

WARRINGTON DOLPHINS LONG DISTANCE SWIMMING CLUB.

ANNUAL REPORT 1973.

Herewith the Ninth Annual Report on the activities of the Warrington Dolphins Long Distance Swimming Club.

On Shakespeare Beach at 12.24 p.m. on 11th September, Chris Carter started what was to be for himself and the Dolphins a memorable 14 hours 33 minutes. After two years of hard work and three frustrating trips to Dover he finally began his attempt to swim the English Channel. The Official Observer described the weather as "marginal"; winds were up to force 5. Despite this, Chris pressed on without complaint through several bouts of sickness to achieve his ambition by reaching France at 2.57 a.m. on the 12th. In "preparation" for his Channel swim, Chris also completed the Two-way Windermere, Torbay, Exmouth and Pickmere Lake swims. Congratulations Chris on a magnificent performance from your fellow members and friends - sorry you couldn't find a pebble memento on Wissant Beach.

Another Dolphin member, Dilys Beynon, bravely made her second attempt at a Channel crossing but after swimming about 7 miles (the latter 2 of these with severe stomach cramp), she was unfortunatley forced to retire. However, as consolation, Dilys set up a new all-comers record for the Mumbles-Aberavon swim - a fine achievement.

For our "flyer", John Heapy, the long awaited completion of the Torbay swim along with his record 10 miles butterfly swim from Tortosa to Amposta (Ebro River - Spain) were the highlights of another successful season covering 53 miles of competitive swimming.

Accompanying John on some of his swims was Bill Dutton who had a rather mixed season completing Pickmere, Exmouth, A.S.A., Ebro (Spain) and his best swim to-date, 10 miles in Lake Balaton (Hungary). Unfortunately, Bill had to retire from the Torbay, Morecombe Bay and Windermere swims.

Maurice Ferguson, our Hon. Championship Secretary, in reaching a total of 37 miles, "chalked up" two new swims by completing the Exmouth and Two-way Bala swims. His longest swim this season, Windermere, proved to be his toughest ever.

The Torbay "Gladys Giles" trophy was retained for the club by Dave Whatmough swimming breast-stroke in a time of 7 hours 16 mins. 34 secs. This was a personal best for Dave and, for those who witnessed it, a great swim. He also completed Pickmere and Coniston but due to the imminent arrival of an addition to the family was naturally prevented from participating during the rest of the season.

Our club President, John Alexander, despite a relative lack of training during the last twelve months, completed 15 miles in the Pickmere, Coniston and Two-way Bala Championships. In the latter swim, John had to be pushed "like a plank" to the stone jetty stops after covering the last half mile suffering from cramp and siezing up totally on crossing the finishing line.

Following his "clean bill of health" as reported late last year, Arthur Williams came "roaring" back into action to cover a total of 18 miles over the season, Coniston being his longest. Co-incidentally, Geoff Monks "enjoying" his second year of long distance swimming, completed the same mileage as Arthur, his biggest swim also being Coniston.

Three members who had a comparatively quiet season were Dave Barnard with $7\frac{1}{2}$ miles to his credit, Paul Kochanek with 3 miles at Pickmere and Harry Peacock who, after turning professional, completed $9\frac{1}{2}$ miles in individual swims.

Our Hon. Secretary, Alan Humphries, has spent very little time in the water this season completing only $7\frac{1}{2}$ miles. However, he has mastered the art of long distance sitting the hard way, by accompanying Chris during almost all the training swims for his Channel swim. Credit must also be given to Joan, Alan's long suffering wife, who when not assisting on the swims has had to forfeit his company during many a long weekend.

Jill Adey, though being unable to compete in any events this season due to college commitments, concluded last season by being selected as Warrington's "Sportswoman of the Year" for being consistently well placed in Championships. Congratulations Jill on winning the title - hoping we see you back in the coming year.

