



Dear Member/Parent

## **Club Independence – January 2009**

**As you may have heard, the Club is being forced to become independent from NCDC. The Committee has been working hard to prepare for the changes and expects the Club to become independent from 5 January 2009.**

**Please read the accompanying information carefully as this includes details of the new training timetable, new training fees and payment options.**

Under current arrangements NCDC collects the training fees, provides the pool and the coach. These arrangements will dramatically change once the Club becomes independent - the Club will have to collect its own fees and pay for the pool hire, lifeguard and coach.

The Club will be like any other external booking and Leisure Centre staff will not collect money, maintain registers or provide any other services for the Club. These changes will place a greater financial burden on the Club and will also generate an increased administrative workload.

The Committee has been preparing for independence by negotiating with the Leisure Centre for the best possible pool times and rates, researching and applying for available funding and setting up financial and administrative procedures.

To provide a steady income to cover the Club's outgoings, most training fees will be collected by monthly standing order or termly cheque payment – details of payment options are included on the attached sheet.

In order to cover the increased costs but avoid substantial increases to training fees, the Club will, however, need to generate significant additional income through fund raising, sponsorship and grants. We hope that parents and members will help with fund raising or get involved with the running of the Club for example by volunteering to join a rota to take the register. Further information about how you can help to support the Club will be provided in due course.

In the meantime, **please complete and return all the enclosed forms by Monday 15 December by posting them into the Club letter box in a sealed envelope marked "Renewals"**. If you have any queries about the new arrangements please speak to a member of the Committee (list on notice board) or e.mail [wadebridgeasc@googlemail.com](mailto:wadebridgeasc@googlemail.com).

We hope that we can rely on your support as we move forward into the next phase of the Club's development.

Wadebridge Swimming Club Committee