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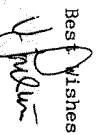
Being unable to attend many swims this year leaves me a little out of touch, not only with present form results etc. but missing old friends and acquaintances. However, Warwickshire have been well represented by our younger swimmers who are to be congratulated on some fine international efforts. Percy Bull our most consistent Veteran unfortunately contracted a bug early in the year and his famous Butterfly finish was consequently rarely seen. We all hope he will be back next year.

Our Club swims as usual were well supported, particularly by old friends Bolton Metro and Spencer Swim Team. The Arthur Ayres competition will have to be re arranged somewhat Not a lot of entries and very difficult and arduous to control in its present form. Unfortunately Derek Jukes is giving up the Coniston Swim Secs. job to devote more time at home and work. Derek has done a great job for Warwickshire over the years and we shall miss his abilities in this respect. He is staying with us however and we shall certainly need him in an advisory capacity.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who assist in our events. Particular Leicester Penguins for their efforts at Stoney Cove and members of the Warwickshire Committee. I'm still trying to get our very efficient Treasurer back in the water where he really belongs.

In closing I would like to wish you all a very successful 1987. Keep the Youngsters swimming, improving and happy and the Old Uns will stay young as well.

Best Wishes.


Vic Houston.

Hon. Sec. W.L.D.S.A.

WARWICKSHIRE LONG DISTANCE SWIMMING CLUB.
ANNUAL REPORT 1986.

This year has been quite a heavy year for the committee, and members of the club, in their commitment, to matters affecting the club directly and, with other W.L.D.S.A. members assisting at the 'first World Championship' at Windermere. On the domestic front the committee had placed before it, how arrangements for contract of hire for the pool facilities at Farnhampton, together with all the implications that arose from the conditions laid down by the Warwington Borough Council. As usual, a great deal of mileage was made out of it, the upshot being that it was necessary to form a sub-committee to look after the club's interests and investigate matters before signing the contract. With the other clubs using the pool facilities, a 'Liaison Group' was formed. This group had just reached agreement with the Warwington Council, over the contract when the second spinner landed in the works, this time closure of the pool at Warwington. As usual in matters local government, nobody knows when it will take place, but it might not be for some time yet or then again it could be earlier than you think. The Liaison Group has now become the Users Group. Members will be kept informed of the situation.

With regard to the World Swimming Championships (Windermere), although the Wagon Dolphins were not represented in the water, they were to be found in abundance helping in the organisation and in general assisting. Eva Bailey, Hon. Championship Secretary ably assisted by Dave Yeomans, Chris Garter and Maurice Ferguson who had withdrawn on health grounds, more about that later. Another addition to the normal year for the Dolphins was the inauguration of the Albert Dock (Liverpool) Swim in August. The success of which has established it as an extra championship in the swim calendar.

The year commenced with the departure from the post as Hon. Treasurer of the club of Dick Dickinson, the post he had occupied for ten years. Dick has not left us completely, for he is still a member of the Executive Committee. It naturally came as a popular choice when Dick was presented with the Anderson Trophy at the Annual Dinner and Dance. Another receiving well deserved honours at the same function, was Chris Green who was presented with a silver salver to commemorate his crossing of the Straits of Gibraltar. At a later date, namely the W.L.D.S.A. Annual Dinner Chris Garter was presented with the 'Officer of the Year Award'.

On matters medical, Chris and Dorothy Garter announced the birth of their third child Christopher James Garter, who was born on February 10th. Still on matters medical, Chris Green had to spend some time in hospital following an operation on his back. Some good obviously came from this, for Chris turned in some excellent swim results in some far distant venues Manhattan Island, Hawaii International, and the Sea of Galilee. On the home front among his many swims he completed five Morecombe Bay crossings. Chris's total mileage for the season being 179 1/2 miles, which must be a record distance for any swimmer in one season. Still dwelling on hospitalised members, Maurice Ferguson demonstrated, how not to get off a bike, (over the handlebars) causing himself considerable discomfort and pain when breaking his elbow, bringing about an early end to the season.

