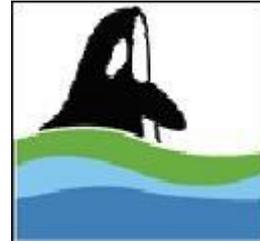




Whitworth Swimming Club



## **Chairman's report**

**Hello everyone and welcome to the Whitworth Swimming Club AGM  
November 16<sup>th</sup> 2015 at the Council Chambers, Whitworth Riverside 6.00 pm**

### **Acknowledgements**

As Chair person of Whitworth Swimming Club I would like to formally thank all the Swimming Teachers, Assistants, Volunteers, Pool Staff, Children and Parents and Community Leisure Association of Whitworth (CLAW) for making this a fantastic 2015 during our forty third year birthday anniversary.

Your hard work and dedication throughout the year has been much appreciated by the current committee and the club members.

Very special thanks to the Whitworth Swimming Club Teachers, Assistants and other volunteers who give up their time each week.

Extra special thanks to Michelle Ashcroft for going the extra miles in organising and delivering a fantastic Kandel Exchange in August 2015 and for her support in making events and activities happen.

An extra special thank you to Ian Barker and Andrea Barlow for their sterling work with the tuck shop, their monthly reconciliations which make it easy to produce the accounts and for Andrea pushing the raffle tickets and prizes to raise much needed funds.

A special thank you to Hayden, Chris, Rachael and the team at Whitworth Leisure Centre who have been a fantastic help this year with events / standing orders and many other issues.

### **Some Key Headlines: November 2014-November 2015**

The swimming club has been working hard to increase our core offer and now we cover: Swimming, Water Polo, Life Saving, Badges, Fun Sessions, Lanes sessions, Distance nights and Galas offering a broad and diverse range of activities to keep the width and lane swimmers interested.

#### **Remembrance Sunday 09.11.14**

At remembrance Sunday 2014, Whitworth Swimming Club members laid a wreath at the Whitworth Remembrance Sunday service.

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#### **Christmas Party and Medal Celebration 2014**

Whitworth Swimming Club presented the medals to club members on Sunday 30th November 2014 at the Riverside in Whitworth. Well done to all our club members

<http://www.whitworthswimmingclub.com/#/medals-2014/4588385265>

### **Christmas Holidays**

Before finishing for the Christmas Holidays, each child received a selection box from the club. We also received a number of boxes of chocolates which were shared amongst the teachers

### **Teachers Christmas Party 31<sup>st</sup> January 2015**

In January 2015 the swimming teachers had a belated Christmas Party at The Oxford. A good time was had by all as can be seen from the photographs.

The assistants all received a £10 cinema voucher.

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### **The Annual Distance Night 21<sup>st</sup> April / 22<sup>nd</sup> April and 28<sup>th</sup> April / 29<sup>th</sup> April**

In 2015 we changed the format of the distance night based on feedback from parents.

We staggered the event of two weeks allowing the younger children to swim on week and the older kids to swim the next week. We also made the distance night a sponsored swim. The process seemed to work very well and feedback has been positive. We raised around £900 for club.

Many children swam beyond the targets they had set themselves, astounding both the club and their parents. It was extremely encouraging to see our youngest swimmers achieving their first 25m one length and more competent swimmers ploughing through 200 lengths, a staggering 4000 metres (4km). Between the kids they swam a staggering 179.35 Kilometres or in old money 111.5 miles. Well done.

### **The Junior Splash n Dash – Part of Whitworth Sports Festival 2015**

Whitworth Swimming Club held the Junior Splash n Dash on Sunday 14 June 2015.

A massive well done to all the kids who did the Whitworth Splash n Dash, a 200 metre swim followed by 2km run around Cowm Reservoir. A very big thank you to the parents who cheered the kids on, Whitworth swimming club volunteers for organising, timing and marshalling, other volunteer marshals and helpers, the leisure centre staff and Whitworth Sports Council for making it the best race ever.

### **Kandel Exchange 28<sup>th</sup> July 2015 to 4<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

On 28<sup>th</sup> July, Whitworth Swimming Club took 13 children and teenagers on the annual Exchange to Whitworth's twin town, Kandel in Germany. The fun and activities began Wednesday morning with a coach ride to a heated indoor and outdoor leisure centre. In the evening a welcome party was enjoyed by all the children, hosts and organisers. The rest of the week continued at pace with a visit to the fun forest, Kandel outdoor swimming pools, playing futsal (golf with footballs), bikes on a railway track and the week ending with the closing party.

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### **Annual Swimming Gala Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

The Swimming Gala was a fantastic success on the We held over 75 events including a special race for non-swimmers and favourite mum's and dad's race. A range of feedback from parents and kids indicated that it was a long afternoon but they really enjoyed the races and the cheering on of young swimmers.

### **Remembrance Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

At remembrance Sunday 2015, Whitworth Swimming Club members Charlie Keiley and Emma Burgess laid a wreath at the Whitworth Remembrance Sunday service.

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### **Swimming Club Leavers 2014 to 2015**

During the year we had a number of leavers from Swimming Club who were presented with either flowers or a gift to show our appreciation.

- Kim Bleazard retired from Club at Christmas 2014
- Other leavers included Georgia Smith, Terri Simpson, Faye Beasley and Sian O'Dell to either focus on their studies or go to university.

**New teachers qualifying at STA (A) level**

Well done to the following teachers who qualified:

- Sue Jubb
- Jenny Hill
- Eve Williams
- Alex Park
- Brooke

**RLSS Teacher Rescue**

A number of teaching assistants have completed the course and existing teachers renewed.

**We have welcomed a range of teaching Assistants**

We have a range of dedicated volunteer teaching assistants who give up their free time each week to assist at Whitworth Swimming Club.

We developed and introduced a new leaflet to support them in their development

**Finally we have taught 100s of children and teenagers to swim, swim safe, develop their strokes, life save, play water-polo, compete, have fun, improve fitness, develop confidence, and respect and listen to teachers.**

**We have also supported teaching assistants to complete their Duke of Edinburgh and secure college studies and supported our qualified teachers via references into employment.**

**Working as a volunteer in our great team and achieving the above is what makes me come and do this every week and support the club.**

Signed:



**Mike Burgess  
Chair Person  
Whitworth Swimming Club  
16<sup>th</sup> November 2015**