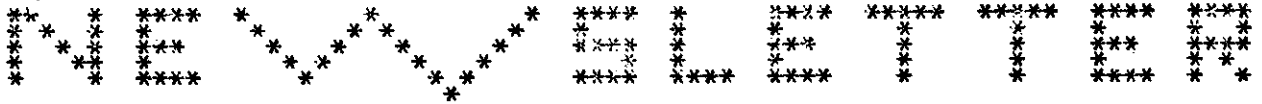


ERITH & DISTRICT SWIMMING CLUB



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SECRETARY'S NOTES

CHANGING ROOMS

Many thanks to all the parents who are helping us by providing half-hourly watches in the Changing Rooms. Our "Conditions of Bath Hire" specifies that the Changing Rooms must be supervised and obviously the Poolside Teachers and other members of the Committee have duties for much of the Club evening.

Your continued support in this way is of great importance to us in the long term and is much appreciated.

Volunteers would be very welcome!

MORNING SWIMS

We have once again hired Riverside Pool for the school summer holiday period from 9 - 10 a.m. each weekday.

The Group will be under the supervision of our Club Coach Mrs. Diane Sartain.

Please give her your support.

SUMMER HOLIDAY

To enable us to keep a record of your whereabouts during the long break please tell us when you will be away on holiday as this helps when we check the attendance register.

BEGINNERS

The children have all got off to a good start and are trying very hard. Some of them have already swum a width and I am sure it won't be long before a lot more will have completed the distance. The width can be swum in Breaststroke, Frontcrawl or Backcrawl but this must be in a good style to gain a certificate and badge.

Once we have taught the children all three strokes, we hope to be able to take them through a small test called the ASA 'Water Skills' Grade I, if they pass the test they will be able to buy a badge from us at the price of 30p.

STOP WATCHES

The Social Section has recently provided us with three further Accusplit Digital Stopwatches to complete the replacement of our old conventional Models and these will be of great benefit at our Annual Gala, Points Cups, Sprint Trophies and Matches.

ANNUAL GALA 16th OCTOBER, 1982

You will soon all receive your Entry Form for this, our most important annual event and as a Member of a competitive Swimming Club you are expected to take part.

We would ask all parents to sell at least the two raffle books supplied, the tickets are only 5p each and the two books contain ten tickets each. Further books will be available until just prior to the Gala.

The money you raise by this method will help offset the high cost of the evening, which in 1981 amounted to £250.

GALA AT CROWBOROUGH BEACON SCHOOL 15/5/1982

A Saturday afternoon trip to compete again against the strong home team, BEACON.

A number of our swimmers found difficulty with their turns in this short pool and some very suspect judging led to at least two, in our view, questionable disqualifications of our swimmers.

Once again the numerous relays at the tail end of the Gala proved our strong point and we were able to pull up to second place at the finish, thanks to some very good swims.

Result:	1st	Beacon	153	Points
	2nd	Erith	138	"
	3rd	Bognor B	116	"
	4th	Eastbourne B	105	

INTERNATIONAL GALA AT SOUTHBOROUGH 30/5/1982

Teams: Beacon A & B, Brighton, Greven (Germany), Montargis (France)  
Erith

Team Members: Girls: K. Phillips, L. Phillips, M. Sartain, R. Jarvis,  
C. Ryan, A. Sartain, L. Roberts, V. Gibb.

Boys : J. Clark, G. Byers, C. Pryor, M. Bragg, D. Ryan,  
M. Kaute, K. Hurley, J. Murray.

All the team put up a great performance and the determination and spirit shown was typical of our Club. This was shown from before the start of the match when we were unlucky enough to have Martin Pryor injured in the pre-match warm-up. Immediately his younger brother Chris. came down from the spectators gallery and offered to take his place in the relays..

