

**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 county’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 6 medals were won as detailed in the following tables. Gloucester Masters had the greatest number of swimmers with 27 club members taking part.

Competitors	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Totals
31 Men			1	1
25 women	1	2	1	4
5 relays		1		1
Totals	1	3	2	6

Clubs	No of Swimmers		Relays
	Women	Men	
Bristol Central	1		
Bristol Masters	2	3	
Bristol North	3	3	
Cinderford	2		
City of Bristol		1	
GMSC	15	12	5
Sevenside		3	
Southwold		3	
Stroud Masters	2	3	
United Bristol		3	
Totals	25	31	5

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	Club	Age Group	Event	Time	Rank
Rachel	Curnock	Bristol Central	25-29	100 Free	01:03.74	27
				200 Free	02:15.95	10
				400 Free	04:56.65	10
Gillian	Johnson	Bristol Masters	60-64	100 Back	01:58.10	16
				200 Back	04:13.07	18
Bethan	Lewis	Bristol Masters	40-44	200 Back	02:44.39	14
				100 Back	01:16.48	14
				50 Back	35.48	22
Sophie	McGill	Bristol North	25-29	50 Back	36.64	46
Stephanie	McNally	Bristol North	25-29	400 Free	05:00.42	16
				800 Free	10:15.37	16
Megan	Pardoe	Bristol North	25-29	50 Free	31.27	71
				100 Free	01:08.14	78

Jane	Fairman	Cinderford	60-64	50 Free	44.09	43
				100 Free	01:36.84	24
				200 Free	03:39.28	28
Ceris	Westlake	Cinderford	25-29	50 Fly	31.21	33
				100 Fly	01:14.72	32
Jane	Brown	GMSC	65-69	100 Back	02:06.89	16
				50 Back	56.14	25
Esther	Murray	GMSC	65-69	800 Free	17:03.09	16
				400 Free	08:21.96	15
				200 Free	03:53.59	15
Jayne	Ball	GMSC	60-64	800 Free	11:59.21	5
				400 Free	05:47.12	3
				200 Free	02:46.53	7
Julie	Britton	GMSC	60-64	100 Breast	01:51.14	23
				50 Breast	49.42	22
Lorna	Cima	GMSC	60-64	800 Free	15:05.25	22
Gillian	Ferris	GMSC	60-64	200 Breast	03:44.88	12
				100 Breast	01:42.61	15
				50 Breast	45.87	14
Helen	Kula-Przewanski	GMSC	55-59	200 Back	02:50.94	1*
				100 Back	01:20.59	2
				50 Back	39.35	11
Anne	Nicholls	GMSC	55-59	50 Breast	48.81	40
Sandra-Jane	Jones	GMSC	50-54	100 Fly	01:20.55	13
				200 IM	02:58.30	13
Rhian	Andrews	GMSC	45-49	400 Free	05:58.78	43
Carolyn	Bisset	GMSC	45-49	50 Breast	43.86	60
Rebecca	Harkeer	GMSC	45-49	200 IM	03:07.74	38
Lisa	Jones	GMSC	45-49	200 Back	02:58.12	20
				50 Back	39.07	49
Katie	Nimmo	GMSC	40-44	200 Free	02:21.84	8
				50 Back	34.53	13
				200 IM	02:43.2	10
Joanne	Duberly	GMSC	40-44	50 Free	31.04	18
				100 Free	01:09.00	33
Joanna	Green	Stroud Masters	40-44	50 Free	34.33	73
				100 Free	01:13.26	70
Jessica	Wooddisse	Stroud Masters	40-44	800 Free	10:00.81	2
				400 Free	04:53.03	4
				200 Free	02:19.86	6

* British Record

Male Competitors

Forename	Surname	Club	Age Group	Event	Time	Rank
Marc	Williams	City of Bristol	25-29	50 Free	25.72	43
				50 Breast	33.12	43
Peter	McCartney	Bristol Masters	65-69	100 Free	01:13.24	8
Stephen	Hares	Bristol Masters	50-54	50 Free	29.01	69
				100 Free	01:05.75	77
				200 Free	02:35.73	79
James	Williams	Bristol Masters	30-34	200 Free	02:15.94	50
				100 Back	01:12.80	41
				100 Fly	01:05.65	36
Kit	Davison	Bristol North	25-29	100 Back	01:12.17	28
Luke	Melvin	Bristol North	25-29	100 Breast	01:18.98	73
Chris	Street	Bristol North	25-29	50 Free	27.07	104
				50 Fly	28.82	76
				200 IM	02:32.14	35
Tony	Cherrington	GMSC	70-74	800 Free	13:07.78	7
				200 Free	02:57.00	8
John	Anderson	GMSC	55-59	200 IM	03:00.55	28
Colin	Stephenson	GMSC	55-59	200 Free	02:17.22	4
				100 Free	01:00.17	6
				50 Free	27.31	7
Brian	Armstrong	GMSC	50-54	400 Free	05:37.33	57
				200 Free	02:38.54	89
				100 Breast	01:32.96	95
Stephen	Treloar-Bradford	GMSC	50-54	100 Free	01:21.55	219
Nigel	Dawson	GMSC	45-49	800 Free	11:22.70	33
				400 Free	05:26.99	56
				200 Free	02:27.98	70
Jonathon	Rawlings	GMSC	45-49	200 Back	02:42.90	26
				100 Back	01:13.64	23
Peter	Smith	GMSC	45-49	100 Free	59.41	26
				200 Fly	02:37.06	10
				100 Fly	01:06.52	17
Simon	Wintle	GMSC	45-49	50 Breast	34.27	29
				200 IM	02:31.58	11
Matt	Bailey	GMSC	40-44	100 Free	01:01.77	58
				50 Back	29.08	34
				50 Fly	29.08	34
Alex	Chapman	GMSC	40-44	100 Free	01:05.00	120
				100 Back	01:15.36	26

Andrew	Griffin	GMSC	35-39	100 Free	01:02.44	90
				50 Free	27.34	70
				50 Fly	30.89	88
Robert	Rudge	Sevenside	30-34	100 Free	01:00.66	81
				50 Fly	29.3	63
Chris	Butterfield	Sevenside	30-34	200 Free	02:12.99	40
				100 Breast	01:15.07	33
				200 Breast	02:43.26	25
Kevin	Jay	Sevenside	40-44	50 Breast	31.41	7
				100 Breast	01:10.60	7
				200 Breast	02:42.20	10
Neil	Holloway	Southwold	45-49	50 Fly	28.85	21
				100 Fly	01:04.47	7
				200 Fly	02:35.49	9
Andrew	Lane	Southwold	35-39	100 Free	01:04.27	119
Peter	Gleed	Southwold	35-39	800 Free	09:45.99	15
				100 Fly	01:04.85	19
				200 Fly	02:35.01	14
Mark	Partridge	Stroud Masters	50-54	100 Free	01:09.15	118
				100 Breast	01:22.96	48
				50 Breast	35.77	43
Sean	Kinsey	Stroud Masters	50-54	800 Free	09:43.37	4
Nelson	Scott	Stroud Masters	30-34	50 Free	28.47	123
				50 Breast	36.15	80=
James	Edmonds	United Bristol	30-34	50 Back	27.82	4
				100 Back	01:00.13	3
				200 Back	02:13.00	4
James	Flanagan	United Bristol	25-29	100 Breast	01:14.17	41
Philip	Muspratt	United Bristol	30-34	50 Free	24.19	8=
				100 Free	54.67	14=
				50 Back	29.57	12