

Surrey County ASA

Honorary Life Vice President: Mrs Dana Haugli (formerly of Guildford City)

Brought up in the USA, Dana came to Guildford in the 1980's. Never one to stand by and watch others do all the hard work, or indeed stand still for any length of time, Dana soon became involved in Schools Swimming, Club Swimming, County Swimming and, even, Swimming as a swimmer.

Dana qualified as an Official and served our County for many hours on poolside at County Age Group Galas. There hardly seemed to be a job that she couldn't add to her already heavy voluntary workload and her years serving the County have been both generously given and highly productive. Her hard work saw her rewarded as County President in 2008.

Dana's dedication and inspirational leadership were never more apparent than when she took over the running of the IAPS (Prep Schools) Swimming Championships. In her years as National Organiser she took this from humble beginnings into a prestigious competition involving local/regional heats and a fantastic Finals Day, now regularly held at K2. Dana's drive and influence has ensured that IAPS can attract the best Officials and Volunteers for Finals Day, and with her team she has turned in more than a tidy surplus for IAPS too.



In recognizing Dana for County Honours we must not forget her achievements in the pool, although the mind boggles at how she fitted in any training time. Her Guildford City Masters friends recall how she appeared at Sheffield one year, taking the ASA Masters 1500m title in her age group, before dashing back down the M1 to take her children to an evening commitment. It was Dana who actually started the process that has seen more and more of our swimmers take on the English Channel in solo or relay swims. Five got the call to make up the "Guildford Lido Legends" relay with her in August 2005 and, although never able to attempt the Channel herself, Dana did take part in a successful relay around the Isle of Wight in 2007 and completed a solo of the not insignificant Lake Zurich in 2010.