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Message from Steve

Happy new year and welcome to the first newsletter of the year and what an exciting year we have planned.

We have a number of trips planned including trips to **Nemo33**, **Babbacombe**, **Porthkerris**, **Plymouth**, the **Farne Islands**, **Swanage** and a big trip to **Marsa Alam in Egypt**. You can find out more about these trips later in this news letter.

[Read Steve's full message here ...](#)

Babbacombe Bay and Porthkerris

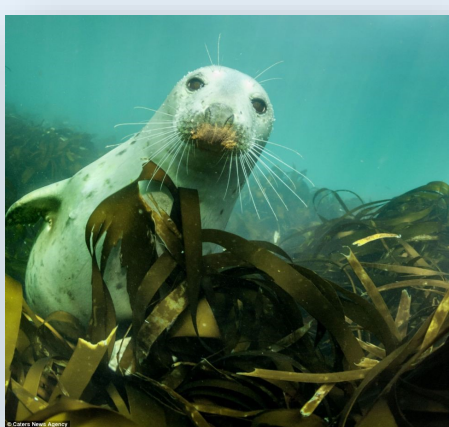
An early year favourite because of the great chance to see the Cuttlefish as they come in to breed, while doing some relatively shallow diving. This is a great trip to wash off those cobwebs after the winter break.

The trip is planned for 22 - 24 April 2016.

[Read more about this weekend trip here ...](#)



Inhabitant of Porthkerris



Farne Islands

The waters around the island are rich in sea life, which is why the birds choose to nest here, so there is a good chance to see large schools of bait fish and the predators who feed on them. If you are really lucky you might even get to see the Puffins feeding underwater. But the real star of the show is the grey seals.

The trip is planned for 13 - 14 August 2016.

[Find out more by clicking here ...](#)

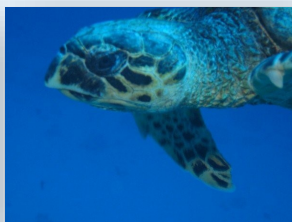
Marsa Alam, Egypt

This year's big trip in October is to Marsa Alam in Egypt.

Marsa Alam is around 200 miles further south than Sharm el Sheikh so both the air and the water is warmer which makes it more attractive to the rarer fish. It is also home to one of the best reefs in the Red Sea - there is a good chance of seeing: Oceanic With Tip Sharks, Green Turtles, Dolphins and the local celebrity - Dyson.

This trip is planned for 12 - 19 October 2016.

[Click here to find out what else this trip has in store for those lucky enough to secure a space ...](#)



Plymouth - Take 2!



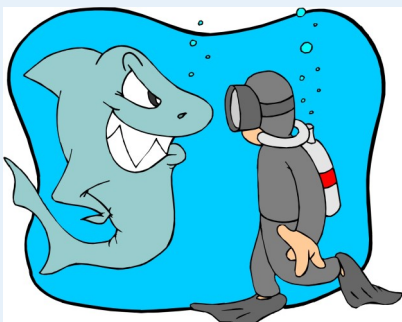
Plymouth has been a Navy harbour since the 17th Century, so it has had hundreds of years worth of **wrecks** just off shore. We did this **trip** last year, but unfortunately the English weather was against us and we were blown out, so hopefully this year we can make it happen

[click here for more info ...](#)

Dive Challenge for 2016

We have come up with a new challenge for you this year - the counties challenge.

This is to dive at least one site in each of the counties in England. This is just a bit of fun but a good challenge and a great way to explore new dive sites around the UK.



Dates for your Diary

- Hitchin Club Night - Orange Tree . 18 January
- Dive Club Trip to Nemo33 22 - 23 January
- Club Pool Night 1 February
- London Dive Show 13 & 14 February
- Bedford Club Night - White Horse 15 February
- Hitchin Club Night - Orange Tree 22 February
- Club Pool Night 7 March
- Bedford Club Night - White Horse ... 14 March
- Qualifying Weekend 19 - 20 March
- Hitchin Club Night - Orange Tree 21 March
- Babbacombe Bay & Porthkerris trip 22 - 24 April

[Click here to see the full calendar of events ...](#)