

AGENDA ITEM 3: ANNUAL REPORT, 2012/13

PRESIDENT'S COMMENT

As I settle down and write this comment, I find it hard to believe that I am virtually at the end of a very enjoyable 18 month tenure as President of our County Association.

In the past 12 months, I have once again enjoyed presiding, officiating and presenting awards at our County Championships and at the ASA South East Region Age Group Championships. With regards to our County Championships, I should like to congratulate Rob Moore and his colleagues on the County Swimming Committee for all their hard work in organising an efficient and successful Championships. I have also attended the 2012 and 2013 Reading Royals Synchronised Swimming Novices Competitions which has given me the rare opportunity to see how well the younger competitors in this exciting sport have progressed in a 12 month period. The enthusiasm of these novice competitors is a joy to behold.

Whilst on the subject of Synchronised Swimming, I was delighted to be invited to, and attended, the Multi-Regional Synchro Competition, held in Morden and the recent combined Berks & South Bucks/Hants ASA County Synchro Age Group Championships held at Aldershot. It was a huge pleasure to be a part of the awards presentations at both of these events. There was also an inspirational demonstration at Aldershot by the ASA South East Region Junior Synchro Team of the routine that they were to perform at the Swiss Open in Montreux at the end of last month. The Team, including members from Reading Royals, scored an impressive 3rd place in the team event and were placed 4th in the overall competition. I should like to thank Jean Hulbert for the kind invitations to the synchro events and for the guidance, and patience, in bringing me up to speed with her aquatic discipline.

Sadly, I have attended the funerals of three highly respected individuals within the world of swimming during my tenure. Mr HHV Wilkinson, an Honorary Life Member of our County, Mrs Janet Holdstock, the most recent ASASER Past President and Mrs Lis Hartley, former FINA Referee who was very active in the original Southern Counties ASA, ASASER and ESSA. The sport of swimming is poorer for their passing.

On a happier note, the Chairmen and the Coaches of the clubs in our County are now engaged in newly formed communication networks and, going forward, this can hopefully work to the benefit of our clubs and swimmers.

Although we will see the end of the Berks and South Bucks Executive Committee at the 2013 ACM, we look forward to welcoming the newly constituted Management Board which will take our sport forward in our County. To all my colleagues on the Berks and South Bucks Executive Committee, past and present, it has been my pleasure to work alongside you all and I also thank you for your help and support during my time as your County President. To my colleague and Vice President, Bob Odell, "Thank you for your support and I wish you every success and happiness in your time as County President".

Finally, my gratitude to our Hon Secretary, Mr Roger Penfold MBE, for all his kind support and guidance provided to me, which remains invaluable. I should also like to take this opportunity to thank my wife for her support over the past 18 months. We have enjoyed meeting so many committed, enthusiastic people working in all sorts of roles across the aquatic disciplines.

Nigel Brand

DIVING COMMITTEE

The office of Hon Secretary of the Diving Committee has been vacant throughout the year.

MASTERS' COMMITTEE

The office of Hon Secretary of the Masters Committee has been vacant throughout the year.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

The emphasis this year has been on projecting a more professional image in the County's activities and exploiting the potential of the County's website.

The County's logo was tidied up last year, and has been adopted on all public documents, from headed letter paper to banners and event programmes.

We now have a large archive of images taken at Swimming and Synchro events, and this has made the preparation of printed publicity much easier. With the design of programmes for the 2013 British Gas County Championships, it had the effect of personalizing the events, which is important.

The Inaugural County Development Meet, staged successfully at Bracknell Leisure Centre in October, was covered effectively using the County website. It followed on from a successful Camp held a week earlier at Heathfield School Ascot that featured GB swimmer Craig Gibbons. An inventive programme that catered for both swimmers and their parents was well documented, both on the website and in an article included in the Development Meet Programme.

