



# CAMP HILL EDWARDIANS SWIMMING CLUB

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### MICHAEL BOURNE

The GB Water Polo squad no longer have a training squad and have been told to join leading European clubs. Consequently Michael has joined Turia to continue his travels.

### YO-YO THE VOYAGER

Since we last saw Yo-Yo he has climbed Scottish Mountains, visited the Hebrides, taken part in the Tall Ships race and visited South Korea.

### ANNUAL PARTY – (a very snowy affair)

Thanks to Alison Watkins and her helpers for organising the annual party again. Unfortunately the weather was not kind on the night and thanks to all those who did attend.

### ROBIN CULL

We were shocked to learn of the death of Robin at the age of 54. He joined the club when he came to Camp Hill School, being a loyal, dependable member for many years. His popularity was shown by the large attendance at his funeral service. His son, James, is a regular member of our water polo team and has just started at university.

### A.S.A MASTERS SHEFFIELD

This was another successful championship for Camp Hill. Craig Norrey was invincible with GOLD MEDALS in six events including a BRITISH RECORD in the 100 BK, 1.01.91. Trevor Clarke took 2 GOLD, 1 SILVER & 1 BRONZE. Kate Chase 2 GOLD, Anne Bourne 1 GOLD, I SILVER, Steve Eggleton 1 BRONZE, Paul Tainty 1 SILVER, Darren Dyke 1 GOLD, Ewan Martin 1 GOLD, 2 SILVER.

#### Relays

Our 4 x 200 FS Mixed Team set a EUROPEAN RECORD in winning the event Craig, Kate, Jo Seymour & Steve won a very close race in 9.26.58.

Craig, Alan Cooper, Paul & Trevor took the 4 x 50 FS in a time of 1.47.57, for the 200 yr age group.

In the 4 x 200 FS 160yr age group Paul, Steve, Darren & Ewan placed 2<sup>nd</sup> with Ewan's split 1.59.78.

Our oldest team Jenny Ball, Gerry Bishop, Fatima Lindo & Chas Eden were 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 240yr age group Medley after a stressful preliminary decision over the eligibility of one of our team!

Our youngsters Stacey Cameron, Jane Stalker, Sarah Thornton & Rebecca Varney were 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 72 yr Medley.

The 200yr 4 x 50 Mixed FS saw Craig, Kate Fatima & Trevor take 2<sup>nd</sup> place.



**EUROPEAN RECORD TEAM – 200yrs. 4 x 200 FS Mixed** Craig, Kate, (Gerry) Jo, Steve

### GLOUCESTER AGE GROUP 50M MEET – 6 NOVEMBER 2011

Amber Coughlan was our 'Swimmer of the Meet' with 2<sup>nd</sup> places in BR 38.34, & FS 29.87. Daisy Cutts placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the BR 41.98 and was 4<sup>th</sup> with a strong swim in the IM, 1.23.42. Other notable swims from Jay Merchant, 3<sup>rd</sup> in the FLY 54.03 and Charlotte Bailey BR 44.16. Other swimmers, Lily and Hannah Watkins knocked off huge chunks of their PB's. Perhaps we can get more entries for this event next year with medals for the first eight in every event!

### ARENA LEAGUE ROUND 1 – 8 OCTOBER 2011 A TEAM

We finished 4<sup>th</sup> with a mixed set of results in this league gala. First places in individual events were won by Jane Stalker, Jodie Le Resche, showing the benefit of the Loughborough training, in FS, FLY & BK. Amber Coughlan BK, & the Ladies FS Relay. Other good swims, Christian Bromley BK, Both the girls' 15U relays, Alice Collier FS & Bethan Luckman FLY.

### ARENA LEAGUE ROUND 1 – 8 OCTOBER 2011 B TEAM

Linslade Crusaders - 174, Stourbridge B - 173, Leighton Buzzard - 172, Perry Beaches S.S.S - 155, CHESC B - 50,

With a considerably smaller team than we would have liked, the B team started the league with more spirit and cheering than I'm sure any other



up and down the country. If I could give an award for a team who's spirits remain high and cheering always loud and proud, it would be for our team, who didn't stop supporting each other in every race.

Even though our point's score was very low we saw some great swims by Lily Watkins 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 100m F/C, Marco Cardente 100m Br/S, Ella McKenzie 100m B/F. Cordelia Roberts showed us her fantastic turns on the 100m B/S and an awesome start on the 100m B/F.

Unfortunately we had a lot of DQ's for backstroke turns, so lets get practising those in training!

The highlight of the night goes to Josef Rindl, when he stepped into some pretty big shorts, as the last swimmer in the men's cannon. He started 50m behind the other teams (not due to lack of effort from our male swimmers, but due to lack of age – most were 14/U). He swam an excellent last 50m, and on the last 25m the crowd built up a fantastic applause to which he greeted pumping the air with his fist when he finished, making everyone cheer and smile – well done Josef!

