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Secretary's Notes

BEGINNERS SECTION

In October we are planning to 'Adopt' our own Penguin Logo to support our well known teaching classes at Riverside.

For this we need your help to find an original and eye catching design for a Penguin to use on badges, certificates and literature etc.

Among ideas so far suggested, is a Red and White penguin and one wearing a swimming costume.

The competition is open to anyone, including friends and the winner will receive a prize.

Please give your entry to Pam or Allan Bedford and include your name on the drawing.

We hope to be swamped with entries!

POSTAL & LEAGUE RESULTS

The results of the 1 hour swim and the Speedo and Octoptus Leagues can be found in this Newsletter, well done to everyone concerned.

TUDOR TROPHY SERIES

Now that we are able to give even more of our swimmers a team place in either the Red or White Squad, it is essential that the Team Managers of both teams receive your commitment, if you are selected to swim.

This applies through all age groups but in the 'middle' age groups this is vital due to the smaller membership.

Those of you in the White Team should give Simone and Paul your full support in this their first season as Team Managers, keep a note of all dates and remember the Galas start and finish very early, allowing plenty of time for other social events on Saturday evening.

Well done to the White Team for their excellent Second Place on 19th March.

SOCIAL SECTION NEWS

Don't forget to take time to read the Social Section in this Newsletter, there are lots of exciting events due to take place this year, don't miss out!

Allan Bedford

B.L.D.S.A 1 HOUR SWIM

Congratulations to the 62 Swimmers of all ages who entered this year's event.
Distances in metres swum were as follows with comparisons from 1992/3 where applicable.

NAME	AGE AT 1/1/94	DISTANCE 92	DISTANCE 93	DISTANCE 94
DANIEL BELCHER	8	-	-	1509
PAUL CERISOLA	8	-	-	1562
SHELLEY CARVER	7	-	-	1609
PHILIP BROWN	7	-	-	1650
DAVID PEACH	7	-	-	1710
RYAN CARVER	7	-	-	1758
TERRY PONTON	7	-	-	1768
L A U R A BURGUM	8	-	-	1826
TOM GOODE	8	-	1676	1843
MARK WHENT	8	-	-	1858
C L A Y T O N WATT	10	-	-	1926
KEELIE JENKINS	7	-	-	1944
R A C H E L STEVENS	8	-	-	1954
CHARLOTTE BIRD	7	-	-	1993
MATTHEW WHITMORE	9	-	2212	2022
A S H L E I G H STARBUCK	7	-	1657	2045
JONATHAN LIGHT	9	-	1748	2050
DEE SCARLEY	9	-	-	2093
ROSEMARY WATKINS	55	2026	2017	2112
SIMON BARETT	8	-	-	2261
G E M M A MERRIDAN	9	-	1753	2313
C A R O L EASTAUGH	49	2065	-	2313
NORA NORRIS	45	-	2327	2338
ROSS JENNER	9	2078	2117	2395
PAM BEDFORD	46	2548	2496	2395

MARTIN WEST	9	2189	2663	2457
SAMANTHA PEACH	9	-	2279	2558
M A R K NICHOLLS	9	-	-	2614
G E O R G I N A LIGHT	12	2462	2692	2648
PAT GRIFFITHS	48	2663	2682	2682
G E M M A SADLER	10	2070	2266	2687
LEE SCOTT	9	-	2539	2707
RORY JENNER	9	2083	2284	2715
GEMMA FORD	11	2481	2673	2749
LAURA GOODE	10	-	2452	2749
KEVIN JONES	10	2222	2645	2790
JOHN COLMER	10	2271	2702	2823
LUKE DEWEY	10	2400	2946	2828
CHRISTOPHER GOATER	11	2178	2754	2833
KELLY DUDLEY	10	2070	2568	2843
L A U R A BELCHER	11	2447	2815	2883
FRANK RIDER	48	2792	2858	2883
M A R K MERRIDEN	10	2117	2798	2888
LEANNE PEILE	10	2313	2841	2898
L I A M WHITMORE	11	2313	2820	2953
N I K I BRANDSTETTER	8	-	-	2958
P A U L DAVENPORT	31	-	-	3017
S T E V E N LAWRENCE	11	2591	2788	3025
GLEN SCARLEY	12	3215	3181	3070
DENNIS VICK	48	-	-	3132
TIM BEFORD	14	2846	2994	3185
C H R I S PARTLETT	10	-	3017	3205
PETER FROST	36	3324	3210	3233
S A R A H HUBBARD	13	2883	3009	3243

