

# The Dodger's Dispatch

New Year news and stories from  
the Derbyshire Caving Club

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## EDITORIAL

Well, here we are again, another year of caving and mining. What hardship! The Club is currently going from strength to strength with regular trips to caves, mines and of course Alderley Edge. We are also hosting the NAMHO mining history conference this summer (more of this later) and there are also active digs in the Dales at present. On top of all of this, six brave members are getting married – not all to each other, that would be weird, even for cavers – so there will be at least three celebrations this year. What a change from last year when we lost so many older members.

## FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK

See dig reports. He's too busy planning his nuptials.

Tony

## NEWS

### ANNUAL DINNER

A great dinner was had by all last year in November. In keeping with our tradition, we will not be able to go back to the same venue as it is going to be knocked down or something. Reminds me of the Haddon Hall hotel and the County Hotel at Bramhall. A member or two made their contribution to the impending demolition by removing the lights from the gents toilet late in the evening – oops. That apart, Sue and Tony must be congratulated for their organisation. Tony even got round to giving a talk and presenting the prizes.

### NEW MEMBERS

New members since the last newsletter include Wendy at Standon Bowers, Thomas who has been doing research at Alderley Edge, Antonio, Mark (Glyn and Alison's son), Pete and Owen. We also have a couple of other potential members who have been on recent trips. Welcome to all.

### ALDERLEY EDGE

I believe digging is continuing. Allan has been surveying for practice, helped by James and Tom. Paul is still improving the master survey from time to time. If anyone wants a copy of the full-size master survey from Paul, let Nigel know and get your hand in your pocket as it is likely to cost £20 or more. Paul will give me a more accurate price soon.

### MINING AND CAVING CONFERENCES – 2012

Planning is well advanced for the conference over the weekend of 30<sup>th</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012. The venue is Quarry Bank Mill at Styal. There are talks and trips and members will be asked to help Paul Stubbs organise a number of Alderley trips. Members are of course welcome to attend the talks and it should be possible to fit in talks and leading for most people. Members wanting to attend the conference at the mill, including the evening social events and camping, must book in at <http://www.namhoconference.org.uk>. Fully paid-up members can attend for £15 (there's an incentive to pay!).

### RESCUE ARRANGEMENTS AT ALDERLEY EDGE

We need to have a couple more sessions at Alderley to sort out detail. Nothing happened in 2011 so a date some time this summer or autumn will have to be fixed.

### ANNIVERSARY JOURNAL

Eerrr .... (again)

### SUBSCRIPTIONS

The insurance has risen by one pound but the basic subscriptions have stayed the same for 2012. If there is a big red star here (for people getting printed copies) or you get a special email from me, then you still owe subs for 2012. The membership list on-line at [http://www.derbyscc.org.uk/club/members\\_list.php](http://www.derbyscc.org.uk/club/members_list.php) shows the people who will get special reminders!



## ARTICLE – CREEPY CRAWLIES

No, not you, real ones, only they have stopped crawling. Confused ? then read on.

I contacted Ed through the web page to ask for help in my odd interest. I study fungi and specifically fungi which parasitize insects, spiders and the like. There have been one or two investigations of these things, but nothing serious in the UK. Since WW2.

Pretty well all animals can have fungal parasites and arthropods are no exception. Many of the fungi are incredibly specific so much so that they will infect only a particular species or family of, for example, flies. Some can only infect the host at a particular stage in the life cycle, say, mid – larval age. Indeed there is an extremely odd group of very tiny fungi called the Laboulbeinales which are so specific that they will only occur on a particular leg on ONE side of the host!

A study in the Czech Republic fired my interest in the possibility of finding my 'prey' below ground. That study looked a number of underground sites including caves mines and cellars. What they were searching for was fungi parasitizing hibernating insects. A variety of fungi was found on a variety of insects. Unfortunately there are several very common types which are fully prepared to spoil the day of just about any insect that the can come into contact with. Also in that study they discovered that many of their finds were of unidentifiable fungal mycelium because it was sterile not having developed identifiable features.

Of course there are many studies worldwide about cave life, from insects to bats and so on but fungi, ever Cinderellas, have been left out. My particular group is a Cinderella amongst Cinderellas.

