

# Stowe Sub Aqua Club 1180

## News Letter July 2007

As ever a packed edition of the newsletter, if you have any stories, comments, pictures etc for inclusion let us know. Take time also to read the events section at the end and book in to any you wish to do.

## **Wine Tasting in Buckingham**

An opportunity to taste a selection of wines and have a social event. Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July at the Well Street Centre in Buckingham from 7.30 pm will host a wine tasting event for us. There will be a number of wines to taste together with tasting notes and suggestions to help everyone enjoy that glass of wine more. The price is £10 per person and can you let Roger know if you are attending so the quantity of wine can be matched to the number of drinkers

See you Saturday and take a taxi home

## **Buckingham Town Council River Rinse**

The date of this year's River Rinse is Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>. All those whose would like to join in helping clean the local environment should contact Roger for more details. We will be meeting in town about 9.30 and will be finished by lunch. It is a good way to advertise the club and put something back into the community



## **Clobber.**

All,

We now have a supplier for club Polo and SweatShirts. I have examples of both available if you wish to have a look at them, just let me know. The logo is 3 colour, high quality, embroidered. If you are interested can you complete the yellow sections of the form and return to me.

**Thanks**

**Roger**

## **Kit Locker - For your feet only!**

I had a ' Try out other peoples fins ' session at Stowe BSAC Club the other Monday. I found it very useful. I had organised through Roger to try out somebody's split fins, thanks Bev. It felt like I wasn't wearing any, and a little like I wasn't getting anywhere. This was probably a delusion. I then asked Roger if he would kindly remove his so I could have a go. I liked Rogers, his were Mares Quattro fins, although his feet are bigger than mine are I was able to get an impression of how effective they were. Whilst swimming around various groups of people learning new skills I noticed Andy's Cressi fins, he kindly leant them to me even though he was busy using them at the time. These were different again, they were heavier but effective.

I still haven't bought a pair yet but as it is an expensive purchase I want to make the right choice.

**Nicola Ibbotson-Gue**

## **Members Letters.**

Torpedo strike misses the Stangarth

During one of the many visits this year to Stoney Cove was an attempt to complete a certain divers sign off on navigation and dive leading/ navigation exercise. A small group entered the water (4 divers). Early indications bode well for the successful completion of the exercise but as the group moved over the cliff edge, enroute mid water from the bus stop to the Stangarth the urge to swim fast became too much and the lead diver began to leave his party – Yes the torpedo strikes again. Having realised the group was getting strung out the torpedo stopped, anticipating the group would catch up and get together – visibility was not brilliant this day and using compass navigation mid water is not the easiest of things, half the group turned 180 degrees and started to swim off in the opposite direction. At this point the torpedo getting very frustrated with not moving suddenly had the permission to swim and catch them and return them to the fold, so to speak, and complete the journey to Stangarth. So off he finned causing a slight bow wave and considerable cavitation in the water - torpedo is a very apt nickname at this point – within a couple of moments the two wayward divers where shepherded back on the right path. Onwards toward the elusive Stangarth the group went, buoyancy control became difficult and the group descended to the quarry bed to continue on the journey – by this stage it was turning out to be an Epic Journey. As time passed and air checks were executed it became apparent that air was low for one diver causing the group to abort the dive and not reach the stated objective.

Hence the torpedo missed the Stangarth by metres.

PS, as this happens virtually every time we try a mid water navigation it is difficult to place blame on any one individual.

## **DIVE LEADER**

All,

George has obtained use of Calvert lake on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July from 08.00 – 12.00 for our rescue training. We will start promptly at 08.00, can you therefore arrive at 07.30. The formal session will finish at 13.00 and we may repair to a hostelry for some light refreshment. You will need full SCUBA kit and any rescue equipment you believe necessary. There will be a range of scenarios for you to demonstrate your ability, some of which will be unusual. This is your day, it may be useful if you discuss as a group how you might tackle some obvious potential events. In preparation please ensure you are familiar with the Dive Leader rescue management sections of your workbooks.

Can you please confirm numbers, so I can ensure you will be kept busy with different events  
Happy to discuss further

The rescue management session for all the Dive leader candidates, (For most this is the final event before qualifying and then going on to become an instructor) requires willing victims at least 6 (however more is better) to run several scenarios for the dive leader candidates to manage.

