

Whitworth Swimming Club News Letter Autumn 2017, issue 12

Welcome to the twelfth issue of the Whitworth Swimming Club newsletter. If you would like to see additional features in this newsletter then please speak to one of the qualified teachers or Mike Burgess.

More information about the Whitworth Swimming Club is on our website www.whitworthswimmingclub.com



Dates for your calendar.

Sunday 15th October 2017 Whitworth Annual Swimming Gala from 2.30 pm at Whitworth Leisure Centre

Forms available from the ladies on the sweet shop. All entry forms to be submitted by 11th October. We cannot accept entries on the day of the gala as we will have spent 24 hours putting together the gala rota and entries.

Sunday 12th November – Whitworth Remembrance Sunday from 11.00 am from Tong Lane, Whitworth

The town's Remembrance Sunday commemorations will begin with the Remembrance Sunday procession, which will leave as usual from opposite the former Town Council Offices (just north of the corner of Market Street and Tong Lane) at 10.20am; the processional route will be the subject of a road closure order for this brief period and drivers are advised to avoid the area. The procession will be led by Whitworth's Mayor, who will be supported by the Whitworth Vale and Healey Brass Band, plus the local uniformed organisations, Town, Borough and County Councillors, representatives of the town's schools and places of worship, Lancashire Constabulary and members of the public. The procession will arrive at Whitworth's Memorial Gardens in Facit at approximately 10.40am and will be followed immediately by a Service of Remembrance at the Cenotaph, including a two-minute silence at 11 am. Whitworth swimming club will be laying a wreath. Following the Service of Remembrance, everyone is invited to cross the road for light, warm refreshments at The Riverside (Civic Hall).

Monday 13th November – Whitworth Swimming Club AGM from 6.30pm at the Whitworth Riverside

Our annual general meeting will be held on the above date at either the council chamber/bar lounge area at 6.30pm. At the meeting, we will agree our pricing policies for 2018 and nominate the new committee to take the club forward. Parents you are very welcome to join us and help shape the club's future. **We need more parents to get involved in running your club, please. All the swimming teachers are in either full-time employment or education and we really need your help to continue with the level of activities within the club**

Sunday 26th November – Whitworth Christmas Light Switch on from 6.00pm

Members of the public are encouraged to come to the Riverside carpark at 6 pm for the appearance from Father Christmas on the outdoor stage followed by a prize presentation to the winners of the schools colouring competition. After this, the lucky winners will help the Mayor and Mayoress of Whitworth push the plunger and officially switch on the Christmas lights. After the switch on, all are welcome to come into the Riverside, who will be serving a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie for a small charge, with kid's refreshments also available. Father Christmas will be issuing sweets to the children from his grotto on the indoor stage, 2018 Whitworth calendars will be on sale and ducks will be available to sponsor for the New Year's Day Duck Race. The evening is expected to draw to a natural close around 7.00pm. Entry to this event is free, and all are welcome.

Sunday 10th December – Medal Celebration and Christmas Party 1.30 pm to 4 pm at the Whitworth Riverside

Whitworth Riverside from 1.30 pm to 4.00 pm. Tickets on sale at £2.50 per person and aged 2 and under are free. Medal presentation, games and competitions, face-painting, glitter tattoos, photo-booth, badge making, Christmas card making and the super mega raffle and more. If you would like to donate a raffle prize for the hampers of from the business where you work then please pass to Andrea and Linda on the tuck shop. Party tickets and raffle tickets will be on sale soon. Please see some photographs from last year

Whitworth Swimming Club – Fun Night Tuesday and Wednesday 19th and 20th December

The last sessions for club before Christmas will be the above dates With kids can join us 7.00 pm to 8.00 pm and lane kids from 8.00pm to 9.00pm

Annual Memberships 2018

The annual membership for Swimming Club will remain at £20 per year per child with a discount for multiples of 3 children at £55 per year. We have listened, heard and acted and you will have until the **end of March 2017** to pay your membership. As most of us are parents we know the costs of Christmas and New Year and hence offering this extension to renew.