Well, Ed invited me to accompany a work party on the Engineer's Vein one Tuesday night this February. It was a literally at a couple of hours notice and I had to get everything together very quickly and did not have any real idea of the conditions to expect. As I had assumed the area which would be of interest to me was near the entrance of the shaft. I am sure that you all have seen the little white 'mould' covered mosquitoes so know what I found. They have yet to have the fungi identified, and indeed that might prove to be impossible, but there will be finds which are specifically, moths, beetles and other kinds of fly.

I found one interesting spider, and one of what I believe to be a moth – there was little left of it, but the little yellow-ochre clubbed stalk growing from it was identifiable as a *Cordyceps*. The only ones like that which I know of parasitize moths. If it is what I think it is this will be the 22<sup>nd</sup> British record and the first from underground. There is a chance that it could be something so similar that it is only identifiable microscopically. Until I get the paper which describes it I can do nothing further. If it is that species it will be the first record of that fungus outside of Croatian caves with the possible exception of the Czech Republic!

For anyone interested further, if you Google Zombie Ants there is a clip from a documentary which you WILL find of interest, these are part of the same bunch!

I have been told that there are 2 sites richer in insects and Ed has kindly offered to take me to see them soon, Cheers Ed, I just can't wait!

Don .



(If anyone wants a copy of the full size images, contact Ed or Nigel)

## DIGGING REPORTS

### Friday digging team

17th February 2012 - Tony

An active weekend for the Friday crew. Steve and I were at Legit Pot again on Friday, but were let down by failing drill batteries. Despite this we managed to shift quite a bit of rock by the old fashioned method of hitting it long and hard with a hammer and chisel, and by the end of the day I managed to lift the first of debris out of bottom of the small but enticing hole that has kept us occupied for the past few weeks, so much so that Steve went back on Sunday and capped out quite a bit more. Next trip we'll have a few bucketfuls to clear and may have a better idea of where to go.

On the walk up I noticed a hole in an adjacent shakehole had opened up since the last trip. This turned out to be a six foot deep new 'cave' behind a mud and earth bank, with a fresh dead rabbit at the bottom. It didn't look too exciting but is worth keeping an eye on. Of more interest in the same shakehole a sizeable stream is also (now) disappearing down a new hole which seems to be bigger every time we go up there. It must take a lot of water as the rocks seem to be jumping up and out of the hole as well as falling down it.

Not to be outdone Simon (not DCC any more but a Friday digger) was loaned to Johny as a sort of birthday present, and they spent two days digging a hole near Crummack which Diane spotted while walking Saturday.

## **Legit Pot dig**

12th February 2012 - Tony

Friday's dig was called off due to the presence of large areas of frozen water everywhere – clear, shiny, slippery stuff it seems we spotted a full seventy two hours ahead of the International Rugby Board. Sunday was chosen for the rematch and Big Steve, Susie, Sue and I wandered up through fog which swathed everything from Preston to Clapham to emerge in glorious sunshine above a sea of cloud with Ingleborough and Penyghent rising island like above, like two huge white cruise ships stuck on a reef – you get the idea. It really was a very pleasant day on top.

After slogging to Legit Pot through ten inches of snow we got to work. Sue and Susie headed off to Little Ingleborough summit and Spike, Big Bill and Dingle 1 joined us to provide criticism and verbal abuse. Spike is without a doubt more use than the latter two put together.

After last week's poor performance with snappers (the rock is very fractured and the fractures stop the blast spreading) we switched to capping with much more success, and managed to remove a reasonable pile of rock and permafrost, it's now possible to see down the hole, which is blocked with debris a foot or two down. Hopefully next time we'll be able to shift this. The draught was heading in, which made sense considering the obvious inversion layer weather conditions.

Big Steve entertained us with his new capping song and dance routine which although not very tuneful goes roughly like this – 'Tap, tap, tap, tap, tap, Bank, OUCH!' – and is accompanied by a wild, frenzied unidexter style dance. Very entertaining.

We were also to witness the first demonstration run of the new Dingle Hurling event. I'd like to request that if more members intend to take up Dingle Hurling, in which teams compete to see who can most artfully toss a Dingle head first down a shaft of choice, they please first check I'm not at the bottom of the hole focussed on rock removal. I'd hardly had time to register the clattering noises when I was suddenly speared to the rock face by an inverted and very confused Dingle. Next time I'd like to be at the top of the shaft please, where I'd be more than happy to act as judge and award style marks. Fitting the Dingle with a helmet next time might be a good idea too.

