



SETTLE AREA SWIMMING POOL

NEWSLETTER

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Whether in the water or on wheels



THE POOL IS ON THE MOVE

Just a few months after completion of the major redevelopment work, things are back in full swing at Settle Pool.

Not only is the pool in use seven days a week, for up to 14 hours on two days, but we are also developing new and exciting sessions in fitSpace, the multiuse dry area that has added a whole new dimension to our facilities.

In the pool, the arrival a new inflatable early in the new year (*see above*) has meant that the popular weekend fun sessions could resume. School swimming, which has long been the core of the pool's contribution to the local community, now occupies the water for up to 13 hours a

week. For the early risers we have lane swimming from 6.30am twice a week and for the not-so-early risers gentle exercise later in the day.

The new spin classes (static cycling) are proving extremely popular and so too are the soft play sessions for toddlers. And before, after, or perhaps even instead of the healthy exercise you can enjoy a relaxing hot drink in our new café.

If you have not done so already do visit the timetable section of our website:
<https://www.settleswimmingpool.co.uk/swimming/timetable/>

You are bound to find something to suit you.

Many sessions are fully booked so it is well worth reserving your place on line in advance.

We would also very much welcome your feedback on how we are doing.

FUND-RAISING STILL CRUCIAL

Community fund raising remains the secret of Settle Pool's success.

Whilst publicly-funded pools across the country are facing closure in the face of inflation and tight council budgets, we have managed to keep our heads above water thanks to the generosity of the local community.

But the need for fund raising goes on. The charity shop in Duke Street and related on-line sales are the core of our community fund raising but we need special events too. And there are two of those this spring.

Spin around the clock with Freda's and the pool



On Saturday March 18 the pool is joining forces with near neighbours Freda's Nursery in a 12-hour fund-raising marathon that will see three hardy cyclists pedaling static cycles from 5am through to 5pm.

The event takes place in the pool's fitSpace centre and the money raised will go towards the rebuild programme for the nursery as well as helping with the pool's continuing need for funding.

The three cyclists are: local mum Jo Ward, nursery worker Anita Eccleston and former pool worker Kate Dinsdale (see photo page 1).

The event is being sponsored by Kings Mill Garage and a justgiving page has been set up at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sasp-spinathon-2023>

Supporters who want to back the spinathon trio in a more visible way can spin alongside the three in one hour time slots in return for a minimum sponsorship of £20. Organisations can show their support by sponsoring a bike at £100 a time: these sponsors will have the opportunity to have their logos displayed on the bikes.

Supporters are also welcome on the day when the pool café will be open.

Sign up forms are available at the pool or through the pool website.

Read what our spinners have to say at <https://www.settleswimmingpool.co.uk/news-and-events/pool-and-nursery-link-up-for-big-spin-marathon/>

Return of the dragonboaters



Coming up fast behind the spinners are our dragonboat crew who made a big impact last year when they took on some of Craven's best paddlers in Skipton Rotary's dragonboat regatta at Coniston Cold.

This year's event takes place on Sunday May 14 and the crew are already getting in training for the big push. Last year they made a big contribution to our bid to fund new solar panels on the pool roof. This year's fund raising will get under way shortly. The aim is to add to our bank of solar panels. This will both help to cut our fuel bills and make us the area's greenest pool.

Easyfunding

Did you know the pool is now registered with easyfunding? This means that when supporters buy on line their retailer will make a donation to the pool.

There are more than 3,000 shops and sites on board including Amazon, Argos, Boots, Tesco and Marks and Spencer and within days of joining the money had started to come in.

All you need to do is to go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/search/cause/?q=Settle%20Area%20Swimming%20Pool&cat=cause> and join the scheme. It costs you nothing.

Then when you want to shop on line go through easyfunding and start shopping. After you have checked out, your retailer will make a donation to the pool. It is that easy.

WANTED: NEW TRUSTEES

Could you jump in and help us run the pool?

Settle Pool is run as a charity –a Charitable Incorporated Organisation to be precise. That means overall responsibility for running the pool rests with a group of local people who act as trustees. The dozen or so work with the manager, staff and the volunteers who support the pool in many different ways.

Over the past few years the trustees have overseen the biggest redevelopment in the pool's fifty year history. We now have exciting new facilities alongside the pool itself. After seeing

through this project some of the trustees are moving on.



Pat Taylor



Bryan Atkinson

Pat Taylor, who as chair of the trustees from 2016 played a major role the redevelopment stepped down in December and Bryan Atkinson, whose knowledge of the building industry has proved crucial over the past two years is due to go in April.

We have been joined by long-time pool supporter and volunteer Cynthia Moorhead but we are still looking for other trustees to boost our numbers and bring in fresh thinking.

We need people who are strongly committed to the pool and are willing to work with others to build on what has been achieved to date.

The trustees currently meet formally for about two hours ten times a year but all devote a lot more time to fulfilling their role outside meetings.

Much of the work is now done through four groups: finance, facilities, human resources and publicity and marketing. Ideally new trustees would bring some degree of expertise and experience in at least one of these areas. But more important they must be prepared to ensure that we carry out our charitable purpose; comply with our constitution; act in the best interests of the charity and the public; and act with reasonable care and skill.

The job of trustee is unpaid though reasonable out-of-pocket expenses will be met.

You should also note that our status as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation means trustees do not bear any personal financial responsibility in the unlikely event of the pool going into debt.

Interested in taking on this important role in the community? For more details contact the secretary of the trustees, Ian Orton on secretary@settleswimmingpool.co.uk or phone 07841 577 991.

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