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Hi <<First Name>>

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2020 and the first since last October last year. As most of you will know, we have had to look for a new service provider and have decided to go with the free Mailchimp service, (hence the advert below, we may upgrade later).

We have not been able to reach everyone so far about the new newsletter mailing list, so please forward on and pass around your club etc.

- A few old bits of news from the end of last year, plus a few tournament dates for 2020
- Exeter Challenge entry forms are now out, first come first served as always
- For those still involved, the SW IRC Training is back at the Riverside LC (Exeter) for the 8th Feb.

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Regards

Dave Reece

SWVA

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The 2020 Exeter Challenge



The Challenge: Can your team come out on top in a series of seventeen minute timed matches, it's intense, competitive and enjoyable.

A complete cross section of teams take part each year. As always, please book your place early, first come first served.

Entry forms are now available for the annual Exeter Men's Challenge (19th Apr) and the Exeter Ladies Challenge (26th Apr) end of season events:

Details and entry forms at the [Exeter Challenge](#) web site.

Heavitree ParkLife Volleyball Tournament Date



Hi Everyone happy New year 2020, we have great news for you all and we have decided to do our Heavitree ParkLife Volleyball Tournament on the 11/07/2020.

So please put the date in your diary and also spread the words to all your friends and Volleyball club. Nearer the time we will be post reg form info how to register.

Pery Coolen

<https://www.facebook.com/Heavitree-Volleyball-377566522643120>

Volleyball Futures Coaching Clinics – Cardiff

I am writing to confirm that Cardiff Celts VC will be hosting one of the SW Volleyball Futures Coaching Clinics.

The date and venue are booked:

- University of South Wales Sports Park, Treforest Industrial Estate, Pontypridd,

CF37 5UP

- Sunday 8 March 2020, 9am to 1pm

The venue is a large two court venue, there is ample parking and a good viewing balcony. Craig Handford is booked in as the Volleyball England representative and lead tutor/coach

On a side note – Cardiff Celts Mens Team have a NVL Div 1 game in the same venue on the same day (warm up 1pm) so we will invite the participants and their families to stay on after the session to watch some or all of the NVL match.

As a follow on to the event, local players will be given information and an invite to attend the Cardiff Celts Junior Coaching sessions (Wednesday evenings at the same venue). We have sessions for 6 to 10 years & also 11 to 13 yrs.

The event is being marketed to teachers/coaches/parents across South Wales and Bristol, Forest of Dean, Gloucester etc. If anyone has any queries or comments please let me know

Best wishes

Kate Falkner

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National JuVoTo Festival



National U14 JuVoTo 2020 – Wolverhampton – 2nd May 2020

Due to the Government moving the Bank Hol to Fri 9th May we have decided to move the event to the Saturday in order for you to be able to recover on the Sunday.

The Vision:

Truly National Festival for Boys and Girls playing 4 v 4 on badminton courts. Open to Schools and Clubs alike. Celebrating our sport, a spectacle that all will enjoy.

With 12 courts available we intend to maximise play and embrace a range of abilities.

Pool play in leagues of 5, 6 or more with timed sets.

A Major outcome will be to develop young officials and coaches.

Competition specific rules:

Whilst competition is fundamental the philosophy is developmental.

1. Match Squads of 6. (more players can be used in other matches)
2. Continuous substitution by rotation.
3. Under arm serve only.
4. Server rotates after 3 successful serves.

5. If 6 winning serves the ball is given to the opposition (no point)both teams rotate
6. Server is a back court player (badminton service line)



Timeline:

1. January 1st 2020:

- Expression of interest. Please include:

Name.

Email.

Telephone.

Indication of likely entry eg 2 Boys & 1 Girls teams.

2. February 1st

- Entry forms sent out.

3. March 1st 2020:

- Entry deadline.

Return attached forms.

Make payment by BACS.

Entry Fee (anticipated) £35

4. April 1st 2020:

- Entries confirmed.

[Last year report and results](#)

Regards

Pete Bragg

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Cardiff Celts Coach wanted



I'm messaging on behalf of Cardiff Celts. We're looking for a coach for our Junior Girls Welsh league squad and we're wondering if you could put an advert out for us in the next South West news letter please?

