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PLUS.... BOLDMERE'S GOING HOME? - Wyndley Baths Update

"BEING BOLD!" & ALL AT THE CLUB WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS & SUCCESSFUL NEW YEAR

HIGH 5

Diddy League "A" Team take 5th in National Final

Boldmere's "Diddy" League "A" Team completed a glorious campaign at the National Final in Liverpool by taking 5th place, putting Boldmere in the top 5 clubs in the country at Junior League level.

Bouyant

Following their victory in the Divisional Final at Wolverhampton, and their runners-up spot at the Southern Semi-Final at Aylesbury, the team headed north to the club's first ever National Final on November 30th in bouyant mood.

Baltic

In a pool that was more akin to an open-air lido on a Baltic Sea Cruiseship, the team achieved a magnificent result, beating squads from the City of Norwich, City of Newcastle and Hillingdon to snatch 5th place by 5.5 points. The team produced strong performances throughout, with 4 Club Records falling and 2 relay records. There was also a 10 PB times by the swimmers and a further 47 unofficial PB's.

Noisy

After a rousing and noisy parade, the team struggled to settle but in the 20th event Elliott Walker took the team's first victory in the 50m backstroke (10yr). This raised Boldmere's game and a was quickly followed by two wins for Margaret Gately in the 50m fly and 50m freestyle (10 yr), one for Penny Whittingham in the 50m freestyle (11yr) and another for Elliott Walker in the 50m free. There were second places for Alice Dearing, Joshua Winnicott and Jake Dixon and thirds for Charlie Payne, Eden Harlow and Caitlin Horsley.

Memorable Campaign

The teams success was just one of a number of news reports to hit the local press with extensive coverage in the Sutton Coldfield Observer. The result in Liverpool is a real credit to all the coaching staff at the club



The Team Celebrate their performance in Liverpool

led by Chief Coach Ashley Cox and for the team manager Nigel Kelly. This was the best result at this level in the long history of the club, and the ensured a climax to a memorable campaign for all involved, not least the swimmers, the coaches and the travelling "red army" of fans, bedecked in their specially commissioned red shirts and cowboy hats! Yee haa!!



The team turnout in style for the Parade

GALA STATS: JUNIOR NATIONAL FINAL			
GALA STARS: Jake Dixon & Margaret Gately			
Solo Wins	5	Relay Wins	0
Club Records	4	Relay CR's	2
PB's	10	Unofficial PB's	47



KELLY'S HEROES - Red had a whole new meaning for Liverpool on Nov 30th

DIVISIONAL FINAL		
Division 1 Final - Wolverhampton		
1st	BOLDMERE 'A'	235
2nd	Leicester Penguins	215
3rd	Northampton 'A'	207
4th	Nuneaton & Bedworth 'A'	176
5th	Leamington Spa	132
6th	Walsall	104

SOUTHERN SEMI-FINAL		
Final Positions		
1	Thurrock	198
2	Boldmere "A"	188
3	Hillingdon	187
4	City of Norwich	179
5	City of Derby	140
6	Bournemouth	132

NATIONAL FINAL		
Pos		Points
1st	Southport	292
2nd	Borough of Kirklees	289
3rd	City of Liverpool	229.5
4th	Thurrock	214
5th	BOLDMERE	199.5
6th	Hillingdon	194
7th	City of Newcastle	182
8th	Norwich	160

NATIONAL LEAGUE RESULTS "A" TEAM - DIVISION 1

BOLDMERE SC NOW IN THE 'TOP FLIGHT'

VICTORY IN "SPEEDO" LEAGUE PUTS CLUB AT No. 1 IN MIDLANDS

Boldmere's very own "man on the airhorn" Phil Littler reports from Coventry



Celebrations!

In their third consecutive regional final of the National (Speedo) Swimming League, the senior swimmers of Boldmere SC have confirmed their status as the top club in the West Midlands. Following their domination of the Junior League which led to a fifth place finish in the National Final, the Orcas' Senior A Team produced a controlled and assured team performance at Coventry's 50m pool to take the title of 'Premier Swimming Club' in the West Midlands region - held by City of Coventry SC for the last 10 years, - and establish a 'new order' in the hierarchy of Midlands swimming clubs.

The victory over Coventry, Leicester Penguins, and City of Derby capped a remarkable 'rise through the ranks' - 10 Years ago the club having no senior team, and just one team in Division 4 of the Junior League. The club will celebrate their progress on April 26th 2009 when they will compete against 9 of the country's big City and University clubs (many containing Olympic stars) in the National Final for the Premier National Club title.

