

Ye Amphibious Ancients Bathing Association

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February 2025

Welcome to the February edition of the club newsletter.

The 2025 Dook is now behind us, and we are actively planning for the upcoming season of events.

Our first event will be our open day in April this year.

We have only one swim which clashes with a Scottish event, so we will be looking for an alternative date and time for our woodhaven championship event. This should be decided by the end of February.

Swims should be therefore ready for release on the website by the beginning of March as planned.

Much of our activity since the Nov newsletter and looking forward into 2025 will be detailed elsewhere in this newsletter.



Spond Usage



For the 25/26 season, we would encourage all members to join the club spond app. It can be accessed via a web browser or using the mobile Spond app, which is available for both Android and iPhone.

Spond will be one of our prime methods of keeping members up to date.

Booking onto our harbour training sessions will only be available via the spond app. Training dates will appear 14 days before the event and members can sign up for either Swimmer / Boat Crew or shore Volunteer roles.

If insufficient safety crew or shore volunteers come forward to meet the needs of the swimmers, as defined in the risk assessment for the activity, then that session will have to be cancelled.

THE DOOK 2025

With over 150 dookers pre-registered for the event, and around 100 turning up on the day, 254 hardy souls took to the waters of Broughty Ferry Harbour on what turned out to be a relatively nice day weather wise.

That was not the case in the run up to the day with strong to gale force winds, it was looking like that the event might not go ahead.

At 2:15, the club placed flowers in the Tay in memory of Frank Chalmers whilst the piper played a lament from the end of the pier, beside Franks family who were there to witness the event.

At 2:30 the piper piped the dookers into the water.

There were no stalls this year, which we hope to resolve for the 2026 event.

However, we were pleased with the number of spectators who turned up to watch the event take place, we hope that everyone had a good experience.

Our thanks to Victoria Sanchez for taking the official Dook photos on the day. You can view all her photographs here

<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/5HJ75nLbwNM5Ed5U/>



FUNDRAISING IN 2025



Below is a list of the planned fundraising events for this coming year

- Valentines Hamper to be drawn 13th February we have raised £60 so far.
- Quiz Night 27th March in Doc Ferrys - tickets will be available at the committee meeting or on the night.
- Saturday 5th April we are holding a Joint fundraiser with Mid-lin Day Care. A Variety Show to be held in St Stephens Church Hall B/Ferry. Tickets £8 will be on sale shortly.
- Easter hampers (3) to be made up and we will use paper raffle tickets for this £1 per strip. **Any donations for these hampers would be gratefully received.** Draw will take place on 18th April and we will try and deliver the prizes.
- Gala Day 29th June we are looking for helpers on the day. We do have the Monifieth swim at 4.50pm but should be finished by then. We will have hook a duck, tombola and lucky dip. **Again any prizes with be gratefully received.**
- Quiz night on 3rd July in Doc Ferrys.
- Quiz night on 28th August in Doc Ferrys.
- 27th September Race Night/Presentation night at Crows Nest Carnoustie – arrangement to be confirmed by end of February.
- 11th October we hope to hold a Beetle Drive in St Stephens B/Ferry.
- Halloween hamper £1 a strip draw will take place 24th October.
- Christmas hamper £1 a strip draw on 19th December.

Helen Dunnin will be at the pool on Fridays from 5pm to 8pm for any prizes that you wish to donate.

Easyfundraising: an advert to go on website and go out to membership again. Please when buying something, join Easyfundraising first as we may receive a percentage of the cost of your purchases. Every little helps, as they say !!

LEARN TO SWIM (LTS)



As of Jan 31st we have:

Junior LTS – 11 Adult LTS – 3

We are still waiting to hear back from another 7 enquiries.

To break even we will need a minimum of 50 in the LTS, so it is essential that we promote this as much as possible.

We will be contacting other local swim clubs to ask if they have any kids on their waiting lists that we could take until they have a space for them.

This would help to boost our numbers.

A Facebook ad has been posted and has gained a few swimmers. This ad will be active until the end of February.

We also need to build up a bank of Swim Teachers and Lifeguards to cover the LTS, so if you know of anyone who might be available on a Fri evening from 5 - 8 pm, please get them to contact Louise Dunnin via

swimschool@yeaaba.org

The LTS sessions run from 5 - 7 pm and the club members session runs from 7 - 8 pm on a Fri evening at St Johns High School in Dundee (Term time Only).

TRAINING UPDATE

FIRST AID COURSE

We have places available on a 3 hour First Aid Course, available in either the morning (09:00) or afternoon (12:30) on 23 March 2025.

Each session has a capacity of 12 people and will be run by Janet Wilson, who is a life member of YeAABA.

