

Editorial.

The astonishing feats of some of the swimmers in the Olympic Games will be but pale memories by now but it would be wrong if we were to completely forget them. The results once again proved what enormous advances have been made in the 'water' since Munich and it would seem that there is still more to come. Nothing is guaranteed without determination and dedication and though David Wilkie was our only medallist, he proved that with these two qualities it is possible to triumph over all. He set his sights high and reaped the just rewards.

For the coming season let us do the same and see if we can put Camp Hill at the top of the tree !

Garden Fete.

A beautiful day in the pleasant surroundings of Angela and John Bettinson's home and to whom we offer our sincere thanks for their wonderful hospitality. This event was attended by many Club members and friends and was a great success socially and financially, due in the main to the hard work put in by Joy Baker and her many associates.

There were many varied and interesting games played. David Beavan triumphed over Steven Mauroidi at skittles, Mrs. Scott showed her prowess at darts, Glen Moreton was accurate throwing the tennis ball, Phil Baker was the expert at Football penalties, Mr. Scott found the buried treasure and Paul Palmer guessed familiar views from unfamiliar photos.

The highlight of the afternoon was the fancy dress parade with many varied and yet brilliantly conceived designs. Thirteen children took part although there were only twelve entries. (Jane and Peter Steele combined to become the front and rear halves of a dragon which won them 2nd. prize.) Erica Cole, with a dirty face, hair expertly lacquered and dressed in distorted newspapers got 3rd. prize as 'Rubbish', but the first prize went to Helen Cawley dressed as a womble. As the 'Star of the Show' she agreed to make the draw for the two separate raffles. The first, for a robust racing car, was won by Gwen Franklin with Mr. Moreton having his pick from four prizes in the second.

The successful conclusion was obviously the deposit to Club Funds of 252-00 for which we thank everyone for their help and generosity.

G.I.

JUMBLE.....JUMBLE.....JUMBLE.....JUMBLE.....JUMBLE.....JUMBLE

Please save any Jumble you may have for a proposed Club Jumble Sale to be held sometime in February. Further details will be posted on the Club noticeboard.

MATCH REPORTS.5/6/76/.Warwickshire Middle & Long Distance Championships.

The story of these Championships is centred on the 3 Gold Medals won by Sara Cheesborough to add to her previous 3 at the Age-Groups: 200 F/S 2.19.2; 440 F/S 4.48.0 and 220 Fly 2.32.5. Jane Tonks took the Gold in the 220 BR..3.05.1 with Lyn Dealey in the Silver position. Judith Robson worked hard for her Silver in the 220 BK..2.42.2.

Twelve medals for the Boys ensured that we played a very prominent part in the Championships with an overall total of ninety-nine medals.

Gold to Andrew Wolf in the 440 I.M...4.54.5 and Silvers in the 220 BK and 220 Fly. Paul Tainty with a Gold in 2.07.3 spearheaded three Camp Hill swimmers in the 220 F/S with brother Chris..2.11.6 and Paul Rogers 2.19.9. Paul Tainty also took the Silver in the 440 F/S with Chris in third place in the 440 F/S, 220 Fly and 220 Back. Completing the haul was David Beavan with silver in the 220 BR...2.44.6 with Mike Starling third..2.50.8.

12/6/76.Inter-Counties.

The annual friendly between Worcester, Staffordshire and Warwickshire gave 28 of our swimmers the opportunity to lay claim to places in the Team for the National Green Shield Inter-Counties match on the 6th. November at Sutton Coldfield.

For each event, two age-groups per County are in the water together so it would not be amiss for the 1,2,3 places to be won by the older age-group and the 4,5, and 6 by the younger swimmers.

This was generally the case but John Austin shocked the twelve year old swimmers by coming home 3rd. in the BK. Judith Robson and Sara Cheeseborough followed suit and this was then bettered by Derek Allen who was 2nd.(29.9) in the 13/14yrs.F/S.

A great team effort brought the trophy to Warwickshire and our swimmers can feel well pleased with their efforts.

G.I.

In the Midland District Division 1 Inter-Counties match held at Worcester Andy Wolf, Mandy Sharp, Paul Rogers and Adrian Griffiths were the Club representatives.

Andy(400 IM) as usual did just enough to win his event, but the margin was closer than he realised. Mandy had too much opposition in the 100 Fly and her time was below her usual high standard. Paul Rogers in the 6x2L Junior mixed relay and Adrian Griffiths in the Senior Relay put up creditable performances to give their teams victory. A win then for Warwickshire and so on to Blackpool.....

