

Ye Amphibious Ancients Bathing Association

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January 2026

Well, another sucessful dook took place on 1st January 2026, with some 274 brave souls taking to the water. We have had a wash up meeting after the event and there are a number of things that we could do better and will look to action these points for the 2027 event.

We are now looking forward to doing some training during the winter season and also moving ahead with our preparations for our transition from SASA to BLDSC at the end of Mar 2026.

I look forward to seeing, and working alongside, many of you over the winter months as we move the club forward to a new chapter.

We await the outcome of the Dundee council budget review, which could potentially see the school pools closed at the end of March 2026 as a cost saving measure. If this happens, we will lose our use of St John's High School on a Friday evening, and that would have a huge impact on both our learn to swim and members pool sessions. We

hope the common sense prevails but we will have to move forward with whatever decision is made.



Drop an email to our communications convener, John Walker, via communication@yeaaba.org if you are interested in finding out more about any of our activities.

Or if you want to contact me directly then I'm on johndavie1969@gmail.com.

John Davie (President - YeAABA)



Valentines day
Sat 14th feb
Don't forget the gift

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Easyfundraising: 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 !!



The Annual Raffle, and Christmas Hamper draw were very sucessful.

The winner of the Hamper was:

The annual raffle prize winners were:

1st	Hamish Winter	£100 Scott Brothers (Butcher)
2nd	David Buist	Coffee Machine
3rd	David Cairn	Bottle of Champagne
4th	Maureen Millar	Bottle of Whiskey
5th	Louise Love	Pico Electric Blanket
6th	Ged Hemblade	Picnic Backpack
7th	R Spalding	Culdie Casual Dining Voucher
8th	Lynsey Coupland	Stollen cake and voucher Love your planet
9th	Kay Glennie	6 Bottles Wine
10th	Andy King	1 Bottles Win

In this financial year to date the fundraising team have amassed a total of £5,027.40 for club funds.

Shortly a plan of funraising events for 2026 will be set and advertised to the membership. Anyone who is willing to assist thefundraising team, please contact the club treasurer in the first instance via treasurer@yeaaba.org who will pass the details onto the team.

NEW MEMBERSHIP PORTAL

As we transition to affiliation to BLDSA, we will be responsible for keeping our own membership records. To that end their will be a new membership portal in place for all renewals in March 2026 and any new member applications going forward.

All current members should receive a guide by email during February detailing how to access the new system, check and update your personal information and pay you renewal fees for the 2026/27 season.

Note - there is no renewal fee for Life Members, but you can check and update your personal information.

If you do not receive a copy of the guide by Mid February, please email communication@yeaaba.org with this information.

The new system will provide members with a membership card and to cover the cost of this, we will charge volunteers a fee of £10. When updating your information, you can upload a passport size photograph which will be used for your membership card.

An example of the card is shown below.

Any issues when accessing the new site, please contact communication@yeaba.org in the first instance.



Dook 2027

There are some important changes for the 2027 dook.

Because of the early tide (09:18) the dook will take place at 10 am on 1 Jan 2027. In addition in order to ensure that we have all items for Goody Bags ordered and in Situ, entry will be **ON-LINE only** and will **close at Mid-Day on 7 Dec 2026**.

This means that there will be **NO-ON THE DAY ENTRIES FOR THIS EVENT.**

The goody bags for 2027 will contain:

T-Shirt / Beanie Hat / Towel / Certificate.

To cover the costs of the enhanced goody Bags, the entry costs for 2027 will be

Adult £20

Junior £12

Team (10) £150

A social media campaign will start very shortly to push out this message frequently between now and Dec 2026.



**HAVE YOU GOT
THE FLOWERS /
CHOCOLATES
ORGANISED YET ??**



BLDSA Dinner 2026

The British Long Distance Swimming Association (BLDSA) are holding their 2026 AGM and Annual Dinner here in Broughty Ferry, and YeABA will act as hosts for the event.

