



**CSWPC**  
*Hall of Fame*  
**2017**



# Introduction

Welcome to the fifth Annual CSWPC May Ball, Hosted by the 1st Team, and a big thank you to all those who have worked hard to make this event a success year on year.

This is the third edition of the CSWPC Water Polo Hall of Fame. We are always looking to expand our archive of photos so please do forward any you have from any era of the club. We would be particular pleased to receive any images taken between 1970s - late 1990s!

This year we are extremely pleased to welcome Dave Evans into the Hall of Fame. Many whom have played alongside Dave will note his finesse and skilful play with the ball. Current first team goalkeeper, Sam Legge recalls that in his first second team game away vs Weston Super Mare, Dave scored in the dying seconds of the game with a backshot from within his own half to seal a victory. Having grown up with the club, Dave was a regular with the first team right through until his water polo retirement.

This year we will also be celebrating the retirement of 1st team captain Mikee T. Michael Thomas has been instrumental in the success of the club in recent years and we encourage you to join us in wishing him and wife Steph all the best for the future.

This Season saw our first team crowned Super 5s Champions for the 3rd year in a row. The side's achievements have been recognised internationally, having gained various media attention across the globe, notably most recently on BBC Breakfast.

On behalf of the CSWPC First Team, thank you for coming and we hope you enjoy your evening!





# Season Review 2016/17

For live updates on what is happening within the club, please follow us on social media:

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Some of our highlights from the past year;



**Cheltenham S&WPC** @cs\_wpc · Mar 19  
We have done it again! @BWPL\_org League Champions! @AlexChalkChelt @JonPalmerSport @lauracwinter @barnes\_lee13 @tomgozna

**Cheltenham S&WPC** @cs\_wpc · 3 Sep 2016  
Women's match in full swing! #waterpolo #lido #rain @lidocheltenham



**Cheltenham S&WPC** @cs\_wpc · May 21  
Chelt's @Will\_Rayson was part of @ENGWaterPolo squad who have won Bronze at EU Nations. Don't miss 27/28th May @BritishWPC @lidocheltenham



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## ***Hall of Fame Class of 2017***

***Full Name:*** Dave Evans

Full BIO to follow.



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# Hall of Fame Class of 2016

**Full Name:** David John Taylor

**D.O.B:** 27/06/1934

**Year of joining the club:** 1946

**Span of 1st team selection:** 1957 - 1961

**National Trophies won with CSWPC:**

National League 1955.

**International Honours:**

GB Seniors 1960, England Vs Scotland, Ireland 1959

**Notable highlight at CSWPC:**

3rd National Men's Backstroke 1956. 2nd National Men's Mile 1954.

**Club Position(s) Held:**

Joint Hon Secretary



# Hall of Fame Class of 2015

**Full Name:** Martyn A. M. Thomas

**D.O.B:** 01/10/1948

**Year of joining the club:** 1959

**Span of 1st team selection:** 1964 - 1982

**National Trophies won with CSWPC:**

2 x National League, 2 x Deep Waters (British Champs), 3 x ASA Cups.

**International Honours:**

England & GB U18, 1962-66.

England & GB U21, 1963-69.

England & GB Senior Men, 1965-79.

British record of 129 senior 'caps'.

British Students in World Student Games, Turin, 1970.

**Notable highlight at CSWPC:**

1968 winning all 3 'National Titles'.

Coaching the 1sts in Bulgaria, Greece and Spain, having qualified for the Europa Cup.

Club tours to Spain, Malta, Germany and Holland.

**Club Position(s) Held:**

Chief Swimming Coach, 1st Team Coach, Chief Junior Coach, Chief Water Polo, Chair of Swimming Committee; Chair of Water Polo Committee, Member of Main Committee.

**Best foreign Tour:**

Spain in 1964 with the 1st Team (this was my first trip abroad ever!).

**Full Name:** Louis Eperjesi

**D.O.B:** 15/03/1962

**Year of joining the club:** 1978

**Span of 1st team selection:** 1980 - 2005

**National Trophies won with CSWPC:**

Division 2 Champion, 1992, 1999. ASA Cup winner as coach.

**Notable highlight at CSWPC:**

Returning to National League Div 1 from Div 2.

LEN trophy in Croatia.

**Club Position(s) Held:**

Junior Captain, Senior Captain and 1st Team Coach.

