



1935-1967

1958-60

Heating of pool requested to run winter sessions

1935

Records of Minutes of meetings until present day

1935

Beale Cup awarded for set strokes - see below

1938

Reorganisation of club

1940

Swimming fixtures and water polo matches cancelled

1948

16th June Water Polo, Swimming and Diving Competitions

1953

First club black and gold costume purchased for 15s.6d.

1967

Council banned diving from balcony

Interesting Facts

from Records of Club Minutes

1935 Beale Cup awarded for successes in Breaststroke (100 yards), Backstroke (60 yards), Freestyle (40 yards, 100 yards, 220 yards, 440 yards and 880 yards), diving and plunging

Complete set of hats for the water polo team cost £1.00.

1937 Hire of the Town Baths - 5s. Od. (25p) per hour.

1938 Re-organisation of the Club was requested due to lack of enthusiasm from older players/swimmers, although the Junior section was more active.

Fees increased to 2s. Od (10p) for Juniors and Seniors at 3s. Od (15p), for the season.

1940 Swimming fixtures and water polo matches cancelled. It was proposed that all members who were called to HM Forces '...should remain members without further subscription, until 6 months after the cessation of hostilities'.

Butler Trophy provided for ladies' competition along similar lines to Beale Cup.

1942 107 members (46 senior, 61 junior). SWASC and Haverhill were the only clubs to remain open during hostilities.

Members lost during World War II

1940 Mr. D. Andrews - Navy

1941 Capt. Andrews - Navy

1943 David Farnham - RAF, Sgt. Jack Hoff: Missing, believed killed, Sgt. Donohoe

1944 Mr. A. Richardson

1945 F/O Fred Waring - RAF, missing on operational flight

1946 Membership down to 99 Juniors and six Seniors (many still serving with HM Forces). Request was made that the water should be heated to a better temperature. Also, that a springboard be installed.

1950 Ware, Clacton II, Letchworth, Ely & Prickwillow clubs were added to list of fixtures. Fixtures would be swum on Fridays, with refreshments offered after in The Rose & Crown Hotel, Market Square.

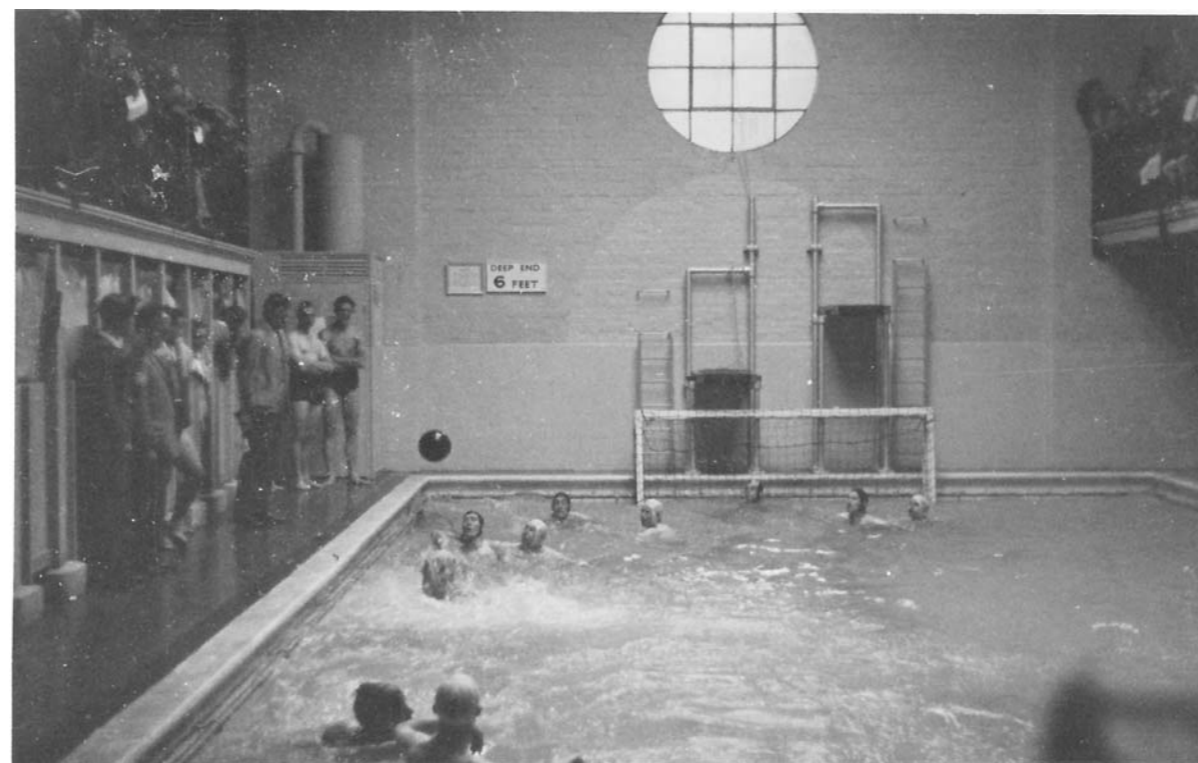
One stopwatch purchased! Floats also to be purchased.

At Southern Counties places were achieved by John Green (2nd - breast) John Wilson (3rd - back) Vivienne Meyrick (2nd - back, 5th - breast) M. Dynes (6th - back).

POST WAR SWIMMING



Swimming Competition 16th June 1948



Water Polo 16th June 1948



Diving Competition 16th June 1948

50TH ANNIVERSARY JULY 1961



Photos from 50th Anniversary Gala held July 1961



Janet Bright/Goodwin, Alan Jones & David Green



1951 After much discussion at EGM annual subscriptions were raised: Seniors - 15s.Od. (75p), Juniors (under 16 years) - 7s.6d. (38p). Seniors to pay additional 1s.Od. (5p) for every away match attended

1952 Vivienne Meyrick and John Miller selected to swim for Essex. Vivienne became Essex County champion (backstroke). in **1953** Vivienne Meyrick became Senior and Junior Essex County Champion (back).

MORE 1960s...



Alan Glider 1964

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Diving inside the Public Swimming Baths in Hill Street 1963/64

1956 Sessions should run from 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm. Non-swimmers would no longer be taken. An attendance fee was charged - 2d per junior and 3d per senior, per session.

1957 Club funds were 'found to be in a very precarious position.' Session fees were increased to 6d and 9d.

1958 - 1960 Club was given permission to look at plans for proposed alterations to Town Baths.

1965 - 1967 Records were to be kept of best average times for all strokes. Stopwatches would be required for this. RAF Debden provided three lane lines and a loudhailer for use at home matches.

Many efforts had been made to purchase/have made new water polo goal posts - to no avail. Water polo equipment was purchased, senior members urged to make use of this.

Purchase of starting blocks was discussed.

1967 Diving from the balcony was forbidden by the Council.