



Dear Members

News Letter

Welcome to latest news letter for Radcliffe Swimming and Waterpolo Club. Going forward the club will be using this as a means alongside Facebook, Twitter and our website to communicate our news.

As you will be aware since we lost the old Radcliffe Pool the club has been based at both Castle and the new Radcliffe Pool which has proven difficult logistically to provide the service, we as a club would like to provide. With good management and the help of many volunteers we have managed to do this and I would like to thank everyone past and present for their assistance.

SWIMMING

The club has recently introduced a standing order process for training payments for our CL1 and CL2 swimmers with a view to keeping costs down and to also encourage regular training attendance. Our CL1 and CL2 swimmers are our competitive swimmers and regular attendance will result in more wins for individuals and the team. Remember ***TRAIN HARD WIN EASY.***

The recent introduction of our Masters Team is proving popular with a regular number of swimmers attending our Tuesday session for training. We have entered 2 Galas so far this season and having witnessed these, the competition is really tough, however, the Masters Team is holding its own and will continue to progress. This is a great addition to the club.

I recently visited the Radcliffe Pool during the Sunday lessons and training and saw first hand the number of swimmers we have at all levels striving to be the best they can. It is fantastic to see swimmers progress from beginners to finely tuned athletes. This is due to the commitment of the parents, swimmers and also the teachers who give up their free time to volunteer for the club.

WATERPOLO

The Waterpolo side of the club continues to go from strength to strength with our 12 and under team last year sweeping all before them in all competitions. A massive achievement for a section of the club that was started only 3 years ago by our Junior Head Coach Tom Gleaves and Ian McKinnon. A huge congratulations must go out to the players and U12's Coach Katherine.

Our U14's and U16's teams achieved more success than previous years by both finishing third in their respective leagues, again this is testament to their hard work and dedication alongside the coaches. A number of the U16's have been invited to train by the Senior Head Coach with our senior squad and have played in some very tough senior matches. All great experience for the future. A big thank you has to go out to the senior team who have really welcomed these players into their squad and continue to provide excellent guidance.

MEMBERSHIP/CLUB MATTERS

The club continues to look for ways to ensure that we keep our membership and training costs as low as possible. We are therefore looking for volunteers to assist in the promotion of the club and to help with fund raising. This may be in the form of sponsored events, grant funding for equipment or simply sponsorship from local companies. For further information on this please see the club website.



The club also has an easy fundraising link on the website where you can link to Amazon, holiday companies and many other high street stores to buy your goods on line. Each purchase gives a small donation to the club at no extra cost to you. This is a great way of helping to fund the club without it

costing you anything. There is also a link to the Pro Swimwear Shop which again provides a small donation each time you buy swim related equipment and swimwear.

I would also like to place on record our sincere thanks to the De Souza's and Miniature Metal Creations for their kind donation of the backstroke flags and advertising flags located at the Radcliffe Pool. These are now in place and looking fantastic.

CLUB KIT

As you have no doubt seen, the club has now agreed to supply all our new kit through Macron in Bury. A link to both Waterpolo and Swimming dry kit can be found on our website. Kit can also be ordered in store so you can try items for size prior to purchasing. The opening times are noted on the link to the web shop. Please be aware that at present this does not include trunks and costumes. We are looking into this area further and hope to have some news in the near future.

GENERAL

I was elected to the position of Club Chair at the January AGM for a one-year term after our previous Chair, Mark Evans decided to step down from this role after many years' service. Mark will continue to be involved with the club in his role as Vice Chair and Coaching and I hope to see him around for many years so we can continue to tap into his enthusiasm and vast knowledge of the club. On behalf of the club, its members and the Committee past and present I would like to thank Mark for the excellent job he has done, particularly in recent years whilst we have been coping with the closure of the old pool which at times has been really difficult.

Finally, I am personally very committed to this great club as a former swimmer, polo player and now as a volunteer and parent of one of our polo players. It is my goal and that of the Committee to take the club forward and go from strength to strength. In order to do this, we need feedback and your assistance, and as such I would be more than happy to discuss any items or concerns you have. I will therefore be undertaking visits to all sessions over the coming months and would be happy to listen to your ideas. Please feel free to introduce yourself when I am around.

Thank you to all for taking the time to support the club and I look forward to speaking to you in the near future.

Chris Lord
RS&WP Club
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