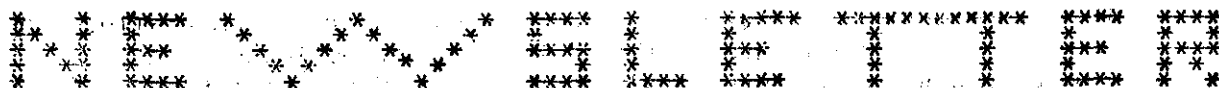


ERITH & DISTRICT SWIMMING CLUB



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ANNUAL GALA

On Saturday 8th November we held our Annual Gala and had a record number of entries and heats. Many races proved exciting with such close finishes and I am sure you will all agree that the hard work put in by swimmers (and teachers) during the year has proved worth while. Cups were awarded as follows :-

Club Championship Cup	Girls	Julie O'Brien
	Boys	Michael Mould
	Ladies	Jackie Dyson
	Mens	Michael Dent
Butterfly Trophy	Girls	Carole Martin
	Boys	Michael Mould
Diving Cup	Girls	Christine Harvey
	Boys	Ian Friend
	Ladies	Gillian Fitnum
Breaststroke Style Cup	Girls	Pat Topp
	Boys	Peter Frost
Points Cup	Girls	Nicola Harvey
	Boys	Peter Bealing
	Ladies	Pat Topp
	Mens	Michael Ryan
Junior Progress Cup	Girls	Yvonne Leach & Nicola Harvey jointly
	Boys	James Geapin
'Swimmer of the Year' Cup	Girls	Gillian Fitnum
	Boys	Peter Bealing
Anderson Diamond Jubilee Trophy		Ben Offner

The last award, the Anderson Diamond Jubilee Trophy, goes to the boy or girl who obtains the most points at matches throughout the year and this year it was won by Ben Offner, for the second year running. He had a clear 10 points over Lorraine Caselton who was second and Gillian Fitnum came third.

The Points Cup positions were as follows :-

Girls	1st	Nicola Harvey	16	Boys	1st	Peter Bealing	16
	2nd	Rosemarie Archer & Suzanne Fitnum	} 15		2nd	Tony Linford	15
	3rd	Lorraine Caselton		13		3rd	Ian Friend
Ladies	1st	Pat Topp	12	Mens	1st	Michael Ryan	14
	2nd	Gillian Fitnum	11		2nd	Michael Dent	8
	3rd	Jackie Dyson	10		3rd	Tony Barker & Peter Frost	} 7

I should like to thank all the officials who helped to make the Gala a success. We had a very long programme this year and thanks to the efficiency of our helpers, it was finished in record time. Thanks also to all members and parents for selling raffle tickets to help cover the cost of the Gala. I should like to thank Mrs. Seeley in particular for her effort in selling raffle tickets. She sold a grand total of 25 books - well done Mrs. Seeley.

Fortunately the loss on the Gala is offset by the profit at the Bazaar. Once again our thanks to many members and parents for their gifts and help at the Bazaar at St. Paul's Hall on Saturday 15th November. Many helpers

turned up in the morning to erect, decorate and fill the stalls. The whole effect was tremendous with fairy lights, balloons, bunting, coloured decorations and crepe paper. Many of you sent along gifts, some Mums had been knitting or sewing for us during the year. Thanks to well-laden stalls and plenty of customers, trade was brisk and at the end of the afternoon, very little left at all. Total profit for the day amounted to £140 which is a record for our Bazaars and a great help to Club funds.

Our Beginners Classes are progressing well and most of them are able to swim now. Their last lesson is on 12th December as on the 19th we are holding a 'Family Splash Night'. This means that all members may bring along parents, brothers and sisters for the evening. This proved successful last year and everyone enjoyed their evening. As Boxing Day falls on a Friday (26th) there will be no Club session. Beginners are reminded that their 6 month course finishes in December and a new course starts on 2nd January 1976 for a new set of non-swimmers.

D. S. Firmin

I must give credit where credit is due to swimmers of Erith who turned up for our gala on Friday 21st November at Downham Baths, although quite a few swimmers did not turn up for this gala either through sickness or forgetfulness the remainder put up a very good fight against very strong competitive Clubs and an enjoyable evening was had by all. On this occasion I shall not name individual achievements as all swimmers gave of their best, some being in five races or more instead of the normal three or four.

In the coming year we shall see 'B' League fixtures once again and I wish those swimmers every success in these events.

May I wish all the swimmers and parents, including officials (behind as well as in front of the scenes) a very Happy Christmas and a Swimmingly Prosperous New year.

Results of the Match at Downham

1st	Gravesend & Northfleet	237
2nd	Beckenham	230
3rd	Sevenoaks	196
4th	Lewisham Ladies & Ladywell	194
5th	Greenwich	181
6th	ERITH & DISTRICT	100
7th	Faversham	90

D. Fitnum

On behalf of Peter and myself (as Girls and Boys Captains respectively) may I thank all the members of the Erith & District Swimming Club for their support over the year and may we have many more good times as we have had in the past. A Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Gillian Fitnum
Peter Frost

Our Annual DINNER & DANCE will be held on Saturday 28th February 1976 at the Falconwood Community Centre, The Green, Welling. Tickets will be on sale shortly.

ACHIEVEMENTS

1 Width	Maria Hicks Nigel Wright Karen Durman	Simon Kean Alison McDonald Donna Kean Alan White	Stacey Sproat Lorraine Turner Nicola McKay
1 Length	Judith Burcham Susan Field Lorraine Turner	Angela Sartain Jacqueline Elliott Donna Kean Stacey Sproat	Simon Kean Alison McDonald Karen Durman

Gold Personal Survival - at School Tracy Dixon Robert Downes

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday
29th November INTER CLUB Match at West Wickham Baths 'A' Team,
commencing 6.30 p.m. Coach leaves Riverside 5.45 p.m.

Saturday
13th December INTER CLUB MATCH at Riverside Baths, 'A' and 'B'
teams , commencing 7.00 p.m.

Friday
19th December *****
* 'FAMILY SPLASH NIGHT' * for all members, their

parents and families. 7.30 to 9.30 p.m.

Saturday
28th February ANNUAL DINNER & DANCE, at Falconwood Community
Centre, The Green, Welling.

'B' LEAGUE MATCHES

Saturday
10th January Eltham Baths 6.00 p.m. Hosts - Eltham S.C.
Teams - Eltham, Downham, Erith, Eastern Otters, Greenwich

Saturday
21st February Eltham Baths 6.00 p.m. Hosts - Downham S.C.
Teams - Downham, Eltham, Greenwich, Eastern Otters,
Sevenoaks

Saturday
3rd April Eltham Baths 6.00 p.m. Hosts - Greenwich S.C.
Teams - Greenwich, Downham, Erith, Sevenoaks, E. Otters

Friday
30th April Eltham Baths 7.00 p.m. Hosts - Eastern Otters
Teams - Eastern Otters, Eltham, Greenwich, Erith,
Sevenoaks

Friday
14th May Woolwich Baths 7.00 p.m. Hosts Sevenoaks S.C.
Teams - Sevenoaks, Eltham, Downham, E. Otters, Erith

Friday
11th June Plumstead Baths 7.00 p.m. Hosts - Erith S.C.
Teams - Erith, Eltham, Downham, Greenwich, Sevenoaks

Saturday
26th June Eltham Baths 6.00 p.m. Final match with presentation
of Trophy. All teams taking part.

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR READERS
