Arlington Update

November 2025

General Manager Update

Staff Update

Following a thorough recruitment process, we are pleased to welcome two new full-time members of staff to the team. Lewis joined us last week and is already settling into his role well, while Eren will be joining next week to begin his induction process. Please extend a warm welcome to them as they join our team.

Staff member Katie has recently returned to the club after completing a week-long RLSS Trainer Assessor course. I'm delighted to share that she passed with excellent feedback received from her tutors. Over the coming months, Katie will be mentored by Susanne as she begins supporting our internal staff training and prepares to organise and deliver her own NPLQ courses. Dates will be confirmed in due course.

Juniors Christmas Party & Panto

Our Juniors Christmas Party takes place on Saturday 6th December and tickets are now available from our reception. Don't miss this festive celebration which includes a pool party, refreshments, pantomime and a visit from a very special guest! The party runs from 10am till 1pm and tickets are just £10 per person.

Please note that the pool will be particularly busy between 10am and 11am, so do plan accordingly if using the facilities around this time.

10am - 11am - Pool Party
11am - 12pm - Refreshments in the Members Lounge
12pm - 1pm - Pinocchio Panto

Members Suggestion Box

Following a recent member suggestion, a new towel bin has now been placed in the family changing area to improve convenience and help keep the space tidy. Member feedback is important to us, so please remember that our suggestion box is always available. As always, I'm also happy to chat in person or by email if you'd prefer.

The Club is busier than it has ever been and members are reminded to be considerate of others when using the facilities:

- *Silence is expected in the Warm Room*
- *Talking is allowed in the Hot Room*
- *Shower before entering the pool, particularly after using the sauna/steam room*
- *Ensure showers are turned off when not in use*
- *Keep outdoor shoes in the Slipper Room*
- *Do not put wet costumes on the seats in the Cool Room*
- *Swim in the middle of the pond lanes, NOT up one line and down another*
- *Deposit towels and sheets in the changing room bins or down the laundry chute*

Opportunity to join the Board

The board are seeking to co-opt a board member who is keen to make a significant commitment to the Club.

In particular, the Board would be interested in strengthening the areas of expertise around law, employment law and people management.

Any member who is currently practising in those areas would be a valuable board asset.

In addition, the ability to see the bigger picture, work collaboratively and have strong committed to diversity, inclusion and equality is important.

You must also have been a member of the Club for at least two years.

If you are interested, please contact the General Manager by email at info@arlingtonbaths.co.uk in the first instance, with your name and membership number, how long you have been a full member and a brief summary of the why you wish to join the board including any relevant skills, knowledge and experience you would bring (max 500 words).

On receipt of your note of interest, we would propose to follow this up by offering an opportunity to meet the Board Chair and / or any member of the Board.

Arlington Baths Wins Public Vote!

We are so chuffed that the Arlington Baths Club has been awarded the **'Above and Beyond Participant'** prize by visitors who took part in the Doors Open Day Festival, the annual weekend where Glasgow buildings open to the public.

Following feedback from around 550 people, the Arlington Baths was the winner of the award *'in recognition of the outstanding efforts put into preparation and delivery of their guided tours'*.

Congratulations to the History Group who share the story of the building and our members with our 100+ visitors, and to the volunteers and staff who support the event.

Our thanks also go to all members for their patience during the weekend. Doors Open Day is a valuable event for the Arlington, helping us to recruit new members and to raise our profile in the city, highlighting our significance as a heritage building and our role in the history of Glasgow.

Talk

Book Week Scotland

On sunny days in 19th century Glasgow, city-dwellers flocked to the Clyde and the Kelvin rivers for a refreshing dip. But this watery world of fun and games was also fraught with danger.

Hear how this hidden history of Glasgow is being brought to the surface through stories and songs from the past.

PhD researcher and Arlington member Lucy Janes is searching though 19th century newspapers, magazines, memoirs, poems and songs to learn more about the people who bathed and swam in Glasgow's outdoor waterways. These texts are slowly yielding up clues about the neglected history of outdoor swimming in urban Glasgow, revealing how Victorian residents enjoyed the water for bathing, swimming and competitions.

