



White Oak Swimming Club – News Letter June 2006

Welcome to the June WOSC news letter. It has been an eventful 3 months since our last news letter.

Coaches' news

Sadly we lost the services of our silver squad coach Simon Coe. The committee and swimmers would like to say a huge thank you to Simon for his commitment and wish him every success in his future ventures. Steve Rye is the new Silver Squad coach and we wish him every success.

The club continues to invest in the development of its coaches Catherine Baugh and Chris Rye have both passed Level 1 swimming teacher courses which will offer the club more flexibility in the future.

Everybody at the club would like to give Paul Fisher (Bronze Squad Coach) their best wishes in his attempt at the forthcoming Iron Man competition. Good luck from us all Paul.

Club Championships

The club held its first club championships of the year in March. This event was held in a different format to previous years in the hope that the evening would run smoother and it would be a shorter evening. In order to achieve this we tried to present the medals in between races rather than stop the event half way through to present the cups and medals to the younger swimmers and then start again. As with anything new I understand there were a few teething problems, please be assured that the committee works very hard to ensure that everything runs as smoothly as possible and we trust that this did not spoil your evening.

8th March 06 champs.

This was a very exciting event with some good times being posted. The winners were as follows:
Rachel Mayes, Adam Freundlich, Brooke Norman, Harrison Cornwall, James Curtis, Ruairi Dennehey, Andre Bloomfield, Bethany Hobbs, Harriet Pugsley, Nancy Mawhood, Adam Hobbs, Jenny Jarnot, Bethany Davys, Luke Sills & Katie Lobley

26th April 440 yds Gala

This is a middle distance gala open to swimmers from Bronze squad and above. Every swimmer achieved the minimum of a Bronze badge time for this distance which is a fantastic achievement. 8 Bronze, 14 Silver, 4 Gold & 2 Platinum badges were won.

The results for this evening were as follows:

Ladies under 14 Girls

1st Millie Uncles, 2nd Ellie Brett, 3rd Grace Begley Hunter

Mens Under 14

1st Freddie Mawhood, 2nd Daniel Norman, 3rd Michael Turrell

Ladies Open

1st Bethany Davys, 2nd Millie Uncles, 3rd Sarah Harris

Mens Open

1st Adam Freundlich, 2nd Freddie Mawhood, 3rd Adam Hobbs

Swimmers

It is a pleasure to welcome the following new swimmers and wish them every success for the future. Sophie Donnelly, Zak Charles, Joe Milburn, Megan Hughes, Kelly Cunningham, Abbie Wright, Daniel Blatchford, Maddison Harvey, Katie Norman, Megan & Elize Zalenka, Jessica Liu, Matthew Liston, Kirstin Clarke, Michael Moxom, Lucy Pamment & Emily Amos.

Promotions

We are pleased to advise you that the following swimmers have been promoted to new squads: Chris Dale, Eleanor Kilsby, Hanna Emery, Megan Hughes, Sassan Nadershahi, Emily Lobley, Brooke Norman, Jamie O'Reilly, Gareth Jones, Rhianne Turrell, Tara Dennehy, Danica Ebers, Jenny Jarnot, Sophie Bull, Daniel Norman Asher Smith, Daniel Blatchford, Katy Norman, Megan Zalenka, Lauren Macdonald, Andre Bloomfield, James Cornwall, Anja Sutton, & Michael Moxom. Apologies if I have missed anyone.

The club is very proud that a number of its younger swimmers represented their school in the Kent Junior Schools Championships. Katie Lobley, Nancy Mawhood, and Danica Ebers represented Kent. This is a fantastic achievement congratulations and well done.

Acorns News

Congratulations to Harry Townner who achieved his Freestyle under 10 and Bronze Badge time at the March Club Champs.

Jessica and Matthew Ward, 9 & 7, swam in the 2006 Swimathon. Matthew swam a wonderful 150m and Jessica didn't stop until she'd done a mile. A great achievement for both of them.

It appears that we have two budding stars in our midst. The Pugsley sisters Aimee 8 and Sophie 10 played Siamese children in the "King & I" at the Orchard Theatre in April. Congratulations on your brilliant performances.

Social Events

We held a Quiz night at the beginning of April which although not supported as well as we hoped still raised £110.

At the Hextable Junior School May fair we ran 3 stalls, Teddy Tombo'la, Balloon race and Jeremy did his own version of Play Your Cards Right. The only thing he forgot was his dolly dealers, but you can't have it all. Although it was a windy day we still raised £300.

Thank you to all the organizers, participants, and attendees.

Committee

The club will unfortunately be losing the services of at least one of its long serving committee members. As a result there will be a number of positions available at the end of the year. If there is anybody out there who would be interested in joining the committee please make yourselves known to the committee.

The committee meets once a month to discuss club issues. Swimming experience is not required and it is not necessary to attend every meeting, it would be fantastic to have somebody join with a few fresh ideas on how we can improve the club. **Please remember it is your club!**

General Help

The club is also in need of parents who are prepared to assist at galas. We are very reliant on a small number of parents

at these events and it would be great to be able to share the duties out further.

If anybody is interested please let the committee know.

News Letter

This is your newsletter. I try to make it as interesting as I can. If anybody has any interesting news or wants to share an achievement with others please let Steve Turrell or a member of the committee know. It would be great to hear from some of our swimmers in Junior, Senior Top and County squads.

Club Tracksuits

If anybody would like to purchase a club tracksuit there are still some available. Please speak to Frances on a Wednesday night.

Club shop

Don't forget if you require new swimming costumes, trunks, goggles, fins etc. these can be obtained through the club shop on a Wednesday evening. Some items need to be ordered so get your requirements in early to Frances.