Both events will take place at Lodge Broughty Ferry No 486 which is located in Brook Street, Broughty Ferry. BLDSA will hold their AGM on the afternoon of Sat 14th March and their annual dinner will take place on the Sat evening (6:30pm for 7pm) until 11pm.

On the Sunday any BLDSA members who wish to come along to the clubhouse at Noon, for a look around and to join us in taking a dip in the water. (High Tide 12:09 and around 4.5M).

Tickets for the dinner are £40 and are available to both **BLDSA** and **YeABA** members on a First Come, First Served basis (numbers are limited to a total of 75) from the following url:

https://bookwhen.com/yeaaba_misc_events/

Note: Dinner choices will be required when making a booking to aid with the catering.

The menu is reproduced on the following page, and can also be downloaded from the booking site.

Following the meal, there will be music, and time to relax, dance or simply make new acquaintances.



YeABA Awards Dinner 2026

YeABA are planning to hold our awards dinner in late Sep / Early Oct 2026 at Mains Castle in Dundee.

Further details will be announced in the next newsletter with finalised dates and times. The Dinner will be on a Saturday night, followed by the club's AGM on the Sunday.



BLDSA
ANNUAL DINNER
2026



Starters

Lentil Soup (v)

Drawn cocktail

Mains

Steak Pie (Boiled Baby Potatoes & Seasonal Veg)

Balmoral Chicken (Boiled Baby Potatoes & Seasonal Veg)

Roasted Vegetables (v)

Sweets

Sticky Toffee Pudding & Ice Cream

Crackers & Cheese

Tea / Coffee (with Mints / Tablet)

BOOKING A TRAINING SESSION IN 2026

Training sessions next year will be via our booking portal (and not through Spond). You only need to book if you are planning to attend a training session, either as a swimmer or a volunteer. (You don't need to do anything if you are unable to attend.)

There is no cost to book onto a session, it merely records who is coming along so the sessions can be assessed for viability in numbers of swimmers and volunteers who are able to attend.

You will be able to book onto a session up to 4 weeks in advance of the session, and booking will close 2 days prior to session to allow time to contact people if there are insufficient volunteers (or swimmers) to make the session happen.

The link for harbour training is

<https://bookwhen.com/yeaabatrainschedule>

A more detailed guide to booking a training session will be issued in January 2026.

BOOKING A CHAMPIONSHIP SWIM IN 2026

All our championship swims next year will be via our booking portal.

All swims are currently visible on the site, but bookings will not open until 01 March 26.

The site is automated and swim entries will close automatically on the Date / Time shown on the entry.

Payment is built into the system so that after swim entry information is entered, you will be taken to the payment section to complete the booking.

Booking is not complete until payment is processed. You will receive confirmation of your booking from the system once it is completed.

The details of the swims for booking can be found here:

[www.bookwhen.com/yeaabat1884](https://bookwhen.com/yeaabat1884)

We look forward to seeing you at our 2026 events.

Christmas Hamper Winners

The YeABA Christmas Hampers were won by Mrs Kath Flynn and Mrs Heather Miller.

Well done Ladies and we hope you both enjoyed the goodies that were contained within.

Dook 2026

A few photos from the event in 2026. Our thanks to Victoria Sanchez for the photos of the Dook. Head over to her Facebook page for the full gallery of photos that were taken on the day.





As you can see, another busy and sucessful dook, with lots of happy smiling faces. A huge shout out and thanks to all the volunteers who made it possible. Right, now let's crack on with planning the 2027 event.

