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Summary of the year

From the sausage buns at Colwick Park, the season's first swim, to the soup and cake at Lynn Regis, it's been a great season of swims (and food).

The great season has only been possible thanks to three great groups of people. First the Swim Secretaries (and of course their friends and family who have provided lots of additional support). A big thank you to all of them for their hard work.

Secondly, we must recognise the hard work and dedication of the committee, many of whom are regularly seen rolling their sleeves up and performing a variety of roles during the swim weekends.

Finally of course, the swimmers. Whether you are a newcomer or an experienced swimmer, well done to you all and thanks for some great memories.

Jean Wilkin-Oxley

BLDSA President, 2015

2015 in Numbers

- **297** members

- **29** events

- **458** swimmers entered

- **380** swims completed

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President's Report

This is the second time I have served as BLDSA President and this term I have been privileged to undertake the Presidential duties, in practice if not in name, for a year and a half! The reason of course was a sad one, it was due to Pat's illness during her presidential year, but I am happy to report that she is now well, in fact I don't know what they put in that chemo but she looks younger than ever!

As I write this the Association's swim event season has finished - though not the work, that goes on throughout the winter and spring but, generally in drier conditions - and I am happy to have witnessed another successful summer of fantastic swimming and organisation in all geographical areas of the country. From the early three-miler at Colwick Park - a great swim to kick off the season with warmer-than-expected water and a treat for all from Peter Hawksworth in the form of sausage buns from the Roaming Bistro - to the last splash at Lynn Regis with Steve Smith's soup and cake. Am I revealing a link here?!

Bounded by these two events were our swims around the country. Wykeham, where Liane Llewellyn Hickling had a great team on board (Trish from Scarborough Kingfishers brought cupcakes - ok, I'll stop now with the food obsession!!), Dover, where Mark Sheridan inspired so many people to try this challenging event, a challenge to organise too, but Mark triumphed. Torbay, a race across the beautiful bay and back again, organised by Peter Larrad during a period interspersed by surgery - the dedication of our volunteers is amazing!

Then onto Bala, organised for the first time by Helen Brindle, whose smile did not falter once during the whole weekend! The Veterans' race at Coniston, where Vince Classen's constant humour gave no clue to the amount of work he had put in, followed by the Senior and Junior Coniston event that I organised with the help of my IT whizz of a son ("Joe, I need help with the printer/scanner/laptop/finding the gin!"). 2WW (neat isn't it? and so much catchier than Two-Way Windermere), where Mark Sheridan showed his skills again, I know that on this one event he sent/answered about 300 emails. Ullswater, for which we did not have a secretary at the start of the year and I stepped in to run it, followed on the day after by Dewentwater, which was taken on by Janet Wilson who always steps up to the plate when a job needs doing. There is no-one better than the unflappable Janet to be in charge when someone walks up the jetty and shouts "Wait, there's blue green algae all over the place!" A deviation of the route solved the issue.

Windermere does its best to provide Dee Llewellyn with as many organisational problems as possible and she always sorts every one. This year she had to double the workload and ensure that every detail was sorted prior to the event as there was a chance that she may be called down to the Channel to take part in a relay on the weekend of the swim, leaving Liane and Pat to deputise for her. As it turned out, the weather in the Channel was unfavourable and Dee was able to be with us and enjoy the superb hotpot provided at the presentation by the staff at Fell Foot Park (oops, slipped back into food thoughts!). St Mary's Loch was our penultimate event and was a wonderful weekend of swimming and socialising arranged by Janet Wilson, as ever ensuring that every aspect of the race was covered superbly.

In addition to being present to see these championships, it was a pleasure to be invited to attend events run by our Affiliated Clubs and friends. Warrington Dolphins LDSC hosted their

early season swim close to the end of May, as always welcoming all-comers to Budworth, and their Albert Dock event on the same weekend as 2WW. Our friends at Broughty Ferry, YeAABA, invited me to Loch Earn where I was able to do something rare for this summer - have a swim!

No event is ever run by a single person and, though our Championship Secretaries are very hard working people, they are supported by teams of helpers. Many of these are friends and family members but I would like to thank every member of the Executive Committee for a huge amount of input over the season. These are not just any committee members who don't get their hands dirty, these are BLDSA committee members who can be seen all summer putting up first aid tents, providing first aid, controlling the race, driving the rescue boats, timekeeping, kayaking, organising safety... and many other essential jobs.

Of course none of this would be necessary without the people we do it for and with - the swimmers have provided me with memories of the season that on cold winter nights will have me longing for next May. Congratulations on your achievements and, whether this has been your first season with the BLDSA or you have been with us since Noah was driving the rescue boat, I hope you have enjoyed the experience as much as I have.

Finally I would like to thank you, the members, for giving me a fantastic summer. Yes, I always joke that my weekdays are spent unpacking and re-packing the car for the busy weekends but I feel very fortunate that my hobby allows me to travel the length and breadth of the country to beautiful locations to spend time with amazing, talented and inspirational people.

Very best wishes to you all, I wish you luck in all your endeavours.

Jean Wilkin-Oxley

Hon General Secretary Report

I am sad to report that Mick Gallagher, Brian Ferrand, MarieToft, MurielChristie & Fred Hammond have passed on since our last AGM. Our thoughts are with their families and friends.

The new website has been very popular in terms of people accessing it. I say this because since the launch of the new website, and its'Contact us button', I have had 130+ e-mails, covering a wide variety of topics.

The e-mail themes included: a number requesting information on swims, both ours this season and to inform of individual attempts; a number from commercial organisations and charity endeavours looking to engage with us; various enquiries about advertising/sharing links/forwarding information to members. However, the two most common themes, which are being looked at by the committee, were:

- Finding results and the lack of previous results for events
- Where/how to sign up for membership (is this obvious enough on the website?)

In addition to the website we have had a definite growth in the use of our social media; this has been generally positive and has spread the word well. It has, however, mirrored the e-mail comments about being able to find results, both for past swims and swims just completed.

It was good to see a strong turnout at Champion of Champions, Torbay and 2-way Windermere. Along with our other well run swims, we produced a lot of happy smiley faces! A number of whom we had first engaged with at the H2Open water show in Reading, which Mark Sheridan and I attended to represent the association.

It was also good to see so many folks stay back at Kings Lynn, after the Lynn Regis championship for camping, food and conversation; even if only a few brave souls had a splash on Sunday! It was a great way to finish the season and I hope we have the same again next year.

As well as our successful swim series, as an association, we have had a great season in the English Channel in 2015.

After a very windy and changeable year in the channel, where many swims were delayed or didn't even get a chance to start, we had at least 10 English Channel Solos from BLDSA members: Myself, Mark Sheridan, AdrianRotchell, AndreRoberts, Phil Hodges, Chloe McCardel (3 one ways and a triple), Sarah Poplar, RebeccaLewis, Sue Croft and SimonOlliver. I apologise for anyone I have missed, it has been a busy season! There were some valiant efforts from other members who found it wasn't their day this time. In addition we had BLDSA members in more channel relays than I could keep track of.

We were also well represented overseas at swims such as SCAR, Catalina Channel, North Channel, round Manhattan and round Jersey to name but a few.

I would like to remind people if they would like to be on the committee, to help us keep moving forward or simply help out at swims, to get in touch with us for more information. The more help we have the better the experience for us all.

I hope to see many of you in the coming season. I am already really looking forward to the 2016 season and my personal challenge for the year of swimming Loch Lomond on Breaststroke.

Philip Yorke

Championship Reports

Colwick Park

17th May

Eye up from Nottingham.

It appears we are growing in popularity here in Robin Hood country, with 41 hardy souls entering the swim, compared with 27 last year, although several did drop out at the last moment. Conditions were far from ideal, cool choppy water at 14 degrees centigrade made the going far from easy.

Personally, having had a heavy cold all week, I decided to opt out. Callum Chivers looked far worse than I did but he wasn't deterred, I think I'm becoming a bit of a wimp!

Nevertheless, I enjoyed witnessing some magnificent swimming in the difficult conditions. Notably Thomas Roberts, who retained his title (as his mum says, "I just wind him up and off he goes.") Thomas also had a very pleasant surprise at the presentation, as well as receiving the Gents Championship Trophy he was also presented with the BLDSA Swimmer of The Year Trophy for 2014. Runner up in a repeat of last season was the not too well Callum Chivers (any normal person would have been sat at home by the fire sipping a lemsip). Third place this year was veteran James Bridges who was pushed all the way by local veteran Paul Smith.

In the ladies race Georgia Amison retained her title but not too far behind her was veteran Wendy Figures. We only had one entrant in the Breaststroke event Bryn Dymott, but I think he must have enjoyed seeing off so many respectable front crawlers. Obviously I can't mention everyone, but really everyone who swam the event deserves one, and a medal!

Our event could not have taken place without the help of certain people so I would like to say a BIG thank you to the following for making the event possible:

- Jean Wilkin-Oxley (President of the BLDSA)
- Margaret Smith
- Mick Blackburn
- Chris Hickling
- Alison Mackintosh
- Nottingham University Kayak Club
- Nottingham City Council
- Jim Chester (Roaming Bistro)

Last but not least and most important of all Diane Stack

Finally I would like to wish all our swimmers a successful season and I hope to see you all again at Colwick next year...

Peter Hawksworth

Colwick Park Results

Men

Position	Name	Stroke	Club/Town	Time
1	Thomas Roberts	f/s	Widnes	1.09.43
2	Callum Chivers	f/s	Hitchin SC	1.15.23
3	James Bridges	f/s	Wallsend	1.16.23
4	Paul Smith	f/s	Nottingham	1.16.25
5	Guy Moar	f/s	London	1.21.40
6	David Randall	f/s	Trafford Masters SC	1.21.47
7	Simon Lee	f/s	Solent SC	1.23.42
8	Neil Meadows	f/s	Loughborough Town SC	1.23.50
9	Adrian Rotchell	f/s	Nemes Nutters	1.25.56
Position	Name	Stroke	Club/Town	Time
10	Christopher Jordinson	f/s	South London SC	1.26.22
11	Matthew Ryall	f/s	Halifax	1.31.08
12	Yves Bouvy	f/s	London	1.31.20
13	Kevin Welsh	f/s	Ashbourne	1.35.11
14	Mark Sheridan	f/s	Nemes Nutters	1.37.03
15	Bryn Dymott	b/s	St Neots	1.39.34
16	Frank Kilgannon	f/s	Halton SC	1.39.54
17	Patrick Smith	f/s	Southwell	1.46.53
18	Owen Mahoney	f/s	Caistor	1.47.53
19	Michael Read	f/s	Brighton SC	1.50.19
20	Robert Haylock	f/s	West Suffolk SC	1.55.44
21	Adam Cooper	f/s	Nottingham	2.05.01
	Peter Hawksworth		Nottingham	DNS
	Ivan Lewis		Swindon	DNS
	Kevin Saunders		Warrington Dolphins	DNS
	Nick White		Blackpool Lifeboat	DNS

Ladies

Position	Name	Stroke	Club/Town	Time
1	Georgia Amison	f/s	Leicester Penguins	1.21.07
2	Wendy Figures	f/s	Langold Pikes	1.22.03
3	Michelle Hardy	f/s	Langold Pikes	1.39.48
4	Louise Orgill	f/s	Newark SC	1.42.58
5	Zoe Sadler	f/s	Basingstoke Bluefins	1.43.06
6	Sian Williams	f/s	Rossett	1.47.01
7	Suzanne Brown	f/s	Leamington Spa	1.48.13
8	Jo Blackburn	f/s	Barnoldswick	1.49.52
9	Val Greenwood	f/s	Hindhead	1.52.20
10	Sarah Tunnicliffe	f/s	Ely	1.59.26
11	Annie Stafford	f/s	Pennine Swimmers	1.59.57
12	Helen Brindle	f/s	Chorley	2.09.43
	Joanne Mallinson		TFN	DNF
	Vicky Nall		Nantwich	DNF
	Rachel Smith		Langold Pikes	DNF
	Jane Mitchell		Daventry Dolphins	DNS

Wykeham Lakes

14th June 2015

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported this event. Special thanks to Capt. Eric Casson from Wykeham Estates for making us feel so welcome. The facilities at this venue get better each year and it will be exciting to see further developments in 2016.

I was delighted to welcome our 2015 President, my good friend Jean Wilkin-Oxley who did a fabulous job encouraging swimmers from her kayak during the day.

The first event of the day was the 3km/2 mile event. The junior swimmers certainly set the pace with Kennedy Webster from Scarborough Kingfishers finishing first in 56 minutes 10 seconds, closely followed by teammates, Claire Bamford (second 59.50), and Sarah Platten (third 1.02.32). The trio took home the junior team trophy for their efforts.

It's always lovely to see local swimmers taking part and I expect to see great things from these young ladies in the future. In the senior 2 mile event Debbie Brady finished first in a time of 1 hour 31 mins 35 secs in a great early season swim.

The longest event of the day is the 5km (5 circuits) race. The event was this year won by James Bridges in a fantastic time of 1 hour 33 mins 45 secs. James was closely followed by our returning, and still reigning female champion, Nikki Fraser from StocksbridgePentaqua in 1hour 30 mins 54 secs. Louise Fleming (1.33.35) and David Randall (1.33.45) took second places in the female and male events. Awesome swimming all round.

The senior team trophy for the 5km event was claimed by Michelle Hardy, Wendy Figures and Peter Ingham from Langold Pikes.

I hope to see both the junior and senior team champions returning next year to defend their titles. But who will come and challenge them? Bring three teammates and have a go, let's get the team competition going.

I should like to add a special mention of Simon Stoker, also from Langold Pikes who, although he didn't quite complete the full event, did manage a credible 2km swim and then bought most of the merchandise on sale to help him warm up. Thank you for modelling the new gear - what a star. I hope to see you back next year to finish what you started. I'll stock up the merchandise in advance!

The second part of the day is the 1km novice race open to non-members and aimed at encouraging new participants to our sport. Well done to all who took part, especially those taking part in their first swim. Thank you to our hardy swimmers who went back in to join the newcomers in this event.

Thank you also to all the officials: race controller, timekeepers, referees, first aiders, lap counters, kayakers, safety boat crews and all who came to support the event, you're all brilliant & the event wouldn't work without you.

See you all next year.

