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RTW monson NEWSLETTER

Please do take the time to read the whole newsletter so that you don't miss any important notices relevant to your swimmer - especially training time changes highlighted in **RED**

PARKING REMINDER – Please do not park or wait in disabled bays



Monson Kit – Galas & Events

Please note that all swimmers are expected to wear Monson Tops and navy blue bottoms/shorts when they are representing the club at Team events or Galas

This is especially important for our social media presence

Thanks you for your co-operation



Kent Junior League 2025 – A Final

RTW Monson qualified for the A final of the Kent Junior League, hosted by Saxon Crown last Saturday. With an outstanding performance, team Monson managed to gain multiple PBs and great effort all around, the team showed some great spirit to fight for every race.

With maximum points from Isla Cummings (10U 50 back), Gabriel Marsh (13U 100 free), Jax Marshall (12U 100 back) and the boys 12U 4 x 50 freestyle relay, the swimmers showed they were more than capable of holding their own in the competition. With even more second places from Tigerlily Thwaites (12U 100 back), Henry Webb (13U 100 fly) and both the 13U relay teams just to name a few.

With the competition being solely for 13 and under it really gave a chance to the youngsters to show what they have with notable mentions going to Harper Joyce (10) for her first team gala and Daniel Whitelaw (10) for his first gala of any kind. Who both swam incredibly well making the team proud.

In the end though the competition was just a little too much with RTW finishing in 5th place overall. Congratulations to all the swimmers for a great night and a huge thank you to all the volunteer team managers, organisers and officials.



Bromley	334.5
Greenwich Royals	251
Sevenoaks	250.5
Saxon Crown	229.5
RTW Monson	205
Dover Life Guards	201.5
Thanet	195
Beckenham	157



Kent County Relay Champs 2025



Boys 14 &
Under Team

Following on from last week's report on the Kent County Team Championships on Sunday 14 September 2025. Please see below updated boys team information

The **Boys 14 Years & Under team** comprised of Petar Maksimov (14), Louie Russell (13) and Gabriel Marsh (13) for both relays, with Avneesh Ganguli (13) joining them in the Medley relay and Charlie Whymark (13) in the Freestyle relay. Both teams progressed through to the A finals, placing 6th in both the 4x50m Medley and 4x50m Freestyle relays. A great team performance from all, achieving consistent times across both their heats and finals.

The **Boys 12 Years & Under team** comprised of Jax Marshall (12), Henryk Styles (12) and Cameron Davidson (12) for both relays, with Joe Brydon Prior (11) joining them in the Medley relay and Vadym Tertytskyi (12) in the Freestyle relay. Both teams progressed through to the A finals, placing 4th in the 4x50m Medley and bringing home gold in the 4x50m Freestyle relay. In doing so, they improved on their heat swim by almost 2 seconds. A fantastic team performance in both events

There was great racing by all - you should be proud of yourselves.



Where Are They Now? – Reuven O'Connell - Water Polo



Reuven joined RTW Monson water polo in around 2016. His most memorable moments were going to the Tournaments, which he really enjoyed.

Reuven's dad Paul was a great help to club helping on poolside and we even managed to get him playing polo for a short time!

Reuven is now off to Cardiff University to study Architecture, he will be missed, he was a great asset to the junior and later to the senior team

We wish Reuven all the best in his next chapter at university and maybe he will be able to join the Cardiff Uni team, I know they beat my Uni Sheffield in the British University finals many years ago

Tim Price



Kent County Amateur Swimming Association Awards & AGM 2025



Awards & Accolades

At the KCASA Awards on 20 September, Amalie Smith was awarded the Lionel Parker Memorial Trophy for Senior Swimmer of the Year & she was also awarded Junior Swimmer of the Year – Congratulations Amalie!

Mark Leman, our RTW Monson President, was inducted as Vice President for KCASA 2025-2026 at the Annual Council Meeting

RTW Monson were awarded the Keighley Memorial Trophy (Swimming Championships Points Winner 2025) for the most Ladies/Girls points in the Kent County Championships 2025

RTW Monson were awarded the KCASA Para Swimming Team of the Year 2025

Callie-Ann Warrington was jointly awarded the KCASA Para Swimmer of the Year 2025. Callie-Ann swam with RTW Monson during the 2024-2025 Season

Congratulations Team Monson – what a great year all round!



