
Welcome to the eighth issue of Whitworth Swimming Club newsletter. If you would like to see additional features in this newsletter then speak to one of the qualified teachers or Mike Burgess. More information about the Swimming Club is also on our website www.whitworthswimmingclub.com

Dates for the Diary: Please add these dates to your diary, phone, blackberry and calendar:

**Whitworth Swimming Club – Half Term 2015 Club will be closed
Tuesday and Wednesday 18th and 19th February 2015**

For other school holidays, please see the table at the end of this newsletter.

Badge Months – March 2015 and June 2015

In these months we will be working with the width groups on some badges.

Whitworth Swimming Club - Distance Nights 2015

We will be planning this for the end of April 2015. We have listened to all your points about distance night and implemented the following. It will be a sponsored swim distance night to raise club funds and money for local charities.

There will be prizes for the most monies raised by club swimmers. Please grab a sponsor form from Andrea or Ian on the tuck shop desk.

How it works

- On Tuesday 21st April 2015 – **Tuesday night it will be width swimmers only from 7pm**, there will be no lanes session to allow the little ones from 7pm and 7.30pm to swim their lengths.
- On Wednesday 22nd April 2015 - the same, there will be no lanes session
- On Tuesday 28th April 2015 – **Tuesday night it will be lane swimmers only from 7pm**, there will be no width sessions on this night to allow the older swimmers to do their distance night.
- On Wednesday 29th April 2015- the same, there will be no width sessions

Whitworth Skyline Walk, Sunday 17th May 2015

Whitworth Swimming Club will be represented on the walk. For more details please see the Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1378467145724888/?fref=ts>

Whitworth Swimming Club Junior Splash n' Dash 2015 as part of Whitworth Sports Festival 2015, Sunday 14 June 2015 at 8pm

200 metre swim (8 lengths) and a run around Cowm Reservoir, prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd for girls and boys in each age group. Small entry fee.,

Kandel Exchange 2015 – 28th July to 4th August 2015

Please see attached flyer, places are filling up fast

Whitworth Annual Swimming Gala 2015 – Sunday 18th October 2015

The annual gala will be on the 20th September 2015. Entry forms will be issued closer to this date.

The famous mum's and dad's race this year will be special where contestants compete for the Peter Mitchell memorial trophies

**Whitworth Swimming Club Family Fun Party and Medal Celebration
Sunday 13th December 2015 at Whitworth Riverside**

The family fun party and medal celebration will be on Sunday 13th December from 1pm – 4pm Whitworth, Riverside. Tickers and raffle tickets will be on sale after the October half term.

And there is more.....

Memberships / Standing Orders / Payment Cards

Annual memberships to the club are now due. The cost is £17.50 per child for membership for 12 months to the club.

If you have 3 children or more we do offer a discount, please see Ian or Andrea. We will be checking for new membership cards over the next few weeks so please bring them with you. The annual membership helps contribute towards insurance, hiring the pool and training new teachers. We have just trained 6 new teachers which has cost the club £2,625. Please can you make sure we also have an accurate and up to date email address on your renewal form as we will be using emails to alert you to events,

We offer two methods of weekly payments. Standing order at £7.10 per month or 4 week payment cards at £9.00 per card. We have not increased these costs but please do not cancel your standing order unless your child leaves the club and please ensure you bring your 4 week payment card each week. We are a small club run by volunteers and we need every penny to pay for the above please.

If you would like to make a donation or your business make a donation, then please make cheques payable to Whitworth Swimming Club.

Remembrance Sunday

Whitworth Swimming Club attended the Whitworth Memorial service ceremony on Sunday 9th November 2014 and places a wreath at the cenotaph. The event was extremely well attended.



Swimming Club Family Fun Party and Medal Celebration

On Sunday 30th November 2014, Whitworth Swimming Club held its annual family party and gala medal presentation at the Riverside in Whitworth. The club saw its biggest attendance ever with over 150 parents and children present. The Mayor and Mayoress of Whitworth joined the festivities to watch the gala medal presentation. Parents and children cheered and clapped as swimmers were presented with either gold, silver and bronze medals, ribbons for 4th and 5th places and certificates for participation. Again, competition was intense at the gala to win the coveted best boy and girl in the age groups trophies. Mum and Dad Ashcroft scooped the medals for the mum and dad's race.



The party continued with a range of traditional party games for the children led by the famous Kim Blezard and her band of merry helpers as parents tackled the super Christmas Quiz prepared by Andrea Barlow.

For the first time the club did a photo-booth for the children which was an amazing success seeing the kids dress up a variety of dress-up items and pose for photographs. The event concluded with the mega Whitworth Swimming Club raffle. With over 30 prizes donated by parents, local business and community groups the club raised a substantial amount towards club funds. The hampers and prizes went down very well with parents and children.

Club spokesman Mike Burgess said: "I would like to express a massive thank you to parents, children, teachers, helpers, volunteers and the Riverside staff for making it a superb afternoon. Finally a special thank you to Sue Jubb for keeping the Christmas Cheer." Photographs of the party will be available soon. Please see Mike Burgess.

Swimming Teacher's Christmas Meal

On Saturday 31st January 2015 the swimming teachers enjoyed a late Christmas meal at the Oxford, Whitworth Road. A good night was had by all. Teaching assistants were presented with cinema vouchers before Christmas as a thank you for their dedication as volunteers to the club.

Keep up to date with our communications and social Media

Whitworth Swimming Club website contains lots of information about the club <http://www.whitworthswimmingclub.com/>

We are visible and active on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/253308758086422/>

We are tweeting on Twitter: <http://twitter.com/whitworthswim>

We need your help.

The swimming teachers and helpers at Whitworth Swimming Club are all volunteers who also have full time jobs or are in full time education with various work and family commitments. We currently don't have the capacity to deliver the range of activities we have done previously. We need your help as parents / guardians to support or undertake some of the following or they will not happen. Please speak to Mike Burgess, Michelle Ashcroft or Sam Keiley if you can offer some time to help. Thank you.

- The Distance Night (April 2015)
- Splash n Dash (June 2015)
- Adults to volunteer as teaching assistants
- Adults to volunteer as swimming teachers



Other Bits and Bobs

Please see link <http://www.whitworthswimmingclub.com/#/downloads/4544525909>

Whitworth Swimming Club Volunteers

Whitworth Swimming Club Rules

Whitworth Swimming Three Strike Rule

School holidays

We will be closed

- 17th and 18th February (1 week)
- 30th March/ 1st April, to 7th / 8th April (majority) (2 weeks)
- 26th and 27th May (1 week)
- 28th/29th July to 1st / 2nd September inclusive (6 weeks)
- 27th / 28th October (1 week)
- 22nd / 23rd to 29th /30th December (2 weeks)