



NEWSLETTER 4 Jan 2006

The Committee would like to wish all members a happy & healthy New year.

President

Dennis Russell has agreed to be President the club. He was one of the founder members and has been a big influence in shaping the club. He replaces the late Paul Needam.

Dates for your Diary

Major league Galas

Sat., 7th Jan. 2006

Sat., 4th Feb 2006

Sat., 25th March 2006

Peanut league Galas

Sat., 13th May 2006

Sat., 17th June 2006

Sat., 1st July 2006

Other dates for your diary

21st.22nd.January 2006 Biggleswade Open Meet.

12th-17th Febuary Swim Camp. Bath.

4th.,5th.,11th March Bagcat County Swims.

10th-13th April Peanut Swim Camp.

22nd April Jeff Cook Memorial Gala.

15th July Club Gala. (to be confirmed)

Major League Gala 7/01/06

Congratulations to the brilliant team that helped us came 1st.in the gala on Saturday. It was very exciting with many members swimming races well above their age. Please be available for the next gala on 4th.Febuary so that we can try and repeat this success

Peanut League

The Peanut league is a junior league for children under 13 years of age. Having had great success in the last 3 years rising from Division 3 to Division 1, it was with great disappointment that we dropped to Division 2. Due to lack of younger swimmers we were not always able to put forward a full team. The children that did swim were very successful often beating their own PBs.

It important that all young members make a note of the peanut gala dates above and are available if chosen for the team.

British Modern Biathlon

Championship 26/27/11/05

A squad of 6, Edward Cook, James Harper, Duncan Nicoll, Harriet Cook, Connie Green and Sam Stratford competed in the National Championships in Sheffield (including swimming in the 50M pool at Pond's Forge, where the Commonwealth Trials were held earlier this year). In this combined swimming and running event they achieved a number of PB's and the following positions – Edward 11th, Duncan 25th, James 41st, Sam 40th, Harriet 44th and Connie 51st.

Herts ASA Development Meet 19/11/05

A squad of 11, James Harper, Flora Hanson, Bethany Wain, Jack Howe, Tom Crawford, JJ Dixon, Abby Smith, Isobel Thompson, Eleanor When, Rachel Hill and Oliver Chakraverty swam in 31 races gaining medals each. Flora, James, JJ and Tom all won gold medals, Jack 2 Silvers and a further 6 Bronzes between them.

Chase Roebuck Meet 29-30/10/05

Despite a number of withdrawals owing to illness/injury or other commitments, a squad of 5, Edward Cook, Flora Hanson, Duncan Nicoll, Harriet Cook and Morgan Pugh competed in 27 races at this high level meet involving many District and national level swimmers. The squad swam 18 PB's and achieved 15 top 10 positions.

E Region Modern Biathlon 9/10/05

A squad of 9, Edward Cook, James Harper, Duncan Nicoll, Isobel Thompson, Harriet Cook, Connie Green, Sam Stratford, Amy Thompson and Beth Hartley competed in this combined swimming and running event, gaining Beth 1st place, Edward 2nd, Duncan & Sam 3rd, James & Amy 4th, Isobel 5th, Connie 7th and Harriet 8th. All of them qualifying for the National Championships.

Maxwell Autumn Meet 2/10/05

Edward Cook, Alice Roberts and Martin Roberts competed in 16 races gaining 11 PB's and 9 medals – Martin one silver; Edward a bronze, two 4th, a 5th & a 6th; Alice a 5th & a 6th. Hopefully we may be able to send a larger squad next year to one of our more local meets.

The Grove Cup Gala

The club came 2nd in the Grove Cup Gala beating some very good opposition.

Harpenden Swimming Club kit

There are a number of old style costumes available for training use from Jean or Linda at the check-in desk. For new kit please contact Chris Harper 01582 461623.

Mobile Phone

We now have a phone available for any queries or to inform us of a child non-attendance due to sickness. It will be available Wed 6 - 9pm; Fri 8:15 - 10pm; Sundays 6 – 8pm. Number 07767 683956.

Swimming Party 8/10/05

Over 40 junior members enjoyed a social 'team-building' party with games and races. Many new friendships were formed. Any ideas for future social events please contact Marion Roberts.

Mybicycle.co.uk

Mybicycle.co.uk will donate £10 to the club for every top-end mountain bike ordered. Enter code HPSC in the reference box on the order page. These bikes are 20% less than the known brand equivalents.

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