



# Dolphin News



## WELCOME TO 2023



Welcome to 2023. As you will see in the Operations report, I am pleased to say that 2022 was a much better year for us and we were able to run a near full number of trips. We are looking forward to our 2023 season and are hoping that Covid (or indeed anything else) does not in any way restrict our service.

The new website is up and running well. The booking page is currently under review to see if we can make it easier for our clients to book their trips that way. However, I must point out that there were instances in 2022 where some groups booked for a full boat of 12 but only came to the boat on their day with 3 or 4; this is just not fair to other clients that we could have put on the boat to fill the boat up for that trip. It is ESSENTIAL that if any group is going to amend the numbers going, then they MUST give the booking Secretary sufficient notice of that fact.

Again, because of Covid, we have not been able to do any fundraising and we can only thank our donors, and in particular Rockfish Restaurants (Poole), who have helped keep Dolphin afloat over this difficult period. I must also mention our sincere and grateful thanks to our two stalwart Fundraisers Barbara Gardner and Margaret Newman who have tirelessly continued to work on behind the scenes, and I now point you to the Fundraising report. A very BIG Thank you to Barbara and Margaret.

A BIG PLEA: We are always looking for volunteers to join our Charity, both for crewing but particularly for our Fund raising team; without them, we just could not function. None of us are getting any younger, and it is imperative that we get some 'younger blood' to join us and help this worthy Charity to continue far into the future. Anyone who would be willing to help us or at least give us some of their time, please get in touch with Tony Elgar for Fundraising and Steve Quinlan if you are volunteering for crew.

Please do not forget to look at our web site for all relevant information. Any further information can be obtained by contacting our Chair of Operations Hugh Fogarty or our Chair of Fund raising Tony Elgar (telephone numbers on the Contact page on the website).

Bob Irwin

# Chair of Operations Report February 2023

The 2022 season got off to a slow start with an apparent reluctance by some of our regular clients to book as life slowly returned to normal after the rigours of the Covid Pandemic. The trustees agreed before the season started that we would not be offering our usual levels of refreshment, teas, coffees etc., nor would we be offering souvenirs to guests. This was to minimise close face to face interaction between crew and clients. However, it is sincerely hoped that this will not be necessary in 2023.

Dolphin III operated on a total of 83 days in 2022 during which a total of 963 passengers were carried, including 631 Persons with Disability and 332 Carers. There were 38 Wareham trips and 45 days of Harbour trips when a total of 76 trips were undertaken. We had to modify some of our trips to help clients cope with some of the exceptionally high temperatures which the country endured. The heatwave resulted in a couple of Wareham trips being shortened to a harbour trip as clients wished to minimise over exposure for their charges.

As with everybody else, during 2022 the impact of the instability in Eastern Europe and its effect on fuel prices was brought home to Dolphin volunteers when refuelling, with a "fill-up" exceeding £500 a time. As a voluntarily funded charity this is our major running cost and we do not have the option of super-market forecourts to chase the best available price!

Dolphin III can only operate thanks to the team of volunteers who offer their time and expertise to crew her during the season. During 2022 we had a nominal Skipper list of eight, seven First mates and a further twenty-one crew, thirty six in total. The boat operates with a minimum of Skipper, First Mate and one crew, but whenever available we prefer to have a second crew member, making a total of four. Some crew prefer to have a set day per week, others cannot commit to every week but are happy to fill in as and when required. The system works! Across the 2022 season 31 of the enrolled personnel took part in at least one operational trip and the most active member attended on no less than 26 days. Typically most managed 10 to 15 days afloat in addition to training days before the season started. My thanks to each and every one of them.

However, we are always looking for new recruits at all levels as there is a compulsory retirement age of 75, and the vast majority of the team are only available because they are retired, which generates a continuous churn. Contact via the website or a personal introduction via an existing member of the team is equally effective. One notable retiree in 2022 was Skipper John Buckby. His contribution behind the scenes to conducting running repairs, co-ordinating maintenance and repairs as required, and generally "fettling" things without any fuss or drama will be sorely missed, and we wish him and Carol all the best for the future.

