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### Dates for your diary

Tuesday 18 December - 20.00 Ocean Diver Theory Lessons

Wednesday 19 December - 20.00 Pool training and diving at K2.

**Wednesday 19 December - 21.00 onwards - meet in the bar upstairs in the K2 Leisure centre. This is the last week before the Christmas holiday, so please come along, even if you are not a regular visitor, or even a lapsed member, and meet up with other club members. Save stamps on your Christmas cards!**



Wednesday 26 December (Boxing Day) - Pool closed

Tuesday 1 January - New year's day dive - contact Dave Champion on 07715 609315 . A chance for the first dive of the year at Wraysbury. Suitable for all grades of diver including trainees as long as you have finished your pool training.

Tuesday 29 January - Presentations by Tony Backhurst Scuba in the club hut. Tony Backhurst are a leading provider of good quality diving holidays and also operate a dive shop which is about half way between Horsham and Guildford. They will be coming to talk about holiday destinations and what the shop offers.

*We have lots more planned for the New Year - Diver Training at various grades, refresher courses and workshops for qualified members, and visiting speakers. Watch this space for more news.*

### What's been happening

Well you might think it's been a bit nippy lately, but there has actually been some diving done. Admittedly it was only two dives, by myself and Mark Fuller who is doing Ocean Diver training. We cannot change the seasons of the year unfortunately, and short of going abroad to escape the cold, we have to take the weather as it comes.

On Saturday, a group of us, led by Dave Champion, decided it would be a good idea to dive the "City of London" a wreck about 7 miles south of Shoreham. We went in Dudley's boat which bears the name "Just4Fun". Whoever thought that up! Water temperature is still a balmy 12C, but unfortunately the cold easterly wind coming straight from Siberia was about 4C, and I am afraid the conclusion was that the divers were the ones that were barmy.

We did go out, but it was too rough and cold to dive, so we retreated to the plush surroundings of Shoreham's Tapas Bar - yes even Shoreham has one.

Otherwise I am still waiting for reports on their much warmer diving experiences overseas from Dave, Karen, and Sarah and Steve for inclusion in this newsletter with the aim of making us all jealous.



### Red Sea Holidays

One of the best diving experiences available for the money is a Red Sea Liveboard trip. If you haven't done one before, talk to other club members who have. There will be up to four dives a day on offer in warm, clear water. Crawley Divers will be offering a holiday in 2008, and it will be suitable for all qualified divers, although you will need to get up to Sports Diver standard to get the most out of it. I am proposing we go for the end of August, and the cost is



likely to be of the order of £850-£900. This may seem quite a lot, but remember that there is very little opportunity to spend any more money. There would be deposit of £200 payable to secure the booking with the balance payable a couple of months before we go.

I need firm expressions of interest so I know how many places to book. Please use the form at the end of this e-mail to reply to me, even if you are not interested for this year.

To remind you, I did ask in my last e-mail if anyone was interested in a shore-based trip to the Red Sea, possibly with opportunities for training, early in February. To date I have been overwhelmed with a total of 0 (zero) responses. Nevertheless, please let me know if you are interested in this option to get some diving during the winter. There will also be a shore-based trip later in the year aimed at divers and families. Andy and Debbie Sarson-Lowe are planning a trip for reasonably experienced divers at the end of April. Contact them on 01293 776146 if you would like to know more.

### **UK Diving Trips**

Each year we do a number of trips to other parts of the UK, using both charter boats and also our own boat. We will be sorting out a programme including both our old favourites plus some new destinations. Please let me know if you have any good ideas of places to go, and especially if you are willing to organise something.

Happy Christmas Everyone. Safe Diving.

Ted

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## **RED SEA LIVEBOARD QUESTIONNAIRE**

***please delete whichever does not apply***

1. I am interested in coming in the second half of August
2. I am interested in coming but would prefer another date (please indicate)
3. I am not interested this year

Name

Comments and suggestions