

WARRINGTON DOLPHINS LONG DISTANCE SWIMMING CLUB.

ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1975.

I have pleasure in presenting the Warrington Dolphins Long Distance Swimming Club's Annual Report for 1975.

I must begin this report with the English Channel which has played such a predominant part in this year's activities. Three members of the club hoped to make one-way crossings and, as if that wasn't enough, one member hoped to do a little more than that - a three-way.

Paul Tew was one member who did "make it" in 16 hours 53 minutes - you may recall my confidence of his ability in last year's report. Just for the record, Paul was the last person to make the crossing in this Centenary year of Captain Webb's swim - congratulations Paul on a fine effort.

Dilys Beynon also took the plunge this year but due to sea-sickness was forced to retire only a few miles short of achieving her goal - its got to be next year Dilys.

After spending a considerable length of time in training Ken Bailey for his Channel attempt this season (he was convinced that Chris Carter and myself were trying to kill him), we can safely state that after all the visits to Dover and not even getting wet, he is the club's most "dry" frustrated member - but we're all 100% confident of his chances if he could only arrange suitable weather. I should mention here however that Ken (as did Paul and Dilys), completed some excellent swims in preparation for the attempt - I know he will be looking forward to repeating them next season???

Leading on from Ken's frustration, I think that even Ken will give first place to club colleague Kevin Murphy who after swimming for 52 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours and completing a Two-way Channel crossing had to retire with only seven miles of his third leg to go. If someone had asked me about the chances of a "Three-way" being achieved, I would have replied "nil" but after Kevin's attempt this year, I am positive that 1976 will see it realised.

In addition to our four Channel aspirants, the club entered a mixed team in the Captain Webb Centenary Cross Channel Relay Race. This proved to be both an interesting and rewarding venture with the club finishing fourth in its event in a time of 10 hours 31 minutes. The team was selected on speed and ability and was as follows (in swimming order) - Bill Dutton, Dilys Beynon, Chris Carter, Pat Dawson, Alan Humphries and Gina Clarke with Jean Wilkin and Kevin Ferguson as reserves. Our thanks must be placed on record to John and Edna Alexander (Team managers) and Paul Kochanek (C.S.A. Observer) for the assistance given on the venture. And a special thanks to Wally Parsons, on behalf of the club, for the tremendous amount of work he put into the race and making it a successful event.

From the club's point of view, the swim did not prove such a financial burden as it was at first thought. The Committee estimated a cost of £600 and this amount was raised with the assistance of local traders who donated the bulk of this sum. Our thanks must go to G. & J. Greenall Ltd. who donated £100 and swimming caps to be worn by team members. The Warrington District Sports Council were very helpful in offering ideas and cash when many Committee members felt we were fighting a losing battle in raising capital. Our thanks also go to Vera, Harry and Pat Dawson for their work in raising money, Speedo Ltd., who supplied costumes and to Chris Carter for taking on the frustrating task of general fund raising.

Two other swims which were especially worthy of note were Gina Clarke's Coniston swim in a time of 2 hours 33 minutes which is a junior record and Elaine Jordans Windermere in 6 hours 35 minutes which was again an excellent achievement for a junior.

For Bill Dutton, this has been a tremendous season. He won the Windermere, Morecambe Bay and Brixham-Torquay Championships and was placed in every other event except Pickmere but as the latter was the first swim of the year, I think we will accept the excuse that he hadn't "warmed up" - won't we? Well, whether we will or not, I must extend the congratulations of the club to him on such excellent performances - the "ditch" must surely be next on his list???

In addition to Elaine Jordan, other club members who completed the Windermere swim this season were John Humphries (no relation - for John O'Hara and Margaret Smith's benefit), John Alexander (twice), Ken Bailey, Jean Wilkin, Pat Dawson, Kevin Murphy (one and two-way), Paul Tew (one and two-way), Margaret Smith and Dilys Beynon (one and two-way) - Dilys set up a new British ladies' record for the "two-way". Congratulations to them all on their success.

