



Turtles Swimming Club Newsletter

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Constitutional Change

The Committee has been reviewing and amending all of the Club Policies over the last year.

The Turtles Constitution has also been reviewed and some amendments proposed. The Constitution is a pretty lengthy document, too long to include in the newsletter, but the amendments can all be viewed on the Turtles website at:

http://www.ruislipturtles.org.uk/Rules_Regs.htm.

Copies of the current Constitution and the proposed amendments may be obtained at the registration desk at any one of our Saturday swim sessions. Electronic copies can also be requested from the usual Turtles Email account.

Before any changes can be made to the Constitution, the proposed changes must be presented to the Turtles Annual General Meeting (AGM) and approved by way of a vote by those members present.

If you are in any way concerned, please talk to one of the Committee Members. Of course all proposed amendments will be explained at the AGM where there will of course be an opportunity for questions.



ESTABLISHED 1964

The Turtles Swimming Club is for anyone with a physical, mental health or learning difficulty.

Based at Highgrove Pool in Ruislip, the club meets every Saturday between 5pm and 6pm

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Alison Grey

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Turtles Swimming Club is a registered Charity Number 1055545

TURTLES SWIMMING & DIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS 2018

The 2018 Club Championships will consist of 11 competitive events. There will be both one and three length events for Juniors, Ladies and the Men. There will also be a Relay event for the Ladies, Men and the Juniors. We also have a new event, The Novice Event (Young Children swimming one width of the pool).

We are also going to establish the fastest Turtle Helper for 2018 and then we have the Family Fun Relay to round off the racing.

The Diving event will take place at 5.40pm on the 28th April.

Saturday 12th May 5.30-7.00

Event 1	Novice Race (Young Children)
Event 2	Junior 1 Length
Event 3	Ladies 1 length
Event 4	Mens 1 Length
Event 5	Junior 100 Metres (3 Lengths)
Event 6	Ladies 100 Metres (3 Lengths)
Event 7	Mens 100 Metres (3 Lengths)
Event 8	Helpers 100 Metres Challenge
Event 9	Relay Race (Men v Ladies v Juniors)
Event 10	Family Fun Relay (4 lengths)
Event 11	Diving Contest (28th April)

As the Club Championships are scheduled to take place on Saturday 12th May at Highgrove Pool, our club swim session in the main pool will be limited to 30 minutes on that day (finishing at 5.30) and then we will commence with the Club Championships with a pool extension until 7pm.

Results will be announced and trophies awarded at the Club AGM on the 9th June.

There will also be AGM presentations for the Volunteer of the Year, Junior Improver of the Year, Senior Improver of the Year and also the Don Lamb Shield for 'Services to the Turtles Swimming Club'.

We will also need helpers for the Championships so please let Rosemary Noyes know if you are able to help.

NEW VENUE FOR THE 2018 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The show must go on!

We were unable to hire our usual venue for the scheduled AGM on Saturday 9th June. But we have instead managed to secure the 2nd Ickenham Scout Hall, Community Close (off Long Lane) Ickenham.

Please come along to the AGM on the 9th June (18.45 for Supper, 19.30 for the AGM). The Fish & Chips will be delivered to the Scout Hall but need to be pre-ordered (price to be advised). Please book with our Saturday Registration Desk.

TURTLES 2018 AGM & PRESENTATIONS

2018 AGM Agenda

1. *Apologies for Absence*
2. *To Approve the 2017 AGM Minutes*
3. *Any Matters Arising*
4. *Chairman's Report*
5. *To Receive & Approve the Annual Accounts and Treasurer's Report*
6. *Secretary's Report*
7. *Election of Officers & Committee:*

Chairman, Vice Chair,

Treasurer, Chief Instructor

Secretary / Child Protection Off.

Assistant Secretary

Competition Secretary

6 Committee Members
8. *Appointment of Auditors*
9. *Changes to the Constitution*
10. *Any Other Business*

2018 Presentations

Following the AGM, presentations will be made for the following annual awards:

Junior 3 Lengths Champion
Ladies 3 Lengths Champion
Mens 3 Lengths Champion
Junior 1 Length Champion
Ladies 1 Length Champion
Mens 1 Length Champion
Novice Champion
Diving Champion
Relay Champions
Helpers Champion
Family Relay Champions
Junior Improver
Senior Improver
Volunteer of the Year
Don Lamb award for 'Service to the Turtles'

Saturday 9th June 2018 19.30pm

**2nd Ickenham Scout Hall,
Community Close (off Long Lane)
Ickenham.**

Fish and Chip Supper at 18.45

AGM Commences at 19.30 but if you do not wish to participate in the supper, please feel free to come along at 19.30 for the AGM meeting.

We would welcome new Committee Members, so If you are interested in joining the Committee please let Alison Grey know.

**Good Luck
Audrey!**



AUDREY BUCKINGHAM



We were sorry to learn that our only remaining founder member has decided to call time on her Turtles Membership having been a Turtle for 54 years. Audrey has not been able to get to the Turtles Swim Sessions for a few years now, but did manage to attend and enjoy the Turtles 50th Anniversary Party in 2014. We wish Audrey all the very best for the future and thank her for her dedication and support of the Turtles Swimming Club. Audrey is photographed above cutting the 50th Anniversary cake, accompanied by the late Sylvia Smith OBE.