Liane Llewellyn Hickling

Wykeham Lakes Results

Senior Male 5km

Position	Name	Age	Stroke	Club/Town	Time
1st	James Bridges	57	f/s	BLDSA	1.28.21
2nd	David Randall	60	f/s	Trafford Masters	1.33.45
3rd	Simon Lee	50	f/s	Solent SC	1.36.18
4th	Matt Ryall	40	f/s	Halifax SC	1.36.36
5th	Mark Robson	46	f/s	SISC	1.41.42
6th	David Morgan	52	f/s	BLDSA	1.45.56
7th	Frank Kilgannon	60	f/s	Warrington Dolphins	1.48.14
8th	Mark Sheridan	41	f/s	Nemes Nutters	1.50.04
9th	Andrew Wright	58	f/s	Warrington Dolphins	1.50.19
10th	Dominic Gillespie	46	f/s	BLDSA	1.55.02
11th	Robert Haylock	55	f/s	West Suffolk	1.57.56
12th	Nick White	42	b/s (1st)	LGBT Athlete	2.11.29
13th	Francis Zielinski	40	f/s	BLDSA	2.12.47
14th	Geoff O'Grady	51	f/s	BLDSA	2.13.07
15th	Peter Ingham	71	f/s	Langold Pikes	2.19.04
16th	Paul Tew	57	f/s	BLDSA	2.33.51
17th	Christopher Evans	50	f/s	Phoenix Leeds	2.52.19
DNF	Simon Stoker	47	f/s	Langold Pikes	2km 52.48
DNS	Kevin Saunders				
DNS	Patrick Smith				

Senior Ladies 5km

Position	Name	Age	Stroke	Club/Town	Time
1st	Nikki Fraser	22	f/s	StocksbridgePentaqua	1.30.54
2nd	Louise Fielding	19	f/s	Hazel Grove & Bramhall	1.33.35
3rd	Wendy Figures	49	f/s	Langold Pikes	1.33.42
4th	Erin Hope	16	f/s	Scarborough Kingfishers	1.45.53
5th	Jo Clayton	36	f/s	Rydale SC	1.49.20
6th	Michelle Hardy	47	f/s	Langold Pikes	1.54.52
7th	Jane Mitchell	52	f/s	Daventry Dolphins SC	1.55.02
8th	Amanda Bell	43	f/s	Thornaby	2.11.17
9th	Jane Sedman	46	f/s	Scarborough Kingfishers	2.12.57
10th	Sarah Tunnicliffe	40	f/s	BLDSA	2.13.27
11th	Jo Blackburn	45	f/s	BLDSA	2.17.07
12th	Helen Brindle	45	f/s	Pennine Swimmers	2.29.00

Senior Team Winners: Langold Pikes: Michelle Hardy, Wendy Figures, Peter Ingham

Junior Girls 2 miles/3.3 km

Position	Name	Age	Stroke	Club/Town	Time
1st	Kennady Webster	14	f/s	Scarborough Kingfishers	56.1
2nd	Claire Bamford	14	f/s	Scarborough Kingfishers	59.5
3rd	Sarah Platten	15	f/s	Scarborough Kingfishers	1.02.32
4th	Ellie Knight	13	b/s (1st)	Warrington Dolphins	1.11.37

No Junior boys entered

Senior Ladies 2 miles/3.3km

Position	Name	Age	Stroke	Club/Town	Time
1st	Debbie Brady	43	f/s	BLDSA	1.31.35
2nd	Rachel Smith	46	f/s	Langold Pikes	2.02.39
3rd Br/s	Margaret Smith	70	b/s (1st)	BLDSA	2.22.20
DNF	Maggie Holdsworth	49	f/s	BLDSA	2km 1.04.36

No Senior Gents entered

1km event

Position	Name	Stroke	Time
1st Female	Wendy Figures	f/s	18.08
2 nd	Mia Syrett	f/s	18.55 (Wetsuit)
3 rd	Hollie Horton	f/s	18.59
4th 1st Male	Matt Ryall	f/s	19.07
5 th	Mark Robson	f/s	19.58
6 th	Ed Foxall	f/s	20.15
7 th	Erin Hope	f/s	21.35
8 th	Sophia Sheridan	f/s	21.54
9 th	Mark Sheridan	f/s	22.33
10 th	Alex Lee	f/s	22.55
11 th	Michelle Hardy	f/s	25.15
12 th	Simon Stoker	f/s	25.15
13 th	Amanda Bell	f/s	25.37
14 th	Alex Sedman	f/s	28.36
15 th	Paul Hodgson	f/s	29.09
16 th	Caroline Bamber	f/s	40.50
17 th	Rachel Smith	f/s	40.55
18 th	Alexandra Booker	f/s	40.56
19 th	Jo Blackburn	f/s	40.58

Champion of Champions

20th June 2015

A record 67 seniors entered over Entry Central for this year's BLDSA Champion of Champions swim, which was held for the 10th consecutive year on 20th June 2015 in Dover Harbour. The entry list was full for the first time in its history and post registration, swimmers were applied with a Sportstik numbers (used in the Olympics 10k!) on each arm to enable easier identification for the officials.

We were honoured to have the University of Portsmouth team, led by Heather Lunt, also in situ who were analysing swimmers' core temperatures (pre- and post-swims) as part of a study for FINA about temperature regulation in open water swimming. I look forward to reading about their conclusions.

Conditions were set reasonably fair with a water temperature of 14.3 degrees Celsius (absolutely bang in line with the 10 year average for the 3rd weekend in June), sun was due to give way to overcast conditions & conveniently the rain managed to hold off until close to the end of the certificate presentation! The swimmers were set off by Honorary Starter Emma France who is a very well-known multiple-time Channel swimmer and selfless volunteer for the Channel Swimming community.

Of the 26 women who entered, 20 completed all three events to earn the right to pick up the famous BLDSA Champion of Champions red swimming cap led by Chloe McCardel who had travelled all the way from Australia to swim the 9 miles in 3 hours 45 minutes. She was the only swimmer not lapped by the jet-propelled, effortless Oliver Wilkinson who returned to this event to win it in style with an overall time of 3 hours 30 minutes. Of the 41 men who entered, 30 completed all 3 events with the odd retirement due to the cold given that it is still early in the season. First English lady home and 2nd in the Women's event overall was Nikki Fraser followed by Liz Price in third. Brian Allen made up a massive deficit of 8 minutes after the 5-miler to push Howard James into 3rd overall.

There was an enthralling finish that took place in the final 1-mile race where we uncovered a gem of a junior swimmer in Taine Carrick who at only 14 years young pushed a fatiguing Oli Wilkinson for every last stroke only trailing by 5 seconds as he touched the green buoy! It was also fantastic of Jeremy Irvine to bring his 2 athletic sons, James and Pedro, who got in and swam superbly for their first BLDSA event in the 1-miler. Well done to all 3 junior lads – we hope to see more of you at BLDSA events in the future.

A special mention must go to Jim Boucher from Guildford Lido Legends who became only the 4th person in history to complete the course on breaststroke. He was only narrowly outside of Bryn Dymott's long-standing record. The biggest prizes and loudest cheers of the day were reserved for Kathleen Long and breaststroker Philip Yorke, who walked away proudly with engraved hip-flasks detailing that they had endured the conditions longer than any other competitors. Brave stuff. Those who retired are reminded that the event takes place again next year and are urged to come back and have another go. No doubt they will have learned loads about themselves and their stroke after this year's swim and all experiences in open water helps.

BLDSA president Jean Wilkin-Oxley was awarded a bottle of wine to celebrate her birthday the day before. Martyn Coates also got a bottle of red after giving up his entire day to work on the safety boats instead of marking his 50th birthday.

Dan Simoneli and Chloe McCardel were awarded the famous BLDSA swim series T-shirts for travelling from San Diego and Australia respectively. We hope they encourage their swimming mates to join us in future years. It was an honour to have them and their fellow countrymen with us.

I would like to thank all the BLDSA officials, kayakers and volunteers for giving up an entire Saturday to make this event possible. Without the keen support from many of my pals from NemesNutters swimming club, it would not have run so smoothly. The contribution of Kate Todd cannot be underestimated, ably assisting not only the turnboat lap-counters but also demonstrating a perceptive touch on the radio identifying swimmers who were looking worse for wear to the safety officials, so they could be escorted on a more 1:1 basis. She also proved incredibly popular with swimmers being armed with 3 big boxes of jelly babies!

We have set the date as the 18th June 2016 for next year's Champion of Champions swim to enable swimmers to earn the right to complete the course to gain the famous red cap. I look forward to seeing you all then if not before on the BLDSA circuit.

Mark Sheridan

<i>Name</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>5 Mile Time</i>	<i>3 Mile Time</i>	<i>1 Mile Time</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Total Time</i>
Senior Ladies						
Chloe McCardel	30	1:58:25	1:21:29	0:25:36	1	3:45:30
Nikki Fraser	22	2:08:54	1:27:18	0:28:02	2	4:04:14
Liz Price	36	2:13:27	1:33:05	0:27:04	3	4:13:36
Wendy Figures	49	2:22:23	1:31:15	0:29:47	4	4:23:25
Kerry O'Hara	37	2:27:48	1:28:32	0:27:49	5	4:24:09
Sarah Poplar	39	2:22:50	1:35:46	0:30:37	6	4:29:13
Dee Llewellyn	37	2:32:09	1:42:43	0:31:25	7	4:46:17
Claire Wilson	46	2:40:48	1:40:38	0:32:21	8	4:53:47
Michelle Hardy	47	3:02:15	1:51:27	0:36:19	9	5:30:01
Zoe Sadler	41	3:04:39	1:57:29	0:37:20	10	5:39:28
Tegwyn Tricker	38	3:06:14	2:00:38	0:40:25	11	5:47:17
Victoria (Tors) Hamilton	32	3:12:40	1:56:36	0:38:29	12	5:47:45
Sue Croft	50	3:22:56	2:02:46	0:38:03	13	6:03:45
Sylvia Bland	47	3:18:44	2:06:04	0:40:13	14	6:05:01
Jane Bell	41	3:23:41	2:07:43	0:40:15	15	6:11:39
Annabel Lavers	46	3:29:29	2:04:05	0:39:10	16	6:12:44
Giovanna Richards	47	3:30:30	2:08:10	0:42:27	17	6:21:07
Lucy Dunstan-Beasley	32	3:31:40	2:11:31	0:42:27	18	6:25:38
Jo Blackburn	45	3:34:46	2:15:12	0:45:19	19	6:35:17
Kathleen Long	56	3:30:30	2:31:18	0:48:57	20	6:50:45
Val Greenwood	62	3:34:02	2:22:53	DNS		5:56:55
Sara Marley	46	2:48:15	1:50:33	DNS		4:38:48
Hazel Killingbeck	17		RETIRED			
		2:35:59	0:19:35	DNS		2:35:59
Amanda Bell	43	RETIRED				
		2:11:37	2:11:08	0:40:43		2:51:51
Katie Holmes	30	DNS	DNS	DNS		
Jane Mitchell	52	DNS	DNS	DNS		

Senior Men						
Oliver Wilkinson	39	1:52:58	1:13:36	0:23:35	1	3:30:09
Brian Allen	33	2:14:21	1:21:09	0:25:03	2	4:00:33
Howard James	36	2:06:27	1:28:30	0:26:55	3	4:01:52
Matthew Culverwell	43	2:07:25	1:30:36	0:27:18	4	4:05:19
Dan Simonelli	49	2:12:48	1:27:42	0:27:03	5	4:07:33
Daniel Bunn	45	2:11:39	1:27:55	0:28:36	6	4:08:10
Simon Griffiths	48	2:12:43	1:29:19	0:27:08	7	4:09:10
Guy Moar	47	2:14:13	1:28:18	0:28:27	8	4:10:58
Jai Evans	38	2:16:19	1:29:57	0:29:33	9	4:15:49
Adrian Rotchell	40	2:16:18	1:31:12	0:28:21	10	4:15:51
Mark Stone	55	2:14:18	1:35:10	0:28:00	11	4:17:28
Andre Roberts	20	2:21:12	1:28:49	0:27:30	12	4:17:31
David Randall	60	2:18:44	1:32:42	0:28:46	13	4:20:12
Simon Lee	50	2:21:36	1:29:59	0:28:42	14	4:20:17
Jon Tribbeck	44	2:40:44	1:31:35	0:35:06	15	4:47:25
Yves Bouvy	53	2:33:26	1:41:31	0:32:44	16	4:47:41
Nick Hunt	59	2:32:25	1:42:54	0:35:00	17	4:50:19
Mark Robson	46	2:40:54	1:47:55	0:33:51	18	5:02:40
Mark Kennealy	50	2:44:58	1:45:24	0:34:53	19	5:05:15
Toby Davis	28	2:48:02	1:47:50	0:32:03	20	5:07:55
Kevin Welsh	52	2:47:32	1:46:46	0:35:19	21	5:09:37
Adrian Brown	48	2:55:08	1:53:09	0:36:45	22	5:25:02
Jeremy Irvine	47	2:55:39	1:55:31	0:34:24	23	5:25:34
Max Cumming	48	2:54:44	1:56:05	0:37:03	24	5:27:52
David Oakley	54	3:00:15	2:01:35	0:37:51	25	5:39:41
James Boucher (B/str)	54	3:11:57	2:05:23	0:40:44	26	5:58:04
Hein Behrens	48	3:19:26	2:07:38	0:40:02	27	6:07:06
Robert Haylock	55	3:35:29	2:06:38	0:40:50	28	6:22:57
John Willis	48	3:48:14	2:22:08	0:46:19	29	6:56:41
Philip Yorke (B/str)	43	4:04:56	2:12:59	0:41:11	30	6:59:06
Don Perrott	46	2:21:58	1:43:18	DNS		4:05:16
Garry Jackson	45		RETIRED			
		3:09:16	1:24:39	DNS		3:09:16
Robert Bonner	23	2:11:12	DNS	DNS		2:11:12
Michael Read	74	3:21:38	DNS	DNS		3:21:38
Phil Cooper	50	RETIRED	RETIRED			
		1:34:23	1:09:50	0:31:32		0:31:32
David Granger	58	RETIRED				
		1:36:55	DNS	0:30:42		0:30:42
Matthew Johnston	50	DNS	DNS	DNS		
William May	51	DNS	DNS	DNS		
Russell Parker	39	DNS	DNS	DNS		
Gary Parker	60	DNS	DNS	DNS		
Tony Rutter	38	DNS	DNS	DNS		

Name		5 Mile	3 Mile	1 Mile		Total
		Time	Time	Time		Time
Senior Ladies - 3 mile and 1 mile						
Cat Fraser	18	XXXXXX	1:49:02	0:37:43	1	2:26:45
Jo Blount	29	XXXXXX	RETIRED 1:09:34	0:34:09		0:34:09
Naomi Gayler	32	XXXXXX	DNS	DNS		
Senior Men - 3 mile and 1 mile						
Alan Collett	52	XXXXXX	1:25:13	0:27:45	1	1:52:58
Michael Nicol	61	XXXXXX	1:34:21	0:30:25	2	2:04:46
Robert Drysdale	51	XXXXXX	1:38:34	0:33:05	3	2:11:39
Louw Mattheus	39	XXXXXX	1:52:15	0:39:21	4	2:31:36
Senior Ladies - 1 mile						
Elizabeth Parker	39	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	DNS		
Junior Boys - 1 mile						
Taine Carrick	14	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	0:23:41	1	0:23:41
James Irvine	13	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	0:27:42	2	0:27:42
Pedro Irvine	13	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	0:32:38	3	0:32:38

Torbay

4th July

We were fortunate with the weather this year, the hot week prior to the swim warmed the water to 15.5°C and the day was reasonable with no rain but a SW wind force 4-5.

The team assembled at Meadfoot at 7:00 am. Unfortunately Chris Hickling was unable to attend due to his Mother's illness. Thank you to Richard Hardy for standing in for Chris as the Race Referee and Boat Coordinator. Thank you also to Sue Coates and Katrina Bloom for being the turn judges, this job was previously done by Brian Ferrand who sadly passed away earlier this year. Many will miss him.

Registration started at 8:00, by 9:15 all swimmers had been allocated a kayaker thanks mainly to the Teignbridge Canoe Club and in particular Craig Kelly for coordinating. The briefing meeting took place at 9:45 and it was decided that the conditions were safe for the full course to take place.

Due to the high tide at the start time and the choppy conditions on the slipway at Meadfoot it was difficult to get the kayakers in the water on time, so the race started 15 minutes late. The race was started by Jean our President, who had to wade up to her knees to get to the beach. Jean was also the Race Controller.

