

ERITH & DISTRICT SWIMMING CLUB

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ANNUAL GALA 26th September, 1981

A very full programme of events and a generally excellent turnout in most age groups produced fifteen new Club records, including some in the Individual Medley events on the preceding Friday.

On Gala Night a total of 89 heats and finals of 1, 2 or 3 lengths each were completed amounting to 128 lengths of Riverside Pool!

We are very grateful for the excellent response in selling the Annual Gala Raffle tickets which this year was a significant help in offsetting the heavy costs of the evening.

Sincere thanks also to all the members, parents and officials who helped to make the evening a success, not forgetting, of course, those who attended as spectators.

THE DATE FOR NEXT YEAR'S EVENT IS SATURDAY, 16th OCTOBER

MORNING SWIM SESSIONS HALF TERM HOLIDAY WEEK 26th - 30th OCTOBER

We have again hired part of the Pool during the Half Term week from 9 - 10 a.m.

Mrs. D. Sartain will be running the training group generally as that held during the summer and tickets will be on sale at the entrance table at 20p per swim.

Numbers will be limited depending on the response.

MATCH AT MARGATE 17th OCTOBER, 1981

Our coach was a little late arriving at the Pool at 7.03 p.m., 3 minutes after the Gala was due to start. We were rather surprised therefore to discover that they had started without us, but a substitute was entered for the first race from the few children who had travelled by car to the Pool. Despite this initial setback our team put up a tremendous fight with many great results at all age levels.

First placed Dartford had to be content with a mere seven points advantage at the end of this exciting evening - Congratulations to all!

(Official results still awaited from Margate).

TUDOR TROPHY 'B' LEAGUE

This regular winter series at Eltham Baths begins again on 14th November. The six competing Clubs all host one Gala each and each team drops out of one in the series of six.

Many of our younger swimmers will get their first taste of competition in these races in the 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ yard pool. This year, for the first time, the under fifteen age group freestyle, backcrawl and breaststroke races will be over two lengths of the pool.

All Galas start at 6 p.m.

Dates and details to hand are as follows:-

<u>Date</u>	<u>Host Team</u>	<u>Drop-Out Team</u>
14.11.81	Eltham	Greenwich
12.12.81	Erith	Dartford
9. 1.82	Dartford	Sevenoaks
20. 2.82	Finsbury	Erith
6. 3.82	Sevenoaks	Finsbury
? 4.82	Greenwich	Eltham

CHRISTMAS MINI BAZAARS

We are again organising two Christmas Bazaars, which have, in the past been very successful. The first one will be held at the Pool on Friday, 6th November at 7.00 p.m. and the second one on the 4th December.

Of course, we rely heavily on your generosity and any items received would be greatly appreciated, for instance, groceries, cakes, jewellery, handicraft, unwanted books or toys toiletries, "White Elephant". Such items can be handed in at the "Crisp Table" anytime. Many thanks in advance, and we look forward to seeing you and the children - also why not ask your friends to come?

DISCO, 21st NOVEMBER

By popular request we are again holding a Disco for the swimmers (and their friends) at the Christian Grey Hall, Albert Road, Belvedere, starting at 7.30 p.m. The price per ticket will be 90 pence, which includes sausage and chips and squash. Other refreshments will be on sale.

J. Bragg

ACHIEVEMENTS

The following swimmers have passed the A.S.A. Personal Survival, HONOURS Standard.

Nicola Ormes
Yvonne Halpin

Katie Knight
Stephen Dersley

Badges and certificates have been issued.

T.A. Davison

(This item should have appeared in the September Newsletter, the Editor regrets its omission)

MAYOR OF BEXLEY'S CHARITY SPONSORED WALK ON SUNDAY, 27th SEPTEMBER

The walk was organised to raise money for the building of a new unit at St. Mary's Hospital, Sidcup in which to care and provide some self-sufficiency for young physically handicapped people. In previous years, with the Club having raised large sums of money in British Heart Foundation Sponsored Swims, and the fact that we are in the International Year of the Disabled, it was felt that we should make a contribution, (especially considering that those who will benefit are children and teenagers who have been deprived of involvement in most sporting activities due to disabling diseases (e.g. M.S.) or serious accidents.

As a result more than a dozen Club Members, Mums and Dads brothers and sisters enthusiastically set about collecting Sponsors. Come the big day it suddenly dawned on us just how far 15 miles was but fortunately it was a mild and sunny day, a fact that was much appreciated by the 4000 or so people who took part. While Mr. Byers quickly disappeared off into the distance (he had elected to run), the rest of us settled to a steady walking pace. An unexpected downpour did not even dampen our spirits. We completed the walk in about 6 hours by which time Mr. Byers had changed, ate dinner and was off out for the afternoon, having finished some four hours previously! A special WELL DONE must go to Stephen Watkins who completed the walk in much pain due to his hip disability.

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SPONSORED WALK (Continued)

The others who took part in the walk were:-

Siobhan Youngs, her Mum and brother Shane
Paul Toy and Dad
Ian Hollett
Stephen Dersley
David Ryan
Julian Torreggianni
Mr. Thackray
Mr. Watkins
Myself

together with the support of the Thackray family and several Mums .

Several other Club Members took part in the walk with other organisations.

At the time of writing we have collectively raised £170, but this should pass the £250 mark prior to its presentation to the Mayor (a percentage of this total will be awarded to Club funds to be used towards the purchase of equipment).

So a big THANK YOU to all who sponsored us for such a worthy cause.

P.A. Frost

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

- Wednesday 28th Ramble to Box Hill, Dorking. See Peter Frost for details
Friday 30th Sprint Trophy - Backcrawl commencing 8 p.m.
Saturday 31st Match at Sevenoaks commencing 6.30

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. at Christian Grey Hall, Albert Road, Belvedere commencing 7.30
Saturday 28th 'A' Match at Riverside Baths versus teams from Margate, Black Lions, Westminster, Battersea Jacs. Commencing 7 p.m.

DECEMBER

- Friday 4th Mini Bazaar to be held in the Clubroom at Riverside Baths. Commencing 7 p.m.
Friday 11th Sprint Trophy - Frontercrawl 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.

1982 Dates for your Diary

- 9th January Tudor Trophy Series at Eltham Baths commencing 6 p.m.
27th February 'A' Match at Riverside Baths commencing 7 p.m.
6th March Tudor Trophy Series at Eltham Baths commencing 6 p.m.
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19th June Match at Streatham Baths
16th October E.D.S.C. ANNUAL GALA at Riverside Baths