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RAY BARWELL	30	-	-	3386
ANDREW BATES	11	2888	3205	3391
IAN GOODE	13	-	3151	3487
LAUREN PEILE	13	3252	3530	3597
JOHN MURRAY	30	4023	3703	3612
T O N Y LAWRENCE	13	-	3530	3612
PAUL NICHOLLS	13	3754	3919	3811
TREVOR JONES	14	3904	4195	4167

Well done to **Trevor Jones** for his 124+, and **Niki Brandstetter** aged 8 who swam 88+ and to our many first times.

Allan Bedford.

OCTOPUS SPRINT LEAGUE RESULTS 1993**POSITION**

		91 POINTS
1ST	SARA CASE	
2ND	SEAN NORRIS	90
3RD	NICOLA SHEPHERD	83
4TH	TONY LAWRENCE	73
5TH	GREG TIPPETT	56
	STEVEN LAWRENCE	56
7TH	TANYA CHAPMAN	54
	RICHARD MORGAN	54
9TH	JOHN COLMER	51
10TH	CLAIRE SMITH	50

JOHNATHAN BAKER 46	GEMMA TIPPETT 35	TOBY LARKMAN 14
PETER WEBB 46	DANIEL TIPPETT 30	PHILLIP MOORE 12
ZOE HUBBARD 44	MICHELLE PARKER 29	MARC MERRIDAN 12
JAMES PARKER 44	SASHA RIDER 29	MARTINA COOLEY 11
ANOKHEE HINDOCHA 40	PAUL WALLACE 29	HANNAH TIMBERLAKE 11
SARAH HUBBARD 40	MARK NICHOLLS 27	JAMIE COWARD 11
SAMANTHA PEACH 40	CHRISTOPHER GOATER 25	LAURA WOODROOF 10
EDWARD SPENCER 40	AMANDA SMITH 24	ALISON HAYNES 8
REBECCA COLLIER 39	ANGELA MITCHELSON 21	LAUREN COWARD 8
JOANNE FROST 38	CLAIRE COLMER 21	LAURA TATTON 8
AMIT HINDOCHA 38	NICHOLAS WESTON 21	ADAM JONES 7
LOUISE MORGAN 37	LAURA GOODE 19	LOUISE WICKHAM 3
EMMA CLARK 37	TIMOTHY BEDFORD 17	JAMES RAYNER 3
KEVIN JONES 36	LOUISE RYAN 15	
MATHEW HAMMOND 36	BEVERLY DONOVAN 15	

SPEEDO LEAGUE RESULTS 1993**POSITION**

1ST	KRIS CARPENTER	68 POINTS
2ND	IAN MAGNESS	65
3RD	ANNALISE HILL	61
4TH	ANDREW BATES	57
5TH	HANNAH SPENCER	52
6TH	TREVOR JONES	49
	IAN GOODE	49
8TH	LEANNE PEILE	48
9TH	SARAH McCOOK	38
10TH	KELLY DUDLEY	37
	MARK RUSSELL	37

LYNDSAY SMITH	36
LUKE DEWEY	36
CHRIS PARTLETT	35
LIAM WHITMORE	34
DAVID ELLINGFORD	32
PAUL NICHOLLS	31
PATRIK NEWSHAM	31
GLEN SCARLEY	28
LAUREN PEILE	24
NATALIE WALKER	24
ELEANOR LAURENCE	24
HEIDI GREEN	20
EMMA LAWRENCE	20

LUCIANA COWELL	20
JANNICKE NEWSHAM	19
PHILIP RUSH	19
STEPHEN WHYBROW	18
LOUISE MORGAN	18
REBECCA RUSSELL	17
PAUL DODSON	16
RICHARD WILDING	15
ROBIN PARKHURST	15
PAUL GRAIMES	15
LAURA WOODROOF	15
CLAIRE CONNER	12
DAVID BUCK	12

