

# Stratford Divers

The Newsletter for Stratford Upon Avon Sub Aqua Club



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## Committee Bits

This month saw the introduction of two new policies. First is the instructor expenses policy that allows the club to cover some of the costs our instructors incur whilst training new divers. The second is a training support policy that will allow members that have shown a consistent level of commitment to the club to get some help with the cost of instructor training. Both can be viewed on the club website in the resources section.

## Emergency Contacts

A member has asked for emergency contact details to be made available on the website. This allows easy access to next of kin contact details should any member ever need it. This function is there now, and we urge all members to log in and check your details are correct and up to date.

## New Members

We would like to welcome Johnny & Abi Taylor to the club. Johnny and Abi recently got married and were so keen to join they were in contact with us while on Honeymoon! Welcome both!

## RYA Level II

Some of you may be aware that we are planning to run some RYA Level II courses through our partners, Rob Perry Marine. We envisage running courses in the Spring & early summer. The courses will take place using Hornet (our RIB) and are 2 days. Costs are TBC. Chris will be communicating details when he is back from his travels. This is just a heads up to let you know that

## Photography Comp



Don't forget!! March 12<sup>th</sup> at the club. Photography Awards.

## Stoney Cove

Spring is coming, the weather WILL get better, and we will all want to start diving again. Why not take advantage of our pool sessions each Thursday to brush of the cobwebs and test your gear. Better still, join Simon Watkins on one of the monthly fun days at Stoney Cove.



It is worth knowing that for those of you that use Andy Marks for servicing, he is very busy at the moment so make sure to give him plenty of notice if you need gear servicing or fixing. Last minute jobs cannot always be done.

## Scillies Expedition

This month Andy Bacon and Jon Arthur have been finalising some of the details for the most ambitious trip we are running this year. While the Scillies have been a regular destination for the club, this year will see some significant changes to how the trip is run. **Good Luck Both.**

## Good News

Congratulations to Paul Orris for making it through Ocean Diver. Just in time for the good weather to bring some Spring Diving...hopefully! Don't forget to check out the website [www.stratforddivers.co.uk](http://www.stratforddivers.co.uk)

**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**

## March 2020

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

## April 2020

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

## May 2020

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

## June 2020

Date	Event	Organiser	Cost	Spaces Available?	Minimum Diver Grade
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Plymouth Trip	Andy Bacon	Approx. £60	Yes	Ocean
19 <sup>th</sup> Jun	Lundy Island	Angie Deaves	Full	Full	Full
21 <sup>st</sup> Jun	Stoney Cove Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	Approx. £20	Yes	Ocean

## July 2020

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

## August 2020

Date	Event	Organiser	Cost	Spaces Available?	Minimum Diver Grade
16 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Stoney Cove Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	Approx. £20	Yes	Ocean
22 <sup>nd</sup> Aug	Scillies Expedition	Andy Bacon	Contact for cost	Contact	Contact

## September 2020

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

## October 2020

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

## November 2020

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

## December 2020

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