

**IPSAC January Newsletter**  
**Happy new year to you all and**  
**welcome to 2012**

I thought I'd better write my inaugural January newsletter before it becomes February, so here goes.

**Christmas meal 2011**

2011 ended with the Christmas meal at the newly refurbished Seventhwave restaurant at Durlston castle, and they've made a great job of it. Mark, our host and restaurant manager did a great job making sure we all got the right food, Nicks quiz went down a storm, and the raffle raised a hearty £58.00 for the club

Thanks to Jane, Pam Jeremy and others who sold tickets and tore them up so I could keep my head warm on the way home.

I've only just finished eating the after eights I won.

It was also a time to remember absent diving friends no longer with us, but not forgotten.



Jayne  
our former social sec hiding from camera...it's not me anymore ...hee hee! A well earned break! Thanks for all the hard work Mrs S.



Smurfmaster Nick in xmas regalia, ably quizzing the assembled.



Quizzical diners after stuffing their Christmas stockings with nosh.



....was that you or me? Maybe no-one noticed! Who let these two in? Carol J and Richard G checking out the plonk.



### New years day dive

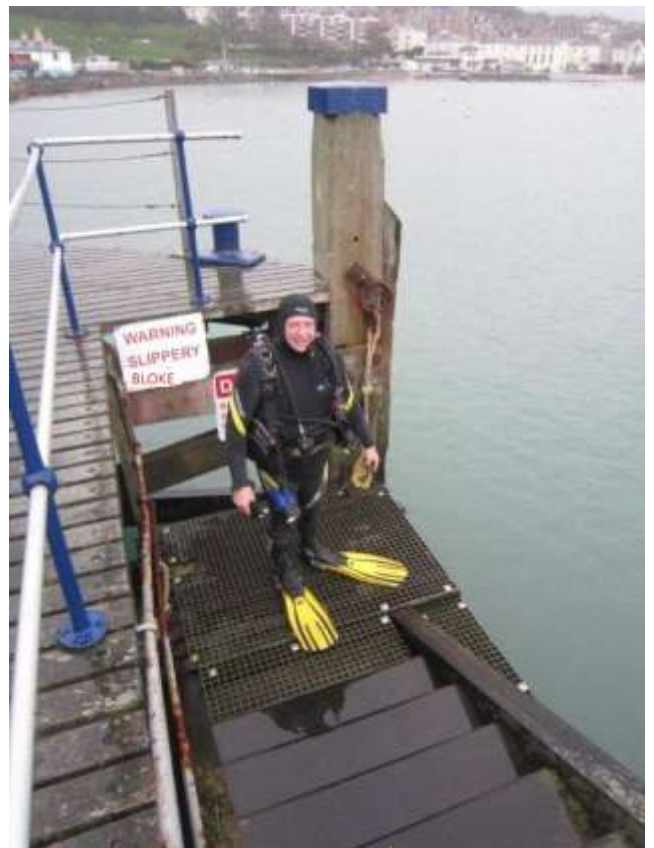
As befits IPSAC tradition, a few hairy bummed divers - sorry Jane – braved the freezing waters under the Pier on 1<sup>st</sup> Jan. Jeremy, Jane, Keith, and Nick joined forces to support each other on the wettest Jan 1<sup>st</sup> dive I've seen in 5 years with the club. But its 's a damn good kit shake-down, followed by a rub down [I wish] and some hot drinks and grub which were generously supplied by Jon and Jo Mosen and Dutch at Marine Villas.

Thanks peeps.

She's a brave woman Jane, just look at that hand still frozen to the shape of her dive torch.



Typical IPSAC Picnic – `` now where's that sandwich box``? Jeremy and Jane kit up in the drizzle.



Keith, always happiest when in rubber..phwoaar!.

**Nick, stalwart of the new years day tradition, off-gassing.**



**Jeremy emerges, with his smallest yellow tea flask ready to hand.**



## **Pool Nights**

Don't forget that the club has the pool booked and it needs supporting, so come along if you need to keep fit or check out your kit. The pool is booked from January 7th through to 21st April 2012 inclusive usual time Saturday at 8 pm to 9pm.

**Please note** that January 28<sup>th</sup>, March 24th and 28th April were not available to book due to other events taking place, so pool sessions will end on 21st April instead.

The Pool charge on booked nights is **£3.50** per person.

## **Try Dive**

this years try dive is scheduled for 7pm on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> February at the usual venue at the Purbeck Sports Centre pool at Worgret Road, Wareham. If you haven't pasted your whole area with try dive posters, and told friends, work colleagues and family please try to do so. A special effort is being made this year due to falling numbers last year.

## **Dive Booking for 2012**

The website is now open for dive booking for 2012 and dives are being added to the plan almost daily. Check out the plan so far and book on as you desire.

## **IPSAC Diver**

The poor orange demon that is the club boat suffered a damaged gearbox toward the end of last season, but

`hurrah` the insurance has paid for its replacement and its now been fitted ready for the new season. Thanks to our boat officer for sorting this out with superb efficiency.

## **February Meal**

this was going to be the January meal but it's a bit late to advertise for Jan now [and its been an expensive month!] So the February meal will be at the Gurka `eat as much as you like` venue on Sandford Road, Wareham. on **Thursday February 16<sup>th</sup> from 7pm.**

If you haven't been it's a sort of Thai, self service type place, but theres usually plenty of seafood, noodles, rice, chicken and meat dishes to choose from, as well as soups and salad. Please let me know numbers by 9<sup>th</sup> February so I can warn them a load of off season divers are about to descend to eat all their green lipped mussels...oh yes!.

## **In other news**

... and I know its not a lot of notice, our treasruer Keith is putting on an **arteach performance** at Langton Matravers Village Hall.

Tim Laycock and Colin Thompson are presenting Benjamin's Book on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Jan - and this should be a very good evening.

Tickets are available from Keith – but hurry up its weekend.

Also Robin Plowman and his '**Time and Tide**' group are doing a few performances of their 'Who's Afeard' evening of songs and tales of Seadogs, Soldiers and Smuggling Men. There is a very good one at the Dorchester Museum. Contact Robin for the date if you are interested.

That's all folks, if you have any info you'd like in the next newsletter drop me a mail.

Kind Regards,

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