Margaret Smith also made a fine achievement when she became the first woman to swim across Lough Neagh (Ireland) in 8 hours 45 minutes. Margaret and Paul Tew both shared the B.L.D.S.A. special merit award this year which is awarded for the best swim of the year outside recognised championships.

Bob Keating unfortunately had to retire in Windermere but found consolation in a very respectable time of 6 hours 39 minutes on Two-way Coniston.

As in previous seasons, John "Butterfly" Heapy has been "flying" around the country chalking up more butterfly records. Amongst his successes this year were Morecambe Inshore and Ryde to Southsea (Solent). Regretably, his attempt to swim Windermere on butterfly stroke was unsuccessful after he was forced to retire (after almost seven hours of swimming) when rough water on the "Deeps" proved too much - I am sure that all the Dolphin members wish him well for his next and hoped for successful attempt.

Once again the club has had a great swimming season and again our thanks go to our coaches, Ces Shallcross and Russ Holbrook, who have played a valuable part in organising and running training sessions.

Annual Dinner and Dance.

This was held at our usual venue - Lakehouse Restaurant, Pickmere. Our guests were Mrs. Margaret Hinchliffe (President, B.L.D.S.A.) and her husband and Messrs. Brian Boyle and Harold Short and their respective wives. There were a number of presentations at the function including a trophy to Paul Tew in recognition of his Channel swim, certificates to the members of the club's Channel relay team and plaques to the team's reserves and managers.

Birth.

Heartly congratulations to Joan and Alan Humphries on the arrival of a daughter, Kerrie Louise.

Marriages.

Congratulations and best wishes for the future to Margaret and Graham Smith and Jane and Kevin Murphy.

Death.

It is with deep regret that I report the death of Mrs. Ronda Clarke (mother of Gina and daughter of Arthur Williams). Our deepest sympathies to Brian and Gina.

In concluding my report, I would like to extend the club's sincere thanks to Pickmere Boating Company, the staff of the Warrington Baths Department and all our colleagues and friends who have helped in any way whatsoever during the past twelve months.

THANK YOU,

Alan D. Humphries,
Hon. Secretary.

CHAMPIONSHIP AND INDIVIDUAL SWIMS COMPLETED : 1975.

River Wharfe - Junior (1 mile).
Carole Monks 31 : 07.

Morecambe Inshore (2 miles).
Gina Clarke 54 : 45.
Paul Tew 1 : 00 : 00.
Carole Monks 1 : 02 : 40.
John Heapy 1 : 19 : 10.
(Butterfly)

Waterloo Lake - Junior (2 miles).
Gina Clarke 51 : 01.
Claire Allman ?

English Channel Relay (2 miles).
Gina Clarke 1 : 00 : 00.

Pickmere - Junior (2 miles).
Gina Clarke 58 : 31.
Kevin Ferguson 1 : 07 : 00.
Elaine Jordan 1 : 15 : 34.
Stephen Savage 1 : 17 : 25.

Brugge - Belgium (2½ miles).
Pat Dawson 1 : 25 : 00.

Pickmere - Senior (3 miles).
Bill Dutton 1 : 19 : 00.
Chris Carter 1 : 23 : 56.
Kevin Murphy 1 : 26 : 28.
Dilys Beynon 1 : 34 : 41.
Pat Dawson 1 : 40 : 28.
Paul Tew 1 : 41 : 40.
Bob Keating 1 : 42 : 00.
John Alexander 1 : 45 : 38.
Maurice Ferguson 1 : 49 : 00.
Dave Whatmough 2 : 00 : 00.
John Humphries 2 : 00 : 13.
John Heapy 2 : 05 : 26.
Ken Bailey 2 : 13 : 04.
Arthur Williams 2 : 30 : 00.

English Channel Relay (3 miles).
Alan Humphries 1 : 31 : 00.

