

JANUARY 2020



HAPPY NEW YEAR

WISHING YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES A HAPPY, HEALTHY & SUCCESSFUL
NEW YEAR

New Year's Day Swim

What a great start to the New Year!

Well done to the 60 or so brave souls who jumped, dipped and splashed at St Catherine's. It was cloudy and overcast but the water temperature was a balmy 10°C although the air temperature was cooler at 7°C.



A huge thank you to the committee members who made the soup and served it up. What a lovely way to warm up!
We raised a fab £60.94 - charity donation TBC!



Warmest congratulations to

Andy Truscott and Alex Bland on the safe arrival of their little girl Mia on November 21st

And to Nick and Sakura Adams on the safe arrival of their twin boys Benjamin and Sebastian on November 22nd.

ANNUAL DINNER



Swimming costumes and dry robes were replaced by posh frocks and dickie bows for our annual dinner and prize giving.

A blue sapphire underwater theme welcomed members and guests to the Hotel Ambassadeur on Saturday 23rd November.



Many thanks to Martine Le Guilcher for the lovely photos, many more of which can be found on our Facebook page.



Hearty congratulations to all the worthy trophy and award winners. A full list will be circulated with this newsletter.



Yet another fabulous and fun evening organised by our dinner ladies, Marilyn Le Guilcher and Pat Roberts.

It was lovely to be joined by so many visiting swimmers and to celebrate their achievements together once again.



Thanks to our “Master of Ceremonies” Cliff Golding for taking charge of the raffle and keeping us all in check!

AGM 2019

Thank you to everyone who attended.

COMMITTEE 2020

Dee thanked all the committee for their hard work and support this year. A vote of thanks was given to Alice Harvey for her years of service on the committee. Dee welcomed Karen Gallichan onto the committee.

President: Dee Richards

Vice Presidents: Adrian Follain & Martin Powell

Treasurer: Marilyn Le Guilcher

Secretary: Jenny FitzGerald

Members: Chantelle Le Guilcher, Chantelle Rose, John Asplet, Bianca Kempster & Karen Gallichan

Halloween Night Swim

Well done to everyone who joined in on Saturday 26th October at Bouley Bay. A bit of a damp, drizzly evening but the water felt surprisingly warm.



1974 – 2019

In celebration of our Sapphire Anniversary year, Sally Minty-Gravett organised a get together of 45 (+1) swimmers to create a sapphire star. It was a fun morning and thanks to Bam Perspectives - Jersey and Paul Lakeman for the fantastic shots and well done to all who joined in to make this happen !!



Not only did we make it onto page 3 of the JEP but we also made it into The Times and The Telegraph!



Sadly we had to cancel the Christmas Pudding swim this year because of inclement weather.

Thank you to manager Ella of the St Clements Marks and Spencer's branch who very generously donated a Christmas Pudding and Mince Pies to the club which were very much appreciated! These were served up at our New Year's Day swim instead and congratulations to Lisa Biddlecombe who was awarded the pudding for

being the last swimmer out of the water.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Alex Begg who was awarded the Channel Swimming Association's Centenary Trophy for the Fastest swim by a British person. He completed his Channel in 11 hours.



Congratulations to Sal Minty-Gravett on being awarded the 'Lifetime achievement award' at the Race Nation 2019 Sport and Move More Jersey Awards.

Sal has been rightly recognised for "dedicating a significant amount of her life to swimming, she's swum the Channel multiple times including a two-way swim and continues to inspire Jersey's swimming fraternity."

Congratulations to all of the juniors who took part in this year's Junior Series sponsored by Granite Products!



A huge thank you also to Julie Pearce of Seymour Ceramics for her fantastic JLDSC coasters that were presented to each junior who took part!



Fundraising

The Dinner Ladies, Pat & Marilyn, are going to finish off their "Fundraising year" by hosting another Quiz Night.



Date TBC but probably after Easter.

English Channel slot criteria



The 2021 slot is booked on the tide 28th July- 1st August. For more information and how to register your interest either for yourself or a relay you'd like to organise, please contact Jenny.

Subscriptions for the 2020 season are now due.
Active life members need to pay their ASA fee which is £15.
Pool fees for the term are £35, please pay promptly.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Pool Swimming

Tuesday night pool swimming resumes January 7th until March 31st.

We have introduced our “Swimmer of the Month” once again and so congratulations to Ollie Butlin and Maddie Edwards and Charlotte Barraud and William Fernandes.



Swimarathon

This year we are swimming on Saturday 14th March at 4pm and have all 8 lanes again. Please contact Chantelle Le Guilcher if you want to join us.

BLDSA Postal Swim

The 2019 results are finally in! Well done to Leigh Chaytor for coming second in her age group with a fantastic swim of 3800m. The cloth badges have arrived and will be given out at the pool.



KEEP CALM
WE'VE BEEN SWIMMING FOR
45 YEARS

From 2020 the administration of the Postal Swim is being changed to online entry only with the hope of speeding up the results process. The swim has been renamed 'BLDSA One Hour Swim Challenge' to reflect what it is.

The aim of the One Hour Swim Challenge is to swim as far as you can in a pool in one hour.

We will be organising the junior swim on 11th February and the seniors on 25th February. It is free for all paid up members.

It would be handy if each swimmer could supply a lap counter but if you're unable to then don't worry. Let us know and we will supply one.

If you are a fellow swimmer or parent and don't want to swim but happy to give us an hour of your time to help count then we would appreciate that and would equally love to hear from you.