

ERITH & DISTRICT SWIMMING CLUB



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Secretary's Notes

I would like once again to thank all members and parents who contributed gifts for our Bazaar which was held on Saturday, 13th November at St. Paul's Hall. I would also like to express my thanks to all the parents who came along to the Hall in the morning to arrange the stalls and also to those who helped to sell the items at the Bazaar in the afternoon. Mr. James Wellbelved, M.P. one of 'our parents' kindly opened the Bazaar to a very crowded hall and the well stocked stalls were very quickly cleared. Two of the raffle prizes were won by Club members: Mr. Offner, for the third time running, won the bottle of gin and Mrs. Dent won the iced cake which, once again, was made by Mrs. Pam Matthews and beautifully decorated by Mrs. Edna Roll. Another expertly decorated cake was presented by Mrs. A. Salter. Mr. Allan Bedford had the nearest guess for the number of Smarties in the jar. We raised a grand profit of £94 which was a very gratifying result for all the people who helped with the occasion.

D. S. Firmin

Whilst on the subject of the Bazaar, it is certainly not too soon to think of next year's Bazaar! If there is anybody who could make gifts for us during the winter months we should be pleased to hear from them. If necessary we could supply the material to anyone interested in making toys, dolls' clothes, etc. Let us not leave it all to 'the few' who work so hard each year. If anyone is willing to help out, please contact one of the 'official' ladies on the door as soon as possible. There are only three main occasions during the year when we ask for your help, the Jumble Sale, the Annual Gala and the Bazaar, and all the proceeds go towards helping to keep the Club going.

A plea once again for used tights or nylon stockings. These are used for stuffing toys, etc. If you do have any please hand them in on any Friday. Any oddments of wool or material would also be made use of.

M. Firmin

The 13th November was quite an eventful one for some of us as most of the Bazaar helpers rounded off the day by going to Ladywell Baths in the evening to support our team in a six-Club match. The team did their best against very strong opposition and averaged fourth place in most of the races. The final result was very disappointing and did not do justice to their efforts when we were placed sixth in the final results. These were - Bromley 194, South London 165, Barracuda 159, Lewisham 155, Maidstone 133 and Erith 126. Judging of strokes during the match by Kent A.S.A. official judges was extremely strict and many swimmers were disqualified.

Our team competed in another match on Saturday, 27th November at Downham Baths where, although the Pool was longer than Riverside, they all put up a very good fight. This match, like others, showed up our weak point - the butterfly stroke, which we have only recently included in our training scheme. We must overcome the difficulties of this stroke, although our swimmers are considerably better now than they were this time last year.

Girls and boys points were recorded separately and our girls team came 2nd and the boys 4th, making a final placed 3rd. Final results were - Bromley Town 'B' 158, Greenwich 'B' 116, Erith 111, Eltham 105, Faversham 82 and Lewisham Ladies and Ladywell 65.

We have had quite a number of matches during the year and although our team has not finished first place, they have all swum their best and given up many Saturday nights to represent the Club. We should like to say a big 'thank you' to our team and to the reserves for all their efforts on behalf of the Club during the year and for being such good sports whether they win or lose. Well done team. Thanks also go to the parents who faithfully come along to each match to support the children. It is pleasing to know that so many parents are interested to see the 'end' product of all the Friday night sessions and we are sure the boys and girls appreciate the interest and support of their parents.

Special thanks are due to the relay teams who always put up a very good show.

ACHIEVEMENTS

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| <u>Silver Personal Survival</u> | Stephen Bell | Julie Frost |
| | Michele Barnet | Barbara Lasenby |

ACHIEVEMENTS (Outside the Club)

Andrew Scott came 1st in 1 width Backstroke for the 4th Barnehurst Pack at the Bexleyheath & District Cub and Scouts Gala on 30th October.

David Gee came 1st in the 1 length Backstroke and 1 length Breaststroke at the Y.M.C.A. Gala held in London on 6th November.

Mr. Davison would like to take this opportunity to thank all the swimmers who took part in the Advanced Teachers examinations on Sunday, 5th December. You did very well indeed and your standard of swimming was praised by the examiners. The second group also had quite a swim and thanks go to them from Miss Diana Harris and Mr. Dolf. Unfortunately a teacher was failed because of lack of pupils, despite the fact that the Erith & District swimmers volunteered for a third lesson.

| <u>First Group</u> | | <u>Second Group</u> |
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| Philip Dodds | Jayne Hamilton | Geoffrey Betts |
| Jackie Dyson | Kim Jarvis | Andrew Topp |
| Gillian Watling | Janet Wyatt | Janet Duffield |
| Christine Watling | Gillian Fitnum | Carol Moyse |
| Patricia Topp | Yvonne Blakemore | Christine Pusey |
| Ian Lock | Ann Tyson | Martin Harvey |
| Patricia Warren | | |

T. A. Davison

The Club is holding a DIAMOND JUBILEE DINNER & DANCE at The Corinthian Restaurant Erith on Saturday, 29th January 1972 to celebrate 60 years of swimming. Tickets are available at £2.00 each, so please reserve yours as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

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There will be NO SWIMMING on Christmas Eve, Friday, 24th December. Classes will be as usual on 31st December.

WE SHOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL OUR READERS A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY & PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.
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