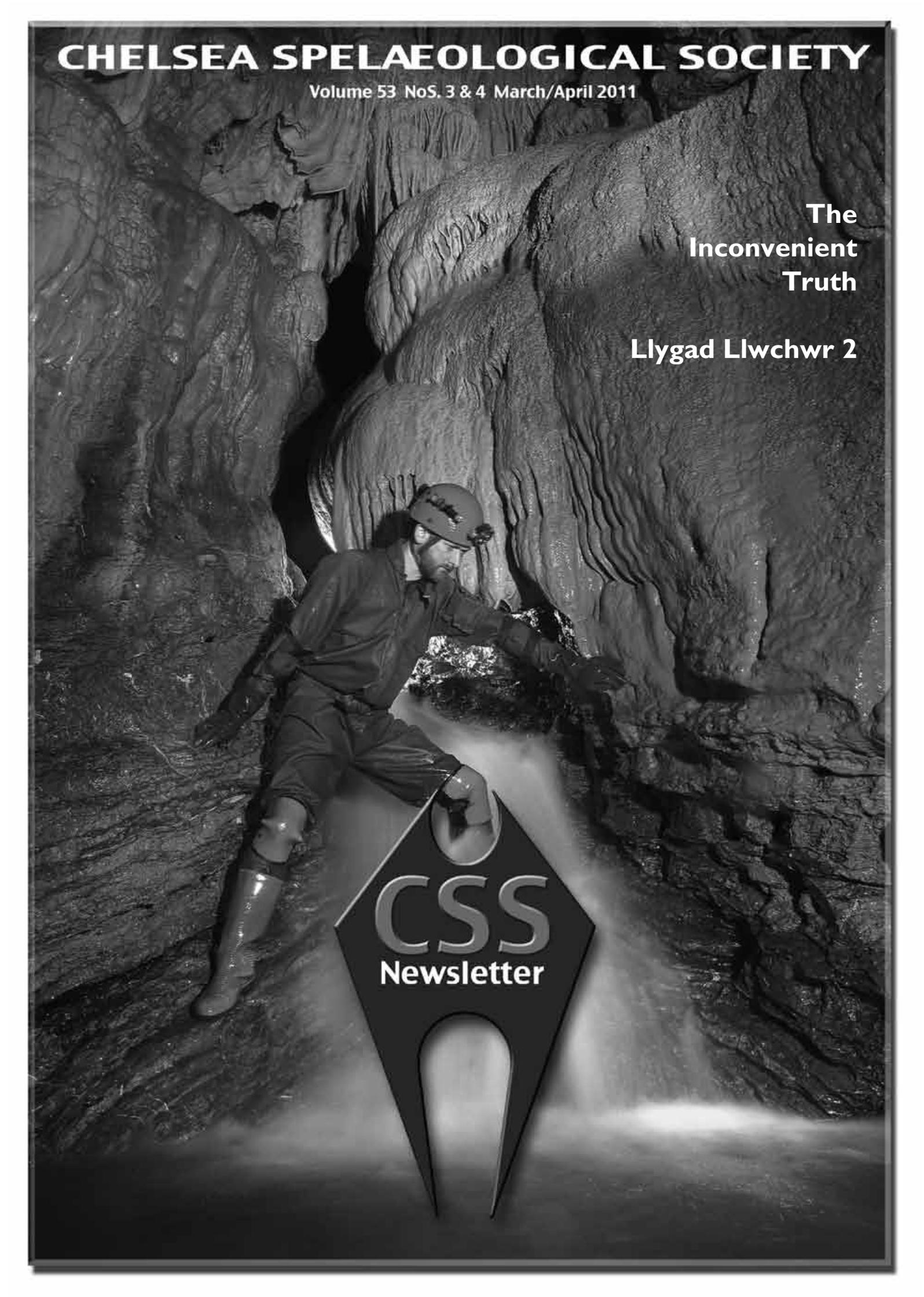


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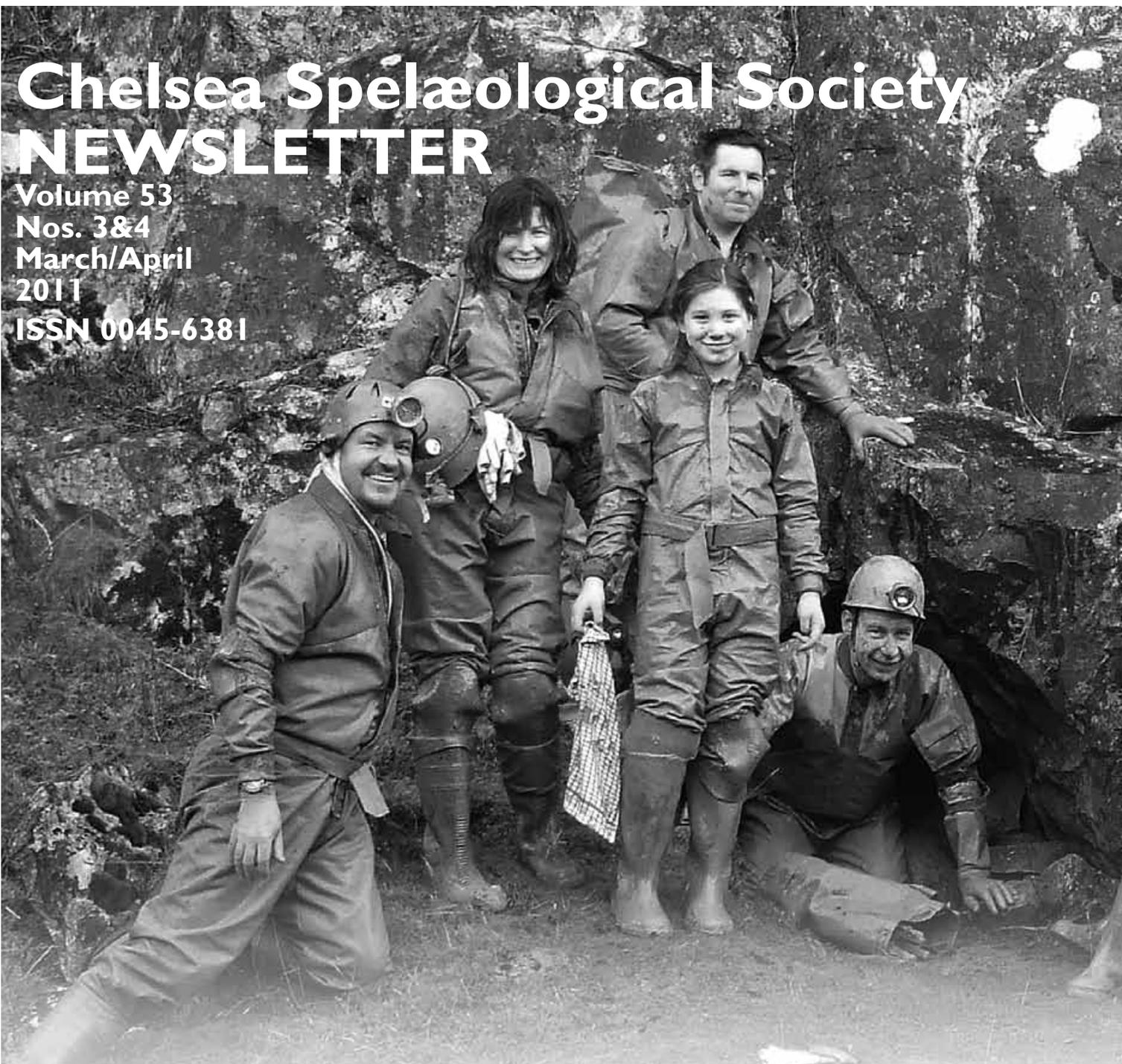
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CSS members at Ogof Cnwc
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Correction	

The last newsletter was incorrectly numbered No.1 and should have been Nos 1 & 2.

Can't get the staff . . .

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Editorial

Thanks to all those who have provided material for this newsletter.

If you are concerned that these newsletters are few and far between then please feel free to contribute.

Gouzo

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Turkey Sump

by Paul Tarrant

Saturday of the annual dinner weekend dawned sunny and incredibly cold. Hot breakfast seemed a definite winner over muesli! JC arrived from the comforts of the Bear Hotel whilst I was eating my bacon and egg muffin, and that was the cue to go caving. We managed to get to Aggie's gate ahead of the three other parties (one going bat counting, one going to North Wing, and another into Sand Caverns). There was a group going to Craig a Ffynnon and another doing the Darren - Cnwc through trip so there should potentially be material for the newsletter heading Gonzo's way!

JC and I entered the cave and noted the draft whistling into the entrance. Just past the signing in book we were treated to a display of ice stalactites and curtains which had formed on the cave roof. There also were rafts of ice formed on the surface of the stream and what is normally a mundane bit of familiar cave became extremely attractive. We took care not to brush against them so that others would get the opportunity to see these wonderful ice stalactites. The walls of the cave here, so normally dripping wet were bone-dry, made so by the intense draft.

We did not hang around and made swift progress through the entrance series until we found ourselves warming up too much by our exertions. We noted large numbers of bats roosting/hibernating throughout the entrance series.

The route through to Turkey Streamway was straightforward

and we were soon going upstream from North West junction. Turkey Pool was easily traversed with just the lower parts of our legs getting wet and soon we were at Turkey chamber. We looked out for a large boulder that John Stevens had told us about. This was found at the top of the climb down to the upstream continuation of the stream way. We could not work out whether the block had rolled off the larger mud bank on the right-hand side of the chamber or had fallen from the roof. There are cracks in the limestone in the roof and is probably wise not to loiter in this area just in case further stuff loses the battle with gravity.

