



Staffordshire's Most Improved Club 2012/13  
Junior League Division 2 winners 2012  
Arena League Division 2 winners 2012  
STAFFORDSHIRE Swimming League  
Champions 2012/2013

**TOP ATTENDERS – JUN  
PERFORMANCE – DEC 2013**

1<sup>ST</sup> MATTHEW HARRIS/SOPHIE  
NEGRINE  
3RD: CALLUM HODGES

## **JANUARY UPDATE**

**TOP 5 ATTENDERS: SEN PERFORMANCE – DEC  
2013**

1<sup>ST</sup> SOPHIE CLAYTON  
2<sup>ND</sup> SAMUEL HARRIS  
3<sup>RD</sup> KIERA LANGLEY  
4<sup>TH</sup> MITCHELL PAGE

### **OUR AIM – to be a continually improving club**

As ever, it is my ambition that the club can continue to improve in 2014. The club has been built on solid foundations and now boasts an excellent swimschool and a superb junior team. It is my aspiration that during the coming year we will start to build the foundations of what will be a formidable senior squad. Soon, I will put forward proposals to club committee to change to the clubs current structure which if approved and budgeted for, will enable the club to continue to improve. Please do not think there will be any significant changes in the short term as there won't be. These proposals are very much looking ahead to the 2014/2015 season but as always, I want to give you a flavour of my thoughts. Luke

### **JACK COX QUALIFIES FOR NATIONALS**



Jack Cox qualified for the National Age Group Championships in Sheffield after a sensational 1500m freestyle swim in Manchester on Friday 20th December.

Let this be a statement of intent to all other county clubs that Bilston can and will produce national level swimmers through providing high quality coaching and continually improving the pool time/space it offers to it's members.

### **Four new committee members**

Four new parents joined committee at the recent AGM. Welcome to Julie Westwood, Lisa Pegg, Rae Cox and Mark Harris. They have some fantastic ideas on how to move the club forwards and I hope we will see the evidence of the impact they will have in the coming months.

### **Arena League – Thank You**

Thank you to everyone who has represented the club in this year's Arena League. I thoroughly enjoyed the third round held at Worcester where we had some amazing swims. To have performed so well in our first season in the premier division is an achievement to be proud of and with so many outstanding swims in the lower age groups, this bodes well for the future. Keep working hard everyone - I know there's even better things to come!

### **Bilston balance the books**

Despite incurring enormous pool hire rises in 2013, hiring an additional coach, providing two extra morning sessions and an additional land training session which in total meant the club spent an extra £22,000 last year:

Bilston secured a small surplus for the last financial year. This is mainly due to increasing membership, our dedicated team of volunteers and our extremely successful swimschool. The committee remain determined to improve the service the club offers in 2014 whilst ensuring the club is always financially viable.