



## Spring 2016

Happy New Year to all our friends, we hope everyone survived the festive period in one piece. 🎄🍷 **SCUBA TRUST CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2015** 🍷🎄 arranged by Jen Cluney was once again just perfect with 45 people attending. Congratulations to the recipients of this year's awards. Harrison Quarterman, Liam Coffey, Howard Sobey, Ali Wills and Jackie Buchanan.



Founder Members: Leon Golding, Brenda Carey and Alan Myers  
Trustees: Frank Buchanan, Laura Greene, Ali Wills, Nik Wills, Howard Sobey, Eric Bellworthy and Lindsay Harper.  
Patrons: Loyd Grossman, Derek Redmond, Mark Wingett, Monty Halls and Tanya Streeter



## Holiday to Hurghada

This trip is finalized and is looking to be something a little bit special. Although we have visited Hurghada previously we have not used the Movenpick in Hurghada or this dive operation. If you follow the Scuba Trust Facebook and Twitter you will get the updates as they are posted.

We are still looking for a destination for our October trip as flights to Sharm still look uncertain at this point in time. We are also looking at the possibility of a live-aboard. One thing is certain we are looking to return to Cancun Mexico, May/June 2017 so watch this space (and our Face Book/twitter pages for details as they develop).

## London Dive show LIDS

This year the show was held over four days and was part of the Daily Telegraph Outdoor Show. Nik Ali and Eric set the stand up on Wednesday evening for the show start on Thursday and what a great job they did. The show on the whole was not as busy as previous years and I expect this was due to those people who did attend were spread out over four days and a bigger show so appeared less busy. Friday and Saturday saw more visitors to the dive show but still numbers were down. However we still did well, raising funds for the trust and meeting up with a lot of new people and old friends of the Scuba Trust. Suunto once again generously donated the latest D6i dive computer and this was won by Kate Goodwin. Our thanks go to Laura Greene for doing a brilliant job organizing the show and people.





## London Dive Lectures

The Dive Lectures was our next big fund raising event. The Lectures were on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March at the Royal Geographical Society, London. If you have never attended the lectures you've missed out on one of the diving fraternity's best evenings. Thanks to London Diving Chamber and Jules Eden who organizes the event in aid of the Scuba Trust we are given a midway slot in the evenings program to let the audience know a little bit about the Scuba Trust. This



year Liam Coffey took up the challenge, with the aid of Hettie, Liam's seeing dog, who stole the show, entertained the audience with his storey of his diving antics with the trust. Substantial funds were raised for the Trust, this year a total of £2051.49 was raised. Our thanks to Liam and Hettie, Laura Greene for organizing things and all our helpers who rattled the buckets, to Jules and members of the London and Midland Diving chambers for their support.



## The Scuba Trust Trustees

Finally my term as Chair of trustees has come to an end. As from April 2016 Alison (Ali) Wills will be taking over the helm. Thanks to everyone who has helped with the running of the trust and supported or helped out over the years. I am still remaining as a trustee and Instructor and will continue to support Ali along with the other trustees and helpers as The Scuba Trust goes forward from strength to strength. Thank you all Frank Buchanan.

## Fund Raising

If you've been following posts on our FaceBook page you would have noticed the posts on Easyfundraising.org.uk. This cost you nothing to use when you shop on line, however every purchase made through the site (once you register which is free, the site redirects you to the retailers site of your choice) the retailer makes a



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donation to the ScubaTrust. I purchased a tablet from Tesco direct which earnt the trust £0.75 and I also got my clubcard points.

## Facebook

A big thank you to everyone who post on our Facebook page and to Pippa Ashley who monitors it for us.





### **Twitter**

Our thanks go to Suzanne Harper who manages the Twitter page for the Scuba Trust. Suzanne has been very posting on our Twitter page keeping all the followers updated on events.

### **ScubaTrust enamel pin badges.**

We now have a limited stock of the ScubaTrust logo badges. These are available at any of the pool sessions or fund raising we do. A donation of £1 per badge. For the price of a stamp we can also pop one in the post to you.



### **Regalia**

We now carry a stock of Scuba Trust Hoodies in Navy Blue £16.99 and Polo Shirts (Navy, Maroon & White) in a range of sizes - £14.99 each. All items have the Scuba Trust logo individually embroidered on them. These can be purchased at any pool session or we can post at additional cost.



**Hoodies**



**Polo shirts**



### **Try-Dive pool session**

A few polite reminders -

Please remember that pool sessions start at 12.30pm, so if you are attending please arrive around 12.15pm ready to start at 12.30pm prompt and finish at 2.30pm prompt (unless otherwise stated), and we have to be out of the pool by 2.30pm as there is often a group following on. Also it would be appreciated if kit you are using was broken down and returned to the van. If you are teaching it is good practice for students to





carry this out as part of their course and everyone's help is appreciated in clearing up.

If during a pool session you notice a problem with any piece of Scuba Trust kit, please attach a completed **RED** tag to it and place it in the front of the van. This will greatly assist us in keeping all kit in a serviceable condition.

### **Spreading the message**

Many of the instructors are now able to teach a full range of PADI, BSAC, DE and DDI courses so we are able to spread the enjoyment of diving further. Do you know of any organisations that would benefit from hearing about Scuba Trust, and how regardless of the disability, diving is an accessible activity? If so, please let Laura know and she will send out information and posters.