

WARRINGTON DOLPHINS LONG DISTANCE SWIMMING CLUB

ANNUAL REPORT 1984

Well the nights are getting darker and we're deciding whether or not to turn on the heating, lets look back on what was one of the hottest summers on record. Unfortunately this does not show in the mileage chart which is slightly down on previous years. Individuals were dogged by illness, bad weather (?) and lack of crews when they were feeling on top form. Despite all this our members still managed $589\frac{3}{4}$ miles, with 8 first places, 6 second places and three third places as well as new record, veterans champions, butterfly records and many age group winners.

In first place on the mileage chart you will find Chris Green who is after a retirement home at Morecambe. With 124 miles he completed a two way Morecambe, a Fleetwood to Morecambe and 4 other separate Morecambe Bays. One of these earned him the Morecambe to Grange Record of 2.29.00.

Many of the above mentioned placings went once again to Steve Dockery, With $61\frac{1}{2}$ miles he gained 7 firsts, two seconds, two thirds, 4 new records and a new British Gents Record on Windermere.

Lillian Brooks Bell on the other hand was not stopped by anybody or any thing and completed every swim she entered. Once again she completed a Windermere swim to retain her title of the oldest lady to swim Windermere in a very good time of 8.49.07.

Having a fight for third place on the mileage chart were Lillian, Peter Axson and Ian Ainsworth. Peter in his first complete season totalled $51\frac{1}{2}$ miles while Ian in his first season as a Senior swimmer started to complete the longer distances with Torbay and Windermere under his belt though he still prefers to swim the two miler at Grimsby.

John Heapy had planned more swims than he completed this season but illness when he had crews and fit with no crew were his problems. Still he completed three swims on Butterfly (I think he's forgotten how to do crawl) and got two Butterfly Records so the season wasn't all bad.

Congratulations must go to Dilys and Paul who it was reported are completing swims between feeds? more of this later. Dilys swam a total of $42\frac{1}{2}$ miles and Paul 24. Paul had a hard swim on Loch Tummel and unfortunately was forced to retire but no doubt he will try again another season. Chris Carter has also been swimming between feeds but has now added cycling to his list of abilities. Chris took part in the London - Paris Triathlon which was a Relay where they had to run from London-Dover, swim across the Channel then cycle to Paris.

Our President, Maurice Ferguson was another who was struck by illness, Hayfever, which he says he caught from his son in law. Never mind Maurice you'll have to watch out next season as Fred has nearly finished my new kitchen and will no doubt be back in the swim next year.

Steve usually breaks records by seconds but Peter Axson must have been pleased when he finished Windermere this year to find he'd knocked 75 minutes off his previous time. Peter also won four of the age group events events this year.

Last, Last and nearly last is how Harry Brooks sends in his list of swims, he's obviously very proud of his new position but he still completed $35\frac{5}{4}$ miles which will have taken him nearly as long as Chris took to swim his hundred miles.

Our juniors keep travelling the country and spreading the "Dolphin" name. It will be heard much further next year when Phillip Stringer realises what he's got involved in (I believe Dads Joining too). Simon would have swam more but his dad's illness got in his way.

Sue Johnson announced her engagement this year to Jeffrey Corkhill. Congratulations to you both, perhaps we'll see Jeffrey swimming too (if you cannot beat them join them).

Two new Dolphins also entered the world this year. Our congratulations to Dilys and Paul on a daughter Helen (I believe). Also to Chris and Dorothy Carter with a daughter Jennifer Kate back in March and a sister for Andrew.

At our Annual Dinner in 1983 the Anderson Trophy was awarded to Mrs Sunny Anderson. I'm sure I've no need to list Mrs Anderson's help and assistance she has given to the club but last year was the 50th Anniversary of her Channel crossing and I'm sure this presentation was a climax to her anniversary year.

Last but not least may I offer our thanks to the Pickmere Boating Company, and the staff of Warrington Baths for all their help and assistance over the last twelve months.

If all goes well for me at the AGM this should be the last Annual Report I write so if there are any offers for the position of secretary the jobs all yours. Many thanks and good luck with your swims in 1985.

