

WARRINGTON DOLPHINS LONG DISTANCE SWIMMING CLUB.

ANNUAL REPORT 1985.

I commence my first report as Hon Secretary of the Warrington Dolphins L.D.S.C. having succeeded Wendy James to the post, by thanking her on behalf of the club, for all her hard work during her term of office.

The mileage chart this year, is somewhat down compared with last season. Allowing for the bad weather, that was loosely termed as last summer, it is a wonder any swims took place at all. The stalwarts who did brave the conditions deserve congratulations for their perseverance.

The first position on our mileage chart, is once again occupied by Chris Green. Chris completed a total of 154 miles, in both individual and championship swims. As usual he spent a great deal of the season in Morecambe Bay. His total number of crossings this season is 9 making an overall number of crossings of 32 which is a new British Record. A record that was hitherto held by Cmdr Gerry Forsberg. Chris seems to have been in a record breaking mood this season, for another gained by him was in his swim across the Gibraltar Strait, from Tarifa in Spain to Pia Leona in Morrocco, a distance of 13 miles in a time of 6 hours 28 minutes 40 seconds, creating a new British Record. Add to his list of swims, an attempt on the English Channel and it can be seen that he has had a very busy season.

In second place on the mileage chart is Peter Axson, who has had a full programme completing 56 miles, including two crossings of the Solent.

Third placed is Ian Ainsworth continuing his successes of previous years with the club both as a junior and a senior representative of the club. Ian's total for this season is 42½ miles, he was first at Keilder Water 5 mile Championship and represented Great Britain in the long distance championships internationals in Yugoslavia.

Dilys Beynon recorded 37 miles, she was unfortunately plagued by not only the bad weather, but also by a car that continually broke down either just starting out for, or half way to championships.

Harry Brooks, Maurice Ferguson and Fred James all notched up creditable swims as the weather allowed

Simon Ferguson with 24 miles and Paul Stringer with 5 miles continued in their representation of the Dolphins Juniors at championships throughout the U.K.

As I have mentioned, the weather was not all that it should be and it took it's toll on swimmers and championships alike. Quite a number of swims were either abandoned or were swum over shortened courses.

There has been one noticeable absentee from the Dolphins competing this season. This is Steve Dockery, who has retired from competitive swimming. He nevertheless remains an active committee member. Another Dolphin to have left our midst, is Carole Hunt. Carole completed her course at the I.M. Marsh Physical Training College in Liverpool, and has taken up teaching post in the South of England

At our Annual dinner and dance in 1984, the Anderson Trophy was presented to Steve Dockery, in recognition of his achievements and his representation of the club both in the United Kingdom and overseas. There was also a presentation to Ken Bailey, of a silver salver in recognition of his services to the Warrington Dolphins and to commemorate his year of office as President of the British Long Distance Swimming Association.

As well as the change in the secretary's post, there has been a change in the position of Chief Coach. Dave Yoemans has found it necessary to relinquish the job, and the coaching is now shared by Bill Dutton and Susan Corkhill, with Bob Keating conducting the Sunday sessions.

In closing, my thanks to the Pickmere Boating Company and the management and staff of the Warrington Baths, for their co-operation and assistance over the past year.

Susan Corkhill. Hon Secretary.

Individual Mileage Chart.

Chris Green	154.
Peter Axson	56.
Ian Ainsworth	42½.
Dilys Beynon	37.
Harry Brooks	24½.
Maurice Ferguson	24.
Fred James	19.
Simon Ferguson	14.
Chris Carter	13.
Paul Kohanek	10.
Stuart Ainsworth	10.
Jon Stringer	10.
Paul Stringer	5.

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Note from the President.

Marriage - Congratulations and Best Wishes for the future to Sue Johnson and Jeffrey Corkhill, who were married on 5th October.

Maurice Ferguson.

President Warrington Dolphins
Long Distance Swimming Club.

CHAMPIONSHIP AND INDIVIDUAL SWIMS COMPLETED IN 1985.

Strait of Gibraltar 13 miles.

Tarifa (Spain) Pia Leona (Morrocco)
Chris Green British Record 6.28.00.

Windermere 10 miles.

