



Kingsbridge Kingfishers Newsletter

December 2018

Another Fantastic Club Champs!



Another successful club championships has come to an end. For many of the younger swimmers, this was their first taste of competitive swimming (Level 4 meet). For the older swimmers, it was a chance to beat Personal Bests and achieve county qualifying times, which they did in abundance!

Club members ranging from 8 to 22+ years old competed in a range of strokes and distances over the two weeks to gain points and the chance to be crowned club champion in each age group. **See the website for the final results.**

The highlight of the event was the Men's & Ladies 'Skins' where the five fastest men and five fastest ladies go head to head in a series of races with the slowest competitor knocked out in each heat. The eventual winner in the ladies event was Emily Lawrence while Ben Cusack was victorious in the men's event.

Thanks to Clair & Chris Martin, **The Start Bay Inn, Torcross** and Tim Baker, **Baker Plant Services** for sponsoring the Skins event and providing cash prizes to the winners. Thanks also go to the coaches, officials & other helpers who made the event such a great success.

KKSC Diary Dates: 2019

Christmas Bag Pack: For training headsets
Postponed until the Spring.



2019 Awards Night Party:

Saturday 5th January 2019 - Morleigh Village Hall, 6:30pm-11pm
Food, Licensed Bar, Games, Dancing and Awards!
Tickets on sale from Swimdesk or email: treasurer@kksc.co.uk

KKSC Safeguarding Course: Your club need you!

Wednesday, 9th January 2019, 6-9pm at Quayside
For more information or to book a place, contact John Gove via treasurer@kksc.co.uk

Christmas Training Times

Please note that because of how Christmas falls this year, holiday training sessions (23rd Dec '18 to 2nd Jan '19) are limited as Quayside is either shut or closing early.

The last normal training session takes place on Saturday, 22nd December 2018.

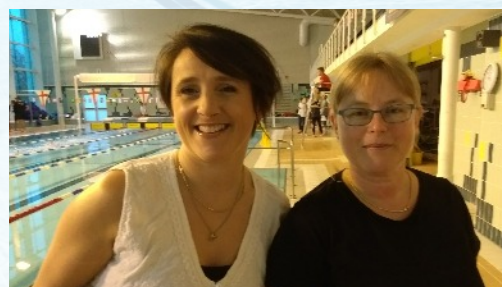
Saturday, 29th Dec 8:00-10:00am

All squads

The Winter term starts again as normal on Thursday, 3rd January 2019 at 4:30pm.

Merry Christmas and a happy new year!!

2018 AGM: New Committee Members Appointed



The Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday, 7 November 2018. It included, amongst other items, the re-/appointment of this year's committee members.

Our thanks go to outgoing **Chairman Ian Robinson**, who has held the position for a number of years and done an amazing job.

A warm welcome to **Rachel Gloyns** (left) who steps up as the new Chairperson and to **Natasha Benfield** (right) who has kindly offered to take on the role of Club Secretary.

The club survives on the help of supporters. If you would like to help out, have any ideas or feedback, we would love to hear from you. Please contact: secretary@kksc.co.uk or visit <https://www.kksc.co.uk/contactus>



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2018 National Arena League



The Arena League is an important annual competition held over three rounds in different locations. This year's selected squad travelled to Weston-super-Mare for the first round, Newport for the second and Bristol for the final round.

The competition was fierce, as we were drawn against some large city clubs, but all swimmers rallied, many achieving personal bests in both the individual and relay races and placing the club in a very respectable 8th position (out of 16) in our division.

Congratulations and thanks to this year's squad which consisted of: Ellie Baker, Amelia Benfield, Gemma Bennett, Zoe Durant, Maddie Gautier, Lucy Gloyns, Alice Goode-Gray, Ruby Gove, Amelie Green, Ellie Langman, Emily Lawrence, Rosie Lawrence, Anna Lindeque, Kate Lindeque, Louise Martin, Amy Mason, Emma Noyce, Rebecca Noyce, Evie Paterson-Green, Jess Stewart, Rosie Timmis and Daisy Womack. Luke Baker, Ed Carson, Ben Cusack, Tom Cusack, Richard Forman, Ed Gibbs, Dan Gloyns, Sam Green, William Howells, Jacob King, Aaron Lansdale, Reuben Miles, Joshua Perrett, Will Rawlinson, Jack Sagar, Cameron Simons, Sam Stewart & Laker Wong.

BIG thank you again to the coaches, officials and parent helpers who have supported the swimmers across all three events.

KKSC and BSLSC Make a Splash at 2018 Rotary Club Swimarathon



The annual Swimarathon, organised by the Rotary Club of Kingsbridge Estuary, took place on Friday 12th October 2018 at Quayside Leisure Centre.

Kingsbridge Kingfishers Swimming Club (KKSC) and Bantham Surf Life Saving Club (BSLSC) entered 80 enthusiastic swimmers, raising money in aid of the Primrose Foundation for breast cancer treatment at Derriford Hospital, and each respective club.

In total, the KKSC and BSLSC teams swam an incredible 1451 lengths, with the amount raised estimated at £1,500.

The Rotary Club team record of 234 lengths was set in 2014 by BSLSC and, as is now tradition, there is an annual 'friendly' swim-off between the two clubs, whilst they both attempt to break the record. This year the Bantham team 'TriOcean Sharks' managed a very respectable 195 lengths, and remain the triumphant record holders, but were denied victory on the day by the KKSC 5 team who swam an impressive 203 lengths.

Jo Lawrence, organiser of the BSLSC and KKSC teams said; "Huge thanks to all swimmers and sponsors, but especially to the Rotary Club team who work so hard every year to make this fantastic event such a resounding success".

