



END OF SEASON ROUND-UP

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Secretary's News

Well done to all who swam in the recent Annual Gala championships, particularly those few who took part in all the events available to them.

We can be proud of the fact that we have so many swimmers in the open age group, but it is quite disappointing to find that only 3 open ladies and 1 open male managed to swim all of the events.

It is accepted that some swimmers did have genuine and acceptable reasons for not swimming certain events. However, the majority of those did not. It is vitally important that you do all the events available in your age group, not least because it is in the Club's rules, but also as it will help to ensure that the team managers pick the right swimmers for their team. They cannot do that in the absence of up to date times.

Can I also inform all swimmers that balls are not to be played with anywhere in the building at any time. In addition to this, kicking objects around the changing room will not be tolerated.

To finish on a more positive note, we have now come to the end of the 2002/2003 swimming season, and have seen plenty of positive things come out of the last 10 months or so, including success at the Kent championships, promotion for the North Kent Junior League team, the Red team winning the Tudor league, and one swimmer, namely **Michael Cook**, qualifying for the National championships, which will take place in August.

Don't forget the new competitive season kicks off almost straight away in September with the Sprint Trophy. **11th October** will also see the first round of the Speedo League take place. Please also ensure you are free on the **8th November** and **13th December**, as it is expected that over 90 swimmers will be needed to form the best 'A' and 'B' team possible for the Club's most important league.

Pam Bedford, Club Secretary

DON'T FORGET SWIMMERS:

Please feel free to speak to your Club Reps if you've got comments (negative or positive) to say about the following issues: **coaching / swimming galas / selection processes / your future with EDSC / social events / any other issues relevant to your future and enjoyment of EDSC**. We are also available to speak to if you have an issue with another swimmer and you wish to speak to someone confidentially. Being Management Committee Members we are also able to forward on any suggestions you may have with regards to improving the way the Club operates.

Heidi Green is your female swimmers representative. Heidi is usually present to speak to on Monday (8.30-10pm) and Wednesday nights (9-10pm). Please feel free to phone / text Heidi on her mobile: XXXXX XXXXXX, or e-mail her at: XXXXX.XXXXX@XXXXXXXXXX.XX.XX

Paul Nicholls is your male swimmers representative. Paul is usually present to speak to on Monday (8.30-10pm), Tuesday (8.45-10pm) and Wednesday nights (8-9pm). Please feel free to phone / text Paul on his mobile: XXXXX XXXXXX, or e-mail him at: XXXX.XXXXXXX@XXXXXXXX.XXX.XX

Gala Results

All the latest League and Friendly Gala Results

White Horse League 2003

ROUND 2 - TRINITY SCHOOL, CROYDON - 12 APRIL 2003

Gala Results

POS.	TEAM	POINTS
1	Croydon	103
2	Beckenham	129
3	White Darts	132
4	Bromley	141
5	Erith	175
6	Eltham	229

Unfortunately we experienced a number of disqualifications, although it is doubtful that without them we would have been able to rise above Bromley. Our sole winner of the night came courtesy of **Shane Hume** in the Mens Open 50m Freestyle.

ROUND 3 - WHITE OAK LEISURE CENTRE, SWANLEY - 7 JUNE 2003

Gala Results

POS.	TEAM	POINTS
1	Croydon	90
2	White Darts	110
3	Erith	111
4	Bromley	113
5	Eltham	194

This was a much more closely contested gala, with us just beating Bromley by 2 points, and being within 2 points of beating White Darts. We had a number of first places, namely from: **Ryan Carver, Timothy Colman, Michael Cook, Phillip Brown, Laura Porritt, Michael Redpath and Shane Hume**. Beckenham did not swim.

ROUND 4 - BECKENHAM SPA - 5 JULY 2003

Gala Results

POS.	TEAM	POINTS
1	Beckenham	101
2	White Darts	121
3	Bromley	142
4	Erith	143
5	Croydon	150
6	Eltham	253

The very last gala of the season took us to one of the best pools around - the 8 lane 25m Beckenham Spa. Top swimmer of the night was **Timothy Colman**, who despite having to swim in a total of 7 events, managed to muster up 2 individual wins. Other wins came courtesy of **Ryan Carver** and the mixed 13/U medley and freestyle relay team consisting of **Michael Cook, Joe Thorogood, Laura Porritt, Emma Eady and Grace McCalla**.

