

# Turtles Swimming Club Newsletter



## Peter Horne to step down as Turtles Chairman



Peter Horne has decided to step down as Chairman at the AGM on June 10th after a two year tenure. Peter explains.....

I stepped up as Chairman when Dave Lee himself stepped back. I have thoroughly enjoyed my two years as Chairman but I have to now step back for a number of personal reasons. Primarily I am going to have to spend some time in the next year sorting out my son Ian-Andrew's future. As many of you know he has been lucky enough to be away at college for the last two years at a "University for Adults with Special Needs" . However he will return in 12 months and I will be having to spend a lot of time discussing planning and sorting out

his future back in London. He will get a job but I expect to have to fight for it and getting him a supported place will be a whole other kettle of fish. Combine this with the fact I changed jobs a year ago and I now have a lot less spare time together with other reasons I do not wish to go into here means I cannot give the Chairman's job the time I think it deserves. I will continue teaching and intend to remain a rank and file committee member. If you wish to stand in my stead please let me or another committee member know asap.

Big thanks go to Peter for the last two years of Turtles 'chairing'.

**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.**

**Established 1964**

## Alison Grey to step down as Turtles Secretary



Alison has decided to step down as the Turtles Secretary at the Annual General Meeting on June 10th. We are pleased though that Alison has decided to stand for nomination as a member of the Committee. The Committee is now hoping that someone will step forward to continue the great work that Alison has delivered since her Club Secretary appointment back in May 2012. A big thank you to Alison for her dedication and diligent application, always going the extra mile. Alison is currently considering whether or not to seek nomination to the role of Chair following Peter Horne's decision to step down. If you are interested in joining the Committee and in particular if you are interested in

seeking nomination as Club Secretary, please speak to one of the clubs officers. The Turtles need a Club Secretary and at present we are not aware of any nominations to the role, so please step forward.

## Bowling Outing—Sunday 23rd April

Our Spring Outing to Airport Bowl was an enjoyable success for the 25 who ventured out to test their Ten Pin Bowling skills.

It was an eventful afternoon with bowling lanes frequently breaking down and a rogue pigeon who enjoyed swooping down on the bowlers and ruining their style. But it was all good fun.

As to the results, the first game was a tie between Andy Wallis and Talha Ali and the second game was won by Dave Lee with the highest score of the event (150).

Across the 2 games it was very close but the top 5 scores were:

Dave Lee	240
Talha Ali	239
Andy Wallis	238
Heather Johnston	222
Freya Wallis	209



# Bowling Outing—Sunday 23rd April Photos



## Turtles 2017 AGM & Presentations

### 2017 AGM Agenda

1. Apologies for Absence
2. To Approve the 2016 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
  - Secretary / Child Protection Off.
  - Assistant Secretary
  - Competition Secretary
  - Chief Instructor
  - 6 Committee Members
8. Appointment of Auditors
9. Any Other Business;

Scout Hall  
 Church of the Most Sacred Heart  
 73 Pembroke Road, Ruislip, HA4 8NN  
**Saturday 10th June 2017 19.30pm**  
**Fish and Chip Supper at 18.45**

### 2017 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  
 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'

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

We will be having the supper before the AGM but if you do not wish to participate in the supper, please feel free to come along at 19.30 for the AGM meeting.

**Please Come Along!**  
**Saturday 10th June 2017**

**The Fish & Chips will be delivered to the Scout Hall for 18.45 costing £6.50 per person but need to be pre-ordered. Please book with Alison.**

Turtles AGM  
 Scout Hall  
 Church of the Most Sacred Heart  
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## Turtles Club Championships – Sat. 6th May

The 2017 Club Championships were successfully completed with a big turn out of swimmers and supporters. With the current large number of competitive Juniors, it was necessary to hold heats and re-timings. There were also heats in the Family Relay this year, and that is a first!

Congratulations to all of our 2017 Champions and Medal Winners. The trophies and medals will be presented following the Annual General Meeting on June 10th, so please come along to celebrate with our 'stars'.