Simon Olliver led the way to Fishcombe Cove and was first to turn the buoy, so he was the winner of the Gents Veteran Trophy. Sarah Poplar was the first lady to turn the buoy and Michelle Hardy was the first veteran lady to turn the buoy. The positions did not change on the way back. Simon finished first in the Gents and Sarah first in the ladies. Philip Yorke was the first Gents Breastroker.

As expected jellyfish were an issue this year with two swimmers treated for stings by Janet Wilson our first aider. It is usual to see jellyfish in Torbay but this year was exceptional as jellyfish were a problem all along the south coast this year.

Over the years Torbay has proven to be a good training swim for the Channel. This year was no exception. Congratulations to Sarah Poplar, Simon Olliver, Adrian Rotchell, Philip Yorke, Mark Sheridan and Andre Roberts who went on to complete channel swims this year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following: Jean Wilkin-Oxley, Liane Llewellyn Hickling, Chris Hickling, Andy Wright, Janet Wilson, John Lee, Helen Price, Mick Blackburn, Sue Coates, Martyn Coates, Katrina Bloom, Simon Wallis (Torbay Resort Officer), Simon Pinder (Paignton Harbour Master), Laura Fudge, Adrian Morral, Mike Willis (Brixham YC) All the Kayakers in particular Craig Kelly (Teignbridge Canoe Club), and all the swimmers.

I look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Peter Larrad

Torbay Results

Ladies

Position	Name	Age	Stroke	Club / Town	Time
1st	Sarah Poplar	39	f/s	DRSA	04:25:47
2nd	Michelle Hardy	46	f/s	Langold Pikes	05:23:15
3rd	Wendy Figures	49	f/s	Langold Pikes	05:34:08

Veteran Ladies

Position	Name	Age	Stroke	Club / Town	Time
1st	Michelle Hardy	46	f/s	Langold Pikes	02:40:13
2nd	Wendy Figures	49	f/s	Langold Pikes	02:40:22
3rd	Lou Walker	52	f/s	East Dorset OWSC	02:46:04
	Jo Blackburn	45		Warrington Dolphins	Rtd

Gents

Position	Name	Age	Stroke	Club / Town	Time
1st	Simon Olliver	50	f/s	New Zealand	03:48:00
2nd	Andre Roberts	20	f/s	Devonport RSA	04:10:58
3rd	Adrian Rotchell	40	f/s	Nemes Nutters	04:11:11
4th	Nick Hunt	59	f/s	Chelmsford S.C.	04:42:07
5th	Mark Sheridan	41	f/s	Nemes Nutters	04:53:12
6th	Kevin Welsh	52	f/s	Spondon Masters	04:58:00
7th	Garry Jackson	45	f/s	Belper Marlins	05:26:37
8th	Robert Haylock	55	f/s	Haverhill	05:49:52
	Teddy Keen	33		London	Rtd
	Mark Loche	32		BLDSA	Rtd

Gents Breaststroke

Position	Name	Age	Stroke	Club / Town	Time
1st	Philip Yorke	42	b/s	Mirfield	06:09:34

Veteran Gents

Position	Name	Age	Stroke	Club / Town	Time
1st	Simon Olliver	50	f/s	New Zealand	01:54:30
2nd	Simon Lee	50	f/s	Solent S.C.	02:05:34
3rd	Nick Hunt	59	f/s	Chelmsford S.C.	02:20:10
4th	Kevin Welsh	52	f/s	Spondon Masters	02:27:10
5th	Garry Jackson	45	f/s	Belper Marlins	02:31:24
6th	Stephen Price	53	f/s	Clevedon A.S.C.	02:39:24
7th	Robert Haylock	55	f/s	Haverhill	02:43:42
8th	Paul Tew	56	f/s	Cockermouth	03:01:12

Llyn Tegid (Bala)

11th/12th July

I recall a cold morning in November 2014, I was preparing myself for a 1km open water swim when the BLDSA president suggested that I think about taking over the swim secretary's role for the Bala swim weekend. Perhaps the cold does affect the brain, as I agreed to take on the role during our after swim coffee!

Following in the footsteps of Andy Wright is no mean feat, especially when he had clearly perfected the role during his 12 years of organising the Bala swims.

As most open water swimmers do, I keep a regular eye on the weather forecast. In the week prior to the 6th July this became an obsession and I was watching the increasing wind forecast with dread. Whilst you would expect a 2-way Bala entrant to be reasonably proficient with a little chop, there were 45 entrants for the circuit swims ... would all the safety kayakers turn up??!

Having arrived in Bala on the Friday afternoon, checked race control sheets etc. for the 50th time, it was time to make the traditional journey to the White Lion Royal Hotel. It was great to see many of the BLDSA massive and meeting new swimmers from Team Bear almost started to calm my first event nerves.

So, Llyn Tegid is a really beautiful place, but it can be a little bit windy at times. The fantastic team of helpers were registering swimmers for the 1km and 3km swims, safety boats in the water and placing the buoys, kayakers were arriving – fantastic, a plan coming together. Everyone looked happy, it wasn't raining – a bonus in Wales!



My timetable said the briefing should start at 09:30, but the course wasn't quite right. Obviously, it all got sorted and the swimmers were lining up ALMOST on time 😊

What a great circuit race it turned out to be. The first swimmer home in the 1km race was Samuel Johnson of Swim Conwy in a fantastic time of 12 minutes 38 seconds to win the male wetsuit category, followed by Evan Price of Wrexham Swimming Club in 14 minutes 50 seconds to win the junior male wetsuit category.

The next three swimmers back were Becci Witt (Llandoverly), Emily Oldfield (Swim Conwy) and Hollie Horton (Kempsey) in a dead heat first place in the women's costume race in a time of 15 minutes and 30 seconds. The male costume race was won by Pete Borlace of GOG triathlon in 16 minutes 11 seconds – nice to see a triathlete win the costume race. Catherine Whitehead from Rochdale won the women's wetsuit race in 28 minutes and 3 seconds. All 22 starters finished the 1km event.

There were also some incredible times in the 3km event. Jack Johnson of Swim Conwy won the male wetsuit category in an impressive 43 minutes. Ian Murray (Flitwick Dolphins SC) won the male costume race in 45 minutes and 35 seconds, just ahead of Morgan Metcalf (Swim Conwy) in 45 minutes 38 seconds.

The women were only just behind these leaders with Louise Fielding (Saracens ASC) winning the costume race in 47 minutes and 32 seconds with Cat Fraser (City of Sheffield Diving Club) coming second in 53 minutes and 17 seconds. The women's wetsuit race was won by KatjaEmpson from Cardiff in 1 hour 11 minutes and 48 seconds.

With the last swimmer back from the 3km event at around 11.30am it was time to register and have the briefing for the 2-way event. The wind was certainly picking up and we were securing all paperwork, not realising that the gazebo we were using for registration was under threat – I'm very grateful to the swimmers who saw it blow away and caught it before it crashed into people.

The 2-way was going to be a tough event, for swimmers and kayakers alike. Shortly after passing the headland at Cerrig-llwydion two swimmers retired in short succession due to kayak problems. The safety boats kindly returned swimmers and kayakers back to the start reporting that it was getting very windy and lumpy at the South end of the lake. I found it a very nerve racking experience to wait for swimmers to turn and return – to the great amusement of one of the first aiders – mentioning no names (Mr Malpass)!! At least it was too windy for the catamarans and sailing boats to be on the water.

Thankfully we started to see swimmers returning and Nikki Williams (Trafford Metro) won the men's race in 2 hours 46 minutes and 59 seconds. The second man home was Richard Davidson (Redditch Lifesavers) in 3 hours 9 minutes and 16 seconds shortly followed by Adrian Rotchell (Nemes Nutters) in 3 hours 10 minutes and 57 seconds to win third place.

Nikki Fraser (StocksbridgePentaqua SC), the current record and trophy holder for this event, did a fantastic job of winning the women's race in 2 hours 57 minutes and 17 seconds with two sisters battling it out behind her – Dee Llewellyn (City of Bradford SC) came in second in a time of 3 hours 18 minutes and 27 seconds and Liane Hickling (City of Bradford SC) in third place on 3 hours 32 minutes and 18 seconds.

Huge congratulations to all 20 finishers and I was very relieved when everyone was safely off the water after a long day – time to pack up, re-charge the radios, prepare for tomorrow's event and have a well-earned glass or two of wine!

At the 2-way prize giving there was a cheer from a few swimmers to hear that Nikki Williams wouldn't be swimming in the 1-way to defend his record and trophy.

After Saturday's success I felt much more relaxed for Sunday's one way race, which only required an 11am arrival at Llangower beach, after establishing everything for the finish in Bala. The weather was better, the sun was almost shining and swimmers, kayakers, officials and helpers were all much happier than yesterday – phew!!

The race started promptly at 12 noon when we had to pack quickly and hot foot it back to Bala so that we got there before the swimmers.

Morgan Metcalf of Swim Conwy had come second in the 3km swim on Saturday in tough conditions and had put his wetsuit on for the 3-mile event. At the very last minute he took it off, entered the male costume race and went on to win it in an impressive time of 1 hour 6 minutes and 4 seconds. Adrian Rotchell (Nemes Nutters) came second in 1 hour 14 minutes and 6 seconds and Simon Lee was third at 1 hour 19 minutes and 7 seconds, also taking the first veteran place.

The women's race was also exciting and not quite a repeat of the 2-way. Whilst Nikki Fraser (StocksbridgePentaqua SC) won again in a time of 1 hour 7 minutes and 15 seconds with Dee Llewellyn repeating her second place in a time of 1 hour 13 minutes and 46 seconds there was an ensuing battle for third place between Liane Hickling, Cat Fraser and Lesley Cook. Lesley Cook (Chalkwell Redcaps) won the battle, taking third place in a time of 1 hour 21 minutes and 35 seconds.

All starters finished and were safely out of the water by around 2pm and after the presentation and packing up I was happily looking forward to staying in Bala for the rest of the week to enjoy swimming and touring North Wales.

Big thank you to many people, not least Eifon Roberts (The Mayor of Bala) for attending and starting the Saturday races, Bala Town Council and The Snowdonia National Park Office for allowing and supporting our races and Arwel Morris (Lake Warden) for co-ordinating with our safety team.

I have huge appreciation for the whole BLDSA team, especially to the current president Jean Wilkin Oxley. Whilst she had persuaded me to take on this role, she also offered great support to my many queries and although she would have preferred to swim actually took on many roles at the weekend's events.

And last but not least, thanks to my Mum for putting up with me before the event ☺

Can't believe I've agreed to do it all again next year –& that Andy Wright did it for 12 years!!

Helen Brindle

Bala Results

1km Race - 11th July

Position	Name		Category	Time
1st	Annabelle McQueen		FC	00:15:57
2nd	Becci Witt		FC	00:15:30
3rd	Emily Oldfield		FC	00:15:30
4th	Hollie Horton		FC	00:15:30
5th	Caroline Bamber		FC	00:22:23
6th	Jo Blackburn		FC	00:22:29
7th	Sophie Witt		FC	00:22:48
8th	Mary Davies		FC	00:23:00
9th	Karen Jones		FC	00:28:11
	Francesca Carter		FC	DNS
1st	Catherine Whitehead		FWS	00:28:03
2nd	Vanessa Grimsley		FWS	00:28:06
	Fran Davie		FWS	DNS
	Renata Gawel		FWS	DNS
1st	Pete Borlace		MC	00:16:11
2nd	Rhys Price		MC	00:16:24
3rd	Ed Foxall		MC	00:16:46
4th	Colin Markham		MC	00:19:06
	Jack Spuffard		MC	DNS
1st	Evan Price		JMWS	00:14:50
2nd	Samuel Johnson		MWS	00:12:38
3rd	Rob Jude		MWS	00:16:35
4th	Simon Blain		MWS	00:17:42
5th	Anthony Price		MWS	00:21:51
6th	Andrew Price		MWS	00:23:19
7th	Barry Craven		MWS	00:27:48

3km Race - 11th July

Position	Name	Stroke	Category	Time
Senior Gents				
1st	Jack Johnson	f/s	WS	00:43:00
2nd	Ian Murray	f/s	C	00:45:35
3rd	Morgan Metcalfe	f/s	C	00:45:38
4th	David Randall	f/s	C	00:48:19
5th	Simon Lee	f/s	C	00:51:28
6th	Kevin Welsh	f/s	C	00:53:17
7th	Frank Kilgannon	f/s	C	00:53:51
8th	Chris Carter	f/s	C	01:13:55
9th	Andrew Lowe	f/s	C	01:25:49
	Rhys Price	f/s	C	DNS
Senior Ladies				
1st	Louise Fielding	f/s	C	00:47:32
2nd	Cat Fraser	f/s	C	00:53:17
3rd	Mandy Byrnes	f/s	C	01:03:44
4th	Emma Hegenbarth	f/s	C	01:09:20
5th	KatjaEmpson	f/s	WS	01:11:48
6th	RozzBoshell	f/s	C	01:37:04
7th	Susan Edmondson	b/s	C	01:49:06
8th	Margaret Smith	b/s	C	02:01:08
	Alison Finall	f/s	WS	DNF

2-Way (6 mile) Race - 11th July

Position	Name	Stroke	1/2 way split (approx.)	Time
Senior Gents				
1st	Niki Williams	f/s	01:30:00	02:46:59
2nd	Richard Davidson	f/s	01:40:00	03:09:16
3rd	Adrian Rotchell	f/s	01:44:00	03:10:57
4th	Simon Lee	f/s	01:47:00	03:22:20
5th	Mark Sheridan	f/s	01:50:00	03:28:58
6th	Kevin Welsh	f/s	02:01:00	03:41:02
7th	Garry Jackson	f/s	01:59:00	03:48:29
8th	Andrew Robins	f/s	02:08:00	04:06:09
9th	Scott Arbuthnott	b/s	02:30:00	04:29:52
10th	James Long	f/s	02:34:00	04:58:38
11th	John Willis	f/s	02:56:00	05:33:09
	Yves Bouvy	f/s		DNS

Position	Name	Stroke	Category	Time
Senior Ladies				
1st	Nikki Fraser	f/s	01:36:00	02:57:17
2nd	Dee Llewellyn	f/s	01:45:00	03:18:27
3rd	Liane Hickling	f/s	01:53:00	03:32:18
4th	Jackie Harraway	f/s	01:57:00	03:38:17
5th	Zoe Sadler	f/s	02:15:00	03:56:26
6th	TegwynTricker	f/s	02:19:00	04:08:46
7th	Giovanna Richards	f/s	02:30:00	04:32:28
8th	Jo Blackburn	f/s	02:30:00	04:36:51
9th	Caroline Wood	f/s	02:55:00	05:23:51
	Michelle Hardy	f/s		DNF
	Rachel Stead	f/s		DNF
	Juliette Bigley	f/s		DNS
	Claire Wilson	f/s		DNS

1-Way (3 mile) Race - 12th July

Position	Name	Stroke		Time
Senior Gents				
1st	Morgan Metcalfe	f/s		01:06:04
2nd	Adrian Rotchell	f/s		01:14:06
3rd	Simon Lee	f/s		01:19:07
4th	Craig Skinner	f/s		01:19:57
5th	Kevin Welsh	f/s		01:22:17
6th	Mark Sheridan	f/s		01:22:21
7th	Garry Jackson	f/s		01:25:25
8th	Patrick Smith	f/s		01:34:28
9th	David Moore	f/s		01:43:55
10th	Chris Carter	f/s		01:47:10
11th	Christopher Evans	f/s		01:56:15
	Gary Parker	f/s		DNS
	Andrew Robins	f/s		DNS
Junior Ladies				
1st	Amy Wyatt	f/s		01:08:52
Senior Ladies				
1st	Nikki Fraser	f/s		01:07:15
2nd	Dee Llewellyn	f/s		01:13:46
3rd	Lesley Cook	f/s		01:21:35
4th	Cat Fraser	f/s		01:22:00
5th	Liane Hickling	f/s		01:22:12
6th	Rachel Stead	f/s		01:29:58
7th	Michelle Hardy	f/s		01:30:34
8th	Jane Bell	f/s		01:32:04
9th	Jane Sedman	b/s		01:39:09
10th	Jo Blackburn	f/s		01:43:02
11th	Cathy Sowden	f/s		02:06:34
	Juliette Bigley	f/s		DNS

Coniston Veterans

18th July

Coniston Veterans Results

Gents

Position	Name	Time
1st	Phil Taylor	01:40:21
2nd	Simon Lee	01:45:38
3rd	Nick Balsdon	01:49:30
4th	Garry Jackson	01:51:09
5th	Frank Kilgannon	01:59:37
6th	Andy Williams	02:20:30
	Simon Stoker	DNS
	Paul Tew	DNS

Ladies

Position	Name	Time
1st	Louise Orgill	01:59:37
2nd	Michelle Hardy	02:04:28
3rd	Helen Beveridge	02:10:27
4th	Kate Hill	02:12:50
5th	Jo Blackburn	02:17:20
6th	Beverley Thomas	02:25:11
7th	Janet Wilson	03:25:02
	Rachel Smith	DNF
	Margaret Smith	DNF

Vince Classen

Coniston Water

19th July

I first took on the organisation of the BLDSA Coniston swim in 1993, when the instigators of the event, Warwickshire LDSC, were unable to continue with it.