Junior Speedo League 2003

ROUND 2 - WALTHAM FOREST - 6 APRIL 2003

Gala Results

POS.	TEAM	POINTS
1	Romford	233
2	Potters Bar	149
3	Braintree & Bocking	148
4	Cheshunt	141
5	Erith	124
6	Chelmsford	105

The second round of the National Junior Speedo League took us to the 25m Waltham Forest pool. The two individual winners of the night were **Timothy Colman** in the boys 11 and under butterfly and **Michael Cook** in the boys 12 and under backstroke.

ROUND 3 - BISHOP STORTFORD - 1 JUNE 2003

Gala Results

POS.	TEAM	POINTS
1	Cheshunt	171
2	Barnet	170
3	Chelmsford	168
4	Canvey	143
5	Erith	136
6	Bishop Stortford	98

Despite keeping a clean sheet and winning more races than the previous rounds we somehow couldn't manage to rise above fifth position overall. Individual wins came from **Michael Cook, Timothy Colman, Laura Porritt (2), and Matt Kirkup**.

Kent Junior League 2003

ROUND 1 - TRINITY SCHOOL, CROYDON - 28 JUNE 2003

Gala Results

POS.	TEAM	POINTS
1	Erith	197
2	Sevenoaks	173
3	Greenwich Meridian	170
4	Orpington OJAYS	163
5	Margate	158
6	Edenbridge Piranhas	139

We exceeded our expectations in this, the first of three rounds in the Kent Junior League 2003 following our promotion from Division 4 last season. Individual wins came courtesy of **Jake Reeves, Matt Kirkup (2), Tim Colman, Emma Eady, Michael Cook, Laura Porritt (2), Joe Thorogood, and Stacey Reeves**.

Tudor League 2002/2003

ROUND 6 - ELTHAM - 13 APRIL 2003

Gala Results

POS.	TEAM	POINTS
1	Erith Red	209
2	Eltham	205
3	Greenwich	182
4	Bromley	177
5	Dartford	154
6	Erith White	117

The Red Team had their second successive win in the sixth round. **Matt Kirkup** had individual wins in both the 12 and under breaststroke and butterfly events. Other individual winners included **Sam Gardiner, Grace McCalla, Paul Nicholls, Sophie Evans, Mark Nicholls** and **Jake Reeves**. The girls 9 and 10 year age group consisting of **Gemma Davies, Emma Goodey, Alice McCalla, Claire Gayson** and **Sally Hopkins-Bain** won both their relay events, as did **Mark Nicholls, Paul**

Nicholls, Rory Jenner & Joe Hodges in the mens open. Finally, **Claire Gayson, Emma Goodey, Naomi Monksfield, Sophie Evans, Grace McCalla, Stacey Reeves, Stevie Kirkup** and **Natalie Bennett** had a convincing win in the girl's freestyle squadron. For the White Team, **Emma Hoyne-Butler** won the individual backstroke event in the open, while **Dan Richards** gained maximum points for the team in the men's open butterfly.

ROUND 7 - ELTHAM - 17 MAY 2003

Gala Results

POS.	TEAM	POINTS
1	Greenwich	218
2	Bromley	197
3	Eltham Stingrays	190
4	Erith White	181
5	Gravesend	180

Round 7 saw the Red team drop out, plus one other team failing to turn up. Individual wins for the White team came from **Heidi Green, Emma Hoyne-Butler, Emma Eady, John Murray** and **Storm Anderson**.

ROUND 8 - ELTHAM - 8 JUNE 2003

Gala Results

POS.	TEAM	POINTS
1	Erith Red	207
2	Bromley	205
3	Dartford	194
4	Gravesend	172
5	Eltham	143
6	Erith White	133

The 8th and final round of the Tudor League saw the Red team obtain their third win in a row and win the league in one of the closest final Tudor League galas of recent years. The Red team had to beat Gravesend and Northfleet in the gala in order to win the league. The leading team continuously changed throughout, with Bromley (last year's league winners), Gravesend and Northfleet, and Erith Red all having a fair share of the lead. Eventually Gravesend and Northfleet dropped

back, and despite an unfortunate disqualification for speeding, Erith Red managed to stay in front of Gravesend, and actually went on to clinch the gala by just two points.

