

Olive Carroll – Celebrates 40 Years

Woking Swimming Club



Olive Carroll joined Woking Swimming Club as a swim mum in January 1978. Olive's two children, Richard, & Stewart enjoyed swimming and whilst Richard decided to stop swimming to pursue other interests Stewart went on to become a highly successful swimmer, holding many club records in his time and eventually moved to the US to Swim and Study at University of Iowa.

Stewart says that "Mum was my biggest fan and drove me all over the country to get to swim meets, training programmes and courses. It's great that the boot on the other foot now and I can congratulate her on this amazing achievement." Stewart also went on to say that how proud he is of his mum, and she is the reason so many of us have such fond memories of swimming for Woking Swimming Club.

In the early days Olive used to drive Stewart to Crystal Palace because Stewart was part of the swim team. A bit like today's Beacon Programme / Regional squad, and through her many hundreds of trips she got to find the quickest routes between Woking and Crystal Palace known to man. If ever you want to get to Crystal Palace in less than 45 minutes we highly recommend Olive as the human satellite navigation system and she will re-route you when the need arises and you will still make it in less than 45 minutes! She has already been spoken for the next round of the County Champs at Crystal Palace on 24th & 25th Feb!

Olive has served on our Committee since our committee records began! She stepped into the role of Team Manager, providing valuable support to the ever growing membership. Over the years Olive has helped support hundreds; we mean hundreds of swimmers offering guidance and encouragement when things get tough and always ready with a beaming smile when they do a great swim. Olive's support doesn't stop at Swimmers, as a valued committee member she has service many years offering a wealth of experience on various initiatives such as structure, swim governance, membership and club history. Olive also provides significant support to our coaching team, who rely on Olive to help support swimmers pool side, keeping them safe, warm and comfortable poolside and in getting the swimmers to their races on time.

Did you know Olive has tracked every club record since our records began and more recently helped produce much needed long course records for the club too? If you want to know a time and when it happened, Olive's our go to person.

Olive was awarded the 'Surrey Presidents Plate' for her services to the County in 1994 and has never stopped offering her services up to help in any capacity. There are not too many people that she doesn't know and there isn't much about Swimming Olive doesn't know. We are very lucky to have Olive and we hope that Olive carries on being a part of Woking for many years to come.

THANK YOU SO MUCH OLIVE FOR YOUR 40 YEARS OF SERVICE TO WOKING SWIMMING CLUB

WE TOO ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU!

