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Message from the Chair

As we continue through the pandemic, we thought it was time to give some updates via a newsletter.

You will read below that we have been busy securing funding and making preparations for a return to the pool as soon as possible.

Please respond to the item on Gift Aid as it could be valuable to the Trust and does not cost you anything. This is important whether you have done this before or not.

Silver Jubilee celebration 2021

We are hoping that, after restrictions are eased, we can have a party to celebrate the formation of the Scuba Trust in 1996. We all need something to look forward to. The best option seems to be a barbecue, probably close to Ascot, after a try dive.

We need a volunteer to co-ordinate the plan and organise and a small group to make the event happen.

Please can you let me know if you can help with this.

Thank you

Hoping to see you all soon.

Eric Bellworthy

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TRAINING

During lockdown our two Divemaster's in training, Michael Smart and Dean Humphreys, have been putting in the hard work. They have both continued to progress through the online Divemaster e-learning programme. A big congratulations to Michael Smart for completing his e-learning and his Divemaster exam. They both still have to do some practical work in and out of the water but completing the e-Learning is a massive step forward and shows great commitment from them both.

The Coronavirus has had many effects on all of us, both mentally and physically. So to keep the motivation to learn, when you are unable to go diving, shows great character. I look forward to welcoming both Michael and Dean into the professional side of PADI later this year as they will both make great Divemasters and fantastic future instructors.

Liam Coffey

PADI Instructor:

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FUNDRAISING

Due to the impact the current pandemic has had on the Trust's finances, a decision was made to set up a fundraising subcommittee to look at possible funding options going forward. The subcommittee is kindly advised by **Derrick Hunt**, who has a great depth of experience in supporting charities with fundraising and grant applications. Derrick became interested in the work of the Scuba Trust after meeting one of our trustees, **Howard Sobey**, at Swanage.

Thanks to the support of Derrick, and the work of **Sue & Mike, Dee, Howard and Simon**, the Subcommittee have successfully applied for grants from the Medlock Charitable Trust, and the Bruce Wake Trust. The Scuba Trust are grateful to both charities for their support. On March 11th, the Trust was delighted to receive notification from Sport England that it had been awarded £5560.00 from the 'Return to Play' fund. This will

support the Scuba Trust's desire to get divers back into the pool as soon as is practical, in a safe and secure way.

As well as grant applications, we are also looking at other ways of raising money and one of our Trustees (**Faye Wilde**) is undertaking a virtual walk from Lands End to John O'Groats to raise funds. If you, or anyone you know, would like to raise funds through a sponsored event, then please contact info@scubatrust.org to start a conversation.

Simon Licence.



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Joe Matthews is running the Manchester marathon!

I am running the Manchester marathon on 10th October 2021 in aid of the Scuba Trust (<https://scubatrust.org>), a charity who support disabled individuals to learn to dive and take diving qualifications. The Scuba Trust has enabled my uncle to become an advanced scuba diver after breaking his neck.

Sponsor's full name	Sponsor's home address (Needed for Gift Aid)	Postcode	Donation amount	Date paid	Gift Aid? (√)

If I have ticked the box headed 'Gift Aid? √', I confirm that I am a UK Income or Capital Gains taxpayer. I have read this statement and want the charity named above to reclaim tax on the donation detailed below, given on the date shown. I understand that if I pay less Income Tax / or Capital Gains tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all of my donations it is my responsibility to pay any difference. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I have given.



GIFT AID

As you probably know we are able to claim 25p for every pound you have donated to the Scuba Trust. We are keen to maximise this amount from the Government. On checking back we believe that some Gift Aid claims may have been missed. Gift Aid does not cost you anything at all.

To help us ensure that we claim the maximum allowed, we are asking that, if you are a donator through an annual subscription or other donations over the last four years, you complete and return the attached form to us as soon as possible.

We can ensure that your details will be held securely and your details will not be shared with any other organisation.

We hope this will generate us some extra funds and thank you in advance for your assistance.