**Happy Birthday
Terry!**



CONGRATULATIONS TERRY

Our congratulations go to Terry Cheshire who in April celebrated his 80th birthday. Terry's swimming progress has been quite remarkable since joining the Turtles just 2 years ago as a non-swimmer. Photographed opposite receiving the Senior Improver of the Year Award in June 2017, Terry is an active member of the club having joined the Committee at the 2017 AGM. Terry is very proud of his swimming achievements and we are all equally proud of him. Congratulations on achieving your birthday landmark..... and onwards to your 90th, Terry!

TWO DEPARTED DEAR FRIENDS

ERICH HOFFMANN RIP



Sadly, Erich Hoffmann has passed away after a long battle with leukaemia. .

Erich joined the Turtles back in 2005 along with his daughter Karen who has been a regular member of the Gala Team for the last 13 years.

Erich had a tough upbringing that would lead him to always battle for his family. Always strong in his opinions, Erich was never shy at

letting people know if he thought something was wrong.

The Turtles Committee would often discuss Erich's views as he was prone to challenge any change, always questioning the motive behind such change. Erich was seen regularly at Turtles: initially as a swimmer or leading a diving session. As his health deteriorated he was more often just at poolside supporting Karen. Erich regularly attended galas and helped to care for and encourage our swimmers. A devoted husband and father, Erich will be a huge loss to Evelyn (pictured above) and Karen and our thoughts go to them both. But the Turtles will also miss Erich as will all the other clubs that the gala team regularly visit, because he was quite a character. Rest in Peace Erich.

Both Sadly Missed



Erich was Turtles Volunteer of the Year 2012

PAT MCCORRY RIP

Sadly we report the news of another of our members passing away. Pat McCorry joined us ten years ago having suffered back problems and arthritis for many years. She was a non swimmer and just 'a bit terrified' of the water. However, Turtles did what Turtles do and eventually Pat learnt to swim and was persuaded to swim down to the 'deep end' on many occasions despite initial misgivings.

Pat also participated in many of the club's outings and social events thoroughly enjoying the occasions.

Unfortunately, due to failing health over the last few years, she was no longer able to come to our sessions but....we'll miss you Pat.



Saturday 21st April

HITCHIN LIONS GALA

Turtles entered two teams at the Hitchin Lions Gala, Turtles A (Ladies) and Turtles B (Men). It was a very tight result and although the Ladies team was placed 4th, they were only 6 points short of the winning team, Pisces Letchworth.

In total, the Turtles won 12 medals (5 Gold & 7 Bronze).

Medal winners were:

Charlie 2 Gold, Shaída 1 Gold & 1 Bronze, Jeannette 1 Gold, Matthew 1 Gold, Don 2 Bronze, Dominic 1 Gold, Anthony L 1 Bronze, Essie 1 Bronze and Jamie 1 Bronze.

Swim times are available on the Turtles web site.



We Serve



Lions Club of Royston



Turtles



Gala Team

Team Result

Letchworth Pisces	1st	64
Hatfield Platypus A	2nd	63
Hatfield Platypus B	2nd	63
Ruislip Turtles B	4th	58
Stevenage Dolphins	5th	48
Ruislip Turtles A	6th	46

Turtles Competitors

Turtles A: Sophie , Essie, Shaída, Jeannette & Tillie

Turtles B: Jamie , Matthew, Antony L, Gary, Don, Anthony O, Charlie , & Dominic.

TURTLES CALENDAR

Keep those diaries up to date!

Saturday 28th April	Turtles Diving Championship
Saturday 12th May	Turtles Swim Championship
Tuesday 5th June	Turtles Committee Meeting
Saturday 9th June	Turtles AGM & Presentations
Saturday 14th July	Hatfield Platypus Cala
Saturday 15th September	Turtles Invitation Gala

HATFIELD PLATYPUS GALA NON-RESULT

Unfortunately, due to a mix up at the pool, the Platypus Gala had to be cancelled at the very last minute.

Although the Gala had been pre-booked for ‘the second Saturday in April for every year’, the Leisure Centre had erroneously double booked the pool with birthday pool parties.

All the teams (including the Turtles) turned up and had to be turned away.

A very frustrating time for all concerned.

The gala has been rescheduled for Saturday 14th July.

2018 MEDAL TABLE

Very tight at the top of the Medal table, with Shaida just out in front of Dominic by virtue of one extra gold medal.

However, with the Turtles Championship next up, it may all change again.

Be sure to let Dave Lee know if you wish to participate .in our 2018 internal Championships.

	2018 Total	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Gala Events
Shaida G.	6	2	1	3	3
Dominic O'N. C.	6	1	2	3	3
Matthew O'N.C	5	3	1	1	3
Jeannette P.	5	1	2	2	3
Don L	5	0	1	4	3
Estelle B-B	4	3	0	1	2
Antony L.	4	2	1	1	2
Charlie L.	4	2	1	1	2
Anthony O.	3	0	2	1	2
Gary L.	2	1	0	1	3
Josh A.	2	0	1	1	2
Tillie H.	1	1	0	0	3
Jamie W.	1	0	0	1	2
Sophie G.	0	0	0	0	3
Karen H.	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	48	16	12	20	3

**Saturday 14th
April**



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INDIVIDUALS WHO
SUPPORT THE TURTLES*

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