

FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR THE DIARY

25/26th Oct	<p>CHASE OPEN MEET AT WOLVERHAMPTON CENTRAL BATHS</p> <p>Whilst the closing date for applications is not until 6th October, with the summer break coming up parents may wish to get their entries in early to ensure a place. Use the link below for more details:</p> <p>http://www.chaseswimmingclub.co.uk/</p> <p>Swimmers aged 9 and over are eligible to swim providing they meet the entry time requirements.</p>
2nd Nov	<p>BLACK COUNTRY JUNIOR OPEN MEET AT WOLVERHAMPTON CENTRAL BATHS</p> <p>For younger swimmers only (ages 9, 10, 11 & 12) Closing date for entries is 1st Oct. Use the link below for more details:</p> <p>http://www.icklepeoplesoftware.co.uk/meets/bcjom_2008.doc</p> <p>Events include 50m and 100m events in each of the 4 strokes along with a 100m IM</p>
8th Nov	WEST MIDLANDS SPEEDO LEAGUE ROUND 2
9th Nov	<p>RON HOOPER TROPHY GAL AT WOLVERHAMPTON CENTRAL BATHS</p> <p>SELECTED SWIMMERS ONLY</p>
30th Nov	NO SWIMMING
6th/7th Dec	<p>STAFFORD APEX OPEN AT STAFFORD</p> <p>This is for swimmers aged 10 and above. Events range from 200m to 1500m events. Use the link below for further information. Closing date for entries is 1st Nov. http://www.nun-bed-sc.co.uk/</p>
6th/7th Dec	<p>NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH DISTANCE OPEN MEET (LEVEL 2)</p> <p>No further details available at this time. Use the link below to check for further information when available: http://www.nun-bed-sc.co.uk/</p>
7th Dec	<p>SPLASH FOR CASH AT WOLVERHAMPTON CENTRAL BATHS</p> <p>For younger swimmers only (ages 9,10, 11, 12 & 13) Closing date for entries is 14th Nov.</p>
13th Dec	WEST MIDLANDS SPEEDO LEAGUE ROUND 3
24th-31st Dec	NO SWIMMING
11th Jan	<p>CRYSTAL OPEN MEET (WOLVERHAMPTON CENTRAL BATHS)</p> <p>For swimmers aged 9 to 14</p>

Oakengates (Telford) ASC



NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER
2008

Welcome Back

**CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP ENTRY
FORMS MUST BE IN BY FRIDAY
5TH SEPT 2008**

**ENTRY FORMS ARE AVAILABLE
ON THE CLUB DESK**





Lauren Holland pictured here with her county medals and Top Girl Trophy from the County Age Championships 2008.

COUNTY SUCCESS

9 year old Lauren entered 11 events in the County Age Championships this year. She got off to the worst possible start (in her first County Championships) when her goggles came off in her first race (200m freestyle) and she was unable to finish the event.

However, she went on to achieve:

4 Gold Medals (200m Backstroke, 200m Fly, 100m IM and 50m Backstroke)

5 Silver Medals (200m Breaststroke, 200m IM, 400m Freestyle, 50m Freestyle and 50m Fly)

Overall she set 8 PB's.

WELL DONE LAUREN.

NEW NATIONAL PLAN FOR TEACHING SWIMMING

The new National Plan is now fully operational across all of our Friday evening levels. All swimmers have been informed of their promotion into the new stages or Junior A and B squad. The majority of our Junior B squad have now either completed or are in the process of completing the ASA Competitive Start Awards. Congratulations to all of those swimmers who have been promoted and all those who have now completed the Competitive Start Award.

A big THANK YOU to all our mums, dads, grandmas, granddads, aunts, uncles, guardians and friends. Your patience whilst we completed the transition to the new plan is very much appreciated by all on poolside.

A very special thank you to our teaching staff for your hard work, it has enabled this huge change and made my job easier.

Rachel Baig
Head Teacher

For up-to-date information about the Swimming Club please look at our website
www.oakengatesasc.co.uk

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5th Sept	CLOSING DATE FOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS ENTRIES
13th Sept	NUNEATON JUNIOR LEAGUE FINALS SELECTED SWIMMERS ONLY
17th Sept	CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS AT OAKENGATES 1500M FREESTYLE
20th Sept	COVENTRY 50M SPRINT MEET This open meet is for swimmers aged 9 years and above. It will be held in a 50m pool. This is an ideal opportunity for swimmers to experience swimming in a long course pool. Use the link below for more details http://www.coventry-swimming.org.uk A form will be put up on the notice board, all entries to be submitted via the club and must be paid for by 25th July. If you are not able to complete the form by then you can send your entry individually.
24th Sept	CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS AT OAKENGATES 800M FREESTYLE
27th Sept	CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS AT WELLINGTON 25m Backstroke & Breaststroke 50m Butterfly & Freestyle 100m Backstroke, Breaststroke & IM 200m Butterfly & Freestyle
1st Oct	CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS AT OAKENGATES 400M FREESTYLE
4th Oct	CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS AT WELLINGTON 25m Butterfly & Freestyle 50m Backstroke & Breaststroke 100m Butterfly & Freestyle 200m Backstroke, Breaststroke & IM
8th Oct	CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS AT OAKENGATES 400m IM
11th Oct	WEST MIDLANDS SPEEDO LEAGUE ROUND 1 MARKET DRAYTON 6.00PM WARM UP

NUNEATON JUNIOR LEAGUE FINALS

The swimming season is about to start again and in a few weekends time we have the Junior Squad going to the Nuneaton Finals. This is wonderful and for the second time (as we managed to get into the Final last year) I will be able to sit and enjoy watching from a seat in the auditorium. I am the one and only Junior Judge. Much as I am very happy to attend all the Nuneaton Junior League competitions and have done so for at least two years (it could possibly be the last three), I need people to come forward to start helping on the official side of the swimming.

