

BEACON SWIMMING CLUB



BULLETIN

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Chairman's Comment

Over the course of this year Beacon swimming club has made substantive progress toward achieving its significant potential. Some of the achievements over the year are:

- a full club - comprising around 121 swimmers
- near completion of Swim 21 accreditation
- the most successful results in galas for many years
- several swimmers now have aspirations at National Level

Behind the success of the club is a very able and enthusiastic group of volunteers: however volunteers are just what they are. Many have full time jobs and give up a little of their time when they can. Many have supported the club over a number of years.

I am sure you will agree that the club's reputation and standing has grown over the last year. This move forward has placed additional demands on an already 'stretched' group of volunteers. If Beacon is to continue to develop, it will need to increase the number of support parents, whether poolside support or those wanting more involvement via a role on the club committee.

The club is moving through a very important phase in its development and I am looking for parents who would like to begin to get involved in the club's activities.

If you would like to become more involved in helping to run Beacon swimming club I would like to hear from you. If you would like to talk through the skills or help you feel you can offer, you can contact me on 01892 785662 or email me at

Andrew@cumberlandplace.co.uk.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Regards to all

Andrew Moss

Chairman

Candle-night evening



THANK YOU

A very big thank you to everyone for making the candle-night fundraising evening, on the 29th September, such a big success. It was a great evening which raised a fantastic £168.00. Well done to Loraine Stevens for her initiative and hard work

Swim shop



Due to the success of the club, demands for the swim shop are high; Trish has therefore decided to make things easier for everyone. She will have the shop 'open' between 7 and 8pm on the first Monday of the month by the swimming club notice board. She will have a small selection of merchandise for sale. Orders can also be made and collected.

At any other time please call Trish on 01435 872684 or E mail on trish_allen@btinternet.com

Friday training for junior squad



Great news! Beacon Swimming Club is trying to arrange Friday night swimming training along with a land training session for the junior squad.

The idea of the session is to try and do 45 minutes land training followed by 45 minutes swimming training.

If the club is able to arrange this, training should start in January 2009.

As soon as we know more we will inform members. In the meantime let's all hope it can be arranged.

The Committee

Membership

New swimmers (those who have no swimming club experience) wishing to join the junior swimming squad are now required to pre-register. The new junior squad intake will start in January 2009. The reason for introducing the pre-registration system is due the limit on numbers. If you would like to join the club make sure that you pre-register in order that you can secure a place. Acceptance of swimmers is currently on a first come first served basis.

Swimmers wishing to join the senior squad will continue to be eligible to join without having to wait until January 09.

How to join the club – If you would like to join Beacon Swimming Club you can do so by one of the following:

- Drop in – Call in at the pool on a training night and ask either the swimming coach or one of the poolside helpers. They are all nice people and will try and help answer any questions that you may have or point you the right direction if you need more help. Membership forms are available from the Membership secretary (Debbie Smith)
- Email – If you have any question about membership you can email membership@beaconswimmingclub.co.uk

Parents please note that Beacon Swimming Club requires you to collect your children from inside the pool building as the clubs responsibility finishes at the end of the training session. Swimmers are NOT to be asked to stand outside and wait for parents we would ask that you wait in the reception area.



In September, Beacon Swimming Club sent a team to Greven in Germany for the annual tri-gala against Greven and Montargis (the latter team from France). The weekend was particularly special as Greven and Montargis were celebrating the 40th anniversary of their twinning.

The Beacon Squad of 20 set off by coach early on Friday morning, arriving in the evening and being picked up by their German host families. The gala took place on Saturday afternoon and included a fourth *international* team made up of swimmers from each of the clubs.

Beacon started well in the girls 1992-1993 50m butterfly event - setting a new personal best time of 34:32.

Katie Allen won the Girls 50m (1996) butterfly in a time of 37:29.

Other wins came from Elliot Stevens (94-95) butterfly with a Pb time of 31:32

Chris Gosh (91) 27:77, Harrison Stevens (96) 36;20.

Rebecca Smith (94-95) came first with a Pb time 36:67, In the girls 50m backstroke

Amy Allen (92-93) 2nd 37:54, Anna Wild (91) 3rd 39:61.

Thomas Wheeler - boys 50m backstroke (94-95) 1st 34:92,

Tim Wood (92-93) 1st, Ben Stevens (91) 3rd 35:26.

Rachael Stevens - Girls 100m individual medley (94-95) 3rd 1:24:07,

Izzy Boddy (92-93) 1st 1:17:39, Amelia Brice (91) 3rd 1:19:19 and Katie Allen (96)1st 1:28:64.

