



Member's Newsletter July 2016

Well it may feel like summer has only just arrived, but already we're almost half way through the dive plan. Here's an update on what's been happening in the club lately.

Start of Season Meal

The traditional Start of Season Meal took place at the newly refurbished Bankes Arms in Corfe. We took over their very grand function room and enjoyed delicious food prepared by their Italian chef. Highly recommended, though the fennel ice cream wasn't to everyone's taste!



Many thanks to Keith for suggesting the venue and organising.

Diving

The reasonable viz at the start of the season didn't last too long; we were soon to be faced with a huge plankton bloom which considerably reduced any visibility. Together with some heavy winds, there's a few red dives on the plan. But things have much improved, and the viz is currently pretty good, so please keep an eye on the dive plan and book on! The monthly subsidised hard boat dives have also been working out really well.

If you have any requests for a favourite dive, feel free to drop Chris an email and he'll do his best to fit it into the plan.

Under the Pier Show 2016



Thanks to all members who helped with yet another successful 'UTP Show' during Swanage Fish Festival.



Despite the gloomy weather we managed to draw in the crowds and our brave divers battled with the plankton to find plenty of life to entertain them. As well as publicity for the club, this year we raised money for the Pier Appeal fund.

Diving and Dining

Don't forget that this year we are holding barbeques on the pier on some Wednesdays.



We've had a couple of really nice evenings; what could be better than watching this while enjoying a burger and a beer?!



There's also the odd Monday night Kimmeridge BBQ planned, just like the old days! All weather dependent of course, check the dive plan. There's also the Pier Friends Fish & Chips cruise on 3rd August; contact the pier for details and tickets.

Sale of IPSAC Diver



All repairs on the club boat IPSAC Diver are now completed and here she is with a very shiny bottom, all ready to be sold. An advert has been placed and its hoped she will be sold shortly.