



BISHOP'S STORTFORD SWIMMING CLUB BABBLE NEWSLETTER



The club's Welfare Officer is Lorinda Pietersen

If you have any concerns over a child's welfare. Lorinda can be contacted either by calling 07885 370843 or email welfare@bsswimclub.org.uk

BSSC Masters at FINA Masters World Swimming Championships

Four swimmers from Bishops Stortford swimming club have just returned from a very successful trip to the world masters in Budapest. Over 15,000 athletes took part in the 2 week event staged on the banks of the Danube in the newly built Duna pool.

The star of the show was Lizzie Bellinger, swimming in the 35-39 year age group she achieved two bronzes and a Fifth. The 3rd place medals were for the 50 and the 100 butterfly with times of 29.71 and 1.06.70 respectively. Lizzie swam a 2.38.92 on the gruelling 200m fly. The winner of all three races was the American Noriko Inada a former Olympian.

Sally Winter, made her return to competition after a serious bike accident, she swam the 50, 100 and 200 freestyle events in the 55/59 age group. She finished 7th on both the 100 and 200 free (1.07.79 and 2.29.28) and 10th in the 50 free (31.59). All were seasons best times.

Barry Chandler was competing in his last swim for the club for a while as he heads off for a 'gap year' to Spain and South America. In the 60-64 age group he was placed 8th in the 50 Fly in a time of 30.85 and 30th in the 50 freestyle in a time of 29.63, he was 37th in the 100 freestyle (1.10.34)

Ashley Meerloo (55-59) was competing in his first World event and managed personal best masters times on all his events. He finished 22nd in the 100 freestyle in a time of 1.04.25, he was 11th in the 50m fly in 30.08 and 19th in the 50 free in 28.57. In his 100 fly Ashley managed to break the 1.10.00 barrier and finished 12th in 1.09.97.

Bedfordshire ASA Junior County Competition 2017

Congratulations to Thomas Ogden, James Gisborne, Zac Brunner, Kaia Phillips and Laura Hull who represented Hertfordshire at Bedfordshire ASA Junior County Competition on Saturday 2nd September. Hertfordshire finished 4th position, 4 points separated 3rd to 5th placed teams.



We would like to wish the following swimmers all the best for the future, who have left to go to University. Cira Fletcher, Joe Collins, Oliver Perry, Bradley Veitch.

We hope that when they come home for a visit they will come and have a swim with us.

Thank You!

To all officials and volunteers who gave up their Saturday evening to help run the Swim School Meet on Saturday 16th September. Special thank you to Arabella Page and Michael Botha and the swimmers from Splash, Stortford Starfish and our own Learn to Swim.

Great time was had by all, everyone enjoyed the final event of the evening - squadron relay.

Stortford Sports Supplies
Swimming equipment and personalised goods

Are the suppliers of BSSC Club Kit.

Visit their website www.stortfordsportssupplies.co.uk to view the range of kit which is available and place your order.

Team Luton Autumn Short Course Open Meet



Thirty Six swimmers travelled to Luton on Sunday 24th September to compete in the Team Luton Autumn Short Course Open Meet.

Top Medalist was Kaia Phillips (11 years) 2 golds 200m Backstroke 2:37.88, 50m Butterfly 33.95, silver 100m Butterfly 1:24.8, bronze 100m Freestyle 1:09.26.

12 year age group, Laura Hull 2 golds 50m Backstroke 34.35, 100m Freestyle 1:06.50, silver 100m Backstroke 1:16.25. James Gisborne gold 200m Freestyle 2:20.56, 2 silvers 400m Freestyle 4:56.28, 50m Breaststroke 38.71, bronze 50m Freestyle 30.55.

Thomas Ogden (13 years) gold 50m Freestyle 27.11, bronze, 200m Freestyle 2:10.70.

10 year age group George Grimwood gold 200m Freestyle 3:3.84, Kirsty Neill bronze 100m Backstroke 1:45.71

9 year age group Oliver Gisborne 2 silvers 50m Breaststroke 53.29, 200m Freestyle 3:24.07, Hannah Robinson bronze 50m Butterfly 55.72, Tain Phillips bronze 50m Breaststroke 57.21.

11 year age group Jaymee Wardell bronze in the gruelling 400m Individual Medley 6:32.85, Roman Artamonov bronze 200m Breaststroke. Roman also achieved consideration times in 3 events for 2018 County Championships.

