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CHANGING LIVES THROUGH THE **POWER OF DOLPHINS**

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Teachers meet in Czech Republic to share ideas on Integrated Dolphin Education and Learning

RESEARCH

Dilo Cocoons in special schools

Research into the concept that interactions with dolphins both real and imaginary can bring benefits to special needs children took another step forward on 21st October 2010 when Jackie Connell, Terry Connell, and Horace Dobbs visited two schools in Yorkshire.

The visits were initiated by Head Teacher Ray Woodward following his observation that the installation of a Dilo Cocoon in Swanland Primary School was beneficial and popular with pupils, especially children in reception classes, some of whom were nervous and apprehensive during their first days at school. The subsequent success of Ray's Dolphin Arts Project, reported in the July 2010 IDW Newsletter, confirmed his conviction that dolphins have qualities that make pupils happier and therefore more receptive to lessons.

How the Cocoon Project started

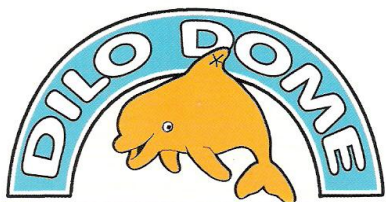
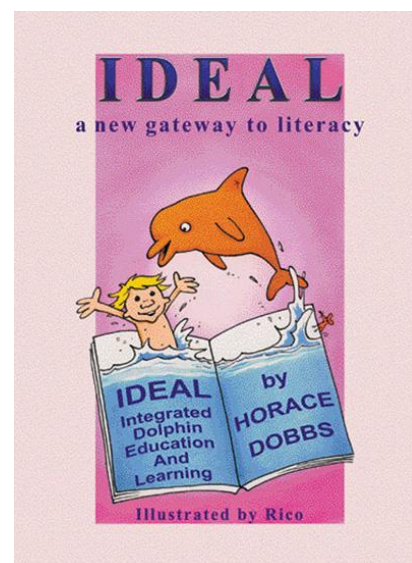
EDUCATION was one of the topics Horace Dobbs identified as being of major importance when he founded International Dolphin Watch as a non-profit organisation for the conservation of dolphins in 1978.

To make children aware of the lives and needs of dolphins in as entertaining a manner as possible, Horace created a make-believe dolphin named Dilo. Eventually Dilo became the eponymous hero of a series of six books looking at the world from a dolphin's point of view. The first book, *Dilo and the Call of the Deep*, was published in 1994.

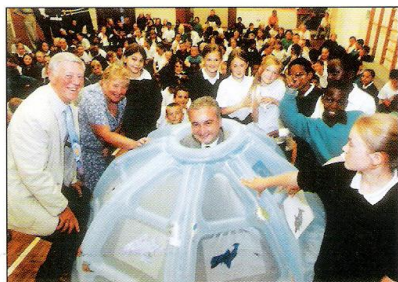
IDEAL

Visiting schools and universities around the world and observing the enthusiasm with which both pupils and teachers were responding to his Dilo stories, Horace set out to infuse dolphins into orthodox education and at the same time making learning fun for all concerned.

He detailed his ideas on how this could be achieved in a book titled **IDEAL** - an acronym for Integrated Dolphin Education And Learning.



Dilo Dome provides a space in which children can experience the magical kingdom of Dilo the Dolphin and their imaginations are free to wander like wild dolphins in the open sea. It has been developed following the discovery that real dolphins, and make believe dolphins, like Dilo, lift our spirits and can help children with special needs.



The Headmaster at Southwood Middle School, Milton Keynes tries out a prototype Dilo Dome with Horace Dobbs and Jackie Connell looking on.

DILO DOME

Jackie became actively involved in a pilot study of an igloo shaped enclosure - the Dilo Dome, later called the Dilo Den.

The Dilo Dome was tried out in many different locations including Bimini in the Bahamas and Germany.

The results of this research showed quite unequivocally that it is possible to capture the essence of dolphins to bring joy into the lives of all children.

These studies also clearly revealed that periods in the Dilo Dome could be of considerable benefit to children with profound physical, mental and health issues such as autism – although changes in behaviour were often difficult to quantify.

APPEAL FOR ALTERNATIVE DESIGNS

The pilot study revealed a significant shortcoming of the prototype inflatable plastic dome. Namely that it could be punctured.