Now, our trip was to be an uneventful traverse of the stream way to visit Turkey Sump, and so it was. We found two of Duncan Price's diving tanks in a tackle bag in the bypass to the low passage in the streamway leading to sump one. The bag was upside down with the tanks facing valves down. It looked as though the bag had been toppled over by a recent flood so we brought this back to Pete's Cafe and made them safe. We crawled along the low Sump bypass Passage (JC more so than me) and looked at the start of Sump 2.

The return downstream from Turkey Sump was interesting as we were able to light up the roof with our LED lights - JC had a Scurrion and me my Petzl Duo super bright upgrade courtesy of Biff. The lights showed a level of detail that I can't remember seeing on previous trips [2.4v Oldham nicad conversions barely lit up your own feet let alone a roof 20

metres up!] and there appear to be oxbows and holes all over the place suggesting that there may be more passage to be found if one looks and climbs in the right place.

We met the Sand Caverns party who had obviously missed the Sand Caverns passage and after exchanging some pleasantries with them Andy Heath, Matt & Mandy Voysey, we carried on our way out to an intensely cold evening. A good straightforward five-hour trip which whetted our appetites for...

The Annual Dinner in the Bear

There were 39 of us and we enjoyed very good food and the usual superb Bass. Entertainment was provided by Damien Grindley who was a member of Chelsea in the nineties but who has been latterly living in Australia. He gave a slide show illustrating what it's like to go expedition caving in the Permian lime stones of the north-west Territories. The world's 10th longest cave is situated there but it's a secret so the name will not be printed here [Google it for the name} A good evening had by one and all.

The Inconvenient Truth

by Charles Bailey

It was a darned good ploy: Mark announced that he was interested in a day trip to The Inconvenient Truth (T.I.T) dig, in Frog Street, Daren Cilau on the weekend of the 19th February. If he had no willing volunteers, he'd be making a trip on his own.

Guilt and thoughts of safety first goaded me into action, and the phone call was made taking up the offer. It was an easy trap to fall into – it gave me the opportunity for a decent trip too. As I was getting married the week after, I was under strict instructions to keep the left hand un-scuffed for the ring photo's.

We elected for one sack between us (with the 7 Kg battery + accoutrements), and took it in turn for the trip in. With a burst of enthusiasm, I lead on the way down to the climb up to Frig Street, deposited the bag, the popped down to Hard Rock to drop off some kit.

Meanwhile Mark had taken the drill up to the dig, and made a good attempt

to wall himself into it. A session of rock trundling later, and we were ready for a shift change; my turn at the dig. However, having successfully used the available turning space for spoil, a change of position turned out to be a little intimate. Undeterred, I chipped, crow-barred and drilled, whereupon the intimate liaison was reciprocated enabling Mark to have a turn at using the Bosch. The wall was then dealt with, and we were ready for the exit.

Mark had spotted that the rope traverse was a little worn (it was difficult to miss) so this was replaced with a section from Hard Rock.

Thereafter, a successful trip out was undertaken, puffing our chests out with pride in the knowledge that Daren Cilau was a full ½ metre longer. In reality, puffing out chests out alternately to propel the shared sack out. I have to say it was surreal not carrying a sack all the way through the entrance (it's been years since I had that pleasure), and very nice not to get frozen on the way down to Whitewalls.

A nice 11 hour trip.

Then came the embarrassing bit. I waved good-bye to Mark from the cottage, then proceeded to get my car stuck on the grass verge opposite (to be more accurate, the car was making a bid for freedom down the slope). Luckily Judith was on hand to rescue me. I was forgiven only by virtue of the right hand being scuffed, not the precious left.

So that's a lesson learnt – make sure I leave before Mark next time!



The Daren Diggers

The Daren Diggers' next Hard Rock camp will be 1st - 3rd April.

Work will continue on The Inconvenient Truth.

If you'd like to join in and need more details contact the editor.

Charles Bailey negotiates the vulnerable formations in Helibeds on his way to The Inconvenient Truth

SMWCRT 2011 Training Calendar

by Joel Corrigan

For 2011 we have a number of events planned. Dates for the formal rescue practices have been allocated but the workshops will be arranged when I know who is likely to be available to run them & what my own plans are. Some of the Workshops will be Monday evening sessions (first of the month, as decided at the last committee meeting) & some will be run on Saturday/Sunday etc... This year the responsibility for organising separate events will be spread amongst other members of the Team as I have no idea where I'll be with work.

Dates to be confirmed:

MONDAY EVENING WORKSHOP: PERSONAL SURVIVAL/CARING FOR THE CASUALTY AWAIT- ING RESCUE

Penwyllt. This is aimed at those cavers who arrive at the scene first & whose priority is to keep the casualty (& themselves) alive, dry, warm & comfortable until help arrives. Emphasis (depending upon medical considerations) will be on insulation, shelters, heat & nourishment. This is also ideal for those wishing to learn more about personal survival in inhospitable locations.