National Age Group Competitions - Leeds 1976.

Forecast A realistic assessment of our prospects indicated 2,3, or perhaps 4 individual finalists (with Laura a medal hope) and team finalists in possibly 10 events. F.G.T. expressed the hope that the extended period of training for the National squad there would be many P.B.'s.

At Leeds. They never stopped! From before 7.00 a.m. some mornings for early training sessions until late at night each day, F.G.T and Anne Priestley were involved (with Mrs. Thain in the background). The individual swimmers' programme was far less strenuous! By the end of the week Anne was sleeping momentarily on her feet whilst appearing to be awake, but F.G.T.'s durability was never in doubt!

Individual Performances: There were many P.B.'s... I hope all are recorded below... my apologies for any omissions.

Laura Barrett: Pride of place must go to Laura for a magnificent 'National', she was the outstanding swimmer and produced a string of P.B.'s to qualify for the best ever performance by a C.H. swimmer. 200 F/S (2.26.35) 2.25.75.. 2nd. I.M. (2.47.40) 2.46.29 4th. F/S (68.75) 68.61 3rd. BK (79.30) 78.00 2nd. (2 silvers 1 bronze and 4th). For me Laura's finest effort was the Back.. with 10 metres to go the gold was decided, but 4 girls were together... Laura fought to the touch.. she finished with broken finger nails, a bleeding nose.. and the silver medal. (The bronze was .03 behind and .40 separated 4 girls). Congratulations!

Karen Gurney: BR. 94.19, F/S 74.90; Ruth Tanner: 200 F/S 2.37.42, I.M. 3.01.67, F/S 74.01, BK 86.49; Amanda Jefferson: 200 F/S 2.42.45, I.M. 3.02.43, F/S 74.51, Caroline Brown: 200 I.M. 2.41.26, Fly 66.32, 400 F/S 4.54.13.. her best effort? In the right heat Caroline would surely have made the final 8. Rosalind Fox: Fly 73.36, 400 F/S 5.30.19, Judith Robson: BK 75.37, F/S 67.66, Sara Cheeseborough: I.M. 2.39.19; Debbie Simmonds: I.M. 2.39.67, 400 F/S 4.55.02, Debbie Baker: 400 F/S 4.58.44.

John Austin: finalist F/S (70.51) 69.65.. 6th, 200 F/S 2.34.57, 1st. reserve for BK final 81.14 - well done! Frank Edwards: 2nd. reserve Fly 79.50 (a fitting reward for all his training), 200 F/S 2.36.10; Derek Allen F/S 65.55, Paul Woodall: BK 76.12, 400 F/S 5.00.8, Fly 72.87; Austin Swain: BR. 85.37; Glyn Morston: 400 F/S 4.40.92, Fly 66.08; Chris Tainty: finalist 200 BK (2.19.27) 2.18.80.. 6th, 200 Fly 2.24.23, 400 I.M. 5.08.84.. a tiring week Chris.. Well done. David Beavan: 2 Welsh Junior records BR. 75.66, 200 BR 2.42.80. congratulations on 2 fine swims just missing the reserve place in both events.

Team Performances: Only Leeds with 12 finalists had more than C.H.10 and Coventry 10 (including 1 disq.) with Southampton 7. The time spent on relay teams was more than justified as we eventually won medals in 6 events proving our all-round strength especially in the younger age-groups. Our llye teams overcame their nerves to swim as well as we knew they could. It is impossible to decide which was the best team performance (Boys 16/17 Medley?) ...so the details are recorded below for you to make your own choice!!

Boys 16/17 Medley (Chris Tainty, David Beavan, Nigel Baker, Adrian Griffiths)
Heat 3rd. 2.01.50 Final 3rd. 1.59.54.

Boys 16/17 F/S (Ian MacDougall, David Beavan, Nigel Baker, Adrian Griffiths)
Heat 1.49.49 Final 7th 1.50.34

Boys 12/13 Medley (Paul Woodall, Austin Swain, Richard Humphries, Derek Allen)
Heat 2.17.20 Final 6th 2.16.91

Boys 12/13 F/S (Paul Woodall, Austin Swain, Richard Humphries, Derek Allen)
Heat 2.04.32 Final 8th 2.04.07

Girls 12/13 Medley (Judith Robson, Linda Brown, Rosalind Fox, Caroline Brown)
Heat 2.21.30 Final 7th 2.20.13

F/S (Judith Robson, Gaynor Simper, Rosalind Fox, Caroline Brown)
After qualifying as 5th fastest in 2.05.18 they excelled themselves in the Final to finish 2nd in 2.03.08.

