



Basingstoke Bluefins Swimming Club  
The Aquadrome  
Basingstoke Leisure Centre  
Worting Road  
Basingstoke.  
RG22 6PG

Dear Friend,

**THE MELISSA GODFREY MEMORIAL SPONSORED SWIM – 26 JANUARY 2009**

**We are proud to announce the Melissa Godfrey Memorial Sponsored Swim on 26 January 2009. Melissa was the daughter of our club president Colin Godfrey. She was a lovely young lady, who was an inspiration to many and had fought Cystic Fibrosis since birth. Tragically, she passed away on 28 November 2008 at the young age of 21.**

**We dedicate this coming year’s sponsored swim to Melissa and hope that you will join us in working hard to raise as much for CF Trust as possible – this year we will be donate all proceeds of the swim to CF trust.**

You may be aware that The Cystic Fibrosis Trust (CF Trust) is the charity partner of our club. In previous years, we have raised funds for this charity, and this will be the third time since its re-launch in 2006. ‘CF’ affects over 2 million people in the UK, and is the UK’s most common life-threatening inherited disease, which affects all vital organs – especially the lungs and pancreas. CF Trust funds research aimed at understanding, treating and curing Cystic Fibrosis. To find out more about CF Trust visit [www.cftrust.org.uk](http://www.cftrust.org.uk)

**We have previously raised about £7,500 each year and for 2009 and we hope to raise over £10,000 including reclaiming as much tax as possible from the Inland Revenue, via all eligible sponsors agreeing to ‘Gift Aid’. That means we need to reach £50 per person if we have 200 participants !! You can do it if you just Move it !!**

Squad swimmers will turn up to the Aquadrome at or around their normal session time, and each session that evening will include a 20 minute distance event, where everyone will swim as far as they can (your distance will be recorded). This will include all sessions from the 5.15pm Academy squad through the County Squad (masters have normal swimming at 9.15pm). Development 1 squad does not normally swim on a Monday, but has a special session at 6.15pm. (On Saturday 10 or 17 January from 12-3pm, some of our 500 swimmers from the lessons programme will be doing a similar swim at Cranbourne College).

It will be a party evening, a little bit like the Fun Swim & Barbecue held in September. We will be playing music, and there will be amusement stalls and refreshments for swimmers, parents and guests. There will also be the return of the relay challenge – come along mid-evening (about 6.45pm) to watch a special event (featuring the WATERPOLO GODS amongst others) !! We will also need the help of some parents on the evening to count laps. You should be able to track the progress of the charity swim on the Bluefins website.

**At this stage, all we need you to do is to SAY YES to helping,** however, in order to speed up the process we have enclosed the sponsorship forms. It will only cost you a small amount of time and you will enjoy yourselves helping both organisations. The serious fund-raising comes between now and the end of January. You can enlist the help of your parents (or children if you are a Master !!). You can ask your school friends/teachers, neighbours (but get an adult to help you if you go round houses), and relatives. You might also get your parents to do the same at their workplace. **There will be a prize for the most funds raised by each boy and each girl !!** If you have any questions, please ask a committee member. If you do not know one, the coaches will be pleased to tell you who they are. Alternatively e-mail the club, or use the Forum on the website.

Looking forward to your help – watch out for the posters poolside !!  
**Basingstoke Bluefins Swimming Club Committee**

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Just fill in the form, tear it off, and hand it (or post it) into the Bluefins office post box. Or e-mail your child’s details to [admin@swimbluefins.org](mailto:admin@swimbluefins.org) . Post to : BBSC, The Aquadrome, Worting Road, Basingstoke RG22 6PG



**BASINGSTOKE BLUEFINS/CF TRUST CHARITY SWIM  
26 JANUARY 2009 - AT THE AQUADROME, BASINGSTOKE**

**Please return this form by 20 January ‘09**

NAME OF SWIMMER(S) (Please print) \_\_\_\_\_ SQUAD \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to take part in the sponsored swim/fun evening on 26 January 2009, and raise money for CF Trust/Bluefins. Please register me for the event, and send me an information pack/sponsorship forms. If I am under 16, an adult will sign on my behalf.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_