



Newsletter

Sept '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, if there is anything you particularly want to do let us know and we will see what we can do. Please let us know if you are attending so we can meet your needs

Congratulations

John Schofield and Stephanie Taylor on passing Sport Diver

Training

Training

Training is going well for all grades.

Now summer has passed and everyone is back we are arranging further training.

Below are the proposed/ ongoing theory lessons however, we are looking for ideas from you for extra courses.

Have a look on the BSAC website for Skill Development Courses. .

<http://www.bsac.org/page/258/sdc---course-syllabus.htm>

If you see one you want to sign up for let us know, if we can't run it we know someone who can.

We are always looking for new ideas, the first of the new skill development courses a "Wreck Appreciation Course" is being run at Roger's house on the 11th October at 9.00

Ocean diver

The training is progressing well with 10 new trainees in the last few weeks.

All are part way through both pool and theory lessons. Open water retains its almost tropical temperature until late November ensuring first open water dives are pleasurable.

Sport Diver

We are arranging dates for the Sport Diver theory, this is open to anyone who has passed their Ocean Theory or is just about to, a great way to enhance and progress your skills.

Assistant Instructor

This is open to Sports divers and above.

Pass on your skills and enthusiasm to new divers. By teaching trainees you further your own skills and development.

Dive Leader

Dive leader training is for those having passed the Sports theory.

This qualification allows more adventurous diving and showing others the joy of diving.

All lessons are open to anyone who wants to progress or refresh their skills

If you interested in any courses speak to any of the Instructors or email Andy at andywinnett145@hotmail.com. (07773 284 799)

Social Events

If there is a particular social event you would like to see, speak to Kate 07770 593 304 and we will see what we can do

Summer Bike Ride & BBQ

The Bike ride was excellent. Andy Winnett's choice of off road route in was great; a light sprinkling of rain gave every one a liberal layer of cow poo on their arms and legs. Roger's disagreement with a BMW gave rise to a small amount of shouting and regrettably no damage to the car.

The BBQ followed at Roger's house, and was a raging success. Jo provided excellent food in their beautiful garden. Fun went on late into the night and ended for us when Simon reached the 45 degree angle of leaning and the "hello ladies" level of drunkenness.

Special mentions:

Jo – For wonderful food and being the hostess with the mostess

Dave King – For an amazing gold bottom wiggle on the Wii

PAINT BALL

A good start was made by everyone turning up on time! The day commenced with a valiant out run by one of our teams hobbit members (8 ten year olds we acquired), he took the oppositions flag and the points were won. So excited was he that vomit followed and a rest was required.

By lunch time it was clear the Stowe team were whooping the competition, much to our delight.

Following lunch, success continued in every game despite Kate making a Rambo like crossing of the river and breaking her leg, and Andy having fun and games with Hannibal Lecter from the other team and getting a jolly good kicking!

The day was finished with amazing tactics, a large number of smoke bombs and a jolly good trashing for the other team.

Special Mention:

Andy Wiles - Who brought his lovely new girlfriend Nicky along, but failed to bring her any lunch.

Book Now Fishy Talk Saturday 27th September

Please let Roger know by Monday 15th and pay your £20 if you intend to come to

"Harems, hermaphrodites, herbivores and hunters" - Tales of courtship, sex changes, territorial defence, aggression and feeding strategies of fish. An illustrated introduction to the amazing biology of marine fish by Dr Roy Wiles.

Roy is an ecologist who teaches scientific diving as part of his degree programmes in Biology and International Wildlife Biology at the University of Glamorgan. He teaches students survey techniques on coral reefs in the Caribbean, Red Sea and Indonesia.



This will be followed by a tutored wine tasting led by Roger and then a buffet style dial a curry. We will be using the Well Street Centre in Buckingham. The price will be £20 including the wine and curry, feel free to bring some beer to wash the curry down. This is of course open to non diving partners.

