

The Dodger's Dispatch

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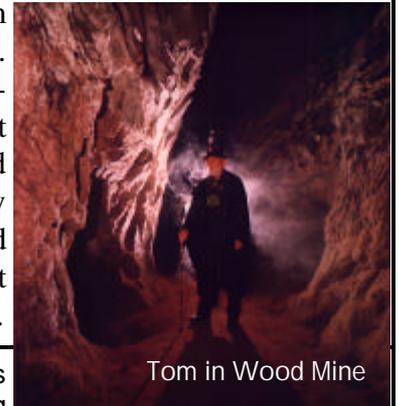
DCC IS 40 IN Y2K



The Derbyshire Caving Club celebrates 40 years of caving, mining, walking and boozing at the end of 2000. The Club was formed from the Northern section of the Orpheus Caving Club. The split from the OCC was formalised at a meeting on 3rd December 1960 and the first meeting of the new DCC was on 7th January 1961. To celebrate the 40 years of its existence, the Club is holding a special Dinner and Activity Weekend on June 24th and 25th this year.

Monsall Head prepares for invasion of the glitter ball snatchers

The Monsall Head Hotel takes its life in its own hands when it accepts a booking from the DCC. The DCC Committee has settled on the Monsall Head Hotel in Derbyshire as a venue for the Millennium Dinner and 40th Anniversary celebration. The Dinner will be held on Saturday, 24th June 2000 and there will be a programme of events on the Saturday and Sunday. There is a campsite right next to the Hotel and transport may also be provided from the Stockport area. There is some accommodation available at the Monsall Head Hotel and nearby which will be reserved by the Club on a first come first served basis.



Tom in Wood Mine

Club Treasurer goes to Cayman Isles for holiday?

From our correspondent at Heathrow. Rumours that the Club Treasurer was last seen boarding an aircraft to the Cayman Isles for a "holiday" carrying a heavy suitcase to avoid paying for the Band at the Anniversary Dinner are untrue. A spokesman for the Treasurer said that he is more than willing to subsidise Club events as long as he is invited. He added that subscriptions are now due and anyone wanting to keep in his good books should send £6 (full member) or £3 (associate member) to him at the address below or direct to his account at NatWest Bank Plc, The Cayman Islands, W.I.

The Mystery Miner

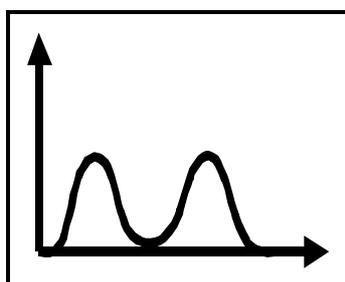
A strange figure was seen recently in the Alderley Edge Mines.

Now identified as Tom the Wizard, this hyper-active octogenarian was seen talking to little children and handing out freebies during the recent Open Days at Alderley. When not at the Edge, Tom has other things to celebrate such as reaching the memorable event of his and Marion's Diamond Wedding Anniversary. A bouquet of flowers was sent by the Club but even the Queen remembered and sent a congratulations card. Is this the first Club member to receive a greeting from Her Majesty (as opposed to a bill or a summons). Best wishes to Tom and Marion Fowden for a long and happy future together.

Did you know that Todge was tackle-master of the DCC when it was formed in 1961 and is still on the Committee as Recorder 40 years later?

BUSINESS NEWS

This graph was found among the Secretary's papers. We are not sure whether it is his weekly sales, the age profile of the DCC, a cross-section of Kingsdale or a picture he downloaded from a dubious website. Ideas to the Chairman.



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Monsall Head