

Editorial

FANTASTIC !!!!

This issue contains a detailed report of 'Happy Easter at the Pool', but it must also be the opening item in the Newsletter for it is not every day that the corks are popping up at the pool at a quarter past midnight, with over 200 people in the building- but then it's not every day that we break the world marathon water polo record. Such a great effort by everybody - players, organisers, officials, helpers and all those members and friends who came along and gave encouragement.

Jumble Sale

This raised £107-98 for the club funds - many thanks to Mrs. Baker and all who helped.

Tupperware Sale

Many thanks to Mrs. Hames for organising this and for your support of it. The event raised £24 for club funds.

Subscriptions

These are now due. 1, there are still 60 to 70 outstanding ACTION PLEASE

Stevenage

Well done to the 11/U teams which won relay trophies at the Stevenage Age Group Meet - Girls - Georgina Brown, Debbie Fielding, Rebecca Cross Sue Denny. Boys - Gary Shipstone, Jonathan Mason, John Hatton, Simon Mason.

Swimming Times

I have a spare issue available / 2 - 40 anyone interested ?

Meets

Southend 6 individuals and 3 teams will be competing

Milton Keynes - 24 swimmers and 9 teams have been entered.

Warley - June 10th - I have forms. A final opportunity to do Midland qualifying times.

Street - July 1st We may be sending some swimmers.

Leeds - July 15/16th I have entry forms - I believe Mr. Richards will be organising a group.

MATCH REPORTS

18/2/78

Camp Hill 139 Orion 136 Weston 99 Somerset Select 79 Torfan 64

An exciting match in a pleasant 25 metre pool with the added attraction of some races over the longer events. David Beavan in his fortnightly race with Howard Gibson was pulled to a personal best of 2 32 0, Graham Brookhouse swam a well paced 800 f/s (4.37 & 4 .46) and Susan Moore swam the best final length of the Gala in her 200 fly (84 & 85) only to be disqualified ! Georgina Brown great presence of mind in returning to touch after a 'missed' turn and still swam a good 76.5 F/S. John Hatton had a good win in the fly - 88.8 . Karen Lewis a personal best BK (90.4 - 43+ 46+) and Richard Humphries threw away a certain personal best in the FLY with two disastrous kick-in turns. Vanessa Green's 95.1 was a personal best and Simon Mason near a National qualifying time with 95.9. Another P.B. went to Laure Barrett (200 BK) 2.39.2 & Chris. Tainty and Glenn Moreton turned in good class performances. The evenings excitement continued as we raced to Bristol through the blizzard, and it was with some relief that we emerged from the snow after 40 minutes.

Our aim is Competition

While the 'A' team was at Weston we had a 'B' team finishing 2nd to Cardiff in a relay gala at Cheltenham, and a diddy team finishing 2nd in a match at Warley. The total number of swimmers representing the club on 18/2/78 was 79.

F.G.T.

Junction Ten Meet

Our 19 participants in this two session meet will have gained valuable experience in an event that was spread over 9 hours, particularly those who were in action at Cheltenham or Weston the previous evening. Medals were won by Paul Ford 110 yds BR (3rd 90.4) just in front of Robert Johnson (4th 90.6) Chris Tainty 220yds, BK (1st 2.18.1) Joanne Seymour 110 yds BR. (1st 82.6) and Laura Barrett short I.M. (3rd 1 42.4.) Glenn Moreton was unfortunate in being the slower heat of the FLY and his well swam 64.6 placed him 4th. Other good swims were achieved by Paul Woodall BK 69.9 P.B. Sue Denny BR. 95.6 N.Q.T. Andrew Davies F/S 60.8 Joanne Swift F/S 71.5 P.B. Ruth Taylor F/S 74.2 BK 87.4 Paul Bruce returning to form F/s 72.9 Katie Long BR. 85.5

F.G.T.

