

WARRINGTON DOLPHINS LONG-DISTANCE SWIMMING CLUB.

ANNUAL REPORT : 1974.

Last year saw the realisation of a great swim in the form of Chris Carter's Channel crossing. This year, it was the turn of Paul Tew, a junior member, who succeeded in a fantastic challenge for his age by completing a Two-way Windermere swim in a time of 13 hours and 51 minutes - Paul is the first junior ever to swim this and his sights are now on the "ditch". After witnessing his Windermere performance, I can only say that, given the weather, there's no doubt in my mind regarding his chances of making it.

Coming back to Chris and this season, as usual, he has been around the country and abroad to various swims and has again continued to add to his vast experience. The Windermere International, Two-way Bala, Pickmere, Rabobank International (Holland) and Loch Earn are just a few of the swims he completed.

Bill Dutton saw the materialisation of an ambition this year when he won the Morecambe Cross Bay Championships in a time of 2 hours 54 minutes. To add to this, he also won two Championships in Jersey, completed two Windermere swims (one in 4 hours 40 minutes - an excellent time) and also completed the Rabobank International, Two-way Bala and Pickmere. He also hoped to make an attempt on the Two-way Windermere but the Championship, "unfortunately?" for Bill, had to be cancelled due to poor weather conditions on the night.

For our Hon. Championship Secretary, Maurice Ferguson, the season has been yet another one of success after success. Windermere, Torbay, Two-way Bala, Coniston and Pickmere being some of this years completed swims. I never cease to be amazed how Maurice can handle the running of the Pickmere Championships and take part in them - something that John Alexander, club President, also used to do. Perhaps it is something acquired with age? Whatever the reason, there's no doubt that they do and have done an excellent job with the organisation of same.

Remaining with John Alexander, he has had a good year with the Double Tay, Invergowrie - Broughty Ferry and Ullswater swims being added to his list of achievements. Unfortunately, Torbay proved to be a problem for John but I understand he is hoping to "crack it" in 1975.

I feel that special congratulations are deserved this year by a comparatively new member. Ken Bailey, in his first season with the club, got off to a flying start with Pickmere, Coniston, Veterans and Windermere. On the latter swim, Ken raised £1500 for mentally handicapped children - a fine gesture and remarkable swim.

For John Heapy, there hasn't been quite so many butterfly swims this season - John had hoped to make an attempt on Windermere but a combination of sickness and unsuitable weather conditions for butterfly proved prohibitive. He did however complete Pickmere, A.S.A., Two-way Solent and Windermere on crawl stroke. Perhaps 1975 will see him the first to swim Windermere on butterfly - a truly magnificent achievement if it were done.

Winning the Mumbles - Aberavon Championships yet again and being a member of the team which broke the Two-way English Channel Relay record were the highlights of Dilys Beynon's season. Dilys was also selected for the Windermere International but was unfortunately forced to retire. Incidentally, I understand that the One-way records were also broken on the Two-way relay swim - not surprisingly.

Kevin Murphy has again spent his year travelling to various parts of the British Isles and World in order to participate in swims. Four swims in Ireland, one in Holland and two in Israel are just some which contributed to making him the winner of our milage league - who would have thought it? - he certainly shows promise. By the way, next season, on the centenary of Captain Webb's Channel crossing, I have been informed, on the "grape-vine", that Kevin is hoping for a Three-way Channel swim - and the best of British, Scottish, Welsh, Irish, Dutch, etc. luck???

I'm sure that Margaret Meredith will agree with me when I say that she has had a happy year. In addition to swimming Pickmere, Torbay, Ullswater and Coniston, she has recently announced her engagement - congratulations and best wishes to Margaret and Graham for their future happiness.

Our junior members, excluding Paul Tew, have had a mixed year. Elaine Jordan and Kevin Ferguson have done well completing $14\frac{1}{2}$ and $9\frac{1}{2}$ miles respectively and both succeeded in swimming Coniston - I hope I will be able to report on them swimming Windermere next season. For Carole Monks and Gina Clarke, it has been a comparatively quiet year - perhaps 1975 will see a big increase in distance for them.

A number of senior members also had a year of "relaxation". Geoff Monks, Russ Holbrook, John Humphries, Harry Peacock, Bob Keating, Paul Kochanek, Dave Whatmough and Dick Dickinson all "took it easy" on the swimming side but I would like to thank them, on behalf of all the other members, for their work in manning boats. Janet Quayle, in her first year, got off to a good start but had to retire prematurely due to college commitments.

I would like to extend a special welcome to new club members Anthony Rea, Stephen Savage, Vince Doyle and Dave Ellis - I hope they will get great rewards and enjoyment from the sport.

