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EDUCATION

is a major function of International Dolphin Watch

HORACE DOBBS

WALKING

WITH

DOLPHINS

at

Hull Literary and Philosophical Society

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Presentations by Horace Dobbs

Mini Dolphin Festival in Germany

A Special Afternoon For Large and Small Dolphin Friends in Munich

Eden Hotel Wolff, Munich, Arnulfstr. 4 , Europa Room

Sunday 10 October 2010

2pm – 6.30pm



THE MESSAGE OF THE DOLPHINS

Learning and healing with the wisdom and love of the dolphins

With special guest speaker from England

Dr. Horace Dobbs

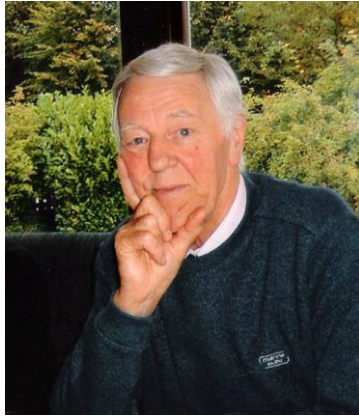
For further information visit <http://www.annapurnasshop.de/> and <http://www.dilo-stern.de/c/die-botschaft-der-delfine>

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(Registration deadline is Friday, 9th October 2010)

HORACE IN HULL



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

7.30 pm 16 Nov 2010

Note from Horace:

When I founded International Dolphin Watch www.idw.org in North Ferriby in 1978 I was aware of the venerable Literary and Philosophical Society in nearby Hull. But it was not until I was approached to give this lecture that I learned that back in the middle of the nineteenth century Hull had a Royal Institution, housed in magnificent premises, www.hull-litandphil.org.uk

It is therefore with great delight that I look forward to addressing the Hull Lit & Phil which I am assured is a very friendly society and introducing my audience to a subject that I have been researching for three decades. Namely: How do dolphins bring joy into human hearts, inspire art and help children with special needs?

www.operationsunshine.org

(See page 19 of this Newsletter)

The Hull Lit & Phil historian Margaret Imrie T: 01964 543890 E: margaret.imrie@eldy.org has kindly provided the following information.



The Hull Lit & Phil was founded in 1822 and was immediately successful. In 1852 it built, jointly with the Hull Subscription Library, the imposing Royal Institution, 'the most handsome building in Hull'. Housing a museum, lecture theatre and laboratories, this would be its home until bombed in 1943. The site is now Albion St. Car Park.

Despite this setback the Society continued to flourish. It is now a registered Charity No 507226 and has a current membership of 468. The annual subscription is £30 for a season of 16 weekly lectures. It is suggested that guests attending one lecture make a donation of not less than £5. A limited number of tickets are available for guests to attend Horace's lecture. Application for tickets should be made in advance to Membership Secretary: Mrs Audrey Redfearn T: 01430 827526

E: Audrey.redfearn@virgin.net

Horace Dobbs is the author of many books, one of which *Dilo and the Isle of the Gods*, is serialised in current IDW eNewsletters (see page 6-7 of this Newsletter).

EDUCATION

Dilo brings joy to children around the world



IDEAL (Integrated Dolphin Education and Learning)

OBJECTIVES

- To stimulate motivation and learning performances by dolphin orientated educational methods.
- To be an alternative and enrichment of present educational methods.
- To develop new creative ways of common learning and growing together (teacher-children-parents).
- To stimulate the natural motivation for learning and curiosity of children, so that they are able to develop their full potential.
- To use the human's affinity for dolphins, that has proved positive in supporting the development and stimulation of mental processes (that are essential preconditions for successful learning).

TEACHING MATERIALS – A GAME FOR EVERYONE

In the centre of the created teaching materials are the adventures of a young curious dolphin named Dilo created by Dr. Horace Dobbs. The Dilo story books support the deep emotional connection between humans and dolphins. Dilo accompanies children and adults during the learning process and motivates reading, writing and drawing. While following the dolphin, the children are stimulated to learn themselves and can develop their own natural desire for knowledge.

