

ANNUAL REPORT 1980

With new records, first places and a total of $915\frac{1}{4}$ miles on the mileage chart I am pleased to report another successful season for the "Dolphins!" The most successful swimmer this year must undoubtedly be Paul Tew who has had a magnificent season with 91 miles. He won the Windermere 2 way in a very creditable time of 13.42.00. Paul was also third in the Loch Lomond Championships in a time of 15.35.00, another fine performance. Amongst all this swimming Paul also found time for romance and became engaged to Fiona Wallace in September. Congratulations to you both. Does Fiona know what she is letting herself in for?

Also having another excellent season is Steve Dockery with $77\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Steve seemed to prefer longer distances in faraway places and hence completed Lake St. John in Canada a distance of 21 miles in 4.40.10. Steve also swam in the Adriatic Championships of 10 miles in 3.51.16

Chris Green as well as having minor upsets in the car and the kitchen swam 70 miles including a two way Morecambe Bay in 6.31.00. I believe this was not far short of the record for this swim so maybe next year. Top of the juniors must be Sue Johnson who although having a very disappointing Channel swim still swam 72 miles making her third in the mileage chart the only person I know to swim such distances as a junior and tackle Bala on, wait for it, Good Friday. Sue also to her credit has new records for Junior Breaststroke, Windermere and Morecambe Bay and the Junior Ladies Freestyle on Ullswater

Still thinking about tackling two way Windermere is Maurice Ferguson who swam $69\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Maurice made quite a few personal bests this year the fastest being Torbay in 4.53.00 his best by 1.15.00. Maurice also gave up his treasured possession of the Pickmere Championships after 7 years. THANKS for all the hard work on behalf of us all.

Our most travelled member totalled $61\frac{1}{4}$ miles, well done Trevor. Here is another member who prefers the warmer waters. Someone else who could not get the right weather at Dover was Vince Gorman. He did however total 47 miles and I believe Vince intends conquering the Channel next year.

Our eldest lady member had an excellent season and tells me so herself. Lillian Brookes Bell clocked in $39\frac{1}{2}$ miles was the Invergowrie Champion and became the oldest lady to swim Windermere.

Dilys Beynon, Chris Carter and Karen Stevenson all did well with 37, 36 and 33 miles respectively, Karen was another unlucky person in the Channel and was forced to retire after 15 miles which in itself is no mean feat for a junior. Dilys had a disappointing season with her longer swims and was forced to retire from 2 way Windermere suffering the effects of illness the previous week. Dilys reports that Loch Lomond was too cold and she got out before she became a liability.

These are closely followed by Dave Palmer, who has to fit swimming in to running a business, Hans P. Jungmayr who does extremely well in the breaststroke championships, and Fred Wilkinson, these three completed $27\frac{1}{2}$, $22\frac{1}{2}$ and $21\frac{1}{2}$ miles respectively.

Second junior on the list is Ian Ainsworth with 24 miles. Ian although just beaten at Pickmere this year has had an excellent season for a 13 year old and he's still got two more years before he starts chasing Steve Dockery in open water as well as in the baths.

Margaret Smith tells me 20 miles is a quiet season as she had to break the back of the decorating. If that's a quiet season what will next year bring. Following in each others footsteps at Coniston this year by complaining of exposure was Ken Bailey $18\frac{1}{2}$ miles and Bill Dutton with 8 miles. Bill did manage to get his Pickmere entry form in on time this year.

I don't think Jeff Paley has had as quiet a season as the mileage chart shows it's just I don't know what he's done this year. I do know Jeff was another disappointed Channel aspirant this year. Next year Jeff?

In their first full season this year was Sandra Ainsworth 15 miles, Paul Gwatkin 15 miles, and Helen Driver 12 miles. Out of five completed swims this season Helen took first place in the last four and third at Pickmere. Was Pickmere a tester Helen while you weighed up the opposition. Having a quiet season this year were Frederick James $14\frac{1}{2}$, John Heapy 14, Claire Allman 10, and Arthur Williams $9\frac{1}{2}$ miles, while Paul Kockanek is slowly moving up the mileage chart with 7 miles. Paul was forced to retire from Coniston this year with only $\frac{1}{4}$ mile to go. Hard Luck Paul. Jill Johnson still only 12 years old and in her first season notched up 7 miles.

Newcomers to the sport Kevin Normansell and Cathy Taylor decided to start off slowly by doing 4 and 3 miles apiece. I believe, even though it is now the end of October they still go training at Pickmere on Sundays. Are they in training for the Christmas swim.

Late starters to the season were Charles Reeves $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles and Stuart Ainsworth 1 mile. Although both short swims they worked hard for them and deserve as much of a mention as Paul and Steve. Having the Ainsworths spread about the mileage chart at least saves me from getting them mixed up.

