

The Dodger's Dispatch

Extra Special Millennium Edition

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More news about the DCC invasion of Monsall Head

The Derbyshire Caving Club celebration of 40 years of caving, mining, walking and boozing is taking shape. This newsletter contains details of the arrangements so far.

Most important of all is to book accommodation and members are urged to make their plans now as we have been warned that rooms will only be kept until the end of February without a firm booking. Camping places are also limited.



To book accommodation

Pre-booking NOW is essential if you don't want to be disappointed. There are around 10 rooms available at the Hotel itself and at a neighbouring guest house. RING NOW IF YOU WANT ONE.

There are also about 20 places available on the local campsite. AGAIN, YOU SHOULD RING NOW TO RESERVE ONE.

All bookings are being handled by Heather Johnson at the following address:



Events for all

The Club is planning to provide a choice of events for the 40th Dinner Weekend. These will include walks, caving trips, exhibitions and slide shows, as well as the Dinner and Dance. Firm plans have yet to be made. If you have any ideas yourself, get in touch with a DCC Committee member.

DAYTIME EVENTS

- Saturday afternoon and Sunday. Walks will probably start from the Monsall Head Hotel.
- There are plenty of caves and mines in the area.
- For the shopoholics, Bakewell is only a few miles away and has a good market on Saturday.

SATURDAY EVENING

- The Dinner will seat a maximum of 80. Pre-booking essential.
- We will try to arrange a couple of speeches and possibly a slide show.
- Todge is planning a sing-song and will have DCC Song Books available.
- The entertainment is likely to be a disco rather than a band as we can control the volume better!



Dinner Tickets

The ticket price has not been fixed yet but it is likely to be around £15. To reserve a ticket now (remember, numbers are limited to around 80), send a £5 deposit by the end of March to the Treasurer, Nigel Dibben, at

The dinner will be a three course meal with choices (by ticket, not on the night) with tea or coffee. Some wine will be included.



Wanted "Transport Manager"

If you don't want to stay overnight, why not arrange a bus from the Stockport / Wilmslow area on the Saturday night. The Club will subsidise this if enough people are interested and someone is prepared to arrange it.

DISPLAYS, EXHIBITIONS, etc

- Offers welcome: how about a sample from the Club Records, photos of the Club through the years.
- What about a souvenir T-shirt or a group photograph on the night?

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

13 March	Quarterly General Meeting
March	Working day at store over visitor centre (contact Pete Johnson)
19 March	NAMHO AGM and Council Meeting
17 April	Committee Meeting
21 April — 24 April	Easter Weekend
29 April — 30 April	Open Weekend
12 June	Quarterly General Meeting
17 June — 18 June	Forest 2000 – Caving weekend in Forest of Dean
24 June — 25 June	40th Birthday Celebration Dinner
10 July	Committee Meeting
14 July — 18 July	NAMHO International Conference
21 August	Quarterly General Meeting
2 September — 3 September	Open Weekend
15 September — 17 September	BCRA Conference (Hidden Earth 2000)
15 October	Practice Rescue at Alderley
13 November	Committee Meeting
11 December	ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING