

# **HERTFORDSHIRE AMATEUR SWIMMING ASSOCIATION**



**ANNUAL REPORT  
2012-2013**

## General

This annual report covers the year from July 2012 to June 2013. The Hertfordshire ASA Annual Council Meeting takes place in July, with the county financial year end being 31<sup>st</sup> March.

The Management Board has met five times in the year to oversee the development and delivery of swimming within the county. The Board is still much depleted, with seven vacancies, and it is very disappointing that volunteers are not forthcoming. Part of the problem is probably the perception that a wealth of experience is required. This is definitely not the case. What is required is people with positive ideas and a commitment to the development of swimming in the county. The discipline committees, apart from the water polo committee, have also met on a regular basis. There are vacancies on some of these too,

During this year the county website has continued to flourish, and has been an excellent communication tool, providing an excellent service to our swimming community. There are, of course, always improvements which can be made, and, because our sport depends on the volunteer to give their time, it is not always possible to have an ideal situation where information is totally up to date. It has nevertheless been a huge success, and the work of Alan Doyle in providing this superb communication tool is hugely appreciated.

The forums have continued this year. Ian Mackenzie has worked hard to set them up and provide the opportunity for interaction and communication between the clubs and coaches, and also with the county. The aim is to get everyone talking to each other, sharing best practice and addressing problems encountered. Attendance has been reasonable, but there is plenty of room for all clubs of all disciplines to attend for the benefit of our clubs and athletes.

Hertfordshire continues to be a role model in the ASA East Region in many areas - for example, in the provision of forums, and in the number of officials being trained. Hertfordshire was also the first county in the region to facilitate a county conference. Sheila Mackenzie has again been the Hertfordshire representative on the ASA East Region Management Board this year and will take issues to the region on your behalf, if necessary. Ian Mackenzie has continued as the chairman of ASA East Region and is also the regional representative to the ASA Board.

The county has been very fortunate in the support which Leanne Brace, as the regional Aquatic Officer for Hertfordshire, has provided to our clubs again this year. Many clubs have praised the help and encouragement which Leanne has provided. Leanne changed her job in January when she became the ASA East Region's Club Development Officer, with a role to provide support to clubs throughout the region.

Once again this year many of our county athletes have qualified to compete at national and international level, and we applaud their achievements. Special congratulations are due to Adam Brown (Hatfield SC) who competed as part of the GB team in the London 2012 Olympics. We are proud of you, Adam! Congratulations also to Craig Hunter, a county life vice-president, who, as Chef de Mission for the Paralympic Games, was largely responsible for the huge success of the event! Congratulations Craig! Richard Crisp (Potters Bar Synchronised Swimming Club) and Chris Sage (Beaumont Diving Academy) were officials at the Olympic events. Having completed the Young Aquatic Organisers Award last year, Lauren Geddes, Luke Ames and Jessica Walters were helpers, poolside, at the Aquatic Centre for the Paralympic Games. Hertfordshire was also well in evidence in the volunteers who were Games-Makers for the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

You can read of the success and progress of the various disciplines within this report, but I would highlight synchronised swimming, which has continued its revival due largely to the great work being done by Amy Bryant (Aqualina SSC and regional synchronised swimming manager). Water polo thrives in the county's clubs, but there has been a lack of county input and development in the last couple of years. However this year there are very positive moves being made which hold promise for the future of the discipline.

So aquatics continues to flourish in Hertfordshire. Please consider carefully whether you could contribute to this success by giving a small amount of your time to your county, so that we can go on to even better things in the coming year.

## **Disability Swimming**

The Hertfordshire ASA Disability Group organised the 3rd Disability Development Day which was held at Hertfordshire Sports Village, University of Hertfordshire, Hatfield on 16th February 2013. This year the Development Day was part of the Hertfordshire ASA Conference. The Conference also launched the 'Herts Coaching Week' and Herts Sports Partnership funded the cost of all the rooms and water-time over the weekend, as well as supporting the organising team.

Rob Aubry (GB Development Coach for disability swimming) led a session on Low Classification, and to support the theory in the classroom, the 19 coaches who attended then got to see a dry land session and a pool session led by Rob, to actually see demonstrations and join in the coaching. Around 20 swimmers, with a variety of physical impairments, supported this event by attending to demonstrate their needs from their coach to enable inclusion.

At the same time, there was a seminar delivered for our teachers wanting to gain an understanding on how to include swimmers with severe physical impairments into a mainstream environment. Ten learners attended this session, and again it was followed by a poolside session to demonstrate the theory learned.

Carl Cooper, Playground to Podium Officer for British Swimming, organised both the presenters and all the athletes, bringing them from various part of the country. Carl also supported the county and its members by negotiating funding for the day through British Swimming.

## **Diving**

2012 was another successful year for Hertfordshire County Diving, with divers competing at county, regional, national and European events, and with divers from both Beaumont Diving Academy and Dacorum Diving Club putting in great performances throughout the year. There remains a fierce, but healthy competition between the two clubs at county events, and numbers of competitors entering these events continues to rise. County competitions were held at Hatfield, Hemel Hempstead and Stevenage pools, with costs of pool hire for competitions being kept to a minimum due to using Hatfield and Hemel Hempstead pools for many of the events, on Beaumont and Dacorum club nights respectively.

