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ATHLETICS: The date of the new Sutton Runner Sutton Park 10k – Sunday, May 23 – is rapidly approaching. Paul Griffin, race secretary of organisers KP Events, is hoping that good weather and people looking for something to do on a Bank Holiday will mean interest grows as the big day approaches.

He said: "Sutton Park on any Sunday in the summer is always a fantastic place for people with families to come and visit and we are hoping that runners in our event will see it as an opportunity to have a run in the morning and then look to maybe spending the day in the park afterwards."

Anyone interested in taking part can enter through www.runnersworld.com, www.ukresults.net, by using a downloadable form at www.kpevents.net or by giving Paul a call on 07947 698147.

TENNIS: Streetly Tennis Club opened its summer season with a closely contested, round robin tournament last week.

The competition was won by Nicky Chinn and Chris Spellacy. The next social tournament will take place on May 23.

As part of its forthcoming birthday celebrations, Streetly will be holding a Centenary tournament on June 20.

The club will also be holding an open day on Saturday June 5. For more details, visit the website

www.streetlytennisclub.co.uk

TENNIS: Sutton Coldfield Tennis Club's AEGON national league first team continued their great start to the season last weekend, making it two wins out of two games so far. Having beaten Leamington Spa 6-0 at home, Sutton secured their second win at Warwick Boat Club on a tie break shoot out after the fixture was tied at three matches all.

The team consists of Stuart Maidment, Chris Priddle, George Hudson, Nick Mercer, Matthew Hingley and Myles O'Meally.

BADMINTON: The Wyndley Badminton League is hosting a Charity Doubles Tournament at Wyndley Leisure Centre on Sunday, May 16. The competition has been launched to raise funds for the Cancer Support Centre in Sutton Coldfield.

More than 65 competitors are taking part in the tournament, including many of Sutton's top league players.

Results

DARTS

Four Oaks and District League: Final of the Richard Winslow Pairs sponsored by Central Container Services – T Frost (2x140, 121) and M Willetts (100) The Fox O P Newman (2x100, 140) and A Jarvie (2x100, 135) Boldmere Sports 3. Final of the Coronation Shield: Old Oscott Arrows 4 (E Atkins 3x100 M Compton 100 M Maher 100 A Lea 2 x100 B Cattell 140 R Kenyon 100 L Jones 100) The Fox 11 (K Shepherd 139, 131, 100, 2x140 C Willetts 140 M Harris 100 R Stanton 2x100 D Perry 100, 125 N Harris 140 T Frost 138, 120b T Martin 100 J Frost 140, 3x100). Final of the Norman Day Cup: Deer's Leap 8 (C Hollender 100 M Brogan 100, 125 D Pickering 2x100 T Ross 2x100 Anthony Kimberley 100 A Kimberley 117b, 160b, 115b) Drakes Drum 7 (K Lumby 100 A Mountford 112b, 140, 100 D Haynes 140 M Pearce 100 C Turnbull 100b, 140).

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TENNIS: Kulbir Blaggan and James McMath claimed the crown when Sutton Coldfield Tennis Club held its annual Curry Cup doubles competition recently. They beat Ryan Preston and Peter Watson 6-3 in the final. Blaggan and McMath had earlier defeated Paul Codrington and Alex Stock 6-4 in the semis, while Preston and Watson had overcome Jim Clark and Simon Mitchell 6-1. In the third place play-off, Codrington and Stock beat Clark and Mitchell 6-1. Pictured are the eight Curry Cup doubles semi-finalists.

Beth leads way as super Orcas show strength in depth at national finals

SWIMMING

By STEVE HARLOW

Swimming correspondent

WEST Midlands champions Boldmere confirmed their status as one of the top 10 clubs in the country at the national finals in Sheffield last week-end.

Swimming against Olympic and Great Britain team stars from squads such as Plymouth Leander, Stockport Metro, City of Liverpool and Millfield, the young Orcas improved on last year's performance.

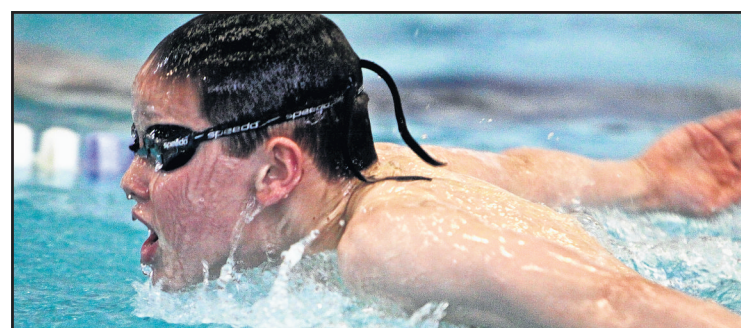
They produced seven top-three finishes which saw the club close the margin on ninth spot down to three points, compared to their 12-point deficit in 2009, with an improved total of 174 as 19 personal bests, 16 individual club records and eight relay club records were set.

Star of the day at Ponds Forge was Beth Grant who, in the 10/11-year 50m breaststroke, powered to Boldmere's sole first place of the final in 39.13 secs – breaking her personal best by 1.76secs and setting a new club record.

For the second year running, Jake Dixon claimed silver in the 10/11-year boys' 50m butterfly and fourth in the 50m backstroke in a new club record.

Bradley Lynch also claimed second in the 13-years 100m freestyle, while sister Holly also took second place behind World Championship silver medallist Fran Halsall in the open ladies 100m backstroke.

There were third spots for both Josh Winnicott in the 13-years 100m breaststroke and Bradley Lynch in the 13-years 100m butterfly, where he set a personal best and two



Clockwise, from top, Beth Grant on her way to 50m backstroke gold; Jake Dixon gets among the medals; and Bradley Lynch awaits confirmation of his time after his 100m freestyle at Ponds Forge.

Pictures by Steve Harlow

club records, one for his 50m split time.

Other club records were set by Emma Smith, Phil Hewitt, James Youngman (2) Penny Whittingham and Joey

Stanger, while personal bests were recorded by brother and sister Charlie and Kristie Hackett, Adam Kelly, Jordan Youngman, Jenny Fowler, Margaret Gately (2) and Chris

Littler. And one of the highlights of the day came in the club's best relay finish in the 13-and-under boys' freestyle.

Dixon, swimming up an age group, set off in 30.12secs to be

followed by Winnicott, Jordan Youngman and Bradley Lynch whose stunning anchor leg moved the team up five places from eighth to an impressive third.



NETBALL: Parkside under-16s became national club champions in Manchester last week. The side, coached by Ann O'Rourke, overcame clubs from Nottingham, Windsor, Oldham and Surrey before beating hosts Tameside 20-16 in the final. The squad was made up of Sophie Masterson, Lauren Massey, Lydia Hallbrooke, Josephine Paul, Ellie Reilly, Cherise Belle-Smith, Charlotte Casserly, Rachel Ward, Kathryn Hoverd, Emily Willetts and Alice Hagyard.

Traditional President's Day marks start of club's season

TENNIS

SUTTON Coldfield Tennis Club held its annual President's Day tournament last week to celebrate the start of the new season.

Traditionally, following the club's AGM, members stay on to compete in a social tennis tournament.

The event was a great success with the format giving members a chance to play with lots of different people.

The event was won by Phil Vaughan and Charlotte Priddle and the club have more social tournaments coming up over the next few months including a Wimbledon tournament and inter squash and tennis competition.

Anyone interested in joining Sutton Coldfield Tennis Club should call Chris Cook on either 0121 355 0917 or chris.cook@suttontennis.com