

# MASC NEWSLETTER

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## Distance Badge Session

Well done to all swimmers during the distance swim sessions; some amazing distances achieved.

### **Bluepool Users**

A quick reminder that MASC are not the only users of the Melksham Bluepool facilities. Please can we ask that you keep a close eye on your swimmers (and any non-swimmers). They should not be running around inside the premises. Please do not clog up the entrance hall before and after sessions as other users do need to be able to use the facilities. Thank you for your co-operation.

### **Teach To Swim (TT\$)**

The last session will be on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. This will be a Fun Swim session. Saturday sessions will start again on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

Those who swim from 8-9 or in Badge 5 or 6 can come along to the Monday 18:30 – 19:30 sessions during the summer holidays. Speak to your swimming teacher about this.

### **Club Championships – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July**

This year we have done things a little differently, and already held 2 successful sessions at the Blue Pool for the majority of our longer distance 200m and 400m races. Well done to everyone that took part.

### **ALL SWIMMERS for CUB CHAMPIONSHIPS :**

Please note that all swimmers are asked to remain in the swimmer's area and not with parents. If they need to leave the swimmers area **for any reason** please ensure they inform the helpers who are calling them out so they don't miss their races.



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Don't forget to bring:

- ✓ Plenty of drinks – you need to stay hydrated.
- ✓ A T-shirt and towel for poolside
- ✓ Snacks to keep you energised

For some this will be their first competition, so a reminder of the way it works:

- Medals will be awarded to the fastest swimmers in each age group (age as of 9<sup>th</sup> July) as follows: 8 and under, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and over (varies by event).
- The heats are programmed by entry time, so it is likely that swimmers will be in heats with other age groups.
- This is great for the swimmers as they race against others of similar ability, but they may win a medal in their age group even if they did not win their heat (and vice versa).
- There will be a short break for the officials between the 2 sessions today but swimmers should remain on site as they will need to remain warmed up.
- At the end of the second session, we have the annual 'Skins' competition to see who is the fastest male and female swimmer at MASC. The fastest 6 in the 25m Freestyle races keep racing against each other (dropping out one by one) until the last 2 remain.
- Even if swimmers have finished their races please stay and watch this brilliant (and noisy) event!

## **Summer League Success!**

June 24<sup>th</sup> was the first round of Summer league for MASC swimmers, and we are up against Durrington and Swindon Dolphins, so had our work cut out! Team spirit was really high as we were hosting this round, and the swimmers did not disappoint... After 50 exciting races, MASC came out as round 1 winners, with a comfortable margin ahead of the other teams, even if we did get the odd disqualification (DQ)! This result boosted confidence levels ahead of the second round on July 8<sup>th</sup>. I would like to say a massive well done to everyone who was in the team, especially to those where this was their first ever experience of Summer league racing, you all did very well!

2 weeks later, the second round of summer league was soon upon us, and the team had to travel to Durrington for the gala. Just like the last round, the swimmers dug deep and we managed to pull out another win on the night, even if the competition stepped up their game! Again, well done to all the swimmers on the night, you were all amazing, and thanks to the poolside helpers for making everything work! Roll on the final round on September 16<sup>th</sup>, which is being held at the Link Centre in Swindon.

Charlotte

Date	Host Club	Venue	Warm up time	Start Time
16.09.17	Swindon Dolphins	Link Centre	5.45pm	6.15pm



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## **Diary Dates 2017**

JULY 15<sup>th</sup> (Saturday): **CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS**

JULY 22<sup>nd</sup> (Saturday): **DISCO PARTY CARNIVAL FLOAT AND PROCESSION**

JULY 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> (Saturday and Sunday): No swims

AUGUST: No swims on Saturdays or Sundays

AUGUST: Mondays and Thursdays as normal except Monday 28th (Bank Holiday)

OCTOBER 13<sup>th</sup> (Friday): **CELEBRATION EVENING**

DECEMBER: No swims: from Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> to end of month - Christmas and New Year

JANUARY 2018: No swims Monday 1<sup>st</sup> (New Year)



## **Committee Volunteers Required**

As you will be aware, to run a club of over 200 members requires a small army of helpers behind the scenes. This year, there are a few of our dedicated volunteers stepping down from November as swimmers get older and naturally move on. In order to keep the club running effectively and allowing our swimmers to continue to progress, we need parents of younger swimmers coming up through the club to get involved. Each role varies in its time commitment outside of the meetings, but we have 6 meetings per year (approx 2 hours) to discuss all aspects of running the club. The roles that will become vacant from November are:

- Chairman
- Vice Chair
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Fundraising
- Kit Manager
- Website and Communications Manager
- Door Rota Administrator

A full handover will be given to all roles and support provided by the rest of the committee. You do NOT need to have done anything like this before, but being enthusiastic always helps! We look forward to hearing from you – please contact me directly on [chairperson@melkshamswordfish.org.uk](mailto:chairperson@melkshamswordfish.org.uk) if you are interested.

Alex Goddard, Club Chairperson

