



Autumn 2021

Welcome back to the pool! By the time you read this we have just done our October time trial, see photo and wow did you all smash it! It was a great afternoon, with amazing swims from all the Wasps.

The last 18 months have been a very difficult time for all of us, so to see our swimmers back at training & galas is just incredible. We have just come back from Bolton, where we had some outstanding performances from our swimmers, and we had incredible feedback from the hosts & other teams to say what a well behaved bunch we were! So thank you 🙌🙌🙌

Please join our Facebook, Instagram & Twitter pages for the most up to date information & pictures of our swimmers. For all of us not so social media savvy, we also have our notice board in the corridor by the stairs at the pool which provides information on galas, kit, sessions & committee members.

Hi all, my name is Tanya Lancaster and I am acting Head Coach. I previously swam for Wigan Swimming Club and Wigan BEST & I have now been coaching for the swimming club since 2015.

I thoroughly enjoy coaching and love seeing the children develop and progress in galas and through our ability groups. I find it a very rewarding role and look forward to working with you all going forward.

It is now time to focus on our upcoming galas, adding speed to their technique. Swimmers on our full membership have 3 sessions per week available and we strongly suggest doing as many of these sessions as possible. Results will always reflect training! As well as working hard, we want our swimmers to enjoy the experience & get involved as a team.

Competitions:

- Bolton Comeback Meet –

Our first gala back & it was a great success. All our swimmers were great advocates for our Club, acting professionally & sensibly throughout the whole day. Our swimmers came home with many PB's & plenty medals... 7 GOLD – 6 SILVER – 6 BRONZE!!

Our medal winners were:

Evie Cutter, Isla Holland, Abigail Cullen, Jorja Howard, Ellen Jones, Isabel Lloyd, Camilla Holland, Harry Cunliffe, Abbie Unsworth, Arthur Harris, Alice Holt

Upcoming galas:

- Barrow Halloween Sprint Meet 30th Oct 2021
- Future Stars Meet 26th-28th Nov 2021
- City of Manchester Snow Pen Gala 4-5th Dec 2021
- WSC Christmas meet (internal club gala) 12th Dec 2021
- Development gala 9th Jan 2022
- Lancashire County Champs 22/23, 29/30 Jan & 5/6 Feb 2022

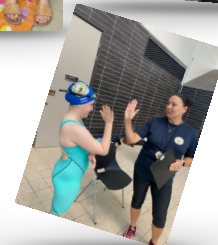
Info for new members:

A big hello to all our new members!

Our new swimmers have settled in really well, but we understand it can be daunting to get to grips with everything going

Kit: Upon starting in Development, swimmer need a kick board, pull buoy and a drink each session. Swimmers only require fins (short fins) from our Progression group upwards. You can also purchase club kit from us anytime at clubkit@wiganswimmingclub.org.uk – Swimming hat, kit bag, t-shirt, hoodie – all with our logo! (Hat & t-shirt recommended for galas).

Time trials: These run every 3 months (roughly) to allow us to assess how our swimmers are doing. We use these results to gauge who's ready to move up & also for team galas (when these resume). We set our time trials up like a real gala to give our younger swimmers the experience. Entries are registered through our website & all 50m events are compulsory. Swimmers are expected to





attend at least two of these per year in order for coaches to further assess the swimmers. From January all Time Trials will be licensed. This will enable swimmers another opportunity to gain an official ASA time, which they will need to enter most galas. These times are recorded on the Swim England website.

Galas: Entries for these are usually through our website & there are deadlines for these. We do try to give you as much notice as possible, but keep an eye on our website so galas aren't missed. If unsure what events to enter, please speak to our coaches for recommendations. There are charges per event entered which will be detailed in the information.

Swim England Fees: In order to register as a swimmer, Swim England (our governing body) require you to sign up to their annual membership. This is a yearly fee & is independent of our Club, however we will be in contact with you to sort this out. Swimmers cannot compete/ swim for their club without this in place.

Committee - The committee is made up of parents. We help to organise events, meetings and time trials. We all take part to keep the club going and are always looking for new people to join. Even if you can't help at every event or attend every meeting, without our volunteers we wouldn't be able to run or support the club the way we do. So join us!

Club Chair Report;

Did you know Wigan Swimming Club has been in existence since 1896? Since its beginnings the club has celebrated some great successes, and also some very difficult times. The last 18 months have seen us close our doors to stay safe, but we have come back in the last few months, relieved to see our swim family back once more.

Since taking on the role as Chair, we have had some changes within the club and the most notable of these since COVID is the decision by our most experienced coach to retire. At the age of 84, Haydn Rigby has decided to step away from coaching. This was not an easy decision for him, as many of you will know his passion and commitment to the club. We hope in the very near future he'll come back to see us very soon. Quite simply without him Wigan Swimming club as it is today would not be here, and many swimmers now parents of current members remember Haydn as their mentor & technical swim genius who helped them progress through their swim experience.

All the committee members are parents of swimmers or parents of former swimmers who give their time to make sure the club continues and grows. We have a number of committee roles which are free at the moment, so if you have an available time and would like to help out please contact me for chat. If you are unable to help out with the committee, there are other ways to help such as poolside on gala days etc. Keep an eye on committee meeting dates and times, anyone is welcome and we would love to hear any feedback or ideas you may have.

If you want any more information please contact me at chair@wiganswimmingclub.org.uk,

Finally, I would like to thank everyone involved in the club, the committee, the parents and guardians and also the swimmers, and look forward to some enjoyable and exciting times ahead.

Barry Mussell
Club Chairman

