

CAMP HILL NEWS

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THE END OF ANOTHER SEASON

We will soon be having our August break from swimming after what has been a pretty successful year. Our Diddy Team only just failed to reach the final of Division I, we had good results in Warwickshire and Midland events, 4 swimmers achieved National Age Group qualifying times, our Masters did well (don't they always!), we were the top club in the last 2 meets, and many of you are swimming very well. We now have a few weeks' break, and then back to work in September, aiming for still better results.

ANOTHER WEDDING

Lido Badawy, an ex-National Age Group Butterfly Champion and one of our 'occasional' Masters swimmers, married Jane Heron on 22 May. Our best wishes to them for a long and happy marriage.

WELL DONE, TREVOR!

Trevor Clark was our sole representative at the Great Britain Masters Championships at Cardiff, but he kept the Club's name to the fore with medals in several events: FLY, 1st 1.02.82; 200 and 400 IM, 1st; 50 FLY 2nd; 50 F/S 3rd.

WELL DONE STEPHEN!

Good swims in the 17/18 years Bk at the National Championships at Sheffield by Stephen Tomlinson: 100, 1.03.43 (10th); 200, 2.19.02 (14th).

COUNTY AGE GROUP TEAM

Congratulations to Gemma Hindson and Ian Potter on their recent selection for a match at Leicester, where both did well.

TWO GRUMBLES

5.00 pm Training Group

There is an increasing shortfall in the payment for pool admission by this group, especially on Thursdays and Fridays. For instance, in a recent session, 15 had paid out of 27 in the water, and this was only made up to 21 by the time that the group had left the building. You are getting your swimming very cheaply and we do not expect to carry 'freeloaders'.

Pride in Your Club

It is good to have swimmers in finals, but the performances of 2 of our representatives in a final at Stratford was marred by their wearing coloured caps instead of their club caps. Similarly, we had some others doing well, but with no cap to show their background. We want lots of finalists and we want to see the club being advertised. It is no excuse to say that your cap is lost, forgotten, torn, etc - one can always be borrowed.

COMPETITION RESULTS

22 May 1993 - Branston Sprint Gala, Coventry (50m)

Our 'A' Team finished 5th/16 and our 'B' Team was 10th. Apparently, the gala, with 2 heats per event and then ranking for the final places, took rather a long time and we had few swims of note. This was a pity, as it should have been a useful preliminary for the Midlands 50's a fortnight later. We had a few poor swims, many 'standard' ones and some good ones. F/S David Tubbs 27.53; Robert Delves 35.67; BR Stephen Jones 36.55; James Venables 47.75; BK David 32.84; Stephen Tomlinson 30.12; Adam Edwards 32.10; Ian Potter 40.23; Hannah Loftus 42.20; FLY Ben Darbyshire 28.53; Lydia Lee 32.99 - what were the other girls doing?

Altogether, it seems to have been a lengthy event, enlivened a little by a fight between 2 adult spectators - not ours, I hasten to add.

29 May 1993 - Midland District Age Group Competitions, Coventry (50m)

Saturday 29 May was the first of a 5-day stint at the Midlands Competitions, attended by clubs from all over the district extending from Cambridge, Lincolnshire, Oxford, Bedfordshire, Northants, Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire and the West Midlands. Merely qualifying for this event is difficult, and it was pleasing to have a greater number of representatives this year, although somewhat disappointing that the clash with the Whitsun holiday period resulted in several non-appearances. We had a number of successes in the first 2 days' events. Gemma Hindson showing great determination to win the 11 years IM, 2.54.89 and the 200 F/S 2.32.06, following her disappointment in the first session when, heading for a certain medal in the FLY, she swallowed water 15m from the finish. Adam Edwards placed 6th in the BK, 1.09.50 and Jonathan Baker, who is now reacting so much more efficiently to the starting signal, swam a National qualifying time, F/S 1.00.47 (10th), and a good IM, 2.32.81. He also earned 50p busking, prior to the gala.

Monday 31 May was the 3rd day and this was devoted to team races. Our best efforts came from the 17/18 girls. Rachel Nock, Lucy Tubbs, Lydia Lee and Shelley Taylor, who were 2nd/4 in both their races with a good F/S time, 1.58.90. They go to Leeds in July for the National races.

Neil Sharma, Adam Edwards, Jonathan Baker and Russel Turner were 7th/22 in the F/S, 1.57.12 and 13th/22 in the Medley. The 15/16 boys, Richard Rivers, David Tubbs, Ben Darbyshire and Jamie Hamer were 9th/22 in the F/S and 10th/22 in the Medley - fine performances against very strong opposition. Our other teams; 11/12 boys, F/S 17th/17, Medley 13/17. Girls: 11/12, F/S 13th/24, Medley 18th/23; 13/14, F/S 14th/25, Medley 14th/24. It is important for us to participate in this event and I hope that we can turn out teams in all age groups next year. Cost of entries £60.00.