An appeal was therefore launched for alternative, less easily damageable ways of capturing the joyful spirit and healing essence of dolphins for all children – including those with special needs.

The Delfino Group in the Czech Republic led by Valpurga Hozáková came forward with a completely new, innovative concept – the Dilo Cocoon.



The Dilo Cocoon

The Dilo Cocoon is a hanging gazebo-like structure with walls of silk decorated with hand painted dolphin images from the Dilo stories. It creates a peaceful womb-like space inside which children feel secure and unthreatened.

When Jackie heard about the development and availability of the Dilo Cocoon she offered to sponsor two Dilo Cocoons and take an active role in their evaluation.

Ray Woodward, an ardent advocate of Dilo Cocoons suggested two special schools in Yorkshire in which trials of the cocoons could be conducted – Tweendykes School in East Hull and Saint Anne's in Welton.

TWEENDYKES SPECIAL SCHOOL

<http://www.tweendykes.hull.sch.uk>

The visit to Tweendykes School as suggested by Ray Woodward quickly revealed it to be an excellent choice.

Tweendykes School has taken an international approach to education and culture and was awarded the International School Award by the British Council.

Warm reception and frank discussions

On 21st October 2010 Horace, Jackie and Terry were warmly received by Head Teacher Berni Dobson.

Horace then gave Berni a brief presentation on the background of the Dilo Cocoon. Jackie followed this with a talk on the various activities of Operation Sunshine Family Therapy Programmes

<http://www.operationsunshine.org>.

During these discussions Berni expressed some misgivings about vulnerable people being exploited by those offering very expensive Dolphin Therapy with captive dolphins. Horace and Jackie explained that International Dolphin Watch and Operation Sunshine never work with dolphins in captivity but ensure that they protect and respect the wild dolphins and their environment at all times.

Horace strongly stressed the point that dolphin therapy was not a “Magic Bullet” and that he always went to great lengths to explain to those who came to his talks not to expect immediate dramatic results for medical problems for which orthodox medicine could not offer much help.

Operation Sunshine Family Therapy Programmes

Jackie followed up with accounts of how she and her colleagues in her charity worked with family groups. [Operation Sunshine Family Therapy Programmes](http://www.operationsunshine.org) is a UK based International Charity which aims to bring joy and healing into the lives of those with additional needs through dolphin inspired education and art, community projects and family retreats. The charity supports initiatives that encourage and enable children and adults with additional needs around the world to achieve their full potential through dolphin related activities.

When funds allow the charity also takes small groups of carefully selected families on a Respite Retreat.

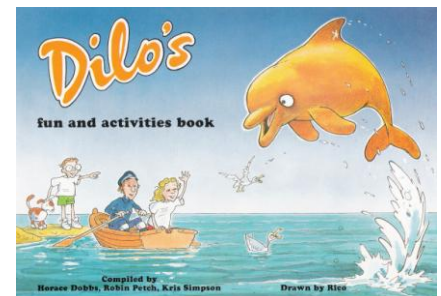
Jackie explained that the retreat programme was not an intensive dolphin assisted therapy programme but about helping the whole family by learning new skills, developing confidence and communication skills, increasing creativity and joy in their lives and building friendships and support networks

The Charity takes small groups to swim with dolphins in their natural environment. Whilst the outcome cannot be guaranteed, there is always a feeling of joy and harmony! In addition to swimming with the dolphins other activities are on offer such as arts and crafts, beach treasure hunts, music and dance, yoga and meditation, Watsu, a form of body massage (Shiatsu) performed while lying in warm water and Reconnective healing and EFT (Emotional Freedom Technique).

