

NOVEMBER 2019

OXFORD SWANS NEWSLETTER



Gerry Lardner

We are very sad to report the death of Gerry Lardner, who was a volunteer instructor with Swans for over 30 years. Gerry passed away on the 7 November after a short illness. His funeral will be at the Oxford Crematorium on Wednesday the 27 November at 1pm. Family flowers only and no black at the request of the family. Gerry will be greatly missed by us all and our love and best wishes go to My (his wife) and all his family.

PLEASE NOTE: Upcoming non-swimming days:

Saturdays: 21 and 28 December, 11 April

Tuesdays: 17, 24 and 31 December, 14 April

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:

Annual Swans Party

**Saturday 7 March 2020 after the swimming session.
Bring and share.**



**Thank you to all those who attended our AGM on 2 November.
Here is Hazel, our Chair's Annual Report**

Well, here we are again, after surviving another year. Many thanks to Danielle & Jo who joined the committee, their contribution has been a great help.

Thanks also to Matt Robinson, who is helping with the membership renewals and upkeep of the database. The changes have been necessary, due to the GDPR legislation. Matt was co-opted as Membership Secretary and hopefully it has helped to reduce the workload for Becky.

Back in February, we held a post-Christmas party and I think those who attended really enjoyed it. We had Steve from Soundabout to entertain us, as well as Andy Lin (one of our swimmers) who played the piano. It was great to see quite a few members coming along. Many thanks to everyone who contributed with food and helped on the day.

As with everything nowadays, safeguarding has had a great impact, and as part of our policy Ann & I attended a refresher course for designated safeguarding officers.

On a personal note, I would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and messages during the first part of 2019, when I was undergoing treatment for cancer.

During the club's lifetime, we've witnessed a great deal of change both internally and externally. The only reason the club has survived is due to the dedication of our helpers. The club is run entirely by volunteers - people who give their time freely and willingly.

All of what we do on Tuesdays and Saturdays would not be possible without their background support, therefore I would like to thank:

- All the members of the committee
- The helpers: without them we would not be able to run the sessions
- The pool staff at Ferry Pool & the Leys Pool for their support
- Our swimmers and their families who come to our sessions: without them there would be no need for a club

Personally, I think our biggest strength is the family atmosphere that is generated at our sessions; I believe it's the essence of our club. However, if we are to continue, we need others to come forward to offer to help.

Committee 2019-2020

Chair Hazel Beaver, Vice-Chair Ann Gresswell, Treasurer John Kirchoff, Secretary Becky Horton, Membership Matt Robinson, Minutes Secretary Joanne Taylor, Correspondence Jan Scriven, Instructor Rep Jan Scriven, Instructor Rep Danielle Harker, Swimmer Rep Joanne Taylor, Swimmer Rep Nesreen Yanni

Season's Greetings to all our members!



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KEEP SWIMMING!