

N O V E M B E R

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SECRETARY'S NOTES

Once again the climax of our year has been reached - our Annual Gala - and as usual we had a record number of entries. This Gala is one event in which all members can take part regardless of speed and it was pleasing to see so many younger members entering for their first race.

During the Gala we were honoured with the presence of the Mayor of Bexley, Councillor K. J. Smith and his wife who presented to the Club a Swimming Trophy on behalf of the British Heart Foundation. This is the Supporters Award 1971 which is awarded to the one organization which collected the most money for them at their Sponsored Swim held in March last at Crook Log Baths. This is the second year in succession that the Club has won this kind of Award and it is all due to the good effort of our members who took part in the Swim, and their parents and friends who generously sponsored them.

Many members knocked seconds off their recorded times and this is what we like to see. It shows that all your practising and training is worth while and gives the teachers tremendous satisfaction.

I would like to thank all the officials who helped to make the Gala a success and especially all those kind parents and members who sold raffle tickets which helped to cover the cost of the Gala. Special thanks to Mrs. Pam Matthews who made the cake for the raffle and to Mrs. Edna Roll who decorated it so beautifully. It was very appropriately decorated with divers and the Club badge.

D. S. Firmin

1972 marks the Club's DIAMOND JUBILEE as it was founded in 1912. We are holding a Jubilee Dinner and Dance to celebrate this occasion at the Corinthian Restaurant, Erith on Saturday 29th January 1972 and we should like to have the support of many of you parents at this function. Our Annual Dinner and Dance is usually a very jolly affair so come along to make this a very special occasion. If you know anyone who was a member in the past, and who would like to join us that evening, please let us know.

12 of our members will be representing the London Borough of Bexley at a match against other London Boroughs being held at Eltham Baths on Friday, 8th October. These swimmers were chosen at trials held at Crook Log Baths recently and we are pleased that the Club is so well represented.

Result of the Gala Raffle Draw - 1971

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| 1st Prize - Electric Kettle | Pink 94 (Serial No. EQ 4207) Newington, Hercules Powder Co. |
| 2nd Prize - Iced Cake | Orange 10 (Serial No. EQ 3977) Crawford, 122 Park Crescent, Erith |
| 3rd Prize - Box of Fruit | Green 65 (Serial No. DQ 4089) L. Crundwell, 26 Alford Road, Erith |
| 4th Prize - Bottle of Brandy | Yellow 67 (Serial No. EQ 9125) Mrs. Dent, 57 Lower Road, Erith. |

ACHIEVEMENTS

Joint National Swimming Award - Stage II

| | Amanda Dott | | Karen Burroughs |
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| 1 Width | Peter Byron Carol Vince Jannet Vince Lesley Rushe | Theresa Clark Stephen Lasenby Paul Baldwin Paul Firmin Duncan Frost | Christopher Foster Marc Barnet Alison Darlow Nicholas Mundy |
| 1 Length | Carol Vince Janet Parratt Denise Farley Theresa Clark Lesley Rushe | Julie Barraclough Alison Darlow Duncan Frost Christopher Foster Stephen Lasenby | Jannet Vince Peter Byron Gary Cameron Lynne Harvey Georgina Coxall |
| 110 yards | Pamela Walker | | |

ACHIEVEMENTS (OUTSIDE THE CLUB)

Silver Personal Survival at School - Patricia Mount
Preliminary and Intermediate Kent School Certificates - Clive Walker
Bronze, Silver and Gold Personal Survival at School & 2 Mile Certificate - Julie Marshall
Bronze Personal Survival at School - Andrew Marshall.

WE are very pleased to see the achievements of our beginners class who started with us in May. Most of the class can now swim a width and quite a number can swim a length. This is quite a record for a beginners class, so keep it up boys and girls, we want to see all of you in next year's Gala racing in the length events.

ON Saturday, 13th November we are holding our ANNUAL BAZAAR at St. Paul's Hall, Mill Road, Northumberland Heath commencing at 2.00 p.m. We should like every member to contribute something towards this Bazaar such as groceries, toys, cakes, or if we have any handy Mums and Dads who can make items for us, we shall be very pleased to hear from them. Please remember that these fund raising events are for the benefit of your children in the Club so don't leave it all to the same parents and officials who give up so much of their time now voluntarily to keep the Club running.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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| Saturday, 9th October | 1971 | Home match at Riverside Baths against Gravesend, Rochester, Lewisham and Ravensbourne |
| Saturday, 16th October | 1971 | Ice Skating at Streatham Ice Rink. Price 55p plus 10p for hire of skates. |
| Thursday, 21st October | 1971 | Match at Sevenoaks |
| Saturday, 30th October | 1971 | Match at Beckenham Baths - hosts Orpington |
| Saturday, 13th November | 1971 | Bazaar at St. Paul's Hall, Mill Road, Northumberland Heath commencing 2.00 p.m. |
| Saturday, 13th November | 1971 | Match at Ladywell Baths - hosts Lewisham commencing at 7.00 p.m. |