Dolphins once again were well represented at many swims throughout the country, as can be seen by the list of individual/championship achievements set out at the foot of this report. The actual mileage recorded totalled 467 miles, slightly more than last year, this figure should be higher unfortunately some members did not record their mileage for the purposes of this report. We were well represented in the major trophy lists Chris Green picking up the 'Hans Belay Swim of the Year Award' for his Gibraltar Straits Swim.

Two of our members were married during the year - on 4th October Dave Teemans married Dorothy, followed on the 18th October by Kevin Normansell who married Gaynor. Our best wishes to both couples for their future happiness.

In closing my report, my thanks to the Manager and Staff of the Warrington Baths also the Plchemere Boating Company for all their help over the past twelve months

I have enjoyed my two years as Hon. Secretary but find I must, through pressure of work, relinquish the post. The search is on for a successor. My best wishes to you and your families for a Merry Christmas a Happy New Year and a successful season in 1987.

Susan E. Conhill, Hon. Secretary.

INDIVIDUAL MILEAGE CHART FOR 1986.

Chris Green	179 1/2	Mike Gallagher	14 1/2
Pyllis Beynon	6 1/2	Neil Thomson	10
James Tinsley	50 1/2	Stephen Critchley	4
Peter Axson	45		
Maurice Ferguson	23		
David Penketh	221		
Stuart Ainsworth	19		
Chris Carter	19		
Simon Ferguson	15 1/2		
		Total	467.

Championship and Individual Swims completed in 1986.

Manhattan Island USA. 28 1/2 Miles.	Windermere	10 1/2 miles.
Chris Green	C. Green	7.28.00
(British Record)	James Tinsley	5.47.00

Sea of Galilee. 1 1/2 miles.

Chris Green	7.28.00.	Morcombe Bay	9 miles
Invergowrie - Broughtly Ferry		Chris Green	3.27.00
		Chris Green	3.10.00
		Chris Green	2.44.00
		Chris Green	3.27.00
		Chris Green	2.51.00

Loch Tay. 8 miles.

Chris Green	4.42.00	Loch Funnell.	7 miles.
Bala Two Way	6 miles.	Dilys Beynon.	3.31.00.
Chris Green	3.19.00	Chasewater (Champion of Champions)	6 miles.

Sport Aid (Wilton Baths) 6 miles.

Maurice Ferguson	3.25.00	Bala Two Way Championship 6 mile.	
Simon Ferguson	3.00.26	James Tinsley	3.00.36.
		Dilys Beynon	3.13.02.

Coniston 5 1/2 miles.

D. Penketh	3.19.14.	Coniston (continued.)	
C. Green	2.46.00	J. Tinsley	2.23.04.
C. Green	3.10.00	A.S.A. 5 miles.	
C. Green	3.09.00	James Tinsley	2.03.34
M. Ferguson	3.19.15	Chris Green	2.44.00
S. Ferguson	2.53.43	Maurice Ferguson	3.36.00
P. Axson		Dilys Beynon	2.59.20
D. Beynon	2.39.05		

Hawaii International	5 miles.	Kings Lynn	4 1/2 miles.
Chris Green	2.28.00	Chris Green	1.34.03
		Mike Gallagher	1.40.00
		Dilys Beynon	1.30.50

Llyn Padarn	4 miles.	Kellder Dam	4 1/2 miles.
Mike Gallagher	3.59.00	Peter Axson	2.16.00
Chris Carter	1.53.00	Dilys Beynon	1.52.11
Dilys Beynon	1.58.06		
James Tinsley			

St. Catherine's Bay	4 miles.	Torbay Veterans	4 miles.
Chris Green	2.22.00	Peter Axson	2.16.00
		Dilys Beynon	1.52.11

B.L.D.S.A. Veterans	3 1/2 miles.	Albert Dock, Liverpool	3 miles.
Dilys Beynon	1.48.38	(Revised Distance)	
		Chris Green	1.19.00
		Mike Gallagher	1.48.00
		David Penketh	1.43.34
		Dilys Beynon	1.16.58
		James Tinsley	1.09.16
		Chasewater Champion of Champions	3 miles.

