

The success of any Club depends on the younger swimmers coming through to fill places left vacant by the older members, and we have had ample evidence that this natural and necessary process is taking place at Camp Hill. This week we have further evidence to support this with the selection of two of the members to representative honours.

Mike Hobbs, Richard Sheasby and Dave Brook have been regulars of various GB Polo Squads for some time now, and they are now to be joined by Nigel Baker who has been invited to attend the GB Under 18 Training Sessions. At the same time Nicky Green has been selected to represent the English Schools in March in a match against Scotland, Ireland, Wales and possibly teams from Belgium and France. Congratulations to you both - a perfect example to others of perseverance and determination bringing just rewards.

The days to Christmas are already rapidly dwindling so may I take this opportunity of wishing you all a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year, and thank all those who have so kindly contributed to the Newsletter during the past 12 months.

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A reminder that the Club Dinner/Dance takes place at the Greswolde Arms Hotel, Knowle on the 14th. of December.

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From reports received it would seem that the Disco run on the 29th. of November was enjoyed by all, and our thanks to those who helped with the arrangements and the catering.

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WATER POLO NEWS.

The Under 16 Winter League has started with our team in fine form, hungry for goals, and most important playing as a team. I feel 1975 could see our team challenging for the National Boys Club Championship.

U/16. Results so far:

Solihull 1	C/Hill 14
C/Hill 13	Leamington 2
C/Hill 17	Boldmere 4

14 & under Training session.

I am pleased with the response and enthusiasm of this young group. I must impress on you all not to let Water Polo interfere with your swimming training - swimming training must come first.

Under 14 match v. Walsall U/14 at Walsall Baths on December 15th at 11.15 will require help from parents with transport - please contact me if you are available.

Congratulations to Mike Hobbs and Richard Sheasby as members of the winning England U/20 Team in the 4 Nations Tournament in Jersey 15-17th of November.

G.S.

MATCH REPORTS.

7/9/74. Luton.

(This report unfortunately arrived too late for the last Newsletter, but is included now since it was written by our youngest ever reporter. Thank you Karen.)

One blustery Saturday afternoon we left Camp Hill School and set off down the M1. Our destination was Luton. After a long ride down the motorway we eventually arrived at Luton Baths in good time for a warm up before the gala began.

The baths were large and very modern with ample changing facilities. The baths had several diving boards too. The gala started promptly and ran smoothly. Our opponents were Coventry (who remained in the lead all the time), Westminster Handsworth, Luton and Leicester. After many good swims Camp Hill ended in fourth place with Coventry first.

We arrived back, with the wind still howling, at twelve o'clock midnight.

5/10/74. West Midland league Div.1.

Our first match in this 3 leg competition, which was swum at Walsall, proved to be a most exciting and closely fought struggle for supremacy between Derby and ourselves. Although we maintained a slender lead throughout, never could we afford to relax at any time or the result could have gone against us. All our swimmers played a notable part in our success and it would be unfair to single out any individual performer. Victory was even more praiseworthy in that we had several of our regular 'A' team absent due to other swimming commitments. This Gala was very much a Team achievement and bodes well for the future 'legs.'

We must aim to be at the top of the league and this can only be done by training hard, serious concentration, true competitors, a 100% team spirit and above all the will and urgency to win.

Result: C/Hill 244pts Derby 234pts Notts. 174pts Soudwell 127pts
Bristol N. 99pts. West./Handsworth 84pts.

A.T.

12/10/74. 'B' Team at Wyndley Pool.

An enjoyable Saturday evening Gala at one of our local baths, showing the keen spirit of the small team of 16 Camp Hill Swimmers who recorded 30 1st or 2nd placings out of the 39 events.

Good swims by all the swimmers, especially Debbie Baker, Sara Cheesebrough, Karen Gurney, Karen Brockhouse, Stuart Gatland and Robert Leach; and personal best 100m times by Alan Deeley F/S 67.0, BK 80.6, and Paul Atkin F/S 66.2. Younger swimmer Paul Denny proved he liked hard work with repeated good swims together with Sara Cheesebrough and Alan Deeley.