Those that helped to achieve maximum points for Erith Red in their individual races included: **Matt Kirkup (2), Grace McCalla (2), Helen Clifton, Sam Gardiner, Stacey Reeves** and **Alice McCalla**. Wins also came from the mens open freestyle team consisting of **Luke Fuller, Joe Hodges, Mark Nicholls** and **Paul Nicholls**; the ladies open medley team consisting of **Stevie Kirkup, Helen Clifton, Lorraine Stevens** and **Natalie Bennett**; and, the girls freestyle squadron with **Alice McCalla, Emma Goodey, Hannah Spence, Naomi Monksfield, Stacey Reeves, Grace McCalla, Natalie Bennett** and **Helen Clifton**. For Erith's White team individual wins came courtesy of **Emma Hoyne-Butler, Sara Case, Storm Anderson** and **Emma Wallace**, plus there was a win for the girls 9/10 years freestyle relay consisting of **Tia Anderson, Charlotte Ody, Elizabeth Kennedy** and **Ria Surridge**.

Final Tudor League Table for 2003

POS.	TEAM
1	Erith Red
2	Greenwich
3	Gravesend
4	Bromley
5	Eltham
6	Erith White
7	Dartford
8	Orpington

We would like to thank swimmers and parents for their continued support this season. Especially **Julie and Ian Craggs and Steve Surridge** for officiating for the White Team on a regular basis.

Results this season have been somewhat erratic. We lost a few swimmers at the beginning of the year who attained Kent Qualifying Times. Attendance at Galas has also at times been disappointing. However, our open swimmers could always be relied upon for a good performance, as could the 10 & Under Girls. Special thanks must also go to **Heidi Green, Sara Case and Emma Wallace** for their regular help with the team and general good care of the younger swimmers.

It has come with some sadness that after ten years of being involved with the Tudor White team we have decided to resign as Team Managers. We have both thoroughly enjoyed our time as the White Team Managers but feel it is time to stand aside and allow others with more time to take up the challenge. In the last ten years we have seen many swimmers take part in Tudor and progress on to higher level competitions and also on to pastures new (both in and out of swimming).

We wish all the current team every success in their swimming now and in the future Tudor Teams.

Simone and Frank Rider

And although she didn't specifically say so, I'm sure **Carol** would also like to say much the same about the excellent service she has received this season from **Mark Nicholls, Paul Nicholls and Stevie Kirkup**.

White Team Results supplied by Simone and Frank Rider - White Team Managers

***Red Team Results supplied by Carol Goodey - Red Team Manager
Gala reports courtesy of Paul Nicholls***

And here's that Red team photo:

TURN TO PAGE 9 FOR THE LIST OF SWIMMERS FOR THE TUDOR WHITE AND RED TEAMS...

Octopus League 2003

ROUND 4 - 26 APRIL 2003

Gala Results

POS.	TEAM	POINTS
1	Bromley	193
2	Croydon	165
3	Barracuda	158
4	Erith	135
5	Edenbridge	110
6	Woodside	87

Another good fourth place in this, the fourth round of the Octopus League 2003. Individual wins came courtesy of **Callum Kent** in the 10yrs F/S, **Georgia Carlton** in the 11yrs B/S, **Charlotte Ashby** in the 10 yrs B/S, and **Stevie Kirkup** in the 16 & U backstroke.

ROUND 5 - 17 MAY 2003

Gala Results

POS.	TEAM	POINTS
1	Barracuda	197
2	Eltham	166
3	Woodside	133
4	Croydon	129
5	Edenbridge	122
6	Erith	121

Although we reduced the number of disqualifications from 3 to 1, we unfortunately finished last by just one point. However, there were a number of good swims, in particular individual wins from **Callum Kent** in the 10yrs F/S, **Stevie Kirkup** in the 16 & U backstroke and **Emily Morris** in the 11 & U F/S. A special mention to **Tommy Cowell** who swam in his first Octopus League gala.

Results supplied by Paul Byskup - Octopus Team Manager

Friendly Galas

ELMBRIDGE PHOENIX - BOYS AND GIRLS TROPHY GALA - 10 MAY 2003

Gala Results

POS.	TEAM (BOYS)	POINTS
1	Staines	54
2	Teddington	58
3	Elmbridge	73
4	Erith	75
5	Cheam	123
6	Elmbridge B	143

POS.	TEAM (GIRLS)	POINTS
1	Elmbridge A	54
2	Staines	54
3	Teddington	75
4	Cheam	79
5	Elmbridge B	131
6	Erith	133

Once again this was a very competitive gala with a lot of strong teams competing. We had a lot of good swims and P.B's. Wins from: **Joe Thorogood** U14 2L B/S, **Stephen Kihara** open 100m B/S. Swim of the night from **Michael Redpath** who swam under 1 min for the first time in the 100m F/S (59.75 to be exact), well done **Michael!!** Thank you to all the swimmers and parents for their support.