Wendy James. Hon. Secretary.

INDIVIDUAL MILEAGE CHART 1984

Chris Green	124	Dave Penketh	12
Steve Dockery	61 $\frac{1}{4}$	Chris Carter	9
Lillian Brooks Bell	51 $\frac{1}{2}$	Cathy Taylor	8
Peter Axson	51 $\frac{1}{4}$	Simon Ferguson	7
Ian Ainsworth	51	Arthur Williams	4
Dilys Beynon	44 $\frac{3}{4}$	Nuala O'Neill	4
Harry Brooks	35 $\frac{3}{4}$	Helen Driver	3
Stuart Ainsworth	30	Paul Gwatkin	4
Bill Dutton	25	Phillip Stringer	2
Paul Kochanek	23	Ken Bailey	9 $\frac{1}{4}$
Maurice Ferguson	22 $\frac{3}{4}$	Dick Dickinson	1
John Heapy	15 $\frac{1}{2}$		

Club Total for 1984 602 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles

CHAMPIONSHIP AND INDIVIDUAL SWIMS COMPLETED IN 1984

Morecambe 2 way 18 miles

Chris Green 6.20.00

Fleetwood-- Morecambe 12 miles

Chris Green 4.55.00

Windermere 10 miles

S. Dockery (1) Brit Gent Rec	4.05.37
I. Ainsworth	4.31.37
P. Axson	6.59.35
C. Green	6.54.00
B. Dutton	4.51.00
L. Brooks Bell	8.49.07

Morecambe Bay 9 miles

C.Green	3.10.00
C.Green (Rec)	2.29.00
C.Green	2.45.00
C.Green	2.51.00

Scarborough Castle 8 miles

S.Dockery (1)	1.46.54
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Torbay 8 miles

S.Dockery (1)	2.56.02
I.Ainsworth	3.12.12
P.Axson (2 V)	4.44.04
C.Green	4.36.00
L.Brooks Bell (Vets only)	

Loch Tummel 7 miles

D.Beynon	3.31.00
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Walton-Clacton 7 miles

M.Ferguson	3.01.00
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Loch Earn 6 miles

D.Beynon	3.35.00
S.Dockery (1NR)	2.14.21

Bala 2 way 6 miles

D.Beynon	3.11.00
P.Kochanek	4.23.00
S.Dockery (3)	2.20.01
I.Ainsworth	2.30.47
P.Axson	3.55.58
C.Green	3.46.00
L.Brooks Bell	5.02.51
S.Ainsworth	4.33.40

Coniston 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles

D.Beynon (1)	2.45.39
M.Ferguson	3.07.00
S.Dockery (2)	1.54.46
P.Axson	2.57.08
H.Brooks	5.30.38
C.Green	2.56.00
C.Green	3.52.00
C.Green	3.19.00
C.Green	3.06.06

ASA 5 miles

B.Dutton	2.20.00
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Derwentwater Triangle 5 miles

I.Ainsworth	2.08.45
H.Brooks	5.40.14

Kielder Water 5 Miles

I.Ainsworth	1.27.55
S.Ainsworth	2.37.59

Grimsby 4 miles

S.Dockery (1NR)	1.11.54
H.Brooks (1V)	2.52.17

Llyn Padarn 4 miles

C.Taylor	
D.Beynon	2.03.24
P.Kochanek	2.30.00
H.Brooks	3.40.38
L.Brooks Bell (1V)	2.56.00
J.Heapy (1V Fly)	

St Germans-Kings Lynn 4 miles

D.Beynon	1.05.08
P.Kochanek	1.25.13
S.Dockery (2NR)	52.26
P.Axson	1.07.41
H.Brooks	1.17.36
C.Green	1.32.00
L.Brooks Bell	1.11.53

Damme- Brugge 4 miles

S.Dockery	58.01
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Alpha 84 4 miles

I.Ainsworth	1.23.18
B.Dutton (2)	1.50.00

Telford 4 miles

L.Brooks Bell	3.05.32
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Scarborough 4 miles

L.Brooks Bell	2.28.23
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Veterans 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles

