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Torbay Sports Forum – Torbay saw the first meeting of the newly developed Sports Forum. It was a successful meeting with members of various secondary schools, Torbay Sports Council, Paignton Community & Sports College, Brixham Community Education, Devon Active Sports Partnership, South Devon College and Torbay Development Agency all sharing information on the bigger picture of sport in Torbay.

The Culture Partnership – Torbay and many other agencies including Torbay Sports Council work together to improve sporting facilities and eradicate the duplication of bids submitted to Sport England. Rebecca Laight has been elected as the culture Champion to celebrate Torbay's cultural achievements and in doing so help to attract further investment in local cultural activities. Torbay Sports Council's representative is Mary Cunliffe.

Paignton Pilgrims FC – The club has growing from strength to strength in the last season. They now have 14 junior teams in all, 8 of which have new kit. The club would like to express how pleased they are with all the hard work of both the players

and volunteers involved in the club.

Torbay Sailability Ltd – Torbay Sailability Ltd started in June 2004 with the arrival of their first boat, a Colgate 26-foot Sailing boat, from America. Disabled sailors from 9 years to retirement age have taken part. The Sailing programme was designed to suit all capabilities, and this proved very successful with all pupils gaining Royal Yachting Association Sailing Certificates.

Working with local schools a hearing support group is now operating of which some are now considering a future in the maritime industry. One young girl has showed great promise from the first season and has the potential one-day to become an Olympic medallist.

A number of courses have been run for volunteers, including a disability handling course, a Royal Yachting Association boat drivers course and an Instructor Course ensuring the future for Torbay Sailability Ltd.

Torbay Sports Council membership is due for renewal on 1st January 2005. Please contact Catherine Williams, Senior Sports Development Officer on 01803 297976 for an application form.

Summer Sports Events – Torbay Council and Paignton Community & Sports College teamed together to run the third Torbay Sports Programme. From 19th July until 30th July young people had the opportunity to experience scuba diving, football, basketball, volleyball, Netball, dance, cricket, judo, tennis and for the first time, surfing. Over the two weeks more than 300 young people from across Torbay took part in the activities.

Fit Camp – Working in partnership with Torbay Leisure Centre, Torbay Council will be holding it's first 'Fit Camp' for young people aged 9 – 16 years old. The camp will give young people the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities such as team building, group interaction, self-motivation and self-belief. The main content of the programme will be to encourage the children to participate in regular exercise, but also just as importantly, to educate them on the positive and negative facts on the consumption of different food types. This will be supplemented with educational literature to take away from the sessions.



CRB Disclosures – Volunteers from sports clubs can be CRB checked using Devon County Council as their umbrella body. The CRB fee (28.50/£33 enhanced) is waived as they are volunteers, but DCC do charge an administrative fee of £12.50 per person to be checked. For further information contact The Records Disclosure Unit (DCC) on 01392 383266.

Sport Relief – Saturday 10th July nationally saw Sports Relief. Torbay Council held a mile time trial and a freestyle event. The event raised approximately £1000 for Comic Relief. Carey Park Junior Tennis Club who raised a staggering £1,062 held a second event. The club would like to congratulate St Margaret's school, the Priory School and Wacky Racers from Torquay Community College for their entries.

Race for Life – Torbay hosted the first 'Race for Life' on Sunday 16th May at Goodrington Sands, Paignton. The race consisted of a 5km walk or run, raising money for research into treatment, cure and prevention of cancer. Over 750 women took part in Torbay.

School Club Links – Carey Park Junior Tennis Club and Westlands School have linked together and hold an after school club on Friday afternoons at Westlands School in doors so normal club sessions can now continue through out the winter.

Hookhills FC – Due to lack of parental interest and assistance, Hookhills United Football Club is no longer running any youth teams. The club will continue with senior sides only. If you are able to help please contact John Harmer 01803 526533

Paignton Dragons Skater Hockey – Unfortunately this club can no longer practice at their current premises and are looking for a new place to train with in the bay. If you are able to help or have any ideas please contact the Sports Development Officer at Torbay Council.

Have a go day – On Sunday 12th May Torbay saw it's first 'have a go' day at Torbay Leisure. The day included over 24 different sports hosted by local clubs for all members of the community to 'have a go' at. The day was a great success with well over a hundred people trying sport for the day. Ages ranged from 3 - 83 years old. Sports ranged from swimming, ladies football, Baton twirling, Aeroball and many more. A huge thank you must go to all the volunteers from clubs who generously gave up their free time.

Funding Guide and Sports Directory – A new funding guide is now available from the Sports Development department at Torbay Council for all Sports Clubs. An updated Sports/Arts Directory will also be available as from November

Kandle Video Analysis Software – This up to date video software has been purchased by Paignton Community & Sports College. The software allows coaches to video athletes and then re-play the recording to analysis the performance. It also allows for the screen to be split to show the athletes performance alongside the performance of an athlete completing the same task correctly so to compare the two. The equipment is available for all local sports clubs to use. Clubs will be given instruction and then when confident in its use may borrow the equipment to take into their own club environments. If you are interested in the video analysis equipment contact either Tony Callcut, Andy Delafield or Andy Hele at the Sports College on 01803 403739.

Community Sports Leaders Award (CSLA) – The second CSLA course is being held at Paignton Community & Sports College. The award is a British Sports Trust initiative that aims to teach leadership through sport. It is a nationally recognised qualification and a passport to future employment or education. This award uses sport to help people learn vital skills for life such as working with and organising others as well as motivational, communication and teamwork skills. If you would like to gain this qualification contact Tony Callcut on 01803 403739 for further information.