Using the Dilo Cocoon and reporting findings

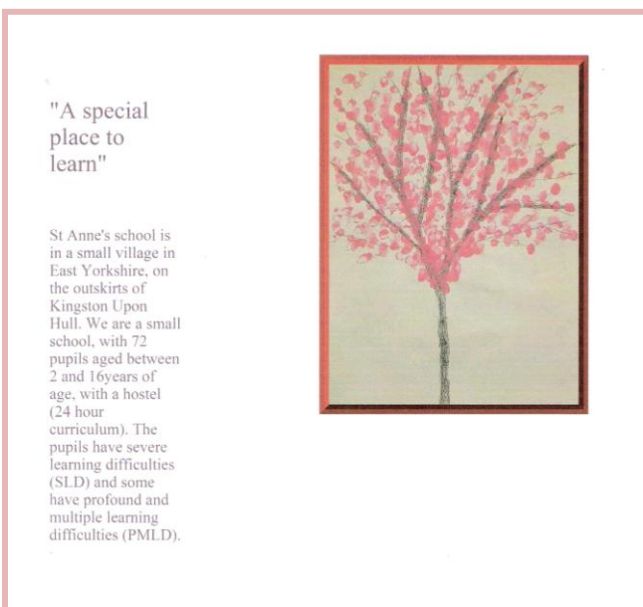
Horace et al thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Tweendykes School. Before they departed they were introduced to some of the staff who would be working with the Dilo Cocoon. Horace explained that his experience with autistic children revealed that they could be readily upset by changes in routine. And that the children should be slowly familiarised with Dilo stories and pictures before they were offered a session in the Cocoon. Horace donated a full set of Dilo Story Books and a Dilo's Fun and Activities Book for this purpose.

All agreed that this was the way to proceed and that those working with the cocoon would report their observations and findings to Jackie by Email Jackieconnell@btinternet.com.



SAINT ANNE'S SCHOOL

<http://www.stannes.er.net>



After lunch at Tweendykes in the busy city of Hull, Terry drove Jackie and Horace to the charming, picturesque village of Welton. Here they met Julie Kaloczi, a Trustee of Operation Sunshine who had worked with Horace and Jackie on the Dilo Dome Project. Julie had driven down from Scotland specially to attend the Dilo Cocoon presentation at St Anne's School.

The party was greeted by Deena Lidgett, a long term school friend of Horace's daughter Mrs Melanie Parker. It was a glorious day and the meeting got off to a good start with a tour of the school set in rolling countryside on the edge of the Yorkshire Wolds.

The Dilo Cocoon party were very impressed by the staff and the excellent facilities in the school. These included a new, beautifully decorated pool to which children

could be carried on a special hoist directly from the changing room.

The pool was also fitted with a projector and video display capability that could be used to send dolphin sounds and visual images into the pool area.

In the Sensory Room the group were told about an interactive programme in use where children could manipulate the images such as virtual marine creatures or walking on sand.



Group by pool and pool wall picture



After the Cocoon presentation and an agreement about the collection and sharing of data, the visitors gathered in a room of youngsters who were singing their “Going Home” song before they departed to the fleet of awaiting mini buses.

During the debriefing later at Horace’s house, the group were excited by the possibility of developing interactive dolphin related activities and utilising existing facilities in the future. All commented on the obvious love and care that was given to the children in both schools and how this complemented the love and care that went into the Dilo Cocoons by those who produced them in the Czech Republic.



We are still looking for new ideas on how to create a mobile space inside which children can have a dolphin experience. So if you have a concept please Email Horace and Jackie Jackieconnell@btinternet.com

EDUCATION

Horace and Dilo in Bavaria

Report by Dr. Horace Dobbs

There was no mistaking who was there to welcome Horace to Bavaria as he stepped off the plane into the sunshine at Munich Airport on 7th October. Anita and Raimund Scheerer were both dressed in national costume. Raimund wore lederhosen. And Anita carried a huge cuddly dolphin.



For Horace it was the beginning of a wonderful event-packed visit. For the first time he met face-to-face the couple who during the previous three years had immersed themselves in his IDEAL (Integrated Dolphin Education And Learning) concept. During that time, with enormous energy, enthusiasm and love they put their trust into a publishing venture - Dilo Stern Verlag. The enterprising couple then set about printing German language versions of *Dilo and the Call of the Deep*, based upon Birgit Baader's earlier unpublished translation, and *Dilo Makes Friends*, which they translated themselves.



The German Dilo books precisely followed the same size, layout and spirit of the English editions written by Horace Dobbs and illustrated by Rico. In addition Dilo Stern Verlag produced an improved German edition of *Fascinating Facts and Quiz Questions*.

The books in German can be ordered through <http://www.dilo-stern.de> and <http://www.delfin-licht-bad.de>.



Helen and Henrick Langholf, two pioneers of IDEAL in Germany regretted that they were unable to attend the festival. So they sent a greeting to Horace via Raimund Scheerer who arrived at the airport in his traditional Bavarian lederhosen.



Anita and Raimund's first major public demonstration of the availability of their Dilo books in German took place at a mini dolphin festival in the Europa Room at the Eden Hotel Wolff in central Munich on Sunday, 10th October.