The attendance of 2012 Olympic Breastroker Andrew Willis at the Development Meet was inspirational to the young swimmers participating. Andrew presented medals to the winners of the 100m Breaststroke competitions. The pictures of Andrew with the winners were posted on the website, and made available to parents and swimmers for download. This was very popular.

Over recent years the County has taken pictures of all winners at our County Championships, and the images given to clubs on disks for use on their own web sites. Using the template developed for the Centenary brochure, that itself used

these images to create a visual record of our most talented swimmers, an 18-page booklet of 2013's winners was designed and posted on our website. It began as a record of the first weekend and was added to as the Counties unfolded. This proved very popular with swimmers, parents and coaches. Many clubs put a link from their site to ours, while clubs like Newbury used the pictures directly.

Issues of picture clarity were solved using a tool in Adobe Acrobat that reduced the size of the document without losing detail in the images.

Requests for particular images were received, which were sent free of charge to delighted parents. Most requests were from parents of our youngest swimmers who had done well in the BAGCAT competitions.

The other major task tackled during the year was the overhaul of the County Handbook. A decision was made to adopt the style of the Centenary Handbook and to publish electronically. It was an opportunity to use some of the best images taken during the year of all of County events. This has been placed prominently on the home page of BSB's website. Work is in progress on 2013's Handbook that will be published on the website at the start of the new swimming season.

Other successes during the year were our excellent 10th place in Division 1 in the 2012 Inter-Counties Competition held at Sheffield, and our Masters 1st place in the South East Region, which placed them 5th nationally when the gala results from around the country were combined.

For a relatively small county we are punching well above our weight.

John Rowley

SWIMMING COMMITTEE

1. County Championships

The championships again went well this year. There were the usual handful of minor problems, but most of these were resolved quickly and without swimmers and spectators noticing. Sessions started and finished more or less on time.

Entries were up around 7.5% on 2012 and close to the 2011 figure (3313, versus 3,082 and 3,305). All those who met the entry conditions were able to swim (there was one reserve swimmer for the 1500m who was offered a swim on the day). It was sad to note that Slough and Eton had no entries this year.

An On-line entry system was introduced this year. It went well and was universally liked by clubs and swimmers. It significantly reduces the administration (and error) for clubs and for the Swimming Committee. We will be making some minor improvements for 2014.

The licensed times requirement caused no significant problems this year, largely as a result of the automatic checking of entry times to ASA Rankings within the on-line entry system.

There were some strong performances and 2 new individual and 6 new team records were set. Windsor did particularly well taking 4 new team records and Maidenhead's Abigail Dow took 2 Junior records. There were also 25 new individual and 3 new team age group best times. A full list is attached in Appendix 1

We suffered a total AOE failure in the second race of session 1. This was due to a problem with the AOE harness, something that has been on the verge of failing for many years. We were able to deploy the backup harness purchased by the County in 2011 (exactly for this eventuality) and continue racing with only a 10 minute delay. Magnet have now purchased a new harness which was used and worked perfectly on 23 March.

As usual we held a conference call (on 27 March) for coaches to feedback on the 2013 championships. As a result, there are some changes proposed for 2014. The 2014 championships will be held on 8, 9, 15 and 22 March 2014.

2. County team

Our newly appointed coach and team manager (Matt Heathcock and Joan Scarrott) took their first county team to the Inter-county championships in October. Their report is attached as Appendix 2.

3. Development camps

Matt Heathcock and Joan Scarrott organised and delivered a one day County development camp in October. The camp was aimed at younger swimmers to give them an insight into competitive swimming at County level and beyond. The camp had excellent feedback and a similar event will be held in October 2013. A full report can be found on the County website.

Matt and Joan have also developed an intermediate level weekend camp. The County have committed funding for this and it is hoped this will take place in January 2014.

4. Development meet

The County held an inaugural development meet in October 2012 at Bracknell Leisure Centre. This was aimed at 14 & under swimmers who did not regularly get County times. There was a strong entry with 11 of the County's competitive clubs attending and the meet has some strong feedback.

