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Newsletter of the Demon Dive Club

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New format for the newsletter

In future the full newsletter will be published in January, April, July and October. This smaller version will be published on the remaining months, unless there is a massive amount of news in which case I will revert to the full edition. The smaller version is easier to put together and it will ensure you receive a newsletter of each month. Time and work permitting.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM was held at Cowplain Activity Centre, on Wednesday 24th January. As per the club constitution all current members of the committee stood down and a new committee was formed.

The willing volunteers were:

Chair	: Andrew Wood.	- Remains in post.
Secretary	: Laura Greenhalgh	- Replacing Quita Jones.
Treasurer	: Robert Boggs	- Replacing Anne Howard
Membership	: Mark Stacey	- Replacing Robert Boggs
Social Sec	: Christopher Tims	- Remains in Post
Training Officer	: John Geden	- Returning to the committee in this role.

A big thank you to last years committee members for all their hard work, the roles on the committee have been trimmed down for 2007. There was a lot of effort put into the club in 2006 and this has set the club up for the 2007 season.

COURSES FOR 2007

You will have seen by the number of emails flying around that courses are being run again. The training is given freely by John and Ian so please support them by taking up the places offered.

Ian Bathe ran a DAN Basic Life Support course and a DAN Oxygen provider course at Mill Rythe school over the 10th and 11th February. These two days were thoroughly enjoyed by all those taking part and a full article will be included in next months edition.

John and Ian are running a PADI Open Water course over the 21st/22nd and 28th/29th April. If you have friends who want to do the course get them to sign up with John. And remember willing volunteers are needed to act as shore side Dive Marshall on the 28th & 29th at Horsea. Come and have a day out, its good fun and if you bring your kit you can have a dive after the students have completed their two training dives each day. And you get the chance to eat healthily on the club.

Nitrox Course on 20th May 2007 - Contact Ian Bathe for a place.

Rescue Diver and other course will be planned as the year unfolds.

If you would like a course run please contact the committee and we will do our best to factor it in. But please remember we only have two instructors at the moment, and like all of us they only have a certain amount of free time and have family commitments.

POOL SESSIONS

The Pool at St Vincents has been available again to members since the beginning of the year. Sessions are on a Wednesday night from 8:15 to 9:45 pm. Since the first session on the 17th January numbers have been steadily increasing, with members bringing their friends along to try it out. If you haven't dived for a while, blow your kit off, or make use of the new club kit and come along to the next session. The next booking is on the 21st March. Further bookings can be made depending on the interest.

WEB SITE

If you have any digital pictures of your diving or club events please pass them to Jeff so they can be put on the web site gallery. Also if you email Jeff a picture of yourself it can be put on the front page of the site, if you have any suggestions or moans about the site then pass them on to the committee as well.

DIVES

The first club dive of the year took place at Horsea on 20th January, five of us took the plunge into the chilly but surprisingly clear waters. The water temperature in January was 7°C, but dropped to 5°C in February.

A number of other events have been planned or are in the process of being planned, if you look on the website you will notice that an events item has been opened as a dive calendar, any of you can add dates to this event.

15th March - Vobster Quay, inland quarry in Somerset.

28th and 29th April - OW Course at Horsea. If you haven't yet taken the plunge this year, get a buddy and come down to Horsea. Have a chat to the people on the course and encourage them to join the club.

5th May - Shore Dive at Selsey, times will be confirmed in due course.

13th to 16th July - Weekend trip to Porthkerris in Cornwall. two days of diving from a hard boat with shore diving on the Friday and Monday if you wish. Ten places have been booked, there are currently only two places left available.

Contact Emma if you want to go, £50 deposit required.

Everyone going so far is camping, however B&B is available for £27 per night at Gallen Treath Guest House.

24th to 27th August - Weekend trip to Lyme Bay in Dorset, two days of diving from a hard boat with West Bay Diving. Ten places were booked for this trip. All the places have been taken.

SETT Dive - Will is organising a trip to the SETT, he does need to have enough numbers before he can book it - If you want to go, send him an email.

Further day dives are being planned. It doesn't take much to organise a dive, and of course if you organise it you are assured of it taking place on a day that's suitable to you, and you are guaranteed a place. Now that the club has the finances we are in a position to pay the deposits from the club account.

CLUB KIT

As mentioned already in this newsletter, the club now has eight complete sets of kit. BCD/REGS/Cylinders/Weight Belt/Weights. In addition we have two masks and two sets of pool fins, plus the other items such as compasses, reels etc. All the kit is stored with Jeff Douglas, please contact him if you want to book kit for your use. Cylinders need to be returned full, and kit has to be rinsed and dried before you return it. In total the committee have spent £3162 on kit so please make use of it.

If you have any club cylinders or kit in your possession can you please return it to Jeff as soon as possible.

CLUB CLOTHING - Bargain

When the club was first formed we had fleeces, Tee Shirts and Polo shirts produced with the club logo. Everything sold except the last few fleeces, which were kept safely by one of our members. Now with the club going forward again a new batch of clothing will be ordered from Hargreaves Leisure. We still have 6 fleeces from the original batch for sale:

4 XXL Colour Blue

1 XL Colour Blue

1 Med Colour Grey

All have the club logo on the left breast, very warm well made fleeces.

They are as new, and going for the bargain price of £20 each. This is the cost price and the club is not making any profit from them. First come first served.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Will Boggs who has recently qualified as an RYA Power Boat Instructor.

Will can now teach RYA level one, two and Safety Boat.

In due course he intends to include Intermediate and Advanced level. He hopes to offer courses later this year, once he is working for an RYA Centre. Drop him an email if you are interested.

(Nice one Son)

FUTURE EVENTS

- Dive at the Submarine Escape Training Tower (SETT)
- Pre season Disco
- Weekend in Dorset
- Weekend at Porthkerris
- Summer BBQ
- Club holiday

**London
Dive Show
(LIDS 2007)
At the
ExCel
Centre
Docklands
10th & 11th
March**

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Club Meeting	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Dive Vobster	16	17	18
19	20	21 Pool Night	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	