

Stoney Cove, March 2013

Trip organised by Stuart Moore

Report by Mareike Wiedmann

The Divers:

- > Adrian Carr
- > Chris Rafaluk
- > Dan Reynolds
- > Mareike Wiedmann
- > Stuart Moore

Details

We set off early on Sunday morning and met up with Chris at Stoney Cove. During our car journey there it was raining heavily which gradually turned into snow and we were all getting mentally prepared to jump into some pretty cold water. After having changed into our dry suits in the car park we went down to the quarry where it was already quite busy.

Adrian, Chris and Dan went in first and got their deep dive (35m) done while Stuart and Mareike were waiting outside. Mareike managed to find a new hood in the nearby dive shop. There was a moment of panic when the four of us couldn't locate Dan in the water who had decided to climb out a different ladder to avoid a long queue caused by another dive school.

Mareike and Stuart then jumped in for Mareike's first ever inland dive. The 4°C didn't feel too cold at first but felt progressively colder as the dive progressed. Mareike's conclusions after her dive:

1. Instead of putting lots of different layers on underneath her drysuit invest in some proper thermal underwear.
2. Identify and fix the leak in her drysuit.
3. Work out a way for her GoPro camera to actually work underwater (at 4°C) so that it doesn't just die right before she jumps in.

After we all had our fair share of cheesy chips, baked potatoes, egg baps, bacon baps, teas and hot chocolates Dan and Stuart jumped back into the water for another deep dive (30m, I think). After that Chris invited us back to his parents' house in Leicester where his dad made us all feel more than welcome by providing us with plenty of tea, wine, beer, cheesy nachos and mango chutney with small poppadoms.

Dan then headed back to Cambridge and the remaining four of us sampled some superb (authentic as we seemed to be the only non-Indians in the whole place) Indian food. It was a buffet-style place and we all had an average of 3-5 plates of food each. Mareike's personal high-score was that she managed to try 13 different kinds of desert before giving up.

After that Chris headed back to his parents' house for a well deserved Easter break and the other three headed back to Cambridge, shattered but happy!

Adrian Carr adds that it was a fantastic days diving, even if water was 4C and it was snowing. A meal at 'Feast India' in Leicester was the perfect end to a great day out ... hopefully it becomes a new CUUEG tradition after diving at Stoney Cove.
