

ERITH & DISTRICT SWIMMING CLUB

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SECRETARY'S NOTES

ANNUAL GALA

The three Friday evenings of heats went very smoothly and produced some very close and exciting heats and I would like to thank everyone for their excellent support in our first year of reorganising this event.

The finals evening held on Saturday 6th October proved very satisfactory, with a number of new innovations, including the new winners' podium made at very short notice by Mr. Mick Thackray, which made some excellent winners photos possible. We were also the first to use the long overdue antiwave lines provided by the London Borough Bexley.

The programme went exactly to schedule with many very tight finishes to separate and 10 new event record times were recorded. Many thanks to all officers and parents and especially the swimmers for helping to make this evening such a success.

A very big 'THANK YOU' from Pam and I for the gifts which were presented to us on Gala Night, they were very much appreciated and the bowl of plants holds pride of place in our home.

SUBSCRIPTION REMINDER

Although many of you have now paid your next quarter or half year instalment there are still some of you who have probably overlooked the date. Will you please remember by Tuesday, 31st October at the latest.

Thank you!

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to all those who have recently 'joined' us, from the Friday Beginners Classes or Council Courses. Hope you enjoy your swimming.

We look forward to all of you making good progress over the next three months.

TOP SCORES FOR WHITE HORSE LEAGUE GALAS

A new Trophy was provided this year by the Social Section for presentation to the top scoring swimmer in the White Horse League, the first holder is Mark Bragg.

The top 20 scores for the six galas were as follows:-

1. Mark Bragg	80	11. Robert Game	42
2. Graham Byers	77	12. Karen Phillips	42
3. Christine Ryan	65	13. Jeffrey Hayes	40
4. Lynn Phillips	59	14. Lynn Young	34
5. Robin Parkhurst	58	15. Sammy Hayes	33
6. John Murray	52	15. Kevin Hurley	33
7. Julian Torregianni	52	15. Tina Bennett	33
8. Suzanne Groce	48	15. Elizabeth Watkins	33
9. Simon Gilbert	45	19. Sarah Hobbs	29
10. Melanie Weekes	44	20. Phillip Rush	28

TOP SCORES FOR NON-LEAGUE GALAS

The Top 20 scoring swimmers who competed for the Anderson Trophy won this year by Graham Byers are given below.

Scores are taken from placings in all Non-League Galas swum between September 1983 and July 1984.

1.	Graham Byers	269	11.	Sarah Hobbs	98
2.	Robin Parkhurst	239	11.	Andrew Stevenson	98
3.	Suzanne Groce	182	13.	Marnie Thackray	93
4.	Lynn Phillips	165	14.	Karen Phillips	90
5.	Jeffrey Hayes	163	14.	Simon Gilbert	90
6.	Sammy Hayes	160	16.	Tina Bennett	88
7.	Elizabeth Watkins	156	17.	Barry Nay	83
8.	Mark Bragg	147	18.	Andrew Callard	79
9.	Lynn Young	144	19.	Christine Ryan	77
10.	Kelly Brooker	125	20.	Nicola Inglis	74

Grateful Thanks to our former Chief Instructor Mr. T.A. Davison for keeping his usual meticulous 'results service' throughout the Competition Year, to give us the tables above.

A. Bedford

FROM OUR CLUB COACH

Commencing with our Annual Gala we will be introducing a new high standard award scheme. The award will consist of a white tee shirt with the club badge printed in gold colouring instead of the usual red and will be given, free of charge, to anyone achieving Kent County Championship entry time for their age group in any swimming event throughout the coming year.

Note: It is not necessary to enter the County Championship to obtain a tee shirt.

The County time trials on 21st October, 11th November and 2nd December will be good opportunities for you to see if you qualify.*

You can also qualify at any Gala or swim meet, but if the event is not one attended by Erith & District S.C. we will require proof of your success in the form of a Result Sheet. We will not quibble about the difference between 100 metres and 110 yards.

We hope that we will see you with a special tee shirt in the future. The more we issue the better our Club performance will be.

* See copy of entry times at the back of this Newsletter.

W. Lovett

GALA AT WITHAM POOL ON 22nd September

This must be one of our best performances for a long time and showed what character our swimmers have. This was our second Trophy of the year, and much pleasure was gained by all, seeing Mark Bragg and Lynn Young receive the 'spoils of victory'.

We held off a late surge by Rochford to win by 5 points. All swimmers should be thanked for the effort, and it is intended not to mention individuals as all members swam 'out of their skins'.

Unfortunately we have not received the Result Sheet therefore we cannot

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GALA AT WITHAM (Cont'd)

give you the full result, but what IS certain is that we came first and brought home the trophy and we hopefully can go back next year to defend it.

