

## POOL NEWS

### TROUBLE SHOOTING

- 1) Electric motor will not start, check fuse; if motor hums the impellor maybe jammed. This could be due to small stones caught around the impellor area. Check impellor area.
- 2) Pump will not prime, usually caused by air being sucked into the system. Check that the pump lid is firmly in place and that the water levels are sufficient in the pool.
- 3) Pressure gauge is abnormally low. Check that both suction and skimmer valves are open.
- 4) Pressure gauge abnormally high. Check that any valves in the return line are open, backwash the filter. Check that the filter sand is not blocked with calcium.
- 5) Water is cloudy, not crystal clear. Check PH, check chlorine and correct. Filter continuously.

Many of you use local pool maintenance people to look after your pool. It is in your own interest to make sure that they only use **your** pool vacuum hose, pole, brushes, leaf net, test kit etc and not theirs!

The majority of pool algae and disease problems are transmitted by the equipment. If they use their equipment you do not know where it has been before and what problems the previous pool or pools may have. You would not let unknown people use your toothbrush would you? If your pool maintenance person is properly trained (i.e. Member of the Institute of Swimming Pool Engineers) they will insist on only using your equipment. It is one of the first and most important lessons a properly trained person learns. Again you would not want a doctor to use the same needle that he has used before on someone else. It becomes a very costly business killing bugs and Algae introduced into your pool by other people's equipment.

Doing the pool yourself and is your filtration plant is in a fibre glass box with a green lid 'below deck'? None of us are getting any younger and bending down to operate the system on your knees is no longer easy. The pump and electrics can be underwater when we have one of our occasional heavy rainstorms. Ground movement can crush some of the pipe work causing leaks and this can become expensive to repair and replace. It is extremely difficult to change the filter sand. The pump can become over heated due to lack of air movement, or it might just be in the wrong place and you want the area clearer round your pool. Now would be the time to change it. The vast majority of filter systems in the UK and America are situated above ground, in a small shed or summerhouse. It makes your life so much easier for maintenance and general cleaning of your pool. If you wish to know more give me a ring.

Filtration times this month should be around four hours in every twenty four, if the sun should start shining more frequently and the nights start to warm up increase this to six hours. If your pool is heated it should be eight hours in twenty four.

Any problems you can contact me on either 951167067 or 690088068

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## EL VALLE SUMMER BALL

Following the tremendous success that was the El Valle Christmas Dinner Dance, it has been decided to hold a Summer Ball! After careful consideration it was decided that the venue should be different from the Christmas event (don't worry - we'll be back at Hotel La Viñuela on 12 December 2008!) and after a lot of research by the Social Committee the Jardin del Trapiche was chosen. The venue affords us the use of a lovely outside space in addition to the more formal dining area.

The price will include:

Aperitif & Canapés for 45 minutes prior to meal

Mixed Salad

Solomillo Wellington **or** Lenguado

Orange Tart with Ice Cream

Tart & Cava

Wine, Beer, soft drinks & water with the meal

**Not** included are drinks at the bar after the meal.

Entertainment will be provided and the ever popular El Valle raffle will be running. The cost of the event will be €45 per person for members and €55 per person for non-members. You will be asked for a deposit of €20 per person when you book and the balance must be paid by 2nd June 2008. Choice of main course must also be given by 2nd June.

Book your places at the Monday market or at the monthly meeting.