Result: C/Hill 205pts West./Handsworth 172pts Boldmere A 143 pts
Solihull 125pts West Bromwich 118pts Boldmere B 71pts.

J.E.G.

13/10/74. Andrew Scott Trophy (Neath).

Early one dismal Sunday morning, the Camp Hill team set out on an uneventful journey to Neath, arriving, for once, on time! Starting promptly, the gala progressed steadily, but proved to be disappointing from the point of attaining personal best times.

Good performances, however, were recorded by Mandy Sharp 75.0 and Michael Starling 75.7 (Fly), Nigel Baker 78.8, Andrew Coaton 87.9 and Lynn Starling 90.0 (BR) and Paul Rogers 63.7 (F/S) - all events being 100m.

The results could have been more exciting, but unfortunately there were a few disqualifications, which should be a warning to us all, often being a culprit myself!

The final scores were as follows: Progress 218, Stoke 211, C/Hill 196, Monmouth 175 and North Wales 144.

A.R.

19/10/74. v. Wellingborough.

45 swimmers and spectators packed into a 40 seater coach to travel to this close fought gala. In a modern 25m pool we swam two counting lanes and one spare, which caused a great deal of confusion when the Team Managers were trying to arrange the races and the starter was kept waiting many times by both teams.

At the end of seven events the points tally was: Wellingborough 38 pts; Camp Hill 32 pts. Although our first win was in event 8, after the 14th. event the home team had extended their lead and the points stood at: Wellingborough 74pts, Camp Hill 66 pts.

There was a dead heat for first place between three swimmers in the Girls' U/15 100m Fly, so the judges had to award all the girls first place points.

The hosts extended their lead throughout the gala and the final score was: Wellingborough 228 pts, Camp Hill 200pts.

Good times were recorded by: L. Clark 83.3 (100 BK), K. Long 43.0 (50m BK), F. Smith 73.3 (100m Fly), W. Leach 33.9 (50m Fly), J. Atkin 88.7 (4x1 IM), D. Baker 84.6 (4x1 IM), R. Payne 89.8 (100m BR), A. Deeley 88.0 (100m BR), D. Baker 96.0 (100m BR), R. Leach 82.5 (100m BR), D. Whitworth 45.7 (50m BR), W. Leach 33.9 (50m F/S).

R.A.L.

19/10/74. The Jack Winn Trophy (9th. Annual Gala).

On a wet dreary afternoon the Camp Hill squad assembled at the School gates with their supporters and officials and waited, and waited and got wetter and wetter - one wonders what sort of weather visiting teams had eight years earlier when some of them were to set records at this ancient pool which still holds good to-day.

Prior to Galas at new venues it is usual for the home club to send directions and a map indicating the direction, often through a maze of narrow streets heavily parked with vehicles; one could however, on this occasion, be forgiven for thinking that our hosts had omitted to do this for as usual, we got lost and they had sent lucid directions - I presume Stanley had a beard at his meeting with Livingstone.

Many of our swimmers visit modern and palatial pools, namely Leeds, Coventry various London pools and several others and when one visits a pool like Stratford its worth giving a thought ! One day Leeds, Coventry etc will acquire some history too.

Four teams contested the trophy - Harpurhey, Stoke, Stratford, Camp Hill - and the official programme sported the Course Record times and did not appear to have ammended them since 1972, however the 1975 edition will present a new look as both Stoke and Camp Hill have added their marks.

In a Relay Gala which is a Team involvement where each member is dependant upon the fortunes of others it is perhaps unwise to single out individuals but it is also unwise to overlook effort, so perhaps one can be forgiven for mentioning swimmers who contributed a lot: Deborah Clarke, Sarah Cheeseborough, Phillip Baker, the U/10 and U/12 Boys and Girls Teams which both performed well and promise much for the future.

Event 4. Girls U/14 F/S Relay.

Rec. Leeds 1:59.5 1967

Revision.