From a junior membership of two last year, we had an increase in June to four and are now pleased to see a further increase to five. Of our juniors, Paul Tew had an exceptional year completing Morecambe Inshore, Pickmere, Bala, Langold, A.S.A. and ending in style with an individual Windermere. Kevin Ferguson, in his first season outdoors, showed determination by finishing the Morecambe Inshore, Pickmere, Waterloo and Bala swims. Of the club's junior ladies, Carol Monks completed Morecambe Inshore whilst both her and Gina Clarke were forced to retire in Bala and Pickmere respectively. Better luck next year girls.

Our club Coach and Hon. Treasurer, Ces Shallcross, whilst keeping a wary eye on finances, spent his time more freely (than the club's money) on the bath side and in boats training and looking after the welfare of all Dolphin members. On behalf of us all Ces, many thanks for your hard work and patience.

An exceptional honour was paid to our Lady Chairman, Mrs. "Sonny" Anderson, when she was presented with Honorary Life Membership of the Royal Life Saving Society, by Princess Alexandra, for her services to swimming. Congratulations on receiving a truly well deserved award.

We would like to take this opportunity of welcoming the following new members to the club : Carol Monks, Gina Clarke, Elaine Jordan and Kevin Ferguson (Junior members); Janet Quayle, Russ Holbrook, John Humphries and Dick Dickinson (Senior members). In addition to the afore mentioned, we also welcome Bob Keating, a founder member of the club, on his return to the sport and Kevin Murphy, whose exploits are well known throughout the world of long distance swimming.

Annual Dinner Dance.

On 24th November, we held our 9th Annual Dinner Dance at Pickmere and were pleased to welcome Mr. Fred C. Oldman (President of the B.L.D.S.A.) and his wife as our guests for the evening.

Christmas Swim.

This year's "dip" was of particular interest with the introduction of a trophy for the swim. As conditions were good (no ice), this was awarded to Dave Barnard being the first to complete a course of approximately 150 yards. Kevin Murphy was second and Colin Moyers third.

Certificates were presented to all who took part.

Births.

Hearty congratulations to Pauline and Dave Whatmough on the arrival of a third daughter, Marie and to Marjorie and Graham White on the birth of a son, Robert.

Coming of Age.

We wish to welcome Wendy Ferguson into the adult fraternity. Best wishes Wendy on attaining your majority.

Death.

It is with deep regret that we must report the death of Mr. Genge (father of Christina). Mr. Genge always showed an interest in the club's activities.

In conclusion, we wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. R. Daggett and all the staff of the Warrington Bathe Department, the Pickmere Boating Company and all our friends who have contributed to this most successful season.

Thank you,

Alan D. Humphries (Hon. Secretary).

Maurice Ferguson (Hon. Championship Secretary).

CHAMPIONSHIP AND INDIVIDUAL SWIMS COMPLETED : 1973

Morecambe Inshore (2 miles).

3rd Paul Tew	1h. 00m. 30s.
6th Carol Monks	1h. 07m. 00s.
? Maurice Ferguson	1h. 07m. 00s.
? Geoff Monks	1h. 10m. 00s.
7th Kevin Ferguson	1h. 24m. 00s.

Langold Lake (2 miles).

6th Paul Tew	48m. 45s.
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Waterloo Lake (2 miles).

? Kevin Ferguson	1h. 19m. 00s.
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Double Tay (2 miles).

? John Heapy	57m. 00s.
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Folkstone - Dover

(Alternative course - 2½ miles).

4th Bill Dutton	?
? Chris Carter	1h. 04m. 49s.
? Dilys Beynon	?
14th John Heapy	1h. 14m. 00s.

Pickmere Lake Junior (2 miles).

6th Paul Tew	57m. 55s.
13th Kevin Ferguson	1h. 30m. 00s.

Pickmere Lake Senior (3 miles).

5th Bill Dutton	1h. 15m. 32s.
7th Chris Carter	1h. 17m. 20s.
3rd Dilys Beynon	1h. 23m. 00s.
11th Alan Humphries	1h. 25m. 12s.
13th Dave Barnard	1h. 25m. 30s.
18th Geoff Monks	1h. 32m. 50s.
20th John Alexander	1h. 36m. 18s.
24th Maurice Ferguson	1h. 44m. 00s.
26th Arthur Williams	1h. 49m. 09s.
27th John Heapy	1h. 54m. 20s.

