

# Stratford Divers

The Newsletter for Stratford Upon Avon Sub Aqua Club



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## Committee Bits

Happy New Year to all members. It was a relatively busy December with numerous club trips to Stoney Cove as well as some training being completed. The Christmas party was an extremely fun night and thanks to all those that attended.

We managed to raise £187 for the Marine Conservation Society through the Christmas Card campaign. Thanks to all those that donated and to Christina for organising the collection.

2022 has started strongly with lots of trips being planned so please check the trip listings for whats on.

## Red Sea June 2022

It's cold and wet in the UK, so why not give yourself something to look forward to and get on the June Red Sea Trip. There are a couple of people that need to swap their places so please contact Alastair in the first instance to secure your spot. Dates are June 10<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> and we have our own liveboard. This is a brilliant trip, join if you can.

## Christmas Party Thanks

The Christmas party was a fantastic night that was enjoyed by all that attended. Special thanks to Angie and Natalie for making it happen and stepping in at short notice to ensure that the party could go ahead. It was a superb evening and for anyone considering going next year we would 100% recommend it.

## Club News

### Mince Pie Dive

Thanks to Sally for arranging the Mince Pie Dive in December. It was extremely well attended and a lot of fun. The day was made extra special by the celebration of founding member, Keith Bonds 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. A full trip report is available on the website.



### Scouts & Try Dives

We have scouts in the pool for the next 2 weeks. They are smaller groups, so we are hoping to keep the swim lane open. The scouts will not be permitted into the deep end of the pool anymore so it should also allow training to continue. As always, we recognise the inconvenience that having groups of children in the pool causes and we thank you for your patience.

### Go Diving Show 2022

I have 15 tickets for the Go Diving Show in Coventry on March 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> 2022. I have the large group rate of £5.98 so if you would like to go, please don't buy another ticket. Let me know and you can buy one of mine at the cheaper rate. The tickets are valid both days. Speak to me (Alastair) at the club or pool if you are interested.

### New Dive Leader

Congratulations to Chris Bradbury for successfully completing his Dive Leader course. The theory exam was completed online under scrutiny from Chris Hastie along with a few others. We will see other Dive Leaders qualifying in the near future, so watch this space.



### Trip Planning 2022

There are a number of trips being planned already, to both inland and coastal destinations. If you are interested in arranging a trip please speak to Angie in the first instance, particularly if you are new to running trips. Hornet will be available from Spring and there are numerous people willing to support any member looking to run a RHIB trip.

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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January 2022					
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Stoney Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	£18 entry	Yes	Ocean
28 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup>	Capernwray	Andy Dale	Low	Yes	Ocean

February 2022					
12 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup>	NDAC	Andy Dale	Low	Yes	Ocean
20 <sup>th</sup>	Stoney Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	£18 entry	Yes	Ocean

March 2022					
12 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup>	NDAC	Andy Dale	Low	Yes	Ocean
20 <sup>th</sup>	Stoney Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	£18 entry	Yes	Ocean

April 2022					
17 <sup>th</sup>	Stoney Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	£18 entry	Yes	Ocean
30 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday Weekend RIB Trip	TBC	TBC	Yes	Ocean

May 2022					
15 <sup>th</sup>	Stoney Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	£18 entry	Yes	Ocean
28 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday Weekend RIB Trip	TBC	TBC	Yes	Ocean

June 2022					
10 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup>	Red Sea Liveaboard	Hilary	£1700+	Yes	Ocean
19 <sup>th</sup>	Stoney Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	£18 entry	Yes	Ocean
20 <sup>th</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup>	Isles of Scilly	Andy Bacon	TBC	Yes	Sports

July 2022					
1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lundy Island	Angie Deaves	TBC	No	Ocean
8 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup>	Farnes	Sally Richards	TBC	No	Sports
17 <sup>th</sup>	Stoney Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	£18 entry	Yes	Ocean

<b>August 2021</b>					
<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Stoney Fun Dive</b>	<b>Simon Watkins</b>	<b>£18 entry</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Ocean</b>
<b>27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Bank Holiday Weekend RIB Trip</b>	<b>TBC</b>	<b>TBC</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Ocean</b>

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](#)