

WARRINGTON DOLPHINS LONG DISTANCE SWIMMING CLUB.

ANNUAL REPORT 1971

It gives us great pleasure to present this report on the activities of the Dolphins Long Distance Swimming Club for the 1971 season. We have had a mixed year of successes and disappointments. First the successes.

The three most meritorious achievements took place on Windermere. Arthur Williams, our only veteran swimmer, became the second eldest person to complete the $10\frac{1}{4}$ miles course after four previous attempts - he trained very hard towards this objective and he can now take his six year old blazer out of moth-balls and parade his Windermere badge.

By far the longest swim completed by any of our members took place in August when Chris Carter "chalked up" the $20\frac{1}{2}$ miles Two-Way Windermere swim. Is the next stop - the Channel?

The third major event took place ON - NOT IN - Windermere when Christina Genge became engaged to John Swift. Congratulations to you both.

Our President, Señor John "Butterfly" Heapy, showed us how it should be done when he became the first person to complete a B.L.D.S.A. Championship on butterfly. This took place at Trentham in the three miler. During this, his most successful "all round" season, John improved his time in the Spanish Ebro River Swim and finished his longest swim to-date with a Two-Way Coniston.

Jill Adey and Billy Dutton also found themselves swimming in the warm waters of the Ebro River, Jill finishing a meritorious second place (Ladies Championship) and Bill in sixth place (Mens Championship).

This swim was all the more complimentary to Bill, in view of the fact that he sustained a broken arm shortly after winning the Morecombe Inshore Championship - this was due to his inability of staying on his motor-cycle. Nevertheless, this accident did not deter him and we were not surprised to see him training in the pool with his arm still in plaster. It would appear from the results in Spain and subsequent swims that he has now fully recovered from his "set back" and we hope to see even bigger and better things during the coming year.

The Whitby Championships found our three entrants finishing within two minutes of each other. John Alexander was the first Dolphin home in his only swim of the season closely followed by Maurice Ferguson who was enjoying his best season to-date having completed the A.S.A. 5 miles, Bala Two-Way and Coniston swims. Barry Robinson was third in this personal battle (HIS excuse was cramp but WE know better).

Barry and Maurice were also our only Windermere Championship competitors but both unfortunately had to retire because of leg troubles. Barry was however the first club member to complete the Mumbles to Aberavon Swim and Maurice pioneered the first River Weaver Swim from Hunts Lock to Hartford Lock and back - a distance of four miles.

Harry Peacock, our refugee from the West Lincs. Water Beattles, in his first season as a Dolphin completed the Coniston, Invergrowrie to Broughty Ferry and Double Tay Swims as well as passing the Pilot Life-Saver Examination. Harry's success, along with Tom Overs', in this examination brings the clubs number of official Pilot Life-Savers to 18 - quite a score for any club.

Wendy Ferguson, in her last season as a Junior, has had a disappointing year in completing only one championship. We hope that she has better things to come as a Senior.

As well as completing the Two-Way Windermere Swim, Chris Carter kept the club flag flying in the Torbay, A.S.A. 5 miles and Two-Way Coniston Swims. During the Two-Way Windermere Championship he showed his experience of night swimming by taking sleeping pills on the morning before the swim in order to sleep in the day-time. However, this did not induce sleep until he was half-way down the lake at about 2 o' clock the following morning with almost disastrous results - breath in, snore out, breath in, snore out etc. He also helped his crew tremendously to watch his progress by sporting a BLACK cap and BLACK goggles. Chris was however better prepared for the Majorca to Minorca 25 miles swim but not all parties concerned were as well prepared. Mañana they said, Mañana they meant - we're still waiting.

On behalf of the Dolphins, we would like to congratulate Dilys "Rucksac" Beynon on her magnificent record breaking swim from Minorca to Majorca (16 hrs.09). We hope to see Dilys swimming under the Dolphin banner in the future.