RTW Monson AGM

We are holding our AGM in November as you know, and our constitution states that all roles are re nominated each year. So all roles are available.

There are some people who are standing down from the committee this year and are not planning to stand again and therefore we would like to invite people to get in touch and talk to us if you want to find out more about the committee work, so that we bring on board new people. Others would be happy to stand down from the committee and not put themselves forward again if others want to come on board. The commitment varies, but minimum is monthly meetings and reading papers in between plus taking on committee activities as required.

Please contact any committee member if you would like to discuss the committee work.

Jan Annan

Mark Leman

Sueli Armada Bennett

Carole Murphy

Ala El Kour

Paul Gable

Amanthi Tollit

Tim Price

Lorna Wright

Claire Jones



New Kent County & South East Regional Records

RTW Monson had an outstanding 2024 -2025 Season resulting in many new records, which can be summarised as follows:

36 Kent records broken last season by 5 swimmers

12 Regional records broken last year by 2 swimmers

Kent Records

Long Course

Julia Elvidge – 100 & 200 Back (14 yrs Girls)

Hayden Annan – 100 & 200 Free (Mens)

Hayden Annan – 100, 200, 400 & 800 free (18 yrs Boys)

Amalie Smith – 200 Free, 100 Back, 200 & 400 IM (Ladies)

Amalie Smith – 50 & 100 Back, 200 Breast, 200 & 400 IM (Girls under 16)

Amalie Smith – 50 & 100 Backstroke, 200 Breast, 200 & 400 IM (15 yr old Girls)

Amalie smith – 200 Free (16yrs Girls)

Chengze Duan – 100 Butterfly (17 yrs Boys)

Short Course

Hayden Annan – 200 & 800 Free (Mens)

Aran Bissett – 100 & 200 IM (Mens)

Amalie Smith – 100, 200 & 400 IM (Ladies)

Amalie Smith – 50 & 100 Back, 100, 200 & 400 IM Girls (under 16)

Regional Records

Long Course

Hayden Annan 200m Free (18 years)

Amalie Smith – 200m Free, 200m Breast, 200IM & 400IM (15 years)

Short Course

Amalie Smith – 100IM, 200IM & 400IM (U16 years), 100IM & 200IM (open)

As well as three Regional Relay Records for the Girls 14-16 Years Teams

4x200m Free – Lilly Deller, Maddie Hind, Bella Jones & Amalie Smith

4x100m Free – Amalie Smith, Lilly Deller, Bella Jones & Maddie Hind

4x100m Medley – Julia Elvidge, Amalie Smith, Maddie Hind & Bella Jones



Autumn Blast – Help & Raffle Prizes Needed



Autumn Blast is fast approaching on 18th October and now is the time to volunteer your help if you have a swimmer competing.

Please email [Claire](#) if you can donate any time on the day - More details to follow

We will be sending a suggested Halloween themed hamper item list out to the relevant squads again in order to make up the raffle hampers for the Autumn Blast. Please have a look for any unwanted items to donate for the raffle, or wine, chocolates etc with enough date left after the gala, details for collection will be supplied Thank You!



Officials Sign Up & News

Please see below the links for Officials sign up for the following events

Saturday 18th October - Autumn Blast - [Autumn Blast](#)

Sunday 12th October - CC 800m - [Club Champs 800m](#)

Tuesday 18th November - CC 1500m - [Club Champs 1500m](#)

Sat 22nd/Sun 23rd/ Sat 29th/Sun 30th November - Club Champs - [Club Champs](#)

OFFICIALS NEWS

With a number of home events coming up in October and November, please do think about helping out the club by training to be an official. Home events are a great opportunity to undertake your training amongst familiar faces - and events cannot run unless we have enough of you!

Becoming an official is not only for the parents, but our dedicated swimmers are also invited too. From 14yrs they can train to be a timekeeper and from 15yrs, a qualified Judge Level 1.

Our very own Eva Elliott and Freddie Martin-Young both qualified this year, both helping out at the Regional Chaser in March and Eva also heading to support the Tonbridge meet in the summer too.

It's a great way for our older swimmers to support our younger swimmers at their target meets by facilitating the events to go ahead.