25/2/78

Camp Hill 152, Coventry 132, Halesowen 119, Warley 115, Handsworth 82 For the ninth year running we were defending the Piranah trophy. With the 'A' team swimming in London on the same night the team was somewhat weaker than usual. We drew lane 1 for the second year running. Unfortunately you have to swim over the steps to finish in this lake. It can make life especially difficult for the young backstroke swimmer. This minor inconvenience, however, didn't stop our first two 9/U backstrokers from taking first place. Well done Jackie Jukes and Jonathan Robinson - Jonathan went on to win the boys 9/U F/S and I.M. making him the highest individual scorer that afternoon. In the 10/U age group Judith Tanner's BR, Simon Butler's I.M. and Stephe Moore's fly win were the high spots. Susan Denny had a very good win in the 11/U I.M. against strong opposition from Beasley of Halesowen. Well done all swimmers for retaining the trophy for the ninth successive year !

25/2/78 Round 2 of the Swimming League

Camp Hill 229, Portsmouth 209, Mermaid Marlin 182 Isleworth 167 Guilford 127 This was an exciting match in which we led Portsmouth from the start, but we could not afford to let up at any stage because of their persistent challenge. Our swimmers really put their backs into this one and there were several P.B's. Laura Barrett I.M. 1 41.2 FLY 46.6 Richard Humphries FLY 70.9 Jonathan Earl F/S 43/1 and Gavin Cameron BR 78.4 . David Beavan swam an excellent 72.0 and it was pleasing to see Adrian Griffiths F/S 59.1 in action again, and close to his best. There were many good relay swims including Liz Richards BR 53.6 David Beavan 45.7 Paul Rogers F/S 36.9 and Debbie Allen F/s 44.0 Well done too, Dean Ward and Susan Beavil who came in as reserves to swim in the 11/U team which were 2nd and 1st respectively.

F.G.T.

E.M.L. 4/3/78

Coventry 208 , Camp Hill 198, Norwich 181 Orion 154 Luton 122, Northampton 98

This was a big improvement after 4th place in the W.M.L. in December. Coventry needed to win to qualify for the National Final and our swimmers challenged so strongly that, dare I say it - their £8,000 + coaching team on the bathside looked most apprehensive at times. However, they made it, and we congratulate Coventry and look forward to meeting them in that FINAL on Sept. 17th.

(Yes this was written after the London League Final.) Noteworthy among many good swims ; David Beavan BR 71.2 Georgina Brown FLY 23.2 F/S 20.2 Graham Brookhouse I.M. 94.4 Sue Denry BK 25.1 Joanne Seymour BR 82.0 Jonathan Mason FLY 23.6
Many thanks to our supporters for their vocal encouragement which was greatly appreciated.

F.G.T.

Report on the 'B' team League Swim at Matlock Swimming Club - 4/3/78
The 'B' team having promoted most of its star turns to the 'A' team (this is what it is there for) went to Matlock to compete against Haden Hill, Lincoln Vulcans Matlock and Warley. They won 24 of the 46 events were second in a further 13 events leaving only a handful in which they were 3rd or 4th. Notable swims were by Peter Smith in the 2 lengths fly, 58.3 and 54.4 and in the two lengths back. Ruth Taylor 1.26.6 in the 3 lengths back and 47.8 in the 2 lengths free. Adrian Griffiths 59.6 for the three lengths free. Michael Steele 27.5 1 length back, Philippa Evans 1 length free & Richard Humphries 70.3 for the 3 lengths Fly.

The bath water was near boiling point and under these conditions any times were good. The final points position

Camp Hill	238½
Matlock	175
Haden Hill	177
Lincoln	173
Warley	146

Had we not been disqualified twice for finishing on the rail we would have scored 250½ Gala points and this would take quite a lot of beating. The 'B' team have travelled many hundreds of miles gaining valuable experience and grateful thanks must go to the few members who have turned out faithfully to swim relays without even doing an individual swim. Thank you David Swift and Ann Priestly, who have both done it more than once.

N.E.R.