Little did I know that I'd be passing it on in 2016! I did manage to persuade Jacky Classen to run the event when I served my first term as President but she subsequently defected to the North East and handed the whistle back to me!

During the week preceding every year's championships I have said "never again" - those of you who have run events of any kind will sympathise - the level of sleep is in inverse ratio to the level of stress! But, the experience of seeing smiling faces of achievement at the end of successful swims melts away all the worry and I find myself saying, "Next year I'll improve things by ..."

However, this year I stuck to my resolve and, catching all the swimmers in the afterglow of success, asked for a volunteer. I could not be more delighted to say that Patrick Smith has offered. This is great news - Patrick works very much in the present and future, already running the BLDSA's Twitter account, and has a pedigree second to none, his grandfather was a founder of the Association and both of his parents are Past Presidents. Job done!!

So, well done to all of you who swam at Coniston, I hope you had a fantastic day, thank you very much to all the helpers who made the event possible and very best wishes to all of you for your future Coniston swims.

Jean Wilkin-Oxley

PS. I'm sorry that this report has been all about me, I promise not to do the same next year oh!

Coniston Results

Senior Ladies

Position	Name	Stroke	Club / Town	Time
1st	Dee Llewellyn	f/s	City of Bradford SC	2.25.31
2nd	Wendy Figures	f/s	Langold Pikes	2.30.28
3rd	Liane Hickling	f/s	City of Bradford SC	2.47.42
4th	Mari Cole	f/s	Kendal	2.51.21
5th	Elaine Henderson	f/s	London	2.56.30
6th	Jane Mitchell	f/s	Daventry Dolphins	3.03.30
7th	Michelle Hardy	f/s	Langold Pikes	3.16.24
8th	Jo Blackburn	f/s	Warrington Dolphins	3.34.40
	Kiera Jordan	f/s	Exmouth SC	Retired

Senior Gents

Position	Name	Stroke	Club / Town	Time
1st	Niki Williams	f/s	Trafford Metro	2.11.30
2nd	Christopher Jordinson	f/s	SLSC	2.31.53
3rd	Simon Lee	f/s	Solent SC	2.35.58
4th	Neil Meadows	f/s	Loughboro Town SC	2.39.41
5th	Ray Gibbs	f/s	Swim Canary Wharf	2.40.27
6th	Mark Sheridan	f/s	Nemes Nutters	2.51.56
7th	Robert Drysdale	f/s	Spencer Swim Team	2.56.36
8th	Bryn Dymott	b/s	BLDSA	3.04.58
9th	Garry Jackson	f/s	Belper Marlins	3.11.00
10th	Scott Arbuthnott	f/s	Bradford	3.15.07
11th	John Brain	f/s	Sheldon	3.18.40
12th	Alex White	f/s	City of Bradford SC	3.27.15
13th	Robert Haylock	f/s	Haverhill	3.30.15
14th	Tony Rutter	f/s	TOSers	3.35.37
15th	Chris Carter	f/s	Warrington Dolphins	3.38.21
16th	Chris Green	f/s	Barrow LDSC	4.33.27
	Chris Sturgess	f/s	Cosford Dolphins	Retired

Junior

Position	Name	Stroke	Club / Town	Time
	Charlie Fletcher	f/s	Davenport & Dist SC	Retired

Two-way Windermere

1st/2nd August

This year's Two-Way Windermere saw a record number of 13 entries with 11 managing to assemble their crews for the start line for the overnight swim from Waterhead.

Nine aspirants were set off at 5.30pm in sunny skies with the remaining duo of Rebecca Lewis from Barrow and Sabrina Wiedmer (all the way from Donaghmede in Ireland) starting out at 7.30pm, with much less daylight in their favour.

Water temperatures of a seasonal norm of around 16 degrees were recorded with slightly lower readings where streams entered the water which were still stirring the Lake after the previous night's downpour.

All swimmers seemed to cope well in the temperatures, which wasn't surprising as they had to fulfil a pre-requisite mirroring that of a Channel swim to have their application accepted in the first place (6 hour swim in 16 degrees or under within 30 months of the swim).

There was one retirement with Kevin Welsh calling it a day (or night in this case) 1.5 miles before the turn. Andre Roberts was the first swimmer reported as turning round the turn-buoy at Fell Foot closely followed by Jai Evans and Wendy Figures not far behind. They were expertly marshalled round the turn by the kayakers, Dee Llewellyn, Mark Robson, Charlie Robson and veteran to many a Windermere swim, Thomas Noblett, who were lit up like Christmas trees. Amanda Bell did a stellar technical job (unsurprisingly given her day-job) shining a laser light on the turn buoy, which kept everyone on the right course!

As the night progressed, the sky remained overcast which meant that the air thankfully retained its warmth and any wind that was left dropped completely to zero, which was thoroughly welcomed by swimmers and rowers alike. The moon was barely seen although the lights from Bowness, Lakeside and Waterhead certainly assisted navigation.

First to emerge from the gloom & darkness back at Waterhead at 4am was Rebecca Lewis who took full advantage of ideal conditions to smash her previous own ladies record by 14 minutes and obliterated the long-standing Gents record in the process. She completed the course in 8 hours 33 minutes. The previous ladies and gents records had stood since 2005 and 2007 respectively. Special shout must go out to Roger, Rebecca's father, who displayed incredible rowing skills to keep up with her single-handed!

Sabrina Wiedmer recorded the second fastest time of the night taking second in the Ladies event closely followed by Wendy Figures who took third. With only two male finishers, Jai Evans took the Gents Trophy with Andre Roberts faster than he had anticipated at 11 hours 45 minutes.

Swimmers, crews, volunteers, friends and family started to congregate back at Waterhead to clap each swimmer home. The loudest cheer went to Jo Blackburn who was completing her third consecutive Two-Way Windermere Championship, which must have been mentally very challenging. Jane Bell was awarded the longest endurance award for having to endure the conditions for longer than anyone else, but showed extreme resilience and courage to cross the line in 16 hours and 6 minutes. Her crew were ready for a cup of tea (or something stronger) when they got to shore!

All achievements were celebrated at the Brown Horse at Winster in the evening and they kindly donated a bunch of prizes, including dinner bed & breakfast for two for the winners, dinners for two for second place and lunch for two for third. We were treated to a few swift ales brewed by brew-master of the Brown Horse Gez Lyon who was the 40th person in history to swim Loch Lomond. It was great to be re-united with Gez. We look forward to seeing him in future BLDSA swims.

I would like to thank all the BLDSA officials and volunteers for staying up all night, boat crews, turn buoy kayakers, race control, time-keepers without you the event wouldn't have been able to take place.

I would also extend thanks out to Windermere Sailing Club, Fell Foot National Trust, Windermere Cruises and the Brown Horse for all making us feel so welcome.

The next event is during full moon at the beginning of August 2017 (Loch Lomond 2016)

Mark Sheridan

Two-way Windermere Results

Gents

Position	Name	Stroke	Time
1st	Jai Evans	f/s	11.38.15
2nd	Andre Roberts	f/s	11.45.45
3rd	Kevin Welsh	f/s	Retired

Ladies

Position	Name	Stroke	Time
1st	Rebecca Lewis	f/s	8.33.18
2nd	Sabrina Wiedmer	f/s	10.18.11
3rd	Wendy Figures	f/s	12.02.30
4th	Erin Hope	f/s	14.22.37
5th	Debbie Taylor	f/s	14.46.31
6th	Tors Hamilton	f/s	15.22.48
7th	Jo Blackburn	f/s	15.50.27
8th	Jane Bell	f/s	16.06.34

Ullswater 2015

15th August

The wind on Ullswater is always fickle! The shape of the lake and the topography of the surroundings give concerns about the weather almost every year. This year the forecast during the week was pretty good and when I camped on the lakeshore site of Side Farm on Friday, the surface of the water was like glass.

I didn't dare to hope for a calm Saturday but, apart from a bit of lumpiness in the middle, it all turned out well. The water temperature was 15-16 degrees with a few 'fresh' patches.

Several entrants had to withdraw due to injuries so the race started with a select few swimmers. Nikki Fraser led the second wave from the start and picked off the first wave to finish in a great time. Robbie Bonner, a relative newcomer with great potential, gave his all and was rewarded with the men's championship. Richard Davidson, whom some of you who have been around for a while will remember as a young speed king of the 80s, came in second, showing he still has what it takes and was awarded the Taylor Endeavour trophy.

It was a great day - brilliant swimming, forgiving weather and, most of all, tremendously hard working helpers.

I'd like to thank them all - Helen Brindle, a first time Race Controller who was efficiency itself; the referee Margaret Smith who captained the motor boat assisted by able seamwoman Michelle Hardy (both missed the presentation, they were still working, returning the boat); Vince Classen, Safety Officer and smoother of any issues with the sailing club racers; rescue crews Mick Blackburn, Richard Hardy and Sue Coates (all still working when we were on our second pint at the pub!); timekeepers Heather Zielinski and Katrina Bloom, the dream team; 'gofer' Francis Zielinski (I'm impressed that all you swimmers had sorted your own car shuttling and didn't need him!); Sue Garriock, the roaming paddler in case of inclement weather causing problems for any of the kayakers (she is a World Champs silver medalist in kayak slalom); Graham Smith who agreed to spend the day at Glenridding, a pretty lousy and lonely job, being on hand to do any troubleshooting at that end.

I hope you all enjoyed your day even though it was hard work.

Next year Richard Davidson will be organising the event - he'll be superb, he's had practice organising his mates and their entries for years!!

Jean Wilkin-Oxley

LADIES				
Position	Name	Stroke	Club/Town	Time
1st	Nikki Fraser	f/s	Stocksbridge Pentaqua	2.51.35
2nd	Wendy Figures	f/s	Langold Pikes	3.12.48
3rd	Dee Llewellyn	f/s	City of Bradford SC	3.22.07
4th	Helen Beveridge	f/s	Inverness	4.01.03
5th	Jo Blackburn	f/s	Warrington Dolphins	4.17.21
6th	Christine Hewitt	f/s	Carnforth Otters	DNF
7th	Katharine Anzuino	b/st	Exmouth SC	DNF

GENTS				
Position	Name	Stroke	Club/Town	Time
1st	Robbie Bonner	f/s	Spenborough SC	3.01.44
2nd	Richard Davidson	f/s	Redditch Lifesavers	3.09.51
3rd	Christopher Jordinson	f/s	SLSC	3.14.36
4th	Simon Lee	f/s	Solent SC	3.26.08
5th	Mark Robson	f/s	SISC	3.48.29
6th	James Dotchin	f/s	Brampton	4.06.30
7th	Garry Jackson	f/s	Belper Marlins	4.08.24
8th	Scott Arbuthnott	f/s	Bradford	4.18.56

Derwentwater

16th August

This was the first time I had run this event, having taken it over from Pat Llewellyn, who had done all the preliminary work. As with any swim, success is down to all those who give their time freely to help others, both as officials of the association and individual escorts for swimmers.

The event attracted 19 entries in total, some of whom had also swum at Ullswater the day before. Water temperature was 16 degrees C, and swimmers for the 5.25-mile were about to enter the water when the news came from one of the safety boats that blue-green algae had been spotted on the course. A last minute decision was taken to shorten the course a little to avoid it.

Swimmers were told it was especially important to follow their escorts, who would be guided by the rescue boats. The swimmers set off, but soon came more news that the algae was more extensive than at first thought. At this point the rescue boats and safety officer in consultation with other key officials skillfully altered the course again to make it a four mile swim, essentially a two way swim of the lake. All went smoothly after that, with the one-way, 2-mile swimmers entering from Kettlewell beach as planned. The attached results therefore are for the alternative 4-mile course, so cannot be considered for record times.

This was just a one-off effort on my part to run the swim, as I will have two others to organise in 2016, but an approach has already been made to someone else to develop the event further next year. To make the job of this person easier, can I please make a plea to all this year's trophy winners to look after your trophy, and get it back in good time in sparkling condition? Silver polish and black fingers featured quite prominently in my timetable in the week before the championship!

Janet Wilson

Derwentwater Results (2 miles)

Gents

Position	Name	Age	Stroke	Time
1st	Niki Williams	36	F/S	0.43.43
2nd	Francis Zielinski	40	F/S	1.12.02

Ladies

Position	Name	Age	Stroke	Time
1st	Margaret Smith	70	B/S	2.13.35

Junior Girls

Position	Name	Age	Stroke	Time
1st	Kennady Webster	14	F/S	0.54.08
2nd	Claire Bamford	15	F/S	0.58.55
3rd	Ellie Knight	13	B/S	1.11.46

Derwentwater Results (4 miles)

Gents

Position	Name	Age	Stroke	Time
1st	Christopher Jordinson	49	F/S	1.52.02.
2nd	Simon Lee	50	F/S	2.03.00
3rd	Peter Timmins	53	F/S	2.14.00.
4th	Gary Jackson	45	F/S	2.31.59.
	Robbie Bonner	23	F/S	DNS

Ladies

Position	Name	Age	Stroke	Time
1st	Nikki Fraser	22	F/S	1.36.00
2nd	Nuala Muir-Cochrane	51	F/S	1.44.36.
3rd	Wendy Figures	49	F/S	1.55.32
4th	Michelle Hardy	47	F/S	2.22.18.
5th	Helen Beveridge	47	F/S	2.24.32.
6th	Jane Sedman	47	B/S	2.37.18
7th	Jo Blackburn	46	F/S	2.42.20
	Joanne Griffiths	31	F/S	Retired

Windermere

29th August

This year we did not have quite as many entries, I know many of you who wanted to swim were still either on standby or had just swum the Channel. We hope to see you next year. However, a special thank you, to our two Australian Swimmers, Sally Catt and Kevin Cassidy for taking part in our event. It is always nice to see swimmers from other countries taking part. Hope you didn't find the water too cold.