The following two sessions are intended to be complementary.

Date to be decided:

MONDAY EVENING WORKSHOP: PHASE I, PRINCIPLES OF RIGGING & HAULING

Penwyllt & the Corkscrew area, OFD 2. Why? Because some of us can't even tie our laces, let alone rig a pitch for SRT or hauling! We will be concentrating on the basics: anchor selection & testing, knots, construction of systems, bolt installation (surface), etc... This will include an introduction to the Petzl Rig, our replacement device for the Gri-Gri.

Date to be decided:

WEEKEND WORKSHOP: PHASE 2 PRACTICALITIES OF RIGGING & HAULING

Penwyllt & the Corkscrew area, OFD 2. Putting the lessons of the previous session into effect, this time rigging & hauling a stretcher from Salubrious Streamway, along the approach climb, up the pitch & to the top of the ramp in real time.

20TH MARCH:

FULL RESCUE PRACTICE: OFD 2

Scenario: Alex, a novice student caver from ██████ University, has passed out in Salubrious Streamway. It seems that he suffers from the condition known as Narcolepsy & falls asleep at inappropriate times (this is based upon a genuine character within ██████CC). After repeated attempts at "happy-slapping" (to wake him up, obviously) we've given up & have decided to put him into a stretcher & carry him out or we'll never make it to the pub. It just so happens that there are a lot of other students in the cave today & very few "grown ups" so the youngsters will form the bulk of the rescue team. This is intended to be an introduction to the basics of cave rescue & is therefore aimed at those people who might otherwise be put off/dazzled by a normal practice event. It will be light-hearted, not too demanding, & will focus on team work, stretcher handling, and showing everyone what happens during a pitch haul (the Corkscrew pitch). Those people who were involved in the Pitch Rigging Workshop might want to come along just to keep their skills sharp.

Date to be decided:

MONDAY EVENING WORKSHOP: COMMUNICATIONS

Whitewalls. A chance to inspect & test the kit in the Gwent store & learn/refresh our memories by using it. This session will include a semi-

formal military-based radio protocol session so that we will know the difference between a "smoky" and a "bandit" once and for all & can pick & choose what may or may not be useful for us! We will also be trialling a formal Heyphone training & assessment procedure to ensure that we all know what we're doing.

7th May:

FULL RESCUE PRACTICE: OGOF TARDDIAD RHYM- NEY

Scenario: a freshers trip from ██████ Uni Caving Club has not returned from what should have been a short trip to this little-visited cave near Trefil. As there are few vertical elements & it's not a navigationally-challenging cave it is feared that the likely reason for being overdue is either student incompetence (they're in the pub) or boulder choke collapse! We must hope that nobody has been pinned by boulders as that could complicate extraction dramatically.....

There will be medical elements in this practice so it may be especially useful for the Advanced First Aiders in the Team to attend. About the cave: it is rarely visited but is a fairly large & significant place; the majority is not flood-prone so should prove to be a good venue for unsettled weather. The drive to the entrance is over rough quarry roads so it may be worth sharing transport; the area is notorious for break-ins.

18th JUNE:

FULL RESCUE PRACTICE: OFD 1 1/2

Scenario: report just in: an elderly member of ██████ Caving Club has fallen out of the Letterbox in OFD 1 1/2 & sustained suspected pelvic injuries. As he is wearing shorts & sandals it is feared that he may also be suffering from hypothermia & lower leg damage. Time is of the essence: with luck & efficiency we will get the casualty to surface before he needs to draw his pension....

N.B: this practice is very weather dependent & has been cancelled before. We're aiming to include a broad range of skills & training in the day, including simple & difficult stretcher carrying, vertical elements, use of the floating stretcher down the streamway, narrow/confined elements, 1st aid, communications etc....

WEEKEND WORKSHOP: **ADVANCED RIGGING FOR HAULING**

A half day session at the Summit Centre climbing wall that will focus on more advanced & varied systems for stretcher hauling sessions. A reasonable level of rigging ability is recommended to get the full benefit but anyone is welcome to come along.

Date to be decided: **FULL RESCUE PRACTICE:**

Scenario: a pair of cavers are missing in flood & it is rumoured that, out of fear of reprisals, they refuse to use the in-situ emergency equipment/ phone or even acknowledge that they are in trouble. To further complicate things one of the pair is known to have anti-authority issues & is unlikely to accept help, even from neutral sources. The biggest worry, though, is that they may decide to free-dive the sump in order to escape before it becomes a media-circus & they're banned from the cave. In short, we have no idea what the situation is or how to deal with it. Our choices are limited but must include cave diving, use of small boats, HeyPhones, psychiatrists, rubber bullets etc... An unlikely event to have to deal with? Think again!

