

# SWCC eNews #11-2016

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## Congratulations!

Congratulations to Miri Pihlaja who got engaged to Duncan Simey (BEC) at Eurospeleo (16 August). Mark Burkey took photos of him proposing to her on the ledge on the Dihedral Route in Gaping Gill (around 70m off the floor).

## Subs due

Club subs are due as of 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. [Payment options](#)

## 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.

## 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](#)

- 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.
- 13-14 May 2017: Annual North Wales Mines Trip, Anglesey, other details to follow.  
As usual contact Allan

## Eurospeleo camp at SWCC – report

This went very well with 12 foreign cavers and a good number of SWCC members present to help. Trips to the Columns (upper and lower routes), upper series of OFD2, OFD2 to OFD 1 through trips, round trip in OFD 1, Pant Mawr, DYO round trip and DYO Far North. These were all multiple trips except for DYO as due to heavy rain at the start of the week there was no access until the end of the week. The week having started off with typical Penwyllt mist and rain (4" on the first weekend) then improved greatly and was hot and sunny at times. Many thanks to the club members who helped out, a special mention must go to Brendan Marris who did an OFD through trip on two consecutive days. Most of the foreign cavers also stayed for Jopo and Pete Cardy's party which they enjoyed

[Allan](#)

## RRCPC Auction and Social

Hello Kindred Clubs. The Red Rose would like to invite your members to our Club Auction. 2016. To be held on Saturday October 1st 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](#)

## SWCC on the web

The club has a presence in several corners of the Internet. I thought it might be useful to remind members where these are and give you my thoughts on the sort of things you are likely to find in them. We have two homes on Facebook; a group and a page. The [Facebook group](#) is not tightly bound to the club, it has its own moderators and they approve membership, which is a mix of members and friends; it is a good place for banter and chats. Think of it as the long common room on a Saturday night. The [Facebook page](#) is the clubs outward facing presence on Facebook and is a good way of broadcasting information to members and the public as well as a general advert for the club. The [club website](#) provides information to both the public and members. It contains a wealth of information, but it is beginning to look a little dated and some bits (password reset) no longer work, it is also a little cranky on Mobile platforms, for this reason I have put together a beta version of a [new website](#) on a modern platform for comment. Finally, I think, we have the [club blog](#), a modern version of the trip log where members can recount their exploits.