



It was a shock for me to be elected as Surrey County President for the year 2016/17 and I was caught totally unprepared for the year ahead and what it all entailed! I have been a County Official for over 30 years and involved in schools' swimming for almost as long as I have been a teacher. As soon as I retired from teaching I was asked to be the Surrey County ASA vice - president and now in my second year of retirement, I have undertaken the duties of the

President.

It has been a huge learning curve for me, not having even been involved with the County Committee before, and I have been unexpectedly pushed into the limelight, something which I initially found uncomfortable to cope with, but I have gained confidence and have rather enjoyed the attention the position has given me! I have been very proud to wear the chain of office and accept the position of "The Mayor of Swimming" as my brother has dubbed me! I have met so many young dedicated swimmers and enjoyed the company of enthusiastic adults, both officials and master swimmers. I regret that I couldn't attend the open water competition last July, nor have I attended a synchro or water polo event either. I acknowledge that travelling to some of these events is an issue for me, as I am not a happy motorway driver, which curtailed my attendance at some of the further afield events.

My inauguration started on 9th June 2016, presenting my colleague Tracy Pearson from SSSA as an Honorary Life Vice President, along with Don and Eileen Harden from Kingston Ladies, and Alan Thurlow. Michelle Ware and Mike Hodgson from Guildford City were awarded Honorary Life Members as British Masters Record Holders and European medallists.



The following week I attended the Kent county dinner with Diane Gamble. By an unusual coincidence of fate that this year's ACM is later in the month of June, I shall be attending the 2017 Kent dinner also!

The Surrey Masters galas took place at SSP on June 25th at SSP. Although I officiated all day, it was my first opportunity to wear my chain of office for presenting the medals and trophies. I am in awe of these wonderful ladies and gentlemen who continue to enjoy their swimming and the racing.

Next, I attended the ASA South East Region ACM at the Holiday Inn in Guildford on Saturday 10th September. It was a relatively short meeting but I really enjoyed meeting Janet Hedger once again. She trained me as a young swimming teacher early on in my teaching career and I achieved both my ASA teaching certificate and the ASA Advanced Teaching certificates qualifications with her. She was an enthusiastic and inspirational trainer.

On 24th September, I was pleased to attend my first diving competition at Guildford Spectrum. The scoring puzzled me but it was exciting to watch these young divers confidently performing their dives. Thank you, Fran, for explaining how the scoring worked!

On the weekend of 22nd and 23rd October I travelled to Ponds Forge, Sheffield with the Surrey County team for the ASA National Intercounty Team championships. I have never been to Sheffield before and witnessing two galas going on simultaneously was fascinating. There were some great swims and the Surrey team eventually secured 6th place in Division 1, just one point behind 5th place. It was a very close match.

In the New Year, on January 28th I attended the Surrey Diving Skills competition at Guildford to make the presentations to the young divers. I had a better idea of the scoring this time! A day later I was back in Guildford at the Surrey Sports Park for the start of the 2017 Surrey Age Group championships which continued into early March. I attended



all 9 galas (a first I must admit for me!) officiating and presenting medals and trophies at all of them too. Presentations were shared with Jane Davies, President of the South East region and Colin Robson, President of the London Region who both helped me with presenting the medals at one of the galas. The swimmers were keen and focused and there were some great swims and PBs achieved by many of them.

On March 18th, I visited Guildford diving pit once more for the Surrey 1m Age Groups and 1m championships and presented medals for these young inspirational divers.

On 11th May at the Surrey Management and Competitions committee meetings at Leatherhead Leisure Centre, along with Diane Gamble, London region vice president, I presented Ann van Beukelen with her well-deserved ASA London Region silver pin award for 10 years of service.

This just about brings me up to date. During June, I attended the Youth Games on Sunday 18th June at SSP and presented medals along with Para-Olympian Stephanie Millward. To finish it all off, I was back at SSP attending the Surrey Masters Championships on June 25th.

Reflecting over the year, it has been a busy and fulfilling time. I have appreciated the huge amount of work behind the scenes, of the Surrey Management and Competitions Committee who only have the swimmers' best interests at heart when making their sometimes difficult decisions. Huge thanks must also go to the team of Surrey County officials who turn out voluntarily and willingly give up their free time to attend the galas. I have been both honoured and privileged to have been chosen as the president for 2016/17. It has been a very special role that I have grown to love! I wish Richard Willis, my successor, a very happy and enjoyable year too!

