



DERBYSHIRE CAVING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of DCA Council Meeting, 1st. November 2008, Monyash Village Hall

Present:	Bob Dearman [BD]	DCA Chairman (Ind. Memb., Eldon P.C.)
	Terry Jackson [TJ]	DCA Vice-Chairman (Ind. Memb.)
	Jenny Potts [JP]	DCA Secretary/Treasurer (Ind. Memb. Orpheus C.C.)
	David Webb [DW]	DCA Conservation Officer (Masson C.G.)
	Martyn Grayson [MG]	DCA Projects Officer
	Paul Lydon [PL]	DCA Newsletter Editor / Publication Officer (Orpheus C.C.)
	Chris Broome [CB]	DCA Asst. Sec. / Planning Liaison
	Karen Slatcher [KS]	Individual member
	Jules Barrett [JB]	(Eldon P.C.)
	Ralph Johnson [RJ]	(Crewe C.P.C.)
	Mike Higgins [MH]	Masson C.G.
	Boyd Potts [BP]	Orpheus C.C.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE / ESTABLISH QUORUM:

- 1.1 **Apologies:** Received from: Wayne Sheldon (Asst. Cons. Off.), Iain Barker (Access Off.), Pete Mellors (Legal & Insurance Off.), Nigel Atkins (Training Off.), Frank Beasley (Chesterfield C.C.), Forward Steps in Developmental Education.
- 1.2 **Quorum:** Agreed the meeting was quorate with 5 Officers present plus the Chairman.

2. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING 28 JUNE 2008: *(Previously circulated)*

- 2.1 Amendments:
- a. Item 6.2.a: In 2nd. line, amend "... use the mine." to read "use Nickergrove Mine." Prop. JP. **Agreed.**
- b. Item 6.2.b: In penultimate line, amend "... UKcaving website ..." to read "... caving.uk.com website ...". Prop. JP. **Agreed.**
- 2.2 Approve the Minutes:
That, subject to the amendments above, the Minutes of 28th. June be accepted as a correct record.
Prop. K. Slatcher, sec. B.Potts. **Agreed unanimously.**

3. MATTERS ARISING THEREFROM:

- 3.1 2. **Approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting of 19 April 2008:** 28 June meeting was inquorate.
That the Minutes of 19th April 2008 be accepted as a correct record.
Prop. T.Jackson, sec. B.Potts. **Agreed unanimously.**
- 3.2 3.2 **Cliffhanger Event:** This had gone well and a report on it had appeared in The Derbyshire Caver No. 129. A report on the finances was included in the the Secretary/Treasurer's report. (See item 5.1 below.)
- 3.3 3.6 **Caves of the Peak District and Handbook Progress:**
- a. **Caves of the Peak District:** text is now complete and a printer is being sought. Agreed this needs dealing with urgently and BD reports he is in contact with publishers.
- b. **Handbook:** JP and TJ reported text is complete and being updated as necessary. PL reported Rigging Topos nearly complete. This needs to be ready to go for printing as soon as CoPD is ready.
- 3.4 6.3.b **Rowter Hole , new lid:** MG reported that all materials were ready. Now needs time to do the work and also a welder.
- 3.5 6.5.b **Bincliffe Mines:** M.Milner and his team were working on this to enable safe access and the job was nearly finished.
- 3.6 6.6 **Equipment Officer:** BD reported that Dave Cowley had had to stand down from the post due to family and work pressures.
That Jules Barrett be co-opted to serve as Equipment Officer. Prop. J.Potts, Sec. K.Slatcher. **Agreed unanimously.**
JB reported that he is in contact with DC re. handing over information and records.
Oxlow: The reported damaged spits are to be replaced by Eco-anchors. (See Item 5.6.a below.)
- 3.7 3.3 **Waterways Swallet:** DW would check that the new lid had now been put in place and the hinges secured.
- 3.8 6.1 **Bagshawe Expenditure:** Expenditure so far on the project was £147.46 (see Item 5.1 below) and BD reported that there was still a small amount of work to be done.

