



# British Cave Rescue Council

The representative body for voluntary underground rescue in the British Isles

## Cave Rescue Conference 2017

Friday 16 to Sunday 18 June 2017

*“Pro iis in periculo subterraneo - For those in peril underground – Er budd y sawl mewn perygl o dan y ddaear”*

Conference organisation and host:	Location:
The logo of the South and Mid Wales Cave Rescue Team, featuring a red dragon in the center, surrounded by the text 'SOUTH AND MID WALES CAVE RESCUE TEAM' at the top and 'ACHUB OGOFAU' at the bottom. Below the dragon, the words 'CAVE RESCUE' are written in large red letters, with a white cross below them.	<p>South Wales Caving Club HQ, 1-10 Powell Street, Penwyllt, Pen-y-Cae, Swansea, SA9 1GQ South Wales</p> <p>Accommodation will be available in the SWCC Penwyllt cottages, the camping field for tents, and with parking available for camper vans.</p>

### Outline programme:

#### *Friday evening*

- Arrivals and registration from 16:00h; soup and sandwich supper; real ale and cider bar and general mixer event.

#### *Morning plenary talks*

#### *Saturday*

- Official opening by Chris Davies MP, welcome from BCRC and SMWCRT chairmen.
- Latest news on voluntary SAR and the Police (Dep Chief Constable Gareth Pritchard), Advanced First Aid Training (Gary Evans and Brendan Sloan) and SARCALL (Jon Whiteley).
- Latest developments on SAR Helicopters (Dougie MacDonald, MCA/ Clark Broad, Bristows), CaveLink (Felix Ziegler) and Cave Diving Rescue kit (CDG).

#### *Sunday*

- Social media and cave rescue - salutary lessons (Toby Hamnett)
- Challenges facing cave rescue in the UK (Bill Whitehouse)

## ***Afternoon Training Workshops and Demonstrations***

### ***Saturday and Sunday (opportunities to participate in a wide variety of activities)***

- Above-ground training workshops on casualty care, Nicola 3 radio upgrades, cave diving rescue, peer review of cave rescue teams, CaveLink, tours of SMWCRT Rescue Depot and LandRover, practical demonstration in safe and effective use of cordless drills in cave rescue and Larkin Frame deployment.
- Underground demonstrations and QA sessions in Ogof Ffynnon Ddu on CaveLink aerial configuration methods to achieve a 'good earth', rigging for vertical stretcher haul – stretcher level, upright and safe transitions, gas detection, medical effects and appropriate actions.

### ***Sunday additional activities***

- Rescue Kit Forum (Ali Garman and Lyon Equipment).
- Safe streamway rescue techniques and radio communications – Nicola 3.
- Underground medical scenario for advanced first aiders (Brendan Sloan and Gary Evans).
- Cave rescue team stretcher race - time trial over obstacle course.

### ***Saturday evening - Conference Meal and Social Event***

- Hog roast, Rugby club bar and guest speaker in Cathedral Cave, Dan yr Ogof Show Cave (kind permission of Ashford Price).
- SWCC bar and social until late.

***Registration is now open and details on fees and payment are available at:***

**<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/bcrc-cave-rescue-conference-2017-tickets-32619303214>**

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