Great performances were seen at all of the events throughout the diving calendar. At the National Skills event in Southampton, Matthew Riley from Dacorum Diving Club gained gold in the Boys Group D event, with Danielle Plumb, also from Dacorum, securing a bronze medal in the Girls Group C event. Several medals were gained at the ASA National Age Groups competition, including Phoenix Page and Summer Jasmine Sweeney from Beaumont Diving Academy, who won the Girls 3 Metre Synchro event. The Hertfordshire Age-Groups competition was re-instated into the event calendar, with amended conditions, which proved to be a successful event, with some outstanding performances, including that of Ben Carman and Ashley Franklin. Ben Page made history for Dacorum Diving Club, being the first member ever of the club to dive at the GB Junior Elite Diving Championships, held in Plymouth. Ben put in a great performance, coming 7<sup>th</sup> in the platform event, narrowly missing out on a place in the final. This was a significant achievement for Ben, Dacorum, and the county. These results give just a flavour of some of the outstanding achievements throughout the year. A healthy Masters aspect to diving within the county continues, with divers from both clubs attending competitions throughout the year, both home and abroad. A successful County Masters event was held at Stevenage pool in October, thoroughly enjoyed by all, and the county will look to make this a larger competition in the future, encouraging divers from further afield to enter.

On the technical side, Chris Sage from Beaumont Diving Academy was selected by FINA, the governing body, to be the Great Britain judge at the London 2012 Olympic Games - an immense achievement for Chris. This is a unique and rare honour, and comes four years after his daughter, Hayley Sage, represented Great Britain in the Women's 3 metre Synchro event in Beijing. Judges from within the county also had appointments both regionally and nationally at competitions throughout the year. Numbers of coaches, judges, and recorders increased in 2012 from both clubs, but we continue to seek further courses to develop technical skills within the county. Coaches from Beaumont Diving Academy also attended the first ever LEN European Diving Symposium, held in the city of Bolzano, Italy.

The enthusiasm and excitement from the London 2012 Olympic Games also saw waiting lists at both clubs within the county, already long, increase significantly, and this was only enhanced by the television programme "Splash", hosted by Tom Daley. Divers from the county also were asked to take part in the series as display and stunt divers. Beginner courses, various diving programmes and talent ID initiatives allow these waiting lists to be turned over as quickly as possible, to recruit further talent into the county clubs.

## **swim21**

The swim21 accreditation is regarded by the ASA as a mark of a well-run club, with systems in place for the support and benefit of its members, especially its athletes. The following clubs are swim21 accredited as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013

Beaumont Diving Academy  
Buntingford SC  
Harpenden  
Hertford SC  
Hoddesdon SC  
Stevenage SC  
Watford SC

Bishops Stortford SC  
City of St.Albans ASC  
Hemel Hempstead SC  
Hitchin SC  
Letchworth ASC  
Verulam ASC  
Welwyn Garden SC

Others are in the process of 'working towards' accreditation. On-line accreditation and the support from already accredited clubs should assist those clubs starting out on the accreditation journey. County funding for many courses linked to the club's swim21 status remained available. The appointment, in January 2013, of Leanne Brace as the Regional Club Development Officer, will continue the great work of support which she was already providing in her previous role as Aquatic Officer for Hertfordshire.

## **Workforce Development**

The committee started the year with three vacancies, but thankfully this has been reduced to just one with the recent addition of Mark Horrod and Bob Horne, who is the Hertfordshire ASA representative on the East Region Club Development Group.

Throughout the year the committee has focussed on the previous goals of assisting people to find appropriate courses run by the Institute of Swimming and other bodies, encouraging the organisation of such courses, and providing funding to subsidise the costs. The committee has also undertaken, when appropriate, to address any requirements that arise from club members at county forums.

The Hertfordshire ASA website has been maintained with details of courses available in the county that have been organised at ASA approved centres.

The ASA East Region/Hertfordshire ASA funding scheme, which covered coach/teacher qualifications and courses required for swim21, was suspended at the end of February 2012, however during the year from 1 April 2012 the county contributed £2,309 to settle outstanding commitments to the scheme.

The Hertfordshire ASA has continued to cover the cost of courses for officials for all clubs and to contribute 25% to the cost of Continued Professional Development (CPD) sessions for swim21 clubs and clubs recognised by ASA East Region as working towards swim21. In the year from 1 April 2012 the county paid a total of £1,286 directly to 11 clubs, with 14 claims for 82 course places. A further expenditure of £1,997 was incurred to enable the delivery of courses for officials and team managers, which were free to the participants.

Following a survey to establish what would interest coaches and teachers, the committee attempted to organise a county conference in September 2012. This was thwarted by difficulty in finding a suitable venue, but, with inspiration from Janet Warrington, the committee assisted with the organisation of a very successful weekend conference, which included a butterfly master-class run by Kevin Ayres, in February 2013, at the Hertfordshire Sports Village.

The master-class was very well received by the coaches, and a similar session covering breaststroke was held at St. Albans School in May 2013. This was also very much appreciated by those who attended, but it was disappointing there were only 15 teachers/coaches.

The committee has reviewed development with Leanne Brace, the East Region Club Development Officer, and, as a result, there is an intention to introduce a schedule of training opportunities covering a 12 month period. This is not yet in place, but with support from Leanne a much needed Time to Listen course for club welfare officers was run within the county in May 2013.

## **Competitive Swimming**

2012 – The Olympic year... there can only be one headline for us - Hatfield's Adam Brown competing with Team GB

### **Inter-Counties swimming:**

#### **Regional:**

Sadly there was no Regional Inter-Counties this year - a small matter of a home Olympic Games getting in the way.

