

## **Dawn & Dusk OSS Bantham Swoosh 2017**

The Outdoor Swimming Society Bantham Swoosh swimming event will be setting off from Timbers Car Park on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June. The parish council has been negotiating with the organisers to minimise the disturbance to residents, especially for the morning swim which will involve over 400 people arriving while most people are still in bed! This time, rather than collecting on the green, they have arranged that everyone will be dropped off at Timbers car park, and collect in the Brousson's field beside Slipway. They have also negotiated with the OSS to minimise any disruption to traffic or parking especially in the evening, and hope that any spectators from the parish will be able to watch the swims without any difficulty as it's been such a spectacular sight in the last couple of years to see so many people setting off from here.

The OSS has donated 6 tickets to swimmers for fundraising for our own community pool, and the fundraisers are generously donating all proceeds that they raise through "Justgiving", an online charitable donation organisation. If anyone would like to contribute sponsorship money to any of them, full details will be available through our own parish website or Facebook page – and if you'd like further information about this, please ask Tim Abrahall or Ros Brousson.

We have been sent these details of the OSS arrangements for the day;

"Swimmers will be entering the water at Timbers Car Park between 7am - 8am, and 7pm - 8pm. These are the times to avoid the car park when coaches will be dropping swimmers off via the A379 at the southern end of the village. No event traffic enters the village itself, and no swimmer or spectator traffic comes to the village. Swimmers are all dropped off in coaches that shuttle them from Bantham Beach to the carpark where they will congregate for a maximum of an hour.

Everyone is welcome to cheer the swimmers coming out of the water at the finish line on Bantham Beach where swimmers are expected between 8am–9.30am, and 8pm–9.30pm. Space is limited at the start of the swim and so it's not possible to accommodate spectators at Timbers Car Park, however there are plenty of places to watch further along the route of the swim.

And at the Bantham end; the beach road to Bantham will be closed for two short periods during the day for coaches to ferry swimmers from Bantham to Aveton Gifford. Residents will be given access. Event registration takes place between 5am and 6am and 4pm and 6pm at Bantham and this is when most event traffic is expected which may slow traffic to the beach down (although the number of cars arriving are comparable to sunny summer weekends)."