Their programme entitled: **THE MESSAGE OF THE DOLPHINS – Learning and healing with the wisdom and love of the dolphins**, was introduced by Chris Amrhein accompanied by his wife Sandy. The two songsters wowed the audience during the festival with songs and music produced on a wide variety of instruments – including the ocean drum.

Chris Amrhein, a highly talented musician opened the festival with a resounding beat of a large gong and entertained the audience at intervals with a wide variety of instruments including a guitar and singing crystal bowls.

Anita used a lovely interactive film of swimming dolphins to set her audience in the right mood before revealing how being in the presence of dolphins, both real and imaginary, can have a soothing beneficial effect on humans with a variety of stress related conditions.

Thus the stage was set for Horace to tell how solitary, friendly, wild dolphins have transformed the lives of countless children and adults with problems as far ranging as anorexia nervosa, insomnia and chronic depression. Dr Dobbs also revealed how 30 years of research in schools around the world was resulting in the introduction of IDEAL into educational systems in Britain, Germany and other countries.

The mini dolphin festival, organised by Anita and Gudula, with its bookstall and children's corner attracted a mixed audience with diverse dolphin-related interests. The youngest very active participant was Raphael – the two and a half year old son of Odile Loras. Raphael wandered through the audience taking flash pictures - mainly of people's legs - with his mother's camera. Odile, whose nickname since he was a child is Dilo, was a key member of the team, that included Birgit Baader and Helen Langholf and was based near Freiburg in 2002, who pioneered IDEAL in Germany.

Another young participant in the festival was Stephanie Gerstl who read out a chapter of *Dilo and the Call of the Deep* in German to a captivated audience.

Sarah Volk popped into the hall with her parents, Martin and Gertrud, and kindly presented Horace with two boxes of her lovely Dilo colouring and activities book that was shown on page 7 in the August Newsletter.

The festival concluded with a vigorous spontaneous display of dolphin joy with the entire audience, including those in wheelchairs, dancing to irresistible beat of the drum by Chris Amrhein and the loud exciting accompaniment on the accordion and shrill ululations of Sandy.

Education was the main theme of Horace's presentation on the following day at the Rudolf Steiner School in Munich at which a PhD student, Markus Reitz, expressed a hope to visit England to study and analyse the results of Horace's experiments in schools in Yorkshire to explore the special relationship between humans and dolphins, whose brains are as big as ours. And how the unique bond we have with dolphins can be used to catalyse academic, and creative artistic, endeavours – including helping youngsters with learning difficulties. Silvia Evers, a teacher in Germany and Canada also expressed an interest in introducing IDEAL into her schools.



Time out from the festival included a visit to Schliersee and its lake in the beautiful Bavarian Mountains where Anita and Raimund armed with a very fat dictionary, spent many happy hours meticulously translating Dilo and the Terrible Twins from English into German.



Horace and Anita with a display of Dilo Stern Verlag books and a collection of essences that Anita uses in her healing practice.



As he thanked Raimund and a tearful Anita for their generous hospitality when he left Munich Airport with the autumn sun still shining, Horace felt that another step forward had been made to make youngsters aware, in a gentle way via his Dilo stories, of the joys that dolphins can bring into their lives. And how important it is to safeguard the marine environment for the future benefit of both dolphins and mankind.

European Festival in Germany

Wisdom of the dolphins



Valpurga Hozáková presented the concept of IDEAL (Integrated Dolphin Education and Learning) at the European Festival in Germany. With the Assistant Principal, Valpurga participated in a welcoming salute.



The opening of the festival was a Hindu ceremony and a march with torches emblazed a light in all hearts.



At a joint lecture Tatiana Kozlova presented breathing simulators, with which Delfino has started to incorporate into their work with the IDEAL Project.

Dolphins are our amazing teachers...

Dolphins in Croatia - Report from Delfino, a non-profit organisation based in Czech Republic

Survey With Wild Dolphins, Croatia, Lošinj Island, Nerezine 19th July – 11th September 2010



Village Nerezine is located on the island of Lošinj. This island has been a popular spa area since the beginning of the century. The island of Lošinj is part of the Kvarner islands in the Adriatic Sea.

In the Gulf, which became known as the Lošinj channel, on 6th August 2006 the Ministry of Culture of Croatia announced the first dolphins Reservation in the Mediterranean Sea. The total area is 52576 ha.

