



NEWSLETTER - December 2006

The end of a very busy and eventful year for FDSC during which our swimmers have worked very hard and achieved a great deal.

The Committee and Coaches would like to wish all swimmers and parents a very Happy Christmas and a successful 2007.

Club Championships

We saw a fantastic performance by all swimmers who competed in our recent Club Championships, which culminated in over 350 County Qualifying Times and too many PB's to mention! Well done to everyone, particularly those who swam competitively for the first time.

Thank you to all parents who gave up their time to help make the Championships a success (particularly those who helped out even when their own child was not swimming!) and **special thanks** to Bruce Chamberlain-Clark for organising the whole event.



Speedo League

Our senior swimmers travelled to Staffordshire on Saturday to compete in the final round of this year's Speedo League, where we were seeded 4th but achieved an excellent 3rd place, safeguarding our place in the 2nd Division to which we were promoted last year.

Membership Fees

Just a note to remind you that Club and ASA Fees are due by the end of January - letters will be issued in the New Year. At the same time parents will be given a consent form which needs to be signed on an annual basis to confirm that you are happy for your child to be photographed at team events, etc.

Committee Positions

We would be pleased to hear from any parent who may be interested in joining the Committee and helping in the running of the Club. We are particularly keen to hear from anyone who would consider filling the role of Secretary which recently became vacant.

Last minute stocking-filler?



We still have a small supply of stopwatches available to buy at a snip but they're going fast (boom boom!). Ask at the desk.

Thanks ...

go to Jack McGarry, who recently took part in a sponsored haircut and kindly donated £20 of the proceeds to FDSC.

New Year Disco and Presentation Night

This will take place on Saturday 13th January at Greenfield Village Hall and **all FDSC swimmers** and their families are welcome. Tickets now on sale at £5 per adult, free for swimmers with the price including free soft drinks, swimmers' raffle and a buffet for all. A bar will be available.

County Championships

An early reminder that the Bedfordshire County Championships will take place in March and all FDSC swimmers who have Qualifying Times are strongly encouraged to enter. Deadline for entries is 24th January to allow for inclusion of times achieved in the Biggleswade Open. We will also hold Time Trials on 17th January (for all swimmers excluding Gold and Platinum Squads) which will provide an additional opportunity to gain qualifying times.

Swim 21

We are pleased to advise that FDSC is now a "Swim 21" accredited Club for Skill Development. To obtain this accreditation we were required to fulfil a number of criteria, for example demonstrating that we work in partnership with various organisations, are a well-managed Club with correctly qualified coaches, that our swimmers' training is properly planned, etc. We will be "audited" by the ASA on an annual basis to ensure these standards are maintained and developed, and we hope to organise an official presentation to the Club in the New Year.

Special thanks go to Jan Scotchford for all the hard work she has put into securing this important accreditation.

Christmas Training

Please see the noticeboard and website for details of the FDSC Training Schedule for the Christmas and New Year period.



And finally, food for thought in this Season of Goodwill ...

After a few "incidents" recently, the Committee has been asked to gently remind all swimmers how important it is that you respect your fellow swimmers and treat them in the way you would want them to treat you.