The full list of Championship competitors and positions is listed on the website @ [http://www.ruislipturtles.org.uk/Gala\\_Dates/Results%202017.htm/Turtles%20Champ%20201.htm](http://www.ruislipturtles.org.uk/Gala_Dates/Results%202017.htm/Turtles%20Champ%20201.htm)

Event	Gold	Silver	Bronze
Junior 1 Length	Oliver Regan	Tillie Hewlett	Solomon Goddard
Ladies 1 Length	Geraldine Leong	Shaida Ghorbanian	Sophie Grey
Men 1 Length (Neil Dew Trophy)	Josh Arends	Jamie Woodbridge	Charlie Laws
Junior Championships (3 Lengths)	Matthew O'Neill-Cuadros	Oliver Regan	Tillie Hewlett
Ladies Championship (3 Lengths)	Jeannette Prentice	Sophie Grey	Shaida Ghorbanian
Mens Championship (3 Lengths)	Mark Bishop	Josh Arends	Don Lamb
Helpers 3 Lengths	Alice Evans	Pippa Haggitt	Jordan Mason
Team Relay	Gary, Charlie & Josh (Mens A)	Antony, Solomon & Oliver (Junior A)	Matthew, Dominic & Tillie (Junior B)
Family Relay	Grey	Lee	Woodbridge
Diving	Sophie Grey	Jamie Woodbridge	Oliver Regan



**The Turtles Team for the Harrow Kingfishers Gala.  
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the results**

# Harrow Kingfisher Gala Result

Saturday 13th May

A very good performance from the Turtles saw the team fall just three points short of retaining the Kingfisher Trophy, last won by the Turtles back in 2014. It could not have been closer because Dominic was re-positioned in the Junior One Length by being 1 second outside of his time tolerance, so had he been one second slower he would have generated five more team points, enough to deny Stevenage Dolphins their victory.

But great performances from all of our representatives with 14 medals awarded including seven Gold Medals.

This was the first time that the Kingfishers Club has managed to stage a gala for 3 years, but is a welcome return venue to the Gala Season.

		SWIMMER	Entered Time	Swum Tim	Position
Junior	3 lengths	Matthew O'Neill-Cuardos	2:38	2.15	5R
Ladies	3 lengths	Shaida Ghorbanian	3.00	3.15	3rd
Gentlemen	3 lengths	Jamie Woodbridge	2:00	1.57	1st
Junior	1 length	Dominic O'Neill-Cuardos	0:52	0.48	5R
Ladies	1 length	Sophie Grey	0:37	0.39	3rd
Mens	1 length	Anthony Orr	0.48	0.41	5R
Junior	2 lengths	Matthew O'Neill-Cuardos	1:28	1.23	1st
Ladies	2 lengths	Jeanette Prentice	2:24	2.19	1st
Mens	2 lengths	Gary Lee	1:43	1.41	1st
Junior Relay	4 lengths	Matthew (2) & Dominic (2)	3.37	3.10	3rd
Ladies Relay	4 lengths	Sophie Grey, Shaida, Karen & Jeannette	3.22	3.34	2nd
Mens Relay	4 lengths	Anthony, Gary & Jamie	2:38	2.32	1st

## Final Team Scores



Stevenage Dolphins	44
Ruislip Turtles	41
Hatfield Platypus	38
Harrow Kingfisher	32
Ealing Swim Squad	27

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Gala Team

# 2017 Medal Table

	2017 Total	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Gala Events
Shaída Ghorbanian	8	1	5	2	5
Sophie Grey	8	1	4	3	3
Jeannette Prentice	7	3	4		5
Oliver Regan	7	2	4	1	3
Tillie Hewlett	7	2	2	3	3
Matthew O'Neill Cuadros	6	3		3	3
Jamie Woodbridge	5	2	2	1	3
Don Lamb	5	1	1	3	3
Gary Lee	3	3			4
Josh Arends	3	2	1		1
Charlie Laws	3	2		1	2
Geraldine Leong	3	1	1	1	2
Antony Laws	2	1	1		2
Anthony Orr	2	1	1		2
Solomon Goddard	2		1	1	1
Dominic O'Neill Cuadros	2			2	2
Scarlett Regan	1	1			3
Mark Bishop	1	1			1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>5</b>



It is very tight at the top of the 2017 Medal Table after 5 Competitive Events. 2016 Medal Table Winner, Shaída, is just ahead of Sophie Grey who last topped the Medal Table back in 2013.

The next gala is likely to be the Potters Bar Barracuda Gala late June - date to be confirmed—the last event before the Summer break in the gala schedule.



Turtles Swimming Club is a Registered Charity

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Alison Grey

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Combined Charities of Ruislip



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