

One of the best ways for a Club to publicize its attributes is to gain selection at National level and we have certainly managed to do that in the last few weeks. Chris Tainty has been picked to swim the 200m. Backstroke in the Eight Nations Junior meet in Geneva at the beginning of August and our water-polo players continue to make full use of their passports. Mike Pearson, Mike Hobbs and Richard Sheasby have just returned from a successful trip to Holland, will soon be going to France and finish the summer by taking part in the European Championships in Sweden.

Once again congratulations to them all - we shall soon be running out of superlatives !

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#### Let's all go to Leeds !

I estimate that we shall have at least 37 members taking part in the National Age Group competition for we shall be taking in all the Team events and also have 24 individual competitors. We shall be based at Honington Hall for the whole week with our members staying from one to five nights. Some of you may want to stay on for extra training and if your parents agree to this I am sure that you will enjoy it and will benefit from it. Adrian Griffiths did this last year - he swims in several events this time. Mrs. Thain, Anne Priestley and I will be staying at the Hall to look after the Club group.

Mr. Sharp has got a very difficult job co-ordinating arrivals, departures etc. so please discuss your arrangements with him fully.

The School pool will be closed for general training from August 4th - 17th, but there will be a daily a.m. and pm. session for those swimmers who are going to Leeds. This facility will also be open to Senior Swimmers.

F.G.T.

#### Raffle Tickets.

Reports from various quarters suggest that these are selling quite well. It is essential that we get rid of our full quota if possible, and this will ensure a healthy influx of cash to the Club funds. A weekend in Paris for 5p. seems good value to me !

#### Scottish Tour.

Mr. MacDougall is in the process of trying to organise another trip to Scotland. The proposed dates are the 5th, 6th and 7th of September and the itinerary would hope to include matches against Bradford, Paisley and another Glasgow team. Keep your eyes on the noticeboard for further details.

The aforesaid Mr. MacDougall also claimed that the skittle evening held on July 3rd. was an unqualified success, and that his amazing dexterity at 10 pin bowling was due to the lemonade and lime which he was training on !

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#### The Ramble...15th. June.

People of all ages started to arrive at the Peacock Inn at 10.15 for a 10.30 start to the first-ever ramble. Before we left most of the boys including Mr. Tonks played a game of football on the car park, but a shower of rain brought this to a halt and delayed our start for half-an-hour. The younger, more energetic, members of the party including the Leach's dog, made for the front while the older generation brought up the rear. The first half of the walk consisted of innumerable styles, rugged ground and a few steep hills. Packed lunches were eaten at Bittle Reservoir.

After lunch (?) some of the boys began to play with the ball again, when it accidentally (!) found its way into the reservoir. This was the chance they had been waiting for, and from behind the bushes rushed Martin Edwards and Philip Baker with their swimming trunks on, closely followed by Mark Varney and Leigh Harvey in their pants. Much to their surprise the muddy water was only a few feet deep.

Mr. MacDougall soon had us on the move again and the second part of the journey seemed to contain as many, if not more, styles and fences which seemed to get higher and more awkward to climb over as they day progressed. The walk along Hopward Canal was speeded up because the older members, knowing that the Pub would soon close, overtook the younger set in search of 'liquid' refreshments.

In the last weary part of the journey the group spread out, the younger members again at the front, with the 'refreshed' older generation lagging behind ! We eventually arrived back at our destination, hot and tired, but having enjoyed a good days rambling.

A participant(alias N.S.)

#### WATER POLO TRIP TO GERMANY.

Twelve enthusiastic players and supporters left Birmingham on the 8th. of May for what turned out to be a very enjoyable five days Water Polo trip to Germany. We packed our bags and ourselves tightly into the Ford Transit van and we made ourselves as comfortable as possible. Time past quickly and we arrived at Dover, collected our boarding tickets, drove on board and made ourselves at home well ahead of schedule.

Richard Sheasby's birthday was on May 9th. and we had decided to celebrate it on the boat, but after a quick burst of "Happy Birthday to you", and a review of the Bar prices, we reached the unanimous decision that Dick would have to celebrate his birthday on his own. Instead we decided to put our heads down and have a few hours sleep.

We arrived in Ostend at 5.00 a.m. on the Friday and continued our journey through Belgium and over the border into Germany. By 2.00 p.m. that afternoon we were tired and hungry, so we stopped in a very beautiful town called Heidelberg, just 30 minutes drive from our destination. Our two hour stay there went all too quickly and we eventually arrived in Karlsruhe at about 5.00 p.m. Clive Rogers met us there and took us to the Club house where we stayed until we played our first game that evening against KTF. It proved to be a well-played game with a good standard of refereeing. Considering the long journey Camphill played very well and ran out winners 15-3. After the game we went to a local bar and by the time the evening came to an end we were all well acquainted with our hosts.

