



# DERBYSHIRE CAVING ASSOCIATION

## Information Circular 2011/3, September/October 2011

### NEXT DCA MEETING

**DCA Open Council Meeting: Friday, 11th November, 7pm at Monyash Village Hall**

**NOTE - THIS IS AN EVENING MEETING**

The hall will be open from about 6.30pm with tea, coffee & biscuits available.

**DCA AGM 2012: Saturday, 25th. February 2012 at 10am, Monyash Village Hall.**

The AGM will be followed immediately by a brief Open Council Meeting.

### ADDRESS FOR DCA'S TREASURER, WAYNE SHELDON

Reminder that **Wayne Sheldon**, who took over as DCA Treasurer at the AGM in February, has now moved to **5 Hawthorne Close, Erdington, Birmingham. B23 5NQ. Mob. 07941-211209, Em. [finance@theDCA.org.uk](mailto:finance@theDCA.org.uk)**

### CONSERVATION & ACCESS

If you have any queries or problems about Conservation or Access in the region, please contact the Conservation Officer: **Dave Webb, 0115-840-1109**, or Asst. Conservation Officer: **Christine Wilson, 01433-621149, 07713-416455**, both on [conservation-off@theDCA.org.uk](mailto:conservation-off@theDCA.org.uk). Alternatively, contact the Access Officer: **Iain Barker, 0114-264-7561, 07710-689704, [access-off@theDCA.org.uk](mailto:access-off@theDCA.org.uk)**.

#### Bateman's Gate

Dave Webb reports that, thanks to Ralph Johnson and Len Kirkham, the gate has now been fitted with a new "captive" bolt on a chain, which requires a 22mm spanner or equivalent. Please contact Joe Alsop, Natural England Reserve Warden, email [Joe.Alsop@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:Joe.Alsop@naturalengland.org.uk) prior to visit.

#### Knotlow Mine

In October Knotlow Mine was inspected on behalf of PICA by Dave Carlisle as part of the annual mines inspection. The work carried out to stabilise/support an area of loose, perched rocks between Chain Passage and the Waterfall pitch has been looked at and the mine is now back on the approved group venue list. Full details are available in the mines report sent to PICA members.

Cavers are asked to keep a watch on the area and it has been indicated that any movement will be easier to spot by looking for cracks in the new mortar. Any concerns or observations should be reported to the DCA.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all who attended on the 8th of March for their hard work and good company. The group was made up of a mix of caving instructors, PICA members and other cavers with no motivation other than to help preserve an old mine. Such was the turnout and quality of the workforce that the proposed 2nd day of work was not required. The after-job sausage butty fried up in the back of my van was well earned by all (apologies to the vegetarians). Thanks also to those who offered their time but could not make the proposed date and to those who were behind the scenes sorting permissions etc.

*Pete Knight*

[TrueGritInstruction.com](http://TrueGritInstruction.com)

#### Odin Mine

The National Trust is currently trying to pin down a date for the revisit of Odin by the people involved in the original inspection, hopefully in 1-2 months time. Should be interesting to see if/how things have developed. We'll keep you updated.

### EQUIPMENT AND SAFETY

If you have any queries or problems about Equipment or Safety in the region, please contact the DCA Equipment Officer: **Jules Barrett, 07730-981857, [equipment@theDCA.org.uk](mailto:equipment@theDCA.org.uk)** or DCA Projects Officer: **Martyn Grayson, 07976-953089, [projects@theDCA.org.uk](mailto:projects@theDCA.org.uk)**.

### FOUND

Nigel Atkins recovered a tackle bag from Devonshire Cavern in mid September, which seemed to have been there for a few days. Anyone out there who can describe it can have it back. Contact Nigel on [nigel@pennineorganisation.com](mailto:nigel@pennineorganisation.com)

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