Dear Parent

EASTER 2009 TRAINING CAMP

At the request of Head Coach, Mark Craig, the Committee are investigating the possibility of arranging a long weekend of intense training for Club members.

The potential dates are Friday 10 April 2009 to Tuesday 14 April 2009 (to coincide with the Easter holiday period).

You may recall that the 2008 trip was to Palma, but for 2009 it was felt more appropriate to keep the trip closer to home and in line with our five year plan.

A number of possible venues are currently being considered…

Tollcross, **Glasgow**
Royal Commonwealth Pool, **Edinburgh**
Pond's Forge, **Sheffield**
Commonwealth Pool, **Manchester**
Wavertree, **Liverpool**

The cost of a trip of this nature is difficult to predict. I would however anticipate that it will cost no more than £350 this to include all travel, transfers, accommodation, meals, coaching, swimming and insurance.

This is very much an estimated figure at present as we are in the very early stages of planning.

There may be the possibility of grant aid and by those travelling organising and taking part in a number of fundraising events the amount indicated above should, hopefully, bear no reflection to the final amount paid. Indeed, last year the initial price indication for Palma was £695 and the final amount paid per swimmer was £400!

Who can travel?

The trip is open to all Club members subject to some basic criteria.

The trip is a training camp and will be similar in nature to Palma – 2 x 2 hour sessions per day (around 5000 metres per session). All those wishing to attend therefore need to demonstrate a certain level of commitment throughout next season.

Criteria prior to travel (Sept '08 – March '09)

Children under 12	:	Minimum 2 sessions per week
12-15	:	Minimum 3 sessions per week
16 +	:	Minimum 4 sessions per week

Please note:
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In addition to the minimum training requirements, all children will be expected to participate in all PTL and Teletots galas for which they are selected.

Although there are no ability restrictions or mandatory open galas, swimmers that require qualifying times are obliged to swim in all appropriate open galas, as recommended by their Coach.

Parents

For all children under 12 there must be a parent to accompany them or an adult whom the parent knows away from the swimming club and trusts implicitly with the wellbeing of the child and who the child feels comfortable around.

There will be some responsibility for parents who do attend though obviously the more that travel, the less each parent will have to undertake.

We would anticipate the cost per Parent at the time of writing to be similar to what has been indicated above ie £350.

From the Coach

"This trip will build on the success of Palma and the development of Templemore. It is extremely important to me that it is a huge success and that all involved enjoy a positive experience. This trip follows our five year plan whereby we hope to have an overseas trip followed by a UK/ROI trip in consecutive years." Mark Craig.

What next?

Due to anticipated lane restrictions imposed on us by the pools available, swimmer numbers may be limited to 24 in total. Once the first 24 places are taken we will however create a waiting list should we be able to travel with larger numbers.

The purpose of this letter is to seek applications of interest.

Formal Application/Medical & Consent forms will be sent to those returning the booking form below along with a deposit of £75 per person (cheques payable to "Templemore ASC").

Your form and deposit should be sent to Gary Proctor, 61 Orangefield Crescent, Belfast BT6 9GJ.

Once the 24 places have been filled a Team Manager will be appointed and an information meeting will be arranged for all to attend (likely to be the beginning of September).

Any additional information needed in the meantime can be obtained from Gary Proctor at telephone number 07803 211626 (after 6pm please) or by emailing info@templemore.org.uk.

Gary Proctor, Chairperson May 2008

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BOOKING FORM

Name:			
Address:			
Tel:			
Email:			
Date of Birth:		Age in March 2009:	

Will a Parent/Guardian be travelling Yes / No

If so, please confirm Parent/Guardian Name(s) _____

Signed: _____ (Parent/Guardian)

Date: _____

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