Thomas Wheeler (94-95) 1st 1:15:57 Boys 100m individual medley –

Tim Wood (92-93) 2nd 1:11:60, Chris Gosh(91) 1:07:39, Harrison Stevens (96) 1:20:70.

Jessica Goldsmith in the (96) 50m breastroke in a time of 46:13,

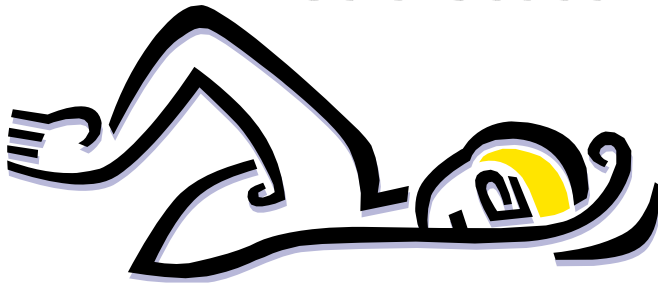
Harrison Keith (92-93) breastroke (who tied with Greven swimmer David Lukas in 36:83) and William Brown (96)1st 43:04

With the squad putting in a solid performance in the relays (and excellent support from the rest of the team) the final results were:

1st - Beacon 137points, 2nd - USM Montargis 101 points, 3rd place - TVE Greven 88 points.

The trophies were presented to the clubs by the mayor of Greven and Montargis at a ceremony in the town centre. The swimmers then moved on to separate reception where they received their individual medals. The whole weekend was a great success for all 3 countries. Well done everyone.

Gala Season in full swim!



The Christine perfect Shield – Inter-Club Gala – LEWES

(Teams competing: Lewes SC, Beacon SC, Tonbridge SC)

Saturday, 11th October.

Well done to the following swimmers who did us proud during a highly competitive evening. Sadly we relinquished the trophy this time.

Girls Team

11 and under

Gabbie Taylor
Rhianna Field
Nina Williams
Alex Gibb

Medley relay 4 x 25
Freestyle relay 4 x 25

13 and under

Alicia Mellett
Catriona Gray
Jessica Maw
Katie Allen

Medley relay 4 x 25
Freestyle relay 4 x 25

15 and under

Charlotta Neely
Rachel Stevens
Anna Wild

Medley relay 4 x 50
Freestyle relay 4 x 25

17 and under

Amy Allen
Izzy Body

Medley relay 4 x 50
Freestyle relay 4 x 50

Boys Team

11 and under

Freddie Knott
Callum Gray
Jamie Russell
Joseph Wolfe

13 and under

Oliver Verrell
Will Brown
Evan Draper
Lee Fenner

15 and under

Adam Fenner
Thomas Wheeler
Ryan Wheeler
Elliott

17 and under

Andrew Ducker
Harrison Keith
Tim Wood
Ben Stevens



Eastbourne Age Group Meet

Sunday, 19th October

Beacon swimmers turned out early last Sunday - as keen as ever at the prospect of winning medals in a full day of events.

Session 1 got underway with **Becca Smith** and **Jessica Goldsmith** turning in good performances in the Girls 12/13 100m Freestyle, Becca recording an impressive 10th place overall.

Tom Wheeler came 4th in Event 2 – the Boys 100m Freestyle, in a time of 1.04.91. **Evan Draper** was 7th and **Ryan Wheeler** 8th in the same event.

Event 3 – Girls 10/11 years 100m Backstroke saw **Alicia Mellet** finish in 6th place in a time of 1.39.94. **Catriona Gray** finished 12th, Gabrielle Taylor 15th, and **Hannah Shutt** 25th out of 32 entrants.

Harrison Stevens excelled in Event 4 – the Boys 10/11 years 100m Breaststroke- finishing in 1st place in a record time of 1.26.07. **Will Brown** also turned in a great performance, finishing in 3rd place with **Callum Gray** achieving 15th overall.

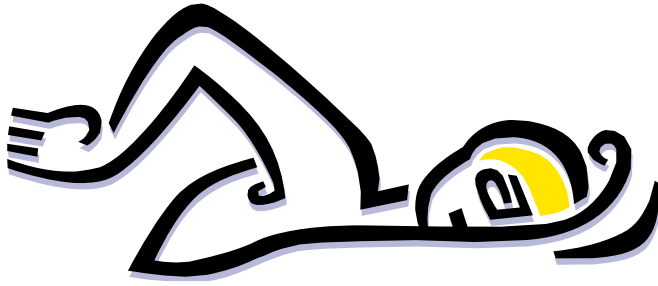
In Event 5 – the Girls 9 years 50m Breaststroke – **Lily Morris** achieved a superb 2nd place (52.10) with **Bethany Mellett** taking 3rd place (54.51).

