

BACK IN ACTION

In the space of 9 weeks, we have participated in 8 club matches, 2 meets and 3 championships, and our results have been reasonably good. Training has picked up, but I would like to see much more regular attendance on the part of certain team members.

WARWICKSHIRE CHAMPIONSHIPS 1994

19 March, 9 and 16 April. The last 2 dates were during the school holidays, but I hope that this will not have too bad an effect on our entries. As usual, we want a good entry from 10 years upwards. I hope, too, that our relay teams can be at full strength.

DIDDY LEAGUE 1994

9 April (in the holidays, and a clash with the County events), 14 May, 18 June.

TWO WEDDINGS

Our best wishes to Matthew and Dawn Silverton and to Alan and Suzanne Cooper for a long and happy life together.

SAM

We have all missed Sam's company: he has had his hip replacement operation, and we look forward to seeing him back in action in the near future.

SELECTION

There have been a number of representative events, with the following having been selected:

County Match - Adam Edwards, Sharon Morris, Gemma Hindson

Inter-City Match - Georgina Lee, Sharon, Jonathan Baker, Adam

County Match - Sharon, Shelley Taylor, Rachel Nock

Divisional Team for National Schools - Sharon, Jonathan, Adam, Stephen Tomlinson, Shelley Taylor

### DEVELOPMENT

Anne Lee is taking a new 'feeder group' at Edgbaston High School for Girls on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5.30-6.30. There is room on Thursdays for young swimmers.

### OFFICIALS

I hope to have details of a course for officials, and would urge parents to consider attending it, as we do need strengthening in this area.

### MEETS

9 Jan Stourbridge Diddy Meet, 22/23 Jan Derby Meet, 5/6 Feb Bilston Meet. Two of the above are at Wolverhampton - there are 2 others, also there, in that period, but I feel that we should concentrate on the above.

### RESULTS

#### 19/24 July 1993 National Age Group (Leeds 50m)

Nothing much to report on this, with our representatives swimming just to form or below it. It was, however, our biggest entry for a few years, and I look for at least 7 qualifiers next year. Our best individual swim came from Jonathan Baker, F/S 59.79, and our 17/18 girls, Lydia Lee, Rachel Nock, Lucy Tubbs and Shelley Taylor finished sixth in the F/S and Medley Relays.

#### 4 September 1993 - Coventry 50m Sprints (50m)

The first competition of the new season with our results being quite respectable in view of the recent 3-week lay-off.

1st Jonathan Baker, F/S 27.03; 3rd Adam Edwards, BK 33.06; 4th Damien Freeman, BR 40.66; 6th Adam, F/S 28.05; Jamie Hamer, BR 34.74.

#### 11 September 1993 - Tewkesbury (25m)

Leamington 290, C/Hill 288, Tewkesbury 271

The contest was for 2 separate teams per club, with scores being combined. We took A and B/C teams as requested, and this combination resulted in a close match. Five disqualifications did not help our cause, and it is to be hoped that we can avoid this casual/careless approach in future.

Good swims: BR Natalie Smith 38.23, Jonathan Baker 1.18.56  
BK Jo Potter 1.18.54, Adam Edwards 1.06.77  
FLY Natalie 35.14, Jonathan 1.07.21

Loss on coach £30.00

### 12 September 1993 - Triple S Meet, Stechford (25m)

This 'age on the day' meet provided a benefit day for Jonathan Baker and we had several most encouraging swims.

BR Jo Potter 1.23.00 1st; Kesree Finnegan 1.26.75 3rd; Shelley Taylor 1.18.64 1st; Damien Freeman 1.27.65 2nd; Jonathan 1.16.77 1st; Gemma Hindson 1.35.15

F/S Shelley 1.03.51 3rd; Ian Potter 1.09.78 3rd; Jonathan 59.28 1st; Katie Smith 1.11.82

BK Gemma 1.23.02; Hannah Loftus 1.24.77 - a 4 secs PB; Jonathan 1.11.91 3rd; Adam 1.06.42 1st - confirming his excellent form of the previous day; a be-capped Stephen Tomlinson with another fine swim - 1.01.89 1st; Shelley 1.10.71 2nd

FLY Jonathan 1.08.61 1st; Jo 1.16.15 1st; Ian 1.21.07 3rd; Nicola Sheasby 1.36.53

IM Jonathan 1.09.82 1st; Jo 1.16.15 1st; Kesree 1.17.05 3rd; Ben Darbyshire, still far from fit, 1.07.50 3rd; Shelley 1.10.54 2nd.