Planning is already advanced for the second running of this event on 13 October 2013.

5. Swimming Committee

It has been a very busy year for the Swimming Committee, as evidenced by the activities above. The current format seems to work well, especially for the delivery of swimming events. I am grateful to Helen Whittle, Stuart Fillingham, Jonathan Mills and Gary Shields who were elected to the committee, together with Sue Green (an ex-officio member) each of whom has made a strong contribution during the year

R J Moore

It has been customary to list the current holders of County trophies, and thus the winners of Championships, but the information is not presently available.

SWIMMING OFFICIALS

It has been another busy year for the referees and those that tutor the trainee officials. The year commenced with the success of Roger Prior's starter course, which the candidates all completed successfully. This is a great step forward as, under the meet licensing rules, a qualified starter is all that's needed to referee a level 4 licensed event. I am already taking names for the next course, with an expectation we will have sufficient applicants by October.

The starters' course was quickly followed by Stuart Fillingham's success at the referee exams.

Two clubs held their first JL1 courses and now have qualified JL1 officials for the first time. The number of candidates coming forward is healthy, replacing those that leave as their children progress to higher education. This is proved by the numbers volunteering for counties: we could not proceed without their support and I am grateful to everyone who can spare some time to officiate. The Region still struggles to find sufficient officials for all its events and Berks and S Bucks always provides much of the support.

In order to meet demand, a JL2 course is planned for Wycombe in September, open to all clubs. JL1 courses are running in Chesham and Bracknell. Following the FINA congress at the world championships, we expect changes to FINA rules. The referees will be learning of these in September and then holding updates in their clubs as the CPD course for officials.

We will do our best to carry on, although we will miss Helen Whittle who did so much work training many officials from Windsor, Reading and Tilehurst.

Sue Green

SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING COMMITTEE

Synchronised swimming continues to flourish in the County, with Reading Royals (RR) maintaining its position as one of the top competitive clubs in the country, and Bracknell (BR) having a sizable membership as a recreational club. Both clubs take in swimmers from the age of five upwards, although external competitions are normally open only to those aged 8 and over.

Last year started on a high as two swimmers from RR were in the GB Synchro Team at the London Olympics. Katie Skelton has since retired from the GB Squad, but Katie Clark continues to train with them, and swam a duet at the British Championships in 2013.

In September, at the SER Recreational Competition, RR took 2nd place in the 12 & under AG and 1st in the 13/14, while BR were 4th in the 12 & under and 3rd & 5th in the 19 & under. At the National AG in December, RR did even better to win both 12 & under and 13/14 AGs.

In the competitive strand, RR entered both the Multi-Regional AG competition in October and the National AG in December, carrying off 12 individual medals in the Multi-Regional and 1 in the National AG. Having won medals for Free team in each AG in the Multi-Regional, RR just missed team medals at the NAGs except for an outstanding swim to win the 15-17 AG.

April is the time of the British Championships, and RR competed in duet and team categories. Rhiannon Williams and Sophie Usher won bronze medals for their duet, and, in the team events, RR won bronze for their Combination Team, and pulled up from third in the Technical team to win silver for the Free team.

RR again hosted its Open and Invitation Novices Competitions, in June 2013, from which the County Novice results are taken. Of the individual County medals, RR took 9 and BR 6, although Bracknell swimmers won all 3 Shields for Figures, while RR won both the 8-10 and the 9-12 AG team Trophies.

For the first time since 2006, the County held an AG Competition, this time in partnership with Hampshire County ASA, at the Aldershot Garrison pool in June. The numbers of competitors from each of the Counties is about equal, so pooling resources makes very good sense. As Bracknell's only eligible swimmers were attending a Skills' Assessment that clashed with the competition, all B&SB swimmers were from Reading Royals. Medal winners are shown in Appendix 3.