Carole Chaplin

Surrey County ASA President 2016/17



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Age Group Swimming Report
2016/17

Vince Ayling

2016/2017 has been another successful year for the Surrey Age Group swimming. I have completed my second year in the role as County Team Coach and had a great time, taking the County Swim team to two national competitions. I now have the pleasure to hand over the role to David Vine of Leatherhead Swimming club. David continues for the remainder of 2017 and 2018.

During October 2016, Surrey took part in a thrilling weekend at the National County Championships at Ponds Forge in Sheffield. I was privileged to accompany 24 of the County's' finest swimmers all ranging from the age of 12 through to 17 years to compete against 20 other Counties in Division 1. Surrey came a very impressive 7th in the event and all 24 Swimmers swam superbly. 1st Places were achieved by Woking's Anna Maine in Girls 16/17 years 100m Backstroke, Guildford City's Tatiana Belonogoff in Girls 14/15 years 100m Breaststroke and Dorking's Nathan McCleave in the Boys 14/15 years 100m Backstroke. This year's Team Captains were Molly Robinson, Guildford City SC and Michael Rees of Sutton & Cheam swimming club. Well done team, a great result!

The Surrey County Age Group Championships underwent a trial this year to combine County A and County B events. The County was overwhelmed with the volume of entries proving that this was a hugely popular move, however disappointment was noted with the number of rejections that followed. In the previous year a combination of 6000 entries were received for both the County Age Group Championships and the Surrey Summer meet. Trialling the combined meet met with a total of 9,000 entries, over 3000 additional entries on the previous year. The meet took place over 5 weekends and saw some top-class swimming.

Both Surrey Seniors and Juniors performed exceptionally well with special mentions to those winning multiple trophies in three or more events; Junior Category: Amy Davis of Croydon SC and Joseph Leniham of Sutton & Cheam SC and in the Senior Category: Phyllida



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Britton of Wandsworth SC & Jamie Wilks of Leatherhead SC. Top club, for the 14th consecutive year was won by Guildford City SC, 2nd place Dulwich Dolphins and 3rd place Leatherhead SC.

Further Congratulations to the following Swimmers:

Hannah Russell - Woking SC, Paralympic Swimmer Awarded MBE in the Queens New Year Honours

Anna Maine - Woking SC, Selected for Junior World Championships Indianapolis August 2017

Alicia Wilson - Guildford SC, Selected for Junior European Championships Israel June 2017

Zara Mullaly - Guildford SC, Selected for World Para Swimming Meet Berlin July 2017

The County records saw lots of movement this year just proving that the talent in Surrey is ever growing. Congratulations to Nathan McCleave of Dorking SC who broke the Boys 15 year Age Group, Long Course 50m Backstroke British Record in July 2016.

I wish the County and David Vince, County Team Coach every success next year.

Vince Ailing

County Coach



The 2017 Surrey Championships ran very smoothly, thanks to the willing volunteers, both technical and non-technical, who turned out in sufficient number to ensure that license requirements were met. We have a reliable core of officials which is supplemented by newly qualified each year. Our numbers are growing year on year which is a good sign.

This year's Championships used a different format to previous years, mixing swimmers of all abilities in the County A and County B events. This was a challenge for the volunteers as we were required to staff 23 sessions in total. The upside is that we do not have an Age Group meet in June, however the Masters and Surrey Youth Games are still needing officials. We were able to offer training opportunities to all trainees who attended.

I would like to extend a personal Thank You to all those officials who regularly respond to my requests for help. Your support is very much appreciated. Surrey events just would not be able to run without you!

As you may be aware, I have decided to stand down as Officials Co-ordinator. I am pleased to say that Sharon Porter (Farnham SC) has agreed to take on this role. I hope that you will all continue to support Sharon when she asks for volunteers. Please note the new email address to be used when offering your services at any Surrey sponsored event: **surreyofficials@outlook.com**

Ann van Beukelen, Christina Victor (SER) and myself (London) have run many training sessions for officials across the County throughout the year. Please do contact Christina christina.victor@brunel.ac.uk or me dianegamble43@gmail.com if you want any information regarding officials training courses.

