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Hi everyone. I actually sent out this newsletter on the day after the AGM, but it seems as if few, if any of you actually received it. The second newsletter will now follow quite soon.

**Your new diving officer**

Thanks for electing me as your diving officer yesterday. For those of you that don't know me, I started diving with Crawley Divers in 2001. I am a Dive Leader, Open Water Instructor, and Diver Cox'n. I have had a lot of fun diving with the club and hope to be able to do something in return. I am 58, and an almost retired actuary. I am a magistrate (so behave yourselves!) and also do voluntary work with the Southeast Coast Ambulance Service as a Community Responder. My wife Linda is not a diver, but my daughter Louisa trained with me and she is currently working as a Marine Scientist in Tanzania. I had a text message a few days ago saying "she had just had the best day ever - diving with humpback whales in the morning, and snorkelling with whale sharks in the afternoon, plus a parcel from home." It sounds very good, but as her wedding day was only six weeks ago, we thought that might have been quite a good day too.

Thanks to Darren

Many thanks to my predecessor Darren Butcher for all his work. He has done the job for two years which is quite unusual and has been a big commitment, I am sure. He is a fairly recent recruit to the BSAC scene, but brought with him a wealth of recreational and commercial diving experience. I wish him well and hope that he continues to enjoy diving with us.

Newsletters

I intend to send out frequent newsletters about diving and training activities. I shall start off sending them to everybody@crabbsac.org.uk If you don't want to receive them please let me know and I will develop a specialised mailing list. You'll notice that his one is numbered 01. I will number each one to help you identify if you are missing any!

Communication

Apart from the newsletters, I intend to try to get to talk to each member about what they want from the club. Things to think about are

- Do you want more training? Diving training or other skills such as seamanship skills?
 - Would like to see club diving holidays? Where? Would you like training to be available?
 - Do you want to become an instructor?
 - Do you want to do UK boat diving and if so do you prefer diving from our rib or using charter boats? Where do you want to dive?
- By all means send me an e-mail or give me a ring to save me the trouble of seeking you out.

Dive Records

The club tries to keep records of the diving we do. We have fairly good records of club diving activities, but lots of our members do other diving in small groups or on holidays. I'd like you to encourage you to tell us about what you do and give us the details to include in our records. I attach a form that can be used for this purpose and will make paper copies available in the club hut.

That's all for now. I am celebrating my elevation by disappearing to the Red Sea for a week with Linda. We are going to Marsa Alam, a resort on the western side, quite well to the south. It is not primarily a diving holiday, but I'm sure I shall be slipping off a few times to explore the depths. See you all when I get back.

Safe Diving

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That's me below exploring the wreck of the Numidia in the Red Sea a few weeks ago.

