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Free Flow

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The Chair, sorry ex-Chair, sends her regards to the club in her traditional manner and wishes everyone a great diving season.

Buddies

Here we are again with the latest edition. Lots going on in the club at the moment with training and the dive session getting under way.

Just as a reminder there's the Jack Ingle's lecture on The Wrecks of Malta on 17th April at Lutterworth College. All proceeds in support of the Air Ambulance, so see Ian for your tickets.

Another notable date for your attention is the sponsored 24 hr snorkel weekend of 23/24th June. Basically it's a relay of small teams, minimum of 2 persons, doing a circuit of the cove which is approximately 1 mile. The aim is to have people in the water at all times over a 24 hr period, yes this means through the night. Therefore lots of surface support persons gladly invited.

Pete B

Chairpersons Bit

Hey folks,

Wow, March already!? Where is 2012 going? Spring is very definitely on its way and with it comes the lighter evening, warmer weather, (well this week anyway) and there is now no excuse for not putting everything you've learned into practice....

Looking at the calendar LSAC already has numerous club trips, both near and far. It starts this coming Saturday with a fantastic opportunity to jump in to the Cove with a great bunch on buddies. Whether it be a 'road' test regarding gear or a couple of ticks in the box it's a great chance to take a pre-trip dip☺

March has already seen a successful Brewery Tour (thanks to Phillip L) as well as a superb Diver Cox in Plymouth. Moving forward there's a trip to Loch Fyne over Easter, Mike F has just a couple of places left on the Boat handling course, there's the chartwork & position fixing course and then there's Jack Ingle's visit and the 24 hour Sponsored Snorkel in June... phew I'm out of breath! This is just a few of the trips/events planned and of course there's so much more.....

Please take a minute or 2 to check out www.lsac.co.uk if you haven't visited recently. The calendars include all the up to date info on everything that's coming up both on Tuesday nights and trips. If you haven't already done so you can purchase your 'Jingle' tickets online (or see Ian J) as well as check out latest photo's and more.

So finally, this is my last official 'Chair' column and I'd like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to you, all of you for making Lutterworth Sub-Aqua Club such a superb club to be part off.

On that note, welcome once again to Bill and now over to you. Here's to a safe and enjoyable season of diving!!

Cheers,

Claire

Hi folks,

Lutterworth Sub Aqua Club is holding its 24 hour Sponsored Snorkel event on the weekend of *June 23rd & 24th*.

Taking place at Stoney Cove, it's an ideal opportunity for us to raise a little money for our club as well as a nominated charity close to all of our hearts... the air ambulance.

This is an event that we've run in the past and has always been incredible fun for all the family. We'll kick off at midday on the 23rd, you can snorkel in pairs/groups etc. All you'll need is your dry-suit and snorkelling gear and if you fancy a dive as well either Saturday afternoon or Sunday morning I'm positive we can arrange an instructor or 2. We'll be organising a BBQ over Saturday evening and into Sunday morning, fun for the kids (both big and small) and I have already booked the sunshine and warm weather - all we need is you!

It's going to be a superb Summer event and all I ask for now is that you save the date and support this! We'll be providing more information along with how you can get involved by raising money in due course.

You can check out photo's from the last time we ran this back in 2005 here:

http://www.lsac.co.uk/photo_album/24_hour_sponsored_snorkel/031200.jpg - you may recognise a face or 2!

Cheers for now and don't forget it's June 23rd & 24th ;-)

Claire

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News and Snippets Corner

I have my Trimix course coming up in April. That means spending even more money on this dreadful diving addiction. My beloved twin independent 10L cylinders on a Buddy commando jacket, which have served me so well for many years, aren't up to the task; I need to invest in a pair of manifolded 12s and a wing. I've gone for the Buddy Trident - a shiny new one should be arriving at my back door any moment now. Early last year I bought a Red Hat wing / harness / backplate. Good price but complete rubbish. Despite help from several experienced 'techie' divers, I never did manage to set it up comfortably and ended up selling it at a loss and feeling very grumpy. Let my stupidity be a beacon to all you folks about to start making investment in dive gear, either for the first time or moving up the ladder a bit, perhaps to Sports level when you're about to start doing a bit of decompression diving. *Do your research.* Chat to lots of other divers before making up your mind and pulling out your credit card. Try out an instructor's gear. Anything you can do to get it right first time. You'll be pleased you took the trouble. **Bill Johnson.**

