

## **KDSC (Kirklees Disabled Sports Club) Autumn Newsletter 2024**

### **Holiday dates for your diary:**

Christmas holidays - last session is on Monday 23 December 2024, no meeting on 30 December. Start back on Monday 6 January 2025.

**Web site:** The web site for KDSC is: [yourkdsc.org](http://yourkdsc.org)

### **What is happening on Monday night at Huddersfield Leisure Centre?**

On arrival don't forget to give your name to Robert in the cafe area. Board games plus dominoes are played from 7pm to 8pm.

Swimming is from 8.00pm until 9.00pm in the training pool. Don't forget to give your name to Sarah, Sam or Michelle if you are going swimming. At the end of your swim give the number of lengths you have swum to whoever is on the poolside; this is used by Ashley for the swimming certificates. (*Sarah*)

### **Membership:**

The membership is now at a steady pace with a good clientele.

Some time before the Christmas break we are hoping to have a session in the Splash Park.

If it does happen on the 23 December we will only be off on the 30th December. (*Robert (Hon Sec)*)

### **Treasurer:**

The club finances are in reasonably good shape as a result of some grants we managed to get earlier in the year. This means we can keep our membership fee at £2 a week. This is very good value and covers both the 7 to 8 pm social session and the 8 to 9 pm swimming session. (If you want to see how good go and find out how much a standard swim costs).

As always the club welcomes any donations big or small, all of which go directly to running the club. If you are a tax payer making a donation let the treasurer (me) know as we can claim gift aid. (*Ashley*)

### **Bus Pass:**

Don't forget to check the date on your bus pass. For the disabled pass you can apply not more than 90 days before it expires or 28 days if you have a concessionary travel pass. For the disabled bus pass it is quite simple, you will be asked if your Personal Independence Payment (PIP) has at least 8 points for 'Moving Around' or Communicating Verbally activities. This is an impossible question to answer unless you have an old copy of the paperwork. Failing this you will have to contact PIP organisation on 08001214433 for a paper copy – this could take a long time on the phone!

You will also need a passport style photograph with your application and evidence of your disability. This could be a copy of your PIP letter.

Good luck with your application. (*Bert*)

### **Autumn Dominoes Competition 2024:**

The dominoes competition starts on 7 October until 9 December from 7pm – 8pm. This is your chance to win another solid gold plastic trophy.

### **Pantomime 2024:**

We are going on 28 December to see Dick Whittington at Lawrence Batley Theatre, with a meal before the pantomime. The cost is £23 if you are having a meal **and** going to the pantomime or if you are just going to the pantomime we will give the cost later.

The meal is at Lynn's Cafe on Market Walk - the time will be given closer to the date. If you are just going to the pantomime meet at 1.30pm at the Lawrence Batley Theatre.

If you are interested in going contact Janet on [bjanet487@gmail.com](mailto:bjanet487@gmail.com)

### **Annual Trip 2025:**

Peter Hazell is in the process of organising a trip to Liverpool for 28 June 2025, details later.

### Huddersfield Epilepsy Group:

The programme until December 2024:

Tuesday 1 October – “Sharing Group Memories’.

Tuesday 5 November – Annual Party, numbers are limited.

Tuesday 3 December - Games Evening.

The meetings are held at the Mission, Lord Street, Huddersfield, Tuesday 7pm - 9 pm.

Please contact Joan for information and advice on 01484 427296 (*Joan*)

Congratulations to Joan on being awarded the Freedom of Kirklees for her work over the years with the Epilepsy group (*Bert*)

### Dominoes Competition:

The spring dominoes competition went on from 8 April to 24 June. Those who had 5 or more winning games (14) were presented with a trophy. (*Sarah*)



Some of the happy winners

### Splash Park:

On Monday 17 June we went into the Splash Park between 7 and 8pm. Good to see a lot in the pool, David Battye went down the yellow slide 13 times and Sophie went on the white slide 3 times. I went down the yellow, white and red slide once. Then at 8pm 14 members went in the training pool for an hour. (*Sarah*)

### Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2024:

We had a surprise AGM on Monday 20 May. Ashley presented the Treasurer’s report for KDSC. (*Sarah*)  
Swimming certificates presented by Ashley Herbert for lengths swum during 2023.

David Battye	4256 lengths ( 52.9 miles)
Samuel Cayenne	2218 lengths (27.6 miles)
Sarah Gorton	1632 lengths (20.3 miles)
Martin Beardsell	1168 lengths (14.5 miles) - absent
David Murphy	1120 lengths (13.9 miles)
Daniel Spencer	1040 lengths (12.9 miles)
John Drewery	694 lengths (8.6 miles) - absent
Nicholas Dickinson	683 lengths (8.5 miles) - absent
Carl Widdup	598 lengths (7.4 miles)
Mohan Bhamra	516 lengths (6.4 miles)
Ian Mitchell	516 lengths (6.4 miles)
Antony Bucci	476 lengths (5.9 miles)
Vicky Lumb	469 length (5.8 miles)
Debbie Reynolds	464 lengths (5.8 miles)

Thanks to Ashley for pulling together the certificates and Sarah for sending the numbers to Ashley.

## Annual trip 2024:

Our trip this year on 29 June was to Bridlington. The weather was typical summer (on the cold side).

Getting ready for the off:



Some of us had haddock and chips at the Pier restaurant.

## Lions Fun & Sports Day Doncaster:

On Saturday 10 August 36 members of the Club were on the coach to Parkland Sports and Social Club.

Ready for the day out!



Some of the games:



Some of the trophy winners:



The comments from members of KDSC were as follows:

**Review of Doncaster event 2024 by KDSC members:**

**Registration wallet:** Much easier to give out than last year.

**Selection of activities:**

Liked - spin the wheel, pick the stick, tennis, and bean bag throwing.

One suggestion is a large set of dominoes to play inside if the weather is rough.

A comment from Holme Valley Lions: not good idea to have two splat-the-rats next to each other.

**Football:**

KDSC did not have a team but after seeing the game maybe we could organise a team. 'Difficult to know who is playing' was one comment.

**Magician:**

One commented that they did not watch, but it looked good from a distance.

**Punch & Judy:**

One commented that they did not watch it; another said it was funny but 'not for us'.

**Refreshments:**

Everyone seemed to enjoy the burgers, hot dogs, and chips.

Lot of food left over at the end.

**Indoor toilets:**

Clean and tidy.

Set of step ladders in the disabled toilet which could be a hazard.

**Trophies:**

Liked the trophies but would like the year on the trophy.

Suggested a clip on label to remind them what they have won.

Overall they liked the site and suggested we go there next year!

**Contact details:**

If you change address or phone number please inform Robert as soon as possible.

If you want to comment, contact the editor, Bert Neary, by email at [icehouse40@btinternet.com](mailto:icehouse40@btinternet.com)