



Dumbarton branch back from the water

Druids, Divers & Drizzle

The faithful returned; Jack Morrison scribbled a few notes; Alison Fish took a few snaps. The others enjoyed some underwater action before partaking of the traditional BBQ and then it rained. Another tradition ...

EARLY MORNING Sunday, June 18, 2006, Kevin Miller and I arrive at Furnace Quarry about 8.30. The sun rose in the east at some ungodly hour but we were not there to see it. Yet like a phoenix springing from the embers of the rising sun, the ScotSAC Solstice dive is back on the calendar.

Kevin was responsible for the first and is keen to see this popular social event re-established at the centre of the summer diving activities. Access to Furnace Quarry has been denied for the last couple of years but the new manager has a more relaxed approach and is willing to let us into certain areas, at our own risk.

After an hour standing in the incessant drizzle we began to wonder if anyone was going to turn up. Strange noises were heard from the area of the pier, we speculated that it

might be a group of druids chanting and carrying out some ancient ritual to celebrate the summer equinox. On closer inspection it turned out to be some anglers throwing up after a night of intense bevying if the pile of empty beer cans was anything to go by.

9.30 and Kevin Watson phoned to ask if there was any room left for parking, 'we'll keep a space for you' we promised from an empty car park. By 10.00 people started to appear - Dumbarton Branch, Pentland, Musselburgh. A group of PADI divers from Paisley turned up but decided as there was no free Bar-B-Q they would carry on to Kenmore, need to brush up on my PR skills.

The drizzle had turned to proper rain and our merry band had reached double figures, actually given the fact that it was only announced on the website about two weeks before we were quite pleased at the turnout by the end of the day. 11 branches were represented by about 30 divers and some camp followers.

Mid-day and the rain went off and the sky brightened up, Christina and Don set up the portable barbecue and the ScotSAC canteen went into action. Home made burgers, veggie burgers and kebabs all cooked to perfection by these top outdoor chefs and not an F-word to be heard.

About two o'clock Dunoon Branch arrived, late getting out of church I expect. Lots of diving was going on and it was interesting to see the six divers from Dumbarton had matching suits. Is this a style thing or just a job lot?

Either way they easily won the prize



for best dressed group, except there wasn't a prize for best dressed group, but maybe next year? The editor what's-her-name, oh yes Alison turned up and brought out her camera to record the day's events for prosperity, posterior (I've made an arse of that but you know what I mean).

This was too much for the gods to take and they promptly turned the sunshine off and the rain back on. The Druids on the other side of the bay started offering prayers to the gods, or maybe they were just throwing up again and we retired to the pub for a de-brief.

The general consensus was it was a moderate success given the short notice but well worth putting on the calendar and as long as the quarry manager is happy we will be back next year bigger and better and perhaps with prizes.



Christina in her field kitchen



above and below - Pentland branch take to the water



above and below - time out for re-fuelling



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