

SEPTEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

Hello Friends.

I have attempted to write this newsletter several times, but the situation seems to change every other day and I have had to keep making amendments!

It seems such a long time since you were all enjoying the exercise/swimming sessions every Saturday at Stokewood Road Leisure Centre - not forgetting all those tempting biscuits Marcia organises for you. This unfortunate coronavirus has caused such distress and sadness to the whole world and unfortunately it is still hanging around. I sincerely hope none of you have had too many problems and have had plenty of help with your shopping etc.

Sadly, I have to report the loss of our dear friend **Maurice Penny** on 3rd May. Because of the present circumstances, it was a very small funeral, but Jackie is hoping to organise a memorial service at their church in due course.

On the brighter side, I understand **Rita and Gordon Aikman** celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary recently and we wish them many more years together.

We have not been able to have any of our social events this year – even our popular gala had to be cancelled. We had hoped to arrange a coffee morning before the end of the year, but that is looking a little bit ambitious at this time.

I have received some nice comments from some of you, which I thank you for, and I know how you have missed your weekly swim.

As swimming pools are now re-open and following several discussions with the staff at Stokewood Leisure Centre, we have decided to commence our usual Saturday sessions from **3rd October**. The staff at the pool are very well organised and helpful. However, there are a lot of new rules, which have been put in place for the safety of everyone.

Our new procedures document is enclosed with this newsletter. Everyone (swimmers, helpers and carers) will need to adhere to these procedures and will also need to complete the enclosed contact consent form which is required for NHS Test and Trace purposes.

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Please either email the completed consent form to Deborah (treasurer@bhaquability.co.uk) or bring it with you for your first swimming session. At each session, we will also be required to ask you some straightforward health questions relating to COVID-19 symptoms.

If you have any queries on the enclosed or have a question regarding swimming sessions that is not covered in the procedures, please do not hesitate to speak to myself or email Deborah before you come to the pool, or you can obviously ask me, Deborah or Marcia at the pool.

Unfortunately, I am awaiting a call from Southampton Hospital for an operation, but I am so pleased to send you such good news about the pool re-opening. Saturdays have not been the same for me - I have felt like a fish out of water!

Regarding annual subscriptions, which most of you have paid, the committee will review these at our next meeting (we have not been able to meet as frequently as we would have liked), as it is not fair to have paid for swimming when the pool has been closed.

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