

ERITH SHOW (Contd.)

We made a profit of £114.00 which the Social Committee will put to good use for the Club.

MATCH AT RIVERSIDE 3rd JULY

An enjoyable evening with many close and exciting races in all age groups.

We had expected the Witham Dolphin Team from Essex to put up a strong challenge following our recent meeting at their Baths and our swimmers were indeed up against some formidable opposition.

Witham were the eventual winners, but our second placing ahead of Bromley was indeed satisfying as after numerous meetings at Erith and elsewhere we were able to claim our first victory over their always strong squad.

Result	1st	Witham Dolphins	256
	2nd	Erith	212
	3rd	Bromley	191
	4th	Greenwich	186
	5th	Westminster	153
	6th	Dagenham	88

DOLPHIN TROPHY GALA, FAVERSHAM 17th JULY

Our last competition before the summer break was once again at this always enjoyable venue on a fine summer evening.

The holders of the Trophy in both 1980 and 1981 were the strong Black Lion team from Gillingham. Although always advertised as a 'B' standard gala the presence of the Medway Club again this year led us to enter a strong team to compete on even terms. Despite this our team were hard-pressed in the earlier events and before the relays started were six points behind. Once again we were in top form in the seven relay events winning three with four seconds, but at the end it still seemed we were going to take second place until the announcer gave the result of the penultimate race which Black Lion had touched second but owing to a 'flyer' in one of the takeovers were disqualified losing 10 points which gave us victory by just 2 points!

The Mayor of Faversham presented the magnificent wooden trophy to girls' Captain Angela Sartain. This is the first time Erith has won this award which was first competed for in 1971.

Result	1st	Erith	183
	2nd	Black Lion	181
	3rd	Margate	142
	4th	Ashford	123
	5th	Sevenoaks	105
	6th	Faversham	84

GALA SEASON - SEPTEMBER 1981 - JULY 1982

The Faversham result was a very fitting end to another excellent competitive season which further confirmed our teams ever improving strength at all age levels.

In our 14 'A' team matches over the last year we have met teams from the following:-

<u>KENT</u>	Birchington	Margate	Dartford	Bexley	Faversham	B.P. (Hoo)
	Ramsgate	Whiteoak(Swanley)	Gravesend & Northfleet			
	Black Lion (Gillingham)	Hythe	Folkestone	Bromley	Ashford	Sevenoaks

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LONDON

Finsbury
Battersea Jacs
Saxon Crown (Lewisham)
Westminster
Piranha (Eltham)
Streatham
Greenwich
Pisces (SE 20)

SUSSEX

Eastbourne
Brighton
Bognor
Crowborough

ESSEX

Witham Dolphins
Dunmow
Rochford
Saffron Walden
Dagenham

SURREY

Addington
Redhill & Reigate
Coulsdon
Epsom & District

PLUS Greven, Germany and Montargis, France

at The International Gala at Tunbridge Wells on Whit Sunday.

All swimmers who have competed in any of these Galas will have scored points on our 'A' team swimmers table. As an example in a Gala with six teams, if an Erith swimmer came first in a race he/she would score six points and for a second placing 5 points and so on.

The winner has now been decided and will receive the Anderson Shield for his or her achievement at our Annual Gala on 16th October. The final placings proved to be very close and were only decided as a result of the Faversham Gala.

A. Bedford

LONG DISTANCE SWIMMING

Some time in your swimming career you may like to try your hand at open water swimming in lakes or in the sea over distances of several miles.

I have entered eight times an annual swim which is organised in the Isle of Wight and is swum between Sandown and Shanklin piers, a distance of just over two miles. This year there was a record 61 entries.

The swimmers gather at the entrance to Sandown pier about an hour before the start and as the start time draws near they make their way to the end of the pier, threading their way around deck chairs and amusement machines. At the end of the pier they jump into the sea and wait, treading water. At the starting signal all set out for Shanklin.

It soon becomes clear that there are two distinct schools of thought, there are those who think they have a chance of being among the first three ladies or men to finish. The second and by far the larger group aim at finishing the course without being fished out by one of the rescue boats.

Very soon all the swimmers are well strung out, some alone, some in groups of two or three. By the half-way stage I am usually wondering why on earth I got into this mess in the first place and trying to spot a small boat covered with flags, anchored close to the pier and acting as a turning marker. If you have made a good approach you can do a tight turn round the boat with about two hundred yards to go to the finish, but if you have misjudged things you will be well out to sea and could have twice that distance to go, with a tide no longer assisting but trying to take you parallel to the shore.

