

# Stratford Divers

The Newsletter for Stratford Upon Avon Sub Aqua Club



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## Committee Bits

As we move into Spring it is beginning to feel as though there is some light at the end of the tunnel. As we move into April, we have had some sunny weather and we have seen our first divers back in the water.



We have had reports of numerous groups going, all of whom have fed back that the vis is pretty poor, but all were happy to get back in the water. Other dive sites are of course available and as you may have seen, Cromhall has had an excellent review from Simon and Denise.

If you are considering a trip, please remember to let Angie know.

## Thursday Night Pool

The leisure centre will be opening very soon, but it remains off limits for clubs at this stage. The information we currently have is that it will reopen on May 17<sup>th</sup> for clubs, which would make our first pool night May 20<sup>th</sup>. This is very much subject to change, and of course we will be in a better position to confirm the date as we get closer to May.

## Club News

### Lectures and Quizzes

Huge thanks to Simon Gurney for organising an excellent presentation from Gareth Lock from the Human Diver. Also, Simon provided an especially lets get ready for diving kit check meeting which was well received by all attendees.

Thanks also to Kirsty for organising a fun quiz night. This was well attended and lots of fun...and I am happy to report that I came first! Look out for more events advertised through chat.

### Boats and Trips

Now that the weather is improving and there is an air of optimism, we will be putting Portia up for sale. We looking to achieve a premium price for it and will be giving it a good clean before we get the for sale sign up.

Given the uncertainty around foreign travel we are expecting a flurry of activity on boat use so if you are planning on taking them out, please do let me know so I can update the booking calendar on the website and also on this newsletter. We really want to avoid any chance of double bookings so plan ahead and let us know when you will need the boats.

### Other news

Our account with EasyFundraising has raised nearly £40 from just 8 signed up members. If you can sign up, please do. It is free money and worth having for the very minimal set up process. I know it may not sound like much but the more people signed up, the more passive fundraising we will achieve.

### Congratulations

I am delighted to report that even despite the lockdowns, obstacles and difficulties we have been through over the past 12 months, we have a new ocean diver! **Congratulations** to Kate Inman who passed OD, well done and we all look forward to diving with you!



### Trips 2021

We still don't know for certain which trips will be going ahead right now. Your trip organiser is the best person to go to with questions about each trip and they will share any info as it becomes available.

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

Date	Event	Organiser	Cost	Spaces Available	Minimum Diver Grade
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MAY 2021					
3rd	Plymouth TBC	Andy Bacon	TBC	Yes	Ocean
21st-23rd	Lundy Version 1	Angie Deaves	TBC	No	Sports
31 <sup>st</sup>	Plymouth	Andy Bacon	TBC	Yes	Ocean

JUNE 2021					
11 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup>	Red Sea	Hilary Wilson	Contact	Contact	Contact

JULY 2021					
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup>	Isles of Scilly	Andy Bacon	Contact	Contact	Sports
9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	Farnes	Sally Richards			

AUGUST 2021					
TBC	Lundy Version 2	Angie Deaves	TBC	No	Sports
30 <sup>th</sup>	Plymouth	Andy Bacon	TBC	Yes	Ocean

September 2021					
9 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup>	Sharm el Sheikh It may be possible to join for 1 week only rather than the full 10 days.	Sophie and Chris	TBC	Yes – Contact Sophie and Chris for details	Ocean
30 <sup>th</sup>	Plymouth	Andy Bacon	TBC	Yes	Ocean

If you have a trip that is not listed above please could you send me the details so I can add it on.

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