A.S.A. Masters	3 miles.	Chris Green.	1.31.00
Peter Axson	2.11.00	James Tinsley.	1.57.47
Dilys Beynon	1.44.55	Maurice Ferguson	1.48.00
Stuart Ainsworth	2.01.35	Chris Carter	1.24.56
		Stephen Critchley	2.06.43
		James Tinsley	1.24.19
		Scarborough	3 miles
		Chris Green	1.36.00
		James Tinsley	

Bala Joint Services	3 miles.	Fairway Buoy	2 1/2 miles
James Tinsley	1.18.00	Peter Axson	2.43.00
Chris Green	1.30.00		
Mike Gallagher	1.44.00		
Neil Thomson	1.44.00		
Chris Carter	1.44.00		
David Penketh	2.00.13		
Dilys Beynon	1.27.09		

Stoney Cove.	3 miles.	Picknere	3 miles.
Chris Green	1.28.00	Chris Green	1.31.00
David Penketh	1.59.29	Stuart Ainsworth	1.57.47
Dilys Beynon	1.29.41	Maurice Ferguson	1.48.00
James Tinsley		Chris Carter	1.24.56
Stuart Ainsworth	2.00.11	Stephen Critchley	2.06.43
		James Tinsley	1.24.19

Kellder Dam Veterans	2 1/2 miles	James Tinsley	1.36.00
Dilys Beynon			

Sandwell	2 miles.	Warwickshire	2 1/2 miles.
Neil Thomson	1.06.26	Chris Carter	1.09.00
Peter Axson		Dilys Beynon	1.20.00
David Penketh	1.09.55		
Stephen Critchley	1.13.22		
Dilys Beynon	1.01.17		
Paul Kohanek	1.27.50		
Grimsby Dock	2 miles		
Neil Thomson	54.37		
James Tinsley	1.01.05		
Grimsby Docks	1 mile		
Neil Thomson	27.12		
Peter Axson			
Stuart Ainsworth	1.01.05		
Kevin Gray	1 mile		
Peter Axson	1.39.00		
River Dee.	1 mile		
Chris Carter	00.28.12.		

Warwickshire	1.09.00	Double Day	2 miles
Dilys Beynon	1.20.00	Peter Axson	1.39.00
		Morcombe Bay	2 miles
		Stephen Critchley	1.09.34
		David Penketh	1.08.34
		Windermere Gross Lake	1 mile
		Neil Thomson	00.28.10
		Chasewater Championship of Champions	1 mile
		Neil Thomson.	00.28.14
		Chris Green	
		Dilys Beynon	
		James Tinsley	00.27.51

I mile.	Stoney Cove.	I mile.
Chris Gordon	Wallys Beynon	00. 26. 56.
Dilys Beynon	James Galloway	00. 26. 56.
Paul Kohneak		

Pickmere Handicap I mile.	00. 27. 00
Chris Green	00. 27. 00
Maurice Ferguson	00. 27. 00
Simon Ferguson	00. 27. 00
Stuart Almsworth	00. 26. 51
Peter Axson	00. 26. 51
James Tinsley	00. 25. 26
Harry Brooks	00. 25. 22
David Reason	00. 26. 26
Margaret Smith	00. 44. 12
Keith Coleman	00. 39. 45
D. Colley	00. 40. 24
Tom Kellegher	00. 32. 31
R. Unsworth	00. 40. 12
B. Gallagher	00. 47. 05
Marguerite Pike	00. 38. 05
Andrew Worren	00. 30. 45
A. Pritchard	00. 29. 03
Joyanne Jameson	00. 27. 02
M. Knapp	00. 27. 06

Albert Dock Liverpool Inaugural Swim

The first Albert Dock Swim was held on August 16th 1986, in the re-named, refurbished Albert Dock complex Liverpool. This first swim staged by the club at this venue, was an invitation swim, (more as a toe in the water) which I am pleased to report exceeded expectations with the result that it will be the venue hopefully for many more championships. In addition to swimmers from the Dolphins, we were joined by Trevor Symons Hon Secretary of the B.L.D.S.A. and Margaret Smith Publicity Officer B.L.D.S.A. (Margaret returning to her native Liverpool) also the Howbridge Marlins, Royton Bluefins and Scarborough Castle Long Distance Swimming Clubs. Since I started organising championships for the Dolphins, I have become accustomed to expect the unexpected. I was not disappointed with the Albert Dock, for we had something unique, two large basins adjacent to each other separated by a large building and roadway and joined by a culvert. In one basin millpond conditions, in the other - strong winds 'white-caps' windy conditions causing spray and considerable buffeting. It was necessary to shorten the course, due to the presence of some stages/jetties left over from the recent Rock Around The Dock Concert!

