

# BIRMINGHAM MASTERS

May 2016 Newsletter

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## Coach's message

Hi all,

Well, the European Masters are just a couple of weeks away! I want to wish all the best to those swimmers who are taking part - go and get those goals that you have set yourselves! And most importantly, have a great time.

As the club moves forward in 2016 again we have had a few setbacks with the loss of sessions, and I know that most of you have been affected by the loss of these. Please try and make the sessions that we have in place - the committee have done a great job in getting some pool time at the new 50m pool later this year, and I am also looking forward to coaching you at this new facility...and put you through it!

So remember when your body gets tired, swim with your heart!

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## Update to new session times

Alas no building project has ever been completed on schedule, and why should the Uni's new 50m pool be any exception?

We now understand the pool will first be ready in September. The committee appreciate the disappointment many members will be feeling, particularly those who have missed the Wednesday and Friday sessions the most. Therefore we have secured a replacement Wednesday session, in the current Uni 25m pool, in the Munrow Sports Centre. This session will begin in the week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> July.

Current sessions:

|          |                     |   |
|----------|---------------------|---|
| Tuesday  | 20.30-21.30         | KES Boys' pool                                    |
| Thursday | 20.45-21.45         | Harborne Pool                                     |
| Saturday | 08.30-10.00         | KES Boys' pool - extended session from previously |
| Sunday   | 17.00-18.30         | KES Boys' pool                                    |
|          | (5 hours pool time) |   |

From Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July:

|           |                       |  |
|-----------|-----------------------|--|
| Tuesday   | 20.30-21.30           | KES Boys' pool                                 |
| Wednesday | 19.00-20.00           | Munrow Pool, at University of Birmingham       |
| Thursday  | 20.45-21.45           | Harborne Pool                                  |
| Saturday  | 08.30-09.30           | KES Boys' pool - reverting to a 1 hour session |
| Sunday    | 17.00-18.30           | KES Boys' pool                                 |
|           | (5.5 hours pool time) |  |

From September:

|           |             |                               |
|-----------|-------------|-------------------------------|
| Tuesday   | 20.30-21.30 | KES Boys' pool                |
| Wednesday | 18.15-19.30 | New Birmingham Uni pool @ 25m |
| Thursday  | 20.15-21.30 | New Birmingham Uni pool @ 50m |
| Saturday  | 08.30-09.30 | KES Boys' pool                |
| Sunday    | 17.00-18.30 | KES Boys' pool                |

(6 hours pool time)

The Munrow Sports Centre is on the University campus opposite KES. Parking is free in the North Car Park after 4pm - accessed via Pritchatts Road. Coming from Bristol Road, turn up Edgbaston Park Road, past the front entrance to KES and the main entrance to the university, and Pritchatts Road is the next left turn. The path down to Munrow Sports Centre is then signposted.

### Club AGM

This year's AGM will be on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June, at 7:30pm. No swimming that evening, so to tempt you out of the house, we're combining it with a meal at the Piquant restaurant in Moseley. The AGM part doesn't usually last long, and will leave plenty of time for fine food and good company! To help with booking a table, please indicate whether it's likely you'll be attending - please speak to or email Harry Undery - [harrymoss@yahoo.com](mailto:harrymoss@yahoo.com)

### Forthcoming Meets

Very best of luck to everyone competing in the European Masters Championships in the London Aquatics Centre at the end of this month! Find out latest information and follow the action at: <http://euroaquatics2016.london/masters/>

### Major Club Targeted Meets:

**Midlands Masters (Leamington Spa)** - Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> + Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2016

Closing date: tbc

Website for entries: <http://www.swimming.org/asa/calendar/midland-open-masters-seniors-championships-2016>

**National Short Course Championships (Sheffield)** - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Closing date: tbc

Website for entries: <http://www.swimming.org/asa/calendar/asa-national-masters-and-senior-age-group-championships-2016>

### Local Club Targeted Meets:

**Etwall Eagles Meet (Derby) - Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

Closing date: tbc

Website for entries: tbc

### Other meets that may be of interest:

**Barnet Copthall Masters Distance Meet (Barnet) - Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2016**

Closing date: Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Website for entries: <http://www.swimming.org/asa/calendar/barnet-copthall-masters-distance-meet-2016>

Details of meets around the country are available at:

<http://www.swimming.org/britishswimming/calendar/> .

Open Water events can be found at the website of the Long Distance Swimming Association, at [www.bldsa.org.uk/](http://www.bldsa.org.uk/) and there are further details on the "Great Swim" series of events at [www.greatswim.org/](http://www.greatswim.org/).

### **Birmingham Masters' own Open Meet!**

**Do you want to be part of delivering a first in Birmingham?**

**Do you want to support our Club?**

**If yes, WE NEED YOU!**

Birmingham Masters is looking at hosting its **first ever Open Meet** at the new University Pool in early 2017. This is an exciting opportunity for our Club, but no small feat! For the meet to be a success, we need the support and commitment of the whole Club.

We need committed individuals to take on specific roles and be part of the Open Meet Committee. Roles include:

- Officials Coordinator
- Volunteer Coordinator
- Sponsorship
- Catering
- Fundraising

No previous experience is necessary - just a willingness to be involved.

This is an exciting opportunity to be part of something special, which will make a huge difference to our Club.

Preparatory work has already begun and what we particularly need right now is someone willing to lead on fundraising - making applications for grants to help cover the costs of the gala.

To get involved, please speak to Edmund on poolside or email him at [edmund\\_salt@hotmail.com](mailto:edmund_salt@hotmail.com)

### **Meet the Members - special Thursday coach edition!**

The new Harborne sessions have introduced a new member to our coaching team. You may already have experienced Thomas's demanding sets at Perry Beeches masters sessions last year. Now he's putting us through our paces on the Thursday evening sessions at Harborne.

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| Name:             | Thomas "Tank" Reader   |
| Age-group:        | Category B   |
| Swimming origins: | Perry Beeches & City of Birmingham.  |
| Sporting hero:    | I've got to go with two - Steve Parry and James Hickman going head-2-head in the Fly events was a big inspiration, being a 200m Flyer.           |
| Claim to fame:    | Completed the team Arch 2 Arc Triathlon in a Record time which stood for 3 years. Club swimmers Luke Swain & Ed Salt were also part of the team. |
| 3 words:          | Brummie, Swimmer, Hot-head.  |