Julie Craggs - Friendly Gala Manager

Other Results

ANNUAL GALA 2003: Special Awards

Because the Annual Gala was a little later than usual, it has not been possible to print this year's results from the Points Cup. The publishing of the results and a presentation are expected in August. However, we can print a list of the Special Award winners, as they were presented at the last session of the Annual Gala.

Swimmer of the Year 2003 - **Laura Porritt; Michael Cook**
Progress Cup - **Emily Morris and Emma Goodey; Callum Kent**
Breaststroke Style - **Lauren Thorogood; John Burdett**
Endeavour Award - **Emma Gardiner**
Friendship Cup (open top scorer) - **Tiffany Brown**
Synchro Swimmer of the Year - **Natalie Wilkes**
Family Relay - **The Facers**

For all those that are now in possession of an Annual Gala trophy, please ensure that you look after your trophy. You will get to keep the trophy up to 1 month before the first Annual Gala session in 2004. If, at any time the trophy is accidentally broken it is your responsibility to replace the broken part or, if it cannot be repaired, replace the entire trophy. Please also ensure that you get your name engraved on the trophy as soon as possible (Pantiles in Bexleyheath is recommended). If you experience any difficulties in getting your name engraved then please speak to **Paul Nicholls**. Finally, when you are asked to return your trophy/trophies please make sure that no repair work is required and that they are clean and shiny (a bottle of silver polish at around £2 is all you need).

Paul Nicholls

As you may already know we are once again fielding A and B teams in this year's Speedo League campaign. Up to 90 swimmers will be required to compete on each of the three evenings, therefore please ensure you keep the following Saturday evenings free:

Saturday 11th October
Saturday 8th November
Saturday 13th December

If you think you may be selected at either level and you know that you are unable to swim due to other commitments please let me know in advance. Remember that a lot of organisation has to go in to the selection of the two teams and crosses on the team sheet create lots of problems. Thanks in advance,

John Burdett, Club Coach

Apologies...

Kent County Championships February to March 2003

Apologies must go to those involved in the first day of the Kent County Championships this year. For some strange reason the results from this session were omitted in the last edition of the Newsletter, and more significantly the press release. In essence, we did ourselves a complete injustice because we actually gained 3 medals on this day. Sincere apologies go out to **James Stear**, **Michael Redpath**, **Joe Thorogood**, **Michael Cook**, **Phillip Brown** and more significantly **Laura Porritt**, who somehow managed to win silver in the 11 years 200m butterfly despite feeling unwell on the day, and then being diagnosed with tonsillitis just two days later! The results from this session were as follows:

Laura Porritt - Silver in 11 years 200m Butterfly

Phillip Brown - Bronze in 16 years 50m Backstroke

James Stear - 14th in 13 years 100m Backstroke

Michael Redpath - 10th 14 years 100m Backstroke; 19th 14 years 50m freestyle

Michael Cook - 9th 11 years 50m freestyle

Joe Thorogood - Bronze 12 years 50m freestyle

As far as I can tell(!) that means this years' medal haul included 2 gold, 6 silvers & 4 bronzes.

2km Swim in the Sea at Eastbourne - Sunday 31st August

Many of you will no doubt be aware that, for the first time, we intend on roping some swimmers into this challenge, which will take place off the coast of Eastbourne on Sunday 31st August. If you are interested in competing and want further details then please speak to **John Burdett** by **Friday 8th August**. For those of you that are far too chicken to have a go, then feel free to come down for the day and lend your support.

London to Brighton Bike Ride 2004

Having recently taken part in this years bike ride, it would appear that after going around and collecting money from those of you who were kind enough to sponsor me, there appears to be a relatively high level of interest in getting together an 'EDSC' team of swimmers, family members and friends to take part in the British Heart Foundation's single largest fund raising event. The Club has successfully organised this event in previous years, helping to raise thousands of pounds for the charity. With the promised support of **Allan Bedford** and **Dave Ellingford**, we are looking to organise a team for 2004. The event always takes place on Fathers Day in June, and if you think you are up to cycling the 58 mile distance between Clapham Common and Brighton, and would like to help raise some money for charity, then you may wish to consider it for next year. In order to discover whether or not it should be possible for us to fill a coach and lorry with our bikes, I'm likely to place a notice on the noticeboard towards the end of the year for you to add your name should you be seriously considering taking part.

