

### Small Pool News

Fareham Nomads has a thriving teaching pool as well as the competition squads. The Coach in charge is Hazel French, helped by Dom Terry, who himself graduated from Fareham Nomads.

Hazel has been coaching with Nomads for 33 years. She got interested when both of her girls were swimming with Nomads many years ago. There was two hours between the girls' lessons, and they were short of help so Hazel volunteered. She went on to achieve two teaching qualifications and to lead the teaching of our future champions. A lot of the lifeguards you see on poolside at FLC are her past swimmers.

Her biggest challenge was with a child with Muscular Dystrophy, and then a child with Autism, who joined classes at the age of 12 and drenched Hazel on poolside. She feels the pool is a family thing as she works with the parents and the children. She has lots of fond memories and feels lucky to have gained so many friends from her teaching over the years.

She is helped on poolside by Dom Terry, who started swimming with Hazel when he was about 7 years old. Even Dom says that he was not the best behaved and liked to chat a lot. He went on to be a successful swimmer in the Nomads competition squads, before retiring and starting to help Hazel in the Small pool about 3 years ago. He has recently achieved his ASA level 1 in teaching – well done Dom.

### **Fareham Nomads Kit Shop**

Club kit can be ordered from Suzanne Childs, who tends to be in the café at FLC most Friday nights. Kit includes polo shirt, hoodies, shorts, track suit bottoms and the all-important Fareham Nomads swimming hat.

### **Fundraising**

Join the 100 Club and raise funds for Fareham Nomads. You pay £1 per month (or £12 for the year) and choose a number. Every month there is a draw. The lucky winner receives a £25 cheque. Every third month the prize is £50 with a Christmas special of £100. Money raised will fund the Halloween Party and Awards night in the autumn.

There is a Tesco bag pack arranged for 24<sup>th</sup> February. All money raised is being used to help qualify our older and previous swimmers to teach within the Club, such as Dom Terry and his ASA level 1

If you would like to join in and support Nomads please see the Friday desk or Jenny Davies for more details

### **Forthcoming Events**

**Hampshire County Championship:** 2<sup>nd</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> March. Entries are now closed. Please watch the Notice Board for details of the relay teams. The Club tries to put out as many teams as possible.

**Bournemouth Open Meet** 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> April. This is a level 2 meet for those looking for Regional Times. Closing date for entries is 25<sup>th</sup> February.

**Basingstoke Easter Egg Meet** 30<sup>th</sup> March. This is for those who prefer a slightly slower meet. Closing date 15<sup>th</sup> March

### **Committee News**

**The Committee have decided to appoint an interim Head Coach, Rob Knott, while they decide on the details of a new long term posting. The advert will go out shortly.**

**Rob has worked with Nomads in the past as a Development Coach and has agreed to coach the Club though until Regionals in June.**

**There may have to be some minor changes to the timetable to accommodate this.**