

The summer break is now behind us and the Club fixtures are already well under way. The Motorway and Swimming Leagues start soon, so there will be plenty of opportunities to put your training to the test.

A new 'term' always brings changes and this time we have to bid a temporary farewell to three of the Club stalwarts-Helen Rowson, Anne Priestley and Andrew Wolf. All are going further afield to continue their education.- Helen to Manchester University to study Marine Biology, Anne to Bedford P.E. College and Andrew to Cambridge University to read Science. Their contribution to the Club has been considerable and much appreciated. Our warmest thanks and best wishes to them, and we shall look forward to seeing them in action again and hearing their news,(when time permits) during the coming months. Good luck!

Congratulations to Martin Edwards on being selected for the English Swimming Team which is to take part in the Commonwealth Games at Christchurch New Zealand from January 24th. till February 2nd., 1974. A well deserved honour and no doubt we shall be able to give a first hand account of the Games in our newsletter!

Welcome back to Vivienne Bunting who has just completed a Years exchange visit to the U.S.A. She has returned to Anstey P.E.College and we are hoping that she might produce a short article for the next Newsletter on life in one of our former Colonies!

Club Emblem Competition.

The emblems shown here have been designed using ideas put forward by members of the club. In making a final choice it has been necessary to select ideas which were simple so that the message should be clear and the cost not too high.

Prizes will be awarded to Ian MacDougall for the banner design in which he has incorporated a section of the Birmingham coat of Arms, and to Wendy Leach for her Fish Flash. Congratulations to Wendy and Ian!

All members of the Club who submitted entries will receive a free Fish Flash for their efforts in taking part in the competition- altogether a very commendable exercise.



Monday Training 'A' Squad.

From now onwards there will be 2 sessions: 5.00-6.45 and 6.45 - 8.30. I hope that most of the Team who live locally will attend the first one.

Thursday Training 'B' Squad.

Please note that this session at Moseley Road Baths will run from 7.00 till 8.30pm during the Winter session and this comes into effect as from October 4th.

Club Dance.

The venue for the Dance will again be the Greswolde Arms Hotel, Knowle and the date - Friday, December 7th. Cost per ticket will be £2.40 and it certainly promises to be as entertaining as the previous D. and D.'s. Further details can be obtained from Mr.Niblet.

Stainless Steel Evening.

There will be a Stainless Steel Evening on November 15th.at the Camp Hill Sixth Form Room(next to the swimming pool). Come along and get your Christmas presents! Proceeds to Club funds.

Club Holdalls and Vests.

We have now placed the order for the Club swimming holdalls. People who have ordered them should now pay a deposit of 50p. per bag. Full cost of the bag is approx. £3-40, and its size is 19"x11"x6" with the name printed on one side. Deposit payable to Mr. MacDougall as soon as possible.

Club Tee-Shirts are now available from Mrs. Baker.

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Good luck to Lyn Deeley, Debbie Baker and Jackie Sheasby who this weekend represent Swanshurst School at Leeds in the Finals of the English Schools Relay Championships.

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Maccabian Games - Israel 6th.-22nd. July.

At 5.45 a.m. a British Team of 93 athletes, 11 swimmers and 22 Officials, congregated at Heathrow Airport to meet a plane (full of security guards) especially brought over from Israel to collect us. It was late (usual Israeli procedure) and after an uneventful flight to Lod Airport, finally left there at 2.15 p.m. and travelled to the Team Hotel at Nathanya, 19 miles outside Tel-Aviv.

The hotel we were staying at was very good - an enormous place which was literally on the beach. Facilities there were good - a 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ m. pool on the grounds and a 50m. pool 5 minutes coach ride up the road - both were outdoor! The competition pool was in Tel-Aviv at a place called Gallei-Gilt, Ramat Gan. It was an outdoor one, 50m. long and with a spectator capacity of 2,000. The swimming was of a reasonably high standard eg. Womens 100m BK. 69.4, 200 Fly 2.28.7, Mens 100m. Fly 58.1, 200 Fly 2.11.4, 200 I.M. 2.17.0, 200 BK 2.14.0. Unfortunately the British swim squad was a very young one and had no outstanding successes.