Paul Nicholls - Boys Club Captain

Tudor and Junior Speedo League Swimmers 2002/2003

TUDOR WHITE TEAM 2002/2003

TUDOR RED TEAM 2002/2003

JUNIOR SPEEDO 2003

POS.	NAME	PTS.	POS.	NAME	PTS.	POS.	NAME	PTS.
1.	Shane Povey-Garman	90	1.	Reeves Stacey	132	1.	Michael Cook	59
2.	Ian Facer	88	2.	Nicholls Paul	125	2.	Emma Goodey	50
3.	Emma Hoyne Butler	81	3.	Nicholls Mark	97	3.	Matt Kirkup	49
4.	John Murray	80	4.	Reeves Jake	89	4.	Laura Porritt	48
5.	Charlotte Ody	76	5.	Mccalla Grace	88	5.	Timothy Colman	42
6.	Ria Surridge	73	6.	Kirkup Stevie	87	6.	Katie Dobberson	38
7.	Sara Case	72	7.	Kirkup Matt	83	7.	Bethan Austin	34
8.	Philip Cunningham	69	8.	Hodges Joe	82	8.	Elizabeth Kennedy	33
9.	Daniel Richards	60	=9.	Fuller Darren	80	=9.	Jade Risby	30
10.	Ashley Murray	53	=9.	Gardiner Sam	80	=9.	Alice McCalla	30
11.	Dean Povey-Garman	52	11.	Monksfield Naomi	79	=9.	Ria Surridge	30
12.	Ben Wallace	50	12.	Evans Sophie	78	=9.	Jake Reeves	30
=13.	Heidi Green	49	13.	Morris Luke	77	13.	Sam Gardiner	29
=13.	Daniel Upsher	49	14.	Upsher George	69	14.	Callum Kent	28
=15.	Jade Risby	48	15.	Kent Callum	64	15.	Sophie Evans	26
=15.	Shaney Piele	48	16.	Davies James	63	=16.	Richard Jones	24
=15.	Marcus Page	48	=17.	Bennett Natalie	61	=16.	Thomas Rose	24
18.	Thomas Rose	41	=17.	Evans Sam	61	18.	Naomi Monksfield	23
19.	Tia Anderson	39	=17.	Gardiner Emma	61	=19.	Jay Gorga	21
20.	James Willey	37	20.	Stevens Lorraine	59	=19.	Charlotte Ody	21
21.	Daniella Murray	36	=21.	Gayson Claire	55	21.	Jane Wickett	20
22.	Emma Wallace	35	=21.	Morris Emily	55	=22.	Sarah Craggs	19
=23.	Storm Anderson	34	23.	Goodey Emma	48	=22.	Shane Povey Garman	19
=23.	Matthew Bassett	34	24.	Goodey Richard	46	=22.	Megan Bassett	19
=23.	Robert Kennedy	34	=25.	Goodey Judith	45	25.	Dean Povey Garman	16
=23.	Timothy Coleman	34	=25.	Steer James	45	=26.	George Upsher	14
27.	Michael Cook	33	=27.	Lansdale Gary	44	=26.	Emily Morris	14
=28.	Elizabeth Kennedy	32	=27.	Mccalla Alice	44	28.	Matthew Bassett	13
=28.	Katie Dobberson	32	29.	Clifton Helen	43	=29.	Samuel Murray	11
=28.	Megan Bassett	32	=30.	Fuller Luke	41	=29.	Henry Wong	11
31.	Kirsty Dobberson	31	=30.	Jones Richard	41	=29.	Georgia Carlton	11
=32.	Emma Eady	29	32.	Murray Susie	38	32.	Tommy Cowell	9
=32.	Peter Sullivan	29	33.	Hopkins Bain Sally	37	33.	Jake Mitchell	5
34.	Emily Wiley	27	34.	Davies Gemma	36	34.	Emily Willey	3
35.	Rachel Cook	26	=35.	Spence Joe	34			
=36.	Darren Cooper	25	=35.	Spence Luke	34			
=36.	Samuel Murray	25	37.	Gorga Taylor	33			
38.	Tommy Parry	23	38.	Crickett Robert	32			
39.	Kerry Dewey	22	39.	Ashby Charlotte	29			
40.	Daniel Byskup	20	40.	Hodges Michael	27			
=41.	Danielle Willingale	16	41.	Carlton Georgia	26			
=41.	Adam Forest	16	=42.	Jenner Rory	21			
43.	Laura Facer	15	=42.	Spence Hannah	21			
44.	Bethan Austin	14	44.	Gorga Jay	19			
45.	David Kensington	12	45.	O'dowd Emma	15			
46.	Lucy Craggs	11	=46.	Morley Alison	14			
=47.	Grace Aldis	10	=46.	Thorogood Lauren	14			
=47.	Louisa Byskup	10	=46.	Wong Henry	14			
=47.	Sarah Craggs	10	49.	Elliott Zoe	12			
50.	Josh Bradley	7	50.	Timmins Katie	11			
=51.	Tracey Cooper	4	51.	Wilkes Alex	10			
=51.	Matthew Tait	4	52.	Crickett Jonathon	8			
=51.	Rob Facer	4	=53.	Hall Charlotte	6			
=54.	Gemma Cannon	3	=53.	O'Dowd Ben	6			
=54.	Louisa Jenner	3	55.	Cowell Tommy	5			