Saturday 5 June we were back at Coventry for the remaining individual events. Shelley swam an excellent IM, 2.30.61 (1st) and BK, 1.13.67 (2nd); Gemma led throughout the F/S, 1.07.34, to take her 3rd gold; Natalie Smith swam a F/S PB, 1.08.49, and was just outside the NQT BR, 1.24.86; Jamie just missed the BR final, 1.17.20; Jonathan improved his FLY, 1.08.42 (8th); Damien Freeman swam a good BR final, 1.30.51 (6th); Jo Potter and Michelle Jennings swam sound 200's BR, 3.04.85 (11th) and 3.05.62 (12th); Michelle showed good pace judgement in the 200 F/S, 2.21.21/7.52 and 7.69 (10th). It was a good day.

Sunday 6 June was the final day, the 50 sprints, packed like sardines on poolside and not too comfortable upstairs. Natalie, BR 38.33 (3rd); Gemma, FLY 35.31, another gold; F/S 31.97 (4th); Adam, BK 32.04 (3rd), an excellent swim which, following his disappointing F/S earlier in the day, showed great determination; Jamie, BR 34.46 (4th); Andrew Brown, still not fully fit after his lay-off, BR 33.92 (4th); Katie Brooks, F/S 30.74 (11th); Jonathan, FLY 30.36 (5th); Damien, BR 42.98 (6th); Rachel, F/S 30.32 (7th). Three first reserves in close succession - Ben, F/S 27.30; Nicola Sheasby, BR 43.66; Jonathan, F/S 27.84. It had been our best Midlands for several years.

5 June 1993 - Diddy Gala - Bilston (36 Yards)

Oldbury 170, Camp Hill 147, Bilston 140, Darlaston 116, Wednesbury 83

F/S - Stuart Piggot 24.42; Ian Potter 45.09; Emma Hobbs 22.93; Michelle Wilson 46.72

BK - Tracey Hands 29.14; Nadia Rahman 27.07; Andrew Poole 29.65; Claire McLaughlin 56.21; Ian 54.35

FLY - Katie Smith 22.50; David Hutton 22.96

BR - Hannah Loftus 28.50; Louise Morgan 31.45

There were several good relay swims in this match which provided a good introduction to competition for some of our new members.

12 June 1993 - Stourport (25m)

Stourbridge 191, Stourport 180, Camp Hill 158, Haden Hill 118, Kidderminster 115

We treated this as a 'B' Team gala, and our team was somewhat on the 'thin' side. There were several worthwhile swims, however, and

I believe that all our supporters managed to get into the building on this occasion.

BR - Sally Millard 1.24.16; Jo Hutton 1.29.61; Louise Morgan 48.09

F/S - Ruth Fraser 35.77; Stuart Piggot 39.52; Simon Delves 1.01.19; Michelle Wilson 1.12.25; Lisa Johnstone 1.11.30

BK - Lucy Tubbs 1.14.16; Simon 1.10.22; Russel Turner 1.13.71; Lisa 1.20.12

FLY - Duncan Adams 40.20; Katie Smith 1.26.45; Jamie Hamer 1.07.13

13 June 1993 - Haden Hill Meet, Wolverhampton (25m)

I understand that this event was an even more drawn out affair than the average meet. There was ample compensation, however, as we had many good swims and received £100.00 for finishing as Top Club out of the 55 clubs represented.

Michael Hoare made several visits to the victory rostrum, including IM, 2.18.52, 200 FLY, 2.18.93, and he even ventured well into BK, 1.07.46. Shelley Taylor produced 2 quality wins, IM, 2.28.75, BK, 1.10.28. Other good swims:

F/S - Natalie Smith 1.07.12; Lydia Lee 2.17.35; Michelle Jennings 1.04.74 and 2.20.01

BK - Adam Edwards 1.08.65 (2nd)

FLY - Jonathan Baker 1.08.72 (2nd); Georgina Lee 1.20.06 (3rd); Ben Darbyshire 1.03.65 (1st)

IM - Jo Potter 2.41.61; Adam 2.31.34; Jonathan 2.31.51

BR - Stephen Jones 1.16.74 and 2.45.28; Natalie 3.02.53; Michelle 3.01.11; Pam Schofield 1.28.23

Our female teams won both their relays, Michelle, Jo, Natalie and Katie Brooks 2.00.27; Lydia, Lucy Tubbs, Debbie Fielding and Rachel Nock 1.59.72.

