



Warrington Dolphins Long Distance Swimming Club

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Newsletter – February 2025

It is the start of another season and it is 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. The committee this year is Dave Bowker (President), Andy Wright (Treasurer), Kalliopi Sinclair (Secretary), Stuart Ainsworth (Membership Secretary) & Julie Trevor (Social). Alison Willis was our Safeguarding Officer but has withdrawn from the committee due to work/residential reasons. As you may or may not know Alison has been working in Cheshire for the last few years. Her permanent home is in South Wales. Due to current work issues, she will not be up in the Warrington area all the time next year. We must thank Alison for all she has done for the Dolphins to date. The Club is currently looking for someone to take on the role of Safeguarding Officer, so if any of our members is interested in the role, they should notify a committee member.

In early February we held our **1500m Championship** at Orford Hub, with 23 swimmers entered. Once again Kalliopi organised a great event. The fastest ladies and gents were Jess Burke and Matt Barnes. This year we also gave a certificate to the swimmer whose swim time was nearest their submitted time. James Coy-Cox was only 1 second out. The format was the same as last year, we hired a room in the building where we put on a buffet prior to the presentation. This enabled us to have a more sociable element to the swim. Special thanks to Fiona for designing the event certificates, she did a fantastic job capturing the image of the pool. And many thanks to the timekeepers and helpers on the day, we could not have run the event without your help.

Can I draw your attention to **Membership – It's now due**, so at the same great value as last year (Seniors £10, Juniors £5). The form can be filled in online at our website <https://www.warrington-dolphins.co.uk/Membership.html>

Again, this year we have allocated 4 sessions where part of the pool will be used for members to swim their **1hr or 30 minutes swim challenge** (formally Postal Swim), see below for dates. For those who do not know, we have run this BLDSA event for many years. Our club receives a percent of the revenue BLDSA makes from this swim. Hundreds of swimmers both from UK clubs and other countries enter this event.

Dates for your diary are:

Postal Swim - 2 lanes at Broomfields	Mondays 17/02/25, 24/02/25, 17/03/25, 24/03/25	
BLDSA Natural Spring Challenge	12/04/25	
Budworth Summer Swims start	15/04/25	Every Tuesday 18:00 to 20:00
Budworth Challenge	26/05/25	Swim Secretary Andy Wright
BLDSA Coniston 'Swim into the sunset'	28/06/26	

We are hoping to get a couple of teams entered in the **Coniston 'Swim into the sunset' swim**, as we did last year. The swim will take place on the 28th June. So, if you are interested, message either Kalliopi or myself and transfer £18 into the club account.

Also, we already have a team entered into the BLDSA '**Natural Spring Challenge**' at **Matlock Baths** on 12th April. Again, anyone interested send Kalliopi or myself a message and hopefully we can get another team together.

Details of both swims can be found on the BLDSA website, swims can be entered as an individual person or as a team. Watch out for an email providing more details.

Training sessions at Broomfields are looking good with attendance this year averaging 15. Sessions are still 8pm to 9pm on Mondays.

Look forward to seeing you all during the year.

Andy Wright