



# Warrington Dolphins Long Distance Swimming Club

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## Annual Report 2012

It's hard to believe that another year has flown by and I am now writing the Dolphin's annual report for 2012. By any standards, it has been a fantastically successful year for both swimmers and the Club.

In February we ran our first 1500m championship. Forty swimmers from all over the North West took part in the inaugural event which was held at the Fordton Leisure Centre, Warrington. Next year it moves to the new Orford Park Leisure complex where we hope it will become established as an annual event.

The mileage swum outdoors this year has again been high at over 500 miles. It has been dominated by Jo Norton-Barker, Caroline Lewis, Tony Fillingham and Michaela Richard. Pride of place, however, goes to Jo who achieved a lifetime ambition to swim the Channel in July in the very respectable time of 16 hours 54 minutes then followed this up with Loch Lomond in August. Caroline successfully managed to fit her training around the demands of raising 4 young children to join Jo in swimming Loch Lomond in a time of 15 hours 21 minutes. Jo and Caroline will be the first to say that they could not have achieved their successes without the support of many family and friends for which they are very grateful.

Michaela's season started with her 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Ivan Percival swim and culminated in her coming second in the Windermere swim. In between she was, amongst others, 5<sup>th</sup> in the Champion of Champions, 4<sup>th</sup> in the first River Dee Bridge to Bridge swim and won the Coniston Vets in a new record time of 1 hour 24 minutes 40 seconds.

Tony Fillingham again travelled the length and breadth of the UK culminating in a very respectable 4<sup>th</sup> place in the infamous St Mary's Loch swim.

There were a number of other notable swims completed this season. Pam Kay was second to Michaela in the Coniston Vets and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 4 mile event at Lynn Padarn where Mandy Reid was second in the 1 mile ladies event. Andy Wright was 4<sup>th</sup> at Coniston Vets. Kay Gorzko was 3<sup>rd</sup> at Wykeham and June Morris 3<sup>rd</sup> at Budworth Mere. Thanks go to all the help our swimmers received throughout the season.

## Club Championships

The Budworth Championship was again successfully run by Michaela and Larry Richard and the Albert Dock Championship by Dave Bowker whom I would like to thank on behalf of all Dolphin members.

The results of these Championships follow.

## Club Events-Budworth Handicap, Marbury Handicap and Pool events.

The mild weather meant that the **Boxing Day Dip** was again held in 2011 with Richard Walsh being declared winner by referee Russ Mason.

**Budworth Handicap** – The 2012 event had been preceded by three open water training events. The water temperature, however, remained low at 11.8C. The length of the swim was a little on the short side at around 0.8 miles which was much appreciated by the 15 swimmers who entered the water. The winner of the swim was **Karen Hodgkins**. The coffee and bacon butties available at the sailing club house were welcomed by all.

**Bob Keating & Dick Dickinson Handicaps** were held at Broomfields at the end of April. This year **Thomas Roberts** won the junior's Dick Dickinson. In the Bob Keating handicap we had 7 seniors taking part. **Adrian Moylan** was the winner.



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The **Marbury Handicap** followed the same successful format as it has done for several years. Eighteen swimmers took part this year with the Presentation being held over a buffet at the Antrobus Arms. Over the last few years predicted times of the winners have been extremely close to their actual time. This year's winner was new member **Richard Taylor** who was only 8 seconds outside his predicted time

We had another successful **Postal Swim** claiming many gold medals. Once again our thanks are owed to Julie Mainwaring for organising the Dolphins swims and Alan Pomfret who organised it nationally.

### Masters Championships

Club members continue to achieve successes at Masters events throughout the country. A total of 15 gold medals and three new championship records went to Dolphin swimmers at the **Cheshire Masters Short Course Championships** held at Macclesfield. **Judy Brown, Chris Rix** and **Russ Mason** were the top performers. Dolphin members also had great success at the **ASA NW Region Masters Long Distance Championships** held in Blackpool where **Graham Padget** set a British record in the 400m IM and a Northern Counties record in the 800m freestyle in the 65-69 age group. At the same event **Judy Brown** also set new Northern County records in the 400 IM and the 800m freestyle. Further successes were achieved at the **North West Regional Masters Short Course championships** also held at Blackpool where **Russ Mason** won the 200m backstroke in his age group in a new record time.

