



SETTLE AREA SWIMMING POOL

Members' Newsletter

A charity run pool for the community

Royal Life Saving Society award
- saving lives for 40 years



The Pool AGM

The Settle Area Swimming Pool AGM is on Thursday July 18th at 7pm at the Friends' Meeting House in Settle. As a member you are invited to attend, share nibbles and chat with other members and Trustees. You can also vote. Why not come along?? We'd love to see you there.

Family quiz

Look out for the SASP summer quiz, on sale in the Pool and shop - it only costs £1 and you could win a cash prize of £30! You'll need the help of the whole family. Don't miss out!

Thanks to Jenny from our Aquafit classes for the idea and the quiz.

Trustees

We would like to thank one of our long standing Trustees for her dedication and commitment over many years. Helen Firth has supported the Pool in numerous ways, and became a Trustee and then Treasurer. She continued to support the Pool even when she moved away from the area. We will miss Helen's experience and insight, and wish her all the best for the future.

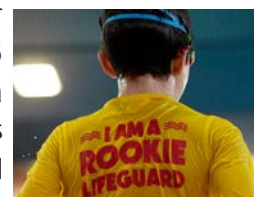
We would like to welcome Nicky Rhodes, Kath Mason, Rob Brown, Chris Hirst, and Mike Smith who have joined the team, with a view to becoming full Trustees at the AGM.



Settle and the River Ribble provide leisure activities for thousands of residents and tourists every year. But the river has taken several casualties by drowning over the years which is why swimming lessons started at SASP, over 40 years ago. As reported in the Craven Herald that we have been awarded the 'Friends of Society' certificate by the RLSS for providing so many years of swimming lessons to save lives.

Poolside news: Rookie Lifeguards, UK Lifeguards

We have been running the the popular RLSS Rookie Lifeguard Scheme for over 15 years. These fun sessions leading to a series of awards. They develop vital skills in water safety, confidence and independence - and rescue skills, just in case of emergency.



The Rookie Lifeguard lessons are for swimmers who can safely swim 100m and Lessons are available during school term times. And after that? Courses for the UK Pool Lifeguard Qualification are for people aged 16 or over, usually during school holidays. Several of our staff began with Rookie Lifeguards and then took the Lifeguard Qualification. Now they have jobs here - you'll know some of them! Look out for Ellie Bathers, teacher and lifeguard, Joseph Binns, John Jo Cummins, Adam Waters, and Caitlin Storry, all lifeguards.

Friends of Settle Swimming Pool

The Friends' organisation has raised more than £300,000 for Settle swimming pool over the past 20 years, thanks to the support of the local community and volunteers.

At the Friends of Settle Swimming Pool (FOSSP) AGM in April, the Friends decided to merge with the body responsible for running the Pool to streamline fund-raising operations and save the cost of administering a separate charity. FOSSP was set up in the 1990s to raise money for major repairs to the building. It was also a means by which the town could show its support for the pool. The main fund-raising operation has been the paper and cardboard recycling, run from the pool carpark. There is also a successful 200 club and there have been many one-off donations, some for specific works. FOSSP also supports school transport to swimming lessons, and the Stingrays

The new charity status of the pool; the ambitious plans for the redevelopment of the building; the success of the charity shop; and the creation of the pool's own membership scheme all mean there is now little need for a separate friends organisation. The Friends have therefore decided to hand over their assets and wind up their organisation when contracts for the new building work are signed. In the meantime, money from the paper recycling will now go direct to the pool and the 200 club income will follow from next year. The pool will take on direct responsibility for supporting school transport, Settle Disabled Swimming Club and the Stingrays.

The Pool would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the work of the Friends in any way, and look forward to your continued

The SASP charity fundraising shop

The shop in Duke Street goes from strength to strength. In the financial year 2018/19 an incredible profit of £49,024 was made. This money goes to support the daily running costs of the pool and contributes to building up a capital fund to pay for improving the existing facilities.

Please continue to support the shop with donations, and come in to browse our extensive range of stock, hopefully making a purchase! There are now 23 people who regularly volunteer in the shop, without their time it could not open. If you are willing to volunteer your time please contact Anne Galloway on 01729 850480.

Please 'like' our Facebook page 'settle area swimming pool fundraising shop' to receive regular updates on offers and promotions. As you can see in the photo, our mannequin was a little tied up in April!



Cheese and wine social

On 23rd November last year a Cheese and Wine Pairing evening run by prize winning local businesses the Courtyard Dairy and Buon Vino raised more than £1500 for Settle Pool.

Andy Swinscoe and Rob Bagot took more than thirty pool supporters on a journey through the history of cheese and wine making and gave a master class on which wine best complements which cheese. Everybody agreed that it was a particularly enjoyable way to support the pool.



The small print and contacts:

Charity number 1171790. Settle Area Swimming Pool is committed to providing an environment in which all children and young people participating in its activities have a safe and positive experience.

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