Also competing (9 years) Beau Reilly, Ella-Louise Missah, Liya Scorer, Robert Gor. (10 years) Olivia Ricketts. (11 years) Amy Pinckney, Evelyn Scott, Fergal Barry, Grace Mason, Jago Derrington, Lauren Gore, Lilian Opiyo. (12 years) Aoife James, Freya Reilly, Georgina Barlow, Isabella Good, Lauren Robinson, Sofia Read. (13 years) Adam Hazlewood, Freya Somers. (14 years) Amy Wright, Charlotte Anderson, Eleanor Mason, Hannah Morgan. Sally Hull.



There have been a few committee members, non committee members, past and present who have put in a quite disproportionate amount of effort and time over the years. They do it because they are committed to the club at which your children swim. There are numerous difficulties which are overcome by this small group of people behind the scenes. Please be as receptive as you can to their requests for help.

The committee are looking for volunteers who would like to help with the following positions.

Team Manager to take on this role from Lisa Collins who stepped down after several years, the ideal person (the role can be job shared) needs to be computer literate, laptop will be provided and printer if necessary and have plenty of time to devote to the role.

Trophy Trustee's this can be a shared role. Responsible for collection of all Club Championship trophies from previous year, make sure that they have been returned cleaned and not damaged and are ready for the next presentation awards evening. Ordering medals for clubs open meets, club championships.

Press Officer Produce informative and unbiased news reports for local paper, clubs website, social media. Newsletter within the club as and when appropriate information is available.

Social Secretary Plan, oversee the annual presentation evening. Organise other non swimming social events, publicise events.

Volunteer Co-ordinator Keep updated list of all clubs volunteers, liaise with membership secretary to make sure all volunteers are members of BSSC and ASA, welfare officer to see if they need to be DRB checked. Organise volunteers for club events brief them on their roles.



Please help support the club when you shop online - EastFunRaising and ProSwimwear. The links for both these sites can be found on the leaf hand side of clubs website by scrolling down the page. The funds raised help towards the running cost of the club.

BSSC AUTUMN ONE DAY SPRINT MEET

Swimmers from Hemel Hempstead, Borough of Southend, Hertford, City of Milton Keynes and TV Buhl (Germany) joined BSSC swimmers at our Autumn One Day Sprint Meet at Harlow on Saturday 30th September.

There are too many names to mention at the end of the meet our swimmers had won over 70 gold medals.



Highlight of the day for all swimmers and spectators was the disco dancing to YMCA music provided by AfterDark during the break between sessions. We would like to thank Afterdark for coming along with their music and PA system.

Well done to all our swimmers.

Also like to say thank you to all our officials and volunteers who gave up their time to help make the meet run smoothly.

Swim England National County Teams 2017

Seven of Bishop's Stortford swimmers travelled to Ponds Forge International Pool, Sheffield to represent Hertfordshire in Swim England National County Teams 2017. Daniel Chada, Bryn Couser, Thomas Ogden, Niamh James, Josie Pretious-White, Mia Carter, Sarah Carroll.

Thomas swam 12/13 years 100 Breaststroke where he smashed his previous PB by 4 seconds to record a time 1:14.31, then followed this up with 100 Backstroke swam 1:04.92 PB by 2 seconds. Daniel 16/17 years 100 Backstroke sub minute time of 59 seconds. Bryn 14/15 years 100m Breaststroke 1:10.11, Niamh 16/17 years 100 Backstroke 1:05.35, 14/15 years Mia 14/15 100 Backstroke 1:06.03, Sarah 100 Freestyle 1:00.92. Josie swam 1st legs of the 16/17 years girls Medley Relay team.

Hertfordshire finished 7th position in Division 2 with 420 points.



This year BSSC will shut down for the Christmas and New Year period from Sunday 24th December until Tuesday 2nd January 2018.

Training will resume from Wednesday 3rd January 2018



FUND

This fund is available for members and coaches of BSSC who may require financial assistance in the following areas:

- Squad Fees
- Travel to swim galas
- Overnight stays for galas
- Swimming Equipment
- Course Fees

To apply for assistance with these please in the first instance email scholarship@bsswimclub.org.uk to request a form which will be emailed or posted for you to fill in.

Please allow 4 weeks for your application to be assessed, after which time you will be notified in writing of the outcome of your request.

Please remember that the fund is there to be used and that all applications will be treated with the strictest confidence.

2018 Membership & Swim England Fees 2018

There is no change to club membership fees for 2018.

Senior Membership £45
Junior Membership £40
University Membership £25

There is an increase to Swim England membership fees in 2018, this fee is made up of fee for Swim England, East Region and Hertfordshire ASA

Swim England Category 1 £17.10 this is for non competitive swimmers
Swim England Category 2 £34.40 this is for competitive swimmers.

You will receive an email from the clubs membership secretary when these fees are due for payment.