



BISHOP'S STORTFORD SWIMMING CLUB BABBLE NEWSLETTER



The club's Welfare Officer is Lorinda Pietersen

If you have any concerns over a child's welfare. Lorinda can be contacted either by calling 07885 370843 or email welfare@bsswimclub.org.uk



The club have received an enquiry from a French Swimming Club who would like to bring a small team of swimmers to our End of Season Meet in 2018.

We would be looking for members to host them during their stay, if you are able to help please speak to Benoit.

At present the swimmers are 4 girls aged between 14 - 16, 3 boys aged between 14 - 18.

East Swimming Long Course Championships 2018 - Update

It has recently been announced that the 800m Freestyle for Men and 1500m Freestyle for Women will be added to the programme at the British Swimming and Swim England Summer Championships.

East Swimming is committed to providing opportunity for the region's swimmers to post a time in the qualification window that might qualify them for these national events. The opportunity will be offered to all of the age groups that make up the East Swimming Long Course Championships.

The session will take place in the early afternoon of Saturday 19th May 2018 at Basildon Sporting Village.

To compete in the Women's 1500m Freestyle, swimmers will need to have obtained the regional 800m qualifying time for their respective age group.

To compete in the Men's 800m Freestyle, swimmers will need to have obtained the regional 400m or 1500m qualifying time for their respective age group.



HERTFORDSHIRE ASA 2018 DEVELOPMENT WEEKEND

Will be held over the weekend of Saturday 24th, Sunday 25th February at Hertfordshire Sports Village.

This annual event in previous years featured speakers from Swim England Programmes Team, specialists from around the country and region who have given insight to the educational workshops, all the workshops were free to attend.

Sample of some of the workshops from this year, Safeguarding & Protecting Children, NSPCC Time to Listen, Understanding Drugs in Sport, Swim England - Parents Guide to Swimming.

Those wishing to become an official Judge 1 course, for those officials which are Judge 1 there will be Judge 2 course and more.

Helpers Course (13 - 16 year olds) this workshop has been designed for young people who wish to actively assist on poolside. This workshop consists of 3 hours of theory and 3 hours practical work. Our Learn to Swim School would like to hear from anyone who attends this course.

Visit Hertfordshire ASA [website](#) over the coming weeks for full details of 2018 Development Weekend.



Please remember to remove your shoes before entering the changing rooms at the College.



ANNOUNCERS COURSE

Would like to become a member of our team of announcers, there will be a course run by Grant Chivers during the Harpenden Open Meet on Sunday 10th December.

Grant has attended a formal professional course and announced at National events.

The Theory will commence at the start of the warm-up about 8am which will last about 2 hours followed by practical experience at the gala which has two sessions.

Please contact [lan Mackenzie](mailto:lan.Mackenzie@bsswimclub.org.uk) to register for the free course, final details will be circulated just prior to the event.

ASA Level 1 Swimming Assistant (Teaching) Qualification

The club are able to offer some funding if any of our members who would like to become a qualified Level 1 Swimming Teacher.

You must be 16 years of age at the start of the course to find a course [click here](#) the average cost is roughly £395 sometimes as a member of a Swim Mark club some courses can be offered cheaper.

If anyone is interested please drop an email to scholarship@bsswimclub.org.uk



CALLING TALENTED ARTISTS AND DESIGNERS

Your committee are considering updating the club's logo. We welcome submissions of proposed designs for a new club logo for the 21st century.

We would like the club colours to remain red and white, but are open as to whether the Hertfordshire stag is retained in the logo.

Please send your designs to Pam Spratt (pam.spratt@bsswimclub.org.uk) by Friday 8th December.



The committee are still looking for volunteers to help with non committee roles.

- ☞ Team Manager
- ☞ Trophy Trustee's
- ☞ Press Officer
- ☞ Social Secretary
- ☞ Volunteer Co-ordinator

If you are able to help with any of the above please email info@bsswimclub.org.uk



Please help support the club when you shop online.

With the festive season and Black Friday approaching, whenever you shop on-line you could be raising funds for Bishop's Stortford.

Join [easyfundraising](#) and you can collect free donations for us every time you buy something. It won't cost you a penny extra so please help us to raise funds.

Visit [ProSwimwear](#) who are the largest swim shop in Europe. They stock competitive swimwear and training equipment. They also carry the largest range and stock of competitive FINA approved race suits.

Purchase BSSC club kit by visiting [Stortford Sports Supplies](#) website



To all the swimmers who have competed in the first two round of the National Arena League Gala's