

Stratford Divers

The Newsletter for Stratford Upon Avon Sub Aqua Club



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Committee Bits

It's that time of year again when renewals are looming at the end of March which means payments will shortly be required. Please note that if you have a direct debit this will be requested automatically however if you don't please speak to Natalie to make payment via card or BACS. It is also a good time to check all details on the membership directory are all correct. Please feel free to contact Natalie with any queries / questions via telephone or email (which can be found on the membership directory).

Hornet Update

Hornet has been taken to Hull to have some work done on the tubes. We are behind schedule due to delays getting parts delivered and the inevitable shortage of people due to the dreaded covid. We will do all we can to keep the project on time but please check before planning any trips on the club RIB. There is a significant risk that we will not be able to get her serviced at the beginning of April as we had originally planned.



Club News

Congratulations to Tom Roberts for passing his Ocean Diver course. Great news and we look forward to diving with you. Some more good news from BSAC regarding COVID. Please make sure to check the latest news and guidance [here](#).

For members diving at Stoney Cove, please be aware that divers are now required to pay for parking in the main car park again, unless you can car share. If you don't have a space you will need to park in the top car park and walk down.



February Diving in the Avon

This all started because we thought it would be a great idea to dig steps down to the river at the bottom of our garden instead of using the wooden ladder which was fixed there at the moment. The grandchildren use the river for kayaking so steps would be much easier for launching. As this week is half term, we suggested Andre, at 14 years old and, as he keeps telling us, with strong muscles, could come and help. It would keep him occupied and get the job done much quicker. Win-win all round!

Miles and Andre started on Monday morning but it wasn't long until Andre had to come and confess to me that he had snapped my lovely ladies spade in half. That afternoon he also had to confess that he had knocked Miles fairly new hammer off the top of the wall into the river. We thought we had seen the last of that so went and bought a new one. Miles's chisel had also disappeared, we think it could be at the bottom of the foundation trench, but no-one is sure. We explained to Andre that he would be having deductions from his wages which, at this rate, would mean he would be paying us!

Having had a day off on Wednesday, Andre arrived to help this morning. He was using Miles's spade, rather special to Miles as it had been his father's. I didn't take long for Andre to manage to throw that in the river as well. We are now in a position where we are running out of tools and the steps might never happen, so Miles got into his dry suit and snorkelled the river. It was running quite fast, but luckily not as much as it had been a couple of days before. It is also incredibly bad visibility, if you think Stoney Cove has been bad last year, that has nothing on our river.

It's amazing what there is down there, he found a couple of paving slabs, lots of rubble and plenty of branches, but miraculously, he has both his hammer and spade back. Does this count as a bad vis dive?

Contributed by Hilary Wilson

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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March 2022					
20 th	Stoney Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	£20 entry	Yes	Ocean
31 st	Used Kit Sale at the football club	Alastair Manning	Free	Yes	N/A

April 2022					
17 th	Stoney Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	£20 entry	Yes	Ocean
23 rd	Wolf Run	Sarah Lloyd	£40 - £60	Yes	N/A
30 th	Bank Holiday Weekend RIB Trip	TBC	TBC	Yes	Ocean

May 2022					
13 th	Curry Night at Aladdin's	Alastair Manning	N/A	Yes	N/A
15 th	Stoney Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	£20 entry	Yes	Ocean

June 2022					
1 st – 6 th	RHIB Trip Details TBC	Chris Hastie	TBC	TBC	TBC
10 th – 17 th	Red Sea Liveaboard	Hilary	£1700+	Yes	Ocean
19 th	Stoney Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	£20 entry	Yes	Ocean
20 th – 27 th	Isles of Scilly	Andy Bacon	TBC	Yes	Sports

July 2022					
1 st – 3 rd	Lundy Island	Angie Deaves	TBC	No	Ocean
8 th – 11 th	Farnes	Sally Richards	TBC	No	Sports
16 th	Club Summer BBQ	Holly Bacon	TBC	Yes	N/A
17 th	Stoney Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	£20 entry	Yes	Ocean

August 2021					
21 st	Stoney Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	£20 entry	Yes	Ocean
27 th	Bank Holiday Weekend RIB Trip	TBC	TBC	Yes	Ocean

September 2021					
18 st	Stoney Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	£20 entry	Yes	Ocean

October 2021					
16 th	Stoney Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	£20 entry	Yes	Ocean
30 th - 6 th Nov	Red Sea Northern Wrecks & Reefs	Andy Dale	£1457	Limited	Sports

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](#)