Following trials in December, 5 RR swimmers gained places in the England Talent Squad: in Level 1 Abi Taylor & Mimi Gray, Level 2 Torrie Usher and Level 3 Hannah Mulshaw & Emma Critchley, and in January's trials Lily Ryan was selected for the Junior GB Squad.

Reading Royals is promoting a new venture in the summer: a week-long camp to which a number of Spanish and Belgian swimmers and coaches have been invited. As FINA is about to introduce changes to the approved figures, this camp will give

our swimmers the opportunity to work on the new figures with input from international coaches and to learn how other countries do their training.

Synchro is grateful for the support from the County, and were pleased to welcome the President and the President-elect to the Novices and Age Group competitions in June. However, our heartiest thanks must as usual go to the many volunteers, supporters, swimmers, coaches and parents, without whom the sport could not continue.

Jean Hulbert

WATER POLO

The office of Water Polo Manager has been vacant throughout the year.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

You may well wonder on what the Secretary of the Association needs to report. In some respects, the answer is, "Very little". However, I think the Secretary has a role, not unlike the van at the back of the peleton in major cycle road races, of sweeping up.

When you read this, you will be on the brink of entering an entirely new era in the history of the Association. While I cannot comment authoritatively on the first 70 years of its life, I can say that the present management structure has been in place for the last 30 years. It changes tonight.

From the conclusion of this meeting, the strategic and guiding force of the Association will be an entirely elected Management Board. This seems to have captured the imagination of our clubs, because they have come forward with the requisite number of nominations for the Board. Now, I appreciate that it is the exact number, and no election is required. But it will be a significant change for the Association to move forward from its Annual Council Meeting with no vacancies for members without portfolio...

I hope that the Management Board has a similar success in filling the vacancies for discipline managers/committees. I take comfort that I know of volunteers who have put themselves forward, for instance, as the managers for swimming and synchro. It would be marvellous if aficionados or proponents of diving, masters and water polo came forward, to look after the interest of those disciplines in the County. We know those disciplines exist in the County. Indeed, our masters' team came 5th nationally, in the inter-County competition. It remains to be seen whether there will be a Berks and South Bucks team in the 2013 competition, in the Autumn. I read reports about diving in the local print media, occasionally. It is a shame that it is very many years since our diving clubs recognised the advantages to them of participation in the Association. I guess that is their loss...

We do, however, know about swimming and synchro, and there are reports about those disciplines elsewhere in this report.

Your Executive Committee has been relatively energetic in its final year. It has made recommendations to its successor, the Management Board, as to the administrative/management structure of the various disciplines of our sport, going forward. It will, of course, be a matter for the Board whether or not to accept those recommendations, but suffice it to say that they were made with the benefit of significant experience of the members of the present Executive Committee,

The Committee also decided that the Association should offer bursaries to those seeking approved qualifications in the sport, on the following terms;

- criteria similar to those adopted by ASA South East Region will be deployed,
- bursaries will be available to members of any club assigned to the Sub-Region;
- no bursaries will be awarded to applicants who are already in receipt of support from ASA South East Region for the course in question.

The Committee has been pleased to hear of the development of the Thames Valley Swimming Network, an organisation originally fostered by the former Regional Director of the ASA South East Region. The members of the Network are the chairmen of the “active” affiliated clubs in the County, and the Executive Committee is considering a proposal of the Network about the provision of equipment to the clubs. Hitherto, the Network has been funded (in terms of meeting venues and refreshments) by the Region. The Region asked the County Association if it would take that role on: the Executive Committee has agreed.

Talking of the Region, Berkshire & South Buckinghamshire “punches above its weight” across the South East. Roger Prior is Chairman of the Regional Management Board, although his current term of office runs out in April next year. Gary Shields and I are Members of the Regional Board, and all 3 of us serve on the Board’s Finance Sub-Committee. Eileen Adams is a member of the Region’s Swimming Group. Jean Hulbert is a member of the Regional Synchro Development Group, and served on the “general” Development Group as well as the Swim 21 Panel.