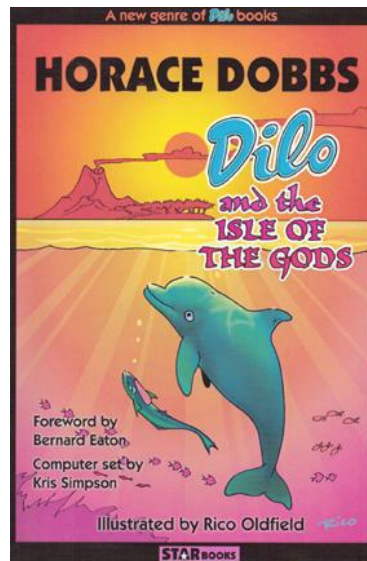
Teacher/parents/educationalists function as educational mediators and companions while Dilo and his experiences steer and organise the children's learning process.

Please see the August Newsletter and visit

<http://www.dolphinfriend.com/> to find out more.



Dilo and the Isle of the Gods Serialisation: CHAPTER 14



14. Dilo meets Tina again

IT WAS OFF THE BEACH WHERE HE HAD PLAYED WITH THE GARDEN EELS THAT DILO MET UP WITH TINA THE TURTLE AGAIN.

Dilo thought that Rema might leave him and join the other suckerfish still stuck to Tina's carapace. But she didn't.

"Thank you for telling me about the Isle of the Gods," Dilo said to Tina. "I've had lots of adventures."

The turtle said "Oh," and blinked. "I see you've still got your remora".

"Yes, I call her Rema. We've become buddies. But I don't think she's too keen on some of my adventures."

"Well what do you expect from a suckerfish?" replied Tina.

Ignoring his passenger, Dilo continued to speak. He had an important question to ask the wise old turtle.

"On the way here I met the biggest fish I have ever seen. At

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least I think it was a fish. At first I thought it might be a whale. But its tail went from side to side. Not up and down like mine." Dilo paused for a moment. "It didn't sing like humpback whales."

The turtle didn't move. She stayed silent, waiting for Dilo to continue.

"Please can you tell me what it was? Was it a special type of silent whale? Or was it a fish?"

Tina the turtle blinked her eyes again.

"It's called a whale shark. But it's only called a whale shark because of its size. It's not a proper whale at all."

"Then what is it?" asked Dilo.

"It's a member of the shark family. But a quite harmless one. It doesn't have sharp teeth. It's a "filter feeder". It feeds on tiny creatures by swimming slowly through the water with its mouth wide open like some of the biggest whales. Anything that gets in the way gets swallowed."

"Could it swallow me?"

"No. Not intentionally. If it did swallow you accidentally it would spit you out."

"I don't think I would like to be spat out."

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“Nor would I,” piped up Rema who was feeling left out of the conversation.

“I’ve got lots of other questions to ask you,” said Dilo.

“Well you’d better hurry up. I’ve got eggs to lay you know.”

“In that case I’ll ask you just one more question,” said the dolphin. “Here on the island I have discovered a big cave. Do you know what lives inside? It has big eyes. Will it attack me?”

“Ah, that’s a friend of mine,” said Tina. “He is the biggest fish on the island but not nearly as big as a whale shark. He’s a giant grouper. I call him Lord Marmaduke.”

“That’s a strange name,” said Dilo.

“Yes it is. The cave is his house. The reef is his estate. Every day he comes out and inspects it. Just like a lord. He keeps the other fish in order.”

“You said he was your friend.”

“Yes, he’s a sort of friend. He lets me sleep in his cave sometimes.”

“Does he boss you around?”

“No he can’t because I’m nearly as big as he is. We respect one another.”

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Gods for a very special purpose. He followed her as she paddled towards the beach. Dusk was falling.

When Tina’s flippers touched the sand, the pilot fish that were swimming underneath her became confused. They stayed together as a small, tight shoal darting hither and thither, looking for a new host.

The turtle’s remoras also had to leave her as Tina scrambled out of the sea onto the beach. They swam into deeper water and stuck themselves to a large boulder to wait for the turtle’s return.

When Dilo passed by they let go of the rock and headed towards him.

“Oh no you don’t,” exclaimed Dilo fining away at full speed. “One passenger is enough.”

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“Oh,” said Dilo. “Do you think he will respect me?”

