



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Club was founded in 1965; the primary location at the time was the Public Baths in Parsonage Street. The club evolved after a hugely successful charity gala, which was organised by Mrs Maizie Randall and Jonnie Newport. Both Maizie Randall and Jonnie Newport went onto be the first club officials. The first club President was Sir Ronald Long. Sir Ronald Long was responsible for the first Club Constitution.

My Journey with the club started in 1973 as an interested parent. I soon took on many roles including coach, county official, chairman and presently the role of President, which I have held for the last 17 years.

One of my fondest memories is raising £1500 in a sponsored swim in aid of the Empire Cinema. The Comedian Stanley Baxter and Halstead Mayor at the time, Roy McDowel, started the swim. Roy ended up in the water, mayor's chain of office and all. The entire event was covered by local tv.

Competitive achievement for the club has been quite remarkable.....past and present! The Club became unbeatable in the small 20yd pool, rising from Div3 to Div1 of the Suffolk Winter League in Successive seasons. This year the junior team managed to secure 1st place in the prestigious National Junior Swimming League.

The Club has always been managed by a Committee of volunteers mainly parents of swimmers. My thanks goes out to all those that have played a part in establishing a fantastic swimming club!

Gordon Finch

President