

FRITH & DISTRICT SWIMMING CLUB

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SECRETARY'S NOTES

BEGINNERS' COURSES

The present Beginners' Course will end on 25th September. We hope all the children have enjoyed it and will continue to practise their swimming whenever possible. I expect you have noticed Mr. Davison looking at all the children to see how they are getting on? He is looking to see which children he thinks show natural ability according to age and a list will be posted on the Notice Board on the 25th to tell you if your child may join the Club (if you wish them to). It must be pointed out that at least one width must have been swum by the selected children as they will be going into a class where they will not be able to put their feet on the bottom.

We would suggest that any child not accepted for the Club who wishes to further his/her swimming, join the Improvers' Classes held on Wednesday evening by the London Borough of Bexley at Riverside Baths. If after going through the Classes to lengths you feel you would like to join our Club, you can always come along for an audition which comprises one length of breaststroke, backcrawl and frontcrawl.

Thank you all for being such regular attenders.

ANNUAL GALA

Our biggest event of the year, the Annual Gala takes place on Saturday 26th September commencing at 5.30 p.m. The event gives even the youngest members of the Club a chance to compete and show us and their parents how they have progressed.

We have received a good entry which will mean an extra 6 heats and 7 finals compared to 1980. We do hope that all parents, Grandparents, brothers, sisters etc. will give their support and pack the balcony to capacity. Tickets are now on sale at 40p for Adults and 20p for non competing juniors.

We will be holding the Breaststroke Style and Diving events on Friday, 18th September commencing at 8 p.m. and the Individual Medley Heats and Finals will be held on Friday 25th September commencing at 8 p.m. On these evenings there will be no classes after 8 p.m.

SPRING TROPHY

This series, introduced last year is designed to give every Member under the age of sixteen a chance to win a magnificent trophy. This will be presented to the top scoring boy and girl after the completion of this year's races, on Friday 18th December by our President Mr. D.S. Firmin.

The age groups are, Under 10, Under 12, Under 14 and Under 16. All ages as at 31.12.1981. The fastest swimmer in each grouping will receive 5 points, the second 3 points and the third 2 points with all other swimmers scoring 1 point for competing. However all swimmers can score extra bonus points if their time has improved by even a tenth of a second over their previous best time recorded this year. A maximum of 6 bonus points can be scored in this way.

We would like to see all Members taking part on the following dates, all races starting at 8 p.m.

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SPRING TROPHY (Continued)

Friday	OCTOBER 9th	Butterfly
"	" 30th	Backcrawl
"	NOVEMBER 20th	Breaststroke
"	DECEMBER 11th	Frontcrawl
"	" 18th	Winners' Presentation

A. BEDFORD

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CONGRATULATIONS

Hearty Congratulations to Chris. & Peter Frost on the birth of their daughter Joanne Hayley on 15th August. Weight 6 lbs 10 ozs.

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ERITH SHOW

Once again our stall was very popular and proved to be a great success, making a grand profit of £128.

Many thanks to the people who contributed cakes, plants and handicraft also to those who helped on the day, all of whom I know thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

J. BRAGG

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DARTFORD CARNIVAL PROCESSION ON SATURDAY 25th JULY

The most important factor governing the success of any open-air event is the weather. Much to our relief, in an unsettled summer Carnival Day was to remain dry and warm.

And so it was that a group of Mums and Dads, plus several swimmers arrived at Mrs Breare's house to set about the task of decorating our lorry. Within three hours the red white and blue lorry (very patriotic in Royal Wedding week!) had been transformed into the best float the Club has yet created. For this, thanks must go to Mr. Bedford and Mr. James who was responsible for making the superb 'whales' which graced either side of the Club float. There then followed the worrying journey to Central Park, Dartford, where we would pick up our swimmers. Thankfully everything remained intact..... a credit to the float dressers. Our crew of 34 swimmers had practised a limited repertoire of chants and cheers and after a long frustrating delay, the Procession was finally underway. Our loudest cheers were reserved for the larger crowd gatherings and for the embarrassment of any swimmers' Mums and Dads spotted mingling amongst them! If anybody didn't see our float then they certainly heard of our presence and it was said that we produced more noise than 'Flick Mobile Disco Float'. Things quietened down as the procession made its way back to Central Park, but as we trundled past Fairfield Pool, with everyone in high spirits, ribald remarks were made about a certain rival swimming club.

The procession ended with a lap of the Carnival arena, our 'noise' receiving the acknowledgements of the Mayor of Dartford. The winner of the 'Best Float in the Procession' was not unfortunately us, even though many thought otherwise.

Anyway our entry had been justified, as everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and many more people are now aware of the Club's existence (which we hope will prove fruitful).

EVENING OUTING, SATURDAY 1st AUGUST

This was spent at the 'Crown Point Inn' a popular Real Ale pub near Sevenoaks. Our means of transport there was an integral part of the evening's enjoyment, namely in the form of an open-top double decker Bus, a Leyland of 1946 vintage!

Even though the weather had not been particularly favourable that day, the upper deck was soon filled by enthusiastic Club Members and friends, while the less brave occupied the lower deck.

Not long on the road and the brave pub-goers jokingly wished that they had joined those below. Selling raffle tickets on a swaying, blustery upper deck proved to be interesting too. The sight of a yellow and blue bus travelling along unfamiliar roads drew disbelieving and amusing glances from people out walking or driving. The journey followed a picturesque route along the Upper Darent Valley and afforded sights that are never visible from a car.

