

Secretary Report
Runnymede Swimming Club
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I took over as Club Secretary at the start of 2019.

I continue to be inspired by the Clubs successes, which span 40-years and to this day continues to positively improve the health and well being of the wider community. There is a strong membership with people aged between 8 and 80+. The Club has an excellent Swim School, solid Master Section and, I suggest, the most established Swim-Ability Squad in Essex. In fact we have shown there is a real appetite amongst people with disabilities to swim and it is a lack of available pool time is our biggest challenge in this area.

It must also be remembered that RSC is a small community not for profit Club and would not survive without those people who continuously give up their limited spare time for the benefit of others. I would like to put on record my thanks to all of those who do so. Next year the Club needs to review the various functions that people are undertaking within the Club to better spread the demand and help increase the number of Club volunteers.

Again it is pleasing to report that Runnymede SC maintains its Swim Mark accreditation. The action plan associated with that qualification is constantly being reviewed and thereby helps us identify development opportunities. Jack Petchey remains a valued partner of the Club and provides opportunities to reward our members in many ways. Besides those winning bespoke awards Jack Petchey allows the Club to fund various activities or purchase resources which would not otherwise be available.

The Committee has seen a number of new members over the past 12-months who have brought new skills, knowledge and experience to the Club. A number of people who have for many years positively contributed are planning to stand down from their roles. I would just like to acknowledge the contributions made by Rhiannan Falkus and Simon Ford.

Over the next 12-months I would encourage the Club to review its organisational structure to identify opportunities for new members to become involved in the management of the Club.

In the meantime I will conclude by reiterating my, earlier remarks. Whatever the role without people giving up their limited free time for the benefit of others Runnymede Swimming Club would not exist. The impact you have on the well being of others will never be fully known. So to all those that do I publicly thank them.