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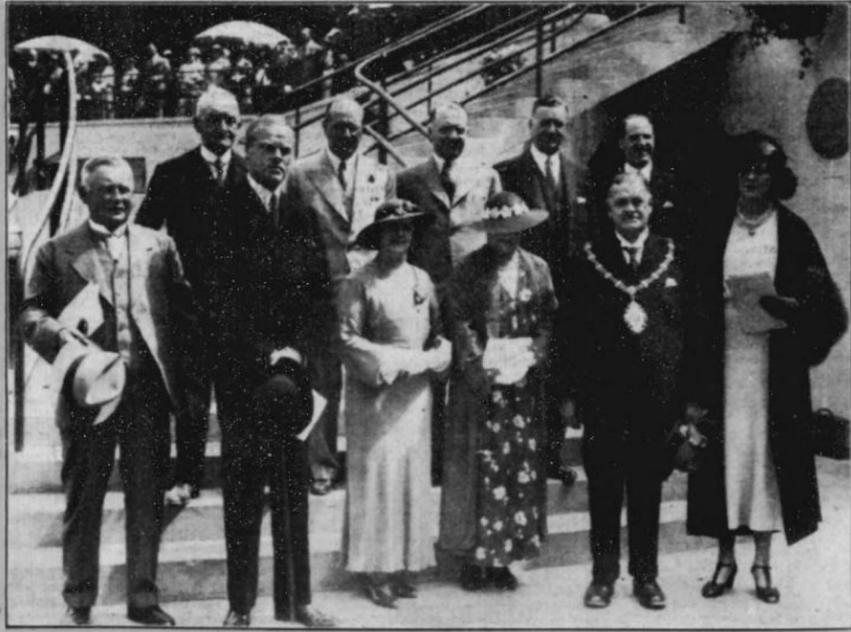


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In the front row are the Duke and Duchess of Sutherland, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Stoke, and Mr. Goldstraw, the architect

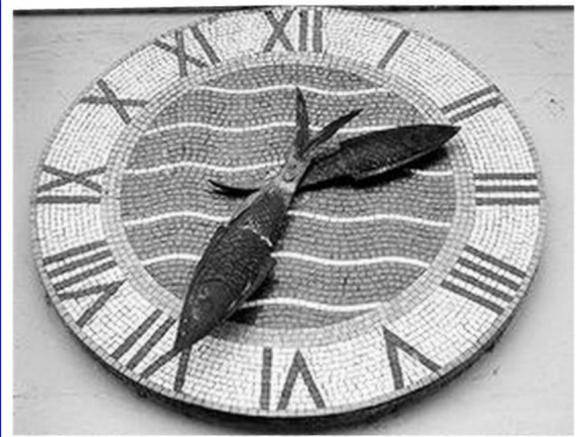
Trentham swimming pool was opened on 9 July 1935. Designed in Art Deco style, it was situated in Spring Valley and was 130 feet long and 60 feet wide. It was fed by springs, with water heated to between 60-70°F. It had underwater lighting and floodlit bathing was common.



Evacuated bank staff and soldiers from the local camps made good of the pool during World War Two.

It remained a popular local destination for 40 years, with many visitors arriving by the lakeside miniature railway.

There were regular swimming galas and diving competitions and bathing beauty contests with celebrity judges. The pool closed in 1975, before being finally demolished in 1986.



Photographs by Telegraph, Hanley

5 Mr. Averill will then introduce the Vice-Chairman of the Trentham Pool Amateur Swimming Club (Mr. Spencer Stanway) to present to the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress and to the Duke and Duchess the following ladies and gentlemen taking part in the Display :

Mr. Norman Wainwright	Mr. Norman Brookes
Mr. R. H. Leivers	Mr. Tom Scott
Miss Edna Hughes	Mr. Walter Scott
Miss Nora Wall	Mr. Ernest Jones

DISPLAY of SWIMMING and DIVING

Under the auspices of the Trentham Pool Amateur Swimming Club, affiliated to the Midland Counties Amateur Swimming Association, and the Staffs County Amateur Swimming Association (UNDER A.S.A. LAWS)

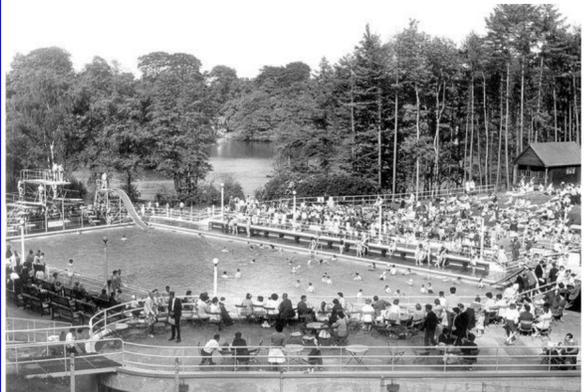
Exhibition Swim of Four Lengths Crawl Stroke by Mr. Norman Wainwright (Hanley A.S.C.) Champion of England. Olympic and International Swimmer

