



MATCH AT HALSTEAD N. ESSEX 23/5/81

A very full coach load of swimmers and parents left Riverside for the pleasant drive through rural Essex to this country town complete with a rather quaint pool. However the home team proved very strong entering both an A & B team for the rather long 50 event programme in the 20 yard pool. The other visiting team was Thetford Dolphins from Norfolk also with some excellent swimmers. Our very young 8 year old children coped well, as it is almost unheard of to find age groups as young as this in Galas in our area. The Thetford people were very friendly and it is hoped that we will meet them both at home and in their home town some time soon for a Gala.

Our older swimmers were only too pleased to complete their swims as the pub. opposite the Baths sold the excellent Suffolk Greene King Ales. However they all made it back to the coach.

Thank you all swimmers and parents for your support at this entertaining Gala.

Result:-

1st	Halstead A	179 Points
2nd	Erith	125 "
3rd	Thetford	115 "
4th	Halstead B	104 "

SEVENOAKS MATCH 6/6/81

This competition was arranged around B.S.C.A. award qualifying times which if exceeded meant that the swimmer did not score points. This inevitably led to some interesting results sometimes with only one swimmer from the four teams scoring points. Although we were up against teams from Orpington and Beckenham Clubs, the imposition of these penalties kept all teams at very level points throughout and our swimmers made the most of the relays where penalties were not applied. We were all delighted with our joint first placing with mighty Beckenham in our first competition at Sevenoaks Baths for six years - well done all.

Result:-

1st	(Beckenham Erith)	83 Points
3rd	Sevenoaks	81 "
4th	Orpington	79 "

CHANGING ROOMS

We have received numerous complaints in recent months from both boys and girls regarding their clothes being moved and hidden in other peoples' bags, also items of clothing have been lost and money missing from pockets. If you must bring money with you please leave it with someone on the door and collect it on the way out.

We are trying to form a rota of parents to pop down to the changing rooms at intervals during the evening and a notice is on the board for anybody interested in participating. Meanwhile, we would like both parents and children to be watchful and if you see anything suspicious please report it immediately in the hope we may catch the culprits in the act.

ITEMS ON SALE AT THE DOOR

A new stock of Club Tee Shirts has recently been received and the sizes and prices for these and the new Sweat Shirts is as follows:-

Tee Shirts	26" - 32" Chest	£1.85
	34" "	£2.75
Sweatshirts	26" - 32"	£4.40
	34" - 36"	£5.40

ITEMS ON SALE AT THE DOOR (Contd.)

We have also acquired a stock of red & white rubber Speedo caps for the use of boys and girls price £1.25 and we now stock the rims for the Godfrey goggles we sell. These are very useful if the polystyrene rims rot or fall off as it saves having to buy completely new goggles. The rims are 25p per pair.

Our normal stocks carry Club costumes in all sizes at prices according to size, red and white lycra caps at £2, goggles at £1.20 and sportsbags with the Club badge at £5.30.

P. & A. Bedford

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A.S.A. PERSONAL SURVIVAL TESTS

The following swimmers have passed the A.S.A. Personal Survival Test - GOLD STANDARD

Badges and certificates will be available as soon as possible.

Nicola Ormes  
Yvonne Halpin  
Julian Torregiani  
Damian Walton

Katie Knight  
Nuala Doyle  
Corin Netherwood

Swimmers are reminded that before they enter for the Bronze Personal Survival, they should have the A.S.A. - E.S.S.A. Joint National swimming awards, Stage I and Stage II.

A. Davison

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SUMMER HOLIDAY MORNING SWIMS

We were all very impressed by the response we received from our enquiry about summer holiday morning swimming. Unfortunately, we are not able to obtain the whole of the pool for these swims and this means that we will have to limit the number of children who can take part.

I will be supervising these swims personally and I should like to point out at this stage that the coaching sessions will be progressive and quite demanding, therefore this means that the standard will be quite high. Also, I feel that all pupils taking part must be prepared to work for the whole duration of the session which will be for one hour starting at 9 a.m., as these swims will be a new venture for the Club, and dependent on demand. Attendance at these sessions will be restricted to swimmers of good ability from the 8 p.m., 8.30 p.m. and 9 p.m. groups on Fridays.

D. Sartain

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WEALDEN RAMBLE AND STEAM TRAIN RIDE ON SATURDAY 2nd MAY

After taking the 8.12 a.m. train to Maidstone, we made our way to the starting point of our Ramble by bus, viewing lovely countryside and many desirable private residences en route.