River Rinse 14th Sept & 12th Oct

This year you have two chances to do your bit for the community, get your photo in the paper and help publicise the club. We are looking for grants to buy more equipment and this community service work really helps our cause, these are open to everyone and all you need is a wet or dry suit, a pair of gloves and some enthusiasm.

River Rinse 1 14th Sept meet at 10.15 Cornwalls Meadow. Clearing the river from the Green Bridge at Cornwall's Meadow Car Park towards the skate park

River Rinse 2 12th Oct meet at 10.15 Hunter Street end of Berties' Walk. Clearing the river from Hunter Street (Lord's) Bridge towards Tingewick Road (Castle) Bridge via Bath Lane

Please let Roger know if you can help

September is National Try Dive Month

Throughout September we are running try dives every Monday evening at the pool. In addition we have two special events Saturday 13th at Swan Pool 1pm – 3pm and Sunday 28th at Thornton School. We need volunteers for all these sessions, instructors, front of house, pool side help, safety divers in the pool etc etc. If you are available we can use your help. Please ring George 07701 679 483

Pictures

I have started loading pictures and video on to the web and the first few are now available, have a look it might be you!!! We will also link to them from our own website soon

<http://picasaweb.google.com/roger.bray002/RobFarnes#>

<http://picasaweb.google.co.uk/roger.bray002/TryDives#>

Diving Kit

There is still a lot of club kit not in the shed, please return **ANY** kit you have. When kit is borrowed for a trip it should always be returned on the Monday following the trip so that it can be used by other people. We are missing lots of 1kg weights can you check to see that you have returned all the ones you have, many thanks

If you wish to buy new kit Roger has a range of shorty pool wet suits, Masks, torches and other equipment available, and can get most things at very good prices, just ask.

Compressor Work Required

As you know we have had a number of trainees join us and have several try dive events throughout September. This means we can go ahead with the compressor work to fit one way valves, an additional air filter and an additional 2 charging lines to make the work of the “air fairies” easier. This will cost around £1500 and we intend to complete this during November

Working Party Evening Wednesday 8th October 7.00pm

Thanks to those that attended the last evening, we managed to complete the fin store; however there is lots more work to be done. Volunteers are required to tidy and re arrange the shed following the recent work. We will be making the best use of the space available and storing kit that is only occasionally used in the roof space. All help is gladly accepted from basic DIY

to repair of dive kit and sorting the equipment paperwork. Can you spare a couple of hours to help? Please call Robert (07885 511 226) to let him know you can attend

Bruxelles Friday 21st November

Unfortunately due to Roger's operation the Bruxelles trip had to be postponed to 21st November, we leave Friday lunchtime and return in the early evening of Sunday arriving in Bruxelles 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 worlds 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. The diving is for qualified Ocean divers and above, although non diving partners are also welcome.

Rugby & Polo Shirts

I have several Club shirts, unfortunately not in all the sizes required so I will be placing an order on 15th. If you want a shirt let Roger know now. I also have some I ordered last time and have not been collected so I may be able to supply from stock.

Database

To ensure we keep proper records of your diving grade, training, Next of Kin, medical etc I have created a database. The intention once it is complete is to hold some of this in a secure area on our web site. However I am struggling to get updates on the information from some of you. Can I ask that if you are asked for information (generally by email) you reply quickly? It is essential that we have records as part of our duty of care

Many thanks Ruth ruth.robottom@dhl.com or membership@stowesubacqua.co.uk

Our Website www.stowesubacqua.co.uk

Ian has been doing some great work to move our site to a new provider, this will enable us to have a far more interactive presence and a number of enhancements are planned. However we are looking for someone with creative talent to own the content and ensure it is regularly refreshed. Do we have any willing volunteers or will I have to volunteer someone???

