



VALUABLES/COSTUMES (Continued)

recently. Names in Swim-caps and goggles would also help.

So come on parents please make our lives a little easier with a little tag!

A. Bedford

KENT SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIP

On Saturday, March 12th, 4 pupils of Erith School, 3 of whom swim for Erith Swimming Club represented their school in Gillingham pool for the Kent Schools Championship.

In the afternoon Mark Bragg swam in the Boys Intermediate 100m Backstroke, his time of 1.15.8 assured him of a place in the finals which resulted in a very deserved 6th place against strong opposition.

Michelle Sartain swam in the Girls Junior 100m Freestyle and also did a good time in her heat and gained a position in the finals, again there were some very strong swimmers and Michelle with a time of 1.13.0 came 5th overall and should be very pleased with herself.

The evening session produced some more exciting races one of which Lynn Phillips was entered Girls Junior 100m Backstroke. Lynn did a personal best time of 1.25.6 and she too reached the finals, she proved to be a very determined young lady and gained for herself a well-earned 4th place. 1st, 2nd and 3rd places go forward to represent Kent against Surrey so Lynn was very unlucky.

All three swimmers deserve many congratulations on wonderful performances, mine being the first. WELL DONE!

M. Taylor

TUDOR 'B' LEAGUE GALA, ELTHAM 16th APRIL

Another good gala in this series, at which we were announced as winners on the night. Disappointingly though, due to some poor recording, we were, in reality, second. This was still a good performance by our team as through swimmers dropping out owing to social events, etc. this was a much changed team from previous galas in this League, and all swimmers did very well.

A special mention for the Hayes brothers who swam in a total of twelve races with all three, Michael, Jeffrey and Sam in the same relay team in one race. This must be some sort of record for our Club. Well done to them all. We were once again well supported by parents.

At the moment we are in second position in the League, only one point behind the leaders Greenwich with two galas left to swim.

The teams in these galas change quite often because the age groups in these galas are "age at date of gala" and not at 31st December which is the usual method. This means that swimmers who have birthdays between galas, which take them over the age limit obviously cannot swim in the next gala. Also swimmers are moved up into the 'A' team. This means we are always on the look-out for new talent coming through especially in the "Sprint Trophy" and "Points Cup" swims.

Result:-

1st	Greenwich	182
2nd	Erith	179
3rd	Finsbury/C.O.L.	175
4th	Pollards	146
5th	Dartford	138
6th	Eltham	63

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GALA AT CROWBOROUGH BEACON CLUB - 23rd APRIL

We took two teams to this gala held in a small pool of only 25 yards with very limited room at the sides. This ensured that most spectators got nearly as wet as the swimmers. Both teams swam very well with many good times especially in the relays which seem to be our speciality. With all the relays coming together at the end it nearly tuned into chaos on the side with Mr. Bedford and myself trying to get two teams organised at the same time, but it all came good in the end with our 'A' team coming out narrow winners.

This gala was so well supported that even with a double-decker bus my family and I had to travel by car along with several others. Crowborough must have thought they were being invaded. A special 'thank you' to those parents who gave lifts to swimmers and to Trevor Holmes who was press-ganged as a timekeeper as he came into the pool, and to everybody for their support.

We hope you all enjoyed it.

Result:-	1st	Erith 'A'	212
	2nd	Beacon 'A'	196
	3rd	Beacon 'B'	71
	4th	Erith 'B'	46

M. & J. Thackray

B.S.C.A. BADGE SWIMS

Congratulations to the following swimmers who have qualified for Middle Distance Time Awards (6 lengths of the pool)

<u>Breaststroke</u>	<u>Backcrawl</u>	<u>Frontcrawl</u>	<u>Butterfly</u>
Tina Bennett (B)	Tina Bennett (B)	Tina Bennett (B)	Stephen Watkins (B)
Catherine Bennett (B)	Chris Pryor (B)	Catherine Bennett(B)	
Mark Walker (B)	John Murray (S)	Lynn Young (B)	
Joanne White (B)			
Lynn Young (B)			

B = BRONZE      S = SILVER

We will hold further swims of this distance again soon. Please look out for qualifying times on the Points Cup result sheets, we can obtain badges to order to show your schievement.

CONGRATULATIONS to John Murray for obtaining the A.S.A. Preliminary Teachers Certificate.