Exhibition Swim by Miss Edna Hughes (Walsall A.S.C.) 100 yards Champion of England. Olympic and International Swimmer

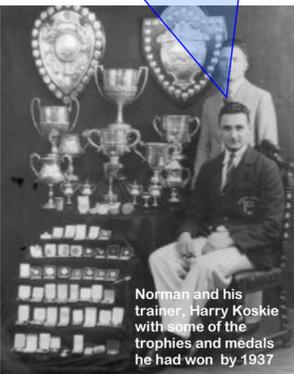
Diving Display by Mr. Ernest Jones (Newcastle A.S.C.) Champion Local Diver
Exhibition Swim, including the Crawl, Breast, and new Butterfly Stroke, by Mr. R. H. Leivers (Longton A.S.C.) 440 yards Champion of England. Olympic and International Swimmer
Mannequin Parade by Miss Mollie Shaw's Young Ladies, of Swimming Costumes, kindly provided by Messrs. Jantzen, through the Agency of Messrs. Henry White, Ltd. Newcastle, Staffs.
Surprise Item—Duggie Ascot, of London, the World's Worst Surfoplanist
Display of Fancy and Slow Motion Swimming by Miss Nora Wall (Smethwick R.A.A.) Champion Swimmer of the Civil Service
Display of Speed Swimming by Mr. Norman Brookes (Oldham Police A.S.C.) International Water Polo Player. Former Sprint Champion of England. Olympic and International Swimmer
Demonstration of Back Stroke Swimming by Mr. Norman Wainwright
Diving Display by Messrs. Tom and Walter Scott, International Divers

M.C. for Swimming : Mr. SPENCER STANWAY, President Staffs A.S.A.

The Display is timed to finish at 4-40



COOLING WATERS—The Trentham open-air swimming pool was opened for the 1950 season yesterday. Here are a group of youngsters, keeping cool in the hot sunshine.



Norman and his trainer, Harry Koskie with some of the trophies and medals he had won by 1937

Norman Wainwright performed an exhibition swim at the opening event. Born in 1914, he learned to swim when he was three years old, when his father was manager of the Hanley Public Baths. He subsequently swam for Hanley Amateur Swimming Club and became a top national and international freestyle swimmer for most of the decade before the Second World War. He competed in three Olympic Games (1932, 1936 & 1948); he won medals at two European and Empire Championships (1934 & 1938); was Amateur Swimming Association (ASA) champion 21 times; and held 50 ASA and British native records.

After the opening of Trentham pool, it became his training base. In 1937 the City of Stoke-on-Trent honoured its two famous international swimmers, Bob Leivers of Longton ASC and Norman Wainwright. He was a true amateur, receiving no sponsorship or patronage. He worked for Richards Tiles throughout his swimming career, eventually becoming a senior executive. In 1938 Norman married Betty Porter and settled in Trentham and remained here until his death in 2000 at the age of 85.

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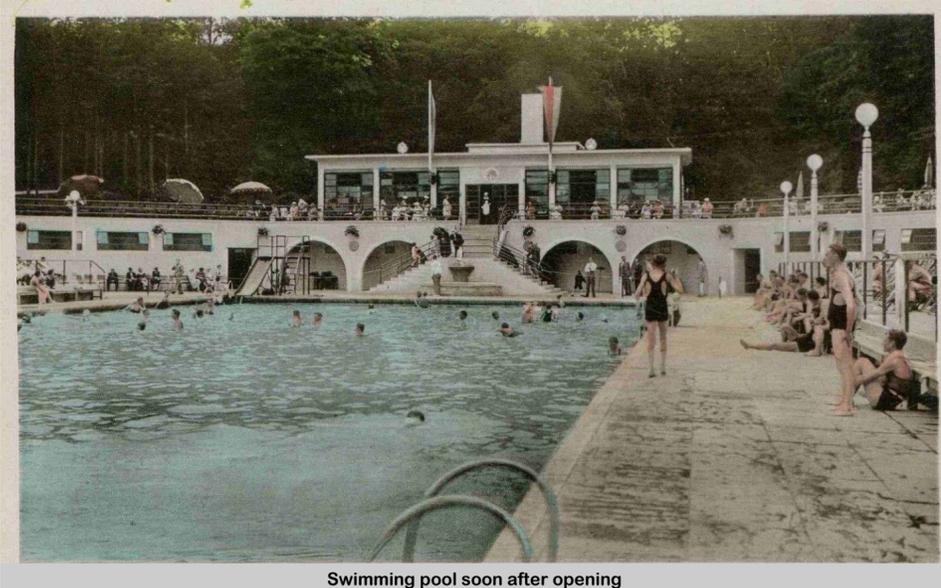
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