There is usually a gap of around half an hour between the first and last swimmer coming ashore. There follows a time for refreshments in the club room of the local rowing club with cups and medals presented to the first three ladies and men and certificates for all of the finishers.

Over all a good day's fun - give it a try some time.

W. Lovett

SUMMER HOLIDAY OUTINGS

There were 3 Club Outings during the school summer holidays.

The first was spent in Oxfordshire, up to that time the furthest we had travelled on any outing. With the family and a handful of swimmers we spent a sunny August 8th visiting the Didcot Railway Centre, an impressive collection of Great Western Railway rolling stock in an original depot, followed by some sightseeing in the City of Oxford itself.

Later that month and quite by chance, I saw a poster advertising the Parade of Tall Ships along Southampton Water on Wednesday 25th August. Being Maritime England Year, this once in a lifetime opportunity was too good to miss and so I rapidly organised an Outing. With my son, Matthew and a handful of swimmers we were to travel the furthest distance of any Outing to date. With many of the larger sailing ships 'missing', I personally found the parade a little disappointing, a view shared by the famous yachtswoman Clare Francis, who had been commentator for the event, and whom we were later lucky to meet and interview (!) We rounded off the day with a spot of sightseeing around the historic City, (N.B. Every attempt is made to make Club Outings as cheap as possible. Each swimmer paid just £1.50 for this Outing!).

With many people returning from their holidays and the school year only a week away, more swimmers were available for the Outing to London on Wednesday 1st September. The main attraction of this Outing was the visit to the laboratories in the Medical School of Guy's Hospital and here 17 swimmers and parents spent several absorbing hours with a varied programme of things to see and do. Apart from talks and demonstrations into laboratory safety, the examination of complex scientific equipment, a look at 'pickled' sections of the human anatomy and a tour of the Biochemistry Department (seeing research into Muscular Dystrophy in progress), everyone donned a lab. coat to undertake an actual scientific experiment, 'The Estimation of Creatinine in Urine'. After background explanation and considering no one had used any of the scientific equipment involved before, some very good results were obtained. As a contrast, the remainder of the afternoon was spent in the eerie depths of the 'London Dungeon'. The day should have been rounded off by a riverboat trip to Greenwich, but having missed the last boat and with deteriorating weather, we finally decided to call it a day, but a very enjoyable one at that.

N.B. If you missed these Outings, the next one will be during the Autumn Half Term on Wednesday 27th October. It will be a Ramble of approx 7 miles from Shepherdswell to Sandwich, down in deepest Kent. Details will be appearing on the Club noticeboard in the near future.

As many of the swimmers who were involved in the Outings during the first 6 months of the year were not around when I displayed the respective photos in July, there will be another chance to see them soon, and if you so wish, order copies.

P. Frost

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ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to the following Beginners:-

<u>1 Width</u>	<u>1 Length</u>	A.S.A. Water Skills <u>GRADE I</u>	A.S.A. Water Skills <u>GRADE II</u>
Stefan Beswick	Stefan Beswick	Stefan Beswick	Stefan Beswick
Billy Cooper	Elizabeth Bruce	Elizabeth Bruce	Elizabeth Bruce
Natalie Dickinson	Billy Cooper	Steven Coleman	Billy Cooper
Wendy Elcome	Tara Hill	Billy Cooper	Tara Hill
Anita Fuller	Sarah Marshall	Natalie Dickinson	Sarah Marshall
Daniel Gardner	Ian Marshall	Wendy Elcome	Ian Marshall
Lindsay Goodes	Barry Nay	Anita Fuller	Darren McKenzie
James Handy	Nicola Payne	Daniel Gardner	Barry Nay
Vanessa Hewitt	Mark Poulton	James Handy	Mark Poulton
Tara Hill	Tina Singh	Neil Harris	Christine Reed
Joanne Hurrell	Glen Thackray	Vanessa Hewitt	Tina Singh
Joanne Lewis	Keith Walker	Tara Hill	Glen Thackray
Ian Marshall		Joanne Lewis	Keith Walker
Sarah Marshall		Daniel Mantell	Rachel Wilson
Darren McKenzie		Sarah Marshall	
Sasha McCarthy		Ian Marshall	
Daniel Mantell		John Marshall	
Dean Nicholson		Darren McKenzie	
Matthew Randall		Christine Nay	
Richard Salt		Barry Nay	
Tina Singh		Dean Nicholson	
Neil Suckling		Vanessa Payne	
Sarah Studart		Mark Poulton	
Glen Thackray		Christine Reed	
Rachel Wilson		Richard Salt	
		Tina Singh	
		Sara Studart	
		Glen Thackray	
		Keith Walker	
		Rachel Wilson	

DISTANCE SWIMS

During August we held Distance Swims and the following achieved the Course.

