# NEWSLETTER SAVE 'WARD FREMAN SWIMMING POOL'





## Spotlight

Under the spotlight this week is the amazing Sarah Hopewell who has just completed the London Marathon - helping to raise funds for our beloved pool. Sarah ran the marathon in 3 hours and 54 mins and managed to raise a whopping £1242!!!

Well done and thank you Sarah!





### **Events This Month**

Join us for a fun evening of dancing!! Get your tickets following the link below.

Dance the Decades
Sat 27 Apr 2024 8:00 PM - 11:00 PM Freman College, SG9

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Come and join us for a fabulous night of dancing, fun and enjoyment all in aid of the Ward Freman swimming pool.

https://www.tickettailor.com/events/saveourpool/120
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#### **Testimonials**

Why get involved?

Name: Matt Coote. Matt is originally from Buntingford, and this is his testimonial for The Ward Freman Swimming Pool.

'I learnt to swim at Ward Freman pool as a child and have been in the water since I was around 4 months old. I started at Ward Freman in May 1997 and I swam there pretty much weekly until I left Buntingford to go to university.



I didn't really start enjoying swimming until I attended a summer crash course at Ward Freman (2004). I joined the Buntingford Swimming Club (BSC), training twice a week and competing in the Peanuts and Divisions 2 and 3 of the ASA Major League and travelling around East Herts to compete. I was BSC's Boys Captain (2013-14).

My dad volunteered as a coach at the club and my sister also swam; swimming was a family activity, and I was always physically active as a child.

I supported the Freman College swimming team on the occasion that the College chose to compete at school galas. Training at Ward Freman allowed me to participate a bit more in the college's sporting culture. I like the idea of keeping the pool open for the club, schools and kids in the area. I have now also joined the grants team to help save our community pool.'

If you would like to share your experiences of using the Ward Freeman Pool, or get involved to support us in any way, please get in touch. We would love to hear your stories and have your support.

#### **MEET THE TEAM:**

Trustees: Ian Ballantyne, Alison Barr, Tim Miller, Linda Roberts, Shelia White, Joanne Willett, Frazer Willett, Philip Wylie Grants Team: Sarah Hopewell, Matt Coote

> The fundraising Team: Maggie Miller, Georgina Schwan, Louise Hampton Communications Team - Candy Keane, Spencer O'Neill, Louise King, Katlan Stockley

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