

Easy Fundraising

In 2018 we launched EasyFundraising where, to date, we have raised a total of just over £200, with more than 35 members supporting our cause. Not bad in 6 months!

With a membership base of over 200 members we know we can raise so much more through EasyFundraising in 2019.

Our goal is to double the number of members and raise £500 of our final target through Easy Fundraising by the end of 2019. It is free to join, easy to use and doesn't cost you a penny.

You can earn money for the Club whilst doing your regular on-line shopping. If you travel by train regularly with work, book your tickets via The Trainline and raise money



for the Club. If you're planning your next summer holiday, why not visit Easy Fundraising and browse for agents – TUI, First Choice, Last minute and Easy Jet are amongst many of the travel retailers on the site.

You, your family and friends can all register for EasyFundraising - do spread the word!

Moving forwards

With an ambitious target, our 2019 fundraising activities are ramping up a gear and this is where we need your help. We are looking for volunteers to help us deliver on the following plans:

100 Club – our own private lottery – where members, family and friends pay a fixed subscription for their number(s). When tickets are drawn, a percentage of the profit is given out as winnings and the remainder going to KASC to invest in the Club to meet its aims and ambitions.

We need volunteers to research, set up and run this for us in 2019.

Please get in touch fundraising@kasc.org.uk to help!

Supermarket bag packing – we have letters of interest out with several supermarkets in Kettering and are awaiting some more 2019 dates to be released. Thanks to those who helped us raise over £550 on 23rd February at Tesco Extra in Kettering and we would love for lots more children (in KASC t-shirts and hoodies) to join us next time in raising money and spreading the word about KASC.

Please do get involved for just an hour or two – Every little helps!

Swimmer sponsorship activities – we intend to work with our newly elected Club Captains to arrange 2 sponsored events in 2019 to raise funds for the Club.

We want to think differently – not an obvious sponsored swim – so get your thinking caps on and make it inclusive for all.

What world records can we set or break? Let's aim big – just like the ambitions of the Club. We need volunteers to work with our Captains on this – so please do register your interest and send your ideas to fundraising@kasc.org.uk

Finally...

We are planning a few surprises throughout the year too – so keep an eye out for e-mails, updates on the web-site and be sure to read Swim On where we will continue to update you on the fundraising plans, totals raised and how these funds are making a difference to the Club.

If you have any questions, want to help / support, please e-mail fundraising@kasc.org.uk or speak with Faye Elmore (Fundraising Officer) when at the pool.

Thank you – let's do this together!

Junior Coach update – Gemma Simms

This year we had 14 junior swimmers qualify for the County Championships – this is again more than the previous year, so a big well done to all of our qualifiers!

Our competition schedule is packed full again with our junior swimmers targeting Academy Galas, Diddy League and a few Open Meets thrown in. This season we would like to increase the participation of junior swimmers in Open Meets so make sure you check the events page on Team Unify to see if your swimmer qualifies to swim.

Our monthly assessments became too busy last year, so I am now doing assessments twice a week. If you know anybody who would like to join the swimming club, please don't hesitate to pass on my email. All we ask is that they have passed stage 5 of the ASA learn to swim pathway.

Please note that due to increases in stock and delivery cost of our badges, prices have now increased. The flashes will now be £1.50 and the Certificate and badges will now be £3.50.



Gemma Simms – Junior Head Coach

Good Luck Harriet!

After being awarded a trophy for 'Outstanding Achievement in Sport' at the end of the last school year, Harriet Palmer continued with Open Water swimming. Not only did she enter various open water swims around the country, but she also competed in the mile series (three swims over the summer) at Box End where she came second. A brilliant achievement!!

Although she has now moved to Nottingham Trent University, where she is studying Maths and Sports Science, Harriet remains a member of the club and it has been great to see her at County Champs and still swimming in galas for KASC, even though she is now training with the University.

We just wanted to wish Harriet all the best at Uni and thank her for the 4 years of voluntary coaching for KASC on Sundays.



