

**European Masters Championships – The Aquatic Centre,
Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, Stratford, London.**

These Championships were always going to be busy given that it was an opportunity to swim in the pool used in the last Olympic Games. So it was that 10000+ Masters Swimmers from descended on London between May 25th and 29th. However, such popularity brings its own problems and the organisation of the whole event swung between exemplary (the poolside officials and the actual swims), through irritating/comical (the limits on capacity which meant some horrendous queues; dreadful spectator toilets; fairly officious security; no commemorative items), downright farcical/dangerous (10minute warm up periods with no marshalling and “European” style lane rotation and diving in any lane at any time; no warm down at all) through to the potentially actionable (event not as advertised – swimming in both the main and warm up pools; requirement to reduce personal entries from five swims to three, as a results many people only swimming the “bomb shelter” of a warm up pool; poor communication and an apparent disdain for the thoughts/feelings/comments of the Masters community whilst taking a huge amount of money – LEN, LOC, British Swimming). The social media sites have been incandescent for the entire period between the opening of the entries, through the re-opening of the entries, the competition and beyond, with David Sparkes having come in for significant amount of criticism.

However, that is not to distract from the enjoyment and achievements of the club’s swimmers, the highlight of which was Helen Kula-Przewanski’s Gold Medal and British Record in the Women’s 200 Backstroke 55-59 age group. Overall 4 medals were won as detailed in the following tables.

Competitors	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Totals
12 Men				
15 women	1	1	1	3
5 relays		1		1
Totals	1	2	1	4

Relays					
Event	Club	Team Members	Age Group	Time	Rank
Women's 4x50 Free	GMSC	Jayne Ball	200+	02:07.57	9
		Sandra-Jane Jones			
		Helen Kula-Przewanski			
		Katie Nimmo			
Men's 4x50 Free	GMSC	Peter Smith	200+	01:50.98	13
		John Anderson			
		Simon Wintle			
		Colin Stephenson			
Mixed 4x50 Free	GMSC	Helen Kula-Przewanski	240+	02:02.98	2
		Tony Cherrington			
		Sandra-Jane Jones			
		Colin Stephenson			
	GMSC	Katie Nimmo	160+	01:54.13	15
		Matt Bailey			
		Joanne Duberly			
		Peter Smith			
Mixed 4x50 Medley	GMSC	Helen Kula-Przewanski	200+	02:10.64	13
		Simon Wintle			
		Katie Nimmo			
		Colin Stephenson			

Female Competitors					
Forename	Surname	Age Group	Event	Time	Rank
Jane	Brown	65-69	100 Back	02:06.89	16
			50 Back	56.14	25
Esther	Murray	65-69	800 Free	17:03.09	16
			400 Free	08:21.96	15
			200 Free	03:53.59	15
Jayne	Ball	60-64	800 Free	11:59.21	5
			400 Free	05:47.12	3
			200 Free	02:46.53	7
Julie	Britton	60-64	100 Breast	01:51.14	23
			50 Breast	49.42	22
Lorna	Cima	60-64	800 Free	15:05.25	22
Gillian	Ferris	60-64	200 Breast	03:44.88	12
			100 Breast	01:42.61	15
			50 Breast	45.87	14
Helen	Kula-Przewanski	55-59	200 Back	02:50.94	1*
			100 Back	01:20.59	2
			50 Back	39.35	11
Anne	Nicholls	55-59	50 Breast	48.81	40

Sandra-Jane	Jones	50-54	100 Fly	01:20.55	13
			200 IM	02:58.30	13
Rhian	Andrews	45-49	400 Free	05:58.78	43
Carolyn	Bisset	45-49	50 Breast	43.86	60
Rebecca	Harker	45-49	200 IM	03:07.74	38
Lisa	Jones	45-49	200 Back	02:58.12	20
			50 Back	39.07	49
Katie	Nimmo	40-44	200 Free	02:21.84	8
			50 Back	34.53	13
			200 IM	02:43.2	10
Joanne	Duberly	40-44	50 Free	31.04	18
			100 Free	01:09.00	33

* **British Record**

Male Competitors					
Forename	Surname	Age Group	Event	Time	Rank
Tony	Cherrington	70-74	800 Free	13:07.78	7
			200 Free	02:57.00	8
John	Anderson	55-59	200 IM	03:00.55	28
Colin	Stephenson	55-59	200 Free	02:17.22	4
			100 Free	01:00.17	6
			50 Free	27.31	7
Brian	Armstrong	50-54	400 Free	05:37.33	57
			200 Free	02:38.54	89
			100 Breast	01:32.96	95
Stephen	Treloar-Bradford	50-54	100 Free	01:21.55	219
Nigel	Dawson	45-49	800 Free	11:22.70	33
			400 Free	05:26.99	56
			200 Free	02:27.98	70
Jonathon	Rawlings	45-49	200 Back	02:42.90	26
			100 Back	01:13.64	23
Peter	Smith	45-49	100 Free	59.41	26
			200 Fly	02:37.06	10
			100 Fly	01:06.52	17
Simon	Wintle	45-49	50 Breast	34.27	29
			200 IM	02:31.58	11
Matt	Bailey	40-44	100 Free	01:01.77	58
			50 Back	29.08	34
			50 Fly	29.08	34
Alex	Chapman	40-44	100 Free	01:05.00	120
			100 Back	01:15.36	26
Andrew	Griffin	35-39	100 Free	01:02.44	90
			50 Free	27.34	70
			50 Fly	30.89	88