4. ELECTION OF NEW MEMBERS:

Forward Steps Developmental Education Ltd. were unanimously accepted as Associate members.

5. OFFICERS' REPORTS:

- 5.1 **Secretary/Treasurer's Report:** *(Written report tabled.)*
- 5.1.a **BCA Funding:** JP drew attention to the level of Regional Funding DCA receives from BCA, which exceeds what was formerly received in DCA subscriptions from Club and Associate Members. The administrative part of the funding is dependent in part on the proportion of DCA's Individual Members who are also Direct Individual Members of BCA; currently our administrative grant is reduced in proportion to the number of DCA Individual Members who are **not** also BCA DIMs, so it would be to DCA's advantage if more individual members take out BCA Direct Individual Membership. Noted that our Conservation and Access expenses are currently paid in full by BCA, except for those funded by other grant aid or income, which JP declares in our

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accounts as presented to BCA. Training grant is separate and we currently receive 100% of what we apply for to the BCA Training Committee.

5.1.b **Individual Member subscriptions for 2009:**

That DCA Individual Member annual subscriptions remain as this year, i.e. £10.00 with a discount rate of £7.00 for BCA Direct Individual Members. Prop. J.Potts, sec. P.Lydon. *Agreed unanimously.*

5.1.c *That the Secretary/Treasurer's Report be accepted.* Prop. T.Jackson, sec. P.Lydon. *Agreed unanimously.*

5.2 Conservation Officer's Report: *(Written report tabled.)*

5.2.a **Caves in SSSIs:** In relation to cave digs inadvertently started in SSSIs, it was noted that SSSI boundaries are shown on the Cave Monitoring website: www.peakcavemonitoring.org.uk. It was noted that we had run out of copies of the "Do You Dig Caves" leaflet originally printed by English Nature for DCA and it was unlikely that Natural England would be able to publish an updated reprint. In order to publicise the SSSI situation more widely it was suggested that it would be helpful if DCA itself were to publish a leaflet and possibly an associated poster for distribution as widely as possible among caving clubs and their members. These could also be sent out electronically, placed on the DCA website for downloading and included in the Handbook and in CoPD.

5.2.b **Cave Monitoring and Conservation Work:** DW reported that:

- a. Tim Webber, Ann Soulsby and Rob Eavis have done a good job in taping "the Lake of 1000 Banana Skins".
- b. Martyn Grayson has cleared out Swine Hole.
- c. A meeting has been arranged with Andrew Hinde, who will be setting up an SSSI Monitoring scheme in the Yorkshire Dales, based on the successful DCA scheme.

5.2.c **Adopt-a-Cave:** BP advised that Orpheus Caving Club would be formally joining the Descent Adopt-a-Cave scheme and will be taking responsibility for Owl Hole, Water Icicle Cavern and the Hillocks/Knotlow complex.

5.2.d **Storage of DCA materials and equipment:** BP asked that DCA look into storage of its equipment and materials, in use regularly for displays, stands, etc. and which were currently stored at the home of the Secretary. It would be to DCA's advantage if these were stored somewhere safe and accessible rather than at someone's private address. JP would look into this.

5.2.e **"Titan From the Top":** DW stated that his new video of the Titan dig was being shown at Litton Village Hall tomorrow night and anyone interested would be welcome to come.

5.2.f *That the Conservation Officer's Report be accepted.* Prop. T.Jackson, sec. C.Broome. *Agreed unanimously.*

5.3 Projects Officer's Report. *(Verbal report given.)*

5.3.a **Bagshawe Cavern:** MG reported that a skip would need to be hired to take away all the rubbish removed from Bagshawe and that this would cost about £150. *It was agreed the DCA would fund the cost of the skip.*

5.3.b **Long Rake Carbon Monoxide Problem:** MG will check with Nick Williams whether any information has come to light on the causes of the CO in Long Rake. The meeting agreed that there was no guarantee the situation would not recur and that the Mine should be regarded as closed for all access for the foreseeable future. There would need to be a warning notice on the lid and this should be publicised nationally.

5.3.c **Rowter Hole:** See 3.4 above.

