

# SWIM ENGLAND WEST MIDLANDS CLUB NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2018

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## In Memory of Tazmin Pugh

It is with great sadness that we recently learnt of the extremely sad passing of one of the West Midlands outstandingly talented swimmers; Tazmin Pugh.

Tazmin passed at such a young age, and at such a very young age; there has been many memories and heart felt tributes posted on social media by friends, coaches and clubs who all thought so highly of her.

From a West Midlands' regional perspective, colleagues had the pleasure of spending some time with Tazmin when she was selected to attend the Overseas Luxembourg Meet in 2015, where they saw first-hand what a warm hearted, wonderful and talented individual she was. The Luxembourg Meet was just a stepping stone which paved the way for Tazmin's success as an England and GB Swimmer.

We must also remember where her journey began; originating at Pershore Swimming Club, she then moved onto Worcester SC, and shortly progressed to Ellesmere Titans, where she resided for the remainder of her swimming career. It is clear that Tazmin will be dearly missed by many and our sincere condolences go to all of her family and friends.



## Don't miss this in our November newsletter:.....

- Office updates
- Regional celebrations
- Swimmark update
- Swim England's Coach 2024 Programme
- Regional news
- Workshop updates
- Swim England Coaching Pathway

## Office Updates

After 15 years of working within the West and East Midland regions Jane Campbell retired in August, we wish her the very best for her future adventures.

Hayley Colville is now the Office Manager and Deborah Harris the new Office Coordinator. Both Hayley and Deborah can be contacted on 01527 888929 or [westmidland@swimming.org](mailto:westmidland@swimming.org)



## Regional Office Christmas Closing Hours

Please note that the last day for the regional office prior to Christmas is Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December.  
The Office will reopen on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

**We wish everyone a Happy Christmas  
and a successful 2019**



## Young Volunteer Programme

The West Midlands Region will be running two Young Volunteer Programmes in 2019 in Worcester County and Staffordshire. Bookings will open in December but please put the dates in your diary:

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2019

The programme will run over both days in both venues: Royal Lifesaving Society, Worcester & Snowdome, Tamworth

## GDPR



Please note that dates of birth should NOT be published, it is for the Licensing officer to regulate this and emphasise with event organisers this regulation.

With the GDPR deadline of 25 May now behind us, we wanted to check in and also let you know we haven't forgotten about you.

To support your ongoing activity with GDPR, we have been working with our partners Wright Hassall LLP to develop the first in a series of real life questions posted from our working group, which combines sporting organisations and legal expertise to help support your organisation or club. The link to the real life questions can be found [here](#).

Over the coming months you can expect to see more advice and suggestions that try to help answer the questions you are facing. Be on the lookout for more resources on our website soon and we will send you updates signposting you to these resources as they become available.

# Regional Celebrations

## Awards

### Swim England President

We would like to congratulate Liz Sykes on her inauguration to Swim England President for 2019/2020 at the 2018 Swim England Annual Council meeting. Liz celebrated with a number of West Midlands Regional Board members present.



### Alfred H Turner Award

Congratulations to Jean Childs from Shropshire who was presented with the prestigious Alfred H Turner Award, for her outstanding contribution to aquatics at the 2018 Swim England Annual Council meeting.



### Harold Fern Award

Well done to Tony Ward Wolverhampton Masters who received the Harold Fern Award, for his contribution to the sport at all levels of governance, at the Swim England Annual Council meeting held on 13 October 2018.



### Services to Aquatics

Following on from her regional Service to Aquatics award Judy Tullett from Kingsbury Aquarius was also recognized by Swim England at the National Awards held in Birmingham recently. Well done Judy!



### Regional Award winners 2018

Congratulations to all the nominees and winners of the Regional Awards 2018!



**Young Volunteer of the Year – Keira Hughes**



**Volunteer of the Year – Craig Day, Burton ASC**

**Coach of the Year & Club of the Year – Phil Powell and Solihull Swimming & Water polo Club (pictured above) for their outstanding coaching and competition results in Water polo throughout the 2017/18 season.**

## Regional News

### Open Water – 4Way English Channel Swim

In the early hours of Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September, Big Ricks Swim Team based in Warwickshire, became the first team from Great Britain & Europe and only the 3rd team in the World to successfully complete a non-stop 4-way relay crossing of the English Channel!

In taking on this challenge, the team have so far raised £6000 for their two chosen charities; British Heart Foundations & Marine Conservation Society.



### Midlands Summer Synchro Camp 2018



30<sup>th</sup> July to 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2018 saw the SE Midlands Region hold its very first “Midlands Summer Synchro Camp” at the David Ross Sports Village, University of Nottingham.

The 26 swimmers attending the camp were a mix of ages, working from Figure Grades 2 to 5, bringing lots of different experience from their different clubs, to the work we did both in and out of the pool.

Having completed the Summer Synchro Camp, staff and swimmers who took part are keen to replicate this opportunity again next year and plans are already underway to make this happen. Keep an eye out for a date to be released in early 2019!

### Congratulations to City of Birmingham Boy's Team



Congratulations to the Under 15 City of Birmingham Boy's Team who took the bronze medal at the National Age Groups Championships at Manchester (13<sup>th</sup> October 2018).

The team confidently beat Bristol 10 – 3 in the Bronze medal play-off match. A great result for the Birmingham boys.