#### **National:**

Congratulations must be extended to our team at the British Gas National Inter-County Team Championship 2012, held at Sheffield in October. They finished an excellent seventh in division one, and only missed sixth place by one point. The team all competed excellently, and registered a number of PBs between them. At one point they reached the dizzy heights of second place in the running totals. Division one consists of the top 20 counties in the country (including Scottish and Welsh districts), and there are a further 19 teams in division two - so seventh place overall was a great achievement.

Although everyone contributed to the result, special mention must go to our event winners on the day: Martyn Walton stormed to a clear victory in both the 100m freestyle and the 100m backstroke events in the 14/15yrs boys' age group, and our 12/13yrs boys' medley relay team also fought hard for a narrow victory.

Other top 3 placings were:

Caleb Hughes - 2nd in 16/17yrs Boys 100m Freestyle and 100m Backstroke

Katie Armitage - 2nd in 16/17yrs Girls 100m Breaststroke

Liam Curran - 2nd in 12/13yrs Boys 100m Butterfly

Boys 14/15yrs - 2nd in the Medley Relay

Shauna Lee - 3rd in 16/17yrs Girls 100m Freestyle

Georgie Pryor - 3rd in 14/15yrs Girls 100m Butterfly

As well as competing extremely well, the team represented the county with great spirit and excellent behaviour. They were supported by coaches, team managers, officials and our president.

Special thanks go to Kevin Binns for pulling the team together and overseeing the whole venture. The 2012 team have set a high standard for this year's to follow.

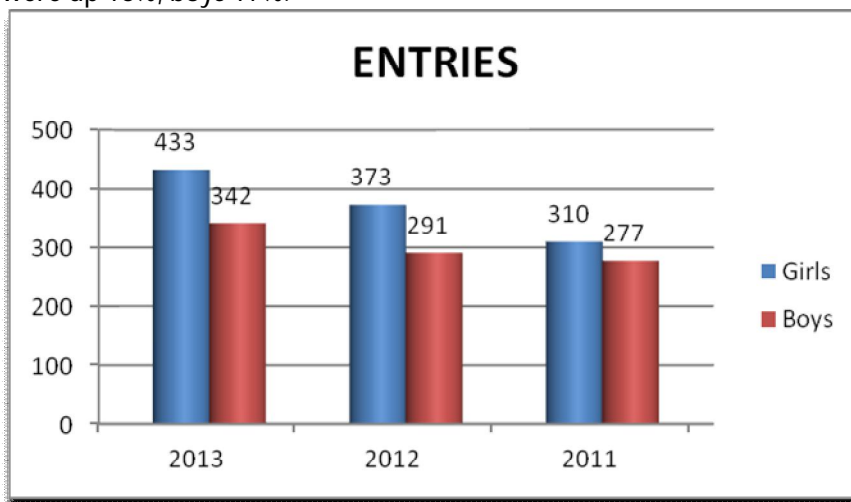
### **County Championships, Age Groups & BAGCATS:**

Without any shadow of a doubt, this is the biggest event we organise. This year was a repeat of the successful event we staged in 2012. The lack of feedback suggests that we did most things right.

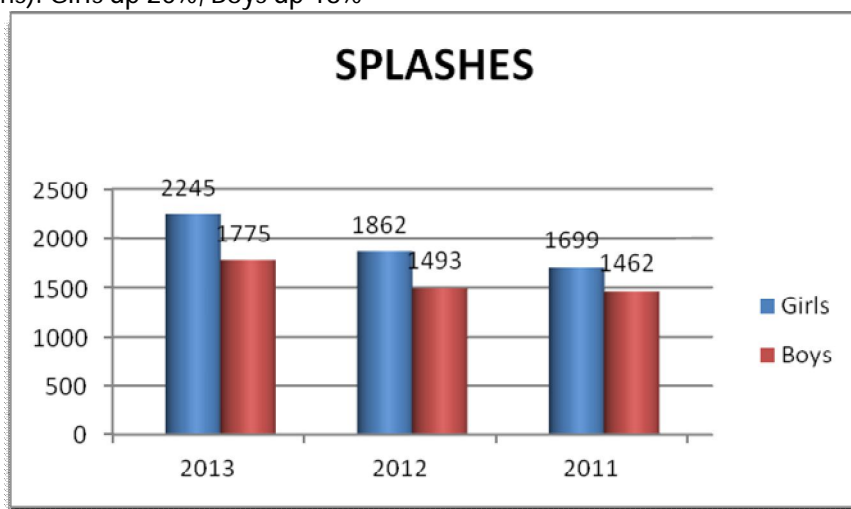
The headline figures for 2013 are

775 swimmers entered - up from 664 in 2012, 4128 swims - up from 3418 – all scheduled into eleven sessions over three weekends, with all the sessions running to schedule

