



BEXLEY BEAVERS

Making swimming accessible for disabled people and their families since 1967

Bexley Beavers is a Registered Charity. Charity Number: 1156520

NEWSLETTER - MAY 2016

On April 3rd 2016, we completed **2 years** as a Registered Charity, thanks to Mr. Norman Leach, our Treasurer, who received a Civic Award for this achievement.



“The swimming club lost its source of income and was going to close after more than 40 years when Norman, then a volunteer lifeguard for the club, worked almost single-handedly and drummed up support from members to raise funds for the club and keep it going. Over the last 2 years he has made the club a registered charity and kept it going as a fundamental activity for many disabled people in Bexley. Any disabled person in Bexley is welcome to come and join the swimming sessions every Friday and to bring their family and friends along. This provides a physical activity and an opportunity for families to socialise and relax together.”

If you have interesting news or any helpful information you would like to share please email us via the website www.bexleybeavers.org or see us at the desk on Fridays.

It is time to review our membership and we shall soon be handing out welcome packs at the door for families to register as members.

Bexley Beavers Swimming Club began in 1967. So next year will mark 50 years and we need to celebrate in style. Please send in your ideas as soon as possible.

We would like to remind you of our basic rules to make our swimming sessions safe and pleasant for everyone (*in addition to all Parkwood's rules and regulations*):-

- 1. Parents and carers must be in or by the pool to supervise their children and persons in their charge at all times. Bexley Beavers only provides the facility to swim and are not responsible for looking after any of our members.**
- 2. Any member wishing to swim backstroke must do so in the swimming lanes only.**
- 3. All members must adhere to lifeguards' decisions.**

YOUR COMMITTEE

CELINE OLSZOWKA - CHAIR

NORMAN LEACH – TREASURER AND LIFEGUARD

THELMA MORITO – SECRETARY

CHRIS DEERING – LIFEGUARD, TRAINER AND SAFEGUARDING

MICK SADLER - LIFEGUARD

DAVID SADLER - LIFEGUARD

SAMANTHA MORITO - LIFEGUARD

JAAN CLARKE - LIFEGUARD

HELEN AMBROSE - TRUSTEE

EILEEN CASEY – TRUSTEE

PARAIG MCGOVERN – TRUSTEE AND WEBSITE DESIGNER

Last December, **Norman Leach, Samantha Morito** and **Jaan Clarke** did the NPLQ course to become lifeguards. They have joined our 3 initial lifeguards: Chris Deering (trainer), Mick and David Sadler.

We need more volunteer lifeguards. If you are interested in being trained on the next course, please email via the website or phone Norman on 020 3393 8305, or see us at the desk.

BEXLEY BEAVERS CONTACT DETAILS

Website: www.bexleybeavers.org.uk

Phone: 020 3393 8305

Email: info@bexleybeavers.org.uk

USEFUL WEBSITES AND NUMBERS

BEXLEY VOICE

Website: www.bexleyvoice.org.uk

Phone: 07512 409936

Email: bexleyvoice@hotmail.co.uk

BEXLEY SNAP

Website: www.bexleysnap.org.uk

Phone: 02083201488

Email: admin@bexleysnap.org.uk

BEXLEY NAS

(Use bexleyvoice website)

Phone: 07826 950496

Email: bexley@nas.org.uk

BRIDGING THE GAP

Website: www.btgse.co.uk

Phone: 020 8300 5444/07557 278 215

Email: info@btgse.co.uk

ADDITIONAL NEEDS YOUTH CLUB AT DANSON YOUTH CENTRE

On Thursdays 7pm-9pm for ages 16-25years.

Phone Anne Bowman on 0208-3036052 for queries.

CARERS SUPPORT

Website: www.carerssupport.org.uk

Phone: 020 8302 8011

Email: info@carerssupport.org

Please send in any helpful sites and contact numbers you may wish to share with others.