Warwickshire Spring Handicap (3 miles).
Chris Carter 1 : 26 : 30.
Maurice Ferguson 1 : 47 : 00.
Kevin Ferguson 1 : 50 : 00.
John Alexander 1 : 55 : 00.
Ken Bailey 2 : 21 : 00.
Dilys Beynon ?

Poole Harbour (3 miles).
Pat Dawson 1 : 25 : 07.

Bala Lake (3 miles).
Gina Clarke 1 : 19 : 22.
Paul Tew 1 : 40 : 00.
John Heapy 1 : 52 : 00.

Copeland Islands to Donaghadee (3 miles).
Margaret Smith 1 : 17 : 59.

Paignton to Torquay to Paignton (3 mls)
Bill Dutton 1 : 15 : 00.
Kevin Murphy ?
Dilys Beynon ?
John Heapy 1 : 41 : 00.

Preston Beach to Torabbey Sands to Preston Beach (3 miles).
Paul Tew ?

Trentham Lake (3 miles).
Bill Dutton 1 : 08 : 00.
Chris Carter 1 : 15 : 24.
Alan Humphries 1 : 19 : 00.
Pat Dawson 1 : 21 : 59.
Dilys Beynon 1 : 22 : 00.
Paul Tew 1 : 25 : 11.
Jean Wilkin 1 : 30 : 00.
John Heapy 1 : 30 : 07.
John Alexander 1 : 36 : 59.
Ken Bailey 2 : 02 : 32.

Veterans (3½ miles).
Arthur Williams 2 : 09 : 00.
Ken Bailey 2 : 09 : 11.

English Channel Relay (4 miles).
Pat Dawson 2 : 00 : 00.
Dilys Beynon 2 : 00 : 00.
Bill Dutton 2 : 00 : 00.
Chris Carter 2 : 00 : 00.

Brixham to Torquay (4 miles).
Bill Dutton 2 : 05 : 00.
Paul Tew 2 : 18 : 30.
John Heapy 2 : 21 : 18.

Exmouth Fairway Buoy (4½ miles).
Bill Dutton 1 : 29 : 00.
Kevin Murphy 1 : 30 : 00.
Chris Carter 1 : 38 : 54.
Paul Tew ?
John Heapy 1 : 47 : 00.
Ken Bailey 2 : 10 : 00.

A.S.A. (5 miles).
Chris Carter 2 : 34 : 09.
Pat Dawson 2 : 49 : 49.
Paul Tew 3 : 01 : 40.
John Heapy 3 : 06 : 24.
John Alexander 3 : 07 : 16.
Maurice Ferguson 3 : 09 : 00.

Solent (5 miles).
Pat Dawson 1 : 27 : 08.
Paul Tew 1 : 54 : 14.
John Heapy 1 : 56 : 13.
(Butterfly)

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

Gina Clarke	2 : 33 : 29. (Jnr. record)
Jean Wilkin	2 : 53 : 00.
Pat Dawson	2 : 57 : 40.
Chris Carter	2 : 58 : 00.
Dilys Beynon	3 : 03 : 44.
John Alexander	3 : 13 : 32.
Maurice Ferguson	3 : 16 : 00.
Kevin Ferguson	3 : 17 : 00.
John Humphries	3 : 49 : 42.
Ken Bailey	5 : 03 : 21.

Two-way Bala Lake (6 miles).

Bill Dutton	2 : 37 : 00.
Chris Carter	3 : 01 : 31.
Pat Dawson	3 : 21 : 00.
Bob Keating	3 : 31 : 00.
Paul Tew	3 : 36 : 00.
Kevin Ferguson	3 : 57 : 00.
John Humphries	4 : 06 : 41.
John Alexander	4 : 08 : 07.
Elaine Jordan	4 : 43 : 00.
Ken Bailey	5 : 40 : 00.

Loch Earn (6 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles).

Kevin Murphy	2 : 43 : 00.
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Ullswater (7 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles).

