

SWCC eNews #7-2016

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Club 70th

The club 70th was an enormous success for the club. The food was excellent and the event was held as being the best ever club event of it's type. A mixture of dinning and entertainment continued through the entire evening from 7.30pm till the close of the dinner at 11.00pm with the presidents toast. Special life time achievements were awarded to Martyn Farr, Stevie West, Tony Baker and Ian Alderman. The speeches from martin groves and noel dilly were enthralling and held the audience captivated. The audio visual presentation by Andy and Antonia Freem was both poignant and humorous. Pete Francis was in great form as the master of ceremonies and held the whole event together with his usual dry wit. An evening with something for everybody. Gary.

Working Week

The dates are the 30th May to the 3rd June, the weekends either side of the week will also be working days, as per usual. The main jobs at this stage are:

- Rebuild the 3rd picnic bench
- Install a donated Myson under unit heater in the main kitchen
- Move fridges and units in the main kitchen to accommodate a 4th fridge.
- Build a screen and doorway into ladies toilets/washroom
- Replace toilet by the window in ladies
- Build a shelf area out over ladies stairs
- Other jobs: painting; various minor works; more painting; tidy up the garden areas

There will also be a day working on the water supply as part of our contribution to the PWUA. Full on-the-job training will be given as required.

What we do need at this stage is an indication of who is attending, whether you are there for one day or the whole week you will be very welcome. I would be grateful if you could email me as soon as possible with your intentions, preferably this week, also saying whether or not you want to be part of the communal feeding, as the Soup Dragons are getting restive and are threatening to roast me (at least I think that's what Amanda said) if I don't get them an idea of the numbers soonest.

[Allan](#)

Pig roast and party

This august will mark the 50th anniversary that Lesley and i first came to the caving club and also marks the 70th birthday of Jopo (Brian). We would like to invite members to a pig roast on Saturday, 27th august to help us celebrate both events. Any offers of help would be greatly appreciated especially with the pig. Naturally, there will be beer as well.

If members could let us know if they will be helping us celebrate it will be of great assistance in judging size of pig etc. Also if anyone is a vegetarian we will try to meet your needs as usual. Please contact either the Cardys on 01639 730 162 or the Jops on 01639 730 429

[Pete&Jopo](#)

SMWCRT rescue practice, auction and social

SMWCRT will be holding a Cave Rescue practice in Eglwys Faen followed by an auction of recently retired equipment and a BBQ at White Walls on Saturday 4th June. A great day out and an opportunity to support your local rescue team, see link for full advert / flier.

[Flyer](#)

Meets and Events

- 13 - 22 May: Scottish Week. Staying at the Naismith Hut, near Elphin.
- 30 May - 3 June: Working Week. Come help out with the upkeep of the hut.
- 25 - 26 June: North Wales Mines weekend. Staying at Mynydd climbing hut. Contact [Allan](#).
- 13 - 20 August: Eurospeleo. Yorkshire. Dalesbridge Centre, Austwick. See: www.eurospeleo.uk and book through the website. Plenty of SWCC members have already registered and booked their tickets.
- 16 - 18 September: Peak District. Staying at the TSG
- 22 - 23 October: Whitewalls weekend (South East Wales). Aggy, Daren Cilau, Craig ar Ffynnon all possibilities. Perhaps Draenen too if there is interest.
- 5 - 6 November: Bonfire Night at SWCC
- 10 - 11 December: Mendip weekend. Staying at the Shepton Mallet hut.

[Claire](#)

Key points from the AGM

New Committee

- President - Jem Rowland
- Chairman - Piers Hallihan
- Secretary - Gary Vaughan
- Treasurer - Harvey Lomas
- Editor - not filled, Chloe to carry on until move to New Zealand
- Records - Allan Richardson
- Equip - Iain Miller
- Rescue Liaison - Vince Alkins
- Warden - Brian Clipstone
- Conservation - Dave Dobson
- Training - Pete Hobson
- Estate Manager - Chris Grimmett
- Ordinary Members - Tim Lewingdon, Bernie Woodley, Martin Hoff, Leigh Davies.
- *Club Auditor - Pat Hall*

Headlines

- No change to hut fees or subscriptions
- Lawnmower purchase
- WiFi
- Honorary membership for Pete Cardy

Folk weekend

Don't forget Harvey's folk weekend (1st - 3rd July) all proceeds to the roof fund.

Club 70th Video

For those of you who have not yet seen it, or who would like to see it again, Andy & Antonia's [Club 70th video](#) is available on YouTube. Great work!