5.3.d **Carleswark:** Work at Carleswark was in hand.

5.3.e **Big Dig:** MG will be checking to see what is required.

5.3.f **Natural England Contract for 2008-09:** First work planned is a clean-up of the scrap metal and tyres dumped at Gautries. MG would be looking for volunteers for the work.

5.3.g **Slop Moll:** One side wall has been done but the other side now needs attention.

5.3.h **Paper Pulp:** Rob Eavis has reported contamination of the streamway at Peak Cavern, believed to be from paper pulp which had been allowed to be dumped on land close to Hazard Mine. MG and DW will check.

5.3.i **Reporting of problems in the Peak:** It was noted that many problems relating to Peak District caves are being reported on the UKcaving website forum instead of being reported to DCA. This sometimes elicits inaccurate or misleading comments from those who do not know the situation, creates misunderstandings and delays handling of the problem. JP, MG and PL are monitoring the website but there is much rubbish and ill-informed comment to wade through.

5.3.j **Water Icicle:** There is still a search on for a suitable shaft to open to improve ventilation in the mine to flush out the pockets of CO₂ which appear occasionally. Noted that the gas seems to be coming onto the mine from the NW, the Derby Lane end.

5.3.k *That the Projects Officer's Report be accepted.* Prop. T.Jackson, sec. J.Barrett. *Agreed unanimously.*

5.4 Access Officer's Report: *(Not able to be present and no written report supplied.)*

5.4.a **Giants Hole Access:** It had been reported that a G.P. Post Box had been cemented into the dry stone wall for people to place their "trespass fees". The general feeling was that this would not last long! We should urge that cavers pay by cheque wherever possible to foil the thieves.

5.4.b **Contacting the Access Officer:** Some people had reported problems in contacting I.B. JP noted that she regularly published his phone and email contact details in the information circular and there was a direct link from the DCA website to IB's email but some of those complaining did not seem to be aware of this.

5.5 Legal & Insurance Officer's Report: *(Not able to be present but written report tabled.)*

5.5.a **Thorswood:** DW reported that the BCA insurance had apparently been used for work underground, despite claims that it was not acceptable to S.W.T.

5.5.b *That the Legal & Insurance Officer's Report be accepted.* Prop. T.Jackson, sec. B.Potts. *Agreed unanimously.*

5.6 Equipment Officer's Report: *(Verbal report given.)*

- 5.6.a **Oxlow Spits:** The spits reported as damaged (at the watershed between the 4th, ramp, pitch and East Chamber) would be replaced by Eco-anchors a.s.a.p. We have the anchors to do the job.
- 5.6.b **Bolt Installation Course:** DCA will fund JB to attend a BCA bolt installation course if required.
- 5.6.c **Nickergrove:** This now has Eco-anchors installed at all required points ready for P.I.C.A.'s use - a total of 16 anchors. P.I.C.A. will refund DCA's costs on this. There are now no loose rocks.
- 5.6.d **That the Equipment Officer's Report be accepted.** Prop. J.Potts, sec. T.Jackson. *Agreed unanimously.*

5.7 Training Officer's Report: *(Not able to be present but written report tabled.)*

- 5.7.a Noted that a very comprehensive programme of Training Events had been set out for 2009. JP would circulate this to all members as a separate document.
- 5.7.b **That the Legal & Insurance Officer's Report be accepted.** Prop. T.Jackson, sec. B.Potts. *Agreed unanimously.*

5.8 Publications Officer's Report: *(Verbal report given.)*

- 5.8.a **Newsletter 129:** PL reported that the Derbyshire Caver No. 129 had now been published. He was putting in deadline dates in the hope of encouraging more items being submitted in good time.

5.9 Assistant Secretary's Report: *(Verbal report given.)*

- 5.9.a **Tearsall Application:** CB reported that he was continuing to keep a watch on the Tearsall application but that no further information had come through yet. It was noted that PDMHS are also keeping a watch on things.