2019 Sponsors of KASC

Thanks again to Mike Annable and his Company, Waendel Diagnostics Ltd, for continuing to sponsor the production of Swim On, Club Champs medals and County Champs t-shirts. We would love to have more sponsors to support the club's work, let's hope for many more in 2019.



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Swim On

The official newsletter of
Kettering Amateur Swimming Club

Fund Raising Special!

It's been a long time since the last Swim On and there's been a lot happening. This issue will focus mainly on the Awards Night and Fund Raising. Next issue will give a round up of County Championships and Regionals.

Round Up of 2018 - Mike Annable

2018 was an exciting year for the Club and we started the year with a party to celebrate 2017 and finished with another to celebrate the fantastic achievements of 2018.

At the 2018 County Championships we had 43 swimmers in 239 individual events. They reached 74 finals, an increase of 30% on the previous year, and brought home 24 medals. We look forward to sharing our achievements of the 2019 County Championships in the next issue of Swim On!!

At the 2018 East Midlands Regional Championships we had 5 qualifiers, 3 more than last year. Those swimmers reached 4 finals and brought home one medal. Put that into perspective – the population of the East Midlands is similar to that of New Zealand and our swimming Club, being one of the smallest in the region, is definitely punching above its weight.

In the Leicester League, both teams improved on league table positions achieved in 2017, reaching the Diddy and Autumn League finals – most recently finishing 5th in the Autumn League.

Our 12 & under swimmers won their age group at the County Presentation Gala, and I was very happy when we found the shield!

The Water Polo team finished 3rd in the Midlands Water Polo League and enjoyed beating local rivals Northampton along the way. They also enjoyed their annual trip to Barnstaple for an event that has been running since 1972.

Ten of our Masters swimmers represented the County and we also saw success in Open Water Swimming. With Sywell reservoir opening up for a regular open water event this year it would be great to see a few more try this aspect of our sport. I won't be joining you, however.

Community is a fundamental part of the Club's activities. During 2018 we raised over £4000 for good causes including: Crazy Hats, Naimh's Next Step, Cransley Hospice and Children in Need. We also benefited from Legacy Leisure's Community fund with two grants, one of £345 for Water Polo and more recently £1000 for Swimming which is being invested in training aids and coaching.

The Club cannot run without the fantastic volunteers who do everything from serving drinks to helping poolside to coaching and working on Committee – and everything in between. At the end of 2018 we said goodbye to a few people who have been fundamental to the Club for a number of years and I would like to thank Tom and Hilary Reed, Lorna Franklin and Michael Barton for many years of service on the Committee – and not forgetting Jane Ward who I am sure will still be active with her Pom-Poms.

You may have seen that we have been successful in recertification for SwimMark – this takes a lot of work, so thank you to Carol Simms and everyone that contributed to the work that went into that accomplishment.

I'm sure that I sound like a broken record when I ask for volunteers – but we do need you. We especially need Officials, particularly as we need to license our Club Champs in 2019. We all want to see our children swimming. You can do that from the stands, having paid for the privilege, or you can do that dressed in white on poolside looking suave and sophisticated. Please have a think about what you can do to help us.

As we are moving into 105th year, let's look forward to lots more success and even greater achievements.

SWIM ON: Please send contributions and ideas for new features to webmaster@kasc.org.uk or talk to Jo Freeman. YOUR CLUB, YOUR IDEAS!



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KASC Committee for 2019

President – Don Ward
Chairman – Mike Annable
Secretary – Carol Simms
Treasurer – Greta Crabtree
Assistant Treasurer – Charmaine Augustus
Membership Secretary – Sharon Sellars
Water Polo Secretary – Mark Baillie
Team Manager – Paul Dent
Fund Raising & – Faye Elmore
Sponsorships
General – Donna Ward
General – Simon Addy
General – Amanda Short

Non-Committee Support

Welfare Officer – Fiona Palmer
Swim On Editor & – Jo Freeman
Awards Night
Club Records updates – Liz Batchelor
Club Kit – Caroline Wilson
Website Updates – Keeley Pallet

Is there anything
YOU
could help with?



