

WARWICKSHIRE LONG DISTANCE SWIMMING ASSOCIATION

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The loss of facilities at Kingsbury Water Park, have effectively cut W.L.D.S.A. down to a virtually non swimming group, and I feel that, unless someone, somewhere, takes up the cudgels as it were on our behalf, the disease will spread nationwide. Truly while other water sports are encouraged, despite polluting the atmosphere with noise and petrol fumes and the water with oil, No Swimming notices appear in staggering profusion, country wide. Let us hope the new water authorities, especially in the Midlands will adopt a different attitude, and encourage what is, after all, the most natural of all water sport.

Our remaining two swimmers, blessed with good weather turned out to be most enjoyable. Despite being a limited entry race owing to the small number of boats available, Coniston is still a great success, with Stoney Cove a lovely end of season fixture. David Goadby on his return to open water, and using it as a training swim up to his successful Channel attempt, won the Coniston in 1hr 57min 09Secs, with Simon Lee and Darren Heald close behind in 2hr 7min 28Secs & 2hr 7min 43Secs respectively. The Ladies F/S was won by Lynne Lee, pushing Simon along in ladylike fashion in 2hr 7min 3 with Virginia Carroll and Julie Ward, now old friends of Warwickshire 2nd and 3rd. Suzanne Brettnall took the Ladies B/S in 3hr 17min 40Secs, with Marge Bartlett, the Lady from Kendal in 2nd place. Chris Parlington, now another old competitor from Bolton won the Gents B/S in 3hr 24min 11Secs. With 21 swimmers completing the course, congratulations to all taking part are called for.

The Stoney Cove swim remains as popular as ever, and although the Junior numbers have fallen a little in recent years, this is a natural thing, and the balance will change back all in good time.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who have swam with us, with all the other clubs and groups, and all who have kept open water swimming going. And I fervently hope that we can collar as many shares as possible in the water industry. We might then be able to abolish all No Swimming notices everywhere.
Good Luck to all in 1990.

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Warrington Dolphins Long Distance Swimming Club

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ANNUAL REPORT 1989.

It is with pleasure that I present the Annual Report of the Clubs' Silver Jubilee year. It was fitting that at the Annual General Meeting Bob Keating, one of the founder members of the club was elected as President.

The celebrations started with a twenty five hour charity swim at Warrington baths in aid of the Mayor of Warrington's Charity Appeal and club funds to sponsor the main event of the year two Channel Relay attempts. It was our intention to have two teams, a one way and a two way team. The attempts took place during the August Bank holiday weekend, the teams comprised of one way: Keith Bosson, Neil Thomson, Karen Jones, Paul Lyth, Phillip Stringer and Jon Stringer and two way: James Tinsley, Chris Green, Sue Corkhill, Peter Axson, Chris Carter and Simon Ferguson.

Both teams were successful in completing the England to France crossing, unfortunately the two way attempt had to be abandoned owing to the deteriorating weather conditions.

We intend to conclude our Silver Jubilee celebrations with a Dinner Dance at the Lord Daresbury Hotel, Daresbury, at the end of November.

Throughout the year club members have as usual participated in most of the British Long Distance Swimming Association and affiliated club championships. Paul Lyth and Phillip Stringer were successful in their first attempt at Windermere and Caroline Smith completed Coniston.

At the British Long Distance Swimming Association Annual General Meeting Maurice Ferguson succeeded Chris Carter as President of the Association.

Congratulations to Simon Ferguson and Virginia Carroll and to Joanne Keating and Luc on their engagements.

In conclusion may I take this opportunity to wish you all an enjoyable and successful season in 1990.

SUSAN CORKHILL. HON. SECRETARY.

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