All in all an enjoyable, if somewhat painful, day out on the fells!

## **Legit Pot**

27th January 2012 - Tony

Fridays dig was aborted when blizzards arrived at Newby Cote thirty seconds after we did and reduced visibility to about two feet.

Returned Sunday with Big Steve and Simon. Tent worked well in Arctic conditions, although fingers and toes didn't. Four snappers exposed more of the hole we found last week. Although the top is only about twelve by six inches it's getting bigger all the time and is draughting, so it looks as though we are in the top of something. Return planned with extra strong rock dissolver, probably next weekend.

## **Legit and Illegit Pots**

13th - 14th January 2012 - Tony Brocklebank

The Friday Diggers are growing, with Pete the latest addition to what is fast becoming a crack team?

Friday the 13th saw us up at Newby Moss, for the first (official) days work to Legit Pot. Natural England have given us two years to dig this, but with luck it won't take that long.

The weather was horrendous, we got lost on the way due to a very big cloud and very low visibility. When we eventually found the shakehole Big Steve diverted the water away from the dig whilst I set up the new sunroof. Proddling in the floor led quickly to a few gurgling noises and the dig was soon empty of water letting us dig down for an hour or so. At this point it blocked up again. I opened up a small hole near the top of the bedrock which also seemed to take water and this could be heard dropping for some distance, presumably bypassing whatever sumps the dig, which means we can bail the dig next time. Some water was also escaping towards this point via a narrow bedding about two metres further down. Looking good for this weekend, although a warm sunny day would be nice!

Saturday Tom and Pete joined us for a session in the newly named Illegit Pot. Obvious reasons. Fortunately since we inherited this from the Earby all the work is underground.

After a couple of hours the bottom of the dig, which is now about three or four metres down from the top of the shoring, dried out – and we were briefly digging in dry soil and boulders which is encouraging. This now needs the right hand bank clearing and the scaffolding extending down a metre or so. It might be a good idea to clear all the digging gear, pipes etc from the shakehole (and perhaps store it in the Legit Pot shakehole), so no one knows we're there.

As always if you need some exercise we'll be up there again this weekend – everyone's welcome!

## **TRIP REPORTS**

Here are the latest trip reports. Please put trip reports on-line or send them to the editor as this is the only permanent record of the Club's activity that exists.

## **Giants**

19th February 2012 - Allan

It was a cold crisp morning on Sunday when I met up with Richard, Glyn and his son Mark for a trip down Giants. But at least it was a fine day with no cloud. The recent snow melt and loads of rain the night before made for an exciting trip from the outset. And we weren't disappointed!! It was awesome. Nearly 7 hours of it!!

We got changed quickly (some of us having come half dressed for caving) and since the bags were pre-packed with the ropes etc from the last aborted trip we got straight into the cave at 10:30 am. Water was coming in everywhere. Even the usual dry parts such as Geology pot were running with water! We quickly made our way to a wide passage close to Garlands where we stopped to put on our SRT gear before rigging the pitch and descending in a waterfall to the floor of the chamber and the start of the Crab Walk. We made good time down here, the 4 of us being able to keep up a fast pace all the way to the Vice. This was passed with ease (no fatty's on this trip !!!) to reach the entertaining cascades which had an exciting amount of water going over them. We soon arrived at the eating house and the junction for the round trip - but we weren't planning on the round trip and so we once again donned our SRT gear and crawled through tubes and into the rift with the aerial traverse on the way to Geology pot. The traverse was quickly followed by a short free-climbable pitch (knotted rope) into a small chamber that was like a shower - there was water coming in from all directions. I had my doubts at this point as to whether the duck would be sumped below Geology. Anyway we pressed on at a good pace to the head of the 12m geology pot and rigged this for a rapid descent into the wettest section of the cave.

At the bottom of geology pot we crawled through to the main stream and on to the next pitch. This pitch is quite small but the amount of water going over it meant that we had to rig it quite a way out from the wall and use a second line with a short cowstail to draw us away from the water as we descended. And we still got wet !! But not as wet as what was still to come.....

