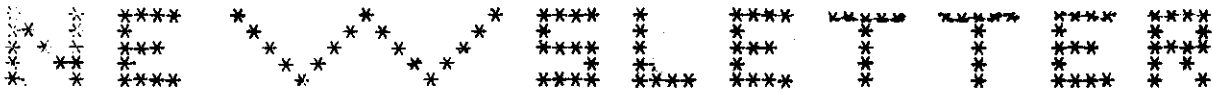


ERITH & DISTRICT SWIMMING CLUB



VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE

Some of you will have observed on the blackboard in the hall at the Pool that Pool hire charges have increased again from 3rd December. I would like to draw your attention to the fact that the hire charge for the Pool has increased four times this year, commencing at the beginning of the year at £4.50 per hour for Club session during the week and £15 per hour for Saturday Galas. The present hire charge is now £7.40 per hour for Club sessions and £22.10 per hour for Galas. Many of you are under the impression that we, as a Club, do not have to pay for the Pool but this is not so. We are a private Club and not subsidised or helped in any way by any Council or other official body. We have always tried to keep our prices low and, I believe, we are about the cheapest Club in Kent. All our teachers and officials give their time VOLUNTARILY, some of them giving up two nights a week to teach and coach your swimming, plus other time spent at home on paper work.

We are keeping our prices the same at present but there must be a price review at the Annual General Meeting in March and entry money at door and subscriptions must go up to cover the present hire increase

M. Firmin
Hoh. Treasurer

SECRETARY'S NOTES

We are holding a Family Splash Night on Friday, 21st December from 8 until 9.30 p.m. This means that all members can bring their families and friends along to join in the general swim. Classes will be as usual until 8 p.m. All members who have a class between 7 and 8 can stay for family splash as well but you must remember to tell your parents (if they are not with you) that you will be home later that night.

There will, of course, be no swimming on Christmas Day or New Years Day because the pool is closed.

The present beginners course is well under way and we have 5 children who have already swum the width. There is an Achievement Chart on the Notice Board where you can watch the progress made.

MINI BAZAARS - A new venture this year proved extremely popular and successful. I would like to thank all members and parents for sending along gifts for sale and for all those lovely cakes that your Mums made for us. Many thanks also to the parents who helped prepare the stalls and sell articles for us.

MINI BAZAARS (Cont'd)

Apart from double preparation and double clearing up, it was well worth the effort. We did not think a third evening was necessary so the last Bazaar scheduled for 14th December was cancelled. I am sure you will all be pleased to know that the two evenings made a profit for the Club of £250.
THANK YOU ALL.

A reminder to parents - Please do not give your child a heavy meal just before swimming. This can be very dangerous as it can cause stomach cramp or sickness. It is always best not to eat anything for at least 2 hours before entering the water at any time.

D.S. Firmin

COMPETITION NEWS

'B' MATCH ELTHAM 24.11.79

A good evening's entertainment with Erith and City of London fighting for the top honours, which we managed to win by just two points.

<u>RESULTS</u>			
	1st	Erith	187 Points
	2nd	City of London	185
	3rd	Greenwich	174
	4th	Sevenoaks	147
	5th	Eltham	129

'B' MATCH ELTHAM 1.12.79

We made this our 'drop out' match owing to the Match at Erith the following week.

<u>RESULTS</u>			
	1st	Dartford	205 Points
	2nd	City of London	200
	3rd	Sevenoaks	177
	4th	Eltham	163

(Greenwich also missed this match)

The next 'B' Match will be at Eltham on 12th January commencing at 6.00 p.m. and not 6.30 as previously. Team selection will be announced before Christmas.

'A' & 'B' TEAMS RIVERSIDE BATHS 8.12.79

A very worthwhile evening with our finest result for many years. We won thirteen of the thirty-six events and the other four Clubs were separated by just nine points!

The 'B' squad had a lot to do as some of the younger swimmers had to compete against older children in the relays to make the numbers up but the times recorded will prove a useful guide in future Match selections.

<u>RESULTS</u>			
	1st	Erith 'A'	235 Points
	2nd	Margate	191
	3rd	Tonbridge	189
	4th	Sevenoaks	187
	5th	Streatham	182
	6th	Erith 'B'	78

P. & A. Bedford

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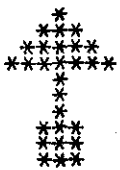
Congratulations to the following beginners who have swum 1 Width

Stephen Jay	Karina Gooch
Ian Moore	Ian Woodward
Laura Dunne	

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Friday, 21st December	Classes as usual until 8 p.m. Family Splash 8 - 9.30 p.m.
Tuesday, 25th December	NO SWIMMING - Pool closed.
Friday, 28th December	Club session as usual.
Tuesday, 1st January, '80	NO SWIMMING - Pool closed.
Saturday, 12th January	'B' Match Tudor Series (Hosts Erith - Drop-out Sevenoaks) Commencing 6.00 p.m.
Saturday, 9th February	Supper Dance at Welling Community Centre
Saturday, 23rd February	'B' Match Tudor Series (Hosts Greenwich - Drop-out City of London)
Saturday, 1st March	'A' Match at Riverside Baths
Saturday, 8th March	'B' Match Tudor Series (Hosts City of London - No drop-out)
Saturday, -22nd March	'B' Match Tudor Series (Hosts Dartford - Drop-out Eltham)

The date of the final friendly 'B' Match is yet to be confirmed.



A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A

HAPPY NEW YEAR

TO YOU ALL

