of them all. Many thanks also go to to our officials- Teresa and Sally and Lucy and Garry, the coaches and team managers on the day.



Most (but not all) of the Arenal league R2 team at Horfield Pool in November.



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CASH in this post box.**

## Christmas shut down

The last LTS swimming session will be held on Friday 9th December

The last training session of the year will be held on Thursday 22nd December in the morning at 6am. The club will then shut down for the Christmas break and reopen on Tuesday 3rd January for the 7pm Skill Development sessions and resume training as normal.

## CASC = TSC

TSC is a Community Amateur Sports Club (CASC), and the swimming coaches at poolside (with the exception of the head

## Devon Intercounties Masters gala

Four Masters swimmers were selected to represent Devon in the County Masters team. Rebecca Jenkinson, Graham Cridland, Sue Haigh and Lucy Boyde competed in the regional round of the National Inter-County event held in Dorchester. Six teams took part which included Devon, Somerset, Cornwall, Dorset, Wiltshire and Gloucestershire. The quartet swam a total of 16 events between them, which included relays and individual events. All four swimmers put in a great performance helping Devon win back the regional trophy. The final result was Devon with 346.5 points, Dorset 294.5, Gloucestershire 245, Cornwall 211, Wilts 196.5 and Somerset 131.5. This is a fantastic achievement which places Devon 5th out of a total of 28 teams nationally.



Pictured from left: Rebecca Jenkinson, Graham Cridland, Sue Haigh, Lucy Boyde

coach) plus the volunteers who run the club are **not paid** for any of their time or expertise. This means the poolside coaches, committee members, officials and helpers all give up their spare time to run this club, and we need to thank them for their commitment to developing our swimmers at the club during 2016. If you would like to volunteer to help us run TSC in 2017- please add it to your New Year's resolutions and come and see any of the committee members to discuss where you can make a difference to supporting swimmers in your local community.

## Club Treasurer still needed

Our current Treasurer, Tony Follett is looking to stand down in the new year. This is an essential role for the club and we are looking for a new volunteer (or two) to step forward and take on this position. A full hand over will be given by Tony on how to manage the clubs finances, and ideally there will be a gradual introduction for the new treasurer to ease them into the role. Please speak to any of the committee members or the Chairman (Sara) if you are interested in this vital job for



The Devon Masters team 2016

Sue Daws, Regional President, presented the winners shield to Sue Haigh, Team Manager and William Leitch, Senior Team Member from Exmouth.

### Plymouth L2 November Meet.

Thirteen swimmers from Tiverton Swimming Club travelled to Plymouth Life Centre to compete in the Plymouth Leander Level 2 Winter Qualifier. There was tough competition, but their efforts did not go unrewarded as a total of 25 medals were won and a phenomenal 45 personal best times were set. 11 year olds Jodie and Gemma Dilks led the way with Gemma collecting gold medals in the 400m individual medley, 200m and 50m backstroke, plus three silvers and a bronze. Jodie bagged golds in the 50m and 100m butterfly, as well as five silvers and two bronze medals. In the same age group, Jessica Swanston, Lucy Webber and Wilfred Arrowsmith were also on top form, gaining eight personal best times between them. For the 10 year olds, Cadie Yardley gained PB's in both of her swims, finishing in 6<sup>th</sup> place in the 200m freestyle and Arabella Boyde matched that position in the 200m backstroke whilst gaining a superb ten second PB. In the 13 year old age group Jack Aldridge celebrated with silver in the 50m butterfly, plus three further bronze medals and Sam Arrowsmith gained silver in the 200m breaststroke and two bronze medals. Kai Clayton swam a fantastic PB in the 100m backstroke and finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the 50m breaststroke. 15 year old Katie Walton's fine form was rewarded with five PB's and a bronze medal in the gruelling 400m freestyle. Oliver Bennet (15) worked hard to

the club.

### Club fundraiser needed

We need to find a volunteer (or volunteers) who can take on the role of fundraiser for our club, ideally looking at how we can maximise fundraising for the club throughout the year. If you have any good ideas and think this role is for you, then please speak to Sara (Chairman) to find out more about how you can help.

### TSC Twitter feed

We have a club twitter feed, which currently has **390** followers, and we would like to see this reach **400+** if we can! The twitter feed gives information on what's happening at the club, other swimming updates and also posts gala results on the day of competition, so you can follow the club swimmers progress at meets. Either follow us on twitter **@tivyswimming** or you can read the live feed as it is also posted on the club website, **or send the club a tweet, and we can re-tweet it to the members!**



**TSC need your help**



achieve four PB's and he took away a silver medal in the 200m butterfly. Finn Stoneman (14) gained a PB in the 50m butterfly and just missed out on a medal when finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in the 50m backstroke.



Club swimmers who raced at the Plymouth November meet

### Arena league Round 3 gala

On December 10th we took a team of TSC swimmers to race at round three of the National Arena swimming league at Hutton Moor swimming pool in Weston-Super-Mare at 5pm. The swimmers once again put on a fantastic team performance and we came 6rd in this final gala with Mount Kelly taking first place and Dinnaton the second place. Head coach Lucy was very proud of all of the swimmers and their great team spirit during all three rounds of the arena league this year and we will remain in Division two of the Western league going into 2017. Again many thanks also go to our officials - Teresa and Terry and also to Lucy and Garry, the coaches and team managers. Thanks also to the swimmers and parents who supported the arena league this year, it was a lot of fun racing with friends.

The club **needs more parents** to support the regular ongoing activities that we offer our swimmers. Do you have some time to support the club and keep it going? If so, please speak to any committee member and ask about how you can help, it would be much appreciated by all. **Please do come and join in and help us to keep this club going!**

We offer free Category 3 ASA membership and DBS checking for anyone over 16 who volunteers their time and commitment at the club.






#### Newsletter on TSC Website

Previous editions of this newsletter are posted on the Club website.  
email any comments to:

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Hutton Moor Dec 2016 Round 3 Arena league team

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