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# CRABBSAC MONTHLY

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Hello! Welcome to my second newsletter. Although the diving season has not started just yet there has been lots going on in and around the club. The Diverse '06 Conference has taken place and was an interesting and enjoyable day for all those that attended. The Alpha has been sold and we have many social, diving and theory events to add to your diary. Please email me at the above address if you have anything you would like to see in the newsletter.



## Diving

Our first training weekend at Stoney Cove is coming soon for all you brave souls that dare dive before May. The weekend of the 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> April is the date, your instructors will be there from 7:00am. Please let me know if you are coming by email [m.nicholls01@btinternet.com](mailto:m.nicholls01@btinternet.com).

## Alpha SOLD!

Yes the end of an era, the Alpha has been sold for the sum of £865.00.

## Tornado

The Tornado is now back at the club hut while Dave carries out the necessary maintenance. While we are on the subject of Dave can I say a big thank you to him for his decoration of the equipment room, I am sure you will all agree that it looks great. Our club hut is really somewhere to be proud of now and we as a club really need to maximise its full potential. The Tornado will be staying at the club hut for the foreseeable future.

## Tuesday's Mini Lectures- A Note from your Training Officer

I had an email from a fairly new member thanking me for the summary sheets from my previous two Tuesday mini lectures. Although they found them very interesting they did not consider themselves of a required level with their diving training to attend. Well this is not true; these mini lectures are aimed at everyone. I try to make the subjects as simple as possible so please don't exclude yourselves come along and maybe learn something new.

The next one will be on Tuesday 21 at the club hut starting at 8pm, it will be called

Get it out and use it!!!!

See you there.

John Seldon

## Diverse '06

On the 12<sup>th</sup> March, over 200 people enjoyed the Diverse '06 conference at Guildford University. John Seldon had spent the last 14 months putting in a lot of hard work to make this event happen, and it paid off.

There were seven speakers covering a wide range of topics, something for everybody. The day started with Mark Stevens, from the British Divers Marine Life Rescue, talking about the work they do around our coasts, the methods used to try to rescue the whale from the Thames and how the media were reporting it all wrong. Mark was the perfect speaker to start the ball rolling, humorous and informative.

Dr Kate Cole explained the role of sea search and what we as divers could do to help. John McIntyre talked on how he was trying to get more diving stories onto the telly and a wider audience. Martyn Farr explained why some people like diving in holes in the ground!

Then we had a break for lunch. On our return not even the fire alarms could stop Mark Mumford from giving his talk on digital under water photography. The whole auditorium had to go outside until the alarms were turned off and we were all allowed back in. Mark carried on as if nothing had happened in a very professional way.

Simon Rogerson from Dive Magazine showed some stunning slides from around the world, you could see the room turn a greener shade of envy!

Jack Ingle rounded off the day with a talk on technical diving, with stories from the south China seas.

After that the bar was opened. The perfect end to the day.

This was a very enjoyable day with lots of interesting information and stunning photography, for only £5 it was great value for money. John Seldon should be very happy with the way the whole day went. A credit to all his hard work.

Andy Galley

### [Easter Eggs-travaganza](#)

This exciting Easter event takes place on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 3pm. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

### [New Members](#)

The committee and club would like to welcome new member James Hodge.

### [Dates for your Diary!](#)

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March** Get out there and use it lecture!!

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> and Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** – Stoney Cove training and nitrox practical weekend. See Mark Nicholls for details.

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April** – Diving the Mulberries. See Ted Coleman or Steve Elliott for details.

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April (Good Friday)** – Easter Egg Treasure Hunt at the club hut. This is a free event which we hope will include all those children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews out there. There will also be a BBQ afterwards, please bring your own food to cook.

