



What's Bubbling

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Ealing Sub Aqua Club
Annual General Meeting
Sunday 25th November 2001
Northolt Village Community Centre

AGENDA

1. Introduction by Chairman
2. Secretary to present minutes of previous AGM
3. Reports from Committee members
 - Secretary – Michelle Burrell
 - Social secretary – Debbie Broad
 - Equipment Officer – John Glyn-Woods
 - Training Officer – Jackie O’Dowd
 - Acting Diving Officer – Richard Nash
 - Treasurer – Alan Radlett
 - Chairman – Richard Ayres
4. Dissolution of the 2000/2001 committee
5. Election of the 2001/2002 committee
6. Any other business

Summary of Minutes of Ealing Sub Aqua Club Committee Meeting. 01/08/01

Present: R. Ayers, A. Radlett, J. O'Dowd, D. Broad, M. Burrell.
Apologies: R. Nash.
Absent: J. Glynn Wood.

Equipment Officer: John Glynn Wood

All club kit has now been accounted for.

Chairman: Richard Ayres

The Club Rules are to be updated. One rule will be amended so that failure to turn up to social events also incurs financial penalty (the same as not turning up to a dive). A new rule will be introduced stating that current BSAC membership is a prerequisite to diving (for insurance purposes).

Diving Officer: Richard Nash

Dive notices should be on a standard form, which includes the notice regarding financial liability for failure to turn up, and also states that current membership is required before you dive.

Training Officer: Jackie O'Dowd

Congratulations to Julie Newton and Bobby Ludlow who passed the CD paper and again to Bobby who has passed the SD paper. Congratulations also to David Corcoran, Michelle Burrell and Mike Haley who have completed SD training. A very successful day in Wraysbury led to lots of dives being signed off: Frank CD 2 & 3, Julie CD 1, Ben SD 1 & 2, Bobby SD 1, Gary SD 2, Darren CD 4 and Jim CD 1 & 2. Congratulations to all.

There is a trend towards dry suits in the club, however we have not done extensive dry suit training, only one pool session. There is a BSAC syllabus that includes 90 minutes of lectures, pool and OW sessions. We will include the Dry Suit lectures in the next set of Lecture Days. In future all new divers must do dry suit training before they will be allowed to dive with the club in a dry suit. Anyone who has recently bought a dry suit, and requires extra training is welcome to ask for it.

Treasurer: Alan Radlett

The update on the BSAC insurance position will be published in What's Bubbling so that everyone knows. The position is this; swimming is OK, as long as we are not charging for it; no dive kit can be worn in the pool until the diver is a member; no club dives until the diver is a member; children are covered for swimming etc.

Club Polo shirts are on the way.

The AGM will be at the end of November.

Social secretary: Debbie Broad

Christmas dinner will possibly be at La Casa in Hatch End again. D.B. will try to book soon.

Summary of Minutes of Ealing Sub Aqua Club Committee Meeting. 29/08/01

Present: R. Ayers, A. Radlett, J. O'Dowd, D. Broad, M. Burrell. R. Nash.
Absent: J. Glynn Wood.

Equipment Officer: John Glynn Wood

Possible configurations for new boats were discussed, but we have agreed to investigate various options and discuss this again at the next meeting

Diving Officer: Richard Nash

Many congratulations to Diana Williams and Bill Kerslake on the recent arrival of their daughter. We look forward to welcoming a new swimming member!

Insurance forms have now been laminated and will go into the dive marshal's bag to be shown on request.

Training Officer: Jackie O'Dowd

Resuscitation guidelines have been updated and sent to Natalie.

A pool marshal should be on duty at all times. This is especially important during the school holidays.

Advertising is important to recruit new members. Copies of Dive magazine (once read) should be left in doctor's surgeries etc, with our contact details on them, maybe as a sticker? We will ask all members to do this via What's Bubbling.

Qualification news. Adrian Jones and Errol Vaughan are now Dive Leaders. Bobby has completed her CD dives and is due to complete SD in the next week.

Treasurer: Alan Radlett

The books will close at the end of September and be sent to the accountant.