Even though the mileage done by Dolphin members this year was not as great as previous years, there has been a substantial improvement in the quality. Most of the members have bettered themselves both in times and distances. All these successes are due to the efforts of our coach, Ces Shallcross. Ces was one of the founder members of the Dolphins 7 years ago and during this period he has held various positions in the club including President and Hon. Treasurer. We hope that we will continue to have the benefit of his experience and knowledge for many years to come.

At his stage in the report, we would like to take the opportunity of highlighting the fact that many of our members have been using the club solely for the purpose of indoor training. This does not conform with the aims of the club and we would therefore ask members to try and help the club by giving their full support outdoors.

DEATH

We regret to report the death of John Poole, age 17, a former club member. Our deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Poole.

MARRIAGE

Dave Barnard to Mary Mair.

Best wishes for your future happiness.

CHRISTMAS DIP

Our Annual Christmas Dip took place on Monday, 27th December. Many swimmers took part and the event was again a social success. The water temperature was degrees fahrenheit (warm in anybodies book - WE think).

DINNER DANCE

Our Annual Dinner Dance, held in November, was the most successful to-date. Among those who attended were Mr R. Daggett, Baths Manager and Engineer, and his wife. We would like to say a special thank you to Mr. and Mrs Daggett and the Baths Staff for their help and co-operation in the past.

In conclusion, we would like to thank the Management and Staff of the Pickmere Boating Company and all those people who have contributed to the success of the club, whether they swam, rowed or helped in any way.

Thank You.

ALAN D. HUMPHRIES (HON. SECRETARY)

CHRISTOPHER F. CARTER (PUBLICITY OFFICER)

WARRINGTON DOLPHINS LONG DISTANCE SWIMMING CLUB.
CHAMPIONSHIP AND INDIVIDUAL SWIMS COMPLETED.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>MILES</u>
John Heapy	56
Chris Carter	48
Billy Dutton	28
Maurice Ferguson	26
Jill Adey	23
Barry Robinson	18
Harry Peacock	15 $\frac{1}{2}$
Arthur Williams	13
John Alexander	3
Wendy Ferguson	2
	232 $\frac{1}{2}$

Windermere Cross Lake (1 mile).

Billy Dutton	21m. 30s.
John Heapy	33m. 05s.

Windermere Cross Lake 2-Way (2 miles).

John Heapy	1h. 15m. 29s.
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Morecambe Inshore (2 miles).

Billy Dutton	48m. 00s.
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Double Tay (2 miles).

Billy Dutton	55m. 00s.
John Heapy	1h. 11m. 14s.
Harry Peacock	1h. 19m. 00s.

Pickmere Lake Juniors (2 miles).

Wendy Ferguson	1h. 02m. 52s.
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Pickmere Lake Seniors (3 miles).

Chris Carter	1h. 21m. 31s.
John Heapy	1h. 39m. 12s.
Barry Robinson	1h. 40m. 16s.
Maurice Ferguson	1h. 55m. 06s.
Arthur Williams	1h. 57m. 38s.

Trentham Lake (3 miles).

Billy Dutton	1h. 08m. 00s.
Jill Adey	1h. 20m. 52s.
John Heapy	1h. 49m. 02s.

Sandsend - Whitby (3 miles).

John Alexander 1h. 25m. 00s.
Maurice Ferguson 1h. 25m. 30s.
Barry Robinson 1h. 26m. 54s.

Poole Harbour (3 miles).

Billy Dutton 1h. 04m. 00s.

Hunts Lock - Hartford Lock 2-Way (4 miles).

Maurice Ferguson 2h. 29m. 00s.

A.S.A. (5 miles).

Chris Carter 2h. 22m. 50s.
Jill Adey 2h. 38m. 00s.
John Heapy 2h. 46m. 20s.
Barry Robinson 2h. 50m. 00s.
Maurice Ferguson 3h. 03m. 00s.

