

Cambrian Caving Council

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British Caving Organisation

Work continues toward the setting up of the new "one stop shop" now known as the British Caving Organisation. The small committee set up to progress the formation of the British Caving Organisation are known as the Hub. The Hub is meeting regularly, consideration of a constitution for new organisation and details of membership and council structure based on the prospectus sent out.

Elsie Little as NCA Conservation and Access Officer and as CCC representative has attended the last two hub meetings. The CCC officers are being kept up to date by Elsie, and Elsie has promised a fuller report for the next Newsletter.

Annual Subscriptions

Annual subscriptions are now due and a number of clubs have paid however some clubs have not yet sent in their money, for those who have not paid a form is included with this Newsletter.

The following CCC subscriptions apply for Mar 2003 to Mar 2004: -

Club membership of Cambrian Caving Council (this includes Newsletter)	£9
Club Membership of National Caving Association	£15
Newsletter only	£4

NCA Require Assistance

NCA receives significant funding from UK Sport, which supports training activities, special projects and equipment requirements (equipment includes Eco-anchors). UK Sport has a number of policies and to obtain funding we (NCA) have to show we support those policies. These policies include equality policies, including race equality. The NCA is trying to determine the age, race and gender of the caving population in the UK. I have enclosed three copies of the questionnaire the NCA are currently circulating to help in determining the background of cavers in the UK. Please could members of your club complete these forms and send them as a set to Mick Day, chairman of the NCA. Mick's address is present on the form.

Conservation of 'Unadopted Caves'

The Cambrian Caving Council Conservation and Access Officer, Elsie Little now holds a supply of conservation tape and pegs for use in those caves that do not receive funding from other sources. Ogof Ffynnon Ddu for example is maintained by SWCC on behalf Countryside Council for Wales. Tape to mark formations in this cave is supplied by CCW. Other caves such as Little Neath River Cave, Chartist Cave or Wet Sink Cave are not funded in the same way so if you know of any parts of these caves or others that could do with a little taping then contact Elsie for a supply.

P.S. Please only place tape in areas, which do not flood, our local CDG members would not be impressed if we fill cave sumps with glowing orange tape.

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RESCON03

International Cave Rescue Conference

July 21-25 2003. Venue: South Wales Caving Club, Penwyllt, South Wales.

Under the auspices of the British Cave Rescue Council and hosted by the West Brecon Cave Rescue Team.

Aims of RESCON03.

- To promote the exchange of cave rescue skills between delegates.
- To provide an environment where these skills are demonstrated underground, if practical.
- To provide facilities onsite for electronic or hardcopy duplication.
- To produce a Proceedings of the conference.
- To enjoy.

To make the journey to RESCON03 more attractive pre and post conference caving camps will be arranged in the main caving areas.

COST.

Conference fee £25 (36 €), Conference fee should be paid in advance.

Cost of accommodation:

Caving hut and camping onsite at SWCC.	£3.00 (4.50€) per person per day
Caravan with electric hook up.	£11.00 (17.0 €) per day
Bed and breakfast.	£25-£45 (39-68 €) per person per day

Cost of Food.

All meals, 5 days.	£45.0 (72 €) per person.
Lunch, Evening meal only	£30.0 (48 €) per person.

Cheques should be made payable to WBCRT

and sent to : Rhys Williams, 10 Beda Road, Canton, Cardiff, CF5 1LW, UK.

Email rhys_jw@hotmail.com

The conference site will offer all facilities and gives easy access to one of the longest caves in the UK, Ogor Ffynnon Ddu. Demonstrations will take place underground and cave rescue teams are invited to bring equipment to demonstrate. Carbide is not permitted in the caves of South Wales and electric caving lights will be provided.

Program.

Saturday 19, Sunday 20 July Delegates arrive. Free accommodation/camping at SWCC, Penwyllt.

Monday 21 July 1730 Official Opening of RESCON03 and welcoming of delegates at Dan yr Ogof.

21-25 July	1730 Monday 21 July Official opening
Cave Rescue practical sessions	0930-1300 : 1400-1630
Evening sessions for lecture/slide shows	1700-2000
On-site Bar Trade Stands.	

Sport caving sessions can be arranged from 1700.

Subjects:

Stretcher Hauling, Casualty packaging, Cave Diving, Communications, Rescue Control, First Aid, Rescue Training, Ropes, Very Tight passages, Very Big Passages, River Passages.

The WBCRT will be demonstrating 4 way underground comms with the HEYPHONE

For demonstrations which are not practical underground we have a dis-used quarry on-site.

