

## **President's Report for 2015 at AGM meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2016**

Another year has passed and what a year for Tiverton Swimming Club!

I am writing this shortly after the Devon Championships, probably one of the most successful I have witnessed; numerous personal bests, finalists and a haul of medals. Well done to everyone involved.

When looking at the changes in the club over the last 12 months the recent successes could be called surprising but I believe that they are down to the hard work and efforts of all involved in the club, both on poolside and behind the scenes, a real testament to the great club spirit we have at Tiverton and the individuals who have stepped in to fill vacant positions.

In 2015 we said goodbye to a number of people and whilst not wishing to embarrass anyone I feel I do have to put out a special thank you to Ian (Former Chair) and Julie Jones (former Secretary) who were instrumental in some of the major changes in the club. Also Dave Clift our coach who had put in place the right work ethic and guidance to our poolside team to ensure the swimmers get the best from each session, and to Steve Carder who stepped in to help in the later part of the year.

Whilst we are still seeking a permanent replacement, the teachers and coaching staff continue to seek personal development to ensure our swimmers get the training and guidance they need. We have also welcomed new faces to our committee and management team and having attended most of the meetings this year, I know that we are in very safe, capable and enthusiastic hands.

During 2015 I had the great honour and privilege of being able to nominate Sue Haigh as Devon ASA President, who was duly elected and is now nearing the end of her term of office. Sue, a Masters Swimmer and committee member of the Club, has been representing Devon throughout the year (on an almost full-time basis!), attending numerous events nationwide. Well done Sue.

It is great to see that the grass roots of the club continue to be well served with the Learn to Swim on Fridays, Race nights on Wednesdays and the Mini league all well attended and with waiting lists. Lorna Burston's work has recently been acknowledged with a nomination and progress through to the final of Young Coach of the Year, to be held at Sandy Park. Good luck to Lorna and thank you for the work you have done.

Finally I would like to say a big thank you on behalf of the swimmers and members to all those involved in the running and management of the club. They give up their time week in, week out as volunteers to allow our swimmers to enjoy the sport. I may not have mentioned you all in name but I could single out every one of you, with examples, of your outstanding contribution during 2015. Thank you.

Looking forward to a great 2016.

Terry Fullick

TSC President.