Dive centres in Cyprus are saying that diving continues as normal on the popular *Zenobia* wreck, despite local media reporting that the island's ports authority has closed the wreck and other sites in Larnaca port waters. There is no ban on the *Zenobia* wreck, however, some confusion to be cleared. A letter had been sent from the Cyprus Ports Authority to diving service providers reiterating a law passed in 1973 prohibiting diving activities in the port area, he said. The letter was being translated in different ways by different people. A meeting in Nicosia has been scheduled for tomorrow to be attended by the Cyprus Ports Authority, Cyprus Tourist Organisation, Cyprus Dive Centre Association, Coastal Passenger Boats Union, Marine Police and Department of Search and Rescue. The aim of the meeting would be to "clarify and resolve this issue". **Divernet 29th Feb 2012.**

Ambitious plans to develop the disused Dorothea Quarry have been unveiled. The Caernarfon Denbigh Herald reported that a consortium of businessmen, under the banner of Penygroes Holdings, had bought the Welsh slate quarry, which is located between Talysarn and Nantlle, after a two-year legal battle, and now want to transform it into a top-class tourism and leisure facility. The 300-acre site is regularly used by divers, but has been the scene of several fatal incidents in the last few years. Previous attempts to make Dorothea into a viable project have fallen by the wayside. According to the new owners, plans for development are still very much in the 'embryonic stages', but they claim that the multi-million-pound project, which could include an outward-bound centre, dive school and a hotel, would create hundreds of jobs. It is envisioned that clearance work could start this year, with construction beginning within the next 18 months. Time will tell whether this proposal will come to fruition and create another commercial inland dive site, or that Dorothea remains a site sought out by adventurous divers keen to explore its depths. **Sport Diver News 16th March 2012.**

Chilly Dip Goes Back to School

A big thanks to Nigel for giving up his time to take the club boat to Barwell Infants. Specifically mentioned were thanks for his time, enthusiasm and interesting talks about fish, diving and wrecks, as well as the boat. 177 children went on board the boat!

Also thanks goes to Ian for the loan of the brilliant pictures that everyone enjoyed looking at and talking about.

The club is all about education plus a bit of diving thrown in. These types of events are a credit to the individuals involved and the club in general.



Fund Raising the Easy Way

Hi All,

As you have no doubt heard we use a scheme called EasyFundraising. Put simply if you shop on-line and you go via the EasyFundraising website then a small amount of the monies you pay can be paid to a charity or organisation (in this case LSAC),

We joined the scheme in October and the transactions up to the end of December were totted up and we have been paid a premium of £27.20 (see the copy on the right)

The money will be used (eventually) to get extra training kit, which we can't afford, in normal accounting.

Looking on line we have already raised a further £19.59 this year and we have 13 of our members registered for the scheme.

It's very simple - just visit <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/lsac/> to register and shop with over 2000 well known retailers like Amazon, Argos, M&S, eBay and many more. Whenever we buy something, the retailer makes a donation to LSAC, and we use the money to buy kit!

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Dear Ian

We're delighted to enclose your latest easyfundraising cheque. It's the funds your supporters raised by shopping and searching with easyfundraising in the run up to Christmas. Together, our amazing easyfundraising members raised over £400,000 for good causes in this period, bringing the total raised in 2011 alone to over £1million - what a fantastic achievement so a huge well done to you and all your supporters!

We're determined to make 2012 even better so we've been working on a range of new features to make raising money even easier. We know that your supporters sometimes forget to login to easyfundraising before they shop. Our new tool, **Find and Remind**, will alert them when they're browsing the web if a store they're visiting is an easyfundraising partner, making sure Lutterworth Sub-Aqua Club never misses out on a donation. Just visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk/find-and-remind to find out more - and don't forget to tell your supporters about it too!

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Ian Jennings

Lutterworth Sub-Aqua Club

Program & Training Schedule 2012 (revision 1 08/03/2012)

