



KING EDWARDS CAMP HILL SWIMMING POOL

This is the fiftieth number of our Newsletter, which I started in 1970. That first number congratulates Andrew Wolf on a 3rd place in the 14/15 yrs 200 I.M. at the National Age Group in a time of 2.31.9 and mentions Fly P.B.'s by 11yr old Nick Green..81.2..and 15yr Martin Edwards ..69.1(they were eventually to do 62.4 and 58.8.). It also mentions our boys having won the Warks. Junior F/S Team and getting 2nd place medals in the Midlands Boys Club Team Championship. Our first dinner/dance at the West Mead id advertised, and it is reported that the first order of Club vests has been sold out.

Thanks are due to Mr and Mrs Cull for supplying the paper for the Newsletter and for its duplication during the 9 years, and to Dick Jones for having edited the last 30 numbers. Thanks also to the many people who have contributed reports and articles over the years, and a plea for more to volunteer, so that there are not quite so many items signed by

F.G.T.

A CHANGE OF OFFICERS.

Gordon Sheasby is giving up the general secretaryship of the Water Polo section after many years in that difficult job(I think it is at least 10 years since he took over from me at a time when we had just got into the 2nd Div of the B'ham League.) Since then he has taken the club from strength to strength, and for several years we have been a respected name in water polo throughout the country. Gordon started us off on a tradition of having strong Junior & Boys' Teams, and we have, as a result, regularly provided several members of the County Junior Team. The regular development of young players has enabled us to build up strong Senior teams, and at the end of the 1979 league season, our Midland League Team has finished 3rd on goal average (equal 2nd on pts), while our B'ham League Div.1 Team has finished 2nd, thereby qualifying for promotion to the Midland League. We would be entitled, therefore, to have 2 teams in the Midland League next year, but I understand we may not do this, because of the heavy demands on players.

Gordon has also developed and built up the administrative side of the club, and our strong teams, are fortunate in having an equally strong team of officials behind them. It gives me a chance to remind players and swimmers: "A club is as good as its officials, and as good as its reserves."

Thank you for all that you have done for the Club, Gordon, and we are glad that we shall be retaining your expertise on the coaching and advisory side; we are also fortunate in that Bernard Wills, an ever-present in our senior team has agreed to take on the general secretaryship of polo. Give him your support everyone, please. In case the swimmers don't know him, Bernard is that chap who joins us for the relays every Tuesday evening.

F.G.T.

Mr. Sharp.

Mr. Sharp is so interested in hearing how we are doing, and we keep him regularly supplied with results. A number of you have visited him, and he does look forward to seeing you. I suggest that intending visitors phone first, and be careful not to stay too long as he soon gets tired.

Iain Hutcheson.

Nice to have a card from Iain from the World Student Games where he was in Mexico with the British Universities Water Polo Team.

Best Wishes to undergraduates Dave Beavan (Warwick University) and Chris Tainty (Manchester University).

Congratulations to.....

Melanie Hayward and to new club member Linda Beasley on their selection for the 1980 National Esso Youth Squad.....

Jo Swift on her selection for the Welsh Youth Squad.....

Many thanks to Jim Hutton for producing and providing the cover for our fiftieth number at such short notice.

16th International Youth Meet, Darmstadt, 6th/8th July 1979.

We flew from Elmdon to Frankfurt on the Friday morning, where we were met and taken to Darmstadt. Our party of 17 swimmers, included 7 who had competed in the 'wet weekend' last year, so we soon settled in at the Hotel Nord and everyone went down to the pool for 4.30p.m. where all except 4 were swimming in either the 400 F/S or the 400 I.M. This was followed by a walk to last year's restaurant where, after a long wait for the Scottish Youth team to finish eating, we eventually got served. Anne then took the refreshed, but tired, party back to the hotel while I had coffee, supplemented by the brandy provided by the restaurant as an apology for the long delay!

On Saturday the sun shone and it was very pleasant on the bathside, Joanne was taking photographs, which reminds me that I have a score to settle with Peter Smith. Heartened by some good swims, and after 8 hours at the pool, we returned to our restaurant - only to find it closed. However an Italian restaurant close to the hotel proved popular and enabled Laura to have her special giant sizes pizza, washed down with gallons of coke, and Debbie her plate of chips.

Sunday was very similar, although everything happened one hour earlier, and the chicken lunch at the pool was more popular than the previous day's goulash. In the evening Laura and Debbie did repeat performances and we then returned to the pool for the disco, at least everyone could swim, so there was nothing to worry about there. On Monday morning we had time to go into Darmstadt and spent an hour in a most pleasant shopping area, then we were off to Frankfurt and had an uneventful flight home.