Southsea - Ryde (5 miles).

John Heapy 3h. 19m. 00s.

Coniston (5 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles).

Jill Adey 2h. 54m. 00s.
Maurice Ferguson 3h. 39m. 00s.
Harry Peacock 3h. 59m. 00s.

Bala Lake 2-Way (6 miles).

John Heapy 4h. 00m. 00s.
Maurice Ferguson 4h. 17m. 00s.

Walton - Glacton (7 miles).

Billy Dutton 2h. 17m. 00s.

Mumbles - Aberavon (7 miles).

Barry Robinson 3h. 45m. 00s.

Invergowrie - Broughty Ferry (8 miles).

John Heapy 2h. 24m. 00s.
Harry Peacock 2h. 45m. 00s.

Torbay (8 miles).

Chris Carter 4h. 19m. 00s.

Ebro River Swim - Spain (10 miles).

Billy Dutton 3h. 18m. 00s.
Jill Adey 3h. 58m. 00s.
John Heapy 4h. 20m. 00s.

Windermere (10 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles).

Arthur Williams 8h. 06m. 00s.

Coniston 2-Way (11 miles).

Chris Carter 6h. 02m. 00s.
John Heapy 7h. 08m. 00s.

Windermere 2-Way (20 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles).

Chris Carter 12h. 45m. 30s.

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PICKMERE LAKE CHAMPIONSHIPS..

The Pickmere Lake Championships were held on the 12th. June 1971. The water temperature was 59°F. and it was a warm, sunny, calm day with no wind. From the four defending champions, Dilys Beynon and Alan Mitchell retained their titles - Alan, besides setting a new Junior record, won the race for the third time - next year we are expecting him to be "chasing" the Senior trophy. The two new champions this year were Yvonne Beadlestone and John Slater. John's win was all the more remarkable in as much as it was his first championship swim after a ten year "lay-off".

The 1972 Championships will be held on Saturday, 10th. June.

RESULTS.

Senior Ladies (3 Miles).

1.	Dilys Beynon	(B.L.D.S.A.)	1hr.	24mins.	11secs.
2.	Susan Smith	(Beckenham Ladies)	1hr.	30mins.	02secs.
3.	Julie Russell	(Bradford L.D.S.C.)	1hr.	32mins.	51secs.
4.	Marilyn Evans	(British Transport S.C.)	1hr.	36mins.	30secs.
5.	Penny Laws	(Enfield)	1hr.	42mins.	46secs.
6.	Willy Van Rysel	(B.L.D.S.A.)	1hr.	56mins.	36secs.
7.	Cynthia Claydon	(Birmingham Lifeguards)	1hr.	57mins.	11secs.
8.	Janet Evans	(British Transport S.C.)	1hr.	58mins.	37secs.
9.	Christine Isaacs	(Huddersfield Amateur)	2hrs.	30mins.	32secs.

Senior Men (3 Miles).

1.	John Slater	(B.L.D.S.A.)	1hr.	17mins.	42secs.
2.	Michael Read	(Leith 1930)	1hr.	19mins.	32secs.
3.	Michael Rushby	(Sowerby Bridge)	1hr.	20mins.	04secs.
4.	Christopher Carter	(Warrington Dolphins)	1hr.	21mins.	31secs.
5.	Francis Allen	(Warwickshire L.D.S.A.)	1hr.	37mins.	53secs.
6.	Derick Gill	(Bradford)	1hr.	38mins.	37secs.
7.	Gerald Forsberg	(Otter S.C.)	1hr.	39mins.	07secs.

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Senior Men Cont.....

