

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2012/2013

I would like to start by thanking the committee for their support and excellent work over the past year, in particular Nicola Rix for her endless work as Club and Membership Secretary, along with Karen Manser, who remained as acting treasurer throughout the year despite standing down last year. Thank You for the extra year! I would also like to thank Will Osterburg for his continued help especially during the difficult period without our notice board, which made a lot of extra work for this year's Club Championships.

We have had a successful year in the pool, unfortunately not a win this year against Wulfrath. It was a narrow 10 point margin, which made for an excellent gala, just the wrong result!

I would like to thank Claire for offering to take on the role of Head Coach last year. Claire and her coaching team have put in a lot of effort over the past year – they all willingly give up their time to support the club and we value their contribution. We are constantly looking for helpers on poolside so if you are over 14 and interested in helping out, please contact any committee member.

In 2014, it will be our 80th anniversary and the 40th exchange between Ware and Wulfrath, so a big year! We have had some excellent fundraising events throughout the year, a big thank you to Audrey Byron for the quiz nights at Wodson park, to Jenny Matthews for the Summer Grand Draw and Karen Manser for the 100 club. Whilst these events have helped to raise money, unfortunately it's never enough, so fundraising is an ongoing effort for the Club. We are always looking for sponsorship and ideas for fundraising and would welcome any volunteers who are willing to assist with our efforts.

I would also like to thank everyone who volunteers their services throughout the year for the benefit of the club, whether it be helping on poolside, timekeeping, judging, recording, refreshments, raffle, cake making(for the tea tent)etc. etc. All your work is much appreciated. It just remains to say thank you to Fanshawe Pool and their staff for their help and support and to Keith Ian for their generous support for the club.

Let's hope 2014 proves to be another successful year.

Chris Buck

Chairman