



## Emotional night as Dunmow Atlantis Swimming Club host their championship award ceremony

Dunmow Atlantis Swimming Club said an emotional goodbye to head coach Steve Turner as he headed towards his retirement.

Turner has been at the helm for many years and was presented with an array of gifts, including a watch and engraved commemoration plate at the climax of the club's championships.

And there weren't many dry eyes in the house as a video montage, put together by junior coach Holly Miles, showed numerous messages of thanks from the swimmers.

An overwhelmed Turner said: "I am tremendously proud of the Dunmow Atlantis Swimming Club

family and for their continued support of all of our events.

"The swimmers at this club are truly amazing and fill me with pride in their determination to succeed and to be the best that they can be."

The night also saw numerous medals presented, successes celebrated and new captains announced.

The championships are a chance for members aged eight and upwards to compete for medals, personal bests and either obtain or improve their Essex county qualifying times.

Their efforts culminated in the presentation evening, where

coaches, swimmers and parents could honour achievements.

This was then followed by a buffet and disco.

Team captains for 2017 are Maddie Lees, Damon Elliot, Jamie Spong and Rebecca Watt.

Darren Tucker, DASC head coach, proudly presented the Swimmer of the Year award to 12-year-old Toby Rayner, who was also the lucky recipient of a Jack Petchey award alongside 14-year-old Will Smith.

Toby Rayner, right, was named Swimmer of the Year at Dunmow Atlantis's annual awards night.