

NEWSLETTER

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SECRETARY'S NOTESTUDOR 'B' SERIES

Last year's League finished prematurely with two galas outstanding and disagreements by certain of the participating Clubs, (not Erith) against the Secretary of the League.

At the time of the final Gala on 1st May Erith were leading the Table by 2 points.

At a recent meeting of the remaining participants, Sevenoaks having already declared a year ago their wish to withdraw after the 1981/82 Season, it was agreed that Erith should hold the trophy until 1983.

In order to continue in the League for this year we have agreed to revert to the original programme of the Galas with age groups Under 10, Under 12 and U 17, all swimming one length, strokes to be Breaststroke, Freestyle and Backcrawl only.

The first gala is on 11th October, all galas will be held at Eltham Pool commencing at 6.00 p.m. with doors opening at 5.40.

We hope to give many younger members their first taste of competitive swimming over the coming months and look forward to the usual excellent support from parents and supporters.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Host Team</u>	<u>Team Dropping Out</u>
11/12/82	Eltham	Pollards
22/1/83	Greenwich	Erith
5/ 2/83	Dartford	Greenwich
5/ 3/83	Erith	Dartford
16/ 4/83	Finsbury - C.O.L.	Eltham
30/ 4/83	Pollards	Finsbury - C.O.L.

MATCH AT HALSTEAD 13/11/82

A return visit to this quaint 20 yard pool in rural Essex, the Halstead Club providing an 'A' and 'B' and sometimes a 'C' team in the 48 events swum owing to a third Swimming Club dropping out at short notice. Our eight-year-olds won most of their races and many of our older swimmers gained first places.

Once again, as at Dartford the following week, two disqualifications meant all the difference in the final relay which we had to win to clinch the match, our second placing making us just one point behind the home team at the finish.

Owing to the 13th being my daughter's 6th birthday, I was unable to accompany the team and must thank Mr. Mick Thackray for looking after everything and the support you gave him.

Result:	Halstead 'A'	162 points
	Erith	161 "
	Halstead 'B'	97 "

MATCH AT FAIRFIELD POOL, DARTFORD 20/11/82

This rather unusual match for swimmers of 12 years and under consisted of a series of heats in the various strokes with participants seeded from fastest to slowest.

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MATCH AT FAIRFIELD POOL, DARTFORD 20/11/82 (Continued)

The winners of the trophy in the previous year - White Oak were in excellent form which no doubt helped our team in an adjacent lane turn in some very good races and for the majority of the match hold a good second place. However two controversial disqualifications against us in the boy's breaststroke heats lost us valuable points and we had to be content with third place, two points behind the Host Team.

Two new faces in the team swam well, Sammy Hayes, aged 11 finishing first in Backstroke Heat no.4 and Samantha Darvill also 11 finished second in her breaststroke heat.

Result	1st	White Oak	235 points
	2nd	Dartford	167 "
	3rd	Erith	165 "
	4th	Folkestone	131 "
	5th	Mote Park	90 "
	6th	Rochester	76 "

HOME MATCH AT RIVERSIDE 27/11/82

An excellent evening's swimming with our Team in good form against some formidable competition provided principally by Beacon S.C. from Crowborough on their first visit to us and Halstead from Essex who beat us by one point a fortnight earlier at their small pool. Whilst we were leading from the start Beacon scored valuable points by winning one of the relays to finish just 5 points behind us.

Congratulations to all team members in this our final 'A' match of the year, including 3 new faces, Lynda Gunn 10, Alex Cromwell 9 and Sarah Goodman also 9 who won the first event, girls 9 years breaststroke.

Result	1st	Erith	264 points
	2nd	Beacon	259 "
	3rd	Halstead	202 "
	4th	Tonbridge	187 "
	5th	Rochford & District	178 "
	6th	Faversham	93 "

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Please support our Christmas Raffle now on sale, we have some excellent seasonal prizes.

A. Bedford

MINI BAZAAR

A big THANKYOU to all who generously donated items to sell at our recent Mini Bazaar and to all who supported us in raising £120 which will go towards further training aids etc. for our swimmers.

J. Bragg

ACHIEVEMENTS

<u>1 Width</u>	<u>1 Length</u>	A.S.A. Water Skills <u>Grade 2</u>
Neil Alderson	Neil Suckling	Natalie Dickinson
Clare Alsford		
Clair Avent		
Alice Bell		
Zoe Draper		
John Everest		
Jennifer Cleary		
Duncan Hall		
Mark Holmes		
Beverley Keeler		
Ross Silcock		
Kelly Turnball		
Julia Thomas		
Sharon Wignall		
Simon Wignall		
Steve Wilcox		

RAMBLE ON WEDNESDAY, 27th OCTOBER, 1982

After the heaviest rainfall for any October on record I was expecting us to be up-to-our-knees in mud, but luck was on our side and we were to be blessed with a beautiful cloudless day.