**Best foreign Tour:**

SVH Rotterdam.













**Full Name:** Tony Cherrington

**D.O.B:** 23/07/1942

**Year of joining the club:** 1956

**Span of 1st team selection:** 1959 - 1982

**National Trophies won with CSWPC:**

8 National Championship Medals across JNR and SNR level.

**International Honours:**

GB for approx 9years, in goal and on field.

**Notable highlight at CSWPC:**

Losing JNR national semi final at Liverpool, before playing and beating the same team the next year to win the tournament.

**Club Position(s) Held:**

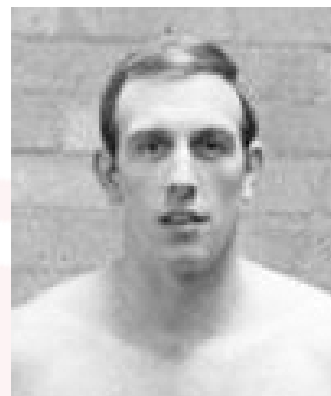
First team captain for 3-4years.

**Best foreign Tour:**

Barcelona with the First Team.

**Other:**

Tony currently competes in Masters Swimming. Last year, in Montreal, he came 2nd in the World Champs.



**Full Name:** Brian Dyer

**D.O.B:** 31/12/1943

**Year of joining the club:** 1958

**Span of 1st team selection:** 1959 - 1968

**National Trophies won with CSWPC:**

Junior Water Polo Champions, 1961.

Weston Counties Cup, 1968.

**International Honours:**

ASA vs Combined Services, 1962, Senior Championships, which was the last to be held in South East London following the exclusive use of the public pools at both Woolwich and Eltham (approx. 1962) - the event was televised by the BBC!

**Notable highlight at CSWPC:**

Club 100yds Champion 1959 - 1962.

South west 100yds Champion 1959 - 1960.

**Club Position(s) Held:**

Junior 2nd Team Captain.

**Best foreign Tour:**

Holland - and Southern and Northern Ireland.

**Other:**

Brian hurt his arm in a 1963 South West Junior Final. However, Brian played on to only find out the next morning in A and E that he had in actual fact broken his arm!





**Full Name:** Philip Jones

**D.O.B:** 16/10/1932

**Year of joining the club:** 1942

**Span of 1st team selection:** 1946 - 1981

**National Trophies won with CSWPC:**

Member of first under 18 CSWPC national league winning team in 1949.  
Senior national Championship during 1950s and 1960s.

**International Honours:**

England Senior team 1949 - 1964.  
GB team for 5 years from 1957.

**Notable highlight at CSWPC:**

Holbrow Cup winner for 4 years running.  
100 yards sprint under 19 winner.  
Becoming a club life member.

**Club Position(s) Held:**

Club Chairman for approx 15-20 years.

**Best foreign Tour:**

England tour to Scandinavia, 1949.

**Other:**

Philip has been president for a number of associations, most notably; Gloucester ASA (1969), Western Counties ASA (1980) and the ASA (1996).

**Full Name:** Philip Spicer

**D.O.B:** 07/11/1948

**Year of joining the club:** 1958

**Span of 1st team selection:** 1964 - 1980

**National Trophies won with CSWPC:**

ASA cup winner, 1968.  
National League winner 1968 and 1972.

**International Honours:**

GB u21 1968.  
England Seniors from 1971.

**Notable highlight at CSWPC:**

National League top Goal Scorer.

**Club Position(s) Held:**

First team captain.

**Best foreign Tour:**

Germany (Kamen)









**Full Name:** John Spicer

**D.O.B:** 04/02/1954

**Year of joining the club:** 1964

**Span of 1st team selection:** 1970 - 2006

**National Trophies won with CSWPC:**

National Junior Boys Champion 1970, 71 and 72.

**Notable highlight at CSWPC:**

Competing in the European club cup in Bulgaria, playing against Italian, Danish, and Bulgarian club sides.

**Club Position(s) Held:**

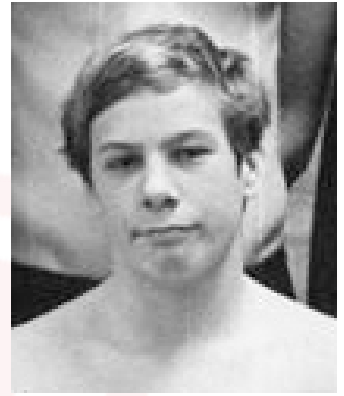
Junior Coach since 1990.