The purpose of establishing the reserve was not only to protect the local population of dolphins, but also other animals, particularly marine turtles – caretta-caretta. The wild dolphins in the Lošinj channel include over 100 individuals.



During Valpurga and Dana's visit they enjoyed beautiful countryside and clear sea. It was a wonderful experience to see six dolphins leaping joyously in front of them.

Valpurga and Dana established cooperation with the Education Center.



Representing Dr. Horace Dobbs, they presented IDEAL and the Dilo Cocoon inspired by his fiction dolphin DILO and created by Delfino.

The cocoon provides a peaceful and magical space for both healing and education, where children can play, relax or listen to dolphin stories.



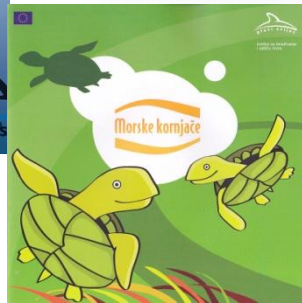
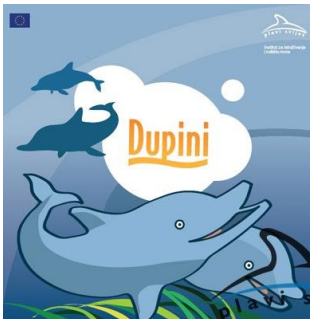
Other activities included art and working with energy. They drew with both hands to connect the right and left brain hemispheres. Some were able to paint with their feet.



They also made dolphin plaster molds and created dolphins from clay



Dolphin light therapy and energy treatment was a beneficial process for all involved.



Valpurga Hozáková was sent training materials on CD that they use in Croatian schools. The CD is so far only in Croatian, but Delfino will be translating it into other languages (Czech, English, German) for use in schools as part of the IDEAL (Integrated Dolphin Education and Learning) Project. To find out more visit <http://www.delfino.cz/> and <http://www.idw.org/html/education.html>



Supporting the organization Plavi svijet (Blue World) Delfino adopted the dolphin named Debby (as it reminded them of one of the twins Deborah in Horaces' DILO book).

Adoption is for one year.

To adopt a dolphin in Croatia visit:

<http://www.plavi-svijet.org>

<http://www.blue-world.org>

EVENTS

Hull Literary and Philosophical Society
presents an informative and entertaining
film show and talk by:

Dr Horace Dobbs

**WALKING
WITH
DOLPHINS**

**The Royal Hotel, Ferensway, Hull,
England**

16 Nov 2010

7.30 pm

Application for tickets should be made in advance to:

Mrs Audrey Redfearn (Membership Secretary)

T: 01430 827526

Email Audrey.redfearn@virgin.net

THE SEA WATCH FOUNDATION

Report by Kris Simpson (IDW Administrator)

The question I am most often hear as an IDW volunteer is “What an amazing job, how can I get involved?” When people find out I spend most of my IDW time communing with a computer rather than dolphins, interest often disappears rapidly! But I explain there are ways to help dolphins and really make a difference; all you need to do is look. Yes, literally, just look.

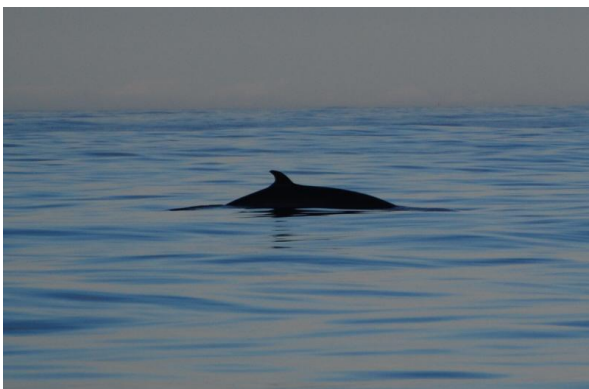
The Sea Watch Foundation was founded in 1991 by Dr Peter Evans. Its purpose is to protect cetaceans (whale, dolphins and porpoise) around the UK. All successful conservation work depends largely on continuous monitoring. Without monitoring and surveys we would have no useful information about the general distribution of the different species in UK waters, their size and status. A very important part of monitoring is the ability to spot changes, from gradual shifts in populations to more sudden changes in behaviour due to human activities.

