

January Newsletter 2011

May I wish every on a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year -----and may we have a summer of sunshine and calm, clear seas!

Time for a January Newsletter. There is not a great deal of activity during the winter, and some of the information included has already been circulated on email, so it is included for those IPSAC members without email accounts.

Christmas Meal



Oliver's at Corfe Castle was again the venue for the Christmas Meal. Thirty six members braved the snow and ice to attend, and enjoyed excellent food and stimulating conversation. Raffle prizes were alcoholic, edible, informative or just downright amusing – club funds appreciated the generosity of the members!

Nick excelled himself with his Golden Helmet awards, Red Hat awards and the presentation of Certificates to those club members who had gained qualifications during 2010.

Bob Campbell was congratulated for being awarded the Historic Diving Society Award for 2010, (an international award) for his contribution to the knowledge and preservation of historic diving equipment.

Thank you Jon and Jo for organising such a successful and enjoyable evening.



(More photos available on the Gallery section of the IPSAC site).

New Year's Day dive.



Despite most of the snow and ice having melted, January 1st dawned overcast and chilly. The water temperature was a bracing 6 degrees, but even that did not deter some of our intrepid IPSAC divers! Jeremy, Nick, Terry, Mike W and his friend kept up the New Year's Day tradition, watched by a number of club members, family and tourists.

The tea, coffee and mince pies provided by Jo, Jon, Bob and Dutch at Marine Villas was much appreciated by both divers and on-lookers!



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Swimming Pool

Please don't forget that the Saturday evening sessions have started 8.00pm till 9.00pm.

A reminder of a request from Chris - has anyone out there got a clean net (I mean clean, we're going to use it in the pool) or new piece of fishing net at least 4 metres by 4 metres in size. It's needed for a special pool night later in the season!

Try Dive Reminder

Try Dives coming up Saturday 29th January and Saturday 5th February. If anyone knows of any potential new club members get them to book direct with Chris. Let's see if we can get some fresh blood (especially younger fresh blood) into the club. Normal ads will be going in the Press. If anyone can put a poster up please do so.

Dorset Coast Forum

The Dorset Coastal Forum meeting is being held at Swanage Middle School on Tuesday 1st Feb from 6.00 to 7.30. One element is evidently going to cover underwater matters; it is open to all members of the public.

Expeditions in 2011

Some of you may remember that Chris, Mike, Peter and Dom went to the Red Sea in November with Peter's previous club Surrey Aquanauts. They enjoyed their trip and Chris has now received the following email from the expeditions Officer of their club.

My name is Paul Bassett and I'm for my sin the expeditions officer of our club Surrey Aquanauts I have been talking with other club members and apparently one of our ex-members a Mr Peter Gray is now currently one of your members.

at our last committee meeting it was suggested that you might like to link up on a couple of our dive expeditions .

Well I thought I would make contact and let you know what we are up to this year



firstly we have places on Tony Backhursts new Boat Mistral (Wrecks and reefs from Sharm) in May 22nd to 29th May 2011 price £995.00 less 10% discount for BSAC members



secondly we are organising a trip to Malta 4 days diving Saturday 10th to Sunday 14th November 2011 approximate price is £360.



Both trips sound interesting! Pauls email address is ----- pjbassett@aol.com

Hope to see many members at the swimming pool in the none too distant future.

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