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New Look Herald

Welcome to the first edition of the Herald for 2005. A new and exciting look, I'm sure you will agree - many thanks to **Terry Sidwell** for his creativeness on this long overdue revamp.

To survive though, the Herald needs your input so if you have articles to share, comments to make or points to raise please feel free to do so.

Contact me on: angela.ward@awardsforall.org.uk

Items for Sale



UNDERWATER CAMERA
SEA & SEA MX-10 with
automatic YS-40A flash
Excellent condition - camera bag,
batteries, extending lanyard, o-
ring set, instructions and film
£200

Contact Fran on 0115 9818583

We're on the Web!

See us at:

www.scubanaut.co.uk



AGM

Thanks to all who attended the AGM and just to confirm your new Committee is:

Chairman - Nick Keightley
 Treasurer - Andy Coyne
 Diving Officer - Pete Shelton
 Training Officer - Chris Chew
 Equipment Officer - Steve Priestley
 Secretary - Guy Bramley

Future dates for your diary:

Committee

28 Feb, 11 Apr, 16 May,
 27 Jun, 8 Aug, 19 Sep, 7 Nov

Quarterly

9 Mar, 8 Jun, 5 Oct

Pre AGM

21 Nov

AGM

7 Dec



Raft Race

Once again, the Boxing Day Raft Race was a fantastic day, and as you can see from the photo, our rafters looked particularly fetching in their pink bonnets and nappies.

Thanks must go to everyone who participated or helped organise.



Pantomime

The Sleeping Beauty Pantomime was a great evening, especially for the adults ... Oh yes it was!! ...

Altogether now :

There's worm at the bottom of my garden
 And his name is wiggly woo
 There's a worm at the bottom of my garden
 And he's wiggling through and through
 He wiggles all day, He wiggles all night
 He's wiggling his life away
 There's a worm at the bottom of my garden
 And his name is wiggly woo woo woo!!



Christmas Party

The 3rd annual Scubonaut Awards were presented at the club's Christmas Party. Intensely contested, these prestigious, hand crafted awards are the highlight of the club's diving calendar. As usual, there were 6 awards, 3 serious and 3 more light-hearted awards.



Our illustrious Diving Officer, Pete Shelton, presented the first 3 awards:

Longest Dive - Mick Walker

Best Trainee - Helen Ireson

Achievement - Louisa Coyne

Our Chairman, Nick Keightley presented the last 3 awards:

Mr Forgetful - Jeff Bell

This year we had many quality nominations but the worthy winner was Jeff Bell and his magic torch. For a chap renowned for his ability to pack a suitcase it all went wobbly for dear Jeff when his powerful torch (light saber) was left turned on in his luggage. Fortunately this was discovered by a baggage security guard at East Midlands airport - not before it had melted the contents of his hand luggage, including his dive computer.

Lost and Found - Jeff Bell

Another fine source of nominations but it was a second quality award for Jeff Bell. Most people go on a dive trip aboard with their passport and dive log - not our Jeff - he takes with him his passport and photo album. Having 'misplaced' his qualification book Jeff's only proof of his diving credentials were photos of him diving at the resort several years before. (Worryingly it worked!)

High and Dry - Mick Walker/Angela Ward

This year's award for achievement out of the water was hotly contested but the award went to 'The Cult of the String' - a group of dedicated club members who wrestled for hours with 50m of knotted kite string in Anglesey. Many were drawn into this strangely addictive activity including innocent family members. Mick Walker, the innocent owner of the string, and Angela Ward, a senior cult member, were presented the award by chief knotter Nick Keightley.

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Thanks to all nominees for their hard work throughout 2004 - we look forward to another quality effort in 2005.



New Years Eve Party



A fantastic and thoroughly enjoyable evening.

Congratulations to Owen Pickering who won the raffle prize, a luxurious weekend for two in a Ramada Jarvis hotel of his choice.



Trips/Activities Planned



Greyhound Racing

Saturday 29 January

See Steve Priestley for details

Anglesey

29 April - 2 May

See Steve Priestley for details

Weymouth

11 - 13 February

See Steve Priestley for details

Whitby

27 - 30 May

See Steve Priestley for Details

Paignton

25 March - 1 April

See Pete Shelton for details

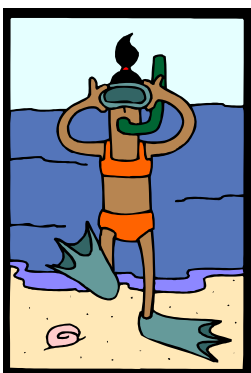
Selsey Bill

26 - 29 August

See Steve Priestley for details



Training Dates



If you require training or are interested in specific diving courses, please let Chris Chew know.