“You have to earn respect,” said the wise old turtle. “I expect he will one day. But that’s enough of this chit-chat. I’ve got a job to do.”

At this point Dilo was reminded he had a passenger. He could feel an itch on his back. Dilo switched his attention to Rema.

“When we had our little bit of fun with the feeding humpback whales you said you wanted to transfer to a turtle. Well now’s your chance. You can go back to Tina.”

“I only said that because you were being foolhardy.”

“No I wasn’t,” reacted Dilo. “I was having an adventure.”

“Well I’ve changed my mind. I’ve decided I want to stay with you.”

“Suit yourself then,” said Dilo knowing secretly that he couldn’t get rid of Rema even if he tried.

“Anyway there’s another reason,” continued Rema who had been to the Isle of the Gods with Tina before.

“What’s that?”

“You’ll see soon enough,” replied Rema mysteriously.

Dilo then remembered that Tina had come to the Isle of the

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CHAPTER 15 will be in the next issue of the Friends of IDW Newsletter.

An electronic copy of the complete book can be downloaded from

<http://www.lulu.com/content/2713995>

The full series of Dilo Books can be purchased from the IDW DOLPHIN SHOP on

http://www.dolphinfriend.com/html/dolphin_shop.html



Dolphins join man with no legs and no arms as he swims across the English Channel

Taken from www.guardian.co.uk. Photograph: Pierre Andrieu/AFP/Getty Images

Only a few decades ago, it would have counted as one of the faster Channel swims of all time, so it was all the more remarkable that Philippe Croizon, who as no arms or legs, crossed in 13 and a half hours.

The 42-year-old quadruple amputee completed the 21-mile swim from Folkstone to Wissant, at Cap Gris Nez, almost twice as quickly as his team had expected.

He was assisted by favourable winds and, according to his exultant father, the encouragement of a pod of watchful dolphins. The three dolphins joined him for some of the crossing, and Gerard Croizon said: "We took that as a sign of good luck."

It was the latest and most spectacular achievement by a man whose limbs were amputated after an electrical accident 16 years ago. Croizon's attitude to the disability is summed up by [his memoir](#), which is entitled *J'ai Décidé de Vivre*, meaning 'I decided to live'.

In March 1994, Croizon – then a metalworker – climbed a ladder to dismantle a television aerial on his roof and it touched a power line. A shock of 20,000 volts nearly killed him and caused injuries which necessitated the removal of his arms and legs.

He propels himself using long flippers attached to the stumps of his legs, with attachments on his arms helping him to steer and a mask and snorkel to breathe.

The method lets him average about two miles per hour.

On arriving in France, Croizon received a phone call from the French minister for families, Nadine Morano, who hailed his "exemplary courage and sporting performance".

She added: "We've been shown that it's possible to overcome your disabilities and have the determination to make your dreams come true. Philippe Croizon is a shining example who provides a message of hope and bravery for all the French, and the young people of our country.

Note from the Editor:

This story of bravery above reminds me of another amputee (Craig Bowler) who was helped by the dolphins to turn his life around when he was chosen to participate on our charity programme 'Operation Sunshine Family Therapy Programmes' – see information on http://www.operationsunshine.org/html/2008_families.html

The Black Fish cuts nets to free dolphins in Taiji, Japan

Divers from the European conservation organisation The Black Fish have last night cut the nets of six holding pens in Taiji, Japan, that were holding dolphins caught during a dolphin drive hunt a few days earlier. During this hunt a number of dolphins were selected for the international dolphinarium trade and transferred to these holding pens. In rough weather conditions the divers swam out and cut the nets of six of these holding pens, allowing a number of dolphins to swim back out to sea. No arrests were made.



by [The Black Fish](#)

Fishermen transfer selected dolphins caught at the drive hunt to sea pen for the dolphinarium trade

For further information visit

<http://www.theblackfish.org/news/the-black-fish-cuts-nets-in-taiji.html>

Dolphins Freed by the Sun



DOLPHINS FREED BY THE *Sun*

TWO traumatised dolphins have been freed from a tiny swimming pool in Turkey — after *The Sun* exposed their plight.

Wildlife campaigners pulled the beautiful bottlenoses from the filthy water — which had put their lives in danger.

