



FARNES TRIP JULY 2014

Ten club members made the trip up to Seahouses at the beginning of July for a weekend's diving at the Farne Islands. We stayed in The Hides - new this season, basic accommodation owned by Springhill, clean, comfortable and had everything we needed in a well equipped kitchen diner with TV and a drying room. Made our way to the Bamburgh Castle Inn for an excellent feed and a good range of beer. A stunning sunset rounded off a very acceptable evening – even the pub staff went out to admire the view of the sun going down behind Bamburgh Castle on the other side of the bay.

A lazy start on Saturday with plenty of time to get our kit down to the harbour ready for the afternoon's diving. The dive boat was well organised and took us quickly to the outer Farnes for our first dive in the around the St Andre – excellent vis made for a beautiful dive.

Landing near the lighthouse for a break for coffee and tea and stretch of our legs with some excellent photo opportunities – lots of cute, fluffy baby seals eyeing us warily from the rocks where their mum's had left them. A big Awww factor!



All on the trip

Steph. Wattam. Trevor Jones. Andy Sandam. Cindy Hider. Colin Jeffrey. Aga Borecka. Andy Maxey. Garry Trowsdale. Keith Gendle. Mike Gerrard

Photos were taken by Aga

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MARKFIELD QUARRY

When I lived at Burton it was an hours drive to Stoney Cove but on the way to Stoney we passed a flooded stone quarry which was surrounded by stony cliffs which were used by climbers.

The quarry was flooded, about twenty feet deep and it was ideal for diver training..

The water was clear and had fish.

I can remember when I went there for a night dive, Sitting on the bottom I saw a large perch swim by trailing a long length of fishing line.

Little freshwater crayfish threatened me with their claws.

It was said that a load of stolen silver was found in the quarry but I could not find any!

The quarry was a delightful spot for diving but I believe that it has been closed to the public now because of bad behaviour.

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