Course will take place at Midlin Day Care, Pitkerro Drive, Dundee, DD8 8AT

If you are interested in securing a place then contact our training officer via training@yeaaba.org

Course is free for club members.



MISSING TROPHIES

Important Notice

YeAABA is very proud to have fabulous trophies dating back many years. Unfortunately a recent inventory highlighted that there are four (4) trophies/salvers unaccounted for these are:

- The Violet McIntyre Trophy (Veterans Ladies B/S)
- Angus Roberts Salver (Woodhaven Gents (B/S)
- Kirsty Melville Salver (Monifieth Gents B/S)
- Lynsey Bovill Shield (Full Loch Earn Ladies B/S)



If anyone has these or knows of there whereabouts please get in touch with Jackie Laing, Trophy Convenor at trophies@yeaaba.org

Thank you in anticipation.

IN MEMORIAM

Sadly, we lost another of our long serving members, Barbara Johnstome early in 2025.

Barbara was with us at our 140th Dinner and along with the Lord Provost of Dundee, she cut the anniversary cake and made the club presentations at the event.

We will remember her at our first swim of the season by placing flowers in the river in her memory.



CLUB HANDBOOK



The club members handbook is currently being updated and should be ready to issue at the beginning of the membership year in April 2026.

BOAT SPONSORSHIP

We now have sponsors for most of our blue boats. Thanks to those new sponsors who have come on board. The names will be added to the boats very shortly and will be ready for the new season starting.

CLUB CALENDAR

We are hoping to produce a club calendar for the upcoming season which will have all our swim and training dates listed, as well as our proposed fundraisers and any other important dates.

It is aimed to have this ready for the start of the new season and the calendar will run from April 2025 to March 2026.



FEES FOR 25/26 SEASON



At the February committee meeting the fees for the coming year were discussed.

Membership Fees

Adult membership will rise to £100 from April 1st, but if membership renewed and paid in Mar, an early bird offer of £90 will apply.

Junior membership will remain at £70

Second Claim Fees will remain at £25 for Adult and free for Juniors

Pool Fees

Members sessions will remain at £5.50 per session.

Championship Swim Entry Fees

These will remain at the 2024 levels for the coming season.

Treasurers Update

So at the last newsletter, we had a little over £43K in the bank. Over the winter period we have been pushing on with the updates to the clubhouse.

So far we have completed the following works:

- Sealing of the whole roof.
- Replacment of the 3 heaters in the committee and changing rooms.
- All lights now controlled by sensors so cannot be left on accidentally.
- New Roller Door fitted to clubhouse.
- Broken window replaced in gents changing room.
- New Roller shutter over old information window
- All windows in the building now have grilles fitted.
- Bothouse roller door motor replaced.

There are still dome tasks to do in 2025, e.g.

- Interior decoration of clubhouse
- Get current sponsors details onto the blue boats.
- PAT testing of electrical goods
- Maintanence work needed on Boat Trailers
- Look at the flooring in the Boatshed
- Get the drains checked (issue with kitchen sink drainage)

We are aiming to get as much of this work completed by the start of the new swimming season in April.

As well as all this work, we have had a few planning sessions over the winter months to get a head start for the season ahead.

So at the point of this update we have around £24.25K remaining in the bank. You will find details of our planned fundraisers elsewhere in the newsletter. Please support them if you are able to.

50/50 Club Draw

Draw: December 2024 **Drawn** 04 Feb 2025

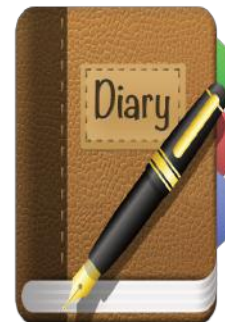
Prize	Amount	Number	Name
1st	£77.52		Clare McRobbie
2nd	£51.71		Jeanette Spalding
3rd	£38.77		Stewart Halliday



Thanks to theclub president Fiona Brown for making the draw at the Feb Monthly meeting..

Dates for the Diary

- 13-02-25 Valentines Hamper Draw
- 23-02-25 Workshop Event
- 23-03-25 Workshop Event
- 27-03-25 Quiz Night (Doc Ferry's)
- 05-04-25 Variety Show (joint with Midlin Day Care)
- 18-04-25 Easter Hamper Draw
- 29-06-25 Broughty Ferry Gala Day Stand
- 03-07-25 Quiz Night (Doc Ferry's)
- 28-08-25 Quiz Night (Doc Ferry's)
- 27-09-25 Race Night / Presentation Night
- 11-10-25 Beetle Drive (Provisional)
- 24-10-25 Halloween Hamper Draw
- 19-12-25 Christmas Hamper Draw



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