

Held on the 14th September, 1968. Temp. 63F. 3 miles. Good conditions.

Men's Championship.

1. T.Holland.	1.13.40.
2. C.Procter.	1.21.46.
3. D.Jackson.	1.23.42.
4. J.Redfern.	1.28.16.
5. J.Carter.	1.30.58.
6. J.Dewar.	1.33.14.
7. D.Barnard.	1.35. 7.
8. D.Hopkins.	1.35.35.
9. D.Jones.	1.39.41.
10. J.Alexander.	1.40. 6.
11. J.Heapy.	1.41.57.
12. D.Pritt.	1.53.28.
13. J.Ingham.	2.7.19.
14. D.Procter.	2.20.11.

Ladies Championship.

1. B.Yule.	1.30.19.
2. D.Beynon.	1.31.10.
3. C.Long.	1.44.58.
4. C.Genge.	1.45. 9.
5. M.Hopkins.	1.58.30.

Retired:- C.Fox, M.Ferguson, J.Clayton.

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Next swim will take place on Saturday the 13th September, and we hope to arrange a two mile junior swim on the same day.

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WARWICKSHIRE LONG DISTANCE SWIMMING ASSOCIATION.

This year, like other years, we seem to have had a mixed calendar, not all swimming. Whilst many other Clubs are busy with winter training we seem to be entertaining youngsters and O.A.P.s., or chasing after an elephant (He's off again you say). Let's start at the beginning (Elephant indeed!). Christmas saw us with 600 youngsters and Father Christmas. Percy didn't get what he asked for - so spent Xmas as a bachelor! Then we went to the local zoo to borrow the elephant. (It's gone). The W.L.D.S.A. dinner and dance on Feb. 24th was a success and was attended by many out of town B.L.D.S.A. members. On the Sunday morning the annual "Roman do" got under way, we had intended a tug of war, yes, the elephant. Some lout threw a bottle into the compound the week before, so we had to improvise. Still, lots of laughs, mud and water, and more to the point, money for the mentally handicapped children's swimming pool. I am pleased to inform all those who took part that several of us attended the official opening during the season (we HAD to go in, nearly had the Lord Mayor in). Following the elephant episode, Percy and I went to Bryan Finlay's wedding. (Married to Miss Helen Pulestone.) We arrived in top hat and tails and carried out our vocation looking as little like two book ends as possible.

We held our first 3 mile race on Whit. Sunday, this was won by the newcomer, David Fell. All the other members took part. Arthur Ayres and R.G.W. swam Coniston on 23rd June, then off to Torquay. A.A. and R.G.W. completed the course, Percy and Chris assisted in the boats (whilst Dave looked for the Queen Mary -) A car load of "Assistance" arrived at Bernie Bells "Trentham". We sorted out the boats, emptied them, then gave Jack Somerfield one that promptly started to sink!! Jack swam Coniston in July, and Ullswater in September. R.G.W. and A.A. with Percy, entered the Lulworth - Weymouth swim, or should I say "Tidal fight". We started late, and after 5½ hours in the water, getting nowhere....."Everybody out." The next splash was at Whitby. Percy and Dave swam, whilst Jack sprinted (I'm sure he's taking something!) The same weekend John Cookson and Dave Jevons rowed, whilst R.G.W. swam at night round the local lake. Well, it's better than sleeping in the coalshed when you're in the doghouse.

The following weekend we all went to Windermere for a two way attempt. Roy Ainsworth foresook wisdom and joined us. Well, we made the attempt, and involved the local doctor, police and neighbours, when R.G.W. went down. (I still can't understand how I got the footprint on my forehead!!) On to the Veterans, Arthur, Percy and Jack, looking a sprightly 40 odd, and all completed the course.

Bala proved to be a rough swim and showed the newcomers the "choppy" side of the sport. Dave Fell added Bala to his first season. Francis Allen swam the two way to keep the flag flying for us. Arthur made his annual pilgrimage to Windermere to add another notch to his collection, as did Francis. Percy, Jack and Arthur entered the Walton Championship and came back with tales of a hard swim, but a good reception.