Altogether the team won a total of 16 medals and with a little bit of luck we would have had a few more. Christine Ryan and Lesley Roberts were just beaten by a touch and the relay team of Karen and Lynn Phillips, Michelle Sartain and Rita Jarvis recorded exactly the same time, to a hundredth of a second as Brighton, but were placed second. David Ryan competed in the open age group and he showed great spirit in never giving up although he was swimming against boys who were at least 3 years older than himself. Vicki Gibb was also swimming out of her age group and she managed to get a silver and bronze. Other members of the team who won medals were Mark Bragg, Graham Byers, Jeffrey Clark, Kevin Hurley, Rita Jarvis, Miguel Kaute, Lynn Phillips, Angela Sartain and Michelle Sartain.

Result:	1st	Beacon A	82	Points
	2nd	Brighton	99	"
	3rd	Erith	147	"
	4th	Montargis	161	"
	5th	Greven	163	"
	6th	Beacon B	189	"

GALA AT WITHAM, ESSEX 5/6/1982

A first visit to a fine Sports Centre in a rural area north of Chelmsford. We had not competed against any of the other four clubs participating and it soon became clear that both Witham Dolphins and Rochford & District were very evenly matched strong teams.

The 25 metre pool lacked adequate spectator facilities and the announcements were mostly inaudible. With a somewhat weakened team owing to the Whitsun holiday we still managed to achieve two firsts and six seconds against the two leading Clubs.

Thanks to all the parents who supported the team and filled the coach to capacity and to the team members who competed at short notice.

GALA AT WITHAM, ESSEX (Continued)

Result:	1st	Rochford & District	216	Points
	2nd	Witham Dolphins	213	"
	3rd	Erith	134	"
	4th	Dunmow	91	"
	5th	Saffron Walden	55	"

GALA AT GREENWICH BATHS 8/5/1982

Not everyone's favourite Pool and one that has not, as yet produced a good result for Erith. However, we scored five first placings and five seconds and were not subject to any disqualifications.

The strong Bromley team were eventual winners but we were only eight points behind the home team at the finish.

Result:	1st	Bromley	134
	2nd	Saxon Crown	129
	3rd	Greenwich	116
	4th	Erith	108
	5th	Black Lion B	76

MATCH AT STREATHAM 19/6/1982

After a very close second place at the same venue on the same Saturday last year, it seemed any similar result this year was extremely unlikely owing to the unavailability of so many of our under ten and under twelve swimmers due mainly to the Primary Schools Gala at Crook Log on the same evening. Many frantic phone calls were made during the days before the Gala to enable us to enter all events, but a total of thirteen girls and four boys were unavailable in these Age Groups.

Despite these problems we were unable to hold our own throughout the evening with Streatham, Epsom & District and Erith very closely matched. Streatham kept the lead until seven events from the finish when we pulled ahead, then drew level again before finishing five points clear at the finish.

Result:	1st	Erith	99	Points
	2nd	Streatham	104	"
	3rd	Epsom & District B	107	"
	4th	Pisces	182	"

P.S. Our parents must be congratulated for their verbal support and the final 8 x 1 Mixed Breaststroke Squadron race proved an exciting finish to an enjoyable evening.

Well done team and welcome to new team-mates Gary Ford, Steven Ford and Rebecca Pryor - Martin & Christopher's 8 year old sister.

A. Bedford

ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to the following Friday Beginners for swimming one width of the Pool:-

Elizabeth Bruce  
Barry Nay  
Tina Singh

Mark Poulton  
Christine Reed  
Keith Walker

OUTING TO THE 20th BIGGIN HILL AIR FAIR ON SUNDAY 16th MAY

After meeting at Riverside Pool, Erith, 33 swimmers, Mums and Dads together with friends made their way to the ex-Battle of Britain fighter station in a convoy of 6 cars.

We arrived just as a cavalcade of old and classic motors, lorries, buses and military vehicles were being displayed. The boys, not surprisingly, found considerable interest in the latter. Also, unbeknown to the rest of us, the Hill family knew one of the participants, and suddenly, Alex and sister Tara, were being driven off in the back of a Second World War Jeep!

After this, the air display began and we made our claims for the best viewing positions available. A number of us chose our spot beside the aircraft park so that throughout the afternoon, we were to see, unhindered many historic aircraft 'run-up' and taxi at very close quarters, (Should be some good photos available soon).

During the lulls in the display, quote "When the noisy ones (i.e. jets) aren't flying, many took the opportunity to wander around the numerous stalls, purchase souvenirs or let their hair down at the adjacent funfair.