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<http://ylem.anat.ucl.ac.uk/external/swcc/index/shtml/> Link to RESCON03 webpage

CAMBRIAN CAVING COUNCIL REGISTRY

We now have since the AGM a Cave Registrar, Gary Evans, he is keen to do an accurate and complete registrar for Wales. He would please to hear from any Cambrian Caving Council members with information or offers of assistance. We are also keen to keep the register up to date but are aware of the sensitivity of new digs or new finds and will hold information on a confidential basis for agreed reasonable time limits.

CAMBRIAN CAVING COUNCIL LIBRARY

We have been unable in last three years to find a location to store the journals and newsletters donated to Cambrian Caving Council. To share the document load, the Cambrian Cave Registrar has volunteered to hold these journals for Cambrian Caving Council at his home initially. Once he identifies a new home we will advertise this in a future Newsletter.

In the mean time if you are a member of one of the Cambrian Caving Council clubs/organisations and wish to borrow a journal, please contact Gary Evans, who will let you know the packaging and stamps you need to supply. Please remember these journals are the property of Cambrian Caving Council so a limit for borrowing time will be set by the Cave Registrar, who will also be using these documents to help him bring the Cambrian Cave Registry up to date.

JOURNALS HELD BY CAMBRIAN CAVING COUNCIL

Listed below are the journals and newsletters held by Cambrian Caving Council, supplied to us by Caving Clubs and Caving Organisations.

Club Journal	Volumes Held
Brynmawr Caving Club Journal	1996
Pelobates (Croydon Caving Club Magazine)	77 & 78
Cwmbran Caving Club Silver Jubilee Journal	1967-1992
Cwmbran Caving Club Journal	1991-1992
Ogafa 5 (Journal of Gwynedd Cave & Pothole Club)	Spring 1997
Isca Caving Club Journal	Journal 2, 3,4,5,11,13,15,16,17
Mendip Cave Bibliography & Newspaper Catalogue	Mendip Cave Registry
The British Caver	Vol 111 to 124 (some gaps)
CDG Newsletter	75, 109 to 141 (some gaps)
Chelsea Speleological Society Newsletter	Vol 41 No 2 (1999) to Vol 45 No 5
The Derbyshire Caver	101 (1999) to 116 (2001)
Grosvenor CC Newsletter	No. 91 (Feb 99) to 124 (Feb 03)
Hereford CC Circular	Vol 2 Issue 4 (1999) to Vol 6 Issue 3 (2003)
Mendip Caving Group News	No. 263 (1997) to No. 300 (2001)
Orpheus CC Newsletter	Vol 31, No. 1 / 2 (1995) to Vol 38, No. 3 (2002)
Royal Forest of Dean CC	Newsletter 124 (2000) to 127 (2002)
South Wales CC Newsletter	No. 105 (1989) to 122 (2001)
Proceedings University of Bristol Speleological Society	Vol 11 No.2 (1967) to Vol 22 No. 1 (2000) some gaps
News of the Weald (WCMS Journal)	Issue 33 (1999) to Issue 49 (2003) some gaps
Wessex CC Journal	Vol 25 No. 263 (1999) to Vol 27 No. 283 (2003)
Westminster Speleological Group Cave Exploration and Investigation Newsletter	No. 28 (1998) to No. 2003/1 (2003). A change to numbering system has occurred for this journal
The Welsh Mines Preservation Trust Newsletter	2000 – 2001 (3 Newsletters only)
William Pengelly Cave Studies Trust Newsletter	Number 67 (1993) to Number 83 (2001)

The Cambrian Caving council also hold copies of Caves and Caving, Descent and Speleoscene. The listing of what we hold is not included above as I am still bring the record for these journals up to date.

CCC/NCA/BCRA Meetings and Events

- 7th / 8th June 03 NAMHO, Avondale house, Rathnew, Co. Wicklow, Ireland
 - 13th/15th June 03 Mendip Caving 2003, Priddy, Somerset
 - 21st – 25th July 03 RESCON03, International Cave Rescue Conference, at SWCC HQ, Penwyllt, Swansea
 - 25th August 03 Columns Open Day, Ogof Ffynnon Ddu, Swansea Valley
 - 31st August 03 Closing Date for Applications for Ghar Parau Expedition Grants
 - 6th Sept 03 Cave Rescue Practice, Wet Sink, Forest of Dean,
 - 21st Sept 03 Cambrian Caving Council General Meeting, provisionally SWCC HQ
 - 3rd – 5th Oct 03 Hidden Earth 2003, Hanley Castle High School, Upton upon Severn, Worcs
- Note: I think I have right date and location for Hidden Earth however there are currently two different dates and location listed on the websites.*

Details of the above events may be found in this newsletter or other caving publications e.g. Descent, Speleoscene, Caves & Caving

Useful Website Addresses

- www.nca.org.uk - The National Caving Association Website with links to all regional councils and other NCA functions e.g. national cave registry.
- www.caving.org.uk - National website with various links and reports.

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