



Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter.

We hope to bring you the latest news on what's going on at the pool – who's who; changes to the timetable and new sessions to look forward to, and how we're trying to improve the facility.

We've been listening to our users' comments and we really appreciate your kind words about our friendly and helpful staff.

We realise we have some work to do and we're really grateful for your patience.

A leaky roof is causing problems and while it's been patched over the years, what it now needs is a bigger repair. Please bear with us as we work towards sorting this out and see page 2 for ways you can help.

*Matt Micklewright*

Operations Manager

## Support Fenham Pool!

We've just launched our new membership scheme. Become a member and receive our newsletter by e-mail. Your annual £10 membership will support maintenance of the pool and help us gain additional grant funding.

You'll also be welcome to our AGM – details available soon!

## WHY NOT TRY

Have you tried our Ladies only Aquafit sessions?

Choose between Tuesday from 8 until 9pm; or come along on Wednesday mornings between 9.00 and 10.00.

Come along and shape up for summer while having fun!

## AND FOR THE KIDS...

We're laying on inflatable sessions for the kids – 1.15-2.15pm every Monday to Friday during the school holidays.

Why not bring the kids along for a healthy break from computer games?

## AND FOR THE NON-SWIMMER

We're offering lessons every day.

Early mornings for the kids, and evening lessons for adults.

Ask about availability at reception.

Contact details are overleaf.

# MONEY MATTERS

## Raising the Roof

You might have noticed some issues around the building where water ingress has caused damage to walls and tiling. The problem is a leaky roof!

In recent years, a number of minor patches have been applied, but what's now needed is some major work on the roof. Without this, we're going to suffer continuing problems in reception, the ladies' showers and other areas. The work needed to the roof will cost in the region of £20,000, and there will then be costs to repair the consequent damage. We therefore aim to raise £30,000 to fund the roof repairs then further renovation and maintenance costs.

We plan to obtain some grant funding towards this, but this is likely to be available on a matched basis – so could you help us out?

We've started a "Repair fund" and you could help by making a donation – any amount, large or small. By taking advantage of the Government's "Gift Aid scheme, if you pay tax, you can increase the value of your donation at no extra cost. Just ask us for a form.

Or why not hold a fundraiser for us? Hold a coffee morning in your home, or do a sponsored swim at the pool. Or volunteer to help at one of our fundraisers advertised at the pool – and do let us know if your employer offers matched funding. Every little helps! If you have an idea to help, please let us know.

Let's make the pool to be something that Fenham can be proud of!



Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be collecting free donations for Fenham Pool?

There are over 3,000 shops and sites on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and Sainsbury's – it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

Just head to

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fenhampool/> and join for free.

Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.

After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to our pool for no extra cost whatsoever!

Fenham Pool will be really grateful for your donations.

## Can you help us out?

We'd like the pool to look its best, but realise that attention is needed in some areas.

We're therefore holding a cleaning session on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August from 2-4pm and invite all friends of the pool to come along between those times, roll up their sleeves and clean something.

Whether you're with us for the full 2 hours, or you can only spare 30 minutes, all help will be greatly appreciated, and all helpers will receive a voucher for a free sauna and swim.

So come along – we'd love to see you!

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