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Welcome to the Swim & Save e-Zine

Important Insurance Message - Please Share

The matter of swim teacher insurance has sadly once again come to the fore - as a result of not holding any form of insurance, a teacher is at risk of losing their home and assets. **Please read and share**

Important Policy Update

From 1st January 2015, all newly qualified STA swimming teachers will need to become members of STA within 12 months of qualifying. If membership is not acquired in this period, the qualification will be void and will need to be retaken.



Dave Lewis Awarded Top Honours

Congratulations to our STA Trustee Dave Lewis, who has been awarded a special 'Vice President' Award. Dave, who will shortly be emigrating to New Zealand with his family, was awarded this exclusive top honour by STA in recognition of his commitment to STA over many years.

Scotland Deliver Free Training

With support from the Big Lottery, STA Tutors and Examiners across Scotland have been delivering free swimming teaching training. **Read more**

Supporting Women in Sport

This Girl Can is a national campaign developed by Sport England to get more women and girls back into sport. Launched in January 2015, STA is supporting the campaign by promoting the benefits of swimming and aquatic exercise to women of all ages and abilities. **See here**

Membership Subscriptions

From 1st January 2015, STA membership subscriptions will increase by just £1 to reflect inflationary rises and increasing costs. Membership of STA is now £42 per annum when paid by Direct Debit, and £47 when paid by credit/debit card.

Update: Junior Membership

STA Junior Membership is no longer a Membership option. Existing Junior members of STA will need to upgrade to Associate Membership when renewing their subscription.

Call for Volunteers

The 2015 European Lifesaving Championships are taking place in Wales this August, and the organisers are currently looking for qualified pool officials - mainly lane and start/finish judges for the pool. If this is of interest please contact Robbie Phillips via STA on sta@sta.co.uk.

Keep in Check with STAadmin.co.uk

New for STAadmin.co.uk is the Checklists program, which allows the user to create and schedule bespoke



checklists, including different answer types, mandatory questions and hot answers that trigger alert emails. The results even include the name and date of the user that answered each question. Contact ryan.brown@sta.co.uk for information and an online demonstration.

Qualify in Sunny Malta

STA's Alan North has registered an Award and Certificate Swimming Teachers course, Baby and Pre-School course and an Aquatic Tutors course. They will take place in Malta the last two weeks in May 2015. Interested candidates may email [Alan North](mailto:Alan.North@sta.co.uk) or call **07970 298019** for details.

Join Us at SPATEX Next Month

STA has teamed up with SPATEX 2015 to provide an essential Pool Plant Update for free on Monday 2nd February. [Read more](#)

Another Successful Year for East Anglia

Read more from John Holden [here](#), who manages STA's East Anglia region.

Youngsters Play a Starring Role in Junior Medic Video

Youngsters at a Bridgnorth primary school showed off their life-saving skills in December, after they were invited to take part in STA's new Junior Medic promotional video. [Read more](#)



And Finally...

Well done to Puddle Ducks who last year raised a total of **£26,201** for The Children's Trust. The money was raised by children from two months old to ten years of age being sponsored to wear their pyjamas to their Puddle Ducks swimming classes!

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