BSAC insurance starts from when the treasurer (as a BSAC officer) signs the membership forms. Therefore Bobby was insured even though the form hadn't been sent.

Social secretary: Debbie Broad

Christmas dinner will be 8th December 9.00 at Casa Mia in Hatch End. We will meet at the pub from 8.00 onwards.

Secretary: Michelle Burrell

Boat radio licenses need photocopying and laminating to go in the dive marshal's bag.

AGM. Blank sheet for committee positions to be posted ASAP to encourage new committee members.

RULES OF ESAC 514

1. Equipment

1.1 Air cylinders owned by the club may be hired out at the published rate, plus a returnable deposit. Cylinders must be re-filled and returned at the pool session following the dive. Failure to return the cylinder may result in loss of the deposit.

1.2 Club buoyancy compensators and regulators are not to be used in open water.

1.3 Club equipment must be marked with ESAC 514

1.4 A log must be kept of equipment used.

1.5 Club masks, snorkels and fins may only be used for 'introduction to diving' courses except by prior authorisation from a committee member.

2. Pool Training

2.1 Trainees must return borrowed buoyancy compensators, cylinders and regulators four months after commencing training, unless arranged otherwise with the training officer.

2.2 Junior snorkellers must be supervised by a parent or guardian.

2.3 No running or diving into the pool is allowed during training sessions.

2.4 The pool Marshall is responsible for safety during pool activities.

2.5 No person shall dive in the pool unsupervised unless they have attained the Club Diver or equivalent qualification.

2.6 No snorkelling or diving equipment to be used in the swimming lane.

2.7 Weights must be covered to protect the swimming pool.

2.8 Pool training sessions are from 20:45 to 21:45. The pool building is to be cleared by 22:00.

2.9 Only shoe-type fins to be used in the pool except when undertaking a full equipment test.

3. Finance

3.1 Club financial transactions must take place prior to the pool training session.

3.2 Monies paid to/by the treasurer must be in the full amount.

3.3 All club expenditure must be by prior authorisation of the committee; persons not complying risk not being reimbursed.

3.4 Membership fees not paid will result in a ban from club diving and a charge to enter the pool.

3.5 All persons signing a list for a social or diving activity or service arranged on their behalf by the club shall remain liable for that place, even if they cancel, until a full quota is met. This liability shall cease if a suitable substitute over and above quota is found. If, by your cancellation, any additional costs are incurred by other club members, then you will be liable to reimburse these costs.

3.6 Boat dive charges will be published by the committee

3.7 Reimbursement for towing the club trailers will be paid according to the towing charge sheet.

4 Club Diving

4.1 All divers diving in open water must be fully equipped. Minimum diving equipment is: Suit, Fins, Mask, Snorkel, Air Cylinder, Knife, Regulator and contents Gauge, Alternative Air Source, Timer, Depth Gauge, Compass, Whistle.

4.2 Open water diving activity will be controlled by the diving officer's delegated authority; the dive Marshall

4.3 The dive Marshall is responsible for the care of club equipment, collection of all monies and fault logging.

4.4 A surface marker buoy will be used by diving pairs except when overruled by the dive Marshall.

4.5 Any person caught flouting BSAC or Club safety rules will have their membership suspended for one year.

4.6 It is strongly advised that a life jacket or suitable buoyancy aid is worn at all times in the boats.

4.7 To coxswain a club boat, you must have a suitable qualification and/or experience acceptable to the diving officer or delegated authority.

4.8 An annual revalidation test will be taken by all divers except those who qualified as a Club Diver during the current training period.

4.9 The coxswain is in charge of the boat whilst at sea.

4.10 Boats will not be allowed in open water unless they fulfil the club's boat equipment check list.

5 General

5.1 Club membership will be open under the categories of Full diving, Associate diving, Associate, Swimming and Junior snorkeller. The minimum status for a committee member is Associate (excluding Social Secretary).

5.2 The last nomination for a post on the committee shall be accepted no later than 21:00 one week before the Annual General Meeting. A nominee may be accepted on the night of the AGM only if there are no other candidates for the post.