At this point in the report, I would like to dwell a little on three of our members. Ces Shallcross, Mrs. "Sunny" Anderson and Arthur Williams, with others, were founder members of the club ten years ago. These three however, have continued to give unbroken service to us throughout this period and though they have obviously witnessed numerous changes since the formation of the club on 23rd September 1964, I think they will agree that they have almost all been for the better. I want to thank them most sincerely, on behalf of the club, for their efforts and work in making the club what it is today - and a very special thanks to Ces for yet another year of hard work on the pool side, in boats at Pickmere and looking after club finances.

Annual Dinner and Dance.

This was held on Saturday, 23rd November at our usual venue - Lakehouse Restaurant, Pickmere - our guests were Mr. Bob Daggett (Indoor Recreation Officer for Warrington) and his wife and our three founder members ("Sunny", Ces and Arthur) with their respective husband and wives. We had looked forward to having Mr. Eddie Robinson (President of the B.L.D.S.A.) and his wife join us but unfortunately, due to Mrs. Robinson being ill, they were unable to attend - we hope all is well now.

There were a number of presentations at the Dinner. Plaques were presented to Ces, "Sunny" and Arthur (not a trio as they are beginning to sound like?) and to our good friends, the Pickmere Boating Company. Dave Whatmough also received a plaque for winning our commemorative one mile handicap race held on 22nd September and Paul Tew a trophy for his fine Two-way Windermere achievement. In addition, Chris was given the pleasant task of presenting the "Chris Carter" trophy to Tom Holbrook for his services to swimming in the Warrington area during the past twelve months - a truly well earned award by Tom.

To summarise, need I say that "a good time was had by all"?

Christmas Swim.

This years "dip" was held on Sunday, 29th December and twenty-five competitors took part. The water temperature was 45 degrees Fahrenheit and a strong wind was blowing.

This years winner was Alan Humphries with Chris Carter second, Dilys Beynon third and Dave Ellis fourth. Everyone who entered the water received a certificate (I wont say what it certified).

Birth.

Hearty congratulations to Beryl and Eric Ferguson on the arrival of a son Mark.

Engagement.

Congratulations and best wishes to Wendy Ferguson and Fred James on their engagement. Also to Margaret and Graham as mentioned in the report.

Death.

It is with deep regret that I report the death of Mr. Albert Ferguson (father of Maurice). Mr. Ferguson often attended training sessions at Pickmere.

In conclusion, as in previous years, I would like to extend the club's gratitude to the Pickmere Boating Company, the staff of the Warrington Baths Department and all our colleagues and friends who have helped, not only this year, but in any way whatsoever during the past ten years,

THANK YOU.

Alan D. Humphries.

(Hon. Secretary)

CHAMPIONSHIP AND INDIVIDUAL SWIMS COMPLETED : 1974.

River Wharfe - Junior (1 mile).

Carole Monks ?

Windermere Cross Lake (1 mile).

John Heapy 35m. 00s.

Morecambe Inshore (2 miles).

Paul Tew 59m. 27s.

Carole Monks 1h. 02m. 07s.

Geoff Monks 1h. 03m. 00s.

Russ Holbrook 1h. 08m. 26s.

Gina Clarke 1h. 09m. 00s.

Elaine Jordan 1h. 09m. 25s.

John Heapy 1h. 10m. 43s.

Langold Lake - Junior (2 miles).

Kevin Ferguson 44m. 08s.

Carole Monks 48m. 07s.

Waterloo Lake - Junior (2 miles).

Elaine Jordan 1h. 13m. 32s.

Double Tay (2 miles).

Chris Carter 48m. 40s.

Paul Tew 49m. 50s.

John Alexander 1h. 00m. 56s.

Maurice Ferguson 1h. 02m. 10s.

Israel (2 miles).

Kevin Murphy ?

Pickmere - Junior (2 miles).

Paul Tew 1h. 00m. 28s.

Kevin Ferguson 1h. 05m. 48s.

Elaine Jordan 1h. 13m. 18s.

Pickmere - Senior (3 miles).

Bill Dutton 1h. 19m. 04s.

Chris Carter 1h. 22m. 05s.

Dilys Beynon 1h. 40m. 41s.

John Heapy 1h. 41m. 32s.

Janet Quayle 1h. 43m. 25s.

John Alexander 1h. 44m. 12s.

Maurice Ferguson 1h. 46m. 49s.

Dave Whatmough 1h. 51m. 19s.

Russ Holbrook 1h. 54m. 28s.