It was so nice to see Richard Davidson win the Mens' race (in a time of 5hrs 7mins 57secs) and his crew winning the first BLDSA crew shield. Richard has been swimming in our events for many years, with the help of his crew, so lovely to see them all with some silverware. Neil Meadows from Loughborough was 2nd in 5hrs 48mins 26secs, Kevin Welsh took 3rd place in 6hrs 15mins 24secs.

In the Ladies' race. Wendy Figures of Langold Pikes was the first lady home in 5hrs 03mins 52secs, closely followed by Mhairi Murdoch from Dundee in a time of 5hr 9mins 07secs. Karen Throsby from Skipton was the third lady home in 5hrs 27mins 12secs.

Some great swimming and some wonderful achievements from all those that took part.

Many thanks to Donna and the team at Fell Foot Café for providing early morning breakfasts and refreshments and then putting on the meal at our awards ceremony. A long day for everyone involved. Thanks to all the helpers, time keepers, spotters, first aiders, race controllers, safety boats.

And of course, thanks also to all the swimmers, Kayakers and boat crews, I hope to see you all again next year.

Next year's Swim will be on 27th August.

Dee Llewellyn

Windermere Results

Gents

Position	Name	Stroke	Club / Town	Time
1st	Richard Davidson	F/S	Redditch	5.07.57
2nd	Neil Meadows	F/S	Loughborough Town	5.48.26
3rd	Kevin Welsh	F/S	BLDSA	6.15.24
4th	Kevin Cassidy	F/S	Black Rock Australia	6.54.59
5th	Scott Arbuthnott	F/S	BLDSA	7.03.03
6th	Garry Jackson	F/S	Belper Marlins	8.18.20
	Robert Bonner	F/S	Spensorborough	Retired
	Matthew Ryall	F/S	Hebden Bridge	DNS

Ladies

Position	Name	Stroke	Club / Town	Time
1st	Wendy Figures	F/S	Langold Pikes	5.03.52
2nd	Mhairi Murdoch	F/S	YeAABA	5.09.07
3rd	Karen Throsby	F/S	Skipton	5.27.12
4th	Sally Catt	F/S	Melbourne Australia	6.17.33
5th	Amanda Bell	F/S	Thornaby ASC	6.53.02
6th	Jo Blackburn	F/S	Warrington Dolphins	8.04.59
7th	Kathryn Ayre	F/S	BLDSA	8.22.12
8th	Val Smith	F/S	BLDSA	8.31.44
	Michelle Hardy	F/S	Langold Pikes	Retired
	Nikki Fraser	F/S	StocksbridgePentaqua	Retired

St Mary's Loch

5th September

Once again this beautiful loch in the Scottish Borders did not disappoint all those who made the journey there. This is a remote location, best appreciated by camping for the weekend on the side of the Loch, in the grounds of the TibbieShiels Inn, which can also provide accommodation.

This year we had 17 entries for the 1km event held before the main event, on the Saturday morning. This was a fun event with all categories of swimmer of all ages and abilities wearing wetsuits if they wished. Entries were taken both before and on the day to provide as much flexibility as possible. The 17 included a good number of swimmers from Ye Amphibious Ancients Bathing Association in Broughty Ferry near Dundee, who are all used to swimming in the tidal River Tay, but some had not been in fresh water before.

There were a total of 8 swimmers in the one and two-way events, two of whom unfortunately didn't complete the course in the chilly conditions. The weather was dominated by sunshine and a cold strong wind, which in good BLDSA fashion had melted away into warm calmness by the next morning!

The whole event has been developed as one of personal achievements, with everyone completing receiving the same reward. There is only one trophy, donated by Greta Gall from Tayport, near Dundee, and this is awarded for the oldest person to complete the two-way event. This was again retained by Simon Lee.

Swimming over, those hardy individuals remaining on the campsite, and one or two staying in the relative luxury of the Inn, joined together for a meal in the Inn, accompanied by music and entertainment into Sunday morning. We are really made to feel welcome by Alistair, the owner of the TibbieShiels, who always provides what we ask for with a smile.

Our rescue boat crews and other officials worked hard, as always, to make the event a success, so thank you to them for the part they played. Next year's event will be on the 10th September. So please make it a date now.

Janet Wilson

St Mary's Loch Results

One-way results

Gents

Position	Name	Age	Stroke		Time
1st	Francis Zielinski	40	F/S		1.45.50
2nd	Robert Haylock	56	F/S		1.45.58

Two-way results

Gents

Position	Name	Age	Stroke		Time
1st	Simon Lee	50	F/S	(Oldest 2-way finisher)	3.12.46
2nd	Gary Jackson	45	F/S		3.54.36
	Paul Tew	56	F/S		Retired

Ladies

Position	Name	Age	Stroke		Time
1st	Helen Beveridge	47	F/S		3.50.41
	Michelle Hardy	47	F/S	(Completed one way)	Retired
	Jo Blackburn	45	F/S		DNS

Lynn Regis

19th September 2015

The Lynn Regis swim, the last on the calendar, was blessed with almost perfect conditions - it was a sunny day, not much wind, but slightly chilly waters. We had a record number of entries on paper, although unfortunately a few late withdrawals.

Once we were underway, three swimmers Paul Smith, Simon Griffiths and Nikki Fraser were going at it hammer and tong for two laps. On the third and final lap Simon tired a bit and Paul and Nikki drew ahead, with Paul narrowly out touching Nikki to finish first. Well done.

Shortly after the first lap we realised that the GPS used to mark the course was not accurate, so swimmers were doing a lot longer swim. In fact, once we remeasured the course using another GPS device, we discovered that the three-lap total was 4.18 miles (rather than 4.5kms). This meant that we maybe had more retirements than usual, but all swimmers should be proud of their efforts and come back next year to try again.

Bryn Dymott was once again breaststroke winner, with Philip Yorkesecond, but Philip had only recently completed a Channel swim, so well done Philip.

There were a lot of new faces, which was great, especially in the female race. A great second place was achieved by Louise Fielding and in third was Dee Llewellyn. In sixth place was Louise Orgil, but she was the first female veteran, while Paul Smith picked up first male veteran - he will have to find space for all his trophies on his mantelpiece.

Thanks must go to the people without whom we wouldn't be able to run the swim:

Peter Taylor, St. John Ambulance

Emma Abbs, catering

Jean Wilkin-Oxley, BLDSA President

Pat Llewellyn and Katrina Bloom, time keepers

Vince Classen, health and safety

Wensum Osprey, canoes

Mick Blackburn and Richard Hardy, boat crew

And of course, all the swimmers.

Stephen Smith

Lynn Regis Results (4.18 miles)

Gents

Position	Name	Stroke		Time
1st	Paul Smith	F/S		1.49.16
2nd	Simon Griffiths	F/S		1.51.50
3rd	Ian Murray	F/S		1.58.40
4th	Angus Moir	F/S		2.06.16
5th	Adrian Rotchell	F/S		2.10.39
6th	Simon Lee	F/S		2.13.37
7th	Mark Sheridan	F/S		2.20.41
8th	Philip Cooper	F/S		2.21.01
9th	Bryn Dymott	B/S		2.28.54
10th	Patrick Smith	F/S		2.46.58
11th	Philip Yorke	B/S		3.06.06
12th	Peter Ingham	F/S		3.06.19
13th	John Willis	F/S		3.20.10
	Sean Sullivan	F/S	2 laps	3.06.45
	David Moore			Retired

Ladies

Position	Name	Stroke		Time
1st	Nikki Fraser	F/S		1.49.50
2nd	Louise Fielding	F/S		2.02.50
3rd	Dee Llewellyn	F/S		2.06.17
4th	Lianne Hickling	F/S		2.15.11
5th	Cat Fraser	F/S		2.24.49
6th	Louise Orgil	F/S		2.38.33
7th	Val Greenwood	F/S		2.49.43
8th	Elizabeth Cain	F/S		2.49.50
9th	Jo Blackburn	F/S		3.02.23
	Margaret Smith	B/S	2 laps	3.50.33
	Jane Bell			Retired
	Claire Busting			Retired
	Susan Edmonton			Retired
	Jackie Harrow			Retired
	Sarah Taylor			Retired

1km

Position	Name	Stroke		Time
1st	Steve Riches	F/S		42.43
2nd	Francis Zielinski	F/S		58.44
3rd	John Walden	F/S		1.09.37
4th	Lois McCray	F/S		1.37.06
5th	Jean Wilkin Oxley	F/S		1.37.11

Junior Girls

1st	Maisie Bell	F/S		1.06.14
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Grand Prix

Junior Grand Prix

Position	Grand Prix 2015 - Juniors	Wykeham 2 mile		Champion of Champions 9 mile		Llyn Tegid 3km (1.88)		Llyn Tegid 3 mile		Derwentwater 5 mile		Derwentwater 2 mile		Coniston 5.25 mile		Lynn Regis 1 mile		Total
		M	P	M	P	M	P	M	P	M	P	M	P	M	P	M	P	
1	WEBSTER Kennady	2	10									2	10					24.00
2	BAMFORD Claire	2	9									2	9					22.00
3	KNIGHT Ellie	2	7									2	8					19.00
4	BELL Maisie															4.2	10	14.18
5	WYATT Amy							3	10									13.00
6	PLATTEN Sarah	2	8															10.00

Veteran Grand Prix

Position	Grand Prix 2015 - Veterans	Torbay 4 mile		Lyn Tegid 3km (1.88) INCLUDED IN SENIORS		Coniston 3.25 mile		Lynn Regis 3 mile (4.18 miles) INCLUDED IN SENIORS		Total
		M	P	M	P	M	P	M	P	
1	LEE Simon	4	9	1.88	9	3.25	9	4.18	10	50.31
2	ORGILL Louise					3.25	5.5	4.18	8	20.93
3	WELSH Kevin	4	7	1.88	8					20.88
4	JACKSON Garry	4	6			3.25	7			20.25
5	KILGANNON Frank			1.88	7	3.25	5.5			17.63
6	BLACKBURN Jo					3.25	1	4.18	7	15.43
7	HARDY Michelle	4	4			3.25	4			15.25
8	OLLIVER Simon	4	10							14.00
9	TAYLOR Phil					3.25	10			13.25
10	DYMOTT Bryn							4.18	9	13.18
11	HUNT Nick	4	8							12.00
12	RANDALL David			1.88	10					11.88
13	BALSDON Nick					3.25	8			11.25
14	INGHAM Peter							4.18	6	10.18
15	PRICE Stephen	4	5							9.00
16	CARTER Christopher			1.88	6					7.88
17	FIGURES Wendy	4	3							7.00
18	EDMONDSON Susan			1.88	5					6.88
19	BEVERIDGE Helen					3.25	3			6.25
20	HAYLOCK Robert	4	2							6.00
21	SMITH Margaret			1.88	4					5.88
22	HILL Kate					3.25	2			5.25
23	WALKER Lou	4	1							5.00
24	TEW Paul	4	0							4.00
25	THOMAS Beverley					3.25	0			3.25
26	WILLIAMS Andy					3.25	0			3.25
27	WILSON Janet					3.25	0			3.25

Officers'Reports

Membership Administrator's Report

The membership for 2015 was opened on the 1st December 2014 and as of 10th October 2015 we have:

- 262 Seniors of them 106 are new this year, of that 106, 51 are new Veterans.
- So there are 153 Veterans and of them 23 are Masters.
- We now only have 5 active swimming Life Members from those still alive "as far as I know".
- 16 Juniors, of them 13 are new this year
- 19 Social members, of them 4 are new this year.
- There are 1726 entries on the database.

The trend appears to be that we are attracting a lot of new swimmers who are veterans when they join (51 of 106).

There are 8 Affiliate clubs.

On a personal note as not everyone in the BLDSA will know I have found it impossible to continue with the position of Hon. Mem. Sec. although this is not the right place to publish the reasons. I would be willing to re-join the executive if circumstances change.

I am happy to remain as Membership Administrator to assist the smooth running of the BLDSA until a decision is reached on a replacement or perhaps the removal of the position of Hon. Mem. Sec. It may be that the position will not be required in its current form if the data is to be carried on the Website in a secure area. However, this would not be available until the website is a lot further on than its current state.

Vince Classen

Hon. Recorder's Report 2015

Congratulations to all members of the BLDSA who have completed swims in the British Isles and abroad.

CONISTON 5.25 miles

High Nibthwaite to Waterhead

Isabella Weatherall, 4th September 2015, 3hrs 34mins 28secs.

Junior Swim

CONISTON TWO-WAY 10.5 miles

Waterhead to High Nibthwaite to Waterhead

Erin Hope, 27th June 2015, 6hrs 39mins 33secs

LOCH LOMOND 21.6 miles 34.8kms

Ardlui to Drumkinnon Bay Balloch

SOLO SWIMS

Morag Scott, 17th August 2015, 15hrs 22mins 13secs

RELAY SWIMS

"Salty Swallowers" 22nd July 2015, 13hrs 52mins 05secs

Two Person Relay – Ladies

Lindsay Francis, Sarah Bowden.

LOCH NESS 22.5 miles 36.2kms

Fort Augustus to Loch End

SOLO SWIMS

Marcella MacDonald, 2nd August 2015, 11hrs 59mins 08secs

LOWESTOFT to SOUTHWOLD 9.67 miles 15.56kms

Angus Moir, 2nd August 2015, 3hrs 10mins 31secs

Inaugural Record

DOUBLE SOLENT 14 miles 22.5kms

Deborah Herridge, 6th September 2015, 7hrs 18mins 35secs

Please let me know if you have completed any swims not mentioned above so they may be included in the Annual Report next year. For swims that are not actual BLDSA Championship swims, and are not ratified by another body, please complete the appropriate Swim Recognition form, which is available from the website. For swims that are ratified by another body (for example the English Channel) please let me know either by post or email as soon as possible after the swim has taken place, giving the name of the swim, the date and the time, and they will also be included in the Annual Report.

How to apply for recognition and ratification of individual or relay swims

Please download the relevant swim recognition form and read the Rules regarding the swim and the witness requirements. Please complete the form with the details of the swim and witnesses in advance, and send or email a copy of this to the Recorder. An approximate date may be given and details of reserve witnesses may also be given. If details change before the day please let the recorder know as soon as possible The Recorder and other members of the

Executive may need to know further information in advance, particularly for swims that are not individual swims of a Championship Course. Signed copies with times should be forwarded on completion of the swim to the address on the form.

I look forward to hearing from you

Gill Stables

Hon. Publicity Officer's Report

This year we have updated our website and added a new logo, which we are using alongside our traditional one and on some items of clothing where the old logo is too big eg woolly hats and baseball caps. There are still many updates to the website that are ongoing so hopefully it will, in the future, do a lot more.

Thanks to Patrick Smith for running our Twitter account and taking on the job of putting together the Annual Report. Also thanks to Richard Hardy for volunteering to print and mail the reports. Once again Mark Sheridan has been doing a good job with H2Open putting in adverts and getting stories published.

Our Facebook page continues to grow and it is good to see people exchanging stories and tips and even finding and volunteering to crew at swims. Thanks to everyone who has put up their pictures on the site it has been great to see them all.

Dee Llewellyn

Hon. Safety Officer's Report

After my first full season as Honorary Safety Officer I can definitely say that I have learnt a lot more about the functionality of the BLDSA Organisation. I must first of all thank all the Safety Committee for their help and support in settling me into this – my first committee role.

From a safety aspect we have had only a few incidents throughout the season which has proved our safety team respond and react with the professionalism you as open water users come to expect.