5.3 Committee meeting minutes will be displayed on the club notice board.

5.4 Parents, or their representatives, are responsible for the safety of their children at all times during club activities, including pool sessions and at dive sites.

6 Medical

6.1 A self declaration medical assessment form must be completed as per BSAC guidelines. Members are strongly advised to have regular, basic health checks.

BSAC 514 : NOVEMBER 2001

Training matters!

Welcome:

First, we would like to welcome to ESAC all our new trainees – Michael Dawkins, Nick Keane, Declan O’Donal, Mick McInerney, Kiran Vyas, Satnam Sahota (Mrs), Sita Raymond, Fiona Harrison, Richard Hamer and Satnam Sahota (Mr).

Welcome also to Linda Edge, a qualified PADI OW diver, converting to SD.

Lecture programme:

The next series of lectures for CD, SD and DL, will run as last year over three days. There will be an additional lecture this year: ‘drysuit diving’. This is aimed at any diver planning to start using a drysuit.

Please can all trainees needing Club Diver lectures, Club Divers needing Sports Diver lectures and Sports Divers wishing to go on and take the Dive Leader course NOTE THESE DATES:

Saturday 12 January

Saturday 9 February

Saturday 9 March

The lectures will take place at the **Northolt Community Centre** from **10am** to about **4pm** on the first two dates for CD and DL with one lecture on each day for SD (15.00). The third Saturday will consist of one lecture for both CD and SD and an afternoon for DL and the drysuit lecture. The programme will appear on the notice board in due course.

I will put up a list on the notice board of all current SD, many of whom have only just reached this grade. Please could you indicate whether you would like to do the DL lectures or wait until you have more diving experience.

Instructor training scheme:

This has been revised with the changes to be introduced on 1 January. The ITC will no longer exist and has been replaced by an Instructor Foundation Course (IFC). The next step will be an Open Water Instructor Course (I believe) prior to undertaking an exam with theoretical and practical teaching components and a theory paper (as with the old CIE) but in Open Water as opposed to a pool. More details will be known, I hope, after the DOC.

Changes to British Standards:

On 1 July 2001 the HSE withdrew approval of **BS 5045 part 1 & 3** (manufacturing specification of steel and aluminium gas cylinders 0.5l – 15l). **BS 5045 parts 7 & 8** for steel and aluminium have replaced this respectively.

Instructors please note this change – I will try to amend all OHP foils before the lectures commence, but I may miss one!

Jackie O’Dowd

Brain Teaser

Here are the answers to Simon's quiz, and you'll find another, shorter, brain-teaser below:

| No. | Cryptic | Answer |
|-----|---------------------------------|--|
| 0 | 24 H in a D | 24 Hours In a Day |
| 1 | 26 L of the A | 26 letters of the alphabet |
| 2 | 7 D of the W | 7 Days of the week |
| 3 | 7 W of the W | 7 wonders of the world |
| 4 | 12 S of the Z | 12 signs of the zodiac |
| 5 | 66 B of the B | 66 books of the bible |
| 6 | 52 C in a P (WJs) | 52 cards in a pack (without jokers) |
| 7 | 13 S in the USF | 13 stripes in the United States flag |
| 8 | 18 H on a G C | 18 holes on a golf course |
| 9 | 39 B of the O T | 39 books of the Old Testament |
| 10 | 5 T on a F | 5 toes on a foot |
| 11 | 90 D in a R A | 90 degrees in a right angle |
| 12 | 3 B M (S H T R) | 3 blind mice (see how they run) |
| 13 | 32 is the T in D F at which W F | 32 is the temperature in degrees Fahrenheit at which water freezes |
| 14 | 15 P in a R T | 15 players in a rugby team |
| 15 | 3 W on a T | 3 wheels on a tricycle |
| 16 | 100 C in a R | 100 cents in a Rand |
| 17 | 11 P in a F (S) T | 11 players in a football (soccer) team |
| 18 | 12 M in a Y | 12 months in a year |
| 19 | 13=UFS | 13 is unlucky for some |
| 20 | 8 T on a O | 8 tentacles on an Octopus |
| 21 | 29 D in F in a L Y | 29 days in February in a leap year |
| 22 | 27 B in the N T | 27 books in the New Testament |
| 23 | 365 D in a Y | 365 days in a year |
| 24 | 13 L in a B D | 13 loaves in a bakers dozen |
| 25 | 52 W in a Y | 52 weeks in a year |
| 26 | 9 L of a C | 9 lives of a cat |
| 27 | 60 M in a H | 60 minutes in a hour |
| 28 | 23 P of C in the H B | 23 pairs of chromosomes in the human body |
| 29 | 64 S on a C B | 64 squares on a chess board |
| 30 | 9 P in S A | 9 provinces in South Africa |
| 31 | 6 B to an O in C | 6 balls to an over in cricket |
| 32 | 1000 Y in a M | 1000 years in a millennium |
| 33 | 15 M on a D M C | 15 men on a dead mans chest |
| 34 | 4 P H on a F | 4 prancing hooves on a Ferrari |
| 35 | 6 W of H T E | 6 Wives of Henry the Eighth |
| 36 | T S Q t t Q | Thirty six questions to this quiz |