Chris Green 6.14.00.
Chris Green 6.38.00.

Yugoslavia Int. Championships 10 miles

Ian Ainsworth.

Morecambe Bay 9 Miles.

Chris Green 25th crossing. 3.28.00
Chris Green 26th " " 2.39.00
Chris Green 27th " " 2.44.00
Chris Green 28th " " 2.30.00
Chris Green 29th " " 2.39.00
Chris Green 30th " " 2.50.00
Chris Green 31st " " 2.55.00
Chris Green 32nd " " 2.52.00

Torbay 8 Miles.

Chris Green. 5.58.00

Bala 6 Miles.

Chris Green 3.27.00

Derwentwater. 6 Miles.

Ian Ainsworth 2.22.44

Chasewater. 6 Miles.

Ian Ainsworth. 2.12.04

Coniston. 5 1/4 Miles.

Peter Axson.
Harry Brooks.
Dilys Beynon 2.40.00
Maurice Ferguson 3.21.19
Chris Green 2.57.00
Chris Green 2.56.00

Solent 5 Miles.

Peter Axson
Peter Axson

Torbay Veterans 4 Miles.

Peter Axson
Maurice Ferguson 2.19.00

Keilder Water 5 Miles.

Ian Ainsworth Ist

St Germain's - Kings Lyn 4 Miles.

Chris Green 1.17.00
Peter Axson.
Harry Brooks.

Llyn Padarn 4 Miles.

Hary Brooks.
Fred James

Llyn Padarn 4 Miles Continued.

Dilys Beynon Ist 1.42.00
Stuart Ainsworth 2.49.22

Grimsby 4 miles.

Harry Brooks
Maurice Ferguson 2.00.04
Ian Ainsworth 1.18.00
Fred James

River Lune 3 1/2 Miles

Peter Axson.
Chris Green 2.39.00

Mercer's Park 3 1/2 Miles.

Dilys Beynon 1.40.24

Chasewater 3 Miles.

Ian Ainsworth 1.11.57.

Bala 3 Miles.

Chris Green 1.35.00

Bala Inter Services 3 Miles

Peter Axson
David Penketh 2.05.00
Chris Carter 1.28.52
Chris Green 1.30.00

A.S.A. Masters 3 Miles.

Peter Axson.
Dilys Beynon 1.38.27
Chris Carter 1.30.00

Pickmere Championships 3 Miles.

Peter Axson.
Jon Stringer.
Harry Brooks.
David Penketh.
Dilys Beynon.
Maurice Ferguson
Chris Carter
Stuart Ainsworth 1.49.23.
Ian Ainsworth 1.09.24
Chris Green 1.28.00
Fred James

Stoney Cove. 3 Miles.

David Penketh 2.15.00
Dilys Beynon (Ist Vet) 1.37.23
Paul Kohanek

Keilder Water Veterans 2 1/2 Miles.

Peter Axson.
Dilys Beynon Ist 1.17.00.

Sandwell 2 Miles.

Peter Axson.
Jon Stringer
Dilys Beynon 56.50.
Paul Kohanek
Fred James.
David Penketh 1.14.27.

Sandwell Jnr 2 Miles.

Paul Stringer.
Simon Ferguson 43.21.

West Park 2 Miles.

Harry Brooks.

Alpha'84'2 Miles.

Simon Ferguson

Waterloo Jnr. 2 Miles

Simon Ferguson 1.03.10

Swan Pool 2 Miles.

Maurice Ferguson.

Pickmere Jnr. Championships, 2 Miles

Paul Stringer.
Simon Ferguson. 57.39

Grimsby 2 Miles.

Stuart Ainsworth 59.36.

Grimsby 2 Miles Jnr.

Simon Ferguson 53.31

Llyn Padarn 2 Miles. Jnr.

Simon Ferguson 1.04.07

Warwickshire 2 Miles

Fred James.
Dilys Feynon(Ist Vet) 53.13
Paul Kohanek
Maurice Ferguson 1.03.00
Chris Green. 55.00

Morecambe Inshore 2 Miles.

Jon Stringer.
Paul Stringer
David Penketh 1.14.25

Warwickshire I Mile.

