



Ellesmere Port Amateur Swimming Club

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Our Golden Jubilee

July 2018 sees the club celebrate a very special event: our golden jubilee.

The club was founded in July 1968 when a group of people, all with some connection with competitive swimming, met and decided to apply to the ASA for affiliation. The next few months were busy, completing the required formalities and recruiting Coaches and Teachers. We circulated all the local schools, sending batches of application forms to each school. By the time the new pool was opened we had received over 300 applications for junior membership.

The ASA President, Mr Austin Rawlinson, wrote to ask if a group of local children could give a display of 'survival swimming' at the official opening of the pool. We selected 14 young swimmers, ages 6 to 12 years, all of whom had applied for membership and who already held an ASA Survival Award. They swam at the official opening of the pool.

These children became, in effect, our Founder Members, together with the adults who had also been recruited.

We are holding our celebrations over the weekend of July 6th, 7th and 8th 2018

Friday July 6th from 7.00pm at The Groves Social Club, Chester Road, Whitby

We're hoping this will be a time when past and present members can meet and share their swimming stories. There will be a disco for the youngsters, light refreshments (including a birthday cake) will be provided. Since the capacity of the venue is limited admission will be strictly by ticket (price £2). These tickets will be available from the club desk in EPSV from early June ... we will remind you at club sessions to please buy your tickets early!

Saturday July 7th There will be a BBQ in the main field at Eastham Woods

Again this event is open to past and present members and their families. There is no admission charge (but we have been advised that there is now a charge for parking) . Families must provide their own BBQ and food. The Club will provide some "fun" activities.

Sunday July 8th Swimming Gala The club will be hosting a swimming competition during normal training time, there will be 25m events for the 9 years and under and 50m events for the 10y ears and over, covering all strokes. Cost of entry will be £5 per swimmer, all competing swimmers will receive a 50th anniversary commemorative swim cap. Sign up lists for the gala will be available from mid-June at the club desk at EPSV.

For any enquires about the weekend email 50thcelebrations@epasc.co.uk

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Ellesmere Port ASC

Club Kit

Just a reminder ... we have;

Club Swim Caps - £3.50

T-Bag t shirts - £12.00

Polo shirts - £12.00

Pool Goggles - £8.00

EPASC Towels £9.00

All of the above are in stock.

Also available to order are

EPASC Hoodies £15.50

in white or blue

New Club Kit

We now have some new blue cotton t shirts

embroidered with the club logo in stock

9-10 years = £6.50

11-13 years = £7.50

X Small, Small and Medium

Adults sizes = £9.50

The British Long Distance Swimming Association One-hour Swim (BLDSA)

The club held the one-hour swim on February 25th with 15 members taking part.

Longest distances recorded were by Kelsey

Waterworth for the girls and Luca Lewis for the boys.

Since swimmers from both Great Britain and abroad take part in this event it takes months to compile all the results, we normally expect to receive them in August.

Easter Fundraising

Thank to you everyone who bought an Easter chick, we raised £42.00. Thanks to the creative grandparent who made and donated the chicks.

The Paul Shackley Bursary

This year the club has been fortunate to announce the start of a bursary. The bursary is sponsored by David and Paul Shackley who both swam at and for EPASC over the years along with other clubs in the area. They first swam in the old EPIC pool in 1970. Both swam competitively, culminating in David representing Great Britain in long distance swimming events including being part of a world record relay team for a two-way channel swim, while Paul swam for both Great Britain and for England in breaststroke and represented England in the Commonwealth Games.

David and Paul now want to sponsor a young swimmer from their home club, to put something back into the sport that gave them so much.

David is now senior Vice President at Marriot International in Washington DC and Paul is the Chief Executive of Rushmoor Borough Council in Hampshire. They said that the lessons learned in the pool including dedication, hard work, team work and the ability to bounce back from disappointments have without doubt helped them both in their careers.

The swimmer in receipt of the bursary this year is Connor Waterworth.

The Club Annual General Meeting

The AGM was held on March 7th at the Little Sutton Community Centre, when the Officials for the coming year were elected, they were as follows:

Chairman	Mr Colin Bradford
Vice Chairman	Mrs Nikki Hope
Secretary	Mr Matthew Gibbs
Treasurer	Mrs Elaine Ludgate
Chief Coach	Mr Les Collier

In addition members were elected for the Executive Committee.

The Junior Schools Swimming Gala

We have run this gala for the junior schools of Ellesmere Port since 1995, when we first ran it at the request of the Borough Council, to celebrate their bicentenary. The Council then kindly presented us with a trophy, a shield which is held by the winning school for a year.

This year some 16 schools have entered, we have as in previous years invited the Mayor to attend. The Club provides all the Officials for the event, it is estimated that over 30 are needed, most of them being qualified ASA Officials together with club parents.

The Memorial Gala

This gala comprises the Club 100 metres Championships in freestyle and in breaststroke, together with 50m sprints for the younger swimmers. The 100m freestyle championships were inaugurated in memory of our former President, Dr David Cooke, while the 100m breaststroke championships are held in memory of Enid Jeffries, who was a club member for over 40 years. Sign-up lists are already available on the club table.

As you know, the club is run by volunteers, if you feel you would be able to help in any way, when hold home galas at EPSV please let us know.

*Don't forget to check out the club website:
www.epasc.co.uk*