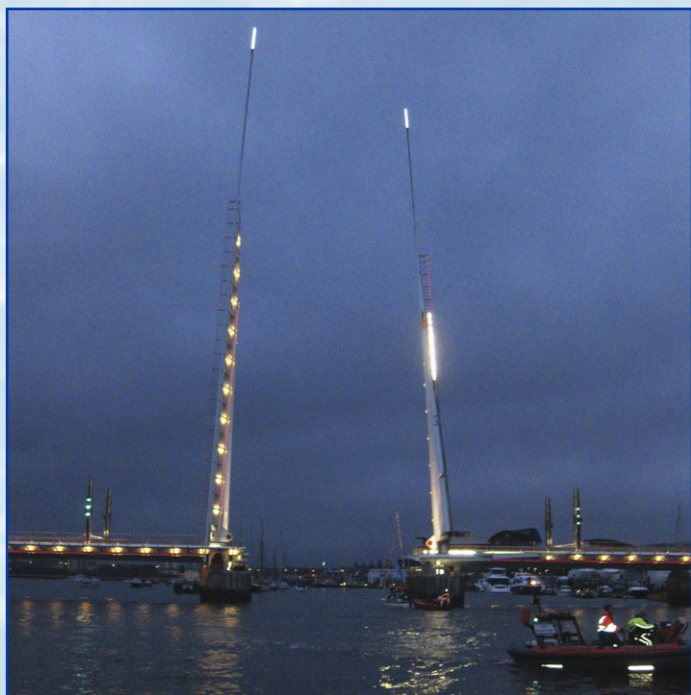


## Official Opening of the Twin Sails Bridge

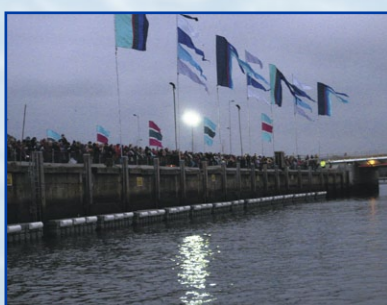


the pool between the two bridges, we all moored alongside the wall of the old power station where we were able to listen to the concert given by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra and singers; there were about 1500 spectators watching the concert.

When it became dark, the flotilla turned on their illuminations and at 6pm the new bridge was formally opened by the Mayor of Poole. The Flotilla, led by the Poole lifeboat passed through the Twin sails bridge in convoy, and when all the craft were through the bridge we then turned about and proceeded back through the new bridge to the pool where we again moored up until the 7.30pm opening of the old bridge.



Everyone in The Friends of Dolphin was justly proud and delighted to be asked to take part in the flotilla at the opening of the new Twin Sails Bridge on Friday 9th March 2012 and I was especially pleased to be asked to join the crew on Dolphin for the occasion.



With Dolphin dressed overall, we sailed through the old bridge on the 3pm opening along with all the other members of the flotilla. There were fifteen other craft taking part, including representatives of the Local Yacht Clubs, the Poole lifeboat and inshore lifeboat, the Royal Marines, Poole Harbour Commissioners, Sailability and the steam launch 'Irene', which was the smallest member of the flotilla. Once in



Everything went like clockwork, although the scene in the pool before the procession through the Twin Sails Bridge must have looked like a disorganised melee before it became an organised procession. It was a proud moment for both Poole but also for The Friends of Dolphin for being invited to take part in the momentous occasion.

**Bob Irwin**

## Booking Trips

This is in the hands of **Bob Irwin** who will be only too pleased to answer all your queries and take bookings for this coming season. Bob can be contacted in one of two ways; either by telephone on **01258 857806** or by e-mail through our web site [www.thefriendsofdolphin.co.uk](http://www.thefriendsofdolphin.co.uk) on the page 'How to book'. If Bob is not on the end of the telephone, there is an answer machine for you to leave a message and your telephone number and he will come back to you. It has also become apparent that, because our Newsletters are available at the Haven Boat Marina on Poole Quay from where our trips start and finish, some people think that they are able to book trips on Dolphin there. THIS IS NOT SO, and we would ask everyone who wishes to book a trip to ONLY use the two nominated methods of contacting Bob.