DAVID CASE	11
KATIE JEFFERSON	11
MATHEW WALKER	10
JOHN COLMER	10
STACEY HOARE	8
GEMMA FORD	8
JOANNE MAYS	8
LEE SCOTT	6
MARC MERRIDAN	5
JAMES WILLCOCKS	3
CHRISTINE RYAN	2
KATIE ATTRIDGE	1
MARNIE THACKRAY	1

DIDDY LEAGUE No 1 13TH MARCH 1994

The first Diddy League gala of the season always give u major problems with the selection especially our 9 year olds, most of whom have not swum galas before!

This year was no exception but after many trials and swim offs, we think we found our best team.

This first gala was at Romford which is not usually a good pool for us especially on the Lane Draw, but this time I managed to pick lane 3 which helped us enormously.

Our first win of the night came in the 9 years boys relay, with **Ryan Carver, Mark Whent, Niki Brandstetter, and James Chandler.**

We swam well all through, all our older swimmers, especially our new captains **Andrew Bates and Laura Belcher** leading by example in the water and also helping on the side. We ended in 3rd place behind possibly 2 out of the 3 strongest teams in the league, so I was pleased.

We could do better though, and with a little more practice, stop silly disqualifications which cost us dear on the night.

This was an enjoyable gala and it was well supported by the parents.

My special thanks to **Natalie Walker, Lauren Piele and Emma Porter** who helped on poolside and made my job very easy and also to my two officials, **Simon Porter and Carol Dudley.**

DIDDY LEAGUE No 1		
1ST	ROMFORD	214½
2ND	BARNET COPTHALL	165½
3RD	ERITH & DISTRICT	154½
4TH	HARLOW	110
5TH	DARTFORD	101½
6TH	CHELMSFORD	94

TUDOR LEAGUE RED TEAM 29TH JANUARY 1994

Only the 'Reds' were swimming on this occasion, and because of the change of age groups there were new swimmers in the team.

It was a very competitive gala as can be seen from the result with only 9 points between 1st and ourselves in 4th.

Lee Scott swam exceptionally well in the 10 year olds with wins in 3 solo swims and our relays were good as usual, especially the 12 & Unders.

Well done everybody.

TUDOR LEAGUE RESULTS		
1st	O'JAYS	211
2ND	BROMLEY	209
3RD	GREENWICH	206
4TH	ERITH	201
5TH	ROCHESTER	132
6TH	DARTFORD	96

Mick Thackray

TUDOR LEAGUE RED TEAM 28TH FEBRUARY 1994

This was a much better result for us than the last gala and we definately swam better, but as I don't change our team much from one gala to the next I cannot really understand how teams like the O'Jays who came 1st last time came only 5th this time. Surely it couldn't be because the Kent Championships were on the same night, could it? But they are not supposed to use swimmers who have a Kent Qualifying time, are they?

Nevertheless, we did swim better with Lee Scott prominent again and some really good girls open relays with Emma Porter, Sara Case, Marnie Thackray and Jo Mayes.

Emma Porter also won the solo breastroke

and Mathew Walker the backstroke.

This was a good result.

TUDOR LEAGUE RESULTS		
1st	ROCHESTER	231
2ND	ERITH RED	210
3RD	GREENWICH	207
4TH	ERITH WHITE	165
5TH	O'JAYS	148
6TH	DARTFORD	89

Mick Thackray

TUDOR GALA No 5 WHITE 19TH MARCH 1994

This was our fourth gala in this series and what a gala it was! With 43 personal best times recorded there were some outstanding performances and everybody deserves a mention!

With 11 first places in total this was by far our best performance and the team deserved the second place that we gained, the last few races were very tense and going into the last race we were on level points with Bromley, who piped us to the post.

My special personal thanks must go to the newly appointed Tudor White Captains, Sasha

Rider and Mark Dudley, who were of great help and support to the team.

