

Rushmoor Youth Swimming

A member of Rushmoor Swimming Association



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Welcome

We welcome new pupils to our club. Lessons are only for 30 minutes a week, if you can find the time to go to a swimming pool to play in the water, or swim, other than on a Thursday evening it is beneficial to you.

Using the changing cubicles as toilets!

The centre's management has brought to our attention that, on several occasions on a Thursday evening that their staff have had to clean excrement from the changing cubicles.

Parents are responsible for the behaviour of their children in the changing area, if we find that one or more of our pupils are responsible they will be removed from the club immediately.

We are aware that sometimes accidents may happen, if they do please report the matter to Jo, Lauren, Richard, Mick or a staff member.

Important dates

Term start dates: -

9th July 2020
5th Nov. 2020

Assessment dates: -

18th & 25th June 2020
15th & 22nd October 2020

Distance swim date

2nd July 2020 Distance swim for up to 1 hour (1500m / 1 mile)

Adult Help

We are looking for adult help on the poolside. Helpers do not have to be a qualified swimming teacher, they will require a DBS check but this is simple. Roles include poolside supervision and assisting teachers both in and out of the water. If you can help please speak to Jo, Mick or Richard.

Summer Meeting

The usual venue has been booked for our AGM with summer meeting for Sunday 28th June, please put tis in you diary.

Club activities

When the current pool is replaced there is a chance that swimming clubs will be stopped from operation so that the private company running the complex can make more profit (see over) we need to stop this, it effects 7 clubs both at Farnborough & Aldershot and hundreds of local families will not be able to afford swimming lessons. We may need your help to continue.

Retirement

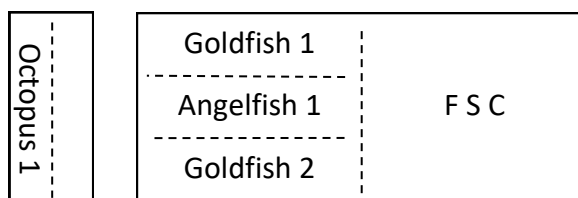
Beryl, a long serving member of our volunteer team, has decided to retire from the club. Beryl was a founding teacher of the club back in 1973, she had to stand down for a few years as her role within Scouting meant she could not commit to both volunteering roles but came back in 2012 when Thursdays became clear again.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Beryl for all the work she has done for the club.

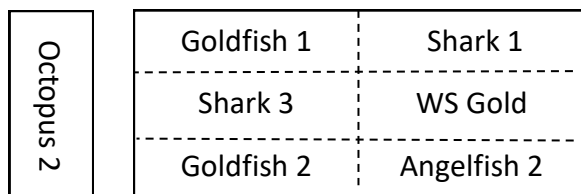
Dive Weeks: - Refer to your pupil registers as for area of pool allocated during dive weeks.

Pool Plan

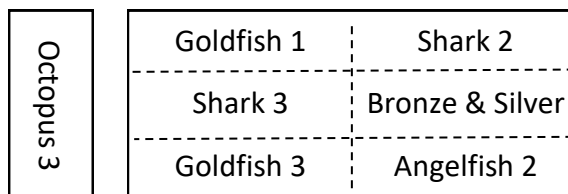
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Octopus 3 — 10m and tread-water practice, O3 Teacher to request space from either Goldfish 1 or Goldfish 3 Teachers when deep water time is needed.

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End of an era

Back in January the Rushmoor Council published the cabinet report setting out details to go to prospective organisations to tender for the contract to run the leisure facilities in Rushmoor.

The current contract with Places Leisure, as with previous contracts protected times for organisations like ours at a discounted rate.

Reading through the many hundreds of pages is not easy but with respect to “Protected Bookings” things have changed.

One paragraph states:- Once the new Farnborough Leisure Centre is operational, all of the learn to swim classes will be delivered through the appointed operator— Other points—protected times will only be maintained for one year April 2021-March 2022

I am sure Rushmoor Swimming Association of which we are a member and the swimming “protected bookings are through them will do their best to keep clubs going and as the RSA pay almost £70,000 per year for use of Aldershot and Farnborough pools as a guaranteed income they may listen.

It will not be ‘till the end of the year before we know who will be running the leisure sector for the Council but as the Council are changing this for financial reasons, as with the closure of the golf course and no more indoor bowling I expect we will fold after 3 generations of teaching children to swim.

The Web

Visit us at: -

Our web site: rushmooryouthswimming.org.uk

Facebook: [rushmooryouth](https://www.facebook.com/rushmooryouth)

End of an era continued.—The Council did say they would listen to the people and are running meetings “to Listen to the community” but money comes first, They may listen but ignore us.

I know the centre management don’t like us as we can undercut their high fees by not aiming to make a profit and using unpaid volunteer staff.

We would like to continue to offer children of Rushmoor to learn to swim as a life skill and a price most families can afford. If you would like us to continue for a few more generations please let the Council know your views.

Lessons—Coronavirus

We will follow the advice of Public Health, the STA and the local council. At the moment we will continue to run lessons provided the pool remains open, should the pool close are rules state that course will run to published time table and this will only be changed if the pool is closed for more than 2 consecutive weeks or on an assessment night.

Some of our General Club Rules

- 1 Parents are responsible for safety and welfare of their children prior to and after lessons.
- 2 For emergencies a parent or person with parental consent must be on the poolside during lessons.
- 3 Do not interrupt teachers during lessons.
- 4 Pupils should shower before lessons.
- 5 Overshoes provided by centre should be used on the poolside.
- 6 Do not obstruct the fire exit or exit routes.
- 7 Distance swims—reasonable strokes required above 100 metres.
- 8 Inform Mr Bright or Jo Travers of any changes of information given on enrolment form
- 9 Clothes should not be left in changing cubicles during lessons, use lockers
- 10 Parents and spectators are to keep to the seated area on the poolside, **DO NOT** cross the area between pools or enter/leave the poolside from the changing rooms

Staff

All our staff are unpaid volunteers

Chairman—Mick Perry

Course Administrator—Richard Bright

Enrolment Secretary—Jackie Kedge

Poolside Manager—Jo Travers

Welfare Officer—Lauren Browne

Web Master—Chris Gillman

Qualified Teaching Staff

Swim England & STA Level 2 Teachers —Richard Bright, Chris Gillman,

Swim England Level 2 Teacher —Anja Harwood,

Swim England Level 1 Teachers—Jo Gould, Millie McGowan, Nina Harwood.

Club Instructors—Mick Perry, Graeme Perry

STA Student Teachers—Libby McCabe, Cally Travers, Daniel Treanor.

Aquatics Helpers—Bernard Solomon,