They carefully wrapped up the ailing mammals so they could be taken to a holding pen yesterday.

They will be moved to a rehabilitation centre on the coast and later be released into the sea.

Charity Born Free, which carried out the rescue, praised *The Sun* for exposing the terrible conditions dolphins Tom and Misha were in at a “holiday attraction” in the southern resort of Hisaronu.

The dolphins had been kept in the 17 by 12-metre pool since May.

In June, *The Sun* revealed disturbing pictures and video footage showing them bobbing up and down in the water — sparking a

EXCLUSIVE by VINCE SOODIN

crusade to save them. Last night campaign leader Shirley Galligan said: “We want to thank *The Sun* for telling the world what was happening to Tom and Misha.

“They have a long way to go before they can go back to the wild, but we have the best people working to make sure it happens.”

Born Free's rescue team went to Hisaronu after its mayor closed the park over fears for the dolphins — whose kidneys had been damaged by the pool's poor water quality.

The team swooped after learning the pair's Russian owner, who hoped tourists would pay to swim with them, was willing to free them.

Senior vet John Knight said: “This has been a speedy rescue pulled together in 48 hours. We just hope we've got here in time.”

Born Free, whose supporters include Britain's *Got Talent* judge Amanda Holden, has now made an urgent appeal to raise £150,000 to rehabilitate the dolphins. To contribute visit www.bornfree.org.uk.

IDW regularly supports campaigns around the world. The dolphins held in Turkey is one of them.

I have sent quite a few Emails to various Turkish officials lending our weight to the campaign, before the *Sun* came in & gave it such brilliant publicity. Nice to know we have helped to get something done.

Kris Simpson
On behalf of
International Dolphin
Watch

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New Zealand commits to protecting dolphins

A New Zealand government official recently made a statement opposing dolphinariums and committing to changing the country's legislation to ban these facilities for good.

Under New Zealand's current [Marine Mammals Protection Act](#) (NZ MMPA), it is illegal to take (i.e., harm, harass, injure and attract) marine mammals in New Zealand waters.

However, holding a marine mammal in captivity, taking a marine mammal from the wild, and importing or exporting marine mammals is allowed with a permit approved by the Minister of Conservation.

For further information visit http://www.wspa-usa.org/pages/3451_september_brings_hope_and_despair_for_dolphins.cfm

Free Vs Captive Dolphins

Reasons Why I Believe Dolphins should not be Held in Captivity (taken from www.wspa-usa.org)

In Nature...

Dolphins are free to move. Their bodies are built for speed and these fun-loving creatures take advantage of that fact. Never ones to lounge around, dolphins swim up to 40 miles per day. And because there are countless creatures to chase and a huge world to explore in the ocean, dolphins spend as much time as they can under water and only 10-20% on the surface. They can hold their breath for as long as 20 minutes and dive to depths of more than 1,640 feet (500 meters).



In Captivity...

Dolphins are restricted to the size of their tank or enclosure. (Imagine spending your entire life trapped in a prison cell the size of a closet.) Because US regulations only require that a pen be 30 feet long, a dolphin doesn't get very far before it runs into a wall or wire fence. Captive dolphins, especially those kept in tanks, spend most their time in a sort of stupor, swimming repeatedly in small circles or simply lying motionless on the surface of the water.

In Nature...

Most dolphins spend their lives in the company of other dolphins in highly organized, close-knit units. Just like the rest of us, this intelligent and social creature craves safety, love and companionship, which it finds belonging to a pod. The social bonds within the pod may last for many years, especially between mothers and their young, who often stay together for as many as five years. And in this family, dolphin "aunts" have been known to serve as babysitters for busy moms.

In Captivity...

Dolphins are separated from their pods forever and the strong social bonds the dolphins have enjoyed and nurtured for years are abruptly destroyed. The capture is an extremely violent procedure, not only for the animal targeted for capture, but also for the pod that experiences the sudden and permanent loss of a family member.

Just as poignant is the experience of captive bred dolphins. These animals never have the chance to experience the comfort and pleasure of belonging to a family. They are doomed to emotional isolation. And the one close bond they do form - with their mothers - is broken far too soon, as they are often confined to separate pens or sold off to another park or aquarium.