Mrs Valerie Parson President of the B.L.D.S.A. started this the first open water championship/swim in Liverpool underway promptly as the Liver Building clock struck mid-day. This prompt start was made possible by the assistance of Chris Green, Dive Yeomans and Karl Walker who laid out the marker buoys, in not the most comfortable conditions. Thirty one swimmers entered the water setting off on the figure of eight course James Taylor from Liverpool S.C. took the lead setting off at a cracking pace, pursued by David Morgan, John King of Scarborough, Dave Reason of Howbridge Marlins and James Tinsley another swimmer from the Liverpool S.C. The pace and inexperience coupled with the windy conditions proved to be too much for James Taylor and he was forced to retire after one and one half laps. David Morgan then took the lead which he held only until the finish, completing the course in a time 1 hour 3 minutes and 5 seconds. There were two other retirements Allan Brooks Bell and Simon Ferguson both of whom are to be complimented on their efforts. The day was rounded off with a small reception and presentation in the

Salthouse Suite where each participant, be it swimmer or official, was presented with a commemorative certificate by Mrs Valerie Parsons. The event as I have mentioned was an unqualified success and as a result the Merseyside Development Corporation, the developers of the complex have offered the facility again next year with the option of two courses. The course used this year or an alternative straight one mile channel which runs the full length of the complex, the Executive Committee are looking into both options. Nonetheless the swim is booked for next year on August 15th.

My thanks for the help received in the inauguration of the Albert Dock swim to - Mr Bill Broadbent Harbour Manager Merseyside Development Corporation, Mr Alan Silver of the Albert Dock Co Ltd., The Liverpool Water Sports Council (For use of the boat and storage facilities) Karl Walker for not only assisting in the setting up of the course but also for his help in rescue facilities. Dave Yeomans and Chris Green for setting up the course, also to Dave for acting as timekeeper with his Simon and my daughter Jill & my wife Eileen who worked so hard in preparing the buffet and to Norma Green and Margaret Walker for assisting in the distribution of the refreshments. Also the Executive Committee of the Warrington Dolphins for their support in booking my hunch and to all the swimmers who braved the conditions and made the day such a success.

The results and times are as follows:-

1st David Morgan, Scarborough Castle	1.03.05
2nd John King, Scarborough Castle	1.04.35
3rd James Tinsley, Howbridge Marlins	1.04.58
4th James Tinsley, Liverpool City S.C.	1.09.16
5th Tamra Cheshire, Scarborough Castle	1.09.17
6th Edward Edg ^{rs} , Royton Bluefins	1.14.44
7th Paula Dickinson, Scarborough Castle	1.15.21
8th Dilys Beynon, Warrington Dolphins	1.16.58
9th Barry Jones, Royton Bluefins	1.17.18
10th Brian Tyson, Scarborough Castle	1.18.35
11th Jim Holdaway, Royton Bluefins	1.18.46
12th Tom Kellegher, Howbridge Marlins	1.18.49
13th Chris Green, Warrington Dolphins	1.19.13
14th Peter Todd, Howbridge Marlins	1.19.23
15th Patrick Baker, Scarborough Castle	1.21.15
16th Suzann Brethell, Howbridge Marlins	1.23.04
17th Andy Sandon, Warrington Dolphins	1.23.20
18th Paul Corteen, Warrington Dolphins	1.24.31
19th Marguerite Pike, Blackpool S.C.	1.27.45
20th Katie Tyson, Scarborough Castle	1.29.51
21st John Heapy, Warrington Dolphins	1.29.59
22nd Barry Gallagher, Howbridge Marlins	1.31.28
23rd Robert Parker, Howbridge Marlins	1.36.35
24th Trevor Symons, B.L.D.S.A.	1.42.39
25th David Penketh, Warrington Dolphins	1.43.34
26th Mick Gallagher, Warrington Dolphins	1.47.42
27th Margaret Smith, B.L.D.S.A.	2.04.54
28th Harry Brooks, Warrington Dolphins	2.33.09

I omitted from the body of my report, that members of the Liverpool S.C. and a member of Blackpool S.C. also joined us in the inauguration of the swim, I apologise for this error, it was unintentional.

