

STA Swim & Save E-zine - November 2012

Welcome to the Swim & Save E-zine

IMPORTANT NEWS: Changes to STA Procedures

At the very successful Tutors Conference held last month a number of very important changes were announced, which affect all STA Tutors, Course Organisers and Examiners. Read the details [here](#).

STA Tutors Needed in Saudi

STA is looking for experienced Swimming Teaching and Lifesaving Tutors who would like the opportunity to go to **Saudi Arabia** for 2/3 weeks at a time (male Tutors only, as Saudi is an Islamic state) – flights and accommodation are included. Email garry@sta.co.uk for further information.

2012 Tutor Conference

STA welcomed Tutors from all over the UK to its first national conference on 20th October. The conference opened with an uplifting presentation by STA CEO **Roger Millward** who confirmed that *"these are exciting times for STA"*. [Read more](#)

IFSTA Conference 2012

As we got to press the 13th **IFSTA** (International Federation of Swimming Teachers' Associations) conference is being held in **Adelaide, Australia**. Founded by STA, IFSTA is a significant international swimming body representing more than 1,020,000 members worldwide.

Huggies® Swim Savvy Campaign

Huggies® Swim Savvy campaign provides helpful advice to make swimming with little ones an enjoyable and rewarding experience, not to mention hassle free! **Huggies®**

Health and Hygiene in Pools Conference

The Royal Society for Public Health is holding a two day conference on **19th-20th November**, in London on Health and Hygiene in Pools. Amongst the keynote speakers is **Dr Rachel Chalmers**, the Head of the National Reference Unit for Cryptosporidia. STA will be represented by **Robbie Phillips**, who will host a poster presentation on spa pools. [Read more](#)

Join STA at SPATEX

STA has recently formed an exciting partnership with SPATEX - the UK's largest dedicated wet leisure exhibition – and is actively encouraging members to come along to the next show being held Brighton in February 2013. [Read more](#)

Changes to Objects Clause
STA held its **80th Annual General Meeting of the Swimming Teachers' Association** on Saturday 20th



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2013 Subscriptions

From **January 2013**, STA membership subscriptions will increase by **£1**.

Cross of Merit

At this year's 2012 Tutor Conference, a very special presentation was made to **Roger Goodman**, who received the STA's **Cross of Merit** award from John Holden. John said: *"Roger is one of STA's longest serving and loyal members, and this honour I present on behalf of the Trustees recognises his long and fulfilled service to STA and to the world of swimming in general."*



Consultation into First Aid Training

HSE (Health and Safety Executive) is seeking your views on the proposed removal of the requirement for HSE to approve first aid training and qualifications, and the associated **Approved Code of Practice**. [Read more](#)

New Appointment at Shropshire Swim Academy

STA welcomes **Lisa Smith** to the Swim Academy team this month. Lisa will take over from

October 2012, which was followed by an **Extraordinary General Meeting** where important changes to the Association's objects ("the Objects") were made. Read the changes made [here](#).

Teachers Gain Pool Lifesaving Skills

School teachers and youth leaders from all parts of Norfolk and Suffolk are now equipped with essential pool lifesaving skills after attending a Pool Emergency Procedures Course last month. [Read more](#)

What Did the Nod of Approval Really Mean?

[Click here](#) to read **Peter Bunyan's** thoughts following the recent STA Tutor Conference.

New Adult Online CPD

In January 2013 STA will be adding a new online CPD to TrainSTA. Titled '**STA Teaching Adults Online Programme**', it is aimed at candidates who hold the STA Award in Teaching Swimming qualification or equivalent. [Read more](#)

New Year Moderators Course

STA is planning a moderators course for early in 2013 (dates tbc). Please contact **Claire Lowbridge** at claire@sta.co.uk with your CV. Pre-requisites include being an STA member and an STA Tutor that has been tutoring for at least 3 years and has completed 200 hours of tutoring over the last 3 years - and holds an in date qualification specific to the subject area.

Making Appropriate Use of Imagery

STA Tutor **Dr Peter Bunyan** discusses [here](#) the subject of using imagery when teaching swimming to describe an action or movement.

Swim for Safety in Vietnam

It is now over a year since STA first went out to Vietnam with the British charity **Hue Help** to train school PE teachers to teach swimming, and it's pleasing to report that the charity's '**Swimming for Safety**' programme is still going strong. See the latest photos [here](#).



Differentiation in Swimming Classes

As Swimming Teachers, we need to be adaptable in our approach to teaching. [Here Irene Joyce](#), STA's Aquatic Development Officer, discusses how teaching in a visual way can help children who fall within the autistic spectrum.

New Baby & Pre-School Award Coming Soon

As previously reported, STA's new **Baby and Pre-School Swimming Teaching** qualification will be launching in **January 2013**; the qualification will sit on the **Ofqual Framework** and will have a credit value of 6. [Read more](#)

Stanley Cheers on Children

A fun day was had at **Much Wenlock Leisure Centre** recently, when STA's **Shropshire Swim Academy coordinators** organised a 'come and try event'. Over 60 students attended and were given the chance to participate in lifesaving, synchro and water polo sessions, as well as wacky races. **Stanley** was also in attendance cheering on students and giving out party bags. Zoe Cooper is pictured

Zoe Cooper as the new swim co-coordinator for the Shropshire Swim Academy. Zoe will move into a National Business Development role for STA. [Read more](#)



News Call

STA would really like to feature YOUR news in the Swim & Save E-zine and YOUR teaching ideas and tips. Please send to sta@sta.co.uk.

Swimming Tutor Course

A Swimming Tutor course is planned for **25th February 2013** at **Dragon Leisure Centre, Cornwall** To register your interest and for further information please email claire@sta.co.uk.

Water Safety Funding for Youngsters

Following the success of a summer water safety campaign in Shrewsbury, **Shropshire Swim Academy** has been awarded another £900 from **Shropshire and Shrewsbury Waterways Safety Group**. [Read more](#)

here with the students (photo courtesy of Bridgnorth Journal).



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