N.B: This is a joint practice with elements of the CDG & the SMWCRT & will be an ideal opportunity for non-divers to see what's involved from an amphibious perspective. If we have enough volunteers then we will also send a team into the Longer Crawl to inspect the phone line.

WEEKEND WORKSHOP: **RESCUE TRAINING INVOLVING ANIMALS**

Animal rescues have always been an important element for the Team so this year we're going to have some experts give us some tips.

MONDAY EVENING WORKSHOP: **FATAL INCIDENT PROCEDURE, FAMILY LIAISON, MEDIA RELATIONS**

Because this is the reality of what we do. Guest contributors may include Brian & Marge Jopling, and/or some useful members of the emergency services etc.

WAR GAMES:

Penwyllt. A day of virtual man-management, stress & drama in what used to be a regular event. This is ideal training for potential underground/surface controllers.

11th September: **FULL RESCUE PRACTICE:**

Scenario: statement from Brecon Police: "█████ the Loon & █████ the Crazy, on compassionate day-release from the Penwyllt Home for the Criminally Insane, have escaped their nurse & were last seen running down the hillside from the █████ Public House. After an extensive search of the area by the local Mountain Rescue & Dog teams it is feared that Messrs Loon & █████ may have entered the very extensive █████ network of caves (a separate investigation is currently underway as to why & how the entrance to this cave is no longer gated). As all caves are dangerous to the unwary we are concerned that they may not survive the night so the South & Mid Wales Cave Rescue Team have been asked to organise a search & recovery mission".

N.B: This will be a Communications & Control Exercise which will build upon the lessons from the 2010 practice. Last year we ended up with more questions than answers so hopefully we can work out what happened with the communications issues. In addition we shall be trialling a variety of floating stretcher options in the main streamway as this is likely to be a major area of concern.

Anyone interested in organising/ assisting with any of these events please drop me a line: this Team is only as good as the volunteers involved. Likewise, any particular requests/suggestions for training/

venues then just let me know. Prior to each particular event I shall send out a message to everyone as per normal, as well as setting up Facebook events. This year we shall be making more use of the website for communications so keep your eyes peeled (please sign up to the forum as it's likely that one of these days that will be the main focus). It is important for me to know rough numbers of people attending as these days we tend to organise food after the practice & I need to know how many we're catering for so please respond when asked; thanks to those people who have done so for the last year!

Editor's Note

Personally I'd like to congratulate Joel on braving the tightrope with the unenviable task of making the dissemination of cave rescue training details both entertaining and informative.

Hopefully CSS will give SMWCRT their full support in 2011.

N.B. The █████ is at the request of various committee members who did not want to upset other clubs and individuals.

CHELSEA SPELAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

CHEESE AND WINE PARTY

Saturday 26th March Whitewalls



We will leave early Saturday morning with Paul Tarrant who is leading groups into Llygad Lluchwr. There is new dry access into a short but very pretty upstream extension of the cave (Llygad Lluchwr 2) that was only briefly accessible to divers a decade ago until the diving connection silted up. You need a wetsuit to explore the deep lakes in the old part of the cave. The new part is fine in just dry gear. Other groups might head instead into our local caves.

Stuart France is offering to cook a communal meal at Whitewalls prior to the party. This will be served at 7pm. You will need to book this meal in advance 01874 730527 or 07740 871845 and pay on the night for your share of the ingredients costs. The menu is Hungarian Goulash (beef) followed by Tarte au Citron. It would help with organising this new club event if you would let Stuart know anyway that you are coming along whether you want the communal meal or not.

We will start the wine and cheese part of the evening after the meal. Bread, biscuits etc will be bought for everyone based on the numbers arriving on Friday night and these costs will be shared out. Please bring one bottle of a reliable wine and some cheese that you think others will also enjoy. If you're going to drink more than a bottle then scale up what you bring to the party.

We will number the wine bottles and you can, if you wish, award them 'Parker Points' on a scale of 1-100. Assuming we are still able to count at bedtime, we will work out a ranking. There will also be the 'Chelsea Corkscrew Trophy' for the person best identifying the type and price of reds in a few unlabelled bottles. The judge's decision is likely to be a bit arbitrary and definitely final!

Llygad Llŵchwr 2

by John Stevens

After my work in surveying Ogof Fawr, Tony Donovan has kept me in a loop of his digs and if surveys are required. In October last year he was busy in the Hepste Valley with his new find there. Plans were made to have a survey trip into this cave but on the designated weekend the weather turned rather wet. This new cave has a 50 foot wet pitch, so the trip was called off. (Unfortunately the political and landowner situation got worse and no survey has been done to date.)

However, Tony rang me and asked if I was up to surveying a new find on Monday 8th Nov, as another of his digs had just broken in on that Friday the 5th.