The Marlboro Aerobatic Team brought the 6 hour air display to an exciting close and when everyone had returned to their transport, a quick survey revealed the following:- Highlights for the boys and girls had been the "Red Arrows" and the noisy Vulcan and Tomado, while the Mums and Dads, although impressed with the amazing manoeuvrability that distinguished the Chinook helicopter, had more nostalgic tendencies, with aircraft like the Spitfire and the recent 'stars' of two T.V. serials, The Flying Fortress and Dakota.

The fine weather had held out to give everyone a noticeable tan and we all agreed that it had been a thoroughly enjoyable day.

Once again a big THANK YOU to the Mums and Dads who provided their vehicles for transport to and from the Air Fair.

Peter Frost

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CAR STICKERS

Please support your Club by purchasing these at a mere 15p each.

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DIARY OF CLUB EVENTS

<u>JULY</u>	Saturday 3rd	Home Match at Riverside Pool commencing 7 p.m. Teams: Dagenham, Bromley, Westminster, Witham Dolphins, Greenwich
	Saturday 17th	Away Match at Faversham Open Pool commencing 7 p.m. (The Pool is heated and the Gala normally provides a pleasant evening).
	Sunday 18th	ANNUAL CLUB OUTING TO WESTBROOK (Margate) Coach from Riverside Pool at 9.15 a.m. Tickets on sale now at £2.40 each.
<u>AUGUST</u>	Tuesday 3rd	$\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ mile (400 and 800 metres) Distance Swims 7.30 to 8.30.
		& SPLASH NIGHT 8.30 to 9.30
	Friday 6th	Normal Swimming Evening.
	Tuesday 10th	1 Mile (1600 metres) Distance Swims. 7.30 to 8.30
	Friday 13th	SPLASH NIGHT 8 to 9.30. (Normal Groups 7 to 8 p.m.)
	Tuesday 17th	$\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ mile (400 and 800 metres) Distance Swims 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. SPLASH NIGHT 8.30 to 9.30 p.m.
	Friday 20th	Normal Swimming Evening.
	Tuesday 24th	1 Mile (1600 metres) Distance Swims 7.30 to 8.30 p.m.
	Friday 27th	SPLASH NIGHT 8 to 9.30 p.m. (Normal Groups 7 to 8 p.m.)
	Bank Holiday Monday 30th	E.D.S.C. Fund Raising Stall at Annual Erith Show and Sports, Avenue Road, Erith.
<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	Saturday 11th	Away Match at Sevenoaks Pool commencing 6.30 p.m.
	Saturday 25th	Away Match at West Wickham Pool. Hosts Bromley S.C.
<u>OCTOBER</u>	Saturday 16th	ERITH & DISTRICT SWIMMING CLUB ANNUAL GALA commencing 5.30 p.m. (Entry Forms to be issued soon)
	Friday 29th	Backcrawl Sprint Trophy commencing 8 p.m.
<u>NOVEMBER</u>	Friday 12th	Sprint Trophy Butterfly commencing 8 p.m.
	Friday 19th	Mini Bazaar at Riverside Pool commencing 7 p.m.
	Saturday 20th	Junior Age Group Gala Fairfield Pool, Dartford commencing 6.45 p.m.
	Friday 26th	Sprint Trophy Frontcrawl, commencing 8 p.m.
	Saturday 27th	Home Match at Riverside Pool commencing 7 p.m.
<u>DECEMBER</u>	Friday 10th	Sprint Trophy Breaststroke commencing 8 p.m.
	Friday 17th	SPRINT TROPHY PRESENTATION
	Friday 24th	CHRISTMAS EVE - POOL CLOSED
	Friday 31st	NEW YEAR'S EVE - POOL OPEN (We hope to organise something for everybody's enjoyment).

ATTENTION MUMS & DADS

We often have a Blank Page like this on the Newsletter. If you have your own business such as Plumbing, Decorating Car Repairs, Electrician etc. etc. we will consider using this space to advertise your services for the benefit of other parents etc. A small contribution to Club Funds is all we ask. Now over to you - next issue out August/September.

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