



Ruislip Turtles Swimming Club

Turtles Newsletter



May 2012

Diary Dates

Committee Meeting
Thursday 3rd May

**Turtles
Championship**
Saturday 5th May

Turtles AGM
Saturday 12th May

**Bluebell Railway and
Sheffield Park Outing**
Sunday 20th May

Potters Bar Gala
Saturday 23rd June

**Harrow Kingfishers
Gala**
Saturday 14th July

**NASCH
Championships
Leamington Spa**
Saturday 3rd
November

Turtles Swimming
Club is a
Registered Charity
Number 1055585

**We are a
swimming club
for anyone with a
physical, mental
health or learning
difficulty.**

Turtles win the Platypus Invitation Shield



Congratulations to our gala team who kept up the 2012 winning streak at Hatfield on Saturday 14th April, by collecting the Platypus Invitation Shield. This success followed the clean sweep of all three trophies at the Feltham and Hanworth Gala in February. Winning 5 of the 14 events and 11 medals in total, all 12 team members won a medal at Hatfield. By winning the final event, the Mens Relay Team (above) knocked the home team into second place. The results and successes can be viewed on page 4 and the detailed results and timings viewed on our website. Well done team—yet again!

**Please note that there will be no pool
session on Saturday April 28th**

AGM and Annual Awards Saturday 12th May



2012 AGM Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence
2. To Approve the 2011 AGM Minutes
3. Any Matters Arising
4. Chairman's Report
5. To Receive & Approve the Annual Accounts and Treasurer's Report
6. Secretary's Report
7. Election of Officers & Committee:
 - Chairman
 - Vice Chair
 - Treasurer
 - Secretary
 - Assistant Secretary
 - Competition Secretary
 - Chief Instructor
 - 6 Committee Members
8. Appointment of Auditors
9. Any Other Business followed by:
'Presentation of the Annual Awards'

Presentations and results relating to the Club Championships (held on 5th May):

Beginners Champion
Junior Champion
Ladies Champion
Mens Champion
Diving Champion

Presentations will also be made to:

Junior Improver (**Charles Newman Trophy**)
Senior Improver (**Rose Bowl**)
Volunteer of the Year (**The Pitman Moore Trophy**)
(Nominated and decided by the Committee)

**Central Middlesex Skills Centre
Wiltshire Lane Northwood Hills
Saturday 12th May
Fish and Chip Supper at 7.30pm
AGM Commences at 8pm**

Please book your Fish and Chips with Marion. They will be delivered to the Centre for 7.30pm and will cost £6.50 per person

We are looking for new Committee Members so if you are interested in joining the committee please step forward to be nominated ahead of the AGM or even at the meeting. If you want to know what is involved, please call Dave Lee on 07730 047500

The Annual Presentations will be made following the AGM

However, if you do not wish to participate in the supper, please come along at 8pm just for the meeting.

Marion Beckwith to step down as Turtles Club Secretary

Earlier in the year, Marion announced to the committee that she would not be seeking re-election to the role of Club Secretary at this year's AGM. Marion has been a committee member and also Club Secretary for many years and her vast knowledge of all things Turtles will be greatly missed. The club membership owes Marion a great deal and we wish her all the best in her new life as she prepares to move home away from the area. In anticipation of Marion's departure Alison Grey was co-opted onto the Committee and we are very pleased that Alison has decided to stand for election to succeed Marion in the role of Club Secretary. We are also delighted that Marion has agreed to stand for election to the role of Assistant Secretary to help Alison settle in to the role (assuming that both are elected by the members present at the AGM) until such time as Marion's house move is confirmed.

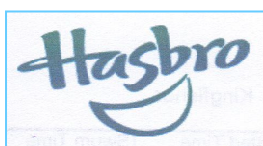
Following Sylvia's decision to also stand down from the committee, the members present at the AGM will also be asked to approve a proposal to elect Sylvia Smith OBE to the position of Club President. Sylvia has been a key member of the Turtles Swimming Club from the outset back in 1964 and although she does not feel able to attend committee meetings any longer, the Committee would still like to recognise and retain Sylvia's valuable experience and advice going forward.

