



# Banstead Underwater Diving Club

## THE FROG ON THE BOG NEWS

**JANUARY 2017**

Fellow Bubblers,

### What's been happening?

January is usually a quiet month as we all face the customary post-Christmas blues and chilly weather but that shouldn't stop us diving or engaging in related activities!

Our resident paramedic supremo Alan 'Holby City' Kennedy ran another of his now famous o2 administration and CPR sessions from his shed on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January – 5 members attended and passed which was relief as included the club DO /ADO/Chairman and secretary!

More are planned and would recommend to all members whatever their training level.

Mark (Ice Man) and Paul (Walrus) had two dives at Vobster on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, rather cold but viz was great! – see report and advice on cold water diving on the club website.

Ice man was back in the water on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January with Steve Burgess at Stoney – viz continues to be awesome at the inland sites!

Michael Oliphant is one dive away from completing his Ocean Diver, Mark and Owen Cawood have completed pool and theory but have yet to experience the delights of Wraysbury in February to complete their initial training!

The Rutlish School CCF was back with 10 cadets for another two try dive sessions on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> January, a nice bunch of kids and thanks to all who contributed their time to make this a success.

The Littlehampton dive plan will be created by the end of February and a doodle sent out for dive manager volunteers.

### What's on the horizon?

#### Trips

Red Sea - 17<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017

A hardy crew of stalwarts are braving the ISIS onslaught and invading Egypt for a week of submarine manoeuvres in the Northern Red Sea, it's great to see our brave boys and girls flying the BUDC flag of democracy and freedom and supporting the much diminished Egyptian economy!

Philippines – 14-29<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Dave and Kirstin off for what looks a fantastic trip, so jealous!

Look forward to getting reports (and photos) of both trips in due course!

There are a couple of plans afoot for club trips : Portland 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> July, a trip to St Abbs /Farnes, a trip to Cornwall – any other thoughts or ideas?

## **Club Events**

**Please note the timings for the monthly Tuesday events will be 8pm for a 8.30 pm start**

- Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017 – Video Presentation – ‘ Thoughtful Management of Decompression Stress’
- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017 - CPR/Defib Role Play and Training (Football Club)
- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017 – Scuba Bring and Buy Sale (Football Club) get rid of all that kit that has been lying in the bottom of your dive box!
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – Decompression – a History, plus demonstration of deco training software
- March or April 2017 - Boat Handling Course – Precise Date to fixed – (Littlehampton)
- Club Compressor Training – 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 – Tim Cozen’s Man Cave, Godstone

## **Non-Club Events**

- Shipwreck Conference, Plymouth – Saturday , 4<sup>th</sup> February 2017
- Diving on the Edge Conference, Plymouth – Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> February 2017
- London Dive Show – 1th-19<sup>th</sup> February – note now part of the Telegraph outdoor show (called ‘Oceans’ and has probably become even worse than usual....wait and go to Birmingham in the Autumn?)
- London Diving Chamber Lecture – Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017
- Great Northern Dive Show 8-9<sup>th</sup> April 2017 – new show, could be interesting but in Manchester!

Do send reports, photos, events or anything else of a diving nature which could be of interest to the rest of the club that we can publish via the website / facebook /Frog News

Dive Safe

Paul