We have two people (whose children are junior) so far that have started the courses for timekeeping/judging and that is brilliant but.....

WE NEED THREE OFFICIALS FOR EVERY MEET

If the club cannot provide three officials every meet the Leagues are very unhappy. We have many people going through the course at the moment but the majority have children who are older.

I have one more year with my youngest, Caroline in the Junior League and whilst I am very happy to be there for the meets and poolside officiating, I might not feel so enthusiastic once Caroline is out of the age bracket next year.....

Please think about coming forward to help on this side. Its much better I find to be poolside anyway its cooler.....

I am down at Oakengates most Friday nights and that is also where David Henderson runs the evening lessons. If you want to help by going down this route,

PLEASE COME AND SEE ME

Trudy Tracy
Officials Secretary

7PM-8PM HADLEY LEARNING CENTRE

WEDNESDAY/THURSDAY

Now that our move to the new plan is complete I have a much clearer picture of the spaces available at Hadley. For a limited period, therefore, I am able to offer places to swimmers from Stage 5 upward. These places are available on a first come first served basis. Hadley sessions are usually only available to Junior B squad, so grab this option whilst you can "Once it's gone, it's gone!"

Since introducing Hadley sessions teachers have seen a marked improvement in the performance of those swimmers attending. This improvement is repeatedly shown in their swift progression through the levels. If you would like to have a go, but are unsure of your ability then speak to your swimming teacher who will be able to advise you further. To book a place contact Rachel Baig or the club desk on Friday evening.

Rachel Baig
Head Teacher

NUNEATON JUNIOR LEAGUE FINALS

WOLVERHAMPTON

13TH SEPTEMBER 2008

Warm up is at 1.30pm but we need to be there earlier because the teams will parade onto poolside. The coach is leaving Oakengates at 12pm. Please check the Notice Board for names of participants. The event is ticket only and we have been allocated 60 tickets of which we may have a few spare if anyone is interested.

HEAD TEACHER MOVES ON.....

As you are all aware I am moving on to pastures new, but not too far away. You may have noticed me working alongside Colin Woolley at the Nuneaton League events and Thursday evening sessions to ensure a smooth handover of Junior A squad. I am moving into the Junior Coach position with the Club. This entails the running of Junior A and B squads. I have been lucky enough to be granted ASA funding to pursue my Coaching qualification, so I shall be hitting the books shortly—watch out Juniors!

It is my intention to hit the ground running in September, to this end the Juniors and I will be targeting several swimming meets next year.

We have the Club championships shortly and I strongly advise all Juniors, both A & B squad to enter as many events as they feel comfortable to achieve. Our team targeted meets will begin with the Wrexham Sprint Meet in November. Watch the Notice Board folks...

Whilst working as Head teacher it has been my privilege to work alongside an extremely committed and hard working team of teachers and poolside helpers. I would like to thank them for all of their support and wish them all the best for the future.

I'm not saying goodbye completely, however, as I have managed to persuade some teachers to join me in coaching the Juniors! Who said poaching doesn't pay (sorry Lynne). This said I will always need more help, from helping on poolside during training, to timekeeping or chaperoning at away events, every little helps your child to improve and have fun. If you have some time to spare (the shortest session is only for an hour!!) come and see me. I very much look forward to working with the Junior Squads.

I Hope you enjoyed your summer break and are now refreshed and ready for another successful year.

HELLO AND GOODBYE.....

We have been fortunate enough to welcome some new members to our poolside team this year.

A big hello to

John Griffiths—Level 2 Teacher and Club Coach. John worked with the Club when it was in the initial stages, indeed many of our swimming parents remember him well. We are delighted to welcome him onto poolside with his grandson Thomas.

Karen Stamp— Level 1 Teacher. Karen has joined our Senior and Junior squads at Hadley on Tuesday evening. Karen is an enthusiastic and motivated teacher who has challenged our swimmers to achieve. Welcome on board Karen and keep it up!

Dil Bhatia—Level 1 Teacher. Whilst Dil is not yet working on poolside he team managed our swimmers as they very successfully competed at the Ickle People 2008 Sprint Meet. Welcome to the gang Dil.

A fond farewell to:

Richard Harber—Level 2 Teacher and all round great guy! Richard has been teaching and coaching on poolside for several years. He is a generally all round funky guy (as witnessed by his Mick Jagger impersonation!!) He is a serious and dedicated teacher/coach who has brought much success to his swimmers. Richard and his family are moving away with work and he will be sorely missed. All the very best for the future Richard.

Rachel Baig