The Competition

The meet was well supported with National teams, including the Esso Youth Squad, from Luxembourg, Poland, Scotland and Israel. 22 clubs took part with large contingents from Manchester, Liverpool, Barnet, Leeds, Newcastle and Paisley. There were clubs from Belgium, Yugoslavia, Sweden and Switzerland, and competitors from 27 German clubs.

We swam 80 individual events and 6 relays - an average of 5 races each - versatility is essential if one is to get the full value of attending this type of meet.

Medals

Joanne Seymour 2nd 200 I.M. 2.34.31 (Club record) ; 2nd 100 Br. 80.2

Melanie Hayward 3rd 100 BR 80.47

Debbie Hadley 3rd 100 BR 92.98

Paul Ford 3rd 100 BK. 73.95 ; 3rd 100 BR. 77.58

Additional Finalists

Debbie Hadley 200 I.M. 8th Debbie Fielding 100 F/S 4th 400F/S 5th
Georgina Brown ; 100 Br. 6th Johan Swift 100 F/S 6th (64.8) 100 Fly
and 200 I.M. 10th

Laura Barrett 100 BK. 8th Joanne Seymour 200 BR. 5th

Susan Moore 100 Fly 8th (70.6) 200 Fly (2.38.14) 10th

Paul Ford 100 F/S 6th 200 BR 5th (2.52.19)

Glen Moreton 100 Fly 8th (61.8) 200 Fly 10th

Andrew Davies 200 Fly 9th (2.21.41.)

Graham Brookhouse 100 BK 8th 200 BK 5th

F.G.T.

Gloucester City Swimming Club - Inter Club Gala - July 14th 1979

Camp Hill	Southampton	Gloucester 'A'	Orion
203	210	195	199

Four well matched teams locked together throughout 45 events kept supporters thoroughly entertained and provided the ingredients required for competitive racing and good times. An example of the closeness of the teams in this gala is seen by the points situation at 24 events (approximately half-way through). These were 108.108.108. and 105 respectively. At the finish, Camp Hill edged to a creditable 2nd place and swimmers and supporters alike agreed it had been a gala well worth attending.

Amongst many good swims and P.B.'s were :

Alan Cooper	110 yds. F/S	1.02.48
David Swift	110 yds. Fly	1.07.68
Graham Brookhouse	110 yds. Back	1.06.31
Graham Brookhouse	4 x 1 I.M.	1.31.50
Graham Bates	110 Back	1.12.80
Karen Gurney	110 yds. Breast	1.22.70
Claire Baker	731/3 yds. F/S	1.46.46

J.C.H.

A.S.A. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP, COVENTRY 25th/28th July

Chris Tainty's hard work during the year resulted in his reaching three Consolation finals; 200 I.M. 2.18.02, 5th (13th overall) ; 200BK 2.15.32 4th (8th); 400 I.M. 4.51.63, 6th (14th). Melanie Hayward just scraped into the BR Consolation Final, and then, with an excellent swim in lane 8, won it 78.22 (9th overall). Our men's Medley Team (Chris Tainty, Dave Beavan, Andrew Davies, Stevan Eggleton) was 16/27 and the F/S Team would have ranked 14/23, but for a disqualification on the last leg.

COVENTRY 50m. SPRINT MEET 12/8/79

As anticipated, this event provided a good competitive opportunity in the middle of our National Age Group preparation period, and I was only sorry that several members of our relay team had failed to enter. The following swimmers came away with winner's T shirts ; F/S Debbie Fielding 31.77 BR Melanie Hayward 35.62 ; Paul Ford 36.26 FLY Andrew Davies 27.96 BK Paul Ford 33.89.

2nd places ; F/S Johan Swift 29.92 Paul Ford 28.86 Gaynor Simper 29.55
BR. Debbie Fielding 42.37 Joanne Seymour 35.77 David Beavan 33.32

BK. Debbie Fielding 38.42, Laura Barrett 33.59
Fly Glenn Moreton 28.63 Sarah Symonds 33.45
3rd places F/S Glenn Moreton 27.19
BR. Georgina Brown 38.57
BK Joanne Seymour 34.72 Graham Brookhouse 31.29
Fly. Johan Swift 33.68 Melanie Hayward 32.32

We also had another 11 finalists. We took two of the six trophies (Senior Boys, Junior Girls) no mean achievement with swimmers from over 70 clubs competing - and Paul won the 'Swimmer of the Meet' trophy.

Pretty good, but I was surprised to see 2 swimmers who certainly should have known better, spending more time watching their race than concentrating 100% on swimming it.

F.G.T.