The competition was as close as to be expected, but the Orcas took an early lead with some powerful relay performances from the 11/u Boys Freestyle, the 15/u Boys Freestyle and the 13/u Girls Medley events. The 11 year old girls also 2nd place in the 11/u Freestyle, with the 15 year old girls matching them.

The individual events were littered with powerful performances against some high quality opposition. Alice Dearing (11Yrs 50 Fly), Penny Whittingham (11Yrs 50 Free), James Youngman (15Yrs 100 Back) and Karol Bukowski (13Yrs 100 Back) all won their events, and were backed up by a plethora of stirring 'top 3' finishes, 21 in total of the 32 individual events. The Orcas were in pole position by just 5 points heading into the final relays.

It was at this point that the Boldmere 'turned on the gas' and blasted their way to the title with FIVE FIRSTS and 1 second place finish. Top 3 finishes in 11 of the 16 relay events highlighted the team ethos and the in-depth strength which led to a winning margin of 9.5 points over Leicester Penguins.

Stalwarts Louis Yates, Mia Scott, Chris Littler and Martyn Wyres all made significant contributions to a memorable win which left Coach Ashley Cox speechless in the immediate aftermath of the gala. With such a constellation of stars, he was left with no alternative other than to nominate EVERYONE as 'Stars of the Gala', and with the B team pushing for promotion to Division 1 following a brilliant performance at Bromsgrove, the future for the Orcas is looking bright.

Speaking the following day once he had recovered the power of speech, Ashley Cox praised the performance of the team as magnificent and said it was "like watching Manchester United for team spirit!"

The Final in Coventry was the culmination of a 3 gala series, which saw Boldmere "A" triumph on every occasion. In both Round One at Leamington and Round Two at Stechford, the strength in depth of the team was shown by the fact that they won 10 of the 16 relay races. In total across the 3 galas, 29 new Club

GALA STATS: NATIONAL LEAGUE DIV 1 ROUND ONE - LEAMINGTON			
GALA STARS: Holly Lynch & Jake Dixon			
Solo Wins	13	Relay Wins	10
Club Records	7	Relay CR's	5
PB's	6	Unofficial PB's	24

GALA STATS: NATIONAL LEAGUE DIV 1 ROUND TWO - STECHFORD			
GALA STARS: Alix Swinhoe & Martyn Wyres			
Solo Wins	8	Relay Wins	10
Club Records	4	Relay CR's	10
PB's	9	Unofficial PB's	27

GALA STATS: NATIONAL LEAGUE DIVISION 1 FINAL			
GALA STARS: Everyone!			
Solo Wins	4	Relay Wins	8
Club Records (Long Course)	18	Relay CR's	12
PB's	12	Unofficial PB's	41

Records were set and 27 new Relay Club Records. A magnificent achievement - well done to all involved.

National Swimming League Division 1 FINAL		
Pos	Teams	Points
1	BOLDMERE "A"	205.5
2	Leicester Penguins	196
3	City of Coventry "A"	192
4	City of Derby	184.5
5	Calverton & Bingham	136
6	Halesowen	134

NATIONAL LEAGUE RESULTS "B" TEAM - DIVISION 2

NATIONAL "B" TEAM CONSOLIDATE THEIR POSITION IN DIVISION 2

Strong Performances at Bromsgrove ensure Boldmere "B" go from strength to strength

Alongside the triumphant "A" Team, the National "Speedo" League "B" Team also had a successful season in Division 2, improving their league position from 18th to 9th.

In the first of a trio of galas, they went to Bromsgrove on 11th October. Victories from Steven Wilson, Joanna Luckett, Sarah Kelly and Lucy Gale helped the team to third place behind Ledbury and Bromsgrove. Bradley Lynch and Joanna Luckett were named Stars of the Gala, which saw the team set 17 PB's.

Round 2 saw the team head to Droitwich, which saw them finish joint 4th with Perry Beeches, in a gala that finished with just 3 points separating 2nd from 6th.

Sarah Kelly and Peter Shipway were the Stars of the Gala, which featured an individual win for Jenny Fowler, and victories for the 13u boys medley, 11u girls medley 13u girls freestyle relay teams.

The final round was a return to Bromsgrove, where they repeated their third place with a strong performance. Individual wins from Charlotte Smith, Steven Wilson, Matt Hyde and Sarah Kelly were the highlight of 20 top 3 places in the 34 individual events. Wins from the 13u girls medley and free relay teams and the 15u girls medley relay capped off a good result. Emma Moreton and Matt Hyde were named Stars of the Gala.

