

Chairman's report 2015/16

Being chairman of the club for the past year has been a privilege. I always wish I could be around more during term-time but I am grateful that a number of meetings could be scheduled during my holidays in order for me to attend them. It is an honour to have been part of it all for another year.

The success of this year has surpassed even my most idealistic dreams. The committee members and volunteers around me have conspired in a commitment to make this club as special as it has ever been. We also benefited from the contributions of some special people we have unfortunately lost from our team of volunteers during the year.

There have been recent triumphs in the pool, of course, and we can be proud of our swimmers' efforts at all levels but we have also improved as a club. A highlight must be the exemplary leadership and drive we saw from committee members to secure a record fundraising total of well over £6000, boosting the togetherness of the club in the process. Radio interviews helped to raise the profile of Haverfordwest Seals further and we also twinned with a swimming club in California. The presentation evening was once again a personal highlight for me, as we celebrated our swimmers' achievements in the lovely encouraging atmosphere our volunteers, parents and swimmers have continued to cultivate. We may be able to make further improvements in some areas but we should certainly stop to reflect on a number of jobs well done!

A free club outing to the Blue Lagoon again demonstrated the committee's commitment to fostering a family atmosphere in our club, and it is to their credit that there are so many successes this year that I can't mention enough of them. The introduction of squad photos was another highlight and I am also very pleased that a number of volunteers have benefited from attending Level 1 coaching courses. If I were to list our successes in the pool, I could double the length of this report at least. From personal bests and local galas to club records and Swim Wales representation, it has been a year to celebrate.

Well done to the swimmers and parents who have helped to make this a wonderful year for the club and its members, and thank you to the amazing volunteers and committee members of our club for the truly inspiring work you've done. You are clearly a special group of people and you have made Haverfordwest Swimming Club stronger, better, and happier!