**So please don't forget:**

**Tel: 01258 857806**

[www.thefriendsofdolphin.co.uk](http://www.thefriendsofdolphin.co.uk)

## Sign on with us

We are always looking to increase the associate membership of Friends of Dolphin. Register with us for £10 a year for a single person, or £15 for a couple (a very modest sum). All monies go directly towards the running of Dolphin as the services of all our volunteers are completely free.

Membership and donations can both be paid in conjunction with 'Gift Aid' (provided you are a tax payer) and this then allows us to reclaim the tax on that sum... £1.25 on every £1.00. All you need to do is to telephone Bob Irwin on **01258 857806** and he will be pleased to send you the correct form for you to complete and return.

However there is now another way in which can give us a donation; for those with a computer who have access to the internet, you are now able to give a donation via e fundraising on [www.secure.efundraising.org.uk](http://www.secure.efundraising.org.uk); by this method you may donate by either debit or credit card, and payment goes direct into our bank account.

## Looking for Volunteers

Friends of Dolphin are seeking to compile a register of ANYONE who is able to give help or time to Dolphin, whether it is time to help us with fund raising, or time as a crew member on 'Dolphin III'. It may be that you can spare us two hours of your valuable time or even longer. If you can, please contact us with details of the help that you could provide and whether it is on fund raising, supermarket collections, crewing, or at any other general event that we might organise.

We are especially looking for anyone to help us with Fund raising events, with time to give for 'bucket rattling' at supermarket collections and events of that nature that usually take place on a Friday or a Saturday. Please help us.

**For further details of membership please telephone BOB IRWIN on 01258 857806. For those who are able to help by giving some of their time to Friends of Dolphin, please telephone BRENDA STONE on 01202 676379.**

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## Thank You Corner

There are so many good and helpful people who support us throughout every year with donations and fundraising efforts on our behalf and we sincerely thank them all.

It would be impossible to list them all here but we simply must send special thanks to the following (*in no particular order*) for their generosity in the past year:

- ◆ Dorset Golf & Country Club
- ◆ Digby Trust
- ◆ Marc Stone
- ◆ Lodge of St. Marks
- ◆ M.C.Crabb
- ◆ Miss Camp
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- ◆ Meyrick Ladies Probus.
- ◆ Bill Dean
- ◆ Bournemouth Disabled Fellowship
- ◆ Wareham Lions Club
- ◆ *AND, of course (as ever) Mr. Ken Mackenzie.*

We are so grateful to each and every one of them and ALL the other individual donations received, for their invaluable support in every way that you all support us.

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## Welcome to 2012



there will be no cancellations due to the weather.

However, 2011 ended on a sad note with the retirement of four of our volunteers, which you will see in our Chairman's report. This only goes to show that we are all getting that much older and it would be really good if we could see some younger 'blood' stepping forward to enter our ranks. So, I would like to take this opportunity to stress that we are always looking for new volunteers, both for crewing and also helping in the Fund Raising team.

Firstly a Very Happy New Year to you all. 2011 was once again a good year for Dolphin trips, and I am delighted that we again exceeded 2000 passengers in the Operating Season. The actual total was in fact 2025, a few less than 2010 but this was due to several trips being cancelled because of the weather. Everyone in Dolphin is looking forward to this year and hope that

You will see in our Newsletter that Dolphin was invited to take part in the Flotilla for the celebration of the official opening of Poole's new Twin Sails Bridge, and this is indeed a great honour for us. I was able to be present and to take several photos of the event. Also, we are delighted to announce the winner of the Dolphin Trophy, which for 2011 goes to Remedy Oak Golf Club; the presentation is in the process of being arranged.

Please do not forget to look at our web site which is up to date with all the relevant information. May I also suggest that you look at our Events page which gives you an up to date look at what Fund raising and events are taking place during the year; it is with regret that we have decided not to continue with the Band Concerts at this time Our Web address is: [www.thefriendsofdolphin.co.uk](http://www.thefriendsofdolphin.co.uk). Any further information can be obtained by contacting our chief skipper Chris Price or our Chair of Fund raising Brenda Stone. I do hope that everyone will have another great year

**Bob Irwin**

## The Harry Redknapp Legends Charity Day

At the end of June 2011 Harry Redknapp hosted his Legends Charity Day at Remedy Oak Golf Club. The event was sponsored by Dimplex and many of Harry's friends from the Sporting World had accepted invitations to play in a team with three amateurs. Among those present were Brian Lara, Jamie Redknapp, Matt Le Tissier, Kevin Bond, Clive Allen and other notable names.