Ken Bailey 2h. 19m. 17s.

Margaret Meredith 2h. 19m. 53s.

Warwickshire Spring Handicap (3 miles).

Dave Whatmough 1h. 43m. 05s.

Bala Lake (3 miles).

Paul Tew 1h. 36m. 08s.

John Heapy 1h. 41m. 00s.

Chris Carter 1h. 44m. 30s.

John Humphries 1h. 51m. 23s.

Elaine Jordan 2h. 01m. 28s.

John Heapy 2h. 17m. 00s.

Copelands Islands - Ireland (3 miles).

Kevin Murphy 53m. 00s.

Huddersfield Open Water Trials (3 miles).

Margaret Meredith 2h. 15m. 00s.

Guernsey to Herne Bay (3 miles).

Bill Dutton 1h. 15m. 00s.

Trentham Lake (3 miles).

Bill Dutton	1h. 07m. 57s.
Dilys Beynon	1h. 21m. 38s.
Maurice Ferguson	1h. 30m. 07s.
John Heapy	1h. 31m. 08s.
John Alexander	1h. 41m. 38s.

Rathlin to Ballycastle - Ireland (3½ miles).

Margaret Meredith	?
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Veterans (3½ miles).

Ken Bailey	2h. 30m. 56s.
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Belfast Lough (5 miles).

Kevin Murphy	1h. 53m. 00s.
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A.S.A. (5 miles).

Bill Dutton	2h. 35m. 33s.
Dilys Beynon	3h. 00m. 03s.
Paul Tew	3h. 01m. 33s.
Maurice Ferguson	3h. 22m. 16s.
John Heapy	3h. 23m. 24s.
John Alexander	3h. 23m. 26s.

Coniston (5½ miles).

Bob Keating	2h. 44m. 57s.
Maurice Ferguson	2h. 49m. 42s.
John Alexander	2h. 57m. 29s.
Kevin Ferguson	3h. 17m. 00s.
Ken Bailey	3h. 37m. 00s.
Margaret Meredith	4h. 07m. 00s.
Elaine Jordan	4h. 30m. 30s.

Two-Way Bala Lake (6 miles).

Bill Dutton	3h. 09m. 00s.
Chris Carter	3h. 09m. 00s.
Maurice Ferguson	4h. 14m. 45s.
Paul Tew	4h. 24m. 00s.
John Alexander	4h. 35m. 00s.

Carlingford Lough - Ireland (6 miles).

Kevin Murphy	2h. 20m. 00s.
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Rathlin Island to Port Calliagh (6 miles)

Margaret Meredith	5h. 36m. 38s.
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Two-Way English Channel Relay (6 miles).

Dilys Beynon	?
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Folkestone to Dover (6 miles).

Dilys Beynon	1h. 48m. 00s.
Bill Dutton	2h. 00m. 00s.
John Heapy	2h. 02m. 10s.

Gavrey to Bovley Bay - Jersey (6 miles).

Bill Dutton	2h. 33m. 00s.
Kevin Murphy	?

Israel (6 miles).

Kevin Murphy	?
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Loch Earn (6½ miles).

Chris Carter	2h. 57m. 51s.
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Whitehead to Bangor - Ireland (7 miles).

Kevin Murphy	3h. 04m. 00s.
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Mumbles to Aberavon (7 miles).

Dilys Beynon	3h. 04m. 00s.
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Walton to Clacton (7 miles).

Dilys Beynon	3h. 09m. 00s.
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Ullswater (7¼ miles).

John Alexander	4h. 39m. 00s.
Margaret Meredith	5h. 00m. 01s.

Invergowrie to Broughty Ferry (8 miles).

Maurice Ferguson	2h. 39m. 32s.
John Alexander	2h. 40m. 30s.

Torbay (8 miles).

Maurice Ferguson	3h. 09m. 29s.
Margaret Meredith	7h. 29m. 31s.

Rabobank International - Holland (10 miles).

Bill Dutton	4h. 52m. 05s.
Chris Carter	5h. 03m. 48s.
Kevin Murphy	6h. 01m. 13s.

Two-Way Solent (10 miles).

John Heapy	4h. 27m. 21s.
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Morecambe Bay (10 miles).

Bill Dutton	2h. 54m. 00s.
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Windermere (10 $\frac{1}{4}$ miles).

Bill Dutton	4h. 40m. 00s.
Bill Dutton	4h. 50m. 58s.
Chris Carter	5h. 12m. 00s.
Dilys Beynon	5h. 54m. 19s.
Kevin Murphy	6h. 13m. 00s.
John Heapy	6h. 34m. 08s.
Maurice Ferguson	7h. 09m. 41s.
Ken Bailey	8h. 40m. 00s.

