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### WELL DONE!

Pride of place in this month's edition must go to congratulating **Georgina Lee** on her selection for the England Team for the Commonwealth Games at Kuala Lumpur. It was well deserved, and, although she was disappointed with her times, **Georgina** did extremely well to qualify for the final of the 200 FLY, and for the 'B' final of the 100m. This was the third time we have had a swimmer in the Commonwealth Games: **Martin Edwards** in 1974, and **Jo Seymour** in 1982.

### OFF TO CHINA

**Gemma Hindson** is looking forward to her trip to Shanghai with the English Schools Team in a few days, when she will be swimming the 100 FLY.

### WEST MIDLAND LEAGUE

Less exciting than the above items, but this is still VERY IMPORTANT to our standing as a Club. We have to turn out 2 teams and I hope everyone will make themselves available for these.

### JUNIOR LEAGUE

We finished the season in 11th place - a good result - now we must work to lift ourselves higher in the 1999 competition. We have many galas arranged for the league age groups next year, to assist with the selection for the league rounds.

### CLUB SHOP

I have run a swim shop for the Club for a number of years, mainly to ensure that there is an adequate supply of club costumes, trunks, goggles, hats etc. The prices that we keep are as competitive as possible, bearing in mind that any profits will go to the Club. As we work with a small cash flow, it is not possible to carry large stocks of goods, however, if anyone needs anything special, I will endeavour to obtain it A.S.S.P.

Please do not hesitate to let me know your requirements.

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## CAMP HILL EDWARDIANS SWIM SCHOOL

REPORT JANUARY – AUGUST 1998

Gordon and I set up the Swim School to act as a feeder group for Camp Hill Edwardians, having become aware over the years of the difficulty finding good 8 year old swimmers in December of each year. The existing City of Birmingham schemes did not appear to get the children to a sufficiently high standard of swimming young enough to be able to compete at club level at 9 years old. The answer therefore seemed to be to set up a school taking children in younger i.e. 3 years of age and bringing them through in a more intense and focused setting. We expected it would be several years before any real improvement in the standard of swimmers available to the Club would be noticed as the present 3-year-olds became 'Of Age'. However whether increased publicity and greater awareness are the cause we do not know but we do seem to be seeing benefits even this year as we have a squad of potential 9 year olds developing for next year.

Gordon and I have been extremely pleased with the interest and commitment shown by those attending the School and as word spreads it has gradually filled up. There are now only one or two spaces at our first level (armbanded non-swimmers) and top level (those almost ready to move into Camp Hill sessions). We have a waiting list developing at the middle two levels which augurs well for the next few years and as we become full we can be more selective as to whom we offer places to.

We would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to all those who attended the Christmas Party. Polly presented me with the profits for the evening to put towards setting up the Swim School. That money enabled us to buy a stock of fins, which allows the top groups to develop their butterfly technique amongst others far more effectively and again hopefully the Club will benefit in time. There is still a small amount of money left which will be put to good use in time. Thank you.

Hopefully the School's early success will continue but obviously we shall need a constant supply of young children! So, if anyone knows any 3 – 4 year olds who would like to learn to swim or any good 6 – 7 year olds who need stroke work tidying up and starts etc taught ready for the next year or two, then please let Gordon or myself know and we shall try to accommodate them in the

**CAMP HILL SWIM SCHOOL.**

**JAYNE FREEMAN & GORDON SUMNER**

## WARWICKSHIRE MASTERS REPRESENTATIVES

**Yorks 253, Warks 229, Staffs 197, Lincs 154, Derbs 100, Beds 59**

On 14 June a select team of Masters from Warwickshire met at Wombourne to contest the first annual Staffordshire Inter-County Masters Event. This included not only the usual Camp Hill representatives - mainly younger age group men and women, but also a number of not-so-well-known seniors whose participation was requested to maximise the points scored - just as with the younger teams, every point counts. And so it turned out!

Despite the claims that 'there must be someone faster than me', we called upon Lynn Clark, her mother Margaret Deeley and Anne Lee, two of whom found themselves in the unique position of representing Warwickshire before they had swum for Camp Hill. Anne was not only our sole swimmer in her age group, she swam a very impressive 50 back (1st), and 50 breast and 50 free (2nd). Together with Margaret and Lynn swimming two individuals each, plus numerous relays, these last minute selections contributed a massive 40 points to the Warwickshire total. It was not enough to see us catch the mighty Yorkshire team, but it made enough of a difference to beat the hosts by 32 points.

Our younger swimmers produced consistent performances all round - and Mike Hoare, Paul Rogers, Kevin Woodward and Phil Baker even constituted the whole of the County 100+ Medley Relay. Our other representatives were Kate Chase and Trevor Clark.

This was a most enjoyable event all round, with excellent team spirit and commitment. Mike swam his first ever backstroke event for Warwickshire, and Trevor dropped down to the 25+ age group, both to pick up as many points as possible. Anne had worried that she would not be able to swim two 50m individuals, but ended up volunteering for three, plus another in a relay and a 25m sprint to finish with. The climax was the mixed 10 \* 25 freestyle cannon. The rules allowed any starting order in terms of age groups and sex. Some counties put their youngest men first, some their oldest women. For six legs there were swimmers sprinting in all directions and no indication of who was winning - then suddenly after nine legs Warwickshire came clearly into second place, Mike trying desperately in vain to catch a lady from Derbyshire - only to find that they were disqualified and we had won the event.