After the tournament a dinner for over 100 guests was held at the golf club where most of the monies were raised by auctions and raffles. In total the final amazing amount raised on the day was £29,492.00.

I have to be grateful to Derek Silk, the Corporate Manager at Remedy Oak, who earlier in the year, knowing my association with the Dolphin, contacted me and muted that it might be a good idea for him to approach Harry with details of our activities with the Dolphin. And so from this approach and a meeting with Harry, we must be eternally grateful to have received a cheque for £7,373.00. Other recipients were also local charities, namely Naomi House, Julias House and Childrens Wish.

Harry Redknapp, himself a very busy man at that time of year, gave up a day in early November, along with the Chairman of



Dimplex, Steve Mackenzie, to present the cheques at Remedy Oak. It was so nice to be able to have our Chair of Fundraising, Brenda Stone, there to accept the cheque on behalf of Dolphin.

Our thanks indeed go to Harry Redknapp, Dimplex and Remedy Oak Golf Club.

No doubt both passengers and crew of Dolphin will continue to wave as we cruise past Harry's house on Sandbanks in the hope that one day we will get an invite for tea!

**Tony Elgar**

## Chairman's Report 2011



for all you do in so many different capacities for the Friends of Dolphin Charity.

Each year we hold a small, happy and informal gathering for those most involved with the Friends of Dolphin so that I and my fellow trustees can thank them personally for all their efforts during the past year. It also provides us with the additional opportunity to thank them in anticipation of their continuing hard work on Dolphin's behalf during the forthcoming season which certainly we never take for granted. On these annual occasions it is always a real inspiration to be reminded just how much pride and pleasure those most involved with Dolphin and in particular our Skippers and crew members, derive from being part of the Dolphin family. I never underestimate what a commitment it represents for them, especially when you consider that weather permitting, Dolphin III undertakes trips virtually every day from the beginning of May until the end of September. Nevertheless in 2011 it is worth reminding ourselves that the hard work and dedication of our crews was once again instrumental in providing trips in Poole harbour for over 2000 disabled passengers, a truly marvellous achievement.

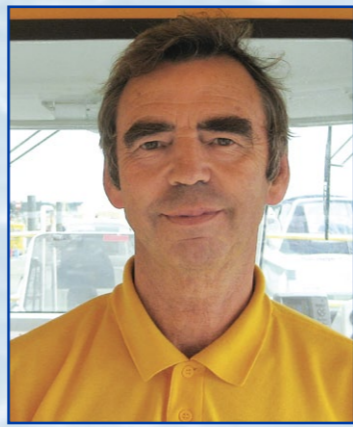
Sadly at our recent gathering we had to say thank you and farewell to four very special people who have devoted many years of service to the Friends of Dolphin. Skippers Alan Perren, Alan Tate and John Wiles will all be remembered with genuine

affection by so many of our passengers, as will Tom Smith who as well as being an active and dedicated crew member, has been responsible for looking after Dolphin's engines for many years, a not inconsiderable task which has saved us a great deal of expense. We were delighted to make a small presentation to each of them to acknowledge all they have done, however let me once again extend my renewed and warm thanks to all four of them not only on my own behalf but also on behalf of the hundreds of passengers who have been in their care over many years I was also able to pay a special tribute to a very remarkable person who is both well known and greatly respected by literally everyone within the Dolphin family. I am referring of course to my friend and colleague Bill Didham who was a founder member of Dolphin when it was set up by the Parkstone Rotary Club over 30 years ago and who has over the years worked unstintingly on Dolphin's behalf as our Company Secretary, as Treasurer, as my most loyal and supportive Deputy Chairman, indeed there is nothing that Bill has failed to do for Dolphin whenever required. Bill has not been too well recently therefore he has now decided to relinquish his roles as Company Secretary and Treasurer, however I am delighted to say he has agreed to remain a Trustee and continue to support Dolphin as our Deputy Chairman. Finally let me take this opportunity to thank Andy Preston and Judith Saint who have willingly agreed to take on the respective roles of Company Secretary and Treasurer. They realise that they have a very hard act to follow but I am confident they will both do a splendid job on Dolphin's behalf.

