

Jubbly 640

19th November 2007

ENGLISH SCHOOLS SUCCESS

Congratulations to the divers and to our volunteers – the powers that be were very, very impressed with our event organization. Full report below.

STAR OF THE WEEK

Laura Elver (Level 1).

Laura has been struggling to get to grips with somersaulting skills but has recently learnt a forward and inward 1½ from 3m. This is a huge achievement – well done!!

SPORTS AWARDS

It's awards time again. This time of the year sees many, many award ceremonies, celebrating the successes of local and national sporting heroes.

Locally, Thomas Daley, Tonia Couch and Andy Banks have all be short-listed for the Herald's Sports Awards. Thomas has also been short-listed for the South West BBC Young Sports Person of the Year, the National BBC Young Sports Person of the Year and the Square Mile Sport Young Sports Person of the year.

Diving being recognised in amongst other more high profile sports is amazing, particularly on a national level and the ceremonies themselves provide a great platform (no pun intended), to promote the sport.

Well done and good luck!!

APOLOGIES

We are sorry to those who missed out on lessons on Monday 19th Nov due to an accident in the pool.

Unfortunately it was too short notice to call people and let them know of the cancellation.

We don't like to let people turn up when there is no diving but on this occasion we were guided by advice from the pool management and had no choice.

CHRISTMAS

It is likely there will be a pool closure from 17-22 Dec. Squads will continue training with dry land only and intermediate/advanced groups will train during the week between Xmas & New Year, instead. This is the first time in 15 years we will run classes during that week.

We may also run development days and private lessons during that time, but we'll have more information on that for you shortly.

ENGLISH SCHOOLS

The English Schools is a very unusual competition. It's the only event, where divers can mix 1m and 3m dives in the same competition. It can often provide some interesting results!

Despite diving a little below his best, Thomas was a comfortable winner in the Intermediate Boys category and after two excellent competitions, Jessica Taylor and Kyle Prior both picked up silver medals against tough opposition.

Ashley Hendrick put in one of his best and most consistent performances to date and was unlucky to finish fourth in what was an extremely high quality field. Jenny Bunsell put in an excellent performance to finish in 6th place, just 9 points from a medal in a very close contest.

Charlotte Donoghue was unable to replicate her great form from training and with a few missed dives, finished 7th in the Junior Girls category.

Gregory Kennedy was literally thrown in at the deep end for this event which was a much higher level than he had previously competed in. Nevertheless, he did a great job for the team and didn't let the occasion faze him at all. He finished 6th in the Primary Boys event.

In one of the closest team title races for some time, we finished a remarkable 4th place. Why is that so remarkable? Because the teams represent Divisions or Regions. Our entire Division 5 Team was made up solely of Plymouth Diving members, where others were made up of several of the top clubs competing as one team. So well done everyone!!

A special thanks to John Allan who set up and ran the computer system all day. Thanks also to Trish Walters and Tracey Cunningham who were on medal ceremony duty, looking after our little medal bearers. Thanks also to Jayne Glynn and Angela King who recorded the events all day.

Thanks also to the divers who acted as medal bearers throughout the day. It's a simple touch that makes a big difference.

The whole day was fabulously received by the powers that be who were very impressed with our events Team, so thanks again.

We have divers competing this weekend in Luton, Brooke in Holland and the following week, Thomas, Tonia and Sarah go off to Canada. Good luck to all the divers. We wish you all the best.

MAIN PROGRAMME DATES		
30 Nov-1 Dec	15 th Anniversary Dive Show weekend (POSTPONED UNTIL END JAN TBC)	
17-22 Dec	Likely pool closure dates – more information soon	
23-24 & 27-31 Dec	Revised training schedule, development days & private lessons More information soon	
COMPETITIVE PROGRAMME DATES		
23-25 Nov	Luton Age Group Meet	Selected divers from Intermediate Squad and up.
STAFF ABSENCES		
20-21 Nov	Andy – synchro camp	
22-25 Nov	Andy - Luton	
2-11 Dec	Andy – CAMO meeting, Canada	

Regularly used terms: Intermediate Group - divers working towards Grade 5 & BS1 & 2. Advanced Group - divers that have passed Grade 5 & Board Skills 2. Squads competitive training groups. Novices - first rung of competitive ladder. Intermediate/Age Groups - next rung of competitive ladder. Elite Juniors - highest level domestic event for divers aged 9-18. Junior - 18 & under. Senior - all ages (where you will find our elite Olympic divers).

Diving balcony etiquette - Parents please do not coach your children or call them over during classes, Divers must be clothed and wearing shoes when on the balcony and if you are using still or video cameras, please sign the book at reception and ensure you only take footage of your own child.

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