

Worcester Divers update Nov. '08



Hello All,

Well here we are with a fresh diving season ahead of us, some new faces on the committee and some old ones in new positions. For my sins, you may already know I'm taking over as D/O – muchas gracias to Mark for all the sterling work he's put in over the last 12 months. This of course had left the post of T/O vacant for about 2 minutes until Andy Davis stepped up to take over from me. Darren Ashford did such a superb job of looking after the boat in past years that he's gamely volunteered to do it again.

2009 Committee:-

Dave Rees – Chairman
Simon Yates – Treasurer
Steve Fulcher – Diving Officer
Steve Eldredge (& Elke) – Secretary
Andy Davis – Training Officer
Peter Mynette – Membership Secretary
Darren Ashford – Boat officer
Dave Brace – General committee
Gavin Woods – Diving kit officer

Committee meetings take place on the first Monday or Tuesday of the month. If any member wants to raise any points or issues for the committee you're welcome to come along, just let one of the above know beforehand.

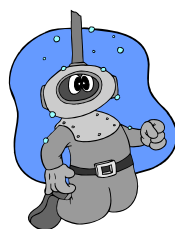
Here are just a few news items to help keep everyone aware of what's going on within the club; who's doing what with who, when & where.

Snorkelling



Simon Yates has now got the weekly snorkelling class up & running for youngsters in the area. It takes place at the pool between 7.30pm & 8.30pm on Thursday nights (just before we take over the pool for diving). It's proved to be very popular and is already over subscribed. As such, I'm sure Simon will welcome any offers of help with the instructing or even help just to keep the little darlings in order.

Diving



There is just one trip remaining this year for the RIB at the moment to St Abbs on 21st Nov - speak to Anita Sherwood to see if there are any spaces available. Otherwise there are plenty of other weekends available so see me if you want to get a trip together – some of the best diving can be had during these autumn months. Trips aside, I'm sure there'll be a few cheeky dives snuck-in between now & Xmas. If so, please let me know & make sure you complete a log sheet (before & after the dive) & return it to me for club records. An evening is set for 18th November at the Saracen's for planning next year's diving calendar. We already have a few trips on the board so start thinking about where and when you'd like to go diving next year and come along to make it happen.

Training



Four members braved the elements & headed off with instructors to upset the crayfish of Gullet Quarry in order to complete the PRMS (Practical Rescue Management Scenarios) elements of their Dive Leader qualifications. All sort of situations were thrown at them including missing divers, in-water rescues and injuries from the highly venomous lions mop jellyfish. Well dones go to Steve Eldredge, Dave Brace, Stuart Brown and Jacquie Marshal. Thanks to Mark Sherwood for organising the day, and to all who helped – sorry about the dog barking but I figured it helped to add a sense of realism.

On a similar note, Dave Rees, our esteemed Chairman, has at long last got round to completing his Dive Leader qualification. Well done Dave – but it *is* about time. (*Rumour is that he's been spotted in the pool playing with a twin-set....*)

Several members successfully passed their Ocean Diver theory test recently. Congrats to: - Jim Robinson, Derek Hampton, Dave & Velma Johnson & Sarah McKerracher

As mentioned before, Andy has now taken over as T/O so contact him for all your training needs. I'm sure all instructors will support him in his role and I make an ongoing appeal to all members to get involved with instructing as soon as you are able, it's a great way to re-learn your skills & keep up to speed.

Xmas Party



It's heading up to that time of year again folks so this year, we're having a skittles & curry night on 19th December at the Sara's. Contact Andy Davis or Elke Eldredge for more details, though I'm sure they'll be contacting you all soon anyway. All are welcome so bring along spouses, friends and offspring & buy your tickets now. And don't worry if curry isn't your favourite dish, let the organisers know and an alternative will be arranged.

And finally...

This communication thing works both ways and we *are* a club so if you have anything you want to say, announce, get off your chest or ask, let me know. I'll be particularly interested in any trip bookings, reports, kit info, achievements, discussion points - anything, as long as it's diving related.

Safe Diving

Steve