GALA STATS: NATIONAL LEAGUE DIV 2 ROUND 1 - BROMSGROVE			
GALA STARS: Joanna Luckett & Bradley Lynch			

Solo Wins	4	Relay Wins	0
PB's	17	Unofficial PB's	21

GALA STATS: NATIONAL LEAGUE DIV 2 ROUND 2 - DROITWICH			
GALA STARS: Sarah Kelly & Peter Shipway			

Solo Wins	1	Relay Wins	3
PB's	9	Unofficial PB's	22

GALA STATS: NATIONAL LEAGUE DIV 2 ROUND 3 - BROMSGROVE			
GALA STARS: Emma Moreton & Matthew Hyde			

Solo Wins	4	Relay Wins	3
PB's	6	Unofficial PB's	13

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ELLIE STARS AGAIN

BBC Midlands Sports Awards



Boldmere's Ellie Simmonds has been stealing the headlines again!

After capturing the hearts of the nation with her stunning performances at the Beijing Paralympics, she has now been voted as the BBC Midlands Sports Personality of the Year 2008.

The glittering ceremony at the National Motorcycle Museum at Meriden celebrates the contribution of the West Midlands to the sporting year.

In front of an invited audience of 400, which was packed with local sporting stars and celebrities Ellie took two awards. Early in the evening she was named as "Young Disabled Sports Person of the Year" for the second time in four years. Then, at the end of the evening she walked away with the main award, being crowned The BBC Midlands Sports Personality of the Year.

Ellie is also travelling to Liverpool, scene of other recent Boldmere successes as one of three nominees for BBC Young Sports Personality of the Year.

STOP PRESS!!! (AGAIN!!!) ELLIE WON

At the Annual BBC Sports Personality of the Year Awards, televised live from Liverpool, Ellie was crowned BBC Young Sports Personality of the Year! Well done Ellie!

Ellie Receives a Cheque for Boldmere from Rachel Heyhoe-Flint



BBC Midlands Sports Personality of the Year 2008



With thanks to the BBC for the photographs

PUTTING ON THE STYLE!

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New British Records, presentations by Paralympic Champions and former Olympians, the Lord Mayor of Birmingham and 24 new Club Records! Just some of the highlights of a momentous weekend for Boldmere SC.

Success

Boldmere's second Open meet was held on the penultimate weekend in November, and it proved to be a huge success for the club. The two day event saw swimmers from 32 visiting clubs join a strong contingent of home swimmers to compete in 30 events.

All the meticulous planning by the organisers and the overwhelming turnout of volunteers made sure that over the two days the swimmers were the stars and the swimming was of top quality.

Ellie Simmonds, reigning Paralympic Champion, returned home and wowed the capacity crowd with the now famous "Simmonds Surge" over the last 25m of her three races to set new Short Course S6 British Records in the 400m, 200m and 100m freestyle, astounding even her coach Billy Pye.

Olympians

The swimmers were buoyed by messages of support from Olympic Gold medallist Rebecca Adlington, as well as Bill Furniss and Steve Parry, and this was reflected in the quality of the swimming and the spirit of the competition. The events were punctuated in style with the presentation of 3D "holographic" crystal trophies by amongst others former Olympians Adam Ruckwood and Sarah Price and the Lord Mayor of Birmingham, Councillor Chaudry Abdul Rashid who also received a specially commissioned plaque from Ellie Simmonds to commemorate her achievements in Beijing.

At the end of two fantastic days of competition, Rebekah Bullivant of Camp Hill Edwardians was named as the Open's Top Girl swimmer, with Daniel Scriven of Market Drayton winning the Top Boy prize. The top visiting club was Stourbridge. The weekend was rounded off by two well fought "Skins" competitions which were won by Rebekah Bullivant of Camp Hill and Rob Small from Perry Beeches SSS.

Established

Club Chairman Keith Munday summed up our 2008 Open Meet as "the most successful and professional meet that I have ever attended. Boldmere SC Open Meet is now well established on the Swimming Calendar – after just two attempts! I overheard many clubs indicating that they would return in 2009."

He added "Special thanks must go to Phil Littler and Neil Holmes, whose tireless attention to detail was evident throughout the weekend, and to everyone who played an important part in the success. Everyone's help and enthusiasm was very much appreciated by Phil and Neil."

'Congratulate your team on staging an excellent open meet - it ran like clockwork, and our swimmers thoroughly enjoyed it'. Visiting Coach

'A very slick meet, - Well done..... You guys should go in to event management.' Visiting Official

'Great Organisation.....Thanks. . . Fantastically accurate timing predictions . . .