In 2014, the President of the ASA will be from the South East. So later this year, at the Region’s Council Meeting, there will be an election for the Vice-President of the ASA for 2013. There is every likelihood that one of the candidates for election will be from Berks & South Bucks. It would great if that candidate were to be successful, because, as far as I can tell, no-one from our County has previously served as President of the ASA. The important thing is that clubs appoint delegates to go to the Regional ACM, to vote, and, if that is personally difficult for the delegates, for those delegates to cast their ballots by post, in advance of the meeting.

In terms of the Region, like all other regions, it has lost its Regional Director this year. We wish Keith Sutton well in his new role at ASA HQ. Our region has been paired with ASA South West to form the bailiwick for a divisional business manager.

Alyson Usher, formerly Regional Director down west, has got the job. Her function, however, over her massive area, from the Isles of Scilly to the Goodwin Sands, are very different to those of the regional directors. The Region is presently sorting out its relationship with Alyson.

Seasoned readers of these reports will detect with ease that this is the latest in a series of staff structural changes by the ASA - the deckchairs never stay in the same place for long, but I must stress that this is not the deck of the Titanic! I fear that these almost constant changes do not do the management or strategic direction of the sport any good whatsoever. I suppose, however, that the success of our sport, like all others, is measured in terms of podium appearances, and, more appositely, medals. Sadly, these were in short supply in our disciplines at London last summer ...

There are, however, 2 constants in the regional firmament - Bryony Gibbs, the Regional Finance and Office Administrator and Helen Mack, the Regional Club Development Officer. This especially true since the Aquatic Officers no longer have any relationship with the regions or counties, being an entirely ASA HQ resource, although deployed across the country. Frankly, Bryony keeps the Region running administratively - we would be lost without her. Helen is probably the most prized possession of the Region, especially in terms of our affiliated clubs. She may well be the only "outpost" of the ASA which most clubs ever meet. I think that it is a huge relief that she is employed by the Region, not the ASA!

What the restructuring and refocusing of the ASA's resources may help deliver is improved facilities. Certainly, that is the thrust of some current strands of its activities, designed to help pool operators to maximise the use of their expensive premises, and aid our clubs at the same time. It is early days ... Before his translation to higher things, the former Regional Director had been in contact with a number of our local; authorities about new, improved facilities. We are, of course, promised a new long course facility at High Wycombe in the next couple of years. It would be great is we could confidently say that other new pools will come on stream. I fear, however, that the present austere times will militate against that.

Changing the subject totally, the President has mentioned the passing of "Wilkie" last Autumn. H H V Wilkinson was President of the Association in 1965, 1966 and 1987, and had latterly been awarded Honorary Life Membership of the Association. He had been Hon Treasurer of the former Southern Counties ASA from 1979 to 2001, and served for number of years on the former ASA Committee. The ASA had awarded him both a silver pin and a gold pin, for his service to the sport and he had been the recipient of the Harold Fern Award in 1998.

It was only the last year that he ceased to be a regular attendee at the Executive Committee. We all miss him, and our thoughts were with Janet, Chris and the family last October.

We will also say "Goodbye", but in happier circumstances, I hasten to add, to a number of stalwarts of the Executive Committee, with the change to the Management Board. For instance, Eileen and Ken Adams, Susan Harrison, Madge

Lyne, and Fred Timms (when not in Australia!) have been regular contributors from amongst the ranks of the past presidents. The PPs are, of course, most welcome at future ACMs!

May I take this opportunity to thank Nigel Brand, on your behalf, for his energetic presidency? He has, as they say in common parlance, “put himself about a bit”, and has flown the flag for Berkshire & South Buckinghamshire to good effect.