Boys u/11 Medley (John Austin, Julian Swain, Frank Edwards, Jonathon Earl)
Heat 2.14.86 Final 3rd 2.13.48

F/S Heat 2.33.30 Final 3rd 2.32.72

Girls u/11 F/S (Laura Barrett, Karen Gurney, Amanda Jefeerson, Ruth Tanner)
Heat 2.17.46 Final 3rd 2.14.61

Medley Heat 2.32.60 Final 2nd. 2.30.17

The girls' medley team provided a fitting climax on Saturday afternoon by winning the silver. (Mrs. Tanner and Mrs. Gurney have now recovered their voices)

Stamina Awards: unquestionably F.G.T. and Ann Priestley.

Highlights: for some of us in the gallery...the delight on the faces of our youngest swimmers as they stood on the rostrum.

THANKS: to ALL who have helped throughout the year to produce these results, to Fred who must have experienced particular pleasure in watching the youngsters, who during the winter had trained regularly at 7.00 a.m., win team medals, to Nicky who helped with the final month's preparation, and finally to Ann and F.G.T. who brought all these efforts to such a successful conclusion at Leeds.

Conclusion: 'Our' forecast was accurate—we had 3 individual finalists (Laura, Chris and John), 10 team finalists with 6 medal winning teams. As a team Camp Hill exceeded expectations with 3 individual medals and 24 team medals. Someone reported that F.G.T. was "delighted" with the Team's performance - this surely must be an exaggeration! I am certain, however, that he was well satisfied and proud of the Club's swimming, appearance and Behaviour.

Congratulations to one and all!

B.S.

Thanks are also due to Bernie Swain, not only for the report, but for the sterling work he did in dealing with all the various accommodation needs of the swimmers - a vital factor in any successful team.

18/9/76. Diddy Gala - Stochford.

Once again our younger aged swimmers pitted their skill and talents against six clubs at Stochford Baths. As the Gala progressed it became clear that Camp Hill swimmers, the girls or the boys, would take the trophy. So, the battle was on; girls shouting for the girls and boys shouting for the boys. Finally, the girls looking delighted, won 98-97. As one boy leaving the pool muttered - 'we shall never live it down at the Club.'

I, for one, am looking forward to next year.

WELL DONE GIRLS AND BOYS.

F.G.S.

26/9/76/The National Inter League Gala.

To write about the most glamorous event of the swimmers calendar "The Inter League Final" and to hold a bias for one club is very difficult, particularly when of the eight competing clubs Camp Hill were joint sixth in the Final placing.

The well planned day received a bonus as well - as the TV Weatherman on the previous night could not foresee for we had a glorious warm sunny day. The journey, stops, lunch, fun-fair and the lights went reasonably well despite minor delays and from the 8.15 start, the Coach returned at 1 a.m. on Monday morning.

"At the Gala."

After the speeches, fanfare and colourful parade, eight teams - from Beckenham, Camp Hill, Cardiff, Southampton, Coventry, Cossacs, Leeds and Warrington set about the task of amassing the greater points allotment from the 46 event programme.

With six events gone Coventry had gained a 4 point lead over Cardiff the main challengers, with Camp Hill 17 points behind the leaders. As the Gala progressed Coventry continued to dictate their monopoly of the major points placings and handsomely won the Gala from the main threat and last year's winners Cardiff, with Leeds third, Southampton 4th, Warrington 5th, Camp Hill and Cossacs 6th and Beckenham 8th.

Statistically Coventry won 9 of the events whilst Camp Hill obtained 1 winner - John Austin in the Boys u/12 50m BK... Well done John!

Generally the performance of the Camp Hill team lacked sparkle on this occasion, but no doubt the very high standard of the opposition was a contributory factor.

K.B.

2/10/76.W.M.League Round 1.Rugby

Derby 232, Notts. Leander 192, Luton 170, C/Hill B 146, L'boro 113, Melton Mowbray 110.

A sound performance by our B Team swimming in the 1st. Division of the League. Good times by: Katie Long BR 58.0, BK 53.1, Debbie Allen F/S 22.8, Gavin Cameron BR 53.7 & 83.9, and Trevor Clark Fly 65.1. It was pleasing too, to see a good line up of our Senior Girls, sharing the load!