The 1986 Pickmere Championships achieved yet another success, with a record number of junior and senior entries, coming from all parts of the country. Teams were very much to the fore and the enthusiasm and support they gave each other made the day more entertaining. I suppose the locals around Plumers, must by now be used to the increased levels of traffic through the village on championship day. Any doubt they may have had regarding the destination of the traffic, would have been cleared up, by the sight of the Scarborough Castle Team Coach with club banner emblazoned across the front. I believe they made it at the second attempt, the first coach breaking down in the early hours of the morning just outside Scarborough. (Such is the determination of long distance swimmers). No matter how you get there my thanks for coming and making another successful Pickmere possible.

Our entries this year totalled 132 Junior and Senior Gents and Ladies, twenty eight of whom were first time participants in open water swimming. Some of these along with experienced swimmers had to retire, due to the weather being unusually hot for a Pickmere Championship. Nonetheless they are to be commended for their fine performance and good sense in realising that enough is enough. There is always next year.

As usual the Junior Ladies and Gents' Championships were held in the morning, and were set underway promptly by Championship Referee Jeff Ingham, who is B.L.D.S.A. President Elect. There was the usual battle for the lead, with Darren Beyer of Dover Lifeguards S.C. in the lead - clubmate Alan Cheeseman in hot pursuit with Erica Metcalf of Maxwell S.C. showing that whatever the Junior Gents could do in turning up the pace the Junior Ladies were equal to. First home and Junior Champion 1986 was Darren Beyer in a time of 45 mins. 8 secs. The 1986 Junior Ladies Champion was Erica Metcalf in a time of 50 mins 58 secs. Full list of results below. There were twelve retirement. The Team Trophy was won by Scarborough Castle represented by Jayne Bridges, Amanda Jessop, and Robert Fisher.

The Senior Championships started promptly 2.30pm again under the direction of Jeff Ingham. Once more Dover Lifeguards S.C. took the lead position with Lynn Dunabee finishing in 1st place as Senior Gents Champion in a time of 1.02.49 closely followed by Bridget Young as Senior Ladies Champion in a time of 1.07.19. Again a full list of results follows.

Once again the conditions took their toll of swimmers both old hands and first timers, twenty three in all had to retire.

All who took part, those who stayed the course and those who unfortunately had to retire are to be commended for their valiant efforts, my congratulations to you all.

My thanks to all who helped in making the day successful. To Jeff Ingham our Championship referee- Mrs. Val. Parsons President of the B.L.D.S.A. who officiated at both junior and senior presentations, at the Pickmere in spite of the fact that the Chaswater Championships, which she is organising, were in the final throes of preparation, due to be held the next day. To time-keepers, Dave Yeomans, Jill Johnson, June Gwethin, finishing judge Bob Keating, Commentator John O'Hara, Boat Steward Dick Dickinson, Equipment Steward Dave Gwethin. Results and certificates co-ordinator Wendy James, Rescue launch crew Simon Yeomans, Carl Walker, Mrs. Kath. Ainsworth, Competitors refreshments Mrs. E. Johnson, Turnin. Judges Simon Ferguson and Bill Dutton. My thanks also to the British Red Cross, to 'D' Comp. 5th Bth (Volunteer) Regt., King's Regiment T.A.V.R. and to the Pickmere Boat Company always reliable for their assistance. See you again next year when the 1987. Championships will be held on Saturday June 6th.

