

ERITH & DISTRICT SWIMMING CLUB

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SECRETARY'S NOTES

ERITH SHOW - BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY, 25th AUGUST

We are again having a cake stall and judging by our 'sell-out' last year, will need plenty of goodies. If you can make a sponge or perhaps some tea cakes etc. we would be most grateful. Why not make use of a freezer to avoid a last-minute rush? Perhaps if you are unable to bake anything for us, a donation of some ingredients would be very welcome. We will be in attendance at the ground in the morning to set up the stall.

SPLASH NIGHTS

There will be splash evenings on Fridays, 15th, 22nd and 29th August commencing at 8 p.m. You may bring your friends, brothers and sisters and all parents are most welcome. Due to the poor attendance in August we find this the most popular way to 'keep the Club together'. The Beginners Groups together with the 7 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. teaching groups will continue as normal and anyone from later groups requiring extra tuition should enquire. Tuesday evenings will be generally as normal apart from the addition of distance swims.

DISTANCE SWIMS

We are holding  $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile swims on Tuesday, 5th and 19th August from 8 p.m. and 1 mile swims on Tuesdays 12th and 26th August from 8 p.m. Certificates and flashes will be awarded to all those successful. Please note if you attempt both the  $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile on the same evening you cannot include the  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile section as part of your  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile swim.

ANNUAL GALA, 20th SEPTEMBER

Don't forget to return your entry form as soon as possible and enter all the events you can, to make the evening a great success.

If you can sell a few more raffle tickets we would be very grateful to help offset the very high cost of the evening.

'T' SHIRTS

Orders are now being taken for Club T-Shirts which will be white with our badge. These can be ordered at our table on Tuesday or Friday evenings.

ANNUAL CLUB OUTING TO WESTBROOK (MARGATE), SUNDAY, 13th JULY

The forecast gave very little hope of fine weather but we were blessed with a dry and reasonably warm day for our two coach loads of members, parents, etc. Many went in for a swim soon after arrival and at noon we were joined by the promised group of Margate S.C. children and committee. A game of cricket was followed by five-a-side football with members from both Clubs matched in various age groupings. The final game, including in our team Keith and Tony Barker and Keith Affection, proved hilarious and culminated in a rugby scrum on the sands. Margate S.C. told me how much they had enjoyed our time together and talked enthusiastically about arranging something similar again next year.

A. Bedford

MATCH REPORTS

GREENWICH, 14.6.80

A tough match favouring older age groups and mixed races which do not seem to suit us, although the evening was enlightened by two amusing incidents in the middle of a race. Most of our swimmers would agree that Greenwich pool is perhaps the most unpleasant venue we visit.

Results:	1st Maidstone	198 points
	2nd Southgate Olympics	135 "
	3rd Greenwich	132 "
	4th Saxon Crown B	120 "
	5th Erith	109 "
	6th White Oak B	102 "

CROWBOROUGH 5.7.80

A new venue in a pleasant Sussex town at a large modern school with enviable facilities. Our team were a number short and we were also disappointed at the lack of swimmers and parents travelling by the coach provided, which was only one third full. Bookings have to be made well in advance and are now rather costly, and we will have to reconsider the further use of a coach later this year when we visit Margate Pool in October. The pool of 25 yds. was ideal for the four teams taking part but unfortunately there are no spectator facilities. Our team made a flying start and the gala developed into an exciting and enjoyable afternoon's racing, although our swimmers did not appreciate the salt water!

Results:	1st Hastings Seagull	143 points
	2nd Crowborough Beacon	135 "
	3rd Erith	130 "
	4th Fairfield	91 "

FAVERSHAM 12.7.80

Our first match in an open air pool since 1972 proved a successful and exciting evening which thankfully stayed dry and reasonably warm. Our small team adapted well to the changed conditions with many fine results, and the diving interlude was enjoyable with Suzanne Fitnum and Kevin Hurley both achieving third placings. The water was 84° F (warmer than our own pool). Well done all competitors.

