



Newsletter

April '08

Dive Dates

A list of dive and social event dates are at the end of the Newsletter, please let us know if you wish to attend so we can properly plan, some of the more important ones are explained in more detail below

Congratulations

John Newstead and Sam on passing their Ocean Theory

Jenny, Jonathon, Tony, Julius, Kate and Bob Goodfellow on passing the Sports Theory



Club Rugby and Polo Shirts available

We now have added Rugby shirts to the range of clothing available, they are excellent quality (as modelled by Roger) and are only £15. I also still have a number of Polo and Sweat shirts in stock, sizes xs to xxl £10.50 for a polo shirt £11 for a sweat shirt. Anything not in stock can be ordered and takes about two weeks. Cash with order to Roger please.

Dive Training

Ocean, Sports and Dive Leader training is progressing well and several theory sessions have been completed. Further sessions will be organised later this month.

We have also created a range of training/fun options for those who have had their Ocean pool training signed off, see Andy for more details

Thanks Andy Winnett (07773 284 799)

Rescue Management day May 3rd

Help required. Open to everybody .

A must for All prospective dive leader candidates.

We are running a Dive management course for Dive leaders and require actors/actresses who need rescuing from the lake and to provide bank side distractions/entertainment, full briefing will be given on the day

The day will run from 08.00 until 14.00 Saturday 3rd may 2008

If you can spare a few hours it would be much appreciated.

PS This coincides with an Open Water session for ALL divers to appreciate the joys of Calvert. Speak to Andy or Roger for more details.

Bruxelles

We are running a trip to Bruxelles, leaving Friday lunchtime 19th Sept and returning in the early evening of Sunday 21st Sept. We arrive in time for a Thai meal and then a night dive in the deepest swimming pool in the world (35m) and sample a range of the world's best beers (not at the same time). We will also take in some sight seeing (some of the interiors of the bars are wonderful) and an opportunity for shopping to bring back gifts (chocolate and beer, or even chocolate beer) The cost is about £220 including transport, hotel 2 dives and meals. Let Roger know if you wish to attend with a deposit of £50 per person. Open to qualified Ocean divers and above.

Club Trips

To ensure safety and maximum enjoyment everyone must have completed two local dives before going on a trip to the sea. It is really important to have recently used your equipment and ensure it is still working well. Additionally all Club members on club trips must have a valid medical declaration form, a copy of which must be held by the branch and all divers must have insurance cover. (The insurance is provided as part of your BSAC membership, ensure it is up to date)

Dive Planning

Anyone who is thinking of planning a dive let Roger know and we can try to ensure they do not clash with other events. If you have not planned a dive trip (day, weekend or Week) before it is easier than you may think and plenty of help is available. Details of the trips will be available at the AGM. If you have any ideas please let us know. Current ideas are Egypt, Bruxelles, Farnes, Lundy, Weymouth etc.

Equipment Servicing

All dive kit needs regular servicing to ensure it is operating properly. Tanks need servicing every 2½ years and regulators normally every year (or 200 dives). In order to maintain the large amount of club kit, the club has a trade account for all its servicing and members can benefit from the reduced prices. See Robert or Roger for details.

Club Egypt Holiday

We now have 32 people signed up for the club trip to Egypt, Oct 23rd – 30th. I have added pre and post Egypt get togethers to the calendar to discuss what dives we wish to do and share the photos after. The Balance needs to be with Roger 25th August latest. A separate note will be sent out to everyone.

AGM

The AGM was held on Wednesday 27th February 2008 and club prices were discussed. As you know we have been charging £50 club fees + £2 pool fees for some time now (at least 3 or 4 years). In that time the pool hire charge has risen considerably and at the same time the club now has a good deal of additional equipment and access to a compressor.

At the AGM we therefore decided to increase the Club fees to £70, however there is no longer a charge for members to use the pool, therefore if you visit more than 10 times a year it is actually cheaper than before.

If you have passed your Ocean diver more than 3 months ago or are undertaking any training other than Ocean Diver you must be a current member of both the club and BSAC. Prices are at the end of the newsletter. If you have not paid or are unsure talk to Malcolm or Roger

Also for those people wishing to swim in the pool can we try and keep the far lane (furthest from the doors) available for swimmers and clear on the surface. Thanks.

Club Marketing

We had a really successful day at the Swan Pool Open Day on 29th March, with over 30 try dives and several people expressing an interest in further training – hopefully we can get them to join the club! The Swan Pool management have expressed an interest in making this a regular event, in both Buckingham and Aylesbury pools, so we have proposed quarterly sessions and are waiting for a response. These would be really good opportunities to get the public to know more about what we do and how easy it is to get diving – we learnt a lot from the first session, so as soon as we can confirm dates, we'll be looking for some help. It is also good dive management experience for the newly qualified divers in a very safe environment!