An early start from Dartford (8.00 a.m.) gave the party of 1 Dad, 17 swimmers and their friends, plus 8 Girl Guides plenty of time to sample the delights of the Kent countryside. For many, this was to be one of the few occasions that they would ever see a sunrise and a sunset in the course of a single day.

Our ultimate destination was the town of Sandwich, but to get there we were going to have to walk the 7 or so miles from Shepherdswell, a village on the edge of the Kent coalfield.

After very little walking, there came the inevitable cries of "how much further have we got to go?" and "when can we stop to eat?" - and it still wasn't 11.00 a.m. Apart from many fields, the Ramble took us through the villages of Barfreston, with it's early Norman Church(Kent's smallest) and Easole Street where we were rewarded with a rare sight of a cottage being re-thatched. In addition, there are all the little things that go to make an outing amongst friends so enjoyable and this Ramble was certainly no exception. For instance being 'city-dwellers', it is not every day that one can come into close contact with horses, see a pheasant and be frightened out of your life by the sight of a rabbit suddenly bounding out of the undergrowth at you! Lunchtime finally arrived and we can now look back and relive the pleasant scene in Chillenden village, sitting outside a half-timbered pub (Griffin's Head) in beautiful sunshine with a picturesque windmill standing proud on a nearby hill, rooks making their presence known in adjacent woodland, fresh air and home-made sarnies!

With everyone happily refreshed, it became apparent that a race was on for first to the Windmill, indeed two boys were intent on turning the ramble into a marathon and they became temporarily lost in Eastry.

The first few miles had taken us through fields of cabbages and swedes, but the final leg of the Ramble took us through acres of apple orchards. As you can guess, the boys certainly took advantage of this year's record crop - Club bags certainly come in useful on the most unexpected occasions.

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RAMBLE ON 27/10/82 (Continued)

By the time we reached the outskirts of Sandwich, it was beginning to get dark. As our train home was not for another hour, by a unanimous decision it was decided to track down a fish and chip shop, or similar establishment, to fill nagging stomachs! Disaster! - it was early closing day. Eventually, to everyone's relief, a solitary chip shop was discovered down amongst the maze of lanes. As can be expected, its owner was quite unprepared for the sudden unexpected appearance of 26 grubby Ramblers in his tiny premises!

A sing-song and joke-telling session on the train home, rounded off a tiring, but very enjoyable day. "When's the next Ramble"?

The Club Outing will not be until the Half-term in February, but keep your eye on the Newsletters and Notice board for the announcement of a list of proposed Outings for 1983.

You can help lower Club Outing rail travel expenses by saving the tokens from Rice Krispies and Cornflakes cereal packets. Under a present promotion, these can be exchanged for free rail tickets. If you are not saving the tokens yourselves, I will gratefully accept them.

Peter Frost.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

<u>DECEMBER</u>	Friday 10th	Final Sprint Trophy - Backstroke commencing 8 p.m.
	Saturday 11th	Tudor B League Match, Eltham commencing 6 p.m.
	Friday 17th	Presentation of Sprint Trophies and Christmas Raffle Draw. All lessons as normal.
	Tuesday 21st	All Groups as normal
	Friday 24th	POOL CLOSED
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	Friday 31st	Pool open, we propose to hold one amalgamated Beginners' Group from 7 - 7.30 and from 7.30 - 8.30 we hope to organise some Fun Events for Members and parents. Please support us if you can.
<u>JANUARY</u>	Tuesday 3rd	Club Evening including B.S.C.A. Badge Swims
	Saturday 22nd	Trophy Gala at Dagenham S.C.
	" 22nd	Tudor B League Match at Eltham (Erith Drop-out)
<u>FEBRUARY</u>	Saturday 5th	DISCO - Christian Gray Hall, Belvedere from 7.30
	" 5th	Tudor B League Match at Eltham commencing 6 p.m.
	" 26th	BUFFET DANCE at Invieta Hall, Burnham Road, Dartford Tickets £5.00 on sale soon
<u>MARCH</u>	Saturday 5th	Tudor B League Match at Eltham commencing 6 p.m.
	" 19th	Home Match at Riverside Baths commencing 7 p.m.
	Friday 24th	Points Cup Races - Front-Crawl
<u>APRIL</u>	Saturday 16th	Tudor B League Match at Eltham commencing 6 p.m.
	" 23rd	Afternoon Gala at Beacon S.C. School, Crowborough
	" 30th	Tudor B League Match at Eltham commencing 6 p.m.
	Friday 15th	Points Cup Races - Breaststroke

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