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in Ston Easton**

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Associate £21 (BCA Non Caver already included)

Provisional £20

Provisional members made into Full members this year have to pay the Full member rate.

New members wishing to join should send a cheque payable to **Chelsea Spelæological Society** along with their membership application form to the Secretary. Members who are renewing a subscription should send the payment to the Treasurer. The committee will normally consider voting provisional members up to full membership after 6 months by which time they should have become known.

Provisional membership can be extended for another 6 months, but only once, if a Provisional Member has been unable to become known socially and as an active caver within the club. Please contact the Treasurer with any queries.

Membership NEWS

by Stuart France

Welcome to new provisional member:

Steve McCabe

The committee has proposed **Tim Gibbs** for full membership.

Any comments to the Secretary.

MEMBERS NEXT OF KIN

A printed list will be placed in the Whitewalls Library along with the club address list for use in any emergency situation.

CSS MEMBERSHIP CARDS

Your BCA membership card will also show that you are a member of CSS, assuming you joined BCA through CSS. We have decided only to issue CSS membership cards on request as most people do not have any particular use for them - contact Stuart France if you need one and your BCA card does not mention CSS.

CAVING TRIP CHALK BOARD

Members are reminded that posting a caving trip on the chalk board in the changing area at Whitewalls will not necessarily result in a rescue callout if you fail to return. This board is not a callout system. The way to ensure that a callout will occur is always to find a responsible person who will initiate the rescue if you have not returned on time.

Another plea from the CSS Librarian

I am still looking for help with the library as detailed below so that we can get the library in use in order that we can all benefit from the books and journals we have as a club.

So far I have only one volunteer who has kindly offered to help both weekends.

I have set aside the following dates to work on the Library at CSS (mostly cataloguing and filing):

Saturday 17th March. If anyone is able to help I would be very grateful.

Dinner will be provided for all helpers on Saturday evening. Four people would be ideal as there is a limit to how many can fit in the Library to help at once. I won't be able to stay for the day on Sunday 18th so helpers could possibly cave then.

Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd April. I would also be grateful of any help. I will be there for the whole weekend so may need more helpers so that some can cave one day and help in the Library another. Four people per day so potentially a maximum of eight. Again, dinner will be provided for all helpers on the Saturday evening.

No particular skills required other than basic computer literacy. However, we do have a number of foreign items to catalogue so at some point somebody with generally good foreign language skills would be a help. Definitely not essential though!

Editorial

Thanks to all those who have provided material for this newsletter, please keep it coming.

 **Mark Lumley**

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If you are fed up with seeing photos from the same photographers in every issue then take your camera with you when you go caving and send in the results!

Czech Conference

The date is 21st July 2013 for 1 week in **Brno** but there will be pre- and post-conference caving activities. Mel Reid is organising and promoting this as a club meet. Registration opens in July 2012.

Brian Price

by Clive Gardener

Brian D. Price – caving pioneer, bell-ringing adept & composer, mathematician, historian and art collector – who discovered the entrance to Agen Allwedd in 1946 and opened up the cave with two schoolboys, David Seagrave and Harold Hicken, over Christmas – New Year 1949/50, has died at Hammersmith Hospital on 21st February, aged 87.

A quiet funeral service was held, according to Brian's wishes (even the organist was sent packing), at Kensal Green Crematorium on Friday 2nd March.

Any members (past or present) with reminiscences of Brian are encouraged to contact Clive Gardener

clive-gardener@tiscali.co.uk tel: 020 7987 8820 who is pulling together a full appreciation of Brian's life and achievements for the next issue of the CSS Newsletter.

You can listen to Brian talking about the discovery and naming of Agen Allwedd at the British Caving Audio Archive:
<http://caving-library.org.uk/audio/selected.php?id=169>

50th Anniversary of Whitewalls in 2013

As part of the celebrations for the 50th anniversary of our wonderful cottage, I will be attempting to put together a publication detailing the history and development.

I am looking for photographs, other documents and stories/experiences both personal and club wide. There are probably a number of people who are no longer club members who would have a lot of knowledge of the earlier building work etc. If you know who and where they are, please let me know.