Dilys Beynon (Ist Vet) 32.00
Paul Kohanek.
Maurice Ferguson
Chris Carter

Stoney Cove I Mile.

Dilys Beynon (Ist Vet) 32.15

Dee Mile. I Mile

Harry Brooks
Chris Carter 28.26

Llyn Padarn I Mile

Dilys Beynon Ist 32.15.

Grimsby I Mile.

Peter Axson.

Chasewater I Mile.

Peter Axson.
Harry Brooks.
Stuart Ainsworth 32.03
Ian Ainsworth 20.34.

Pickmere I Mile Handicap

Ian Ainsworth. 28.10
Carole Hunt 29.55
Keith Bosson. 31.00
David Jones 32.00
Dina Redfern 34.05
Fred James. 34.15
Simon Ferguson (Junior) 36.00
Chris Carter 36.00
Dilys Beynon 36.55
Andy Worden 37.00
Cathy Taylor 37.05
Chris Green 38.45
John Heapy 40.45
Maurice Ferguson 41.10
David Penketh 42.15
Jon Stringer 43.13
Stuart Ainsworth 44.00
Peter Axson 44.00
Paul Stringer (Junior) 48.10
Harry Brooks 63.00.

PICKMERE CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The 1985 Pickmere Championships were a milestone for the Warrington Dolphins, in that the championship came of age, 21 years old. There was however, no key to the door, but over the years it has become apparent, that there is a key, and that is the key to the success of Pickmere that has been ongoing since the early days. Through the friendliness, the enjoyment and the support of not only club members but also countrywide from the swimmers and their supporters who join us on the day. Our first championship numbered 17 swimmers, at the close of entries for the 1985 championships 150 competitors were listed to take part. Which I feel is an indication of the interest and enthusiasm shown towards long distance swimming today.

As with championships over the past years in my memory, the 7th June 1985 bore all the ingredients required for a successful day. We had the water, the boats, the weather such as it was, I would hasten to add 'our weather' was better than most championships experienced this season. The support and most of all the enthusiasm of the swimmers competing.

The Junior Championships were favourably supported with 22 Junior Ladies and 13 Junior Gents, and got under way at 10.45 am by the signal from Mrs Margaret Smith, President of the British Long Distance Swimming Association. With two laps of the lake in front of them, there was the usual jockeying for position in the first 100 yards. Soon the field settled to a steady battle up front with the fliers thrashing it out and the tailenders content to complete the course. A cracking pace was set by Nicholas Conyerd, Paul Hubbert, Penny Smith, Joanne Wolfenden, Tamra Cheshire and Dolphin Simon Ferguson demonstrated that he too was not there to admire the view. It was these swimmers who maintained their lead positions and emerged the eventual trophy winners.

1st Junior Lady. Penny Smith 2nd. Joanne Wolfenden 3rd. Tamra Cheshire
1st Breast stroke Andrea Chell.

1st Junior Gent. Nicholas Conyerd, 2nd. Paul Hubbert. 3rd and 1st Dolphin home Simon Ferguson. 1st Breast Stroke Paul Corteen.

There were 7 retirements, none too seriously effected by the cold. They are to be commended for their attempt, and their courage to realise that enough was enough. To these swimmers, hard luck try again next time. To all the remaining swimmers who completed the swim, my heartiest congratulations on an excellent performance. It is worthy of note that quite a few of the junior swimmers were taking part in their first open water swim.

At 2.30 pm the Seniors took to the water, all 112 ladies and gents. It could be said that the water displacement of 112 bodies entering the lake did not swamp the officials on the jetty, but folklore has it, that Championship Day at Pickmere, is the only day there is a 'high tide' at this location. It was necessary to recruit a different starter for the senior championship, this was due to Mrs Margaret Smith had now donned her swimsuit and had become a competitor. The starter flag and whistle had now been taken up by Mr. Mike Smith a Past President of the B.L.D.S.A. and who was our Championship Referee. At his signal a great seething mass of bodies started on the three lap (3 mile) course around the lake. David Goadby our Junior Champion from last year flying into the lead and setting up a cracking pace to place him 1st a good 3 minutes ahead of his nearest rival. (Full results of both Ladies and Gents Championships Senior and Junior follow the body of the report)

Long Distance Swimming seems to be a source for making new friends, this year was no exception. The new friends on this occasion were the

5/8 Kings Regt based at Warrington and who assisted with our radio communications. I am most grateful for the efficient way they carried out their task. It looks as though this may become a lasting friendship, for they have expressed the desire to assist us again in 1986.

