

Hon. Secretary's Notes.

Thank you so much for the presentation, made to me at Halesowen, of the club photograph in its fine case. It will be a happy memento of my year as District President, and of a year in which our club has gone from strength to strength.

Gerry Thain.

Thank You...

We are most grateful to Mr. and Mrs. P. Welch for their donation of two banners to the Club. These are being kept by Mrs. Baker and Mr. Shimoll. Will Team Managers please arrange to collect them, so that the 'colours' can be shown at all matches.

Thank You...

Club finances have received a much needed boost of £148-57 thanks to the Grand Draw organised by Mr. and Mrs. Shimoll, and to the many people who supported it.

Thank You...

To the Ladies who organised the 'coffee/fund raising' evening: result £111-50. Thanks also to all those who supported the occasion.

Well Done, Ken!

Mr. Baker has completed his A.S.A Million Yards Award, and the more 'mature' members of the Club can now enjoy a little reflected glory - you youngsters wouldn't stand a chance if we all donned our costumes!

Swimming Times.

The order has now gone in (£1-85 for 12 issues). If you forgot, and still want to order, contact me quickly.

Martin Edwards.

Martin appears to be training hard at Malibu, California and enjoying the American way of life. ('Americanisms' are already appearing in his letters!) He is still actively interested in the achievements of the Club and wishes everyone well in the coming season.

Now for a rest

We have had a busy year, and 1976 will be even more strenuous, so there will be no training at the School Pool after Sunday, 21st. December. We shall start again on Wednesday, 1st. January. This may seem a long break, particularly at a time when you are not so busy, but there will be no respite until the end of August. It will also give you an opportunity to THINK, to set yourself some targets for 1976.

MATCH REPORTS.4/10/75. W.M.L. Round 1 - Halesowen.

In the first round by some happy coincidence we were matched with Coventry. With many of our 'A' Team members absent, Coventry might have been forgiven for thinking that they would have an easy task. However when you have such a fervent bunch of 'Coventry haters' as we have, it soon became obvious that Coventry were going to have to fight for their lives.

As is becoming normal our Under 12's dominated the scene with excellent swims from Laura Barret, Gary Whitson and Austin Swain. The closest races came in the Men's open F/S and the Girls Under 16 Fly. In the F/S Philp Baker scared the wits out of David Parker to record a best time of 57.7s. Sarah Cheesborough, although unwell, swam a remarkable last length to be given a dead-heat with her Coventry counterpart after being a body length down after the two.

There were many other good swims and with two events to go Coventry had pulled back our early lead and edged ahead by 2pts. themselves. As fate would have it, Coventry were disqualified in the penultimate race and Camp Hill were laughing....all we had to do was swim over the last race, but Coventry with their usual style took another flyer in the last race and we walked away with a 10¹/₂pt. advantage.

What was evident was the excellent team spirit amongst our swimmers and the lack of it from our opponents.

N.G.

4/10/75. F.I. Round 1 - Rugby.

CONANTON 200, Leicester 200, C/Hill 147, Inter 140, Bilston 106, W. 102

This was a most exciting result in a head-to-head match with our team being led by Inter for most of the gal, ending then down to 4th. place in the closing team races. Good performances by Linda Brown (BR 56.9), Joanna Hands (F/S 22.3), Ian Scott (F/S 22.7), Mike Starling (F/S 63.6), Jane Tomks (BR 86.2), David Beavan (BR 78.2), Adrian Griffiths (F/S 59.5) and Tim O'Connor (F/S 43.9). I was really pleased with the way in which our team tackled strong opposition, with several of our girls showing the value of their training when swimming creditably in five events.

F.G.T.

5/10/75. Burmah Oil Trophy.

Leeds 288, C/Hill 239, Newcastle 192, Leicester 178, West Wales 175, York 166, Teeside 98, Nottingham 68.

Forty-eight swimmers-the largest team we have ever turned out-travelled to Leeds on the Sunday morning following the 2 League galas the previous evening.