### 11/12th July - Wolverhampton Masters (25m.)

First places 5 relays, a second and a third with good efforts by: **Hayley Bettinson, Lynn Clark, Kate Chase, Karen Reeve, Suzanne Linton, Alan Cooper, Kevin Woodward, Trevor Clark, Phil Baker and Paul Rogers.** Congratulations and thanks to **Trevor** for succeeding in assembling these teams in the face of all the usual Masters' problems.

### MIDLAND AGE GROUP

**Jon Sheasby** was our most successful competitor with Gold medals in the 200 & 400 F/S and 100 FLY. **Gemma Hindson**, in several finals, won the 200 F/S and the 100/200 FLY. **Lucy Lloyd-Roach** took Gold in the BK, 1.08.69 and Silver in the 200 BK, 200 F/S, 200 I.M. & 400 F/S and Bronze in the 100 FLY. **Georgina Lee** limited her entry to the 400 F/S, winning a good race in 4.23.92 (2.11.05/2.12.87). **Kate Hindson** placed 2nd in the 400 I.M., 5.27.31, and **Tim Sheasby** took Silver in the 100/200 F/S, 1.09.09 and 2.30.21. **Ian Potter**, 1.04.33, continues to improve his FLY times; sister **Jo** was 4th in the 200 BR and **Sally Jones** 5th in the FLY, 1.12.26. Was **Nicola Sheasby**, with a 1.11.56 in the FLY final trying to give me a hint that she is keen to do more FLY.

### 27.6.98 Elaine Smith Trophy - Hinckley (25m.)

C/Hill 208, Hinckley A 197, Daventry 146, Corby 127, Hinckley B 66

**Ian Potter** was our star at this enjoyable inter-club match, winning the BR, 1.14.12, and the FLY, 1.02.87 - a 3 secs. P.B. 'Still looking' **Warren Jones**, despite that self-inflicted handicap, won his FLY, 1.08.96 and F/S, 1.08.96 and F/S, 59.75. **Lucy Tubbs** and **Ruth Fraser** won their respective F/S races with 65's, and **Andrew Weedall**, 38.74 and **Amy Lee**, 41.41, won their BR races. **Carl Reed's** 2nd placed FLY, 34.40, was also a P.B. I'm told that the team spirit was excellent - well done managers **David Tubbs** and **Jon Baker**. The latter having chickened out of a BR race, made amends by taking to the water in those £50.00 trousers at the end of the match. Why did **Chris Hutton** drop out of an individual F/S race that he could have won easily?

### 12.7.98 Inter-Club, Wellington (25m.)

Phoenix 195, C/Hill 189, Mansfield 175, Avon Neptune 123, Wellington 98

This was a keenly contested match which produced a few P.B.'s. BR: **Sam Baker** 48.33; FLY: **Warren Jones** 1.07.65; **Ian Potter** 1.03.78. F/S: **Lucy Lloyd-Roach** 1.02.91; **Ben Howell** 57.51. BK: **Ian** 1.08.44; **Ben** 1.08.40.

### 9/12 th July '98 A.S.A. Nationals & Commonwealth Trials - Sheffield

This was where **Georgina** had to produce the goods - and she did. Her 2nd place in the 200 FLY, 2.15.34, followed by a 3rd in the 100, 1.02.70 earned her selection for both events. She collected the Silver medal in the Senior and Junior 200, Bronze in the Senior 100 and Silver in the Junior 100. **Georgina** also took 2nd place in the B final of the 400 F/S, 4.22.54 (2.09.70/2.12.84). **Gemma Hindson** swam a best long course time of 2.24.93 to reach the B final of the 200 FLY.

### 3rd/8th August National Age Group - Leeds

**Jon Sheasby** maintained his improvement with Gold in the 100 FLY, 1.05.60, and some excellent F/S swims: 100, 58.83 - 4th; 200, 2.09.38 - 7th; 400, 4.31.43 - 4th. His finishing was first class, and might well have brought him more medals. He must now enter these events regularly.

**Lucy Lloyd-Roach** did not do herself justice in the **BK**, but she swam very well in her **FLY** races. She finished 5th in the 100, 1.07.52 and qualified for the 200 final with 2.29.54. A faster first 100 resulted in a P.B. of 2.26.26 and after a long wait while the scoreboard and the judges decided the result we were delighted to see her get the Bronze medal.

**Gemma Hindson's** 200 **F/S**, 2.11.09 saw her in equal eighth place. She lost the ensuing swim-off after going stroke for stroke for the four lengths. As is often the case on such occasions, both girls would have made the final if they had swum that fast in the heats.

Our 15/16 **F/S** and Medley Relay Team, **Lyndsey Wyse, Nicola Sheasby, Lucy** and **Gemma** qualified for the finals of both events in 7th place. The Medley Team took the same place in the final, but the **F/S** Team, swimming in lane 1 swam brilliantly, taking 3rd place with an improvement of 1.24 secs.

