



Club Newsletter January 2017

Hi to All Bedsac Members

Somehow it's the end of January, it seems only a couple of weeks ago that the Christmas Newsletter came out. The pool sessions from 8.00 till 9.00 (8.10 in the water) have proved to be very popular with a number of members quickly becoming regulars which is great but there is always room for a few more so come on, as the weather warms up!! Give it a go it's your pool session you pay for it, it's for your club!!

The Committee welcomed new Club Members Josh Garnet (12 yrs) and Patrick Keaveney (16 yrs). Josh joins us with his parents returning Club Members Fiona and Chris Garnet and it's lovely to have them back. Patrick (Paddy) came for a Try-Dive a couple of weeks ago and is now a trainee with Josh. Both boys are now doing their Ocean Diver training. We also have a large number of Try-Dives arranged in the next few weeks so there are plenty of opportunities to look to increase our club membership.

With more Try-Dives and the possibility of more members we will also have more trainees and a greater need for all our qualified Instructors and Assistant Instructors to become actively involved. Though it is not just Instructors and Assistant Instructors who need to be more active, it is also Dive Leaders and above who can help out with the Try-Dives for adults and / or in arranging actual club dives. There is plenty for other members to do by helping to arrange social activities to ensure that anyone who wants to join us is sure of a very warm welcome and a sense of a club that is pro-active and keen to offer a whole club experience for everyone, Junior Members and adults alike.

In taking on Junior Members, all club members need to be aware of Safeguarding of children and young people. To this end the club will be providing training to all Instructors, Assistant Instructors and Dive Leaders and above, where they help out with Try-Dives. It is not a big issue, simply a matter understanding the need for it and of following some straightforward procedures which will keep everyone safe. Lisa is sending out e-mails to Instructors and others to meet for the first of these. We are sure you will all appreciate the need for this, especially in the present climate with serious concerns in Football, no sports club can afford to be unaware of the need to Safeguard its Junior Members.

We are currently working on some ideas to update our website. Here again we would like it to become more interactive and carry our calendar of the year's dives, either booked or planned such as a 'day a at Stoney Cove' to tune up you gear after the winter, possibly 'a weekend to Kimmeridge' for shore diving or even 'Swanage Pier'!! Come on calling all divers - time to get you gear out and think positively about diving again. After all it's what we all joined this club for so let you imagination soar – what will you do for the club? (and of course for yourself!!) If everyone able to organise a dive actually arranged one, we could have enough for several years!

Where are the photos and videos that we see everyone taking? Not able to edit your videos contact Lesley to see what can be done. Why not put together a photo montage to illustrate a diving trip? There are lots of things you could do which would help get people together. To celebrate our 50th Anniversary we had an exhibition of diving through the years. Can we do this again and have a social event which brings the history of diving alive. Which would help new divers to understand their heritage. Who has items? Who could help us to mount a historic view of diving for all to enjoy? Contact Lesley if you think you could organise or contribute to this or any other social event

Let's have a great 2017 with plenty of diving and plenty of fun!

Lesley Carr - Chair on behalf of the Committee