



## 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Evening - 21<sup>st</sup> June 2005



Duncan Goodhew

In 1980 Jean Hutchins, now SESDA President, founded South East Surrey Dyslexia Association. We celebrated 25 years of SESDA with special guest Duncan Goodhew.

Jean gave a talk about SESDA's achievements over the last 25 years and the Chairman introduced Duncan Goodhew.

Duncan was a very good speaker. He talked about how he was bullied at school. His dyslexia was diagnosed at secondary school and he gained confidence when his swimming prowess was recognised.

He talked about what it feels like to be dyslexic and agreed wholeheartedly with a member of the audience who said she was proud to be dyslexic.

He talked about the Disability Discrimination Act which should make a difference to the working life of Dyslexic adults.

He talked about Brightstar and how the treatment has affected his life.

Duncan was reminded that not long after his Gold medal win at the Moscow Olympics in 1980 he came to a swimming gala in which local dyslexia associations took part. SESDA's young swimmers were delighted to meet Duncan and have their photographs taken with him. His interest in helping the cause of dyslexia has continued ever since. Duncan is very friendly and easy to talk to and chatted to a number of members after he helped cut the Anniversary cake.