



SCUBA TRUST NEWSLETTER

Diving with Disabilities



24th December 2018

Note from the Chair

As another busy year draws to a close it gives me the opportunity to reflect on what we have achieved and what we are looking forward to in 2019.

Training in the pool and open water continues with new and old divers. The instructors have worked hard and assistants are also coming forward to share the work. We have a good selection of qualified people that allows us to provide a good service.

The Trustees have developed into a strong group and have settled into different roles and responsibilities.

I have recently been looking to raise some funding for a 'newer' van. We are getting there and hope to have more news early in the New Year. I am also negotiating with a group of injured rugby players for a bespoke course and hope to hear from them soon.

Amanda Ford, who can now instruct on both PADI and BSAC qualifications, has played a major role in organising the London Dive Chamber lectures and the dive shows.

Laura has continued to support and has been guiding Amanda through the difficult negotiations and paperwork associated with the shows. Laura also 'knows everybody' and has many useful contacts.

Frank continues as the main point of contact and knowledge of anything training, holiday related and anything else! His continued support and backing is fundamental to the Trust's success.

Howard has been instrumental in developing the BSAC side of training and is leading the work with the Air Cadets which generates revenue for the Trust.

Liam is regularly called upon to demonstrate his expertise in web design and anything technical. He has also been a great supporter and fundraiser and is a popular instructor. He promotes the Trust through innovative ideas videos, photographs, forms and certificates.

The Trustees are just the figurehead of the Trust and could not function without the backing of many others who do their bit and much more. Thank you to you all.

Happy Christmas!

Eric

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Founder Members: Leon Golding, Brenda Carey and Alan Myers

Trustees: Frank Buchanan, Laura Greene, Howard Sobey, Eric Bellworthy, Liam Coffey and Amanda Ford.

Patrons: Loyd Grossman, Derek Redmond, Mark Wingett, Monty Halls and Tanya Streeter



Dive Show 2018, Birmingham NEC

This year once again saw us take a stand at the annual “Dive18” dive show, but saw a change from our normal raffle as we were also donated a holiday to Malaysia along with a top of the range Suunto dive computer, as we have had in previous years. Therefore we decided to make the most of this and to run two raffles, which was more work but meant we raised more money.

In total we raised **£1510** from the two raffles along with the takings from the usual ‘donate & take’ table.

Thank you very much to all the volunteers who helped to sell the tickets - everybody worked extremely hard and gave up their valuable time. A big thank you also goes to Guy Fotherby from **In Depth tourism**, who arranged the amazing holiday and of course also to **Suunto** for their continued support. Thanks also to **Malaysia Airlines** who not only donated the flight part of the holiday but also allowed us to sell tickets from their stand as well as our own. Once again we were immensely grateful to **Monty Halls** who took time out of his busy schedule to draw the winning tickets for both raffles.

The show gave us a great chance to further raise awareness of the Trust, and to socialise with members away from the busy try dives. The Trustees were also able to meet to discuss several outstanding topics and plan for the future.

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EFR Course

Well done to all those who completed the EFR courses. Thanks to **Liam Coffey** and **Amanda Ford** for running both courses.

Diving courses

The BSAC 862 (Sunbury) Sqn Air Cadets Open Water Course is well under way. The group has 14 members. Thanks to Howard, Ian, Steve, Eric and WAGs for giving up their time during the week to run the course.



Qualifications

Congratulations to young **Mick** on completing his PADI Junior Open Water course, also to **Neil Thomas** on completing his Rescue Diver course.

Website

A big thank you to **Liam Coffey** for his work on the new website. If you haven't visited it in the last few weeks, have a look. Plenty of changes have taken place.