Come along and have your say



Hasbro

Hasbro UK, the international toymaker based at Stockley Park has yet again supported the Turtles by providing high quality raffle prizes. These raffle prizes are awarded at our annual gala and also at our AGM meeting. We are very grateful to Hasbro UK for their support of the Turtles over the last 3 years. The raffles raise valuable funds for the club, especially at our home galas.



Distance Badges

Congratulation to Callum Crockford who has now achieved his 10 metres, 25 metres, 50 metres and 100 metres distance badges.

New Swimming Aids

We have acquired some new pool aids to assist with the Saturday tuition and swim sessions. These include flotation belts (in various sizes from 3 years old to adult), 2 barbells (1 Junior & 1 Senior) and also one square body support. If you think that you or one of your family would benefit from using one of these devices at the sessions, please see Linda (or one of the Helpers) at poolside.

The New Pool.....

The club relocated to Hillingdon Sports and Leisure Complex on the 7th April. The switch has gone very well and the feedback has been very positive. We had originally planned for the adjustable pool floor to be set at a one metre depth at the shallow end. However, your feedback suggests that this is too shallow for the majority of you and so we have now arranged for the depth to be set at 1.5 metres. This will lead to a slight delay in the delivery of the new steps as they had originally been ordered with a one metre depth requirement.

We also asked if we could use both indoor pools as well as the recreation pool. However, the cost to the club for use of the 25 metre additional pool would have been over £7k for our estimated 39 week stay (£180 an hour). Obviously, we cannot afford to pay that sort of money and so we shall continue with the current 25 metre pool and the Recreation Pool.

Please note the following:

Saturday 28th April—No club swim session
(Pre-booked gala pool event)

Saturday 5th May – 6.00-6.30pm club swim session
(Club Championships run from 6.30-7pm)

Saturday 12th May– 6.00-6.30pm club swim session
(AGM evening commences at 7.30pm)

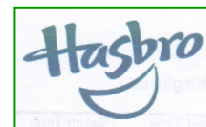
Do you need help finding or getting to the new pool?

We appreciate that it may be difficult for some of you to get to the Hillingdon Sport & Leisure Complex, but if you are in any way concerned, please speak to one of the committee members. We will try all we can to help with any transportation worries.

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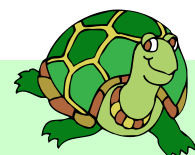


Fourways Ladies Group

London Borough of Hillingdon Youth & Connexions Service

Turtles website: <http://www.ruislipturtles.org.uk/>
Turtles email: turtlesswimming@yahoo.co.uk

Chair (Dave): 07730 047500
Secretary (Marion) 0208 866 8606



Platypus Hatfield Gala Results Saturday 14th April 2012

	Event	Swimmer	Position	
Junior	3 lengths	Sophie Gray	4	
Ladies	3 lengths	Erica Beckwith	1	(Gold)
Gentlemen	3 lengths	Gary Lee	3	(Bronze)
Junior	1 length	Oliver Regan	3	(Bronze)
Ladies	1 length	Karen Hoffmann	2	(Silver)
Gentlemen	1 length	Jack Locket	1	(Gold)
Ladies	Diving	Sophie Gray	3	(Bronze)
Gentlemen	Diving	Tom Oliver	2	(Silver)
Junior	2 lengths	Shaida Ghorbanian	1	(Gold)
Ladies	2 lengths	Jeanette Prentice	5	
Gentlemen	2 lengths	Don Lamb	3	(Bronze)
Junior	3 lengths	Oliver, Tom, Shaida	4	
Ladies	3 lengths	Anne Rourke, Jeanette, Karen	1	(Gold)
Gentlemen	3 lengths	Neil Dew, Don, Jack	1	(Gold)

A really great performance from the whole team. Congratulation to all 12 team members - every one a medal winner. Detailed results and timings can be viewed on our website.

The **next** Invitation Gala will be held at **Potters Bar on Saturday 23rd June**. If you wish to take part, please make Dave Lee aware.

