

WARRINGTON DOLPHINS AND THE PICKMERE CHAMPIONSHIP.

"I've done it." "I made it." "Yippee I finished it." "At last I got there." "After four attempts I did it." I SWAM WINDY-MERE." No wonder John Heap got "sloshed" at the Windermere Reception. He has at last achieved his ambition of conquering Windermere and it must have been one of the most popular accomplishments of the season. Congratulations John on this swim and your other successes this year.

During the past season the Warrington Dolphins have become prominent in the long distance field. We had twenty swimmers competing in various swims up and down the country. One of our most outstanding bulk entries was at Trentham where there were eight of our members who all completed the course.

Chris. Carter has done extremely well in completing seven swims this season, including Belfast Lough and Windermere. Alan Humphries in his first "come back" season has accomplished six swims including Ullswater. We were all very proud that David Jackson gained a place in a major Championship. This was when he came 3rd in the Bala two-way. Dave doesn't have spinach - just milk and eggs.

The least said about my own swims this season the better. It's a bit off-putting when my 15 year old daughter can say "I did Windermere and you didn't". Janice has had an outstanding season this year as a junior, completing eight swims including Windermere and Ullswater. In the Championships she entered she was placed 4 times. At this point my personal thanks to Tom Overs for crewing at all swims for Janice and myself. His treatment for cramp is very efficient even though he scarred me for life in curing it at Ullswater.

Now that Wendy Ferguson, Marjorie Shallcross, Tom Overs, John Lawton and Barry Robinson have notched up their first swims we expect big things of them in 1970.

Better luck this coming season to Colin Savage and Maurice Ferguson who both froze up at the Pickmere swim. A bit of good news for you two - next year's swim is to be held in June when the weather will be warmer.

Here's hoping that next season will be better for Frank Clarke. He had a promising start to the year by completing the A.S.A. five mile at Trentham, however, the sun got the better of him at Falmouth and he retired due to hunger-starvation at Coniston.

Although Christine Genge, John Ellicott and David Pritt were out of serious training they all entered Pickmere and were successful. Swimming in his first season as a Warrington Dolphin John Howcroft swam Coniston and Ullswater, both in bad conditions, but was disappointed with his performance at Torbay and the two way Windermere. Better luck next time John !

One of the highlights of the closed season was the Boxing Day Dip in Pickmere. About twenty swimmers took part in this event and I still haven't decided if we are all crazy or just keen swimmers. Our thanks to Chris. Carter for organising the event and to Margaret Meredith for acting as publicity agent. I hope you will all turn up again in 1970 complete with hot water bottles and whisky.

This year has seen a great change in our Executive Committee. Our Hon. Secretary Ian Thompson had to resign due to pressure of work; we were all sorry to lose him as he was a founder member. Mr. Shallcross on retiring from the Presidency took up the position of Hon. Treasurer which was vacated by Jeff Goulden on his marriage. John Heapy was then elected President in place of Mr. Shallcross.

Finally I should like to thank those people who have given me assistance in my first year as Hon. Secretary. Also to those who have swum, rowed or helped in any way - THANK YOU.

Pickmere 5th Annual Championships.

Saturday 13th September. Temp. 61-2F. Good conditions. This year for the first time we held a Junior Championship - a great success. Total entries in both Championships was 54, 30 of these being juniors.

Junior Men.

1. Alan Mitchell.	0.54.52.	4. Pat Dawson.	1.08.36.
2. John Haines.	0.58.06.	5. Carol Bowes.	1.08.55.
3. Trevor Freeman.	0.60.38.	6. Wendy Ferguson.	1.13.08.
4. Keith Ponton.	1.03.52.	7. Caroline Leach.	1.13.44.
5. Martin Luck.	1.20.11.	8. Lesley Rushby.	1.16.09.
6. Kevin Ackers.	1.28.14.	9. Shirley Freeman.	1.16.14.
		10. Linda Tynan.	1.19.01.
		11. Janet Hull.	1.20.01.
		12. Ann Harland.	1.21.56.
		13. Jennifer Robinson.	1.28.22.
		14. Michelle Redhead.	1.30.44.

Junior Ladies.

1. Yvonne Thompson.	0.54.52.
2. Julie Russell.	0.60.37.
3. Janice Alexander.	1.06.38.

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Pickmere Senior Championships.