Besides the ongoing contacts with scout groups etc., we are also working on getting a printed banner and display stand for the club, as well as distributing club details to local travel agents and gyms. Any ideas or suggestions welcome! Thanks George 07702 679 483

If you have any comments or articles for the next newsletter, let me have them, also if you are organising any dives let me know and I can add them to the list

Many thanks

Roger 07802 765 366

BUCKINGHAM'S DIVE CENTRE

LEARN TO DIVE

Courses

Ocean Diver	Ocean Diver – the basic course that teaches you how to dive safely	£320
Sports Diver	Sports Diver – now you can dive learn more skills so that you can enjoy it even more	£60
Dive Leader	Dive Leader – the course for the Sports Diver who wants to be the best	£65
Advanced Diver	Advanced Diver – now that you are a Dive Leader this course prepares you for anything, including planning expeditions	£20

Skills Development – Courses for Divers wanting extra skills

Combined Nitrox	£60
Search & Rescue	£60
Rescue Management	£60
Oxygen management	£30

Refresher Mini Course

Going on holiday and want to brush up/ avoid that annoying test dive on holiday, this course will provide a certificate to say that you are up to scratch	£35
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Dive Dates

Event	Start Date	Start Time	Finish Time	Organiser	Phone	Places Available	Criteria	Notes
Blue Lagoon	27 April 2008	10.00	12.30	Roger	07802 765 366	Yes	All	Arrive on time or be locked out
Stoney Cove	02 May 2008	08.30	16.00	Roger	07802 765 366	Yes	All	Speak to Andy Winnett about any training needs
Calvert	03 May 2008	08.00	10.30	Roger	07802 765 366	Yes	All	Preference given to trainees, in water by 08.30
Rescue Management	03 May 2008	08.00	14.00	Andy Winnett	07773 284 799	Yes	Dive Leader Candidates	Practical session
Instructor Meeting & Curry After	14 May 2008			Roger	07802 765 366	Yes	Instructors & Qualified Sports	Planning the year & practical stuff
Ocean Theory	17 May 2008	9.00	17.00	Andy Winnett	07773 284 799	Yes	Ocean Candidates	
Scouts Try Dive	19 May 2008	20.30	22.00	George	07701 679 483	Yes	All	All help gratefully accepted
Swanage Pier	24 May 2008	6	16	George	07701 679 483	Yes	All	Two easy sea dives
Calvert	29 May 2008	6.00	8.00	Roger	07802 765 366	Yes	All	Preference given to trainees, in water by 6.30pm
Advanced Diver Theory	31 May 2008	09.00	17.00	Roger	07802 765 366	Yes	All	Roger's House
Social Event Bowling in MK	07 June 2008			Kate	07770 593 304	Yes	All	See Kate for details
Scouts Try Dive	16 June 2008	20.30	22.00	George	07701 679 483	Yes	All	All help gratefully accepted
Committee Meeting	17 June 2008			Roger	07802 765 366		Committee	Planning the year & practical stuff
Farnes Dive Trip	20 June 2008	TBA	17	George	07702 679 483	Yes	All	Varied diving inc Seals
Stoney Cove	04 July 2008	08.30	16.00	Roger	07802 765 366	Yes	All	Speak to Andy Winnett about any training needs

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Scouts Try Dive	07 July 2008	20.30	22.00	George	07701 679 483	Yes	All	All help gratefully accepted
Buckingham Festival	12 July 2008			Kate	07770 593 304	Yes	All	See Kate for details
Bike ride & BBQ	19 July 2008			Kate	07770 593 304	Yes	All	Keep fit & eat & drink!!
Lundy Dive Trip	24 July 2008	TBA	16	George	07702 679 483	No	All	Varied diving inc Seals
Family Night	28 July 2008	20.30	22.00	Roger	07802 765 366	Yes	All	Bring all your family to swim or for a try dive for free
Stoney Cove	01 August 2008	08.30	16.00	Roger	07802 765 366	Yes	All	Speak to Andy Winnett about any training needs
Paint Balling	02 August 2008			Kate	07770 593 304	Yes	All	See Kate for details
Committee Meeting	07 August 2008			Roger	07802 765 366		Committee	Planning the year & practical stuff
River Rinse	14 September 2008	10.00	13.00	Roger	07802 765 366	Yes	All	River clean in Buckingham
Stoney Cove	16 September 2008	08.30	16.00	Roger	07802 765 366	Yes	All	Speak to Andy Winnett about any training needs
Bruxelles	19 September 2008			Roger	07802 765 366	Yes	All	About £220 inc Hotel, travel, food, diving, beer etc
Scouts Try Dive	22 September 2008	20.30	22.00	George	07701 679 483	Yes	All	All help gratefully accepted
Pre Egypt Meeting	04 October 2008			Roger	07802 765 366	Yes	All	Roger's House
Committee Meeting	07 October 2008			Roger	07802 765 366		Committee	Planning the year & practical stuff
2nd River Rinse	12 October 2008	10.00	13.00	Roger	07802 765 366	Yes	All	2nd River clean in Buckingham
Scouts Try Dive	13 October 2008	20.30	22.00	George	07701 679 483	Yes	All	All help gratefully accepted
Egypt	23 October 2008			Roger	07802 765 366	Yes	All	£570 all inclusive + £200 diving

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Birmingham Dive Show	01 November 2008			Roger	07802 765 366	Yes	All	
Post Egypt Party & Photos	15 November 2008			Kate	07770 593 304	Yes	All	Roger's House
Murder Mystery/Medieval Supper	29 November 2008			Kate	07770 593 304	Yes	All	See Kate for details
Diving Officers Conference	06 December 2008			Roger	07802 765 366	Yes		
London Festival of Diving	07 December 2008			Roger	07802 765 366	Yes	All	
Scouts Try Dive	08 December 2008	20.30	22.00	George	077701 679 483	Yes	All	All help gratefully accepted
Christmas Curry	10 December 2008			Kate	07770 593 304	Yes	All	Annual Christmas beer & Curry
Family Night	22 December 2008	20.30	22.00	Roger	07802 765 366	Yes	All	Bring all your family to swim or for a try dive for free
Committee Meeting	14 January 2009			Roger	07802 765 366		Committee	Planning the year & practical stuff