8.	John Heapy	(Warrington Dolphins)	1hr.	39mins.	12secs.
9.	Barry Robinson	(Warrington Dolphins)	1hr.	40mins.	16secs.
10.	Jack Kerwin	(Bradford)	1hr.	44mins.	28secs.
11.	Peter Larrard	(Boreham Wood)	1hr.	47mins.	10secs.
12.	Charles Forsberg	(B.L.D.S.A.)	1hr.	49mins.	53secs.
13.	Malcolm Ricketts	(British Transport S.C.)	1hr.	51mins.	36secs.
14.	Maurice Ferguson	(Warrington Dolphins)	1hr.	55mins.	06secs.
15.	Ewart Greenwood	(Halifax S.C.)	1hr.	56mins.	26secs.
16.	Arthur Williams	(Warrington Dolphins)	1hr.	57mins.	38secs.
17.	Peter Tyrell	(Swansea)	2hrs.	01min.	39secs.
18.	David Fell	(Warwickshire L.D.S.A.)	2hrs.	04mins.	07secs.
19.	Kenneth Lumb	(Bradford)	2hrs.	05mins.	09secs.
20.	Arthur Morton	(B.L.D.S.A.)	2hrs.	05mins.	35secs.
21.	Eric Stonley	(Tamworth)	2hrs.	05mins.	50secs.
22.	John Howcroft	(Warrington Dolphins)	2hrs.	08mins.	15secs.
23.	David Pritt	(Warrington Dolphins)	2hrs.	10mins.	15secs.
24.	Jeff Ingham	(Sowerby Bridge)	2hrs.	13mins.	16secs.
25.	Derek Leonard	(Swansea)	2hrs.	33mins.	46secs.
26.	Percy Bull	(Warwickshire L.D.S.A.)	2hrs.	33mins.	46secs.

Junior Ladies (2 Miles).

1.	Yvonne Beadlestone	(Atherton S.C.)		53mins.	12secs.
2.	Yvonne Thompson	(Morecambe)		57mins.	23secs.
3.	Carol Pines	(Surrey Ladies S.C.)		59mins.	56secs.
4.	Pat Dawson	(Sutton in Ashfield)	1hr.	00mins.	30secs.
5.	Wendy Ferguson	(Warrington Dolphins)	1hr.	02mins.	52secs.
6.	Gaynor Ryder	(Broadway A.S.A.)	1hr.	05mins.	49secs.
7.	Christine Swann	(Radford S.C.)	1hr.	07mins.	17secs.
8.	Gillian Vernon	(Radford S.C.)	1hr.	07mins.	54secs.
9.	Kim Harris	(British Transport S.C.)	1hr.	11mins.	46secs.
10.	Jean Wilkin	(Rotherham Neptunus S.C.)	1hr.	16mins.	20secs.
11.	Pamela Swann	(Radford S.C.)	1hr.	17mins.	11secs.
12.	Karen Townsend	(Tyldsley S.C.)	1hr.	17mins.	49secs.
13.	Ruth Barnes	(Radford S.C.)	1hr.	20mins.	11secs.
14.	Lesley Rushby	(Halifax S.C.)	1hr.	21mins.	00secs.
15.	Margaret Key	(B.L.D.S.A.)	1hr.	29mins.	19secs.

Junior Men (2 Miles).

1.	Alan Mitchell	(Enfield S.C.)	48mins.	38secs.
2.	Richard Thorpe	(Halifax M.P.S.S.C.)	1hr.	04mins. 10secs.
3.	Andrew Davidson	(Bradford S.C.)	1hr.	06mins. 32secs.
4.	Tony Masters	(Seventies B.C.-London)	1hr.	16mins. 59secs.
5.	Lance Warren	(Hoddeston S.C.)	1hr.	17mins. 34secs.
6.	Andrew Wellings	(Halifax M.P.S.S.C.)	1hr.	21mins. 59secs.
7.	Stephen Doyle	(Seventies S.C.-London)	1hr.	25mins. 18secs.
8.	Graham Pickles	(Huddersfield Amateur)	1hr.	27mins. 50secs.

In Summary, from 72 starters there were 14 retirements and subsequently 58 successes.