Next the Superdolphin. This was a very keenly fought contest this year with Frederick James coming out on top to be Superdolphin 1980. The weather was very kind to us and everybody I spoke to enjoyed the day. Finally may I extend our sincere thanks to the Pickmere Boating Company the staff and management of Warrington Baths and all who have helped the club in any capacity over the last year.

Thank you and good luck for next season,
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INDIVIDUAL MILEAGE CHART 1980

Paul Tew	91	Jeff Paley	15
Steve Dockery	$77\frac{1}{2}$	Sandra Ainsworth	15
Sue Johnson (J)	72	Paul Gwatkin (J)	15
Chris Green	70	Frederick James	$14\frac{1}{2}$
Maurice Ferguson	$69\frac{1}{2}$	John Heapy	14
Trevor Symmonds	$61\frac{1}{4}$	Helen Driver (J)	12
Vince Gorman	47	Claire Allman	10
Lilian Brookes Bell	$39\frac{1}{2}$	Arthur Williams	$9\frac{1}{2}$
Dilys Beynon	37	Bill Dutton	8
Chris Carter	36	Paul Kockanek	7
Karen Stevenson (J)	33	Jill Johnson (J)	7
Dave Palmer	$27\frac{1}{2}$	Pat Dawson	5
Ian Ainsworth (J)	24	Keith Bosson	4
Hans P. Jungmayr	$22\frac{1}{2}$	Kevin Normansell	4
Fred Wilkinson	$21\frac{1}{2}$	Charles Reeves	$3\frac{1}{2}$
Margaret Smith	20	Cathy Taylor (J)	3
Ken Bailey	$18\frac{3}{4}$	Stuart Ainsworth	1

CLUB GRAND TOTAL $915\frac{1}{4}$ competitive miles

This is the highest total in any one season, well done.

It has to be said that this years championship attracted the largest entry to date. That is unless anyone knows differently!!

Out of forty junior entrants there were two non starters and four retirements. Of the one hundred and three seniors, there were five non-starters and five retirements. The junior swim as usual was held in the morning, and got off to a good start in favourable conditions, the water temperature being 64 degrees.

Unfortunately the senior swimmers fared less favourably with the weather. Under a steady downpour of drizzle which was to stay with us for the rest of the day, the swim got off to a mass start right on time. The starting signal from our Presidents' Mike Smiths whistle, set a seething mass of bodies on their way round Pickmere, it resembled more a crowd scene from Jaws, than the start of a race. The field soon became spaced out around the course, and the way in which our two recorders Messrs. A&B Boyle and our commentator John O'Hara coped with the steady volume of passing swimmers is to be admired. The rain made efficient timekeeping extremely difficult, and at times it was a toss up who was the wettest, the swimmers and /or officials and spectators.

My thanks to all officials, boat crews, the British Red Cross Assoc., the Pickmere Boating Company and to the many who helped in any way, to make this a very pleasant and successful championship.

Every swim has its bright spot. Pickmere's must be Margaret Smith's 'sub aqua' fete, in recovering John O'Hara's umbrella which had fallen from John's commentary point into the lake.

In closing my congratulations to all who finished and my sympathy to those who were forced to retire. The next years Pickmere championships are on

SATURDAY 6TH JUNE 1981

PICKMERE RESULTS 1980

JUNIOR GENTS

1. S.Lee	45.56	7. S.Lawson	1.01.53
2. I.Ainsworth	46.09	8. P.Gwatkin	1.02.14
3. I.Lawson	50.51	9. C.Nightingale (1stBS)	1.05.49
4. M.Gibson	53.02	10. M.Welborn (BS)	1.13.28
5. K.Crossland	58.24	11. J.Blanchard	1.27.22
5. R.Hasselder	58.24	12. S.Bass	1.33.50

JUNIOR LADIES

1. J.Smith (new record)	46.00	12. M.Hawkins (BS)	1.12.33
2. J.Allen	50.37	13. J.Hohnson	1.13.03
3. H.Driver	51.00	14. G.Rutter (BS)	1.13.09
4. C.Coe	53.09	15. L.Smith (BS)	1.15.27
5. K.Daniels	55.01	16. D.Tordoff (BS)	1.16.03
6. K.Renshaw	57.49	17. S.Haslem (BS)	1.18.23
7. J.Parsons	58.55	17. C.Ashcroft (BS)	1.18.23
8. K.Stevenson	1.00.15	19. K.Lynsky (BS)	1.20.11
9. K.Nightingale	1.03.27	20. L.Craven (BS)	1.24.37
10. K.Taylor	1.03.37	21. S.Bretnall (BS)	1.25.27
11. S.Johnson (1st BS)	1.08.32	22. S.Marshall (BS)	1.28.34