Captains for 2019

Ladies Club Captain – Beth Williams
Mens Club Captain – Archie Robertson-Smith
Junior Girls Captain – Emily Batchelor
Junior Boys Captain – Ethan Randall

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2018 Awards Night

The 2018 Awards Night and Party took place at The Eden Centre again, but this time it was before Christmas and had a really festive feel along with the theme "Reach for the Stars!" It was also the KASC birthday party as our Swimming Club was born on 15th December 1914, so we were celebrating our 104th birthday on the day.

This year we donated the proceeds of the raffle to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution (RNLI), a favoured charity of Roger Patrick, who died 12 months earlier, and had devoted so much of his time and energy swimming and to the Water Polo section of KASC over many years. We were also delighted to have his son Neil, and his grandson Luke join us to present the Special Awards. It was lovely to have Don Ward, President of KASC, back with us again this year and Tom Reed, who received a Long Service award, to help the coaches with the presentations.

100m Freestyle Championships



Junior Girls

1 - Harriet Casey; 2 - Emily Batchelor;
3 - Emily Smith; 4 - Magenta Kenyon;
5 - Mia Brown; 6 - Seren Sellars



Junior Boys

1 - Sam Ward; 2 - James Annable;
3 - Curtis Minney; 4 - Declan Bell;
5 - Ethan Randall; 6 - Henry Dent



Ladies

1 - Heidi Kearsey; 2 - Charlotte Mair;
3 - Lucie Freeman; 4 - Jess Casey;
5 - Beth Williams; 6 - Amelia Such



Mens

1 - Lewis-Morgan Barton; 2 - Luca Bernardini;
3 - Isaac Farrow; 4 - Leon Sellars;
5 - Archie Robertson-Smith; 6 - Paul Ile

Overall Age Group awards



8 years & Under Girls

1st - Isobel Jeffs; 2nd - Eva Winson;
3rd - Jessica Augustus; 4th - Nyssa Simmons



8 years & Under Boys

1st - Lucas Jarvis; 2nd - Archie Mahaffey;
3rd - Spike Simmons



9 years Girls

1st - Lily Baish; 2nd - Alicia Evans;
3rd - Tilly Annable; 4th - Sydney Bell;
5th - Angela Mutoli; 6th - Ella-Rose Knibb



9 years Boys

1st - David Tennant; 2nd - Luca Vincitore;
3rd - Charles Stock; 4th - Kyan Chattaway



10 years Girls

1st - Bethany Green; 2nd - Charlotte Bennett;
3rd - Tasmin Crabtree; 4th - Millie Brading;
5th - Katie Pickford



10 years Boys

1st - Jacob Jarvis; 2nd - Cole Angell;
3rd - Daniel Doyle; 4th - William Bevtit;
5th - Dexter Day; 6th - Morgan Hover



11 years Girls

1st - Emily Batchelor; 2nd - Grace Wingham;
3rd - Gemma Freeman; 4th - Keren Tennant;
5th - Freya Usher; 6th - Caitlin Barrie



11 years Boys

1st - Connor Franklin; 2nd - Cameron Bell;
3rd - Jeremiah Muir; 4th - William Jeffs;
5th - Jack Baish; 6th - Jacob Hicks



12 years Girls

1st - Harriet Casey; 2nd - Emily Smith;
3rd - Seren Sellars; 4th - Heidi Crabtree



12 years Boys

1st - James Annable; 2nd - Ethan Randall;
3rd - Henry Dent; 4th - Nicholas Hoppe;
5th - Thomas Jeffs; 6th - Ieuan Roden



13 years Girls

1st - Mia Brown; 2nd - Magenta Kenyon;
3rd - Sophie Bennett; 4th - Ruby Gardiner;
5th - Chloe Hammond