After the swimming part of the Games had finished we were taken on various tours round parts of Israel. The one place that will stick in my mind most is Masada, which is a lost Roman fortress overlooking the Dead Sea. (The temp. during our visit here was 113°F). At the end of the Masada trip we were all looking forward to a cool dip in the Dead Sea, but in fact it turned out to be a very hot float - the water temp. being 94°F. We also visited Jerusalem, Haifa, Caesarea and Acre.

On the 22nd. July at 5.00 p.m. in the dark we returned to England (out there the light fades into darkness in about 4 or 5 mins.), landing at Heathrow at 11 p.m. with a team of "black" Englishmen not forgetting the 5 women !!!

N.G.

National Championships - 1/4. August. Coventry.

Martin Edwards. A.S.A. Champion for 100m. Butterfly: 58.9. This was a great swim by Martin and has taken him to East Berlin, Belgrade and has booked him a ticket to New Zealand. 200m. Butterfly - 2nd.: 2m. 12.22.

Andrew Wolf. 400 I.M. 6th. - 4m. 56.07 (Heat 4m. 55.77); 200 I.M. 5th. - 2m. 19.23 (Ht. 2m. 19.01); 200BK. 2m. 19.17 - 10th. Three first-class efforts.

Helen Rowson. 200 FS. 2m. 25.02. Helen came in as a reserve, and put up a good performance.

Nicky Green. 100 Fly. 66.04. Nicky was under the weather that week, and withdrew from the 200 Fly. He came well back to form at the end of the month.

Janine Evans. 200 BK. 2m. 42.15. Slightly off Janine's best, but a good swim.

Teams: Reasonable - but we can do a lot better.

Conclusion: Let's have a few more qualifiers next year.

F.G.T.

National Age Group Competitions - 27 Aug./1 Sept. Coventry.

Pride of place goes to the 12/13 Boys' F/S team: Tin Welch, Michael Starling, Paul Rogers and Alan Deeley for their 6th. place. A fit Nicky Green recorded 64.57 (8th) Fly; 2m 12.53 200m. F/S; 2m 31.63 I.M.; and 1m 01.20 100m. F/S. Paul Rogers 1m 05.35 P.B. (12th) Graham Brookhouse 1m 12.64 F/S (8th); Janine Evans in 15.60 and 2m 41.57. These were our best swimmers - how about some individual finalists next year? I know the date is awkward but this is the National Competition and the best swimmers there have been selected for the National Youth Squad.

F.G.T.

MATCH REPORTS.

14/7/73. v. Modernians.

12/13 years Lost 219-141. 11 & Under. Lost 173-151.

The Modernians, team, many of them fresh back from an age group contest in Germany, really steam-rollered us in this match. Now our young swimmers know what sort of standard they have got to aim at, if they are to compete with the best.

The Modernians have had their own pool for 4 years - we have had ours for 1 year, so let's get down to it!

F.G.T.

15/9/73. Bristol.

Camp Hill "A" Team, without many of their stalwarts, who were involved in other competition, overcame strong opposition from:- Southampton 146½, RAF St. Athan 177½, Thornbury 185½, Roath Park 141, Soundwell 157. The Camp Hill Team gained a total of 198½ points to win our first Gala of the new season.

This was not a Gala of outstanding performances, or rampant with "Personal Bests" but it was probably one of the best Team efforts seen for many a match. The Gala got off to a good start with a win by Helen Franklin in the U/12 BK. (26.1) and we achieved a further 9 wins from this 48 event match.

Incident is more easily recalled in this Team win and two of these are worth mention. A missed turn by Helen Rowson in the Open F/S when in one of the leading positions, was soon rectified by a return to the wall, a touch and a quick resumption in the race to pick up 2 valuable points for 5th. place.

The second incident some way down the age group scale in the U/12 F/S relay, our 3rd. swimmer in a position of some ½ length ahead of the opposition stopped 1 yard from the end and forgot to touch, swimmer number 4 was undaunted and waited patiently for the touch. This eventually came, probably caused by the wash of the 5 incoming swimmers, and away went our last swimmer to win the event. For these 2 incidents I say "Good Thinking."

As the Gala matured so did the level of excitement, with the relays featuring prominently and Camp Hill giving a sound acquittal. A few times of note observed in this Team effort: Boys Open BR. David Brook. 1m21.6; Boys U/14 BR. Alan Dealey 1m32.1; Girls U/12 BK. Helen Franklin 26.1; Girls U/12 Fly Carol Brown 27.2.