## WEALDEN RAMBLE (Contd.)

The ramble began in the shadow of Cranbrook's impressive Smock-type Windmill, leading to a succession of footpaths and fields, often made treacherous (!) by an occupying herd of cows. It was nice to see so many wild flowers, with bluebells in proliferation. Many of us found our own personal souvenirs - a rusty pair of pliers, sheeps' wool, a rare snail shell and two old screw-stoppered bottles, still filled with beer.

Having passed Benenden school (where Princess Anne was educated) we made our way into the adjacent village for some well-earned lunch in the garden of a 'Shepherd Neame' pub.

Rapid progress was made along the country lanes, only pausing to admire a rare 1950 Bristol car, a quick 'go' on the local playground swings etc. (not vandalised in the country) and another windmill, this time derelict.

Another stop was made in the village of Rolvenden for ice-creams. It possessed an older post-type windmill, a waterpump, a Car Museum and a telephone box which allowed a handfull of Ramblers to ring home, free of charge!

The final leg of the Ramble to the Kent and East Sussex Steam railway passed through a field of sheep with their new-born lambs, and by the Hall where Frances Hodgson Burnett wrote "Little Lord Fauntleroy" and "Secret Garden".

The pleasant sunny weather had now become overcast as we waited for our steam train to Tenterden, but another surprise was about to be sprung upon a member of our party. Whilst everybody climbed aboard our reserved 1920's carriage, Mr. Jay had the shock to be presented with the fireman's shovel and invited aboard the steam engine's footplate! As such, he relived his British Railway firing days of over 20 years earlier. Having reached Tenterden, Mr. Jay was presented with a 'Fix It' badge and had photographs taken for an appropriate article to be published in future local newspapers.

A quick tea was had before making our return journey, the day ending on a noisy note with an 'in-train' sing-song that included everything from "Morning has Broken" to Adam and the Ants numbers.

We arrived back at Dartford at 8.45 p.m. all 25 Ramblers having made new friends and having thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

N.B. Using Free Rail Tickets, £7.80 was saved on respective fares.  
For details of the next outing to Rochester on Saturday 28th June, see the Notice Board or me.

P. Frost

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## BEGINNERS' GROUPS

We apologise for the recent lack of continuity of instructors taking our Beginners Classes, this being due to Mr. Fitnum's recent spell in hospital and unfortunately a recent family bereavement has prevented Mrs. Sartain from coming along.

It is hoped that everything will return to normal again in the not too distant future.

## ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations to Amanda Steeden on being the first from the present Beginners' Group to swim a width.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- JUNE Saturday 13th 'A' Match at Riverside versus teams from Addington, Coulsdon, Sevenoaks and Tonbridge Swimming Clubs.
- " Saturday 20th Match at Streatham Baths, Streatham High Road, commences 7 p.m.
- Sunday 28th Rochester Outing full details from Peter Frost.
- JULY Saturday 11th Match at Crowborough, Sussex. Coach from Riverside 12.30 p.m. Match commences 3 p.m.
- " Sunday 12th Annual Outing to Westbrook (Margate). Coach from Riverside 8.45 a.m. Tickets £2.40 each,
- " Saturday 18th Match at Faversham Open Pool (No coach)
- " Saturday 25th Dartford Carnival Procession with decorated Club float.
- AUGUST Saturday 1st Evening trip by open top bus to Crown Point Inn Nr. Sevenoaks. (offering real ale and good food) Fare will be £1 return, numbers limited to 35. Leaves Riverside 7 p.m.
- " Tuesday 4th & 18th  $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile Distance Swims, commencing 8.30
- " Tuesday 11th & 25th 1 Mile " " " "
- " Friday 7th, 14th & 21st Splash Nights 8 p.m. - 9.30 p.m. BRING YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS.
- " Monday 31st Erith Show and Sports with Club fund raising stall.
- SEPTEMBER Saturday 12th Match at Saxon Crown, Ladywell Baths, Lewisham.
- " Saturday 26th E.D.S.C. ANNUAL GALA - commencing 5.30 p.m.
- OCTOBER Saturday 10th Match at Hartsdown Pool, Margate
- " Saturday 24th Match at B.P., Hoo, Kent commencing 7 p.m.
- AUTUMN HALF TERM - Ramble