Off I went with Stuart France, picking Tony up on route and meeting up with Nig and Mary Rogers at the cave. A short walk from the car led to a large shakehole with a gate at the far side. In the base was a typical Tony scaffolded shaft. This drops some 8m to emerge directly into a sizable stream passage. As the day was wet, this stream was flowing well (it is sometimes dry) and was followed downstream to reach a sump with a dive line on the left. This had been laid by Martyn Farr some ten years earlier. When he had dived in, he had to pass an underwater gravel/cobble dig. This duly filled in after the next storm. So Martyn and the other divers with him had only had about 4 trips into these passages. The water on this visit was so high we failed to see the sand/cobble bags Martyn had laid in the river in an failed attempt to stop the sump filling in. (We saw these on the second survey trip)

Stuart and I started the survey while the others got on with laying conservation tape and finishing the exploration.

From the sump we headed up the first large side passage on the left. This rises up the 27.5 degree inclined bedding (yes we did measure it). The whole series up dip is very interconnected and multileveled. The survey continued up this main passage passing sides heading

upwards on the left and right. A small static sump on the right was noted as we continued. The passage lowered to a crawl before a 3m climb up regained a more sizable passage with an aven linking into yet another level. Ahead the way widened with chokes on the left before reaching a static sump. This is the other side of the one seen earlier; it should only be a couple of meters long. Just before the sump a climb up a flowstone covered aven gains a crawl with eventually heads down dip through/ under some straws and stal to re-join the main stream. (Too delicate to repeat again). As we were back in the stream, Nig found us and asked us to come up to the large chamber off the main side passage. This only took a few more legs to reach and then splay around. A couple more sub stations in the chamber and then a break for food.

As time was getting on we all exited via a mid-route though some well decorated, flowstone covered passages that interlinks to surveyed passage at various points. A final few legs up the streamway and out through the shaft and that was enough for the day.

A week later I managed to get Martyn Laverty to join me and we started by surveying up the mid-route passages before starting on another oxbow in the north of the system. This also linked back at several points. A few more small side passages were noted and a surface survey done to link to a more obvious feature.

The cave has decorations in most areas. Of particular interest are the numerous curtains and fine flowstone areas. Some passages are totally floored by calcite and I entered them after washing my wellies in the stream. These are taped off and do link with areas accessible by another route, so should not be entered. The stal on the whole is not white but light brown (of course there is an odd exception with a couple of nice white grottos). The main chamber has the largest curtains but the steep route up into this chamber is loose.

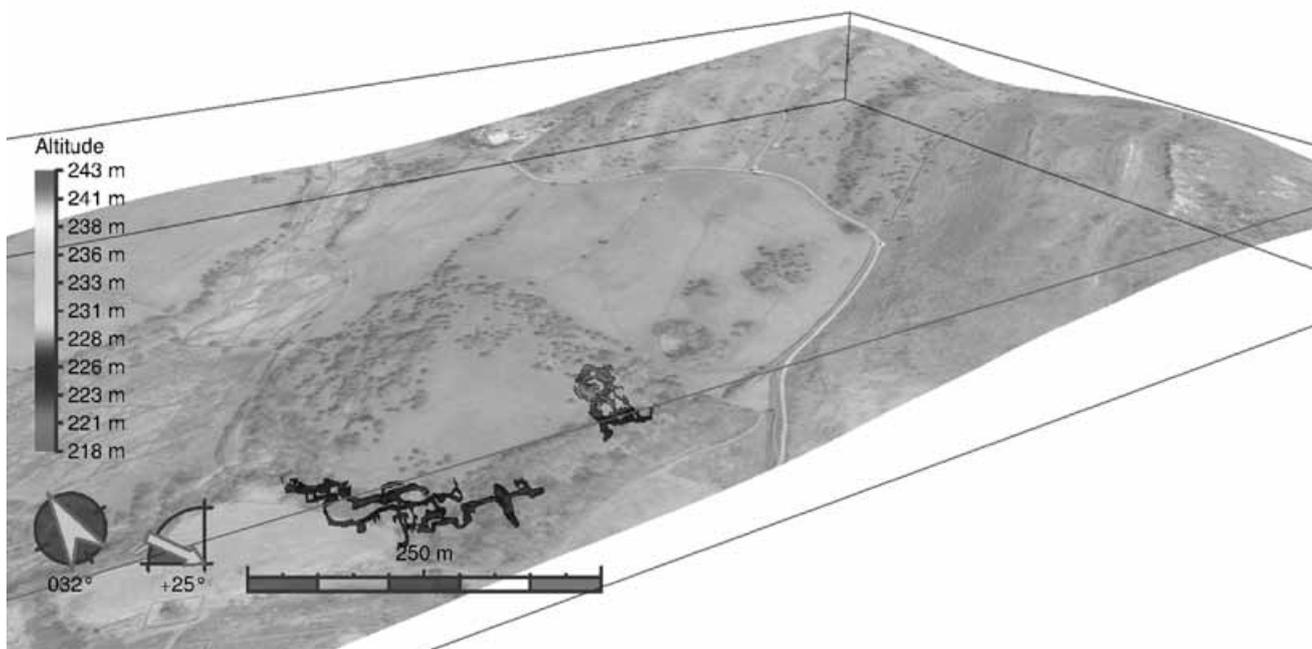
We managed to rubble several tons of boulders down in an attempt to make it a bit more stable but it still remains quite loose.