It soon became apparent that Leeds were the likely winners, and as the events progressed we hoisted ourselves clear of the other teams, but were unable to get on close terms with the host club. Our most successful team in this relay gala was the Senior boys-Figel Baker, Chris Tainty, Adrian Griffiths and Paul Rogers, who won their events in a most convincing manner. I took 124 splits - my watch has cooled down now- and they included: F/S Carol Brown 31.4, Jackie Sheasby 30.3, Angela Rabl 31.2, Jane Tomks 31.3, Julian Swain 36.4, John Austin 33.8, Jonathan Earl 36.8, Glenn Martin 28.5, Paul Tainty 26.6. BK. Rath Tanner 42.9, Paul Donny 41.3. BR. Lynn Starling 40.6, Jane Thompson 40.7, Austin Swain 42.4, Andrew Coaton 36.9. Nigel Baker 34.7, Fly. Laura Barrett 40.6, Julian Swain 42.5, Paul Tainty 28.4. Our female cannon relay pressed Leeds all the way with a good last leg of 57.5 from Mandy Sharp, while Philip Baker pulled the male cannon through to 1st. place with a powerful 57.6.

Mr. Sharp worked like a Trojan putting out the teams and we were both delighted to see our swimmers finishing hard - swimming into that bath end!

F.G.T.

11/10/75. Sutton Coldfield.

A reasonably well balanced team went to Sutton Coldfield to compete against Boldmere, Walsall, Brierley Hill and Darlaston in a relay gala over thirty-four events. We took the lead after the second event and managed to sustain our efforts although the strength of the Darlaston team was far superior to our own.

They only managed to compete in 25 of the 34 events but averaged for those 5.75 pts to our own 4.25 for the full gala. Although this was a team gala, good individual performances were recorded by N. Townsend BR 32.9, J. Austin F/S 21.9, P. Denny F/S 21.3, A. Coaton BR 53.5, P. Denny BR 33.4, K. Long F/S 21.7, H. Fielding 27.7 F/S.

Pts: C/Hill 157, Darlaston 144, Walsall 123, Boldmere 120, Brierly Hill 116.
G.I.

14/10/75. Five Club Gala-Tudor Grange.

C/Hill 96, Stechford 92, Solihull 91, Morris Commercial 78, Boldmere 61. Camp Hill seem to be winning consistently this season in the 5 Club League which is an improvement on last season. The first win of the evening came from Mark Shimmel in the 100yds. BR. The team worked hard to keep ahead of Stechford and Solihull who were breathing down their necks throughout the gala. Well done, Camp Hill, keep up the good work, and let's see if we can win top position in the League this season.

I would like to thank the organisers of this league which was started at the latter end of last season. It has created an opportunity for many swimmers who would not get the chance to compete very often.

W.R.E.

18/10/75. Shell Trophy.

22 Camp Hill swimmers met at New Street Station all set to see London and swim! With a chorus from FGT singing 'goodbye, goodbye, we all loaddd onto the train. Then a tube to Charing Cross where we had time to eat our sandwiches and feed the pigeons. This was followed by an estimated 400 yds. walk from FGT which worked out to be nearer 4 miles in order to cross the Thames and reach the Baths.

There were some good swims even though the water was cold. The first event (1560) was won by Andrew Wolf who stopped 2 lengths short only to find he hadn't finished. Then Sarah Cheescbrough, who despite some bad turns, sprinted the last length to finish 2nd. but with the same time as the 1st. (880yds. 9m42.0). There were some fine relay splits - Paul Rogers 59.8 p.b., Jane Tonks 68.7 - and the final position were 1. Cardiff 2. Southampton 3. Modernians 4. Camp Hill 5. Otter 6. Hartfield.

D.C.

24/25-10/75/ESSA Championships-Basildon.

On Thursday 23rd. October the Division 6 Team travelled by coach to Basildon. The next morning we went to the pool where we had a training session, followed by the Division photograph - not very successful as it was taken in thick fog!

A girl and a boy from each age-group represented the Division and took part in a procession which was led by the Basildon and Trumpet Corps.

