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DIVE SHOW TICKETS ON SALE IN THE OFFICE!

**Book today – avoid disappointment. 1½ hours of family entertainment, with something for everyone!
Shows are 5-6 April, see posters for details.**

THE WORLD CUP

The national and local press was full with Thomas's exploits but two other Plymouth Divers performed exceptionally well at the largest and most high pressure diving event ever staged.

In a sensational return to World Class competition, Brooke Graddon just missed out on her first World level final by a handful of points. She finished 13th and qualified one of two spots for Great Britain in the Women's Platform. Stacie Powell from Southampton qualified the second spot coming 9th and it will now be down to a trial in June to determine exactly who will take those spots at the Olympic Games.

With Partner Monique McCarroll from Southampton, Sarah Barrow finished 7th in the Synchronised Women's Platform event, again qualifying a spot for GB in this event at the Games in August. Sarah will contest the trial in June, where the final decision as to who take that spot, will be made.

Only those divers who finished in the top 8 in an individual event, earned themselves a guaranteed spot – everyone else qualified a spot for their Country and who takes that spot will be determined by a trial in June.

Finishing 7th, Thomas did just that and as we are sure you will have heard, has guaranteed himself a place to return to Beijing in August to compete on the biggest stage of all – the Olympic Games. Whether he gets the opportunity to repeat his medal winning

performance in the synchronised platform, will be determined by the trial in June!

In all, GB now has spots for 14 divers to compete at the Beijing Olympics – doubling the number of spots acquired for the Athens Games in 2004. The only other Nations to qualify at least one spot in ALL of the diving disciplines were China (of course), Germany, Russia and the USA. This puts GB right up there with the World's best and is an amazing achievement.

The three Plymouth divers have been a part of history in the making and can be very proud of themselves as we are of them.

SHIPLEY NOVICES

The team has just returned from Bradford and the Shipley novices, but we currently don't have any results, so we will do a full report next week, when we can make sure we have all our facts!

DIVE SHOWS

Everyone involved in the shows should have received their invitation (all divers on the competitive side of the programme).

It's important to realise that the poolside team are involved for longer than anyone else in the show and their part is choreographed and scripted, which is why it's so important for them to make all practices.

If your child is ill or injured and not actually able to get in the water for those practices, they can still come and learn the routines without getting wet.

We hope everyone will be able to take part - it's a great experience and in the past, it has been the main topic of conversation for weeks afterwards!

DINNER/DANCE

We are holding a dinner/dance on 4th April at the Duke of Cornwall.

We are just finalising the costs. It will be over £25 but under £30.

The menu is stunning and we hope you will all join us for a lovely evening – details coming soon

NEW PROGRAMME ADMINISTRATOR

Andy Lewis today, started his role as programme administrator and over the coming weeks, will familiarise himself with the programme before Sam takes off!

Sam flies on 9th May, but will leave her job on 25th April, so the dinner/dance on 4th April will be her official goodbye to Plymouth Diving.

FORTCOMING EVENTS

We have divers going to the National Age Group Championships at the end of this month. Finalised costings will be put out shortly.

Information on the Hydro Novices in Harrogate will be out shortly also.

MAIN PROGRAMME DATES		
4 April	Dinner/dance, Duke of Cornwall	
5-6 April	Dive Shows – book now!	
7-11 & 14-18 April	Easter holiday courses – development days & private lessons available, plus crash courses for those who want to do awards	
26 April	Next Flip ‘n’ Fun competition – details soon	
5 May	Bank holiday, no diving	
19-24 May	Next Intermediate/Advanced Group assessments	
26 May	Bank holiday – no diving	
27-30 May	Half term courses	
COMPETITIVE PROGRAMME DATES		
27-30 Mar	National Age Groups, Southampton	Info out next week
5 May	Bank holiday – no diving	
10-11 May	Hydro Novices, Harrogate (confirmed date – apologies for the confusion)	Team to be notified shortly
26 May	Bank holiday – no diving	
26-30 May	National Elite Juniors	Selected divers
STAFF ABSENCES		
15-24 March	Andy & Sally away, European Champs, Eindhoven.	

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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Child Protection - Plymouth Diving's independent Welfare Officer, Kathy Hancock, Kathy@plymouthdiving.com, 07759266041, Plymouth City Sports Child Protection Officer, Sam Grevett 01752 607206, ASA Swimline 0808 100 401