**Best foreign Tour:**

Karmen, Germany 1980ish and many tours to SVH Rotterdam.

**Other:**

John is still actively coaching the junior set up and has coached CSWPC Junior sides winning National Championship Youth teams in 1997 and 2001, as well as Junior sides in 1999, 2002 and 2003. Many of these individuals have gone on to represent Cheltenham's first team.



**Full Name:** David Edwards

**D.O.B:** 25/11/1959

**Year of joining the club:** 1990

**Span of 1st team selection:** 1991 - 2013

**National Trophies won with CSWPC:**

ASA Knock Out in 2004 and 2007.

National League Super 5s in 2012.

National League 2 in 1992 and 1999.

**International Honours:**

167 Senior caps for Wales (1978 - 2002).

Roughly 80 Great Britain Senior caps.

**Notable highlight at CSWPC:**

Winning the ASA KO in 2004 and 2007 and winning the National League Super 5's!

**Club Position(s) Held:**

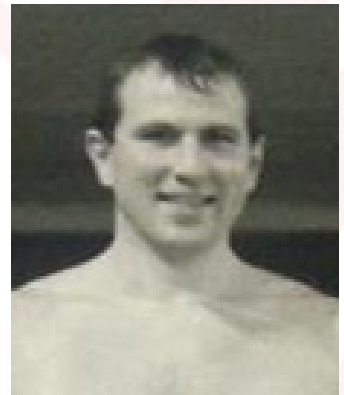
Spartans' Coach on their debut season in National League.

**Best foreign Tour:**

All of them! Notably Barcelona and Malta where David was taught some life lessons by Mr P and Mr B.

**Other:**

For all other stories please ask Andy McAllister for details!





**Full Name:** Chris Gibbons

**D.O.B:** 08/06/1952

**Year of joining the club:** 1968

**Span of 1st team selection:** 1969 - 1993

**National Trophies won with CSWPC:**

ASA Junior Cup National Championship.

ASA Senior Cup National Championship.

ASA Senior League Championship.

**International Honours:**

England under 18.

England under 20.

Great Britain under 20.

Great Britain Senior.

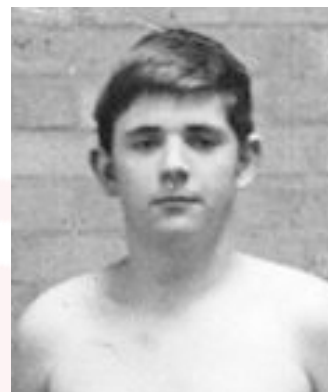
**Notable highlight at CSWPC:**

First game in goal for Cheltenham 1st team at the Sutton and Cheam Tournament.

At the completion of the tournament and extra time it was a dead heat between Cheltenham and Sutton, the decision was a penalty shoot off. Six players were nominated to take them, because of my inexperience Jack Jones decided to put Tony Cherrington in goal as this was his original position years before, I therefore had to take a penalty for the first time ever, Jack was working on the theory that percentage wise if I missed the others could make up for it. All goals scored the teams were still level. Sutton suggested that it should be decided on a relay race knowing one of their team was an international swimmer John Thurley. Jack agreed, but knowing my forte was not swimming up to that standard changed the team round and put me back in goal and Tony Cherrington back on the field, therefore I did not have to swim. We won the swim off by a fingernail.

**Best foreign Tour:**

Malta, Singles and families tour.



**Full Name:** Dave Cowdell

**D.O.B:** 10/09/1947

**Year of joining the club:** 1959

**Span of 1st team selection:** 1964 - 1972

**Notable highlight at CSWPC:**

Seeing youth develop into outstanding senior waterpolo players.

**Club Position(s) Held:**

Coach with Martyn Thomas and John Spicer between 1984 - 2000.

**Other:**

As a 18 year old Dave was told to mark an older Charlie Thurley (a noted highly aggressive player) from Sutton & Cheam. When he asked Dave Wright, "What tactics?". Dave replied "Just let him hit you when the ref is looking....." The resulting outcome saw Charlie excluded for the match. Cheltenham went on to win the game!