We finished a creditable 2nd out of the 53 clubs in the overall competition.

### 18 September 1993

This was a busy day for the club, with 3 events.

- 1) A 'B' Team enjoyed a relay gala at Stratford: Kidlington 161, C/Hill 151, Solihull 135, Hinckley 123, Stratford 120, Lutterworth 70
- 2) Our Diddy Team swam at Wyndley: Triple S 198, Haden Hill 192, C/Hill 162, Hinckley 87, Triple S 'B' 71  
This was an enjoyable gala with our team somewhat 'stretched' at the top end - one 12-year girl and one 11-year boy. All due credit to Joseph Huddleston for several valiant swims and to William Barker whose final effort was his first FLY swim over the distance. There were many good splits and no disqualifications - if only Mrs Lee could have been there to appreciate that. Team discipline was very good.

- 3) As mentioned elsewhere, several swimmers took part in the Divisional Schools' Trials, with 5 being selected to compete in the National Schools.

25 September 1993 - Tudor Grange 33 1/3m

Solihull A 115, C/Hill 108, Triple S 98, Solihull B 46

Yet another relay gala at Tudor Grange in which Camp Hill finished 2nd to Solihull. At full strength, we could have won, but several swimmers were ill or unavailable. The 15/16 boys faced the most dire problems with 11 yr Damien Freeman having to swim the BR leg in the Medley Relay. The 11/U girls and the Open Ladies won all their races, and the girls won both 8x1 events.

Natalie Smith, Hannah Loftus and Damien swam particularly well. Special thanks to Charlie Griffiths for turning out at very short notice.

It is good to repeat that the team was extremely well behaved and that there were no disqualifications.

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2 October 1993 - Wellington (25m)

Perry Beeches 279, C/Hill 234, Shrewsbury 207, Oakengates 174

I had selected a mixed strength team for this inter-club match and followed the policy of giving everyone an individual event. In view of this, our performance against a very strong Perry Beeches team was not at all bad. Good swims by:

FLY Jonathan Baker 1.06.78; Georgina Lee 35.85; Ian Potter 34.98

BR Jonathan 1.17.35; James Venables 21.28; Jo Potter 1.24.30

F/S Stuart Piggott 17.51; Gemma Hindson 32.72; Dean Cross 1.08.31.

Alison Bees tackled 2 individual events, BR 1.24.29, and on her once weekly training produced a very respectable 28.76 split in our winning ladies 6 x 2 F/S team.

Thanks to Paul Bicknell, Sally Jones and Oliver Freeman for accepting selection on the Friday evening and to Lucy Tubbs and Lloyd Griffiths for managing the team.

9 October 1993 - West Midland League

Derby 33 1/3m

Derby 231, Nott Leander 214, Cheadle 181, C/Hill 163, Orion 127.5, Braunstone 124.5

Our 4th placing with this opposition was just about right, although we might have hoped to beat Cheadle. Certainly, without our 3 disqualifications, we would have been closer to them.

Many of our swims were a bit lackadaisical, with a few bright spots.

BR Natalie Smith 55.37; Damien Freeman 56.34 and 25.32; Nicola Sheasby 27.38

BK Stephen Tomlinson, another consistent swim, 1.02.23

FLY Jonathan Baker 1.07.23; Georgina Lee 50.99

Stechford (25m)

Bicester 191, Leic Belgrave 186, Nott Leander 182, Luton B 168, C/Hill B 166, Matlock 152

Good swims included

BK Nadia Rahman 40.51; Lucy Hall 1.11.47

BR Pamela Schofield 40.02; Andrew Green 42.20; James Venables 47.19; Andrew Brown 1.14.05; Sally Millard 1.23.56

F/S Lucy Lloyd-Roach 36.50; Stuart Piggott 39.31; Michelle Wilson 32.20

FLY Raymond Watson 1.07.88; Katie Smith 34.59

Many thanks to everyone who helped in the running of the gala.

