



WIMBORNE WAGTAILS SWIMMING CLUB FOR THE DISABLED

## GALA SPECIAL



Our first lottery funded Inter Club Gala was held on 16th March 2019 at Canford Sports Centre and was a fantastic success with nearly 80 swimmers, carers, family, friends and helpers attending. It was a great competition between Yeovil Apollo, Mendip Mallards, Plymouth Pisces and Wimborne Wagtails with 10 swimmers from Wagtails and Mallards, 8 from Apollo and 5 from Pisces. All Clubs thoroughly enjoyed the day with the main comment being the cold water temperature which was out of our control.

The individual top swimmer was a tie between 4 swimmers - Robbie from Wagtails, Rebecca from Pisces, Mark from Apollo and Steven from Mallards each winning 2 golds and a silver medal. It was agreed to share the shield and pass on to the next team at the next competing Gala.

The Elsie Stone Endeavour Award was won by Eve from Pisces and presented by Elsie.

The Champion team was won by Mendip Mallards with 93 points, with Wagtails second (89), Apollo third (77) and Pisces with (49). So well done to everyone. Our team swimmers were Jemma, Isabella, Lucy, Laura, Lisa, Amy, Robbie, Greg, Jack W and Sam.

Congratulations to all the swimmers who took part and many thanks to all the helpers and organisers and Canford Sports Centre for the catering and excellent pool facilities. £85 was raised from the raffle with the top prize of the Morrisons hamper won by our Di G.



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*An excellent day. Well organised. Great facility in great setting. Keenly fought, but, as always, in good spirit. For the Wagtails a fine first hosting of a disability swimming gala. Thanks to Canford School for providing such a great venue. Roll on the next gala. It made me proud to be a Wagtail. Well done to all those who helped in the club to provide such a great day for the club's first disability swimming gala. Hopefully the first gala of many hosted by The Wagtails.*

*Was a lovely event enjoyable and fun, well done!*

*As for the gala and the food and presentation it was very good indeed - Mallards*

*We all enjoyed the Wagtails first Gala and thought it was a great success - Pisces*

*We thought you did very well and we really enjoyed ourselves - Apollo*

*Well done for the organisers for getting it right.*

*We've been to many galas with our son over the years, and it was lovely to see Wagtails being able to host their own event after so long. Thanks to everyone for making it happen, we really enjoyed it.*