John Newton

Another Daren Rescue Callout

A call out was instigated on February 25th when a party of Exeter Uni, staying at Whitewalls, failed to surface by 21:00pm. They were doing a trip to the Time Machine with the intention of exiting through Price's. When they were overdue, Adrian Fawcett entered Prices after alerting SMWCRT and they in turn called out several of its team members.

They were located by Adrian in Antler Passage and they exited without further mishap sometime between midnight and 02:00am.

This is the second rescue of this type we have had in recent years - Aberystwyth Uni were rescued a few days before Christmas a couple of years back.

Extract from the Forum

Subterranea Index/Sub Brit 'Shop'

There is a new feature on the Sub Brit website.

An online index to Subterranea - initially issues 1-20 has been added.

This is searchable and includes a set of keywords for the articles.

The index lives under a new 'Shop' tab alongside our Site Directory and other publications. The index is expected to be published for Issues 21-30 with Subterranea issue 31.

This section may be expanded as part of the wider website refresh but this is a great start.

<http://www.subbrit.org.uk/shop>

FOSSEL PASSAGES

Extract from the Devon Karst Research Society website

<http://www.devonkarst.org.uk/Bone%20Caves%20of%20Plymouth%20&%20District%20STONhp.html>

www.devonkarst.org.uk

The PLYMOUTH HERALD AND DEVONSHIRE FREEHOLDER

SATURDAY, June 23, 1827.

SUBTERRANEAN CAVERN AT STONEHOUSE

"A subterranean cavern containing a great quantity of water has been discovered within these past few days, in the limestone quarry on Stonehouse Hill; the cavity must have an abundant spring of water within it, as we understand the depth of the water is above 70 feet.

"The cavern is of vast expanse, spreading as it increases in depth. It has been visited within by a number of persons."

Dear Mark,

Many thanks for your e-mail and for your courtesy in asking to reproduce info from our Website.

I am very familiar with the Chelsea S.S. and in the past, I have spent many happy times in the Llangatock karst area caving with colleagues in the many systems it contains.

We also have some of the C.S.S. Newsletters in our Society's Karst & Speleo. Library.

You have our full permission to reproduce the text of the said Article accompanied by the credits you have mentioned.

If possible, it would be greatly appreciated if you could forward us a copy of the relevant C.S.S. Newsletter containing the Article when published.

The particular section of cave mentioned in this Newspaper Article is long destroyed, the limestone hill at Stonehouse (=Battery Hill) in Plymouth having been levelled during the Victorian era.

Any extant portions of the cave can only exist from a position at a few metres a.s.l. to below sea level and as such, are now situated beneath urban developments.

We know where the cave in question was located.

This cave was part of a locally more extensive cave system, as correctly alluded to in the Newspaper Article, and parts of which still exist and which we have researched in the past.

With best regards,

Brian [Lewarne, Honorary Science Officer, The Devon Karst Research Society].

Underground in Ston Easton

by Mark Lumley

Situated on the Mendips, next to the A37, above Farrington Gurney, Ston Easton Park is a palladian 18th century house in landscaped grounds.

With rooms from £75 pp per night, afternoon tea for £19.50 and exclusive use of the house for £11,000 for a Saturday it is perhaps not a suitable venue for CSS Mendip meets and is a long walk from the Hunter's Lodge!

Being just a few fields away from my house the grounds are regular dog walking territory for me and, being on the white lias, I have long been intrigued by the large stream that issues from an ornate culvert close to the house. Known locally as the river Norr this is the source of Wellow Brook, which joins the river Avon near Dundas viaduct.

Back in January I contacted the manager, Denis Verrier, who knew little of the history of the resurgence and was happy for me to take a look.

The beautifully built arched stone culvert was around a metre high and ran in a perfectly straight line for about 100 metres to a point where you could hear the busy A37 above.

The view along the tunnel was enhanced by fine straws issuing from the mortar.

