



Presidents Report for 2017

Many people ask me why I am still involved with swimming given that my children, now adults, no longer swim for the club. My answer has and always will be that I get great personal satisfaction in seeing the young people, and the not so young, achieving their personal goals and believe it or not I do enjoy being part of Team Tiverton! We are fortunate to have a great team here who help provide the skills, support and encouragement that allow our swimmers meet these goals and it has been a pleasure to work with them throughout the past year.

During 2017, as a team of volunteers, we have run Race Nights and distance swims for our younger swimmers. Organised our first Junior Gala, A Club Championships and the 11th Annual Sparkler meet (270 Swimmers from 20 different Clubs) together with an end of year Awards Night where we recognised many of the achievements of our members. Training sets, Records, files and finances have to be kept up to date with many volunteers having to burn the 'midnight oil' on behalf of the swimmers I thank you all

To give new members a feel of what we do as a club I will attempt to summarise some of the highlights and achievements in 2017, my apologies if I have missed anything.

We had swimmers representing the club at the Devon County Championships, Long distance Championships, Relays and Interclub Championships. Numerous medals were won at both the individual and relay events and we finished 6th in Devon in the Interclub event. The less experienced swimmers, 23 in total, competed later in the year at the Devon Developments. 8 Swimmers went on to the regionals and one was invited to swim at the English National Championships, well done Jack Aldridge. Swimmers have also represented Tiverton at numerous open meetings throughout the South West and at the Arena League. Well done to all the swimmers.

Our Masters swimmers represented Devon at the Intercounty Championships, swam at National, European and World Championships with Sue Haigh adding British and European records to her list of Life time achievements. Well done everyone.

I've already mentioned the army of volunteers these include the Coaches, Teachers and poolside helpers led by our Head Coach, Lucy Walton. Our Chair, Sara Dilks, and the Committee members, officials and volunteers many of whom have also continued their own personal development. We have trained 18 new club timekeepers, 8 new Team managers and welcomed a new, Secretary, Membership Secretary, Treasurer and new committee members to the team. Once again thank you for all your help and support in 2017.

A personal highlight for me was at our prize giving in January this year, recognising the achievements of 2017. In addition to recognising the swimmers I had the great honour of presenting a silver salver to Lyn Olsen who having brought her own children to the club to learn to swim over 30 years ago has given her time ever since training our younger swimmers in our learn to swim section.

Looking forward to great 2018.

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