There was some very good swimming which we were able to watch from several points in the building because of the installation of closed-circuit T.V. The two most commendable swims by the Division 6 team were: Steve Purchase-1st. 100mBK 66.8 and Joy Beasley-1st. 100 BK 68.6. Good swims from Camp Hill swimmers included: Paul Tainty 4th. 100 Fly 64.0, Mandy Sharp 4th. 100 Fly 73.5 (Heat 72.6) and Lynn Deeley who just missed the final but did a good swim with an 84.8.

The pool was very new and I enjoyed swimming in it very much. I thought the atmosphere of the Championships was very relaxed and far nicer than the National Age Groups at Leeds. The organisation was very good and the food was great!

S.C.

N.B. Modesty prevented Sarah from mentioning her own good performance of 64.5 and 3rd. place in the Junior Girls' F/S/

F.G.T.

1/11/75. W.M.L. Round 2.

C/Hill 'A' 235, Orion 220, Derby 166, Halesowen 117, C/Hill 'B' & Luton 110. Sixty-eight swimmers gave of their best for the Club at Halesowen to achieve a most satisfying result. Our boys' teams won all the relays and there were excellent individual performances from Andrew Coaton (51.2 BR), Paul Denny (20.5 F/S), Mandy Sharp (72.1 Fly), Katie Long (28.2 BR), Laura Barrett (24.1 BK), Lynn Deeley (84.8 BR), Glenn Morton (47.5 Fly), Karon Wheely (50.0 Fly), Stuart Gatland (48.1 Fly), Wendy Leach (44.1 F/S)... TO MENTION JUST A FEW!

The 'A' Team is now in 1st. place and the 'B' Team in 14th. place.

F.G.T.

8/11/75. Greenshield Inter-County 1st. Round.

Camp Hill provided 10 members of the Works. Team for this event. There were P.B.'s from Laura Barrett (82.5 BK), Carol Brown (68.5 F/S), Glenn Morton (63.8 F/S), Lyn Starling (86.2 BR), Paul Rogers (60.7 F/S), while in the Worcs. Team Chris Tainty had two excellent swims (66.3 & 2.20.6 BK).

F.G.T.

9/11/75. Diddy Gala.

This gala for 10, 11 and 13 yr. olds was hosted by the Junction 10 Club and included a team from Halesowen as well as ourselves. An early start of 2 p.m. was scheduled so that the pool hire could be continuous from the morning training session. Before reporting on the match I would like to say that it is indicative of the support our parents are giving that the swimmers were there on time, well supported by their 'mums and dads' and also where a sister or brother was not selected, they were there with swimming costumes, and able to use the spare lane - thank you to you all.

We started the swims well, two firsts in the 13yrs 3 lengths freestyle and two seconds in the 11yrs. backstroke. After 25 events the points were Junction 10 52, Camp Hill 50, Halesowen 48. There had only been 7 wins up to this point, but the running totals seemed to inspire the swimmers - only ten more events and seven of these were team races. With careful manipulation by the team managers, Mrs. Denny and Mr. Baker, and the swimmers showing determination, we came home first in five of these events (including the squadron of six swimmers). We waited with baited breath for the final score.... Camp Hill 77.. Junction 10 76... Halesowen 63.

Well done all!

G.I.

15/11/75 v. Cardiff.

"The Day of the Coaches."

City of Cardiff, winners of the National Inter-League Final, were our visitors ... probably the strongest competitive unit in the U.K.

Statistics.