Anyone can help Sea Watch. As well as a small staff there is a network of Regional Coordinators and volunteer observers who send in sightings all year round. All you need to do is go to the coast and look. If you see any cetacean, even if you are not sure what it is, tell Sea Watch. This is the message of the annual Whale and Dolphin Watch week. All around the UK coast, Sea Watch staff hold watches some land-based, some from boats and members of the public are encouraged to spend time looking out to sea and reporting any fin they find.

My own watches take place mainly from Whitby in North Yorkshire. The most abundant species there is the harbour porpoise which can often be seen very close to the shore on short trips around the bay. This year’s whale & dolphin week was marred by uncooperative weather, but we still managed some good sea trips spending time on the wonderful yacht Specksioneer, one of the Whitby Coastal Cruises boats.



9fin is the picture that identified a bottlenose dolphin at Whitby, North Yorkshire as a member of the Moray Firth population



The skipper, Bryan Clarkson, knows the area very well and is adept at finding the minke whales that come to feed on the local herring.

The watching and reporting doesn't stop with the end of the Whale and Dolphin Week fortunately. It was a short while later that we made our most incredible sighting. We went out to find minke, which we knew were in the area. Bryan had had tantalising glimpse of something bigger than a minke, with a small fin. A couple of years ago a fisherman had sent us photos of the minkes he'd seen. Among them was a shot of something else, a fin that could only be (we thought, we hoped) a humpback. A humpback in the North sea? Yes!



We found it, a simply breathtaking, unbelievable sight. At first we watched from a distance, then it came closer and closer, totally unconcerned by the boat or the camera waving people on board. The whale dived; I looked down at a turquoise streak of sea disappearing under the boat. I was seeing the incredible white pectoral fin sweeping under the boat. We were all waiting for the definitive humpback moment, the sight of the tail-flukes sinking gracefully into the sea as the whale dives. We wanted a good photo of this as tail-fluke



markings are as individual as finger-prints. We hope to be able to identify this whale and find out where it came from. So far, all we know is that it is not one of the whales known to the Irish Whale & Dolphin Group.

It is only by having ordinary people watching and reporting that important developments like this are recognised. Last year we were able to prove, for the first time, that bottlenose dolphins from the Moray Firth were venturing as far south as the Yorkshire coast. These were also spotted on a Whitby trip by a Sea Watch volunteer (me!)

If you want to get involved, on a regular basis or just to report something you see on your next trip to the coast, you can find out more about the SeaWatch Foundation at <http://www.seawatchfoundation.org.uk> . Sightings can be Emailed to sightings@seawatchfoundation.org.uk . You can also report sightings made in the north of England to Robin Petch, robin@dolphinspotter.co.uk. Robin is a Trustee and Regional Coordinator with Sea Watch as well as being an active IDW volunteer.

Volunteer as a Seawatch Spotter



13 species of whale, dolphin & porpoises are regularly spotted in UK & Irish waters. Fins & markings on the back for many of these species are unique making individuals recognisable. Photo ID can provide information on habitat preferences, social relations, population trends & allow us to track their movements. Send in photos of whales & dolphins that you see & we may be able to identify the animal! You can send in photos of animals you see by chance or Sea Watch can help you set up dedicated watches.



Send your photos to photo@seawatchfoundation.org.uk with the following info:

- Your name & contact info
- Date of sighting
- Location of sighting
- Estimation of the number of animals in the group
- Any other info you can provide i.e. time of sighting, sea state, behaviour & heading e.t.c.

OR fill out a SWF sightings form available online & send with the photos

IMPORTANT: Cetaceans are protected by law & it is an offence to intentionally disturb them. View the marine code of conduct at www.seawatchfoundation.org.uk.

