



# DERBYSHIRE CAVING ASSOCIATION

Information Circular 2011/1, January/May 2011

## NEXT DCA MEETING

DCA Open Council Meeting, 17th. June 2011, 7pm, Monyash Village Hall.

**NOTE - THIS IS AN EVENING MEETING**

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

The date and time of the next Council Meeting, October/November, will be agreed at the June meeting.

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

## DCA NEEDS AN EVENTS OFFICER - CAN YOU HELP

DCA is now being asked regularly to put on a stand or display at public events in or near the Peak District and we need someone who can organize this for us. DCA already owns an artificial cave, a stand tent, a banner and a number of display posters which are ready for use. In particular, we need someone who will organize volunteers for the Sheffield Cliffhanger on 2/3 July weekend and possibly also for a National Trust Family Fun session in Castleton on the Spring Bank Holiday w/e, 29/30 May. If you are interested and would like to help, or want more details, please contact Jenny Potts on 01335-370629 or email [secretary@theDCA.org.uk](mailto:secretary@theDCA.org.uk).

## WELCOME TO DCA'S NEW TREASURER

Thanks to Wayne Sheldon, who took over as DCA Treasurer at the AGM. Wayne's contact details are: 66 Bolehill Lane, Crookes, SHEFFIELD, S10 1SB. Mob. 07941-211209, Em. [finance@theDCA.org.uk](mailto:finance@theDCA.org.uk)

All other DCA Officer posts remain the same as last year.

## CLUB CONTACT FOR THE DCA NEWSLETTER

We'd like to hear more about Club doings in the Peak for the DCA Newsletter - so how about your Club appointing a "Club Correspondent" to liaise with DCA Newsletter Editor, Paul Lydon. Contact Paul on T. 01629-650482, Em. [newsletter@theDCA.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@theDCA.org.uk)

## NEW WEBSITE FOR THE PEAK/SPEEDWELL SYSTEM

A new website, [www.peakspeedwell.info](http://www.peakspeedwell.info), has been set up which aims to give information on the system which includes Peak Cavern, Speedwell Mine, James Hall Over Engine Mine, and Titan Shaft. The aim of the website is to provide up-to-date access information, list of keyholders with contact details, information about the system, descriptions, key exploration information, cave science information, bibliography, photographic archive and much more. It will be a growing archive about the system.

There are also forwarding emails for Titan and Peak bookings now, these are: [titanaccess@peakspeedwell.info](mailto:titanaccess@peakspeedwell.info) which directs email to Moose and [peakaccess@peakspeedwell.info](mailto:peakaccess@peakspeedwell.info) which directs email to John Beck. Telephone numbers stay the same.

## STANLEY HEAD OUTDOOR CENTRE

Stanley Head OEC will be turning into a trust shortly. They will be looking to deliver all sorts of training, for example Caver training, SRT training and all sorts of other courses like Mountain leader etc, Single Pitch Award, They have just installed a great SRT face on the high ropes course for use on these courses and we hope Nige Atkins will come over with the DCA to deliver courses and use the centre as a resource - all good for the outdoor community. For further information check out their website at [www.stanleyhead.org.uk](http://www.stanleyhead.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).

## DEVONSHIRE MINE

It has been reported that some small movement has been noticed in some areas near the entrance and some cracks have appeared above an arch. The mine has been checked and there appear to be no matters of serious concern but worth keeping your eyes open for any further changes or rock movement.

## SNAKE MINE

For access, call on the owner, Mrs Rose Slater of Arm Lees Farm, which lies alongside the Hopton to Via Gellia road. Visitors to the site should be aware that Mrs Slater may ask to see their current BCA insurance card as proof of liability cover.

## EYAM DALE HOUSE CAVE ACCESS

Please phone in advance (01433-631732) to arrange access and collect the key from John Beck at Glebe Cottage, The Hillock, Eyam S32 5RB. BCA insurance cards to be shown when collecting the key. Please park sensibly in the lower gravel car park (not in front of Eyam Dale House itself) and walk along the bank from the car park, rather than wander about in the house grounds.

## ODIN MINE COLLAPSE

Sorry, but there is still no access to Odin Mine following the major collapse earlier this year. This is a problem for the National Trust, who own the site, and they are assessing the situation.

## 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).

## JH CARTGATE SAFEGUARDED

The dodgy floor section of the cartgate leading to the head of the main pitch in JH can now be safeguarded. (The floor is falling away leaving gaping voids below and may collapse further at any time - hence it is wise to use a traverse line while going through this section of passage.) The two traverses in the Cartgate have each been rebolted with Eco anchors and there are basically three Eco anchors on each traverse: one anchor at each end of the traverse and an intermediate anchor. Please note that DCA itself does not install ropes - take your own ropes to rig the traverse and remove them when you leave, so that we don't have unidentified tat around.

## BCRA INVOLVEMENT IN SPELEOLOGICAL ABSTRACTS

**Please read this if your caving club produces a journal or has published a book in recent years.**

Speleological Abstracts (SA/BBS) is an annual compilation of the world's speleological literature. About 4000 titles are included every year, most of them with a short abstract. The SA/BBS covers a broad range of subjects including karstology, regional speleology, archaeology, paleontology, biospeleology, applied speleology, etc. and since 1995 has been available on paper and on CD-ROM. The CD version contains a searchable list of 200 keywords in 4 languages (English, French, German, and Spanish).

In recent years, contributions from the UK have been limited. The BCRA and myself would therefore like to begin to get UK speleological literature included once again and available for the international community.

BBS/SA are currently collecting titles and abstracts for 2009 publications - they are late in publishing but their deadline is rapidly approaching). If your club wishes for their 2009 publications to be included in the next BBS/SA then please send details of the publications as soon as you can to the **Speleo Abstracts Co-ordinator** Gina Moseley. (Contact information at <http://bcra.org.uk/contact.html#g>) This can be in any format you like (pdf, word, text, scan) so long as I can extract the relevant information from it. Details typically included in the published information for each article are...

- Article Title
- Year
- Publication
- Publication url
- Volume
- Issue Number
- Page numbers for articles
- Number of pages for book
- Authors
- Abstract - ideally no more than 700 characters

It is not essential that a 700 character abstract be submitted. Titles alone will suffice if this ensures a good representation of UK literature in the next edition. Publications that are available only on the Internet may also be included and preferably with the publication's URL.

Many thanks, Gina Moseley  
[g.moseley@bcra.org.uk](mailto:g.moseley@bcra.org.uk)

**Note that a full set of Speleological Abstracts (SA/BBS) is held at the British Caving Library, based at Glutton Bridge near Buxton, where this and other books and journals are available for all cavers to consult. To check out what is there, log on to the Library website at [www.caving-library.org.uk](http://www.caving-library.org.uk).**

## FOR YOUR NEWSLETTER / NOTICEBOARD

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