

# Stratford Divers

The Newsletter for Stratford Upon Avon Sub Aqua Club



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## Committee Bits

It has been a very busy season with numerous trips running at both UK and foreign sites. We are very lucky to have been able to welcome some new members over the summer, most recently Vanessa, Ellie and Jake all of whom are qualified divers and are looking forward to joining us on future trips. Training has continued and we have seen some successes and new qualifications coming in at a steady stream. As the season comes to an end we hope all members get the chance to enjoy the late summer sun and get in a few more dives before those thick undersuits come back.

## Christmas Party

Members should have received an email from Holly regarding our Christmas party this year. Some of you have noted that the venue we had planned to use appears to have been repurposed and may no longer be available to us. We are investigating the situation and alternative venues as I write this so please watch this space for more information. We will let all members know of any new date or venue as soon as we can.

## Congratulations

Congratulations to Natalie for successfully qualifying as a Sports Diver. Further congratulations to Will and Andy for surviving and oddly enough, enjoying their first ever open water dive in a very murky Stoney Cove!

## Club News

Big cheers for Simon Watkins for completing Dive Leader. Simon is already involved in the training of new members and is looking forward to completing his OWI course over the coming months.

Well done also to Rya who qualified as a sports diver over the summer. Fantastic achievement and well done.



## Trips & Events

Andy Dale organised an extended trip to West Bay over a number of days with the intention of diving some new wrecks to some of us. This was a well-attended trip with some great dives. Many thanks to Andy for organising and a full report is available on the website.



Trips further afield have continued with Vanessa, one of our newer members travelling to the red sea for what looked like a great trip.

Thanks also to Nigel who gave a talk about diving to some local children and no doubt inspired the next generation of divers to join us on our adventures. This is great promo for the club and was very well received.



Simon has kept up the monthly fun dives and while most of these are at Stoney, it does move to other venues occasionally. They are a great opportunity to practice skills and dive with other members so speak to Simon Watkins for details.

Check the website for full reports for other trips.

<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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September 2022					
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup>	Portkerris	Cancelled	TBC	Yes	Sports
18 <sup>st</sup>	Fun Dive TBC	Simon Watkins	£20 entry	Yes	Ocean

October 2022					
16 <sup>th</sup>	Stoney Fun Dive	Simon Watkins	£20 entry	Yes	Ocean
30 <sup>th</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Red Sea Northern Wrecks & Reefs	Andy Dale	£1457	Full	Sports

Next years Trips will be added soon – if you have any trips coming up please make sure to let us know

### 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.

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