In Nature...

Dolphins live in natural seawater.

In Captivity...

Most dolphins are confined in tanks, containing chemically-treated artificial seawater that wreaks havoc on their sensitive skin and eyes. But being in a tidal sea pen isn't much better. These pens are usually in secluded areas, such as lagoons, where the water doesn't circulate as much as it does in the open ocean. Dolphins excrete 4-5 times more waste than the average human. The result? They're forced to swim around in their own toilets.

In Nature...

Dolphins are free to exercise their amazing gift of sonar. They use it to learn about the world around them. From exploring the intricacies and creatures hiding among coral reefs, to gathering information about the fish and other dolphins around them, to which predators might be lurking in the shadows. Their sonar tells them everything they need to know. The use of sonar is as important to dolphins as eyesight is to humans.

In Captivity...

Dolphins are restricted in using their sonar. It's useless in chasing live fish, because they only have access to the dead fish handed out by the trainers as a "reward." They can't put it to full use to explore their underwater world, because there's nothing to explore in a barren, concrete tank.

In Nature...

Dolphins spend many hours cooperatively chasing and catching fish. They're also experts at foraging. This isn't just a necessary exercise for the animals; it's also fun. Dolphins being dolphins. Chasing and catching live prey enables them to let all of their natural skills unfold: their speed, their intelligence, their use of sonar and ability to communicate and cooperate.

In Captivity...

The first thing a dolphin learns is that it's not allowed to be a real dolphin; it must restrict its natural exuberance and behaviors. Instead it has to toe the line and learn how to eat dead fish (which it would never dream of doing if free) and accept hand feeding. The natural thrill of chasing and catching its own food has been taken from the dolphin forever.

In Nature...

A young dolphin's mother teaches it everything it needs to live in the ocean: How to use sonar and avoid predators, where to look for food, and how to chase and catch fish. And it is by watching and mimicking the behaviors of the other dolphins in the pod that the young dolphin learns how to dive, leap, breach, surf the waves, and communicate.

In Captivity...

Dolphins are completely dependent on their trainers if they want to eat. This gives the trainer powerful weapon to control the dolphin and entice it to perform the tricks applauded by humans. The trainer makes a hungry dolphin understand that if it wants its food reward, it has to jump through a few hoops, so to speak. Do dolphins naturally walk on their tails, wave at the audience and take people for rides on their backs? No. And this training has a very

damaging effect on the dolphins, as the unnatural behaviors eventually replace the natural ones.

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR – Do you agree with these comments?

Email your views to jackieconnell@btinternet.com

FRIENDS NEWS

Dear Horace

Due to my interests, not to say passion for dolphins, I surely crossed your name several times when it came to dolphins.

The reason why I am writing is that being aware about the healing work dolphins do for this planet, I am also convinced that there is no excuse for keeping them in captivity.

I can't get rid of my vision (which I had a couple years ago) to spread the dolphin spirit all over the world, also to places/countries where there is no actual access to the ocean. Therefore I am working on a concept a "project" I thought you probably might be interested in. I figured that if I wanted to get this idea "down to earth" I would need to underline my ideas and vision more scientifically.

For further information contact **julia goesslbauer:**

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Aquatic Marine Viewing Experience "A breakthrough in Dolphin / Human interaction"

Dolphin Swim Australia is pleased to announce that NSW DECCW (Department of Environment, Climate Control & Water) has approved our A.M.V.E Dolphin Swim monitoring and research program to be headed up by Victoria University and overseen by Dr Carol Scarpaci.

This is an exciting time for our DSA operation. For those of you who have followed our progress from concept to permitted swim via this newsletter, may be interested to know just how difficult a task finding the 'right' people to work with can be in the world of University research, PhD's and interns.

We were given just four months from receiving our permit, to start our swim, complete trials, fine tune our procedures and find a University with the relevant research focus and background, then bringing the university up to speed and actually supplying to the government, a full written research proposal, to be then approved by the NSW government before commencing swim operations in earnest this upcoming 2010-11 summer season.