Date	Ocean Diver	Sports Diver	Dive Leader / Advanced Diver	Skill Development	Interest Evening	Pool Training	Trips / Social	Night Dive	Date
03-Jan-12	No Club Christmas	No Club Christmas	No Club Christmas	No Club Christmas	No Club Christmas	No Club Christmas		4th	03-Jan-12
10-Jan-12	Dive Trip Planning	Dive Trip Planning	Dive Trip Planning	Dive Trip Planning	Dive Trip Planning	Ocean			10-Jan-12
17-Jan-12	OT1	ST1				Ocean & Sports		18th	17-Jan-12
24-Jan-12	OT2 / OT5 / EXAM	ST2				Ocean & Sports			24-Jan-12
31-Jan-12	OT1 / OT3 / OT6	ST3	DT1		Chilly Dip at the college	Ocean & Sports		1st	31-Jan-12
07-Feb-12	OT3 / OT4 / OT7	ST4				Ocean & Sports			07-Feb-12
14-Feb-12	OT4 / OT5	ST4				Ocean & Sports		15th	14-Feb-12
21-Feb-12	OT4 / OT6	ST4	DT2			Ocean & Sports			21-Feb-12
28-Feb-12	OT6 / EXAM	ST4 / ST5	DT3			Ocean & Sports	4th - Belvoir Brewery Tour		28-Feb-12
06-Mar-12	OT7 / REVISION	ST6	DT4			Ocean	10th-11th - Diver Cox - Plymouth	7th	06-Mar-12
13-Mar-12		REVISION				Ocean	15th - Capernray, 16-17th Chepstow		13-Mar-12
20-Mar-12		EXAM				Ocean	22nd - Dry Dive, Rugby Chamber	21st	20-Mar-12
27-Mar-12				CHARTWORK & POS FIXING		Ocean			27-Mar-12
03-Apr-12						Ocean	6th-9th - Loch Fyne	4th	03-Apr-12
10-Apr-12	No Club Easter	No Club Easter	No Club Easter	No Club Easter	No Club Easter	No Club Easter			10-Apr-12
17-Apr-12	Jack Ingle Talk	Jack Ingle Talk	Jack Ingle Talk	Jack Ingle Talk	Jack Ingle Talk	Jack Ingle Talk		18th	17-Apr-12
24-Apr-12	CATCH UP		DT3	CHARTWORK & POS FIXING		Ocean			24-Apr-12
01-May-12	REVISION		CATCH UP	CHARTWORK & POS FIXING		Ocean	5th-7th Boat Handling - Plymouth	2nd	01-May-12
08-May-12	No Club May Day	No Club May Day	No Club May Day	No Club May Day	No Club May Day	No Club May Day	14th-18th - Normandy		08-May-12
15-May-12	EXAM		DT4			Ocean		16th	15-May-12
22-May-12			DT5	CHARTWORK & POS FIXING		Ocean			22-May-12
29-May-12			DT6	CHARTWORK & POS FIXING	Red Sea Briefing	Ocean			29-May-12
05-Jun-12	No Club Spring Bank Holiday	No Club Spring Bank Holiday	No Club Spring Bank Holiday	No Club Spring Bank Holiday	No Club Spring Bank Holiday	No Club Spring Bank Holiday	6th-13th - Red Sea	6th	05-Jun-12
12-Jun-12			CATCH UP						12-Jun-12
19-Jun-12			DT7				23rd-24th - Sponsored Snorkel	20th	19-Jun-12
26-Jun-12			DT8	CHARTWORK & POS FIXING			29th-1st - Farnes		26-Jun-12
03-Jul-12			DT9 AT1					4th	03-Jul-12
10-Jul-12			CATCH UP	CHARTWORK & POS FIXING REVISION					10-Jul-12
17-Jul-12			DT10 AT2					18th	17-Jul-12
24-Jul-12			DT11				28th-29th - Pembroke		24-Jul-12
31-Jul-12			DT12 AT3					1st	31-Jul-12
07-Aug-12			CATCH UP				10th-12th - Farnes		07-Aug-12
14-Aug-12			REVISION AT4					15th	14-Aug-12
21-Aug-12			EXAM						21-Aug-12
28-Aug-12	No Club August Bank Holiday	No Club August Bank Holiday	No Club August Bank Holiday	No Club August Bank Holiday	No Club August Bank Holiday	No Club August Bank Holiday			28-Aug-12
04-Sep-12			EXAM REVIEW REVISION					5th	04-Sep-12
11-Sep-12			REVISION						11-Sep-12
18-Sep-12			EXAM					19th	18-Sep-12
25-Sep-12	AGM	AGM	AGM	AGM	AGM	AGM			25-Sep-12
02-Oct-12								3rd	02-Oct-12