Immediately following the pitch we came to the ducks which are often sumped. I went to have a look and after lying in the water I soon reported that there was around 2 inches of airspace - Sporting !! I backed out to let the others have a look. All had a look and then we looked at each other, waiting for somebody to declare it a bad idea so we could all go to the pub !! But unfortunately Richard said "Lets just do it" and that was that - no backing out now. So it was helmets off, lie down in the water, deep breath and then right under to get through and emerge in a smaller chamber before the next duck. This was the first time my new caving light had been completely submerged and I was happy to report that it still worked !! Wow - that was cold. Glyn followed us through but Mark had more sense than the rest of us put together and declined the duck - very sensible chap !!

The second duck was much easier than the first - thankfully - and we were soon in the last section of the cave. Glyn returned to sit with Mark whilst myself and Richard made a dash for the end of the cave - East Canal. This was a little further than I remembered and we soon came to another obstacle - Spout Hall. This is a small hole that you have to climb through - but with water blasting through it like a fireman's hose. It was easy enough on the way in.....

Soon we reached the end of the cave where the canal necessitates swimming and there was around 3 metres of foam on the passage walls showing where the water levels had been recently. I was starting to worry about getting back through the duck !! On the way back we came to Spout hall and had some difficulty in passing back through it against the flow of the water - great fun !! And then came the duck - no worse than on the way in - but OH! so cold!! The wet pitch again required some interesting techniques to keep out of the main flow but we soon got back to Geology pot and ascended back up it and across the aerial traverse back to the eating house.

At this point - in my defence (your honour) I did offer everyone two options - either return up the crab walk - or go for the full round trip. The full round trip was voted before - although I was a little worried about the windpipe since Mark hadn't liked the earlier ducks. Anyway we set off in this direction and it soon became evident that Mark was tiring. I thought it was impossible to tire him out but I think we were succeeding at an alarming pace by this point. We made our way up the many rope climbs to emerge at the daunting entrance to the windpipe. I hate this piece of passage at the best of times - not least because it lures you into a false sense of security by starting out almost dry. Then just when you are beginning to think its not that bad.....bang..... you round a corner and see a long piece of passage with not much airspace. This is how I found myself with a very big bag of heavy rope - staring at around 6 inches of airspace for as far as I could see. I quickly realised that I did not want to try to push my heavy bag through in front of me (the waves created would have drowned me) and I had nothing to tether it to me with. So I used a short length of rope and I took one end of it through the duck whilst Richard tied the bags to the other end. I opted to keep my helmet on and was breathing out of one side of my mouth at the worst point - speed was of the essence !! I made it through and then pulled the bags through using the rope. Richard then followed with some spluttering and splashing. Now it was Mark's turn.

I went back partly into the duck head first in order to talk Mark through. Soon I could see his light as he started to come through. My worries were unfounded as he came through with no problems - but I wish I had a camera - He did not look amused !!! Glyn quickly followed and we were into the top of the Crab walk.

We had all had a thorough soaking for many hours now and not stopped moving for more than 5 minutes on the entire trip. Mark was getting cold quickly and running out of energy but he pressed on regardless with great resolve. We soon came to the free climb down the rift and after dropping my bag - only to watch it start to float off down the crab walk - upgear and all ! I had to make the most rapid descent of that rift than I have ever had cause to do before. I slid down the rift finding every painful bump on the way down with my teeth chattering like a typewriter - but managed to rescue the bag before it floated too far. Mark then made the free climb without too many problems and soon we were all back in the crab walk and soon back near to Garlands.

At this point we donned our SRT gear once more and I seriously thought about a hauling line in case Mark couldn't make it up Garlands - he was very tired and very cold at this point. The only thing that changed my mind was the fact that another party had a left a rope in next to hours and I knew I could quickly abseil down to him if he got stuck. However.....once again my worries were unfounded as he grit his teeth and made it all the way to the top. Richard followed and then Glyn and we soon making our way out to daylight.

It was 5 pm by the time we exited - 6 and a half hours after we went underground. The trick now was to get changed before we froze to death !! By six we were all in the pub with a pint (well not Mark obviously !!). Mark's teeth were still chattering with the cold but otherwise we were all in good spirits. I enjoyed it - don't know about everyone else !!! We had pitches, ducks, aerial traverses, waterfalls, squeezes, crawls, freeclimbs, and a thorough soaking. What better way to spend your Sunday !!

Looking forwards to the next one.

## Nenthead

8<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> January 2012 – Ed

Well after much deliberation yet another return trip to Nenthead was in the making.

The plan was to explore some of the flats and workings close to the entrance of the mine as every time we visit we always end up storming past.