As in previous years I must remind everyone that we cannot continue to run the County Championships, Summer Meet and Masters Championships without qualified officials. It is unfair of some clubs



to take advantage of the excellent competitions we run whilst not providing help of one sort or the other. I continue to hope that these clubs will make more of an effort to recruit people to help on poolside in the future.

My congratulations go out to all newly qualified officials - please do apply for your license and we hope to see you at next year's Surrey Championships. We also have many who have successfully upgraded their qualifications in the past year - congratulations to you too. It is always a pleasure to welcome new Referees to the pool of officials. This year we congratulate Paula Stewart and Sharon Porter on gaining their Referee qualification.

I cannot close this report without also thanking Jules Burvill for her unstinting support and efforts to recruit the team of 'non-tech' volunteers. Whilst they are not necessarily as obvious as those of us in white, they are every bit as important in the running of the County events. If being an official doesn't float your boat, then please speak to Jules and volunteer as a 'Non-Tech'! A special thank you goes to Jules for all her hard work.

Thanks also to the Management Committee and Age Group Subcommittee for all their hard work during the year.

Diane Gamble



Surrey Schools' Swimming Association consists of a very small committee of just four people - two retired teachers, one practising teacher and a very willing volunteer from Woking swimming club, who strive to organise several school galas through the year. The number of galas has reduced over the years, as has members of the committee, and so it is a shame to hear that Croydon Schools Swimming Association will be folding at the end of the academic year. This is a problem that will be faced with too if we can't recruit more volunteers to sit around the dining room table with us! We struggle as it is with two of us retired and wanting to spread our wings more, but being restricted by long term date commitments for gala dates and meetings!

Our season started when the academic year began, in September, with a secondary schools' team gala held at Guildford. Although essentially a Surrey Schools' event, schools that are within the counties of the ESSA South East region are also able to enter. The winning teams are considered for selection at the national round in London in November. Ten Surrey Schools had teams that were selected to swim at this gala and out of those, four teams were placed in the finals, Guildford High, Woking High, Cranmore, Downsend and Glyn School, alongside more prestigious schools such as Millfield and Mount Kelly.

Also in September was the annual diving competition, for both primary and secondary aged divers and competently organised by Fran. This competition is combined with the Surrey age group competition. It always fills me with admiration when these youngsters confidently perform a head first dive, off a 1m or a 3m board!

In January, the last of the competitions for secondary schools took place. This was the individual boys' and girls' galas. Winning swimmers are considered for selection to represent the ESSA South East region for the 67th ESSA Interdivisional gala held at Liverpool



during the weekend of the 11th and 12th March. South East region did exceptionally well in all age groups, coming first, second or third, and then coming second overall with their combined aggregate score. They were also third for the most improved division out of eight divisions. Swimmers were Pearl Griffiths and Spencer Gall EDSC, Michael Rees Sutton & Cheam SC, Cameron McKay Leatherhead, Nathan McCleave Dorking SC, Toby Stewart and Max Windle Guildford.

In previous years we have also tried to hold a South East region gala in about March time but unfortunately this gala did not take place this year.

The primary schools' events are always very well supported by the schools. The team galas are popular for officials needing to cover the relay take overs for their J1 training! This year we had thirty two schools attend the Surrey round in March. The South East region gala in May was a closely fought competition and we are able to send Cranmore, Downsend, St Teresa's, St Catherine's, Guildford High, Halstead Prep and St Hilary's to the ESSA National Finals, yet to be held in Sheffield on June 17th 2017.

In addition to the racing, SSSA also organises a primary schools' annual lifesaving competition "It's a Fish Out" in March for years 5 and 6 at Dorking Leisure Centre. This competition has always been very well supported with regular schools attending for many years. Space is limited to twenty four teams only taking part. The pool is set up as a circuit with eight teams undertaking one of eight activities every three minutes. Teams have a rest of six minutes before they compete again. Activities are scored by volunteer teachers who act as judges, and the highest score wins! This year it was Royal Russell School for the first time ever, where Eileen Jones teaches from Croydon Schools' Swimming Association.