Diving - 2012

Date.	Venue.	Diving	Organiser.	Boat	Level.	Accom.	Est.Cost	Status.	Comments
16-18 March	Bovisand	Training.	Fran + Mike F = Mike H	Chilly Dip	All	B&B.	TBA.	Spaces	
4-7 May	Weymouth/Portland	Boat Handling.	Mike F.	Chilly Dip	N/A	B&B	TBA.	Spaces	
14-18 May	Normandy	Wreck.	John Hooper	Hardboat	DL + ADV	Caravan.	TBA.	Full	
6-13 June	Red Sea	Wreck	Nigel	Liveaboard	Sports +	Liveaboard	£625 + Flights.		
29 June - 1 July	Farne Islands	Reefs & Seals	Mike F.	Chilly Dip.	Ocean +	B&B + Camp	TBA.	Spaces.	
10 - 12 August	Farne Islands	Reefs & Seals	Nigel	Chilly Dip.	Ocean +	B&B + Camp	TBA.	Spaces.	
TBA	Lymington.	Wreck	Nigel	Hardboat	DL +	B&B	TBA.	Spaces.	Midweek
TBA	Swanage.	Wreck	Bill or Nigel	Hardboat	SD +	B&B	TBA.	Spaces.	Midweek
TBA	Lyme Regis.	Wreck	Bill?	Hardboat	SD +	B&B	TBA.	Spaces.	Midweek
TBA	Weymouth/Portland	Diver Cox/CW&PF.	Neil B. + Nigel	Chilly Dip	N/A	B&B	TBA	Spaces	

2012

Dive Trip Calendar

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	
Sunday	1			1			1 Farnes.						Sunday
Monday	2			2			2			1			Monday
Tuesday	3			3	1		3			2			Tuesday
Wednesday	4	1		4	2		4	1		3			Wednesday
Thursday	5	2	1	5	3		5	2		4	1		Thursday
Friday	6	3	2	6 Loch Fyne	4	1	6	3		5	2		Friday
Saturday	7	4	3	7	5 Boat Hand	2	7	4	1	6	3	1	Saturday
Sunday	8	5	4	8	6 Plymouth	3	8	5	2	7	4	2	Sunday
Monday	9	6	5	9	7	4	9	6	3	8	5	3	Monday
Tuesday	10	7	6	10	8	5	10	7	4	9	6	4	Tuesday
Wednesday	11	8	7	11	9	6	11	8	5	10	7	5	Wednesday
Thursday	12	9	8	12	10	7	12	9	6	11	8	6	Thursday
Friday	13	10	9	13	11	8 Red Sea	13	10	7	12	9	7	Friday
Saturday	14	11	10	14	12	9	14	11 Farnes	8	13	10	8	Saturday
Sunday	15	12	11	15	13	10	15	12	9	14	11	9	Sunday
Monday	16	13	12	16	14 Normandy	11	16	13	10	15	12	10	Monday
Tuesday	17	14	13	17 Jack Ingle.	15	12	17	14	11	16	13	11	Tuesday
Wednesday	18	15	14	18	16	13	18	15	12	17	14	12	Wednesday
Thursday	19	16	15	19	17	14	19	16	13	18	15	13	Thursday
Friday	20	17	16 Bovisand.	20	18 Normandy	15 Red Sea	20	17	14	19	16	14	Friday
Saturday	21	18	17	21	19	16	21	18	15	20	17	15	Saturday
Sunday	22	19	18	22	20	17	22	19	16	21	18	16	Sunday
Monday	23	20	19	23	21	18	23	20	17	22	19	17	Monday
Tuesday	24	21	20	24	22	19	24	21	18	23	20	18	Tuesday
Wednesday	25	22	21	25	23	20	25	22	19	24	21	19	Wednesday
Thursday	26	23	22	26	24	21	26	23	20	25	22	20	Thursday
Friday	27	24	23	27	25	22	27	24	21	26	23	21	Friday
Saturday	28	25	24	28	26	23	28 Pembroke.	25	22	27	24	22	Saturday
Sunday	29	26	25	29	27	24	29	26	23	28	25	23	Sunday
Monday	30	27	26	30	28	25	30	27	24	29	26	24	Monday
Tuesday	31	28	27		29	26	31	28	25 AGM.	30	27	25	Tuesday
Wednesday		29	28		30	27		29	26	31	28	26	Wednesday
Thursday			29		31	28		30	27		29	27	Thursday
Friday			30			29		31	28		30	28	Friday
Saturday			31			30 Farnes.			29 Weymouth.			29	Saturday
Sunday									30 Tango.			30	Sunday
Monday												31	

- Dive Trip
- Chilly Dip booked
- Chilly Dip not available