



AFTER A HARD DAYS WORK IN THE ENGLISH CHANNEL

The DLGC first ever all female relay team to swim the English channel in 9 hours 47 minutes.

The wind was blowing force 3 to 4 and the waves were two feet high and a choppy sea at times. Unfortunately this was not world record breaking conditions, but it was a perfect induction to channel and open water swimming.

Sophie swam the first leg in the dark and gave the team a good kick off the coast with Laura swimming a very strong second leg, Tory swam an impressive third leg followed by Corrine who had to dodge a couple of jelly fish, Lucy overcame her nerves and swam a brilliant fifth leg and Mell who had to wait five hours enduring sea sickness swam far better than any of her training swims as the sixth leg. Sophie, Laura and Tory swam another excellent hour each and Corrine led the team including Emma who was our reserve swimmer into Wissant bay in brilliant sunshine and onto a sandy beach armed with camera.

After taking pictures collecting shells and speaking to the locals the team swam back to the boat for a bucks fizz toast and a long victorious three hour trip back to Dover where family and friends were waiting for more celebrations.

I can not express how proud I am and how impressed I was with the effort and overall performance of all seven of you. You are a credit to the club, you will go down in club history and you are an inspiration to the rest of the club forever.

I do wonder: if there was anyone on the boat who may be thinking or may have thought during the trip that they could do this as a solo swim. If it has crossed your mind please don't let it go and come to speak to me.

***WELL DONE.
LEE WAKEHAM.***