Everyone realises that times have been difficult for so many people during this past turbulent year and according to the pundits 2012 promises to be no less challenging. It is therefore so encouraging that thanks to the continuing efforts of Brenda Stone and her fundraising team and the generosity of our many dedicated and enthusiastic supporters including so many of you reading this message, the Friends of Dolphin Charity is well able to go on providing genuine pleasure for so many deserving people, a task we have been proud to carry out for over 30 years.

**Brian Miles CBE**

## Operating Report 2011



on the River Frome. This was part of a number of events arranged by the Wareham Lions for their annual Lions Day.

The high number of passengers was in no small measure attributable to the efforts of our booking secretary Bob Irwin. It was not a good summer for weather and 23 trips had to be cancelled due to inclement weather, mainly high winds, but these cancellations were more than offset because Bob had been able to increase the number of pre booked trips.

We continue to be delighted with the performance of Dolphin III. Thanks to the regular and meticulous servicing of the outboard engines, by our engineer Ian Campbell, the engines have again proved reliable. Two pumps, the fresh water pump and the WC pump failed during the season and these had to be replaced. Otherwise the only boat costs incurred were the regular engine oil changes pre season and mid season and the on going fuel costs.

**Chris Price**

I am pleased to report that for the third consecutive year the number of passengers carried aboard Dolphin III, during the season 1 May to 30 September 2011, has exceeded the 2000 mark. The total number of passengers carried was 2025 which included 88 disabled passengers and their helpers who enjoyed short trips aboard Dolphin III,

The number of crew members available has remained healthy throughout the year. As expected some serving members have retired but we have been fortunate to be able to recruit some excellent replacements for them.

The three recently qualified Royal Yachting Association Day Skippers proved a real bonus throughout the season and were able to step in to skipper Dolphin III on a number of occasions. At the end of the season three further crew members took the RYA boat helmsman qualification and eight crew members qualified/requalified as first aiders.

The Friends of Dolphin has continued to rely on the support and help of The Poole Fisherman Association for our permanent berth at the Fisherman Dock and the Poole Quay Boat Haven Staff for their help in providing a berth at the Boat Haven to embark and disembark our passengers. Without their help operating Dolphin III, as we do, would not be possible.

A sincere thank you is also due to all the skippers and crew members for their commitment and dedication and to Brenda Stone and her fundraising team for all their support.

Of course it is the passengers that make it all so worthwhile and we very much look forward to welcoming all of our returning passengers and new passengers during 2012.

## From the Fund Raising Committee

Every year brings a new challenge to any charity, and 'Dolphin 111' is no exception, unfortunately in this present climate it does not get easier to keep our charity going.

I am always looking for new volunteers to help with 'bucket collections' outside supermarkets, so please if, as you read this you can spare some time to help, just get in touch with me; my phone number is **01202 676379**.

We do thank Stephen George for organising the Marine Band concert presented at the Poole Lighthouse Theatre again last year, this has proved popular with many music lovers locally.

I would like to remind you that everyone involved with 'Dolphin' are volunteers. The experienced crew and skippers led by Chris Price who is a Master Mariner, all give their time to help this wonderful charity.

Thanks must go to everyone who has helped fund raising this past year, particularly the fund raising committee, whom I thank for their continual support.

**Brenda Stone**

## Would you like to organise an event?

If you would like to organise an event to raise funds for The Friends of Dolphin, or wish to hold a collection bucket for us, then please call Brenda on **01202 676379**. I am here to be of assistance



## How you can support The Friends of Dolphin

### Become a Friend

Becoming a friend and an associate member is a great way of helping us in a small way. As a member you will receive the Annual Newsletter

### Set up a Standing Order for regular Donations and Membership Subscriptions

Regular gifts will help by giving The Friends of Dolphin a regular income, and all donations go directly towards the running of Dolphin III and helps us continue to give free trips to all those with disabilities who would not normally be able to go out on Poole Harbour. You would automatically become a Friend of Dolphin and receive our Annual Newsletter.

Please complete the Standing Order instruction opposite and return to:

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Flowers Drive,  
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