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OXFORD SWANS NEWSLETTER



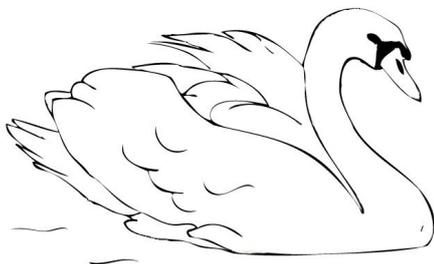
SAVE THE DATE!
SWANS SUMMER PARTY
21 JULY AT 12.30 PM
at NOA after the swimming session

All members & their families and friends are invited. It will be a bring and share event. If you would like to bring something please email oxfordswans@gmail.com or let Hazel or Becky know.

PLEASE NOTE: Non swimming days:

Saturdays: All of August (4th, 11th, 18th, 25th)
& 1st September, 22nd & 29th December.

Tuesdays: All of August (7th, 14th, 21st, 28th), 18th,
25th December & 1st January 2019.



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A message from the Chair, Hazel:

Firstly, apologies to all our members who swim on Saturdays, as we have had so many of our session cancelled by Fusion (the organisation who run the Ferry Centre). The situation is out of our control and we are doing everything we can to make sure members are informed of the closures. However, we are not always told by the Pool managers in time to email.

We suggest for the foreseeable future that members contract the pool reception before setting out to check if our session is running. The Ferry Pool reception number is 01865 467060.

Having sessions cancelled has a huge impact not only on the swimmers but also the helpers and members of the committee who have to try to notify as many people as possible in a short space of time.

Secondly on a happier note, we will be heaving a Swans Summer get together on Saturday 21 July at NOA (hall next to Ferry Pool) and I look forward to seeing you there.

And finally, on Saturday 14 July, Ann Gresswell will be leading a helpers' training session at Ferry pool (10-12). The pool will still be open to Swans swimmers.

Congratulations!



On Tuesday 5th June I was privileged to be invited to witness Jan Scriven, who helps at our Saturday sessions and serves on the committee, receive her individual volunteer award at the Oxfordshire Charity and Volunteer Awards Ceremony 2018. The event was held at the Oxford Town Hall and it showcased the amount of volunteering and charity work that goes on in Oxfordshire. As an organisation Oxford Swans is slightly unique, as we do not have any paid volunteers and we are totally reliant of people who are willing to help not just at our session on Saturday and Tuesday but also by serving on the committee. As many of you know, Jan also prepares the Swans Newsletter and I know she would be far too modesty to include this news.

'Jan has been volunteering with us on Saturday mornings for the last 15 years and during this time she has shown tremendous commitment to the club and its members. She has attended various courses run at the club and willingly gives up two hours of her time most weeks. As well as being a regular helper and assisting 'swimmers' in the water, Jan also serves on the committee, she also produces club's quarterly newsletter, helps organise the AGMs, helps organise the annual get together club members and hosts parties for helpers. Added to this, she has taken on the responsibility of running the Saturday sessions, when the Chief instructor is away.'

Jan is reliable, conscientious, hardworking and always has time for those she teaches. She has a positive and willing attitude and undertakes all that is asked of her. She has a good rapport with swimmers of all ages as well as with other instructors and committee members. Jan is a much-valued member of the club and thoroughly deserves the award for her commitment and loyalty.'



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KEEP SWIMMING!