

# DRUMSHEUGH BATHS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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#### **Maintenance**

Work is ongoing to resolve the issue with the gym toilet. AC Lessels, pipe and drain work specialists, have jet blasted the pipes while putting a camera down to investigate the cause of the blockage. They have reported the issue and with their assistance and that of the Clubs' plumbers, we are exploring options to get the toilet back open as soon as is practically possible.

#### **Gym Showers**

Please leave the shower cubicles in the gym area clean and tidy after use, we rely on members leaving the cubicles as they find them. Can all members also ensure they are not wearing outdoor footwear beyond the foyer.

#### **Staffing**

Luke Davis joined the team as a Leisure Attendant last month after completing his lifeguard qualification and has settled in well. Luke previously worked for Ryanair as a flight attendant and he enjoys keeping fit and plays for his local Sunday league football team, Midlothian Milan.

#### **Cycle Parking**

As those who cycle to the Club are aware, there is limited secure bicycle parking in the area around the Club.

We have been in contact with Edinburgh Council over many months to request secure cycle parking on the road outside the Club.

We managed to arrange an on-site meeting with a representative of the road safety and active travel team last week and following that, he has agreed to put the Club on the list for funding and approval next year. Unfortunately, the budget and rollout for cycle parking this year is full.

This is obviously not the immediate outcome we would like, and we asked if we could carry out this work ourselves. This is not possible as a Road Traffic Order is required with a statutory consultation period.

We are continuing to liaise with the Council on this matter and given the new cycle route running through the city, we are hoping additional cycle parking funding will be a priority. Voluntary and Social Activity Programme

### **Book Club**

This Autumn, we are planning a Book Group to meet about every 6 weeks to discuss a fiction book suggested by a member. The emphasis is on enjoyment and a relaxed exchange of views over coffee, tea, or even a glass of wine (BYOB). The group will be self-managed, self-funded, and initially limited to 8 members so everyone gets a chance to contribute.

If you are interested, please get in touch with John Gilmour at [john@bluebayou.co.uk](mailto:john@bluebayou.co.uk) or put your name on the list on the members' noticeboard.

### **Cycle Group**

For anyone interested in an occasional cycle ride please get in touch with Mike Johnston on his mobile number 07812 236400.

There are no fixed ideas around what types of rides, duration, or frequency. If you could get in touch by early October then we'd hope to arrange the informal chat soon thereafter.

For further information on these groups please check the members' noticeboard regularly for updates.

### **Talking Heads Series 1**

Talking Heads is a short series of informative talks by Drumsheugh members to be held at the Club. The following talks have been confirmed and we will be in touch with the dates and times for these talks.

A JOURNEY THROUGH PHOTOGRAPHY

by Douglas Corrance

KEEPING THE DOCTOR AWAY

by Catherine Calderwood

A POETIC INTRODUCTION

by Lizzie Smith

THE RNLI AND THEIR ACTIVITIES

by Jacqui Horsburgh

Further Talking Heads series are planned. All suggestions considered. Contact [manager@drumsheughbaths.com](mailto:manager@drumsheughbaths.com)

Kind Regards  
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