JUNIOR TEAM RESULTS

1. Warrington dolphins	Ian Ainsworth Helen Driver Karen Stevenson	2.37.24
2. Swinton		3.22.36
3. Huddersfield		3.42.04
4. Bolton		3.45.10
5. Sefton S.C.		4.03.11

SENIOR GENTS

1. R.Sherburn (new record)	1.03.28	32. C.Shackleton (BS)	1.38.59
2. S.Dockery	1.03.31	33. J.Heapy	1.39.09
3. D.Morgan	1.07.05	34. N.Thompson	1.39.19
4. B.McCann	1.07.24	35. D.graham	1.41.40
5. I.Muir	1.08.25	36. V.Gorman	1.42.05
6. E.Millicann	1.16.00	37. F.Wilkinson (BS)	1.42.35
7. W.Dutton	1.16.06	38. J.Barlow (BS)	1.44.54
8. L.Knowles	1.16.43	39. S.Bedford	1.45.19
9. C.Carter	1.16.53	40. K.Normansell	1.49.32
10. W.Redfern	1.18.57	41. G.Mitchell (BS)	1.51.35
11. K.Bosson	1.20.28	42. R.Webster (BS)	1.52.08
12. D.Hargreaves	1.20.34	43. A.Henshall	1.52.16
13. K.Keighley	1.22.28	44. Cmdr. G.Forsberg	1.53.31
14. F.Goodman	1.24.19	45. J.Carter	1.54.19
15. R.Parsons (1st BS)	1.24.21	46. T.James (BS)	1.56.31
16. G.Daynes (BS)	1.24.44.	47. T.Symmonds	1.56.38
17. F.C.Eastman	1.25.14	48. M.Fazakerly (BS)	1.57.10
18. J.Mullins	1.28.39	49. P.Aindow (BS)	1.57.18
19. M.Sawdon	1.30.42	50. C.Green	1.58.25
20. T.Espin	1.31.00	51. S.Batts (BS)	1.58.54
21. R.Millican (BS)	1.31.01	52. J.Paley (BS)	1.59.19
22. P.Winchester	1.31.36	53. K.Stratham	2.01.11
23. J.Tanner	1.32.01	54. D.Jukes	2.02.06
24. A.Burtonshaw	1.32.42	55. A.Williams	2.05.40
25. H.P.Jungmayr (BS)	1.34.32	56. P.Frampton	2.07.43.
26. P.Hawksworth	1.34.42	57. D.Wheen	2.07.54
27. R.Platts	1.34.43	58. K.N.G.Bailey	2.10.45
28. M.Ferguson (1st Vet)	1.34.43	59. P.W.Kockanek	2.11.54
29. P.Rushworth (BS)	1.34.52	60. D.Marsh (BS)	2.30.35
30. P.Todd (BS)	1.36.43	61. T.Bull	2.31.59
31. F.James	1.37.41	62. T.Parnham	2.33.09

SENIOR LADIES

1. D.Sunner	1.06.27	18. A.Hawkins (BS)	1.36.43
2. L.Westlake	1.06.36	19. K.Hawkins	1.36.44
3. C.Allman	1.06.36	20. S.Ainsworth (BS)	1.37.50
4. S.Hunt	1.06.52	21. G.Green (BS)	1.37.52
5. C.Hunt	1.07.27	22. P.Dawson	1.41.26
6. K.Simister	1.10.28	23. A.Nisbitt (BS)	1.42.39
7. L.Zimmerman	1.14.25	24. J.Leach (BS)	1.42.57
8. V.Parsons	1.16.06	25. B.Hassell	1.43.25
9. E.Blake	1.19.21	26. S.Stockdale	1.47.00
10. C.Pimes	1.23.02	27. J.Atkinson	1.48.00
11. L.Read	1.25.47	28. J.Oxley	1.50.07
12. D.Beynon	1.27.16	29. J.Millican (BS)	1.52.15
13. J.Rumbellow	1.27.55	30. M.Pike (1st Vet)	1.53.27
14. K.Smith	1.28.45	31. J.Metcalf	1.58.44
15. C.Simister (1st BS)	1.28.51	32. H.Clynch (BS)	2.02.59
16. J.Beaumont (BS)	1.30.00	33. M.Smith (BS)	2.04.20
17. J.Renshaw	1.36.42	34. L.Brookes Bell (BS)	2.06.03

SENIOR TEAM RESULTS

1. Warrington Dolphins	3.26.13	7. Wyre Forest	4.47.22
2. Clacton	3.52.34	8. Howebridge	4.48.03
3. Rotherham	4.15.46	9. Keighley	5.12.14
4. Bradford	4.28.20	10. Grimsby	5.35.54
5. Warwickshire	4.30.18	11. Sefton	5.41.28
6. Radcliffe	4.35.50	12. Langold	5.45.10

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