

Warrington Dolphins LDSC

Annual Report 1998

Dear All,

Welcome to my first Annual Report for the club. After being 'volunteered' for the job of Honorary Club Secretary (as Caroline flew off to pastures new in France) I was a little worried about maintaining the high standards set by previous secretaries, but even if standards have dropped (blame my typist!) I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year both as club secretary and participating in outdoor swimming events.

Many club members have been involved in both our club events and those organised by others.

Our first event was the Budworth Mere Handicap completed on a glorious sunny day (and that was the last we saw of it) in May. Maurice Ferguson was awarded the trophy for the closest estimation of his finishing time (it's all those years of practice).

The next club event was the Budworth Mere Championship in June. The small amount of precipitation forecast by Mr. John Heapy, the Safety Officer, materialised as torrential rain. This didn't bother the swimmers too much but left the officials looking a little bedraggled. Despite the weather, everybody had great fun. Many thanks to Fiona Lynch, the Championship Secretary for organising the event.

In July many of the dolphins competed in the Howebridge Marlins swim at Llyn Padarn. Congratulations to those members who helped us to win the team trophy. Congratulations also go to Michaela Yates, Kalinda Pritchard and Graham Padget for their participation in the county team representing Cheshire at Holme Pier Pont in July at the National Championships. A big well done to Graham Padget who ventured into open water for the first time this season at the age of ?.

During August 2 club members, namely Henry Lowther and Kevin Saunders were involved in the support team for the 4 Lakes Swim.

The Albert Dock Championship was also held in August. Unfortunately Tony Johnson was in hospital at the time but due to all his expertise and hard work prior to the event everything ran smoothly on the day (the sun even made an appearance) and the event was enjoyed by all.

Jim Nurse completed his life saving qualification this year and has now joined our coaching staff alongside Maurice Ferguson and Fiona Lynch. He's already put us through some taxing training sessions and I am sure there are more to come.

Finally, I would like to thank our coaches for all their hard work and time and also thanks to our Championship Secretaries, committee members and Budworth Mere Sailing Club for their continued support.

Also, congratulations and thankyou to all swimmers who have represented the club at various levels over the last 12 months.

Here's to another year of 'happy swimming'.



Lesley Feakes
Honorary Club Secretary