" Event 27 will start at 17.17". . . and it did !!!' Parent

"Come on Ellie" Phil Littler



The Lord Mayor of Birmingham, Councillor Chaudry Abdul Rashid receives a specially commissioned photo and plaque to commemorate Ellie's achievements in Beijing

(Photo : Alan Kinghorn of DEPhoto)

GALA STATS: 2008 BOLDMERE OPEN			
GALA STARS: Neil Holmes & Phil Littler			
BRITISH RECORDS	3	Midland District Times	54
Club Records	24	National Times	2
PB's	206		

BOLDMERE'S BOYS DRAG OUT THE WARM UP AT WORCESTER



Martina Wyres, Josephine Stanger, Jemima Youngman (ringleader!), Josie Winnicott and Martha Hyde.

Boldmere's older buys raised temperatures (and a few eyebrows) at the Worcester Open in October. Inspired by ringleader Jemima Youngman, 7 of the clubs finest donned their streamlined "all-in-one" drag suits for the warm-up of the final session. After the announcer built up the excitement, the troupe emerged for a poolside parade to "YMCA" before completing the warm up to poolside a "salute" from many of the other swimmers.

Pictured before their parade are the guilty parties, (from left to right) Chrissie Littler, Kelly Adams,

TOM IS THE REAL FACE OF "YOUTH TODAY"

Boldmere swimmer Tom Buckroyd (right) has been selected as one of just 19 "under 19's" across Britain as part of a campaign to show the positive side of young people today.

"19 Under 19s" is a campaign by the Department for Children Schools & Families (DCSF) aimed at revealing the true image of our nation's teenagers. Local authorities and community groups were invited to nominate young people, aged 19 or under, who are making an active contribution to their local area and, crucially, a positive difference to their own lives. From these nominations, DCSF selected the most inspiring 19 to become the face of real youth in England .



Tom, 18, has been a member of Birmingham's Boldmere Swimming Club since he was 6 and now swims with the senior team. He is also very active in helping others get into sport. Inspired by his younger brother, who has physical disabilities, he trains adults and children with disabilities to swim, and also volunteers at national Special Olympics events and local play schemes for children.

"One of the reasons I enjoy the coaching side is that you can really see the difference it can make to an individual – not just physically but to their whole personality and outlook on life as their confidence grows. It shows that ordinary people really can make a difference," says Tom.

Tom was so moved from watching how physiotherapists helped his brother learn to walk, that he is now studying Physiotherapy at Cardiff University, the Chief Lecturer of which headed up the Team GB physiotherapy support at the Beijing Olympics.

WYNDLEY UPDATE

After over two years of waiting, Wyndley Baths finally re-opened to the public on December 16th following an extensive refurbishment. Boldmere will return to their "home" base January 5th - keep an eye on the noticeboards and website for revised training sessions and times.

As anyone who heard Phil Littler waxing lyrically on the Phil Upton Breakfast Show (BBC WM Dec 16th) will know, the club has grown in both numbers and success during the period of closure, and as such will not be able to swim solely at Wyndley - due to availability and the fact that it is still 33m planners folly.

Pools at Handsworth, Castle Vale, Kingstanding, Barr Beacon, College High and Erdington have been hugely supportive during the closure of Wyndley and we hope to continue our great relationships with them.

ASHLEY'S VIEW

I was encouraged to see so many county squad swimmers entering the Boldmere Open. Well done to the coaching team for their efforts in preparing swimmers for the event.



Some New Year's advice to all swimmers

Always....

Speak to your coach before your race, your coach should also be the first person you speak to after your race.

Remember your coach can give you important feedback (splits, areas to improve . . .)

Never underestimate the importance of swimming down after every event. At least 5 minutes of swim down quickly removes any lactic build up and keeps you fresh for your next race.

Areas to improve

Many swimmers are avoiding their transitions on breaststroke (underwater work out of every start and turn!) Work hard on this in training and speak to your coach if you need guidance on how to master your underwater work.

GOAL SETTING! Make this your new years resolution!

This needs to be a top priority over the next few months. All swimmers need goals / targets. Training 2 - 6 sessions per week is pointless without targets to aim for.

Midland Swimmers - should know your MDQT's for your main events to the 100th of a second, i.e. '1.24.10'. If midland times have been achieved then NQT's are the next step.

County Swimmers - you should be aware of County Qualifying times in your main events. Once achieved you should be striving for MDQT's no matter how hard the time appears to be (set as medium - long term goal if necessary).

Always strive to achieve faster times and harder targets. This will focus your mind and give you greater direction.