M.Ferguson	2.05.29
P.Axson	2.02.30
L.Brooks Bell	2.40.25
J.Heapy (Fly)	

Warwickshire 2 miles

M.Ferguson	1.15.00
I.Ainsworth	
C.Carter	1.00.46
S.Ainsworth	1.14.39

Pickmere 3 miles

see enclosed results

ASA 3 miles

P.Axson (AG)	1.59.42
L.Brooks Bell (1V)	2.52.48
S.Ainsworth	2.12.40

Bala 3 miles

D.Beynon	1.26.12
P.Kochanek	1.51.45
C.Carter	1.24.29
D.Penketh	1.48.00
S.Ferguson (J)	2.07.07

Mercers Park 2 miles

D.Beynon	1.29.00
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<u>Stoney Cove 3 miles</u>			<u>Pickmere Handicap 1 mile</u>	
D.Beynon	1.29.26		M.Ferguson	40.19
P.Kochanek	2.19.53		D.Penketh	50.00
I.Ainsworth	1.05.09		S.Ainsworth	41.00
H.Brooks			C.Taylor	
D.Penketh	2.13.00		P.Axson	
S.Ainsworth	1.54.15		A.Williams	
<u>Kielder Dam Veterans 2$\frac{1}{2}$ miles</u>			H.Brooks	
P.Axson			B.Dutton	
H.Brooks	1.35.52		L.Brooks Bell	
	2.43.18		J.Heapy	
			SiFerguson(J)	
<u>Fairway Buoy 2$\frac{1}{2}$ miles</u>			<u>Dee mile 1 mile</u>	
C.Green	1.00.00		S.Dockery (1)	22.12
			I.Ainsworth (2)	22.32
<u>Pickmere 2 miles</u>			P.Axson	34.45
see enclosed results			H.Brooks	52.57
			C.Carter	29.57
<u>Grimsby 2 miles</u>			S.Ainsworth	35.59
I.Ainsworth	35.54		D.Dickinson	43.32
S.Ainsworth	59.10		K.Bailey	45.52
S.Ferguson (J)	1.04.38		N.O'Niell (2)	29.59
<u>Sandwell 2 miles</u>			<u>Cross Windermere 1 mile</u>	
D.Beynon (M)	57.31		I.Ainsworth	19.50
P.Kochanek	1.10.00		S.Ainsworth	
P.Axson (AG)	1.02.00			
C.Carter	54.00		<u>Grimsby 1 mile</u>	
B.Dutton (AG)	43.50		P.Axson (AG)	
D.Penketh	1.09.00			
<u>Morecambe Inshore 2 miles</u>			<u>Alpha 84 1 mile</u>	
S.Dockery (1)			S.Ainsworth	35.01
J.Heapy (V Fly)				
<u>Alpha 84 2 miles</u>			<u>Llyn Padarn 1000yds</u>	
H.Brooks	1.38.20		D.Beynon	18.00
S.Ainsworth	1.05.48		J.Heapy	
<u>Gala Longa 2 miles</u>			<u>Postal Swim Distances (and position)</u>	
C.Green	1.05.00		Joanne Keating (46)	2970
<u>Chasewater 2 miles</u>			Helen Driger (8)	4345
C.Green	1.05.00		Cathy Taylor (20)	3375
<u>Telford Veterans 2 miles</u>			Phillip Stringer (74)	2610
L.Brooks Bell (2)	1.23.02		Simon Ferguson (40)	3325
<u>Rydal Water 1$\frac{1}{2}$ miles</u>			Andy Sandon (16)	3735
J.Heapy			Kevin Normansell (26)	3110
<u>Champion of Champions 1 mile</u>			Brendon Harty (35)	2600
P.Axson (AG)	33.02		Keith Bosson (3)	4465
L.Brooks Bell (AG)	39.14		Alan Humphries (4)	3920
<u>Stoney Cove 1 mile</u>			Bill Dutton (2)	4465
D.Beynon	29.10		Chris Carter (6)	4060
P.Kochanek	31.38		David Penketh (30)	2920
H.Brooks			Bob Keating (19)	3280
			Denis Cook (20)	3255
			David Yeomans (33)	2760
			Peter Axson (2)	3472
			Ken Bailey (6)	2525
			Harry Brooks (7)	2482
			Dick Dickinson (11)	2920
			Arthur Williams (4)	2640

