



# THE RUBBER REVIEW



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**NEXT CLUB MEETING: DECEMBER 19TH - CHRISTMAS DIVE FILM PREMIER**



**IF YOU HAVE GOT ANY COMMENTS, TRIPS, PICTURES ETC FOR THE RUBBER REVIEW PLEASE SEND THEM TO US AT THIS ADDRESS: [KATIE@BOLTONAREADIVERS.CO.UK](mailto:katie@boltonareadivers.co.uk)**



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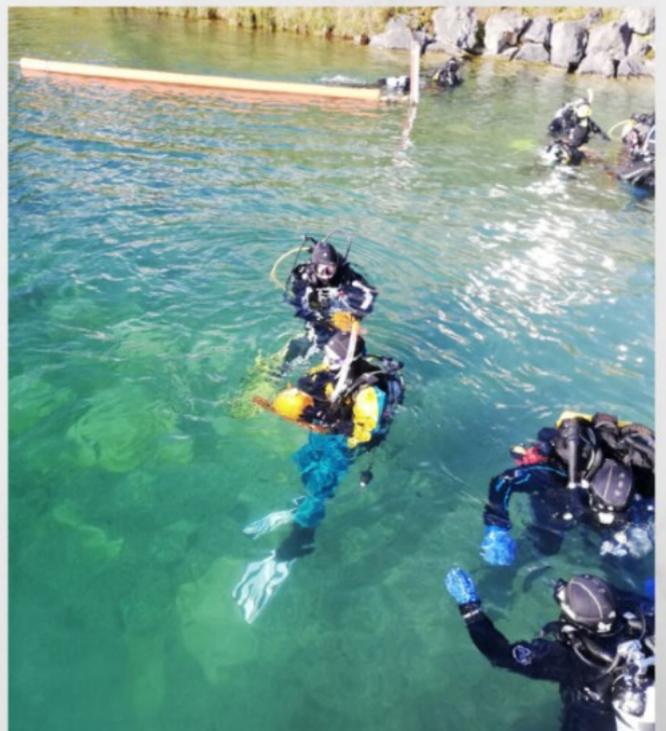
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Stewart Heywood  
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Gary Appleton

# Club Dive- Pumpkin Carving

## 27th October





We had a first this year with two joint winners for best carvings:  
Ken Johnson and Kos Gusarov!  
In second place was Emily Phillips.  
Well done!

# Trip Review: Farnes

## 1st- 3rd November

Written by Rob Gibson



So, the Farne islands, what a great trip and what an experience for me as it was my first boat dive and first time seeing the amazing seals.

Friday night was great, I met my new best friend Ste and everyone else on the trip, we even got a table by ourselves.

When me and my dad (Paul Gibson) arrived, we got sorted with drinks and then had a quick look around the room and instantly knew who was a diver and who wasn't. We spotted a small group of people who we thought looked like divers and walked over to them. We soon found to our surprise there was four people from Bolton Area divers. I was introduced to them all and they are some of my best friends now. We carried on with conversations and more and more people came out of nowhere. There was like nine or ten people from Bolton by the end of the night!

So that was Friday over, we all retired to our rooms and had a long rest as we all knew that we had a big day ahead. Well I did anyway because Saturday ran so smooth.

Saturday was an early start!

We were meant to sort breakfast ourselves but me being me I only had a breakfast bar. After breakfast was 'sorted' we set off for the boat dock. As soon as we got there it was a bit of a rush as the boat was there waiting so we needed to set up kit, get in suits and put everything on the boat, in like two minutes.

After everything was on the boat, we set off it was amazing in the harbour not a single wave but as soon as we turned that corner oh my god, I thought they were big waves but my dad being all confident and that, was like "nah we'll be ok" so I went along with it but thought I was going to throw up like five times but thank god I didn't. After being on a short boat ride we arrive at one of four islands called the Farnes.

All we had to do from now was get all the dive gear on and get in the water and see some amazing sea life.

As soon as I got in the water all I saw was sea weed.

But I stuck with it and descended with my dad for about a one second decent not because it was a really quick decent but because I think my deepest, I went on that dive was 0.8 meters. It was still a good dive as I played with two or three seals.

