



Halliwick AST Newsletter

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A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR MEMBERS !

A message from the Chair

I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas. As I say each year at this time, now it's back to swimming to help lose those extra pounds, sorry kilograms, gained in over indulging!

I would like to bring to the attention of all affiliated Clubs, especially those who are **only** affiliated to our organisation and not to either NASCH and/or ASA, the article below dealing with the '**Criminal Records Bureau (CRB)**', regarding new Child Protection Procedures.

Over the weekend of June 27 to 29, we are holding a training course entitled '**Presentation Skills for Lecturers and trainee Lecturers**'. The venue is in Hull and starts with a welcoming party and barbeque on the Friday evening. The course itself is on the Saturday and Sunday and though it is aimed at lecturers and trainee lecturers, anyone who talks to either their Club or Groups about 'Halliwick' is welcome to attend. If you can get there, it is Fun and it is FREE! For further details contact Beryl Kelsey on 01482-353 547.

Finally, I look forward to meeting many of you at the **2002 Annual General Meeting on Sunday 3 March in Birmingham** at the 'Tally Ho' Training and Sports Centre, Pershore Road, Edgbaston at 11 am, followed by a meeting of the new National Executive. Refreshments provided. Agenda and map will follow shortly.

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!

Patrick Hastings, Chairperson.

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Criminal Records Bureau

In 1997 Halliwick AST issued a 'Policy and Procedures for Child Protection' document, which was based on 'self-certification'. Subsequent changes in the law now require all Volunteers to be checked by the Criminal Records Bureau. This document is now being updated by a sub committee (Bob & Betty Chapman, Eric Dilley and Joan Martin) to incorporate procedures necessitated by the Criminal Records Bureau (CRB). The CRB undertakes checks or disclosures on individuals who wish to work with 'vulnerable people', which were previously called 'police checks'.

NASCH (the National Association of Swimming Clubs for the Handicapped) has already registered with the CRB as an official body to undertake this work and has kindly offered to process our applications from new volunteers. The procedure and forms to be completed will be included in our new Policy document, but this may take a while.

As an interim measure, Hull Optimists have produced an application form and information leaflet for new helpers. If other clubs would like to use these as a basis for '*in-club*' discussions until the new official documents are issued, they are available by e-mail from: 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

Can I appeal to Clubs to let us know if they would like their own Web site included under our Web site 'Links' page.

The problems that we experienced in 2002, appear to have been resolved, thank goodness!

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

Sunday - 9 February	National Competition Committee Meeting at Furze Field Leisure Centre, Potters Bar, Hertfordshire, starting at 11am.
Sunday - 2 March	AGM & National Executive Committee Meeting, Birmingham, 11am start.
Sat/Sun - 26/27 April	National Education, Publications & SHTE Committee's Meetings will be held in <u>London</u> .
Sunday - 1 June	National Executive Committee Meeting, Oxford, 11am start.

Report on the INTERNATIONAL HALLIWICK ASSOCIATION (IHA)

Things have been very exciting over the last few months at the International Halliwick Association: In October, a number of us went all the way to Slovenia for an IHA Conference and General Meeting. Many counties took part including the UK, Japan, Croatia, and of course Slovenia to name but a few. The weekend began very well and the local Halliwick Members gave us an in-pool demonstration and presentation. The Saturday was Conference day and it was great to hear news and presentations from several different counties about how they had developed Halliwick in their own counties and the great progress that they were making. Our own Dr. Joan Martin also gave a fascinating talk and presentation on how she had introduced Slovenia to the Concept of Halliwick (a report by her about the Conference will appear in the next Newsletter. The Sunday was General Meeting day. We made great progress there and began to sort out a number of important issues. Unfortunately, our Chairperson, Ine Meijer had to step-down but good news, we have a new member on the committee, Neda Rotar from Slovenia. Our next IHA executive Meeting will be in London in February and so we are very much looking forward to all getting together again to get down to the business of Halliwick!

If you would like more information on the IHA please contact:

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National Education Committee Report

Pam Scott has retired as secretary after long and excellent service but she has kindly agreed to continue to deal with orders for Halliwick AST publications. The secretary's post has been taken on by Veronica Boys. Philip Puckrin and Ann Gresswell were re-elected as Chairman and Vice-Chair.

Requests for Halliwick AST courses and training come in regularly from all areas of the UK. Whilst we are happy that Halliwick training is in high demand it has not been easy for us to cater for all the requests that we have received recently.

There is a tremendous amount of work being currently undertaken on developing new course resources. This includes new publications, updates of current publications, training videos and CD's. The quality of all this work is excellent and when completed will be of benefit to everyone involved in teaching swimming to people with disabilities. Every one of these projects is being carried forward by a few individuals and working groups from within the Education Committee. It is enormously time-consuming and we are indebted to the expertise and commitment of everyone involved.

The next National Education Weekend will take place on April 26 & 27, 2003. Our meetings always cover a wide range of important topics concerned with teaching swimming to people with disabilities. It was encouraging to have Mary Arragon - Lagan representing Ireland at our last meeting. We would also like ASTRA's in Scotland and Wales to send representatives. 2003 is the International Year of the Disabled and it would be excellent to have all countries represented.

Philip Puckrin (Chairman, National Education Committee)

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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: www.halliwick.org.uk**