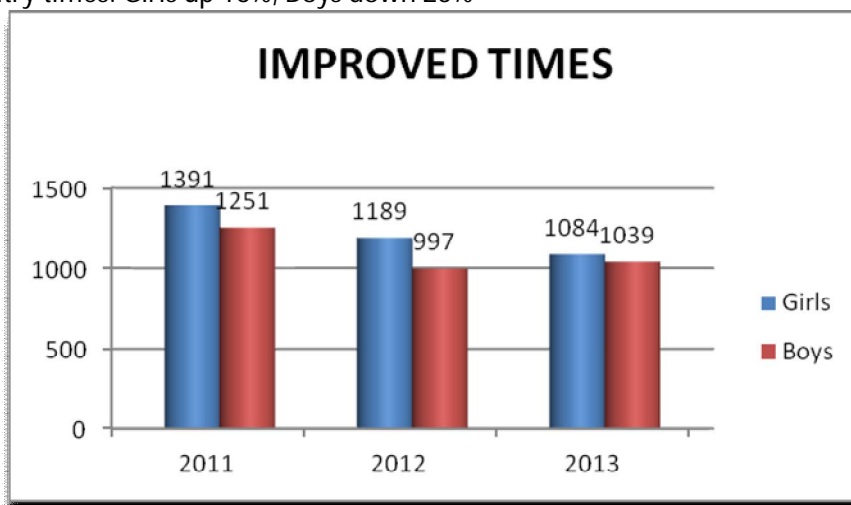
Entries: Girls entries were up 16%, boys 17%.



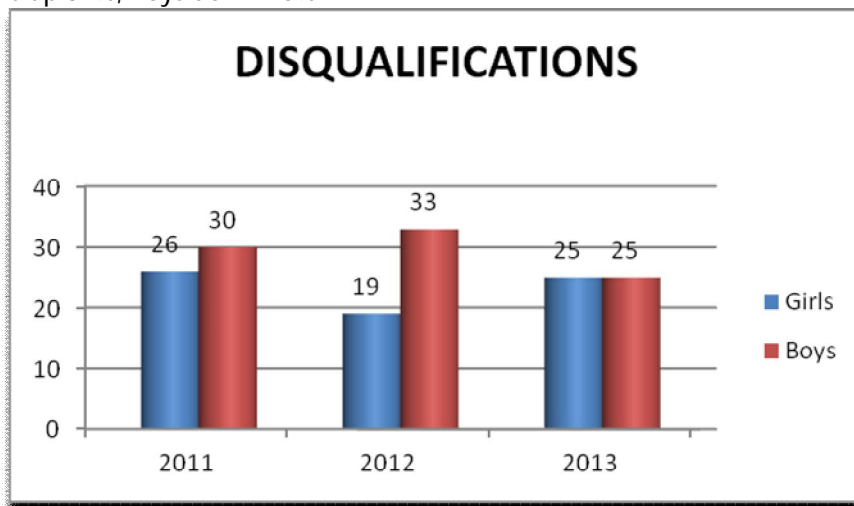
Splashes (actual swims): Girls up 20%, Boys up 18%



Improvements on entry times: Girls up 16%, Boys down 25%



Disqualifications: Girls up 37%, Boys down 10%



We again had merchandise for sale - hoodies, polo shirts and hats, and Gogglebox were again in attendance. For the second year running we had to place a second order for hats, as we sold out in the first weekend. The fact that businesses are happy to come to support our events is indicative of the quality of the event and the fact that they enjoy them. Thanks have to go to the event management team for putting the event together and overseeing it again. This year we also approached a local business – Affinity Strutton who have offices over the road from The Venue to see if we could use their car park. They were happy for us to do so, so we used it for our officials, which saved us having to refund parking costs over the two weekends.

For the spectators, we introduced two TV screens in the foyer at The Venue which allowed people to watch live feeds from the pool whilst getting out of the heat, and being able to enjoy a coffee. This is something we will be working on again for 2014. We owe thanks to Dan Shiells for sourcing the equipment and staff for this, and will be working with him in our planning for next year.

We were impressed to have 20 of our clubs represented this year.

Hatfield once again took a clean sweep, collecting the aggregate trophies for Championship Women & Men, Age-Group/BAGCAT Girls and Boys and the Overall Aggregate Points Trophy, and are to be congratulated on maintaining their high standards of performance.

This competition remains our biggest commitment within the county and we will continue to focus on it.

Many thanks to everyone involved in the event –swimmers/coaches/officials/volunteers/parents and organisers.

### Development Meet:

We listened to the coaches and reinvented the event as a Novice Meet to try and encourage swimmers, who do not get to Counties, to come and compete in a different environment to what they may be used to. Unfortunately, when entries closed, there were not enough entries to justify running the competition, so it was cancelled. Fortunately, The Venue did not charge us for the booking, so there were no losses apart from time.

### The Bob Daplyn Trophies gala:

The 2012 competition saw some fantastic racing. We had 16 girls' teams and 12 boy's teams competing. The winning teams this year were:

	GIRLS	BOYS
<b>GOLD</b>	Watford A	Potters Bar Blue
<b>SILVER</b>	Harpenden A	Berkhamstead SC Green
<b>BRONZE</b>	Hoddesdon A	Stevenage Black

The atmosphere on poolside was terrific, and we intend to try and build on this for 2013's competition.

## Masters:

The 2012 Herts Masters competition took place most successfully on 23rd June 2012. At the entry closing date, the number of swimmers and swims were as in table below. The table includes a comparison with 2011 swimmers:

Year	Male Swimmers	Female Swimmers	Total Swimmers	Total Individual Swims *	Total Relay Swims *	Total Swims*
2011	75	45	120	367	46	413
2012	53	78	131	349	48	397

Note - \* before scratches & no shows

Overall there was an increase of about 11% in number of competitors, a decrease of about 5% in number of individual swims, and an increase of about 4% in number of relay swims

Personal Bests were secured in 54% of the women's swims, 44% of the men's swims and 15% of the relay swims. Disqualifications were in 2% of the women's and relay swims and 3% of the men's swims. There were 7% no-shows in swims, and 6% scratches from swimmers present on the night.