Next, we did a deeper dive to see what was on a cliff like edge, we saw crabs, star fish and some kind of coral (I don't know the name of it).

So that was the day, except from getting on the boat using the diver lift and going back to the pub and Italian food...

Sunday was a bit of a disappointment because the waves were **massive!** They were crashing over the harbour wall! So, everyone else went go karting but we went to Capernwray and did a cleaning dive and that was the weekend.

I want to do it again next year....just need a lift up there please!



# Club Dive- Christmas Dive

## 17th November

27 of us headed to Capernwray for our traditional Christmas Dive. The day went to plan and it was amazing to see the creativity and effort every single person put in! Afterwards we headed to the local Eagles Head pub for a well deserved meal out. Thank you to everyone that joined in, actors and cameramen alike. It was a fun day. We will be bringing the film to you all at our next club meeting on the 19th December. All are welcome!





# Christmas Party

## 23rd November

Held at Rivington Barn, organised by Shereen, the venue was beautiful, the food was great and the company amazing!



# Upcoming Trips

## NDAC Weekender- 7th and 8th December.

If you would like to do some fun dives, NDAC is a massive quarry with lots of underwater attractions. The majority of the quarry is around 25m (in the shallower section), so a chance to get a bit of depth if you are used to Capernwray. The visibility is usually good there too.

Whilst we are teaching the Deep course in NDAC, we will be running a weekend club dive on the Saturday, Sunday or both. We will be staying in accommodation locally, so will be going out for food and drink (in moderation obviously!) on Saturday night. If you would like to do your deep dive spec you can do (cost is £150).

You will need to hold a minimum of your Advanced Open Water certification. If qualified to go below 30m, local regulations require you to have a redundant air source on you and a torch. All divers must have a whistle. Call the shop or email [katie@boltonareadivers.co.uk](mailto:katie@boltonareadivers.co.uk) to book on.

## Lochaline Long Weekend- 2nd - 5th April 2020.

We have arranged a long weekend of diving in the Sound of Mull. The intention is for everyone to travel to Lochaline on Thursday 2nd April to be ready for 2 days of boat diving from Sound Diver on Friday and Saturday. Dives will include wreck diving on those wrecks that are typically out of reach from Oban. The exact agenda will be confirmed with the skipper closer to the event but there are dozens of wrecks accessible from Lochaline, the following are some of the possible dive sites:

The Shuna: Steamer: 25m deck -33m to seabed.  
The Hispania: Swedish steamship: depth 24m – deck 32m  
The Rondo: 2363 ton steamship depth range of 5m – 50m  
SS Meldon: Steamship: max depth 15m

The Boat: Sound diver – a hard boat with a diver lift and a compressor (approx £6 a fill). This is as easy as UK sea diving gets. On the Sunday after checking out of our accommodation there is the option to dive Loch Creran before heading home.

You will need to be a minimum of Advanced Open Water qualified (or equivalent), have and be able to use a torch, DSMB and reel and be able to use them (training available from BAD if required). You will also need to have some UK sea diving experience. We will be staying in bunk house style accommodation at Lochaline where rooms have a bunk bed for 2 people and an en-suite bathroom. There are communal facilities for relaxing, self-catering and drying of dive gear. The cost of the trip is £240 per person based on 2 sharing. This includes 2 days boat diving and 3 nights accommodation in the bunk house. All meals including breakfast will be in addition.

We will require a non-refundable deposit of £140, which must be paid to reserve your place on this trip. For further information and to book, please contact the Dive Centre on 01204 394441 or email [katie@boltonareadivers.co.uk](mailto:katie@boltonareadivers.co.uk)



# Courses passed this month

Open Water and Drysuit 16th and 17th November



**A very big thank you goes out to all the instructors, divemasters, divemaster candidates and surface cover for all your help during our courses!**

# Course dates

Nitrox: 30th November £125

EFR: 1st December £75

Deep: 7th and 8th December £150 (At NDAC) (Full)

O2 Provider: 21st December £25

Zombie Apocalypse: 22nd December £100

To book on a course call

Katie or Shereen

at the shop on

01204 394441

or email

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# Who's Who?