KEITH & SANDRA'S WEDDING

I am sure you will all join with me in congratulating Keith Affection and Sandra Sproat on their recent marriage at St. Paulinus Church, Crayford. Keith is a Committee Member and well known by our older members.

Thank you to David Ryan, Glenn and Marnie Thackray, Lynn and Karen Phillips, Tina and Catherine Bennett, Stephen and Elizabeth Watkins and Karen Kidley who came along to form a surprise Club Guard of Honour and to present the Club card and gift (a clock) making Keith and Sandra's day just that little extra special. They all looked great in their Club Tee/sweatshirts. Indeed, the wedding turned out to be somewhat of a Club affair as Peter Day was

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KEITH & SANDRA'S WEDDING

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Best Man and two former members, Sarah Emmott and Stacey Sproat were bridesmaids. We look forward to seeing the official wedding photographs.

Peter Frost

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HASSOCKS - LEWES RAMBLE. SATURDAY 9th APRIL

We all met at Belvedere Station at 8.30 a.m. (28 of us), where we caught the train to London Bridge. Whilst three of us chased pigeons, Sarah Goodman was stuffing her face with chocolate. Some of the older boys were playing on the Space Invaders. To help pass the time Peter Frost gave us a quiz to do on the next train which pointed out interesting places that we passed like Millwall Football Club, Crystal Palace and Gatwick Airport.

We arrived at Hassocks station ready for our long walk (7 miles or so) walking through a muddy farmyard we climbed the hill to see the Jack & Jill windmills where we started our walk along the top of the South Downs. Sarah started her rock collection and poor Peter had to carry them for her, (I think he lost a few accidentally on purpose, on the way). We had some fantastic views of the countryside. Halfway across the Downs Peter's sister came to the rescue with her first aid kit, to help Steven Dersley who had had a slight accident climbing a gate rather than going through it, it was not too bad, he survived. Having had bad weather before our walk (it was much better on the day), we came across a giant puddle where we went around the edge, except one boy who waded through the middle and got wet to the knees. I mention no names as I don't want to get Graham into trouble! Coming off the Downs we were delighted to be confronted with a Fairground. While us kids played in the fairground most of the grown-ups headed towards Lewes Castle, but more side-tracked into a tea shop.

We made our way to the station and had a relaxing journey home swopping jokes with a club comedian in the railway buffet car.

Thank you Peter for a super time.

Martin Easthaugh  
(Aged 10)

..... And then next day

MAYOR OF BEXLEY'S SPONSORED WALK, SUNDAY 10th APRIL

After such a beautiful sunny start to the weekend, our enthusiasm for the Sponsored Walk took a knock when we awoke to find the rain bucketing down.

Nevertheless 11 hardy souls gathered at Bexley Civic Office to begin a 12 mile tramp around the Borough. Not only did we have to endure the rain but also the thick mud churned up by 1000 other participants on the more scenic parts of the route. As for Paul Toy and Graham Byers, they decided to turn the walk into a mini-marathon competing the course nearly an hour before the rest of us. Anyhow the sun did eventually appear allowing us to flash-off Club tee shirts, (this did not go unnoticed by the local press).

Assisted by Mum (or was it the other way round), Stephen and Elizabeth Watkins triumphantly finished the course, if in some pain, (both have hip disabilities). Other Club members doing their good deed were Simon Coulson, Stephen Dersley (who like Graham and myself had been on the Club Ramble the previous day), Mr. Toy, Sarah Byers and her friend, Julie Banyard. Thanks must also go to the rest of the Byers family who seemed to pop up everywhere, lending their encouragement and support!

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MAYOR OF BEXLEY'S SPONSORED WALK (Continued)

But of course, a big THANK YOU to all who sponsored us. Together we should raise approximately £120 towards the purchase of a tail-lift ambulance for the disabled of the Borough. Another £30 will be donated to Club Funds.

Finally, WELL DONE to those Club members who took part in the British Heart Foundation's sponsored swim on Saturday 30th April. Your worthy efforts should not be allowed to go unrecorded, so let me know who you are and total sponsor money you hope to raise, and I will ensure that your names appear in the next Newsletter.

P.A. Frost

Forthcoming Dates

- SUNDAY 15th MAY Biggin Hill Air Fair
- FRIDAY 20th MAY SPRING MINI-BAZAAR at 7 p.m. in the Clubroom at the pool
- SUNDAY 19th JUNE 'It's a Knockout' (Dartford S.C. hosts)
- SUNDAY 19th JUNE PETER FROST IS RUNNING IN THE MAIDSTONE MARATHON  
SPONSORS ARE VERY WELCOME (Please see Club Notice Board for details).