We feel that we have committed, well organised and passionate research partners in Victoria University and are grateful for their (in particular Dr Scarpaci's) hard work in not only making our deadlines, though presenting a world class proposal aimed at monitoring DSA's dolphin swim compliance with permit regulations and the current legislation while contributing to this world's best practice original and unique Dolphin swim.

DolphCom are excited to share with you that in conjunction with the DECCW monitoring and research program, though completely independent of Victoria University's research, DolphCom are recommencing the long term migratory and distribution study complete with dorsal fin and cohesive group identification of Short Beaked Common dolphin *D.delphis* offshore within the Port Stephens / Great Lakes marine park.

Such a comprehensive and long term study has yet to be undertaken in Australia observing this diverse and widely spread species of dolphin. Already we have identified dozens of individuals and collected many hours of in water footage and sound recordings of the groups' vocalisations and full logistical information about each and every encounter we have had. Very exciting times indeed.

Our swim program is recommencing October 2010 and our on-line booking platform www.dolphinswimaustralia.com.au is available right now to book your place on the A.M.V.E dolphin swim.

Our program details are:

- 6am-10am
- Weekends and daily on demand (Minimum of 12 swimmers mid-week)
- Full training in the AMVE technique included
- 12 year minimum age
- All equipment and a light breakfast included
- \$229 swimmer \$60 Observer



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For information and to book your place contact:

Paul Fitzsimons

<http://www.planetblue.biz>

Whale and dolphin watching holiday



Rekindling Waters

<http://www.rekindlingthewaters.com>

By Leah Lemieux



Disconnection breeds apathy and destruction – connection fosters care and restoration

With this in mind, I would like to share a poignant example of the transformation reconnection can bring.

The small coastal village of Futo in Japan became infamous around the world for the brutal slaughter of many hundreds of dolphins. For thirty years, like his father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Mr. Izumi Ishii was a dolphin hunter. But, one day, Mr. Ishii looked into the eye of a dolphin he was about to kill – and a connection was made. For the first time their pitiful cries touched his heart and suddenly, he could not continue. Mr. Ishii laid down his knife, vowed never to kill dolphins again and began to speak out against the cruel practice. It took tremendous courage for him to denounce a centuries old tradition in a country where tradition is revered. Mr. Ishii is alone in his community in trying to end the dolphin slaughter. To demonstrate alternative ways of generating livelihood, he retrofitted his hunting boat and began dolphin and whale watching expeditions, proving to his fellows that dolphin watching is more profitable than dolphin killing. Mr. Ishii now values dolphins not for their meat, but for the wonder they incite.

Leah Lemieux is an author and lecturer who works on dolphin protection, education and conservation initiatives.

The Whale

Dear Friends of IDW

I've seen this before, but it's worth being reminded of. And, having had close encounters with whales, I can certainly imagine it happening.

With Love

Aynsley...

A female humpback whale had become entangled in a spider web of crab traps and lines.

She was weighted down by hundreds of pounds of traps that caused her to struggle to stay afloat. She also had hundreds of yards of line rope wrapped around her body, her tail, her torso, a line tugging in her mouth.

A fisherman spotted her just east of the Farallon Islands (outside the Golden Gate) and radioed for help

Within a few hours, the rescue team arrived and determined that she was so bad off, the only way to save her was to dive in and untangle her -- a very dangerous proposition. One slap of the tail could kill a rescuer.

They worked for hours with curved knives and eventually freed her.

When she was free, the divers say she swam in what seemed like joyous circles. She then came back to each and every diver, one at a time, nudged them, and pushed gently, thanking them.

Some said it was the most incredibly beautiful experience of their lives.

The guy who cut the rope out of her mouth says her eye was following him the whole time, and he will never be the same.

May you, and all those you love, be so fortunate...

To be surrounded by people who will help you get untangled from the things that are binding you.

And, may you always know the joy of giving and receiving gratitude.

The Love Foundation - Inspiring People to Love Unconditionally!

It may be easy to look around our world today and see the appearance of chaos, difficulty and strife. Yet, when we come from an open heart, we can also see our opportunity to love all things into balance, joy, harmony and peace. This planet does not need more visions of desperation, fear, doubt and hate - it requires an abundance of love, especially unconditional love, to heal and restore the beauty contained in every moment. This becomes the easier path once we take the first step and begin to share our love.