16/17 October 1993

Stephen Tomlinson swam to a Club Record of 2.11.32 when taking 2nd place in the Midland District Short Course Championships at Ipswich. In the 100 he was equal 4th in 1.01.03 close to his PB heat time of 1.00.80.

ASA Masters, Sheffield (25m)

Our 4 entrants, Darren Dyke, Trevor Clark, Paul Tainty and Craig Norrey did well.

Darren : 50 F/S 24.60 5th, 100 53.20 2nd, 200 1.59.70  
3rd

Trevor : IM 1.04.50 1st, 50 BK 30.48 2nd, 100 FLY  
1.03.51 3rd

Paul : 100 FLY 1.02.87 2nd, 200 FLY 2.22.75 2nd, 50  
F/S 26.53 5th, 200 2.09.77 2nd, 400 4.32.07  
1st. His splits are interesting; 66.35,  
70.32, 69.42, 66.00

Craig : Three 1st places: 100 F/S 53.56, 50 BK  
28.18, 100 BK 1.01.52 BRITISH RECORD

The men were 3rd in the 4 x 50 F/S Relay, 1.41.51.

#### 24 October 1993 - Leeds (50m)

Leeds A 300, York 188, DARTES 185, Leicester 181, Bradford  
176, Coventry 168, C/Hill 104, Leeds B 102

Yet again, we set out for one of our most important annual  
events handicapped by the unavailability of several swimmers  
from the original selection - 12 in this case, virtually a  
quarter of the team. Despite this, everyone tried hard and  
produced our best team effort in this event for a few years.  
There were many good splits including:

BR Damien Freeman 39.87; Simon Delves 35.18; Nicola Sheasby  
43.60

BK Adam Edwards 30.78; Michelle Jennings 37.81

F/S Russell Turner 29.15; Nicola 33.62; David Tubbs 27.27;  
Emma McElwee 34.02

FLY Kevin Woodward 26.62; Georgina Lee 36.36; Katie Smith  
35.88; Kesree Finnegan 33.21.

Our 4 9-year olds, Claire Franklin, Katie Hindson, Ian  
Johnstone and William Barker, coped well with the long  
course, and Damien swam 4 good efforts in the short space of  
9 events.

#### 30 October 1993 ESSA Championships

Our 5 members of the Divisional Team generally found the new  
Stockport 50m pool a bit too long and most times were down.  
Stephen Tomlinson, however, swam well to take the 3rd place  
medal in the BK - 1.03.18, his 6th race in a day that  
started at 6.00 am - and also picked up a bronze in the  
Medley Relay. Sharon Morris swam a long course PB in the  
F/S, 1.03.87.

## FIXTURES

Nov 13	WML A & B Teams
20/21	Hereford Meet - Entries Made
27	Avon Neptunes 10, 12, 14, 15, OP
Dec 4	Triple S 10, 12, 14, OP
	Halesowen 10, 12, 14, OP
11	WML A & B
18	Haden Hill 11, 13, 15, OP

## STOP PRESS

### 6 November 1993 Coventry Junior Age Group Meet (50m)

This was another opportunity to race long course, and our representatives produced a pleasing array of good times.

FLY Georgina Lee, 1.16.51, 1st with an excellent finish to achieve a 2.5 seconds PB; Jonathan Baker, 50, 1st - 30.45; Lucy Lloyd-Roach, 41.47, 2nd, 1.38.31, 2nd

F/S Katie Brooks, 30.54, 1st, and a 100 in 1.08.09, good but still not of the same standard as her 50; Jonathan, 26.98, 1st and 59.95, 1st - 2 fine swims; Lucy, 1.21.40, 2nd; Gemma Hindson 1.09.86, 2nd

BR Damien Freeman, 40.09, 1st and 1.30.19, 2nd; Nicola Sheasby, 43.75, 2nd and 1.36.75, 3rd; Natalie Smith, 38.58, 2nd

IM Jonathan, Gemma and Lucy all 3rd

A total of 16 medals

Other good performances:

F/S Natalie 30.97; Nicola 33.39 and at last working throughout the distance, 1.17.77; Michelle Jennings a very sound 1.05.14; Nadia Rahman 1.20.48; Ruth Fraser 37.33

BR David Woodhall 1.23.70; Natalie 1.25.94

FLY Katie Smith 35.55 - keep trying to get that 100 time down Katie; Georgina 35.71

BK Gemma 1.23.92, unfortunately losing a couple of seconds on the 'slipped' start.

