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District news

Welcome to the second edition of the Derbyshire Disability Sport e-newsletter, which gives a round-up of what is currently happening within the county as well as sharing information and good practice and celebrating the successes within disability sport.



This edition is split into the following sections:

- District news
- County news
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The next edition is planned for late March 2009, and future articles are welcomed.

Amber Valley

Congratulations to all pupils who took part in the special schools cross country event which was held at Shipley Country Park.

There were girls and boys races for key stages 2, 3 and 4 and also a fun run at the end of the races for all pupils.

[Read more](#)

The Leisure Centres in Alfreton, Ripley and Heanor will soon be more appealing to a wider audience. All three centres are currently working towards the Provisional level in becoming Inclusive Fitness Initiative (IFI) accredited.

[Read more](#)

The next meeting of Amber Valley Disability Sports and Leisure Development Group will be the AGM and will take place on Tuesday, January 20, 2009, at Alfreton Leisure Centre, from 6pm until 7.30pm. Contact Mick Potter on 01773 824709.

Bolsover

A group of pupils from Stubbin Wood School swapped sporting skills with their counterparts in China, during an eight-day trip to the Olympic host country.

Eight students from the special school spent four days in Beijing and four days in Shanghai on a sporting

'exchange' trip, which included teaching a fit ball lesson to students at Shanghai's Yang Fan Special School. [Read more](#)

Chesterfield

A team of young people from Chesterfield have taken part in Moon Manoeuvres, an annual Derbyshire County Council Youth Service event which takes place overnight.

[Read more](#)

North East Derbyshire

The Active Ability project, to give more disabled people a chance to get involved in sport and active recreation in Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire, is to be officially launched tomorrow (December 10).

Guests from a range of organisations will gather at North East Derbyshire District Council's Chesterfield offices, where speakers will include wheelchair tennis player Alex Jewitt, who competed at this year's Paralympics in Beijing, and Steve Pintus, associate director of public health at Derbyshire County PCT. [Read more](#)

The next meeting for the North Derbyshire Disability Sport Network, which covers Bolsover, Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire, will be the AGM on Wednesday, February

4, 2009 at 6pm. Venue to be confirmed. Contact John

Barker on 01773 872391 ext 242.

Derby

A nine-strong team from the Derby branch of the Dwarf Athletics Society competed at the Rotary Disabled Sports Team Championship, picking up four trophies. [Read more](#)

An indoor athletics competition has been held at The Royal school for the Deaf.

Around 80 young people also took part in a Sportsability Festival for Derby City schools. [Read more](#)

The next meeting of Derby Disability Sport Partnership will be the AGM on Monday, January 26, 2009 from 6pm at Pride Park, Derby. Contact Mark Dolman on 01332 715317.

Derbyshire Dales

Year 13 HSLA students have been leading coaching sessions at Highfields for special needs students to great success. [Read more](#)

The next meeting of the Derbyshire Dales Disability Sport Network will be held on Tuesday, January 13, 2009 from

4.30pm at Derbyshire Dales District Council offices,
Matlock. Contact Catherine Slater on 01773 571231.

Erewash

A total of £6,000 has been secured to buy a number of adapted cycles, which will be based at the Outlook Centre in Long Eaton.

The funding has been obtained with the help of three local councillors. In addition to the Outlook Centre, it is hoped the cycles will be made available to access in other parts of Erewash.

The next meeting of Erewash Disability Sport Network is on Wednesday, January 28, 2009 at the Outlook Centre, Briars Gate, Long Eaton from 4.30pm until 6pm. Contact Chair Kay Milton on johnkay73@hotmail.com

High Peak

A contingent of six of the High Peak Sharks team travelled to Birkenhead on November 9 to compete in the DSE North West Regional Gala. This was a time trial event leading to possible selection for the North West team.

Alan Bamber, already a member of the DSE team, was accompanied by Rebecca Sheldon, Travis Hyland, Gemma Heyes, James Moss and Tom Hand.

The next meeting of High Peak Disability Sports Group will be the AGM which is to be held on Monday, February 23, 2009 at 4pm. Venue in Buxton to be confirmed. New members are welcome. Contact Chair Alice Wright on 07962 020748.

South Derbyshire

Matthew Dalley, who was placed 5th in his class at this year's Riding for the Disabled National Championships, was named Junior Disabled Sportsperson of the Year at the South Derbyshire Sports Awards.

The event was held at The Pingle School in Swadlincote on Tuesday, September 23, and also saw Terry Kirby, who competed at the 2008 Para Equestrian World Carriage Driving Championships, named Disabled Sportsperson of the Year. [Read more](#)

County news

Derbyshire Sports Awards

Congratulations to wheelchair basketball player Jon Hall, from Chesterfield, and Allenton gymnast Ricky Blampied, who both picked up top honours at the Derbyshire Sports



Jon was named University of Derby Disabled Sports person of the Year, with swimmer David Ellis named runner-up in the category.

Ricky was named Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service Junior Disabled Sports person of the Year for the second year running, with wheelchair basketball player Madeleine Thompson named runner-up. Ricky and Madeleine are pictured above. [Read more](#)

East Midlands Sports Awards

Jenni Cooke from Ilkeston was a runner-up in the Junior Disabled Sports person of the Year category.

Jenni is currently the No.1 S17 female swimmer, and holds four British records. [Read more](#)

DSE Regional Boccia Competition

There was success for Derbyshire at the DSE Regional Boccia Competition, as the county's U25 team took first place in their age group at the tournament.

An U15 team also represented Derbyshire at the event, and took a respectable second place, losing out to Nottinghamshire in the final. [Read more](#)

Derbyshire athletes at Paralympics

Swimmer David Ellis, wheelchair tennis player Alex Jewitt, wheelchair basketball competitor Jon Hall, and footballer Leon Taylor all competed in Beijing.

