

## Scuba diving in Bedford

Underwater adventures is a scuba diving club with meeting in Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire and Cambridgeshire and on Thursday evenings we have our Bedford club night at the Park Pub just after our pool session at the Robinson swimming pool which starts at 7:30 pm and is free to members. The Bedford club nights are a chance for club members and anyone who might be interested in scuba diving to come along for a drink and a chat with likeminded people.

The Bedford pool sessions at the Robinson swimming pool, just outside of Bedford park and with ample free parking for the first 2 hours, are a chance for dive club members to practice their skills or maybe try a bit of new equipment they have bought, don't worry if you don't have all of your own equipment as the dive club can provide that for you to practice with and the hire of this equipment is included in the membership fee.

We also have use of the Polam swim school pool on Lansdown road in Bedford which we use for children's scuba diving classes and for those people who can't make the Thursday evenings, giving us flexibility to fit scuba diving classes around your needs.

After the pool sessions at the Robinson pool in Bedford we head down to the Park pub, which is just down the road from the Robinson pool where we meet up with club members who have not been to the pool for a drink and a chat plus maybe a bit of food from their lovely menu which always goes down well after a bit of scuba diving. Here we have the chance to chat about the dive trips we have just been on, the dive trips we have planned and just scuba diving in general, plus this is a great place for new members or people who are thinking of joining the club, to meet up and get to know each other. Don't worry if you don't already know how to scuba dive as we will be happy to talk to you about that as well.

## Learning to scuba dive in Bedford

Learning to scuba dive in Bedford couldn't be easier with our new on-line dive theory, local swimming pool in the centre of the town and specialist scuba diving lake just up the A1 motorway. Booking on your PADI open water course couldn't be simpler, just clicking on this link to pay online or you can contact us through our Contact page. So why not book on to the PADI open water course today and learn to scuba dive?

The PADI open water course is the most widely known scuba diving course in the world teaching thousands of new scuba divers each year both here in the UK and all around the world. Some people only think of scuba diving as a warm water sport to be done when on Holiday, but nothing could be further from the truth. The waters around the UK are full of the most wonderful wildlife, check out this video taken from one of our trips to scuba dive with the grey seals of the Farne Islands, and hundreds of years of historic wrecks to explore. We also have several inland training lakes where you can not only learn to scuba dive throughout the year but also gives you a safe place to practice your scuba diving skills.

The PADI open water course offered by Underwater adventures uses the most advanced learning materials with the PADI open water touch which can be completed online in your own time or downloaded to a tablet or phone and completed when is convenient for you, so none of this being

stuck in a classroom for hours which is what you will find in other more old fashioned scuba diving schools. We also offer unlimited pool sessions so that you can learn at your own pace without being rushed through the core skills by your instructor who has to get you through the confined water part of the course in under 5 hours, with us you can take the time you need and learn at your own pace without the time pressure offered by other scuba diving schools so if you need 10 or 12 hours to feel comfortable in the water with the new equipment and skills you can, just take as long as you need.

Finally, when you feel ready you can move on to your 4 open water dives which will take place at a specialist scuba diving lake just outside Whittlesea, Cambridgeshire, which has a number of purposely sunken wrecks for you to explore and load of different fish for you to see while completing your scuba diving course. At the end of this, congratulations, you are now a PADI open water scuba diver, you will be awarded the PADI open water scuba divers' grade which will allow you to scuba dive anywhere in the world to a maximum depth of 18 metres.

Once you have completed this grade you can move up through the scuba diving ratings with the PADI advanced open water diver, the PADI rescue diver to the highest non- professional rating, the PADI master scuba diver or if you prefer you can start to make your way down the professional route with the PADI Divemaster course, an intensive course designed to build your scuba diving knowledge and skill levels to where you can then help teach others to scuba dive, or if you prefer you can just stay at the open water scuba diver level and just enjoy scuba diving for a while and make all your friends jealous of all your stories from the trips you have been on and the awesome things you have seen and experienced

#### About underwater adventures dive club

The underwater adventures dive club was set up in 2008 as a place for like minded scuba divers to meet up and go scuba diving with none of the politics you often find at other clubs, we are a friendly and social group where everyone is made to feel welcome which is why we have a higher than average percentage of female club members as the underwater adventures dive club doesn't feel like the "old men's club" you'll find elsewhere. We also don't care who you have learned to scuba dive with before, be it BSAC, SSI, NAUI, SAA, CMAS, we don't care as everyone is welcome at the underwater adventures dive club

The dive club was formed on the idea of not being tied to a shop so there is no pressure to sell dive equipment to you that you don't need just because it is in stock but we do have a deal with a dive shop so that you get a discount when buying equipment although you can shop around for the best deal and because we don't gain anything from it we will always give you unbiased advice when it comes to buying new dive equipment. Another benefit to this is that the dive club members have all different sorts of equipment of their own, not just one or two brands which come from one shop so there is lots of experience for you to draw on when buying dive equipment and if you ask nicely they might even let you try it so you can feel what it is like before you buy the dive equipment.

The club itself has 3 meeting nights, Tuesday's at the Orange tree pub in Hitchin, Hertfordshire, Wednesday's at the Rec Bull pub in Cambridge and Thursday's at the Park Pub in Bedford and as a member you are welcome at all of them so even if you can't make one of the nights you can always come along to another night, in fact we actually encourage it as it gives you a chance to meet the other members and get to know them before going on a dive trip with them.

Has well as the dive club meeting we have pool nights in Cambridge, the obvious dive club trips and dive club socials which are events for the members to get together for special events.

#### Dive club socials

The underwater adventures dive club run's social events throughout the year to give club members a chance to socialize outside of scuba diving and give any non-diving partners a chance to meet your fellow divers. Apart from the obvious Christmas party at the end of the year we arrange trips to comedy nights, the Cambridge and Bedford beers festivals and even paintballing and other random stuff like that just to help build friendships between the club members and scuba diving is always better with friends.

#### Dive club trips

We run dive trips all around the UK as well as a number of foreign trips each year. To give you an idea this year we have run dive trips around the UK from St Abbs in Scotland to Porthkerris in Cornwall for a total of 14 dive trips in the UK this year and we have already run dive trips to Lanzarote and Ibiza with trips planned to Malta and the Maldives coming up plus a trip to Brussels just before Christmas to dive at Nemo 33 and Todi for a bit of warm water diving plus the world famous Christmas market where you can pick up the list minute gift ideas for Christmas.

We will also sometimes run dive courses on these dive trips so that you have the chance to learn things like deep diving in the warmer water rather than having to practice emergency safety stops here in the UK, you can do it in the waters of the Red Sea or the Indian Ocean.

For next year we are already planning trips to the Caribbean and the Red Sea with more to come. If this sounds like the sort of thing that would appeal to you why not come along and join the underwater adventures dive club?

#### How to join the dive club and the benefits that include

Joining the underwater adventures dive club couldn't be easier. It's just £9.50 a month paid by standing order so that you have full control over the payments and for that you get full access to the dive club pool nights, club nights, social events and dive trips plus you will receive discounts at our partner dive store (Planet scuba) or recommendations from us as to what dive equipment to buy and our advice is always impartial as we don't sell the dive equipment ourselves and so don't make any money from it, we will only recommend dive equipment we like.

To join you can check out the dive club page linked here or contact us directly from our contact us page by clicking here or just download the forms, bring them along to the next club night and say Hi.

#### Dive club benefits

Dive club membership form

Dive club standing order form