



Marbury Handicap

3rd July 2015

**Distance:** 1640 m

**Stroke:** Freestyle

Name	Estimated Time	Actual Time	Difference	Position
Andy Sherratt	32:15	32:03	-0:12	1st
Julie Trevor	34:00	33:47	-0:13	2nd
Christian Wade	25:32	25:59	0:27	3rd
Joe Reid	43:50	43:18	-0:32	
Stuart Ainsworth	39:20	39:54	0:34	
Karen Hodgkins	41:30	40:43	-0:47	
Barbara Harding	39:04	37:45	-1:19	
Amanda Reid	42:22	43:50	1:28	
Lucy Trevor	38:59	35:56	-3:03	
Rob Waters	45:00	38:20	-6:40	



### Marbury Handicap Report 2015

Traditionally held on the evening of Warrington Walking Day at Marbury outdoor pool, this one mile handicap, for Dolphins Members only, has become one of the most popular club events. The swim is usually followed by a visit to a local pub for a presentation and buffet.

The 2015 event was held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July with the buffet and presentation at the Antrobus Arms.

After two years of atrocious weather, we were finally blessed with sunshine, only to find that past memories of traffic jams and rainstorms had clearly dampened member's enthusiasm for the event ! Still, both swimmers and timekeepers all had an enjoyable evening, and the spectacular display of fork lightning was thankfully reserved for the journey home from the pub !

The one-mile-and-a-bit handicap race consisted of 2 heats of 5 swimmers swimming 54 lengths of the 33 and a third yard pool. Visibility's 'iffy' and with no lane ropes, there's always the potential for head on collisions to the amusement of all the timekeepers and spectators ! This year saw a total of 3 in the first heat, with Karen veering into the next lane to collide with Barbara before Barbara, (perhaps still dizzy from the collision ? ) veering into Stuart's lane and colliding with him on two occasions ! But all this affected Barbara's swimming not one jot as she powered home to win the first heat in 37:45 – 1min and 19 seconds inside her predicted time. Joe Reid was the early leader in the handicap competition, posting 43:18, 32 seconds inside his prediction. Sighting drills to be included at the next training session ? ☺

The second and final heat saw junior swimmer Lucy Trevor making her debut in the competition by posting a time of 35:56 – great swimming for an 11 year old swimmer. Christian swam the fastest swim of the evening with an excellent 25:59, and Christmas Handicap champion Julie Trevor swam well with a time of 33:47, only 13 seconds outside of her prediction. Unfortunately for Julie, this wasn't quite good enough to win the handicap trophy, as Andy Sherratt came home in 32:03 – 12 seconds inside his prediction and beating Julie by just one second. Well done Andy !

The evening concluded with a lovely 'chips and sandwiches' meal at the Antrobus Arms which was very much appreciated by the swimmers and timekeepers A pity that only 10 swimmers were able to take advantage of this enjoyable event this year – hopefully the attendance will be a bit higher next year.

Well done to all the swimmers and timekeepers who made this event happen, and a big thankyou to Julie Trevor for organising everything.

Judy Brown