Social Section News

Proposed Visit to Bathgate - 12th to 14th September

Following a visit by a small contingent of Bathgate swimmers to us last autumn, the Club has received an invitation to attend their Annual Sprint Meet in Scotland on Saturday 13th September. As this competition is a full day affair and is traditionally of a high standard, we have only canvassed swimmers from the Top and Gold squads to learn whether they wish to attend this meet or not. The other stumbling block is the transport costs dictated to by our sole option to fly to Edinburgh from London City Airport on the Friday evening and returning on the Sunday thereby avoiding a clash with the Education authorities. And that cost is... £135.70 return (inc. airport taxes) for anyone 12 years of age upwards. So, by the time you read these words, we should know whether we will be sending a small team of swimmers to Scotland in September...

Annual Gala Raffle

Many thanks to everyone who supported this raffle which realised in excess of £400.00 (enough to cover the best part of the hire costs for two gala coaches!). The big first prize of £150.00 went to the **Hoynes-Butler** family, so congratulations to them. Once again, thank you for your support...

Family Ramble - Thursday 30th October

Make a date for the next Club Family Ramble during the school half-term in October when we will be doing our utmost to get lost and visit a pub somewhere in South-East England! Keep an eye on the Club noticeboard for details in September...

A new exciting Football League competition...

Remember the Fantasy League football craze of one or two years ago? Well, **Paul Cook**, Parent and new Social Section Member has devised a new and exciting League competition that all the family can sign-up to whether you are a fan of the game or not! Before the new season kicks-off in August, please read the following details which could lead you to a prize and will also raise money for Club funds to boot...

Peter Frost

“What do you know about football? Here’s a competition that will test your knowledge and judgement. It’s simple to enter and it doesn’t matter how much you know about footie because it has been designed to give everybody a chance.

The competition is open to anyone associated with the Club, so, mums, dads, kids, nans and granddads have a go. You could have your own inter-family rivalry, and your scores will be regularly updated so you can see the progress of your team(s) throughout the season.

Just pick one football club from each of the groups A to H. This will be your team. You can name your team yourself. Each goal your team scores in league matches only, will add to your score (some teams play more matches than others). The team at the end of the season with the highest score wins.

Each entry team costs £2.00, and you can enter up to 5 teams each if you wish. On your entry form please state which team you support. At the end of the season we will find out who are cleverest supporters and who are the deadheads!

Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed teams with the remaining proceeds from the entry fees going straight back into the Club. The closing date for entries will be Friday 8th August. Please hand your entries to any member of the Social Committee with your entry fees, and watch the notice board for further information."

Paul Cook

Halloween Weekend Away at Pontins, Pakefield

Friday 31st October to Monday 3rd November 2003

After last year's success, when over 100 club members, families and their friends had a very enjoyable weekend away at Pontins, Pakefield, we are now organizing our return for this year's Halloween weekend on the East Suffolk coast (2.5hrs drive). In short here's what a special EDSC discounted price of a maximum* of £55 per person and £35 per child under 12 will get you:

- Chalet accommodation for 3 nights with colour TV and en suite bathroom;
- Buffet style breakfasts and dinners (all types of food lovers catered for!);
- Free access to the swimming pool and the various outdoor sports facilities;
- Live entertainment on all 3 nights from real bands from the 60s and 70s;
- Various kids clubs to suit all ages;
- 3 bars on site, with the main venue and disco open until 2am.

To reserve your booking a deposit of £5 per person is payable now (cheques should be made out to Erith and District Swimming Club). Speak to **Jill Thackray** (XXXXX XXXXXX) or **Paul Nicholls** (XXXXX XXXXXX/XXXXX XXXXXX) for more details.

* yes that's right - there is some smallprint - but it's only good news - the more people we get to go, the cheaper it is for everyone!