**Full Name:** John Shaw (Jack) Jones

17/04/1925 - 08/03/2016

**Year of joining the club:** 1936

**Span of 1st team selection:** 1941 - 1958

**National Trophies won with CSWPC:**

ASA Championship.

National League.

Weston Counties Championship.

National County Championship.

Gloucester County Championship.



**International Honours:**

England and Great Britain, 1947 - 1956.

Three Time Olympian, 1948, 1952 and 1956 (Captain 52 and 56)

**Notable highlight at CSWPC:**

Winning the National League.

**Club Position(s) Held:**

Junior and First Team Coach.

Team Secretary.

**Best foreign Tour:**

Germany.

**Full Name:** Oscar Moss

**D.O.B:** 06/10/1935

**Year of joining the club:** 1945

**Span of 1st team selection:** 1952 - 1960

**National Trophies won with CSWPC:**

ASA National Club Championship

National County Championship

**International Honours:**

England and Great Britain, 1956 - 1960.

**Notable highlight at CSWPC:**

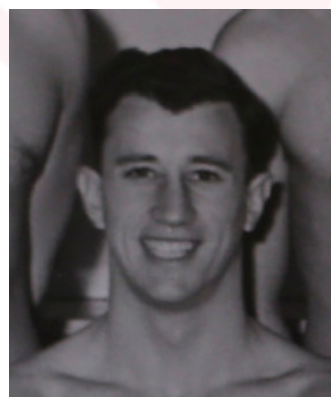
Being in the first Cheltenham Senior team to win a National Championship in 1955.

**Best foreign Tour:**

Germany 1954 because we were supposed to tour Westphalia playing their top clubs but because of fixture congestion we ended up playing the West German champions Rote Erde every night and didn't move from our base in a pub in Hamm. No one complained!

**Other:**

Retired end of 1960 but called up for National Service in the Army. Played in Inter Services Championship in a team in which only myself and two under 21 GB players, Spike Lee and Jimmie Brownlee had any real top class experience. Somehow we managed to win the tournament and in the process beat the RAF which had a full international team. Maybe something to do with the fact that we had a Royal Navy referee!





**Full Name:** Dave Berry

**D.O.B:** 03/01/1964

**Year of joining the club:** 1974

**Span of 1st team selection:** 1980 - 2005

**National Trophies won with CSWPC:**

ASA Cup

Numerous County and District Titles

**International Honours:**

GB junior and senior squad for 10 years from 1980.

**Notable highlight at CSWPC:**

16th in National at 100m breaststroke in 1977.

6th in English Schools at 100m breaststroke in 1977.

Selected for GB juniors in 1981.

**Club Position(s) Held:**

Treasurer for 10 years.

First Team Captain.

First Team Coach.

**Best foreign Tour:**

LEN Trophy in Zagreb.

