

SWCC eNews #5-2016

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OFD 'leader' required

Newbury CC have requested a guide to take them from Cwm Dwr to OFD 1 on a date to be agreed with the guide, but tied in with their hut booking of 27-9 May. If you can help contact [Dave](#) directly.

Photos please

I am currently working on a draft for the new club website and I would appreciate some contributions of photographs from some of the clubs collection of excellent cave photographers. The current club website has a lot of pictures, but due to its vintage many are very small and look odd on a more modern layout, so ideally I would like some new images of 1200-1500 pixels width. More than happy to attribute the images and do any cropping/re-sizing necessary. Thanks, Tim

Get Blogging

The club blog is a good record of the club's trips and provides armchair cavers with a great insight into what they are missing, hopefully inspiring them to get out and into the cold, wet and muddy. More importantly it is a powerful showcase to prospective members that the club is an active and vibrant place with a wide variety of things going on. So far this year there have been 10 posts, not bad but could be better. If you have not got blogging yet, give it a go. Pictures are optional and even a short report helps build that positive image of the club and lets your friends what you have have been up to.



Roof fund

The club HQ needs a new roof. Clearly this is a major undertaking that will require significant funding and effort to achieve. The roof fund will be formally launched and presented at the 70th dinner, and I do not intend to steel their thunder, but in advance you could start thinking about how you could contribute, either as part of the organisation or the fundraising that will have to go alongside it.



Trips

- 'The Scottish trip' - 13 May to 22nd May, there are no places left in the hut, but if you can find your own accommodation in the area you are welcome to join us
- Mid-week evening trips - Mostly of relevance to those living nearby, but there is quite an active scene going on with trips across the area (as well as OFD), if interested contact [Claire](#).

Ideas for the future...

- This year there was a (or was it several?) club trip to Lanzarote in Jan/Feb to get a little winter sun and explore some of the island's lava tubes. Is there any interest in something similar for 2017? Could be caves or lava tubes, perhaps in Sardinia, Tenerife or Lanzarote again - if you fancy something like this, now is a good time to start the conversations.
- What about summer 2017? Anyone have any desire to do something a bit different? Club trip to Ireland perhaps?

- Finally, the club calendar is looking a little threadbare when it comes to trips, so if you can suggest, or better still organise, something that would be great.

Latest Video

Andy and Antonia have been busy again, this time they have produced a 'detail' video of some of the formations in Pete's Pretty Passage. <https://youtu.be/Hky4zQMu-5s>

Black Diamond recall

I have already put this on the club Facebook page, but in case you have missed it Black Diamond have issued a [safety recall notice](#) on some of their Carabiners. Be safe out there!

and finally...

here has been a bit of a gap since the last enews, sorry about that. It's not that I have been particularly lazy, just that I have not had anything to put into it. it could just be a quiet time of year, but if you have anything you would like included please send it through. [Tim](#)