Saturday morning saw us meeting up in the car park in Nenthead and kitting up ready for action. We headed up through the snow to the Smallcleugh portal and off we went down the main level. The first port of call was Old Fan Flats as a warm up explore. This has some classic examples of Flat working while making use of every inch of space for back fill, leaving some superb dry stonework. We then ventured off into Whartons Sump and after a bit of wandering we soon found our way back into the Gullybeck cross cut and down to the Whispering chamber. At this point we decided to carry on down the cross cut and into the Smallcleugh flats. These are very extensive and run nearly the entire length of the mine. We continued along the level exploring every nook and cranny along the way and eventually found ourselves at the bottom of High Zinc Flats and an ideal time for a spot of lunch. After lunch we headed up into the High Zinc Flats and after a lot of wandering we eventually found ourselves in Incline Flats. We very quickly found out why it's called Incline flats!! After heading back up the incline we headed back down through the Smallcleugh flats and joined the main cross cut heading back to the main horse level and out to enjoy the lovely hot sun and warm summer's day (ok the snow!)

After a few pints in the Miners Arms the decision was made to spend Sunday heading to the far Middlecleugh sun vein and exploring the various sub levels and upper flats around Bogs Shaft.

Sunday saw us heading back into Smallcleugh and pushing straight down the horse level and through the collapses to Gypsum corner. After a quick breather we pushed on down the Sun Vein and down the ladders for a quick look at the sub level and large stoped out working. Heading back up the stope we stopped for an early lunch and rest. We then headed back out of the level and squeezed through into the incline level dropping towards Middlecleugh. Here we found numerous ore shoots to climb and some very nice vaulted stone work. After stopping for a few pictures we headed back down to the level and out for an early finish.

All in all a good weekend was had but yet again everywhere we explored opened up new places to look at next time. Time to plan yet another return trip. (Pictures by Ed; to see more pictures, go to the website.)



## Lancaster Hole – Wretched Rabbit

22nd January 2012 - Tom

Derbyshire Caving Club - Sub division; Crack O'Noon Caving Club Trip Report

Group – Tony, Pete, Tom.

Following a Saturday of digging, freezing and an unforgettable Vietnamese dinner we were awoken by the 9 o'clock team who were sat in Bernie's awaiting our arrival for a trip in Easegill. Still half asleep we found ourselves stumbling around getting ready to head up to Bull Pot farm (although in reality we all knew breakfast was more important) and so we stayed for breakfast with suggestion that we'd catch them up.

Anyway, 10am soon came and Tony was feeling a bit tired (Still drunk from the previous night) so we discussed the theory of the crack o'noon club policy until about 12 then headed to Bull Pot farm via Bernie's. Bull Pot farm was fairly quiet, nobody in the house and only a few cars on the track. We left the others personal notes on their cars and headed off up to Lancaster Hole which was strangely dry given the weather the days before. After a rigging lesson from Tony, I was first to descend followed by Pete and then Tony. After a brief explore in the main chamber of Lancaster hole we made our way down to Bridge Hall and so on. Pete being amazed by the sheer size of the chambers and passages we swiftly made our way on through the upper regions of Easegill and into Wretched Rabbit playing in a bit of water on the way. Not remembering many of the names of the places we visited along the way I can't say much more about it – but I'm sure it's more than you all expected to hear from us. Getting through the final meanders of Wretched Rabbit felt a little harder than they did on the county – wretched rabbit trip but we all managed to ascend the final few climbs safely and out into the icy stream back on surface ready for a brisk walk over the fell, pick up the rope and to meet Sue (hopefully) at the car.

Unfortunately when we returned to the farm we weren't able to leave a 'time-out' note for the others as they must have already gone. On the other hand, we saw a giant Mitsubishi thundering down the track just in time, and so we got changed and headed back to Bernie's for a quick drink and debrief before he closed and it was our home time.

Good trip had by all, and Sue also had a great day out so it seems. Where next?

## **P8, Derbyshire**

Sunday 8th January 2012 - Nigel

This was planned at fairly short notice to fill an empty weekend. The weather had been wet but showed signs of breaking for a day or so making P8 possible. We met at 10 am and six of us went down (with one ladder and two ropes - oops) finding the cave wet but certainly not too wet. It was quite cold so we kept moving and went to the main sump via Mud Hall then back out again the same way. Novice Anthony did well and Colin improved his ladder skills. Good trip all round - reached the Wanted at about 2 pm.