**Bios to Follow:**

Dorian Flook

Billy Leach

Dickie Middleton

Doug Aucherionie

Dave Wright

Paul Watkins

Anthony Davies

## ***The CSWPC 1st Team Special Recognition Award***

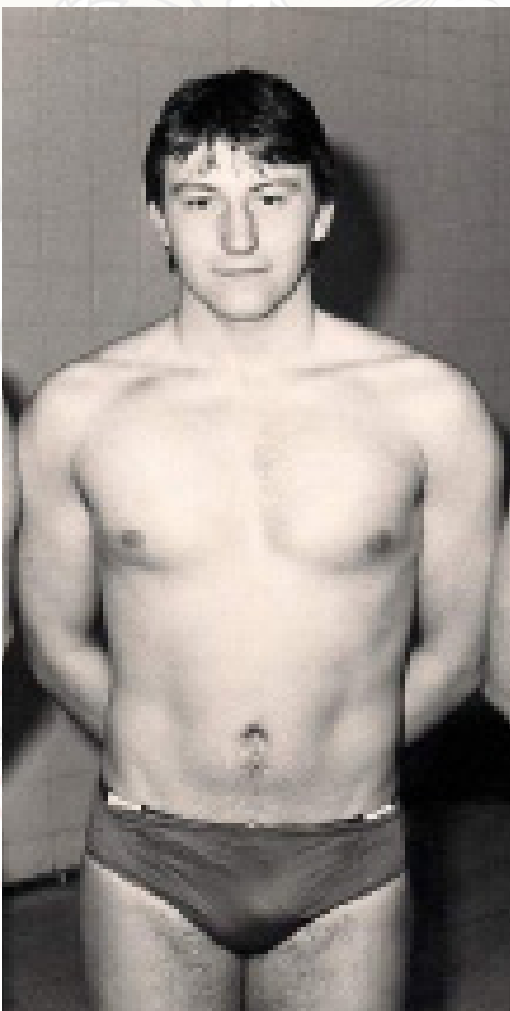


**Past Winners:**

2015 - Jerry Birmingham  
Pippa Jones







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Venue: Sandford Park Lido  
Time: 10am-11am  
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13th August, 20th August, 27th August.  
Cost: £3 per session or £10 for all 6.

You can just turn up, but for more information  
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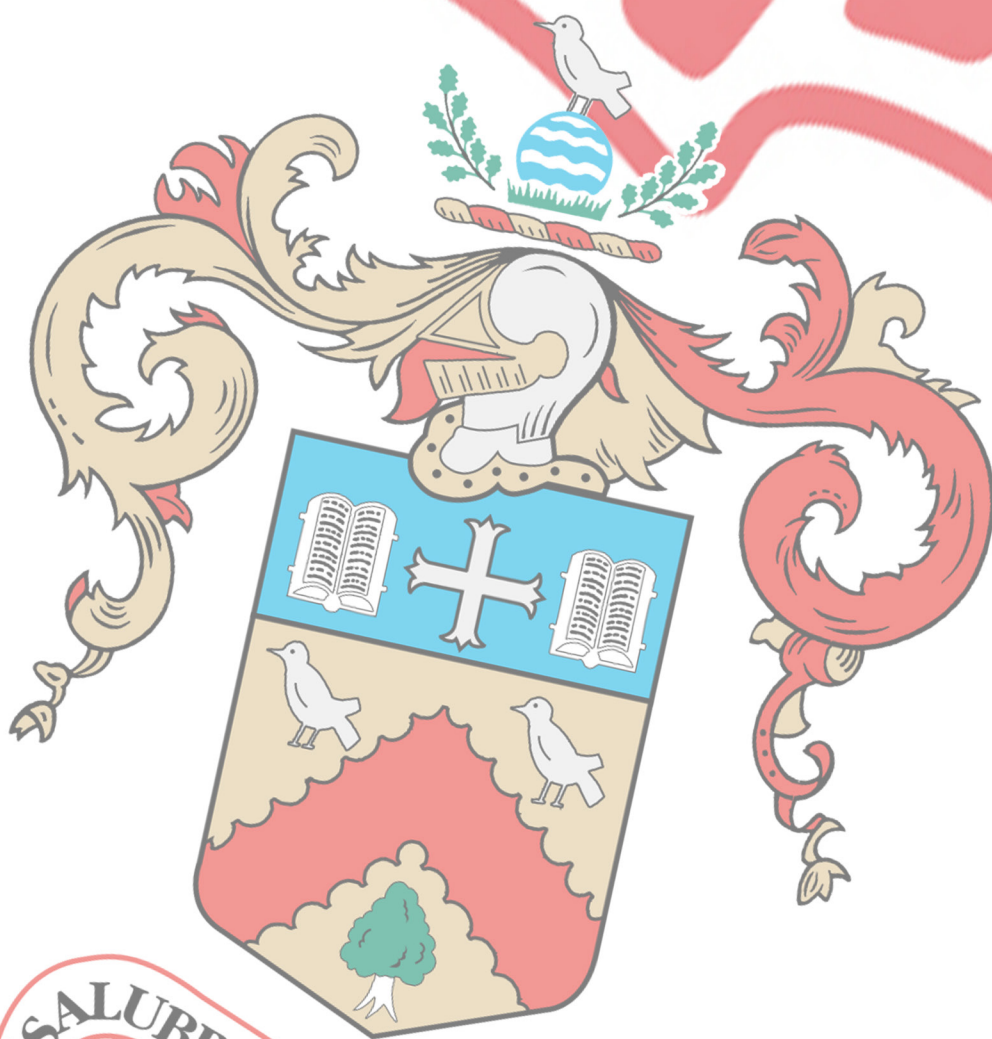
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