(B/fly record)

Pickmere Lake Senior (3 miles) Continued.

29th Dave Whatnough	2h. 02m. 30s.
31st Paul Kochanek	2h. 12m. 22s.
(Ind) Harry Peacock	1h. 40m. 00s.

Bala Lake (3 miles).

6th Paul Tew	1h. 30m. 10s.
13th Kevin Ferguson	1h. 59m. 00s.
(Ind) Chris Carter	1h. 28m. 00s.
(Ind) Paul Tew	1h. 47m. 30s.
(Ind) Arthur Williams	2h. 12m. 00s.
(Ind) John Heapy	2h. 13m. 00s.
(Ind) Maurice Ferguson	2h. 30m. 00s.

Trentham Lake (3 miles).

=3rd Bill Dutton	1h. 10m. 00s.
12th John Heapy	1h. 28m. 48s.
? Geoff Monks	1h. 36m. 04s.
? Maurice Ferguson	1h. 39m. 39s.
? Arthur Williams	1h. 55m. 09s.

Veterans (3½ miles).

? Arthur Williams	2h. 40m. 00s.
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Poole Harbour (3½ miles).

4th Bill Dutton	1h. 02m. 00s.
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Exmouth Fairway Buoy (4½ miles).

2nd Bill Dutton	1h. 33m. 00s.
=7th Chris Carter	1h. 42m. 00s.
9th Alan Humphries	1h. 45m. 00s.
10th Dave Barnard	1h. 53m. 00s.
13th John Heapy	2h. 04m. 50s.
15th Geoff Monks	2h. 19m. 00s.
16th Maurice Ferguson	2h. 28m. 00s.

A.S.A. (5 miles).

7th Bill Dutton	2h. 38m. 00s.
? Dilys Beynon	?
15th Paul Tew	2h. 57m. 10s.
16th John Heapy	3h. 10m. 05s.

Loch Earn (6½ miles).

(Ind) Harry Peacock	?
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Mumbles - Aberavon (7 miles).

1st Dilys Beynon	2h. 49m. 00s.
(All comers record)	

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Lake Balaton, Hungary (5 miles).

(Ind) Bill Dutton	2h. 20m. 00s.
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Torbay (8 miles).

4th Chris Carter	3h. 52m. 00s.
12th John Heapy	5h. 28m. 34s.
? Dave Whatmough	7h. 16m. 34s.

Coniston (5½ miles).

3rd Bill Dutton	2h. 27m. 00s.
6th John Heapy	3h. 11m. 08s.
? John Alexander	3h. 20m. 00s.
11th Maurice Ferguson	3h. 31m. 34s.
12th Geoff Monks	3h. 37m. 31s.
? Dave Whatmough	3h. 41m. 18s.

Ebro River, Spain (10 miles).

5th Bill Dutton	3h. 08m. 00s.
25th John Heapy	4h. 15m. 38s.
(B/fly record)	

(Ind) Arthur Williams	4h. 52m. 00s.
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Windermere (10½ miles).

(Ind) Chris Carter	5h. 27m. 00s.
(Ind) Paul Tew	6h. 32m. 00s.
(Ind) Maurice Ferguson	8h. 50m. 00s.

Solent (4½ miles).

(Ind) Bill Dutton	1h. 28m. 00s.
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Two-way Bala (6 miles).

11th John Heapy	3h. 47m. 29s.
16th Maurice Ferguson	4h. 00m. 00s.
17th John Alexander	4h. 00m. 23s.
(Ind) Chris Carter	3h. 11m. 00s.

Balatonfured - Siofok,

Lake Balaton, Hungary (10½ miles).

(Ind) Bill Dutton	5h. 15m. 00s.
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Two-way Windermere (20½ miles).

2nd Chris Carter	15h. 04m. 00s.
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English Channel (21 miles).

(Ind) Chris Carter	14h. 33m. 00s.
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INDIVIDUAL MILEAGE CHART : 1973.