TUDOR GALA No 5		
1ST	BROMLEY	196
2ND	ERITH WHITE	191
3RD	GREENWICH	180
4TH	DARTFORD	172
5TH	O'JAYS	170
6TH	ROCHESTER	148

Simon Rider

GALA AT BRAINTREE SATURDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 1994

This is not our most popular of pools, but the programme is always a challenge.

We wish that the Individual Medley Races could have been cut down to 4 x 1's rather than 4 x 2's which extended the programme considerably.

Three club records were recorded this evening, **Paul Nicholls, Annalise Hill and Richard Wilding.**

Our only winner was **Emma Lawrence**, who also had success in her relay with Georgina

Light, Lyndsey Smith and Gemma Ford.

BRAINTREE GALA RESULTS		
1ST	WITHAM A.	107
2ND	BRAINTREE A.	116
3RD	CLACTON	127
4TH	ERITH	170
5TH	WITHAM B	176
6TH	BRAINTREE B	223

Trevor Holmes

GALA AT REDHILL & REIGATE SATURDAY 5TH MARCH 1994

When writing reports for Galas it is very difficult to pick out the good and bad point of any event, especially when your swimmers do the Club proud.

We swam this Gala as if our lives depended upon it, especially our second length, when on numerous occasions we went into the turn some way down and ended up two or three places up.

We must solve this fear of the backstroke turn, we enter these events with trepidation over these turns, it's a good job our backstrokes have got the speed over the length but slow on the turn.

A teaching point that needs addressing. Remember that the flags are there for your judgement of the turns, not decorations.

Individual winners included - **Mark Russell, Kris Carpenter, Laura Belcher** (both with Club Records), **Lisa Finch, Paul Nicholls,**

Andrew Bate (Club Record), **Sarah McCook, & Luciana Cowell.** **Tony Lawrence** also gained a Club Record in his Butterfly event.

Our relay squads also done us proud with 9 wins out of 22 events.

It was good to see our former Club Swimmers still enjoying their Swimming, The Mikulskis are still fully involved in Rushmoor Royals.

REDHILL & REIGATE RESULTS		
1ST	ERITH	141
2ND	RU HMOOR ROYALS	184
3RD	SEAGULLS	191
4TH	REDHILL& REIGATE	217
5TH	RUISLIP	284
6TH	FAREHAM NOMADS	303

Claire Conner and Paul Dodson collected the Trophy on behalf of their Club.

Trevor Holmes

**KENT COUNTY A.S.A
CHAMPIONSHIPS 1994**

**TUNBRIDGE WELLS
'SOUTHBOROUGH POOL'
Saturday 12th February 1994**

Although not team coach this year, I was privileged to go pool side with our few swimmers that were there and watch some extremely good swims.

Andrew Bates swam the 4 x 2 Individual medley for the first time ever, and clocked up a very creditable 2.51.34 which gave him an automatic place in the final, he then swam an incredible 2:49:41 in the final giving him 5th place and a well deserved medal.

Ian Magness competed in the 100m Freestyle and was also successful making the final. Once again he swam under the minute in a time of 59.78 giving him 6th place and a medal.

In our younger swimmers age group **John**

Colmer swam the 100m Breastroke in a time of 1:39:87 giving him first reserve. Well done **John**, next year lets hope that you make the final.

Leanne Peile, Lauren Peile and Trevor Jones also swam and put in very good times.

Don't forget swimmers, these Championships are held on the same dates every year and anybody can enter if they have qualifying times (which many of you have). If you are interested in competing in these prestigious events have a word with **Allan Bedford** in December.

Carol Russell

P.S

While **John Colmer** was swimming, his sister **Claire** was taking part in a cross country event down near Southampton, I believe that she came 5th overall and was the 1st Bexley runner home. I think that this deserves a mention in the Newsletter.

**KENT SCHOOLS SWIMMING
ASSOCIATION
INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
BLACK LION GILLINGHAM
17TH MARCH 1994**

Carol Bates and I were both poolside at the afternoon session with **Andrew Bates, Heidi Green, and Rebecca Russell** who were swimming on behalf of Erith School. All 3 made finals.