Finally, I must personally thank the Surrey County committee, for supporting us by paying for use of the electronic timing at Guildford



Surrey Schools Report
2016/17

Carole Chaplin

Spectrum which has lifted our competitions to another level for our swimmers. Thank you also to Jim Boucher for attending our galas and giving willingly of his time to operate the system. Huge thanks must also go to the Surrey officials who support us, for without them, none of our schools' galas would take place.

All dates for next season will be found on the Surrey county ASA website shortly.

Carole Chaplin



Our year began with the 3m and Platform Championships at Guildford Spectrum on Saturday 24th September. Fourteen divers took part across both championships, most competing in the junior and senior categories of each. Star Diving Club was the dominant county club in both championships, winning all the Surrey titles in the junior/senior and female/male categories.

Good time management also allowed us to run the Surrey Schools Diving Championships during the same afternoon.

The fourth Surrey Skills diving competition took place at Guildford Spectrum on Saturday 28th January. The circuit-style format, involving six-rounds over poolside, 1m and 3m, proved very popular with 83 grassroots divers competing. Friendly competition from outside the county came from Albatross, Amersham, Chelmsford, Crystal Palace, Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells. The Surrey medallists were all from Star Diving Club.

The 1m Age Groups and 1m Championships were held at Guildford Spectrum on Saturday 18th March. There were 32 entries in the age groups and 12 in the championships. Here county divers were joined by guests from Albatross. Star Diving Club was the triumphant Surrey club, winning the Jimmy Aldous trophy for accumulative points in the age groups.

There have been some notable national successes over the past 12 months. At the National Skills Finals (level 2) in Southend last July, Star Diving Club's team of seven divers came away with silver and gold and four other top-10 finishes.

At the National Age Group Championships (level 3) in Sheffield the weekend after, Star Diving Club's team of 10 divers came away with two bronze, three silver and seventeen other top-10 finishes.

At the England Programmes Diving Talent Games in Leeds in October, Star Diving Club's Freya Kelly and Patrick Hanlon both



finished second overall in their categories and were selected onto the England Programmes zone talent squad as a result.

At the GB Elite Junior Championships (level four) in Plymouth in April, three divers from Star Diving Club represented. Georgia Adams came sixth in the Group B platform and Tilly Brown finished fourth in the Group C 1m and 3m and took bronze on platform.

To have Surrey divers compete at this level of competition is a remarkable achievement given all the other competitors train at centres with extensive dry-land facilities and diving boards up to 10m.

None of the above could have been achieved without coach education and I am delighted to report that the two county coaches in the middle of their level 3 coaching qualification are making steady progress.

The annual competition programme continues to run smoothly thanks to our small army of regular volunteers who give up their time freely to make it all happen. The county JPads, hand-held judging devices, and the multi-media projector used as a scoreboard continue to ensure the spectator experience is as enhanced as can be.

Last September the county bought a speaker, tripod and a wireless microphone, which other disciplines can also make use of. Now we are no longer reliant on sometimes temperamental third-party equipment.

That only leaves me on behalf of our discipline to thank county members for their continued support and look forward to another dive-tastic year!

Francisco Diaz



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Synchronised Swimming
Report 2016/17

Colette Crow

I am delighted to report that synchro in Surrey continues to thrive. Kingston Ladies Swimming Club remains the sole ASA affiliated club within the County with membership currently at almost full capacity.

This year has seen much change within the sport. To coincide with the rebranding of the ASA to SwimEngland, athletes are now required to progress via a new 'grading' structure as oppose to the 'skills' based one previously in place. This new progressive system incorporates a new routine grade alongside the new figure grade, with a land based grade proposed for implementation in 2018.

There has also been a complete overhaul of the current Officials structure. Qualifications for judging synchro have now been reviewed and lower level judges are now required to upskill or retake qualifications to ensure knowledge is sufficient and consistent throughout. This review has impacted on the amount of judging officials available within Surrey, however we are on schedule to improve this over coming months.

The year started well for KLSC as we were successfully accredited to Swim 21 (recently rebranded SwimMark). This is a huge achievement for a small club run solely by volunteers and has given the club the solid foundation to embrace the proposals outlined within the National Synchro Framework for 2017.

