



NEWSLETTER – February 2006

An excellent start to 2006 – we've already notched up our first gala victory of the year (see below) and we have the highest ever number of swimmers qualifying for next month's County Championships.

Keep up the good work!

Club Championships Awards Evening

This took place on 14th January and an excellent time was had by all. Some sparkling new trophies were handed out to deserving recipients, a "lucky dip" kept the children amused, an excellent buffet was laid on and swimmers (and parents!) danced the night away. Similar event already being planned for next year.

Chiltern League success

Flitwick Dolphins had a convincing win in the first round of the Chiltern League on 28th January. The team won by 22 points and achieved 24 PB's. Looking forward to Round 2 on 25th February.

James Hickman Swim Clinic

About 10 swimmers from FDSC attended the clinic run by the five times 200m Fly World Champion at MK in January and found it an enjoyable and rewarding experience. Our Head Coach is planning further similar events in the future so watch this space.

Congratulations ...

... to Adam Kelly who has been pre-selected to participate in a pre-Olympic swimming event to be held in Beijing in 2007. Good luck Adam!

Contact Numbers:

It may be useful for parents to have pool contact numbers readily available, particularly for Bedford High, in case they are delayed for any reason and may be late collecting their child:

- Bedford – 01234 334226
- Flitwick – 01525 717744

Tesco Vouchers

A big "thank you" to all parents who sent in Tesco vouchers. These have now been redeemed and we are the proud owners of new equipment for poolside use and land training.

County Championships

The Bedfordshire County Championships take place over two weekends in March and, as mentioned, a record number of FDSC swimmers will be competing this year – congratulations and good luck to all those who achieved qualifying times. Any swimmer who didn't quite make it is urged to try again next year.

We feel it is worth mentioning as a caution that there have been incidences of suspected theft from swimmers' bags at recent galas – please be vigilant at the Counties and try not to keep valuables in your bags.

Committee Position

We urgently need to fill the position of "Volunteer Co-ordinator". This is basically a liaison role between our various committee members and other volunteers and we would be delighted to hear from any parent who could fulfil this role. Please ask for further details at the Club Desk if you think you may be interested.

Club Desk

Another plea for volunteers to man the Club Desk on Wednesdays and Sundays. Any offers of help, however small, would be gratefully received.

Swimmers please note:

- Reminder again not to leave bags etc in the changing rooms whilst training or at galas.
- Please label all of your kit – fins, boards etc are continually going missing and it's difficult to unite them with owners unless they are named
- Please tell your coach immediately if you notice any problems with the pool – a situation arose recently where "something unpleasant" was floating on the water at Flitwick and we need to make the Leisure Centre aware of such issues immediately they arise

Website

Don't forget to visit www.flitwickdolphins.com for up to date details on fixtures, results and general news/information. As promised, entry packs for Open Galas can now also be found on the site.