We purchased new dry suits at the beginning of the season and these proved invaluable at the Torbay event when Mick and Andy swam ashore in what can only be described as “high seas” to assist in the launch of support kayaks. Torbay identified an issue which has plagued the rescue boats – communication – both the marine band and industrial band radios had transmission and receiving issues over the event course distance and the safety committee will be seeking alternatives for next season to sort out this problem. However, we did still manage to rescue the swimmer and kayaker that thought the course involved a small trip out to sea, a lesson learnt in sea kayaking “don’t attempt to train a novice kayaker in a two man kayak on a rough sea day.”

The majority of the other BLDSA events were fairly uneventful from a safety point of view, a shore find at Bala highlighted the need for swimmers to always use appropriate foot wear when entering and exiting swim events – a discarded 3 barbed fishing hook found its way into the sole of a swimmers flip flop, I should imagine it would have been a rather painful experience had flip flops not been worn.

I had cause to become involved with insurance issues for one of our affiliated swims (Albert Dock Championship) where because of the change in venue our insurance thought it posed “uncontrolled risks” but after a lot of liaising and assuring the insurance company that all our risks had been fully assessed and controlled they agreed that the safety assessments presented to them were more than adequate for the swim to proceed. This only goes to emphasise the quality of the BLDSA safety audits provided at all our events and it is my belief that this constitutes a main reason for the safe events record we hold.

The 2-way Windermere was a great challenge for the boat crews as well as the swimmers, remaining alert for well over 12 hours is not easy, how all you swimmers that completed this extra ordinary challenge cope with staying awake and swimming for that length of time is quite inspiring! Many thanks for all the dedicated helpers on such an iconic swim.

The final swim of the year at Lynn Regis presented a major technical issue which I would like to apologise for. The course length was calculated incorrectly by relying on a Garmin GPS device instead of relying on previous course knowledge.

I hope everyone has noticed the high visibility jackets sported by all the swim officials this season, I think these have made the identification of officials much easier at this year's events. One of our main aims for next season is to speed up the course setting procedure by introducing Buoy Packs for each safety boat and mapped course points on the on board GPS systems which will be fitted to both rescue boats. We also intend to brand the boats with the

BLDSA logo to further advertise the organisation's commitment to offering safety cover that is second to none.

If anyone has any suggestions which may help to improve any safety matter then please let me know. Many thanks to all the organisation's members for helping to facilitate safe social and swimming events this season and I look forward to doing it all again next year.

Richard Hardy

Hon. Rescue Boat Coordinator's Report

Both boats saw extensive use over the season attending both BLDSA and affiliated club events and again the association owes a debt of gratitude to Martyn Coates and Mick Blackburn for their stalwart efforts of not only towing the boats around the country but all the effort that also goes into the regular maintenance of both the boats and trailers.

Thanks to the tutelage of Andrew Wright we now have two further RYA Level 2 Powerboat qualified crew in Paul Hodgson and Richard Hardy. Congratulations to them both.

Crewing the boats over the season has again been a team effort and my thanks go to: Mick Blackburn, MartynCoates, Andrew Wright, Vince Classen, Jacky Classen, Paul Hodgson, Joe Wilkin-Oxley and Richard Hardy.

We made a significant investment in new lifejackets and dry suits early in the season. Having the right kit makes the job of crewing the boats much more comfortable and safer, particularly on long shifts on overnight swims. Thanks to the RNLI our life jackets received a thorough inspection at Coniston and our crews received instruction on how to carry out our own safety checks.

Over the winter the communications systems on both boats will be inspected and we are looking at installing a GPS plotter on Swim Rescue so both boats can use the course waypoints currently stored on Swim Safe.

Chris Hickling

Hon. Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection Officer's Report

I have been the acting C&VA Officer since June 2015. During this time I am pleased to say that I have not been made aware of any incidents.

I have arranged for our volunteers who act as first aiders, safety boat crew and swim secretaries to have up to date DBS (disclosure and barring) checks.

The C&VA sub committee met in November to review our C&VA Policy, and to consider whether any additions were necessary.

Annie Stafford

Hon. Insignia Secretary's Report

Merchandise –Online clothing is now available through GDB clothing (Gdbclothing.co.uk).

Whilst we will continue to offer most of our traditional clothing range we also now have jogging bottoms and swim towels as new items. All items are available in a variety of colours and can be personalised with names etc on request.

Our new personalised Loch Lomond, 2-way Windermere and Windermere t-shirts and hoodies are proving popular. These can be personalised with swimmers and/or crew names and swim dates. They are a lovely way to celebrate your swim and also make a nice thank you gift for your crew. A huge thank you to member Phil Hodges for designing these.

Members are still able to order items such as flag alphas, lightsticks and swim caps by completing an order form and posting to me along with cheque payment.

Alternatively if you wish to complete a bank transfer payment then you may email me your order and I'll then give you details to allow a bank transfer to be made.

For those requiring items such as lightsticks and flag alphas for use at our swims where possible I have arranged to bring these along to swims to save postage and extra hassle for swimmers. Let me know when ordering if you do need items for a specific swim and I'll do my best to help you.

200 club

The 200 club is open to members and non-members. Up to 200 numbers are available to purchase. These numbers will be drawn monthly for monetary prizes.

Month	£10	No	Name	£10	No	Name	£5	No	Name
Jan	£10	79	Penny Rushton	£10	72	Keith Seymour	£5	41	Michael Smith
Feb	£10	14	Penny Rushton	£10	37	Graham McIntyre	£5	10	Carol Macdonald
March	£10	76	Martyn Coates	£10	91	D J Morgan	£5	15	Greta Gall
AGM	£20	66	Margaret Smith	£20	8	Vince Classen			
April	£10	123	Sandra Wright	£10	63	Anne Stafford	£5	36	Richard Garnish
May	£10	25	Joe Smith	£10	38	Phillip Yorke	£5	43	Karen Jones
June	£10	96	Paul Tew	£10	32	James Norton	£5	92	John Barry
July	£10	61	Richard Hardy	£10	41	Michael Smith	£5	121	Chris Hickling
Aug	£10	63	Anne Stafford	£10	91	Pam Morgan	£5	122	Chris Hickling
Sept	£10	112	Phillip Yorke	£10	89	Steve Lawson	£5	25	Joe Smith
Oct	£10	57	Duncan Heenan	£10	62	Richard Hardy	£5	138	Liane Llewellyn
Nov	£10	121	Chris Hickling	£10	7	Vince Classen	£5	72	Keith Seymour

Currently we have 119 active numbers at £6 each = £714.

We have awarded a total of £340 as prizes, leaving a profit of £374 so far this year. Hopefully I can pick up a few more members.

Apply now and pay by cheque or direct debit only £6 for your chance to win. Pay £6 for 1 number in our monthly draw or purchase more numbers for an even better chance of winning.

Prizes are 2 x £10 and 1 x £5 each month and an additional prize of £20 at our AGM draw. The 200 club is a great and easy way to continue to support your Association.

Liane Llewellyn Hickling

Hon. Dinner Secretary's Report

This year the Annual Dinner was held on the 14th March at the Holiday Inn, Ellesmere Port.

It was an unusual venue as the Hotel is surrounded by canals on all sides but quite fitting for a Swimming Association Dinner, just a pity the only place to swim was in the pool.

We had a good attendance and it was nice to see Ulrich Haevecker and his wife Constance all the way from Germany also Joe and Marlene Smith who we have not seen for a few years.

The presentation of Awards took place before the meal and was followed by an informative talk from Emma France entitled 'Under the Radar'. The evening was then rounded off with the coin rolling fundraiser, which was set up in memory of Maurice Fergusson with all profits going to Unicef, his chosen charity. The winner is rewarded with a very unique trophy modelled on Maurice's trunks and glasses. Who will win it this year? Why not come along and see.

The venue of the 2016 Dinner will be the Hydro Hotel in Bowness on Windermere and the date is 12th March followed by the AGM on Sunday 13th March. In 2017 we will be at the same venue on the second weekend in March.

I hope to see many of you there.

Pat Llewellyn

Hon. Trophy Secretary's Report

Having taken up the role of trophy secretary from the previous secretary, Jackie Classen, I'd like to thank the existing members of the trophy committee for agreeing to stay on and help me with this endeavour, Margaret Smith and Liane Hickling. Also I'd like to welcome Helen Brindle and Philip Yorke, who I'm pleased to say have also volunteered to join us. Thank you all.

I'd also like to thank Jackie for the sterling job she has done in this role for the last 16 years, I've got some big boots to fill.

To the Association members I'd like to say a big smiley hello, and I hope I can serve you well. Please find enclosed in this pack the annual awards voting form. Myself and the trophy committee would very much appreciate it if you would take (and enjoy) the time recalling this season, now sadly finished, and vote for those association members you feel deserve the honour of receiving an annual reward.

We are looking into giving you other ways to vote in addition to the traditional snail and email, but for now please complete the attached and let us know who you would like to be the worthy recipients.

Thank you

Jo Blackburn

Affiliated Club Reports

Barrow LDSC Report for 2015

2015 has been a fairly quiet but successful year for the club and our membership continues to thrive. At present we have 72 members on role.

Our swimmers have, once more, taken part in a varied programme of swimming events throughout the year. Our first event of the season was the Warrington Dolphin's 1500m swim.

The Warrington swim was followed by our own 1500m club swim. The Ladies Freestyle was won by Becky Lewis (Barrow) in a time of 19.23; The Men's Freestyle was won by Mark Jones (Warrington Dolphins) in 19.06: The First female Breaststroker was Irene Meikle in a time of 28.39 Our club trophy, kindly donated by our good friends from HBM, was awarded to Marek Dynda. The team trophy was won by Barrow, with a combined time of 64.44 (Becky Lewis 19.23, Marek Dynda 22.37 and Ben Hockoday 22.44)

In April a group of us travelled, once again, to Leeds for the Swimathon.



Many swimmers have taken part in a variety of open water swims this year. Some of them in competitions, but many just for the sheer fun of it!! Thanks to some good weather this season, we have been able to swim regularly outdoors in good company and with good spirits. Rydal, Coniston, Grasmere, Buttermere, Derwent, Bassenthwaite, Ennerdale, Ullswater, Windermere and Wastwater have all felt our presence over the season.

Bev competed in the BLDSA Budworth and Coniston Vets swims, whilst Chris Green competed in the Budworth and Coniston Championship swim, his 82nd completion of this stunning lake!!

We have also had a swim in the quarry at Capernwray! Which once again, was most enjoyable.



Capernwray



Bassenthwaite



Coniston



Coniston



Wastwater

We were sorry that the Lynn Padarn swim did not go ahead this year. We replaced the swim this year with a swim in Ennerdale and raised a post swim glass to absent friends.



Becky Lewis had a busy season, setting a new record for the 2-way Windermere swim. She also completed an outstanding 7th crossing of the Channel, with winds and jellyfish swarms to add to the challenge!!

Renell Brennen has also been busy this summer. She took part in xterra European championships, an off road triathlon. She came 3rd in the European Champs in her age group and in the top 10 women overall! She gained a place in the World Champs to be held in Maui in October. Her overall time was 3hr 36mins with a 27min mile swim!

Barrow was represented in all this year's local EPIC swim at Coniston, Derwent and Ullswater.
Coniston Epic: Laura Bagley 1.01.23, Garry Keel 1.01.25, Marek Dynda 1.04.37, Matthew Marshall 1.13.33 and David Huitson 1.18.31

Derwent Epic: Garry Keel 1.03.15 and Matt Marshall 1.17.15

Ullswater Epic: Garry Keel 1.02.32

Well done to all members of Barrow LDSC for making 2015 another successful year!!!

Many thanks to all the BLDSA officials and volunteers, especially support crews, who work hard to make the swims a success.

Final congratulations go to Dave and Laura who married in September, to become Mr & Mrs Huitson.

River Dee Swim

This is a classical race of the modern era, with a history which is very nearly continuous, going back to the first time it was held 1922. The race has several idiosyncrasies. It starts at the Red House pub and the distance is actually a mile and a quarter. You swim downstream around the Crook of the Dee to finish at the suspension bridge. Being all downstream, the course times vary considerably depending on the seasonal flow with the winning men's time varying from 19 minutes 48 seconds to 33 minutes 25 seconds.

In recent years however, we've added a shorter race with the aim that newcomers to open water can try it and opened it up to juniors as well. This event is approx 1km and follows the same course as the more historical event and starts 1km upstream from the finish line at the suspension bridge.

Water temperatures are typically 14 to 16 deg.C. The swim is with the current. In 2010, the temperature was 20 deg.C.

The race retains its ancient "Dee Mile Champion" title for the fastest swimmer, who must also live within five miles of "The Cross" in the centre of Chester and swim without a wetsuit. There are however, categories for the more traditional non-wetsuit swimmers which remains a popular category.

2015 saw great weather yet again for the actual event day itself. The water was nice and warm with not much flow, which meant for a nice pleasant swim although times may have been slower than people would have hoped for due to the lack of flow. We had 268 swimmers in total finish the event which was fantastic to see them all swimming down the river.

The 1k wetsuit swim was won by Sam Wild and a very quick 9:27, maybe he will step up to the full distance next year with a time like that? The winner of the ladies race was Renee Kieseker, who only finished 8 seconds ahead of the second placed swimmer in 14:08.

The 2k swim was a close fought event, with the winner of the wetsuit event swimming 22:44. Les Church was the winner and only won by 11 seconds over Kyle Stubbs. The first wetsuit ladies swimmer wasn't far back up the river finishing in 24:52, a great swim by Sophie Whittingham.

The first across the finish line in what many describe the proper category, non wetsuit, or Champion of the Dee to give the full title, was Oliver Taylor in 25:58 only 8 seconds ahead of James Morris (a 3 time champion). James sister Joanne, finished not far behind James to win the ladies category in a fantastic time of 26:07. We also have a further category for non wetsuit swimmers who live further than 5 miles away from the cross in the middle of Chester. The winner of the mens' event was Richard Taylor in 26:39 and the winner of the ladies' event was 35:34.

Exe to Exe Swim

On Saturday 27th June, Exmouth Swimming and Life Saving Society held the second Exe to Exe Swim. The new swim having replaced the Fairway Buoy Swim course, which was held for 50 years.

Because organisers were still trialling the new course a small field of high calibre experienced swimmers were invited; including King of the Channel Michael Read who has completed the crossing 33 times.

The new swim starts at the lifeboat station an hour before the turn of the tide. It proceeds up the sea front, past the docks, up the river, and past the Exe Café to buoy 21. Swimmers then swim around the buoy before swimming the course in reverse back to the lifeboat station and Maer Rocks. Faster swimmers may have to battle the tide if they turn before slack water with slower swimmers facing a race against time to turn before the tide.

The result was an impressive one for Exmouth with Exmouth Swimmers claiming the first three positions. Jamie Page swam in to an early lead and led from start to finish with Tara Dudley 2nd overall and first female, and Exmouth channel swimmer and coach Alan Franks swimming to third place in a close finish with 2nd placed female Harriet Tuck.

Jamie's winning time was 1.46.04 with the 15th and final swimmer, Kathy Anzuino who was swimming breaststroke, finishing in a time of 2.50.42.

The three Exmouth swimmers were training hard for a four person channel relay attempt where, on the right day with the right conditions, they were confident they could challenge the record for the fastest crossing by a four person team. Although they unfortunately experienced less than ideal conditions on a day when no one else attempted the swim the team still battled to complete their crossing in a time of 10hours and 21minutes.

They are using the swim to raise funds for Exmouth Beach Rescue whose volunteers regularly patrol Exmouth Beach and without whose expertise Exmouth Swimming and Life Saving Society's two annual open water swims couldn't take place.