Below 1: Changed in the car park Below 2: Pete at the entrance - water not too high but very cold



To see more, go to the website.

## **Gautries Pot**

14th December 2011 - Allan

I happened to ring Neil yesterday to wish him a happy Christmas and he suggested a caving trip today. Being caught by surprise and not being able to come up with an excuse quickly enough I accidentally said yes. After waiting all day for the weather to get too bad - it never happened and so I had to go !!

We decided on Gautries because I have never done it before. And after looking in the guide book I wish to draw your attention to the following quote: *"The ducks in the entrance series are now gone"*

We got changed in the freezing cold by the side of the road and wandered down to the entrance. After 5 yards the water was up to my nuts. After 10 yards it was touching my chin and I had met the first duck. Yes - the one that is "gone". After a few deep breaths we both passed this duck to see immediately another one. By this time we could no longer feel our legs. After taking off helmets and trying to see if there was airspace on the other side we heard the telltale booming noise of water lapping the roof. Still, it seemed do-able - and hey - we were already wet.

So, I made the first attempt. I held my breath, got my head into the duck, and then the water went straight down the neck of my oversuit and came back out singing like Allyd Jones. Still we wouldn't give up. I took some more breaths and psyched myself up.....but then, just as I was about to go for it.....Neil mentioned that the Wanted Inn had a coal fire going. Well, that was the end of that. It was back to the Wanted to unfreeze my legs or drink so much beer that I didn't need them anymore - whichever came first.

So, Gautries will have to wait for warmer weather. Warmer dryer weather. And probably a day when the pub's shut!! I need a warmer hobby. I was in Abu-dhabi a couple of weeks ago at 35 degrees C. Then two weeks later in Gautries at minus 10000000000 degrees C. Can't be good for the body !!!

## **Bagshawe Cavern**

27th November 2011 - Nigel

This trip was arranged as an antidote to the dinner the night before. The dinner, arranged by Sue, was a brilliant affair at the Masonic Hall in Stockport, marred, only slightly, by some idiots breaking light fittings in the gents toilet. (When we find out who that was, they will receive the bill.)

On the Sunday, a strong team turned out to do Bagshawe with fourteen in total, ten of whom had been at the dinner and four others who could not make it the night before. Starting at the crack of noon meant that Tony was there on time.

Inside the cave, we soon got to the top of the Dungeon and half the group decided to go down and explore there while the others carried on along the main level as far as the Hippodrome (no hippos were seen there today). When the first group had explored most of the lower levels, they also went along the main level to the streams and sump at the southern end of the cave. The first group left the cave after about two hours and retired to the warmth of the Wanted where the others joined them later.

A good time was had by all even though there was water where Nigel said he had not seen it before and it reached to parts it shouldn't have done.

Another trip will be planned in 2012 as there is still stuff to see and it's an ideal cave for novices.

Bagshawe Caverns: 1: The team before starting underground 2: Admiring formations  
3: At the top of the Dungeon pitch 4: Returning up the entrance steps



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March 2012	24 – Saga Louts visit
April 2012	6-9 – Easter
	16 – General Meeting at the Wizard
	28-29 – Open Weekend at Engine Vein
May 2012	(7– Public Holiday)
June 2012	(4-5 – Public Holidays)
	11 – General Meeting at the Wizard
	29 - 1 <sup>st</sup> July – NAMHO Conference at Quarry Bank Mill and Alderley Edge
July 2012	Matienzo expedition and Chairman's post-nuptial celebration in Spain
August 2012	20 – General Meeting at the Wizard
September 2012	1-2 – Open Weekend at Wood Mine
October 2012	15 – General Meeting at the Wizard
November 2012	?? – Club Dinner – needs an organising group
December 2012	3 – Annual General Meeting at the Wizard

For the full calendar (for members) go to [http://www.derbysc.org.uk/club/club\\_events\\_list\\_body.php](http://www.derbysc.org.uk/club/club_events_list_body.php). This includes a number of entries for DCRO practices and training sessions. John, Ed and Allan are working on meets lists for mining and caving trips.

Any comments, items for the next edition, volunteers to be editor, etc. to Nigel š [newsletter@DerbysCC.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@DerbysCC.org.uk)