



## Member's Newsletter May 2014

### Pre-Dive Season Meal

On Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April we had our eat as much as you want (or can) meal at the Gurkha in Sandford. You can clearly see who had the 3 starters, 4 mains and 4 desserts!



It was an excellent turn out.



Our next organized meal will be on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October which is the week after our last evening dive. The venue for this is yet to be decided and I am open to suggestions. Until then there will be the usual Wednesday après dive dining at the Black Swan. You can book your meal in advance by calling 01929 423846. Take a look at

their menu on [www.blackswanswanage.co.uk](http://www.blackswanswanage.co.uk).

### A Big Thank you

It was time to say a big thank you to two guys who for many years have been staunch supporters of our club. Since hanging up their fins they have assisted in the smooth operation of the pier and in particular enabled us to have access to the pier on Wednesday evenings. Whatever the weather they always greeted us with a smile.

On behalf of all members the Committee decided to thank them by taking Bob and Dutch to The Diving Museum at Gosport ([www.divingmuseum.co.uk](http://www.divingmuseum.co.uk))



On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May the sun shone on us all.



Bob is a collector of diving equipment which he had on display in the upstairs conference room at the pier. In 2010 the registered charity, the Historical Diving Society, purchased No 2 Battery at Gosport for the purpose of developing the site as a diving museum. Due to reorganization of the buildings on the pier Bob's display had to be moved. He generously offered items to the HDS. On 30<sup>th</sup> April 2011 The Diving Museum opened with many of Bob's items being placed on display. Some of his equipment can also still be seen in the Pier Museum located behind the shop.

On our arrival Bob was greeted by Dr John Bevan the founding Chairman of the HDS who took Bob away for a special viewing of their archives. Meanwhile the rest of us enjoyed viewing and reading the history of the equipment.

To Chris's great surprise (not ours) he found a more up to date model of his US Divers Conshelf 12 on display. I believe he has now offered them a swop.



In 1990 Dr John Bevan obtained his Doctorate in the development of diving equipment. In 1970 he obtained his MSc in the neurophysiology of deep diving. He was his own guinea pig when in 1970 he achieved a then record breaking dive to 1500 feet on Heliox with 1% Oxygen – and he never even got wet. It took him 2 weeks to decompress.

For more pictures of the Diving Museum go to our website and follow the link to Gallery.

**Lastly I wish all you divers great diving this year. Let us all hope for fair weather.**