Rec. Camp Hill 1:54.9 1974

Event 19. Female Cannon.

Rec. Stratford 1:56.7 1966

Rec. Camp Hill 1:54.7 1974

Event 9. Girls & Boys U/16 Mixed F/S.

Rec. Stratford 1:47.8 1968

Rec. Stoke

Camp Hill 2nd. in 1:46.9.

A very hard fought Gala which was won by Stoke with Camp Hill in 2nd place. Final scores: Harpurhey 133pts, Stratford 129pts, C/Hill 186pts, Stoke 218 pts. K.B.

25 & 26/10/74. ESSA Championships at Worcester.

Nine Camp Hill swimmers travelled to Worcester for the 25th. Essa Championships, and for the first time since the re-organisation swimming under the banner of Division 6 - the hosts. Four hard sessions in two days contained many fine swims and the Club representatives contributed their share.

All achieved a Standard of some kind, either as a member of a relay team or as an individual, and this in a competition which boasted more records and and quality swims than in recent years.

Paul Tainty and Phillip Baker both swam well in the Senior Boys F/S Relay and Philip recorded a 59.1 in the 100m F/S but alas did not make the Final. Janine Evans helped the Inter Girls F/S Team to a Standard and so did Mike Starling in the Junior Boys F/S Relay. Nicky Green and Nigel Baker appeared in both Relay Finals for the Inter Boys, and Nigel in the 100m BR did well to reach the Final where he finished 6th. in 1:17.9 (1:17.5 in the Heat). Nicky won his 100m F/S Heat in 58.2 and then swam an excellent 57.3 to finish 2nd in the Final (the winners time was 55.7 - a new Junior Record). Jackie Evans helped the Junior Med. Girls to a Final place and in the 100m BK swam a 1:15.1 in her Heat and a 1.14.0 in the Final to finish a good 3rd. Jackie Sheasby appeared in both Relay Finals and in the 100m Fly did 1.19.5, whilst Debbie Clarke also swam in both Relays (recording some really good consistent 2L times) and in the 100m F/S for Junior Girls won her Heat in 65.6 and came third in a close Final in 65.4.

The Division as a whole had no trophies at the end to show for honest endeavour, but there was plenty of personal satisfaction with ^{which} to remember the Worcester Championships by - well done one and all !

R.J.

2/11/74. Round 1 Green Shield Inter-County Contest.

An easy win in this match gave Works. a place in the final gala. There were 9 Camp Hill swimmers in the Works. team and we had some excellent swims. BK. Jackie Evans 73.8 F/S Hayley Bettinson 72.5 Gary Tonks 75.0 Debbie Clarke 67.7 Michael Starling 65.9 BR Nigel Baker 79.4 Linda Brown 92.5. Janine Evans and Adrian Griffiths swam in the Team races, Frank Smith representing Northants did some useful times BK 74.1 200IM 2:40.5 as did Chris Tainty for Worcs. with a 2:32.4 200BK (75.4, 77)

F.G.T.

2/11/74. W.M.L. Div. 1 Round 2.

An exciting match in the splendid new Rugby pool. Some of our Team came straight from the Green Shield match at Coventry and although we finished clear winners we could not afford to relax and made sure of the Gala by winning 8 of the last 12 events. We were after points rather than times but the following are worthy of record: 100m Fly Mandy Sharp 75.3, Adrian Griffiths 69.5, 2L F/S Michael Starling 41.3.

C/Hill 225, Oldbury 196, W'ton 163, Coventry B 154, Rugby 115, Leic. Belgrave 101.

W.M.L. Div. 2 Round 2.

This Gala at Halesowen saw a great effort by our 2nd. Team which moved us up to 3rd. place in the League. As at Rugby, points were the important thing but the effort to get them produced several good times. BR 2L Jane Tanner 64.0, Fly. 1L Katie Long 26.9, 2L Joanna Riddles 55.4, Stuart Gatland 51.9, BK. 110yds Ian MacDougall 73.9, Karen Brookhouse 80.9, 1L Laura Barrett 27.8, John Austin 27.5 F/S 110yds. Mike Fearon 63.0, 2L Wendy Leach 47.2, Nigel Sabell 45.7.

