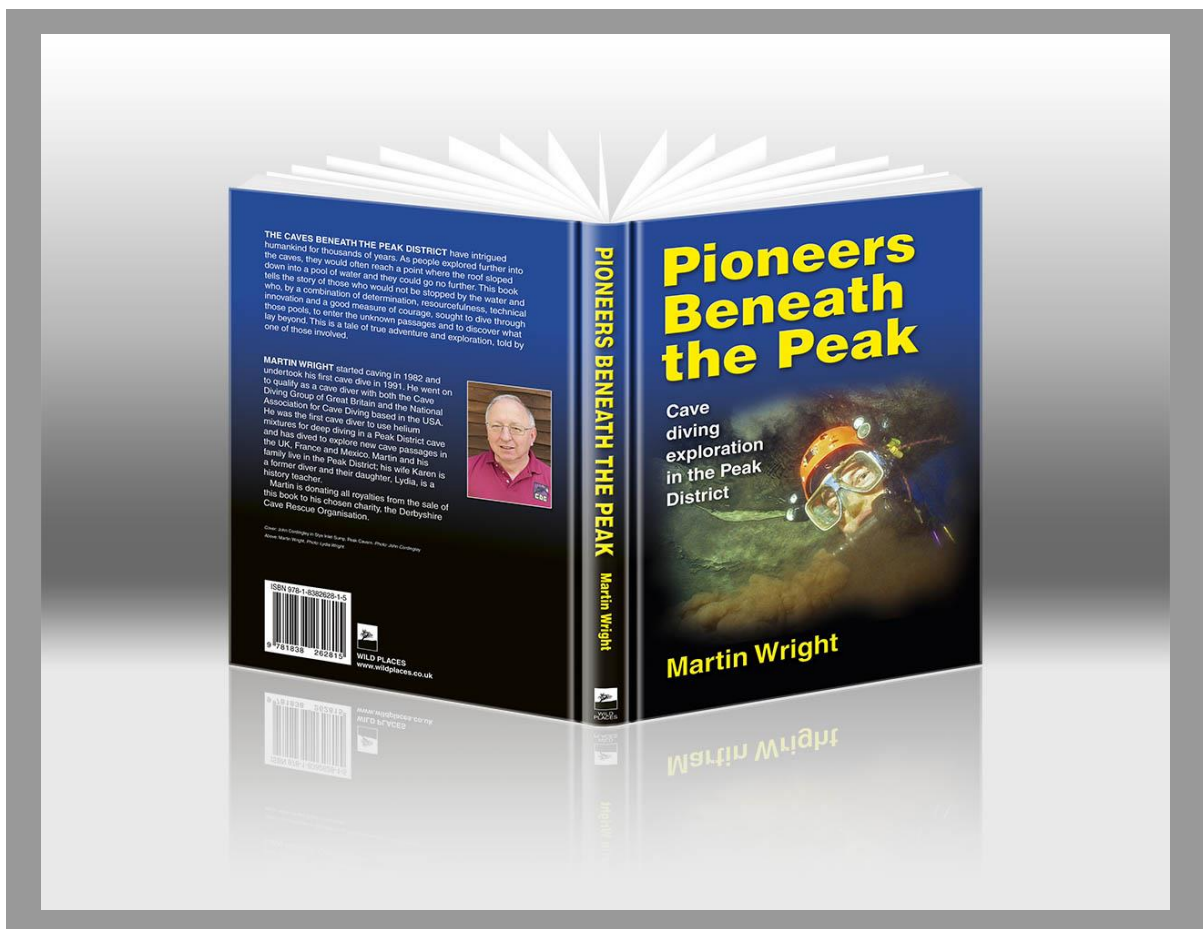




Wild Places Publishing

Newsletter (20), 31 August 2023

Welcome to our 20th newsletter - it's been a while since we last made contact, which was way back in November 2022 after we had passed on the reins of publishing *Descent* to [Stalactite Publishing](#). We said we would be moving more towards publishing books, but since then Judith and I have been kept busy with seemingly everything imaginable on the personal front and, more to the point, we've been working on our first new title. These things take time ...



[**Pioneers Beneath the Peak**](#) by Martin Wright concerns exploration by cave diving within the Peak District. This is the story of those who would not be

stopped when water reached the roof of the passage and who, by a combination of determination, resourcefulness, technical innovation and a good measure of courage, sought to dive through those pools, to enter the unknown. This is a tale of true adventure and exploration, told by one of those involved. Martin is donating his royalties and all profits to the Derbyshire Cave Rescue Organisation.

We have been taking advance orders for the past few weeks, with both hardback and softback options. There's more information online by [following this link](#), but note that the hardback has a limited print run. The great news is that the book is now in stock, so advance orders (and new ones) are scheduled to be posted next week. As they say, don't delay in placing an order, or see us at Hidden Earth. Martin will be available to sign copies.

This message also comes with an apology. Our website behaved normally throughout August, *except* that it would not accept orders! This aberrant behaviour was not spotted while we were away during the period that the book was being printed. If you tried to order *Pioneers* and failed, the site is working again now.



As our regular customers know, we make the [Underground Worlds](#) calendar available in the UK (and further afield). The 2024 edition is already in stock and, as usual, has a limited supply (every year we sell out and every year someone makes direct contact seeking a copy, but too late - so again, don't delay if you would like a copy ... or see us at Hidden Earth). The photos from around the world are particularly fine this year.

We are also clearing our old stock of *Descent* [T-shirts](#) on the basis of two-for-one as our 'summer sale' continues, and there are still some *Descent* [mugs](#) available.

Thanks for reading and we hope to see you soon in person, if not online.
Best wishes
Chris & Judith

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