

DASA AGM

Presidents Report

I have the honour of presenting my report on my time as President of Derbyshire ASA.

It goes without saying that my term as President has been unique and indeed artificially extended due to the Covid pandemic to two and a half years. I have scrutinised the Presidential chain in an attempt to discover whether I have set a record as the incumbent – I will be submitting a claim to the County awards committee!

Before we were all consigned to meet in our front rooms via the phenomenon of Zoom I had the privilege of representing DASA at several events and galas including, amongst others, County Championships at Matlock as well as the Derbyshire Sprints and National Teams event at Ponds Forge. We all share the love of fast swimming and I was able to see plenty of that and presenting awards to the future stars is always humbling. I was able to flaunt the newly refurbished Presidential chain at the National team event where it was an object of marvel – not least by the Lincolnshire President who extracted her county's regalia from her clutch bag before going onto poolside! The County Championships of 2020 were well attended by many local dignitaries thanks to the work of Sue Kelly – indeed one attended every session each weekend. I blame the buffet.

It has been a special mark of pride that I was President at the time we saw 5 Derbyshire swimmers on the GB team that competed at the Olympics – a testament to Derbyshire's performance pathways developed over the last 20 years – and a glimpse of the future if we can get back to normality.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as President and feel privileged to have served Derbyshire swimming in some small way. The county has a lot to be proud of and I am proud to be associated with it. I hope that Babs will enjoy her time as well and that she is able to witness a return to normality during her term.

Thank You

Ian Davey