Jon Hall won a bronze medal as part of Great Britain's wheelchair basketball team.

Meanwhile last year's University of Derby Disabled Sportsperson of the Year, cyclist Anthony Kappes - who now lives outside Derbyshire - won two gold medals. [Read more](#)

Paralympic handover celebrations

Derbyshire's Stubbin Wood School was the venue for the region's flagship Paralympic handover event.

More than 80 pupils at the school in Bolsover took part in boccia, tri-golf, track and field and tag rugby sessions and, as the East Midlands flagship event, the school was also presented with a limited edition Paralympic flag from the London Organising Committee of the Olympic Games (LOCOG). [Read more](#)

Derbyshire School Sports Awards

A special Team Recognition award was given to the Kielder Challenge Team, from Saint John Houghton Catholic School in Ilkeston.

A team of eight disabled and non-disabled students competed in local and countywide heats, and was selected to compete in the national final after achieving one of the top six scores in the country.

Wheelchair basketball player Madeleine Thompson was highly commended in the Sportsperson of the Year category, and also received a John Bainbridge Award Grants of £50. [Read more](#)

Soccer Sight

Soccer Sight is an initiative from the Royal National Institute of the Blind which has been designed to work with football clubs to improve access for blind and partially sighted people.

The project, which is supported by the HBOS Foundation, V and the Football Foundation, is being launched at Derby County FC on Saturday, December 20.

New equipment provided by the project will allow blind and partially sighted fans to sit anywhere within the stadium to receive the commentary.

Disability cricket

A disabled cricket player from Derbyshire made the England squad for a match which had been due to be staged in the county.

George Dutton, who plays for Derbyshire Disabled Cricket Club, was selected for the 13-man England Physical Disability Select XI team. They were due to face the England Learning Disability XI on Wednesday, August 20, but the match was cancelled due to bad weather. [Read more](#)

Get Moving Week

Inclusive Fitness Initiative accredited facilities in Chesterfield and Derby were among those to celebrate the benefits of physical activity for mental wellbeing during the first annual England-wide mass participation event "Get Moving Week". [Read more](#)

In profile

Leon Taylor

Derbyshire footballer Leon Taylor (pictured) was among those who represented Britain at the Paralympic Games in Beijing.

Leon, a Tenancy Support Manager at Derby Homes, was a goalkeeper in the seven-a-side Cerebral Palsy football squad, which finished seventh in the tournament.

He has been involved with the England squad since 2003, and also travelled to Connecticut in the USA to play for England in the 2005 World Cup.

Leon, (33), trains and plays with the Great Britain squad every four to six weeks and also attends weekly sessions of specialist goalkeeper training in Nuneaton. His fitness programme includes a balanced, low-fat diet, no alcohol and daily exercise including running and weights.

Alex Jewitt

Wheelchair tennis player Alex Jewitt, from Dronfield, also competed at the Paralympic Games in Beijing.

The 32-year-old played in both the men's singles and



men's doubles, losing both his first-round matches.

He reached a career high of No.26 in the world in late 2007, after reaching the quarter-finals of the Swiss Open.

In 2007 he was also selected to represent Great Britain in the World Team Cup in Brazil, reached the singles final of the National Wheelchair Tennis Championships and was named as the sports Most Improved Player of the Year.

Events

Play and learn about Goalball - Various sessions will be held between December and March at the Goalball Development Centre in Nottingham.

West Midlands Regional Disability Championships - Open to any swimmer with a disability, physical, sensory or learning disability, the event will be held on Saturday, January 10, 2009.

Flora London Wheelchair Marathon - Sunday, April 26, 2009.

[Read more](#)



Funding opportunities

Sportsmatch can match sponsorship which has been given to an eligible sports body by a company, Trust or private individual to fund projects to encourage new participation at grassroots level. For more information go to www.sportsmatch.co.uk



Grassroots Grants aim to make a real and immediate difference to the work of small local community groups, including sporting groups, with annual incomes below £20,000. In Derby and Derbyshire, applications should be made to the Derbyshire Community Foundation. For more details [click here](#).

Awards for All currently provides grants of between £300 and £10,000 for people to take part in art, sport, heritage and community activities, and projects that promote education, the environment and health in the local community. Applications to the scheme in its current format must be made by March 31, 2009. Visit www.awardsforall.org.uk for more details.

Clubs and other useful contacts

Derby Sportsability Club

Every Tuesday at Derby Moor Sports College from 5pm to 7pm and Thursday at the Shaftesbury Sports Centre 3.45pm to 5.45pm. For more information contact Mark Dolman on 07712672949 or Jill Markham/Louise White on 07970107084. [Read more](#)



Derbyshire Disabled Cricket Club

Trains at Darley Abbey Cricket Club every Wednesday from 6pm until 7.30pm. New members are always welcome, and the club is open to men and women of any age who have a physical or learning disability. For more information contact Paul Roe on 07908046772.

Community Sportsability Club

Every Monday from 5pm until 6.30pm at Tupton Hall School. For further information contact Darren Norwood on 01246 252559.

Swarkestone Sailing Club Sailability

Helps disabled adults and children find new levels of freedom and also encourages disabled people to compete

in all aspects of racing and club life. For more details call
01332 863220.

Active Ability Table Tennis

Every Thursday (except Christmas holidays) until
February 5, from 3pm until 4pm at Queens Park Leisure
Centre. All activities take place on two badminton courts
in the main sports hall. For more information contact
Shaun Marples on 07854882123.

Multi Sports Club, Chesterfield

Every Monday during term time from 4pm until 5.30pm at
Brookfield Community School. The first session after
Christmas will be held on January 12. For more
information on attending this club please contact Gill
Hawketts on 01246 275111.

Contacts

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