

For Braunstone Swimming Club

TREVOR HENSON (1930 – 2020) NOTICE OF FUNERAL AND TRIBUTE



Trevor at home

The funeral service in memory of Trevor takes place at 10.00 am on Wednesday 19th February at Gilroes Cemetery, Groby Road, Leicester followed by interment in the cemetery.

Trevor passed away peacefully on Thursday 30 January, just 10 days before his 90th birthday, and will be fondly remembered by his wife Pat and family members. As a loyal member of Braunstone Swimming Club, serving as Chairman for 43 years of its 50 year existence from 1973-2016, he will forever be remembered as one of the main influencers in putting Braunstone Swimming Club on the map.

Swimming has been an important aspect of Trevor's life despite his late start as a swimmer himself. He was a keen and competitive runner and it wasn't until 1950 at the age of 20, whilst in the RAF in Rhodesia, that he was taught to swim in an open air pool. From then onwards he took every opportunity to swim, and early on resolved that any child of his would swim by the age of 5. He went on to have 4 children, Louise, Richard, Rosemary and Stuart (our Chief Coach), all of whom by the age of 5 had learned to swim, at Belgrave SC initially and then at the newly formed Braunstone SC, where Trevor had a teaching role before becoming interested in club management.

Inevitably swimming became a major part of Trevor's life. He developed into a central figure in both the management of the club as well as hands-on in its day to day running. People will remember

him: chatting to parents on poolside, encouraging them to become volunteers, walking up and down the pool as an official at most galas with clipboard in hand, taking part in fundraising and social events, sorting equipment, seeking donations from businesses, in fact anything that involved Braunstone SC, its operation and promotion.



Western Park Festival - Jacob, Trevor, Stuart

As a Chairman Trevor showed strong direction and leadership skills. During those 43 years at the helm he steered a steady ship and together with a supportive committee helped the club to maintain a good membership and to enjoy continued success. A significant low, however, was in 2015 when a fire destroyed Winstanley Pool, leaving the club homeless for over a year. He was determined that the club should keep together and succeeded in helping to acquire alternative swimming arrangements thus ensuring that the club remained intact and continued to flourish.



Disaster at the pool

He was very lucky to have the support of his first wife Shirley, and Pat, his current wife made a huge impact for many years as Social Secretary and specialised in making our AGM's something to look forward to with food and drinks! For her support to both Trevor and the club, we thank her.

Trevor's loyalty to swimming has also involved volunteering for the Leicestershire ASA in a range of important roles including President (1997-98), Committee and Sub-committee member and gala official, and being elected as Swimming Chairman of The City of Leicester SC in 1985.



A proud moment for Trevor to present his son Stuart with the L3 Coaches Award.

Trevor will always be remembered for his outstanding and long service to Braunstone Swimming Club and swimming in Leicestershire. Forever loyal and dedicated, he behaved professionally and with calmness at all times, uniting the club throughout and will be held in the utmost respect by all who knew him. "It's the end of an era – but Trevor has left us with a bright and expanding future with everything to look forward to" quotes our Chairman, Trevor Hincks. "For your enthusiasm for the sport, your loyalty and devotion to Braunstone Swimming Club we thank you Trevor – you will be sadly missed on the swim scene. Our sincere condolences go to his wife Pat, and all family members".

Those who so desire may make memorial donations in memory of Trevor to The Alzheimer's Society. They can be made on the day or via the link below where fond memories of Trevor can also be shared. www.funeralguide.co.uk/73406



Trevor and Pat at his retirement as Chairman party