When we bring unconditional love back into our personal, professional, community and family lives, we begin the journey of restoring wholeness and happiness to our planetary adventure. Of course it takes determined effort on our part as the old ways of being are quick to return in our mind. However, this effort to love is rewarded with a new perspective on everything and all life benefits as a result.

Latest Message from TLF Founder

There are moments when we reach beyond our daily affairs, hopes and concerns and unite with the very fabric of life. We may be enjoying a spectacular sunset and our awareness expands and merges into the colors of the sky itself. Or perhaps while quietly humming a sweet melody, we begin vibrating in complete harmony with our own being. Gazing into the eyes of another we witness eternity. These are the instances where we connect and remember the grandness of life and realize our deepest truth. We go past the physical form and touch the precious love that orchestrates universes, ignites our imagination and breathes life into our hearts. We become one with all that is.

For further information visit: http://www.thelovefoundation.com/loving_earth.html

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SCAPE

25th – 27th September 2010, Filipino artist A.G Sano creates a mural at *SCAPE, highlighting the beauty and intelligence of the dolphins, continuing his quest from the Phillipines to paint 23,000 dolphins. This painting was open to members of the public to play a hands-on role in creating the mural. Check out <http://www.facebook.com/scapesg?ref=ts#!/event.php?eid=131346110246000> for more details!



Presentation by Patricia Schmidt at the North Carolina Recreational Therapy Association 20th Annual Conference

I live in Fort Lauderdale, FL and am a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist and Aquatic Therapist. On October 11th and 12th in Charlotte, North Carolina, I will be presenting a session at the North Carolina Recreation Therapy Association Conference on Dolphin Assisted Therapy.

I will be speaking about “My Journey” in which I have assisted persons with disabilities during Retreats to Swim with Dolphin in the Wild. I have been in the Florida Keys, Panama City Beach, FL, and my favorite place, Bimini, Bahamas. I have been blessed, to have worked with some wonderful people, not to mention the opportunity to work alongside and learn from Dr Horace Dobbs.

During my presentation at the Conference I will be speaking about “Dilo” and will be bringing along my 6 copies of the books in the Dilo series by Horace Dobbs to show the educators, students and practitioners another way to connect to our dolphin friends. The charity Operation Sunshine Family Therapy Programmes will also be described in my presentation and will provide information on how folks can help with carrying out The Vision.

Towards the end I will be speaking about my 6 day/5 nights “Dolphin Healing Retreats” taking place in 2011. The finale will be a 10 minute DVD clip of a previous Operation Sunshine charity trip to give a better understanding of what it is like to be in the water with the dolphins. Well, wish me luck, and I will report back next month with how it all went. Thanks for your support!

Come visit my website at www.dolphinhealingretreats.com and let's make a date to get together and return to Bimini for a retreat.

For further information on the North Carolina Recreational Therapy Association 20th Annual Conference Programme visit <http://www.ncrta.org/ncrta/2010brochure.pdf>

Operation Sunshine Family Therapy Programmes

Registered International charity 1121315

To bring dolphin joy and healing into human lives – especially disadvantaged families.

- This programme helps to educate and appreciate marine conservation.
- The programme stimulates the mind, aids concentration and increases learning ability.
- The programme increases confidence and self-esteem.
- Participants learn new skills and take with them an enhanced feeling of well-being that will benefit beyond the programme
- It takes special needs families away from their everyday existence and gives them the trip of a lifetime. This renews hope, strength and courage, restoring a broken faith in humanity and life.
- It gives the parents respite in a supportive and caring environment.
- It enables the whole family to benefit from the activities on the programme to relax the body, relieve tensions, release of emotions, frustration, loss, fear and anger.

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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

**THIS IS YOUR NEWSLETTER - PLEASE KEEP YOUR STORIES
COMING**

**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 and has therefore always striven to encourage youngsters to take part in dolphin activities. I hope therefore, that you will enrol as many children as you can to become DOLPHIN FRIENDS, encourage them to contribute to future Newsletters and participate in 2010 YEAR OF THE DOLPHIN IN SCHOOLS.

Email your news and comments on articles in our newsletters to me at jackieconnell@btinternet.com.

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