Results	1st Black Lion	197 points
	2nd Ramsgate	170 "
	3rd Erith	156 "
	4th Faversham A	147 "
	5th Sevenoaks	122 "
	6th Faversham B	43 "

This match was the last until the autumn and we can now add up all points scored by competitors in 'A' matches since last September. For each first placing achieved by a swimmer in a six way match he or she will receive six points and for a second five points and so on, relay placings are scored in the same way so any member of a relay squad coming first will each receive six points (where there are perhaps only four teams competing a first place scores 4 points). The winning boy and girl will be announced at the Annual Gala on 20th September.

P. & A. Bedford

SENIOR SWIMS

There is some doubt about an extra half hour swim for seniors between 8.30 to 9.00 p.m. on Friday evenings. They are very welcome to swim the 8.30 to 9.00 p.m. schedule but only in lanes 5 & 6 (the two lanes nearest the "HOT SEAT").

D.D. Fitnum

ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to the following beginners:-

1 Width	Paul Ballamy Stephen de Hailes Russell Eley Stephen Jeeves John Marsh Samantha Marsh Nigel Mascarenhas Sandra Paige Tracy Reed Katharine Turner Caroline Taylor Justine Waller Louise James
1 Length	Caroline Taylor Paul Ballamy

Please don't forget to collect your Certificates.

MARK FORD came 1st in a two widths butterfly in school races. He won by  $\frac{1}{2}$  width.

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OUTING ON THE 12th JULY TO ROCHESTER, SITTINGBOURNE AND FAVERSHAM

Five Club Members and myself thoroughly enjoyed a totally dry day visiting places of interest in Rochester, Sittingbourne and Faversham. In the City of Rochester we had a thorough look round the Cathedral and the adjacent castle. We travelled on to Sittingbourne and had lunch at the Dolphin Sailing Barge Museum in the shade of several of these fine old boats. This was followed by a ride on the nearby narrow gauge steam railway (The Sittingbourne and Kemsley Light Railway), a unique line with several standard gauge engines preserved too. By mid-afternoon it was time to travel to Faversham, but we had time to have an enjoyable walk around the town before meeting other members of the Swimming Club at the open-air gala that evening. The support we gave the team rounded off our outing very nicely, before the return journey home.

Keep an eye on the Swimming Club Notice Board, as I hope to organise further outings, with one to London, maybe at the end of the school summer holidays.

P.A. Frost

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

TUESDAY, 5th & 19th AUGUST.	$\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ mile Distance Swims (Part of pool only) Commencing 8 p.m.
TUESDAY 12th & 26th AUGUST	1 mile Distance Swims (part of pool only) Commencing 8 p.m.
FRIDAY, 15th, 22nd & 29th AUGUST	Family Splash Nights. Commencing 8 p.m. (Earlier classes as normal) Note Friday, 1st and 8th Normal Classes)
MONDAY, 25th AUGUST	Erith Show and Sports.
SATURDAY, 20th SEPTEMBER	ANNUAL GALA - Riverside Pool. Commencing 5.45 p.m.
FRIDAY, 3rd OCTOBER	SPRINT TROPHY - BUTTERFLY
SATURDAY, 4th OCTOBER	CLUB DISCO, Christian Gray Hall, Belvedere.
SATURDAY, 11th OCTOBER	'A' MATCH - Riverside Baths Commencing 7 p.m.
SATURDAY, 25th OCTOBER	'A' MATCH - Margate. Hosts Margate S.C.
FRIDAY, 31st OCTOBER	SPRINT TROPHY - Back Crawl.
SATURDAY, 1st November	'B' MATCH - Eltham, Commencing 6 p.m. (Erith Drop-out)
FRIDAY 21st NOVEMBER	MINI BAZAAR - Riverside Clubroom - 7.00 p.m.
FRIDAY, 28th NOVEMBER	SPRINT TROPHY - Breaststroke.
FRIDAY, 5th DECEMBER	MINI BAZAAR - Riverside Clubroom - 7.00 p.m.
SATURDAY, 6th DECEMBER	'B' MATCH - Eltham, Commencing 6 p.m. (Dartford Drop-out, Erith Host)
FRIDAY, 12th DECEMBER	SPRINT TROPHY - Front Crawl.
FRIDAY, 19th DECEMBER	SPRINT TROPHY PRESENTATION.