



BRENTWOOD SWIMMING



Newsletter April 2018

Pool Closures

We would like to reassure parents and swimmers that we are in communication with the Brentwood Leisure Trust (BLT) to work towards resolving the recent technical issues we have experienced with the pool. We understand that it is a really frustrating situation for all concerned, and we are very sorry that so many sessions have been cancelled recently. We have received some queries about the possibility of some form of compensation for the sessions that have been missed, but as your fees currently go directly to the BLT, the Club are not in a position to do this. BLT are very generous in the support they provide to our swimming club. It is because of this generosity that we are able to offer the number of sessions we do, at a rate which is significantly below fees charged by other clubs in the local area. Without their support a small club like ours would simply not be viable. We really appreciate your understanding in this matter and hope that there are no further closures. Please contact a member of the committee if you would like to discuss this matter further.

Thank You

Some brilliant news for our club. Paul Cousins has managed to get



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sponsorship from Brentwood based international plywood agents, Wood International Agency Ltd, who have generously contributed to our attempts to raise money for new starting blocks. They have donated an amazing £1500 towards the cost of 2 new blocks. A massive thank you to Paul and to Wood International Agency for doing this.

Gala Achievements

County Championships, Basildon:

- Jacob Stephen - 3rd 400m I.M., 2nd 100m breaststroke, 5th 200m freestyle, 2nd 200m I.M., 4th 200m butterfly.
- Marco Yuen - 4th 100m breaststroke, 8th 200m I.M., 8th 200m butterfly.
- Rebecca Stroud - 8th 100m freestyle.
- Lucy Jessop - 4th 100m freestyle, 5th 200m I.M., 1st 100m breaststroke.
- Emily Green - 7th 100m freestyle, 5th 200m I.M., 1st 200m butterfly, 2nd 200m backstroke, 5th 100m breaststroke.
- Hollie Hawkins - 7th 100m butterfly, 7th 200m breaststroke.
- Millie Ward - 3rd 200m butterfly.
- Louis Stephen - 5th 200m freestyle.
- Chloe Skelt - 5th 200m breaststroke.

Masters County Championships:

- Ian Wallace - 1st 400m freestyle, 2nd 200m freestyle, 1st 100m butterfly.
- Chris Short - 1st 50m backstroke, 1st 50m butterfly, 1st 100m freestyle, 1st 200m freestyle, 2nd 100m butterfly.
- Graham Bailes - 6th 50m backstroke, 4th 50m butterfly, 1st 50m breaststroke, 2nd 100m breaststroke, 4th 100m butterfly.
- Niall Tiernan - 2nd 50m butterfly, 2nd 100m I.M., 1st 100m freestyle, 6th 50m freestyle, 2nd 100m butterfly.
- Richard Doyle - 7th 50m butterfly, 5th 100m I.M., 8th 50m freestyle, 5th 100m butterfly.

Important Dates

- 14/04/18 - Mini League Round 2, Saffron Waldon
 - 14/04/18 - Luton Long Course Meet
 - 15/04/18 - Luton Long Course Meet
 - 28/04/18 - Essex League Round 3, Blackshots Pool, Grays
- For dates in May and beyond please visit our website and look for the schedule under the Galas page.
- We are hosting a Mini League event at Brentwood on the 12th May. If anyone is interested in volunteering to help at this gala, please let a committee member know.

Mini-League

Our first mini-league of the season was at Braintree on the 10th March. The children were brilliantly behaved and demonstrated great team spirit. We came second overall, finishing just behind Braintree. A big well done to all the children who were swimming for the first time and to those of you have done this before, you swam fantastically and were brilliant role models. A special thank-you to those swimmers who stepped in to cover at short notice.

Sponsored Swim

Our final total is a magnificent £2410. This money will go a long way towards purchasing some new starting blocks.

Our swimmers in focus

Name: Lilliana Folan

Age: 15

Started swimming: I have been swimming since I was a baby but I had to stop to for a few years, as I had to have 3 different operations due to a genetic condition that affects my legs and feet. I have been with the club since last April

Swimming group: Silver

Favourite stroke: Backstroke and freestyle

Least favourite stroke: Butterfly (or drowning with style)

Favourite music: New Kids On The Block

Favourite film: Les Miserables

Best thing about swimming: I love swimming as I like to compete against others and try and beat my own PB

Hobbies: Athletics (especially Javelin), drawing, volunteering at Special Needs and Parents (SNAP) and Guiding.



Division One		
	Club	Points
1	Basildon & Phoenix	237
2	Romford Town	229
3	Harlow Penguins	192
4	Brentwood	164
5	Witham Dolphins	123
6	Saffron Seals	69

Essex League

Another excellent performance from our swimmers in the Essex League on the 24th March in Braintree. We finished fourth and currently sit fourth in the overall standings.