There was an excellent turnout of 30 officials, including three referees. A further four officials secured mentoring on the night.

As ever there was difficulty in securing event support staff before the gala. However, on the night, many of the swimmer's supporters (lots of wives, partners and children) performed a sterling service.

## 2012 Inter-County Team Masters & Senior Age-Group Championship:

The county came a close third in the closely fought Inter-counties Masters gala held at Newmarket on 18th November. Final gala scores were:

- 1st - Essex – 259 points
- 2nd - Norfolk – 231 points
- 3rd - Herts. – 226 points
- 4th - Beds. – 160 points
- 5th - Suffolk – 139 points

Cambridgeshire did not field a team.

This was an excellent display by the team – securing 19 first and 11 second places. The team was reduced in strength compared to previous years, owing to injury to a few key athletes and some availability issues.

## Open Water:

This year we were unable to train at Lee Valley White Water Centre owing to the London 2012 Olympics.

There was a very successful county championship event which was part of the regional event. There were more swimmers in each event and several regional medals were won. The complete results can be viewed on the ASA East Region website.

At the national event swimmers from Hatfield had great success with Nathan Hughes winning the 1.5K in the 12 years age-group, and Caleb Hughes, in the 15-16 years age-group, winning the 1.75K. The girls also enjoyed success, with Lucy Charles being the winner of the 2K event for the 17-18 years age-group

## Swimming Officials:

The training of officials in the county continued this year, with the majority of the workload being undertaken by Marilyn and Derek Hughes, but with support from the county's experienced referees. Club timekeeper courses requested by clubs were delivered at the club's pools by these volunteers, and J1, J2 and J2S courses have been delivered, mainly at Stevenage Swimming Centre, followed by mentoring and assessments at various events.



Referee training has also been delivered to two candidates during this year. Officials continue to be encouraged to become licensed and Continued Professional Development (CPD) sessions have been delivered throughout the year. As in past years, an excellent number of officials have been trained in the county throughout the year, but the retention of these officials will always be an issue as parents, who have qualified as officials, leave the sport when their children no longer swim. We are very fortunate in Hertfordshire however that there is a small, but very loyal and experienced core of officials, who no longer have a parental involvement, but continue to support the county athletes. It has to be said though that the support from the fantastic number of one hundred different officials over the weekends of the County Swimming Championships in March was great!

## **Synchronised Swimming**

The county's three clubs have been involved in two regional competitions at Stevenage Swimming Centre in October 2012 and March 2013, competing in both figures and routines. All three clubs sent swimmers to a regional development day in Norwich in September 2012, and Aqualina SSC and Dacorum SSC had swimmers at a second development day held in Hemel Hempstead in February 2013. Potters Bar SSC ran their annual competition in July 2012, which Aqualina SSC and Dacorum SSC both attended, along with other clubs from the region.

Unfortunately a Level 1 Synchro course to be held at Stevenage Swimming Centre had to be cancelled as not enough people booked on in time for it to run. However, a Level 1 course at Stevenage is being planned for August 2013 and is looking likely to run with the numbers already booked on.

As well as regional development days and competitions in 2013/14 there is also a good chance of some of the county's swimmers being selected to attend extra monthly training as part of the ASA East Region talent development programme.

## **Water Polo**

### **Obituary**



Sadly, Dave Webzell passed away in March 2013 after a long battle with illness. Dave was a very well-known and well-liked figure in the water polo family, playing for Enfield and Shiverers, as well as running the Potters Bar Imperial Toucans Water Polo Club. He also set up and ran the very successful Women's Water Polo Club at Potters Bar, some of these players going on to play for GB and now English Roses Club, including his daughter Sarah. Dave also made great contributions to the London Leagues and associated competitions. Dave was also the Team GB Manager in the 1980s, accompanying teams to Moscow and Holland.

For Hertfordshire, Dave was a member of the Executive committee, in 1988, the Water Polo secretary from 1980-82, and again from 1988 to 1990.

Additionally, he was a member on that committee for 18 years, 1985-2002, and 2004. He also represented Hertfordshire Water Polo on the Southern

Counties referees committee from 1986 to its disbandment in 1996.

There have been many comments following his passing, but all remember Dave's refereeing as being exemplary and with humour, earning him the title "Major Webzell" - often sending out players with a smile and a few spoken words about their misdemeanours.

He will be sorely missed by all who knew him. His funeral was held on 10<sup>th</sup> April.

### General

The Water Polo Manager changed in 2012, with Stephen Cook from Hitchin Swimming Club picking up from Steve Chambers of Watford, who continued with event organisation. 2012 was a steady year, with a repeated running of the Knockout Competition and the League.

### Hertfordshire & District League 2012

Watford ran out eventual winners of the league this year. There were eight voided games (no results received), and ten games with declared results. After subsequent consultation with the team secretaries, the volume of voided and declared results games were deemed to be due to the number of games that the teams play (a number of the more established teams play in multiple leagues and National Leagues), and the disparity in team

strengths, for example national league sides playing against new and/or much weaker sides, resulting in markedly disparate score-lines.

