

The Dodger's Dispatch

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Ramblings from the Derbyshire
Caving Club
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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.

PAST MEMBERS

We have lost another past member, Wayne Kitchen, who was also a member of Disley Underground Group. I remember Wayne well as he was active in the DCC in the 1970s. He was a few weeks off his 80th birthday. If anyone wants details of his funeral on 9th June, let me (Nigel) know.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions are now OVERDUE. You can still pay on-line at <https://www.derbyscc.org.uk/subs>. This will also tell you how much you owe. There is a big jump in the BCA membership fee for cavers/miners which goes up from £24 to £32 so full membership will cost £45 in 2026 (if we don't change the basic DCC subscription). Paying through PayPal costs us £1.36 for full subs so please pay by bank transfer if possible: go to <https://www.derbyscc.org.uk/subs> to find out more. There are still 22 unpaid members.

ALDERLEY EDGE

The monthly Wood Mine trips have continued to be successful (third Wednesday of the month now). We are now looking for leaders for the next Open Weekend in September. If you want to put your name down, go to www.derbyscc.org.uk/leaders; enter "Alderley" as the password. Talking of which, don't forget to come and take part in the Open Weekend on 5th and 6th September. It's a good opportunity to meet members from near and afar and also a good social on the Saturday night.

I have been asked to publicise a talk being given on 17th June at St Philip & St James, Church Alderley Edge by Dr Charlotte Coull about the Magic and Science in the Stone(s) of Alderley Edge. The cost is £10 including tea and cake. They are raising money for the new church heating, so the History Group are supporting this fund raiser as they meet in the church weekly.

NATIONAL TRUST ARCHAEOLOGY DAY

We are working with the National Trust and Alderley History Group to set up displays and walks for the NT archaeology day at Alderley on 18th July. If anyone wants to participate, please contact Pete Johnson, Ed, Jen or myself. We will use the white tent with a selection of the items we normally display at Open Weekends.

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. They can be typed, handwritten, telephoned, emailed, WhatsApp'd but preferably not engraved on stone as our rockery is large enough already.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

General Meetings: 3 August, 5 October, 30 November (AGM) all at Alderley Edge Club

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

Wednesday night public trips to Alderley Edge in 2026: 17 Jun, 15 Jul, 19 Aug, 16 Sept, 21 Oct, 18 Nov and 16 Dec

Surveying "training": 13 June starting at 11:00 at the Surgery

Open weekend: 5-6 September

NAMHO Conference in Swaledale: 19-21 June

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

Hidden Earth: 25-27 September at Llangollen again – quite local for us.

Annual Dinner: 28 November 2026 at the Bramhall Golf Club

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