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# Warley WASPS

Swimming Club Est. 1888

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## **Gala report Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2012** **Held at Wombourne Leisure Centre**

This was our first gala of the year, so there was going to be a number of swimmers who had never swam in a gala situation before. For the first time in many years I had a dilemma in team selection and could have chosen to select many others swimmers to swim.

In many ways the team which was selected was a little experimental as the younger age-group hadn't swum together before the day. We also had a number of new swimmers and swimmers who were swimming for the first time, some swimming in individuals.

We also had a number of swimmers who were unavailable to swim on this particular occasion, so I was very unsure of how we would perform.

As well as new swimmers, we also had new poolside helpers, who did a superb job in keeping everyone motivated and ready for their swims.

The teams we were up against were Wombourne (Div 3), Broadway (Div 2), Oldbury (Div 2), Wolverhampton Masters (Div3) and Heath Town (No league), so this would be a good test/indication of where the club currently lies within our league and the league above.

From start to finish, the gala could not have been closer, the teams, which only months before, comfortably beat us, found themselves being pushed all the way by our swimmers.

By the halfway point we were lying in forth position, by the time the last race had been swum, we had clambered back to a joint third place (held with last seasons Division 2 finals- Oldbury).

Our swimmers did the club proud with their performance, there were some superb and close races, there were races which the other teams didn't come within ½ a length of us.

Overall this was the best performance by a Warley team in the past 4-5 years. All swimmers gave 110% effort, but for a few minor mishaps, I'd go as far to say ,we would have at least come second or even won!

This gala has shown what is being achieved by the club. We will continue to improve and grow, we will develop the areas which we need to improve over the next 3 months and we will succeed.

Both Broadway and Oldbury are in the league above, we have proved we can now compete with them, we now have the club infra-structure almost complete, we are almost ready for the next stage of our development. Bring on the Junior League!

Well done to all that swam and to all that helped out, you all did the club proud!!

#### Final Results:

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> | Wombourne      | 224 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> | Broadway       | 204 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Warley WASPS   | 197 |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> | Oldbury        | 197 |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> | Wolves Masters | 117 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> | Heath Town     | 81  |

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