New EDSC Website

A new, fully updated and fresh looking website for the Club, as put together by **Andy Watkins**, is likely be online by the time you read these words. Once fully operational, and with the help from team managers, information will be available relating to the latest news, results, records, the swim shop, the synchro section, the masters section, team sheets, plus general info about the club itself, not forgetting the ability to download past issues of the Newsletter(!). To have a look log on to:

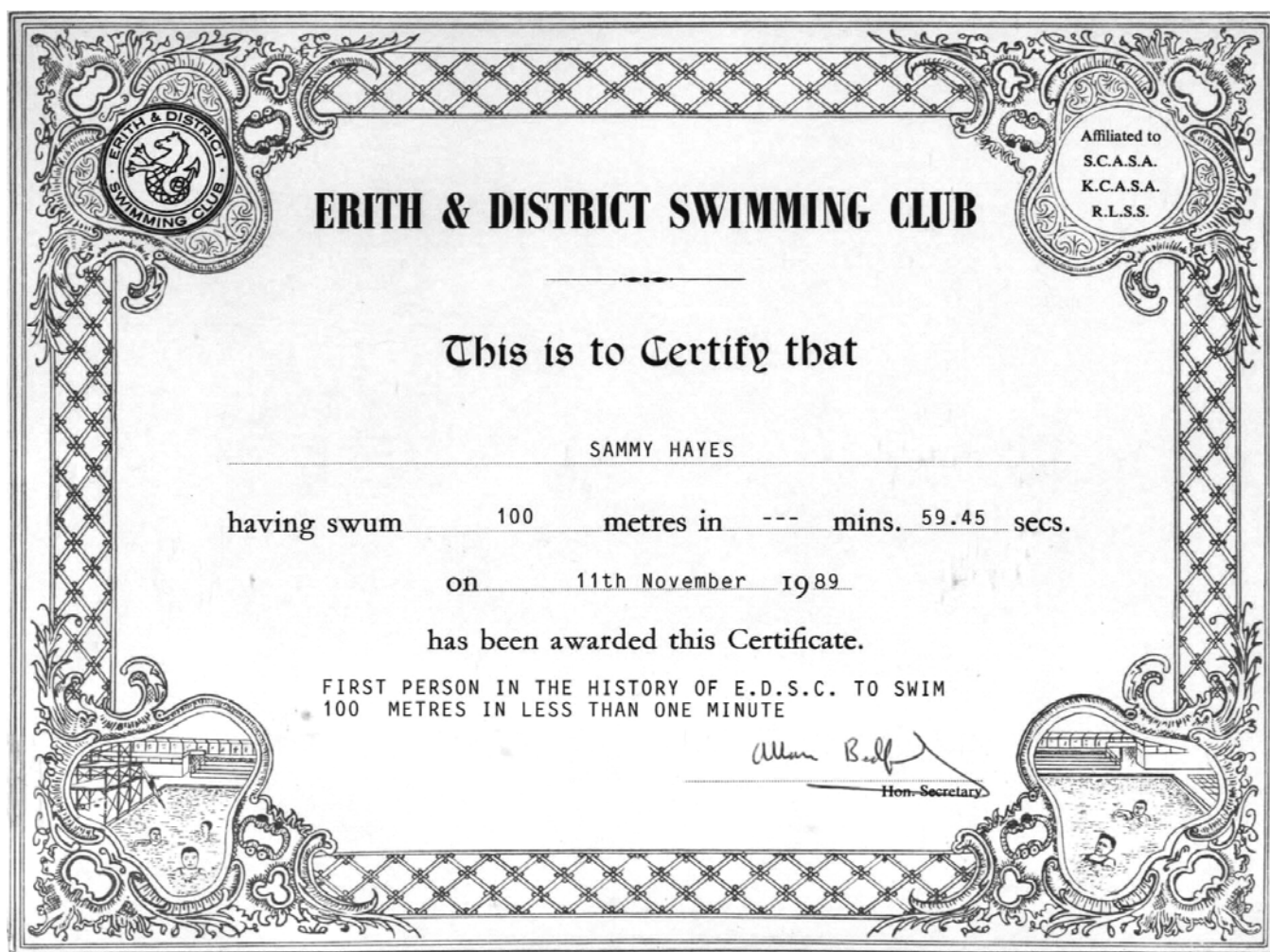
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Special Feature

Sub 1 Minute 100m Freestyle Swimmers

Since we published the feature on sub 1 minute swimmers in the last edition of the Newsletter, and as you may have noticed elsewhere in this edition, **Michael Redpath** has recently joined this elite list of swimmers by swimming the 100m freestyle in 59.75 in May. Well done **Michael**.