National Short Course Championships - Cheltenham. 8/11 March 78

Our 3 competitors travelled daily and achieved the following times. Glenn Moreton 100m FLY 63.95, David Beavan 100m & 200m BR 72.35 2.35.12 Chris Tainty 400 I.M. 5.03.14 100m BK 64.36 & an excellent swim in the 200m BK to win the consolation final in 2.14.64 (66+ & 68) - faster than two of the main finalists. and recording the 5th fastest time overall.

In 1979 the Championships are at Scarborough - let's see if we can get more qualifiers.

F.G.T.

11/3/78

Stockport 196, Camp Hill 179, Warrington 169, Bobcats 152, Wolverhampton 140

This was a well organised Civic gala with the individual events over 100m. and with 400m freestyle events. I was at Cheltenham, but the results made interesting and worthwhile reading. They included; Gaynor Simper 100 F/S 66.1 Alison Gibbons 100m FLY 73.5 Carl Hanes 100m BR 85.8 Paul Woodall 100BK 68.5 Richard Humphries 100m FLY 69.5 69.5 Laura Barrett 100 FLY 73.9 Adrian Griffiths 100 FLY 65.9 & 100 F/S 59.0 Karen Gurney 100 BR 87.4 WELL DONE.

F.G.T.

18/3/78 London League Final

Reading 212, Camp Hill 191½, Hatfield 161, Southampton 142½, Portsmouth 141½, Watford 66
Second place in this gala would get us 8th lane in the National Inter-League Final, as this always goes to the runner up in the League which is organising that event. Well aware of Reading's strength, mindful of our defeat by Hatfield in the 1st round, and always respectful of Southampton, we knew we had a battle on our hands. With a coach load of supporters - and what a boost that gives to our efforts- we arrived at Lewisham and set about our task. Third places in the first two events followed by three firsts got us off to a great start. By the half-way stage we were 5 points behind Reading and 13 clear of Hatfield, and with ten events to go Mr Sharp relaxed a little - and we agreed that we were on the home run. There were so many good swims - our U12s were superb but to me our two most pleasing swims were those by our men's teams, beating a strong Reading team by one tenth of a second in the Medley Relay and 'powering' (that's the only word for it!) to a 4 sec. win in the final event, the 6 x 2 F/S. Their time, 2.39.8 was the fastest I have seen for that event in the 10 years since we entered the League. Sunday Sept. 17th 1.45 p.m. at the Crystal Palace is the BIG DAY when we tackle the giants - Leeds, Cardiff, Coventry, Beckenham, Wythen-shawe, Reading, C.O.S.A.C.S.S.. Can we have that marvellous support again? Book your coach seat from Mrs. Earl and your gala ticket from Mrs. Swift. See you there!

F.G.T.

The Knights of the long Nights

It all started in a Pub actually, way back, with Richard and Bernard slurring provocatively over their Brew XI refusing to accept that "You can't beat 'em" "Course you can" said Tiger Tim and the germ of an idea was born,

But what of the reality? Could we beat them? This is scruffy ole Birmingham you know, not the Salinas University, U.S.A. where men are made. However at the conclave of seven, the World Record was in the making, at a word. Then it was organising patronising, jeopardising, energising to say nothing of terrorising anyone and everyone remotely associated with Camp Hill. And Others! By the run up to the gun some of us had already taken to our beds.

At 7.13 p.m. prompt on Good Friday March 24th 1978 with some splash and considerable 'panache' this latest attempt on the World Water Polo record was launched by Reginald Eyre M.P. and his charming escort.... And I said to myself What a Wonderful World! A seat in Hall Green and Ann it can't be bad.

The battle was on. Man up, Man down, Man in the hole, first blood to the Blues, or was it the whites? It matters not. The tussle the bustle the needle, the enthusiasm, the good humour, the subtle holding on the ref's blind side. They were great. I learned more about Water Polo in in that brief 63hours 13minutes than I would have done in a year at Madoley.

But where would they have been without the 4 Muskateers? The King of France never had such heroes. At every hour of the day or night Archie was at the door cajoling, motivating, bullying. When I first saw the police, I thought he was being lifted for soliciting. With his whistle and flags Colin Warney grew slimmer by the hour. On Monday morning he was svelte like. You better believe it. Ray Shimell seemed to be at the desk and in the water simultaneously and continuously. I discovered later it was Mike Hobbs.

