

CAMBRIA CAT CLUB

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NEWSLETTER - AUTUMN 2008

Dear Member,

Firstly, the Cambria Cat Club Committee thanks you for your ongoing support as a member of the Club.

During this year, a number of changes have taken place with the Club, and as a Committee, we thought that a Newsletter would be a good way of bringing members up to date.

Back in the summer, Margret and Tony Horrobin took the decision to step down from all duties connected to our Club. This was for personal reasons and to free up their time for other interests and a less pressured role helping other Cat Clubs. As you will be aware, Margret and Tony played major roles in the Cambria Cat Club – they were significant Committee members as well as the Show Managers, and they are a great loss to the Club. They worked very hard for many years and are much missed.

As a result, the remaining Committee members had a hard act to follow and are still working to fill the huge gap they left. New members of the Committee and Co-Opted members were immediately introduced, and the Committee is forming into a strong team with a wealth of experience to work on your behalf to provide the functions any Club member hopes for. The Committee is now as follows:

President: George Marshall

Chairman: Angela Evans

Secretary: Jackie Steele

Treasurer/Membership Secretary: Ken Williams

Welfare: Linda Burton

Committee: Yve Crook, Lyn Hudson, Sandra Humphreys, Clare Lewis, Averil Rawsthorne, Ann Stubbs, Charis White

A main issue over the last two years has been the lack of an annual Show for Club members and friends. The Cambria show has always been an extremely popular show. Many of you will know that the venue at Newport is currently unsuitable because of the massive amount of local development, changed road schemes, etc and whilst the venue remains as it was, at present there is no parking suitable for a show and access is difficult. Extensive research was carried out during this time to locate an alternative venue in the area but without success.

Because of this, we have taken the decision to hold the 2009 show at the Thornbury Leisure Centre, close to the M4 and M5, and it will be held on **10th October 2009**.

This is a well known and popular venue for cat shows, with easy access from all directions. The venue has two good-sized halls and our show will be in the one which is less well known, but equally suitable. As a Committee we felt that holding a show after a gap of two years was essential, but we hope that the Club's show will be able to return to Wales sooner rather than later.

We have chosen a new Show Management team, Elaine and John Robinson and their daughter Lisa Talboys and they know how anxious we are to hold our Show in Wales. As a compensation to fully paid-up Cambria Cat Club members living on the Welsh side of the Severn Bridge, the bridge toll will be reimbursed as part of the show entry package (details to be published at a later date). They are also working hard to locate a Welsh venue for the Show for future years.

The team has other plans to make the 2009 Cambria Show really special - it will be the Club's 25th Anniversary Show. Those of you who have entered their other shows will know that they have an endless supply of good ideas and they have promised to make the 2009 Cambria Show a great event.

The Cambria Cat Club also has a website, and work needs to be done to make it a site worth visiting for members and non-members alike, with useful information, Show schedules, details on joining/renewal of membership, to name but a few. It is hoped that updates will be carried out on this site shortly.

The Committee recognises that members and lapsed members have not had the benefits and services from the Cambria Cat Club over the past couple of years that they are entitled to expect. To that end, it has been decided that to encourage people to join, renew their subscriptions or re-join, subscriptions will not increase for 2009 and the Club joining fees will also be waived for the whole year of 2009. Membership fees are as follows: **£4 Single membership, £6 Joint membership or £1 Senior membership.**

Subscriptions should be sent to: **Ken Williams, 92 Donald Street, Roath, Cardiff, CF24 4TR.**

All renewing members for 2009 will also be entered in a free prize draw to be held at the Cambria Show 2009.

The Committee will continue to work for the Club members. News will be posted on the Site, once it has been updated, and posted in the official magazines.

We would like to add another date to your diary: the Cambria Cat Club AGM will be held on **Sunday 19th April 2009**. The venue has yet to be arranged and further updates will be sent out in the New Year.

In the meantime, the Committee of the Cambria Cat Club wishes you and your family a happy Christmas and a happy, healthy 2009. We look forward to welcoming you to our Show in October.

Cambria Cat Club Committee