Chris Carter	78½	Dilys Beynon	17½
Bill Dutton	57	John Alexander	14½
John Heapy	52½	Harry Peacock	9½
Maurice Ferguson	37	Kevin Ferguson	9
Paul Tew	27	Alan Humphries	7½
Dave Whatmough	18½	Dave Barnard	7½
Arthur Williams	18	Paul Kochanek	3
Geoff Monks	18	Carol Monks	2

TOTAL - 377 Miles

WARRINGTON DOLPHINS LONG DISTANCE SWIMMING CLUB

PICKMERE LAKE CHAMPIONSHIPS

RESULTS : 1973

Date : Saturday, 16th June 1973.

Conditions : Warm, calm and sunny.

Retirements : 1 Junior Lady

JUNIOR LADIES (2 MILES).

1.	Elise Brook	(Bradford L.D.S.C.)	48m. 12s.
2.	Angela Middleton	(M.P.S.S.C., Halifax)	48m. 22s.
3.	Julie Robinson	(Walton on Thames)	50m. 28s.
4.	Janette Walker	(Swinton A.S.C.)	56m. 50s.
5.	Ruth Barnes	(Nottingham L.D.S.C.)	58m. 00s.
6.	Christine Swann	(Nottingham L.D.S.C.)	59m. 18s.
7.	Kim Harris	(British Transport S.C.)	1h. 02m. 36s.
8.	Linda Armitage	(Bradford L.D.S.C.)	1h. 03m. 50s.
9.	Jill Smith	(Coventry S.C.)	1h. 04m. 05s.
10.	Gillian Briggs	(Swinton A.S.C.)	1h. 24m. 03s.
11.	Catherine Ward	(Swinton A.S.C.)	1h. 34m. 45s.

New Record - 48m. 12s.

JUNIOR MEN (2 MILES)

1.	Graham Taylor	(Warrington)	50m. 45s.
2.	Malcolm Sykes	(Harpwrey A.S.C.)	52m. 11s.
3.	Ian Carey	(Wimbledon)	53m. 48s.
4.	Gareth Simpson	(Warwickshire L.D.S.C.)	56m. 31s.
5.	John McMahon	(Bradford L.D.S.C.)	57m. 01s.
6.	Paul Tew	(Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C.)	57m. 55s.
7.	Richard Jagger	(Bradford L.D.S.C.)	59m. 42s.
8.	Howard Owen	(Bradford L.D.S.C.)	1h. 02m. 00s.
9.	Stephen Clarke	(Huddersfield A.S.C.)	1h. 02m. 54s.
10.	Ian McAlpine	(Rossington A.S.C.)	1h. 04m. 07s.
11.	Malcolm Swann	(Nottingham L.D.S.C.)	1h. 04m. 50s.

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.....Junior Men Cont.....

12.	Bruce Neale	(British Transport S.C.)	1h. 16m. 50s.
13.	Kevin Ferguson	(Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C.)	1h. 30m. 23s.
14.	Stephen Bedford	(Edlington A.S.C.)	1h. 36m. 08s.

SENIOR LADIES (3 MILES)

1.	Valerie Taylor	(Walsall)	1h. 06m. 20s.
2.	Carol Dines	(Surrey Ladies S.C.)	1h. 18m. 52s.
3.	Dilys Beynon	(Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C.)	1h. 23m. 00s.
4.	Julie Russell	(Madeley College S.C.)	1h. 24m. 30s.
5.	Jane Whitfield	(Starfish A.S.C.)	1h. 27m. 32s.
6.	Patricia Dawson	(Nottingham L.D.S.C.)	1h. 30m. 47s.
7.	Carla Bee	(Bolton S.C.)	1h. 31m. 33s.
8.	Gillian Vernon	(Nottingham L.D.S.C.)	1h. 44m. 37s.
9.	Catherine Walker	(Huddersfield A.S.C.)	1h. 46m. 45s.
10.	Jean Wilkin	(Phoenix S.C.)	1h. 49m. 00s.
11.	Beverely Walker	(Huddersfield A.S.C.)	1h. 50m. 30s.
12.	Pamela Swann	(Nottingham L.D.S.C.)	1h. 55m. 06s.
13.	Margaret Meredith	(B.L.D.S.A.)	2h. 01m. 35s.
14.	Willy Van Rysel	(B.L.D.S.A.)	2h. 02m. 00s.

