

DRUMSHEUGH BATHS CLUB

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Board of Directors

There have been some recent changes to the Board of Directors of the Drumsheugh Baths Club.

Stephen Archer and Tony Vettraino have stepped down from their positions on the Board after 7 years of service. Stephen, with his responsibility for energy efficiency in the Club, led the team to source and install the pool cover which saved considerable fuel costs associated with heating the pool. Tony was very active in the procurement and installation of the sauna and steam room and, during the Covid closure, spent many hours repainting the Club. We would like to thank them both for the great deal of support, time and commitment they have given and hope they continue to enjoy using the Club.

The Board is delighted to announce the appointment of three new directors from the membership, Elspeth Atkinson, Alistair Harvey and Jo Nove.

Elspeth has been a distant member for many years, but she has now retired and returned to Edinburgh. Her career was in Economic Development with Scottish Enterprise and as Head of Economic Development for Edinburgh. More recently, she held senior roles in two large charities.

Alistair has enjoyed being a member of the Club for 17 years. Prior to his retirement, Alistair worked in the construction and oil industry, in many locations and cultures. Laterally, he was a business consultant facilitating major companies reorganise and resolve problems. He has replaced activities such as climbing and ski touring with golf and the Club's fitness classes.

Jo is the Director of Strategy and Brand for the national blood cancer charity, Myeloma UK, and joined the Club in 2017. An experienced not-for-profit and third sector leader, she promotes best practice in organisational governance. In her spare time she swims, reads and can occasionally be found in the gym.

Each of these new directors has considerable skills to add to our Board and to complement existing directors Caroline (legal), John (finance) and Robert (property). We are, as a group, looking forward to continuing to support Paul and the staff in the operation of the Club for the enjoyment of our members.

Carol Keith
Chair

Building Work - complete

Building and roofing work is now complete ahead of schedule. Work will still be ongoing on the roof above the gym and gym shower area to resolve leaks that occur during heavy rainfall. Can I also remind all members that no bikes are allowed to be chained to both the metal grilling and the lamppost outside the Club, as this can cause damage to the new stonework.

Guests

We are delighted when members bring their friends and families to visit the Club. Each member may bring 2 guests per month. Just speak to a member of staff on poolside to pay the guest fee of £5 per guest in cash or use the card machine. If you have house guests staying and would like them to enjoy our facilities, please speak to me and I will let you know the cost and arrange for guest passes.

During the festival one member had BAFTA winning star, Jack Docherty, Scottish writer and actor who plays Chief Miekelson in Scot Squad, visiting from London for the fringe. He was regularly seen looking for bams in the sauna!

Swimming Lessons

Stepping Stones are continuing to provide our members with exclusive swim lessons and spaces are available for anyone wishing to add their kids to the learn to swim programme. For more information, please visit the Stepping Stones website (<https://www.steppingstonesswimming.com/>) or email admin@steppingstonesweb.co.uk

Member Events

We have 2 member events coming up. There are still some spaces for both, if you would like to attend, please speak to a member of staff.

Members Evening | Wednesday 11th Sep | Members Lounge | 18.30-20.00
British Heart Foundation Talk | Wednesday 18th Sep | Studio | 18.30-19.30

Book Club

The book group met again as soon as the Edinburgh Festival was over, to discuss *The Bee Sting* by Paul Murray – one of the beach books of the summer, and a “monster” read at 650 pages. Our next meeting will be on 9 October, when the book under discussion will be *Vinegar Girl* by Anne Tyler. Looking ahead to November, the book we have chosen is *Olive Again* by Elizabeth Strout. We meet at 6.30 at the Club. Meetings last for about an hour and a half. We sometimes have a glass of wine, we sometimes don't!

If anyone is interested in joining us, and has not been to a meeting before, please just email Caroline Docherty at dochertycaroline@gmail.com – and she will add you to the WhatsApp group, so that you can be included in future updates.

Kind Regards
Paul Dunlop
General Manager