6. BCA Report:

- 6.1 **BCA Funding of Regional Councils:** *(Draft document tabled.)* JP explained how the funding system works (see also 5.1.a above). The system has now been in operation for two years and the BCA Treasurer together with the Regional Treasurers had drawn up this document to formalise the procedure and it was now being circulated to all regions for their approval.
That the draft document: BCA Funding of Regional Councils, be approved.
Prop. T.Jackson, sec. C.Broome. *Agreed unanimously.*
- 6.2 **BCA Acting Secretary:** JP reported that Damian Weare had agreed to take on the post of BCA Secretary and was already, in her opinion, carrying out the job extremely efficiently.
- 6.3 **Child Protection Issues:** (See also the circular sent out by the BCA Acting Secretary, reproduced in DCA Information Circular 2008/4 sent out on 19th. October.) The meeting agreed that the BCA Secretary's circular set the record straight in clarifying that BCA was not against the introduction of children and young people to caving but that due regard should be taken of certain legal and practical issues. TJ and BP noted that there were currently some issues with Criminal Records Bureau checks for suitability to work with children and young people not being able to be "carried over" into slightly differing situations and the procedure needed to be streamlined.
- 6.4 **Access Issues:** (See also the circular sent out by the BCA Acting Secretary, reproduced in DCA Information Circular 2008/4 sent out on 19th. October.) The meeting was fully in support of the views expressed and hoped that cavers would respect all access agreements in whatever region they operated.
- 6.5 **Bingo Lotto:** JP stated that the BCA Chairman had reported to the last BCA Council meeting that around £1000 had been received by BCA from the first round of the game. It now required cavers themselves to take part in order to raise more money for their clubs.

7. Confirm Date and Venue of Next Meeting:

The next meeting would be the AGM on 21 February 2009, at Monyash Village Hall, starting at 10am.

8. Any Other Business:

- 8.1 **Officer Posts required for Election at the AGM:** (ref. DCA Constn. 5.1.a.) It was agreed that the list of Officer posts required should be as at present:

Chairman,	Conservation Officer,	Equipment Officer,
Vice-Chairman,	Assistant Conservation Officer,	Training Officer,
Secretary,	Access Officer,	Publications Officer/Newsletter Editor,
Treasurer,	Projects Officer,	Cave Registry Secretary
	Legal & Insurance Officer,	Assistant Secretary.

JP would notify this in an Information Circular prior to the AGM and in the AGM Agenda.

- 8.2 **Portable Welder for DCA use:** MG reported that his own welder had been damaged beyond repair when it was used with a portable generator on a job for DCA and it would need to be replaced. It was felt appropriate that DCA should make a contribution to the cost of a replacement as it would be used for DCA's benefit.

That a contribution of £100 be made towards the purchase of a new welder for Martyn Grayson.

Prop. B.Potts, sec. J.Potts. *Agreed unanimously.*

- 8.3 **Dukes Barn:** Noted that Dukes Barn was trying to raise money for a covered area for the use of disabled children. If information is passed to JP, she will circulate it.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.00pm.

J.E.Potts, Recorder

APPENDED TO THESE MINUTES AND FORMING PART OF THEM IS THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENT:**Officers' Reports to the DCA Council Meeting, 1 November 2008:**

- a. Item 5.1 - Secretary/Treasurer's Report
- b. Item 5.2 - Conservation Officer's Report
- e. Item 5.5 - Legal & Insurance Officer's Report
- f. Item 5.7 - Training Officer's Report

Item 5.1 - Secretary/Treasurer's Report**Communications**

Since the June Council Meeting I have circulated the following:

Information Circular 2008/3 (16 August 2008), also on DCA website;
 Information Circular 2008/4 (19 October 2008), also on DCA website;
 Minutes of Council Meeting 28 June 2008, also on DCA website;
 Agenda for Council Meeting 1 Nov. 2008, also on DCA website;
 "The Derbyshire Caver" No. 129, also on DCA website;
 Order forms for Trevor Ford's new book "The Caves of Castleton"
 Karst Information Portal leaflet (to Clubs only)

Membership

It appears that one member club did not, after all, rejoin BCA/DCA this year so Club Membership stands at 29. One Individual Member has resigned, leaving us with 56, including 2 Honorary Members. We have one application for Associate Membership and, following confusion over those Associates who required an invoice sending to them before they were able to pay BCA, we appear to have 10 paid up Associate Members and 4 more whose status is unclear but who I am keeping "on our books" pending resolution of the problem.

