

## Save a Life, Save our Pool

To coincide with the RLSS Drowning Prevention week 15-22nd June, on Tuesday 18th June we will be holding 3 lifesaving events at a private outdoor heated swimming pool in Horstead. These sessions will provide you with skills to save a life and raise money to save our pool.

*Wet session* **£10**

4pm or 5.30pm  
Must be able to swim at least 15m, ages 7+  
[4pm Click to book](#)  
[5pm Click to book](#)

*£5 Dry session*  
8pm - 9.30pm  
Welcome Drink  
Water related Quiz,  
Rope throwing competition  
[Click to book](#)

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## Business Support



We are very fortunate and grateful to have G2 Architecture donating their services. We have been working with George Dobson and George Watkinson to develop plans for the dry side of the building. The brief is to deliver modern accessible changing rooms, an improved viewing area, café and social space.

We intend to share plans and 3D renderings of the new look at our community engagement events on 22nd June.

<https://g2.co.uk/>

## Community Engagement

If you would like to find out more about our plans to refurbish and reopen the swimming pool, please come and join us at one of the following events in Buntingford.

Millfield First and Nursery School Summer Fair  
Saturday 22nd June 1-4pm  
We have RLSS colouring sheets to share

Edwinstree Middle School Summer Fair  
Saturday 22nd June 2-4.30pm  
We are having a Rescue Rope throwing competition

## Upcoming Events



**Braughing Wheelbarrow Race**  
Saturday 13th July 12-6pm  
We will be there with our community engagement stall and selling pre loved books.

*Fun  
time*

*Quiz  
time*

Save the date  
Saturday 27th July  
7pm  
Fundraising quiz  
Buntingford  
Community Centre

*Art  
time*

Gravelly Barn Art Exhibition  
19-21st and 27-28th July  
Whilst checking out the fabulous artwork, take a look at our own little exhibition of our plans for the Ward Freman Swimming Pool.

*art@gravellybarn*

## Supporter Spotlight

*Helen  
betley*

Helen Betley, a regular swimmer at the pool contacted us via our website.

*"We still used the pool regularly, and my daughter used to have lessons there. We are prepared to travel to ensure our daughter continues with lessons, but the closure of the pool will mean that many children will not have that essential resource available to them."*

She has been planning and training for a large swimming challenge this summer and would like to raise money for the pool.

At the end of July she will be swimming around the island of Jersey doing butterfly. This has never been completed before and will take approximately 12-13 hours to complete. Thankfully she has some experience, having swam from Jersey to France doing butterfly in September 2022. This took just under 9 hours.

Sponsorship opportunities will be coming soon.....

## Community Ownership Fund

We were hoping to have submitted our application for £1 000 000 to the Community Ownership Fund by now. This will pay for the majority of repairs and refurbishment. However due to the pre election period the application window has not opened.

Once the new government is elected and formed we will be on track to apply for this vital funding.

## Thank You!

We asked for volunteers to help with proof reading our applications. Thank you and welcome to the team:

Claire White  
Karen Thomson  
Sue Coote  
Willa Appleyard  
Kerry Fairey