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Invitation to the Red Rose BBQ

The Red Rose would like to invite your members to our late Spring B.B.Q. 2016. To be held on Saturday June 18th 2016 at Bull Pot Farm Start time is 7-0p.m. and food is £5 per person. Veggie option if required. Good beer is available too. Anyone staying at the farm will only need to pay our own club member hut fees. Accommodation contact Andy Hall (andy@rrcpc.org.uk)

To let us know if you are coming and food requirements please respond directly to our Social Secretary Martin Fagan at: 2 A, Bromley Road, Bingley, West Yorkshire, BD16 4BU or e-mail: martinfagan@rocketmail.com

Opportunity for fame (and fortune)

A TV production company (Tribal? working on behalf of the BBC) has approached the club to support some filming they are doing in OFD1 and 2. They have permission for filming activities from the OFDCMC but would also like to feature the club a bit and in particular have requested a club porter / bit part. They have hinted that they would be particularly interested in any female members (presumably to tick off another interest group) for this role. Filming is 23rd to 25th of June, aspiring stars contact [Gary](#) who is liaising with the team

Ogof Marros

A way round the crucial flood prone constriction in Marros has been excavated and work is continuing in the 2nd choke. Reminder that Members who would like a guided visit should email ogofmarros.email.com

Duty Officer raffle

The DO raffle was one by Kevin Diffey who walked away with a shiny new Scurion for his efforts - well done Kevin. Tickets are now available for this year's raffle, prize to be announced shortly, by [signing up](#).

Working week



All planned jobs completed during a hot week of bright sunshine, though the working crew failed to drink all the beer, leaving a whole barrel untapped!. High praise was again heard for the caterers with particular thanks to Amanda and Marijke. Specific achievements are listed below:

- The lining of the bottom water tank up the hill where we take water from the stream. This means that all water that enters the tank now leaves via the main pipe or overflows, not leaking away via myriad holes - a problem in very low water conditions when Penwyllt needs all the water we can get.
- Twll Gwynt Oer has finally been capped with a smart Cardy-built steel lid that will keep out stray passers-by, but allow access to anyone who wants a look at this minor part of the overall OFD system. It is not locked.
- The porch roof to No.8 was rebuilt, as rot was found in some of the timbers. Rotten timber meant that some of the car-pit cover blocks were replaced and one of the picnic benches, too.
- Shifting slates on the roof meant that attention was needed there, along with other gutter-work.
- The ladies' washroom had Trap No1 replaced with a new pan and high level "Niagara" cistern, after comment was passed that it did not work properly. A new doorway and screen were put into the Ladies as well.
- A fresh lick of paint appeared in numerous places and much other general cleaning was undertaken.
- The list could go on - many minor jobs were undertaken that hardly seem worth mentioning by themselves, but actually add up to making the HQ a far better place than it would be otherwise. If they were not done, the place would soon be very tatty and broken.

New Membership secretary

After many years of sterling service, Lel has decided to stand down from the Membership Secretary role. I don't know how long she has been doing this, but it's a long time and the club is extremely grateful for all her hard work. Sam Moore has volunteered to take the role on and is currently in a handover phase with Lel - thanks Sam and good luck. I'll be changing things over on the website, but as Lel seems to appear by name in multiple places it may take me a while to catch all of them.

Meets and Events - [contact Claire](#)

- 25 - 26 June: North Wales Mines weekend. Staying at Mynydd climbing hut. Contact Allan.
- Sunday 3rd July - still two places left on the Otter hole trip
- 9-10 July - 'fun' walking / activity weekend in North Wales
- 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.

Folk weekend - next month

Don't forget [Harvey's](#) folk weekend (1st - 3rd July) all proceeds to the roof fund. The essentials are in place: marquee, pa system, bands to headline each night, beer, and bbq. Should be a really good event so make sure to tell your friends.

70th merchandise second round

The second, and final, opportunity to buy 70th anniversary clothing is coming to a close and you need to get your orders into Jo by 30th June.

[Options and cost](#)

[Order Form](#)

Club WiFi

The project to install WiFi at the club is progressing, but is likely to take a while yet. The WiFi is the easy part, the connection to the internet is the issue with current connection speeds of about 0.3MB/s any surfing is already slow and will grind to a halt with multiple users. Options to improve this are currently being investigated.

Random webpage

Don't ask how I found it, but I stumbled across this page on Facebook - Women Cavers: [Extraordinary Women Leaders in Speleology](#) - do we have anyone we should nominate for their upcoming [awards](#)?