



# TURTLES SWIMMING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## Great Start to 2015

The New Year has got off to a great start for the Turtles following a very generous corporate donation of £1300 thanks to one of our members.

The individual wishes to remain anonymous but we are very grateful for this fantastic gesture. It has given our new round of fund raising the best possible lift off.

Established 1964  
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A warm welcome to Jessica Grey who has joined the poolside 'Helper' team as part of the Duke of Edinburgh award training scheme.

Jess has been a Turtles Family Member for a number of years and so is no stranger to our activities.

### Diary Dates

Tuesday 13th January  
Committee Meeting

Sunday 8th February  
Feltham & Hanworth Gala

Saturday 21st February  
Long Distance Swim (6pm) Highgrove

Saturday 14th March  
Hitchin Gala

Saturday 11th April  
Hatfield Gala

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

# British Long Distance Swimming Association



This year we will be completing the Long Distance Swim in one evening session.

We will be hiring Highgrove for an extra hour following our

regular Saturday swim session and we will then utilise all 6 lanes.

The date for the event has been booked for 6pm on Saturday 21st February and so if you

would like to take part please register with Alison. Peter Jones will be running the event as usual, but we will need extra help to manage the counting of the lengths swum.

## Lions Hanworth Airparc Gala - Sunday 8th February



There will be 25 metres and 50 metres Freestyle events, 25 metres Backstroke and also 4 \* 1 Relay events. Unfortunately, we will be not be hiring a min-bus for this event. Please report for 2.45pm for the Gala that commences at 3.30pm.

The following swimmers have been entered for the Hanworth Airparcs Gala:

1	Charlie Laws	5	Anne Rourke	9	Karen Hoffmann	13	James Lesnek
2	Oliver Regan	6	Geraldine Leong	10	Sophie Grey	14	Ian Andrew Horne
3	Antony Laws	7	Jeannette Prentice	11	Don Lamb	15	Carl Richards
4	Jamie Woodbridge	8	Shaida Ghorbanian	12	Gary Lee	16	Neil Dew



## Lions Hitchin Gala—Saturday 14th March

If you would like to take part in the above gala, please make Dave Lee aware. We will be hiring a mini-bus for this event.

## Swim Teaching



We need more Level One and Level 2 swim Teachers to help with the Saturday Pool sessions. If you know of any qualified Level 2 swim teachers who would like to volunteer to help the Turtles please put them in contact with Linda Clarke or Dave Lee.

If any member is interested in taking the Level 1 qualification again please approach Linda or Dave. Part funding support is likely to be available. Details of the next local course is shown opposite. Applicants must be at least 17 years of age.

### ASA Level 1 Award for Teaching Aquatics

Reference: L1T0315-2

Cost: £375

Dates:

Sunday 29 March –  
Thursday 2 April 2015

Times: 09:30 – 18:00

Venue:

St Helens School Sports Centre, Northwood

## NASCH Affiliation



Following a vote at the Committee Meeting on December 9th, it was agreed that the club will no longer continue to be affiliated to NASCH (National Association of Swimming Clubs for the Handicapped). The decision was a very tough one as it brings to an end a near 50 year association with the National body. It will mean that the Turtles will not participate in the 2015 Region One Gala and will not be eligible to participate in the November National Championships.

## Thank You, Combined Charities of Ruislip

We have received a £200 Christmas donation from The Combined Charities of Ruislip. We are as ever, very grateful for the support that we receive from our local charities.

Thank You!

## RIP Alan Chivers

It is with deep regret that we report the passing of Alan Chivers. Although never a member of the 'Turtles', Alan was always very supportive of his wife Anne who has been an active member for many years and currently serves on the Committee.

Alan became well known to us through his good humour and banter while attending most of our social functions.

He will be greatly missed. Our sympathies go to Anne and the family.

Rosemary Noyes.



## Thank you to all the organisations and individuals who support the Turtles



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## A great way to end 2014!

**St Lawrence**  
*Players*

Sue Worker,  
Chair of the  
P l a y e r s  
presenting  
Dave & Gary  
Lee with the  
£800 cheque



**St Lawrence**  
*Players*

Proudly present

Prescription for Murder

by

Norman Robbins

*5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> February 2015 – 8.00pm*

*7<sup>th</sup> February 2015 – 7.45pm*

*Box Office: 020 8868 8259*

**Tickets: Adults £5.00 Children £4.00**

*An Amateur Production presented by special  
arrangement with SAMUEL FRENCH, LTD*

The Chairman (Dave Lee) and his son Gary attended the Christmas get together of the St. Lawrence Players on Thursday 18th December. The 'Players' have been raising money for the Turtles for the last 12 months through their drama productions, raffles and donations.

In receiving an £800 cheque from Chair, Sue Worker, Dave and Gary gave a short presentation to the group reflecting on all the work and successes achieved by the Turtles and expressed their sincere gratitude for this very generous donation.

The St. Lawrence Players have been producing plays in the St. Lawrence Church Hall, Eastcote for over 60 years. Their next production is in February (Prescription for Murder), so if you are interested in amateur dramatics, please go along and support them.

Perhaps you could even get involved in their next production. They are always on the look out for new talent! Thanks again to the 'Players' for their tremendous hard work throughout 2014 in support of our club.

**Best Wishes for 2015 to all our members  
from the Turtles Committee**