

# Cambrian Caving Council

## NEWSLETTER APRIL/MAY 2002

NO. 1/ 2002-1

### NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

This is a short Newsletter; the main part of this mailing is the AGM minutes and officers reports. There are only a few items of news. One of those pieces of news is: -

Both West Brecon Cave Rescue Team and the Gwent Cave Rescue Team have received Sports Safety Grants from the Sports Council for Wales. Both teams applied for funding to replace equipment, this included rope, VHF radios and first aid training equipment.

### Hanger Spot

- Bob Hall and Adrian Fawcett progressed with Eco-anchor placement in Pwll Dwfn. A rigging guide for Pwll Dwfn will be circulated with a Newsletter soon.
- The CCC executive has not forgotten that rigging guides have been promised for other caves in Wales where eco-anchors have been placed.

### OVERSEAS EXPEDITIONS

Two of this year's overseas expeditions have taken place.

#### Expedition to Belize

Alan Braybrooke, Gary Evans, Toby Dryden and others spent three weeks over Easter in Belize aiming to continue the work completed last year. Unfortunately, major storms in this area since the last visit hampered their efforts to find and locate caves. Most paths and tracks had been blocked by fallen trees, etc. More details of their trip will follow in a future newsletter.

#### Expedition to China

Ben Lovett and Claire have returned from China explore new areas of karst for caves. No mega finds, again a report will follow in a later Newsletter.

### Annual Subscriptions

The following CCC subscriptions apply for Mar 2002 to Mar 2003: -

<b>Club membership of Cambrian Caving Council (this includes Newsletter)</b>	<b>£9</b>
<b>Club Membership of National Caving Association</b>	<b>£12</b>
<b>Newsletter only</b>	<b>£4</b>

For those that have not paid a form was included with the last Newsletter.

## CCC/NCA/BCRA Meetings and Events

14-16 <sup>th</sup> June 2002	Mendip Caving 2002, Priddy, Somerset
5-8 <sup>th</sup> July 2002	NAMHO 2002 Conference, University of Wales, Aberystwyth; full details in Speleo Scene, Jan-March 2002.
13-14 <sup>th</sup> July 2002	RESCON 2002, Derbyshire
7 <sup>th</sup> or 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2002	CCC General Meeting, Forest of Dean
27-29 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2002	Hidden Earth 2002 at Monmouth Leisure Centre and Community School.

## Useful Website Addresses

- [www.nca.org.uk](http://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.Hidden-Earth.org.uk](http://www.Hidden-Earth.org.uk) - Details of conference to be held at Monmouth, Sept 2002.
- [www.caving.org.uk](http://www.caving.org.uk) - National website with various links and reports.

## CAMBRIAN CAVING COUNCIL CONTACT DETAILS

Chairman: -	Mr R O Clarke (Owen) Tel. 01495 773175 e-mail <a href="mailto:owen.clarke@welshcdg.org">owen.clarke@welshcdg.org</a> 11, Pentwyn Heights, Abersychan, Pontypool, Gwent, NP4 7TN
Secretary:-	Miss S A Mabbett (Sue) Tel. 029 20844558 e-mail <a href="mailto:suemabbett@hotmail.com">suemabbett@hotmail.com</a> 2, Garth Close Morganstown Cardiff, CF15 8LF
Treasurer :-	Mr C Owen (Clive) Tel. 01179 732433 e-mail <a href="mailto:cliveowen@tesco.net">cliveowen@tesco.net</a> 17, Normanton Road, Clifton, Bristol, BS8 2TY
Conservation & Access Officer	Mrs E Little (Elsie) Tel 01639 730331 e-mail <a href="mailto:elsie@abercrave.fsnet.co.uk">elsie@abercrave.fsnet.co.uk</a> Hennoyadd Villa, Hennoyadd Road, Abercraf, Swansea, SA9 1VR
Equipment Officer	Mr M Peck (Martin) Tel. 01865 376442 e-mail <a href="mailto:martin@mpeck.co.uk">martin@mpeck.co.uk</a> 116, Rutten Lane, Yarnton, Kidlington, Oxford, OX5 1LS
Training Officer	Mr E Hoole (Eric) Tel. 01497 847400 e-mail <a href="mailto:c/o_Joyce@powys.gov.uk">c/o_Joyce@powys.gov.uk</a> 3, Gwernyfed Ave, Three Cocks, Brecon, Powys, LD3 0RT

Sue Mabbett  
4<sup>th</sup> June 02