



DERBYSHIRE CAVING ASSOCIATION

Information Circular 2014/2, March 2014

NEXT DCA MEETING

Open Council Meeting, Saturday, 28th. June 2014, 10am, Monyash Village Hall

Other meeting dates are: **Open Council Meeting - Saturday, 1st. November 2014**
Annual General Meeting - Saturday, 28th. February 2015

DCA OFFICERS FOR 2014-15, ELECTED AT THE 2014 AGM

Chairman: Post vacant - see below.

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DCA NEEDS A NEW CHAIRMAN

Bob Dearman has now retired as DCA Chairman after 23 years in the post - a vote of thanks for his years of excellent work was passed at the AGM in February. Terry Jackson is willing to chair meetings but does not want to take on the full responsibilities of the post of Chairman of the Association. We hope to be able to co-opt a Chairman at the next DCA meeting so please contact the DCA Secretary, Jenny Potts, with any suggested nominations.

CONSERVATION & ACCESS

If you have any queries or problems about Conservation or Access in the region, please email Mel Milner on conservation-off@theDCA.org.uk or Ewan Cameron on access-off@theDCA.org.uk or tel. 07966-184308.

Wharf Pipe Engine Shaft lid

The nuts on the Engine Shaft lid have now been replaced. Please make sure that they are spannered up tight after use and please ensure they don't get mislaid or dropped down the shaft.

Jug Holes Adit

Please be aware that the replacement bolt for the Jugholes adit entrance has now been fitted. Do remember to take a large adjustable spanner (Derbyshire key) to open the adit gate to the mine and please replace the bolt and spanner it tightly shut once all your party are in or out. Continued easy access to the site depends on the adit entrance remaining safely sealed from passers by. Always assume you will need to bring a spanner on this trip in the future as it's been some time since one was deemed an essential item here.

Many thanks to those volunteers involved in the replacement.

Access to Oxlow, Nettle, Maskhill, etc.

Note that the land on which Oxlow, Nettle Pot, Maskhill, etc. are situated is private land and cavers have access through the goodwill of the owners. So please remember to call at the farm and pay the small trespass fee before you go to the cave.

Jug Holes

Please note that Derbyshire Scouts will be using Jug Holes as part of an activity weekend on the 7th and 8th June. Suggest it would be wise not visit during this time.

EQUIPMENT AND SAFETY

If you have any queries or problems about Equipment or Safety in the region, please contact the DCA

Equipment Officer: Bob Dearman equipment@theDCA.org.uk or T. 01298-85594, or DCA Projects Officer: Pete Knight, projects@theDCA.org.uk or M. 07812 038233

Pilkington's Cavern pitches being re-bolted

DCA installers are in the process of re-bolting the pitches in Pilkington's Cavern with the new BP anchors. When the job is complete we'll let you know. The topo will be posted on the Peak/Speedwell website: www.peakspeedwell.info.

Other jobs proposed

In hand are proposals to re-bolt the Filthy Five Pitches in Giants. Also it has been stated that the committee controlling Peak Cavern would like to see major re-bolting of some of the fixed rope pitches.

DCA NEWSLETTER 134

DCA now has a new Editor, Mike Higgins, for the Newsletter and he hopes to be able to produce issue no. 134 shortly after Easter. Mike would welcome articles, snippets of information, pictures, surveys, etc. from anyone who would like to contribute. In particular he would like to hear of new explorations and discoveries by local clubs. So make Mike happy by emailing your items to him at newsletter@theDCA.org.uk, he'll also accept items posted or even phoned in - for his full contact details, see above.

DCA CAVE DISCOVERY FUND

A reminder that DCA has a Cave Discovery Fund which provides some help towards the cost of finding and exploring those huge new caves!

- ★ Grant will be given only for legitimate work which makes a significant new section of cave accessible, either by an extension of an existing cave or by the opening of a new cave.
- ★ Applications may be made by Individual Members of DCA or by Member Clubs but applicants must be members of at least 12 months standing in DCA.
- ★ There are two dates each year by which applications must be received: 1st. March or 1st. September. The awards panel will meet twice a year as soon as possible after these dates to decide on applications for that 6-month period. Grant may be given towards reimbursing expenses incurred during the 12 months prior to the date of application. (Note that you may ask for an application form at any time, the "date of application" is the date on which you wish the completed form to be entered.)
- ★ In any 6-month period, any one project may receive not more than 50% of its eligible expenses or not more than 50% of the money in the Fund for that 6-month period, whichever is less. (*For 1st. Sept. this year this would mean a maximum grant of around £104.*)

The full Constitution of the DCA Cave Discovery Fund is on the DCA website and, if you are interested, please contact the DCA Secretary for the Guidance Notes for Applicants and an Application Form.

PEAK DISTRICT STOMP 2014

Date: Saturday 12th April 2014, Time: 8.30pm

Place: The Bull i'th' Thorn, Hurdlow, Derbyshire

This year we have 2 fantastic bands...

Headlining: "The Tetleys" Support Act: "Skyline"

FREE ADMISSION

Camping available in field next to pub. The stomp is open to all cavers and friends.

We look forward to seeing some of you there. Jason Rider, Social Secretary, Eldon Pothole Club

FOR YOUR NEWSLETTER / NOTICEBOARD

www.theDCA.org.uk

23 March 2014

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