



Wimborne Wagtails Winter Newsletter 2023



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Club News

We have some very exciting news to share with you. We have had a large unexpected donation of £7,000 from Abbey Swimming Club in Milton Abbas. They were unable to continue as a Club and chose us with 2 other local charities to receive their funds.

This is wonderful news and will give us large reserves for the future. We have yet to hear about the future of QE but it would most likely mean a huge increase in our pool hire costs. We aim to keep the low £5 per month charge for our swimmers so the extra funds will enable us to do this. We would like to thank some of the Club members in person so will be holding a lunch after swimming on 18th February in studio 2. We would like as many of you as possible to join us in thanking them. We would also welcome any suggestions for use of Club funds.

Rita's retirement

Sadly, Rita has decided to retire from Wagtails after 25 years. She has helped many swimmers gain confidence in the water and improve their swimming technique. Her foot massages are legendary. Many people won't know that she has driven teams of Wagtails to Galas as far away as Plymouth and Sevenoaks in Kent. In between helping swimmers on Saturdays, she has over the years, visited or telephoned members with difficulties or ill health. We will miss you Rita and many thanks from all of us.



Distance Awards

We will now be giving swimmers the opportunity to achieve distance awards. You will be asked if you would like to take part and Michelle, Ann or Janet will help you to achieve a distance or award suitable for you. Certificates will be awarded on completion.

New swimmers and swim helper

Welcome to our newest swimmers Rafe, Samuel, Alex, Marie, Peter, Nicola and Oliver.

We are also delighted to add a new swim helper to our team - Janet who you will have seen in the pool.

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Other Club News

Social Events coming up

Thank you to Abbey Swimming Club	18th February
Spring Social	March/April
AGM	May
Cream Tea	Summer
Friends of Dolphin Boat Trips	Summer
Picnic	August

We welcome new ideas and helpers for social events.



Xmas Party



September Swim Challenge

This was a fantastic event with £2,600 raised from swimmers and around £250 from gift aid. Many thanks to all the swimmers who took part—Charlotte, David, Eleanor, Greg, Harry, Hayley, Jack, Laura, Lucy, Luke D, Luke O, Oliver, Oscar, Polly, Rebecca, Ru, Sam, Sarah and Torin. Your personal achievements were amazing with top swimmers Oscar 3 miles, Jack, Sam and Harry over 2 miles. You all worked hard to gain sponsorship with Sarah, Oliver and Ru raising the highest amounts.

Facebook and website

Please look us up on our website and join our Facebook group for up to date news and photos. Search for Wimborne Wagtails on Facebook www.wimbornewagtails.org.uk

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