



## CHAMELEONS NEWS

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### SECOND SWIM SESSION

We started at the pool in the STAR Hub on the 25<sup>th</sup> April. Our first session only had 4 swimmers. Unfortunately some were in respite and others just weren't available for that day, which was fine, because there will be times when people can't attend. Hopefully, our next session we will have a few more. It was nice to see Gareth and Teresa back swimming. We will need to rely on your support for this session to make it worthwhile.

#### SWIM SESSIONS

**STAR HUB** - Every Friday from 7:30pm - 8:15pm

**NO SWIM SESSION AT STAR HUB on the 9<sup>th</sup> May due to coaches / swimmers attending a Gala**

**HOWELLS SCHOOL** - Every Sunday from 6:00pm - 6:45pm

**NO SWIM SESSIONS AT HOWELLS on the 4<sup>th</sup> May due to the VE 80 party and 11<sup>th</sup> May due to coaches / swimmers returning from a Gala**

#### BOWLS SESSIONS

**CARDIFF INDOOR BOWLS CLUB, Sophia Gardens** - Every Friday from 4:00pm - 6:00pm

**Reminder-** When attending swim sessions please *do not arrive before 5:45pm* on a Sunday as the gates may be locked and you will block the entrance. You are also required to pay for your sessions on the day.

### READING GALA

We have been informed by the Head Coach of the **Reading Cygnets Swimming Club** that they are going to put on a gala on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> June**. We were regular attendees to this gala many years ago, but since they lost their pool, they haven't been doing a gala for a while. It will be an overnight stay, going up on the Saturday morning and returning on the Sunday.

**THIS IS THE FINAL CALL** for any swimmer who is interested in going; please contact Pamela asap.

### BOWLS GROUP NEWS

#### Welsh Indoor Bowls Association Finals - 2025

Diverse Ability Bowlers were included in the 2025 National Finals of the Welsh Indoor Bowls Association for the very first time. Intellectual Learning Disability Bowlers along with Physical and Visual Impairment Bowlers were all represented on National Finals weekend at Radnor Indoor Bowls Club 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

The Competition started in November 2024 with 40 original entries in the Pairs and 39 bowlers entered in the Triples competitions. Several rounds had to be negotiated at Cardiff, Merthyr and Pembroke to get down to our Finalists. The Pairs Final took place on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm with Ian Kelleher and Antanas Schiastney versus Ann Marie Bould and Simon Bould. The pairs were evenly matched in the first half of the fifteen-end game. Ann Marie and Simon just managing to pull out a reasonable lead to stay in front to the finish. The triples final was on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> also at 2:30pm. This was more one-sided with the Triple of Naomi Baelz, Garon Owen and Ian Kelleher finding the pace of the green a little quicker than Alan Beech, Dave Pratt and Robert Parker. Although Alan Robert and Dave managed to put in a few good ends in the middle of the game the lead of Naomi, Ian and Garon was enough to see them victors by 21-8 shots. Cardiff Chameleons were well represented, with all the finalists in the Pairs and Triples Competitions being Cardiff Chameleons members.

## DATES FOR LATER IN THE YEAR....

**Club Gala - PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF DATE** we are now planning to hold this on **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July** at Howells School and not the 20<sup>th</sup> as stated last month. Further information will be given next month.

**Gala Presentations Ceremony** - we are planning this for the afternoon of **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August** at St. Philip Evans Community Hall. Further information will be given nearer the date.

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