#### League Table: Final League table - 2012

	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	Void	Goals Scored	Goals conceded	goal difference	Points
Watford	14	12	0	2	0	134	56	78	38
Cambridge	14	7	0	1	6	95	34	61	25
Bedford	14	7	0	3	4	69	38	31	23
Dunstable	14	5	1	3	5	74	68	6	23
Hertford	14	4	2	7	2	78	111	-33	22
Hatfield	14	4	2	4	4	61	75	-14	20
Biggleswade	14	2	1	7	4	56	87	-31	14
Hitchin	14	1	0	11	2	33	129	-96	13

#### League Match Results

	Bed	Biggles	Cambridge	Dunstable	Hatfield	Hertford	Hitchin	Watford
Bedford	\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	W-L	L-W	11-6	Void	W-L	Void	5-11
Biggleswade	L-W	\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	5-12	Void	6-11	7-6	7-10	4-10
Cambridge	8-7	12-3	\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	Void	W-L	Void	22-2	10-3
Dunstable	4-8	Void	Void	\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	9-4	11-6	9-1	8-6
Hatfield	Void	8-4	1-20	6-6	\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	7-7	10-2	4-12
Hertford	7-21	14-14	W-L	8-9	6-2	\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	11-2	5-17
Hitchin	2-17	4-6	Void	1-7	3-8	3-7	\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	L-W
Watford	W-L	W-L	13-11	17-5	W-L	18-1	27-3	\\\\\\\\\\\\\\

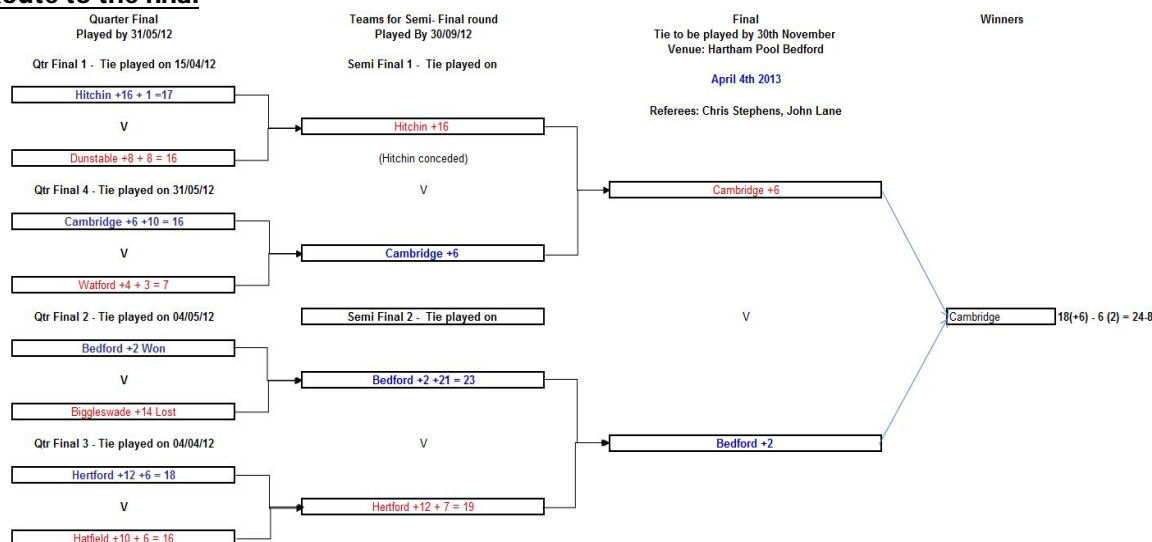
#### Hertfordshire & District Handicap Knockout Competition 2012: Winners - Cambridge

The final for the Knockout, held in March 2013, was between Cambridge and Bedford, at the pool in Bedford. This was a tough encounter, with one Bedford player wrapped for "brutality" and one Cambridge player substituted with blood injury. Cambridge built up their lead steadily over the four quarters, with the score-line moving 4-2, 8-3, 12-5, and then running out winners 18-6 in the final quarter. When adding in the handicap of +6 for Cambridge and +2 for Bedford, the final score-line moved on to 24-6. The presentation of the "Gus Goater" trophy and the winners' medals was made by Grant Chivers, Hertfordshire ASA President.

Many thanks and appreciation must go to the staff at the pool, for dealing with the injured player, and with their forbearance with the overrun.



## Route to the final



## Juniors

Hertfordshire has no formal junior league at present. However, younger teams are emerging at Hitchin, Hertford and Bishops Stortford, in addition to the established programme at Watford, and it is hoped that junior player development can progress in 2013.

Despite the lack of teams, Hertfordshire held trials in October for the ASA East Region Youth tournament at the Inspire Luton pool in October 2012 and a team was selected to represent Hertfordshire. The team acquitted themselves well and finished runners-up behind Essex.

The team was:

Kavi Pau (GK) (Watford), Adam Nash (Captain) (Watford), George Sadler (Watford), Dinos Crayotis (Watford), Oliver Last (Watford), Marcus Rodin (Watford), Sam Carling (Watford), Sam Cook (Letchworth), James & Richard Thomson (Letchworth), Paul Botje (Watford), Adam Kohler (Watford), Oliver Nash (Watford).

Our thanks go to Steve Chambers of Watford and Steve Cook of Hitchin for arranging and coaching the trials at Watford and to Watford WPC for hosting the trials during their training sessions.

## Discipline

There was one two-match suspension during the season. There were also two other incidents, both with awaiting decisions pending further investigations – one in the knockout final held in March 2013, and one early in the 2012 season.