Statement of Balances	FY2526	Total to Date
	£	
Receipts		
Voluntary Receipts		
Fundraising	£	4,845.62
50/50	£	1,008.00
Donations and collections	£	1,314.35
Grants	£	3,500.00
Bank Interest	£	-
Receipts from charitable activities		
Membership & Pool Fees	£	3,203.03
LTS Fees	£	13,413.00
Entry Fees (Swims&Dook)	£	5,741.19
Sponsorship / Advertising	£	5,123.44
Sundry Income	£	1,192.81
Total Income	£	39,341.44
Payments		
Fundraising costs	£	852.56
Cost of charitable activities		
Upkeep & hire of boats	£	2,799.99
Clubhouse Maintenance	£	1,227.33
Training Courses	£	65.00
Insurance, Rent and Utilities	£	5,649.76
Membership Fees	£	3,236.50
Travel Costs	£	665.60
Administration		
Pool & Swim Expenses	£	13,856.28
Stationery / Office Equip & IT	£	435.32
Advertising & Dook Expenses	£	5,142.42
Professional Charges	£	1,003.20
Other Costs	£	5,884.75
Total Expenditure	£	40,818.71
Surplus/Deficit for the year to date	-£	1,477.27
Statement of Balances		
Funds Reconciliation		
Cash at Bank & In Hand - 01 Apr 2025	£	19,046.14
Surplus/Deficit for the year to date	-£	1,477.27
Cash at Bank & In Hand - 01 Apr 2026	£	17,568.87
Bank & Cash Balances		
Bank Current Account	£	17,568.87
Bank Deposit Account	£	-
Total Cash at Bank	£	17,568.87
Other Fixed Assets (Boats / Equip)		
	£	38,447.00
Total Assets	£	56,015.87

Treasurers Update

At this time, we have around £17.5K in the bank.

On the left you will see a breakdown of the club's income and expenditure to date for FY 25/26, as at 17 Jan 2026, A bit healthier post the Dook.

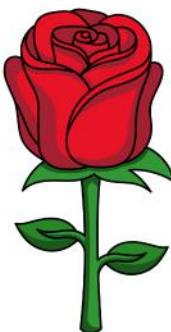
BLDSA

TRANSITION UPDATE

As we progree towards our affiliation to BLDSA, we are about to submit our proposed updated constitution to OSCR for approval, to become effective on 1st April 2026.

We are also getting a second signatory added to the Volunteer Scotland Disclosure Services system in order to begin processing PVG's during February and March as those held by Scottish Swimming on our behalf will lapse on 31st March.

We are still on target to have all our processes in place for 1st April 2026.



YeAABA 50/50 Club

The 50/50 club is open to club members, friends and family, and allows them to participate in a quarterly prize draw (drawn at end Jun, Sep, Dec and Mar each Financial Year). Members can pick any available, free number (between 1 and 100 - see table below for which numbers are currently available) and entry costs £4 / month payable by Standing Order.

Members may have more than one number selected.

50% of the quarterly income received goes to club funds, and the other 50% forms the prize pot for the draw.

There are 3 Prizes each quarter:

1st Prize (46.0% of prize pot)

2nd Prize (31.0% of prize pot)

3rd Prize (23.0% of prize pot)

* Members may select more than 1 number.

* We would prefer payment by Standing Order (SO) directly from your bank. Being a monthly payment, you can then fix the date to best suit your finances. A Standing Order form can be obtained from the treasurer or you can use the one included in this newsletter. (We would ask that monies are paid no later than 23rd of the month so that all monies are in, in time for the quarterly draw.)

* You can join the 50/50 club in Apr, Jul, Oct or Jan (which is the start of a new quarters draw).

* Contributions towards the 50/50 cannot be recorded as Gift Aid notifications to YeAABA.

* Quarterly draws will take place at the end of Jun, Sep, Dec and Mar each year.

How many numbers are available?

The draw itself has the Numbers 1 thru 100 available and the table below shows the current status. If all numbers were taken, then the club would raise £2,400 per annum from this draw.

You've Go to be
In it to win it !!

