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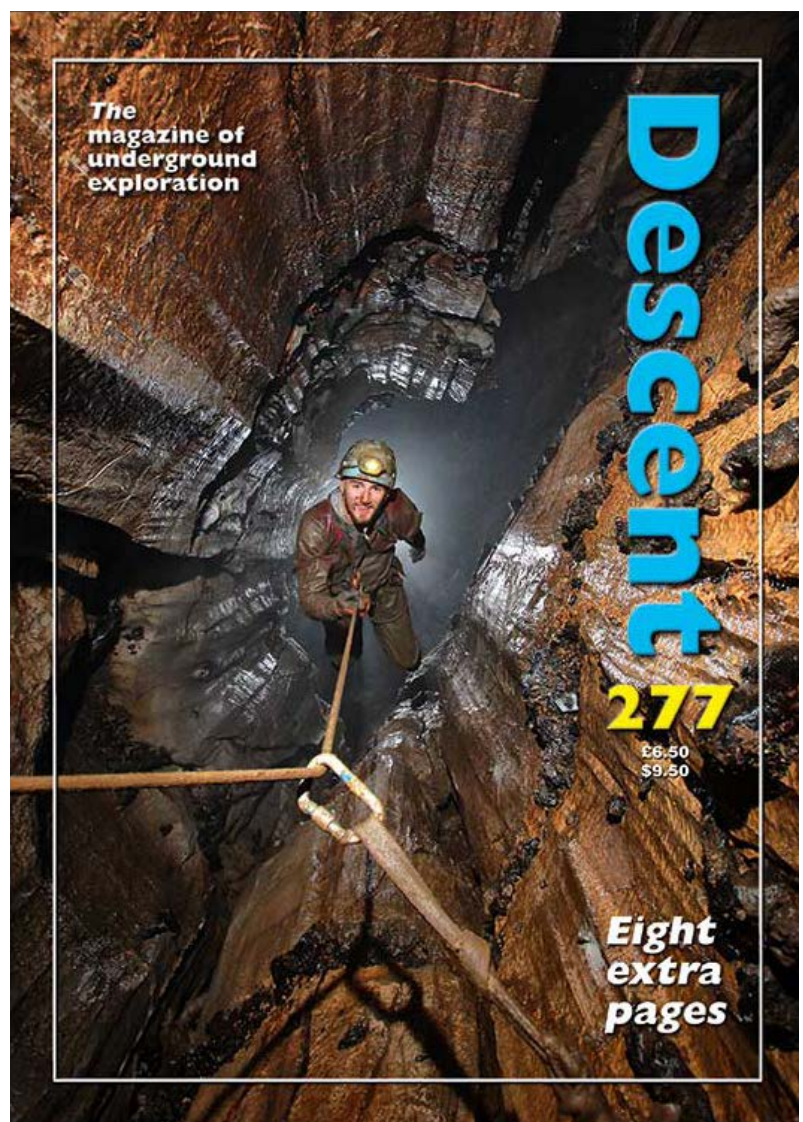
Welcome to the sixth newsletter from *Descent* and Wild Places Publishing ... and at that, it's been a long time since the fifth.

So much has happened since then – caving has been curtailed with the pandemic of course, but *Descent* has managed to keep to a normal publishing schedule with an issue every other month. That has not always been easy: cavers have continued to explore and write, even in limited ways during lockdowns, but problems with production were rife. Our normal printer lacked enough work or staff and therefore was forced to shut its doors, so we are using a sister company to print *Descent*.

Other problems arose with the website. You may recall reading in the current *Descent* that we have new software throughout the Wild Places site, which turned out to have many, many bugs that required finding solutions before we went online with it. That's now been done, with the advantages of not only an inherently higher grade of security, but also that this newsletter has been produced without requiring an outside service. We always said these newsletters would be 'occasional', but it was intended that they would go out roughly every other month ... not after a gap of over a year. Let us hope that the new system will continue to run this well.