**Summer Training at Budworth:** We again organised summer training at Budworth on Tuesday Evenings. The season was however cut short by the presence of green alae in the water. Thanks are due to Michaela, Larry, Dominic, Christian and Sarah, plus all those who helped each week.

We have again been blessed by excellent support from members and friends. It makes the club a friendly and well run club. Can I thank all of you?

Budworth Championships    TBC                      Albert Dock Championships    3<sup>rd</sup> August 2013

Please note that the Budworth Championship will open mid February 2013 and entry will be via **EntryCentral ONLY (No Paper Entries)** and Albert Dock Championship will open in March

Jim Nurse  
President Warrington Dolphins LDSC

### **18<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BUDWORTH MERE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**SATURDAY 2nd JUNE 2012**

This year's event was on the Jubilee weekend, the Water temperature was a nice 16 Deg.C.

The course was set out on the Friday before, with Andy Wright at the wheel of the BLDSA Swimsafe boat and Larry.

The day began early, very early, with swimmers registration from 8.30am and the issuing of numbers, and the all important booty voucher. As last year we had swimmers arrive at Budworth they were there before 8am. The briefing started with introductions from Mr Andrew Wright and a few words of encouragement from Miss Liane Llewellyn (BLDSA President & starter), and also a safety briefing was given to all kayakers by Mr Peter Dickinson (Safety Coordinator).



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We had 84 entries this year, with 65 actually entering the water (7 triathletes, 11 x 1 milers, 3 juniors, 49 seniors. The 1 and 2 milers started first at approx.. 9.40am and then the 3 milers 10 minutes later. They started in an imaginary line with the jetty and a buoy.

The new finishing area was a great success, finishing within the jetty area. This year we had 2 Dolphin Flags on display, so the finish could be seen quite clearly.

We had safety cover from 2 Budworth boats with Gerry Kelleher and Tony Sharman helping, 1 BLDSA Swimsafe with Chris Hickling and our very own Chris Byrne (Referee), kayakers Peter Dickinson, Mick Blackburn, Martyn Coates, Peter Fellows, Mr Wade, Tony Sharman, Julie Mainwaring, Hannah and Jennifer Norton-Barker and also Dominic Richard.

Ciara Murphy from Chester Tri came home first in 1:15.33 to take the Senior Ladies 3-mile Trophy. June Morris from the Dolphins came second in 1:19.10, she was also 1<sup>st</sup> Veteran and 1<sup>st</sup> Dolphin. Third place was Stephne Douglas in a time of 1.21.53 from Halton SC, who didn't realise she had won a trophy until later. Senior Gents winner this year was Chris Malpass from the Chester Academy Aquatics Club in a time of 1.04.08, second place was Mark Preston in 1.12.48, 1<sup>st</sup> Veteran and then Keith Bosson in third place in a time of 1:15.18. Warrington Dolphins won the Senior Winning Team trophies, they were June Morris, Andy Wright and Sarah Beresford. Only 4 minutes behind was the City of Liverpool Team of Kevin Saunders, Nick Robinson and James Tinsley.

The Junior 2-mile events were won by Chloe Waddell from Swim Trafford in 38.18mins and fellow dolphin Thomas Roberts in 41.14mins. Both had excellent races. The Tri 1-mile was won by Paul Roberts, second was Richard Padgett.

The 1-mile events were won by Kate Mansfield of Stockport SC and Ian Smith of Rykneld.

Congratulations to all swimmers

The presentations were held in the clubhouse.

Finally, the Merit of The Mere shield was awarded to Joseph Coy of the City of Liverpool for his superb achievement of swimming the 3 mile event and also other events around the country Butterfly.

I would also like to express my sincere thanks to all at Budworth Mere Sailing Club, Mr Steve Hubbard (Safety cover) and Mrs Alison Hubbard (lady in the galley), for their support and help at the event and also the other events we have there throughout the year. My adviser and course co-ordinator Andy Wright, Peter Dickinson Safety, Referee Mr Chris Byrne, my starter, timekeepers and spotters, Andy Wright, Alan Pomfret, Russ Mason, and to Sandra Wright at Registration and all the Kayakers.