## **Forums**

Forums have been organised during the year. There have been four Club Forums, three Coaches Forums, two Chairman's Forums and two Officials' Forums. Every effort is made hold the forums different days each time so that a clash with club night is avoided, but this is very difficult to achieve. Attendance has varied, but the interaction provided by such meetings has been well worth-while for those who were able to be there

## **Awards**

### **Roy Rogers Memorial Trophy**

The trophy is awarded to the person, team or club who has made a significant contribution to the sport of swimming. This year the award was awarded posthumously to Alan Bowell.

### **The President's Plate**

The trophy is awarded, at the sole discretion of the President, for conspicuous service to Hertfordshire ASA. This year it is presented to Marilyn and Derek Hughes.

### **The Wilkinson Sword**

The sword is awarded annually for achievement in the sport of swimming, but there were no nominations this year for the award.

## **Finance Officer's report**

The accounts for Hertfordshire ASA are presented in the same format as in previous years, and are at the end of this Annual Report.

It should be noted that a major event for the year, from a financial perspective, is the County Swimming Championships, which completed at the year end. Consequently, a relatively small number of payments had not been processed by the end of the accounting period. The major known commitments as of end March 2013 are shown in the accounts to present an accurate year-end working balance.

A number of clubs have received funds from the Hertfordshire ASA development fund. It should be pointed out that the fund has remaining monies which are still available to swim21 clubs.

On a personal note, I would like to thank all those who have helped me over the last 12 months as Finance Officer without whom it would have been so much more difficult. I would also like to acknowledge all the hard work of the Management Board, discipline managers and volunteers from all the clubs, without which Hertfordshire ASA would not function.

## **Appreciation**

The county could not function successfully if it were not for the many volunteers who give their time freely to support our athletes. Help is always appreciated whatever is the role you undertake, whether it is at your club, at competitions for your club, or at county events, and whether it is 'technical' or 'non-technical' support, it needs to be there, so thank you to all of you who work for the benefit of our athletes.

Grant Chivers has been our President this year, and, as a county, we have been very fortunate in the support that he has given. Grant has represented the county and supported our athletes at many competitions and events, both at county level, and regionally and nationally, presenting medals and trophies. Thank you, Grant!

Finally sincere thanks to all our officers, board members and others elected to the various committees, who have given their time and expertise, freely, to develop the disciplines and the county association, in support of our member clubs and our athletes.

**For, and on behalf, of the Hertfordshire ASA Management Board**

**Sheila Mackenzie**

**Association Secretary**

## President's Addendum

My reaction on being asked to be President was a mixture of surprise and honour. Having agreed, I wondered what it would be like for the ten months until I took over from Charles.

Actually, it has been very enjoyable and an opportunity to see aspects of our sport that I would not normally experience. I am always impressed by the commitment and dedication of our athletes – whether they have just entered the sport or have been involved for decades, and whether they are potential Olympians or participate for the fun.

Equally impressive is the hours of support from all those that enable this to happen – and mostly from volunteers. We are fortunate in Hertfordshire to have a strong group of coaches, officials, and club volunteers who are willing so often to give up their time to allow the athletes to excel. The strength of our clubs is a testament to this.

Throughout the year I have seen all the aquatic disciplines. My first official duty was to present the trophies and medals at the combined ASA East Region and Hertfordshire County Open Water Championships. It is always a good day out and this year did not disappoint - some excellent swims and good water temperatures.

Another fine day was spent near Newmarket at the Inter-County Masters Championship – after a beautiful drive through lovely countryside, I helped present the trophies once more. The highlight was a sub 30 second 50m freestyle swim in the 65+ age group.

Equally enjoyable were the county diving competitions at Hatfield and Stevenage. It was a pleasure to see such a wide age range of divers performing, with total confidence, from the 1m, 3m and 5m boards. I went to my first synchronised swimming event at Stevenage and gained an appreciation of the athleticism involved in this sport.

The final of the knock-out water polo competition was at Dunstable – with some committed play from everyone, this was a great event, and it is good to see water polo growing across the country.

Swimming inevitably was where I spent the most time. This included sitting in a suit (not my favourite garb!) on a hot poolside in Ponds Forge for the National Inter-County Team Championship: many great swims from the county's best.

On behalf of the county, I attended ASA East Region swimming events at Cambridge and Luton. I presented at the Daplyn Trophies gala and at the marathon that is the swimming County Championships. Having announced and officiated at many a county event, it was interesting to spend time actually watching the swimming as a spectator and to see more of what happens behind the scenes.

Some clubs asked me to come to their club championships, including the inaugural gala for new Berkhamsted Swimming Club.

It has been a pleasure to watch so many events and to present the certificates, medals and trophies to all the athletes. They were genuinely pleased to receive them.

London 2012 was at the start of my year – and I was able to present commemorative certificates to some of those involved, including Adam Brown (received by Nick Juba), Craig Hunter, Chris Sage and Tina Lander.

A final thanks to all those involved in running Hertfordshire ASA – those on the Management Board, the committees and the volunteers, as well as the clubs' coaches and volunteers. None of this would happen without you.

I wish my successor Chris Sage well and trust he has as much fun as I did.

Grant Chivers



# **Hertfordshire Amateur Swimming Association**

## **Summary of Accounts**

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**1st April 2012 - 31st March 2013**

**prepared by**

**Grant Chivers  
Finance Officer Hertfordshire ASA**



# **Hertfordshire ASA**

## **Summary of Accounts**

### **for period**

**1st April 2012 - 31st March 2013**

These accounts have been prepared by Grant Chivers and have been agreed by the Management Board of Hertfordshire ASA.

