



Bicester Blue Fins

Amateur Swimming Club

Dear Member,

I write to update you of some changes at the Club.

After 15 years of Coaching for BBF, Jill Hopkins has decided to resign her position as Assistant Head Coach. As many of you will recall, Jill became Assistant Head Coach back in May 2008 alongside Steph Fisher-Mole and prior to this gave many hours of her own time each week delivering coaching on pool side. For this she was awarded Honorary Membership of the Club at our AGM in November 2007. Her last day coaching will be on Sunday 20th December and I wish to thank Jill for her commitment over the years.

Craig, Kirsten and the Committee are considering the options with respect to replacing Jill and hope to have plans in place in January which we will then communicate to the Club.

I also have to announce the resignation of Estelle Fisher and Julie Evans in the role of Swim21 coordinator. Between them they have scores of years of experience in Swimming and this will be a big loss to the committee and to the Club. I wish to thank them both for bringing this experience to bear in many situations on committee and also to Estelle for the huge amount of work she has put in to maintaining our Swim21 Teaching Club accreditation.

There is now an opportunity for someone to join the Committee and become part of taking Bicester Blue Fins forward. The Swim21 coordinator role is at the heart of the committees work. Our annual submission to Swim21 includes a comprehensive file of all courses attended and certificates awarded to our coaches and other key roles. It also includes our annual club and staff development plans. The benefits of our Swim21 accreditation are huge, giving us access to bursaries of significant value for training new Teachers and Coaches.

If you feel you might like to take up this role or if you have questions you'd like to ask about it, then please get in touch with me or any other member of the committee. While some background in swimming is helpful it is not essential. Estelle has kindly indicated that she would be happy to spend some time handing over the role and the Swim21 file to any newcomer. And both Julie and Estelle continue to swim with our Masters and so would still be around for questions or advice.

It just remains for me to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Enjoy the break and I look forward to seeing you all back at training from the 4th January, ready to burn off the Christmas chocolate!

Yours sincerely,

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