I hope everybody had an enjoyable day and see you all next year.

Michaela Richard  
Swim Secretary



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## 27<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ALBERT DOCK CHAMPIONSHIPS REPORT

### SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2012

This year we were blest with beautifully warm water, which was a bit of a surprise after the wet summer. The temperature was measure for the 55 swimmers about to enter the water as 18C. The usual anti-clockwise course was set. With the start in the Salthouse Dock the swimmers then pass through Brunswick Basin, then Brunswick Dock, turning in Queens Dock and returning to the start.

Again we had an excellent turnout of Dolphins both swimming and helping on the side. Tom Roberts was the start Dolphin winning the junior gents 2mile Freestyle. However, other Dolphins also were in the medals, namely sister Sarah Roberts who came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the junior ladies 2 mile freestyle, Steve Connor who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the senior gents 2mile race and Nic Aspey who came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the senior 4mile freestyle.

There was some fine swimming and amongst the swimmers we were pleased to see the BLDSA President. Also amongst the swimmers was past member Fiona Lynch with her daughter Rebecca taking part in her first open water swim. It was great to see Fiona again at the Albert Dock where she regularly swam.

It was pleasing that nearly all swimmers finished and most swimmers joined us for the now traditional buffet in the Blue Bar where BLDSA president Liane Llewellyn presented trophies and certificates. Thanks again to all helpers in making this year's event a success.

David Bowker                  Swim Secretary

## SENIOR LADIES 3-MILE

1	Ciara Murphy		1:15:33	Chester Tri
2	June Morris	v	1:19:10	Warrington Dolphins
3	Stephne Douglas		1:21:53	Halton SC
4	Liane Llewellyn		1:22:03	City Of Bradford
5	Sarah Beresford		1:24:51	Warrington Dolphins
6	Kay Gorzko		1:26:22	Warrington Dolphins
7	Jo Norton-Barker		1:27:32	Warrington Dolphins
8	Pam Kay	v	1:28:28	Warrington Dolphins
9	Michelle Sharples		1:37:04	U/A
10	Bev Thomas	v	1:39:54	Barrow LDSC
11	Julie Trevor		1:40:30	Warrington Dolphins
12	Michelle Hardy		1:44:13	U/A
13	Sophie Daniel		1:48:34	U/A
14	Amanda Reid	v	2:11:47	Warrington Dolphins
15	Janet Wilson	v	2:35:48	BLDSA
	Suzanne Brown		DNS	Kenilworth Masters SC
	Jane McCormick		DNS	Manchester
	Helen Brindle		DNS	Pennine Swimmers
	Lisa Stansbie		DNS	Etwall Eagles/BLDSA
	Victoria Hayles		DNS	Hayfield

## SENIOR GENTS 3-MILE

1	Chris Malpass		01:04:08	Chester Academy Aquatics Club
2	Mark Preston	v	01:12:48	Pennine Swimmers
3	Keith Bosson	v	01:15:18	U/A
4	David John Randall	v	01:18:59	Trafford Metro
5	Frank Kilgannon	v	01:19:18	Halton SC
6	Kevin Saunders	v	01:21:58	City of Liverpool SC
7	Nicholas Robinson		01:22:46	City of Liverpool SC
8	Andrew Wright	v	01:22:47	Warrington Dolphins
9	Kevin Welsh	v	01:24:14	Spondon Masters
10	Steve Connor	v	01:24:55	Warrington Dolphins
11	Steven Willder	v	01:25:40	Blackpool Aquatics
12	James Tinsley	v	01:25:58	City of Liverpool SC
13	Adrian Moylan		01:26:08	Warrington Dolphins
14	Peter Goodman	v	01:26:55	U/A
15	David Dutton		01:27:44	Warrington Dolphins
16	Paul Cribb	v	01:28:14	U/A
17	Peter Hawksworth	v	01:29:09	Colwick Park LD
18	Jonathan Bourne		01:31:19	U/A
19	Mike Garnock-Jones	v	01:31:59	Sheffield Tri Club
20	Richard Delaney		01:32:08	U/A
21	Andy Sherratt	v	01:34:31	Warrington Dolphins
22	Robert Sefton	Breaststroke v	01:35:35	Barrow LDSC
23	Henry Lowther	v	01:36:24	City of Liverpool SC
24	Paul Ward	v	01:38:46	Craig Fawr Multisports
25	Colin Benn	v	01:43:39	Barrow LDSC
26	David Hackwell		01:45:20	U/A
27	Patrick Smith		01:47:12	U/A