On the Saturday we spent our time travelling through some very beautiful countryside, stopping at midday in one of the small villages for our lunch.

Our next game was due to be played early in the evening, and we arrived at the pool very hot and tired from our day out. The cool water soon refreshed the team and the game was played in front of a large number of spectators - a pleasant sight indeed. Camphill weren't quite up to form but played well enough to beat Ruhrpart 20-4. Ruhrpart were at the stage of rebuilding their team with a certain amount of youngsters playing but they showed great promise for the future.

That night we were treated to meal at the local Club house, with plenty to drink and a great deal of laughter and singing. Unfortunately our next game was to be played at 9.00 a.m. the next morning in an open-air pool.

Our team staggered there on time, and with the sun out and the air warm it seemed to good to be true. It was a very hard game and Camphill seemed to be suffering from the night before. KTV eventually won the game 9-8 with many of our players wondering if the referee could see through his sunglasses.

The rest of that day was spent in a park on the banks of the Rhine and in the evening we were again treated to a most delicious meal at the KTV Club house. The eveing crowned a very enjoyable stay in Germany which I am sure will long be remembered by all who went.

On Monday morning we said our goodbyes and set off homeward, arriving in Birmingham early on Tuesday morning, very tired but all having enjoyed a great trip.

D.B.

#### Water Polo News.

The Under 18 Team showed excellent form in beating Neshells 5-1 in the Warwickshire Junior Final which was held at Kingstanding recently.

Richard Sheasby, Mark Varney, Nigel Baker and Ian MacDougall are playing for the County in the Final of the Junior County Championships at Newcastle-upon-Tyne on Saturday, 19th July.

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### Five Club Galas.

Last year Camp Hill competed in Galas with swimmers from the Thursday and Friday night sessions at Moseley Road. These proved so successful that the Clubs decided to form a league. This was arranged at the beginning of the year and is now called the 'Five Club League.'

The other competing Clubs are Solihull, Boldmere, Morris Commercial and Stechford and the Galas are being held on Club nights. There are two Age-Groups: Open and Under 14, and this means that each Club is responsible for running two Galas. These are already proving successful with some good swims and personal best times being recorded. There are trophies for the winning clubs, so come on Camp Hill - "Go, Go, Go!"

R.S.

### MATCH REPORTS.

#### 11/4/75 - 5 Club Under 14 Gala.

Morris Commercial 110, Stechford 109, Solihull 108, Camp Hill 103, Boldmere 77.

I was looking forward to this Gala - the first in a league formed for swimmers who are keen, train hard but don't get many swims. In all clubs large or small, there are these swimmers - unfortunately not all the Clubs felt this way and I counted at least five Birmingham swimmers in the water.

The Camp Hill team swam well, putting a lot of effort into the relays, particularly the 11 year old girls and boys, 10 year old boys and 12/13 year old girls. Good individual swims were made by Fiona Davies in the 12/13 BK, Erica Coles in the 10yrs. F/S, and 11yrs. Fly, Helen Cassidy in the 10yrs. BK, Robert Slater and Sarah Harrison in the 11yrs. F/S., Susan Langley in the 12/13 BR and Ullian Ford in the 10yrs. BR.

In all, a good evening with plenty of enthusiasm and only seven points separating the first four teams.

J.E.G.

12/4/75/. Notts. Northern 216, C/Hill 'B' and Bramcote 165, Lincoln Pentagon 163, Lichfield 135, Mansfield 134.

#### 12/4/75/ at Southend.

Modernians 196, Southampton 193, C/Hill 190, Coventry 185, Southend 139, Granta 96

An hour on the beach after our long journey seems to have been an ideal preliminary to this Gala, for there is no doubt that the Team gave one of its best performances of the year. There were many excellent performances, with personal bests for Jackie Evans (BK 72.7), Judith Robson (BK 80.1), Andrew Coaton (BR 82.8), Micky Green (FS 56.8), Graham Brookhouse (BK 77.3), Philip Baker (FS 58.7), Debbie Clarke (FS 65.4), Jackie Sheasby (Fly 73.6), Michael Starling (Fly 72.0), as well as some good team race splits.

It is hoped to stage this match at Coventry on 10th. April next year.

