

The Dodger's Dispatch

Belated Christmas and New Year
news and stories from the
Derbyshire Caving Club
(established 1960)



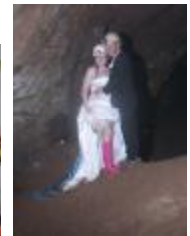
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EDITORIAL

'Four Weddings And A Funeral' went off well in West Mine with disco, food, beer and a lot of chat. Thanks to all who organised it, especially the happy couples: Bev and Ed, Sue and Tony, Heather and John and Katie and Gaz. Lennie was probably up above us keeping an eye on proceedings. It was a really good social do and shows how well the Club can arrange these things. I must admit that Sunday was hard work lifting stuff back up from Sphinx Chamber to the entrance. The picture shows how Heather was correctly outfit in wedding dress plus pink wellies while John was in his suit and tie. Of course, the celebrations were not only in West Mine as Tony and Sue also hosted many cavers and most of the Matienzo village to a fiesta there. That seemed to last most of the weekend (day AND night).



NEWS

ANNUAL DINNER

Tom has made enquiries and we can book the Mason's in Stockport again with the same band as in 2011. The proposed date is **15th June** which will make a welcome change to the rather wintry dinners of recent years. This will probably be confirmed at the General Meeting in February. I guess Tom will appreciate some help with jobs such as setting up the photo displays, looking after the band, selling tickets, and so on. Volunteers always welcome!

NEW MEMBERS

New members since the last newsletter include Anthony Dutton, Lauren Gahan, Rob White, Mary McCartan, Tom Riley and Charlotte Milward. I hope I haven't missed anyone. Welcome to all.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subs were due on **January 1st** – in most cases members will pay £27 (cavers) or £16 (non-cavers). At the time of going to press, we have 67 paid-up members and 39 subs due. Some of these might not renew but I guess we will have around 100 members this year in total.

CHAIRMAN

Tony stood down in December after three years in the job. His place was taken by **Tom Howard**, by far the youngest Chairman to date. However, Tom seemed to be keen on the job and was voted in 2:1 against opposition and, given that he has already done more caving and mining than most of us do in a lifetime, we wish him well in this new role.

WEBSITE UPDATES

A summary of recent logged trips is available on the front page of the Club site. Click on the box containing the words: *news, events, logs*. Also, the site now has maps showing where trips have taken place ('DCC info / Reports and albums / Map') and can provide grid references linked to Google maps (use: 'Geographical mapping' under the 'Useful pages' tab).

DIGGING REPORTS

Friday digging team

There have been new finds in the Dales by Club members – have a look at the meet reports.

Timber Shaft, Alderley Edge

Work continues spasmodically.

Wood Mine – Crocodile Crawl area, Alderley Edge

Work started to drain the water from the Crocodile Crawl and this has now progressed to a dig exposing barrow-ways and other timber relics. The debate is on whether to leave the Crocodile as almost a walking passage. With the Wiggie Worm crawl just a

short way away, the better choice looks like it might be to open the Crocodile Crawl up so that it can be passed by more or less anyone.

Field Shaft, Alderley Edge

Malcolm and team are still digging. They have passed under a shaft to surface which left a small cow-trap which has now been rectified.

Brynlow, Alderley Edge

Steve and Lee are still working on clearing the fall. The route is now passable although they would prefer people to keep away for a bit longer.

TRIP REPORTS

Here is a list of the most recent trip reports. You can read these reports on-line. If you're reading this newsletter on-line, then clicking on the trip name should take you to the report. Anyone without internet access can ask the editor and I will send printed copies of the reports (please say which ones). You can put your own reports on-line or send them to the editor – everything welcome as this is the only permanent record of the Club's activity that exists.

2nd February 2013	Cae Mawr Shaft	17th November 2012	Mendip and St Cuthberts
12th-13th January 2013	Yorkshire Dales - new cave	17th-18th November 2012	Legit Pot Dig
6th January 2013	Caves of the Ashover Inlier	11th November 2012	Clive Mine, Shropshire
30th December 2012	Giants Hole	11th November 2012	Alum Pot
16th December 2012	Hillocks Mine	10th November 2012	Legit Pot Dig
9th December 2012	Giant's Hole, Derbyshire.	28th October 2012	Cwmorthin Slate Mine
4th November 2012	Ecton Mines - Deep Level and Clayton Level	21st October 2012	Mellor Mill tunnels
24th November 2012	Gaping Gill	7th October 2012	Speedwell Cave System
18th November 2012	Mendip and Swildons Short Round Trip	6th October 2012	P8 Cave System
		29th September 2012	Gaping Gill via Bar Pot

17 trips listed last time, 19 this time. The Club is very active. A couple more trips have taken place but are not listed because they were in sensitive places in Derbyshire (Allan will know what I mean).

Full details of trips can be read at <http://www.derbysc.org.uk/> follow 'Members pages' and 'Trip reports and blogs'.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February 2013	18 – General Meeting at the Wizard
March 2013	29-31 – Easter
April 2013	13 – Saga Louts visit – 10 th year
	15 – General Meeting at the Wizard
	27-28 –Open Weekend at Engine Vein
May 2013	11 – BBQ at Nigel and Liz's, Nantwich (may change, check after the meeting on 18 th February)
June 2013	10 – General Meeting at the Wizard
	15 – Club Dinner – needs an organising group
August 2013	12 – General Meeting at the Wizard
September 2013	7-8 – Open Weekend at Wood Mine
October 2013	14 – General Meeting at the Wizard
December 2013	2 – Annual General Meeting at the Wizard

Anything else????

For the full calendar (for members) go to http://www.derbysc.org.uk/club/club_events_list_body.php. This includes a number of entries for DCRO practices and training sessions. John Smith, Ed Coghlan, Tom Howard and Allan Berry are working on meets lists for mining and caving trips on a regular basis in 2013.

Any comments, items for the next edition, volunteers to be editor, etc. to Nigel Dibben ✉ newsletter@Derbysc.org.uk

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ADVERT: The new version of *The Alderley Edge Mines* book now available. Contact Nigel or go to www.dibben.org.uk/shop. The book costs £12 and is illustrated in colour with sections of Paul Deakin's mine plans and many photographs.