PICKMERE CHAMPIONSHIPS 1984

We staged our 20th Annual Championship this year on Saturday 9th June. Though I cannot include myself among their number, there were some present on the day, who have attended in one capacity or another, some if not all of the past twenty swims. This year as in the past, Pickmere became the scene, not only of championship swimming but also what seems to be a reunion of long distance swimmers from all over the country. It was a treat to see so many of the "old faces" back again at Pickmere. It was also very nice to welcome some new faces who were taking part in their first attempt at long distance swimming. I am pleased to say that for first timers they put up a good show completing the course and notching up what is hopefully the first of many successful swims. I don't think it will be remiss of me if I mention Royton Bluefins; In many cases their members were competing in their first openwater swim. They all did well, however their gain is our loss, for their coach, is Vince Gorman who at one time was a member of Warrington Dolphins. Nice to see you back at Pickmere, Vince.

Over the past years since we started swimming at Pickmere, changes have taken place and improvements made. This year, for the first time we entered the technological age and introduced two way radios into the rescue boat and turning boat at the far end of the lake. They proved to be a boon and will be in use again next year, a welcome update in the method of communication. This has meant that we now have on offer, our now redundant 'carrier pigeons' and the 'damp sticks and blanket' which were replaced by the pigeons, for anyone else with communication difficulties. One item of pleasure derived from the radios came on the day before the swim. We were setting up the course, myself, Maurice Ferguson and Dave Yeomans were trying out the radio links, 'good buddying it' etc., all over the lake. Suddenly our wavelenghts were crossed with a couple of truckers on the nearby motorway, sounding off on the vision that had just passed them, "a blond in the red sports with her top down". Well what can you do in the middle of the lake in a situation like that. Back to the swim !!!

Once again we were doubly favoured both with the number of competitors, 127 in all, and the weather, it was so hot at times that the spectators were hard put not to join the swimmers in the water. As usual it was the Junior swimmers who started the days events, getting under way on time with 35 boys and girls setting off on the two lap course off the lake.

1.Helen Perry	45.12	1.David Goadby	40.19 (New Record)
2.Wendy Tuffy	45.14	2.Nick Conyerd	47.55
3.Penny Smith	49.17	3.Gareth Knott	53.00
LBS Lynn Greaves	1.15.51	LBS Ian Ashton	1.11.23
		1st Dolphin Simon Ferguson	

The Junior Team Trophy was won by Scarborough Castle.

The afternoon was taken up by the Senior Championships, 92 ladies and gents taking to the water on the signal from Championship Referee Carl Walker, fliers to the front, the more passive to the rear. The gents swim as usual developed into a hard fought battle between Steve Dockery, Robert Sherburn, Ian Ainsworth and Darren Corden. In the Senior Ladies Championship the pace somewhat a trifle slower still neverthe less brought about a fighting finish with Samantha Starkey just pipping Helen Driver to the final touch.

1.Samantha Starkey	1.16.10	1.Robert Sherburn	1.00.50
2.Helen Driver	1.16.11	2.Darren Corden	1.00.55
3.Tracey Holcroft	1.17.59	3.Steve Dockery	1.01.22
LBS Fiona Brotherton	1.29.41	LBS Russel Knott	1.29.40
1VetMarguerite Pike	1.47.20	1VetEric Millican	1.17.03
1st Dolphin Helen Driver		1st Dolphin Steve Dockery	

The Senior Team Trophy was won by Warrington Dolphins.

Some interesting facts to emerge from the day were as follows. We had with us the youngest and oldest Dolphin competing. The youngest being Phillip Stringer who only qualified to swim during the week before the swim, and the oldest Arthur Williams, who at 67 years of age, a founder member of

the club also being one of the stalwarts I mentioned earlier, qualified age wise years ago. The oldest swimmer on the day however was Cmd Gerry Borsberg who at 71 years is another regular at Pickmere. Swotting for 'O'levels? well we have just the place, the top end of the lake acting as 'Turning Judge'. My daughter Jill and Dolphin Paul Gwatkin acted in this capacity, and judging by their results that emerged in August, put the time and solitude to good use. Congratulations to you both, and many thanks for services rendered. My thanks also to Simon Yeomans and his young lady friend who helped out in a similar capacity at the jetty end of the lake.