The survey shows the 330m of cave, is very interlinked and compact. It is inclined at quite an angle with several levels in most places. The prospects for further finds would probably be by trying to re-find the water. Up dip seems to be hitting surface fills at various depths.

A photo trip would be worthwhile but we were keeping quiet about the rediscovery because of the vulnerability of the formations. Some sort of obstacle in the entrance shaft is needed to reduce the chance of novices blundering all through the passages.

The area views show its relation to Llygad Llŵchwr the resurgence for the water. I have not put on the route of sump 5 between the two caves. Nearby are several more shakeholes, one of which contains another cave (Drws Nef- Heaven's Door) with 50+m of passage and a short pitch (not surveyed yet). The general trend seems to be heading up under the hill to the north east. With the beds dipping so steeply, any caves are likely to have a fair amount of breakdown. But the size of the stream must make the efforts worthwhile.

Llygad Llŵchwr 2



The plan of Llygad Llŵchwr 2 shows two high level areas offset for clarity.

Other .png files show the surface and cave relations

All images by John Stevens

Llygad Llŵchwr 2

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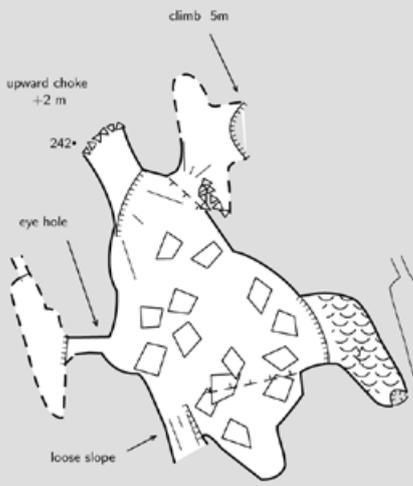
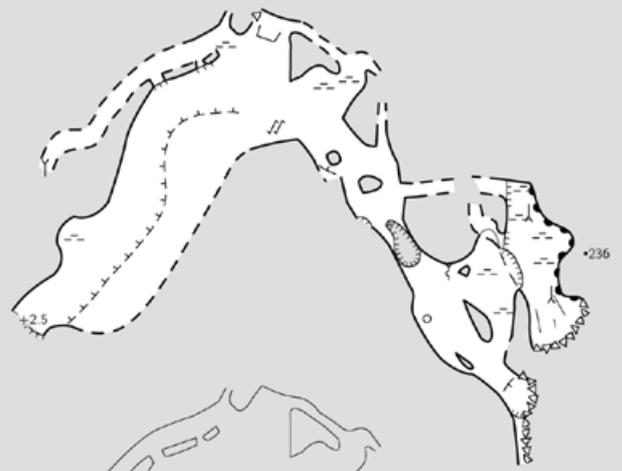
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Depth: 21 m

Surveyed by: John Stevens, Stuart France, Martin Laverty 2010

Drawn by: John Stevens 2010

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Sump 5
to Llygad Llŵchwr

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*Richard Wright in Flabergasm Oxbow, Dan yr Ogof
Photo: Steve Sharp*

Marton Armless

According to the UK Caving Forum, the Marton Arms in between Ingleton & Kingsdale has closed. Additionally, news on the Ingleton caravans is not good as an attempt to book a mature members Easter trip has failed to get any response from the owners and thoughts are that the two harsh winters has finally done for them. Hope that is not the case.

Paul Tarrant

New Chelsea T Shirt

If you'd like one of the new Chelsea T Shirts contact Lee Hawkswell (address in the CSS Address list).

Chalk board

People should not rely on this as a cave rescue callout system. It needs a notice to that effect. However, the trip information placed on this board is useful if a rescue starts up one way or another, so its use should not be discouraged. Cavers overdue and using the board are likely to be rescued if people are still around to read the board, but it is often the case that no members are left at WW in the evening to read the chalk board when cavers return late.

Ogof Capel

This is now a "leader-plus-3" cave due to thoughtless damage occurring in 2010. Stuart France and Mike Kelly have keys at home, while Paul Tarrant, John Stevens and Huw Durban are also leaders. Anyone else wishing to be a leader should contact Elsie Little (Cambrian Caving Council).



