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Committee News

- The club boat is now back from Tornado and is in process of being readied for new diving season (see article)
- Lee Cookson has taken over as Pool Equipment Officer. He is currently undertaking a thorough review of all club training equipment. Please contact Lee if you current have any club kit.
- Recent Ceildith was very profitable at £180. Thanks to Carol and Ashley for a very enjoyable evening.

Diary Dates

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| • Boat Handling Course | 1st & 2nd April |
| • Stoney Cove—Training | 2nd April |
| • April Committee Meeting | 4th April |
| • Open Water Training | 6th & 7th May |
| • RIB Isle of Wight | 14th—17th April |
| • RIB Plymouth | 29th April—1st May |

New Members

A warm welcome to our new members:

Andy Patrick
Jayne Gaze
Tim Perks
Robert Fox
Jackie Marshall

Club Boat Update

The club RIB has now back in the tunnel having been refurbished at Tornado during Jan & Feb.
So what have we had done to the boat?



Completely re-tubed with new rubbing strakes. Chips and scratches in the hull have been repaired and gel-coated. New winch has been fitted to the trailer.

New bow roller for easier pulling up shot lines and anchors



New windscreen with stainless steel grab rails. Offers better protection to instruments and diver coxswain.

New "elephants trunk" and drain plug for internal keel. Engine water pump repaired and serviced.



Additionally, the bottle rack has been repaired and strengthened, new waterproof boxes purchased and new console hatch cover fitted. A new VHF radio has been flush mounted into the console.

None of this would be possible without the dedicated team who have organised the repairs and worked on rebuilding the boat. Special thanks to both Andy Davis and Steve Fulcher for all the time (and miles) they have put in.

As ever, if you are able to help with repairs and maintenance of the boat and its equipment please contact Andy.

STOP PRESS: On Saturday 25th Mar a group of us tested the boat on the River Severn and are happy to report that it is now fully ready for use. If you wish to book the boat please contact Darren Ashford (DO)

THE YESFORD CUP

A few weeks ago, we had a visitor to our website. John Cuthbertson exchanged several e-mails, and it was agreed to publish the communications. Hope it may bring back memories to some of our members.

Hi John,

You don't know me, I came across your web site a couple of weeks ago, I was married to Gerald Yesford, (The Yesford Cup) it was a small cup but meant a lot. Gerald Yesford was one of the founders members of the Worcester dive club, he was tragically killed in a motor vehicle accident in 1973, he was 28years old.

I remarried in 1978 and emigrated to Canada, I was looking through the photo's but didn't recognize any names or people. Of course I wouldn't because it was so many years ago. Gerald had two sons, Mark Yesford, Lee Yesford, they were very happy when I gave them the site to look up. However I guess the cup is not awarded to anyone anymore for the most dives, as it was not mentioned in a few years. It was great to see that the club is still going strong.

I just had to email you this little bit of information, I hope you don't mind.

Best Regards

Pauline Billinge(nee Yesford).



GERALD YESFORD
(1945 - 1973)

Dear John,

I found out the two enclosed pictures over the weekend. The one is of Gerald (1945 - 1973), on a dive weekend somewhere on the South coast.

The second is of what I think is the first dive boat that the Club had. Of the two people on the right nearest to the camera is Mark, Gerald's eldest son.

Hope your members will be interested.

Regards,



Worcester Diving Club First Dive Boat

For Sale

BCD - Buddy Explorer (Small) £80

The tab has come off the zip on one of the pockets - apart from that, it's in good nick

Regs - Cressi Sub £80

Consul has a dive timer & compass as well as the pressure gauge - works a well as the first day I had them - or did in August!

Cylinders - 2 x 12 litre

- 1 in test **£50**
- 1 out of test **£40**

Computer - Suunto Vyper £95

with bags of battery life left

2 Reels -1 BSAC pattern -1 Scubapro £10 each

UK SL4 torch-£10

Contact: 07947 027 256. Sarah Fellows

Please contact editor if you have any kit you want to advertise

RESERVOIR DOGS

Llandegfedd Reservoir, 26th February 2006. The last weekend in the reservoir's winter season. 13 adventurous divers ready to go diving, Newport BSAC have the diving rights to the reservoir, Dave Summers, Training Officer from Newport BSAC had arranged for us to dive. Pontoon diving was order of the day during the winter programme, however Worcester BSAC members also have permission to use the RIB to access the designated diving area known as Doctors Bay.



The challenge began with a test to see who could get kitted up in horizontal driving snow, followed by a 25 yard dash down the pontoons with the wash from the reservoir reaching over the edges of the pontoon. Malcolm and Carol let maturity get the better of them, Trevor provided the photography and in we all went!

10 divers achieved the "diving in horizontal snow" award and elements towards the "diving in zero visibility water of 3 degrees or less" certificate.

Andy Davis allegedly saw the extremely rare spotted concrete block fish and the old blue bottle made several appearances, otherwise we all went round in ever decreasing circles, visibility was excellent, on occasions it was possible to read you dive computer, fortunately the bottom was quite hard, so you could tell when you were there.

Sam Clarke was keen enough to want a second dive and a certain unnamed diver gained the award for text book entry, the only question remaining being; was he a PADI or BSAC trained diver? (see photo) Joking apart it was all good fun and a memorable day out; the pub by the reservoir was a welcome location for the post dive briefing.



Lee Cookson

Race for Life

After a long lazy winter I have decided to dig out the running shoes and put on the shorts in preparation for Race for Life. Not only is this a good way of me getting fit for the diving season but also raise funds for a very worthwhile cause.

Race for Life is a women only event (sorry chaps but at least you can watch all those hundreds of women in lycra !) to raise funds for Cancer Research UK. The funds raised will help Cancer Research UK to continue life-saving research into the prevention, treatment and cure of all forms of cancer.

I am entering the race at Three Counties Showground on Wednesday 31st May. The course is 5km and, although I know I have easily walked this distance, it will still be a big challenge entering such an event. There will be 3,000 women in the race so it should be a great night.



I have set myself a fundraising target of £100 but would like to exceed this. Please could members sponsor me – all donations would be welcome. You can either see Simon at the diving club or I have my own website for sponsorship <http://www.raceforlifesporsorme.org/janetyates>

Thank you for your support

Janet