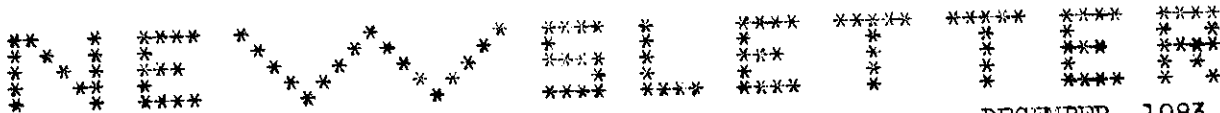


ERITH & DISTRICT SWIMMING CLUB



DECEMBER, 1983

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SECRETARY'S NOTES

CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR PERIOD

The Pool will be open as usual on Friday 23rd December and the Club will hold normal classes including Beginners until 8.00 p.m. There will be a 'Fun Gala' of approximately 1 hour and we hope that as many Members as possible will join us. Teams will be selected on the evening from the swimmers available. SO PLEASE JOIN US!

The pool is closed on Tuesday 27th December. On Friday 30th we will hold classes as normal until 8.00 p.m. B.S.C.A. Middle Distance and Silver/Gold Sprint Awards can be attempted according to demand from 8.00 p.m. until approx. 9.00 p.m. Please see the Notice Board for details.

SPRINT TROPHY

The Backstroke and Frontercrawl races produced very good attendance and some excellent times including many personal bests. All BSCA badges which have been ordered will be available around Christmas.

Will all parents and swimmers make every effort to attend all Points Cup and Sprint Trophy evenings as this is an essential part of Club life.

Our President, Mr. Derrick Firmin will present the winners' trophies at 8.00 p.m. on Friday 16th December. On the same evening we will draw the Christmas Raffle. Tickets are on sale each Club evening, so please support us.

TRAINING GROUP

The revised coaching schedules introduced by Mr. Lovett are going well, and I am very pleased that the majority of swimmers have taken to the extra work so well. Please keep it up.

TRACK SUITS

All outstanding orders for Track Suits will be fulfilled in time for Christmas as we will have stock of all sizes again shortly. These garments are to our own exclusive design sketched by Mrs. Hamblin and chosen by you, and are available to Members only at subsidised prices, as follows:-

26"	£5.00	Small	£9.00	We also have iron-on red letters to personalise your jacket at 14p each.
28"	£5.50	Medium	£9.50	
30"	£6.00	Large	£10.25	
32"	£6.50	X.Large	£11.00	

Those of you already wearing them look GREAT.

CLUB SHOP

We always have available from stock on Club evenings the following:-

Tee-shirts	24", 25", "8", 30", 32"	@	£2.10	Small to X Large	£2.60
Sweat-shirts	26", 28", 30", 32"	@	£5.20	" "	£5.70
Erith woolly Bobble Hats (Red/White)			£1.80		
Erith Swim Hats (rubber)			75p		
Lycra Swim Hats			£2.00		
Clipboards			£2.75		
Godfrey Swim-goggles			£1.20		
Arena Anti-fog Goggles			£3.10 or £4.15 pair		
Erith Swim-bags (still at 1980 prices)			£5.30		

Plus a full range of Club swim costumes.

ELTHAM TUDOR LEAGUE GALA 12th November

This was the first Gala of the new season and was the first time E.D.S.C. had swum two teams on the same evening, as we were also swimming a White Horse League Gala at Dartford. This gave us the opportunity to try out some swimmers who had not swum in a gala before.

We were quite pleased therefore with our placing and especially as we were only nominally defeated by Dartford after one of our Relay Team was disqualified.

It was a usual Tudor League Gala with a good atmosphere with much excitement in the relays. I am sure all the parents who came were not disappointed in the evening's entertainment and I would urge you, if your child is picked to swim to come along and support us and see what you've been missing.

Result:-	1st	City of London	204	
	2nd	Dartford	191	
	3rd	Erith	188	M.T.
	4th	Pollards	152	

WHITE HORSE LEAGUE GALA AT DARTFORD 12th November

For the first time in Club history we were competing at two venues.

Maidstone did not compete owing to another League fixture and G.B.M. (Woolwich) were well below strength for the same reason. Despite a runaway victory by the Home Team we were well in touch in the majority of events with firsts and seconds and no disqualifications. This Pool is disliked by most swimmers and spectators alike and the water was apparently very warm, however top marks to Dartford for a very efficiently run evening.

Some excellent swims produced more personal bests.

Result:-	1st	Dartford	237	
	2nd	Bromley	185	
	3rd	Erith	172	
	4th	G.B.M.	150	
	5th	Addington	130	A.B.