Table of current 50/50/ Draw Numbers Available (As at 06 Oct 2025)

Latest table can be found here: <https://www.yeaaba.org/5050-club>

**	**	**	**	5	**	7	**	9	10
11	**	**	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	**	**	**	**	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
**	42	43	44	45	46	**	**	49	**
**	52	53	54	55	56	**	58	59	**
61	62	**	**	**	**	67	68	69	70
71	**	73	74	75	**	**	78	**	80
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
91	92	93	94	95	96	**	98	99	**

How do I enter the draw?

Firstly, check with the treasurer that the numbers you wish are available. Email [\[communication@yeaaba.org\]](mailto:communication@yeaaba.org)[1] or call / text on 07894 129257.

You will be allocated the numbers if free and table will be updated.

Secondly complete Parts A and B of the provided 50/50 Club Standing Order mandate and pass the completed Part A to your bank who will set up the standing order on your account. Return the completed Part B to the treasurer who will update the 50/50 club records with your details.

If you have digital banking, then you may be able to set up a standing order online. The YeAABA bank details are on Part A of the form, which you will need for this purpose. If you do set up the SO via digital banking, you only need to complete the Part B and return to the treasurer by post (c/o 25 Crathes Way, Broughty Ferry, DD5 3BY) or by email to [\[treasurer@yeaaba.org\]](mailto:treasurer@yeaaba.org)[2].

Grab your favourite
Numbers now

PART A

STANDING ORDER MANDATE

To: The Manager

Bank Name: _____

Bank Address: _____



Please Pay:

Clydesdale Bank
6/8 High Street
Dundee
DD1 1SS

This Standing Order
Mandate supersedes
all previous standing
orders to YeAABA
50/50 Club

For the Credit Of: Ye Amphibious Ancients Bathing Assoc

Bank Details:

Account No: 00585760

Sort Code: 82-62-14

The sum of: £ _____ and in words _____

Commencing on / / and thereafter on the _____ day of each month until further notice and debit my account accordingly:

Account No: _____

Sort Code: _____ - _____ - _____

Reference*: _____ Reference* (family Surname plus initial. Then 50/50)
Signature: _____ E.g. Jones J. - 50/50

Date: _____ / _____ / _____

Please send completed Part A of this form to **YOUR** bank for processing.

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PART B

YeAABA 50/50 INFO RECORD

Holders Name: _____

Number(s) Selected: _____

Holders Contact Details: _____

Tel No: _____

E-Mail: _____

Payments commence on / / and thereafter on the _____ day of each month.

To enable payment of any winnings to holders Bank Account:

Bank Name: _____

Account No: _____

Sort Code: _____ - _____ - _____

Part B: Return Address:

Please return the completed Part B form for processing to:

YeAABA Treasurer
C/O 25 Crathes Way
Balgillo Park
Broughty Ferry
Dundee
DD5 3BY

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LEARN TO SWIM (LTS)



Our LTS is now almost at capacity.

We now have around 80 swimmers in the LTS, so our advertising and the loss of school pools has worked in our favour.

Scott Spalding, who leads the LTS swimming at St Johns has been hard at work over getting ready for 2026.

Any enquiries, please contact Scott Spalding via email at swimschool_scott@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).

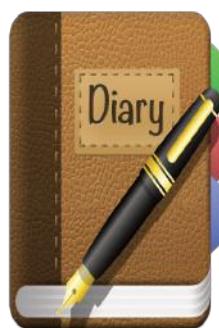
From the Editor

In the meantime, if you have any articles that you would like to see published, please send them for the attention of the communication convener by email at communication@yeaaba.org.

Hope you have enjoyed this edition of the newsletter and see you all again soon.

Dates for the Diary

14/15 Feb 26	First Aid Training Days
14 Mar 26	BLDSA Dinner in Broughty Ferry
26 Apr 26	YeAABA Open Day
8/9 Jun 26	First Aid / Water Rescue Training
8/9 Aug 26	24 Hr Sponsored Swim
Sep/Oct 26	YeAABA Dinner and Awards Evening
Sep/Oct 26	YeAABA AGM
1 st Jan 27	New Years Day Dook



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