

Outdoor Pool - improvements and new opening times



Outdoor Pool - improvements and new opening times: (Sat 28th May 2011) Friends of the Abbey Meadow Outdoor Pool were the first ones

there this morning when the pool opened for the summer season. They were pleased to find that SOLL Leisure had been putting in some extra work sprucing up the pool for the new season with freshly painted walls, new picnic tables and umbrellas and a new opening time of 10am through to 6pm daily, 7 days a week. (Alastair Fear has more details and swim prices on www.abingdonblog.co.uk)

First one in the water for summer season 2011 was Peter Harbour, one of the campaign team who kept the pool open when it was threatened with closure a few seasons ago, closely followed by Alastair Fear and James Marsh. As for me, well, the Choose Abingdon Partnership Manager finally ventured in after standing quaking on the side for a few minutes and I found it was actually warm and not nearly as "bracing" as I had expected. I'm heading back for another swim tomorrow morning.

I'm putting a pic of Alastair on here as I have a sneaking feeling he's putting a pic of me looking awful on his blog right now!

Councillors Lesley Legge and Sam Bowring were in the pool not long after, and we even had a visit from the Town Crier although as they didn't do speedos in the eighteenth century his costume wasn't up to taking a dip.

Come down this weekend to try while it's free. If you think you might swim 30 times or more this season have a look at their season ticket prices which will save you over the long term and don't forget this year families will find this very good value as under 16s swim free all season. Don't wait for sunshine - it's actually better to swim when the air temperature and the water temperature are not too far apart as it feels warmer.

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