



**Chesham Swimming Club
Annual General Meeting 2008
Sunday 18 May
Chairman's Report**

The year has flown past, culminating in last week's very successful Golden Compass Gala. I am sure you all agree that events like that provide evidence in spades to support our mission:

- To be a friendly club
- To enable children to develop their swimming skills to the best of their ability as part of a healthy lifestyle
- To introduce children to competitive swimming

This mission is the basis behind all of what Chesham does. Because of this we have a successful, thriving and financially healthy Swimming Club. Here are some of the highlights from the last 12 months.

2007

June

- Some fantastic swims at South East Region Age Group Championships
- Milton Keynes league action in round one
- Potters Bar and Maxwell Open Meets
- Last round of Personal Challenge 2007

July

- Assisted with the running of the Chiltern Junior Triathlon
- Milton Keynes league action in round two
- Barnet Cophall Sprint Meet
- Successful and Enjoyable Fun Swim and BBQ

August

- Time for a break!
- William Rea competes at Nationals

September

- Milton Keynes League final
- Maxwell Autumn Meet

October

- Crawley early bird Meet
- Speedo League round one at Waterlooville
- Many Swimmers qualified for the County Championships

November

- Club Championships
- Speedo League round two at Bognor Regis

December

- Oxford, Nuneaton and Sheffield Open Meets
- Speedo League final at Waterlooville

2008

January

- First round of Thames Valley Junior League
- First round of Chiltern League
- Lots of swimmers compete in the Barnet, Windsor and Burns open Meets
- Personal Challenge 2008 begins

February

- Round two of the Thames Valley Junior League
- Hatfield Valentines open Meet
- South East Region Qualifying times
- Berkshire and South Buckinghamshire County Championships begin
- Round two of Chiltern League

March

- More Berks and South Bucks County Championships over three weekends
- Reading open Meet
- Lots of PBs, South East Region qualifying times and Club records
- William Rea qualifies for the 2008 Nationals
- Final round of the Thames Valley Junior League – runners up in the B final

April

- Runners up in Chiltern League final
- Crawley open meet

May

- Allan Eyles Meet at Reading
- South East Region Youth Championships
- No frills open Meet at Aldershot
- Jasmin Ballingall qualifies for the 2008 National Championships
- Golden Compass Gala
- Enfield and Hatfield open Meets

It has, as you can see, been another busy and successful year, with everyone from our newest members to those in the most competitive squads being involved. We hope that we are able to inspire children to achieve their potential, as well as ensuring that they enjoy themselves along the way.

It is, however, with a great sadness that I note the passing of Gordon Morrison, a former Club President and Chairman, during the year. He will be much missed.

The Club has many people to thank for its continued success:

- Liz, Roger and the team of volunteer coaches
- The Website Team
- The Management Committee
- The ladies who run the Club shop
- The Poolside helpers and all our volunteers, on whom we continue to rely.

Chesham Swimming Club has an enviable reputation for the best team of volunteers in the district. We are always looking for new helpers, however, to ensure that we have enough support going into the future. If you would like to join in, please speak to Sonja Ballingall or any member of the management committee.

Jane Curtis
May 2008