F.G.T.

#### 1/5/75 - 5 Club Galas.

Morris Commercial 93, Boldmere 87, C/Hill 83, Solihull 74, Stechford 73.

Wyndley Pool set the scene for the 2nd. gala of this series and this time it was the turn of the 14/15yrs and open age-groups with a programme of 28 events.

C/Hill's first success came in the 100yds. Open BK when Jane Atkin gained our first five point win in 87.6, this proved to be our only first place in an individual event despite good swims by M. Shimmell 100yds. BR in a p.b. of 87.1, J. Biddles 2L Fly 56.0, P. Atkin 100yds F/S 68.0, A. Locke 100yds F/S 79.9 p.b., P. Atkin 2L Fly 49.0, L. Edwards 100yds. F/S 82.9, A. Cooper 100yds. BK. 82.6 p.b., L. Harvey 4x1 IM 1.54.2 - all gaining 2nd. places in their events.

A similar pattern emerged in the relay events. C/Hill gained maximum points in the Boys 4x2 F/S relay but once again despite great effort were beaten to 2nd. place in 5 relays and 3rd. place in the final two. Nevertheless from a maximum of 40 points, C/Hill gained 31.

All in all a very worthwhile evenings competition for the teams taking part, a thoroughly entertaining evening for the spectators, a good performance by Camp Hill to gain 3rd. place - marred by two disqualifications which cost 7 points and which should never have occurred. Finally it was unfortunate that the organisers were unable to make use of the excellent P.A. system which would have kept spectators, teams and their managers better informed throughout the evening.

M.L.

#### Warwickshire Age Groups.

The Club certainly did well in the County Age Groups, and it would take too long to detail all the good performances. Pride of place must go to Laura Barrett with her 'grand slam' in the 10 and Under events, while John Austin won 3 of his events with noteworthy performances, indeed he was so confident that he gave the others a start in his F/S heat! Debbie Clarke showed good form with her 64.8 winning F/S (14/15yrs) and nearly gained 1st. place with 64.5 in the Open F/S after a great 3rd. length. Katie Long's hard training paid off with four 2nd.'s and a 1st. and I thought her I.M. was particularly impressive. Paul Rogers had a good double in the F/S and the BR and Lyn Starling's win in the BR was greatly appreciated.

In the distance galas Philip Baker made amends for that disastrous 'missed turn' in the 100 F/S with a 200F/S in 2.06.9 (2nd) and a 400F/S in 4.30.7 (2nd), and brother Nigel came close to the Club record with a 2.47.6 in the 220 yds. BR. Sara Cheesebrough too must have gained confidence from her good wins in the 220yds., 440yds F/S and the 440yds I.M.

Especially pleasing from the Club's point of view were our wins in the 2 Girls Team races and in the Junior Medley Team and the Men's F/S Team. Total medals were: 1st. 38, 2nd. 27, 3rd. 24.

Can we do still better next year, not that this year is not - now for good performances at District and National level! P.G.T.

#### 17/5/75. Warwickshire Distance Championships.

First Gold of the day to Sarah Cheeseborough in the Ladies 440 FS with J. Evans taking 3rd. and D. Clarke taking 4th. Second Gold to Mandy Sharp in the Ladies Butterfly with Jackie Sheasby taking the silver. Third Gold to Lyn Dealey in the 220yds BR with Jane Thompson taking the silver, and to round off the afternoon session Alan Burgess a Bronze in the Men's 220yds. BK.

In the evening Gold again for Sarah in the 440yds. I.M. with Carol Brown 2nd. and Lyn Dealey 4th. P. Baker Silver in the Men's 440yds F/S, J. Evans Gold, J. Robson Silver and K. Brookhouse Bronze for a 1-2-3- for us in the Ladies 220yds. BK. N. Baker Bronze in the Men's 220yds BR, A. Griffiths Gold 220yds 'Fly', and to round off a good day - Sarah a Gold in the 220yds. F/S with Debbie in 3rd. place. At the end of these championships our Medal Total was 89. Far better than the previous year - next year let's GO GO GO for the 100! P.S.

31/5/75 Relay Gala. Gloucester 193, Wulfrun 191, C/Hill 190, Maindee 145, Harcourt Hill 77, Swansea 64.

Wulfrun 179, Junction 10 171, C/Hill 159, Wolverhampton 83.

