

## 2012 Torch Carrier & Games Makers

Some members of latest affiliated club to Seahawks, Beacon Swimming Club had a never to be forgotten summer. Two of the Club's coaches were lucky enough to carry the Olympic Torch in Crowborough, the town where the Club is based. Additionally a number of the older swimmers experienced the magic of the Olympic games as Games Makers at the Aquatics Centre.

Pictured below is Lifesaving & Swimming Coach Ben Stevens who carried the torch from Beacon Community College, his old school, and handed it on to Jo Rout, a colleague who helps with the Lifesaving sessions. Ben has become a bit of a celebrity since, appearing on BBC South East Today, showing off the torch to children at local primary schools and making appearances at various summer fetes.



Winning through vigorous qualifying rounds meant daily 5am starts for the Games Makers. This was all worthwhile though as they had time of their lives at the Aquatics Centre sitting with the competitors and leading them into the arena. Their role was to take empty equipment boxes on to poolside then swap them with the boxes full of the athlete's belongings. It was then up to Club Coaches, Sharon and Fiona, to ensure all the swimmer's belongings were returned to them. This was achieved most of the time!! There has been plenty of name dropping since and some incredible stories told!



Pictured above are some of the Beacon Games Makers with those from other Clubs.

If this wasn't enough, Connor Ingham, brother of Seahawks members' Max and Harri was nominated to represent the Young Games Makers at the International Olympic Committee Reception and got to meet both Seb Coe and the Queen.



Far right is Connor about to meet the Queen.