

Stratford Divers

The Newsletter for Stratford Upon Avon Sub Aqua Club



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Committee Bits

Welcome to the new monthly newsletter, designed to keep all members up to date with events, news and notices from the committee. The website remains the principle source of club information. The intention of the newsletter is to provide headlines and links to the full story. The website link is.

<http://www.stratforddivers.co.uk/>

Please feel free to submit stories or news to Alastair.

Event Notes

Thanks to Simon Watkins for organising the monthly fun dives at Stoney Cove. These trips are designed for all members to get some dives in for fun without the pressure of training or learning new skills.



Also, thanks to Miles and Ellen for the Pizza and Chocolate night, this was a fun evening and the first of many social events planned for this year.

Welfare & Safeguarding

As our membership grows, we may find that we see more under 18 divers interested in joining. To support this, we have put some time into ensuring that we are able to offer younger divers a safe and secure environment. We have chosen to adopt the BSAC Buddyguard policy in full (link below).

<https://www.bsac.com/document/bsac-safeguarding-policy-2016/>

The majority of this is common sense and simply emphasises that we all have a responsibility to safeguard any under 18's. There are a few key points to highlight. Firstly, I (Alastair) have volunteered to act as the welfare officer. If any members have any concerns about the welfare or safety of any of our junior members, please let me know immediately and I can offer confidential support.

Pool Marshal

Continuing the theme of safety, you will notice a "Pool Marshal" name will be displayed outside the equipment cupboard each week. The sports centre lifeguards do monitor the water and they have cameras that show the bottom of the pool, but they are not able to rescue anyone in Scuba gear. It is our responsibility divers in distress to the pool side, de-kit them and get them out of the water.

All divers should be with a buddy in the pool that will act as the first point of help, the pool marshal will be a named contact that can also help. The pool marshal will be equipped with fins and mask. They are welcome to swim in either the swim while on duty. The pool marshal will be nominated at the start of the evening and before any member enters the pool.

Safety Committee

Angie Deaves, Peter Neal, Brett Ashford and Miles Howarth have kindly agreed to serve on the safety committee. This committee serves a vital role in ensuring the safety of all our members and advising on risk reduction.

New Members

We welcome Holly Bacon, Kate Inman, Ozzy Faulkner to the club. Please make sure you give all the new members a very warm welcome when you see them at the pool or the club. Don't forget to head over to our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/stratforddivers>.

Pool sessions run each Thursday between 8pm & 9pm at Stratford upon Avon Leisure Centre

Cost is £3.00 payable on the night

After the pool we meet at Stratford Football Club for drinks

February 2020

Date	Event	Organiser	Cost	Spaces Available?	Minimum Diver Grade
16 th Feb	Stoney Cove Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	Approx. £20	Yes	Ocean

March 2020

Date	Event	Organiser	Cost	Spaces Available?	Minimum Diver Grade
15 th Mar	Stoney Cove Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	Approx. £20	Yes	Ocean
TBD	Photography Awards	Sally & Hilary	Free	Yes	Open to all
21 st Mar	Clay Pidgeon Shoot	Ellen Rowe	£30	Yes	Open to all

April 2020

Date	Event	Organiser	Cost	Spaces Available?	Minimum Diver Grade
1 st Apr	Malta	Jack & Kirsty	Approx. £600pp	Contact	Ocean
19 th Apr	Stoney Cove Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	Approx. £20	Yes	Ocean

May 2020

Date	Event	Organiser	Cost	Spaces Available?	Minimum Diver Grade
8 th May	Plymouth Rib Trip	Andy Bacon	Approx. £60	Yes	Ocean
TBD	Curry Night	Ellen Rowe	TBD	Yes	Open to all
17 th May	Stoney Cove Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	Approx. £20	Yes	Ocean
21 st May	Sharm Egypt	Chris & Sophie	Contact	Contact	Contact
25 th May	Plymouth Rib Trip	Andy Bacon	Approx. £60	Yes	Ocean

June 2020

Date	Event	Organiser	Cost	Spaces Available?	Minimum Diver Grade
19 th Jun	Lundy Island	Angie Deaves	Full	Full	Full
21 st Jun	Stoney Cove Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	Approx. £20	Yes	Ocean

July 2020

Date	Event	Organiser	Cost	Spaces Available?	Minimum Diver Grade
5 th /6 th Jul	River Festival	Ellen Rowe	Free	Yes	Open to all
9 th Jul	Farne Islands	Sally Richards	Contact for cost	Full	Sports
19 th Jul	Stoney Cove Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	Approx. £20	Yes	Ocean

August 2020

Date	Event	Organiser	Cost	Spaces Available?	Minimum Diver Grade
16 th Aug	Stoney Cove Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	Approx. £20	Yes	Ocean
31 st Aug	Plymouth Rib Trip	Andy Bacon	Approx. £60	Yes	Ocean

September 2020

Date	Event	Organiser	Cost	Spaces Available?	Minimum Diver Grade
5 th Sep	Chinese Night	Ellen Rowe	TBD	Yes	Open to all
10 th Sep	Pembroke	Peter Neal	Contact for cost	Contact	Ocean diver
19 th Sept	Sharm Egypt	Hilary	Full	Full	Full
20 th Sep	Stoney Cove Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	Approx. £20	Yes	Ocean

October 2020

Date	Event	Organiser	Cost	Spaces Available?	Minimum Diver Grade
18 th Oct	Stoney Cove Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	Approx. £20	Yes	Ocean
31 st Oct	Halloween / Fireworks	Ellen Rowe	TBD	Yes	Open to all

November 2020

Date	Event	Organiser	Cost	Spaces Available?	Minimum Diver Grade
1 st Nov	Scapa Flow	Alastair	Contact for cost	Yes	Sports Diver
15 th Nov	Stoney Cove Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	Approx. £20	Yes	Ocean
21 st Nov	Christmas Lights	Ellen Rowe	TBD	Yes	Open to all

December 2020

Date	Event	Organiser	Cost	Spaces Available?	Minimum Diver Grade
12 th Dec	Christmas Party	Ellen Rowe	TBD	Yes	Open to all
20 th Dec	Stoney Cove Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	Approx. £20	Yes	Ocean