

NEWSLETTER OF THE



October, 2010

COVER PHOTOGRAPH

Don Smith and Edric Roberts in Penmorfa. Taken from the GOES archives, date unknown.

TEMPORARY EXHIBITION

As well as a few pictures on display in the Rest and Be Thankful Café, the Seahorse Restaurant on Church Walks, Llandudno, is also currently displaying a selection of GOES's large framed prints. They are on the walls next to the toilets, so something to look at if you find yourself waiting in a queue.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

The GOES Christmas dinner will be held in the Seahorse Restaurant, Church Walks, Llandudno. It will take place on Friday 26th November, meeting at 7.30 pm, for a meal at 8 pm. A sample menu is shown on the following page. The menu changes regularly, but most of the meat dishes will remain the same as this sample. The fish courses will depend entirely on what has been caught on the day. Because of this, there is no need for you to make your choice beforehand and all orders will be taken on the night. If you would like to attend, then please send your payment **before 19th November** (see menu for prices) to Stephen J Lea, GOES Treasurer, 5 Nant yr Efail, Glan Conwy, LL28 5DR. Cheques should be made out to 'Great Orme Exploration Society Ltd'.

SUMMER WALKS 2010

Once again the GOES summer programme of walks was well attended. Thirteen walks were accomplished and only one had to be cancelled. On the whole the weather was kind to us, but it should be noted that whatever the weather, our gallant band were up for it. Brian Edwards did a great job organising them all, and he would like to thank all those who attended and especially Tom Parry, whose local knowledge made the walks all the more memorable.

ARCHIVES

Steve Lea and Tony Davies have scanned most of all the GOES Journals ever produced, and saved them as PDF files. They will appear on the web site soon, and will be available for download. Missing Journals are being tracked down, so will be added to the web site at a later date.

The GOES archives are currently being scanned ready to be catalogued, and added to the web site in the future for all to access.

SUBSCRIPTIONS 2011

Membership will be due for renewal from the 1st January 2011. Please find attached a membership form which should be filled in and returned, along with your payment, to Steve Lea at the address on the form.

2010 has seen several new members join. Welcome to the club Richie, Les, Debbie, Abigail and Jordan.

TY GWYN

Several visits to the Ty Gwyn were made this year. Although attempts were made to drive scaffold poles through the blockage at the far end of the main adit, the long hoped for link between Ty Gwyn and the Tyn-y-Fron Shaft still hasn't materialized.

The tunnel under Church Walks has been excavated a few more metres and a simple apparatus constructed recording the maximum water level in the approach passage. Oxygen levels were tested, after fears of bad air, but all was OK. Various groups have been given a guided tour, including the Round Table and the Phoenix Club.

ROMANS

Romans has seen a significant discovery in 'Location 2' (through the main stope, drop down a rope to the passage and carry on to the crawl area), with new passageway and stoping found. A couple of visits have been made to the foot of Treweeks Shaft exploring the areas around Basecamp. On May 20th North Wales Cave Rescue ran a training and familiarization exercise in the system, with a 'casualty' stretched out from the Big Stope. Then in August Clwb Dringo Porthmadog were given a guided trip.

PENMORFA

In Penmorfa much activity has recently been centred on an area accessed from Pinnacle Chamber beyond a 'door' type feature. A blocked shaft has been opened up revealing a lost level and digging through infill nearby led into 'Gaz's bag drop' providing a direct route to the ore wagon in Rift 2. The isolated section of Rift 3 tramming level, found by abseil in 2001, has finally been connected up through a barrel at adit level.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Skeletons cave, on the Orme, was revisited in the summer after many years absence. A lesser Horseshoe bat had taken up temporary residence and the cave floor was strewn with litter. There have also been several 'off Orme' trips to various locations.

The GOES exhibition, consisting of colourful 25th anniversary banners, stunning photographs, and mine plans, was invited to the Great Orme Country Park's 30th birthday celebrations on June 6th, sharing a large marquee with other interested bodies. The displays were out again for the Llandudno Fun Day at Bodafon Fields on August 15th.



**The Seahorse Seafood Bistro and Restaurant
7 Church Walks, Llandudno LL30 2HD**

Three course menu at **£28.50**, two courses at **£24.50** and one course (main only) at **£18.95**. Minimum cover charge **£18.95**.

Don and Gill Hadwin and all the staff wish you an enjoyable evening.
Sit back, relax and enjoy.

TO START

Spicy Thai style salad of pan-fried fillet of beef with chillies, sweet soy and coriander on marinated bean sprouts.

Grilled goats cheese served on a pesto crouton, topped with caramelised red onion.

Cream garlic mushrooms served with dressed salad leaves and a slice of our crusty home-baked bread.

A luxurious salad of cold poached salmon and shrimps finished with pink mayonnaise.

Creamy smoked haddock chowder.

Vietnamese fishcakes with pickled cucumber and hot and sour sauce.

Smooth chicken liver pate with fresh leaves and cumberland sauce.

Fish terrine of tuna and swordfish with a sweet lemon and lime dressing.

Local mussels steamed in white wine, garlic and herbs and finished in cream.

Chorizo and crayfish risotto served with fresh leaves.

MAIN COURSES

Best end of lamb served with a rosemary and redcurrant jus.

Fillet of beef topped with melting St. Agur and served with a rich wine and whisky sauce flavoured with crushed black peppercorns. (£2.50 supplement)

Pan-fried Gressingham duck breast served with a sweet Thai plum sauce.

Chicken peri peri style - pan fried chicken breast served with a cream chilli, lemon and garlic sauce and wedge of lemon.

Sun dried tomato risotto with mushrooms and asparagus.

Baked hake & crab, topped with thermidor sauce.

Monkfish wrapped in Parma ham on a creamy sun-dried tomato risotto.

Seafood linguine - 1/2 local lobster and mussels with tiger prawns in a white wine, herb and cream sauce. (£3.00 supplement)

Grilled fillet of seabass served with garlic butter and prawns.

Grilled halibut served with lemon and saffron sauce.

Whole local crab baked in garlic butter and topped with a cheese and herb crumb.

T-Bone steak served with sauce of your choice.

All main courses served with either a selection of fresh vegetables or French fries.
(Extra portion of French fries £2.00)

Service charge is not included and left to guest's discretion.

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PHOTO ALBUM



Angela in the newly discovered tramping adit, Penmorfa. Note the holes in the false floor. October 2010



Cave Rescue, 'casualty' about to be z-rig hauled up Romans shaft



Summer walk to the Little Orme. July 2010



Roger and Tom enjoying a GOES outing on the toboggan. September 2010

