



Warrington Dolphins Long Distance Swimming Club www.warrington-dolphins.co.uk

Newsletter – March 2006

As we move into 2006, its time to bring you all up to date with what's going on at the Dolphins.

At the end of January we held our AGM. John Watkin retired as Treasurer and Caroline Lewis was elected in his place. John has been an active member of the Dolphins for many years. Although John has not trained with the Dolphins for a number of years he has coached us. John has served the Club as both Secretary and Treasurer and has help at many Dolphin events. At the AGM, John was presented with an engraved silver salver and was elected as Life Member of the Club. Can I take this opportunity to thank John on behalf the club for all his effort and good work.

The committee this year is Andy Wright (President), Caroline Lewis (Treasurer), Joe Coy (Secretary), Alan Pomfret, Maurice Ferguson, John Glynn, John Lydon and Julie Mainwaring. I'd like to welcome Julie to the committee to boost the representation of the fairer sex. At the AGM a new set of rules adopted. The committee has been tasked to compile a Child Protection Policy and when agreed upon will be distributed to members for their comment.

The two-hour training sessions at Fordton have continued to see a higher attendance the current average since the middle of December is 15. What is pleasing to see that most members are now staying through to the end of the session. The shared coaching rota has worked well and we get varied, interest and hard sets. Broomfields continues to be a success. However, numbers can fluctuate with some weeks having around ten in and other weeks as many as 20 have attended.

Again this year we had three sessions in which members could swim the Postal Swim. Thanks to Helen for organising it at Club level and all who counted. Our thanks should also be extended to Dave Feakes who continues to be our front man in the organisation nationally.

Can I draw your attention to **Membership – if you haven't paid it, its due, so please pay it.** Remember you are not insured if you have not paid your membership and you will not be allowed to train.

Two announcements: Firstly congratulations to Sunny Lowry for being awarded the MBE in the New Years honours and secondly to Christian Wade who got married to Sarah on the 21st February 2006.

You've probably noticed the days are getting longer and before you know it the out door season will be upon us. We had some great turnouts last year at our Club events. Let's see if we can better last year.

Dates for your diary are:

Bob Keating/Dick Dickinson Handicap	30/4/06	Fordton 6:00pm
Budworth Handicap	13/5/06	10:00am briefing 10:30am start
Budworth Championship	3/6/06	Swim Sec Joe Coy
Marbury Handicap	30/6/06	6:45 for 7:00pm start (date to be confirmed)
Albert Dock Championship	5/8/05	Swim Sec Alan Pomfret, Briefing 9:00am

Budworth & Albert Dock Championship entry forms are on the website.

If anyone is not swimming the Budworth Handicap please support your club by helping on the day, please let me know.

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