

# NEWS SPLASH!

Welcome to the Havant & Waterlooville Swimming Club Newsletter

June 2009

<http://www.handwsc.co.uk/>

## SWIMMING EVENTS

### SPRING OPEN MEET

Well done to all HandWSC swimmers who competed in the Spring Open Development Meet in April. It was a successful event, and all the HWSC swimmers made a fantastic effort. Lots of PB's were achieved – so well done everyone – DID EVERYONE SEE THE GREAT ARTICLE THE JUNE ISSUE OF THE MEON VALLEY NEWS? See the Club Noticeboard

### HAMPSHIRE SCHOOLS

Event on 10<sup>th</sup> May produced some excellent results – well done to all our HandWSC members. We are waiting to see if any of our club swimmers have been selected to compete against Dorset and Sussex schools in September. Watch this space

### MASTERS & SENIOR AGE GROUP COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

is taking place on SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2009 at Waterlooville Leisure Centre  
Please come along and give your support.

### HAMPSHIRE DEVELOPMENT MEET June and July

A brief reminder to all Qualifying Members that they should be entering the Hampshire Development Meet due to be held over the weekends of 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> June and 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> July at Waterlooville. Pick up your Entry Form – check the Noticeboards & the Desk

### TIME TRIALS – 11<sup>th</sup> July

There will be Time Trials with electronic timing on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July. Trials will be available over 50m covering all strokes.  
We will also be using this as an opportunity to train timekeepers and a qualified referee will oversee the session to sign of the time keepers attendance. **Volunteers to attend the session with a view to being trained are required. Ask at the desk or email the club.**

### FUN GALA

In April, Liz Ward, the Coach for the Intermediate Squad, took her swimmers to a Fun Gala for 6 – 10yrs olds down at Eastney Pool. They had a fantastic experience and achieved many 1<sup>st</sup> places. There is another gala planned to take place on 13<sup>th</sup> June, please check the Team Lists on the Notice Boards at both centres. Please let

## TRAINING



NO SESSIONS CANCELLED  
Training as normal  
CHECK THE NOTICEBOARDS regularly to see if any future training sessions have been cancelled.

### FOR SALE

Sell your unwanted Swimming Kit in Newsplash.  
Its free AND it couldn't be easier!  
Just put your ad in the RED club post box in Waterlooville or contact us through the club website.

**Come on shoppers...  
WE NEED MORE TESCO VOUCHERS!  
and we need them NOW!**

Please post them into the RED club letter box in Waterlooville.

At the last count we had 1446 vouchers but we do need more to buy some new kit for the club.

The last date vouchers will be issued is 7<sup>th</sup> June we need to get all vouchers and our order in by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2009

**100% ATTENDANCE**  
Well done to Edward Richardson (Intermediate) for achieving 100% attendance for April

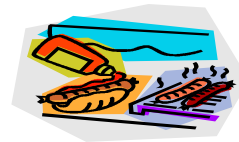
## CLUB BBQ

**BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!**  
for Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September

**FAMILY FUN DAY & BBQ** £3 each or  
Come along and have a great afternoon chilling out by the BBQ. **£10 Family**

This is a FAB opportunity for parents and swimmers to spend some time outside the pool, in the fresh air.

COME AND JOIN US –  
TICKETS ON SALE NOW  
From the Club Desk on Friday evenings from 6.30pm



**FOOD PROVIDED, BUT REMEMBER...**

**YOU NEED TO BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS, DRINKS, PLATES & CUTLERY!**

## CHRISTMAS SHOPPING? YOU must be JOKING?

Have you ever got to Christmas Time and wish you had done your shopping back in the summer when you thought of it but couldn't be bothered? Well, don't miss your chance – just click on the link to the new CLUB BOOKSHOP where they have a fantastic range of books on offer to HandWSC members at discounted prices that you just won't get in the High Street, particularly at Christmas!

[Click Here](#) to enter the bookshop and ensure that you enter our reference code H&WSC02 when ordering.  
Books can be delivered direct to you (postage charges may apply) or can be collected through Amanda Beauchamp (Child Welfare Officer).  
You can also access this link from the Club Website or put in the website:  
[www.watersidebooks.com](http://www.watersidebooks.com)

## LATEST NEWS!

**Every Issue of News Splash will have a dedicated column for Squad News**

## GOING UP!

CONGRATULATIONS to the following swimmers on their promotion from INTERMEDIATE up to HIGHER SQUAD with Zoe: Ella Francis, Olivia Burden, Katie Byrne, Katie Porter, Edward Richardson, Owen Davies, Daniel Gilbert, Kyrun Spraggs

Promoted from FOUNDATION SQUAD into INTERMEDIATE, congratulations to Jessica Allington, Braden Daniels, Jack Mines, Morgan Nights, Matthew Norris and Connor Valler





# COACH INTERVIEW

Interview with **LOUISE BLABER**  
 by Elizabeth Ryall, Advanced Squad, May 2009

<p><b>Name please?</b> Anne Louise Blaber</p>	<p><b>What squad do you coach?</b> Advanced</p>	<p><b>Where were you born and Where do you live now?</b> Portsmouth ..... and ..... Portsmouth</p>	<p><b>Are you married and if yes, who to.</b> Yes I am. To Mr Blaber</p>
<p><b>How old are you?</b> As young as I feel!</p>	<p><b>Have you got any children?</b> Yes, I've got 2</p>	<p><b>I've heard that you Worked with the Club before, can you tell me about that?</b> I was Graham's Assistant, (known as the "lovely Louise") for at least 10 years, and was also Tom Peddell's coach, who is now my assistant!</p>	<p><b>What made you become a swim coach in the first place - is it good money?</b> You must be joking, I did it for nothing for 5 years - Graham needed me!</p>
<p><b>Did your children swim with the club?</b> My son swam until he was 13 and my daughter swam until 17. She reached national level and may still hold the club record, I'm not sure.</p>		<p><b>When did you start being a swimming coach?</b> In 1974</p>	<p><b>Parents and swimmers would like to see more Information and details on the Advanced Squad Information board - what plans have you got for this?</b> I think I'll pass this one onto my P.A. Tom</p>
<p><b>What made you come back to the Club - Did they make you an offer you couldn't refuse?</b> Yep!</p>	<p><b>What is the best thing about coaching us?</b> I like helping children to enjoy their training so they can achieve their true potential</p>	<p><b>Now for the crunch question - What is the Worst thing about being a swimming coach?</b> Getting up so early in the morning, without a doubt!</p>	<p><b>The Advanced Squad has seen some unsettled times since Will left last year. You're not going to leave us are you?</b> No, I'm here for the duration!</p>
<p><b>Do you get Job Satisfaction?</b> Yep!</p>	<p><b>What is the worst thing that has happened to You when you have been a swimming coach?</b> I don't suppose anyone has ever drowned? Well actually, yes that nearly did happen once at Mill Rythe on Hayling Island - a young girl got into difficulties one day - but don't worry, I rescued her in time!</p>		<p>Thank you Louise for taking part in this interview. Who would you like to see interviewed next? Graham</p>
<p><b>Apart from swimming, what other interests have You got?</b> I've heard that you not that keen on Football? Whatever!!! I love football, I love LIVERPOOL!!!! I am a Pompey Season Ticket Holder too! I also have my dogs - I've got a boxer called Bruno and a British Bulldog called Huoo.</p>		<p><b>What did you used to do, before swimming.</b> When I was BIT younger I was a Playboy Bunny Girl, working in the casinos up in London!</p>	