Finances

Cliffhanger: The total spend by DCA on the Cliffhanger Event at Sheffield on 12/13 July was **£1101.08**. Of this, £496.96 was spent on transport of the Speleo-Olympics from Mendip to Sheffield and back and this was refunded to DCA by BCA, as previously agreed. £411.08 was spent on the Swift Stand/shelter, the DCA Banner and laminated notices; all of which are now permanent assets kept for use at future events. The remaining £193.04 covered travel expenses for volunteers and sundry other consumable items for the event this year. It seems likely that we will be asked to put on a stand again at future Cliffhanger events and this will provide good publicity for DCA. Thanks go to all those involved, in particular to Mark Cope who dealt with the major part of the organisation.

SSSI Works Contract: As in previous years, Natural England have agreed a contract for DCA to carry out work on the surface in cave-related SSSIs. The Projects Officers and Conservation Officers are already planning as the work has to be completed by the end of March 2009.

Regional Council Funding: The final draft of the document put to the Regional Councils' Treasurers at the meeting in July was agreed at the BCA Council Meeting on 4th. October and will now be put to you for your approval (see item 6.1 of our agenda).

Expenditure: Since the previous meeting we have spent:-

Conservation/Access	£147.46 on work at Bagshawe Cavern
	£225.63 on work in the Manifold Valley
General Administration	£132.77
Cliffhanger	£462.45
Newsletter	£115.50

Income: Since the previous meeting income has been:

Publication sales	£ 24.70
Donation	£ 30.00
BCA Grants - Reg. funding	£1037.61)
- Cliffhanger	£ 496.96)
- Training	£ 770.00) Total BCA Grant = £2304.57
Interest on Dep. A/c	£ 65.53

Current Balances:	Deposit Account	£8783.77
	Current Account	£ 500.99
	Less Monies due	£ 76.00 (approx.)
		<u>£9208.76</u>

*Jenny Potts, Hon. Secretary/Treasurer
31 October 2008*

Item 5.2 - Conservation Officer's Report**Adopt-a-Cave.**

Bagshawe Cavern has now been adopted by Eldon PC and is added to the list.

With this addition the list in Descent No. 203 is now bang up to date and is reproduced below for caves/mines in Derbyshire and the Peak.

UCF Meeting October

A well attended meeting with some useful caving business conducted. The Underground Conservation Forums (UCF) are DCA convened.

Cliffhanger Event July 2008

I attended the Sheffield Cliffhanger Event on both days and was able to talk about caving to interested parties and show some of my caving DVDs. This is a very worthwhile platform to "sell" caving particularly to young people. Interestingly we saw very few fat kids, but Boyd and Jenny would have weeded out the unfit on their gruelling Speleo-Olympics course anyway!

Access and Digs in SSSIs

I was contacted by Paul Mortimer of the South Peak National Trust Estate regarding an unauthorised digging incident in a cave at Beeston Tor and a copy of my reply is available on request.

The dig was in a cave at Beeston Tor in the Manifold Valley which is both in a biological SSSI and on land owned by the National Trust; neither the NT as landowner nor Natural England (SSSI) were contacted for permission to carry out such activities. The site is included in the NT Monuments Register and the dig in the floor of the cave revealed human bones of archaeological value, which were taken to Derby Museum who then informed the NT. The result was potentially very serious to caver-landowner relations, and has cost the NT £8000 to reclaim material discarded during the dig and restore the site generally.

Two issues arise from this episode. The first is dealt with in a statement from the BCA published in DCA Circular No. 2008/4 reminding cavers that landowners have the right to grant or withhold access and to check the access agreement in operation for a particular cave, and this applies equally to those wishing to start a new dig or reopen an old one. (Be aware that the right to grant access may not always extend to the tenant farmer).