Pat Dawson	3 : 48 : 00.
John Humphries	5 : 25 : 40.

Whitehead to Bangor (7 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles).

Margaret Smith	6 : 12 : 19. (B/stroke rec'd)
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Torbay (8 miles).

Bill Dutton	3 : 10 : 00.
Kevin Murphy	?
Margaret Smith	5 : 51 : 31.

Lough Neagh (10 miles).

Margaret Smith	8 : 45 : 00. (Ladies rec'd)
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Morecambe Bay (10 miles).

Bill Dutton	2 : 45 : 00.
Dilys Beynon	3 : 11 : 45.
Paul Tew	?
John Alexander	3 : 17 : 34.
Maurice Ferguson	3 : 20 : 00.
Margaret Smith	4 : 03 : 12.

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

Bill Dutton	4 : 40 : 06.
Dilys Beynon	5 : 56 : 43.
Pat Dawson	6 : 02 : 37.
Kevin Murphy	6 : 15 : 00.
Paul Tew	6 : 27 : 00.
Jean Wilkin	6 : 33 : 00.
Elaine Jordan	6 : 35 : 00.
John Alexander	6 : 49 : 32.
Margaret Smith	7 : 37 : 10.
John Humphries	7 : 41 : 39.
John Alexander	7 : 42 : 32.
Ken Bailey	7 : 57 : 39.

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

Kevin Murphy	5 : 35 : 00.
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Two-way Coniston (11 miles).

Bob Keating	6 : 39 : 00.
Margaret Smith	8 : 23 : 23. (Ladies B/stroke rec'd)
Ken Bailey	8 : 40 : 00.

Mumbles to Porthcawle (14 miles).

Dilys Beynon	5 : 30 : 00.
Kevin Murphy	5 : 52 : 00.

Walton-on-Naze to Bradwell Power Station (18 miles).

Kevin Murphy	7 : 00 : 00.
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Two-way Windermere (20 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles).

Dilys Beynon	13 : 13 : 00. (Ladies record)
Kevin Murphy	12 : 48 : 00.
Paul Tew	14 : 53 : 00.

English Channel (21 miles).

Paul Tew	16 : 53 : 00.
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Two-way English Channel (42 miles).

Kevin Murphy	36 : 10 : 00.
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INDIVIDUAL MILEAGE TOTAL : 1975.

Kevin Murphy	136 $\frac{1}{4}$	Chris Carter	34	Arthur Williams	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Paul Tew	97 $\frac{1}{4}$	John Heapy	32 $\frac{1}{4}$	Alan Humphries	6
Dilys Beynon	75	John Humphries	32	Paul Kochanek	3
Margaret Smith	59 $\frac{5}{8}$	Maurice Ferguson	26 $\frac{1}{8}$	Carole Monks	3
John Alexander	56 $\frac{1}{4}$	Jean Wilkin	24 $\frac{1}{2}$	Claire Allman	2
Pat Dawson	54 $\frac{1}{8}$	Bob Keating	20		
Bill Dutton	53 $\frac{5}{8}$	Elaine Jordan	18 $\frac{1}{4}$		
Ken Bailey	49 $\frac{5}{8}$	Kevin Ferguson	16 $\frac{1}{8}$		
		Gina Clarke	16 $\frac{1}{8}$		

GRAND TOTAL = 823 $\frac{1}{8}$ miles

PICKMERE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

RESULTS : 1975.

Date : Saturday, 14 June 1975.

Conditions : Dull and windy. Water temperature 64 deg. F.

JUNIOR GENTS (2 MILES).

1. Gareth Simpson	49 : 10.
2. David Goble	50 : 00.
3. Nigel Metcalfe	57 : 49.
4. Richard Jagger	1 : 01 : 49.
5. Andrew Keetley	1 : 03 : 13.
6. Kevin Ferguson	1 : 07 : 36.
7. Stephen Savage	1 : 17 : 25.
8. Michael Cooper	1 : 29 : 31.

