

SWCC eNews #10-2016

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Updated DO Manual

The [club DO manual](#) has been updated and is available on the club website and in paper form at the club. Well done Chris for updating this.

Digging week

Digging week this year coincides with the Eurospeleo camp at SWCC (20-26 August) so an interesting and varied week is possible, as well as the ever present opportunity to discover 'the big one', contact Tony Baker

Subs due

Your first reminder that club subs are due on the 1st September. As in previous years there is a £5 discount for prompt (before 1-10-16) payment. This year you might want to consider paying promptly and donating your discount to the roof fund - a no cost to you way to help the roof fund along and a reasonable take up should yield £1000. If you just pay the undiscounted amount via the on-line banking route, Sam will transfer £5 to the roof fund for every one received before 1st October.

Articles for next Newsletter

If anyone has an article they have been planning for the Newsletter, [Amanda](#) would love to hear from you as she is starting to compile the next one now.

SWCC - SMWCRT calendar collaboration

The club is collaborating with SMWCRT to produce a fundraising calendar, we have been offered 3 or 4 pages. If you would like to submit a photo with a SWCC theme that you are happy to have published, please send it through to me. [No Ian, not that sort of fundraising calendar..... at least not yet!]

DO raffle

As per last year the club will again be running a DO raffle to help encourage people to [volunteer for DO duties](#). Last year's raffle had a single big prize of a Scurion lamp, this year there will be three smaller prizes of £100 gift packs from Starless River. So you have an even better chance of winning.

Caving Trips - [Claire](#)

- 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.

Eurospeleo

Hi all, The club is hosting a post Conference Speleo Camp from the 20th to the 27th August. As of today we have 13 adults of varying ages and 4 children registered to come to SWCC. The 4 children are all used to going caving. The cavers are from France, Germany, Australia and the USA. It is thought that more people are likely to book onto Caving Camps, once they are at the main conference in the Dales.

Can I please ask those people who have previously said that they are willing to help with the Speleo Camp to confirm their availability, if only for one day.

[Allan](#)

[Eurospeleo camps](#)

Don't forget -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](#)

To help with planning the important stuff, like how much food and beer is required, can you make the effort to drop then a quick email if you are planning to come.

Cave life in Ogof Marros

The latest Andy&Antonia Freem production focusses on the cave life found in Ogof Marros and provides a fascinating insight into the diversity to be found in an as yet pristine location.

OFD Reserve Flora and Fauna

Some months ago, I discovered a list of Flora and Fauna (including Fungi and Lichens) amongst some documents that I was archiving. There is no date or signature to this list and apart from the fact that it was obviously written on a typewriter there are no clues as to its provenance. I was volunteering with the BSBI (Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland) last week and I accompanied a group up to the OFD Reserve and a current list was made en route and in the fenced area which included some significant rarer species for limestone. I intend to put the new list in the archives although it is only concerned with flora as it does give an insight into the land under which OFD exists.

Does anyone have any information regarding the original list? Somebody must know who created it and when.

Many thanks

[Sue](#)

New club Website

I have been looking at how to update the club website and have got as far as the 'beta' version linked below. It does not yet contain all the wealth of material on the current site, it is more of an ongoing development looking to, amongst other things, simplify the structure

and make the important stuff easier to find. If you create an account you will have access to an additional menu item containing members only material. Please feel free to have a look and let me know your thoughts (retreats and puts on tin hat), I'd be particularly interested to hear if anyone has difficulties accessing it and how it looks on a variety of platforms - it is supposed to work smoothly from PCs to phones.