The second has been widely publicised in a leaflet produced jointly by DCA and Natural England titled "Do You Dig Caves" and concerns digging on land which is designated an SSSI and which the landowner has a statutory duty to protect. If you wish to dig for new cave or modify an existing cave entrance within the boundaries of an SSSI, you must ask Natural England first who will then contact the landowner and consent to the work on your behalf (assuming the dig will not cause damage to any special features). The procedure is usually very quick and painless and *is not new or complicated* and many digs in our region have gone through it, including the Titan dig. To my knowledge none have been refused.

The consequences for access to caves/mines on land owned by a landowner who was discovered to have allowed a dig in an SSSI which had not been consented to by NE could be disastrous for us all.

The law applies also to work underground if it is likely to destroy features for which the cave has been listed, and these cave specific features, plus boundary maps for all SSSIs, are reproduced on the Cave Conservation Monitoring site at www.peakcavemonitoring.org.uk For help or advice on digs and/or work in SSSIs please contact myself or Wayne Sheldon, and I should be grateful if clubs in our region could make their membership aware of the correct procedures.

*Dave Webb, Conservation Officer
October 2008*

<u>CAVE</u>	<u>Adopt-a-Cave CLUB</u>
Bagshawe Cavern	Eldon P.C.
Brightgate Cave	Masson Caving Group
Critchlow Cave	Cave & Crag C. C.
Darfar Pot	Darfar P. C.
Eldon Hole	Eldon P. C.
Etches Cave (Upper Dove)	Iain Barker
Giant's Hole	Eldon P. C.
Great Masson Cavern	Masson Caving Group
Holme Bank Chert Mine	Stanley Head Outdoor Centre
Ladyside Pot	Darfar P. C.
Lathkill Head Cave	Cave & Crag C. C.
Maskhill Mine	Eldon P. C.
Oxlow Cavern	Eldon P. C.
P8	Rubber Duck C. C.
Peak Cavern	T.S.G.
Redhurst Swallet	Darfar P. C.
Riverside Swallet	Darfar P. C.
Rowter Hole	Sheffield Univ. S. S.
Tearsall Pipe Caverns No.2	Masson Caving Group

Item 5.7 - Training Officer's Report

I have been working overtime getting courses kicked off again. Thanks to everyone in DCA for your support over the last couple of years.. I will now return the favour by giving you my time and enthusiasm again!

CAVING CLUB TRAINING SCHEME

I have applied to the BCA training committee for a grant towards a 1 day training course in advanced SRT. If you are a club training officer, or thinking of becoming one, please get in touch. Kev West was an inspiration in putting this together and he will be around later this year to continue what he started in this scheme. Nice one Kev...

Date: Sunday January 25th 2009.

DCA/BCA CAVERS WORKSHOP 2009

Cave Rescue, Cave Instructor, SRT, Advanced SRT, Ladders Lines Abseiling with Groups & Self Rescue, Cave Video, Mines History, Cave Formation Development & Conservation, First Aid

Always a great week end in the caving calendar and a brilliant opportunity to catch up with caving trends, techniques and equipment. How many Petzl Tikka XP's did I lose this year! Why not get a few friends together and book onto a session as a group? Usual stuff on offer from rope work, SRT introduction, SRT rigging, rescue etc.

Cheap Gear. If you have any unwanted caving related items to get shut of, please bring them along as we can flog them off for cash – paid directly to you! Make sure that you bring a 'wad' of cash with you if you intend to snap up a bargain or two!

Dates: Saturday & Sunday March 28th & 29th 2009. £10 per person

DCA SRT UNDERGROUND MASTERCLASS

This day will be of an informal nature with emphasis on personal techniques improvement. The trip will be run by a CIC holder and all of the ropes etc will be provided. I will sponsor these trips with insurance cover and lend any kit that you need. These trips are not an introduction to SRT, however they are perfect for newcomers or old hands wishing to pick up on techniques etc.

Date: Sunday February 8th 2009

SRT TRAINING COURSE

There is a 2 day SRT training course for those who may not be able to get training through their clubs. What a great way to kick off your 2009 vertical caving year!