JUNIOR LADIES (2 MILES).

1. Lindsey Reed	52 : 23.
2. Carol Bradford	53 : 11.
3. Alison Roberts	56 : 15.
4. Gina Clarke	58 : 31.
5. Denise Bartholomew	1 : 03 : 41.
6. Lynn Cassidy	1 : 07 : 00.
7. Elaine Jordan	1 : 15 : 34.
8. Jane Gough	1 : 23 : 08.

SENIOR GENTS (3 MILES).

1. Mark Ashley	1 : 09 : 40.
2. Martin Richards	1 : 13 : 28.
3. Richard Baker	1 : 16 : 12.
4. Godfrey Admans	1 : 19 : 42.
5. Richard Hatfield	1 : 20 : 10.
6. Bill Dutton	1 : 20 : 10.
7. Gino Wilson	1 : 22 : 50.
8. David Mace	1 : 23 : 15.
9. Chris Carter	1 : 23 : 56.
10. Roger Parsons	1 : 24 : 33.
11. Ian Carey	1 : 24 : 45.
12. Terry Lyons	1 : 25 : 18.
13. Eric Millican	1 : 26 : 23.
14. Kevin Murphy	1 : 26 : 28.
15. Stanley May	1 : 32 : 50.
16. Jeff Tanner	1 : 35 : 46.
17. Peter Stephens	1 : 37 : 26.
18. Ken Keithley	1 : 38 : 04.
19. Robert Phillips	1 : 39 : 07.
20. John Metcalfe	1 : 39 : 56.
21. Paul Tew	1 : 41 : 40.
22. Robert Keating	1 : 42 : 53.
23. John Alexander	1 : 45 : 38.
24. Colin Burnett	1 : 46 : 24.
25. Chris Websdale	1 : 48 : 43.
26. Gerry Forsberg	1 : 49 : 10.
27. Maurice Ferguson	1 : 49 : 16.
28. David Nash	1 : 51 : 10.
29. Robert Ridley	1 : 55 : 10.
30. Andrew Phillips	1 : 55 : 56.
31. James Sharp	1 : 57 : 48.
32. Dave Whatmough	2 : 00 : 00.
33. John Humphries	2 : 00 : 13.
34. Trevor James	2 : 03 : 24.
35. Cedric Webster	2 : 03 : 30.
36. Derek Jones	2 : 05 : 19.
37. John Heapy	2 : 05 : 45.
38. Dave Fell	2 : 06 : 32.
39. Derek Dukes	2 : 07 : 46.

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40. Leslie Cassidy	2 : 08 : 39.
41. Ken Lumb	2 : 10 : 10.
42. Paul Rushworth	2 : 10 : 55.
43. Ken Bailey	2 : 13 : 04.
44. Jeff Paley	2 : 17 : 55.
45. Arthur Williams	2 : 30 : 00.
46. William Brown	2 : 32 : 37.
47. Paul Kochanek	2 : 32 : 54.
48. Percy Bull	2 : 48 : 47.
49. Ivor Roberts	3 : 05 : 27.

SENIOR LADIES (3 MILES).

1. Elise Brook	1 : 26 : 32.
2. Carol Pines	1 : 28 : 05.
3. Jayne Atkins	1 : 34 : 22.
4. Dilys Beynon	1 : 34 : 41.
5. Anita Smith	1 : 39 : 45.
6. Pat Dawson	1 : 40 : 28.
7. Susan Shand	1 : 42 : 50.
8. Kim Harris	1 : 44 : 21.
9. Caroline Oakley	1 : 54 : 00.
10. Jill Smith	1 : 58 : 11.
11. Julie Russell	1 : 59 : 12.

TEAM AWARD.

1. Paddington Mob	4 : 08 : 15.
2. Warrington D's.	4 : 10 : 34.
3. Aberavon	4 : 28 : 09.
4. Bradford	4 : 53 : 19.
5. Surrey Ladies	6 : 07 : 39.