	Cardiff	166 points	Camp Hill	152 points	
<u>Club Records.</u>					
Girls Open 400 m F/S	Sarah Cheesbrough	4.43.6			2nd
Girls Open 200 m BR	Lynn Dealey	2.56.8			2nd
Boys Open 200 m BR	Figel Baker	2.42.8			1st
Girls Open 200 m F/S	Sarah Cheesbrough	2.15.8			2nd
Boys Open 200 m BK	Andrew Wolf	2.18.9			2nd
<u>Some of the known personal bests..</u>					
Girls U/14 100 m BR	Debbie Baker	1.28.6			
Boys Open 100 m BR	David Beavan	1.48.2			
Girls U/12 100m F/S	Gaynor Simper	1.15.5			
Girls U/12 100m F/S	Laura Barrett	1.15.5			
Boys Open 200m F/S	Philip Baker	2.04.5			
Girls U/14 100 m F/S	Debbie Baker	1.09.3			
Boys Open 4x100m Relay....					
	Philip Baker	56.6			
	Adrian Griffiths	57.6			
	Paul Tainty	57.9			

The introduction of statistics early in the report enables a return to the above heading, because the most delighted people at the gala were Messrs. Thain and Sharp whose work and effort played such a part in the improvement of the times of the various swimmers - a point not to forget !

Whilst the older swimmers perhaps stole most of the limelight at this meet, the young swimmers gave an excellent account of themselves and many won their events.

Two swimmers who did not win made their mark by the way they swam : namely Ian Scott and Gary Whitsun in the 100BR and 100 Fly respectively, for they swam with skill and a style which should serve them well in the future.

K.B.

21/11/75. Achievements Trophy - Stechford.

The Birmingham Association of Swimming Clubs provided the setting for the 9 & under, 10 & under and 11 & under swimmers of Morris Commercial, Northfield, Small Heath and Stechford, Westminster Handsworth and Camp Hill to show who we can expect to do well in the new year Warwickshire Championships.

It was event 13 before we had a winner in this by J. Brown in the 1 length BK for girls. Lucky 13 changed our fortunes. Eleven wins and six seconds completed the gala for the Camp Hill team. All that was left was to separate the boys results from the girls to see which team, girls or boys, was the overall winner. Presenting the trophy was the Association President Mr. Thain.

The announcement of the final positions proved to be a pleasant surprise to us all because it had been impossible to forecast who might win, but our Girls came equal second with Northfield with 61pts, and the Boys won the Achievements Trophy with a total of 64 points.

G.I.

6/12/75. ASA v British Students at Nuneaton.

What a day to hold this event when we were deeply involved in vital West Midland League matches. Selected for the British Colleges team were Andrew Wolf, Philip Baker and Andrew Burgess and to them we offer our congratulations.

Before the start of Andrew Wolf's event (440 yds. IM.) I asked him for his predicted time ... "I shall be very pleased with a 53." The official time was 4m53.3 - a well deserved time compensating for the effort he has put into training.

Final result: British Students 128 ASA 209.

G.I.

6/12/75. West Midland League Final.

We entered this gala with a slight lead in the League table and excited as champions of the league.

The gala was by no means easy as we were matched against Coventry, Orion, COSSACS, Leicester and Nottingham Leander. Despite this class of opposition no other team could match either the strength or determination to win shown by our swimmers.

We gained 16 firsts and 11 seconds out of a total of 46 events and our strength was demonstrated by the fact that no one swimmer won more than one race. In the relays out of a total of 12, we won 6 and were second in 3.

There were many excellent swims, especially by the 11, 12 and 13 year olds. Probably the best individual swim was Glenn Morton's win in the 12/13 yrs. Fly. For the first time in a race he showed his dominance in the latter stages, pulling away to win by nearly 2 seconds.

In the absence of Andrew Wolf, Chris Tainty was forced to swim 3 events within a period of 9 races. Against strong opposition in his own age groups BK he stormed to a 3 second win, six races later he was coming a very close second in the U/16 fly and two events later he competed in the Open BK.

Without doubt the hardest race to win was the Mens BR... here Nigel Baker was competing against two National medalists and a National Champion, and despite this he still swam to a fast 75.9.

The overall effort and enthusiasm from the swimmers ensured that no other team got as much as a look in and we walked out 31½ points ahead of Coventry and a place in the National Inter-League Final.

N.G.

In conclusion may I take this opportunity of thanking all those who have contributed so willingly(!) to the Newsletter during the past 12 months and look forward to their continued support in the New Year.

A Merry and Restful Christmas to you all !