At the end of each championship quite a number of people thank me for a pleasant day, these expressions are much appreciated. However I feel that it is me who should be thanking the many people who make my task of organising the event, that much lighter. So to all the helpers who set up the lake, to the Timekeepers, the Equipment Steward, the scribes of certificates and results sheets, the programme sellers and raffle ticket sellers the helpers on the rescue launch and the ladies supplying the competitors drinks, though not mentioned by name they know who they are and of my gratitude. However I feel that I should mention by name, Mrs Margaret Smith, the President of the B.L.D.S.A. for her help at our presentations. Mr Mike Smith a Past President of the B.L.D.S.A. for acting as our Championship Referee. Mr J.O'Hara (John) again of the B.L.D.S.A. for his usual commentary. and Mr Carl Walker another member of the B.L.D.S.A. who spent the entire day on the lake as Boat Steward. It is an indication of the friendship throughout the Association when these people willingly come and so readily help out at our championships.

Finally my thanks to the British Red Cross, the Pickmere Boating Company and again to you the swimmers and supporters for making Pickmere 85. the success it was. Pickmere 1986 will be on Saturday 7th June.

JUNIOR GENTS CHAMPIONSHIP.

1st. Nicholas Conyerd	46.42.
2nd. Paul Hubbert	47.28.
3rd. Simon Ferguson	57.39.
4th. David Northmore	100.13.
5th. Paul Corteen.	105.23. (1st B/s)
6th. Barry Gallagher.	110.08.
7th. Chris Grundy.	111.56.
8th. Phillip Stringer.	111.30.
9th. Chris Partington.	115.39.

JUNIOR TEAM RESULTS.

Winners.

Scarborough Castle L.D.S.C.

Tanra Cheshire.
David Northmore
Alexia Dunn 2. 52 52.

JUNIOR LADIES CHAMPIONSHIP

1st. Penny Smith	49.04.
2nd. Joanne Wolfenden	49.23.
3rd. Tanra Cheshire.	50.15.
4th. Honey Shaw	55.44.
5th. Carolyn Bosnar	56.33.
6th. Virginia Carroll	100.06.
7th. Andrea Chell	100.34. 1st B/s)
8th. Alexia Dunn	102.24.
9th. Joanne Hampshire.	102.26.
10th. Clare McManus	107.34.
11th. Lynne Greaves	111.27.
12th. Debbie Wardle	111.29.
13th. Suzanne Colman	116.50.
14th. Rachel Sherdley	120.30
15th. Helen Bolton	122.44.
16th. Joanne Egan	122.45.
17th. Sarah Cushnahan	122.47.
18th. Sonia Crompton	132.42.

SENIOR GENTS CHAMPIONSHIPS.

1st. David Goadby	59.57
2nd. Darren Corden	101.24
3rd. Lyndon Dunsbee	101.30
4th. Ricahrd Davey	104.40
5th. Tim Dunsbee	107.34
6th. Ian Ainsworth	109.24
7th. Simon Lee	109.49
8th. Ian Muir	I. 10.00
9th. Bill Dutton	I. 12.58
10th. Nick Minns	I. 14.28
11th. Eric Millican	I. 15.15
(1st Veteran)	
12th David Reason	I. 15.24.

SENIOR LADIES CHAMPIONSHIPS.

1st. Bridget Young	I .04.47.
2nd. Helen Perry	I .05.46.
3rd. Yvonne Carter	I .05.55.
4th. Dina Redfern	I .11.57.
5th. Carole Hunt	I .12.00.
6th. Wendy Tuffy	I .12.57.
7th. Karen Renshaw	I .14.35.
8th. Samantha Starkey	I .15.23.
9th. Carol Everitt	I .18.51.
10th. Amanda Maycock	I .19.05.
11th. Paula Dickinson	I .23.37.
12th. Fiona Brotherton	I .25.24.
13th. Dilys Beynon	I .27.48.