A slight bend and it ran on again with a number of pipes of various sizes and age and occasional small, natural fissures issuing water. I crawled on for a further 30 - 40 metres to a point where a large stream issued from a tight passage on the left. This looked part natural although I expect that, being so close to the surface, a trench was originally dug from a spring (wherever that may be) before being capped and buried. Just beyond this point the main tunnel emerged into open air behind a wall on the other side of the main road.

On a subsequent photographic trip on March 6th the water levels were down and the main stream was in fact coming from a metal pipe on the north side of the passage. On emerging into daylight I had an embarrassing meeting with the owner of 'The Norr'. She pointed out that I was in fact on her property, not Ston Easton Park and graciously accepted my apology! The stream then disappears again into another stone culvert to reappear further into the Park grounds.



Left: Looking downstream from 100m into the culvert.

Top: Fine straws along the passage

Middle: The culvert emerging in the gardens of The Norr

Bottom: Ston Easton Park

Access to Ogof Ffynnon Ddu I

1. Entry to Ogof Ffynnon Ddu I is by Permit from SWCC

which can be applied for by any member of a bona-fide Caving Club. If as a Caving Club or visiting group, you already hold a Permit for Ogof Ffynnon Ddu 2 and Cwm Dwr, then you will not have to apply for a further permit to enter Ogof Ffynnon Ddu 1.

2. Party size: Parties shall be limited to a maximum of six persons.

3. A trip-ticket which indicates the name of each person entering the Cave, along with the intended route, must be completed and placed on the Destination Board in the SWCC HQ. Parties are required to make other arrangements for call-out if leaving the cave after 5.00pm on Sundays or if SWCC HQ is closed.

4. Safety: All cavers should be responsible for their own safety and carry the correct equipment for their intended trip. They should also be aware of the conditions relating to the use of any fixed equipment "fixed aids" within the Cave. This information is displayed in the SWCC HQ.

5. River levels: The underground river can rapidly become impassable, and parties should avoid it when water levels are high or when heavy rain is forecast. If you are in any doubt as to the water levels then please avoid entering the streamway.

6. The Escape Route is quite exposed and all cavers should satisfy themselves that they possess the necessary equipment and skill to negotiate the route before committing to it.

7. Permits are issued for recreational and scientific caving only. Special activities including camping, digging, the use of explosives, dye tracing and other invasive research projects require special permission via the committee of The South Wales Caving Club. Commercial trips are not permitted.

8. Conservation tapes must not be crossed or moved, under any circumstances.

9. Lighting: ONLY electric lighting is to be used. Carbide MUST NOT be taken into the Cave.

10. The entrance gate must be shut after your party passes through. All OFD gates can be opened from the inside without a key.

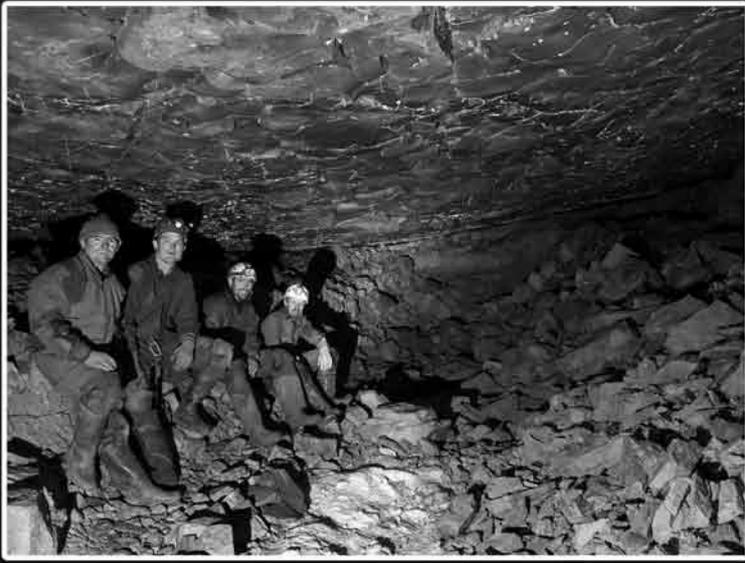
11. Litter and conservation: OFD 1 is a 'non-smoking' cave. No litter whatsoever is to be left either inside or outside the Cave. No cairns are to be built inside or outside the Cave. Please be aware of cave conservation throughout your trip. Formations, installations, apparatus and equipment found in the Cave must not be damaged. If accidental damage occurs this should be reported as soon as possible.

