

Honorary Life Vice President: Mr Dennis Griffiths, Cheam Marcuda SC

Dennis Griffiths' involvement in swimming in Surrey started in 1965 when his family joined South London SC. He became a County official in 1966 then moved into teaching and coaching swimming, qualifying as a teacher, advanced teacher and coach. He was a swimming teacher at South London SC, before becoming Assistant Coach.

In 1972 he moved to Cheam Ladies, initially as a swimming teacher, but later taking over as coach. Actively involved in the running of the club, Dennis held numerous committee roles before moving, in 1984, to Barracuda SC as coach until 1991. Here again he played a full role in administrative roles, and continued to do so when both clubs merged to become Cheam Marcuda.

Beyond his Club activities Dennis was responsible for training Surrey Officials for many years running training sessions at Cheam Baths which produced many of today's senior officials. Active as an official at club, County, District (SCASA), Regional (London Region), National and International events, he passed on many gems of wisdom to his students who have Dennis to thank for getting us involved in Surrey Swimming.

As if all of this wasn't enough, Dennis served as our President in 1984 and 1997 and as support to his wife, Anne, during her Presidential year in 1999. He served on many Surrey committees, organising the County Championships for 10 years and overseeing the merging of the original County Championships with the Age Group competitions. He was also involved in the organisation of the District Championships for a time. Dennis also served on Schools Swimming committees, and was Team Manager for both club and County and London Schools.

The County is delighted to recognise this remarkable 50 years' service to Surrey Clubs and County, and today we honour Dennis as an Honorary Life Vice President.