#### 7/6/75. v. Coventry and Modernians.

This was a junior/senior match with some good opposition. We had a weakened 'A' team due to swimmers missing, but we still managed some good performances. Debbie Clarke (100m F/S 65.0), Adrian Griffiths (100m Fly 65.7), Nigel Baker (100m BR 76.8).

Final points: Modernians 153, Coventry 137, Camp Hill 119. D.C.

14/6/75/Relay Gala. C/Hill B 151, Leics. Belgrave 148, Leics. Knighton Fields 103, Worcester 99, Westminster 92.

Camp Hill C 317, Worlds End 238, Kingsbury 217.

21/6/75/ Camp Hill 356, Derby 278, Leicester 258.

#### Midland District Championships-28th. June, 5th. July.

Generally speaking our performances in this, the major annual swimming event in the Midlands left much to be desired. Swimmers, you must set your sights beyond the Warks. Age Group events which are merely the opening event of the year.

Congratulations, however, to the few who did decide that they were going to get medals. Adrian Griffiths in his second full season of swimming did really well to take the Junior C'ship in the F/S and also established himself in our 'sub 60' club with a 59.8 in the swim-off. This was a very good follow up to his two 3rd. place medals in the Jun. Fly, & 200F/S the previous week. Sara Cheeseborough made up for a poor 200 F/S swim by a tenacious effort in the 400 F/S (4.51.9) which earned her senior bronze & junior silver medals, while Nicky Green showed that he is getting back to form with a silver in the Men's F/S (59.0). The Men's F/S Team - Philip Baker, Paul Tainty, Mark Edwards, Nicky Green took a creditable silver in their event with a sub-4 min. effort. Paul Tainty turned in very sound performances in all his events - I like his approach, no nonsense, he gets in and gets on with it and could be well in amongst the medals next year. A good Fly swim by Mandy Sharp, too, and the feeling that her recorded time (73.0) was a little 'harsh.'

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P.G.T.

7th June 1975.

LEICESTER at home to DERBY & CAMPHILL.

This 2 lane per club match gave a large number of our swimmers the chance to compete with their club friends and also to swim as a team. The forty plus swimmers and their supporters found Cassington Street Baths to their liking. Loud support was forthcoming from the balcony whilst the swimmers romped home by 356 points to Derby's 278 and Leicester's 258.

Times to note: 2 len. FLY. S. Gatland 44.6:  
3 len BK. C. Ta inty. 63.5:  
2 len BK. J. Robson 46.1:  
3 len F/S. A. Griffiths. 55.4:  
2 len F/S H. Bettinson. 39.9:  
3 len FLY. A. Sharp. 68.3.

G.Ison.

12th July 1975.

11 Club Didi-Relay Gala at Walsall. 8-9-10 yrs old.

well conceived event for young swimmers was dominated by the Camphill team who reached all but two of the top six teams finals. The first half of the gala, fourteen events of two heats, took just over two hours, with our youngsters finishing first on twelve occasions. The second half had the same number of events, a top six final and a bottom five, of which Camphill won eleven of the top six. Katie Long and Ian Scott represented the team in collecting the winners pennant. Well done Ann Priestley and Lynn Deeley in looking after the youngsters.

G.Ison

13th July 1975.

5 Club Meet at Bilston. 'B' teams.

The Wulfrun 'B' squad were the hosts to Halesowen, Darlaston, Orion and ourselves in this warm Sunday afternoon gala.

Up to event 27 of this 46 event match Darlaston and Camphill were neck and neck but suddenly we found that we had dropped Darlaston and the Wulfrun squad were only one point behind.

With only one relay event to go the points were CampHill 157, Wulfrun squad 155. The squad came home first, Halesowen second, and our boys third, the final points being Wulfrun Squad 160, CampHill 160. Darlaston 142. Halesowen 110, Orion 105.

Wendy Leach 110 fly. 83.4. personal best.

We were placed 1st 9 times; 2nd 16 times; 4th 13 times, 4th 6 times, and disqualified twice.

G.Ison

WATER POLO.

The second round of the Inter County Water Polo Championship and it is the semi-final, Warwickshire having disposed of Gloucester at Nuneaton in the first round by 7-0. The draw takes us to Yorkshire and the club is well represented by Richard Sheasby, Nigel Baker, Mark Varney and Ian MacDougal.

It was a long journey but the game was well worth the 200 mile round trip. The scores were even at full time and it wasn't until after three periods of extra time that Warwickshire made sure of competing in the final. The final score was 9-8 with Richard Sheasby (5), Nigel Baker (3) scoring nearly all the goals.

The final is against Lancashire at Newcastle under Lyne.

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