K.B.

15/9/73. v. Leicester Knighton Fields.

A very noisy Gala at Spence Street Baths - so noisy in fact that it was the cause of several false starts and very difficult to hear announcements.

Our Team did very well finishing fourth having pulled up from 5th, and it was a pity that Robin Cull was disqualified in the 100yds. BR. as he came in first, and his swim could well have gained us third place in the final position.

Several very good swims and P.B.'s including: Mark Shinnell 2L BR. 55.2, R. Crutchley 100yds. BK 78.2, Alan Cooper 1L F/S 20.1 and Mark Singer 1L Fly 24.4. Denise Harris, Elaine Cox and Helen Field swam very well in their races. Team Managers "Swim of the Evening" - shared by Helen Field and Alan Cooper who both achieved firsts - Helen in the 3L F/S and Alan in the 1 L F/S.

Final Points: Leicester Penguins 316, Bicester 245, Knighton Fields 226, Camp Hill 218, Lutterworth 201, Leicester 124.

J.A.C.

15/9/73. Midlands Schools Championships.

Across the City from the "B" Team match, a group of Camp Hill swimmers were representing Warwickshire Schools in the annual Midlands Schools Championships. A trophy is awarded to the winning County (Warwicks. won this for the 2nd year running), but the ultimate aim is selection to the National Schools Championships.

Four swimmers achieved this mark: Martin Edwards who won the 110yds. Fly 63.0, Sue Stacey the 110. Fly 1m.13.5 and Andrew Wolf the I.M. 3m14.0. Anne Priestley finished 2nd. in the IM - 3m48.7 - but was selected to go. Congratulations to them all and their progress at the Nationals will appear in the next Newsletter.

R.J.

23/9/73. Neath.

An unfamiliar crack from the depths of the coach about 45 minutes into the journey turned into reality at Strensham Service station - the fan belt had broken and the water temp. needle was virtually off the dial! Another coach was duly summoned and arrived approx. 2 hours later. Once more we set forth, this time with fingers crossed, and to the general accompaniment of more weird noises from the workings of the coach.

We eventually arrived at the Baths (having stopped to help a broken down motorist on the way!) and found ourselves coming in at Event 19. Obviously no warm-up was possible and it was necessary to do some 'team-juggling' to ensure that everybody had a worthwhile swim. Martin Edwards was our only individual winner - 100 m. Fly 63.4 - but pride of place must go to the Under 12 Girls Relay team who stormed in to gain 1st. place in both relays. We eventually finished 5th. with 114 pts, a good effort considering all that had happened on the way there, but on a technical point there seemed to be plenty of room for general improvement on starts and turns.

The return journey was more enjoyable and took us through some real Welsh countryside. The much-awaited for football match took place at Abergavenny - the result is still being contested but it seems a pity that Sir Alf was not there to see that all is not lost with English football. Certainly no prisoners were taken and some of the tackles made some of the interested onlookers noticeably wince!

We managed to arrive back in Birmingham without further ado, save for the strange knocking which had accompanied us for most of the way - there were some suggestions that it was a mechanic trying to get out. Stranger things have happened!

R.J.

29/9/73. Ajax Trophies Gala - Ilford.

For a change a journey with no major mishaps, but our difficulties began inside the pool. The P.A. system left much to be desired and any announcements were difficult to hear. Coupled with this some of the judging tended to be too dogmatic and we suffered in this respect to the tune of 4 disqualifications. Nonetheless we didn't come away empty-handed - the Boys won their trophy by 2 pts. from Ilford (C/H 84, Ilford 82) and the Girls came 2nd. to Ilford - also by 2 pts. - 87 to 85.

The relay races proved to be the most exciting to watch and in these we had some notable performances. In the Girls U/15 4x2 F/S Janine Evans (39.4) swam a thrilling last leg to register a good win; Mike Starling, after an indifferent individual swim, anchored the U/13 4x2 F/S Team by swimming a creditable 40.5 and Martin Edwards, winner of the 100yds. F/S in 52.6 (P.B.), saw the 8x1 F/S Team home with a 15.5 last leg to bring the proceedings to a thrilling close.

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ADVANCE NOTICE.

A Buffet/Skittle Evening will be held at the 'Farmer's Arms', Kempsey, Nr. Worcester, on Thursday, 14th February 1974.
Full information provided nearer to the date.