Unfortunately, there have only been two competitions to report on as the competition calendar for local/regional competitions has also seen a restructure. In November 2016, the National Masters Synchro Championships took place. The competition was a success with Laura Gee & Louise Chambers placing silver in the 25-29yr Duet whilst Katie Holland placed bronze in the 20-24yr Solo competition. Laura, Louise and Katie were the joined by Chloe Fletcher and Rachael Stevens to place 5th in the Combination Team event.

Our junior swimmers have also been busy training hard and recently competed in the Middlesex Open Level 1 Competition. 9 swimmers



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competed in the figure only competition with Amelia Farr, Esme Jones and Livy Crow all winning gold medals and Katie Wallace winning a bronze medal in their respective age groups /qualification sections. Fab results all around with an improvement upon last year's results.

Our fantastic volunteer workforce of Coaches/Officials/Officers have also been busy. Our coaching team now includes another Level 1 Coach and our Officer Volunteers have seen a vast restructure to ensure our workforce use their strengths to their full advantage. A huge effort to encourage parent involvement means we are closer to ensuring the club continues to improve and develop for the future. Our focus for the coming year will be to restructure our session plans to ensure maximum participation at beginner level and to maximise entry into grading days.

I am delighted to report that having received financial help through ASA funding, we now are able to provide further taster sessions and implement specific outreach work within the local community to encourage wider engagement and participation with boys and men in the sport. With this in mind, we are also looking to rebrand the club to something more gender neutral over the coming months.

All in all, the clubs focus and direction ensures athletes/coaches and volunteers continue to receive a structured progressive pathway. We are on track to re-apply for SwimMark again in August and have plans to migrate to a paid Coaching structure over the coming months. Our Masters team have entered the World Masters Championships later this year and we are on track for our younger swimmers to enter the National Age Groups competition in 2018. If achieved this will be an important milestone for club.



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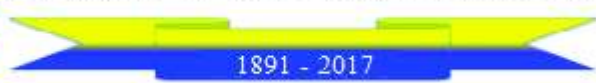
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I would like to take this opportunity to thank our hard-working athletes and valued volunteer workforce who work tirelessly to ensure that synchro continues to thrive within Surrey.

Collette Crow



The ACM timing means that two Surrey Masters Championships have taken place since our late ACM. It has been a year where Surrey's superstars have enhanced their profile on the National, European and World stages.

The LEN European Masters, held at the LAC in May 2016, should have been a showcase for UK Masters but proved to be an organisational debacle. Nevertheless, many swimmers took the opportunity to compete, after some queuing, and, amongst the crowds, Surrey swimmers still managed to take podium places. Jane Asher reigned supreme taking Gold in all her swims and leading Kings Cormorants to a 280+ relay gold. Guildford's Mike Hodgson, David Bryant and Michelle Ware all grabbed a mix of silver and bronze with a few British Records thrown in, and Woking's Alex Smith took a speedy 50m freestyle bronze.

Jane, aging up to the 85-59 group, set off on a year of record breaking at short and long course in all strokes and distances. She graced the 2016 Surrey Masters with 5 records from 4 events, to the delight of the crowd. Mike faced stern competition as he moved out of the 45-49 group in 2016, but still managed to star at national level. 2016 was also memorable for the Masters Decathlon where Jane and Mike topped the rankings.

Results and performances at regional and national competitions are too numerous to list here, but the established masters' clubs continue to send strong contingents to these well-run competitions. In addition, we see small clubs growing their membership and increasing their presence at competitions.

Our two Surrey County Masters championships have seen the number of swimmers and "splashes" increase. Competition for the team trophies has provided added interest and although rivalry is strong, the spirit of the event is second to none. This is due in no small way to the fantastic contribution provided by our Officials and Meet Volunteers. The 2017 championships saw more youngsters (18-24) and newcomers than ever before, confirming the popularity of the format offered.

The highlight of the year will be the FINA World Masters in Budapest this summer and, in preparation, Mike Hodgson nailed a superb five gold medal haul at the World Masters Games in New Zealand. We wish all our swimmers a successful 2017 and I would like to thank all my Committee, Officials and Meet Volunteer colleagues for their wonderful support to our Masters.

Jim Boucher