Full briefing will be given in advance and a further briefing on the day. Although I do need some divers, not all of the roles involve getting wet and I would appreciate as many of you as possible attending to give a realistic accident scenario.

Of course you should also learn a lot about how to (or not to) manage an incident.

Can you let me know if you can attend?

Thanks in advance for your support

Kind regards  
Roger

### **Latest news round-up from BSAC Membership HQ to share with your branch members** **New look Membership cards**

Our new-look BSAC membership card has now been designed and will be phased in over the coming months to replace the current version. Information on all the cards remains the same and all old-design cards are still valid.

The membership card's design has been refreshed and features a new diving image. We hope to change the photo on the card each year – so if any of your members have photos that could be a great image for future cards, please let us know!



### **Now in stock...the new Come Diving brochure**



We've updated BSAC's Come Diving brochure – which is now smaller, snappier and more 'user-friendly'. Primarily targeted at non/new divers, the new A5 booklet can be used to support all aspects of your branch marketing as well as being used as a 'stand-alone' introduction to diving with BSAC. The booklet will also accompany our brand new DVD (more details below) and will replace the old A4 'Come Diving with BSAC' brochure. A sample copy of the updated brochure will be sent out to you with your month-end renewals. If you then require further copies, please use the online stationery form at [www.bsac.org/page/644/branch-stationery.htm](http://www.bsac.org/page/644/branch-stationery.htm)

### **Coming soon...BSAC's fantastic new DVD**

Our brand new promotional film – *Go Diving UK* – is hot off the press and will be available to branches shortly. Produced by BBC journalist and underwater cameraman, John McIntyre and sponsored by Dive Master Insurance, the film showcases the very best of UK diving with BSAC. It's a fantastic introduction to diving in British waters as well as the BSAC and should really inspire people to Go Diving with us!

Copies of the DVD (pictured right) are free and will be sent out to all branches as soon as it is available as well as included in new members' welcome packs. The plan is for the new DVD to help our branches recruit new members and also support the Go Dive and Try Dive campaigns as well as branch open evenings.

We will be making the most of the profile-raising opportunities of the DVD – it will be used as a magazine cover mount and sent out to regional and national newspapers to raise awareness of the beauty of UK diving with BSAC. When the DVD has arrived, we will announce it in BSAC Talk.

### **Getting more to Go Dive with BSAC**

All of the above is to help you to recruit new members to your branch. This summer, we really hope you will encourage more people to join you and BSAC to experience the fun of diving. If you need any help with recruitment or more information on our Go Dive with BSAC Summer campaign, please email me on [alisond@bsac.com](mailto:alisond@bsac.com), phone 0151 350 6220. You can also register your branch for Go Dive online at [www.bsac.org](http://www.bsac.org)

Best wishes,

Alison Dando

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## Stowe Sub Aqua Club - Order Form

Polo Shirts - **Light Blue** Male or Female - Embroidered with Club Logo Price £ 10.50  
*Rivermead RM002/RM011*

Sweat Shirts - **Royal Blue** Male or Female - Embroidered with Club Logo Price £ 11.00  
*Blue Max Raglan Sleeve*

Name:  Tel No.:

Size		Sweat	Polo Shirt	Qty	Price
S /36	Men's				0£ -
M /40					0£ -
L /42					0£ -
XL /44					0£ -
2XL /48					0£ -
3XL /52					0£ -
4XL /54					0£ -
5XL /56-58					0£ -
	Ladies				0£ -
XS/8/32					0£ -
S/10/34					0£ -
M/12/36					0£ -
L/14/38					0£ -
XL/16/40					0£ -
2XL/18/42					0£ -
3XL/20/44					0£ -
4XL/22/46				0£ -	
				Total	0£ -

**Please note sizes are approximate and for guidance only**

Complete this order form and send to Roger Bray

**Attach Cheque made payable to SSAC or Cash for** £ -

Note no orders will be taken without prepayment  
 Many thanks

# Special Notice from Custom Divers

Dear Customer

Thank you for your previous custom and we trust you are pleased with your purchases.

We would like to inform you of our Summer Sale discount offer of 10% off all items from our product range listed below. Take a look at our latest addition – the Sportster wing system, an ideal travel wing weighing only 3.4Kg, sale price just £225.