13 years Boys

1st - Samuel Ward; 2nd - Curtis Minney;
3rd - Declan Bell; 4th - Ellis Cleary;
5th - Harris Chackfield; 6th - Ben Lawson



14 years Girls

1st - Jessica Casey; 2nd - Charlotte Johnson;
3rd - Katherine Muir; 4th - Emily Laskey;
5th - Tianna Chackfield; 6th - India Seunaryan;



14 years Boys

1st - Leon Sellars; 2nd - Toby Ward;
3rd - Fred Robertson-Smith



15 years Girls

1st - Charlotte Mair; 2nd - Lucie Freeman;
3rd - Amelia Sulch; 4th - Elizabeth Williams;
5th - Esther Tennant



15 years Boys

1st - Paul Ile; 2nd - Russell Wilson-Haw;
3rd - Filip Kanikowski



17 years

Girls: 1st - Madeleine Farrow;
Boys: 1st - Caleb Ward

18-24 years

Girls: 1st - Harriet Palmer;
Boys: 1st - Isaac Farrow



25+ years

Ladies: 1st - Heidi Kearsey;
Men: 1st - Luca Bernardini;
2nd - John Codington;
3rd - Justin Chackfield;
4th - Nicholas Fowkes;
5th - James Tennant



Special Annual Trophies

Apel Trophy for the Highest Junior Achiever – **Emily Batchelor & James Annable**

Evans Trophy for the Highest Senior Achiever – **Lewis-Morgan Barton**

ROGER PATRICK Trophy for the Junior who has made the most effort and progress during the year – **Magenta Kenyon & Curtis Minney**

Hamilton & Green Trophy for the Senior who has made the most effort and progress during the year – **Archie Robertson-Smith**

Thornton Trophy for Girls Team Spirit – **Ruby Gardiner**

Harris Trophy for Boys Team Spirit – **Fred Robertson-Smith**

February Focus on fundraising – Faye Elmore

As a Club, we are always looking for help and support from our community – whether that be our members and volunteers who help run the Club, or the local initiatives / community / businesses to support through grants and sponsorship activities.

As we move into 2019, we thought it was important to share with you our fundraising plans and ambitions for the Club.

Our aim is to be recognised locally, regionally and nationally as a progressive swimming club, enabling athletes to achieve their individual aspirations in competitive swimming. This is by improving their skills and fitness levels and by providing regular opportunities for competition.

To improve coaching, facilities and outcomes, we need to invest in training, equipment as well as raise the profile of the Club in the local community and surrounding areas.

We have plans to do this through sponsorship activities, grant applications and fundraising activities for members and swimmers to partake in.

We have set a target of £5k in 2019. Now we need your help to smash this target!



Sponsorship

We have now created a sponsorship pack which has been distributed amongst our membership base and to select and relevant local institutions and businesses.

If you know someone who may be willing to sponsor us – please do provide them with a sponsorship pack and share the good work we do as a club.

We have a range of opportunities available – from sponsoring individual awards and club kit to the "Sponsor a Swimmer" scheme. Once a swimmer is sponsored (£25), they will be gifted a bespoke and personalised aluminium water bottle in a gift box.

A Company sponsoring a swimmer can expect their company logo to be used, as well as a mention on our notice board at the pool.

Let's get all our swimmers sponsored and more money raised for the club. A new page for sponsored swimmers has been created.

Do you run your own business – could you sponsor our Club?

Grants



We have applied for various grants and been fortunate to have been awarded a grant of £1k from Legacy Leisure to help towards much needed club equipment. Many thanks to John Keetch, Finance Manager, and the team at Legacy Leisure.

We have the money earmarked for some backstroke wedges, metronomes and some resistance training equipment. This will also help fund some coaching training and ultimately improve techniques and make those all-important marginal gains.

We have some outstanding applications in progress – so watch this space!