## Current Updates



### Update for SwimMark Clubs

#### SwimMark Updates:-

- A reminder for all SwimMark clubs to use the current SwimMark logo (which can be found on the portal) on all websites/correspondence. Submissions will not be accepted if old logos are used.
- Club Matters – clubs should only have one Club Matters account, however it appears that there are a number of duplicate accounts at present. When setting up a Club Matters account please check with your club to ensure an account hasn't already been registered.
- If clubs are encountering any problems accessing the SwimMark online portal please try the following link - <https://www.swimmark.org/Account/LogOn>

#### General Updates:-

- **Connected Coaches is UK Coaching's new** online community for coaches of any sport or activity. The community will provide friendly support and advice, while helping coaches to solve problems together <https://www.connectedcoaches.org/>
- Sports clubs across England continue to grow with participants and volunteer numbers rising according to a new report published by the Sport and Recreation Alliance and Sport England - <https://www.sportandrecreation.org.uk/news/funding/clubs-continue-to-grow-but-cashflow-causing-p>
- Club Matters has recently added three new podcasts to the website (titles are shown below).
  1. GDPR regulations and the benefits of Clubmark
  2. Importance of volunteers
  3. Financial Matters i.e. fundraising and managing money[https://www.sportenglandclubmatters.com/podcasts/?utm\\_campaign=CM%20WORKING%20Club%20Matters%20-%20September%202018&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=CMA\\_SPORT%20ENGLAND&utm\\_content=](https://www.sportenglandclubmatters.com/podcasts/?utm_campaign=CM%20WORKING%20Club%20Matters%20-%20September%202018&utm_medium=email&utm_source=CMA_SPORT%20ENGLAND&utm_content=)



Congratulations to the following clubs who successfully completed their annual health check in September 2018:

Fox Hollies SC  
Northgate Bridgnorth SC  
Cannock Phoenix SC  
Orion SC  
University of Birmingham SC

Newport & District  
Oldbury S & TC  
Wrekin College SC  
Stafford Apex

Stourbridge SC  
Wellington SC  
Dove Valley ASC  
University of Warwick

COSACSS  
Shrewsbury SC  
Newcastle (Staffs) ASC  
Telford & Wrekin Network

### Latest recruits on Swim England's Coach 2024 Programme

West Midland Swimming are proud to congratulate the following coaches for being selected onto the Swim England Coach 2024 Programme for 2018/19.

Adam Ruckwood, City of Coventry  
Carl Grosvenor, City of Birmingham



For full details of the programme and all selected coaches please follow the link below:

<http://www.swimming.org/sport/latest-recruits-swim-englands-coach-2024-programme-revealed/>

# The Swim England Coaching Pathway

The Coaching Pathway illustrates the extensive range of tailored learning opportunities available to support and progress your coaching journey.

**CPDs** – we recommend taking regular CPD courses during the year to enhance your skills and knowledge.

**Certification Programmes** – these are practical certification courses for the roles of Assistant Coach, Coach and Senior Coach – application necessary.

**National Coach Development Programmes** – these are formal learning opportunities for coaches – application necessary.

**Athlete Development Camps** – a chance for you to apply and refine your knowledge and experience in a practical camp or competition environment, working alongside fellow coaches.



# Safeguarding & Time to Listen Workshops



## Safeguarding and Protecting Children Workshop

**Date:** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019  
**Time:** 6.30pm – 9.30pm  
**Venue:** Stafford Borough Council Offices  
Civic Centre  
Riverside  
Stafford  
ST16 3AQ  
**Cost:** £35

Spaces are limited on all courses, so please book early.

To book a place on the above courses, please contact the Regional Office:  
Telephone 01527 888929 Email [westmidland@swimming.org](mailto:westmidland@swimming.org)

To search for Safeguarding & Protecting Children Courses in your area please visit  
<https://www.ukcoaching.org/workshops/workshop-search/results?term=Safeguarding+%26+Protecting+Children>  
Please book these courses directly through UK Coaching

## Time to Listen Workshop

Swim England has linked up with the NSPCC and is accredited to deliver the 'Time to Listen' module that is aimed at Club Welfare Officers (CWOs). Whilst it is appreciated that some CWOs will be trained and experienced in child protection issues, the Time to Listen programme provides the opportunity to consider the roles and responsibilities of CWOs and the action taken should any incident occur.

Time to Listen training is a requirement for Welfare Officers as part of SwimMark Essential Club Accreditation.

The workshop is free of charge and you will be asked to provide evidence of your valid safeguarding certificate at the time of booking

**Date:** Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019  
**Time:** 6.30pm – 9.30pm  
**Venue:** Bromsgrove Holiday Inn  
Kidderminster Road  
Bromsgrove  
B61 9AB

Pre-requisite – Valid Safeguarding & Protecting Children certificate  
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## Would your aquatics club like to WIN swimming goodies worth £100? You can with easyfundraising!

We want everyone to smash their #FundraisingGoals which is why we are setting aquatics clubs an exciting challenge, just in time for the festive shopping season! To show you how easy it is to hit your fundraising target with [easyfundraising](#), if your club can raise the most between November 12<sup>th</sup> and December 16<sup>th</sup>, you could WIN a Christmas stocking full of swimming goodies worth £100.

To start raising and to enter the competition, simply register your club below. It's all FREE, go for it...

[Register now](#)

Every time parents, coaches and club members shop online, your club receives a FREE cashback donation! There's never been a better time join the easyfundraising community ..... make sure your club doesn't miss out – you could be WIINNERS this Christmas!