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ERITH & DISTRICT SWIMMING CLUB

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SECRETARY'S NOTES

The following letter has been received from Mr. Derrick Firmin.

"Moirra and I would like to thank all members and parents for the magnificent "retirement" present of an engraved silver tray and crystal decanter which was presented to us after the Annual General Meeting on 3rd March. It was a lovely surprise and a gift which we shall always treasure to remind us of our happy years spent at the Club. We are not leaving the Club altogether, just retiring from our positions as Secretary and Treasurer which we held since 1962, as we intend to come along for a swim as often as we can.

We should like to wish Allan and Pam Bedford good luck in their new positions, also the other new Committee members and we both hope that you will give them all the loyal support you gave us."

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 3rd MARCH, 1980

Our A.G.M. saw a number of changes in the Committee and it was indeed rather a sad occasion as our Chairman, Mr. J. Clegg, our Secretary Mr. D.S. Firmin and our Treasurer Mrs. M. Firmin retired from their positions after many years. Mr. Firmin now becomes the Club's President and our previous President Mr. V. Comber is our new Chairman. Mr. Clegg still hopes to come along to see us on Friday nights as often as he can. There will also be a few new faces on the Committee.

The Meeting was well attended by both Members and Parents and culminated in the presentation of a silver tray and cut glass decanter to Mr. & Mrs. Firmin in recognition of all their hard work over the last 18 years.

PLEASE NOTE - WE REGRET THAT NEW FEES WILL APPLY FROM 1st April, 1980 DUE TO THE CONTINUED ESCALATION OF POOL HIRE CHARGES.

NEW MEMBERS

We are always on the look-out for potential youngsters particularly in the seven to twelve year age group and are at present very short of girls of this age, so if you know of any children of a good general swimming standard, please contact Mr. or Mrs Bedford with details. All applicants have to pass an audition before acceptance to ensure the continuing improvement in club swimming standards is maintained.

COSTUMES

We still have a few candy striped costumes available at old prices as follows:-

Sizes left:-	26" Girls from	£3.00
	32" " "	£5.30
	32" Boys	£2.85

A.B. Bedford

INTRODUCING YOUR NEW SECRETARY AND TREASURER MR. & MRS. BEDFORD

You may be interested in a little background information on us. Pam has been a member of E. & D.S.C. for the past twenty-six years and has been on the Committee for the last sixteen. Her father the late John Mc Ardell, was Club Secretary for the period 1934-36 and again from 1948 until his death in 1962 when Mr. & Mrs. Firmin took over on a 'temporary basis'. Pam's mother, Mrs. Eileen Mc Ardell who is our Assistant Secretary holds the record of fifty-three years membership of the Club.

Allan became a member in 1964 and has been on the Committee for twelve years. Both have been the joint Competition Secretaries for the past four years.

NEW ARRIVAL

Many congratulations to Buck & Marion Ryan on the birth of their daughter, Michelle Louise, on 4th March.

ACHIEVEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS to the following:-

<u>1 Width</u>	<u>1 Length</u>
Mark Russell	Joseph Pollard
Darren Hodder	Ian Ashwood
	Nicola Piper
	Helen Perry

CONGRATULATIONS also to Karen Fox in passing her Club Instructor's Course.

MATCH REPORTS

'B' MATCH 23rd February

Another exciting evening's swimming with regrettably four infringements by Greenwich which meant we stayed in contention for the trophy final on the 8th.

Amended results:	1st Dartford	192 points	league points	6
	2nd Erith	178	"	5
	3rd Finsbury COL	169	"	4
	4th Sevenoaks	121	"	3
	5th Greenwich	120	"	2

This meant that we entered the final scoring match as follows:-

Dartford	702½	event points,	league points	21
Erith	722	"	"	" 21
Finsbury COL	700½	"	"	" 17
Greenwich	643	"	"	" 16
Sevenoaks	580½	"	"	" 12
Eltham	531½	"	"	" 7

'B' MATCH 8th MARCH

We started the evening badly but steadily improved, the competition was very strong from all clubs. However, towards the end things had improved and with two events to go we were three points clear of Dartford. The noise from our ever enthusiastic supporters during the final event was fantastic and our second place in this to Dartford's fifth means that we will again win the Tudor Trophy, this will be presented at the friendly match on 22nd March. We previously won the trophy in the years 1976/7 and 1977/8.

Results:	1st Finsbury COL	182	Event points	6	League Points	
	2nd Greenwich	169	" "	5	" "	
	3rd Erith	164	" "	4	" "	
	4th Dartford	159	" "	3	" "	
	5th Sevenoaks	115	" "	2	" "	
	6th Eltham	88	" "	1	" "	

I would like to thank all our wonderful children and parents for their marvellous support over the last six months of these matches. The next series commences on 15th November.

'A' MATCH 1st MARCH, ERITH

A very satisfactory match with our team gaining many first and second places. Our swimmers continue to improve their technique and more importantly their times. The final boys 8x1 Freestyle Relay left many of our supporters with sore throats and the final leg by Anthony Barker was magnificent and ensured our winning this event.

In spite of this we were narrowly beaten into second place in a very close finish. This result being partly due to two irritating disqualifications in relay events. It was nice to see Halstead S.C. from North Essex visit us for the first time.

Results:	1st Margate	209	points
	2nd Erith	203	"
	3rd City of Rochester	202	"
	4th Pollards	134	"
	5th Halstead	120	"
	6th Leander	113	"

ALL SWIMMERS PLEASE NOTE that they must please ask the Team Manager if they may get dressed before leaving the pool in case they have any further swims.

P. & A. Bedford

POINTS CUP RACES

The breast stroke and back crawl races have been well attended with some very close results and good times recorded. We hope this trend continues for the two remaining strokes - front crawl on Friday 11th April and butterfly on Friday, 9th May.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Friday, 4th April NO SWIMMING (Pool closed for Good Friday)
- Friday, 11th April Points Cup Races - Front Crawl at 8 p.m.
- Saturday, 12th April 'A' Match, West Wickham (Hosts Bromley S.C.)
- " 26th April Club DISCO, Christian Grey Hall, Belvedere at 7.30 p.m.
- " 3rd May 'A' Match, Erith (please note this is in place of 24th May as previously listed).
- " 9th May Points Cup Races - Butterfly at 8 p.m.
- " 31st May 'A' Match. Tunbridge Wells (hosts Tonbridge)
(coach for swimmers provided).
- " 14th June 'A' Match Greenwich (Hosts Greenwich)
- Sunday 13th July Annual Club Day coach trip to Westbrook - a great day for the family.
- Monday, 25th August Bank Holiday - Erith Show & Sports including Club Stall.
- Saturday, 20th September Annual E. & D.S.C. Gala, Riverside Baths.