Mr. Brown, Mr. White, and Mr. Red are together in an office.

The three men are wearing ties that are the colours of their last names, although no man's tie matches his name.

Mr. Brown asks the man with the white tie if he likes red, but cannot hear the answer.

What is the colour of each man's tie?

An oldie, but still very much a goodie, follows. Don't be mistaken into thinking I'm having to re-publish old articles – this one's not seen the light of day till now! Read and enjoy . . .

PORTHKERRIS - JUNE 1999
The Happenings
By BDI or Beady-eye

A previous edition of What's Bubbling had all the diving details of the June Porthkerris trip and if the E-Mail had worked you would also have had BDI's report of the more printable "non-diving happenings" that occurred. So better late than never this is the alternative account of ESAC's June Porthkerris trip with all the gossipy salacious details of whom did what to whom and why and then how they got their revenge.

(Note to the editor - DON'T. Edit that is. *As if I would!*)

The "happenings" started on the very first night, when the whole ESAC party retired to the Five Pilchards. At some point, the conversation with the, young and attractive, waitress must have got on to the sunny weather, because she suddenly said something like, "I've been out sunbathing, look!". Now as she was wearing a somewhat low-cut T-shirt, even those guys who weren't already looking at her cleavage, and there weren't many, immediately took up the invitation to do so. At this point Judy was heard to mutter darkly in her beer something along the lines of "those delicate bits are going to get sunburned".

And so it duly turned out, 'cos when some of the guys went back two nights later, she was complaining about painful sunburn and, in a move designed to get instant attention and sympathy from all the assembled males, pulled down the T-shirt she was wearing to show her sun-burned skin. After he had got over the shock of seeing such exposed parts and finally stopped coughing and spluttering, our Ted, always a helpful chap, told her of his patented sunburn recipe of olive oil and vinegar, well mixed, and how she should apply it to the sunburned delicate parts. Ted is, of course, far too much of a gentleman to suggest that he could have assisted in the process.

Well the sunburn must have been bad, because she was desperate enough to make up the afore-mentioned witches brew and apply it to the various sunburned bits. Then the next night, in front of the whole ESAC group, she announced something to the effect that "well the dog had liked it", or was it "the dog had licked it". What she actually said was drowned out by a fit of loud hysterical giggles from both Judy and Nigel.

Christian then made matters worse or, depending on your point of view, better, by coming out with the comment "Vinegar! I thought that's what you put on conkers" At this point the rest of the group dissolved into helpless laughter and frantic out of air signals were seen from several ESAC members as they desperately tried to get their breath back. The waitress did look a bit miffed and was heard to mutter something about "conkers" in a bemused tone as she wandered away from the table.

The next "happening" didn't actually occur in the pub, but that was where the group heard about it. Apparently one of the male ESACers had provided an "almost full Monty" show for two of the female neighbours. In getting ready for bed, this not-to-be-named person had disrobed in front of an un-curtained window, much to the appreciation of the two female voyeurs. Unfortunately, once down to his red boxer shorts he had then spoiled everything for them by turning off the light.