If you'd like to sponsor the Exmouth team go to:
<https://localgiving.com/fundraising/chanelrealy2015>.

Exmouth Swimming and Life Saving Society would like to thank Exmouth Scouts, Exmouth Beach Rescue, Exmouth RNLI, Exmouth Marina, other kayakers, and boat owners whose help enables the swim to go ahead.

Jersey Long Distance Swimming Club

The year started as always at St Catherine's slipway with another great turnout at the New Year's Day swim. Tuesday night's pool training continued to go from strength to strength with many working hard putting in hours of training in preparation for transition to long swims in the sea. The club was well represented once again in the annual BLDSA Postal swim. We also upheld tradition by taking over the pool in the annual charity Swimathon and raising over £1000 for various local charities.

Our outdoor season started in May with the traditional "break the ice" swim at St Catherine's slipway. A fantastic turnout with many new faces getting their first taste of open water swimming. Sunday swims continued throughout the summer at various locations around the island. Tuesday night training moved outdoors with a regular turnout of 40+ swimmers. Busy, busy, busy!

The season started well, however, the unexpected jellyfish epidemic of brown nettle sting and mauve stinger jellyfish did present some challenges to the local open water swims both distance and in local bays. Many people have been stung, although this has not stopped people getting back in the water.

During our swim programme we have several memorial and trophy swims.

- The DeCaux swim is awarded to the youngest male and female swimming on the day. This year the trophies went to Charlotte Vernon and Piers Willis.
- The Karen Delahunty Trophy was awarded to Natasha Borman for completing her longest open water swim yet.
- Masters swim trophies were awarded to the first male and female home over a mile long course, winners were Andy Truscott and Linda Breen.
- Unfortunately there was a small field of swimmers contesting our senior club championships with Alice Harvey being crowned Ladies Champion. No takers for the men's trophy this year.
- Our junior club champions are Jordan Sleight and Rhianna Reynolds.

Lots of members have taken part in a variety of open water swims this year:

- Tooting Bec Cold water Championships, Sally Minty-Gravett
- English Channel solo, Wendy Trehieu, 25th June 2015, 14hrs 24mins
- North Channel solo, Graeme Lowe, 22nd July 2015, 12hrs 27mins
- World first. St Malo to Jersey solo, Wendy Trehieu, 9th August 2015, 24hrs 07mins
- English Channel relay, JLDSC Rubies, 21st August 2015, 13hrs 52mins

- Oceanman events in Altea, Spain, Wendy Trehiou 10k, Dee Richards 3k & Sylvia Trehiou 1.5k
- Chill swim in Coniston, Dee Richards, Wendy Trehiou & Jo Pullman

Congratulations to all members and visiting swimmers on their following successful swims:

Round Jersey Solo

- Sara Marley, 16th July 2015, 12hrs 20mins
- Lucy Roper, 18th July 2015, 10hrs 37mins
- Zoe Sadler, 18th July 2015, 11hrs 55mins
- David Coleman, 1st August 2015, 10hrs 56mins
- Simon O'Donoghue, 1st August 2015, 10hrs 41mins
- Toni Buchholz, 1st August 2015, 10hrs 43mins
- Craig Swart, 1st August 2015, 10hrs 44mins
- Steve Pallett, 1st August 2015, 11hrs 08mins
- Sale Savel, 17th August 2015, 10hrs 48mins
- Ross Wisby, 18th August 2015, 9hrs 26mins 05secs New Record
- PrabhatKoli, 18th August 2015, 10hrs 11mins

Round Jersey Relay

- Team Coniston, 5th July 2015, 11 hrs 21 mins

Jersey to France Solo

- Andy Truscott, 5th July 2015, 7hrs 7mins 45secs
- Jacques Tuset, 23rd July 2015, 6hrs 39 mins
- Lisa Biddlecombe, 9th August 2015, 12hrs 56mins
- Tasmin Powell, 16th August 2015, 6hrs 48mins
- Emma France, 28th August 2015, 8hrs 18mins

Jersey to France Relay

- 4 man Army team, 8th September, 10hrs 39mins

Sadly there were a few swims that did not go ahead due to bad weather and high winds. It's a great shame when people train so hard to not even get their chance to get in the water to attempt the challenge they have set themselves.

One such casualty was the Nautilus Trust Round Island swim, a charity competition raising money for Holidays for Heroes Jersey which offers breaks in the Island to service personnel who have been injured whilst serving in the armed forces. Race organiser Charlie Gravett had to cancel the planned swim because of high winds and instead arranged an impromptu event. Swimming teams from the British Army, RAF, USAF and RN and a team of "Heroes" made up of amputee or partially paralysed swimmers joined local squads Jersey Ladies and a JLDSC Junior team in a relay race around an 800m course in a protected bay. A tremendous competitive spirit was shown by everyone concluding with many of the swimmers re-entering the water to accompany the last swimmer as she finished the race for the Heroes squad.

In recognition of our club's outstanding achievements and contributions to long distance swimming, the JLDSC was formally acknowledged as an Honour Organisation by the International Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame. In November our President, Sally Minty-Gravett, will attend the award ceremony in California.

Many thanks to all our boat crews, kayakers, committee and members for all their help this year.

Jenny FitzGerald
JLDSC Hon Sec

Warrington Dolphins Long Distance Swimming Club

After a very successful 50th anniversary year the then president, now life member, Jim Nurse stood down at the Annual General Meeting in February 2015.

On behalf of everybody who is associated with Warrington Dolphins I would like to thank Jim for all that he achieved in his second term as president of the club and we hope to see him most Fridays either in the pool or on the pool side coaching.

Warrington Dolphins swimmers have competed in a wide range of swimming events (indoors and outdoors) during the period October 2014 to the end of September 2015. Outlined below are some of the highlights of this year and I apologise now if I forget to mention somebody!

In October 2014 a team of masters swimmers attended the GB Short Course Masters Championship which was held at Ponds Forge Arena, Sheffield. This resulted in a very impressive medal tally of two golds, seven silvers and a bronze.

In the individual events Chris Rix (35/39 year age group) claimed two National Titles in the 200m backstroke and 200m freestyle events and Paul Frith (40/44 year age group) claimed silver in the 200m freestyle. For the third year running Russ Mason (50/54 year age group) took the silver medal in the 100m Individual Medley and Trevor Eland (35/39 year age group) achieving silver in the 100m backstroke.

The relay teams achieved a further four silver medals in the 4 x 50 and 4 x 100 medley and freestyle events.

In December seventeen swimmers took part in the one mile Christmas Handicap, which was won by Julie Trevor.

On a grey and chilly Boxing Day morning fourteen swimmers braved the elements and entered Budworth Mere. Toby Hirst, a former winner in 2003, returned with his younger brother Theo and father Colin to challenge for the trophy with junior swimmers Adam Farini and Ellie Reid both taking up the Boxing Day challenge for the first time. Theo Hirst claimed the Boxing Day trophy by the narrowest of margins, half an arm (or something like it!).

Congratulations to Judy Brown who was named Warrington Dolphins Swimmer of the Year for 2014 after securing four British Masters Records and winning the four mile event at the club's Albert Dock Championship and to Mandy Reid who was awarded the Anderson Trophy for all

her work with the Postal Swim, administering the Tuesday evening sessions at Budworth Mere and serving on the club committee.

After a relatively quiet January things started to move at a slightly quicker pace in February with Annual General Meeting and the election of a new president.

The fourth Warrington Dolphins 1500m Championship was held at Orford Park leisure complex. A total of sixty-five swimmers entered the event, including fourteen junior swimmers who competed in an 800m event. Chris Rix (Warrington Dolphins) National Masters Champion completed his hat-trick by winning the men's 1500m title for the third time in succession. Thank you to Judy Brown for organising a very successful event.

A big thank you to the past president of the BLDSA Pat Llewellyn and the current president Jean Wilkin-Oxley for inviting the president of Warrington Dolphins to attend their Annual Dinner at the Holliday Inn in Ellesmere Port. The evening was a great success and a number of Warrington Dolphins Swimmers were recognised during the awards ceremony.

Tom Roberts was announced as the BLDSA Senior swimmer of the year. Tom had a fantastic season in 2014, winning six senior races including the highly demanding "Champion of Champions" nine-mile event in Dover and finishing second in the one-way Windermere event.

Ellie Knight received the most promising Junior swimmer award for her successful season which included swims at Budworth Mere, Bala and Wykeham.

Former BLDSA secretary, Dolphins president Andy Wright received a well-earned special award for his outstanding services to the BLDSA.

The final surprise of the evening was a special award presented by the BLDSA to Warrington Dolphins for services to the BLDSA over a 50-year period.

At the end of February five Warrington Dolphins masters swimmers took part in the ASA North West Region Masters Distance event in Wigan. This resulted in four gold (Chris Rix, Graham Padgett (2) and Paul Frith) and two silver (Russ Mason and Jennifer Sutton) medals.

Tuesday evening, April 14th the first outdoor training session of the season at Budworth Mere in preparation for the Budworth Handicap in mid May and the open water swimming season.

Sixteen swimmers braved extremely cold conditions to compete in the Budworth Handicap, our traditional first open water swim of the year. Hot drinks and bacon butties were welcomed by all in the warmth of the sailing club and the trophy was presented to the winner who predicted his time within a couple of seconds - Robert Saile.

The Budworth Championship was held at the end of May with seventy-eight swimmers entering and fifty-nine finishers. The events ranged from one mile to three miles with costume and wet suit swimmers fighting it out in the water.

Warrington Dolphins Chris Rix won the one mile wetsuit event and Steve Elliot the one mile costume event. Many thanks to Adrian Moylan for organising a very successful event.

For the first time this year a children's event was organised on a Tuesday evening in August at Budworth Mere by Caroline Lewis. Eleven juniors took part in the event and it is hoped that this will become another annual event for the club at Budworth Mere.

The Tuesday evening sessions ran successfully throughout the summer months and it was only the lack of light that forced the sessions to stop. Many thanks to Mandy Reid, Julie Trevor and our key canoeists Colin Lewis, Christian Wade and Martin Padgett for giving their support, without them the sessions could not take place.

In June several masters swimmers took part in the British Masters and Senior Age Group Championships in Manchester claiming one gold, four silver and a bronze.

The July Marbury Park Handicap followed the same successful format as it has done for several years. Ten swimmers took part this year with the presentation being made by the Club Secretary after a buffet in the Antrobus Arms. Andy Sherratt was this year's Marbury Park Handicap winner.

Also in July seven Dolphins masters swimmers competed in this year's NorthWest Masters Sprint Meet at Blackpool.

Graeme Atherton was in record breaking form in both the 50m and 100m fly. Russ Mason delivered two new records in the 50m backstroke and 50m breaststroke whilst Trevor Eland smashed his own 50m freestyle record by an amazing 0.02 seconds.

Graham Padgett produced four gold medal swims with Paul Frith and Gerry Kelleher taking a further two each. Debutant Andrew Bennett had a successful first outing with one individual gold and two silvers in the sprint relays.

The 30th Albert Dock Championships was held on the 1st August.

The competitors swam a new course this year due to a change in venue from Salthouse Dock to the Liverpool Watersports Centre. The facilities at the Centre enhanced the overall experience of the event, with positive feedback from competitors and spectators alike.

The event attracted fifty-seven entries from across the UK, with forty-nine competitors actually taking part in either the two or four mile events. Although the majority of competitors took part in the championship (swimsuit only) events, there was an increase in the number of entries to the wetsuit competitions. The two mile races also attracted both freestyle and breaststroke swimmers in both the junior and senior categories.

As well as trophies for the winners of the junior and senior events, awards were also presented to the winners of the veteran categories. In addition to the 40 and 60 year old age groups, for the first time in the championships history, an award in the 80 year old category was presented.

Warrington Dolphins swimmer Ellie Jane Knight won the junior girls two mile breaststroke event and Graham Padgett the v60 category of the four mile event.

Many thanks to all Barbara Harding for organising the event and all the people who assisted in helping to make the event a success on the day. A special mention for all the staff at the Liverpool Watersports Centre who were extremely accommodating and provided additional safety cover. Hopefully we will see you next year and for many years to come.

The competitive mileage swum by Warrington Dolphins club members in all events this season has been extremely high, and is now approaching 500 miles, of which nearly 400 miles are in open water.

Jo Blackburn (nee Norton-Barker) leads the way with a massive 100+ miles (including a fine two-way Windermere swim) with Chris Carter and Steve Elliot currently in second and third place respectively having swum over 30 miles each.

Other individual successes include Rob Waterhouse, Coniston, Chris Thomas 5km, Richard Taylor winner of the 10km at Buttermere.

Congratulations to Chris Carter for swimming Coniston some fifty years after first swimming it as a 16 year old.

Another milestone that has been achieved by the club in 2015 is the level of membership, which now stands at over 100 members.

Alan Pomfret
President Warrington Dolphins LDSC

YeAmphibious Ancients Bathing Association

Our Open Water season is now over for another year. We opened the clubhouse for training on the 20th April and the weather was exceptionally good for the time of year, little did we know the weather was going to deteriorate towards the summer!! Turnout on the day was very good and we recruited several new members.

All our championships this year have been organised by four different swim convenors, the purpose of this exercise was to share the knowledge of organising a swim and to make the task of swim convenor covering multiple swims more manageable. This proved to be most successful.

Club Single Tay

This year we decided to split the event - females on the Saturday and male on the Sunday. The reason for this was the unmanageable numbers in one of last year's events. Due to weather conditions the male section was deferred to a later date. Valerie Lindsay won for the ladies and Robert Mitchell for the men. Scott Spalding was the junior winner - third generation of the Spalding family.

Kirkton of Balmerino

Five swimmers started for Balmerino four men and one lady. It was nice to see Mhairi Murdoch return to open water swimming after many years out of the sport. Mhairi was the first swimmer home followed closely by first male, Joe Taylor. Commiserations to those who did not finish.

Tayport Cup

Seven swimmers competed and we had some excellent performances. First home was Mika Mitchell a junior swimmer from Menzieshill Whitehall and rising star in open water. Mhairi again put in a stunning performance after her Balmerino performance winning first place for the ladies. First senior man home was Stewart Halliday from DCC.

Harbour Relay

The open harbour relay took place on Sunday the 28th of July. The conditions were good – air temp was 14.6, water temp was 13.8 and wind speed was 4mph. The one mile course was set up in the large harbour at Broughty Ferry with buoys set out to mark the course and turns.

The teams were as follows:

BLUE

Robert Mitchell
Kathryn Adams
Graeme Matthew
Mark Sales

YELLOW

Dave Finlayson
Greig Matthew
Valerie Lindsay
Alistair McDermott

RED

Scott Spalding
Cameron McDermott
Claire Moodie
Joe Taylor

All swimmers completed the course safely. One swimmer was fatigued when coming out of the water but was fine after a few minutes, he was checked by the first aid officer and safety officer and was found to be fine. Winners were the RED team!

Double Tay

The Double Tay took place on Saturday 11th July. Conditions were good to start with – air temp was 17.1, water temp 14.2 & wind speed 12mph. Midway through the race the wind speed rose to 15mph.

There were eight entrants to the race, two swimmers withdrew before the event, one swimmer retired ten minutes into the swim and was removed safely from the water, four swimmers were beached and two successfully completed the race. All swimmers got out of the water safely.

Trophies were presented by John Rough of the Midland District. Winners were senior male Alistair McDermott from YEAABA swimming in his first open water event and Junior Boy Mika Mitchell.

