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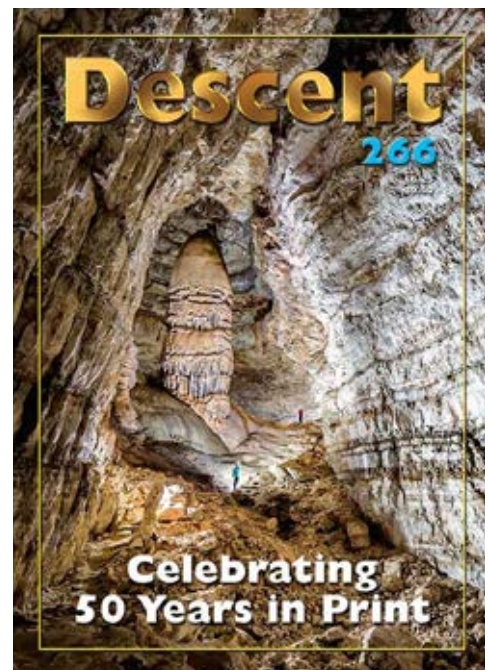
Welcome to the first *Descent* newsletter from Wild Places Publishing. If this comes as a surprise, because you signed up to receive an occasional e-mail years ago, our apologies. When the former website was established in 2014, we expected to send news of the next *Descent* or any urgent notices, as well as subscription reminders, roughly every other month. However, the software did not wish to be friendly and no newsletter was ever sent out ... until now.

With our new website up and running in new software, we finally have the ability to make contact by email, which is likely to be every other month at some time before an issue of *Descent* is published. Equally, we absolutely have no desire to send e-mails that you simply do not wish to receive and you are able to unsubscribe at any time through your account on the Wild Places website. Please note that we are using the services of Mailchimp to send this newsletter, which always includes an unsubscribe link at the end. Using this would remove you from our Mailchimp list, but as we will use your account settings to generate a new list for any future newsletter mailing, if you wish to unsubscribe it is important that you uncheck your subscription on the website instead. Other than that, we'll see how this goes.

Work on the next edition of *Descent* is well advanced, as seems fitting in this anniversary year of publication. You might recall that the magazine first reached covers in 1969 and here we are, fifty years down the line. If you missed the February issue, it was something special with extra pages and a large, free, double-sided poster. Both have drawn plenty of praise.

The coming issue has a plethora of articles unique to *Descent*, from winter digging and new rigging in the Dales to cave diving in the Canary Islands and the surprise of a hitherto undocumented caving region that is about to see publication of a new guidebook. Add in all the news pages, as well as reviews of books and caving boots, and this isn't an issue to miss.

If your subscription has lapsed, do pay us a visit and renew it (or, of course, take out a new one for yourself or a friend as a gift). The final issue you will receive is always printed on your address slip. And if you renew soon, it helps us save the cost of the usual reminder sent in the post ... and thereby helps to keep prices down. Oh, and renewing now also avoids any increase in the subscription rate which almost inevitably follows another year of paper costs rising, let alone the Royal Mail large increases in postage charges coming at the end of this month.



Before signing off, it is worth mentioning that, somewhat unusually, this year we still have a few 2019 calendars left unsold, so if you still fancy one of these superb *Underground Worlds* publications, given that two months have passed by we have these on offer if you use your newsletter subscriber discount code UW33 (but be aware there are not many left, and this is a time-limited offer).



*Descent* is still written entirely by cavers, produced by cavers and read by cavers ... everywhere.

Best wishes  
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