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COVER PHOTO:

An arresting image
from police diver
Andy Clark



SINCE THE last edition of **SCOTTISH DIVER** things have moved along smartly for both the General Committee (GC) and the National Diving Council (NDC). The GC now has a full complement of staff. At the April GC meeting James Hamilton of Dunoon branch was co-opted to the committee as Vice-Chair. Jim Anderson, of West Lothian branch, was co-opted onto the committee after agreeing to take on the Treasurer's job and Brian Deveny of Johnstone branch joined the GC as an ordinary member.

Meanwhile the NDC has been working hard, appointing course directors and organising course dates, a full list will appear on the ScotSAC website shortly - www.scotsac.com. First off the blocks was Andy Murray, Course Director for the Branch Instructor Award, you can read more about the course held at ScotSAC HQ in May, and find future course dates, later in this edition.

A First Class theory course was run on the weekend of June 10, the first one for many a long year - with luck more will be organised in the future.

National Coach, Graeme Forsyth, has been busy recruiting Regional Coaches and most Branch Diving Officers will by now have spoken to Graeme. The majority of branches have been allocated a RC and Graeme has set up a Task Force to help branches with particular challenges, you can read more later in this edition.

Away from the committee table, the diving year is in full swing and St Abb's Voluntary Marine Reserve is playing host to a 2-day workshop on



going overboard

anemones and corals during August. The workshop will be presided over by Chris Wood, National Seasearch Organiser and author of the Seasearch Guide to Sea Anemones and Corals of Britain and Ireland. If this is your cup of tea, don't miss the opportunity to dive with Chris, and get to know some of the reserve's uncommon residents.

Elsewhere in this issue Jane Burnett completes her story on diving in New Zealand and Andy Cuthbertson give us their views on whether Scapa Flow is a suitable destination for newly qualified divers.

Meanwhile the sun is shining and the sea is blue, I'm going diving . . .

Alison Fish

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