



A message from the Chair

It was great to meet with members at the **2002 Annual General Meeting** on Sunday 3rd March in Birmingham.

At this, we appointed two new Vice Presidents, Agnes Buttery and Ettie Broom, both now in their 80's. They were founder members of Crewe SeaHorse SC in 1956 and since we began our regular AGMs in 1969 have only been unable to attend on two occasions! Last year it was because British Rail couldn't guarantee to get them to Birmingham for 11 am! Not to be outdone, this year they travelled by coach on the previous day, staying over-night at a Birmingham hotel!

By now you should all have received a copy of our 'Annual Report'. **The AGM approved and adopted a revised Constitution which has also been approved by the Charity Commission.** This was in order to satisfy various changes that needed to be made regarding 'Trustees' and other matters to make the document more appropriate to our organisation and also to recognise some recent developments in charity law.

Following the AGM at the meeting of the newly elected National Executive, a '**Complaints/Grievance Procedure**' was also approved. For a copy see the separate downloadable document.

For use at the 2002 Annual National Swimming Championships last year, we purchased 60 Green T-shirts printed with "Halliwick Official". These are available for the use of any Region for their own Regional Championships. Please contact Phyl McMillan who looks after them; the only condition being that they are collected from her and returned to her properly laundered!

The National Competition Committee have asked that we send out to all affiliated clubs, with this Newsletter, **a copy of the revised 'League Rules'**, which will operate for League Competitions between clubs in Regions leading to the finals at the 2003 Annual National Swimming Championships which will be held at Sevenoaks in Kent on 11th October. For a copy see the separate downloadable document.

As I have said before, please feel free to contact me direct about any item in this **Newsletter**. If I don't have the answer, I feel sure that I can put you in contact with someone who does!

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Protection of Vulnerable People

Our 'Policy and Procedures for Protection of Vulnerable People' document, which is nearing completion, will hopefully be approved by the next Executive meeting on 1st June, after which a copy will be sent to all affiliated clubs, together with a copy of our publication 'Safe to Swim', a vital piece of background reading. In the January edition of this Newsletter, under the article regarding this subject headed 'Criminal Records Bureau, we stated that *'Subsequent changes in the law now require all Volunteers to be checked by the Criminal Records Bureau.'* which was not strictly correct. Although voluntary organisations such as ourselves are not "required" to carry out Criminal Record Checks on our volunteers (as non-voluntary bodies are required to do on their staff), it is highly recommended that we do so and the association accordingly recommends the policy to its members. In the mean time, a number of clubs have already taken up the offer of receiving copies of the application form and information leaflet as used by Hull Optimists, as a basis for 'in-club' discussions until our official document is available.

These are still available by e-mailing: patrick.hastings@btopenworld.com.

Remember to visit our Website www.halliwick.org.uk, which is continually being up-dated. Once again, let us know what you think of our Website and what further information needs to be included. E-mail suggestions to the National Chairperson patrick.hastings@btopenworld.com

If this Newsletter has **not** been sent to the correct Club contact, it is important that you write to Eric Dilley at the ADKC Office to give him the correct contact so that our records can be updated.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2003 - 2004

- Sat/Sun - 26/27 April National Education, Publications & SHTE Committee's Meetings in London.
- Sunday - 1 June National Executive Committee Meeting, Oxford, 11 am start.
- Sunday - 15 June National Competition Committee Meeting at the Chepstow Leisure Centre,
South Wales, starting at 11 am.
- Saturday - 13 Sept National Management Committee Meeting, London, 11 am start.
- Saturday - 11 Oct 34th Annual National Swimming Championships at Sevenoaks, Kent.
Doors open - 2.30 pm, prompt start - 3 pm.
- Sunday - 2 Nov National Executive Committee Meeting, Oxford, 11 am start.
- Sunday - 7 March, **2004 AGM** & National Executive Committee Meeting, Birmingham, 11 am start.

Slovenia 2002 - October 4th - 6th International Halliwick Association Conference

Delegates from GB were: Ann Gresswell - Lecturer and Chair of IHA Education & Research
Beryl Kelsey - Lecturer and IHA Committee member
Dr Joan Martin - Lecturer and author of this article
Pamela Wood - Lecturer and Chair of the GB Publications Committee
William Wyatt - IHA Secretary and Chairman of Halliwick Penguins SC

We were met at the airport and driven to Topolscia, where the Conference was held.

Subject: Creativity in Movement and Games in the Halliwick Concept.

Opening Ceremony was held on the evening of October 4th, in the pool. A Slovenian Folk tale was acted by teenagers with Learning Difficulties (using the poolside and water).

October 5th

Professor Vute from Slovenia, Ann Gresswell from GB and I spoke on aspects of the above subject; Professor Vute on Sport, Ann on Communication and I on the History of Halliwick and future ideas. After a coffee break, there were speakers from Japan, Poland, Great Britain, Croatia and of course the hosts, Slovenia. All told how 'Halliwick' was progressing in their country.

In the afternoon, there was a series of short presentations, which included two excellent videos. This was followed by a pool session, where local disabled children and adults were handled by delegates. Dinner was held at the Conference Centre.

October 6th

The IHA General Assembly meet, Chaired by Beryl Kelsey & William Wyatt as Secretary, both from GB. Ann Gresswell as Chair of the International Education Committee gave a report on their work. Finance and future plans were discussed. Slovenia is a very promising country, which is already introducing the Halliwick Concept into neighbouring Poland, Bosnia & Croatia. It forms a new centre for Halliwick in the centre of Europe.

Compiled by Dr Joan Martin

Stop Press! Reimbursement of Training Course Fees

Alan French of Barking Beavers SC has passed onto us the following useful snippet of information. Recently at a NASCH 'Helpers Course' participating club members were told of a useful way of obtaining reimbursement of their Course Fees. Approach your local Sports Council and ask if they have a Training Fund that would cover this cost. *It worked for them, why not try it!*
This would also help those clubs who at present do already pay members' course fees.

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OR, direct to the Chairperson, if late!

Dates & Venues of future Halliwick AST Training Courses on The Halliwick Concept,
(formerly known as 'Method'), appear on **our Website**.