

Chairman's Report 2011

It has been a fantastic year for the club once more. We can justifiably say that Biddulph is the top club in North Staffordshire. Looking at the young talent being nurtured at the moment, I feel very positive about the future - I feel things can only get better.

There are so many people to thank for their hard work during the last year and hopefully, many more to come. To everyone who has contributed to the club in any way this year - a great big Thank you. There are two people who should be "mentioned in dispatches" - Phil Matthews whose enthusiasm and hard work make his trainchild, the Biddulph Open Meet, such a success year on year; and Pete Abbott our Head Coach who has re-structured training, planned imaginative programmes for all levels of swimming and generally galvanized the club.

Whilst it has been a good year for the club, it has of course been a very sad one for Darren and his family. We all wish them the very best and hope that one day if he feels circumstances will allow, Darren may be able to return to coaching in some way.

Finally a plea to every member and their parents, grand parents etc. Please support the bag packing at Marnes. This is a chance for EVERY member to do some urgent fund-raising. It is very easy to think of excuses not to be there - but don't. To paraphrase the famous First World War slogan - "YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU". Will you be there?

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Dave Vacey