In conclusion, may I thank Rosemary Large for so ably assisting me through the past year, as always, especially at the meetings when I was double booked, and Sandra, my wife, who has to put up with a lot!

Roger Penfold

BSBASA - 2013 County Championships New County Records and Meet Best Times

New county records

Individuals

Abigail Dow Maidenhead 58.16 County Junior Record Girls 100m Freestyle
Abigail Dow Maidenhead 27.09 County Junior Record Girls 50m Freestyle

Teams

Windsor 1:40.63 County Record Boys 200m Freestyle team LC
Windsor 1:54.92 County Record Boys 200m Medley team LC
Windsor 1:52.18 County Record Girls 200m Freestyle team LC
Windsor 2:05.54 County Record Girls 200m Medley team LC
Reading 4:01.15 County Junior Record Boys 400m Freestyle team
Amersham 4:06.62 County Junior Record Girls 400m Freestyle team

Meet best times

Individuals

Jake Jezzard	Newbury	2:04.84	17+ years Boys 200m Backstroke
Eleanor Dolan	Amersham	1:07.16	17+ years Girls 100m Medley
Sophie Elphick	Amersham	2:21.82	17+ years Girls 200m Medley
Albert Karavis	Windsor	17:06.73	15/16 years Boys 1500m Freestyle
Luke Thomas	Wycombe	4:37.56	15/16 years Boys 400m Medley
Abigail Dow	Maidenhead	58.16	15/16 years Girls 100m Freestyle
Lucy Campbell	Windsor	9:09.55	15/16 years Girls 800m Freestyle
James McFadzen	Newbury	1:00.98	14 years Boys 100m Backstroke
James McFadzen	Newbury	1:02.91	14 years Boys 100m Medley
James McFadzen	Newbury	2:30.58	14 years Boys 200m Breaststroke
James McFadzen	Newbury	2:16.21	14 years Boys 200m Medley
Zara Ryan	Newbury	1:04.72	14 years Girls 100m Butterfly
Connie Dean	Maidenhead	1:07.09	14 years Girls 100m Medley
Connie Dean	Maidenhead	29.59	14 years Girls 50m Butterfly
Imogen McCalman	Reading	1:07.01	13 years Girls 100m Backstroke
Milly Routledge	Windsor	1:00.42	13 years Girls 100m Freestyle
Tom Dean	Maidenhead	1:16.03	12 years Boys 100m Breaststroke
Tom Dean	Maidenhead	18:25.51	12 years Boys 1500m Freestyle
Tom Dean	Maidenhead	2:41.80	12 years Boys 200m Breaststroke
Tom Dean	Maidenhead	32.08	12 years Boys 50m Backstroke
Tom Dean	Maidenhead	35.23	12 years Boys 50m Breaststroke
Moritz Hoogers	Windsor	1:11.96	11 years Boys 100m Backstroke
Joel Lange	Maidenhead	20:03.20	11 years Boys 1500m Freestyle
Ceara Barber	Amersham	1:17.92	10/u years Girls 100m Backstroke
Ceara Barber	Amersham	1:29.94	10/u years Girls 100m Breaststroke

Teams

Amersham	4:06.62	BAGCAT Best Time Girls 400m Freestyle team
Windsor	2:05.74	11/u Best Time Boys 200m Freestyle team
Windsor	2:24.20	11/u Best Time Boys 200m Medley team

APPENDIX 2

REPORT ON 2012 BRITISH GAS ASA NATIONAL COUNTY TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

24 of our best County swimmers set off to participate in the Team County Championship at Ponds Forge, Sheffield, with an ambition to better our performance of last year when we came 12th in Division One. 39 counties including Scottish and Welsh Regions descended on Sheffield comprising over 1,100 swimmers competing in 24 individual and 7 relay events.

The team met at Wycombe Sports Centre at 11:15 and headed for the Intensive Training Centre at Loughborough University to train. The team were met by a message on the pool messaging board wishing Berkshire and South Bucks good luck with the gala and "be inspired". The message was still merrily rotating on the board as we left the pool... and Middlesex County arrived!