Junior Gents' Championship

1st. Darren Beyer	45.08
2nd. Alan Cheeseman	45.28
3rd. Robert Beyer	53.23
4th. Phillip Dingham	1.09.40. (1st Dolphin)
5th. Tom Wood	1.14.46. (1st B/stroke)
6th. Chris Cooper	
7th. Mark Hurst	1.17.39.
1st. Scarborough Castle L.D.S.C. Jayne Bridges) 2.45.44. Amanda Jessop) Robert Fisher)	

Senior Gents' Championship

1st. Lynn Dunabee	1.02.49
2nd. David Shackley	1.05.40.
3rd. Bernard Davey	1.07.02.
4th. Simon Lee	1.11.11.
5th. Nigel Goldsworthy	1.12.08.
6th. John King	1.12.20.
7th. Barry Porter	1.14.50.
8th. Eric Millison	1.16.21. (1st Veteran)
9th. David Morgan	1.16.39.
10th. David Reason	1.18.45.
11th. Peter Stevens	1.22.17.
12th. James Tinsley	1.24.19.
13th. Chris Carter	1.24.56. (1st Dolphin)
14th. Alan Guld	1.26.17. (1st B/stroke)
15th. Edward Edges	1.28.39.
16th. Francis Beardsell	1.29.14.
17th. Stephen Milhenn	1.29.18.
18th. Chris Green	1.31.12.
19th. Brian Tyson	1.31.35.
20th. Julian Millins	1.32.30.
21st. David Smith	1.35.20.
22nd. Paul Corveon	1.35.35.
23rd. Peter Podd	1.35.03.
24th. Andrew Worden	1.37.54.
25th. Roy Milligan	1.38.10.
26th. Barry Jones	1.38.26.
27th. Peter Goodall	1.41.54.
28th. Mark Beardsell	1.43.04.
29th. Terrance Crowley	1.44.41.
30th. Jim Holdaway	1.44.56.
31st. Maurice Ferguson	1.48.12.
32nd. Tony Ashton	1.48.18.
33rd. Rick Webster	1.51.54.
34th. Peter Axson	1.52.40.
35th. Robert Perks	1.53.09.
36th. John Heapy	1.54.15.
37th. David Colley	1.57.10.
37th. Barry Gallagher	1.57.10.

Junior Ladies' Championship

1st. Erica Metcalf	52.58.
2nd. Carolyn Brown	53.44.
3rd. Jayne Bridges	55.10.
4th. Amanda Jessop	55.11.
5th. Suzanne Woodall	56.23.
6th. Alexia Dunn	57.19.
7th. Corrina Walker	57.14.
8th. Joanne Hampshire	59.17.
9th. Margaria Carroll	59.46.
10th. Karen Morley	59.51.
11th. Ann Robinson	1.10.13.
12th. Suzanne Coleman	1.13.41. (1st B/stroke)
13th. Helen Bolton	1.21.10.
14th. Jill Harradom	1.23.35.
15th. Karen Baldwin	1.23.36.
16th. Cheryl Hopley	1.37.18.
17th. Andrea Throsson	1.37.49.
18th. Gaynor Ashton	1.38.17.

Senior Ladies' Championship

38th. Stuart Ashworth	1.57.47.
39th. David Whean	1.59.28.
40th. Jon Stricker	2.01.34.
41st. Patrick Baker	2.02.56.
42nd. Paul Rew	2.03.44.
43rd. David Penketh	2.05.43.
44th. Keith Coleman	2.08.12.
45th. Steven Batts	2.10.42.
46th. Harry Brooks	3.10.43.

Senior Ladies' Championship

1st. Bridget Young	1.07.19.
2nd. Helen Perry	1.09.20.
3rd. Honey Shaw	1.22.57.
4th. Caroline Plummer	1.26.16. (1st B/stroke)
5th. Tamra Cheshire	1.30.42.
6th. Joan Metcalf	1.30.57.
7th. Kathy Batts	1.31.34.
8th. Karen Sindster	1.32.46.
9th. Maggie Buchanan	1.43.31.
10th. Suzanne Bratnall	1.44.21.
11th. Jane Tuffrey	1.50.17.
12th. Helen Unsworth	1.51.58.
13th. Margaret Pike	1.54.26. (1st Vet)
14th. Lynn Greaves	1.55.21.
15th. Allison Elliott	1.56.22.
16th. Tracy Cameron	2.08.56.
17th. Avril Dorman	2.28.44.

Senior Team Trophy

1st Dover Lifeguards S.C.	
Bridget Young) 3. 17.10	
Lynn Dunabee)	
Richard Davey)	