

# Bluefins Lessons News

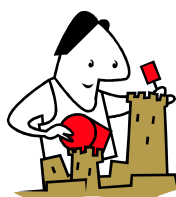


July 2010

## Summer Break

Lessons stop for the summer as usual. The last lesson for each day will be:

Mon: 19<sup>th</sup> July  
Tues: 20<sup>th</sup> July  
Wed: 21<sup>st</sup> July  
Thurs: 15<sup>th</sup> July  
Fri: 23<sup>rd</sup> July  
Sat: 17<sup>th</sup> July  
Sun: 11<sup>th</sup> July

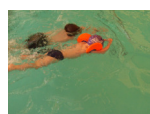


We start back again on 4<sup>th</sup> September - please see the enclosed Lesson Confirmation letter for start dates and times next term.

## Fees

With the usual increase in pool hire costs and a huge jump in ASA registration fees, we have reluctantly been forced to increase Lessons fees by £1 per month to £16 (£24 for 2 lessons per week) from September. Pricewise, we feel we are very competitive with other lessons providers in the area, but should payment ever be an issue for you, please contact Sue before giving up - we are committed to children learning to swim and are always prepared to look at ways of helping. Please remember that for the fee above, we guarantee to provide 36 lessons in any one year period, but will provide more where pool problems allow, at no extra cost to you.

## Intensive Holiday Course August 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> 2010



We have spaces still available on our holiday course at Cranbourne at 2.00, 2.30 or 3.00 on the above dates. These courses are not only great fun, but give children chance

to consolidate what they've learned in lessons and by swimming every day for a week, they learn more quickly. All lessons are held over widths - a great opportunity to pick up on stroke technique. Places are open to all from aged 4 years - contact Sue if you or your friends are interested. The course is a real bargain at £8 for the whole week!

## Website

Whenever possible, Bluefins puts messages on its website - so in times of stress, please check the website so you know what's going on: [www.swimbluefins.org](http://www.swimbluefins.org)



## Email, mobiles and updates

As you probably know, we use email and text messages frequently. PLEASE let Sue know if your email address/mobile number changes so that we are able to reach you in the event of pool closures. Every term, we send you a copy of the details we have on file - please check these and let Sue know if anything has changed.



## Goodbyes....

Many of our teachers are off to Uni in September. Tris Gatum and Luke Bambridge will still be able to teach at weekends, but others will be too far away to travel back regularly. Good luck and thanks go to Rebecca Stephenson, Rachel Campbell, Natasha Stone and Seb Carr; Rachel Stephenson and Laura Beard have finished college but don't yet know if the world of work will allow them time to teach - fingers crossed that they'll be here in September!

## Upgrades....

Lots of our helpers are taking teaching qualifications over the next few months and will move from water to poolside:

Ashley Cherrett, Peter March, Jess Fox, Gemma Wilson, Emily Howland, Chloe Bond, Amy Stringer, Emily Budzynski-Seymour. Good luck to you with your training and good luck too, to Bex James, Tris Gatum and Amy Barnes who are upgrading from Level 1 to Level 2 teachers. We are also pleased to welcome back Zoe Carr and Zoe Wiles after their years working and at Uni.

Bluefins is proud of its efforts to keep our young people in the sport by encouraging them to teach – without them we would be unable to run our Lessons Programme in the extensive form it is today.

## News from the rest of the Club

It's been a busy year for those Bluefins members who compete. We were excited to earn promotion to the **Premier Division** of the **National League** at the beginning of the season the challenge now is to retain a place at the top!

Following this our swimmers competed in many and varied competitions from leagues to Open Meets, including County and Region Championships, some with great success, some just for fun! Our Masters and Senior Swimmers(aged 18 to 118!!!!) are the proud holders of the **Hampshire Masters Cup** for being best team in the County Championships and our Men's Water Polo team won the prestigious **Lady Richmond Brown Trophy**.

Coming up in July/August are the **National Championships** where no fewer than 7 Bluefins members and 2 relay teams – the largest delegation from Basingstoke ever - have qualified to compete against the best in the country. Good luck to them all; watch for their results on the website.

The season starts again in September – not much of a rest period for busy swimmers!

**Club Website:** [www.swimbluefins.org](http://www.swimbluefins.org)

## Volunteers

I'm sure you are aware that Bluefins is a charity organisation run largely by volunteers. With around 800 members, it is a huge task to ensure that everything runs smoothly. We have a team of dedicated people – some parents, some young people, others who've children have long left the club, but we are always looking to expand the team. If you are prepared to help in any way, for however long or short a period, please talk to Sue – see Contacts.

## Changing Rooms

PLEASE do not leave anything unattended in changing rooms. At QMC there are lockers available. At Cranbourne, your child should take his/her clothes onto poolside. We have no control over anyone entering the changing rooms and things do go missing!

### Provisional Lessons Programme from Sept 10

Mon	CB	5.00	R	O	Y	G	S
		5.30	R	O	Y	G	S
		6.00	R	O	Y	B	P
Tue	CB	5.00	R	O	Y	G	S
		5.30	R	O	Y	G	S
		6.00			G	B	P
Wed	CB	5.00	R	O	Y	G	S
		5.30		O	Y	G	S
		6.00	R	O	G	B	P
Thur	QMC	4.30	R	O	Y	G	S
		5.00	R	O	Y	G	S
		5.30	O		G	B	P
Fri	CB	6.30	R	O	Y	S	
		7.00		Y	G	B	P
Sat	CB	9.30	B	P			
		10.00	R	O	Y	G	S
		10.30	R	O	Y	G	S
		11.00	R	O	Y	G	
		11.30	R	O	Y	G	
Sun	CB	9.30			Y	B	P
		10.00	R	O	Y	G	S
		10.30	R		Tadpoles x 3		
		11.00	O		Tadpoles x 3		
		11.30	R	O	Y	G	S

### Contacts:

**Sue (lessons):** 01256 418710  
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**Club Office:** 01256 351921 – leave a message and we'll get back to you