



# BWSC NEWSLETTER

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### AGM – new committee

At the AGM a new committee was formed and the following responsibilities were allocated at their first meeting:

President	John Jordan
Vice presidents	Peter Pettitt Martin Humberstone Yvonne Humberstone
Chairman	Nicholas Tittley
Secretary	Pat Dowsett
Treasurer	Gerry Metcalf
Welfare	Vicky Brettle
Membership	Sonia Stokes
Equipment	Wendy Jones
PR Sponsorship	Philip Dean
Records etc	Martin Aust
Officials	Roger Mallet
Fixtures	Sylvia Patman
Team Manager	Debbie Mallet
Social	Lee Tavener
MBSS	Paul Raine
Comm. Member	Steve Constant
Web Master	Nick Metcalf
Head Coach	Vix Metcalf

### AGM – Annual membership fee

At the AGM the members resolved to raise the membership to **£40** for 2005. This is higher than the original figure recommended by the committee, partly because costs had risen since the finance group had made its recommendations, and it was felt that a single larger payment was preferable to a small increase in training fees during the year. Letters have gone out to ask everyone to pay the difference between any payments already made and this new figure. This is also the time to make sure we know how you have arranged payment of your training fees.

### Henlow

Pool usage at Henlow has increased slightly with the change of training times but all swimmers whose squads have sessions there should try to use this facility.

If you do not use it – you might lose it.

All swimmers are reminded that the standards of good behaviour are required there as at Saxon Pool.

Forms to gain access passes to the site can be sought from Tricia Dear or any committee member. When completed they can be returned to Tricia, again via a committee member if necessary.

Can all those who go to Henlow remember:

- To take photo identification with them for use in the guardroom until they get full passes
- That there is a 20mph speed limit on the site

It can take several weeks for passes to be issued after submission, so keep carrying your ID.

### Presentation night

Presentation Night was a great success on Friday 25<sup>th</sup>. Jordan's were most impressed by the achievements of the Club but especially by the performances you – the swimmers – have recorded. Well done all!

Special thanks go to Philip Dean who works tirelessly to ensure that we enjoy the benefits of Jordan's sponsorship.

One minor hiccup: there was – as several of you have noticed – a poltergeist affecting the print of the points totals on the certificates. A correction total is available from Pat Dowsett if you wish to confirm your own addition of the best (highest) score in each column of the table. Placings and awards were not affected by this.

### County Championships

Good Luck to all swimmers participating in county championships this year, especially those competing in their first championships.

**Please make sure that you go to see a coach straight after your swim for some feedback**

The relay teams are also now on the box. Please tick next to your name (again) to confirm that you definitely can swim. Vix would also

to ask for everyone to remind her to post the cards for the relays - her memory is hopeless!

Also Martin Aust and Vix have looked at the medal hauls from last year.....

They were:

Gold	50
Silver	35
Bronze	43
Total	128

Vix would like to ask all of the swimmers to try to beat the following totals!

<b>Gold</b>	<b>60</b>	
<b>Silver</b>	<b>45</b>	
<b>Bronze</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>Total</b> <b>158</b>

Look out for an update in next months newsletter!

### Competition reminders

- o Remember to have all your kit with you including your Jordan's Club hat, bottle and shirt.
- o Bring spare goggles etc with you
- o Remember to post your cards for the session in good time
- o Remember go to the whipping or muster area in good time before your heat
- o At the start of each race, remember there MUST be quiet while swimmers are under the referee's control until the race has started – and no movement at the start end of the pool.
- o Remember to get feedback from your coach after your race.
- o Officials are often parents of swimmers. While officiating they follow the ASA Laws and Competition rules which means they are fair to all swimmers.

### Summer Ball

Lee Tavener is now the Social Secretary for the club and has started the role with a b! She has organised a Summer Ball to be held on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September. This is a glam affair with a champagne reception, dinner and, of course, the dance floor.

The idea of the ball is to give everyone a chance to socialize away from the swimming pool and without the kids! Yes – it is aimed at adults. Notices are on the Board and have been issued through the swimmers' wallets.

The tickets are open to everyone over the age of 18, and do not have to just be Biggleswade Swimming Club parents (though a few more would be nice!). Please give your £10 deposits to Lee Tavener or a member of the committee. Please support the swimming club through this event.

This should be a great event!

### Photographic, Press and Webs Consent Forms

In order to comply with current ASA and natic legislation consent forms need to be filled in each child in the swimming club.

There are some 45 outstanding (a third of club!)

You will find another consent form in your folder you have not currently filled one in. Please ret it to Sonia Stokes, Membership secretary ASA

### Equipment and second hand stuff

Wendy Jones - our efficient equipment secret – has decided that we should operate a be defined way of handling second hand equipme

Please still use the *Fins and Things* slips on notice board to identify ownership and request price for things you wish to sell on to members of the club. These slips should be attached to the goods and given to Wendy for *Second Hand Box*. She will then advertise goods available and arrange the transactions.

### Jordan's scholarships

Swimmers with Jordan's scholarships for 200 should now be making their final claims.

Can they also write a letter of thanks to Jordan demonstrating their improvements and achievements during the year as this complete the folder we give to Jordan's. We need this letter by March 11<sup>th</sup>.

We hope soon to be able to announce that have the sponsorship for next year confirmed, all swimmers please think about applying for scholarship next year.

### Swimathon

Biggleswade Rotary Club Swimathon was held during half term and again BWSC was represented. Two teams largely of Junior swimmers – Whiz Kids and Whiz Kids Again and two teams of grown ups(?) – well, Mast and Water Polo members entered. All four teams swam well over the 100 mark for the number lengths achieved – and we will be able to register their fundraising achievements when they have been gathered in.

Well done those swimmers!