



Official opening of the newly refurbished swimming pool

On Friday 24 May 2019 Barry Goringe, Dorset Councillor and Chairman of St Leonards & St Ives Parish Council, with Samara Stewart Chair of the St Ives School Association, officially opened the newly refurbished St Ives Primary School swimming pool.

Over the last couple of years the swimming pool has undergone a full refurbishment. In 2017/2018 a small team of parents & grandparents completely renovated the changing room complex with huge support both monetary, skills and materials from local companies. In 2019 following a significant grant of £20,000 obtained from East Dorset District Council, funding from the Co-op Bransgore, the Mason's John Langton Fund, Via Lucis Masonic Lodge No 8228, Woodford Lodge No 3903 and £7,000 raised by parents of the school a major re-lining of the tank of the pool and purchase and installation of two air heat source pumps, making the system more eco-friendly and sustainable. The pool was tiled, water inlets and outlets updated and the plant room pipework tested and updated to incorporate the new heating system. Bluewater Pools Ltd,

Christchurch carried out the work in the period 19 Feb - 24 Apr 2019.

At the swimming pool opening event were a handful of ex parents and pupils who were involved in the original fundraising and running of the pool 40 years ago. Lauren Prosser (née Moriarty) the girl who originally opened the pool in June 1980 was also present and pleased to see the pool they built and ran is still being used and now has this new lease of life. Swimming is a life skill and the pool now with this refurbishment has another 40+ years of life in it providing a great facility for the children at St Ives Primary

School and schools in the MATT including Three Legged Cross, Oakhurst, St Mary's First School.

Additionally, we are looking to open the pool to the community for Open Swims and Aqua aerobic sessions & intensive swim courses in conjunction with Swim schools. The pool relies on volunteers to run it (currently mainly parents) in order to make this facility more available to the community we are looking to a seasonal pool caretaker and other volunteers, if you know of anyone who might be able to help please ask them to contact Samara Stewart on SISInfo@stivespta.com



Left to right: David Boylin, Jenny Bursey, Delia Carter, Avril Moriarty, Lauren Prosser (née Moriarty) & Gerald Carter

Date for your diary
St Ives Xmas Fair & Fireworks
Friday 29 November 2019