Windermere International (17 miles).

Chris Carter	8h. 47m. 00s.
Kevin Murphy	10h. 00m. 42s.

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

Paul Tew	13h. 51m. 00s.
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Capri to Naples (22 miles).

Kevin Murphy	12h. 15m. 00s.
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INDIVIDUAL MILEAGE TOTALS : 1974.

Kevin Murphy	119 $\frac{1}{4}$ miles.
Bill Dutton	72 "
Chris Carter	57 $\frac{3}{4}$ "
Maurice Ferguson	50 $\frac{3}{4}$ "
Dilys Beynon	47 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
John Heapy	46 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
Paul Tew	40 $\frac{3}{4}$ "
John Alexander	39 $\frac{3}{4}$ "
Margaret Meredith	36 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
Ken Bailey	22 $\frac{1}{4}$ "
Elaine Jordan	14 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Kevin Ferguson	9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Dave Whatmough	6 "
Bob Keating	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ "
Russ Holbrook	5 "
Carole Monks	5 "
John Humphries	3 "
Janet Quayle	3 "
Geoff Monks	2 "
Gina Clarke	2 "

GRAND TOTAL	=	587 $\frac{1}{2}$ MILES.
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This is a new club record for total mileage completed in one season.

PICKMERE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

RESULTS : 1974.

Date : Saturday, 8th June 1974.

Conditions : Dull and windy. Water temperature 57 deg. F.

Retirements : 4 Junior ladies, 1 Junior gent.

1 Senior lady, 9 Senior gents.

JUNIOR LADIES (2 MILES).

1. Elise Brook	(Bradford L.D.S.C.)	53m. 30s.
2. Susan Dunne	(Surrey Ladies S.C.)	55m. 15s.
3. Suzanne Scott	(Starfish S.C.)	1h. 04m. 30s.
4. Lynn Cassidy	(Phoenix S.C.)	1h. 05m. 31s.
5. Christine Swann	(Nottingham L.D.S.C.)	1h. 05m. 34s.
6. Susan Shand	(Surrey Ladies S.C.)	1h. 05m. 37s.
7. Christine Peacham	(East Ham S.C.)	1h. 09m. 22s.
8. Angela Cunningham	(Essex Schools S.A.)	1h. 09m. 23s.
9. Jill Smith	(Warwickshire L.D.S.A.)	1h. 12m. 21s.
10. Elaine Jordan	(Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C.)	1h. 13m. 18s.
11. Christine Heale	(Essex Schools S.A.)	1h. 16m. 20s.
12. Jayne Bennett	(Essex Schools S.A.)	1h. 20m. 26s.
13. Annette Brodie	(Huddersfield A.S.C.)	1h. 21m. 06s.
14. Kathryn Southworth	(Harwood)	1h. 26m. 22s.

JUNIOR GENTS (2 MILES).

1. Robert Davies	(Merton Swordfish)	45m. 58s.
2. Malcolm Sykes	(Harpurhey S.C.)	52m. 26s.
3. Richard Jagger	(Bradford Dolphins)	52m. 27s.
4. Nigel Metcalfe	(Bradford Dolphins)	52m. 35s.
5. Ian Carey	(Lagoon S.C.)	52m. 45s.
6. Gareth Simpson	(Warwickshire L.D.S.A.)	57m. 12s.
7. David Goble	(Bradford Dolphins)	59m. 10s.
8. Paul Tew	(Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C.)	1h. 00m. 28s.
9. Michael Woods	(British Transport S.C.)	1h. 02m. 03s.
10. Kevin Ferguson	(Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C.)	1h. 05m. 48s.
11. Wayne Hirst	(Rotherham Neptunus)	1h. 10m. 01s.
12. Malcolm Swann	(Nottingham L.D.S.C.)	1h. 15m. 11s.
13. Bruce Neale	(British Transport S.C.)	1h. 17m. 56s.

New Record - 45m. 58s.

SENIOR LADIES (3 MILES).

