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Community Swimming Pools

Swim Torquay are to receive £130,000 from the Gov. Office South West, of which £40,000 is partnership funding from Swim Torquay. The grant is to go towards alterations to form disabled changing facilities, provision of disabled access and construction of new store rooms for heat exchanger, filter and pool equipment. Brixham Swimming Pool is working towards a much larger project to renew and up date their building. The group are actively fundraising and seeking donations. For further information contact the pool on 01803 883388.

Maritime Centre of Excellence

3 sites in the bay have been identified as possible locations for the Maritime Centre of Excellence.

Goodrington South has been identified as the most favourable site as there is a possibility of further developments and therefore partnership funding available.

Tennis Development

Torquay Lawn Tennis Club successfully started work on the new development in December 2005. The £802,000 development at Belgrave Road

will include indoor courts, mini tennis courts and entrance works. A new club house and floodlights will follow and should be completed by May 2006. The LTA, in conjunction with Sport England is now giving the club £625,000 – an additional £100,000 from their Community Development Fund together with a loan of £70,000 and the club's own contribution of £80,000.

Cary Park Junior Tennis Club

The club have recently been awarded money from Barclays Bank Spaces for Sport to enable them to build a new club house, resurface two courts and replace the surrounding fencing. The partnership with Winners 2000 has enabled the Coach to take Tots Tennis and Mini Tennis indoors. The club is hosting two LTA Play Tennis Days this year, May 13th and August 9th from 10am – 2pm everyone is welcome to come along and join in for FREE.

Torquay Community College Sports Hall and Fitness Suite 'Join today, get fit and enjoy life'

The sports hall and fitness suite open to the public on 27th March 2006. Clubs and the community are invited for a

free week to go and have a look at the new facilities or to book a free session, Mon - Fri 5pm - 9pm. The new 28 station fitness suite includes 18 pieces of CV equipment, 9 stations of resistance equipment, free weights and a warm up area. For more information please contact Martin Hoare on 01803 317137

Affiliation 2006

Torbay Sports Council membership was due on 1st January 2006. Please contact the Community & Sports Officer on 01803 207976 or Catherine.williams@torbay.gov.uk for an application form. It only costs £3. Benefits include your club having a larger voice as part of a bigger community group and being kept up to date with local, regional and national initiatives and funding opportunities.

Gymnastics Development

A beacon for healthy living has been revealed adjacent to Torbay Leisure Centre at Clennon Valley. The land has been made available to the health service in exchange for a purpose built regional gymnastics facility and new changing rooms. However the proposals have yet to pass through the planning process.

Sports Representatives

Sue Cheriton, Assistant Director of Cultural Services, is the South West's representative on the Chief Culture & Leisure Officers Association, and is working with regional and national bodies such as Sport England and the Department for Culture, Media and Sport on sports issues nationally on behalf of the region. Marshall Ritchie has been chosen to represent Torbay on the Federation of South West Sport.

Torbay Sports Strategy

The update for Torbay's Sports Strategy is now out for consultation. It is vital that all clubs in the bay input into the strategy so that there is a co-ordinated approach to sport in the bay. It is also used as a vital tool by funding bodies both locally, regional and nationally for allocating funding resources. For further information visit <http://www.torbay.gov.uk/index/leisure/sportsdevelopment/sportsstrategy.htm> or contact Torbay's Community & Sports Officer on 01803 207976.

Library and Leisure Card

Torbay's Leisure Card is for individuals and families on low incomes, and for looked after young people and their carers. They can join and get discounts for swimming, athletics or gymnastics at local sports and leisure centres, amongst other benefits. If your club would like to become part of the scheme please contact Liz Kent on 01803 208310.

Sports Development

Kirsty Parker is Torbay's new Community Sports Officer based at Paignton Community & Sports College. Kirsty is

involved in supporting the community sports clubs in Torbay and helping them to establish strong and effective school club links. Within this area Kirsty is working closely in partnership with local clubs and schools. Kirsty will also be involved in organising Torbay's teams for the Devon Youth Games, helping to organise the Torbay Youth Triathlon, Torbay Sports Personality of the Year Awards and Torbay's Coach Education Programme in partnership with Devon Active Sports Partnership. In the future Kirsty hopes to organise Sports Fairs and Club Development Evenings. Kirsty's contact details are 01803 403739.

Bowls Development

Upton Bowling Club is working together with Torbay Council to take on a licence for the bowling green at Upton Park from April 2006.

Race for Life

Torbay will be hosting their third 'Race for Life' on Sunday 11th June at Clennon Valley, Paignton. The race consists of a 5km walk or run, raising money for research into treatment, cure and prevention of cancer. For further information visit www.raceforlife.com

Olympics 2012

South West England is home to 36 major sporting venues, the most recent of which is the National Sailing Academy at Weymouth and Portland. The £6m purpose-built facility will host the sailing events for the 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games.

Torbay must not miss out again!

Torbay Council and Torbay Sports Council continue to seek venues for training camps for

the bay. Athletes from around the world will want to compete in this country and experience conditions here well before 2012. The athletes will need the opportunity to compete in elite events and as an Olympic host nation we would be obliged by the IOC to stage large scale test events such as world championships 6-18 months before the games themselves. Meanwhile international sports federations are keen to hold world, European and other championships in the host country so their athletes can acclimatise. The South West has superb international-standard facilities that support the range of Olympic sporting disciplines, from athletics to equestrian events, and pentathlon to sailing.

More than 200 nations will compete in the 2012 Olympic Games and around 150 in the Paralympic Games. Visiting teams from all over the world will want to acclimatise themselves in the run up to the Games, not only providing an economic boost, but inspiring our young people. National Governing Bodies (NGBs) for each country's sport decide where they will train before the games.

Hosting a training camp can be a lucrative opportunity. Before the Sydney Olympics in 2000, Team GB spent \$6m while it trained at its base in Queensland. In New South Wales, 125 teams from 39 countries trained in the run up to the games, investing \$70m into the states economy. This began in 1997 when the Belgian athletics team trained at Narrabeen. The prospect of hosting teams for months leading up to the games can also act as a catalyst for developing and refurbishing existing sports facilities.