Date: Saturday & Sunday January 24th & 25th 2009

PRE - ASSESSMENT DAY FOR CAVE LEADERS

An invaluable experience for any caver to go through an assessment procedure where you cannot fail!

This is an excellent opportunity for DCA members to test themselves out. There is never a formal charge for this day to DCA members, however I will be expecting a donation made payable to DCA's funds. Date: **Sunday December 14th 2008**

BCA Specialist SRT Rigging and Rescue Workshop

This Course is available only to SRT proficient people and it has limited places so please book early. I have applied for a grant for this so it could be a cheapie for you. First come first served! £40 per person

Date: - **April 11th & 12th 2009**

LEVEL 2 CAVE LEADERS AND CIC CANDIDATES WANTED NOW

I am in need of CIC candidates before the end of the year! Phone for details..... I can provide all gear, transport, enthusiasm and accommodation (with a hot tub!)

The following are dates of BCA training courses and assessments running in the Peak District:

BCA Events 2009

BCA SRT workshop - Sunday January 25th 2009 – Derbyshire. £10 per person

BCA Specialist SRT Rigging and Rescue Workshop - April 11th & 12th 2009, £40 per person

BCA Cavers Workshop - March 28th & 29th 2009. £10 per person - Derbyshire.

Cave Rescue, Cave Instructor, SRT, Advanced SRT, Ladders Lines Abseiling with Groups & Self Rescue, Cave Video, Mines History, Cave Formation Development & Conservation, First Aid

Local Cave/Mine Leader Award Training (level 1)

Level 1 Monday & Tuesday November 10th & 11th 2008 – Derbyshire - cave

Level 1 Wednesday November 12th 2008 – Derbyshire – mines day

Level 1 Saturday & Sunday December 13th & 14th 2008 – Derbyshire - cave

Level 1 Monday December 15th 2008 – Derbyshire – mines day

Level 1 Monday & Tuesday January 5th & 6th 2009 – Derbyshire - cave

Level 1 Wednesday January 7th 2009 – Derbyshire – mines day

Level 1 Saturday & Sunday February 21st & 22nd 2009 – Derbyshire - cave

Level 1 Monday February 23rd 2009 – Derbyshire – mines day

Level 1 Saturday & Sunday May 16th & 17th 2009 – Derbyshire - cave

Level 1 Monday May 17th 2009 – Derbyshire – mines day

Local Cave/Mine Leader Award Training (level 2)

Level 2 Monday & Tuesday December 8th & 9th 2008 – Derbyshire

Level 2 Saturday & Sunday January 24th & 25th 2009 – Derbyshire

Level 2 Monday & Tuesday March 2nd & 3rd 2009 – Derbyshire

Local Cave/Mine Leader Award Assessment (level 1, Module 1 cave core skills)

Level 1 Wednesday January 14th 2009 – Derbyshire

Level 1 Thursday February 12th 2009 – Derbyshire

Level 1 Wednesday March 4th 2009 – Derbyshire

Level 1 Wednesday April 8th 2009 - Derbyshire

All LC/MLA group day assessments by arrangement

Local Cave/Mine Leader Award Assessment (level 1, Module 1 mine transfer)

Level 1 Mine Thursday January 15th 2009 – Derbyshire

Level 1 Mine Friday February 13th 2009 – Derbyshire

Level 1 Mine Thursday January 15th 2009 – Derbyshire

All LC/MLA group day assessments by arrangement

Local Cave/Mine Leader Award Assessment (level 2, Module 3 vertical skills)

Level 2 Saturday February 7th 2009 – Derbyshire

Level 2 Tuesday March 3rd 2009 – Derbyshire

Level 2 Saturday April 11th 2009 – Derbyshire

All LC/MLA group day assessments by arrangement

Cave Instructor Certificate Scheme

BCA Cave Instructor Training (CIC) - Monday to Thursday January 26th to 29th 2009 (provisional)

BCA Cave Instructor Assessments (CIC) - By arrangement only

Good caving

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*Nigel Atkins,
November 2008*