## SENIOR GENTS 3-MILE (Cont.)

28	Tony Fillingham		01:47:29	Warrington Dolphins
29	Chris Green	v	02:01:27	Barrow LDSC
30	Joseph Coy	" Butterfly "	v 02:03:34	City of Liverpool SC
31	Michael Martin	v	02:04:26	Pennine swimmers
32	Christopher Evans	v	02:09:24	BLDSA
33	David Bowker	v	02:22:31	Warrington Dolphins
	Mick Gallagher	(2 laps)	01:42:36	Warrington Dolphins
	Clement Jones		Retired	Rochdale Aquabears Masters
	Peter Heyes		Retired	U/A
	Michael Reason		DNS	Howe Bridge LDSC
	Dave Reason		DNS	Howe Bridge LDSC

## SENIOR TEAM WINNERS

1st	Warrington Dolphins LDSC		2nd	City of Liverpool SC	
	June Morris	01:19:10		Kevin Saunders	01:21:58
	Andy Wright	01:22:47		Nicholas Robinson	01:22:46
	Sarah Beresford	01:24:51		James Tinsley	01:25:58
	Total Winning Time	<u>04:06:48</u>			<u>04:10:42</u>

## SHORT LADIES 1-MILE

1	Kate Mansfield	0:24:52	Stockport Swimming Club
2	Sarah Roberts	0:26:09	Warrington Dolphins
3	Molly Monaghan	0:27:32	Hazel Grove & Bramhall Saracens
4	Alice Jones	0:27:44	Hazel Grove & Bramhall Saracens
5	Lucy Robinson	0:27:49	Hazel Grove & Bramhall Saracens
6	Annie Stafford	0:33:36	Pennine Swimmers

## SHORT GENTS 1-MILE

1	Ian Smith	0:24:26	Rykneld SC
2	Richard Lee	0:28:39	U/A
3	David Cartwright	0:30:18	U/A
4	Christopher Carter	0:31:23	Warrington Dolphins
5	John Glynn	0:32:11	Warrington Dolphins

## JUNIOR LADIES 2-MILE FREESTYLE

1	Chloe Waddell	0:38:18	Swim Trafford
2	Georgina Girvan-Dutton	0:47:39	Swim Trafford
	Hawys Hatley	DNS	Carmarthen

## JUNIOR GENTS 2-MILE FREESTYLE

1	Thomas Roberts	0:41:14	Warrington Dolphins
	Thomas Hamer	DNS	Bobcats

## JUNIOR TEAM WINNERS

No Junior Team for 2012

## Warrington Dolphins LDSC - Albert Dock Championship 2012 results

### Junior ladies 2 Mile Championship

No.	Age	B	Forename	Surname	Club	Time	Position
1	15		Chloe	Waddell	Swim Trafford	38 mins 30 secs	1st
2	12		Leanne	Carey	St.Helens Swimming club	48 mins 53 secs	2nd
3	12		Sarah	Roberts	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	56 mins 39 secs	3rd
4	15		Rebecca	Lynch	Box Hill Swim Team	Retired	

### Junior Gents 2 Mile Championship

No.	Age	B	Forename	Surname	Club	Time	Position
5	13		Thomas	Roberts	Warrington Dolphins LDSC	38 mins 30 secs	1st
7	15		Joshua	McLellan	Blackpool Aquatics ASC	42 mins 33 secs	2nd
6	12		Nathan	Allatt	Wakefield Junior Triathlon Club	45 mins 26 secs	3rd

### Senior ladies 2 Mile Championship

No.	Age	V	B	Forename	Surname	Club	Time	Position
11	16			Heather	Lawson	Swim Trafford Team SC	41 mins 33 secs	1st
13	24			Sarah	Roberts	Scarborough SC	43 mins 07 secs	2nd
15	30			Hana	Leaper		46 mins 48 secs	3rd
8	49	V		Kate	Mansfield	Stockport SC	47 mins 31 secs	4th
14	47	V		Gaynor	Imrie	Liverpool Masters	58 mins 25 secs	5th
10	33			Louise	Hadcroft		59 mins 50 secs	6th
12	17			Lorna Amy	Thompson		1 hr 16 mins 15 secs	7th
54	45			Mandy	Reid	Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C.	1 hr 18 mins 04 secs	8th
9	37			Lisa	Stansbie	Etwell Eagles/BLDSA	Retired	