Take it upon yourself to know and record your best times and goals. Speak to your coach for guidance (goal setting template can be downloaded from the club website).

Cheers!

Ash

Parent Liaison Officersan update....after a few minor adjustments!

[Sue Hewitt..... Parent Liaison Officers Co-ordinator](#)

[Sue Hewitt..... Senior Midland Squad](#)

[Carolyn Buckroyd..... Junior Midland Squad](#)

[Rob Cash..... Senior County Squad](#)

[Janet Lee..... Junior County Squad](#)

[Ali Pratt..... College High](#)

[Elaine Gale..... Barr Beacon](#)

[Sue Newman /Elaine Gale Erdington](#)

[Sue Newman..... Kingstanding](#)

[Rob Cash..... Water Polo](#)

[Chris Littler /Sue Hewitt..... Squad Swimmers](#)

[Cathy Dolan..... Junior Squads](#)

[Millicent Dearing..... City of Birmingham](#)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY! Like it or not it's 2009 so get ready.....

Boldmere SC Junior Invitation Meet: Feb 21st @ Stechford 1.00pm - 7.00pm

Plans are now well advanced for our 'JIM'... We will be host to 7 clubs who will be bringing around 250 swimmers - to add to the 100 that we are anticipating from BSC!

SWIMMERS: This event is for ALL BOLDMERE SWIMMERS WHO ARE:

8Yrs to 12 Yrs old on Feb 21st . . . and not 13Yrs old until after 12th Sept 2009.

Use this opportunity to . . . measure your progress . . . experience how an Open Meet is run (events swum in heats - against swimmers of similar ability) . . . get some times 'on the board' before the 09 Diddy Season starts . . .

demonstrate your willingness to be considered for selection for one of the 3 Diddy Teams that BSC runs (The Coaches/Team Managers will be aiming to have around 80 swimmers!).

You can swim as many of the (4 different stroke) events as you wish (for your age group) . . . and for 9Yrs and older there are also (optional) 100m Individual Medley. . . and Freestyle 'Cannon' (8x1length relay) events.

Talk to your teacher/coach about your events/entry times, and return your entry form by **JANUARY 16th** It will be of great help if you can return it before then (Before Xmas?) All swimmers receive a medal.

HELPERS: At every event that we host (from a two-hour gala to a two-day open meet), a team of helpers is neededand 99% of these have to be drawn from the parents/guardians. Can you help?

YOU can help by volunteering to be an official (training provided), poolside marshal/chaperone, recorder (processing results), run the raffle/tombola, or staff the spectators' entry desk. ALL HELPERS MUST BE CRB CHECKED - THE CLUB WILL ARRANGE THIS.

Don't worry about lack of experience! We all start somewhere and it makes the day go quick!

Offers to help can be made via the desk at training, the liaison officers or via 'Contact Us' on the club website.

PLUS! **CREDIT CRUNCH Busting Sponsorship Opportunities are available Now!!** Need some good publicity for your enterprise? Support ours, and we can help each other. Staging an event like this costs up to £1500 and all support is welcomed. Contact us via the website.

2009 WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS: March 7th/14th/21st at Coventry

In 2008 we had the largest contingent of swimmers (70) at the County Championships. **ALL** BSC swimmers who attend **MIDLAND** and **COUNTY SQUAD** training sessions (plus some who attend sessions for lane swimming) should enter the 2009 Championships.

Entry Forms and information are available on the Members' Page of the club website. Completed entry forms should be submitted by January 11th - hand in your completed entry form and cheque. No entries can accepted after this date.

10th - 13th April 2009 - City of Birmingham Open - Stechford Cascades

26th APRIL - PONDS FORGE SHEFFIELD - THE NATIONAL SWIMMING LEAGUE FINAL - sponsored by Speedo

4th - 5th July - Boldmere Level 3 Water Carnival - Stechford Cascades

November 21st and 22nd 2009 - The Third Boldmere Open (Level 2) - Stechford Cascades

The Last Word...

Well how about that for a few months! There was I in early November wondering what to put in the newsletter for Christmas. Then we held a momentous Boldmere Open and I haven't stopped writing since!! I had the pleasure of being just one small cog in the efficient machine that was the 2nd Boldmere Open. It is a huge credit to the club and to the organisers that they can stage an event of such calibre. The clockwork timing, the quality of the events and presentations, and simply watching the girls jumping in for a warm-up to the perfectly timed chorus of "Here Come the Girls!" was fantastic. What attention to detail. And that was just the start of a momentous few weeks! So....all that's left is for me to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Successful New Year! Raise your glass over the festive season and say a toast to the team behind this great club. Cheers!