Heather and Pete ☺

### **ARENA LEAGUE ROUND II – 12 NOVEMBER 2011 A TEAM**

Camp Hill A 208, Bromsgrove 202, Solihull B 170, Camp Hill B 103

Once the unwieldy boom had been moved into position this was a pleasing effort with several good swims. Beth Luckman FLY 1.18.14, Alice Collier 1.52.52, Jo Seymour BR 1.18.92, Fabian Evans 1.21.80. We had a good start with IM wins from Stuart Tierney & Jane Stalker winning their races, and finished off with a storming leg from Andrew Weedall to win the Open 6 x 50 relay.

### **ARENA LEAGUE ROUND II – 12 NOVEMBER 2011 B TEAM**

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Now this round was definitely more like it!! We achieved 2 1<sup>st</sup> places, 2 2<sup>nd</sup> places and 5 3<sup>rd</sup> places and only 2 DQ's!!! Very well done!

Swims of the meet go to Vicki Wassell with her 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the 200IM (2:45.10), and 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 100m B/F (1:15.34), PB to Pete Haw 200 IM (2:58.53) – swam with a chest infection! Jay Merchant 3<sup>rd</sup> 50m B/S (50.43), Cordelia Roberts 2<sup>nd</sup> place 100m B/S (1:20.38) – those turns were superb! Lily Watkins 3<sup>rd</sup> 100m F/C (1:09.56), so close to 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Sarah Thornton 2<sup>nd</sup> 100m Br/S (1:28.60).

Our cannons again were both spectacular but for different reasons; the women's nearly tore the roof down due to the amount of shouting that went on for Sarah Thornton who after starting 15m behind Bromsgrove, missed beating them by 0.57! The men's once again were short on 16+ year olds and relied on the 15 and under. Well done boys, at least we were only lapped by our own team ☺

A special mention to Mason Coughlan who slowly turned green throughout the night but loyally stuck out the entire gala and still put 100% effort in! Fantastic event, very enjoyable, well done to all swimmers!

Heather and Pete ☺

### **BOLDMERE MEET - 19/20 NOVEMBER 2011**

Over recent years the number of swimmers from Camp Hill competing in the Boldmere open has declined with only Jamie Evans representing the club this year. Despite this he still came away with 3 trophies from 4 level 3 events. 1<sup>st</sup> 50m Freestyle (38.96), 1<sup>st</sup> 200m Breaststroke (3-55.55), 3<sup>rd</sup> 50m Backstroke (44.26) and also a PB in the 200m Freestyle (3-13.83). Let's try and get more swimmers to this very competitive high standard event next year.

### **WOLVERHAMPTON MEET – 11 DECEMBER 2011**

Notable swims by Cameron Woodyatt IM 1.10.14, FLY 1.08.67, Amber Coughlan BK 34.13, FS 29.80. 1<sup>st</sup> Daisy Cutts BR 1.32.18, Kieran Rickards FS 59.90. Not to be outdone Jane Stalker BR 39.28

### **SHREWSBURY MASTERS MEET – 7 JANUARY 2012**

This was an enjoyable well-organised event.

Team: Alison Watkins, Anne Bourne, Paul Millington, Chris Holder, Steve Eggleton and Nick Manassiev. Steve and Anne won swimmer awards for their age groups and Paul Millington received a 3rd place Gingerbread Man award. Chris Holder showed talent in BK and FS and can look forward to many races.

'New boy' Chris Holder did well in his first swim for the club, FS 65.3, 50m BK 34.55. Why did he dodge the 100 BK?! Steve produced a good FS, 1.04.22 and Nick overcame a late arrival to record a 1.57.09 FS



**INTERNATIONAL GALA – GENEVA 19/22  
JANUARY 2012**

Well Done to Daisy Cutts, Amber Coughlan, Bethan Luckman, Fabian Evans & Cameron Woodyatt who were selected to swim in Geneva for Camp Hill. They arrived on Thursday with more spectators than swimmers this time. As soon as they arrived they were taken for a quick training session in the 50m pool. Up early the next day for the morning session, where Fabian missed his 200m BR race, which made everyone laugh, except for Mr Thain!! who blamed Cameron for distracting him (which he denies). After that start Mr Thain made sure everyone was in time for their races and everyone swam well against swimmers from all over Europe.

While in Geneva they meet up with Craig & Fatima, who took them for a meal, Cameron & Fabian enjoyed some ‘salt and pepper’ bread that the girls made for them!!

Overall the swimmers did very well and produced good time for a 50m pool. Thank you to all the swimmers and supporters for a great weekend.

**STAFFORDSHIRE MASTERS – 19  
FEBRUARY 2012**

No question as to who was our ‘swimmer of the meet’, Paul Millington was well inside his entry times in several events – due to his increased application in training sessions. Stacey Cameron shone with a 1.11.70 BK and Jane Stalker enjoyed the 25m events. Kate Chase is sprinting well and Trevor Clarke still refuses to be beaten while Alison Watkins showed an improved 100 BK. Stacey, Sarah Thornton, Rebecca Varney & Vicki Wassell took Silver in the Medley Relay.

**MEMBERS OFFICE**

**“NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME”**

Enthusiastic swimmers can come along and visit any weekday, bring costumes and join in!

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**Important Notice for all parents:**

If your children are taking ANY medicines on a long-term regular basis, please get a “Medication Form” to register the details. This includes vitamins, herbal remedies, hay fever tablets etc.