But at the same time, these swimmers also had to publicly campaign for safer, cleaner water as both the Clyde and the Kelvin fell victim to dangerous dredging and increased pollution. By the end of the century, although the Kelvin played a leading role in Glasgow's great exhibitions, river swimming in urban Glasgow was coming to an end.

Join us during Book Week Scotland to learn how the voices of the past can give us refreshing new views of Glasgow's rivers.

Book your free place

Panto

Pinocchio

6 December 2025 12 noon

Halo Arts are back with Glasgow's Biggest Touring Pantomime - 'Pinocchio' at Arlington Baths Club's annual Christmas party!

When auld Geppetto wishes his gobby puppet Pinocchio was a real boy, the Blue Fairy brings him to life (sort of). But our wooden pal still needs to prove he's got a backbone (and a conscience), with a wee hand from his pest of a pal, Jiminy Cricket. But trouble is afoot when Stromboli-the dodgiest puppet master north of Maryhill-lures Pinocchio and his pals on a bonkers adventure from Italy to Pleasure Island to the inside of a whale's belly!

Tickets for the Junior Members Christmas Party and Panto are £10 from reception

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Film Club

Paul & Paulette Take a Bath

Saturday 22 November 6pm

An unconventional romantic comedy about a young American photographer and a French woman with a taste for the macabre.

Paul & Paulette's chance encounter on a Parisian boulevard sparks an unusual relationship that grows around a dark game; re-enacting scenes of notorious crimes from bygone eras at the sites they occurred. For Paul, the game is a way of getting closer to Paulette. For Paulette, it's a way of escaping a painful break-up. As their road trip approaches the more recent past it becomes more uncomfortable, blurring the lines between reality and fantasy, but finding a surprising joy in the darker corners of humanity.

Winner: Critics' Week Audience Award and Cinema & Arts Award, Venice Film Festival 2024
Winner: Best First Feature, Dinard British & Irish Film Festival 2024
Winner: Best Actress Award, Marie Benati, Monte Carlo Comedy Film Festival 2024

Running Time 109 Minutes
BBFC Certificate 15

Hundreds of Beavers
Saturday 20 December 6pm

In this 19th century, supernatural winter epic, a drunken applejack salesman must go from zero to hero and become North America's greatest fur trapper by defeating hundreds of beavers.

JEAN KAYAK finds himself stranded in a surreal winter landscape with nothing but his dim wits to guide him. Against a backdrop of ruthless elements and sinister creatures - all played by actors in full-sized mascot costumes – KAYAK develops increasingly complex traps in order to win the hand of a mischievous lover.

Join us for this anarchic slapstick comedy!

Running Time 105 Minutes
BBFC Certificate 12A

Tickets for both films are available on Eventbrite using the link below.

Tickets £5

New Socials

The club has opened 2 new social media accounts. Follow us at:

Blue Sky: @Arlingtonbaths.co.uk

Mastodon: @Arlingtonbaths

150th Anniversary of the Turkish Bath 1875 - 2025

Warm Room July 2024

We kicked off the events celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Turkish Bath with a new exhibition in the Reading Room.

The History Group have created 6 panels detailing the construction, decoration, heating, process and staffing of our Turkish Bath. We have also received 4 panels from Malcolm Shifrin, the UK's leading authority on the Victorian Turkish Bath and the Turkish Bath movement.

Pop into the Reading Room and find out what makes our Turkish Bath so special.

Malcolm's book on Victorian Turkish Baths is also available for members to read in the lounge.

150 YEARS

ARLINGTON BATHS CLUB TURKISH BATH

Staying Safe

Diary Dates

18 November 7.30pm Talk - That Famed Place of Aquatic Gamboling
22 November 6pm Film Night - Paul & Paulette Take a Bath
6 December Junior Members Christmas Party

- 10-11am Pool Party
- 11-12pm Refreshments in the Members' Lounge
- 12-1pm Pinocchio in the Reading Room

20 December 6pm Film Night - Hundreds of Beavers

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