### 5.9.98 Coventry 50m. Sprints

We had a reasonable 'club performance' at the first gala after the annual summer break. **Lyndsey Wyse** won the **F/S** and was 3rd in the **FLY** which was won by **Lucy Lloyd-Roach** who was also 3rd in the **BK**. **Leanne Sheasby**, after a sluggish start, did well to take 2nd place in the 14 yr. **FLY**, 32.65 and **Pam Schofield** was 2nd in the **F/S**. **Kerry Wyse** and **Sally Jones** also qualified for the finals.

**Ben Howell** was our only male winner, taking the **BR**, 34.87. **David Haynes, BK** 31.75, **James Sumner F/S**, **Andrew Vale, F/S** 34.87 and **Michael Bourne, FLY**, also swam well.

### On the same day - Diddy Gala - Dudley (25m.)

Perry Beeches 190, Stourbridge 171, Phoenix 103, C/Hill 90, Redditch 89

Our somewhat depleted team fought hard, showing very good team spirit in this Diddy Gala. Some of the good times: **Justine Clark, FLY** 42.26; **Scarlet Allen-Horton, BK** 40.95; **Sarah Paterson** 40.30; sister **Emily, BR** 44.52; **Alastair McKenzie** 44.90; **Charlotte Parker, BK** 19.88. Many thanks to those who turned out at very short notice.

### 12.9.98 Trophy Gala - Burton (25m.)

C/Hill 167, Etwall Eagles 142, Perry Beeches 118

Our team was too strong for this gala, swam over 50's, but enjoyed themselves. **Chris Gregory, FLY** 33.07; **Hannah Payne, F/S** 33.75; **Hayden Wakeling, BK** 29.04; **Andrew Weedall, F/S** 31.17.

### 19.9.98 Division 6 Schools' Trials - Wolverhampton

The following were selected for the Team for the National Schools at Jersey:

**FLY: Jon Sheasby; I.M.: Gemma Hindson; BK: Lucy Lloyd-Roach; F/S: Nicola** missed selection for the 100 by 0.02 of a second, but a Club Record, 27.92 in the 50 **F/S** earned her a place in the Team.

### Everyone then went to Solihull for the Relay Gala

C/Hill 198, Solihull 182, Cheltenham 118, Oldbury 111, Solihull B 100

This win was much easier than the final score suggests. There were many good splits, and it was pleasing to see our two recently injured boys, **Ewan Martin** and **Warren Jones** back in action and swimming well.

### The following day - Triple S 'Age on day' Meet - Stechford (25m.)

**Ian Potter** produced two well deserved P.B.'s, FLY 1.02.88, F/S 58.27. At the other end of the age groups **Justine Clark**, **Andrew Vale** and **Stuart Tierney** had a number of good swims. **David Haynes** - rejuvenated in training - won the BK, 1.06.87.

**Heather Tierney** swam a good BK, and **Gemma Hindson**, with 4 wins received the 'Top Girl' award. We placed 3rd in the points total - a good effort with swimmers competing elsewhere.

### On the same day - Thornbury 50m. Meet - Millfield (25m.)

**Michael Bourne**, F/S 33.54 - 3rd, FLY 37.36 - 4th; **Laura Heeley**, FLY 39.60 - 5th, BR 44.54 - 6th; **Leanne Sheasby**, F/S 30.05 - 3rd, FLY 32.32 - 2nd. **Tim Sheasby**, Gold in the BR 42.43, F/S, and FLY, Silver in the BK and £25.00 'Top Boy' award - cash!

### 26.9.98 Inter-Club - Rugby (25m.)

C/Hill 262, Luton 221, Rugby 217, Melton Mowbray 131, Leic. Belgrave 162

Good swims included: BK **Ewan Martin** 1.14.98; **Sarah Paterson** BK 38.46; **Leanne Sheasby** F/S 1.04.39. Our young FLY swimmers are showing good form over 50m. and now need to be working for improved 100m. times - we have a tradition to maintain.

### The same day - Stratford (33<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>m.)

Avon Neptunes 293, Orion 269, Bedworth 193, C/Hill 166, Barry 157, Neptunes B 126

With 2 teams, on the same age groups, competing on the same day, this result was to be expected. I was, however, most disappointed to hear of the lack lustre approach of several swimmers who should have done better. Apparently the water was very warm, but all teams were in the same water. It is no good turning up for training three to four times per week if you do not make the effort to swim fast when racing. That attitude lets yourself, your team mates and your club down. We have an identical situation with the same venues and a similar team in the first round of the league and I hope, whatever our final position in the gala, that everyone will be swimming good times.

### 27.9.98 Sheffield

Eight swimmers travelled to Sheffield for the annual 'Teaspoon Gala', the finalists receiving medals and the 3 first placed teaspoons. They returned with a number of medals and 10 spoons. **Tim Sheasby** was 'Top Boy' yet again, with the family loaded down with spoons. **Leanne Sheasby** won her FLY in 31.54, **Laura Heeley** also on FLY swam 36.03, and **Michael Bourne** improved his F/S, 33.43.