## OUR MONTHLY INTERVIEW WITH OUR MEMBERS OF STAFF



### **Name**

Matt Knowles

### **What is your dive qualification?**

PADI Master Scuba diver, Tec40 and currently mid way through my Divemaster Internship

### **When and where did you learn to dive?**

I'm still quite new to diving as I only started November 2017.

The reason for this was a holiday to the Maldives and it definitely paid off with the amazing things I experienced under the surface. This made me wish I'd taken this up years ago and so glad that I do it now with all the sea life and interesting things I get to see that so many people don't get to

### **What is your favourite piece of dive equipment?**

I am a lover of technology so it's got to be my EON core dive computer and tank pod.

### **Name a place that is on your bucket list for diving-**

At the moment it is Hodge Close! But in general it has to be the Great Barrier Reef.

### **Describe a memorable dive:**

Maldives- There were so many manta rays.

P31 in Malta - An amazing wreck, the vis was perfect and we saw a cuttle fish.

Swanage- Old Harrys Drift dive, we flew.

Night dive on the Breda- the water was crystal clear!

(Yes I named more than one)

### **What is your favourite dive advice?**

If you want to dive it, whatever it may be, research, get advice and plan before doing it.

# Club Membership

Club membership is £60 per year, a mere £5.00 per month. You can pay your subscription at the shop, at the next club meeting or by standing order.

If you're not already a club member now's the ideal time to join. Just set up a £5 per month standing order to the bank details:

Bank: The Co-Operative Bank, Salford Account name: B.A.D. Club  
Sort Code: 08-92-50 Account #: 52008306

We will keep track of the bank payments and change your membership accordingly once the payments have changed. Direct debit forms are available at club meetings, the shop or ask us to email you one.

Club Membership benefits include:

**USE OF POOL - FREE**  
**TRIP UPDATES BY EMAIL - FREE**  
**MONTHLY NEWSLETTER - FREE**  
**TRIP ORGANISATION - FREE**  
**CLUB MEETING ACCESS - FREE**  
**AIR FILLS (for personal use only) - FREE**  
**KIT HIRE - Discounted**  
**CLUB TRIP PRICE - No Booking Fee (£10 per trip for non club members) PLACES ON CLUB TRIPS**  
**1st PRIORITY**  
**SHOP PURCHASES DISCOUNT- 10% off retail**

**Further promotions & loyalty discounts will be available in future for other local companies - watch this space!**

**And of course just being a member of the most friendly club dive club in the UK :-)**

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DEALER**



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or online, tell us and we  
will let you know if we  
can match it or even  
beat it.



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# **NEXT CLUB MEETING: 19TH DECEMBER 2019 ST HELENS RD, OVER HULTON, BOLTON BL5 1AA BEGINNING AT 8:30PM**

**WE ARE HOPING TO HAVE OUR CHRISTMAS DIVE FILM READY FOR THEN!**

**All events can be found on our Facebook page**

**Look out for our new website- coming very soon!**

**For any information please contact Shereen or Katie at the dive centre on 01204 394441 or you can email:**

**shereen@boltonareadivers.co.uk  
katie@boltonareadivers.co.uk**

## **HSE Training**

Bolton Area Divers are pleased to be able to offer HSA Diver Training in the following courses:-

- HSA Try Dive-
- HSA Open Water Diver-
- HSA Advanced Open Water Diver-
- HSA Dive Buddy Training

If you have any questions relating to Diving for people with disabilities, please call Shereen on 01204 394441 or email Shereen@boltonareadivers.co.uk

## **Turton Pool**

You will find Bolton Area Divers in Turton Pool every Saturday.

Training is available during these sessions for snorkelling, try dives, confined open water and refreshes.

If you would like to come to the pool please get in touch with Katie or Shereen who can add you into the diary to come on a Saturday afternoon.

## **Shop Opening Hours**

**Mondays: 09:00 to 17:00  
Tuesdays: 09:00 to 20:00  
Wednesdays: Closed  
Thursdays: 09:00 to 20:00  
Fridays: 09:00 to 17:00  
Saturdays: 09:00 to 18:00  
Sundays: Closed**