### Senior Gents 2 Mile Championship

No.	Age	V	B	Forename	Surname	Club	Time	Position
56				Greg	Banham		42 mins 51 secs	1st
18	53	V		Connor	Steve	Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C.	47 mins 01 secs	2nd
17	28			Chris	O'Keefe		47 mins 20 secs	3rd
20	44			Jonathan	Tilt		53 mins 20 secs	4th
21	77	V		Keith	Godbehere	Rotherham Metro ASC	56 mins 42 secs	5th
16	49	V		Richard	Lee		1 hr 00 mins 26 secs	6th
24	48	V		Billy	Taylor	City of Liverpool SC	1 hr 11 mins 13 secs	7th
22	71	V		Roy	Millican	Rotherham	1hr 19 mins 33 secs	8th
23	67	V		Mick	Gallagher	Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C.	1 hr 24 mins 20 secs	9th
19	72	V		Stuart	Ainsworth	Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C.	DNS	

### Senior ladies 4 Mile Championship

No.	Age	V	B	Forename	Surname	Club	Time	Position
33	19			Lydia	Woodward	Cambridge University	1 hr 26 mins 48 secs	1st
27	30			Katie	Birchall	City of Liverpool SC	1 hr 28 mins 2 secs	2nd
28	33			Amy	Mellor	Oundle SC	1 hr 29 mins 32 secs	3rd
29	18			Eve	Fellows		1 hr 32 mins 35 secs	4th
36	46	V		Michaela	Richard	Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C.	1 hr 33 mins 11 secs	5th
31	30			Liane	Llewelyn	BLDSA	1 hr 46 mins 09 secs	6th
25	42			Suzanne	Brown	Kenilworth Masters SC	1 hr 54 mins 33 secs	7th
35	53	V		Janet	Briggs		1 hr 58 mins 18 secs	8th
26	50	V		Kate	Robarts	St Austell ASC	2 hr 00 mins 46 secs	9th
34	44			Michelle	Hardy		2 hr 08 mins 51 secs	10th
32	43			Julie	Trevor	Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C.	2 hr 16 mins 00 secs	11th
30	47	V		Fiona	Hunter-Choat		Retired	

### Senior Gents 4 Mile Championship

No.	Age	V	B	Forename	Surname	Club	Time	Position
53	25			Alan	Wolfarth	City of Liverpool SC	1 hr 22 mins 00 secs	1st
49	44			Paul	Bates	Big Ricks Swim Team	1 hr 26 mins 47 secs	2nd
51	33			Nicholas	Aspey	Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C.	1 hr 29 mins 38 secs	3rd
44	39			Christian	Wade	Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C.	1 hr 36 mins 00 secs	4th
45	35			Nicholas	Robinson	City of Liverpool SC	1 hr 43 mins 20 secs	5th
42	50	V		Kevin	Saunders	City of Liverpool SC	1 hr 51 mins 04 secs	6th
47	39			Adrian	Moylan	Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C.	1 hr 53 mins 49 secs	7th
37	58	V		Peter	Goodman		1 hr 55 mins 45 secs	8th
41	53	V		Henry	Lowther	City of Liverpool SC	2 hr 01 mins 36 secs	9th
40	68	V		Peter	Ingham	Rotherham Metro ASC	2 hr 02 mins 24 secs	10th
46	45	V		Steve	Knowles	CSA	2 hr 13 mins 23 secs	11th
43	38			Tony	Fillingham	Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C.	2 hr 18 mins 48 secs	12th
48	40		B	Philip	Yorke	University of Leeds	2 hr 27 mins 00 secs	13th
50	57	V		Frank	Kilgannon	Halton SC	Retired	
38	26			Jake	Burgess		DNS	
39	32			Timothy	Hughes		DNS	
52	46	V		Andy	Markgraf		DNS	