Once again this winter Dolphin III is securely stored out of the water on the hard-standing at the Royal Motor Yacht Club – our thanks to them – and she will be back in the water in early April for crew to re-familiarise themselves and bring new recruits up to a basic level of readiness before the 2023 season commences on Tuesday 2 May. Of course, during the operating season we can only operate thanks to the hospitality of the Poole and District Fisherman's Association who generously provide us with a berth, and the Poole Quay Boat Haven marina which allows us to use their facilities to embark and disembark our passengers – again, our thanks to them too.

We look forward to welcoming you aboard in 2023!



**Hugh F J Fogarty MBE**  
Senior Skipper



# Fundraising Report 2023

At last we enjoyed a full season on the water with some beautiful summer weather. As we were still wary of some post covid restrictions we did not make any sales on Dolphin but hopefully in 2023 we can resume these sales. We were however very successful in other areas in adding to our coffers.

We are ever grateful to those loyal supporters many of whom we have highlighted in the 'Thank You Corner' of the newsletter. It's certainly worth a mention that since we were adopted by the Rockfish Restaurant, Poole and appear on their menus, we have over three years received from them in excess of £4,500!

Consequently we presented Rockfish with the Dolphin Trophy for a second year.

The Fundraising Bookstores introduced by Tesco Branksome and Ferndown were extremely successful, mainly due to the sterling efforts of Barbara Gardener and Margaret Newman in arranging book collections, liaising with the stores and achieving a sum of over £1,600. The two photos show Barbara and Margaret receiving cheques outside Tesco Ferndown from Jasmin Coates and on Dolphin from Karen of Tesco Branksome. We cannot thank Barbara and Margaret enough for all their hard work and then for arranging a super end of season

Quiz night with a Fish and Chip supper further totting up our coffers with an additional sum in excess of £800.

Looking forward to the 2023 season and as always please get in touch if you have any ideas about further fundraising.



*Tony Elgar*



## 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 efundraising 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 on membership, please telephone **BOB IRWIN on 01258 857806.***

*For those who are able to help by giving some of their time to fundraising for The Friends of Dolphin, please telephone **TONY ELGAR on 01202 849325.***

*For those who are able to help by giving some of their time to volunteer for crewing on Dolphin, please email **STEVE QUINLAN at: [stevetrishquinlan@msm.com](mailto:stevetrishquinlan@msm.com)***

## 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:

- Parkstone Rotary Club
- Colemans Insurance
- Talbot Village Trust
- The Digby Trust
- Parkstone Overactors
- The Breathless Singers
- The Highfield Trust
- The Amphibious Lodge No. 9050
- Broadstone Lodge of the Free Masons
- The Bonham Christie Charitable Trust
- Mrs Whittington
- Forelle Estate
- Professor B Clarkson
- Melody Makers
- Rockfish (Poole)
- Hamworthy Golf Club (Ladies section)
- 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.***



# Dolphin Wordsearch

S	T	U	D	L	A	N	D	E	I	C	P	Y	W
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M	P	I	F	D	O	R	C	H	E	S	T	E	R

*Find these places listed below in the grid - Unscramble the letters in orange; who?*

**Arne - Sandbanks - Bournemouth - Studland  
Blandford Forum - Wareham - Corfe Castle  
Dorchester - Wimborne - Hurn - Poole**

## Booking Trips

This is in the hands of Carol Cox, who has kindly taken over from Bob. Carol will be only too pleased to answer all your queries and take bookings for this coming season.

**PLEASE NOTE** that you are now able to book on line through our website

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

However, Carol can still be contacted in one of two ways; either by telephone on

**01202 875867**

or by E Mail through our web site

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

on the page 'How to book'. If Carol is not on the end of the telephone, there is an answer machine for you to leave a message and your telephone number and she 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 Carol.