Many thanks
Eric Bellworthy
Chair of Trustees

Charity Gift Aid Declaration – multiple donation

Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate

Gift Aid is reclaimed by the charity from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Your address is needed to identify you as a current UK taxpayer.

In order to Gift Aid your donation you must tick the box below:

I want to Gift Aid my donation of £_____ and any donations I make in the future or have made in the past 4 years to:

Name of Charity **The Scuba Trust**

I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations in that tax year it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

My Details

Title _____ First name or initial(s)

Surname

Full Home address

Postcode _____ Date

Please notify the charity if you:

- want to cancel this declaration
- change your name or home address
- no longer pay sufficient tax on your income and/or capital gains

If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HM Revenue and Customs to adjust your tax code.

BIG FRANK'S BITS 'N' BOBS

Hi everyone. Finally, it looks like good news for June. Swim England says the pool should be re-opening on 13th unless government advice changes between now and June. So please keep an eye on your emails re the pool session.

Holidays, or a lack of them!

Those that were originally booked to go to Sharm in 2020, then the booking was moved to 2021, have all had a full refund now as this yet again cannot go ahead due to the travel restrictions.

Daria Gliszczynska has taken over organising the holidays from myself. Daria is looking at 2022 short-haul holiday and even as far as 2023 for a long-haul trip; bring it on, Daria. Keep watching the website and the Facebook page for details very soon.

Diving and Covid 19

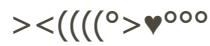
Some of the main diving agencies have advised getting a medical if you have contracted Covid, or had symptoms, whether confirmed as Covid or not, before going diving. This is due to possible respiratory problems or side effects. It's been over a year since most people last dived so I would advise, if your able, to get down to the pool for a refresher and reminder what it's like to be back in the water.

Trustees.

All through this pandemic the Trustees have been working hard to keep the charity going. The fund raising by the fund-raising subcommittee has been a fantastic effort with worthwhile results for the time and effort put in. Thank you to you all.

You might or might not be aware that **Amanda Ford** and **Laura Greene** have stood down as Trustees. I would like thank them both on behalf of the Trustees for the hard work they both put in over the years. Both are instructors and I hope we will catch up with them both at a pool session or something diving orientated.

Joining the Trustees are **Faye Wilde** and **Simon Licence**. Both have hit the ground running - excuse the pun! Faye is doing a virtual walk, raising funds for the Trust, and Simon has got stuck into fundraising and doing a great job.



So, Who Does What you might ask?

The Trustees are as follows:- **Eric Bellworthy** - Chair of Trustees the Governor, **Frank Buchanan** - Treasurer, **Howard Sobey** - Try Dive Officer, **Liam Coffey** - IT, **Michael Smart** - Equipment Officer, **Simon Licence** and **Faye Wilde**- Fund Raising.

Fund raising subcommittee :Simon Licence, Faye Wilde, Sue & Mike Sparry, Dee Coffey, Howard Sobey and Derrick Hunt.

Holidays: Daria Gliszczynska

Equipment and van: Mike Smart and Dean Humphreys

Try Dive Officer: Howard Sobey and Nicole Smart with teas, coffees and cakes.

Newsletters and Twitter account - Suzanne Harper

Facebook page - Pippa Ashley.

Instructors: Senior Instructor - Frank Buchanan (PADI).

Eric Bellworthy (BSAC), Liam Coffey (PADI), Howard Sobey (BSAC), Ian Tucker (BSAC), Amanda Ford (BSAC) and Caroline & Dean Yeoman (NAUI).

These guys all have a deep passion for diving and give up their time freely to teach.

Courses.

If you were on a course before the lockdowns, have no fear! Your course will still be running. In a lot of cases your instructor will go over everything you have covered previously and carry out refreshers where needed.