Team Race Wins: Div 1 Girls 5/6 Boys 2/5
Div 2 Girls 5/6 Boys 1/6.

NOW FOR ROUND 3 - DECEMBER 7th - DIVISION 1 at NUNEATON, DIVISION 2 AT CORRINGTON STREET, LEICESTER - LET'S DO EVEN BETTER !

C/Hill 202, L'Borough 192, N'ton 168, Warley, 160, Worcester 148, Bristol C. 90.

F.G.T.

8/11/74. Diddy Gala at Stechford.

After an unreasonably long wait in the cold and wet, the meeting got under way about 10 mins. late. It was not until the fourth race that we had our first win provided by I. Scott, and after that L. Brown, E. Coles, L. Barrett, H. Bettinson, K. Gurney, G. Simper, J. Robson and C. Brown followed suit. There were plenty of other excellent placings.

The 9 year old girls had a good relay win, and so did the under ¹⁰ boys and girls and the 11 year old girls.

Final points were: Girls: C/Hill 99, Northfield 76, Boldmere 62, W/Handsworth 62, Small Heath & Stechford 47, Selly Oak 27, Morris Commercial 26.

Boys: Northfield 95, C/Hill 80, W/Handsworth 70, Boldmere 69, Small Heath and Stechford 33, Morris Commercial 22, Selly Oak 16.

Thanks are due to the Deeley family for a very friendly and efficient Team Managership. G.G.

(The Team incidentally won the Baths Dept. Achievement Trophy because our Girls team were the highest scoring group in the Gala, but the Boys helped in this by taking valuable points of Northfield. Well done !)

9/11/74. B&C Teams v. Halesowen A&B, Stourbridge and Bicester.

We were rather short of swimmers for this additional match and had to include a few A team members who swam off-stroke or in the older age-groups. Our B team finished 2nd. and although the Gala was rather drawn-out it provided useful experience for many of the team. Noteworthy times were: 2L. BK Laura Darrett and Helen Franklin 58.9, 110yds. BK Stephen Crutchley 79.3, Carol Brown 88.7, 1L F/S Gaynor Simper 23.8, 110yds. F/S Denise Harris 73.5, Phillip Baker 60.5 (his 5th. event !), 110yds. Fly Lyn Deeley 78.6, Phillip Baker 67.6, 1L BR Timothy Emens 29.1, 110yds. BR Lyn Starling and Linda Brown 89.8.

F.G.T.

16/11/74.Diddy Gala - Rugby.

C/Hill 156,Three Spires A 148,W/Handsworth 132,Rugby 127,Halesowen 121,
Three Spires B 51.

The Diddies have done it again - for the fifth successive year they have won the Three Spires Invitation Diddy Gala.(The Piranha Trophy).

Whilst swimming they gave of their best,without one false start,providing an excellent team effort with the result being very open until the closing stages of the gala when we made sure of the Trophy by winning the last four relays to give us an 8 point lead.

During the coach trip and throughout the Gala the children behaved in a manner which brought credit to the Club.

Records ? Well there was one:Sue Welch was competing in her 5th.Diddy Gala - only a 5 year old can beat this !

B.C.

16/11/74.Final - Green Shield Inter County Gala.

We had 11 representatives in the County Team for the Final,all of whom gave a good account of themselves in helping the Team to win.F/S Debbie Clarke 66.4,Gary Tonks 74.2(P.B.),Hayley Bettinson 70.5(1st-P.B.),Michael Starling 65.5.BR.Nigel Baker 77.3(P.B.),Lynn Starling 89.0(P.B.),Linda Brown 88.5(P.B.),Fly Adrian Griffiths 68.1(P.B.),BK Jackie Evans 74.5(1st).Jackie Sheasby and Janine Evans also swam well in the relays.Well done everybody !

F.G.T.

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FILM EVENING - January 2nd. at School.

JUMBLE SALE - February 8th.