One night in the pub, one of the appreciative voyeurs approached him-who-is-not-to-be-named and commented how much she had appreciated the "not quite the full Monty" show, although it was apparent there was an air of disappointment at the show being so cruelly curtailed. She then somewhat wistfully asked if she could have the afore-mentioned red boxer shorts as a souvenir of the "almost but not quite the full Monty" show. However, modesty

prevailed and he-who-should-not-be-named demurely replied that they were in the wash. Despite being disappointed a second time, his appreciative audience then went on to pay him a complement as she described him as a gentleman because he had folded his trousers and put them away. We suppose that this is Natalie's influence.

On hearing of Greg's Pollock Theory, BDI thinks that Greg must have gone below his 20m limit and got somewhat "narked". Anyhow according to this theory, whilst Wrasse can swivel their eyes and can thus see behind them, Pollock cannot do this and therefore cannot see behind them. It is therefore, according to Greg's patent theory, easy to sneak up on Pollock from behind. Alan then promptly, and we thought somewhat predictably, called this all a load of old Pollocks. However, our Greg is made of sterner stuff and, refusing to be put off by predictable and puerile jibes, he pursued his theory or rather pursued Pollock in pursuit of his theory. This "scientific research" consisted of weaving through the Kelp in pursuit of Pollock and thus hoping to surprise them (does this odd sort of behaviour raise all sorts of questions about Greg or not?).

Christian, being the helpful lad that he is, then decided to get into the act. He obviously thought that if Greg were camouflaged, he would have even more success in surprising the Pollock. So Christian very thoughtfully, and with great delicacy, affixed a large 5ft frond of Kelp to the back of Greg's cylinder. Thus for the rest of the dive Greg was weaving through the Kelp blissfully unaware of his camouflage. Indeed, it was not until he reached the 6m mark and wondered why there was still a large frond of Kelp over his head and absolutely no other Kelp to be seen at all at that level that he finally discovered Christian's assistance. Rumours that Greg is even now plotting dire retribution on Christian on some future diving trip are very likely to be true.

Speaking of Christian, it has been reported that in responding to an underwater jibe from Ted he was seen making signals (i.e. obscene gestures) that are definitely NOT in the BSAC manual. He has since been reported to the BSAC Underwater Ethics Committee and if there isn't such a committee, well there jolly well should be.

Talking of Kelp, we heard that Ted renewed, frequently, his acquaintance with his favourite type of vegetation. Talking of Ted, we also heard that he was sporting a curious device around his neck. On being asked its purpose by Alan, Ted explained that it was just a piece of plastic tubing that could be formed into a loop and put under the neck seal of his drysuit to stop it rubbing on the tender, delicate skin of his neck. However, he said that it was absolutely imperative to remember to take it out before each dive otherwise his drysuit wouldn't be - dry that is. Now hands up all those who can guess what happened next? Yes you've guessed it, Ted got to the bottom of a dive to find icy cold water trickling down his neck and the aforementioned plastic loop still very firmly in place. After much muttering, cursing and swearing, not always easy underwater, Ted succeeded in removing the plastic tubing, but not before his thinsulate was wet to the waist.

At another time on the beach the ESACers were being subject to an overloud dive briefing from another party. Obviously getting bored with the briefing and the resultant aural pollution, Alan noticed that the briefer had a trendy private number plate G34 GTT (well, the briefer's car had the trendy number plate, not the actual briefer). So Alan then went round trying to find some black insulating tape to convert the middle T to an I. Although Greg had some tape, Alan then chickened out by saying that there were too many people around and besides the guy was bigger than Alan.

And talking of Alan, we hear that his remark to Rob W was not really appreciated by Maura. This occurred when all were sitting out enjoying the sunshine and Maura had persuaded Rob to scratch her back. Alan, noticing Rob with his hand under the back of Maura's T-shirt, made the, and again we think somewhat predictable, comment "that's very good Rob, I can't see

your lips moving at all". As we said above, this was not really appreciated by Maura and Rob did not really help his cause by adding several further cracks about ventriloquist's dummies.