Our early arrival at our destination ensured everyone a seat in attractive surroundings. During our stay several sampled excellent, reasonably priced food while others supped the pub's home brewed bitter in addition to other real ales available.

By the time we were due to leave the pub had filled considerably, several pondering on the presence of an ex-Eastbourne Corporation bus in the adjacent car park. Some who had not been on the upper deck on the outward journey did so on the return. Riding underneath overhanging trees in the near total darkness was an unusual experience, the fresh air ridding anyone of any affects of alcohol taken that evening.

Thus, 38 people had a very enjoyable evening that had given a new meaning to the term pub-crawling. We hope the experience can be repeated some time in the near future.

P. FROST

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ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to the following Beginners who will all receive a Certificate and Badge:-

1 WIDTH

Paul Andrews  
Amanda Andrews  
David Bird  
Nicola Cross  
Galvin Davis  
Gawaine Davis  
Gary Ford

Darren Foster  
Keith Hemsley  
Robert Jeeves  
Paul Moon  
Robin Parkhurst  
David Perry

Leslie Soannell  
Ian Shaw  
Claire Sullivan  
Mark Walker

1 LENGTH

Paul Andrews  
Amanda Andrews  
Galvin Davis  
Gawaine Davis  
Gary Ford  
David Perry  
Mark Walker

DISTANCE SWIMS

Congratulations to the following swimmers who will all receive a Certificate and Cloth Flash.

1/4 Mile (400 Metres)

Alistair Barrett  
Nicholas Barrett  
Tina Bennett  
Catherine Bennett  
Ian Dennis  
Kevin Dersley  
Denise Eagle  
Alan Eagle  
Marc Francis  
Sarah Goodman  
Mark Goodman  
Claire Hamblin  
Cheryl Harris  
Nicola Holmes  
Stephen Jay  
Miguel Kaute  
Angela Lapsley  
Stephen Mace  
Nicola Ormes  
Nicola Piper  
Jeanette Scates  
Matthew Sharrock  
Louisa Taylor  
Marnie Thackeray  
Damian Walton  
Nina Walton  
Lynn Young

1/2 Mile (800 metres)

David Barnes  
Tina Bennett  
Catherine Bennett  
Alan Connolly  
Ian Dennis  
Kevin Dersley  
Denise Eagle  
Alan Eagle  
Mark Goodman  
Alex Hill  
Stephen Jay  
Stephen Mace  
Stephanie Newman  
Nicola Ormes  
Nicola Piper  
Suzanne Prinn  
Jeanette Scates  
Matthew Sharrock  
Marnie Thackray  
Damian Walton  
Lynn Young

1 Mile (1600 Metres)

Jane Armstrong  
Alan Connolly  
Simon Coulson  
Kevin Dersley  
Louise Dickens  
Alan Eagle  
Denise Eagle  
Mark Goodman  
Alex Hill  
Stephen James  
Claire Knowles  
David Lapsley  
Stephen Mace  
Corin Netherwood  
Suzanne Prinn  
Martin Pryor  
Christopher Pryor  
Ian Reay  
Jeanette Scates  
Matthew Sharrock  
Caroline Simmons  
Marnie Thackray  
Lee Wright  
Lynn Young

Additionally, the following Swimmers qualify for BSCA Badge Awards over 400 Metres (Middle Distance)

Breaststroke (Bronze)

Alan Eagle  
Denise Eagle  
Sarah Rumbol  
Jeanette Scates  
Elizabeth Watkins

Freestyle (Bronze)

Miguel Kaute  
Angela Sartain

Backstroke

Stephen Watkins (Bronze)  
Andrew Callard (Silver)

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- Friday, 18th Diving and Breaststroke Style Events (Gala Programme) commencing 8 p.m. (Classes after 8 p.m. cancelled)
- Friday, 25th Individual Medley Heats and Finals (Gala Programme) commencing 8 p.m. (Classes after 8 p.m. cancelled)
- Saturday, 26th Annual Gala at Riverside Baths commencing 5.30 p.m.
- Sunday, 27th Sponsored Walk in aid of International Year of the Disabled - See Peter Frost for full details.

OCTOBER

- Friday, 9th Sprint Trophy - Butterfly commencing 8 p.m.
- Saturday 10th Match at Hartsdown Pool. Margate. Coach leaves Riverside at 5.30 p.m.
- Saturday 17th Ice Skating Outing to Streatham. Coach leave Riverside at 6.30 p.m.
- Saturday 24th Match at B.P. S.C., Hoo commencing 7 p.m.
- Wednesday 28th Ramble - See Peter Frost for details.
- Friday, 30th Sprint Trophy - Backcrawl commencing 8 p.m.

NOVEMBER

- Friday, 6th Mini Bazaar to be held in the Clubroom at Riverside Baths. Commencing 7 p.m.
- Saturday 14th Tudor Trophy Series at Eltham Baths commencing 6 p.m.
- Friday 20th Sprint Trophy - Breaststroke commencing 8 p.m.
- Saturday 21st DISCO
- Saturday 28th 'A' Match Riverside versus teams from Margate, Black Lions, Westminster, Battersea Jacs

DECEMBER

- Friday 4th Mini Bazaar to be held in the Clubroom, Riverside Baths. Commencing 7 p.m.
- Friday 11th Sprint Trophy - Frontcrawl commencing 8 p.m.
- Saturday 12th Tudor Trophy Series at Eltham Baths commencing 6 p.m.
- Friday, 18th Sprint Trophy - Presentation to Winners and Splash Night