In addition to this, many people, for whatever reason, have questioned whether or not **Sam Hayes** has in fact gone under 1 minute for this event. Well, as you will see below, not only does the certificate confirm that he has gone under 1 minute for 100m freestyle (59.45 to be exact), but it also confirms the fact that he was the first person in EDSC's history to do just that (although we're not sure whether he's ever done it again since). In case you believe this may be a fake, please see Sam who will be more than happy for you to examine the evidence.



The Management Committee

Special Feature

Life Membership

Thanks to the knowledge and assistance of others, following the article in the last edition of the Newsletter, we have been able to identify four more people who qualify as Life Members of Erith and District Swimming Club. They are:

David Ryan	1979	24 years	Thomas Davison	1948	55 years
Jill Thackray	1983	20 years	Mark Holmes	1983	20 years

Congratulations also, to the following who will become Life Members in the next few months:

Trevor Holmes	(November)	Lorraine Stevens	(September)
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Once you become a Life Member, you are entitled to a special rate of membership for life. If a Life Member has little or no involvement with the Club over a period of time, only to become more active within the Club a few years later, then they shall still be classified as a Life Member, simply because they have, for a continuous period of 20 years, paid the full membership rate.

It is important to stress that it is nobody's responsibility within the Club to realise that a swimmer may be entitled to Life Membership. The onus is on the Member to make their case, in writing, to the Management Committee, if they believe they are entitled to Life Membership status. Records can then be checked and a decision can be reached.

Other News

Dave's London Marathon Update

Just a few words to say thank you for your sponsorship and kind words. You will be pleased to hear that since completing the London Marathon this year, I have raised £3340. For interest, one of my friends has put some photos and a report on a website:

www.askrefman.co.uk - Click on the "Guest Referee" page.

Once again thank you for your support.

Dave Buck

Wednesday Nights at Dartford College

For the month of August Wednesday night training at the Dartford College pool on Oakfield Lane will be between 7-8, and 8-9.

Masters Section

If anyone is interested in competing in the National Masters championships, which will take place between Friday 24th and Sunday 26th October, then please let Jenny Vick know as soon as possible.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS - 2003/2004



SEPTEMBER	Sunday 7th Saturday 13th Sunday 14th Saturday 20th Saturday 27th	Sprint Trophy - Session 1 (4-6pm approx) Octopus League Round 7 Sprint Trophy - Session 2 (4-6pm approx) Kent Junior League Round 2 White Horse League Round 5 - Eltham host
OCTOBER	Saturday 11th Saturday 18th Thursday 23rd Fri 24th - Sun 26th Saturday 25th Thurs 30th	Speedo League Round 1 Octopus League Round 8 Annual General Meeting (provisional) National Masters - Sheffield Tudor League Round 1 Family Ramble (provisional)
NOVEMBER	Fri 31st Oct-Mon 3rd Nov Saturday 1st Saturday 8th Saturday 15th Sunday 16th Saturday 22nd Sunday 23rd	Family Halloween Weekend Away at Pontins Haywards Heath Masters Speedo League Round 2 Kent Junior League Round 3 County Development Meet - Canterbury White Horse League Round 6 - Croydon host Tudor League Round 2 (Erith Red drop out) And Kent County Championship Time Trials at Dartford Fairfield Pools (12-3pm)
DECEMBER	Saturday 6th Saturday 13th Wednesday 31st	EDSC Family Christmas Party at Bexleyheath School (provisional) Speedo League Round 3 EDSC Family New Years' Eve Party at Slade Green Community Centre
JANUARY '04	Saturday 10th	Tudor League Round 3
FEBRUARY	Saturday 7th	Tudor League Round 4
MARCH	Saturday 6th	Tudor League Round 5 (Erith White drop out)
APRIL	Sunday 18th	Tudor League Round 6 (Erith Red drop out)
MAY	Sunday 16th	Tudor League Round 7 (Erith White drop out)
JUNE	Saturday 5th Saturday 26th	Tudor League Round 8 Kent Junior League Round 1
SEPTEMBER	Saturday 18th	Kent Junior League Round 2
OCTOBER	Saturday 9th	Speedo League Round 1 (provisional)
NOVEMBER	Saturday 13th Saturday 20th	Speedo League Round 2 (provisional) Kent Junior League Round 3
DECEMBER	Saturday 11th	Speedo League Round 3 (provisional)