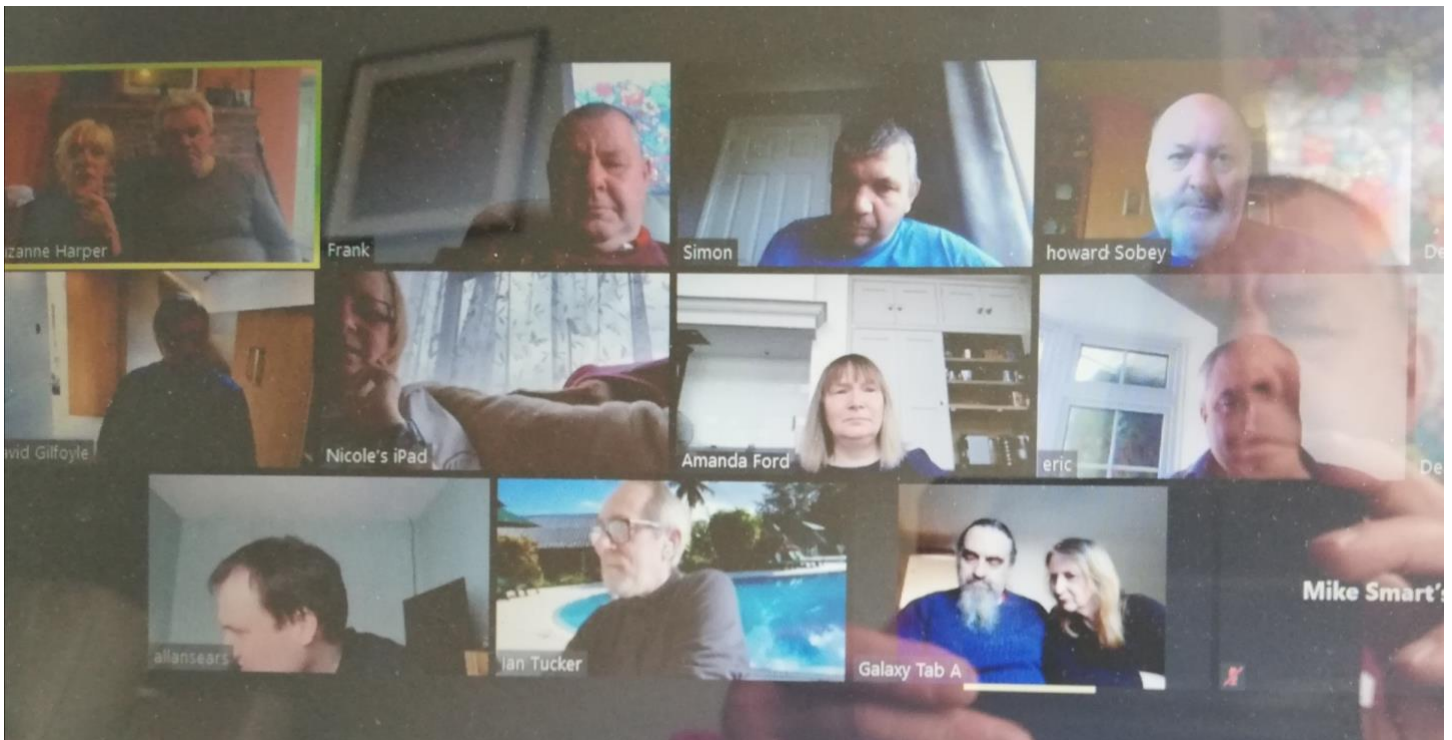
EFR (First Aid):

We will be running and EFR course as soon as it is feasible and practical to do so. Please watch the Facebook page and website for details as they happen.

ZOOM: During the pandemic and lockdowns, **Allan Sears** suggested we have a get together on Zoom with a coffee and a chat on the Sunday that the pool session would have been. It was a great idea and a full screen which worked well. Brilliant suggestion, Allan! After the first session, the Trustees had a meeting which is often difficult to arrange due to the geographical situation of people. It was good getting things discussed, topics planned and the ball moving in many instances.

Stay safe and hopefully this pandemic will soon be a distant memory.

Frank.



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