It naturally goes without saying that it is the team effort that makes Pickmere what it is, if it was not for the willing band of helpers that help me out every year Pickmere would be a 'non Starter'. To these people I would like to express my appreciation, Carl Walker our Championship Referee always willing to help in any capacity. John 'the voice' O'Hara well done yet again John for yet another lengthy marathon of the tonsils, sorry if the mike was only employed part time. Mrs. J. Gwatkin, Dick Dickinson and Dave Yeomans our timekeepers and finishing judges. Our Rescue Boat personnel Maurice Ferguson, Mrs. Keating, Mrs. Anderson and Dr. Deakin working in with our friends the Red Cross. Your presence was a valid assurance, and I am glad to say you were not too overworked. Boat Steward Alan Humphries and Equipment Steward Dave Gwatkin. The two ladies who spent the hot day over a hot stove, my wife Eileen and Joan Dockery, dispensing coffee and bovril to officials and swimmers respectively. My thanks also to Mr. Ken Bailey President of the BLDSA and past President of Warrington Dolphins, and Mr. Maurice Ferguson the President of the Warrington Dolphins, for their help in the presentation of trophies and certificates after both Championships. The Pickmere Boating Company for their cooperation in the championship year after year. To all the swimmers who took part, congratulations to all the successful competitors. Commiserations to those who did not make it, hard luck! there is always next year. To chauffeurs, mums, dads, sisters, brothers girlfriends and boyfriends, thanks for coming see you at Pickmere 1985 on JUNE 11th.

My last words of thanks go to Wendy James our Club Secretary whose invaluable work helps make my task the lighter. Apologies to Wendy's husband Fred, for interrupting her cement mixing, hod carrying, rubble clearing, tea making, etc. glad to hear that the extension is finally (Secretary's addition NEARLY*) finished.

I hope I have covered everyone, anyone I have missed my apologies. See you all in 1985.

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PICKMERE CHAMPIONSHIPS 1985, 11TH JUNE

PICKMERE CHAMPIONSHIPS 1984-RESULTS

JUNIOR LADIES

1. Helen Parry	45.12	11. Michaela Parker	1.10.18
2. Wendy Tuffy	45.14	12. Melanie Stones	1.12.15
3. Penny Smith	49.17	13. Lynn Greaves	1.15.51 BS
4. Amanda Maycock	49.18	14. Kathryn Smith	1.16.17 BS
5. Paula Dickinson	52.50	15. Sharron Tiplady	1.16.27 BS
6. Jacqueline Lawson	59.03	16. Alexia Dunn	1.21.10
7. Debbie Wardle	1.01.37	17. Rachel Hearn	1.21.11
8. Janet Howarth	1.05.34	18. Helen Bolton	1.43.04 BS
9. Virginia Carroll	1.07.25	19. Joanne Egan	1.43.04 BS
10. Hilary Clegg	1.08.56		

JUNIOR GENTS

1. David Goadby (New Record)	40.19	8. Simon Ferguson	1.10.17	
2. Nick Conyerd	47.55	9. Ian Ashton	1.11.23	BS
3. Gareth Knott	53.00	10. Chris Partington	1.12.29	BS
4. John King	55.47	11. Stephen Hayes	1.12.56	BS
5. Richard Mould	1,00.05	12. David Smith	1.14.44	
6. Andrew Worden	1.00.14	13. Lee Wood	1.15.07	
7. Barry Gallegher	1.08.24	14. Phillip Stringer	1.16.53	

JUNIOR TEAM RESULTS

1. Scarborough Castle	John King	
	David Smith	3.03.23
	Paula Dickinson	
2. Howebridge Marlins		3.07.25
3. Bolton Metro		3.36.06