GALA AT WIMBLEDON BATHS ON 19th NOVEMBER

Our first visit to Wimbledon and all Clubs in the competition were unknown to us, although we believed the Host Club (Merton Swordfish) to be strong. The Pool of 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ yards was quite pleasant and very warm, and we drew Lane 2 next to the Host Club who soon gained the lead.

Hart S.C. from Hampshire kept us in third place until the very last event an 8x1 mixed Squadron Relay when with a margin of just one point in their favour our second placing to their fourth gave us equal second - WELL DONE!

Result:-	1st	Merton Swordfish	97	
(Reverse Scoring)	2nd	(Hart S.C. (E.D.S.C.	139	
	4th	Teddington	153	
	5th	Wimbledon / Merton	218	

HOME GALA AT RIVERSIDE BATHS 26th NOVEMBER

Our first Home Gala of the new season and a resounding victory made this a very good night for the Club. This was against teams, some of which had beaten us only last year.

Everybody seemed to be swimming well and I think some credit for this must go to Bill Lovett and his new training programme. We look forward to more victories like this. WELL DONE ALL THE TEAM.

Result overleaf

HOME GALA 26th November (Cont'd)

Result	1st	Erith	288
	2nd	Beacon	221
	3rd	Streatham	219
	4th	Margate B	171
	5th	Tonbridge	158
	6th	Faversham	117

CONGRATULATIONS to the following Beginners for obtaining width Certificates and Penquin Awards.

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| Lee Aldridge | Paul Gurr |
| Matthew Byers | Andrew Smith |
| Claire Conner | Brian Tarling |
| Timothy Dewsall | Alison Walker |
| Martyn Garrett | |

(Three familiar surnames here!)

FAMILY RAMBLE ON THE ISLE OF GRAIN - WEDNESDAY 26th OCTOBER

Once again we were to be blessed with another beautiful sunny day, a blessing, because when the weather on Grain is bad, it's awful.

And so it was that 28 Club Members, parents and friends set off from Higham station on what was to be the longest Ramble that I have so far organised (approx. 9 miles). It soon became obvious that this was a chief market-gardening area of Kent and many took advantage of the fruit remaining unpicked. For example, by lunchtime Mr. Stevenson had sampled pears, apples (the size of grapefruits), blackberries, damsons, but thought otherwise of the corn on the cob!

After a photo-stop at the imposing gateway to Cooling castle (built in the 14th century during the Hundred Years War), much to everyone's relief we stopped for lunch in the nearby village pub.

After leaving Cooling we continued northwards out onto the marshes of Grain where the silence was only broken by our presence. From here on as a result of little used and overgrown footpaths, we began to lose our way, but in the end this just added to the fun, even if our feet were beginning to tell us otherwise..... Now began our only climb of the Ramble, to the village of High Halstow, so named as it is built on the highest land on Grain. Even so, we were rewarded with a fine view over the marshes below, the Thames Estuary and over into Essex. The locality is noted for it's Heronry but unfortunately we were not to see one of these fine birds in flight.

As time was getting on, a return to civilisation was made by an unscheduled and unscenic route, but nevertheless, this allowed everyone to visit a fish and chip shop before catching the return train at Strood. We had all thoroughly enjoyed our day's rambling even though we were all very tired. Unfortunately the day was marred by some mindless behaviour by several Club Members (see following item).

Nevertheless, many first-timers look forward to the next Ramble which will be during School half term, this coming February.

A MESSAGE TO ALL PARENTS AND SWIMMERS

Concerning the recent Ramble on the Isle of Grain, I feel sad to have to report that the enjoyment of the majority was spoilt by the bad behaviour of a minority. As wholly responsible to all those who participate on any Outing, I have a duty to keep everyone in order for their own and everyone else's safety and to ensure that the reputation of the Club remains intact.

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A MESSAGE TO ALL PARENTS AND SWIMMERS (Continued)

The actions of the said offenders undermined my authority, and consequently, I find I have no alternative but to BAN them from participating on the next outing in February.

I hope this will also act as a warning to anyone else who has any ideals on future Club Outings.

ALSO ON THE SOCIAL SIDE

You will be pleased to learn that as a result of the two recent fund-raising activities, the Christmas Mini-Bazaar on the 25th November and the Jumble Sale on the 3rd December, a combined profit of nearly £200 was realised. This will enable us to cover the hiring costs of 2 coaches to future away Galas. I extend a big THANK YOU to all Mums, Dads and Swimmers who either did preparatory work or helped 'man' a stall on the day and, of course to everyone who provided materials for each event, be it in any size shape or form.