Pos.	Pts.	Team	
1st	64	Turtles	Ruislip
2nd	62	Platypus B	Hatfield
3rd	59	Platypus A	Hatfield
4th	43	Barracuda	Potters Bar
5th	38	Dolphins	Stevenage
6th	24	Kingfisher	Harrow

Current 2012 Medal Table

Swimmer	Total	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Other
Sophie Grey	5	2	1	2	
Oliver Regan	5	1	1	3	
Tom Regan	4	2	1	1	
Anne Rourke	4	2		2	
Jack Locket	3	3			
Karen Hoffmann	3	2	1		
Don Lamb	3	2		1	
Geraldine Leong	3	1	2		
Shaida Ghorbanian	3	1	1	1	
Erica Beckwith	2	2			
Gary Lee	2		1	1	
James Lesnek	1	1			
Ian Andrew Horne	1	1			
Jeannette Prentice	1	1			
Neil Dew	1	1			
Jamie Woodbridge	1				1
Carl Richards	1				1
Totals	43	22	8	11	2

Turtles 2012 Championships Competitors Saturday 5th May @ 6.30pm

Juniors

Oliver Regan
 Jamie Woodbridge
 Ian Andrew Horne
 Sophie Grey
 Tom Regan

Men

Don Lamb
 Gary Lee
 Jack Locket
 James Lesnek
 Carl Richards

Ladies

Anne Rourke
 Gyllian Lucas
 Jeannette Prentice
 Geraldine Leong
 Karen Hoffmann
 Shaida Ghorbanian
 Erica Beckwith

Diving

Jack Locket
 Karen Hoffmann
 Shaida Ghorbanian
 Carl Richards
 Tom Regan
 Sophie Grey



Warner Brothers Harry Potter Studio Tour

The Committee has been discussing our September 2012 Outing and we have been considering a visit to the Warner Brothers Harry Potter Tour.

For those of you who do not know, this brand new facility opened on Saturday 31st March at Leavesden, close to Junction 19 on the M25, where the Harry Potter movies were made.

The tour is a walking tour and takes 2-3 hours and is suitable for wheelchairs (but preferably not electric scooters). The tickets would be for a specific time of day (say 2pm), and if you miss your time slot you may well be refused entry.

We are currently considering a visit on Sunday September 9th. However, tickets are selling quickly and we will need to book soon.

The standard entrance prices are:

Adults (Age 16 and above) £28

Children (4-15) £21

Under 4s go free (but require a ticket).

A 10% discount is available to groups that number 24 or more, reducing the cost to:

Adults—£25.20 Children—£18.90

Disabled visitors are required to pay but their carers can enter for free. Official written proof of disability has to be produced in order to get the concessions.

Although we would expect our group to make their own way to Leavesden, we will be providing a mini bus for those with transport difficulties at a cost of £4 per person.

The initial interest from our members has been quite low and we will not run this outing unless we have at least 24 participants—so please let Marion know if you are interested.

Read more about the attraction on their website:

<http://www.wbstudiotour.co.uk>

Sunday Summer Lunch Outing

We will be arranging another outing to a rural restaurant for a Sunday Lunchtime in June. If you have any suggestions or preferences please let Rosemary know. We will be supplying a mini-bus for this event for a small charge.

Bluebell Railway & Sheffield Park Outing

Please note the pick up times and schedule for the above outing on Sunday 20th May. Please be on time so that we can keep to schedule as we are booked on a specific train journey.

Schedule for Sunday 20th May

9.00	Coach arrives Highgrove
9.20	Coach departs Highgrove
9.30	Coach & Horses Ickenham
9.35	Hillingdon Station
9.45	Long Lane BP Garage
11.20	Arrive Bluebell Railway (Sheffield Park Station)
12.00	Bluebell Railway train trip (Sheffield Park Station)
12.35	Arrive Kingscote Station
13.00	Depart Kingscote Station
13.35	Arrive back at Sheffield Park Stn.
	Visit Railway Museum / Restaurant
14.15	1st Coach to Sheffield Park Gdns.
15.15	2nd Coach to Sheffield Park Gdns.
17.00	Depart Sheffield Pk Gdns. for home

Outings Generally

We are always interested to hear any ideas for new venues, especially for our September Coach Outing. If we do not receive sufficient interest for the 'Harry Potter Tour' we will need an alternative venue. So please come along to the AGM and let us have your views.