Andrew Junior Freestyle	6th
Heidi Senior Backstroke	5th
Rebecca Senior Freestyle	6th

Hannah Spencer represented Wilmington Girls School and came 5th in the Intermediate Backstroke.

Ian Magness represented Welling School and came 1st in the Intermediate Backstroke.
Sarah Hubbard representing Welling School

made 2nd reserve in the Intermediate Butterfly. **Martina Cooley** represented Welling School in the Intermediate Backstroke.

Matthew Banwell represented Hurstmere in the Junior Freestyle.

As usual all of the Erith and District swimmers swam magnificently.

These championships are held at the same time every March, so do make a note in your diaries, so that you can represent your individual schools. Your teachers have the entry form from January onwards, so don't forget next year to ask them about it.

I apologize in advance for any swimmers that I have omitted from this list.

Carol Russell.

1994 OPEN LONG COURSE MASTERS 27TH & 28TH FEBRUARY 1994

Eight of our masters, four ladies Brenda McAloon, Chris Case, Nora Norris and Rosemary Watkins, and four men Dennis Vick, Shaun Enwright, Trevor Holmes and Frank Rider, swam in the southern counties Open Meet in the 50m pool at Crystal Palace, which takes place over two days.

The competition as always was extremely high but despite this our swimmers came home with four medals, 1 Gold, 1 Silver won by Trevor Holmes in the 50m and 100m Breaststroke, and two Bronze medals won by Rosemary Watkins in the 50m and 100m Breaststroke. Many of our other swimmers who took part achieved personal best times with special congratulation going to Nora Norris who took an incredible eleven seconds off her 50m Backstroke time. Brilliant!!

Well done to everyone who took part, and good luck to everyone in the next gala.

Moya Rider.

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VISIT OF HET 'Y' EASTER 1994

In February's Newsletter, Peter Frost gave brief details of the visit.

We have had a very good response to our request for swimmers families to put up swimmers and officials. By the time this newsletter is published, all families will be advised of who's having who.

Some disappointments may be apparant, but the numbers coming from Holland are not as great as we first thought. Please accept my apologies.

We would like to thank everyone for their interest and support. More and more details will come out over the next few weeks.

Everyone is welcome to participate in all the events that take place.

Trevor Holmes

A FEW PRE-GALA TIPS

Eat at least 2 hours before you swim.

Avoid fizzy drinks before you swim.

Do not eat or drink on poolside - if you are very thirsty, have a very small drink (ie water or squash)

PARENTS MAKE SURE YOUR CHILD KNOWS THAT THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED FIZZY DRINKS UNTIL TH Y HAVE FINISHED RACING!!

Always ask before you leave poolside even if is just to go to the toilet, disappearing just before your race means that we have to look for you.

Also make sure that you have finished all of the races that you are required to swim. Even if the team swim list say's that you have finished, just in case you have been put in to another race.

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SOCIAL SECTION NEWS

PRESENTATION DISCO (Saturday 12th March 1994)

Following our first successful season in the Octopus League and another nail-biting conclusion to the Speedo League, swimmers and Parents joined together for this Presentation Disco at a new venue, Slade Green community centre.

With the Octopus League fulfilling its aim to offer swimmers their first taste of inter-club competition, it was pleasing to see so many new faces putting their best foot forward on the dance floor. Unfortunately, due to other commitments, (not least of all the Kent Schools Championships), a number of swimmers were unable to attend.

However, those present enjoyed the event although the Community Centre's larger capacity did not seem to generate quite the same atmosphere as our old haunt of Carlton Hall. In addition, the decibel monitor proved to be a pain in the wotsit and worst of all, there were no suitably positioned fixing from which to suspend our balloon net!

Notwithstanding these gripes, we shall continue to look for another large, local, well-appointed and affordable venue. We are again indebted to 'Powerful Pierre' for giving maximum enjoyment in a less than conducive environment.

See you at the next one....