Consequently, I think this will become a regular event, so, if possible, can I ask you to carry on saving your 'old clobber' so that when the time comes, we have plenty of Jumble to sell once again.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY AND DISCO

Held at the same venue as the Jumble Sale, this Social event rounded off the morning's success very nicely. Such had been the demand for tickets that we were concerned whether everyone was going to be able to squeeze into the hall, but as it turned out, we need not have worried. In fact it brought about a friendly, cosy atmosphere and within the half-hour nearly everyone was up and dancing, only taking the weight off their feet for refreshment or on the rare occasions that a duff record was played. Even Allan Bedford was spotted getting into the swing of things which must have been a reflection on the way he thought things were going!

Although at the time of writing I have, as yet, received no 'feed-back' I think I can safely say that nearly everyone had a most enjoyable evening and will look forward to a similar event if held in the future.

CARTOON CAPTION COMPETITION

Incidentally, the Cartoon Caption Competition is continuing until 9.30 p.m. Tuesday, 13th December on the Club Noticeboard. Don't forget there is a prize at stake.

ADVERT

Does anybody collect foreign stamps or coins? If you do, why not see me, Peter Frost, as I can help you add to your collections by supplying you with a steady stream of these collectables, obtained as a result of the worldwide connections that my workplace possesses.

FORTHCOMING DATES

Friday 16th December Christmas Raffle Draw and Cartoon Caption Competition prizegiving will take place following the award of the Sprint Trophies.

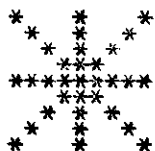
Dates and details of 1984 Club Outings will appear in the New Year. Keep your eyes on the Club Notice Board.

N.B. We are sorry if you were unable to purchase tickets for the Family Christmas Party but obviously we had to limit the number of people we could allow into the hall. As it was we were on the borderline. The event had been well publicised beforehand by poster, Newsletter and verbally on the poolside, in addition to our 'sales' table in the foyer, so next time please book or reserve your tickets in advance to avoid disappointment. P.A. Frost

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (Some may be subject to alteration)

<u>DECEMBER</u>	Friday	16th	Sprint Trophy Presentation 8.00 p.m.
	"	23rd	Normal Classes until 8.00 p.m. then 'Fun Gala'.
	Tuesday	27th	Pool Closed
	Friday	30th	Normal Classes until 8.00 p.m.. B.S.C.A. Awards can be attempted from 8.00 p.m.
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<u>JANUARY</u>	Saturday	21st	Tudor B Gala, Eltham (<u>Erith do not swim this one.</u>)
<u>FEBRUARY</u>	Saturday	18th	Tudor B Gala, Eltham 6.00 p.m. Host team Greenwich.
	Saturday	25th	Away Gala at Hythe (Polkestone) Coach from Riverside Pool. Time to be advised.
<u>MARCH</u>	Saturday	3rd	Tudor B Gala, Eltham 6.00 p.m. Host team Dartford.
	Saturday	10th	Home Gala Riverside 7.00 p.m. Teams will include Halstead, Hackney Central and Rochester.
	Saturday	17th	White Horse League Gala at Eltham. Hosts G.B.M. Doors open 5.30 for 5.45 start.
<u>APRIL</u>	Saturday	14th	1) Tudor B Gala, Eltham 6.00 p.m. Hosts Erith. 2) B.S.C.A. Bronze & Silver Standard Gala, Crook Log. Hosts Bexley S.C. (Age Groups 11-14)
<u>MAY</u>	Friday	11th	Mini Bazaar, Riverside Clubroom 7.00 p.m.
	Saturday	12th	White Horse League at Riverside 7.00 p.m.
	Saturday	19th	Away Gala at Fairfield Pool, Dartford
<u>JUNE</u>	Saturday	9th	Away Relay Gala at Burgh Heath, Banstead Pool (25M) Hosts Redhill & Reigate S.C. (Age Groups under 11 to Open).
	Saturday	16th	White Horse League Gala at Maidstone (Time to be advised).
<u>JULY</u>	Saturday	21st	Dolphin Trophy Gala at Faversham Open Pool.
<u>SEPTEMBER</u>	Friday	14th	Frontcrawl & Backstroke Annual Gala Heats at 7.30
	Friday	21st	Butterfly and Breaststroke Annual Gala Heats 7.30
	Saturday	22nd	Away Gala at Witham Dolphins S.C., Essex
	Friday	28th	Diving, Individual Medley and Breaststroke Style from 7.00 p.m.
<u>OCTOBER</u>	Saturday	6th	E.D.S.C. Annual Gala. Finals Night commencing 5.30
<u>NOVEMBER</u>	Saturday	10th	Tudor B Gala at Eltham 6.00 p.m.
	Saturday	17th	Home Gala at Riverside commencing 7.00 p.m.
<u>DECEMBER</u>	Saturday	8th	Tudor B Gala at Eltham 6.00 p.m.

More dates to be added shortly, including Points Cup dates etc.



BEST WISHES FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL MEMBERS, PARENTS
AND FRIENDS OF THE CLUB