Having settled into the rooms, we had a hearty dinner of chicken, pasta, roasted vegetable roulade, carrots, broccoli, tomato sauce, garlic bread, apple crumble, custard and ...fruit salad and retired to Suite 5 for Team Activities. Standing in a circle, the team made a valiant attempt to keep 23 koosh balls moving around the group in a fixed pattern - we're delighted to say that our starting and turning skills this afternoon were significantly more honed than our catching and throwing were this afternoon - but much hilarity was had!

The next challenge was the "name game" with the end objective of each person being able to remember the name of each of the 27 people in the circle. At the end of the game Matt took on the challenge to name each of the team... and added each person's PB to their name.

Nigel introduced himself as President of the County ASA and shared the "good luck" tweets the team had been sent from Craig Gibbons, Katy Clark, Cassie Patten, Karen Pickering, Sharon Davies, Keri-Anne Payne, Andy Jamieson and Rebecca Adlington.

After an Olympic Games' quiz and some television, it was lights-out at 21:30 to rest for the next day.

After an 07:00 rise, breakfast, face paints, fancy dress and photos, the team walked down to Ponds Forge with our President adorned with a jester's hat, suit and presidential chain, Following warm up, the Captains of Berkshire and South Bucks - Oliver Leonard and Kat Shaw - led the opening ceremony, cheered in by the rest of their team mates... and then it was into serious fun and fighting for every point.

In the very early stages we hovered around 14th/15th place overall with swimmers coming anything between 6th and 14th place in the individual events. Our first 20 points came from an awesome swim by Connie Dean in a PB of 58.62: a tightly fought race with Georgina Boyle from Surrey, who finished 0.5 seconds behind her, set the bar for the rest of the team and the team pushed as hard as they could finishing the event with 50% of all individual swims resulting in PBs. Of the

remaining 12 swims, 33% were within 0.2 seconds of their PBs. A great performance!

The focus to try and beat our 2011 final placing of 12th came into focus as we came into the final relays and 10th place was firmly sealed by a second placing in the final squadron relay in a time of 2.34.36 just 0.38 behind Lancashire - the overall winners for the 11th consecutive year.

The following members of the team achieved PBs:

Luke Hollingsworth	100 fly	1:03.13
James Brindley	100 fly	1:01.15
Dan Barraclough	100 back	58.77
James McFadzen	100 back	1:02.67
Ross Calder	100 breast	1:13.21
Ethan Carter	100 free	57.91
Connie Dean	100 free	58.62,
	100 fly	1.05.69
Louise McFadzen	100 back	1.05.25
Zara Ryan	100 breast	1:14.28
Imogen McCalman	100 back	1:09.78
Maisie Cossins	100 breast	1:19.07

PB or no PB, each member of the team swam well and were a credit to their clubs and the County.

The Team:

12/13 year Boys:

Luke Hollingsworth (Amersham), Tom Dean (Maidenhead), James McFadzen (Newbury), Ethan Carter (Wycombe)

14/15 year Boys:

Cameron Moffat (Windsor), Ross Calder (Amersham), James Brindley (Amersham). George Marsh (Amersham)

16/17 year Boys:

Oliver Leonard (Windsor), Max Elphick (Amersham), Daniel Barraclough (Amersham), Alex Farrell (Windsor)

12/13 year Girls:

Constance Dean (Maidenhead), Maisie Cossins (Maidenhead), Thanya Jasinska (Amersham), Imogen McCalman (Reading),

14/15 year Girls:

Abigail Dow (Maidenhead), Zara Ryan (Newbury), Louise McFadzen (Newbury), Becky Dutfield (Windsor),

16/17 year Girls:

Katherine Shaw (Amersham), Lily Glover (Windsor), Florence Claringbold (Windsor), Lucy Campbell (Windsor)

Thank you to Sara Todd and Helen Whittle for officiating; Matt Heathcock for creating the environment over the last two days that allowed all that happened to happen and last but not least our County President, Nigel Brand, who braved the whole event wearing his jester's hat!