Meanwhile back at the sixth form block, the ladies had rolled up their sleeves in preparation for the hungry hordes. They were not disappointed. There was Thea at 3 a.m. every night catering for 30 voracious youths- solo! The mind boggles. Yet calm prevailed for the inscrutable English manager could be observed smoking a modest cigar and surveying the scene

with satisfaction.

Still the battle raged. There were moments of high drama, as when the referee penalised the sleepwalkers, or was it Dr. Coles who pulled them out? And towards the end I particularly enjoyed Mike Fearons' gentle lobs from his own goal, into the far net, pinning the keeper to the wall on impact.

But I go too fast. By Saturday evening it looked good. By Sunday evening it was a certainty. Champagne was stacked up by the crate. Well! a bottle, you know what I mean. Confidence was growing and the psychology paying off. All the while the cut and thrust continued to the strains of Cockrell's Water Music. A sort of disco. At the work out, alluring physiotherapists plied their magic. With wintergreen and Channel No. 5 these lads could have gone another week. Easy! Ray Brookhouse like a solitary reaper cleared, helped, chivied, guided, tirelessly, and with countless others too numerous to mention, and to whom we owe a debt of gratitude.

Midnight Sunday, what a razzamataz. Over the horizon and beyond. Champagne dispatched in ten seconds flat and on to set a mark for future generations. In the dawning Swift's Fruit and Nut case arrived and what a case! The most delicious succulent grapes you ever did see. Contestants swarmed to the poolside, while spent spectators envious glowered and said 'I wish I'd done that swim.'

Here at the last, as patient and resolute as he had been from the beginning was the power behind it all still pulling things together until the final whistle. At 10.26 a.m. on Monday 27th March as our young men left the arena with 1963 goals and a NEW WORLD RECORD to their credit, he took each one by the hand and expressed his personal thanks.

A noble occasion Gordon. I'll never see the like again.

C.C.

1/4/78.C/Hill 'B' 91 Mansfield 83.

A close contest where our greater strength in the relays enabled us to pull ahead in the closing stages. Many good swimmers, especially Simon Mason BR 90.9, Ruth Taylor F/S 72.2, BK 83.5, Debbie Allen F/S 68.6, Sally Whateley BK 81.0 (she's under 80 now!)

F.G.T.

CLUB RECORDS.

We have one set of records only, so the majority of the following were set on Short Course. Junior records are under sixteen.

	MALE		FEMALE			
	SENIOR	JUNIOR	SENIOR	JUNIOR	SENIOR	JUNIOR
100m F/S	M.Edwards 55.3 P.Baker 55.3	N.Green 57.6	S.Cheesbrough 63.5			D.Clarke 63.8
200m ..	M.Edwards 2.01.6	N.Green 2.05.4	.. 2.13.8			S.Cheesbrough 2.1
400m ..	A.Wolf 4.16.3	-	.. 4.35.8			.. 4.35.8
800m ..			.. 9.23.8			.. 9.23.8
100 BR.	D.Beavan 70.4	D.Beavan 75.66	J.Seymour 80.7			J.Seymour 80.7
200 ..	.. 2.32.98	.. 2.42.4	L.Richards 2.54.60			L.Richards 2.54.6
100 BK.	C.Tainty 63.5	C.Tainty 64.6	A.Gibbons 72.5			J.Evans 72.7
200 ..	.. 2.14.64	.. 2.17.0	.. 2.33.20			.. 2.37.5
100 Fly	M.Edwards 58.9	M.Edwards 62.0	S.Ch'brough 70.2			S.CH'brough 70.2
200 ..	.. 2.12.22	.. 2.18.2	.. 2.32.0			.. 2.32.0
200 I.M.	A.Wolf 2.16.3		L.Barrett 2.37.0			L.Barrett 2.37.0
400 I.M.	.. 4.43.0	A.Wolf 5.09.9	.. 5.25.5			.. 5.25.5
