

Stratford Divers

The Newsletter for Stratford Upon Avon Sub Aqua Club



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Committee Bits

Thanks to all members that attended the AGM last week. For those that couldn't, the minutes have been circulated and if you would like to discuss anything that is in there, please let me know. We have some new members of the committee and I would like to welcome Holly Bacon and Simon Watkins who will fill recruitment and treasurer roles. The events role is unfilled so we will be looking for help during the year to support arranging social meet ups. If you would like to organise an event please speak to anyone on the committee. We would welcome the help.

Christmas Party

Don't forget the Christmas party on December 10th at the Hilton Doubletree. We have a very good number signed up so speak to Angie or Natalie for any last-minute availability. Dress code is whatever you are comfortable in. Black tie is optional.

Committee Members

Thanks to Sophie Hastie and Chris Butterfield, both of whom stood down from the committee at the AGM. Both made very valuable contributions to the club as recruitment officer and secretary respectively. We are grateful for the significant amount of time invested in the administration side of the club and both roles were carried out to a very high standard. Good luck and happy diving!

Club News

Stoney Fun Dive

Thanks to Simon Watkins for arranging another fun Stoney Dive. The weather was fantastic as was the viz so some great diving was possible. Look out for details of future fun dives in the New Year.



Scouts & Try Dives

We have scouts coming in December and January. These groups provide welcome income to the club. We will have up to 6 at a time so it will be cramped in the pool and the equipment cupboard will be stretched. During this time, please try to bring your own equipment rather than borrowing from the club and if you see Jay looking exhausted, please give him a hand. The swim lane will be removed while the scouts are with us. We recognise the inconvenience this causes, and we are grateful for the patience of those that use that lane.

Christmas Cards

Christina has very kindly agreed to organise this years Christmas Card collection. Each year, instead of sending cards to each other, we arrange for a charity collection. Near Christmas a virtual card will be sent out to the club on behalf of all those who donated. The charity chosen this year is the Marine Conservation Society. Christina will be collecting cash at the club over the next couple of weeks and at the Christmas Party so please look out for her and donate if you wish to.

Mince Pie Dive

The mince pie dive is nearly upon us. If you are tempted by the promise of festive fodder in the company of club members along with a dip in Stoney, then please speak to Sally as a matter of urgency. It is always a fun day although it is cold so its not a good day for your first time in Stoney or if you have not dived in a while. Even if you cannot dive, its fun to come along for the food and chat.

Christmas Opening

The pool will be open for swimming and stamina on December 23rd. There are no scouts that week. Please note that there is **no pool session on December 30th**. We reopen for swimming and stamina on January 6th with scouts back in the pool on January 13th and 20th.

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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| DECEMBER 2021 | | | | | |
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| 10 th | Christmas Party – Hilton Doubletree | Angie and Natalie | £38 | Yes | N/A |
| 17 th | Mince Pie Dive | Sally Richards | Low | Yes | N/A but cold |

| April 2021 | | | | | |
|------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|-----|-----|-------|
| 30 th | Bank Holiday Weekend RIB Trip | TBC (Alastair) | TBC | Yes | Ocean |

| June 2022 | | | | | |
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| 10 th – 17 th | Red Sea Liveaboard | Hilary | £1700+ | Yes | Ocean |
| 18 th – 25 th | Isles of Scilly | Andy Bacon | TBC | Yes | Sports |

| July 2022 | | | | | |
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| 1 st – 3 rd | Lundy Island | Angie Deaves | TBC | No | Ocean |
| 8 th – 11 th | Farnes | Sally Richards | TBC | No | Sports |

| August 2021 | | | | | |
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| 27 th | Bank Holiday Weekend RIB Trip | TBC (Alastair) | TBC | Yes | Ocean |

Boat Bookings

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](#)