

# BIRMINGHAM MASTERS

## September 2016 Newsletter

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### Coach's message

Hi all,

Firstly let me welcome all our new swimmers who have joined since our last newsletter - it seems like we have quite a few.

2016 has been another difficult year in one way or another, with changed sessions being the main thing! But we seem to have got through this. I'd like to thank the committee for keeping the extra 30mins on a Saturday and special thanks to Ed and Thomas for covering the other sessions - their input has been invaluable.

So as we move forward towards 2017, I feel we have a fantastic opportunity, with the approaching arrival of the new 50 metre pool, and for some of you to personally test yourself in sessions and competitions. This leads me perfectly on to October - a busy month! To all that have entered Midlands and Nationals, grab the opportunity to get an extra session in, and to those who have not entered...still turn in an extra session, as it seems the more we have in a session, the harder you all work!

Everyone's a winner!

Best wishes

Ian

### Cancelled session

There is no swimming at KES on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September, due to a school event.

### Reminder of session times

Current sessions:

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	08.30-10.00	KES Boys' pool
Sunday	17.00-18.30	KES Boys' pool

(6 hours pool time)

When the university students return, the Wednesday Munrow session will be pushed back to 9pm. This is from Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September, and we will run those sessions as a trial, initially for four weeks. If there does turn out to be some demand, we will continue with these sessions.

From the week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> September:

Tuesday	20.30-21.30	KES Boys' pool
Wednesday	<b>21.00-22.00</b>	Munrow Pool, at University of Birmingham
Thursday	20.45-21.45	Harborne Pool
Saturday	08.30-10.00	KES Boys' pool
Sunday	17.00-18.30	KES Boys' pool

(6 hours pool time)

From the opening of the new uni pool (1<sup>st</sup> December?):

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

(6 hours pool time)

## Forthcoming Meets

### Club Targeted Meets:

**Midlands Masters (Leamington Spa)** - Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> + Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2016  
Closing date: Entries now closed - good luck to everyone who entered!

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

Closing date: 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016

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

*Pauline has once again negotiated fantastic rates at the Metropolitan Hotel, a short walk from the pool. Please book your room and meal via her, by 23<sup>rd</sup> September.*

If you have entered either of these meets, please email Keith Ingram ([keith.ingram99@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:keith.ingram99@yahoo.co.uk)) and Katie Walker-Stabaler ([katiwalkersta@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:katiwalkersta@hotmail.co.uk)), who are working out relay teams.

## Other local meets of interest:

**Arfon Annual Gala (Llandudno)** - Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Closing date: 16<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Website for entries: <http://www.swimming.org/asa/calendar/arfon-swimming-club-30th-annual-masters-gala-2106>

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

Closing date: 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016

Website for entries: <http://www.swimming.org/asa/calendar/etwall-eagles-master-open-meet-derbyshire-masters-county-champs-2016>

**Shrewsbury New Year Gala (Shrewsbury)** - Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Closing date: 30<sup>th</sup> November 2016

Website for entries: tbc

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/).

## Xmas party

The annual BMSC Xmas party will take place on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2016, at Edgbaston Golf Course. It's posh frocks and black tie, a 3 course meal, awards and dancing. Tickets on sale soon, around £38 a ticket (to be confirmed).

## Birmingham Masters' own Open Meet

Due to the delays in the opening of the new university pool, the plans for BMSC's first ever Open Meet have been pushed back to early 2018. Further details to follow next year - as we will need your help to make it happen.

## Kindly sponsored by PTL

A huge thank you to our sponsors - Portable Toilets Ltd - who have been supporting the club for over four years now. If you are in need of a portaloos, these are the people to see, and don't forget to mention that you heard of them thanks to Birmingham Masters!

<http://www.portabletoiletslimited.com>

## Kit sales

Jim is able to order all manner of kit, with the club logo emblazoned upon it. If you can imagine it, he can probably source it! Please speak to Jim for all your kit requirements. Email Jim with your request, he will email back with prices and details of the Club bank account, to which you should transfer the money. When the funds have cleared, Jim will order the kit, usually delivery time less than a week. Contact Jim at:

[jim.p.hunt@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:jim.p.hunt@birmingham.gov.uk)

## Meet the Members

Not the newest of members, having joined last November, but have you met Sara yet? Here's her profile...

Name:	Sara Gamble
Age-group:	Category A
Swimming origins:	Swam for Bilston Swimming Club from the age of 8, before joining Birmingham Masters
Proudest swimming moment:	Making a final in the European Police Swimming Championships in Ukraine in 2012
Sporting hero:	Steven Gerrard
Favourite drink:	Amaretto and coke
Claim to fame:	Receiving a Royal Humane Society award for saving a baby's life
3 words:	Ambitious - sporty - caring