Standing Orders 2017/18

Please read the rules about standing orders for 2017/18 and please do not cancel over the Christmas Holidays or any other holidays. Some parents are still cancelling their standing orders in holiday periods. The amount set is to cover a 12-month period and you are depleting club of essential funds. We are working through the lists and will ask you to recompense the club where payments have been cancelled without a valid reason. If your child wishes to leave the club then please let Mike, Michelle (Tue) or Sam (Wed) know immediately and then you can cancel your standing order.

Please click here to [download](#) the essential information on standing orders

Whitworth Swimming said goodbye to several teachers during summer 2017

A number of our teachers left to go to university. Congratulations, well done and have a fantastic time: Hannah Hill, Lewis Gooding, Alex Park and Ayrton Bagshaw.

Parents we really need your help, please.

Parents and guardians, as you are probably aware the swimming club is run completely by volunteers. Many of these have full-time jobs, are in full-time education and have families. We now need some help running the club, please. Activities include: helping on distance nights/gala/splash and dash, making phone calls, doing administrative tasks, helping us pull together newsletters, organising the Kandel Exchange, running the tuck-shop and much more. We are also looking for adult assistants and potential swimming teachers. If you feel that you can commit and give some time then please speak to Mike Burgess / Michelle Ashcroft / Sam Keiley in the first instance and we will compile a list. We are also still looking for volunteer teaching assistants and teachers.

Other bits and bobs

School holidays for 2018 will be posted on the website shortly

Articles

Please see two articles from swimming club teachers

Fina World Masters Championships 2017 – Women’s Water Polo – Michelle Ashcroft

From 7th August to 13th August this year Budapest hosted the World Masters Championships.

I represented the English Roses Masters Water Polo team in the over 45 age group. We took a team of 15 players aged between 46 and 60!!!

There were 100 men’s teams entered – age range from 30 – 75+ and 20 women’s team’s age range 30 – 60+. As Hungary was hosting the competition and have been Olympic champions on many occasions they entered two past Olympic teams!! Their men’s 40+ and women’s 30+ who both won their age groups managed to draw crowds in excess of 6,000 people!!! (Our games had around 100 people watching at times – which is a lot for us!!).

As there were only a small number of ladies teams some of the age groups had to be combined so my team were included in the 35+, 40+ & 45+ group which gave us quite a few hard and close games. We fought hard and managed to beat some of the younger teams we played and eventually came away with the silver medal in our age group.

Our next adventure is the European Masters Championships in Slovenia August 2018.



Kandel Exchange 2017



On Tuesday 25th July 2017, Whitworth Swimming Club organisers escorted 16 children and 8 adults on the annual Kandel Exchange to visit and stay with families in Whitworth's twin-town Kandel. The exchange has been running for almost 50 years between the swimming club and the now Kandel youth exchange programme. For 2017, the Kandel organisers added some new activities to create a fun packed week. The weather was kind with a pleasant temperature of 22 / 24 degree which was hot for the English and cold for the Germans in Kandel.

- Wednesday – Fantastic outdoor pool in Haseloff followed by a welcome party in the evening
- Thursday - A visit to Tripsdrill a superb theme park and wildlife park
- Friday – A trip to ZDF television in Mainz, followed by some time in the town followed by dinner out for the Whitworth adults.
- Saturday – A superb game of Golf-foot ball (FussBall)
- Sunday – Is always family fun-day where the English visitors spent time with the German families enjoying their Sunday leisure activities.
- Monday – A visit to the tree top forest for some high ropes, followed by a swim at the Kandel swimming pool and finishing with a leaving party.

Whitworth Swimming Club would like to thank the Kandel organisers and hosts for a fantastic week and we look forward to you visiting England next year proposed dates currently are 26th July to 2nd August. If you would like to host a visitor from Kandel next year then please talk to Mike and Michelle.

You can see a range of photographs from the daily events here:

Tripsdrill

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ZDF and Mainz

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