

# Stratford Divers

The Newsletter for Stratford Upon Avon Sub Aqua Club



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## Committee Bits

The easing of lockdown restrictions has seen a very welcome flurry of activity. We have seen trips to both inland and coastal dive sites this month as well as a return to the pool.

There does seem to be a buzz of excitement as the population is allowed out, and one result of this is that we have a long list of try dives lined up. **We are really keen to have a large number of members able and willing to take try dives** so if you could help with these, even if only on an occasional basis please let Sophie know. For those interested, there are Instructor foundation courses being run again so now is a great time to book yourself on one.



## Thursday Night Pool

Our return to the pool has been smooth and I am grateful for the patience shown by all members as we adapt to the situation. As a reminder, we do need to exit the pool at 8:50pm for the time being and we should stay out of the building until 5 mins before our start time.

## Club News

### Foreign Travel

As foreign travel starts to open up some members may be considering a trip to warmer climes. We are really pleased to see a return to diving both home and away, but we would make the request that any member that is travelling abroad, is careful to observe correct self-isolation procedures on your return. While we are keen to see your pictures and hear the stories, it will have to wait until we are sure you are bug free.

### Club Airfills

There was some good support for the idea of air fills using the club compressor. Since we have just had to give the system a quite comprehensive (and expensive) service we are keen to see it used more. Once the compressor is back from its overhaul, we will start to offer air fills at a price that will cover the cost (TBC). Please be aware that it is unlikely that this will be an on demand or rapid service and I do not intend to offer a delivery service! Most likely I will collect on a Thursday and drop off the next week although it is possible that I can accommodate people coming to me on most weekends. Once we have calculated a price I will send out a mail to the club.

### Events Coming Up

Kirsty is organising a karting event in Gloucester on July 17<sup>th</sup>. The cost is £35 and these events are great for getting rid of pent up road rage. Contact Kirsty for more information.

### Trip Reports

There have been too many trips to mention them all in the newsletter so please check the website for updates. We have seen trips out to Lundy, Capernwray, Plymouth. We have seen sun, rain, high winds and everything in between, but it has been fantastic to get out again.



We very much appreciate that some of the newer members are running trips of their own. Trips are so important to the health of the club. The feedback from the divers on them has been fantastic. If anyone is interested in running a trip, having a chat with Angie is a very good place to start.

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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JUNE 2021					
11 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup>	Isles of Scilly	Andy Bacon	Contact	Contact	Contact
26 <sup>th</sup> or 27 <sup>th</sup>	NDAC (TBC one of two dates)	Andy Dale	Contact	Yes	Ocean
27 <sup>th</sup>	Stoney Cove Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	Contact	Yes	Ocean

JULY 2021					
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup>	Possibly Plymouth week TBC	Andy Bacon	Contact	Contact	Ocean
9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	Farnes	Sally Richards			
17 <sup>th</sup>	Karting	Kirsty Manning	£35	yes	N/A
17 <sup>th</sup> or 18 <sup>th</sup>	NDAC (TBC one of two dates)	Andy Dale			
18 <sup>th</sup>	Stoney Cove Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	Contact	Yes	Ocean

AUGUST 2021					
7 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	Swanage (Date TBC)	Simon Watkins	TBC	Yes	Ocean
20 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Lundy Version 2	Angie Deaves	TBC	No	Sports
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Stoney Cove Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	Contact	Yes	Ocean
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
19 <sup>th</sup>	Stoney Cove Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	Contact	Yes	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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