



Wimborne Wagtails

Autumn Newsletter 2021



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Swimming News

We have now been back swimming at QE since April and it is all going very well indeed. It is great to see our regular swimmers back and benefitting from their swims. We now have 2 sessions running (at 11.15 and 12.00). All swimmers now have their allocated session. The first session will have 3 lanes in place for lane swimming and will suit those who prefer a quieter swim. The second session will have one lane in place for lane swimming and then the pool is open. This is suitable for the children with their carers and those who prefer a more open swimming session.

New swimmers and swim coach

We have recently had a influx of new swimmers including many children which is lovely. Welcome to our new youngest swimmers twins Oscar and Harry, Isaac, Rebecca and Tyler. Also welcome to Amelia, Margaret, Charlotte, Diane, Wendy, Polly, Torin, Jackie, Sean and Jo. We are delighted to add a new swimming teacher to our team - Michelle.

QE consultation

As you may have already have heard Dorset Council has proposed withdrawing from funding QE Leisure Centre. This would be devastating for our Club as we have swum successfully here for nearly 30 years.

QE have issued a consultation questionnaire to gather opinions of users and members of the public. We would encourage as many people as possible to object to this plan - so please pass on the link below to family and friends. www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/QELC-survey (deadline is 7th Nov).

Other news

Sadly Elsie Stone passed away in February this year 3 days short of her 94th birthday. She was quite an inspiration and will be missed by all those who knew her.

We will sadly say farewell to 2 of our swim coaches this year. Jacqui left earlier this year after 5 years at Wagtails including over 3 years as Chairman. Liz will leave at the end of the year after 20 years service.

Other Club News

Social Events

We have arranged 2 cream teas at The Priest House Wimborne now we can all meet again - 23rd October and 27th November. The later one is intended as a memorial to Elsie who sadly died earlier this year 3 days short of her 94th birthday.

Our Xmas social will be on Saturday 11th December. It will start with a fun session in the pool followed by a festive buffet , raffle and games at Holt Village Hall from 1.00. Details to follow.

Panto—a group of Wagtails usually goes to the Panto at the Tivoli. Is anyone interested in organising this event (contact Alex).

Holiday swim sessions

As usual there will be no swim sessions for 2 weeks over Christmas and the New Year. This year the dates are the bank holidays on December 25th and January 1st.

Thank you Jacqui and Liz

Jacqui has been swimming with Wagtails for 5 years including 3 years as Chairman. Her many achievements for the Club include gaining extra time for our swim session, successful funding of £9,140 from Awards for All, adding structure to the swim sessions, organising hydrotherapy sessions and negotiating a very favourable hire charge from QE. In the pool she has helped so many members to improve their swimming and stroke technique, to see the benefits of exercise to keep strong and in gaining confidence in the water.

Liz joined Wagtails 20 years ago and has been a stalwart to the swimmers and fellow helpers as well as being a much valued committee member. So many of our swimmers have benefitted from her support, kindness and expert help in the pool. She has prepared countless teams for Galas and has been such an asset for Wagtails. Liz has also helped members in other ways—supporting them through difficult times and the like—she will be greatly missed.

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