SPRING MINI-BAZAAR, FRIDAY 20th MAY

Please support this Club fund-raising event either through donation of unwanted gifts, toys, books, records, etc. or by furnishing the ever popular cake stall, or simply by being there money in hand on the night!

Remember, this event takes place at 7.00 p.m. in the Clubroom at the pool on Friday, 20th May.

Thank you.

P.A. Frost

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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| MAY  | Saturday 14th | Gala with Ramsgate S.C. at Hartsdown Pool, Margate<br>Coach from Riverside 4.45.  |
|      | Friday 20th   | Mini Bazaar in Riverside Clubroom from 7 p.m.   |
|      | Saturday 28th | Tudor 'B' Final and winners' presentation at<br>Eltham Pool 6.00 p.m. Hosts Erith S.C.  |
| JUNE | Friday 10th   | Points Cup Races - Butterfly - commencing 8.00 p.m.   |
|      | Saturday 11th | Home Gala Riverside Baths commencing 7.00 p.m. teams<br>from Dagenham, Rochester, Hythe, Piranha and<br>City of London Clubs. |
|      | Saturday 18th | Gala at Sittingbourne - commencing 7.00 p.m.  |
|      | Sunday 19th   | Dartford S.C. annual 'It's a Knockout' competition'<br>Teams will include E.D.S.C.  |
| JULY | Saturday 2nd  | Gala at Prince Regent Pool, Brighton.<br>Hosts Brighton S.C. commencing 6.30  |
|      | Saturday 9th  | Away Match at St. Johns Pool, Tunbridge Wells.<br>Hosts Tonbridge S.C.  |
|      | Sunday 10th   | Danson Show with Club Fund Raising Stand  |

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS (Continued)

<u>JULY</u>	Saturday 16th	Dolphin Trophy Gala at Faversham open pool (E.D.S.C. current holders)
	Sunday 17th	Annual Club outing to Westbrook (Margate). Coach from Riverside 8.45.
	Monday 25th to Friday 29th	Morning Swims at Riverside Pool. 9.00 - 10.00 a.m. Mrs. D. Sartain.
<u>AUGUST</u>	Monday 22nd to Friday 26th	Morning Swims at Riverside Pool. 9.00 - 10.00 a.m. Mrs. D. Sartain.
	Monday 29th	ERITH SHOW with Club Fund Raising Stand.
	Tuesday 30th to Friday 2nd Sept.	Morning Swims at Riverside Pool. 9.00 - 10.00 a.m. Mrs. D. Sartain.
	Wednesday 31st	Outing to London to see Musical Museum, Butterfly House, B.L. Heritage Collection.
<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	Saturday 17th	Gala at West Wickham Pool. Hosts Bromley S.C. commencing 7.00 p.m.
	Saturday 24th	Annual Club Gala, Riverside Baths commencing 5.30 p.m.
<u>OCTOBER</u>	Saturday 15th	Gala at Hythe S.C. (Nr) Folkestone)
	Saturday 22nd	Gala at Hartsdown Pool, Margate. Hosts Margate S.C. Commencing 7.00 p.m.
	Saturday 29th	Gala at Eardley Road, Sevenoaks. Commencing 6.45
	Half-term	Ramble to Isle of Grain with Peter Frost.
<u>NOVEMBER</u>	Saturday 12th	Tudor 'B' Gala (new series). Eltham 6.00 p.m.
	Saturday 19th	Gala at Wimbledon Pool. Hosts Merton Swordfish S.C. Commencing 7.00 p.m.
	Friday 25th	Mini Bazaar. Riverside Clubroom from 7.00 p.m.
	Saturday 26th	Home Gala Riverside Baths. Commencing 7.00 p.m. Teams from Margate, Beacon, Redhill & Reigate, Streatham and Tonbridge Clubs.
<u>DECEMBER</u>	Saturday 10th	Tudor 'B' Gala, Eltham. commencing 6.00 p.m.

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HOME GALA DATES

Saturday	March 10th	Commencing 7.00 p.m.
"	May 12th	" "
"	October 6th	E.D.S.C. Annual Gala. commencing 5.30
"	November 17th	Commencing 7.00 p.m.

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