Let Roger or Ian know if you are interested

Help to run the Club

Currently the running of the club is primarily done by a handful of volunteers, if you could offer a couple of hours a month to help it would be greatly appreciated, there are a number of widely different roles from DIY, stock taking,, kit repair and maintenance, distributing posters and magazines and simple Admin. Email diving@stowesubacqua.co.uk or speak to Roger

If anyone can get colour photocopies, laminating or binding please let me know

Thanks

BSAC Talk

The latest BSAC Talk edition is now available here <http://www.bsac.org/page/93/bsac-talk.htm>

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



Dive Dates

Event	Start Date	Start Time	Finish Time	Organiser	Phone	Places Available	Criteria	Notes
Try Dive night at the pool	08 September 2008	20.30	22.00	George	0'7701 679 483	Yes	All	All help gratefully accepted
Instructor Meeting	10 September 2008	20.00		Roger	07802 765 366	Yes	All	Try Dive Planning
River Rinse	14 September 2008	10.00	13.00	Roger	07802 765 366	Yes	All	River clean in Buckingham
Try Dive night at the pool	15 September 2008	20.30	22.00	George	0'7701 679 483	Yes	All	All help gratefully accepted
Stoney Cove	16 September 2008	08.30	16.00	Roger	07802 765 366	Yes	All	Speak to Andy Winnett about any training needs
Scouts Try Dive	22 September 2008	20.30	22.00	George	0'7701 679 483	Yes	All	All help gratefully accepted
Fish Identification, wine tasting & Curry	27 September 2008	19.30	Late	Andy Wiles	07867 971 289	Yes	All	Well Street Centre Great social & learning event
Blue Lagoon	28 September 2008	10.30	12.30	Andy Wiles	07867 971 289	Yes	Qualified Divers	Please arrive on time
Thornton School try dive	28 September 2008	14.00		Paul	01280 815653	Yes	all	All help appreciated
Try Dive night at the pool	29 September 2008	20.30	22.00	George	0'7701 679 483	Yes	All	All help gratefully accepted
Pre Egypt Meeting	04 October 2008	20.00		Roger	07802 765 366	Yes	All	Roger's House
Blue Lagoon	05 October 2008	10.30	12.30	Andy Wiles	07867 971 289	Yes	Qualified Divers	Please arrive on time
Committee Meeting	07 October 2008	20.00		Roger	07802 765 366		Committee	Planning the year & practical stuff
Working Party	08 October 2008	19.00	22.00	Robert	07885 511 226	Yes	All	Tidy Shed and ensure all kit marked up etc
Wreck Appreciation Course	11 October 2008	09.00	12.00	Roger	07802 765 366		All	Important for all
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	0'7701 679 483	Yes	All	All help gratefully accepted
Blue Lagoon	15 October 2008	6.30	8.30	Andy Wiles	07867 971 289	Yes	Qualified Divers	Please arrive on time
Murder Mystery	17 October 2008			Kate	07770 593 304	Yes	All	Whittlebury Hall See Kate for details
Egypt	23 October 2008			Roger	07802 765 366	Yes	All	£570 all inclusive + £200 diving
Birmingham Dive Show	01 November 2008	10.00		Roger	07802 765 366	Yes	All	
Bruxelles	07 November 2008	12.00		Roger	07802 765 366	Yes	All	About £220 inc Hotel, travel, food, diving, beer etc
Stoney Cove	14 November 2008	08.30	16.00	Roger	07802 765 366	Yes	All	Speak to Andy Winnett about any training needs
Post Egypt Party & Photos	15 November 2008	20.00		Kate	07770 593 304	Yes	All	Roger's House
Medieval Supper	29 November 2008	20.00		Kate	07770 593 304	Yes	All	See Kate for details
Diving Officers Conference	06 December 2008	09.00		Roger	07802 765 366	Yes		
London Festival of Diving	07 December 2008	09.00		Roger	07802 765 366	Yes	All	
Scouts Try Dive	08 December 2008	20.30	22.00	George	0'7701 679 483	Yes	All	All help gratefully accepted
Christmas Curry	10 December 2008	20.00		Kate	07770 593 304	Yes	All	Annual Christmas beer & Curry
Stoney Cove	12 December 2008	08.30	16.00	Roger	07802 765 366	Yes	All	Speak to Andy Winnett about any training needs
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	20.00		Roger	07802 765 366		Committee	Planning the year & practical stuff