FAMILY RAMBLE SUMMER HALF TERM (THURS 2ND JUNE)

Peter Frost is currently contemplating organising a Family Ramble on the Kent/Sussex border for which a coach will be hired to take us to the start point, (Tenterden) and return from the finish point, (Rye). To make this proposal viable, Peter will have to fill every seat on the coach at £5.00 each. It is hoped that this Ramble will also incorporate a ride in the Kent & East Sussex Railway, a scenic steam railway.

If you are interested, please write your names on the list that appears on the Club noticeboard so that Peter can decide whether it is indeed worthwhile proceeding with the arrangements.

ERITH RIVERSIDE FESTIVAL (Sunday 5th June)*

Once again, we are asking for families to help run our popular fund-raising Rodeo Horse and Table Cloth Trick sideshows at the annual event on Riverside Gardens.

If you can help on a 1 hour rota basis, please write your names in the appropriate time slot(s) that appear on the list on the Club noticeboard and further details will be forwarded to you. No previous experience is required and it's great fun!

*(A Diddies/Wrinklies gala has been provisionally booked as an additional attraction in Riverside Swimming Centre...)

LONDON TO BRIGHTON BIKE RIDE (Sunday 19th June)

Team Riders! Your rider packs and T-Shirts have arrived! As indicated on my recent handout, these will be distributed to all team riders in exchange for your £5.00 subsidy which will cover support vehicle hire, your seat on the coach, parking fees and the possible provision of our own unique ride memento. Please read your Ride guide carefully and don't forget to start collection sponsorship - we want to exceed that magic £10,000 mark!

Details regarding seats on the support coach for Mums and Dads etc. will be announced shortly...

QUIZ NIGHT (Saturday 25th June)

Whilst the venue has yet to be confirmed, we are holding our first Quiz Night in June at 8pm for all Parents and swimmers over 16 years of age. Irrespective of whether you are involved in the Tudor Gala earlier that evening, we would like to see you there.

More details will be announced shortly.

PRESENTATION DISCO
(Saturday 23rd July)

In our search for the 'Ultimate venue', we are considering holding our Tudor, Diddy and White Horse League Presentation Disco at BETHS School Hall, Hartford Road, Bexley.

This has an even greater capacity than Slade Green community centre so whether you swam in any of these league galas or not, EVERYONE will be welcome to attend.

Further details will be announced in due course.

'100 CLUB'

Following a suggestion at the Club AGM, the Social Section is currently considering starting it's own '100 Club' that would replace all 'in-house' raffles and make-up for the shortfall in funds left by the ban imposed on the sale of crisps, sweets and drinks.

Listen out for more news of this exciting development...

BARN DANCE
(Saturday 22nd October)

If you enjoyed last year's Barn Dance, we have provisionally pencilled-in another for October. Watch this space for further details...

YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED...

Should you have any question about any of the events listed above or if you have any ideas that you would like to discuss with members of the Social Section, please do not hesitate to see any of the Ladies and Gents listed below. We won't bite!

Peter Frost
Maureen Holmes
Jill Thackray
Lyn Willcocks
Gill Piele
Rosemary Watkins
Chris Ellingford
Mike Chesterton
Joy Dodson
Annette Partlett
Dave Belcher
Pip Willcocks
Wendy Ford
Frances Wakerell
Moya Rider

P A Frost

RAMBLE REPORT
THURSDAY 17TH FEBRUARY

We set off at a time when most people thought they should still be in bed! We went to Dartford Station, where we caught a train to Gravesend.

From there we walked through the shopping complex to the Tilbury Ferry. After a long wait, we got on the ferry and crossed the Thames to Tilbury.

We walked to the Tilbury Fort where we spent about an hour exploring the tunnels, walking the walls, eating and firing the guns, yes, firing the guns!

After this, we headed towards the sewage works, which, instead of going round like the map said, we went through them!

Then we walked through open land, admiring the scenery (not), and then finally got to the pub. Unfortunately, much to the disappointment of everyone, we couldn't go into the pub, so we went and disassembled the climbing frame in the garden instead!

We walked on further, and by now most of the little ones (not including me of course!) decided they wouldn't bother staying clean anymore, so they dived in a few puddles, fell in a bit of mud, and generally got covered in muck (not mentioning any names, Ian Goode and Matt Walker!!)

