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This is a photo of the group who started work on the club boat and trailer on Sunday 9th may. The photo is of the trailer after it had been stripped down and the lads are painting it with primer, a good day was had by all and lots of work got done on the trailer. The group of us who were there that day are Simon M (boat officer), Simon P (equipment officer), Trevor (Commanding officer), Gary (paint supplier), Terry (welding Officer), Johno (beer officer), Janet (Secretary) and last but by no means least Tony (diving officer who appeared briefly). Johno very kindly supplied us with a snack and coffees, which was greatly appreciated by all. Even with one hand incapacitated he was a great help.

Janet (secretary)

THE DREADED “A” TEST

As Trevor said, us old ‘uns that joined the club years ago, had to perform the “A” test before we could join!

I’ve copied the test requirements from my parchment log book so you may all wonder and, perhaps, have a go?.

The “A” test had to be performed as one continuous event with no breaks between the elements.

The test :-

1 Swim 200 yards, freestyle, except backstroke, without a stop.

2 Swim 50 yards backstroke, without a stop.

3 Swim 50 yards wearing 10 lb weightbelt.

4 Float on back for 5 minutes (hand and leg movement permitted).

5 Tread water with hands above head for 5 minutes.

6 Recover 6 objects from the deep end of the training pool. (one dive per object)

N.B. Item 3-weight may be reduced for junior or lady members or those with low buoyancy index.

Item 3, the weightbelt job was a killer! You had to keep going, hard. If you paused at all you sank!

I can remember, at Burton, a friend, fully dressed, was conducting an “A” test. As I walked near to him he said “Watch him” As I turned the swimmer disappeared! He was doing the weightbelt bit and he had sunk. I leapt into the water and threw him towards the side.

He didn’t pass the test that day.



NEW CLUB BOAT

Organised by our

D.O. Tony Hodge



DURDLE DOOR

Durdle Door is on the south coast just to the west of Lulworth Cove.

It is a beautiful area at the bottom of huge cliffs.

At the top of the cliffs is a caravan site and many years ago my old club, Burton on Trent, stayed there for a week's holiday.

The diving along this coast is wonderful so, each day we would dress in our wet suits and with others helping to carry our kit we would walk down the path down the cliffs. Having arrived at a lower level we then found a steep climb down to the actual beach. Exhausted we'd lie on the sand until we found the strength to swim out to sea and dive.

The sea bed was alive with all types of life, especially large spider crabs.

My dive buddy was a cockney nicknamed "Big Ron" because of his large size. He had grown since his last diving outing and he couldn't fasten the flap of his wet suit jacket (under his legs) so he just let it dangle. I swam behind him and fixed a gigantic spider crab on to his flap and he swam with it for the rest of the dive.

Unfortunately, after the dive there was always the climb back to the top of the cliffs.

As we arrived back on the top after an exhausting climb a lady asked "Why do you do it?" I'm still wondering. **Don**

DIVER OF THE YEAR



Trevor Jones, our Chairman, was pleased to be able, at last, to present the Dick Davis Diver of the Year Trophy to Andy Dowsland.

During the past year Andy had seemed to be doing everything and was a very worthy winner of the award.

The picture was taken by Steve Walsh on his mobile telephone.

The Refirb Team

Simon Moir----Time served fitter

Simon Precious----- Time Served
Pipe Fitter

Terry Hutchinson----- Qualified
Welder

Johno Palmer----- Qualified
Car Mechanic

Tony Hodge----Engineer

Trevor Jones----- Certificated Six
week course at East Riding College
on outboard engine maintenance
and boat trailers.

Janet Collins----- Chief photogra-
pher

Garry Trowsdale---- Electrical Engi-
neer and procurement officer

MORE ABOUT THE TRAILER

On Saturday 22nd Simon Moir (Boat Officer) and Simon Precious (Equipment Officer) both worked very hard in the blazing sun undercoating the trailer.

Sunday 23rd both Simon's and myself managed to give the trailer its top coat of paint and got the trailer put back together ready for the boat to be put back on.

Again a big thanks to Johno for allowing us to use the car park at The Ship Inn, I even managed to get a photo of Johno with a paint brush in his hand, ha ha.

Janet Collins
(Secretary)

