

## Club History:

The Shiverers Swimming Club started in 1920 using the old Medina Baths adjacent to the King Alfred on the site of Bath Court. The name came from the obvious feelings of members that used to swim in the sea all year round before joining the club and swimming indoors!

The Medina Baths were used until the end of the Second World War. During the war, club nights were limited to daylight hours, as the black out resulted in a ban on night-time lighting; this became a serious problem especially during the winter months.

A new pool and leisure complex was opened in 1947. The King Alfred boasted a great seven lane, thirty-six yard pool as well as a five lane, twenty-five yard minor pool. Following the war and having use of such great facilities, membership and successes in the pool soared!

With the increased popularity of badminton, the club had use of the main pool throughout summer, but through the winter months the minor pool was used as the larger one was boarded over for dry sports and even the odd dance or pop concert.

By the late 1970's the pool was having problems due to salt water and the suspended design of the pool. With many lengthy closures for repairs and maintenance it was thought a new complex was required. The club pushed hard for either a fifty or thirty-three-metre pool but had to settle for the current six lane, twenty 25m pool with separate leisure areas and a teaching pool.