Then, we seemed to get lost. Well, you would think that, if you was walking across endless fields, wouldn't your?

But, as if by a miracle, Peter got us back to familiar country, and we got back on to the ferry. We got back to Gravesend, where if anyone would have been there all day, they would not have believed that we were the same people that had been there earlier, as we were now muddy, wet and tired.

We popped into McDonalds for a quick snack before catching our train home.

We arrived at Dartford with myself and fellow rambblers saying "I'm not going on the next one", but I think they will - well I know I am!

I would like to thank Peter on behalf of the others for an enjoyable day out

Tony Lawrence

A WEEKEND AT SINAH WARREN FEBRUARY 1994

On Friday morning, Jill and Mick came to pick us up in their car, after a tussle with our portmanteau and Micks car boot, and picking up Maureen and Trevor, we were on our way.

We were soon at Warners, at Hayling Island and after getting out of the car, very well known faces were peering at us from the swimming pool.

With their normal efficiency, Jill and Maureen went and sorted out the Dining Room and chalet staff and we were soon given out table and chalet numbers.

We went for a nice walk down to the ferry and on our return received our instructions for the various tournaments.

Soon it was time to get ready for dinner and on arrival at the dining room it was very obvious what Jill and Maureen had been up to as all EDSC were at tables grouped around each other. We will say now that the meals were fabulous, a great variety of menu's for each meal and nicely presented. Even with exercise we still put on pounds!

After dinner, us old codgers showed the youngsters how to play bingo and then there was a disco. In the early hours of the morning, shattered, we staggered away to our chalet, leaving the youngsters dancing away.

Breakfast at 8:30pm and then the serious part of the weekend, Table Tennis and Darts

Tournaments, Five a Side Football, Bowls (both indoor and outdoor), swimming, Horse Riding, Squeezing in lunch, Clay Pigeon shooting (the first time I've seen Mick Thackray blush after being congratulated) for getting the highest score - 17 marks out of a possible 24.

After dinner it was time to relax with Bingo, Cabaret and a disco. A slightly different disco where part of it was standing on tables and chairs waving table cloths (encouraged by the camp staff and D.J).

Even with all the food we had eaten, at 1:00am in the morning we felt a bit peckish so went for sausage in a roll and chips, feeling more shattered than the night before, we went back to the chalet, again leaving the youngsters dancing.

Sunday dawned with a snow storm which lasted all morning, finals of some of the Tournaments were taken and we were pleased to present trophies to:-

Peter Sadler	Mens Darts
Claire Conner	Ladies Darts
Leanne Peile	Girls Darts
Matthew Walker	Boys Darts

In the afternoon, after a cup of tea, we all departed for home, tired but happy.

WHEN IS THE NEXT ONE PLEASE?

BETTY AND SANDY.

STOP PRESS

100 CLUB UPDATE.

We are now accepting your applications for "100 Club" draw numbers so don't delay let us have your red form back as soon as possible so that your number is in for the first prize draw in May.

If you have lost the form or can persuade a friend or another member of your family to join, you will find another one on the back of this newsletter. Remember the more people we can get to join the higher the prize money will be!!!

CLUB RECORDS

Yet another new set of Club Records are attached to this Newsletter. In excess of 20 new records have been set within the last two months some at club galas and internal club competition others at the Kent County Championships and the Kent Schools Championships.

It is becoming increasingly more difficult to keep up with all the changes especially in the Masters Section with all the different age bands.

If you notice an error or know of a record I have missed please tell me.

It gives me great pleasure to keep changing the records especially really old ones - it shows how the standard of teaching, coaching, and swimming is getting better all the time.

So keep setting new records and keep your eyes open for any I may miss or get wrong.

JILL THACKRAY

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KEEN GARDENER - REQUIRES PART TIME WORK

If you have a garden that needs some attention, small trees that need pruning, or need any help generally with your garden - I am ready, willing, and able!

Please contact me on 0322 291088 or leave your name and phone number with the "Ladies on the Door" and I will contact you.

MICHAEL (BUCK) RYAN