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## **Descent Newsletter (11)**

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**WORK** on the forthcoming October edition of *Descent* is nearing the point where it goes to print, bringing a huge volume of news about successful digs around the UK as well as some very varied articles. This will be another issue not to miss. Thanks go to all our readers and the many cavers who have sent in reports and articles (of which we have a backlog, as ever).

The August edition has been available for some time, of course, with articles on identifying risks of flooding, caving in the 1950s, how to repair broken stal and a competition to win a Petzl Boreo Caving helmet (the winner is announced in the October edition). If you haven't [renewed your subscription](#) or seen a copy yet, now is the time! It does help us when renewals are made early, as this enables us to send out mail using our contract post rather than late issues that are handled individually, and it all takes time.



Aside from the continuing hugely successful sales of Dave Gill's [Journeys Beneath the Earth](#) and [More Journeys Beneath the Earth](#), John Volanthen's [Thirteen Lessons that Saved Thirteen Lives](#) and Rick Stanton's [Aquanaut](#) have proved immensely popular. In our previous newsletter we mentioned having been forced to reorder four times ... now five ... so don't miss these great reads.



We have also just taken delivery of the [2022 Underground Worlds calendar](#), which seemed tough and go for a while. This is produced by cavers in Germany and, now that the UK is no longer part of the EU, bringing the calendar into the UK entailed entering the world of customs and border checks. But, we have a limited stock and, unlike previous years when we have topped up the order if there was enough demand, this year with fixed costs as well as tax applied to the shipment, this will not happen. After ten years absorbing increases and maintaining the same price, we regret that we have been forced to increase this to £16.50 – that's still excellent value and includes UK postage and packing. The simple message is, don't leave your order until it is too late (every year, we disappoint some cavers ...).

This newsletter opened with mention of the August edition of *Descent* having been available for some time now. That is not strictly true, as overseas readers will realise. We have tried to keep all our international subscribers in the loop with our distribution problems, so if you have not heard from us by email please make contact so that we can add you to our mailings.

The good news is that as of last week, all our international copies have now been despatched (hence, for some, late for the first time in more than two decades). This does not mean that a solution to every problem has been found (far from it), but it does represent a small step in the right direction. Expect to read a rare (and long) editorial in the October edition about what has happened with *Descent* over recent months, of the changes that are coming or already here, and thanks for bearing with us.

Stay in touch and we hope you will look forward to receiving the next *Descent*.

Best wishes from  
Chris & Judith

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