

# Warrington Dolphins LDSC

## Annual Report 2000

Dear All,

The first year of the new century was a mixture of happiness, sadness and celebration for the Warrington Dolphins LDSC.

The year began with success in the BLDSA Postal swim, with Graham Padgett gaining a gold medal in his age group and a silver team medal for Chris Byrne, John Lydon and David Feakes.

Jim Nurse was recognised by the BLDSA for his long commitment to the Postal Swim and received an award at their Annual Dinner.

In June we held our Annual Championships at Budworth Mere. Many Dolphins were successful including Graham Padgett, John Lydon and Lesley Feakes, the Dolphins also won the team trophy.

Congratulations to all those Dolphins who have participated in other Championships throughout the year, with a special mention to Andrew Wright and David Feakes who successfully completed the BLDSA Windermere swim in difficult conditions.

Also, a big well done to Michaela Richard for her 3 way record breaking swim of Coniston in August.

A special mention should also be given to several of our junior members who successfully competed in open water for the first time this year. These include Nicola Wright, Becky Thompson, Sally Bosson, Martyn Sollars, Kathryn James and Simon Ashton.

One of the ongoing points for discussion over the year has been Andrew Wright's purchase of a boat, trailer, tow bar and engine. A memorable sight was Andrew running a mile to the start of the Coniston swim due to his boat running out of fuel and then his support crew rowing madly to catch him.

Thanks to Andrew Wright and family for organising a very enjoyable camping weekend at Ullswater for the Club which included a relay swim of the lake. Hopefully this will become an annual Club event.

During the year our thoughts have also been with the families of members who have passed away including Ted Oxley and Commander Gerry Forsberg, OBE, RN (retired). We thank them for the support they have given the Club over the years. The Club also recognise the time and support that Margaret Walker gave to long distance swimming, and our thoughts are also with her family .

Thanks also to Jon and Helen Stringer for their help and support and who this year decided to have a break from long distance swimming.

As usual, thanks go to the Club coaches and Committee members who give up a lot of their time and without whom the Club would not function.

Finally, well done to all swimmers and please continue to support your Club through attendance at training sessions, competing in Championships and maybe joining the Committee!

Happy New Year and here's to a successful 2001.

Lesley Feakes  
Hon Club Secretary.