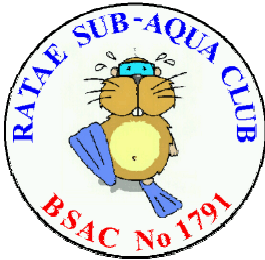


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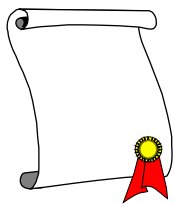
Start of a new era for the newsletter. After a few years of excellent reporting, Lesley has now past the newsletter over to me. I'm sure everyone will agree that Lesley has done a great job and we all really appreciate her efforts. So you're all stuck with me for now.

Club news

It's very quiet out there, not much to report.

CLUB NIGHT OUT

Chris has organised our usual post-Christmas bash at the Thai restaurant in Loughborough. Apologies that this newsletter has reached you all a bit late for that one [PC problems].



QUALIFICATIONS

Catherine Spence and myself have been taking the Practical Rescue Management SDC with the Milton Keynes diving club (MKSAC). They have their very own "Stoney Cove" called the Blue Lagoon. They allow other clubs to use it, so it's one we can think about trying out!

TRIPS UPDATE

Rod has contacted Sovereign Diving for 2003 about diving the Farne Islands. They are not yet taking bookings for 2004. He has the following dates for their two boats:

Sovereign 11

20/21 April*
17/18/ May
7/8 June
21/22 June
25/26 October*



Sovereign 111

26/27 April
17/18 May

Rod prefers the * dates, as these fall within the school holidays. Anyone interested to contact Rod. Excellent dive destination with almost guaranteed diving with seals.

STONEY COVE DIVING



A number of club members are still actively diving. Lesley and Paul managed a dive over Christmas, as have several others. Ask around to find out who's still braving the cold! Diving still goes on every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month.

For Sale

Dale is selling his Suunto Stinger divers watch (full dive computer + nitrox) in a watch!

£220 (£336 at divers warehouse).

Contact Dale if interested

<mailto:Dale.Widdowson@astrazeneca.com>

Diving Internet

As I've not got anything better to do in my lunch break than search the internet for diving things, each month I'll bring you useful links, as well as the usual

stupid stuff. Apologies to those that are not online. This month is not very imaginative, but for good regular news look at:

BSAC talk:

<http://www.bsac.org/services/talk/bransec1202.htm>

Divernet news (DIVER magazine for free!)

<http://www.divernet.com/news/index.html>

Rob Cuss

EVENTS CALENDAR

TRIPS CALENDAR 2003			
February 2003	Red Sea Trip		Martin Crookes
MAY 2003	WEYMOUTH TRIP		Paul Lucas- names to Paul early in New Year.
5 th /6 th July 2003	Plymouth trip	£89	Mark Hessey- FULL
23 rd /24 th Aug 2003	Anglesey trip	tbc	Ian Petchey
See newsletter	FARNE ISLANDS		Rod Hill