How to take good photo ID shots? TOP 3 TIPS:

1) Photo in focus 2) Zoom in 3) Perpendicular angles (90°)

And always set your camera to take the highest/best quality



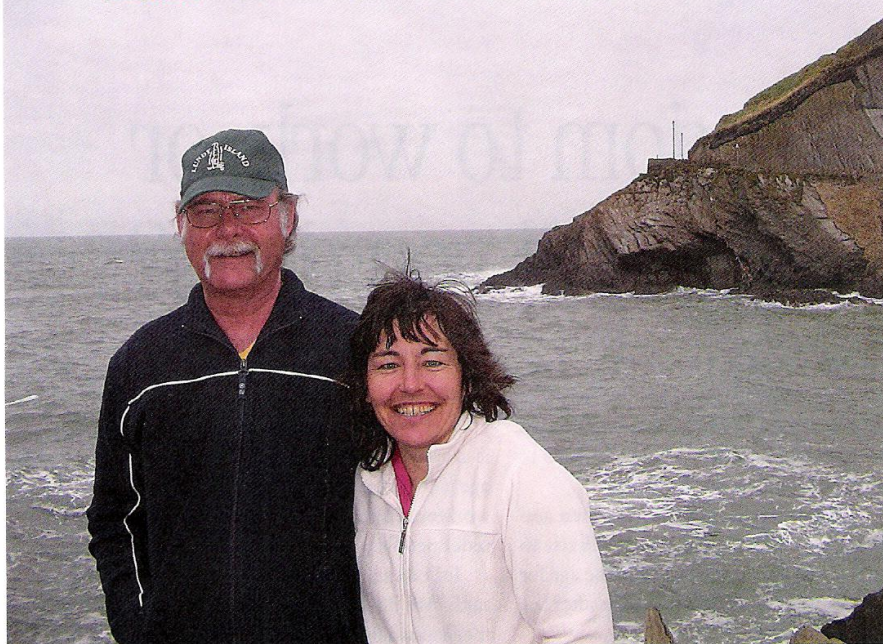
1) Out of focus

2) Too far away

3) Wrong angle

PERFECT

For further info visit www.seawatchfoundation.org.uk



Chris and Sharron Blackmore: regular watchers at Ilfracombe

Whale of a time

CHRIS BLACKMORE, recently retired, can now spend more of his time watching and recording marine mammals near his home in Ilfracombe, for the marine research charity Sea Watch.

Chris and his wife Sharron trained five years ago as observers with the Sea Watch Foundation and have been holding regular watches at Capstone Point in Ilfracombe,

and leading watches during the National Whale and Dolphin Watch.

Sea Watch is keen to encourage more people to become regular observers around the UK coast.

Anyone interested should contact Gemma Veneruso at Sea Watch on 01545 561227 or email her at sightings@seawatchfoundation.org.uk.



This dolphin, whom the watchers have named Spot, was pictured with her calf

14 U3As at a 'learning adventure'

DELEGATES FROM 14 different U3As attended a national conference at Lancaster University to hear about the "New Learning Adventure" run by the Department of Continuing Education in conjunction with Lancaster and Morecambe U3A at the university.

The scheme was set up to offer U3A

members access to weekly lunchtime lectures from leading academics and to discussions, as well as enabling them to sit in on undergraduate lectures.

Funded by the previous government's transformation fund for a learning revolution, it provides a model for future partnership programmes.



Tessa Skola volunteers to help dolphins and the marine environment

I became a member of the IDW in 1991.

I was born in Fowey, Cornwall-brought up by the sea, spending most of my free time, IN the sea!

After training as a ballerina, I toured the world with my own dance show for 24 years and was able to swim with dolphins, scuba and sail, in many exotic and wonderful places,

I retired in 2001 to Polruan, to write my autobiography and begin a new life.

I enrolled in the Coastguard, Search and Rescue team and became a volunteer for the National Coastwatch Institution <http://www.nci.org.uk> and The Cornwall Wildlife Trust Marine Strandings Network for marine mammals <http://www.cwtstrandings.org> .

The NCI lookout on the headland of Polruan offers a magnificent view of the Atlantic; down towards the Lizard Peninsula and across to the Eddystone lighthouse by Plymouth. I have to scan the sea for any vessel in distress and give weather reports. Visitors can also relay any sightings of dolphins/porpoises for the wildlife log. Basking sharks have been frequent visitors outside the harbour over the past two years.

The strandings network offers training and seminars to volunteers who can be contacted to investigate reports of distressed or dead mammals in the area.

My first call out was on a blustery day at Caerhays beach near Mevagissy. Dressed in protective gear (a cut-to-suit black sack!) wellies, mask and gloves (carcasses are highly infectious), I had to 'tag and bag' my first dolphin. That sounds so matter-of-fact and heartless but is literally what volunteers have to do for the safety of all.

The beach was deserted and I approached with sadness and humility, yet a new responsibility. To see a dolphin this close, to touch it and examine it, was very moving.