Thrube Lane Swallet dig, 1969 Photo: Maurice Hewins (WCC)

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Any member that has **BCA Insurance** via another club can deduct **£5** from the above rates but please let Peter Ward know their **BCA Insurance Number** and **Club**

Caving Insurance for 2010 £11

Pottering About on Mendip

by
John Cooper

Agen Allwedd

Saturday 29th January 2011.

I know it's not on Mendip but it was the Annual Dinner and AGM weekend! I joined Paul Tarrant on a trip to Turkey Sump. An outside temperature of -2°C meant there was a strong inward draught through the entrance. Just past the signing in book the ice formations started and for about 20-30m there was an excellent display of stalagmites and curtains. By the time we reached First Choke we were both nicely warmed up! Some bits of rope had appeared in Second Choke since my last visit (well over 10 years ago!) but I don't think they are really needed. Dropped down at the start of Key-hole Chamber rather than traversing over the top. The streamway from here to North-West Junction was much slipperier than I remember, perhaps it's not being traversed so often nowadays. From NWJ to Turkey Pool was OK but once past that it got slippery again. We tried to take the dry way to Turkey Sump but a bag containing two cylinders was nicely wedged so we removed them and took them back to the junction. Then went in the stream route to Sump 1. Took the Sump 1 bypass and splashed in Sump 2 before coming out the dry way and depositing the bag of cylinders at the foot of Pete's Café. Steady trek out completing the trip in just under 5 hours. An excellent dinner at The Bear in the evening, well done and many thanks to the organisers.

Charterhouse Cave

Saturday 5th February 2011.

Pete Hann (Wessex CC), Ali Moody (Wessex CC), Mark Tringham (UBSS) and self. Clearing spoil from last weekend's bang, drilling some more holes then demolishing them. 5½ hours.

Saturday 12th February 2011.

Pete Hann, Ali Moody, Naomi Sharp (Wessex CC) and self. Clearing spoil from the last bang, drilling some more holes then demolishing them. 5 hours.

Saturday 19th February 2011.

Pete Hann, Ali Moody, Adrian Vanderplank

(Wessex CC) and self. Clearing spoil from the last bang, drilling some more holes then demolishing them. 5¼ hours.

Saturday 26th February 2011.

Andrew Atkinson (UBSS), Pete Hann, Murray Knapp (Wessex CC) and self. Clearing spoil from the last bang, drilling some more holes then demolishing them. 3½ hours.

Swildon's Hole

Sunday 6th February 2011.

John Cooper & Barry Weaver went and peered down the Black Hole.

Sunday 20th February 2011.

John Cooper & Barry Weaver went to Sump 2.



*Clearing up after the floods.
Cheddar Gorge, 1968
Photo: Brian Prewer*



*The Hunters' Lodge, Priddy, 1946
Photo: Howard Kenny*

Both images from the MCRA Photo Archive

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Meets List 2011

This is an outline of the meets for this year.

19th March

CSS Western Section Dinner

Hunters Priddy – Organiser: Roy Musgrove

26th March Whitewalls

Caving during day at **Llygad Lluchwr I** & the newly opened **LL2** [Wetsuits advisable].

Cheese & Wine Party in the evening

Organisers: Paul Tarrant & Stuart France

22nd April Whitewalls

Easter Bank Holiday

Local caving to include **Bridge Cave,**

Little Neath River Cave.

Work on Whitewalls and the Library

Organiser: Paul Tarrant & Anne Northover

27th May Whitewalls

Bank Holiday weekend

Pant Mawr Pot which involves a 45 minute walk

in and 20 m entrance shaft

Organiser: Paul Tarrant

17th June Mendip

Caves to be confirmed but

possibly **St. Cuthberts Swallet**

Staying at the Wessex with BBQ on Saturday night

Organiser Jackie Ankerman

2nd July Whitewalls

Summer BBQ weekend

[Note the change of date so as to avoid Glastonbury W/E]

Dan Yr Ogof [BCA Insurance needed] and or **OFDI**

Messrs France & Tarrant will be your leaders.

30th July Whitewalls

Local Caving

3rd September Kayaking

on the Wye

Organiser: Mel Reid

24th September Hidden Earth

Caving Conference – south Wales

1st October Whitewalls

Black Mountain Caves

Ogof Pasg & Ogof Foel Fawr

Organiser: Paul Tarrant

5th November Whitewalls

Bonfire weekend

3rd December Whitewalls

Curry Night

Organiser: Stuart France

30th December Whitewalls

New Year Celebrations

28th January 2012 Whitewalls

Annual Dinner and AGM Weekend.

Note that we will try and obtain a booking to the superb

Pool Park shaft on Minera Mountain near to Llangollen

in north Wales. Access is arranged through North Wales

Caving Club who set up a winch for the 140m deep

shaft which gives access to interesting mine workings

and natural cave. Details will be entered here.

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*James Toogood enjoying the pleasures of The Vice, Daren Cilau
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