



Orpington Ojays Swimming Club

Spring 2019

News from the Committee

Welcome to the spring edition!

This is a roll up of what has been keeping the committee busy recently and general club news.

Trophy Cabinet at the Walnuts

An initial idea we were pursuing has fallen through. A few quotes have been received which are currently under review - we would appreciate any contacts for either shop fitters or carpenters please.

New Lane rope at Walnuts

The Walnuts purchased and installed a new lane rope to replace the broken one.

Textlocal

Successful implementation of Textlocal – an SMS messaging system for instant notification of urgent changes to training / events. This came in very useful during the Walnuts recent closure. If you haven't already registered for these notifications please contact membership@orpingtonojays.com

Sibling Discount

In January the Sibling discount was applied to all squad swimmers for any families with two or more swimmers in top squad through to Black and Purple. Everyone should have been notified of sibling rate if eligible however if you have any queries on this please contact us.

Ideas from AGM

We have received some great ideas, including masterclasses with professional swimmers – we just need parent volunteers to crack on and organise them!

Club Champs and Seasons Starter Gala 2019

We have pulled together the programmes for both and are now applying for licences.

Crystal Palace Network (CPN)

Committee members have attended a number of meetings on behalf of the club. The network is a group of local clubs who have amalgamated to manage the pool time at Crystal palace. In order to keep our valuable training time in a 50m pool its imperative that we remain an active part of this network.

New Kit

The fantastic new Club Kit has been delivered and we look forward to seeing our swimmers showing this off at the upcoming Regionals.

Renewal of Swim Mark Accreditation

Swim Mark (formerly Swim 21) accreditation is Swim England's quality standard for clubs. It is awarded to clubs that maintain high standards of coaching, welfare, equity and management. It confirms that a club provides the right environment that ensures the welfare of members and encourages everyone to enjoy their chosen sport. We are delighted that this has just been renewed for the next 2 years.

Presentation Evening

Organised and delivered a great evening to celebrate the swimmers achievements.

Lap cards

We want to purchase our own lap counter cards – it appears it's not as easy as we thought. The standard is to have odd numbers on the cards – we need even numbers as we don't have enough officials to monitor both ends of each lane. We are investigating getting some made.

Some of the committee members will be stepping down this summer which means that the club has a number of roles that need to be fulfilled – look out for a separate message about this.