

Stratford Divers

The Newsletter for Stratford Upon Avon Sub Aqua Club



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Committee Bits

Don't forget that the AGM will be held on Wednesday November 24th at 8pm. We intend to run it live and also via a video conference to allow as many people to attend as possible. There will be a vote on the introduction of revised bye laws. These changes are significant and far ranging so please take a look. I will bring a copy to the club each Thursday, so if you would like to discuss the text face to face I am very happy to go through it with you. I am also very happy to talk through the changes by video link or phone if you prefer. It is important that as far as possible, we all agree with these changes

Trips for 2022

I would like to populate the calendar for next year, so if you have trips planned, please let me know so I can add them. Also, please remember to send dive logs to Angie and a trip report for the website is always appreciated.

Scouts & Try Dives

We have scout groups coming in December and January. These provide some very welcome income. We will have up to 6 at a time so we will be looking for people to support them in the pool. The equipment cupboard will be stretched during this time so please be mindful and try to bring your own equipment with you if you can to limit the demand on club resources.

Club News

Weymouth Trip

With the end of the season approaching, the trips are getting less frequent. 6 divers did make a trip to Weymouth last weekend with the intention of getting out to the M2 and Aeolian Sky. As is often the case, the weather got the better of us and despite our best efforts, we were not able to achieve that goal. Instead we were limited to diving in Portland harbour and the wreck of the Countess of Erne.



Christmas Party

The Christmas party is on! We have the Hilton Doubletree booked on Friday December 10th. The cost is £38 per person, you can put on your best frock or wear whatever you want. We will have good food, cheer and don't forget the awards. The party is being organised by Natalie and Angie so please make sure you pay them asap to reserve your space for this fun event.

Mince Pie Dive

Sally is organising the ever popular mince pie dive again this year. It is a fun event if you don't want to dive, with plenty of food and a great atmosphere. It is cold, so it is not suitable for new divers or those that have not been in for a while. If you would like more information, please speak to Sally or check out her informative email that was sent out via chat recently.

New Instructor



Instructors are a cornerstone of the BSAC model. Achieving instructor status requires hard work and dedication. On behalf of the whole club, congratulations and thanks to Simon Steed for achieving his OWI. This is a huge boost for the club and it is appreciated.

New Members

We have four new members with us this month. Welcome to Sasha Vosloo, Rian Case and Rya Aust. Sasha and Rian are already well into their ocean diver course and Rya, as a very new member will be working through the OD syllabus as well. We also welcome Rob Leach who joins us as a sports diver.

We are very happy to see you all join and wish you all a very long, happy and active time with the club.

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

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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| NOVEMBER 2021 | | | | | |
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| 21 st | Stoney Cove Fun Dive | Simon Watkins | Contact | Yes | Ocean |

| DECEMBER 2021 | | | | | |
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| 10 th | Christmas Party – Hilton Doubletree | Chris Butterfield | TBC | Yes | N/A |
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NEW!!

To help trip organisers we have set up an email address that will go to Angie as DO and the website admin team. If you are planning a trip, please contact boatbookings@stratforddivers.co.uk

This is particularly important if you are planning a trip with Hornet as it will allow us to reserve the boat for you. Boat bookings are strictly first come first served and must be with the agreement of the DO. Trips booked can be viewed in this newsletter and on the website

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

Alastair.manning@gmail.com or 07394 404855

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](#)