If receiving this newsletter was truly a surprise and you wish to cancel your subscription (and no, we still don't intend to send more than one every couple of months, if that), the links to remove yourself from the list are at the bottom of this newsletter (though obviously, we hope you'll stay with us), or head for your account.

As this newsletter goes out, the December edition (issue 277) of *Descent* is current but we are well into the intensive schedule for producing the next issue, for February. We've gained a lot of feedback, all good, for the past year's publications and we hope you will continue to enjoy the read. Of course, if you don't subscribe or the need to renew has slipped your mind,

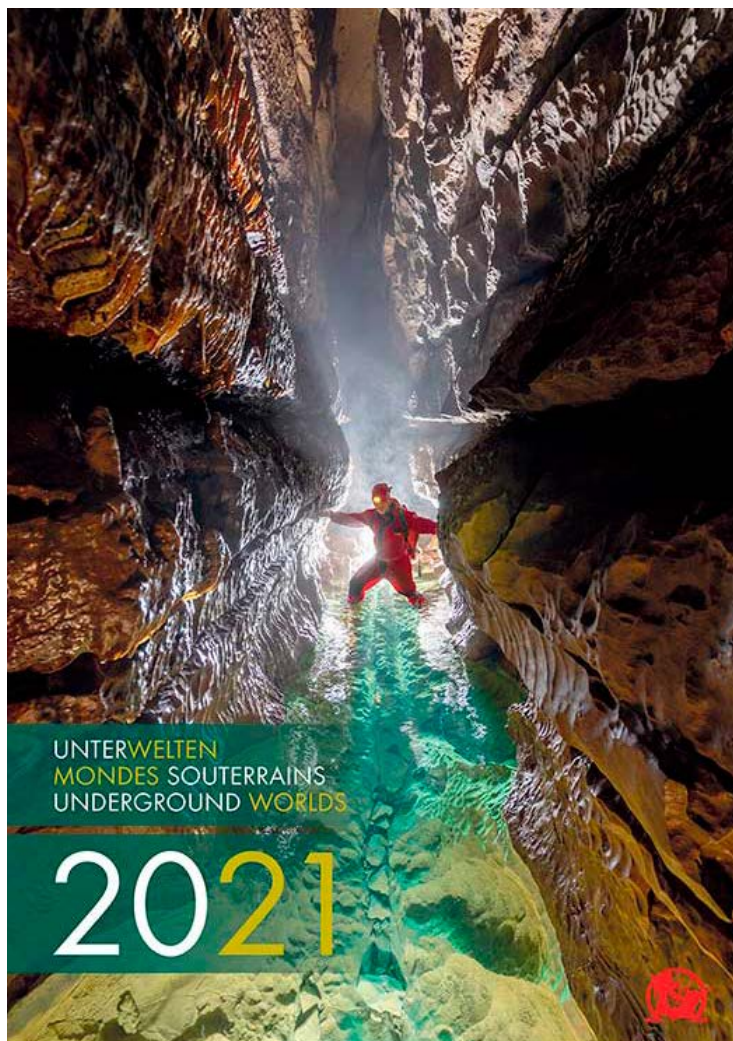


you know what to do. If the latter applies and you're fast off the mark in renewing, it will save us the cost and time in posting out reminders.

The *Underground Worlds* calendar for 2021 proved extremely popular this year and it sold out early on. We ordered more and waited, and waited, and eventually the courier reported ... delivered, but not to us. We ordered more, then the first batch turned up, most of which were allocated. The second batch, well ... that's somewhere en route from Germany (where the calendars are printed) in some heap or other on the other side of the Brexit channel. Most calendars we received were allocated, but at the time of writing two were left over ... so if you still want one, don't delay. :-)

With that, we wish you a much better 2021 than was 2020: that's great caving for you and your friends, in a safer environment we hope.

Best wishes from Chris & Judith at *Descent*



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