12. Cwm Dwr and OFDII/III: Access to the rest of the Ogof Ffynnon Ddu system (CWM Dwr or OFD II / III) requires a separate CCW Permit. If you do not have a CCW permit, access beyond the divers pitch is strictly forbidden.

13. Failure to observe these conditions may result in any future application for a permit being refused and for any issued permits to be withdrawn.

14. Access Routes. Cavers must no longer approach the cave via the yard and garden at Y Grithig. Please use the following routes:

If you are walking from the SWCC HQ: Take the road down the hill, past the houses, and take the footpath signposted on your right (through a gate). There is a bathtub a few metres down. Follow the path for another 500m or so, through a wooden gate, and you will come to the site of a previous gate. Turn left and walk across the dry stone walling (this'll make sense when you're there!) and then cross the wire fence at the point where there is no barbed wire. This brings you out just above the cave entrance; take care as the bank is often slippery. **If you are parking in the usual lay-by further down the hill:** Walk down the lane parallel to the river, keep going past Y Grithig and take the footpath on your right (taking care to shut the gate - there are sometimes horses in here). Follow the path up (~ 100m) to the site of a previous gate and turn right across the dry stone walling, as described above. If you reach the wooden gate you've gone too far.



Images of Ogof **Draenen**

by Steve Sharp

Main Photo: The Reactor

*Far Left: Midwinter Chamber
Steve Sharp, Matt Emmett, Daren Batchelor, John Stevens*

Left: Lost in Space

Below Left: The Black Run

Right: Fault Chamber



NATIONAL TRAINING DAY

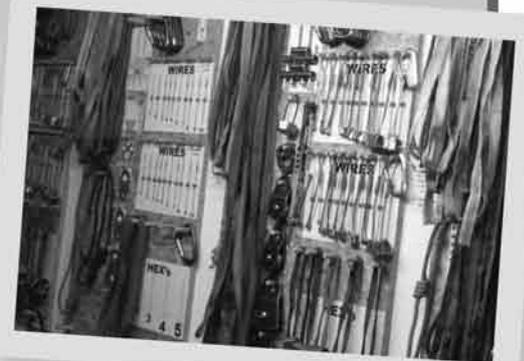
PLAS Y BRENIN: SATURDAY, 5 MAY 2012

After the success of the 2011 Training Day Mountain Rescue England and Wales will host the 2012 event at the National Mountaineering Centre Capel Curig.

TIMETABLE & SESSIONS

10.00-10.30: Coffee
10.30 Introduction
welcome and admin
10.45-12.45:
Morning sessions
12.45-1.45:
Lunch - bring own
or buy at the bar

1.45-3.45:
Afternoon sessions
4.00 Departure
at the latest



Equipment

Richard Terrell
Including Mechanical
advantage and pulley
session

Water Rescue

Ewan Thomas

Technical Rope Rescue

Ogwen Valley MRO

Medical Workshop

John Ellerton
Update of findings of the
Analgesic Survey
Managing lower leg
injuries

Vehicles and Driving

Daryl Garfield

IT and Technology

Mark Lewis

We have 150 places - 25 per session - all of which will be repeated in the afternoon. To help planning and session allocation, Richard asks could you please book places as a team if possible as this will help logistics. To book, email Richard with team member names and the sessions you would like to attend.

First come first served so early booking advised to avoid disappointment.



**Please email Richard Prideaux on
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or call him on

07799 031128 or 01824 703 121



OLIVE FIDLER

1931-2012

Olive Fidler, our kindly neighbour for long years at Pant-y-Rhiw cottage, has passed away in early February. A few years ago she left Llangattock Hillside, moving to Gilwern as her health steadily deteriorated in later life, and in her final years she lived at a home in Monmouthshire. Older CSS members will remember her as a stalwart supporter of our local cave exploration endeavours, and very tolerant of our club activities based at Whitewalls.



