

OGOF- FEST!

- **WHEN**.....From 9.00am Saturday 8th October to 17.00pm Sunday 9th October 2011
- **WHERE**.....At the Headquarters of The South Wales Caving Club, 1-10 Powell Street, Penwyllt, Near Abercrave, Powys, Wales SA9 1GQ
- **PURPOSE**..... An event to secure the long term future of the country's finest cave!

BACKGROUND..... The opportunity to purchase the entrance of Ogof Ffynnon Ddu has presented itself. The 2011 AGM of The South Wales Caving Club has decided that the club should make every effort to secure the purchase of this entrance of international importance in order to protect the cave and guarantee access for the foreseeable future. Finance for the purchase is to come from several sources. Fittingly, The Countryside Council for Wales is to make a substantial contribution towards this site of national importance. Supporting this are anonymous donations from individual club members. Neither of the above however allow ordinary members and friends (who may not have savings or disposable income) the opportunity to make a personal contribution towards the purchase. Ogof- Fest is an opportunity for club members and friends of SWCC to give something towards the purchase of the cave. This in turn will provide a sense of having contributed to the cause, engaging one and all in the project and not simply those who are best placed financially. Uniquely Ogof-fest will enable members and friends to give in many different ways. You can give your time by helping to organise and run the event, you can give unwanted items for raffle or auction or bric-a-brac, you can give simply by turning up and having a great time, buying food and drink and perhaps snapping up a bargain in the process. Either way, Ogof-fest is an opportunity to support caving in a very marked and specific way.

DETAILS..... The event kicks off on the Friday night with a full bar and the usual opportunity to catch up with friends old and new. Saturday morning marks the start of attractions in earnest with the OFD 1 memorabilia experience, bric-a-brac stall, publications, merchandise, caving equipment and hot and cold snacks. These will be available for most of the weekend, a chance to peruse and relax and take in the atmosphere of the event. From 9.00 till 12.00 on the Saturday morning we will be running a charity car wash (at a very reasonable rate) with contributions from younger 'members' of the club suitably supervised (and probably assisted) by their parents!

At 14.00 starts the first of our fun attractions, the tug-of-war competition between representatives of each of the numbered cottages 1 to 10 (and perhaps even cottage zero if there are any regular diggers at the event). These able bodied competitors will battle team against team to heave their opponents into the 'Pit of Death' (something nasty filled with goo of some sorts) which will mark the demise of the losing team.

At 15.00 starts our Stretcher Time trial challenge. A chance for teams from various clubs and bodies to pit themselves against the rest of the world! (but more specifically a stop watch). Each team will have to manoeuvre a loaded rescue stretcher through a series of obstacles but with the added challenge of minimising the volume of water held in an open topped container strapped to the 'casualties' chest. Time penalties for water lost will be added to the time taken to negotiate the course to build an aggregate score for each team.

At 17.00 we have perhaps the star event of the weekend, the Mega Auction. Our star auctioneer will be offering a tempting selection of lots that simply must be sold no matter how little the bid. You could walk away with a real scoop here! An opportunity not to be missed.

Jopo's Hog Roast will be ready by 6.00pm but don't worry if you still have your eye on that particular auction item. The team of caterers will be producing a piping hot meal all the way through till 8.00pm.

The end of the Mega Auction will give rise to a pub style Team Quiz with simple general knowledge and caving questions for your entertainment whilst finishing off desert or partaking of the first bevy of the evening.

The party really gets going at 9.00pm with the lighting of the main bonfire and The Philanderers and friends take to the stage with special guest star Peter-O-Sullivan providing foot tapping live music well into the night with only the shortest respite to catch your breath and win a raffle prize at about 10.30pm.

Sunday morning dawns bright and fair with hot breakfast style rolls, teas and coffees available from 9.00am. The two events of the day are the Wellie Wang to sort out once and for all who really can toss the furthest! For old and young alike we also have the orienteering challenge based close to and around the Headquarters with courses of varying length and duration.

The event will draw to a close at 15.00pm on the Sunday when the stalls and stands will close down.

Normal hut fees apply for the accommodation and bunks are on a first come first served basis. There will be ample room for camping of course. Parking will be on the CCW car park adjacent Cwm Dwr quarry and with the exception of vehicles being brought in for the charity car wash the car park in front of the HQ will be a car free area.

Security will be provided to the CCW car park by the provision of PIR floodlights and security patrols.

Most of the fun events, tug-of-war, stretcher time trial, orienteering etc will be free to enter but there will be trophies for the winning participants and of course the enormous esteem of being the clubs strongest wellie tosser, rope tugger, etc.

The bar will be selling a wide selection of wines beers and spirits at prices well below normal pub prices.

Hot food, cakes, rolls, crisps and snacks will be on sale for most of the weekend to save you the hassle of cooking in a tent. The main club kitchen will be closed to all save the caterers from 12.00 noon Saturday till 12.00 noon Sunday.