

CLUB NEWS



WANTED - Editor for the Newsletter!

by James

It has been 6 months since the last Newsletter. This has certainly not been because the club has not been busy, far from it - it's has been a very busy year with some fantastic diving and fun trips being undertaken. It is mainly due to the time it takes to put the newsletter together.

We would be very grateful if a member of the club could come forward as Editor of the Newsletter and help get text together, nag the membership for trip reports and photos as well as nag the committee to get the newsletter out on time. If you are interested in the role please contact James or Steve to discuss what it involves.

Photo competition

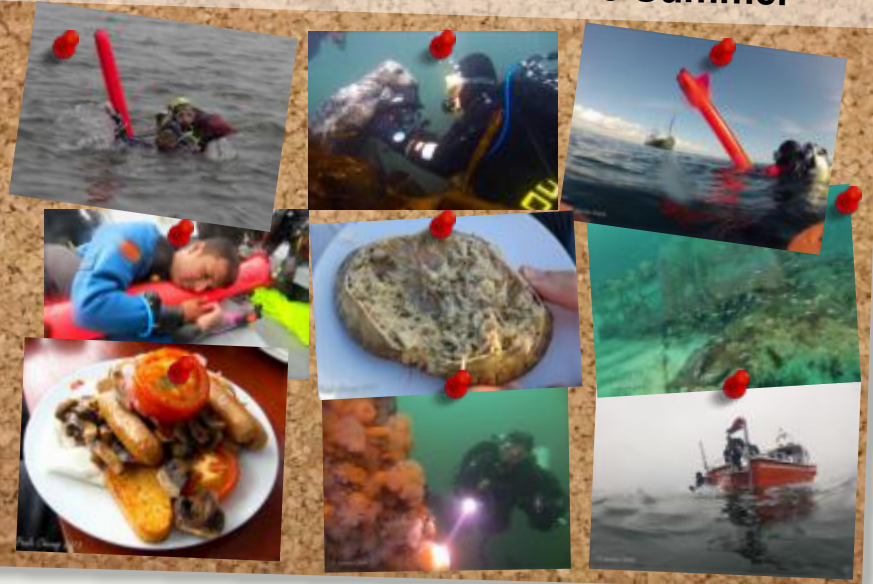
by Wayne

The deadline for entries into the 2013 Club Photo Competition is 21st November. This year there are 4 categories and any member can enter up to three pictures in each category.

- UK
- macro/close up
- overseas
- non diving/humorous

Please send all your entries to pictures@busheydivers.org

Notice Board - Pictures from the Summer



In the Diary:

31 st Oct	Hallowe'en BBQ
3 rd Nov	Wraysbury (training)
21 st Nov	Deadline for photo competition entries
23-24 th Nov	National Diving & Activities Centre
28 th Nov	Close of 2013 award nominations
28 th Nov	Club Annual General Meeting
30 th Nov	Stoney Cove
19 th Dec	Christmas Drinks, nibbles and raffle

Regular Thursday Training

Ocean Diver	7:00 - 8:00 pm
Pool training/use	8:30 - 9:45 pm
Advanced Diver	8:00 - 10:00pm

Club AGM

The club annual general meeting (AGM) will be held on 28th November in the club hut. This is an opportunity to run to be a member of the committee and get involved in running the club. Contact Steve for more information.

Welcome to our newest members!

We have had a large influx of new members over the past couple of months, some have started fresh as Ocean Diver trainees and others have joined the club as qualified divers.

Ray Smith, a BSAC Dive Leader and Asst. Instructor, joined us a few months ago from Bricket Wood Sub-Aqua club and has jumped head first into helping with Sports Diver training and pool sessions!



Tanya, is an Ocean Diver who has recently joined the club with her husband Cal. Our new Ocean Diver trainees are Trina, James (aka "Trina's boyfriend"), Cal & Joel. They joined the club a few months ago and have already almost completed their open water training on trips to Wraysbury and Portland harbour.



A weekend in Brackelsham

by Alicija

After a long week of work, on a Friday evening, we set off for a dive trip to Brackelsham. We both were very excited about the dives which we would endeavour over the next few days. This would be our second dive trip to the coast. We had our first dives in Portland harbour, which was an amazing, unforgettable experience, yet this time we would dive in the open sea. I was a little bit anxious about the likely 'drift dive', as I have never experienced underwater currents.

We arrived to our destination at about 10 pm. The night was warm and wind was calm, all promising nice weather for the next day. We have met the other divers at a caravan park. All nine of us were happy to share a caravan. It was fun to stay all together -people shared amazing scuba-diving stories and we had some good laughs.



After everyone went to sleep, me and Cheryl were still 'full of beans', and our laughs continued until we heard knocking on the wall from another room, and a voice say 'Go to sleep!'...

We woke up at about 6 am on Saturday morning. It was very sunny already. Huge queue to the shower room... Nevertheless, queue was disappearing quickly, everyone was good with time and cooperation.

Had a quick breakfast and a cuppa, packed all our dive gear and set off to a car park. Wayne and Caz towed the RIB, and we all followed to the shore. There was a nice surprise- a gorgeous grey seal resting lavishly on the beach. We could come fairly close

to him to have a look and take some pictures. I have never seen a grey seal in a wild before (*ed: this was BEFORE Alicija went to the Farne Isles*).

On that day, Sanjaya had his first two dives with Alex E. I had a pleasure to dive with Tony and Alex

Sadly, we were unable to locate one of the wrecks which we wanted to dive, so 'first wave' divers explored a seabed. Dived up to 15 meters, visibility was very good in these shallow waters, saw a lot of crabs, colourful fish and all the other amazing sea life.

On the second wave, we dives a wreck from the WWII. To me, this was the most fascinating dive so

far, as I had a number of 'firsts' on this dive, and they are always very special: I have held a big colourful crab in my hand, I have experienced the currents of the sea, and have seen so many different fish

and other sea life for the first time.

On a Sunday weather still was fantastic. We all had one dive each that day, and it was also pretty remarkable. We dived a sea bed in the shallows again, but this time current was much stronger than the day before. Sanjaya came from his dive saying he felt like he was 'flying' under water. It is truly amazing to feel the enormous power of the sea, taking you wherever it may... But with good preparation and skill, it is possible to control your direction and completely enjoy the dive. Massive thanks to dive trip organiser Caz, and everyone else, who made this trip so amazing, safe and fun!

Dry dive at London Hyperbaric

A dry dive is a great opportunity to experience diving to depth, and the associated physiological problems of narcosis, breathing dense air and the pressure on the body without the risks associated with going underwater. Whipps Cross hospital is the home of the London Hyperbaric Chamber and 10 members of the club went there on a blazing hot Sunday in July (the day of the Wimbledon tennis men's final) to carry out a



dry dive to 40 metres equivalent pressure (5 atm).

This is an experience that you have to do to fully

understand; but at a depth of 40 metres it can be likened to being put in a hot closed box with a group of mildly drunk people! the effect of nitrogen narcosis was apparent to all involved very quickly (some quicker than others!) and we all had a great experience.

Thanks to the attendants and staff at the chamber for putting on a great day for us!

Club awards

Don't forget to make your nomination for the BBSAC 2013 Club awards. Nomination forms can be found on the bar in the club hut or you can make your nomination on the web at: www.busheydivers.org/awards2013. Entries close on 21st November

BSAC video competition winner!

Congratulations to James (the Diving Officer) for winning the 2013 BSAC Diving Video competition with some footage shot while on the trip to the Shetland Isles in August this year, The video was shown on the BSAC stand at the Dive Show at the NEC, Birmingham, this month.

