

## Pam Morgan's Photographs

Pam Morgan's son David had been able to swim since he was a toddler. On the 26<sup>th</sup> August 1972 at the age of 8 years David became the youngest person to successfully complete the Castle Foot Swim in a time of 1hour 9 minutes beating his Mother by 2 minutes.

In the following year on the 1<sup>st</sup> August 1973 David became the youngest swimmer to complete the swim from Scalby Mills to the Spa in a time of 2hours 4 minutes and 40 seconds. Because of rough seas David had to abandon crawl for breaststroke resulting in a slower time than anticipated.

Eighteen days later on the 19<sup>th</sup> August 1973 Became the youngest person to complete the arduous swim from Filey to Scarborough in a time of 6 hours and 29 minutes.

A few years later David was the youngest person to swim the four lakes, Windermere, Ullswater, Derwentwater and Coniston.

Inevitably all this long distance swimming record breaking lead to only one conclusion, an attempt to swim the English Channel and on the 26<sup>th</sup> July 1977 at the age of 13 years David became the youngest person to swim the Channel in 11 hours and 9 minutes. He beat the previous holder, Ablal Khairi by both years and time. Much of David's training was carried out in the South Bay Pool. (See DMorgan03) Upon his return to Scarborough David was carried in a open topped car with a Police escort to a Civic Reception at the Town Hall. (See Dmorgan04) David was met by the Mayor of Scarborough Coun. John Dunning and at the reception signed the Official Visitors Book which already contained the signatures of Winston Churchill, Harold Wilson, Edward Heath, Jeremy Thorpe and Margaret Thatcher.

David successfully swam the Channel in 1983 in 9 hours and 37 minutes and in 1986 in 10 hours and 49 minutes. ( see photo Dmorgan01) He also attempted a three way swim of the Channel but a freak wave on the second leg forced him to retire. (See Dmorgan02)

### Photographs

Dmorgan01	David in training
Dmorgan02	Raising funds for the 3 way Channel swim
Dmorgan	David prior to his record breaking Channel swim
Dmorgan04	David on his way to the Mayors reception