Dates for your diary

Holidays

****Maldives 30 May - 13 June****

****Hurghada 7 October - 14 October****

Pool sessions 2019

Sunday 13th January 10.30 - 12.30
Sunday 10th February 10.30 - 12.30
Sunday 10th March 10.30 - 12.30
Sunday 14th April 10.30 - 12.30
Sunday 12th May 10.30 - 12.30
Sunday 16th June 10,30 - 12.30
Sunday 7th July 10.30 - 12.30
Sunday 11th August 10.30 - 12.30
Sunday 8th September 10.30 - 12.30
Sunday 6th October 10.30 - 12.30
Sunday 17th November 10.30 - 12.30
Sunday 8th December 10.30 - 12.30

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Maldives 2019

If you would like to join us on the Maldives trip please get in touch ASAP as this one is about to close. Frank's email is Bucdive98@hotmail.com

Flights: Sri Lankan Airlines (includes 30kg checked-in baggage allowance)

30May19 Heathrow/Colombo 2130/1245 hrs (31May)

01Jun19 Colombo/Gan 0701/0820 hrs

13Jun19 Gan/Colombo 0905/1125 hrs

13Jun19 Colombo/Heathrow 1305/2000 hrs

Flight time 10.45hrs + 1.25hrs

1 night Colombo Airport hotel in twin (no meals)

12 nights Equator Village in twin All Inclusive <http://www.equatorvillage.com.mv/>

12 dives tank/weights (boat trips pay locally US\$225) <http://www.diverland-maldives.com/EN/index.php/izland/gan>

Roundtrip airport transfers in Colombo and Gan

Price £2,599 per person in twin

Single Room supplement £449

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Hurghada Trip 2019

If you're interested in joining up please let Frank know. Bucdive98@hotmail.com or message him.

7th October 2019

TOM770 dep Gatwick 13:00hrs arr Hurghada 19:30hrs.

14th October 2019

TOM771 dep Hurghada 20:30hrs arr Gatwick 01:10hrs 15th October.

Baggage 1 x 20kg plus extra 5kgs allowance on production of diving cert at check-in.

Staying at Hilton Hurghada resort 7 nights on All-inclusive basis.

Dive package 5 days 10 dives inclusive.

Marine park fee 8€ plus lunch on boat per person per day payable locally.

Cost £1,160.00 per person.

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Christmas Dinner and Annual Awards

It was good to see everyone who was able to attend the Christmas Dinner this year. Thankfully, the weather was much kinder to us than in 2017 and as, usual, the food and company were excellent. We were treated to a fascinating talk on the importance of Shark Conservation by **Faye Wilde**, who has been a great supporter of the Scuba Trust and Bite Back.

Many thanks to **Jen Cluney** for organizing everything once again; it's greatly appreciated.



“Be kind to every kind. Not just mankind”

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Award Winners

Congratulations to this year's winners! All your hard work and determination inspires us all to do even more in 2019.

Liam Golding Award
Su Sparrey



Lew Cullwick Award
Amanda Ford



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Paul Cluney Award
Liam Coffey

Brenda Carey Award
Neil Thomas



Holiday Award recipient **Amanda Newton**

Congratulations, Amanda. We're sorry you couldn't make the Christmas Dinner!

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Facebook & Twitter

A big thank you to everyone who posts on our Twitter and Facebook pages, to **Pippa Ashley** who monitors Facebook for us and to **Suzanne Harper** who looks after our Twitter account, @ScubaTrust .

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Try-Dive pool sessions

A few polite reminders -

Please remember that pool sessions start at 10.30 a.m. and finish at 12.30pm prompt (unless otherwise stated), and we have to be out of the pool by 12.30pm as there is often a group following on. Please plan to arrive for 10 a.m.

Smoking is not permitted anywhere on the school grounds. This is not our policy but the schools and must be adhered to. If you wish to smoke you must leave the school grounds. 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 and place the faulty item on the seat in the front of the van. This will greatly assist us in keeping all kit in a serviceable condition.

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Regalia Sale

We have a few hoodies left and looking to clear the stock at a reduced price of £12 each.
Sizes we have are:- 1 x XS, 1 x S, 1 x M, 3 x L, 2 x XL, 1 x XXL.

Hoodies



Polo shirts



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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?

Please contact any of the Trustees who will be happy to help.

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Finally many thanks to Suzanne Harper who makes sense of all the emails sent to her and put the newsletters together, you are an angel.

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From all the Trustees we hope you have a great Festive season and we will see you all in 2019. Stay safe.