Olive came from Luton originally and worked there as an art, craft and design teacher. She also worked in London where she met her partner Clifford who was also a keen artist. They bought Pant-y-Rhiw originally as a holiday home, but Olive decided to settle down there after her retirement, creating the woodland above the cottage in Clifford's memory, continuing with her painting and pottery with a kiln installed in the house.

Always an active and independent person, Olive was to be seen on her roof fixing the chimneys or up a tree with a chainsaw. She had strong opinions about most things and was well placed to stand up for herself when on the receiving end of local troubles similar to ones that our club had to endure, which perhaps brought us closer together.

She liked her daily walk, swimming, a variety of sports, and was a keen sub-aqua diver visiting Scapa Flow, the Red Sea, Scilly Isles and more regular diving off the coast of Wales. In later years her outdoors activities stopped, and thankfully her increasingly erratic car driving stopped too, but she never gave up with Tai Chi, the tea-time gin and tonics in summer and the fireside whisky on winter evenings.

It is always sad to record the passing of a good friend but happy memories of her will live on with us. Following a humanist ceremony, she has been buried at Llangattock alongside Clifford. We extend our sympathy to her family and to the many others who came to know her charms and capacity to live life to the full.

Stuart France

Anyone for a stroll down Daren?

CSS Spaderunner/Last Spit Choke trip
Saturday June 23

11.00 am
Meet at Hard Rock

Leave at
11.30 am

Miami Vice

Western Union

The Blockhead
(New Boots and Panties)

Ankle Grinder

1.00 - 1.30 pm
Arrive at The Restaurant at the End of the Universe

Icing on the Cake

The
Blue
Greenies

Always fancied a trip to the bitter end of Daren but unsure of the route or trip duration? On Saturday June 23 a number of the Daren regulars will be on hand to take CSS cavers to Last Spit Choke, Spaderunner (the most remote 'dry' place in British caving).

Rendezvous at Hard Rock for a brew at 11.00 am to leave at 11.30 (arriving at REU at 1-1.30 and Spaderunner around 4.30), giving participants the option of camping at Hard Rock or an early entry into the cave.

Hard Rock to the end and back with photos, a side-trip to see the Blue Greenies and a brew at REU will take around 10 hours.

From Daren Entrance to the end and back with photos, side-trip to Blue Greenies and a brew at REU and Hard Rock will take most cavers a weary 18-20 hours although it can be done more quickly if you know the place and don't want to take photos.

If you plan to camp at Hard Rock please let the diggers know and we'll plan accordingly (you may need to take camping kit in prior to the trip), but please don't just bring kit in 'on the off chance' as, although well intentioned, it has a habit of accumulating (and rotting!). Please don't camp at REU unless you already have kit and permission.

You will need day-food (you won't make it on choc bars alone!) and a water bottle - the ONLY clean, reliable water sources are Crystal Inlet and The Restaurant at the End of the Universe (a hot, energetic, bone-dry 4 hours awaits you beyond the Restaurant).

On return to Hard Rock food will be provided for campers and people heading out.

If you are interested in coming please contact the editor

mark@creativeedge.me.uk to help us plan the trip.

Friday the Thirteenth

Still Warthogs after All These Years

4.30 pm
Last Spit Choke - Spaderunner

Star Bar

Meets List 2012

24th March 2012

Whitewalls **Wet Sink** aka **Slaughter Stream Cave** at Berry Hill in the Forest of Dean – This is a grade 3 cave with mainly walking passage, some crawling/stooping. Some easy SRT. Organiser Joe Duxbury

Malt Whisky Tasting Session in the evening – Note this provides effective antidote against any polluted streamway swallowed during the earlier Wet Sink trip! Stuart suggests ‘People can bring 100-200ml of some sort of whisky they like, not necessarily scotch, reflecting how much they might imbibe from what’s put on offer’. So, no Japanese Scotch imitations please, but Scots, Irish and most definitely Welsh whiskys will be very welcome! Organiser Stuart France