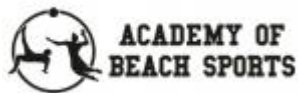
If you want anymore details please email me ccc97@hotmail.co.uk or Steve Ham steve_r_ham@yahoo.co.uk

Thank you!

Chloe Mundell

Cardiff Celts

North Devon Coaching Positions Available



The Academy of Beach Sports, are desperately in need of 1 or 2 level 2 coaches to run after school clubs and club sessions.

We can offer to pay expenses and as an example we were recently paying about £30 for a 1 hour school session on Mondays from aprox 3.15 – 4.15, starting from the end of January through to the end of April.

Thanks

Ian Huggins

Chair – Academy of Beach Sports

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Jan 2020 League Round up

SW Ladies								
	P	W	L	Pts F	Pts A	Sets F	Sets A	Pts
Torexe	12	10	2	1032	797	33	11	32
Cheltenham & Glos	12	9	3	1002	808	29	14	30
Taunton Kidz	7	7	0	624	515	21	6	21
Polonia Plymouth	8	5	3	596	517	17	9	18

As we start 2020, a quick update on the leagues, although Torexe are currently top of the Ladies league, Taunton Kidz are currently unbeaten in third place. So plenty to play for with Cheltenham in 2nd and Polonia in 4th place.

SW Ladies

Laura Kulmala	Royal Wootton Bassett	5
Mijke Van Der Zee	Torexe	4
Anna Podlas	Cheltenham & Glos	3
Barbara Zorzi	Torexe	3
Flo Ermeje	Torexe	3
Iwona Hadamik	Cheltenham & Glos	3
Joello Lazzarotto	Bedminster Volleyball	3
Katarzyna Sitarek	Cheltenham & Glos	3
Katie Anderson	PMVC Ladies	3
Magda Morgan	Polonia Plymouth	3

Laura Kulmala (RWB) currently heads the Play of the Match nomination table with Torexe's Mijke Van Der Zee in second.

SW Mens

	P	W	L	Pts F	Pts A	Sets F	Sets A	Pts
Exeter Storm	10	10	0	755	460	30	0	30
Lydney Lynx	8	5	3	659	680	16	15	18
City of Bristol	8	4	4	679	606	18	13	16
Weymouth Waves	9	3	6	696	742	13	21	15

In the Men's league, Exeter Storm are still unbeaten this season with 10 out of 10 so far with Lydney Lynx in second place.

SW Mens

Ridvan Karacay	Exeter Storm	5
George Maller	Lydney Lynx	4
Josh Mudge	Cardiff Panthers	4
Matt Board	Weymouth Waves	4

Ridvan Karacay (Storm) has picked up the most POM nominations so far, with George Maller, Josh Mudge & Matt Board all on four nominations each.

Our 50th Anniversary Evening



I would just like to say thank you to everyone for making our anniversary evening a great success and a most enjoyable evening for all. In the end about 100 people attended across the evening from around the region, many have passed on their thanks to us for all the work involved in putting on the evening.

The collection of memorabilia on display from our first 50 years as an association was outstanding (it was very difficult to know where to start). Our MC, Roy Pankhurst did a fine job in getting everyone's attention with his hand bell and town Cryer impression, Dan Dingle's drinking game speech was another memorable part of the evening.



The cake, which featured our five SWVA logos from the period was a great feature, but I believe the star of the show was the slide show of the last 50 years. With over 1,000 photo's (that's 3 hours at 6 second per slide) celebrating our sport in all its various forms over the decades, many thanks to those who forwarded photos. The 70's, 80's & 90's are already available on line, the remaining 20 years will be available shortly.



Our Exec chose four people to take part in the ceremony of cutting the cake (*L to R*).

Rachel Swindell, our long term competition Secretary, Ros Sutherland, our long term junior and coaching official. Also chosen to take part, our two youngest committee members, Ben Fairweather, our U17 Boys Head Coach and Florenie Ermeje, our Inter Regional Beach team manager.



It was also great to be able to celebrate our 50th anniversary with some of our previous SW Chair holders; Graham Person (attending the tournament during the day), Dan Dingle during the evening and a letter of congratulations from Wilma Kelman / Martin.