19 June 1993 - Round III Diddy League, Halesowen (36 Yards)

Bilston 209, Stourbridge 204, Haden Hill 159, Camp Hill 134, Avon Neptunes 108, Swadlincote 86

We were in 4th place in this gala after 4 races and that was to be our position throughout the match. Everyone tried hard and team discipline was very good. Good swims included:

FLY - Ian Potter 50.86; Gemma Hindson 50.52

BK - Hannah Loftus 56.91; Lucy Lloyd-Roach 29.92

BR - Nicola Sheasby 1.00.86; Damien Freemant 59.54 and 59.79

F/S - Gemma 46.58; Ruth Fraser 22.72

A special mention for Claire Franklin and William Barker, each of whom swam 5 spirited lengths.

26 June 1993 - Hinckley (25m)

Peterborough 220, Camp Hill 'B' 217, Hinckley 200, Triple S 'B' 169

BR - Simon Delves 1.17.50; Louise Morgan 48.19

F/S - David Tubbs 1.01.36

FLY - David Hutton 36.06; Ben Darbyshire 1.03.25

Also on 26 June 1993 - Coventry 'B' Grade (50m)

This was a well supported event with very large contingents from Reading, Hereford and Maxwell in addition to local clubs. Medals were awarded to the first 3 in each age group.

1st - Hannah Loftus, BK 1.28.48; Paul Bicknell, BK 42.19

2nd - Katie Smith, F/S 32.70, FLY 34.72; Hannah, BR 1.38.78

3rd - Lisa Johnstone, BK 1.21.55, F/S 1.11.47, showing the benefit of more consistent training - perhaps I won't have to keep on at her so much in the future; Duncan Adams, BK 42.67, lots of room for improvement once he gets it all right; Katie, F/S 1.12.36, showing that she is capable of a good 2nd 50.

PB's from:-

BR - James Venables 45.30; Gemma Mooney 1.48.04 - they were lucky to have their cards accepted after closing time.

BK - Nadia Rahman 42.37 and 1.30.65

F/S - Duncan 1.10.76; Paul 1.20.29; Nicola Sheasby 1.20.62 after a non-stop eating spree; Hannah, 1.21.41; Lucy Lloyd-Roach 1.23.39 and 37.21; Nadia 1.23.86 and 37.07

3 July 1993 - Avon Neptunes Meet, Stratford (33 1/3m)

A good day for the Club, culminating in the winning of the Top Club trophy. Many medals were gained and there was a good crop of PB's.

Ben Darbyshire took 3 gold with another consistent swim of 1.03.69 on FLY - at this meet, last year, he was struggling to get under 70. Shelley Taylor was 1st in the BR, 1.19.21 and BK, 1.11.08 and 2nd in F/S, 1.03.54. Jo Potter won the BR, 1.24.51 and had PB's in FLY, 1.16.54 (3rd) and F/S 1.08.37; Jonathan Baker's more positive approach to training resulted in an excellent F/S win, 58.86 and FLY in 1.06.94 (2nd) - but he is still capable of a much faster time; Adam Edwards had to be content with a 3rd in the F/S, 59.44, but he had a convincing win in the BK, 1.08.00. Damien Freeman swam to a delightful win in the BR, 1.27.81 - he really should

brace himself to attempt other events. Michelle Jennings was 2nd in the F/S, 1.04.52, and 3rd in the BR, but is still losing out on her finishes. Kesree Finnegan placed 2nd in F/S and BR and Simon Delves was 3rd in the BR. Georgina Lee took 2nd in the FLY, 1.19.90, and Ian Potter was 2nd with a storming finish, 1.17.02. Lucy Lloyd-Roach swam with great determination, BR, 1.04.92 (3rd), FLY, 1.00.07 (2nd), F/S, 49.87 (2nd). Other good F/S swims: Pamela Schofield 1.09.19; Ruth Fraser 52.10; Georgina 1.12.45. One swimmer, who shall be nameless, informed me that he could have swam a good 5 seconds faster, but could not explain why he had not done so.

Fixtures

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| Saturday 4 September | - | Coventry 5)8 50's |
| Saturday 11 September | - | Tewkesbury 'A' and 'B' |
| Sunday 12 September | - | Triple S Meet |
| Saturday 18 September | - | Stratford Relays 'B' Team;
Divisional 6 Schools Trials |
| Saturday 25 September | - | Solihull Relays, 11, 13, 15, OP;
Nuneaton Meet |