These accounts have been inspected by Mr Bruce Weir in accordance with ACA rules and regulations.

Neither the Management Board nor Mr Weir accept personal liability for the accounts which are presented in good faith.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Grant Chivers, Finance Officer

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Bruce Weir, Inspector

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Derek Milton, Chairman Hertfordshire ASA and on behalf of Management Board

## Balance sheet

	31.03.13	31.03.12
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and bank accounts	£70,118.18	£75,352.10
Debtors	£15,786.25	£4,576.00
Tangible assets	£994.00	£1,048.00
	<b>£86,898.43</b>	<b>£80,976.10</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
All liabilities	£2,949.35	£26,264.73
<b>Working balance</b>	<b>£83,949.08</b>	<b>£54,711.37</b>



## Assets and Liabilities

	31.03.13	31.03.12
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Cash and Bank Accounts</b>		
<b>Account</b>	<b>Balance</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Current	£3,406.86	£5,385.31
Deposit	£41,024.40	£44,406.96
Investment	£10,081.01	£10,075.93
Petty Cash	£152.89	£113.59
National Savings Bank	£15,453.02	£15,370.31
	<b>£70,118.18</b>	<b>£75,352.10</b>
<b>Debtors</b>		
	£15,786.25	£4,576.00
Debtors		
<b>Tangible Assets</b>		
		<sup>2</sup>
Tangible assets	£994.00	£1,048.00
	<b>£86,898.43</b>	<b>£80,976.10</b>
<b>All assets</b>		
<b>Liabilities</b>		
<b>Uncashed cheques</b>	£42.00	£0.00
	£2,907.35	<sup>3</sup> £26,264.73
<b>Creditors</b>		
<b>All liabilities</b>	<b>£2,949.35</b>	<b>£26,264.73</b>

## Breakdown by Activity <sup>4</sup>

	31.03.13	31.03.12	Difference
<b>Diving discipline</b>			
Income	£647.00	£1,032.50	-£385.50
Expenditure	£1,881.00	£473.00	£1,408.00
	-£1,234.00	£559.50	-£1,793.50
Surplus funds			
<b>Swimming discipline</b>			
Income	£60,484.99	£45,238.36	£15,246.63
Expenditure	£68,117.14	£25,648.45	£42,468.69
	-£7,632.15	£19,589.91	-
Surplus funds			£27,222.06
<b>Water polo discipline</b>			
Income	£0.00	£2,170.00	-£2,170.00
Expenditure	£185.00	£1,120.00	-£935.00
	-£185.00	£1,050.00	-£1,235.00
Surplus funds			
<b>Workforce Development</b>			
Income	£0.00	£0.00	<sup>6</sup> £0.00
Expenditure	£6,035.97	£0.00	£6,035.97
Surplus funds	-£6,035.97	£0.00	-£6,035.97

## Further details for Swimming Discipline - for 01.04.12 - 31.03.13

Area	Income	Expend	Surplus
Swimming Counties 2012	£6,212.00	£1,000.00	£5,212.00
Swimming Masters 2012	£2,080.00	£0.00	£2,080.00
Swimming National Intercounties 2012	£2,000.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00
Swimming Daplyn 2012	£1,180.00	£0.00	£1,180.00
Swimming Novice Event 2012	£1,540.00	£1,540.00	£0.00
Swimming Counties 2013	£47,412.99	£0.00	£47,412.99
Swimming Counties 2012	£0.00	£24,031.25	-
			£24,031.25
Swimming Masters 2012	£0.00	£773.26	-£773.26
Open Water Champs 2012	£0.00	£163.50	-£163.50
Swimming National Intercounties 2012	£60.00	£3,164.00	-£3,104.00
Swimming Daplyn 2012	£0.00	£425.07	-£425.07
Swimming Counties 2013	£0.00	£33,793.66 <sup>5</sup>	-
			£33,793.66
Festival of Swimming	£0.00	£2,226.40	-£2,226.40
	<b>£60,484.99</b>	<b>£68,117.14</b>	<b>-£7,632.15</b>

## Notes to accounts

- 1 This document is the summary of accounts for Hertfordshire ASA for the year 1 April 2012 to 31 March 2013. Full details are held within the SAGE accounts which is used by Hertfordshire ASA
- 2 The assets that Herts ASA owns, based on asset register and writing off assets over 3 year period.
- 3 This is for commitments which are known as of 31 March 2013
- 4 This page shows the income and expenditure of the competitive disciplines. There was no income or expenditure associated with "synchro" in this FY or the previous one
- 5 The 2012 swimming county championships are held in March, at the end of the FY. Some costs associated with the championships were not incurred by the end of FY. These are shown as liabilities and are not directly attributed to swimming
- 6 Workforce Development funding was not separately identified in 2011-2012
- 7 All transactions on our accounts are recorded into Sage Instant Accounts, which uses "journals" to capture the transaction. Each journal is given a "journal number", which is unique and used to unambiguously identify the transaction.

The nominal activity reports (i.e. 01.04.12 - 31.03.13) that are generated from Sage include all transactions that have been entered, which thus include uncashed cheques. As far as Sage is concerned, the cheques have cleared.

Therefore, the "reconcile" details in this summary of accounts removes all uncashed cheques transactions from the accounts and hence the report on the accounts is aligned with the bank statements.

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