F.G.T.

10/10/76...Neath.

Gwent 228, Camp Hill 227, West Wales A 215, North Wales 145, West Wales B 137.

Our supporters came away saying 'We were robbed,' and it would appear that a glaring judging error in the very first race prevented us from sharing 1st. place with Gwent. Nevertheless the match provided useful races over 100m for the 5 age-groups, including the 10/u's. Gaynor Simper went so close to that sub-70 with a 70.2 F/S and Gary Whitson joined the ranks of the sub-80 'Flyers' with a 79.8. Lynn Starling came back to form with an 86.5 BR, while David Beavan showed his fitness and consistency with 76.4 and 75.3 BR swims. Derek Allen looked set to break 65s F/S for the first time but a poor finish gave him 65.2 - however, it can't be long now. The race of the day from our point of view was Katie Long's win in a truly hard fought Fly 83.1. It was also pleasing to see Laura Barrett stroking efficiently to her first sub 80s BK in a Club match. (79.7).

F.G.T.

16/10/76.Sprint Meet-Coventry.

We sent a strong nucleus of swimmers to this event and all competed creditably. From the very start it was obvious that there was going to be considerable vociferous support. The spectator gallery being almost full provided a welcome spectacle. With such support the swimmers rose to meet the crowd's expectations and provided many fingernail finishes. It was in such finishes that two out of our three individual winners gained their positions.

In the Boys 12yr. BR Austin Swain finished in equal first place in a time of 38.2 and in the 11yrs. Girls BK Laura Barrett came in first in a

Our other individual winner was John Austin who dominated the race from start to finish, winning easily by over 1 second in the fast time of 36.3.

As is the case with such events, certain swimmers hitherto unknown take the opportunity to make their presence felt. Sue Denny and Gaynor Simper certainly did this. Sue Denny, after qualifying 4th, for the Girls 9yrs. BR final, swam a tremendous last 25 m to snatch second place in 46.1. In 5th place in the same race Georgina Brown turned in a very creditable 47.2 after having led the field at the half-way mark. Gaynor Simper showed her capabilities with an excellent 31.4 in the final of the Girls 12yrs. F/S to take 3rd. place. With more training she could make an excellent sprint freestyler.

Our three other 3rd. places went to John Austin and Laura Barrett in the 11yr. F/S events and to Amanda Jefferson who snatched third place from a Dutch girl in an enthralling 11yrs. BR.

The most creditable aspect of the meet was in the competitive atmosphere engendered by our swimmers. In almost every case our finalists improved on their heat times, and in the case of Mandy Jefferson and Susan Denny, gained them places amongst the first 3. All our finalists competed well and undoubtedly the most prolific of our non-medal winning competitors was Julian Swain who competed in three finals in the 10yr. Boys group. He amassed 10 points from his finals with one 4th and two 5th places. Had he been slightly sharper he could possibly have won some of his events.

Other good performances came from Gary Whitson..5th in the 12yrs. Fly 35.1; Katie Long ..6th in the 12yrs. BR 40.1; Frank Edwards..4th in the 11yrs Fly 36.1, John Earl..8th in the 11yrs. F/S; Ruth Tanner..8th in the 11yrs BK and Karen Gurney ..5th in a very close 11yrs. BR. These excellent efforts were well rewarded in terms of personal bests and in the final reckoning the Team finished in 2nd. place, 3 points behind Coventry. In the girls competition we finished 2nd., but the boys went one better and beat an impressive Dutch Team by 46 points to 45 to become the first holders of the shield. To me the whole essence of team spirit was embodied in the performances of John Austin and Laura Barrett, both of whom competed very well despite bad stomach pains.

Individual Points Totals:.....Laura Barrett 18, John Austin 14, Julian Swain 13, Mandy Jefferson 11, Austin Swain 8, Susan Denny 7, Gaynor Simper 6, Gary Whitson and Frank Edwards 5 each, Karen Gurney and Georgina Brown 4 each, Katie Long 3, Ruth Tanner and Jonathon Earl 1 each. Other members of the team were Ruth Taylor, Joanne Swift, Stephen Horne and Debbie Fielding.

N.G.

STOP PRESS & BETTER STILL !

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Having checked the points, Coventry Officials have sportingly informed us that we did, in fact, win the overall Boys/Girls Trophy - and this has now been handed over to us.