



Ocean Diver

'What we learn with pleasure, we never forget'

Newsletter Feb 2017

The water's getting warmer!

Upcoming Dives

Stoney

25th and/or 26th Feb
Divers Cove (TBC)

Club Meeting

March

Lanzarote!

With the new underwater museum there is even more to see on a cheeky long weekend in Lanza, and we're looking into it for a club trip.

Upcoming

Courses

Discover/Refresher

18th Feb Caterham

4th March Caterham

Wreck/Deep: Stoney

Cove 25/26 February

Rescue Course: Divers

Cove 18/19 March

First Aid

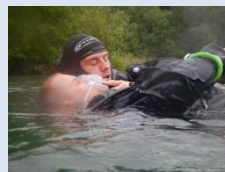
Refresher/Course

Please register interest as we will schedule in a course.

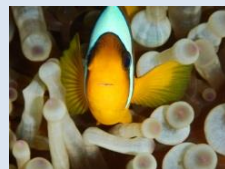
A great club talk this evening on the history of diving that shed some light on the early years for some of the younger folk! It was fascinating to hear how diving has evolved and to learn a little more about some of the pioneers in our sport such as Lionel Blandford. Thank you Colin!



There is sadder news from the wider diving community with the loss of Rob Stewart. His film *Sharkwater* leaves a lasting legacy with its impact on Shark Conservation.



We tried a couple of times to get down to the south coast this month, but regrettably the weather beat us. However, pool sessions have been super busy and we've introduced lots of new bubbles! There are lots of dives ahead so we'll be in open water soon. **Two spaces have become available on the Malta trip.** Malta is a superb dive experience with wrecks galore. First come, first served! There are some places available on a boat in Weymouth so if you'd like to head down to the coast for a weekend on the 8/9 April then email us or message us. We have some places available for a liveaboard in the Maldives, as well a Northern Wrecks and Reefs liveaboard in Egypt! If you're interested then have a look at the [website](#). Further ahead we're exploring a liveaboard to Egypt for 2018 and a trip to Lanzarote so let us know if you're interested. Nemo is on the cards again as is another Dry Dive.



We will be running Wreck and Deep specialities at Stoney Cove on the 25th/26th Feb and we have had an expression of interest for [Peak Performance Buoyancy](#) so let us know if there's a course you would like us to run and we will schedule it in.

For [membership](#), trips and events please pay electronically (60-24-77 19361092) **referenced with the event.** Email address: dive@oceandiver.co.uk

Events: See our [Facebook](#) events page or our [calendar](#) for more details

Saturday 18th February 3pm Caterham Pool We're so popular this month we are having an extra pool session and we've a couple of places left for Discover Scuba or Refreshers! Others are welcome for a splash but prior booking is required. Cylinder with air is £10; equipment rentals (regs and/or BCD) £10 and pool £10. Half price kit and free pool entry for members. dive@oceandiver.co.uk.

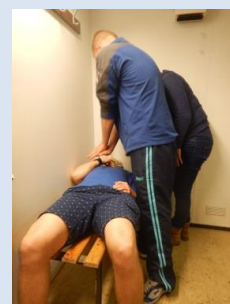
Saturday 25th and/or Sunday 26th February: Stoney Cove A chance to dive Stoney Cove. Some of our members will be there for the whole weekend but you can join us for one or both of the days. Training is available on these days including advanced, specialities and Dive Master. Training places must be booked in advanced. dive@oceandiver.co.uk for info and to book.

Saturday 4th March Pool Session 5.30pm: [Oakhyrst Grange School](#), 160 Stanstead Road, Caterham, CR3 6AF

If you are coming for a general splash and need equipment please message to check availability. Cylinder with air is £10; equipment rental (regs and/or BCD) £10 and pool £10. Half price kit hire and free pool entry for members. The pool sessions are filling up very quickly now so please email in advance to book dive@oceandiver.co.uk.

7th March 2017 Club Meeting [The Jolly Farmers](#), Purley from 8pm and upstairs from 8.30pm.

Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th March: Rescue Course/Refresher Divers Cove. £399 for the course; £30 per day for the refresher (£349 with free certified first aid course for members). Prior registration required. The refresher is free for members. A good day with lots of different scenarios to practise what we'd do in unlikely situations we may face in diving. Register interest for the First Aid Course/Refresher.



Saturday 22nd and Sunday 23rd April TBC Weymouth Winter Warmer Weekend

Malta 12th – 19th May 2017 £660 (members £610) Two spaces Balance due

June: Selsey Trip July: Brighton Boat Trip (Either 22nd or 23rd)

Plymouth 10th – 13th August 2017 £280 (£240 for 17/18 members) 1 space

Farne Islands 22 – 24th September 2017 £210 (£180 for 17/18 members) 2 spaces

This is a must-do trip in the UK; the chance to [play with seals](#) in the water! They are friendly and welcoming! We have a B&B on the Fri/Sat nights and diving on the Sat/Sun. **£50 non-refundable deposit.** Please email dive@oceandiver.co.uk to express interest. Additional night's accommodation available either side of the trip for £45 pppn B&B. If you'd like to book with additional accommodation then please let us know asap.



Maldives Liveboard 28th October – 3rd November 2017 £2195 The Magical Maldives itinerary with Blue O Two.

We have a host of friendly instructors and dive masters who can buddy up with you on a dive if you're new to dive sites or would like to gain a bit of experience. Email us for more details.