

ERITH & DISTRICT SWIMMING CLUB



No. 27

JUBILEE YEAR (1912 - 1972)

February 1972

OUR DIAMOND JUBILEE YEAR got off to a very good start on Saturday, 29th January with a Dinner and Dance at the Corinthian Restaurant in Erith which was attended by approximately 112 members, past members, parents and friends. Our guests were Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Keighley of the A.S.A., Mr. G.C.A. Millen (the Club's Vice President) and Mrs. Millen and Mrs. E. Anderson who for many years was a Club instructor. We were especially pleased to see the past members who were present.

To mark the occasion of the Jubilee, Mrs. Anderson presented the Club with a magnificent 'Diamond Jubilee Shield' and also with a cheque. The shield will be a prized addition to the Club's many trophies.

During an interval in the dancing on Saturday evening, a cake in the shape of a swimming pool was produced, much to the surprise and delight of everyone present. The cake which was made by Mrs. Pam Bedford and iced by Mrs. E. McArdell was really a work of art.

A short history of the Club has been produced and this was on display on Saturday together with a collection of old photographs, some dating back to the 1920's and 1930's. We hope to have a few copies of the history available at a later date for anyone who might be interested.

ACHIEVEMENTS

The following swimmers have all passed the A.S.A. GOLD Personal Survival test and will receive their badges and certificates in due course.

Carole Bengé	Ian Lock
Sandra Dent	Sharon Hayward
Patricia Mount	Philip Chapman
Gillian Mount	Janet Wyatt
Christine Harvey	Christine Jones

1 Width      Peter James      Hazel Abbott      Anthony Linford

ACHIEVEMENTS (OUTSIDE THE CLUB)

Lesley Rushe	600 metre freestyle at school
Philip Chapman	Silver Personal Survival at School
Andrew Savin	Bronze and Silver P.S. at school
Richard Atkins	Bronze P.S. at school.

It is with deep regret that we announce the death on 3rd January 1972 of Mr. John Gee. Mr. Gee had been a member of our Adult Section since we transferred to Erith. Mrs. Gee has expressed her thanks for the floral tribute and messages of sympathy received from the Club and its members.

## SWIMMING ARTICLE - SURVIVAL

The annual loss of life by drowning in Britain is the highest figure after motor accidents and a high proportion of these water fatalities involve children under 11 years of age.

This country is surrounded by water; lakes and sandpits abound and it is criss-crossed with rivers, inland waterways and disused canals. Everyone should be capable of saving himself in an emergency. Responsible adults should ensure that children are given the opportunity of achieving this.

If everyone could swim there would be less need for others to endanger their lives in rescue attempts.

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### PERSONAL SURVIVAL TESTS

The Amateur Swimming Association is endeavouring to encourage its primary aim - to give everyone the ability to save themselves in an aquatic emergency. Set out below are the basic skills for the awards.

1. Entry from a height.
2. Swimming for speed and endurance.
3. Treading water and floating.
4. Submerging.
5. Swimming under Water.
6. Removal of clothing.
7. Inflation of clothing.
8. Use of miscellaneous supports.
9. Exit from water.

The tests for the A.S.A. awards for Proficiency in Personal Survival are in three stages, Bronze, Silver and Gold. A more recent addition is the Honours Award. Fees are 25p for each test and 25p for costume badge.

There are two other awards which will test your swimming ability, these are the Joint National Swimming Awards of the A.S.A. and English Schools Swimming Association. Stage I and Stage II. Fees 25p for each test and badge.

These tests and awards are open to all members of the Club, both juniors and seniors. To all senior members, if you would like to take one of the above awards, please contact me.

T. A. Davison

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### FOR SALE

Ladies second hand Club costume - 36" bust. Worn only three times. £2.00 o.n.o.

### SPECIAL OFFER !!!

We have in stock a number of Tee Shirts, size 34", which have been reduced in price from 80p to 70p.

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26th February - Ice Skating at Streatham. 55p each, including skate hire and coach fare. One guest allowed to each member.  
March - Jumble Sale.