And talking of Rob, we hear that Rob M was banned from being his usual self and was not allowed to rush around and help out in three places at once. Some feeble excuse like he put his back out lifting a double bed on top of the car and then taking it down again. When he did manage to dive, folk were seen ferrying Rob's kit to and from the boat and even querying whether he was allowed to carry his goody bag. If having a bad back gets one out of lugging kit out of the boat and back up the shore, then there are definite twinges in BDI's Latissimus Dorsi or even Iliocostalis Thoracis. These twinges will be nurtured so that by the next trip they will be on that fine line between just being able to dive, but not able to carrying kit.

Dave D deserves a mention in these "happenings" by being very keen and enthusiastic and leaping out of the boat to help steady it as it neared the shore. Unfortunately for Dave, on the ride back from the dive site, he had eased open the bottom of his zip a few inches, but then forgotten to do it back up before leaping into the water. Much thrashing around in the water then ensued whilst the zip was done up again, but not before yet another thinsulate got damp.

Not content with flooding his drysuit, Dave merits further mention in this "happenings" report with his flooding of the Trelawney living room. Well flood may be a bit of an exaggeration (so when has that stopped us in the past), but it did interrupt Judy's perusal of the newspaper when water started dripping at her feet. Ever resourceful, Judy promptly got a receptacle to catch the drips in whilst a search was made for the source. When this proved fruitless, Greg turned off, at least partially, the water supply. Thus Trelawney residents were then subjected to a reduced water flow until the plumber arrived. The fault finally being traced to the down-pipe from the sink in David's room. Thus when he soaked his kit, he also, unknowingly, soaked the living room.

BDI has discounted as totally far fetched the rumour that Jackie O had to have her smile surgically removed after she had at long, long last, and after many fruitless attempts, finally dived her own "Holy Grail" of Penwin.

It has also been reported to BDI that part of the Taranaki contingent, i.e. Ted and Frank, were evicted from the lounge of the afore-mentioned luxury residence and were forced to carry out their after-hours drinking in the garden. Quite what they were doing to get evicted in the first place has not been reported. However, it has been reported that Marina was enticed up to the Taranaki garden to partake in such an after-hours drinking session and that she did not sneak back to Trelawney until the wee small hours.

At another time, Frank was woken up by a large black cat on his bed. Being from the land of the "little people" he seemed to be a little perturbed at the suggestion that it was the landlady's "familiar". However, this suggestion may have been a bit un-called for, or maybe not!!

In one after hours boozing session that actually occurred within the confines of the pub, it is rumoured that Frank was swapping reminiscences about criminal acquaintances from Waterford with the landlord, the landlord's brother or someone of that ilk.

And so ends the first, but most probably NOT the last, BDI report. So don't forget, on future diving trips the BDI will be watching or, if not actually present, eagerly awaiting all the interesting details from those that are.

And for those who aren't mentioned in this report you must have kept your "happenings" too close to your chest, (and no we are not talking about the young and attractive waitress again), for BDI to the un-earth them.

PS. There was also some diving done at Porthkerris, but those details have already been provided by Greg.

PPS. The Porthkerris trip was deprived of Rick's guidance and advice due to him being unaccountably detained in London, although not of his vehicle which he very generously loaned to the club.

DEVON 2002

Yes, we're already planning for July/August 2002! In order to get the best-priced caravans I need your commitment **NOW** to hire a caravan in South Bay Holiday Park, Brixham for week commencing **Saturday 27th July 2002**. This is the Park we visited a couple of years ago and was very popular. Cost for a two-bedroom caravan should be in the region of **£460** although if we book 10 caravans as we did for Looe this year, we might get a reduction. **I need names and numbers by Saturday 10th November.**

Natalie

FOR SALE

One black, medium-size Club polo-shirt. £14. Contact Natalie.

Don't forget!

ESAC Club Christmas Dinner on Saturday 8th December 2001 at Casa Mia in Hatch End. Those lucky souls with too much time on their hands will doubtless be meeting in the pub from 8pm. See the Notice Board at the Pool for full details and menus: meal must be selected in advance. Bring plenty of cash with you to purchase raffle tickets and please also bring a wrapped raffle prize to the value of about £5!