INTER-BOROUGH GALA HELD AT ELTHAM ON 12th OCTOBER

Despite the local newspaper reports on this Gala that Bexley participated, in fact, we had 10 swimmers taking part.

The Borough came a creditable 2nd place to a very strong Bromley Squad, all 10 of our swimmers gave good accounts of themselves and were not overshadowed by our so-called better neighbours, who had the larger share of swims and our ex-swimmers doing well.

One point I must make is that I was extremely pleased with the behaviour which certainly showed up some of the other squads. Thanks a lot - keep it up.

GALA AT DAGENHAM ON 15th SEPTEMBER, 1984

A very fine second-place performance against a strong Dagenham squad. No swimmer let us down as can be shown by the 42 improved times. Lynn Young, Susie Groce and Sammy Hayes coped extremely well with their six length races.

New blood was also introduced in the form of Victoria Eaton and Stuart Brown, who coped very well.

Results:	1st	Dagenham A	206	points
	2nd	Erith	161	"
	3rd	Tower Hamlets	133	"
	4th	Rochford	98	"
	5th	Dagenham B	51	"

T.C. Holmes

SOCIAL SECTION NOTES

Well done to Mark Goodman, who as goalkeeper helped his team to reach the semi-finals of the Metropolitan Police 'R' Division five-a-side Football competition.

I would like to take this opportunity to say 'Thank you' to the Mums and Dads who sponsored me in my recent London Triathlon success. Together you have helped me to raise £60.00 for the Muscular Dystrophy Group and an additional £15 will be donated to Club Funds. Thank you again.

Thank you to all parents and swimmers who were involved in recent Club fund-raising activities. The August Bank Holiday shows at Erith and Bexley were particularly successful realising a magnificent profit of over £200. I would also like to put on record that as a result of all Jumble Sales, Bazaars, Raffles etc. during the course of the past year, a staggering £1,200 has been raised. A large portion of this has been swallowed up in Gala Coach Hire expenses, but nevertheless this total is one that will be useful in coming months and one that we should feel rather 'chuffed' about. Well done all!

Having said that, we have had to cancel the Jumble Sale and Leisure Pool Outing scheduled for Saturday, 24th November as a White Horse 'A' League Gala has been confirmed for that evening. Dates for both events will be arranged for the New Year, but in the meantime we are willing to accept any jumble that you may have. Please leave any items with the ladies on the door any clubnight.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - with the cancellation of the Jumble Sale we have expanded the attractions of the forthcoming Christmas Bazaar. This fund-raising event takes place from 7.00 p.m. in the Clubroom at Riverside Pool on Friday, 16th November, (also a Sprint Trophy Night).

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CHRISTMAS BAZAAR Continued

If you can help us by donating any of the following, we would be most grateful:-
Items for Tombola, (bottles etc), Unwanted Toys/Books/Records,
Cakes/Fancy Goods, Bric-a-brac/Eggshells (in as intact condition as possible
please).

Your relatives and friends are most welcome to attend though you will need to arrive early to avoid disappointment. - Once again, all donated items can be left with the ladies on the door on any Club evening.

Thank you.

HALLOWE'EN DISCO

Parents and swimmers are reminded that tickets are still available for the Family Hallowe'en Disco on Saturday, 27th October at the 4th Barnehurst Scout Hall, Erith Road, (rear of St. Martin's Church). They are on sale in the pool foyer each Clubnight and at £2.00 each the price includes Sausage and Chips. If you decide that you wish to come, please bring your own drink and glass(es). Although Fancy Dress is optional, there will be a prize for the best dressed boy or girl.

N.B. All under 12s must be accompanied by an adult.

FAMILY RAMBLE

The School Autumn Half-term will shortly be with us once again. If you are at a loss for something to do why not join me on the next Family Ramble during half-term week on Wednesday, 31st October. The ramble will be in the Hollingbourne - Harrietsham area of mid-Kent amidst some fine countryside that will include views of Leeds Castle. For further details please refer to the poster on the Club Notice Board and if you wish to go, add your name to the appropriate list and I will forward you a copy of those details. Remember, fun is guaranteed and everyone is welcome to come.

P.S. There is a selection of photos taken on Outings held during the past Club Year presently on show on the Club Notice Board too. If you would like copies (30p each) please write your name and photo nos. on the respective list, but hurry, as the offer ends Friday, 2nd November.

