



# Halliwick AST Newsletter July 2020

## PROMOTING SWIMMING FOR DISABLED PEOPLE USING THE HALLIWICK CONCEPT

### Message from the Chair ...

by Will Wyatt

### Welcome to the July 2020 edition of the Halliwick AST Newsletter.

We know that things have been difficult for our members during the coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic, although it has been great to hear that many have been staying in touch through the wonders of technology.

As the 'lockdown' eases, the UK government has in recent days announced that indoor leisure facilities (including pools) may open from 25/07/2020. As I write, that only applies to England and we wait to see what the plans are for Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

This will be a period of change and transition for our clubs and a period of learning for all of us. We will all have to do things in a slightly different way.

To help, we have put together some guidance for clubs outlining some considerations and measures that are likely to be necessary for the re-opening of clubs. Again though, as things stand, it is only in England that indoor leisure facilities may open from 25/07/2020. If your club is moving towards re-opening, key will be communication with pool management and your club members (swimmers and helpers). We hope that what we have put together helps you along the way.

You may be receiving the guidance with this newsletter, but you may also download it at [www.halliwick.org.uk/resources-for-halliwick-ast/returning-to-swimming-after-lockdown/](http://www.halliwick.org.uk/resources-for-halliwick-ast/returning-to-swimming-after-lockdown/) where you will also be able to download Word versions of the example risk assessment and the forms which have been included.



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## Updated Publications & Equipment Order Form ...

Our publications and equipment order form has been updated and can be downloaded at [www.halliwick.org.uk/orderforms/](http://www.halliwick.org.uk/orderforms/).

There are lots of useful things available including a wide range of publications, information and DVDs. There are also proficiency badges (and certificates if you would prefer to award a certificate as well as/instead of the badges) for those passing their Halliwick AST proficiency badges.

All is designed for people working with the Halliwick Concept so if you have not looked at what's available yet, take a look at [www.halliwick.org.uk/resources-for-halliwick-ast/publications-2/](http://www.halliwick.org.uk/resources-for-halliwick-ast/publications-2/).



## You Can Now Order Halliwick AST Merchandise! ...

Our friends at RuggerBUG are producing and selling Halliwick AST tee-shirts, hoodies, hats and more for us, all with the Halliwick AST logo.

For details of all that's available, pricing and on how to order, see our dedicated website page at [www.halliwick.org.uk/resources-for-halliwick-ast/halliwick-ast-merchandise/](http://www.halliwick.org.uk/resources-for-halliwick-ast/halliwick-ast-merchandise/).

## Welcome to Rachel Pickles ...

We are delighted that Rachel is joining us as our new Publications Officer.

Rachel is based in Oxford and is with us to deal with all of your publications orders and queries.

Don't forget to take a look at all the great publications, DVDs and other equipment we have available to help you with your work with the Halliwick Concept at

[www.halliwick.org.uk/resources-for-halliwick-ast/publications-2/](http://www.halliwick.org.uk/resources-for-halliwick-ast/publications-2/).

You can email Rachel at [halliwickast.orders@outlook.com](mailto:halliwickast.orders@outlook.com).



### **Congratulations to Molly! ...**

We had great pleasure in presenting (virtually of course!) Molly Brough of Oxford Swans SC with a certificate of distinguished service as a token of our thanks for all that she has done for her local Halliwick club over many years.

Molly is a founder-member of Oxford Swans SC and continues to support the club. Since its beginnings, Molly has done an enormous amount for the club, which continues to thrive and grow. Molly still supports the club to this day.

Whilst just a token of appreciation, we know that that appreciation is not only from us in Halliwick AST, but also from all at Oxford Swans SC. Molly and people like her make clubs what they are, ensuring that disabled people can enjoy activity and freedom in the water which they would not otherwise be able to.



### **Congratulations to Reg! ...**

We also had great pleasure in presenting (virtually of course!) Reg Latham, of Seahorse SC in Crewe, with a certificate of distinguished service as a token of our thanks for all that he has done for his Halliwick club over many years.

Reg has been volunteering at Seahorse SC in Crewe for over 25 years and continues to support the club. He is a great inspiration and support to swimmers and volunteers alike.

Whilst just a token of appreciation, we know that that appreciation is not only from us in Halliwick AST, but also from all at Seahorse SC. Reg and people like him make clubs what they are, ensuring that disabled people can enjoy activity and freedom in the water which they would not otherwise be able to.

Thank you, Reg, from everyone!



**If you would like to nominate someone in your Halliwick club or group for an award from Halliwick AST ...**

**We have created a number of awards to recognise the work that people do up and down the UK so take a look at**

**[www.halliwick.org.uk/affiliation/halliwick-ast-awards/](http://www.halliwick.org.uk/affiliation/halliwick-ast-awards/).**



*We are deeply sorry to announce that Jean MacEwan, our longstanding publications officer, passed away on 12th May 2020.*

*Jean worked with us for many years, first helping us with newsletter production and then as our publications officer, managing and fulfilling our publications orders. She was a delight to work with and will be fondly remembered and greatly missed. Thank you, Jean, for all that you did for us.*

*We express our deepest condolences to David, her family and friends.*



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