*So please don't forget:*

**Tel No: 01202 875867**

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



# Dolphin Trophy



Dolphin was founded as The Dolphin Project in 1979 by Parkstone Rotary Club, becoming The Friends of Dolphin Charity in 1982. The Friends of Dolphin was founded to take disabled people of all ages and disabilities, including those in wheelchairs, on free boat trips around the harbour and up the River Frome to Wareham. Since then over 50,000 disabled people with their carers have been taken on trips around the Harbour and up to Wareham. The Charity is run entirely by volunteers with costs approaching £15,000 a year, all of which is raised from voluntary contributions, donations and fundraising.

The Trophy, a Dolphin carved out of a single piece of wood was made and presented to The Friends of Dolphin by Harry Moyle (one of our skippers in the early days of Dolphin) in 1990, to be used as

the Trustees thought fit. They decided that it should be presented annually to a person or an organisation that has given significant support to the Charity.

This year, 2022, the Trophy was once again presented to Rockfish Seafood Restaurant (Poole) for their continuing support of Dolphin. Our photo shows the Manager of Rockfish Restaurants (Poole), receiving the trophy from our President Andy Preston with Tony Elgar our Chair of Fund Raising and one of the staff of the Restaurant, outside the restaurant on Poole Quay in September 2022.

Previous holders of the trophy include the Bournemouth Operatic Society, The Royal Marines (Poole), The Rotary Club of Parkstone, RNLI (Poole), Poole Haven Marina, Salterns Marina, Ken McKenzie, Poole Harbour Commissioners, Poole Yacht Club The Quay Thistle Hotel and Ferndown Golf Club, just to name but a few.

Bob Irwin

# Thank You to Dolphin



A Thank You Card from  
'The Grange'





## 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:**

**The Membership Secretary  
Warmwell Cottage  
Flowers Drove  
Lytchett Matravers  
Dorset BH16 6BX**

Please complete ALL section 1-5 clearly or write N/A if not applicable

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#### Your bank details

To: The Manager

Bank/Building Society

Address

Postcode

Please pay The Friends of Dolphin, Sort Code: 30-96-50, Account: 01645718  
Lloyds TSB, Commercial Road Parkstone, Poole Dorset. BH14 0JJ

The sum of £

monthly quarterly annually (circle as appropriate)

Commencing (date)

Signed

Date

Your Bank Sort Code\*   -   -

Your Account No\*

\*These numbers can be found in your cheque book

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#### Make a one-off donation

I wish to make a one-off donation and enclose a cheque payable to  
The Friend of Dolphin for  
£

3

#### Annual subscription

☐ I enclose a cheque for my annual subscription of £10/£15  
payable to The Friend of Dolphin

4

#### Your details

Name

Address

Postcode

Telephone

Email

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#### Gift aid it - Gift Aid declaration

☐ I am a UK tax payer and wish The Friend of Dolphin to reclaim the tax on all donations made after 6 April 2000 and on all donations I make on or after the date of this donation. Please advise us if you cease to be a taxpayer.

Signed

Date

Data Protection. All personal information you have provided is confidential and protected by the Data Protection Act 1998. We may wish to send you news about The friends of Dolphin, events and fundraising appeals. If you prefer for us not to contact you in the future please tick this box ☐

# 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*

**Tony Elgar on 01202 849325**

or

**Bob Irwin on 01258 857806**

*We are here to be of assistance*

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## Gifts In Wills

One of the finest ways to support Dolphin is to leave a gift in your will.

Many people choose their favourite charities to mention in their will, after they have made provision for their nearest and dearest.

It's very simple, when writing your will, to insert a clause with a donation to Dolphin. If you have already made a will, a simple codicil (additional clause) will do the job, but do make sure it is properly drawn up and witnessed.

Solicitors are always happy to draw up new wills or adjust existing ones and they will ensure that all the wording is clear, avoiding any doubts once the will comes into effect.

So do please consider adding Dolphin to your will; it's best to use the full name of the charity, and our charity number. These are "The Friends of Dolphin" and registered charity number 284692.

**Thank you.**



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