NATIONAL AGE GROUP LEEDS 20th/25th AUGUST

Following 3 weeks thorough final preparation we travelled to Leeds for, what was, as expected, a week of really high-level competition. The standard was made even higher by the participation of 2 large club group from Canada, and of their youth team. Their swimmers took many places in finals, and this was resented by many supporters and parents who felt that home swimmers were being deprived of pennants and medals and final-swims - indeed Eddie Hall and our 12/13 girls and 16/17 boys F/S teams missed finals because of this. Personally, I feel that the higher level of competition, the greater its value to the swimmer (although I was not impressed by the selfish behaviour of a number of the Canadians)

Individual Events

Finalists : Pride of place must go to Melanie Hayward on her fine win in the 14/15 100BR 77.92 (Club Record). Well done also Joanne Seymour, whose 4th place in 79.17, although not her best form, was a highly creditable swim after qualifying 8th. Our remaining finalist, Laura Barrett was 8th in the 100 BK and set a Club Record of 70.33 in her heat.

P.B's

10 of our 17 individual qualifiers set P.B's in one or more events, including Eddie Hall BR 90.61 9/51; Joanne Seymour 200 BR. 2.51.47 12/82 F/S 64.59 Melanie Hayward 200 BR. 2.52.39 18/82; Glenn Moreton 200 Fly 2.19.59 Andrew Davies 200 Fly 2.16.70. 13/50; 400 F/S 4.20.20 15/57; 200 F/S 2.03.12 16/60; 100 F/S 57.98; 100 Fly 61.86 18/56 (Glenn 16th) an excellent end to the season Andrew; Johan Swift Fly 74.65; Graham Brookhouse 400 F/S 4.25.33; Julie Moore BK 74.35; Paul Ford F/S 62.70 14/62; BK 73.37 18/61 BR. 79.37 10/17 not a P.B. but a high placing and I am sure that Paul will have learnt something from that swim.

Relays

Finalists 14/15 Med. 3rd 2.09.5 Laura Barrett, Melanie Hayward, Susan Moore, Gaynor Stumper.
12/13 Med. 6th 2.18.56 Julie Moore, Georgina Brown, Johan Swift, Sarah Symonds
11/12 F/S 6th 2.14.34 Judith Tanner, Debbie Hadley, Philippa Evans, Debbie Fielding.

High Rankings

Girls 14/15 F/S 11/58; 12/13 F/S 15/57
Boys 16/17 F/S 9/27; 11/12 F/S 12/45 Medley 14/46
12/13 F/S 15/57

Nine of our sixteen teams finished in the first 15 places in their event. We had individuals placed in the first 20 in fifteen events.

Overall our small group gave a good account of itself in the water, and I am pleased to say that those at our base at Bonnington Hall maintained the Club's good reputation there. My thanks to Anne for her thorough administrative work, and to all those who assisted with transport. Now for 1980, August 11th - 16th at Coventry.

F.G.T.

Further Summer ResultsWarley Meet 14/7/79 (100 yds)

Joanne Seymour 1st F/S 58.4 BR 70.5 ; 2nd BK 67.3

Welsh Age Group July 20th/21st (25m)

Andrew Davies 1st FLY 60.8 (Age Group Record) 1st F/S 55.8 ; 3rd BK 66.2

Johan Swift 1st FLY 73.0 ; 1st I.M. 2.41.8 1st F/S 64.0 (Age Op. Rec.)

David Swift 4th I.M. 5.17.2 ; 4th FLY 66.9 ; 6th F/S 60.3

Leeds Multi-Nations Meet - July

Our small contingent did well, and we were represented in a number of finals. Medals were won by Paul Ford, 1st in the BR 78+, and by our 11/U team (Simon Butler, Edward Hall, Matthew Dolman, Jonathan Robinson) who were 3rd in their event,

Midland Girls Club Team Championship 8/9/79

Camp Hill	Nova Centurion	Leicester	Coventry	Orion	Lines. Comp.
42	40	33	24	17	9

We have won the corresponding boys' competition a number of times, but this was our first success in the girls' event. Well done ! Johan Swift, Debbie Allen, Karen Gurney, Joanne Seymour, Melanie Hayward, Laura Barrett, Susan Moore, and Gaynor Simper.

NUNEATON DIDDY LEAGUE FINAL 8/9/79

Camp Hill	Leics. Penguins	Leics. Knighton Fields	Leics. S.C.
192	178	141	140

Bedworth	Oldbury
138	103

Many people had written off our chances of a 'hat trick' after defeats by the Penguins and Knighton Fields clubs in the preliminary rounds but with a full strength team and plenty of determination the youngsters won by a margin - bigger than that of the previous year.

The parade of the clubs before the gala gave many of our swimmers their first taste of the 'big-match' atmosphere, something we hope they will get plenty of, as they progress through the age groups.

It was anticipated that our biggest challenge would come from the strong Leicester Penguins side and indeed, despite our winning 5 out of the first 12 events we still found ourselves 4 points adrift at this stage. Endeavour was to be rewarded however, and at the half-way stage we were in the lead for the first time. From then on we were never headed and finished as worthy winners for the third time in succession.