Full size photos at: [SWVA@50 Anniversary Evening](#)

Dave Reece
SWVA Chair

SW Vets Tournament results 2019



Taking the title for a third time in a row with their fourth title in five years is Torexe Saga Louts. In second place were City of Bristol with Wise Mavericks in third. This years event presentations took place at the SW 50th Anniversary evening after the event, full results below.



Second: City of Bristol

The SW Vets tournament is a handicap event for our older players where men and women compete against the clock, to either keep their handicap points advantage or to catch and overhaul the other team before the hooter sounds. Teams can be made up of any combination of players and the format generally throws up a different winner each year.

Final Results

- 1st Saga Louts – Torexe
- 2nd City of Bristol
- 3rd Wise Mavericks
- 4th Riverside Gloucester
- 5th Countrymen
- 6th Young Mavericks
- 7th Speedwell Dash
- 8th Exeter
- 9th PMVC
- 10th Yeovil
- 11th Torexe

- 12th Cheltenham & Gloucester



2019 Winners: Torexe Sarga Louts



Second: City of Bristol



Veteran Volleyball - Mallorca



Dear volleyball colleagues, on behalf of the IVVA – Veteran Volleyball. I would like to establish cooperation between our organizations. The main objective of our association is to unite volleyball "veterans" from all over the world by organizing sports events and tournaments allowing them to continue measure their skills on international level.

"Age is no handicap" is the fundamental idea of our association, under which we organize International Veteran Volleyball European Championship and IVVA Beach Volleyball Tournament 2020 which will take place in the city of ALCUDIA – MALLORCA from 20.5. to 23.5.2020.

The tournament offers several age categories:

Web Site: www.ivva.eu

European Veteran Volleyball Championship Men (40-47, 48-55, 56+), Women (34-44, 45+)

IVVA Beach Veteran Tournament Men (40-49 , 50+) Women (34-44, 45+)

During the 3rd annual international tournament in Ostrava 2019 there were all together 42 teams from 13 different world countries participating in the IVVA tournament.

The activity of our association and the tournament itself is under the auspices of MEVZA – Middle European Volleyball Zonal Association, and we welcome support and help of other organizations around the world.

I would like to ask you for your contribution and help in promoting this tournament by sharing a poster and this small article on your website. You can find all the promotional material in the attachment below. We kindly ask you to spread the through your media circle and support the event any way that you can.

We sincerely believe that you support our idea, in which the age for players is not a limit. Teams from all around the world get to compete with one another in events where the professional organization, rules and overall approach is essential. Any further information you can find on our website mentioned below or feel free to contact me anytime. We are looking forward to your kind reply and for our future cooperation.

Best Regards Mr. Přemysl Kubala Vice-president of IVVA International Veteran Volleyball Association

Calendar

FEBRUARY 2020

- 8th Feb – SW Squads – Riverside LC, Exeter, 11-6pm
- 15th Feb – SWVA Meeting – WSM
- 29th Feb – JuVoTo Nr.5 – Wellsprings LC, Taunton, 1-5pm

MARCH 2020

- 8th Mar – Volleyball Futures Coaching Clinics – Cardiff – www
- 14th Mar – SW Squads – Riverside LC, Exeter 11-6pm
- 28th Mar – JuVoTo Nr.6 – Wellsway LC, Keynsham, Bristol

APRIL 2020

- 4th Apr – SW Squads (Selected 12) – Riverside LC, Exeter, 11-6pm
- 18th Apr – Junior SW Mini Champs, Taunton, 1-6pm
- 19th Apr – Exeter Men's Challenge – Exeter – www
- 26th Apr – Exeter Ladies Challenge – Exeter – www

MAY 2020

- 2-3rd May SW Championships – Kitto Centre, Plymouth.
- 02 May – National U14 JuVoTo 2020 – Wolverhampton
- 16th May – SW Squads – Pre IRC Finals Training – Riverside LC, Exeter
11-6pm
- 23rd-25th May – IRC Finals Training – Kettering (TBC)
- 30th May – SWVA AGM – WSM