<u>400 Metres (1/4 Mile)</u>	<u>800 Metres (1/2 Mile)</u>	<u>1600 Metres (1 Mile)</u>
Ian Ashwood	Ian Ashwood	Ian Ashwood
Kelly Brooker	Kelly Brooker	Nicholas Barrett
Andrew Eastaugh	Georgina Brooks	Alistair Barrett
Stephen Ford	Samantha Darvill	Samantha Darvill
Yvonne Halpin	Martin Eastaugh	Ian Dennis
Emma Hamblin	Claire Hamblin	Marc Francis
Alex Hill	Cheryl Harris	Claire Hamblin
Lloyd Jarvis	Nicola Holmes	Cheryl Harris
Karen Kidley	Lee Hollett	Nicola Holmes
Karen Morfill	Karen Kidley	Rita Jarvis
Stephanie Newman	Angela Lapsley	Lloyd Jarvis
Karen Phillips	Rebecca Pryor	Robin Parkhurst
Rebecca Pryor	Julie Toy	Sarah Rumbol
Andrew Stevenson		Mark Walker
Stephen Stores		Lynda Gunn
Paul Toy		
Julie Toy		

All the above will receive a cloth Distance Flash and a Certificate
CONGRATULATIONS

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DISTANCE SWIMS (Cont'd)

Additionally, the following qualified for B.S.C.A. Awards:-

<u>Middle Distance Bronze</u>	B/S - Breaststroke B/C - Backcrawl F/S - Freestyle	<u>Distance Award</u>
Alex Hill B/S	Karen Phillips B/S	Karen Phillips F/S (Bronze)
Yvonne Halpin B/S	Mark Steedan B/S	Lynn Young F/S (Bronze)
Lloyd Jarvis B/S	Paul Toy B/S	Rita Jarvis F/S (Silver)
Stephanie Newman B/S	Elizabeth Watkins B/C	
Lynn Phillips F/S & Fly	Lynn Young B/C	

DIARY OF CLUB EVENTS

<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	Saturday 11th	All Girls Gala at Sevenoaks Pool, Eardley Road Commences 6.30
	Saturday 25th	Match at West Wickham Pool, Hosts Bromley S.C. Commences 7.00 p.m.
<u>OCTOBER</u>	Saturday 16th	E.D.S.C. ANNUAL GALA commencing 5.30 (Please return your Entry Form by 17th September)
	Wednesday 27th	Ramble from Shepherdswell to Sandwich. Watch Notice Board for further details.
	Friday 29th	Backcrawl Sprint Trophy commences 8.00 p.m. (Age Groups 7 - 15 years, eligible for all of series)
<u>NOVEMBER</u>	Friday 12th	Butterfly Sprint Trophy. Commences 8.00 p.m.
	Saturday 13th	Away Match at Halstead, Essex. Coach from Riverside 4.15 p.m.
	Friday 19th	Mini Bazaar at Riverside Baths. Commences 7.00p m.
	Saturday 20th	Junior (12 & under) Age Group Gala, Fairfield Pool, Dartford. Commences 6.45.
	Friday 26th	Frontcrawl Sprint Trophy. Commences 8 p.m.
	Saturday 27th	Home Match at Riverside Pool. Commences 7.00 p.m. (Clubs participating include: Crowborough Beacon, Halstead, Rochford & District B, Faversham)
<u>DECEMBER</u>	Friday 10th	Breaststroke Sprint Trophy. Commences 8.00 p.m.
	Friday 17th	SPRINT TROPHY PRESENTATION
	Friday 24th	POOL CLOSED
	Friday 31st	NEW YEAR'S EVE. Pool Open. We hope to organise a family fun evening.
<u>JANUARY</u>	Saturday 22nd	Away Match at Dagenham Pool.
<u>FEBRUARY</u>	Saturday 26th	BUFFET DANCE at Invicta Social Club, Burnham Road, Dartford. Details later.

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