



AYLESBURY'S PERFORMANCE SWIM CLUB

www.maxwellswimclub.org

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Maxwell gain accreditation for Swim 21 at Performance Level

Following a huge amount of work by many Club members and officials, it was last week confirmed that Maxwell Swim Club has achieved Swim 21 accreditation at **Performance** level.

Swim 21 is the ASA quality mark for Clubs that reach appropriate levels of excellence in their planning and operation and is based on the Sport England "Clubmark" model. It is the cornerstone for the development plans of both the ASA and British Swimming for the next five years which cover all aspects of swimming from learn to swim through to Olympic success.



There are four levels for accreditation, **Teaching, Skill Development, Competitive Development and Performance** and this enables Clubs to be assessed according to the main focus of their activities. Although the levels are of course different, the standards required in terms planning and operational excellence are equal.

Swim21

The Swim 21 scheme is also about helping to create development pathways so that swimmers can find the right environment to suit their personal aims. Swimmers wanting to access top flight training and competition may join Maxwell from other local Clubs and Swim 21 encourages strong links between Clubs to help swimmers in any moves and to help share in best practice amongst Coaches and Teachers.

Equally, we also have a responsibility to help swimmers as they become more and more successful, hence our links with British Swimming and the increased number of swim camps the Club has undertaken in 50m facilities during the past year.

Accreditation at **Performance** level fully complements our own Club aim of "providing our swimmers with the opportunity to achieve their full potential". But the work doesn't stop now, in fact its really just beginning as we have to make sure that all the policies and standards developed in the process of achieving accreditation are continually maintained and monitored.

A big thank you to everyone who has been involved in the process that has spanned several years but in particular Ian Brewer who, over the last 6 months, brought together the considerable amount of evidence required for our submission.

To find out more about Swim 21 and Clubmark visit:
www.britishswimming.org and www.sportengland.org

Volunteers required!!!

County Championships 2005

The main County Championships are less than two weeks away and the first weekend of competition will be held at Aqua Vale. To make sure the event runs really smoothly the County organisers have asked for the local Clubs (ourselves and Aylesbury) to provide volunteers to run the event. The jobs involve marshalling, organising and sorting the entry cards, entrance and programme sales, drinks and refreshments for poolside officials etc. etc.

If you intend to come along and watch your kids swim then why not offer to help—you get free entrance and still get the opportunity to see the important races without the risk of a numb bum.

This year the Championships will be at Aqua Vale both on the 5th and 6th of March and also the 19th so if you can help at any time please let me know as soon as possible.

Jonathan Smith

Chairman



Club Treasurer

For the past four years, Jane Smith has been our Treasurer but because of increased pressures of work, she has advised the Committee of her intention to resign. Clearly this is a role vital to the sound operation of the Club and so we now need a volunteer who is not just enthusiastic but ideally also has accountancy experience and preferably a suitable qualification.

This is a great opportunity to really become involved in the running and operation of a very successful swimming club, so if you would like to find out more please contact me either at one of the usual training venues or on 01296 770555.

Jonathan Smith

Chairman

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