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## Chameleons swim tour 2026

**GOOD LUCK** to the swimmers heading off to Liverpool on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May**. This is a weekend away and details of the trip will be given out soon.

Our next gala is the **Reading Gala** and this is on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June**. Names to Pamela as soon as possible **but no later than Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May** This one is a day trip.

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### SWIM SESSIONS

**STAR HUB - Muirton Road - Friday's from 7:30pm - 8:15pm.**

Swim subs are £5.00 per session.

**There will not be no sessions on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

**HOWELLS SCHOOL- Cardiff Road, Llandaff -Sunday's from 6:00pm - 6:45pm.**

Swim subs are £4.00 per session.

**There will not be no session Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May.**

### BOWLS SESSIONS

**Cardiff Indoor Bowls Club, Sophia Gardens**

**Fridays 4.00pm - 6.00pm**

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### Swansea Stingrays Gala

A team of 12 attended this gala in Aberavon. All did very well and especially to Chelsea as it was her first gala away with us and achieved a credible 3<sup>rd</sup> in one of her races, also to Spencer who on his return to the Club did well too with a first ribbon and Laura attended her first gala for a while and also came in first in one of her races.

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## This month we remember

Cora Clarke (1996)

Mother of Leslie and was a founder Parent.

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### Towelling Robes

Pamela has purchased one size towelling robes which can be put on after a swim, especially at competition. They are navy blue in colour and have our club logo embroidered on them. They are £12.00 each and we have 3 left in stock. If interested please see / contact Pamela.

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### BOWLS GROUP NEWS

#### Torquay March 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> 2026

The Disability Bowl Tournament took place at Torquay Leisure Resort on the weekend of 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> Match 2026. A total of thirty-three Bowlers, Parents and Coaches made the trip on Friday morning. The bowlers competed in 6 matches over the weekend against bowlers from Plymouth Disability Bowls Club and the Plymouth Mayflower Specials. Unfortunately, no trophies for us this year but a great social weekend, with the usual high quality of food and service we have come to expect from The Toorak Hotel. Our thanks to the TLH Bowls coordinators for another excellent weekend.

## Welsh Indoor Bows National Finals Weekend - April 12/13<sup>th</sup>

Welsh Association of Intellectual Learning Disability Bowlers members, including three from Cardiff Chameleons contested the WIB Pairs and Triples National Finals at Newport Indoor Boels Club on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April. David Williams, Robert Parker and Antanas Schiastney from Chameleons Bowls group played the young guns from Merthyr's Greenfield School. With scoring very close between the teams throughout the game it came down to the last end. The Merthyr Trio of Fallon Hood, David Bunce and Cas Richards coming out on top by one shot.

## LDIBIS Leicester 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026

The Learning Disability Indoor Bowls International Series (LDIBIS) took place in Leicester this year. The last time we set foot inside this arena at Slater Street Indoor Bowls Club was in 2009 for the Special Olympics National Summer Games. The Welsh Team consisted of 15 Bowlers 7 of which were from Cardiff Chameleons. Team Wales were in contention for the silver medal at the end of Day 1, just two points behind Scotland and only two points in front of England. Day 2, saw some notable wins from our Level three bowlers and a very worthy draw in the Level 1 Singles played by Naomi Baelz. Unfortunately, we were well and truly beaten in the remaining matches and finished with the bronze medals. We move on to Scotland for the next leg in April 2027.

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### Summer Events

A **World Cup** "Themed Garden Party" is planned for **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July** at **Howells School**, which happens to be the day of the final.

**Entry fee is £3.00 per person** payable on entry and it will start from **2:30pm**.

We will have our usual raffle and I will do a World Cup Quiz.

We hope to hold our **Club Gala** this year. This is planned for the following Sunday after the Garden Party on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July**. The swimming and presentations will be done on the same night. The gala will start at **5pm**. So, if we can have names to enter this event over the next couple of months but no later than the 5<sup>th</sup> July. We already have all the cups and trophies.

Our annual **barbecue** as yet to have a date to be decided but once we know when this will be you will be told in future issues.

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### Joke Time

What happened to the boy who stole rhubarb? He was taken into custody (custody)!

I bought a rocket salad the other day, but it went off before I could eat it!

What do you call a belt made out of watches? A waist (waste) of time!

A man was walking his dogs and a chap said to him are they Jack Russells? He replied no they're mine!