1. Valerie Taylor	(Walsall)	1h. 16m. 11s.
2. Christine Smith	(Madeley College)	1h. 26m. 17s.
3. Carol Pines	(Solent S.C.)	1h. 27m. 00s.
4. Jill Ellis	(West Ham S.C.)	1h. 27m. 58s.
5. Ruth Barnes	(Nottingham L.D.S.C.)	1h. 28m. 55s.
6. Julie Russell	(Madeley College)	1h. 36m. 27s.
7. Dilys Beynon	(Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C.)	1h. 40m. 41s.
8. Ann Parker	(Coventry S.C.)	1h. 42m. 45s.
9. Janet Quayle	(Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C.)	1h. 43m. 25s.
10. Pat Dawson	(Nottingham L.D.S.C.)	1h. 44m. 23s.
11. Karen Caisley	(Solent S.C.)	2h. 10m. 15s.
12. Betty Condon	(Bromley S.C.)	2h. 10m. 15s.
13. Christine Morton	(Huddersfield A.S.C.)	2h. 10m. 53s.
14. Joan Metcalfe	(Darlington A.S.C.)	2h. 10m. 59s.
15. Margaret Meredith	(Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C.)	2h. 19m. 53s.

SENIOR GENTS (3 MILES).

1. Graham Bell	(Tees-side S.C.)	1h. 07m. 50s.
2. David Pratten	(Plaistow United)	1h. 15m. 40s.
3. Robert Baker	(Aberavon S.C.)	1h. 16m. 00s.
4. Alan Scott	(Madeley College)	1h. 16m. 06s.
5. Bill Dutton	(Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C.)	1h. 19m. 04s.
6. Roger Parsons	(Royal Navy S.C.)	1h. 21m. 50s.
7. Chris Carter	(Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C.)	1h. 22m. 05s.
8. Keith Richards	(Solent S.C.)	1h. 23m. 01s.
9. Joseph Smith	(Plaistow United)	1h. 24m. 50s.
10. Malcolm Ferguson	(Madeley College)	1h. 29m. 47s.
11. Stanley May	(Aberavon S.C.)	1h. 32m. 25s.
12. Alan Bowles	(Royal Navy S.C.)	1h. 38m. 54s.
13. K.J. Keithley	(Bradford L.D.S.A.)	1h. 39m. 32s.
14. Francis Allen	(Warwickshire L.D.S.A.)	1h. 41m. 28s.
15. John Heapy	(Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C.)	1h. 41m. 32s.
16. John Alexander	(Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C.)	1h. 44m. 12s.
17. Maurice Ferguson	(Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C.)	1h. 46m. 49s.
18. David Whatmough	(Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C.)	1h. 51m. 19s.
19. Andrew Phillips	(Huddersfield A.S.C.)	1h. 51m. 43s.
20. Russ Holbrook	(Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C.)	1h. 54m. 28s.

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Senior Gents Continued.....

21. Arthur Ayres	(Warwickshire L.D.S.A.)	2h. 00m. 12s.
22. David Fell	(Warwickshire L.D.S.A.)	2h. 02m. 10s.
23. A.J. Coward	(Bradford L.D.S.C.)	2h. 02m. 14s.
24. Robert Hilton	(Royal Navy S.C.)	2h. 03m. 04s.
25. Cedric Webster	(Langold Lake R.L.S.S.)	2h. 03m. 26s.
26. Chris Websdale	(B.L.D.S.A.)	2h. 10m. 52s.
27. Jeffrey Paley	(Huddersfield A.S.C.)	2h. 16m. 43s.
28. David Pritt	(Manchester Y.M.C.A.)	2h. 18m. 49s.
29. Ken Bailey	(Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C.)	2h. 19m. 17s.
30. Raymond Walker	(Darlington S.C.)	2h. 19m. 58s.
31. Roy Ainsworth	(B.L.D.S.A.)	2h. 35m. 15s.
32. Percy Bull	(Warwickshire L.D.S.A.)	2h. 42m. 44s.
33. Stephen Bedford	(Edlington A.S.C.)	3h. 05m. 05s.

New Record - 1h. 07m. 50s.

TEAM PRIZE.

1st : MADELEY COLLEGE.

Alan Scott	1h. 16m. 06s.
Christine Smith	1h. 26m. 17s.
Malcolm Ferguson	1h. 29m. 47s.
<u>TOTAL -</u>	<u>4h. 12m. 10s.</u>

2nd : WARRINGTON DOLPHINS L.D.S.C.

Bill Dutton	1h. 19m. 04s.
Chris Carter	1h. 22m. 05s.
Dilys Beynon	1h. 40m. 41s.
<u>TOTAL -</u>	<u>4h. 21m. 50s.</u>

3rd : ROYAL NAVY S.C.

Roger Parsons	1h. 21m. 50s.
Alan Bowles	1h. 38m. 54s.
Robert Hilton	2h. 03m. 04s.
<u>TOTAL -</u>	<u>5h. 03m. 48s.</u>

This years entry was a record - 99 competitors.

NOTE : 1975 PICKMERE CHAMPIONSHIPS TO BE HELD ON 14th JUNE.