

CLUB NEWS

The First in a Long Line of Newsletters

by Ben Fraser

Welcome to the 1st quarterly issue of the Bushey & Borehamwood Sub Aqua Club newsletter. The purpose of this publication is for the members perusal of recent on goings in our fantastic club. The content will be written by the membership, we are looking for articles, photos, reviews, tips etc, so if you are interested in submitting a contribution please contact me without a moments hesitation.

This year has started with a bang! We've had some great dive trips, a large influx of new members and our training programme has never looked so exciting. The club is going from strength to strength and is prospering beyond belief.

As the summer months approach I can guarantee you plenty of BBQs, so stop eating from now!

Ben

Chairman, BBSAC

Who are your committee, and what do they do for you?

by Cheryl Lamford

The club committee is there for you to help you get the most out of your club membership. If you ever have any questions about the running of the club or how you can get more involved in the running of our successful dive club talk to any of the people below. You can see their photos on the club notice board.

Main Committee

Position	Name	Responsibilities
Chairman	Ben	Day to day running of the club
Treasurer	Richard	Club Finances
Diving Officer	James	All diving activities
Training Officer	Paula	Diver training and development
Membership	Cheryl B	Branch and BSAC membership
Secretary	Cheryl L	Producing club documents
Equipment Officer	Alex	Servicing and maintenance of club kit
Members' Member	Katie	First point of contact for new members

Sub-Committee

Web Officer	Wayne	Web site design and development
Boat Officers	Norman & Simon	The two club RIBs
Welfare Officer	Cheryl L	Member equality, welfare and care

In the Diary

5-12 May	Plymouth & Salcombe Trip
12-13 May	Ocean Diver Training (Wraysbury)
24 May	First Summer BBQ
10 June	Wraysbury Diving
8 July	Buoyancy & Trim Workshop
21-22 July	Rescue Course (O ₂ and PRM)
12th August	Wraysbury Diving
12-17 August	Farne Isles Trip

Regular Thursday Training	
Ocean Diver	7:00 - 8:15 pm
Pool training/use	8:30 - 9:30 pm
Sports Diver	8:30 - 9:30 pm
Dive leader	9:30 - 10:30 pm

NEW! Competition for 2012

by Katie Bunt

This year the club is holding their **first annual Photography Competition**. There are three categories for entry:

Overseas, UK & Humorous

So, start taking photos and be as creative as possible.



Photo: Tom Forwood (with permission)

Diving with Seals in the Farne Isles

Each member can submit a maximum of 3 photos per category that have been taken during 2012.

There will be a presentation at the end of the year. Deadline for entry is 22nd November 2012. For more information contact Katie.

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Pimp My Club Hut!

by Wayne Allen

You've probably all noticed the changes that have been going on around the club hut in 2012. We have started a number of new initiatives to improve the appearance. One of note is the new Photo Wall, which is on the wall by the door into the club hut. All the photos have been taken by members of the club while diving or on dive trips. If you would like to have one (or more) of your pictures added



The new Photo Wall

to the photo wall please give the image to James on memory stick or in an email and we'll endeavour to get it on display as soon as possible.

Later in 2012 we will be running the BSAC underwater photography skill development course, keep your eye on the training board for more information.

Swanage & Kimmeridge Trip (14-15 April)

by Simon Calef

This was the first major diving weekend of the season, Swanage for one day and Kimmeridge for the next. We stayed at Helston Touring Park in Swanage with a Farm House that turned out to be a Palace!

Day 1 - With forecasted easy NW winds we dived the wreck of the Fleur De Lys (a small wooden vessel that

caught fire and sunk in 12m) a nice easy dive for our newly qualified divers. She's a haven for marine life with cuttle fish, lobster, and an array of other life living on her. Viz was around 2-3m. Some of the experienced divers then took a RIB out to the Kyarra (an old steamer sunk by a German U-Boat in 30m).

James and Steve W had an afternoon dive on the Tanville ledges in the Bay (a good second dive at around 6-9m). We retrieved the boats and headed back to the warm to get cleaned up for the evening drink and dinner

Day 2 - On Sunday we took the RIBs to Kimmeridge! The sun was out and the sea was nice and calm. We dived the Blackhawk (a liberty ship that had been sunk by a another German U-boat in 16-18m). With 4-5m viz this was a great dive with wrasse, bib and even squid!



Ben & Katie prepare kit

The Second dive was the Barge and Nature trail, with again lots of marine life, and a Boiler where a Conger has made it's home and greeted James.

It was a Fantastic weekend with fantastic members! They made the trip. The club's newly qualified ocean divers had the chance to enjoy some great UK diving and did really well.

A very big thanks to Kerry for towing and Cox'n, Alex T for assisting with the boat launching and retrieving and equipment repairs on site, Lesley for assisting the Cox and boat handling. Thanks also to James, Steve and Paula for their big input with the diving and pairing.

Going Diving in 2012

by James Clark

It's been a busy start to the year and over 170 club dives have already taken place. It is set to get better with Ocean & Sports Diver and Dive Leader training started and we've got many trips in the making.

We've had numerous trips to Stoney Cove & Wraysbury Dive Centres to get the season up and running which has helped brush off some of the rust (in some cases, literally), and make sure that people are ready for the season ahead.



Eltree Diver in Swanage Bay

The first BIG trip, organised by Gary and Ben Cunningham, has gone to Plymouth & Salcombe with both the club's RIBs for a week of wrecks and reefs on the south coast.

Gary also took a small group of divers up to Arlesey Lake (in Bedfordshire). This is the first time the club has been to this location for a few years and we plan to go back and look for the big predatory fish.

Forthcoming Dive Trips

by Steve White

Keep your eyes posted on the notice board, there are a group of Dive Leader trainees who are organising 5 dive trips between them.

Plans are afoot for a number of summer weekend trips including trips to West Wales, Devon, Sussex and some of our favourite Dorset destinations. The trips board and the training board will showing all planned trips.

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Dive with friends