Easter 6-9th April 2012

Whitewalls - Easter Bank Holiday **Carno Adit**
An introductory trip into this interesting & complex cave under Mynydd Llangynydir. Organiser Adrian Fawcett

May Bank Holiday 4 – 7th May 2012

Whitewalls **OFD 1 – 2 Through Trip** The other Welsh classic through trip after Daren – Cnwc! Expect to get very wet on this trip as you’ll be in the streamway for an hour and a half. An incredible 5 hour trip with constantly changing scenery. Organiser Paul Tarrant

Bank Holiday 2 – 5 June 2012

Jubilee Bank Holiday weekend. Sunday 3rd
Whitewalls **OFD 2 Columns Open Day**

23rd June 2012

Daren Cilau. A trip to the far end
Organiser Gonzo (see previous page)

30th June 2012

Whitewalls **Summer BBQ weekend**
Dan Yr Ogof [BCA Insurance needed]
Organisers Messrs France & Tarrant.

14th July 2012

Camping on Gower

Sea Canoeing, Caving, Walking, Climbing
on the Gower Peninsular – Not sure time will permit us to do all these things but we’ll have a bloody good try. Sea canoeing will involve easy bay hopping trip along the south Gower coast which is reasonably safe, easy and scenically excellent [*plus a spot of kayak fishing*]. We have at least 5 canoes amongst club members plus it should be possible to hire them locally – We’ll be staying at the excellent Nicholaston Farm Campsite and with the beach just a short walk away and the pub [King Arthur] a slightly longer walk over the mountain.
Organiser Paul Tarrant

27th July 2012

Mendip Caving – Staying at the Wessex.
BBQ Saturday night.
Caving to be arranged by John Cooper

8 – 9th September 2012

North Wales Mining Trip–Gwydyr Forest near Betws Y Coed. Organiser Stuart France

September 2012

Hidden Earth Caving Conference – Yorkshire Dales – Venue and precise date not confirmed as yet.
Organiser BCRA

6th October 2012

Whitewalls **Carno Adit** Further excursions to this fascinating cave. Organiser Adrian Fawcett

3rd November 2012

Whitewalls **Bonfire weekend** Caves of the Sychryd Gorge – Will’s Hole, Bwa Maen, Ogof Pont Sychryd, The Silica Mines. Organiser Paul Tarrant

17th November 2012

Derbyshire Peak Cavern, Bagshawe.
Organiser John Newton

7th December 2012

Whitewalls **Curry Night** Organiser: Stuart France

29 – 31st December 2012

Whitewalls **New Year Celebrations**

26th January 2013

Whitewalls **Annual Dinner and AGM Weekend**

28th February 2013

Whitewalls **Trip to be confirmed**



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Caves and Tunnels in South-East England Part 20

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Colin Holdsworth in Dan-yr-ogof
Photo: Geo Fletcher

The photo was taken in 1965 on a photo trip into Dan-yr-Ogof.

I was the CSS designated leader/warden at the time and in those days caving groups had to be in the cave before it opened to the tourists.

We drove over from Whitewalls very early on the Saturday morning, well early for cavers that is.

I remember the water levels in the cave were high after a lot of rain hence the dinghy in the "Lakes" to put our metal ammo' boxes in with all the photo equipment. In those days one needed lots of batteries and flash bulbs as well as flash guns and large cameras and Colin's fags.

Colin Holdsworth was a mover and shaker in the purchase and building up of Whitewalls, he was a strong caver despite his need to wear glasses and a good underground photographer and as you can see always had a cigarette in his mouth. As with most of our caving trips in those days it was a long one and we came out in the dark far too late for the pub and a long drive back to Whitewalls!!!!

There are a whole lot of photographic coloured slides of Dan-yr-Ogof pretties somewhere as there were three of us taking photos, the other one of course was Bob Fish.

Geo Fletcher

If *Chelsea*
are **naive** and *pure*
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