

# Stratford Divers

The Newsletter for Stratford Upon Avon Sub Aqua Club



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## Committee Bits

June has seen a huge increase in activity both at inland and coastal dive sites. As the volume of trips increases, please make sure to let me know of any plans to use our boats. We try to keep the website calendar up to date along with this newsletter so accurate information is key.



Portia is up for sale, and we are keen to get that sold. It is clear that Hornet is tired and requires constant maintenance. We will be starting the process of looking at the future of Hornet. It is all up for discussion for now and we will be working with members understand what our needs are. If you have an opinion, please take the time to talk to me at the club or give me a call.

## Thursday Night Pool

Pool sessions continue to run smoothly and thanks to all members for exiting so promptly. We expect to be welcoming some scouts soon. We will communicate the time and date as soon as we know. I know this can cause a little disruption, but it does bring in some revenue to cover our pool costs.

## Club News

### Pembroke Trip Spaces

Mark Jeffrey is running the ever-popular Pembroke trip again this year and there are 2 spaces available. Diving is over 3 days on the 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> September on the Eva Anne. We have rooms in the Heart of Oak in Milford Haven and costs are very low for this trip. Diving is always great and varied so please let Mark know if you might be interested.

### Emergency Contacts

Please could all members take a few minutes to head over to our website and update your next of kin and emergency contacts. It is very easy. Go to members and then members directory. You will need to log in, then look for your name and click on it. Head to the emergency contacts and click edit to make any changes. As always, call me or ask for help at the club if you need it.

### Kit For Sale

An ex-member of the club who no longer dives in the UK has offered some kit for sale. It consists of 2x10L cylinders on a Buddy Commando BCD with Apeks regs. There is also an Otter neoprene drysuit that would suit a medium sized male, around 5'6 – 5'8. There is also an arctic undersuit and enough other kit to fully equip a diver. If you are interested in all or part of this, please let me know and I can put you in contact with him

### Events Coming Up

Don't forget the karting on July 17<sup>th</sup> and the curry night on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Both are organised by our events officer Kirsty, so please contact her for details.

Also. Please hold the Date! We have a Christmas party booked for December 10<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton Doubletree. More details to follow!

### Trip Reports

Thanks to Andy Bacon and Jon Arthur for another fantastic trip to the Isles of Scilly. When the trip was announced I promised that the sun always shines on St Agnes. The evidence so far suggests that I was right. It was a fantastic week in a perfect location. I hear the chef was a little below par but other than that it was a trip I can thoroughly recommend for future years.



The trip to NDAC was also very well attended and looked lots of fun. Thanks to Andy Dale for this trip. Full reports are on the website (as long as you have sent me one!)

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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JULY 2021					
9 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup>	Farnes	Sally Richards	Contact	Full	Sports
17 <sup>th</sup>	Karting	Kirsty Manning	£35	Yes	N/A
18 <sup>th</sup>	NDAC	Andy Dale	Low	Yes	Ocean
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Curry Night	Kirsty Manning	Low	Yes	N/A
24 <sup>th</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup>	RIB Trip	Chris Hastie	Contact	Contact	Contact

AUGUST 2021					
7 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	Swanage (Date TBC)	Simon Watkins	TBC	Yes	Ocean
7 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	RIB Trip from Lyme Bay	Jack Franklin	Contact	Contact	Contact
20 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Lundy Version 2	Angie Deaves	TBC	No	Sports
15 <sup>th</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	Sophie and Chris	TBC	Contact	Ocean
11 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup>	Pembroke	Mark Jeffrey	Contact	Yes	Sports
19 <sup>th</sup>	Stoney Cove Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	Contact	Yes	Ocean
30 <sup>th</sup>	Plymouth	Andy Bacon	TBC	Yes	Ocean

OCTOBER 2021					
17 <sup>th</sup>	Stoney Cove Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	Contact	Yes	Ocean

NOVEMBER 2021					
21 <sup>st</sup>	Stoney Cove Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	Contact	Yes	Ocean

DECEMBER 2021					
10 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Party – Hilton Doubtree	Kirsty Manning	TBC	Yes	N/A

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

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Club Airfills:- Now available from our own compressor at the bargain price of £3.50 per fill (to cover running costs). Please let me know if you will be dropping off a cylinder for filling as I may not be at the club every week. Just ask me for more details.

Don't forget easyfundraising – click the link to raise some cash. [Stratford Divers Fundraising | Easyfundraising](#)