



**Dear All Members,**

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank the following people for a very well run successful and enjoyable **FIRST Open Meet for Redhill & Reigate Swimming Club.**

I would like to thank our Open Meet organising committee, Stan Hornsey, Tracy Evans, Vikki Brittain, Marcus Dollar, Sylvia McCrae, Jackie Strange, Debby Champion, Chris Green, Sarah Hornsey, and Christine Amey , plus I'm sure I've forgotten others, please forgive me if I have! Everyone who had offered their help in any way they were able to; are hugely appreciated by all at RRSC. The comments I have received from many officials, who thought the meet was well run and the catering provided for the officials (managed by Vikki) was exceptional. Thank you very much Vikki.

I must again thank Stan for taking charge of the Open Meet. This is a very stressful job in itself and bringing everything together was a great challenge, resulting in a huge success. Thank you very much Stan.

Our starters, timekeepers, chief timekeepers and Judges etc, deserve huge thanks for standing on the poolside all day. It becomes a very tiring day but hopefully well worth it for you all!

Can I also share some fantastic news with you all. One swimmer, who really fought hard for a great time, ended up becoming our first swimmer with a National QT. Please join me in congratulating William Robinson on achieving his National Time for 200m Backstroke finishing around 2.10, well inside the National qualifying time. Congratulations Will, you have become a true inspiration for RRSC. A vote of confidence goes to all our coaches for the hard work they have put in to help Will achieve his time and all the other swimmers who achieved county / regional times at the meet.

May I also thank Rupert Greatwood for spending so much time in the sports hall throughout the day organising all the swimmers and looking after their bags whilst the competition was taking place, even though his own child is too young to take part. Additionally, for the extensive clean up mission afterwards. Can I also thank at this time, Leander Swimming Club for helping to clear up, your help was much appreciated.

We are coming to the end of our competitive year and what a year it has been. We've seen great competitions come and go with some fantastic times achieved. The 3<sup>rd</sup> round of the Arena (Speedo) competition last night was swum brilliantly by all our swimmers. The effort put in by all was truly admirable. The results are eagerly awaited and I will let you all know our overall position as soon as I get them.

We hope to see you all on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December at the last fun session of the year. We will have some nibbles and drinks available but as usual, it could not be possible without your contribution / help.

Thank you once again for your fantastic support over the year and hope we can count on it throughout 2010.

**Have a great Christmas and New Year**

**Nick Mabbutt**

**Chairman  
Redhill & Reigate SC**