

# SWCC eNews #12-2016

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## OFD on TV!

Richard Parks was filmed doing a OFD2-OFD1 through-trip and this will be on BBC1 Wales next Monday (19th) at 7.30pm. Perhaps those not in Wales will be able to watch it on [i-Player](#).

## Subs due, discount period almost gone

Club subs were due as of the 1st September. As in previous years there is a £5 discount for prompt (before 1-10-16) payment, this is getting very close now. 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.

The £5 discount is not available after 1st October and those not renewing before the 31st October will need to re-apply for membership

## Rule 1 - your chance to input

The 2016 AGM required the Committee to consider the current situation and the appropriateness of retaining Rule 1 or in the alternative amending the rule or the process in some way. A small working group is hoping to prepare a valued and objective report for presentation to the club's 2017 AGM. This questionnaire is intended to canvass the Membership for their views on the subject. We would value your input and hope that you can find two minutes to complete the following attached short multi-choice [questionnaire](#).

## Caving Trips

- 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 / Provisional's weekend
  - 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

[Claire](#)

## Provisional's weekend

There will be a Provisional Members' / beginners' weekend on the 5-6 November. Caving trips will take place on Saturday and Sunday. Participants need to register for the weekend with Claire (link above). All are encouraged to stay for both days and arrive on the Friday evening, if possible, to get the full SWCC and Long Common Room experience. Offers to lead trips are welcome!

Important information:

All attendees must join as SWCC Provisional members'. It is £10.00 to join SWCC as a provisional member for a year. However, membership will only be ratified when British

Caving Association insurance is purchased. If you want to continue caving beyond the Provisionals' weekend, you will need to purchase BCA caving insurance. This will be £21.25 if purchased in November and will cover you until December 2017. SWCC membership forms can be downloaded [here](#):

- Caving kit. The club has a small number of helmets and lights that can be borrowed (they must be booked through Claire). Once these are accounted for, kit can be hired from Absolute Adventure at the bottom of the hill.
- Accommodation at SWCC will be £5.00 per night. Bring your own sleeping bag.
- Food. There may be the option for communal food at SWCC, but it will depend on offers of assistance, as it's Bonfire Night. Any offers of help?
- Cakes. Offers to bake cakes for hungry, new, cavers are welcome! I suggest we sell the cakes and put the money back in to the club as a donation.
- Fireworks. It's Bonfire Night, so we would appreciate it if you bring one large firework with you to contribute to the club display.

### [Joint Rescue/SWCC calendar](#)

Rescue and SWCC have agreed to embark on a joint venture to produce a fundraising calendar, we have been invited to contribute 5 photos (5 months), have any of our established, or budding, photographers got anything they would like to submit? An opportunity to get into mass print, while supporting both the club and your local rescue team. Please send input to [Gary](#)

### [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](mailto:andy@rrcpc.org.uk)) To let us know if you are coming and food requirements, please respond directly to our Social Secretary [Martin Fagan](#)

### [Nottingham University Caving Club](#)

SWCC and NUCC are in negotiation to set up a relationship under the BCA 'adopt a (university) club' scheme. While this will need ratification at the next SWCC AGM we are proceeding informally on the assumption that it will go ahead and sharing information of future meets etc. As part of this NUCC have shared with us their Autumn program along with an open invite to SWCC members to come along (and help) and we are sharing our meets with them. If you want to participate in any of these, contact [Jacob](#).

- 8/9 Oct - Freshers day trips to peak District
- 21-23 Oct - Freshers weekend at SWCC
- 4-6 Nov – Yorkshire
- 25-27 Nov - CHECC, Mendip
- 9-11 Dec - Peak District, inc. Xmas party

### [Fibre broadband inches closer](#)

Nothing official as yet, but this has been sighted on the hill.

