

The Dodger's Dispatch

interim

Ramblings from the Derbyshire
Caving Club (established 1960)



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NEWS

ANNUAL DINNER

We are returning to the more traditional Annual Dinner this year. The Bramhall Golf Club has been booked again for Saturday, 28th November. Contact Ed or Nigel for more details. Booking is now available on-line. Menu has been fixed. Price is £30 this year.

Dinner bookings can be made at <http://www.derbyscc.org.uk/dinner> but you will need to log on to the website. As of today, there are 23 people booked out of the 120+ members in the Club!

We also need members to take charge of jobs such as music, photo competition, table layout, and so on. Any volunteers? If so, go to www.derbyscc.org.uk/google and select the dinner preparation spreadsheet. The password required is "Alderley".

SUBSCRIPTIONS

We have just 6 people unpaid now who have not said whether they intend to remain with the Club. Looking ahead, the BCA element of the subs is **not changing in 2027**. We need to decide whether to increase the Club subscription, currently £13. Perhaps £15 from 1st January?

ALDERLEY EDGE

As we get closer to 2027, trips have been set up for the public next year but will not be made available for booking until we have leaders. In the same way as for the dinner, go to www.derbyscc.org.uk/google and select to put your name down as a leader or to volunteer to help with setting up the April Open Weekend.

MEETS PLANNING

The Club is trialling an app called "Spond" to set up meets and allow members to say if they are going (or not). Pete Johnson has set this up and will, I am sure, tell everyone more about it at the AGM. The idea is to replace the use of WhatsApp which has been criticised for making it hard to find up-to-date information about meets.

NATIONAL TRUST NEWS

We are going to work next year with the National Trust and Alderley History Group to set up displays and walks for the NT archaeology day at Alderley on 17th July 2027. If anyone wants to participate, please contact Pete Johnson, Ed, Jen or myself. We will use the white tent again with a selection of the items we normally display at Open Weekends.

I am allowed to publicise the following from the National Trust: *"It's been a while since we gave an update on the **Wizard pub** and the progression of a tenancy agreement to enable it to return to trading. Unfortunately, the company we were in the process of negotiating with has decided they are unable to proceed. We are now in the early stages of agreements with an alternative company, who we hope we'll be able to work with to bring a pub offer back to Alderley Edge."*

WEBSITE

Remember that all members have access to more information on our website (www.derbyscc.org.uk) than the general public. Have a word with the Webmaster if you are not sure how to get on to the site.

NEWSLETTER

This is only a brief summary, hopefully there will be a fuller newsletter or journal in due course with trip reports. Please use the on-line log to leave reports or send them to the webmaster@derbyscc.org.uk and I will upload them.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: 30 November starting at 7pm. Your chance to get on the Committee

Wednesday night public trips to Alderley Edge in 2026: 18 Nov and 16 Dec

Open weekend: 24-25 April 2027

NAMHO Conference in Nenthead: 18-21 June 2027

Caving and mining meets: refer to on-line Google calendar or Facebook

Hidden Earth: Not fixed yet

Annual Dinner: 28 November 2026 at the Bramhall Golf Club – 6pm meet for 7pm meal

Remember, there is an events list on the Club website:
www.derbyscc.org.uk/events