

Halliwick Penguins Swimming Club

Mini Newsletter –
March 2016



Hello! ...

We are producing this mini-newsletter to give you some important information. We don't do this very often as it is quite expensive and you should always check the noticeboard at the pool

and the club's website (www.halliwickpenguins.org) for the latest information. You can also follow us on Twitter [@halliwick](https://twitter.com/halliwick) where the latest information is posted.

We urgently need your help ...

As you know, the club runs on an entirely voluntary basis and is run and managed by a committee who generously give up their time to make sure that everything runs smoothly.

This year, our secretary is standing down. We URGENTLY need to find someone to take over this role.

Because of the way we have structured things, the job is not particularly onerous and really, amounts to acting as a contact point for the club and making sure that emails and other correspondence we receive gets to the right person in the club. We also have about 3 committee meetings a year (in addition to our annual general meeting) which the secretary should attend if possible.

If you are able to help, then please contact the club Chair, William Wyatt, either by email to william.wyatt@talk21.com or by telephone on 07795 147 964.

There may be other ways you can help us too, so if you feel that you can offer us some time, then please do contact the club Chair to discuss possibilities.

Dates for your diary ...

12/3/16 – No swimming session

19/3/16 – Last swim before Easter break

26/3/16 and 2/4/16 – Leisure Swims (see Wendy Berry)

9/4/16 – First swim of summer term

23/4/16 OR 30/4/16 – Club AGM with buffet – final date to be advised

11/6/16 – Club Gala

25/6/16 – No swimming session

23/7/16 – Last swim before summer break

30/7/16, 6, 13, 20 and 27/8/16 – Leisure Swims (see Wendy Berry)

3/9/16 – First swim of autumn term

15/10/16 – Halliwick AST National Championships (Southgate Leisure Centre)

Attendance at swimming sessions ...

As you know, our swimming sessions only work because we have a fantastic team of people running them and helping out in the water and on the poolside each week.

It takes a lot of effort to try and make sure that the swimming sessions run as smoothly as possible, but this becomes very difficult if swimmers and helpers do not attend regularly and/or do not let us know when they are not able to attend.

Of course, there may be occasions when you cannot attend the swimming sessions, either as a helper or a swimmer, and we understand that. But, please let us know so that we can plan sessions accordingly.

There is a sheet on the table each week so that you can let us know in advance when you are not going to be able to attend. If you are not able to attend at short notice, then you should let Janet know as soon as possible.

For swimmers, it is very important that they do attend as regularly as possible – that

is the only way that progress can be made!

Please also remember that we do have a waiting list of people wanting to join the club. We understand that sometimes, you may not be able to attend the club, and that is not a problem if you let us know. However, if you do not let us know, it means that someone else who may have been able to swim may not be able to.

Our Club Gala ...

The club gala is planned for 11th June 2016. In the weeks leading up to this, we will need help timing swimmers. If you feel you can help with this, then please see Eva Salisch at the club sessions as soon as possible. Training will be given, so don't worry!



Membership Subscriptions ...

If you have not yet paid your membership subscription for 2016, please try to pay this as soon as possible. We charge a membership fee to help cover running and insurance costs.

Congratulations! ...

To all who took part in the recent BLDSA One-Hour Postal Swim combined with our sponsored swim. This is the main way we raise funds for the club and you all did a fantastic job! Results will be posted on the website soon, so watch this space!

Remember to visit the club's website regularly and to follow us on Twitter! ...

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