Volunteers have to measure and photograph the body from every angle and fill in a detailed report form. Close to tears but breathless in the mask, papers flapping, the wind whipping everything in the air, I almost laughed at my frantic efforts. It took me over two hours and however upsetting, I felt that I was doing something positive towards collecting data to create more awareness. The information is used in reports e.g. petitions against certain fishing techniques that endanger the species.

As a yoga teacher/therapist and crystal healer, I had a profound experience attending one of my courses. During a Tibetan Pulsing healing, administered by the rest of my group, as I began to relax on the couch, I suddenly became a dolphin, slicing through aquamarine waters and dancing in the waves. Later, I awoke from the sensation knowing I had connected with something deep within me. My healing name became The Crystal Dolphin. I give relaxation and healing sessions at my house and visit clients' homes, anywhere in Cornwall and Devon. <http://www.yogafitessa.com> .

Despite having a busy schedule one can still feel isolated here. The IDW newsletters are an important connection and I have been very touched and inspired by the articles about peoples' lives, their care and love of dolphins.

CONSERVATION

LATE NEWS

PLEA FOR HELP FROM JAPANESE CONSERVATIONIST

**Horace has just received the following Email from Yumiko.
Please send me your suggestions or contact Yumiko directly.**

Jackie Connell – Editor

Hello,

I am Japanese who lives near Tokyo, Japan.

I do want to save poor Japanese dolphins right now.

23000 dolphins are permitted to be killed a year by Japanese government.

Fishermen regard innocent dolphins as pests and they should be pest controlled.

Most Japanese have no idea about dolphin slaughter nor they don't eat dolphin meat at all, but fishermen in Taiji, Wakayama suggest dolphin hunt has been tradition and culture so they won't stop the hunt forever!!

Not knowing about dolphin hunt is a crime, and not acting is a crime, too, I think.

So we Japanese have to take action to let them stop dolphin hunt right now.

We have to let government stop dolphin slaughter up to 23000 a year.

I have spread the word, on the Internet, BBS in Yahoo Japan or on my facebook etc... about what most people don't know the truth, about most people are convinced that dolphin hunt is our tradition and culture, so it is legitimacy even though Sea Shepherd and Ric O'Barry continue to argue.

I suppose that most Japanese cannot read English, so they don't know the truth at all. All Japanese only see the website, blogs, BBS in Japanese.

So I translated them into Japanese in order to let people understand the truth, Sea shepherd and Ric O'barry are coming to Japan in order to save dolphins !! Although they are regarded as terrorists !! We do have to spread the word for all marine mammals.

So please, please tell me how we can save dolphins in Japan.

That is so difficult problem and I know such a little woman like me cannot do anything at all.

But I can read English, I can translate it into Japanese, I can stand up and go to see what has happen in Taiji, I can film fishermen kill dolphins, I can upload photos on the Internet, I can send e-mails to government, ministries, fishermen agencies, in order to let them stop the hunt.

I have no idea what else I can do for dolphins.

I have been looking for someone who may tell me the way.

I can hear dolphins crying everyday...help us !!

Please Email me yumi03210819@yahoo.co.jp

Thanks a lot

Yumiko

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

IDW is taken to a new level with many exciting developments around the world. IDW is moving with the times and we hope you like our new look Magazine.

WE ARE CREATING A GLOBAL NETWORK OF DOLPHIN LOVERS THAT CARE ABOUT OTHERS AND THE EARTH WE SHARE.

EDUCATION is a major function of **International Dolphin Watch**. We have a growing number of supporters introducing JOYFUL LEARNING into schools through the concept of IDEAL (Integrated Dolphin Education and Learning).

We will continue to publish articles from Friends of IDW and News from around the world on cetacean and conservation issues in Future IDW Magazines.

Email your news and comments to me at jackieconnell@btinternet.com

Please spread the word and share this Magazine with friends and colleagues.

The Magazine of International Dolphin Watch is **FREE** but if you would like to support the work of IDW to help dolphins and people, you can still **make a donation through the DOLPHIN SHOP**

http://www.idw.org/html/dolphin_shop.html

At International Dolphin Watch we support the sentiments in this video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YeZnz7ZUMlk&feature=player>

WITH LOVE and UNITY WE CAN CHANGE OUR WORLD.

(TRUSTING, CARING, SHARING AND GIVING)

Jackie Connell



EDITOR

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