Marcus Goldsmith kept up the great showing by securing 1st place (48.32) in Event 5 – the Boys 9 years 50m Breaststroke.

Tim Wood took 1st place (1.09.40) in the Boys 14/15 100m Backstroke
Becca Smith followed up her good earlier showing, finishing 11th in the Girls 12/13 years 100m Breaststroke (1.37.05).

Thomas Wheeler secured 2nd place, **Evan Draper** 8th, **Ryan Wheeler** 9th, in the Boys 12/13 100m Breaststroke.

Catriona Gray came 8th and **Hannah Shutt** 25th in Event 13 – the Girls 10/11 years 100m Backstroke.



Eastbourne Age Group Meet

Sunday, 19th October cont'd.....

Harrison Stevens again took 1st place - ahead of **Will Brown** (4th) and **Callum Gray** (11th) – in the Boys 10/11 years 100m Backstroke.

Bethany Mellett came 4th (52.06) and **Lily Morris** came 6th (54.03) in the Girls 9 years 50m Backstroke.

Marcus Goldsmith again took 1st (43.39) in the Boys 9 years 50m backstroke.

Becca Smith swimming in her 3rd event of the day – the Girls 12/13 years 100m Backstroke – achieved 10th place.

Thomas Wheeler came 5th in the Boys 12/13 years 100m Backstroke, **Evan Draper** coming 7th.

Gabrielle Taylor came 10th in the Girls 10/11 years 100m Butterfly

Harrison Stevens was the outright winner of the Boys years 10/11 100m Butterfly with **Will Brown** securing 4th place.

Tim Wood took 1st place once again, this time in the Boys 14/15 years 100m Freestyle (1.01.09).

Thomas Wheeler completed a great day with 2nd place in the Boys 12/13 years 100m Butterfly. **Evan Draper** also came 7th in this event.

Gabrielle Taylor was 7th, **Alicia Mellett** was 11th and **Catriona Gray** was 13th in the Girls 10/11 years 100m Freestyle.

In the Boys 10/11 years 100m Freestyle **Will Brown** came 7th and **Callum Gray** came 13th.

The Girls 9 years 50m Freestyle saw **Lily Morris** come 3rd (43.04) and **Tim Wood** completed a great day for Beacon by taking 3rd place in the Boys 14/15 years 100m Breaststroke.



BEACON CHAMPIONSHIPS

The club championships took place amidst great excitement (both on and off the spectators' gallery) on Monday, 12th and Sunday, 13th October.

The event saw some tremendous swims with several club records being broken. Presentations were made poolside on both evenings. It was wonderful to savour the communal spirit up on the balcony and this was matched by lovely displays of support and good sportsmanship poolside – well done everybody.

A special thank you goes to all involved - from the judges to the time keepers, from the drinks servers to our Chairman Andrew, who did a fantastic job on the PA, and from our Club Captain Tim to his mother Fiona and Sharon (the latter on the horn). It was a great team effort!

A full report will follow in the next newsletter.

If you would like to contribute anything to next month's newsletter, please contact

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Dates for your diary 2008/9

November 2008

Sat 8th Nov Home Gala – Bexhill (w/u 6:15pm) ([Bexhill Ravenside Leisure Centre and swimming pool](#))

Sat 22nd November Smiths Squad Dev. Gala - Eastbourne College (w/u 6:00 tbc)

Sun 9th Nov – County Development Gala – Brighton (Entries now closed)

27th November – AGM and swimmers prize giving (Freedom leisure centre)

Sat 29th November Eastbourne Home Gala – Sovereign Centre (w/u 6:05pm)

Sunday 30th November – County Disabled swimming St Bedes 9.30 – 11.30

December 2008

Sun 7th Dec – Atlantis Level 2 Open – Hosted by Atlantis SC and will be held at The Pavillions pool in Horsham (w/u 7:45am) (closing date for entries 30th October)

January 2009

Sat/Sun 10th/11th Jan – Tom Handley Meet – Brighton

31st – Deadline for receipt of club membership renewals

February 2009

Sun 8th Feb – County Long Distance Championships – Venue TBA

Sat/Sun 21st/22nd Feb – County Championships – Venue TBA

March 2009

Sat 7th Mar – County Long Distance Championships – Venue TBA

Sat/Sun 21st/22nd Mar – County Championships – Venue TBA

Please note information for swimming galas:

Blue print – This is by invitation only

Red print – Your choice (qualifying times may/may not be needed)