Men.		Women.	
1. Michael Read.	1.12.33.	1. Dilys Beynon.	1.21.23.
2. Richard Hatfield.	1.16.40.	2. Christine Long.	1.35.49.
3. Michael Rushby.	1.17.22.	3. Christina Genge.	1.40.20.
4. John Lawton.	1.19.35.		
5. Chris. Carter.	1.27.09.		
6. John Ellicott.	1.37.00.		
7. Barry Robinson.	1.37.02.		
8. John Alexander.	1.38.35.		
9. John Heapy.	1.38.58.		
10. Alan Humphries.	1.40.05.		
11. Jeff Ingham.	2.01.58.		
12. David Pritt.	2.03.14.		

4 non retired.

Plaques were presented to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, in each event and also to Janice Alexander, Chris. Genge and John Lawton, who were the first local swimmers to finish.

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(Note from B.L.D.S.A. Hon. Typist - "I looked for a long time at the following list, realising that it was really a duplication of names given in other reports, but it's really such a splendid effort both on behalf of the Warrington Dolphin swimmers and on the part of John Alexander to collate the list, I think it deserves a place." - J.K.S.)

Record of Championship and Individual Swims for 1969.

Marecanbe Inshore 2 miles.	Windermere 10 $\frac{1}{4}$ miles.
Chris. Carter. 0.59.03.	Janice Alexander. 8.22.31.
Janice Alexander. 1.11.00.	Chris. Carter. 6.08.00.
Fleetwood to Marecanbe. 13-16 miles.	John Heapy. 6.58.00.
John Howcroft. 5.21.00.	Belfast Lough. 5 miles.
Langold Lake. 2 miles.	Chris. Carter. 1.57.04.
Janice Alexander. 0.54.00.	Invergowrie to Broughty Ferry. 8 miles.
Southsea to Ryde. 5 miles.	John Heapy. 2.24.25.
John Heapy. 2.35.28.	Pickmere. 2 miles.
Bala Lake. 3 miles.	Janice Alexander. 1.06.38.
Janice Alexander. 2.01.35.	Wendy Ferguson. 1.13.08.
Marjorie Shallcross. 3.15.32.	Pickmere. 3 miles.
Chris. Carter. 1.38.00.	Christine Genge. 1.40.20.
John Lawton. 1.40.00.	John Lawton. 1.19.35.
John Alexander. 2.03.27.	Chris. Carter. 1.27.09.
Alan Humphries. 2.5.15.	John Ellicott. 1.37.00.
Barry Robinson. ?	Barry Robinson. 1.37.02.
Bala Lake. 6 miles.	John Alexander. 1.38.35.
David Jackson. 3.18.00.	John Heapy. 1.38.58.
Chris Carter. 3.30.00.	Alan Humphries. 1.40.05.
A.S.A. 5 miles.	David Pritt. 2.03.13.
Chris. Carter. 2.52.00.	Trentham Championship.
John Heapy. 3.18.31.	Chris. Carter. 1.14.10.
Frank Clark. 4.0.25.	David Jackson. 1.14.23.
Sandsend to Whitby. 3 miles.	Barry Robinson. 1.25.29.
Janice Alexander. 1.06.00.	John Alexander. 1.25.42.
John Heapy. 1.4.00.	Alan Humphries. 1.28.40.
Coniston 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles.	John Heapy. 1.29.04.
David Jackson. 2.41.25.	Tom Overa. 1.30.06.
Janice Alexander. 3.16.00.	John Howcroft. 1.41.58.
John Alexander. 3.16.11.	Cross Windermere. 1 mile.
Alan Humphries. 3.29.00.	John Heapy. 0.30.45.
John Howcroft. 3.46.00.	Christine Genge. ?
Ullswater. 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ miles.	
Janice Alexander. 4.51.00.	
Alan Humphries. 4.51.43.	
John Howcroft. 7.12.00.	
Derwentwater 2 way. 6 miles.	
John Heapy. 3.48.30.	

NOTE FOR 1970.

PICKMERE CHAMPIONSHIPS Saturday 20th June.
 Seniors start at 2.30 p.m. for 3 mile course.
 Juniors start at 11 a.m. for 2 mile course.