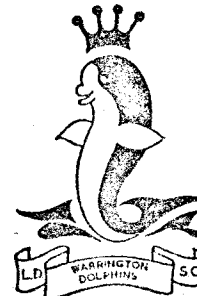


Warrington Dolphins Long Distance Swimming Club



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Dear Member,

This is the first of the 'newsletters' requested by the A.G.M. last January. In view of the fact that it has taken 6 months to issue it, I feel that the first matter should be my apologies for the delay - a combination of work, exams, decorating, domestic chores (chained to the kitchen sink) and new arrivals have not exactly assisted me in carrying out club work this year.

However, now that the time is available, I'll tell briefly what has taken place within the club during that period. The season got off to a good start with our club members taking six out of the first seven places in the Warwickshire Spring Handicap. Maurice took first place, Dilys second and Chris third - I'm delighted to report Maurices win - he's certainly worked for it.

The Championships were again a great success (thanks to Maurice) as most of you will know. 84 entries in total - slightly down on last year but far from discouraging.

Morecambe Cross Bay Championships also proved an excellent days swimming for the club with Bill Dutton winning the men's championship and Dilys Beynon winning the women's championships.

A very important matter for the club this year is the Captain Webb Centenary Cross Channel Relay Race which we are to take part in on 18th/19th August (motion passed at A.G.M. in January). The team is organised (Dilys Beynon, Gina Clarke, Pat Dawson, Bill Dutton, Chris Carter and myself with Paul Tew and Julie Russell as reserves) and John and Edna Alexander as team managers. Just for the record, perhaps I should point out that to qualify (B.L.D.S.A. ruling) swimmers must be able to swim 2 miles in UNDER the hour in open water - this is why we have had to look outside the club to make up the team though I would hasten to add that Pat and Julie are now members. The money angle is another matter - we were disappointed with an application to Barclays Bank for £600 (the estimated sum required to cover the venture) and have now taken to asking local firms etc. for donations - £150 received so far but we are still far from our goal so if you know of any possible sources of finance (legal that is), please don't hesitate to contact Chris Carter or myself immediately.

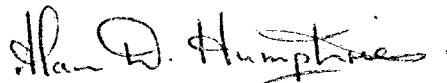
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Another mile handicap race (club members only) is to be run on 27th September at Pickmere Lake - don't say you haven't been told early enough will you.

Just one complaint (if I may) - I feel that more help could be given by seniors to the junior members of the club. I know that some are doing all they can but I'd like to see everybody (including myself) taking a greater interest in them (there's a lot of potential amongst them).

To conclude, may I once again say that I regret the delay in the issue of this letter and that I hope to issue at least another two before the end of the year. If you have any matters of interest, ideas, requests etc. which you want circulating in these letters or any questions about club or committee activities please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Alan D. Humphreys". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Hon. Secretary.