

DRUMSHEUGH BATHS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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Subscriptions

Invoices have now been sent to members paying subscriptions annually. If you have not received an invoice, please contact manager@drumsheughbaths.com. Everyone paying by direct debit does not need to do anything, these will be updated by us.

Timetable change

Due to a change in personal circumstances for Anna, the Pilates and Barre classes on Thursday have been moved to 09.15 and 10.15.

Junior Lifesaving

Junior lifesaving sessions will start again in the first week in February. These sessions are aimed at children aged 12 years and over and will be based on the RLSS Lifesaving Academy programme. Sessions will take place on a Wednesday evening 7-8pm. The initial block will be for 8 weeks beginning 7th February to 27th March. Children must be competent swimmers to participate.

If your child is interested in taking part or you would like further information, please either email staff@drumsheughbaths.com or speak to Alick when in the Club. The cost is £40 per term of 8 weeks.

The Directors - what do we do?

This month we profile the role on the Board of our legal director Caroline Docherty, OBE

I retired in 2020, after 40 years in private practice as a solicitor. Since joining the Board and becoming company secretary I have utilised all of the skills gained from my specialisation in land development and planning law, as well as my role heading up another Edinburgh based membership organisation with an historic building. And much more!

I never thought that immediately after retiring I would quickly have to become an in-house "expert" on the furlough scheme, and the ever-changing Covid regulations and law. In between the monthly duties of drafting Minutes of meetings, I advise on disciplinary, complaints, contractual, and HR issues, along with constitutional and governance matters. And of course all sorts of ad hoc legal issues can arise, such as fly-tipping and cycle parking regulations. For the last year, I have been working, along with our architect, and assisted by other directors, on securing funding from Edinburgh World Heritage to defray the cost of the work required to the external fabric of our building identified in the quinquennial review. The

process has been long, but we are now in the final stages of legal requirements, and expect to see work commence in late February.

Timetable and swim lessons

Swimming Pool Timetable

We are in final discussions with a swim school to provide swimming lessons at the Club. We are hopeful to have an agreement in place by the end of this month, when more information will be provided. Thank you for your patience during this time.

DBCL Book Group

Back in October member John Gilmour kindly organised a meeting of people interested in starting a DBCL book group. The group quickly agreed that it would concentrate on contemporary literary fiction and meet every 6 weeks or so. The first book was chosen, John shared notes on how to structure discussions, and there have now been two very successful and enjoyable meetings. The core group currently comprises 16 people, and divides into two for the discussion if more than 8 people attend. The discussion lasts for about an hour and a half, and the group comes back together at the end for a more informal chat for those who want to. Members can bring their own drinks and snacks and meet in the members' lounge and/or the balcony. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 28 February, from 6.15 pm, and the book will be Lessons by Ian McEwan.

Anyone interested in joining will be very welcome (provided they have read the book!) and should please get in touch with John Gilmour (john@bluebayou.co.uk) or Caroline Docherty (dochertycaroline@gmail.com)

Class bookings

We have altered the booking system to ask that members provide a contact telephone number when booking a class. This is to ensure that staff can contact those attending a class if it must be cancelled at short notice. If you are not happy providing this information, please type in the number 0.

Class Cancellations

We received feedback from the recent members' meeting and comments from several members who have indicated frustration at class non-attenders and with being unable to book classes at the Club soon after the bookings are made available. It was decided we would carry out an analysis of our class bookings, in terms of attendance and cancellations. As a result of this, it has been found that a core group of members are regularly making a large number of cancellations for classes. To give you context, so far this year, 108 class bookings have been cancelled.

As a result of this, from Monday 22nd of January, the class booking window will be reduced from 2 weeks to 1 week and a new fitness class policy will be introduced. The policy is as follows:

Fitness classes

Fitness classes require to be booked in advance, using the booking system accessible through the members' area of the Club website. Members without internet access can book by telephoning the Club and speaking to a member of staff. Booking for classes opens 7 days in advance at 6 am. If places are available in a class, they can be booked until the commencement of the class.

Members should only book classes that they know they can attend. In the event that a member books a class and is unable to attend, they must cancel the booking at the earliest opportunity.

The Club has introduced a “four strikes and you are out (for 7 days)” policy to address frequent cancellation of class bookings, and “no shows” for classes. This policy operates as follows:

A member shall be barred from attending classes for a period of 7 days in the event that they either:

accumulate four Strikes in any 30-day period. A Strike is defined as cancelling a class with less than 24 hours' notice, or failing to attend a booked class without having cancelled; or cancel more than four class bookings within any 30-day period.

Kind Regards
Paul Dunlop
General Manager