P.A. Frost

GALA RAFFLE RESULT

1st Prize	Olympus Trip Camera	000705	Mrs. G. Smith	c/o J. Cornelius
2nd Prize	Set of Luggage	004027	Mr. H. Medhurst	c/o J. Tindall
3rd "	Electronic Game	005054	Mr. T.A. Davison	
4th "	Sherry	005340	Mr. J. Pryor	
5th "	Plant	000043	Mr. M. Bragg	
6th "	Box of Fruit	003252	Mrs C. Hornby	c/o Mr. Hayes
7th "	Tin Biscuits	001063	R. Norton, G.E.C.	c/o T.A. Davison
8th "	Box Chocolates	005444	'John' (C. Dodson Transport)	c/o A. Bedford

ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to the following:-

Width

Length

Luke Cella	Karen McKinley	Wayne Harris
Gary Cella	James Stean	Brian Malone
Kirsten Cook		Alan Nowell
Tina Cummerson		
Allan Deal		
Ann Harrap		
Sarah Hills		
Nicola Hobbs		
Michelle Hobbs		
Lisa Izod		

WELL DONE

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER Saturday 27th Family Hallowe'en Disco, 8 p.m. - Midnight
4th Barnehurst Scout Hall, St. Martin's Church,
Erith Road, Barnehurst. Tickets now on sale
in foyer at Riverside Pool - £2.00 each

Wednesday 31st Half Term Family Ramble - Details on Club Notice Board
or see Peter Frost.

NOVEMBER Saturday 3rd Away Gala at Wimbledon. Hosts Merton Swordfish.
Coach from Riverside - See Notice Board for List.

Saturday 10th Tudor 'B' Gala, Eltham Pool. Commencing 6.00 p.m.
Hosts Eltham (C.O.B. non-scoring)

Sunday 11th Kent County Time Trials, Lamorbey Baths, Sidcup 1.30 p.m.

Friday 16th Sprint Trophy - Breaststroke. Commencing 8.00 p.m.
& Christmas Bazaar in the Clubroom at Riverside Pool
commencing 7.00 p.m. - PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR CLUB.

Saturday 17th Home Gala at Riverside Pool. Commencing 7.00 p.m.
Teams including Erith 'A' and 'B'

Saturday 24th White Horse League Gala, Fairfield Pool, Dartford.
(Outing to Leisure Pool cancelled)

Friday 30th Sprint Trophy - Backstroke. Commencing 8.00 p.m.

DECEMBER Saturday 1st Away Gala at Ashford, Kent. Coach from Riverside
Pool - Time to be arranged.

Sunday 2nd Kent County Time Trials, Lamorbey Baths, Sidcup. 1.30 p.m.

Saturday 8th Tudor 'B' Gala - Cancelled

Friday 14th Sprint Trophy - Freestyle commencing 8.00 p.m.

Friday 21st Sprint Trophy winners presentation at 8.00 p.m.
followed by FUN EVENING - Crazy Games etc.

Friday 28th Normal Club Evening.

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JANUARY Tuesday 1st Pool Closed.

Saturday 19th White Horse League Gala at West Wickham
& Tudor 'B' Gala, Eltham commencing 6.00 p.m. Hosts
Greenwich (Erith non-scoring)

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS (Continued)

(Greenwich)

- FEBRUARY Saturday 2nd Tudor 'B' Gala, Eltham. commencing 6.00 p.m. non-scoring)
Wednesday 22nd Half Term Visit to the Biochemistry Laboratories, Medical School, Guys Hospital, London (pending completion of building work). Another chance for budding scientists to experience the working environment of a medical laboratory - don't miss it.
- MARCH Saturday 2nd Tudor 'B' Gala, Eltham. commencing 6.00 p.m.
Hosts T.B.A. (Dartford non-scoring)
Saturday 9th Home Gala Riverside Pool commencing 7.00 p.m.
Saturday 30th White Horse League Gala at West Wickham.
- APRIL Saturday 13th Tudor 'B' Gala, Eltham commencing 6.00 p.m.
Hosts Dartford (Eltham non-scoring)
Saturday 20th White Horse League Gala at West Wickham
Saturday 27th Tudor 'B' Gala, Eltham commencing 6.00 p.m.
Hosts Erith.
- MAY Saturday 11th Home Match at Riverside Pool commencing 7.00 p.m.
Saturday 18th White Horse League Gala at West Wickham (Hosts Erith)
- JUNE Saturday 15th White Horse League Gala at West Wickham.
- SEPTEMBER Saturday 14th Proposed for Home Match at Riverside Pool
- NOVEMBER Saturday 16th Proposed for Annual Gala Championship Night
- Dates for Points Cup evenings between February and May to be advised shortly.

A D V E R T I S E M E N T

REPAIRS OR RENEWALS TO DAMAGED OR LEAKING ROOFS, CHIMNEY STACKS & GUTTERING

JOHN PRYOR

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