New Record - 1h. 06m. 20s.

SENIOR MEN (3 MILES)

1.	David Pratten	(Plaiston U.T.D.)	1h. 08m. 07s.
2.	Richard Hatfield	(Middlesbrough)	1h. 12m. 37s.
3.	Stuart Anderson	(Madeley College S.C.)	1h. 12m. 50s.
4.	Joseph Smith	(Plaiston U.T.D.)	1h. 14m. 00s.
5.	Bill Dutton	(Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C.)	1h. 15m. 32s.
6.	Roger Parsons	(R.N.S.C.)	1h. 17m. 10s.
7.	Chris Carter	(Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C.)	1h. 17m. 20s.
8.	Eric Millican	(Phoenix S.C.)	1h. 19m. 45s.
9.	R.T.Morton	(R.N.S.C.)	1h. 23m. 50s.
10.	Peter Larrard	(Borehamwood A.S.C.)	1h. 24m. 00s.
11.	Alan Humphries	(Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C.)	1h. 25m. 12s.
12.	Peter Stevens	(R.N.S.C.)	1h. 25m. 20s.
13.	David Barnard	(Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C.)	1h. 25m. 30s.
14.	Kenneth Keighley	(Bradford L.D.S.C.)	1h. 25m. 40s.
15.	Francis Allen	(Warwickshire L.D.S.C.)	1h. 29m. 00s.

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.....Senior Men.....

16.	H. Pilling	(Warwickshire A.S.C.)	1h. 29m. 45s.
17.	James Sharp	(Wakerfield R.L.S.S.)	1h. 30m. 20s.
18.	Geoff Monks	(Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C.)	1h. 32m. 50s.
19.	Peter Goodman	(B.L.D.S.A.)	1h. 33m. 10s.
20.	John Alexander	(Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C.)	1h. 36m. 18s.
21.	John Clancy	(Serpentine S.C.)	1h. 38m. 08s.
22.	Andrew Phillips	(Huddersfield A.S.C.)	1h. 41m. 31s.
23.	Arthur Ayres	(Warwickshire L.D.S.C.)	1h. 42m. 28s.
24.	Maurice Ferguson	(Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C.)	1h. 44m. 09s.
25.	Jack Kerwin	(Bradford L.D.S.C.)	1h. 48m. 50s.
26.	Arthur Williams	(Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C.)	1h. 49m. 09s.
27.	John Heapy	(Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C.)	1h. 54m. 20s. (B/fly record)
28.	David Fell	(Warwickshire L.D.S.C.)	1h. 59m. 59s.
29.	David Whatmough	(Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C.)	2h. 02m. 30s.
30.	George Burdett	(Horwich S.C.)	2h. 10m. 10s.
31.	Paul Kochanek	(Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C.)	2h. 12m. 22s.
= 32.	Jeffrey Paley	(Huddersfield A.S.C.)	2h. 13m. 06s.
= 32.	Percy Bull	(Warwickshire L.D.S.C.)	2h. 13m. 06s.

Inaugural Butterfly Record - 1h. 54m. 20s.

This year's Championship entries were also a record (78).

NOTE : 1974 PICKMERE CHAMPIONSHIPS TO BE HELD ON 8th JUNE.

PICKMERE LAKE CHAMPIONSHIPS

TEAM PRIZE.

1st WARRINGTON DOLPHINS L.D.S.C.

Chris Carter	1h. 17m. 20s.
Dilys Beynon	1h. 23m. 00s.
Bill Dutton	1h. 15m. 32s.

Total - 3h. 55m. 52s.

2nd ROYAL NAVY SWIMMING CLUB.

Roger Parsons	1h. 17m. 10s.
R.T. Morton	1h. 23m. 50s.
Peter Stevens	1h. 25m. 20s.

Total - 4h. 06m. 20s.

3rd WARWICKSHIRE L.D.S.C.

Francis Allen	1h. 29m. 00s.
H.J. Pilling	1h. 29m. 45s.
Arthur Ayres	1h. 42m. 28s.

Total - 4h. 41m. 13s.