NEWSLETTER
June 2010

Thanks in part to the decent spell of good weather that we have had recently, which always makes people feel that summer is finally here, we have managed a few tentative dips at the local inland sites to check out how tight the dry suit has become due to shrinkage and that it doesn't always live up to its description i.e. 'dry' and that hose that had a leak the last time it was used surprisingly still has the same leak…..the joys of venturing beneath the waves! However those early dives will pay dividends in the months to come.

At the end of the month Denise is taking a group to the Isles of Scilly. A trip has been organised a couple of times in the past to this fabulous area even from a non-diving point of view it truly is a stunning part of the world but underwater it takes on a whole new dimension. A brief report will be included in the next newsletter.

The training dives tend to take a back seat in the summer months but keep an eye on the website for any last minute day dives that are being organised. Addresses are
www.stalybridgescubadiving.co.uk or www.chaumontdiveclub.co.uk

Welcome!

To Jane Colley and David Oldham who have recently joined the branch and are currently enjoying the depths of Copley pool taking their Ocean Diver course.

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Dive Trips

31st July – 2nd August
Largs - Scotland

Andy is running an extended weekend visit to the waters of the River Clyde. Diving from the branch RIB's in and around the Cumbrae's and possibly a little further a field. For further info contact Andy Bruce 0161 303 8109/07834157500

21st ¯ 23rd August
Farne Islands – Northumberland

Based at Seahouses and using the branch RIB's to dive on the reefs and wrecks on this superb stretch of coastline. Open to Sport Diver/AOWD and above £25 non-refundable deposit secures your place. For further details contact Gary Clayton 01457 871709/07774 281827.

25th – 26th September
Anglesey

Open to all grades this is an ideal opportunity to dive off RIB's if you have not done so before. A £20 non-refundable deposit is needed when you reserve a place. Further details from Gary Clayton 01457 871709/07774 281827.

Social Events

Summer BBQ
Saturday 17th July

This annual event will take place at Tame Valley Squash and Tennis Club, Greenfield and is open to EVERYONE (members, non-members and children). The 'burning' starts at 7.00p.m. with the Diving Officer in charge on the grill. With fine weather ordered the kids can tire themselves out belting tennis balls around the courts giving the adults time for a natter and a drink from the bar manned by the Chairman…..again. If the weather is a bit damp there is a large room where everyone can gather. This is a 'pay on the door' event but please let Denise know if you are attending so food will be available for you (especially if you would like a veggie option) Tickets are £7.00 adults and £4.00 children. A word of warning – **bring bug spray** as the Greenfield variety are particularly vicious. Denise can be contacted on 01457 872197/07803169374.

And Finally

Even though we are still in the middle of the summer thoughts are turning to the branch Christmas party. We have a few ideas ourselves but would like to hear from anyone who maybe organises/been involved in this type of function before. Please have a chat with Andy (Chairman) on a Monday night.

Included with this newsletter there should be a branch contact list. Please check that your details are correct if not give Marie Arrowsmith 0161 368 2467/07768393750 or Denise Brown 01457 872197/07803169374 a call to get them changed.

As this is a newsletter if you have any news or articles and you would like to let the rest of the branch know, or maybe have some kit for sale or even a wish list of bits that you may need to borrow for a trip give Gary a call to get it in black and white 01457 871709/07774 281827.

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