SENIOR GENTS CHAMPIONSHIP
(continued).

13th.	Paul Eade	I	.16.20.
14th.	John King	I	.16.55.
15th.	Stephen Leak	I	.20.59.
16th.	Peter Stephens	I	.22.01.
17th.	Francis Beardsell	I	.23.39.
18th.	Peter Hawksworth	I	.23.43.
19th.	Chris Carter	I	.24.35.
20th.	Tom Kellagher	I	.25.23.
21st.	Alan Turk	I	.27.58.
22nd.	Neil Thompson	I	.28.09.
23rd.	Chris Green	I	.28.59.
24th.	Edward Edge	I	.29.04.
25th.	Brian Tyson	I	.29.05.
26th.	Mike Sawdon	I	.29.22.
27th.	Ken Keighley	I	.30.03.
28th.	Dennis Reason	I	.30.28.
29th.	Fred James	I	.30.53.
30th.	Peter Todd	I	.30.55.
31st.	Barry Jones	I	.31.09.
32nd.	John Chell	I	.34.11.
33rd.	Andy Samdon	I	.34.49.
34th.	Mark Beardsell	I	.36.53.
35th.	Terrance Colley	I	.37.36.
36th.	Patrick Baker	I	.37.45.
37th.	Roya Millican	I	.37.51.
38th.	Maurice Ferguson	I	.37.51.
39th.	Tony Espin	I	.38.04.
40th.	Andrew Warden	I	.38.39.
41st.	David Wheen	I	.39.04.
42nd.	Charles Forsberg	I	.39.43.
43rd.	Andrew Henshall	I	.39.46.
44th.	John Heapy	I	.41.53.
45th.	Paul Rushworth	I	.42.09.
46th.	Peter Axson	I	.44.56.
47th.	Bob Perks	I	.45.44.
48th.	Bill Angus	I	.45.50.
49th.	John Irlam	I	.46.48.
50th.	John Myott	I	.46.51.
51st.	Douglas Graham	I	.47.51.
52nd.	Stuart Ainsworth	I	.49.23.
53rd.	Rick Webster	I	.51.01.
54th.	James Holdaway	I	.51.03.
55th.	Jon Stringer	I	.54.18.
56th.	Eric Cunliffe	I	.55.05.
57th.	John Bates	I	.55.27.
58th.	David Colley	I	.57.18.
59th.	Keith Coleman	I	.57.53.
60th.	Steve Batts	I	.59.47.
61st.	David Penketh	2	.02.29.
62nd.	Jeff Cassell	2	.20.24.
63rd.	Gerald Forsberg	2	.25.50.
64th.	Harry Brooks	2	.25.54.

SENIOR LADIES CHAMPIONSHIPS
(continued)

14th.	Joan Metcalf	I	.29.49.
15th.	Karen Jones	I	.30.22.
16th.	Suzanne Bretnall	I	.30.22.
17th.	Kathy Batts	I	.30.23.
18th.	Joanna Harris	I	.31.16.
19th.	Carolyn Hilldrup	I	.31.27.
20th.	Hazel Dawson	I	.33.04.
21st.	Jane Tuffrey	I	.38.15.
22nd.	Jennifer Worden	I	.38.50.
23rd.	Barbara Hassell	I	.39.55.
24th.	Susan Gardiner	I	.41.42.
25th.	Janet Leach	I	.42.18.
26th.	Katie Tyson	I	.45.46.
27th.	Marguerite Pike	I	.46.33.
	(1st veteran)		
28th.	Jill Staples	I	.48.00.
29th.	Julie Cunliffe	I	.49.58.
30th.	Allison Elliott	I	.52.33.
31st.	Linda Holmes	I	.53.20.
32nd.	Joan Lancaster	I	.54.47.
33rd.	Tracy Cameron	2	.03.25.
34th.	Jane Harrison	2	.07.56.
35th.	Margaret Smith	2	.10.38.
36th.	Debbie Smith	2	.17.35.

SENIOR TEAM RESULTS.

Winners.

Warwickshire L.D.S.C.

David Goadby.

Darren Dorden.

Helen Perry 3. 07. 07.