



Warrington Dolphins Long Distance Swimming Club

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Newsletter – Feb 2026

It's the start of another season and its 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). Emma Jones-Holding (Safeguarding).

But before we think about 2026 at the end of 2025, we reintroduced our Boxing Day Budworth Dip which was a great success. We had 18 dippers and no ice. The previous format of dip, drink and butty was added to by entrants receiving a mug. Thanks to all who attended and helped organise the event. We also donated to Budworth's RNLI appeal.

In early February we held our 1500m Championship at Orford Hub, with 24 swimmers entered. Once again Kalliopi organised a great event. The fastest ladies and gents were Jess Burke and Matt Barnes. This year certificates were given to all and a trophy to the swimmer whose swim time was nearest their submitted time. Jess Burke was 2 second out. 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.

Can I draw your attention to **Membership – It's now due**, so at the same great value as last year (Seniors £10, Juniors £5).

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 don't know we have run this BLDSA event for many years. As a result, we get a cut of what the BLDSA makes.

Our Tuesday evening swimming at Budworth will restart on the 14th April, meet at the shed. Our sessions run through the summer, 6pm to 8pm.

Also at Budworth our Budworth Challenge where you can swim either a 1 mile or 2 mile circuit is on Monday 25th May. Entries are limited to a total of 40. You can enter the swim via the link:

<https://www.entrycentral.com/festival/3858>

Dates for your diary are:

Postal Swim sessions	16/02/26 or 23/02/26 or 09/03/26 or 23/03/26
Budworth Summer Swims start	14/04/26 Every Tuesday 18:00 to 20:00
Budworth Challenge	26/05/26 Swim Sec Andy Wright
Budworth Handicap & Summer social	16/06/26 Details to follow
BLDSA Coniston 'Swim into the sunset'	27/06/26

Again, this year we are hoping to get a few teams entered in the Coniston 'Swim into the sunset' swim. The swim is on the 27th June. So, if your interested message either Kalliopi or myself and transfer £18 into the club account for a 6 person team and £36 for a 3 person team.

Also, we already have 3 teams entered into the BLDSA 'Natural Spring Challenge' at Matlock Baths on 11th April. Again, anyone interested send a message to myself and hopefully we can get a 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