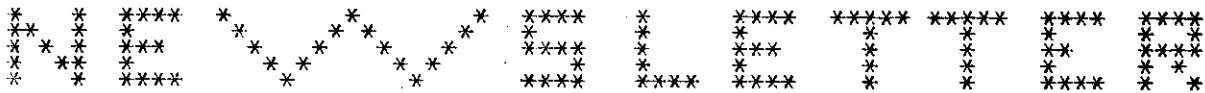


ERITH & DISTRICT SWIMMING CLUB.



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SECRETARY'S NOTES.

Congratulations to our team for their victory over Swanscombe and Dartford Swimming Clubs at the beginning of last month. On Thursday, 4th September our team visited Swanscombe Swimming Pool and gained 110 points against Swanscombe's 68. All competitors swam very well, especially the girls' team who gained 1st and 2nd places in every event and that is quite a record to be proud of. I am told by some of the team that the water was so cold there they had no option but to swim as fast as they could to get their circulation back!

Our team visited Dartford Swimming Pool on the following Monday, 8th September and once again put up a very good performance, gaining 115 points to Dartford's 75. I would like to thank the reserves who came along to both matches who unfortunately did not get a swim, and the parents who came to cheer us on.

We are holding another match with Orpington Swimming Club at our Pool on Friday, 24th October at 8.00 p.m. There will be no swimming at all for any section on that night as races will take up most of the time, but I would like to see you all come along to the Pool to support and cheer our team. We also have a return match with Sevenoaks Swimming Club at our Pool at the end of November, but the date has not yet been fixed.

D. S. Firmin.

OUR GALA on the 20th September, we hope, was enjoyed by all. The synchronised swimming display was very colourful and interesting and we are sure you all appreciate that it is not as easy as it looks. To swim to time and music needs hours of practice, but this form of swimming is becoming increasingly popular in this country.

Our raffle was well patronised this year and thanks to the few ladies who helped to sell tickets prior to the Gala, it was a financial success. Special thanks go to Mrs. Catchpole for dressing the doll, to Mrs. Matthews for making the cake and to Mrs. Roll for the beautiful decorations on the cake. All four prizes were claimed, but the winner of the lucky programme number has not yet come forward - No. 0103. If the prize is still unclaimed (and you must produce the programme) by the 10th October, it will be put towards the Christmas raffle.

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE. At least two hours should be allowed after a heavy meal before children enter the water. Also children should not enter the Pool eating chewing gum or bubble gum. Once again we stress this is a very dangerous practice.

CHILDREN PLEASE NOTE. If you have any soreness or mark on the base of your feet, please tell Mum as this may be a verruca. These are very contagious, especially at the Pools, and should be treated by a doctor or chiropodist immediately.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

The following members have obtained Width certificates since our last Newsletter :-

Wendy Dent	Wendy Curling.
Debra Shearer	Janet Baldwin
Roy Chapman	Lynn Sawyer.
Amanda Dott	

One of our members, Bill Selfe, represented the Club at the Kent Championships at Eltham on the 13th September in the 100 yards Freestyle and put up a very good performance against the other champions in Kent.

SOCIAL SECTION.

As some of you already know, we are holding our first Christmas Dinner & Dance on Saturday, 6th December at The Running Horses, Erith. All members, parents and friends are welcome to attend. The tickets are 30/- each (adult or child) which will include a sherry reception at 7.00 p.m., a five course dinner consisting of soup or fruit juice, roast turkey, chipolatas and vegetables, fruit salad and cream, cheese and biscuits and coffee, with dinner wine provided on the tables. There will be dancing until midnight to Jack Laurence and his Orchestra and a running bar open until midnight. It would be advisable to buy your tickets as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

We propose to hold a Social at the end of October in the Club Room at the Riverside Baths when we hope to be able to cater more for everyone. We also propose to hold another Jumble Sale in November, so please start to collect any jumble you have in readiness.

LOST PROPERTY:

The following articles are waiting to be claimed :-

2 purses	1 white bathing hat.
1 bead bracelet	1 belt from Navy blue raincoat.
1 orange striped towel	1 blue comb.
1 pair girls white nylon socks.	1 white hair band.

REMINDERS:-

24th October	<u>NO SWIMMING.</u> Match with Orpington S.C.
October	Social.
November	Match with Sevenoaks S.C.
November	Jumble Sale.
6th December	DINNER & DANCE.

Club Badges: Cloth - For blazer or costume - 6s. Od.
Lapel Badge - 4s. Od.

Club costumes (red and white stripes) are available. Please give your order to Mrs. Firmin.