SENIOR LADIES

1. Samantha Starkey	1.16.10	14. Barbara Hassell	1.45.24	BS
2. Helen Driver	1.16.11	15. Jennifer Warburton	1.45.51	
3. Tracey Holcroft	1.17.59	16. Marguerite Pike	1.47.20	1stVet
4. Carol Everitt	1.19.24	17. Janet Leach	1.48.25	
5. Kathy Batts	1.26.32	18. Katie Tyson	1.52.05	BS
6. Karen Renshaw	1.26.36	19. Karen Wombwell	1.52.30	
7. Allison Simister	1.26.43	20. Nuala O'Niell	1.52.52	
8. Fiona Brotherton	1.29.41	21. Tracey Cameron	1.54.01	
9. Joanne Harris	1.33.03	22. Alison Elliot	2.05.25	BS
10. Val Alderton	1.33.09	23. Avril Spencer	2.18.18	BS
11. Jane Tuffrey	1.33.40	24. Lilian Brooks Bell	2.24.04	BS
12. Suzanne Bretnall	1.33.43	25. Kathryn Myers	2.30.11	
13. Cathy Taylor	1.37.14			

SENIOR GENTS

1. Robert Sherburn	1.00.50	27. Barry Jones	1.33.52	
2. Darren Corden	1.00.55	28. Stephen Lawson	1.34.02	BS
3. Steve Dockery	1.01.22	29. Brian Tyson	1.35.36	
4. Ian Ainsworth	1.02.44	30. George Meynall	1.35.37	
5. David Morgan	1.10.13	31. Tony Smith	1.38.56	
6. William Dutton	1.12.32	32. Peter Hawksworth	1.41.24	
7. David Clarke	1.13.37	33. Graham Pearson	1.42.31	BS
8. Nick Minns	1.16.22	34. Paul Gwatkin	1.42.34	
9. Eric Millican 1stVet	1.17.03	35. John Heapy	1.45.54	
10. Paul Eade	1.18.22	36. Peter Axson	1.46.10	
11. Andrew Sagar	1.18.28	37. David Wheen	1.47.21	
12. Peter Stephens	1.18.55	38. Roy Millican	1.48.17	BS
13. Ken Keighley	1.22.04	39. Patrick Baker	1.48.23	BS
14. David Reason	1.24.04	40. Derek Turner	1.48.46	
15. Jeff Tanner	1.25.45	41. Steve Batts	1.53.29	BS
16. Edward Edge	1.25.47	42. Stuart Ainsworth	1.53.50	
17. Dave Mace	1.27.17	43. Paul Rushworth	1.54.22	BS
18. Julian Mullins	1.27.55	44. John Myott	1.54.35	
19. Francis Beardsell	1.28.54	45. James Holloway	1.56.45	
20. Peter Todd	1.29.30	46. Maurice Ferguson	2.03.29	
21. Russell Knott	1.29.40	47. Robert Perks	2.05.36	BS
22. Chris Green	1.31.01	48. Arthur Williams	2.15.01	
23. Dennis Renshaw	1.31.11	49. Gerry Forsberg	2.17.11	
24. Thomas Kellener	1.31.21	50. Vince Gorman	2.18.20	BS
25. William Hall	1.33.17	51. Jeffrey Gaskell	2.24.05	BS
26. Mike Sawdon	1.33.26	52. Keith Coleman	2.25.14	
		53. David Penketh	2.26.10	BS
		54. Ralph Hearn	2.32.51	
		55. Harry Brooks	2.38.53	BS
		56. Percy Bull	2.39.11	BS

SENIOR TEAM RESULTS

1.Warrington Dolphins	Steve Dockery Ian Ainsworth Bill Dutton	3.16.38
2.Scarborough Castle		4.02.37
3.Spencer Swim Team		4.04.04
4.Alpha 84		4.12.56
5.Howebridge Marlins		4.24.55
6.Rotherham Metro		4.32.19
7.Royton Bluefins		4.32.56
8.Warwickshire		4.40.56

Here ends the Pickmere Championships of 1984, the Dolphins hope to see you all again on June 11th 1985

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