

Cambrian Caving Council

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SLIDE SHOW FEATURING OGOF Ffynnon Ddu

This event will take place at the Miners Welfare Hall, Abercraf, Swansea Valley, Saturday 10th April at 6.00pm.

DAI HUNT WILL BE SHOWING A SELECTION OF HIS SLIDES TAKEN OVER THE YEARS IN CAVES OF SOUTH WALES

VACANCIES ON CAMBRIAN CAVING COUNCIL

I can only think everybody stayed away because they did not want to be volunteered/persuaded/cajoled into taking on a committee post. Two posts were left unfilled at the AGM. **Secretary** and **Equipment Officer**.

Elsie and Eric went away with a potential hit list so you may receive a phone call. Even if you do not receive a phone call and know some one who would be willing to take the role of Secretary on then please contact myself (Sue Mabbett) or Elsie Little. We also need a volunteer to build a web page for CCC so we can have available on the web key information for caving in the Cambrian Region. This would include listing's of permit secretaries for various access controlled caves in the region, a listing of booking secretaries for Caving Club Cottages, list of events coming up in the Cambrian region, key contacts on the Cambrian Caving Council, again any volunteers please contact myself.

This will be my last Newsletter; so until a new secretary is found do not expect a Newsletter.

There also posts to be filled on the NCA/BCA Council however the key role of Secretary has been filled.

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.

www.british-caving.org.uk - The British Caving Association Website with information on the new insurance scheme.

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British Caving Association – Inaugural Meeting

The inaugural meeting of the British Caving Association was held on the 20th March 2004. For the first meeting the NCA Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary took the equivalent posts in the BCA. Now for the first year of its existence the BCA will run in parallel with the NCA, the committee meetings will be joint events of NCA and BCA. The 'Hub' will continue to meet as a separate committee to discuss and propose the changes to the structure and constitution of the BCA, to integrate the regional councils, and to introduce the tithing payments to regional councils from the BCA subscription. We have to wait until 2005 for the true "One Stop Shop". For this year your club will pay subscriptions to its regional council and if applicable, your NCA subscription should be paid to your regional council. For new Clubs that join the regional councils in 2004, they will not be able to apply for membership of NCA however they can apply to join BCA. Those clubs that are already members of NCA will have their membership automatically transferred to BCA next year.

For more details on the BCA go to the BCA website: - www.british-caving.org.uk.

Meetings and Events

- 19th September 04 Cambrian Caving Council GM at the Hobby Horse, Brynmawr

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FINAL COMMENTS

Thanks for the support I have received in the last four years as Secretary of Cambrian Caving Council. I wish the new secretary once found all the best in the role. I was also glad to receive only support to my proposals to minimise the onerous aspects of the secretary's role by making more use of e-mail, so if you're a possible volunteer, do not be afraid to minimise the role to what you have time for.

Sue Mabbett
28th March 2004

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