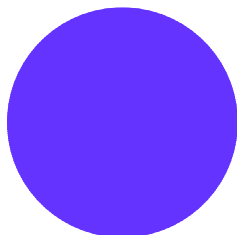


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Editor's Comment

Well, half way through the year and we've already had quite a few memorable trips and events such as Paignton, Anglesey, Barn Dance and Whitby and there's plenty more to come too!!

Please do send in your reports (no matter how short) on your diving trips or fun events - it does help to encourage our new members to come along and take part.

Do take care - safe and happy diving.

If you have any articles for the herald please forward them to angela.ward@awardsforall.org.uk or see me at the pool

Trips/Activities Planned

Farne Islands/St Abbs

20 - 29 August

See Steve Priestley for details

Selsey Bill

3-6 November

See Steve Priestley for details

Night Dives at Stoney

Wednesday 17 August



Anglesey Virgins Report

For both Jeff and I it was the first time either of us had been to Anglesey despite a rich history of club trips there. It is quite a journey as it is an island off an island off an island!!! (eg Holy Island off Anglesey off mainland Britain!!) still we made it in just over 4 hours despite Bank Holiday traffic on the Friday.



The glorious sunshine made for an easy time putting the tent up but as the others were just off to order dinner at the club house it was done in record time (and to the tune of Dick Barton on the car stereo - ask your mum to hum it for you!)

We found ourselves looking after Jeff's mum's dog, Raffles, for the weekend and so it was with relief we found that clubhouse would let dogs in. As a show dog he spends most of his time being brushed etc. So when it rained over the weekend you can imagine what he looked like by the time we got him home - still Jeff's got another week before she's back to get him clean!



The club house food was good and very reasonably priced and more importantly staggering distance for the tents - but for varieties sake we did try out 2 other places over the weekend - The Old London Road Inn (also very good) and The Seacroft Hotel (ask Steve, Wendy and Chris about the size of the mixed grill!)

Although we did get rain at times it was mostly overnight and we got out and about during the day - Saturday first into Holyhead to buy Jeff a pair of shoes (as he had only bought his trainers and had a business meeting on the way home on Tuesday) and then to visit South Stack lighthouse (some of us got a picture before it disappeared into the fog!) On Sunday we all set off for a cove on the north coast to avoid the wind where the divers shore dived and the rest of us relaxed in the sunshine.

Several attempts were made over the weekend to kill members of the public with stunt kites and it was discovered that Chris' kite was so easy to fly that the dog could do it!

We all packed up on a beautiful sunny but very windy Monday morning and went our separate directions - Jeff and I up to Blackpool - some off to Caernarfon - some just home to avoid the worst of the traffic - another good trip completed!



Capernwray



Capernwray is perhaps a little too far to drive, dive and drive home within one day - so Paula, Kathy, Frances and Geoff decided to drive Saturday afternoon, stay overnight at Capernwray House just a little further along the road to the quarry and join the early divers on Sunday morning. Geoff going off on his bike.



Its entry is so much more sensible than the other inland dive site, at least newcomers don't hold up people with identification cards. We had a map of the site so a route was worked out allowing us to see the trout and some of the other sites along the 10m shelf and return to the trout again. We managed to see Lord Lucan and Shergar as well as the natural life in the water such as the huge rainbow and the golden trout and lots of coils of fish eggs, even the tiger mussels looked brighter and cleaner. Our dive time was almost an hour long. During our surface interval we enjoyed a hot chocolate and were able to sit outside looking down on the quarry, it's so much brighter than Stoney. Our second dive was following the shelf on the west side of the quarry and here we saw the Cessna resting on a container unit making it far enough away from the silty bottom. Good buoyancy was needed to allow us to hover at the same level as the plane. We took photographs all the while during both dives and some of them are shown here. There are plenty more objects placed underwater its only a matter of time before we find them all. It was an excellent day, giving new divers a different dive site and an opportunity to build up their dive logs. We hope to make another trip in June/July. Let us know if you are interested and watch out for further details.



Training Dates

If you require training or are interested in specific diving courses, please let Chris Chew know. Next training day - 24 July - see Chris for further details.



Club Member Information



Well done and congratulations to John Macken who gained a Degree in Archaeological Studies from Leicester University - (no more getting away with student discount!)



Guy Bramley's top 3 songs:

I Am Speeding (Hot) Rod Stewart

Flash Bang Whallop What A Picture Tommy Steele

Slow Down You're Moving Too Fast (Feeling Groovy) Simon & Garfunkle