Events cannot be licensed unless a number of qualified officials are available to help - so YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!

If you would like to get involved, or have any questions then please email [Kate Elliott](#)



New Role - Administrator

Administrator - A new role is being established on a self-employed basis. This role will support the Treasurer, chair, and head coach.

We expect we will need 10 hours a week and, as a minimum, to work a few hours on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. This is a remote position.

If you would like to find out more please contact [Jan Annan](#)



Swim England Winter Nationals 2025

The event information and qualifying times for the Swim England Short Course Winter Nationals to be held 11-14 December 2025 at Ponds Forge in Sheffield are now available. Please use the following links:

[Event Information](#)

[Qualifying Times](#)

[Draft Schedule](#)



Winter Short Course Regionals 2025

The 2025 Short Course Championships will be held at Winchester Sports & Leisure Park over the weekend of 1st / 2nd November 2025. The event information and qualifying times are as follows:

[Schedule of Events](#)

[Qualifying Times](#)

[Conditions \(provisional\)](#)



IMPORTANT - PLEASE NOTE: PERSONAL PROPERTY

Regrettably we have had an incident where a swimmer has had some of their belongings taken from a changing room, so please do remind your swimmers to look after their belongings

This is a reminder to all our members, to please leave valuables at home or leave with parents when in the pool.

When swimming at our pools and especially the public pools, please use lockers available and secure the lockers as, unfortunately, neither the pools nor the club cannot be responsible for any losses or damage to personal belongings.



Aquatics GB

Race to Recycle Programme

Aquatics GB have launched an initiative to recycle racing suits to support athletes and reinforce their commitment to sustainability.

Athletes can donate pre-loved racing suits at selected Aquatics GB events which are then recycled and redistributed to athletes who may otherwise struggle to afford them

For more information please use the following link: [Race to Recycle](#)

The eligibility criteria for applying for a pre loved race suit is here: [Eligibility](#)



Monson OneTeam Hours

A gentle reminder that our OneTeam policy asks all families with a swimmer in a competitive squad to complete 6 hrs of volunteer time in a calendar year to avoid incurring the charge set out in the OneTeam Initiative.

Please don't forget to log your volunteering hours using the following link: [OneTeam](#)

If anyone is unsure how this scheme works please do get in touch with our [membership secretary](#)

Upcoming Timetable Changes

Easy Fundraising – www.easyfundraising.co.uk

We are always looking for ways to raise money for our club and this way is simple. Please follow the link below to register, every time you shop online/via the easy fundraising app a donation is made to Monson, whether it's a £5 purchase and we get 1p, or if you buy car insurance through compare the market and we get a £12.30 donation.

It doesn't cost you anymore than your purchase and the retailers, who range from Amazon, Ebay, Halfords, M & S and 100's more provide the donation.

Easy Fundraising

Every person that registers via this link, Monson get a £5 so please share it around to aunts and uncles, grandparents etc it really does all make a huge difference to our club.

CLUB CONTACTS

In order to streamline communication, please use the following email addresses.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS

If you would like to add anything to the newsletter, please email monsonnewsletter@gmail.com. Please ensure that any content is received by midday Thursday for inclusion in that week's newsletter

For any coaching related queries:

Performance & Junior Performance -
[Karen Bradbury](#)

Age Group 1 – [Richard Smith](#)

Age Group 2 - [Alex Counsell](#)

Age Group 3 - [Alex Counsell](#)

Development - [Della Clout](#)

Academy 1 & 2 - [Sarah Williams](#)

Youth Squad 1 - [Richard Smith](#)

Youth Squad 2 - [Vicky Turton](#)

Junior Squad 1 - [Jan Annan](#)

Junior Squad 2 - [Jan Annan](#)

Water Polo - [Tim Price](#)

For any other queries

General Club enquiries - [Sueli Armada Bennett](#)

Membership - [Amanthi Tollit](#)

Billing & Finances – [Ala El-Kour](#)

Kit - TBC

Hats - [Rhodri Joyce](#)

Event Hats - [Kerryn Smith](#)

Officials - [Kate Elliott](#)

Welfare - [Jessica Nightingale-Ellis](#)

Galas - [Lorna Wright](#)

Social Media - [Ellie Lott](#)

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