- \* Wings systems
- \* Twinning bands
- \* Reels
- \* Protectors and lift bars
- \* Remote leads
- \* Quick release couplings
- \* Lighting systems
- \* DVDs
- \* SeaCure mouldable custom mouthpieces
- \* Accessories and stainless steel fittings

Check out our website [www.customdivers.com](http://www.customdivers.com) for full technical specifications on Custom Divers equipment or feel free to contact our technical department who will be happy to advise on any aspect of kit configuration.

Discount offer until 6<sup>th</sup> July or whilst stocks last.

Free postage on orders over £50.

## See Monty Hall in Apsley Guise

Diver City have several tickets £4 to see Monty Hall speaking at a hotel in Apsley Guise on 16<sup>th</sup> August for more info contact Diver City 01908 647 300

## Dive Events

Event	Start Date	Start Time	Finish Time	Organiser	Phone	Email
Wine Tasting Well St Centre Buckingham	28 July 2007	20.00	23.00	Roger	07802 765 366	<a href="mailto:roger.bray@bt.com">roger.bray@bt.com</a>
Rescue Management	28 July 2007	08.00	13.00	Roger	07802 765 366	<a href="mailto:roger.bray@bt.com">roger.bray@bt.com</a>
Blue Lagoon	29 July 2007	10.30	12.00	Andy Wiles	07867 971 289	<a href="mailto:roger.bray@bt.com">roger.bray@bt.com</a>
Calvert	30 July 2007	08.00	10.30	Roger	07802 765 366	<a href="mailto:roger.bray@bt.com">roger.bray@bt.com</a>
Blue Lagoon	01 August 2007	18.30	20.00	Andy Wiles	07867 971 289	<a href="mailto:roger.bray@bt.com">roger.bray@bt.com</a>
Calvert	11 August 2007	08.00	10.30	Roger	07802 765 366	<a href="mailto:roger.bray@bt.com">roger.bray@bt.com</a>
Stoney Cove	15 August 2007	09.00	16.00	Roger	07802 765 366	<a href="mailto:roger.bray@bt.com">roger.bray@bt.com</a>
Calvert	18 August 2007	08.00	10.30	Roger	07802 765 366	<a href="mailto:roger.bray@bt.com">roger.bray@bt.com</a>
Family Night	20 August 2007	20.30	22.00	Roger	07802 765 366	<a href="mailto:roger.bray@bt.com">roger.bray@bt.com</a>
Blue Lagoon	29 August 2007	18.30	20.00	Andy Wiles	07867 971 289	<a href="mailto:roger.bray@bt.com">roger.bray@bt.com</a>

River Rinse	16 September 2007	10.00	13.00	Roger	07802 765 366	<a href="mailto:roger.bray@bt.com">roger.bray@bt.com</a>
Stoney Cove	18 September 2007	09.00	16.00	Roger	07802 765 366	<a href="mailto:roger.bray@bt.com">roger.bray@bt.com</a>
Nitrox for Ocean Divers	29 September 2007	09.00	11.00	Roger	07802 765 366	<a href="mailto:roger.bray@bt.com">roger.bray@bt.com</a>
Nitrox for Sport Divers and Above	29 September 2007	11.00	13.00	Roger	07802 765 366	<a href="mailto:roger.bray@bt.com">roger.bray@bt.com</a>
Stoney Cove	10 October 2007	09.00	16.00	Roger	07802 765 366	<a href="mailto:roger.bray@bt.com">roger.bray@bt.com</a>
Egypt	18 October 2007	TBA		Roger	07802 765 366	<a href="mailto:roger.bray@bt.com">roger.bray@bt.com</a>
02 Administration Course	TBA			Roger	07802 765 366	<a href="mailto:roger.bray@bt.com">roger.bray@bt.com</a>
Instructor training at pool	TBA			Roger	07802 765 366	<a href="mailto:roger.bray@bt.com">roger.bray@bt.com</a>
Instructor Preparation	TBA			Roger	07802 765 366	<a href="mailto:roger.bray@bt.com">roger.bray@bt.com</a>
Dive leader Theory	TBA			Roger	07802 765 366	<a href="mailto:roger.bray@bt.com">roger.bray@bt.com</a>