Altogether this was a most satisfying day for the Club.



# IRISH MASTERS CORK

September 23rd - 25th 1993



A wise old man once said "You will wish that you had flown", a thought that was at the back of every persons mind as we gathered at the Swansea terminal to catch the overnight ferry to Cork.

It was an uneventful crossing, except that we were several cabins short and we ended up with 7 people sleeping in one 4 berth cabin There's nothing like booking early. (and that was nothing like booking early).

We docked bright and early (well one out of the two) in Cork and made our way to the hotel.

Reflecting on our 1991 crew, the cast for 1992 had expanded. Could it really have been 2 weddings (Jo & John, Lido & Jane) 3 engagements (Alan & Suzanne, Tainty & Julia, Paul & Alison), 1 divorce and three babies (Charlene Norrey, Nicole Edwards, and Samuel Garside) since the last appearance.

At the hotel after a quick breakfast, a Team meeting and a tourist debrief took place and we all headed off in different directions. The non competitors headed off to the bar and then the Blarney stone while the idiots (still boat lagged) headed off for the warm up and a 4 hour wait until competition time.

In the pool we performed up to our usual high standard, whilst at the bar we performed admirably and at the Blarney stone a very tricky decision was finally made over whether or not to have the chocolate cake.

We all met up later that night, the swimmers now pool lagged as well as boat lagged and the non swimmers fortified by various wines spirits and beers. Off we all went for a team dinner and then early to bed (early in the morning that is).

With a stronger support team on the Saturday (John was under strict orders to visit the pool first and not the bar) the tally was taken to :

#### **19 - Individual Wins :**

Jo 6, Craig 5, Darran 4, Lido 1, Dave Edwards 1, Suzanne 1, Kevin 1.

(I must point out that Jo was under alot of pressure as I wanted a full set of glasses)

#### **10 - 2nd Places :**

Darran 1, Simon Garside 2, Suzanne 3, Tainty 3. Dave Edwards 1.

#### **6 - 3rd Places :**

Simon Garside 3, Judi 2, Tainty 1.

There was numerous variations in the frantic relay activities, you name it Camphill entered it, Under 100, over 100, Under 120, Over 120, Over 150 (even Through and On 200) most people swam in several events and I'm sure I saw Paul swimming in the women's 200 relay just to make the numbers up.

The final points for Camphill were 368.5 which placed us 4th overall, quite an achievement bearing in mind the sleeping arrangements on the ferry and the amount of drinking the previous nights.



**Highlights:**

Well besides the beer there were several :

Phil Woodham who had a standing ovation for finishing the 100 Fly.

Alan Merris for almost failing to finish the 100 Free.

Darran for swimming with a piano on his back down the last length of the 200 Free.

And Finally we have just had news from Cork that the rubber plants at the far end of the pool have now gone through the roof and are still growing at an alarming rate (thanks to Carl Norrey who understood their special feeding requirements).

The weekend was rounded off at the Dinner Dance with a jazz band ensemble, despite several bouts of cramp we partied all night and regretted the 6am wake up call the following morning (Well those of us that made it to bed).

The ferry crossing back was up to its usual standard, yes we did all manage to get cabins and no it did not set sail on time, a three hour delay because they couldn't get the doors open to let the cars off !. (they really have gone overboard after the Zeebrugge episode)

Was it as good as last year ?, difficult to say really because I wasn't there, however one piece of advice for those planning to go next year :

**"Heed the words spoken by wise men "**

After the ferry crossings we put up with we all wish we had flown.

Here endeth the lesson.

