

WARRINGTON DOLPHINS L D S C

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Dear All

1997 has been another good year for the club with our members swimming in most of the events held around the country and clocking up the miles.

Our outdoor season started for most people in mid May with the Budworth Handicap one mile swim where we had a good turnout, especially from swimmers new to outdoor events.

Following a few weeks later came the third Budworth Mere Championships, organised by Keith Bosson. Again we had a good number of swimmers and (not having been there myself) I am told everyone enjoyed the event. Our thanks go to Budworth Mere Sailing Club for their continued support in letting us use the lake for our events.

On 9th August, a beautiful sunny day, we held the Albert Dock championships, organised by Tony Johnson. The water was flat calm, it was a ridiculous 70 degrees or so and Maurice and I spent a very pleasant afternoon sunbathing and timekeeping!

On 25th August Michaela Yates swam the Channel from England to France in 11 hours and 33 minutes. She was accompanied on the boat by Maurice Ferguson, who had trained her for the channel over the last couple of years, and Sally White. She had good weather and fed on rice pudding and maxim. Congratulations Michaela!

Due to his part in Michaela's channel success and the large part he played in Sally's and my successful crossings three years ago, Maurice was awarded our Anderson Trophy for his contribution to our club's success through the practical help and advice he gave to the three of us. Congratulations to Maurice!

Our social events this year were very successful. Jim Nurse and I organised the Barn Dance in April which all seems a very long time ago now, but it was a great evening and everyone who came along said how much they enjoyed themselves. Last week we held our annual Dinner Dance which was organised this year by Tony Johnson. Numbers were a bit down on previous years but all those who went had a really good time.

I would like to thank our coaches, championship secretaries and committee for all their hard work and also the staff of Warrington Baths for their help during the year.

Have a good Christmas!



Caroline Lewis
Hon Secretary