Woodhaven

Sadly no entrants for this swim this year

Monifieth

The Monifieth championship took place on Saturday the 27th June. The conditions were good – air temp was 14.5, water temp was 13.1 and wind speed was 12mph. This was the biggest entry we have had for several years, with 12 entrants. One entrant withdrew before the swim and one retired during the swim, all others finished safely. The winners were: senior men Joe Taylor, junior boy Mika Mitchell and Vicky Taylor first lady.

Veterans

Six swimmers took part and the winners were Stewart Halliday and Valerie Lindsay. Good conditions on the day and excellent times.

Discovery Mile

Entries slightly down this year but a great swim which was filmed overhead (see Facebook). A new course because of the new build V&A. Great swim from senior Joe Taylor and for the ladies newcomer Jenny Stewart. Junior winner for the boys you have guessed! Mika Mitchell. Girl's winner was Heather Mulvaney from the granite city of Aberdeen. Trophies were presented by Eddie Wilmott President of Scottish Swimming Association.

Loch Earn

Only two entries for this lovely swim Robert Mitchell and Helen Beveridge who completed with very good times. Thanks to Jean Wilkin Oxley and Janet Wilson who assisted on the day.

Crannog

Two new local swimmers in our ranks today they have waited all year to take part and did themselves proud. Very windy conditions and thanks to the creativity of our referee he found an alternate course so the swim could go ahead safely. Winners were Claire Moodie first lady and Scott Spalding first junior boy. Commiserations to Dave who retired.

The BLDSA has a truly wonderful president who stood in the Loch at the finish of her swim to congratulate every swimmer who finished. She did no bad a time herself. We were also indebted to Jean for travelling with Janet Wilson to Scotland and for presenting the trophies.

Senior Championship

The club senior took place on Sunday the 30th of August and due to the ongoing works at Dundee Waterside the course was amended. Swimmers entered the water at steps beside the Apex hotel and the course finished at the Broughty Ferry Harbour.

The conditions for the race were good air temp was 13 and water temp was 17. There were three entrants and all swimmers safely completed the race. The winners were Male Dave Finlayson and Louise Dunnin followed closely by Claire Moodie. Well done to all.

To all in the BLDSA - hope you have had a great season and we wish you a happy Christmas and good New Year. See you all in 2016!!

AGM Minutes

58th Annual General Meeting held at the Holiday Inn Express, Ellesmere Port

Sunday 15th March 2015

In Memoriam: - a minute's silence was held in memory of Sheena Paterson.

1. Presidential Address: The President, Pat Llewellyn, submitted her report as on page 4 of the Annual Report.

Proposed: M J Smith **Seconded:** P Yorke **All in favour**

2. Apologies: Graham Smith, Simon Lee, Mark Westaway, Andy & Sandra Wright, Greta Gall, Helen Brindle, Gill Stables, Mike Read, Amanda Bell.

3. Minutes of the 57th Annual General Meeting: These were published on pages 68 - 76 in the Annual Report.

Proposed: D Llewellyn **Seconded:** G McIntyre **All in favour**

4. Matters Arising: there were no matters arising.

5. Hon General Secretary's Report: the President submitted the report as on page 6, as she had undertaken most of the role during the year.

Proposed: D Llewellyn **Seconded:** J Wilkin Oxley **All in favour**

6. Hon Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer (Jean Wilkin Oxley) circulated the accounts prepared by Paul Tew with sincere thanks for the help & support.

Proposed: M Sheridan **Seconded:** M Blackburn **All in favour**

The Treasurer commented that the cost of the web site to date (approximately £4,000) was appropriate. Some positive feedback had been received. She added that over the last 12 months the adverts in H2Open had been valuable & thanked Mark Sheridan for his inputs. The BLDSA has committed to a further 12 months of adverts at a cost of £1500 + VAT. She was delighted that the raffle at the Dinner had raised £204.60 & the Enoch Tarder Trophy game (won by Patrick Smith) had raised £85.55 for UNICEF.

Proposed: R Hardy **Seconded:** G McIntyre **All in favour**

7. Hon Fundraising & Insignia Secretary's Report: Liane Llewellyn Hickling submitted her report as on page 11 in the Annual Report with the additional comment that any BLDSA clothing can be purchased through the website so in future she will not be carrying stocks to events. Assistance will be offered to those without internet access. She will continue to carry a stock of small items (eg flags/whistles/light sticks etc).

Proposed: G McIntyre **Seconded:** M Sheridan **All in favour**

The **200 Club** was drawn for March & the AGM

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£10 Martyn Coates (76) £20 Margaret Smith

£10 D J Morgan (91) £20 Vince Classen

£5 Greta Gall

8. Hon Membership Secretary's Report: submitted as written on page 7 of the Annual Report with the update that 2015 Membership was opened on 1/12/2014 resulting in 17 joining at the discounted rate. The aim for 2015 is to open for 2016 after the Windermere Championships to encourage entries for the St Mary's Loch & Lynn Regis events. Membership currently stands at 158 seniors (of whom 95 are veterans), 4 juniors, 12 non swimmers & there are 8 clubs affiliated.

Proposed: HBeveridge **Seconded:** J Classen **All in favour**

9. Hon Safety Officer's Report: No report has been submitted. Chris Hickling (Hon Rescue Boat Coordinator) has reviewed the previous season & will compile a report for circulation in April.

10. Honorary Child & Vulnerable Adult Protection Officer's Report: Janet Wilson submitted her report as published on page 11 of the Annual Report.

Proposed: D Llewellyn **Seconded:** M Sheridan **All in favour**

11. Hon Trophy Secretary's Report: Jacky Classen submitted her report as written on page 13 of the Annual Report.

Proposed: P Smith **Seconded:** M Blackburn **All in favour**

12. Hon Recorder's Report: in the absence of Gill Stables, the President submitted her report as published on page 8 of the Annual Report.

Proposed: D Llewellyn **Seconded:** P Yorke **All in favour**

13. Hon Sport & Recreation Alliance Liaison Officer's Report: No report submitted.

14. Hon Rescue Boat Co-ordinator's Report: Chris Hickling submitted his report as published on page 10 of the Annual Report.

Proposed: M Coates **Seconded:** G McIntyre **All in favour**

15. Hon Publicity Officer's Report: Dee Llewellyn submitted her report as published on page 9 in the Annual Report with the following additions: the web-site is up & running. Tweets are being made. She is pleased with results although there is much still to transfer across. She asked for understanding & patience but please advise of any issues. Joe Wilkin Oxley asked who is handling updates & it is the person partnering the web site development. DL offered thanks to Liane Llewellyn Hickling who handles the Newsletter, Patrick Smith who handles Twitter & Mark Sheridan who handles Facebook. Helen Beveridge asked when the swim Recognition form would be loaded. DL will check. **Action Point DL**

Liane Llewellyn Hickling asked for feedback on & ideas for the Newsletter. Jean Wilkin Oxley responded that the 'paper' group of members, which she co-ordinates has been very appreciative.

Proposed: L L Hickling **Seconded:** P Llewellyn **All in favour**

16. Dinner Committee Report; Pat Llewellyn submitted her report as published on page 13 of the Annual Report with the following additions:- she offered thanks to Heather Zielinski for the table decorations at the dinner & offered a heartfelt thanks to the Hotel & its staff for a great job & to the enthusiastic raffle ticket sellers. She made a special point of thanking the speaker, Emma Francis.

Proposed: D Llewellyn **Seconded:** P Yorke **All in favour**

Margaret Smith proposed a vote of thanks to Pat & her team, which was supported. The Dinner Secretary announced that the dinner & AGM will be held at the Windermere Hydro in 2016, with a dip in the Lake & chance to celebrate the BLDSA's Diamond Jubilee. Jean Wilkin Oxley commented that attendances seem to be higher in the Lake District. Paul Tew added that both the venue & attendance were excellent at Broughty Ferry. Mark Sheridan commented that dinners near swim locations tend to be better attended. Suggestions for a venue for 2017 will be welcome before 28/03/2015.

17. Championship Hon Secretaries' Reports:

17a. Champion of Champions: Mark Sheridan submitted his report published on page 20 of the Annual Report.

Proposed: **A Stafford** **Seconded:** **J Wilkin Oxley** **All in favour**

17b. Colwick Park: The President submitted the report published on page 15 of the Annual Report.

Proposed: **J Blackburn** **Seconded:** **M Blackburn** **All in favour**

17c. Coniston Juniors & Seniors: Jean Wilkin Oxley submitted her report published on page 30 of the Annual Report.

Proposed: **P Yorke** **Seconded:** **GMcIntyre** **All in favour**

17d. Coniston Veterans: Vince Classen submitted his report published on pages 32 & 33 of the report.

Proposed: **VClassen** **Seconded:** **G McIntyre** **All in favour**

17e. Derwentwater; The President submitted the report published on page 36 of the Annual Report, on behalf of the Swim Committee.

Proposed: **M Smith** **Seconded:** **H Beveridge** **All in favour**

The President thanked Jacky, who is standing down, for all her hard work in running this event. This was supported from the floor of the meeting.

17f. LlynTegid: The President submitted the report published on page 25 & following in the Annual Report.

Proposed: **M Smith** **Seconded:** **G McIntyre** **All in favour**

The President asked for her own & the Association's thanks to Andy & Sandra Wright to be recorded, for all their hard work at the event over the years.

17g. Loch Lomond: Janet Wilson submitted her report published on page 38 of the Annual Report, with the addition of the comment that anyone planning to undertake the swim in 2 years' time should be starting their planning now, especially in respect of their crew.

Proposed: **J Blackburn** **Seconded:** **M Coates** **All in favour**

17h. Lynn Regis: The President submitted the report published on page 43 of the Annual Report.

Proposed: V Classen **Seconded:** R Hardy **All in favour**

17i. River Dee: this Championship is currently suspended.

17j. St Mary's Loch: Janet Wilson submitted her report published on page 42 of the Annual Report.

Proposed: J Blackburn **Seconded:** H Beveridge **All in favour**

17k. Torbay: Jean Wilkin Oxley submitted the report published on page 23 of the Annual Report. She added that the closing date will be 17/05/2015 due to the amount of work needed to sort out skilled kayakers etc. Mark Sheridan will highlight the need on Social Media. JWO asked for the good wishes of the Association to Peter Larrad, who has been in hospital, to be minuted.

Proposed: J Wilkin Oxley **Seconded:** D Llewellyn **All in favour**

17l. Ullswater: Jacky Classen submitted her report published on page 34 of the Annual Report.

Proposed: J Blackburn **Seconded:** V Classen **All in favour**

17m. Wykeham: Liane Llewellyn Hickling submitted her report published on page 17 of the Annual Report. She wished to encourage new comers to the sport, especially as wet suits can be worn in the 1 kilometre swim. The date for this year's event has been changed to 14/06/2015.

Proposed: M Coates **Seconded:** J Wilkin Oxley **All in favour**

17n. Windermere: Dee Llewellyn submitted her report published on page 39 of the Annual Report. She commented that all is booked for 2015 & that the after swim gathering was lovely.

Proposed: J Blackburn **Seconded:** G McIntyre **All in favour**

17o. Windermere 2-way: not held in 2014.

17p. Grand Prix: Vince Classen wished to clarify that due to human error there were several inaccuracies in the Annual Report, but these did not affect those in the winning positions. He offered apologies to those affected and promised that corrections will be put onto the website. Subject to this, the report published on page 46 of the Annual Report was submitted for approval.

Proposed: PYorke **Seconded:** VClassen **All in favour**

17q. Postal Swim: no separate report.

17r. Championship related comments: Patrick Smith offered to assist swim secretaries with report writing. Dee Llewellyn reported that she is not now putting swim reports up on the web site but is encouraging blogs. She is also looking for someone to take over the compilation & production of the Annual Report.

Action Point (all)

18. Special Awards: Jacky Classen read out the awards made by the Trophy Sub Committee & presented at the dinner: James Brennan – Vince Classen,, Harry Moffatt – Mick Blackburn, Hans Belay – Adrian Rotchell, Fred Slater- Tom Roberts, Breaststroke Trophy – Mark Westaway, Tom Butcher – D J Morgan, Elise Brooke – Ellie Jane Knight, Alan & Avril Mitchell – Helen Beveridge, Brierley Law – Margaret Smith, Enoch Tarder –Patrick Smith. Special Awards: Andy Wright for services to the BLDSA & Warrington Dolphins LDSC to mark 50 year of partnership.

Proposed: Joe Wilkin Oxley **Seconded:** J Blackburn **All in favour**

19. Long Service Awards none due this year.

20. Alteration to Constitutional Rules: Proposed amendments are attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

Proposed: P Yorke **Seconded:** V Classen **All in favour**

21. Subscriptions: the Treasurer confirmed that no increase was proposed this year.

22. Appointment of 2 Tellers: not required.

23. Installation of President: the current President, Pat Llewellyn installed her successor, Jean Wilkin Oxley to the office of President & wished her well in her second term as President. The President's first duty was to invest the immediate Past President with her jewel. Jean thanked all members for their confidence in her & would serve her second term as President with great pleasure. She wished everyone a fantastic year in our crazy, wonderful sport. She thanked all officers & Committee members for their hard work, especially those who are retiring & not standing for re-election. She then installed Graham McIntyre as President Elect & welcomed him to the top table.

24. Election of Officers: 2 positions had no nominations, The President accepted nominations from the floor. Jo Blackburn volunteered to take over the role of Trophies' Secretary, propose by Margaret Smith & Seconded by Jacky Classen. She was added to the published list. There were no volunteers for the role of Safety Officer.

24a. It was therefore proposed that all Officers, as published, with the addition of Jo Blackburn as Trophies' Secretary but excluding Safety Officer should be elected en bloc.

Proposed: P Llewellyn **Seconded:** JClassen **All in favour**

Those elected were: **Hon Gen Sec** – Philip Yorke, **Hon Treasurer** – Jean Wilkin Oxley, **Hon Minutes' Secretary** – Margaret Smith, **Hon Publicity Officer**– Dee Llewellyn, **Hon Membership Secretary** – Vince Classen, **Hon Recorder** – Gill Stables, **Hon Trophies Secretary** – Jo Blackburn, **Hon Sport & Recreation Alliance Officer** – Leslie Du Cane, **Hon Insignia & Fundraising Secretary** – Liane Llewellyn Hickling, **Hon Child & Vulnerable Adult Protection Officer** – Francis Zielinski, **Hon Rescue Boat Co-ordinator** – Chris Hickling

24b. Serving as of right will be Past Presidents Pat Llewellyn & Vince Classen, Janet Wilson, Joe Wilkin Oxley, Andy Wright, Sandra Wright, Mark Sheridan, Garry Jackson, Helen Brindle, Richard Hardy, Michelle Hardy, Annie Stafford.

Proposed: P Yorke **Seconded:** M Smith **All in favour**

25. Election of Vice President: none submitted for election.

There being no other competent business the meeting closed at 11.03.

Those present at the meeting were: Helen Beveridge, Jo Blackburn, Mick Blackburn, Jackalyn Classen, Vince Classen, Martyn Coates, Sue Coates, Tony Espin, Ulrich Hæveker, Michelle Hardy, Richard Hardy, Robert Haylock, Chris Hickling, Liane Llewellyn Hickling, Hazel Killingbeck, Dee Llewellyn, Pat Llewellyn, Graham McIntyre, Mark Sheridan, Joseph Smith, Margaret Smith, Patrick Smith, Annie Stafford, Paul Tew, Jean Wilkin Oxley, Joe Wilkin Oxley, Janet Wilson, Philip Yorke, Francis Zielinski

Signed:

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