

## **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

It doesn't seem possible that six months has already passed of my time as President. Time goes so quickly and there always seems to be something going on, unfortunately with a busy calendar things sometimes clash and I haven't always been able to attend as many things as I would like, but I try to get to as many events as possible and will continue to do so for the next six months. I hope to see as many people as possible at the County dinner in November to meet friends and enjoy our successes over the year.

It has been a time of change within the ASA and it has been interesting being part of the committee and keeping abreast of what is happening and trying to pass that information on as much as possible to my clubs. Congratulations to Lee for being appointed as our swimming co-ordinator hopefully we can all work together for the benefit of the County. It is great that at long last we have got our 50m pool in Portsmouth an improved facility for our County's swimmers.

I started my year with club championships and presentation evenings at my clubs - Havant and Waterlooville and Guernsey SC it was great to give awards to swimmers I know personally, and also train with.

March saw our County championship, with some excellent swims, new records and lots of PB's being recorded. It was great to be part of it all. Some of those swimmers went on to do well at the District events and I hope to see a lot of our swimmers at the Nationals in the Summer and hopefully on to 2012!

I was able to enjoy some superb diving at the SE region Championships at the end of May, well looked after by Frank. Unfortunately I will miss the Synchronized swimming on the 20<sup>th</sup> due to family commitments but hope to be able to watch them in action at some other time during this year.

I was unable to take part in the Hampshire masters meet this year due to illness, it felt strange watching from the sidelines instead of competing. We had an increased entry this year and it was good to see new faces taking part, it is great to see participation in the sport regardless of age. John Harrison was racing at the young age of '95' I had already had the pleasure of meeting him at the Isle of Wight Masters meet in February to present him with his medals for European and World records! Well done to Winchester for winning Top Club and thank you to Jenny for all her organisation and I wish her well as she stands down as Secretary this year. I would also like to say congratulations to a fellow 'Islander' - Paul de Feu on his M.B.E. in the Birthday honours list.

At the end of the month I am looking forward to the County Development meet weekends, seeing our up and coming stars of the future taking part. I am sure the next six months will go just as fast and just as busy but I am sure I will enjoy every moment.

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