Until 2013 County Team Championships, I wish you all the best for this year.

Joan Scarrott.
County Team

APPENDIX 3

SYNCHRONISED SWIMMING MEDAL WINNERS 2012-1013

29th September 2012	<u>SER Recreational Competition</u>				Combination Teams	
12 & under	2	Reading Royals	4	Bracknell		
13/14	1	Reading Royals				
19 & under	3	Bracknell Team 1				
	5	Bracknell Team 2				
13th October 2012	<u>Multi-Regional Age Group Competition</u>				Competitive	
<i>(All swimmers from Reading Royals)</i>						
Figs 9/10	2	Mimi Gray	3	Alyssa Bassinger		
13/14	3	Hannah Mulshaw				
15-17	2	Rhiannon Williams	3	Lily Ryan		
Solos 15-17	2	Rhiannon Williams				
Duets 12& u	3	Victoria Usher/Marissa Gray				
15-17	1	Rhiannon Williams/Sophie Usher	3	Lucy Farrell/Natalie		
Saudan						
Teams 12&u	2	RR	13/14	2	RR	15-17 1 RR
30th November 2012	<u>National Recreational Competition</u>				Combination Teams	
12 & under	1	Reading Royals				
13/14	1	Reading Royals				
1st/2nd December 2012	<u>National Age Group Competition</u>				Competitive	
Figs 9/10	4	Mimi Gray	5	Abigail Taylor	6	Alyssa Basinger
11/12	4	Victoria Usher				
15-17	4	Jade Hearmon	5	Rhiannon Williams		
Solo 12 & u	3	Victoria Usher				
15-17	3	Rhiannon Williams				
Duet 15-17	4	Rhiannon Williams/Sophie Usher	7	Lucy Farrell/Natalie		
Saudan						
Teams 12&u	4	RR	13/14	4	RR	15-17 1 RR
13 th /14 th April 2013	<u>British Championships</u>					
Free Duet	3	Rhiannon Williams/Sophie Usher	RR			
Combi Team	3	RR				
Free Team	2	RR				
8 th June 2013	<u>B&SB Novice Competitions</u>				(RR=Reading Royals, BR=Bracknell)	
Figs A 9-12	1	Isabel Turrell	RR			
13-19	1	Anna Jealous	BR – Royals Shield			
Figs B 9-12	1	Cerys Larsen	RR	2	Isobel Blinkhorn	RR 3 Anna Boehing
13-19	1	Tazmin Foster	BR – Hulbert Shield			
				2	Isobel Clark	BR 3 Laura
					Cornbloom	BR
Figs C 8-10	1	Lara Kemp	RR	2	Isabella Dover	RR 3 Tegan
Cockerell RR						
	9-12	1	Ellie Stevenson	BR – Timms Shield		
				2	Millie Affleck	RR 3 Sophie
Underwood RR						
	13-19	1	Amelia Williams	BR		
Combination Teams	8-10	1	RR	9-12	1	RR
22 nd June 2013	<u>B&SB Age Group Competitions</u>				<i>(All RR)</i>	
Figs 10&u	1	Lucy Rothwell	2	Alyssa Basinger		
12&u	1	Harriette Smith	2	Abigail Taylor	3	Anna Welland

13/14	1	Victoria Usher	2	Milly Harris	3	Alex Turrell
15-17	1	Natalie Saudan	2	Esme Lower	3	Maisie James
18+	1	Caitlin Ahern	2	Rhiannon Williams		
Solos 12&u	1	Harriette Smith				
13/14	1	Victoria Usher	2	Milly Harris		
Duets 13/14	1	Victoria Usher/Jenny Bates				