Winning Swims were recorded by :

C. Rushden F/S 24.2 & 24.4

Edward Hall BR. 58.0

Kingsley Walker F/S 23.1

Debbie Hadley BR 60 .6

Stephen Moore FLY 24.0

Vanessa Bridges BK 27.6

Ruth Challinor F/S 23.3

Debbie Fielding F/S 45.1

Andrew Hatton BK 30.6

Many others also achieved personal best performances.

In addition to the overall trophy we also regained the boys 8 x 1 relay trophy with the girls, unfortunately, being placed second to Leicester Penguins.

It was nice to see medals being awarded to the first three in each race but an otherwise well organised gala was marred by the constant hicups in their presentation. Again, Well Done the youngsters of Camp Hill and a 'thank-you' to all who ensured that they came right on the day.

M.F.C.

Heartiest congratulations, John Dolman, on retaining the Diddy League Trophy for another year, after a somewhat uncompromising start in the preliminary rounds. This final gala saw us able to turn out a complete team for the first time. It looked good and it was good, and, I believe, most, if not all our representatives came away with a medal. What a pity that a well run, and well swum gala should be followed by such a drawn out and disorganised presentation ceremony,

F.G.T.

16th NATIONAL INTER-LEAGUE CUP FINAL * COVENTRY BATHS SEPT. 16th 1979

Beckenham 273/2nd	C. of Coventry 281½/1st	Camp Hill Eds. 178/6th	Reading 149/8th
COSSACSS 173/7th	Radford 180/5th	Leeds 227½/3rd	C. of Cardiff 192/4th

For the 5th successive year Camp Hill were represented at what, from a club point of view, must be considered the premier event in the swimming calendar. This is an achievement in itself and one we must strive to attain every year to enable us to stay in contention with the top teams in the country.

To many of our supporters, particularly those not aware of the relative strengths of the competing clubs, our early third position must have given rise to great expectations. However, third place this year was never realistically on and we were soon to find ourselves fighting hard in the middle order battle.

Of the actual swims, Joanne Seymour cracked the club record in the Ladies 200 I.M. with a time of 2.32.4 - a good start to the afternoon. Paul Ford won an extremely tight race by the odd tenth in the U/14 100m Backstroke with a time of 1.12.52. Melanie Hayward broke away from the pack to romp in style in the Girls U/16 100m Breaststroke at 1.18.3. and Chris. Tainty, as we have come to expect, gave a Captain's performance swimming well throughout. To finalise - Well done to all unmentioned swimmers who worked so hard, many attaining P.B. performances.

J.C.H.

ROUND ONE WEST-MIDLANDS LEAGUE 29/9/79

A Team Div. 1

Coventry	Camp Hill	J10	Shrewsbury	Halesowen	Bilston
240	222	154	119	116	114

Our team made a good start to the new league season, with a creditable 2nd

to a strong Coventry team. There were several good swims, including :

Joanne Seymour I.M. 1.38.6 (our first girl under 1.40.0.)
 Robert Johnson BR 52.3
 Debbie Hadley BR 27.8
 Linda Beasley BK 70.3
 Austin Swain BR 77.7
 Lido Badawy FLY 43.1
 Jo. Swift F/S 41.5
 Relays - Glenn Moreton 36.18 Adrian Griffiths 36.58 Laura Barrett 40.5
 Wendy Leach 41.5

'B' Team Div. 2

Leics. Belgrave	Camp Hill	CCSSACS 'B'	Loughborough	Warley	Lichfield
192	189	185	171	140	79

WHAT A DISASTER! 15 points THROWN AWAY in DISQUALIFICATIONS in a gala that we lost by 3 points. That must be our ration for this year, now let's get on and win that Division and get 2 teams in Div. 1 next year.

Good Swims

BR Susan Denny 55.2	Simon Mason 54.5	Carl Hanes 79.6
BK Graham Bates 71.7		
FLY Sharon Bush 77.8	Peter Smith 47.3	
F/S Stevan Eggleton 57.3		

CAMP HILL v TCRFAEN

3/10/79

Camp Hill - 1st Torfaen - 2nd

This 2 string match at the School Pool was somewhat disappointing in that our visitors were below strength and did not provide a great deal of opposition. However, it enabled many of our team to do standard swims, and, as always, there were some good times :

BR Robert Johnson 82.5	Graham Brookhouse 76.1	Ian Scott 77.3	Karen Gurney 83.3
F/S Laura Barrett 64.3	Jo Swift 64.0	Linda Beasley 64.8	How about a 63 from someone now ?
	David Swift 60.3		
FLY Glenn Moreton 60.6			
BK. John Austin 73.8			

Nice to see Gil Ison back on leave from Hongkong and active on the bathside again.

F.G.T.