



Mendip Caving Group Newsletter

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Due to overwhelming demand, well total apathy really but here just the same is the number one issue of the MCG local newsletter. Hopefully it will provide up to date information on what's going on locally. It nearly did not get published at all. I was looking out of the window and well, I did not like the look of the clouds!

Past Events

North Wales 21 06 88
John, Steve, Brian, Linda, Jill, Mark, Vee, Tav, Jen.

Tai Newyddion Near Bethesda

Stayed in North West Wales to go caving in North East Wales, strange. Very enjoyable and interesting trip to Ogof Hesp Alyn and Poachers Cave even though John spent most of the time in Chester. Sunday spent walking in splendid weather although Mark tried to put us off with a Michael Fish in reverse. Then back home to practice with my broom handle.

A full account of this weekend (by Jill) will appear in the club newsletter.

Forthcoming Events

09 07 88
Wessex Challenge Chariot Race
Has anyone got a spare chariot lying around?

10 07 88
Champagne and strawberries at the '40'. Invitations will be circulated shortly (£2.00 each).

22 07 88 & 29 07 88
South Wales Meets

The following is from the Log for June '88. You will see it takes up more space than the total of new passage found during the same period.

Battery Swallet 04 06 88
Brian, John B, Mark, Steve, Vee.

On arriving at the scene we discovered a hole with about 4' of water, which we spent 2 hours baling behind mud dams. We then gave up, broke all the dams and left 4' of water in the bottom. In fact it was a complete waste of 2 hours. A dry spell must be waited for and taken advantage of!

P.S. John, I've written something. Brian M.

Bone Hole 05 06 88
Steve, John B, Aubrey Newport, Zippy.

Aubrey laid a charge in the Rift Dig to persuade large boulders to move. Retired to foot of ladder where bang was successfully detonated. On wednesday we shall see what progress has been made.

Steve R.

Upper Flood 08 06 88
 Vince, John B, Dave.
 First trip in Upper Flood for Dave. Primarily a trip to see what success the bangs had.....answer NONE. One charge not detonated, and the other not much use, some fumes in latter. M.H. informed that charge hadn't gone off Vince S.

Upper Flood 11 06 88
 Mike H, and others
 After last Saturdays misfire, Andy went in on Sunday to rewire and detonate. He reorted one loud and one quiet bang. In Wednesday John B. and others investigated and found charge in wet dig unexploded. They exited and reported misfire to me. I have just returned from cave after successfully setting off charge. The first misfire was due to poor battery condition in my explosion box. The second part misfire was due to wet getting into cordtex A section of ledge in the dry dig has been partly fragmented. The rest may yield to crowbar. Mike H.

Battery Swallet 15 06 88
 Brian John B, Steve, Keith, Steve R, Steph
 Grovelled around for another "foot" of passage. A bang is essential for easier access. Best part is Duncan's hospitality. Brian M.

Battery Swallet 18 06 88
 Brian, John B, Steve, Aubrey Newport.
 Banged constriction on right. Told jokes for 1.5 hr whilst fumes cleared. Sent Steve in to act as canary.....10/10. Removed spoil. Set second charge in RH wall which went off after THIRD attempt. Aubrey is not impressed! John B.

Battery Swallet 22 06 88
 Vince, Steve R, Steve W, Dave, Steph (injured).
 Removed Saturday's bang spoil and won another couple of feet of passage. Another bang booked for Friday. Steve R.

Bone Hole 22 06 88
 John B, John L, Brian.
 Another excavation trip. It really needs 4-5 people as we nearly walled ourselves in! Nice fresh draught but another boulder has appeared in the floor and needs chemical persuasion. Left hand wall is belling out nicely. John B.

Battery Swallet 24 06 88
 John B, Aubrey
 Waited for haymakers to go and banged the end
 Bone Hole
 No haymakers here so 1/2 sausage used inbetween 2 solid rocks. Pretty good draught as we were chased out by fumes! John B.

Battery Swallet 25 06 88
 Brian, John B, Steve.
 Last night's bang made quite an impression, too much in fact. The passage sides and roof are very loose. We managed to stabilize most of it, but more needs bringing down. At the end of the passage dips down into a muddy pool. Thank God I'm on holiday for the next 3 weeks! Brian M.

CAUTION The boulder ruckle below Great Chamber in GB is on the move. Use only the far way up from Bat Passage. This report from UBSS.