

BCA Newsletter 22



British Caving Association

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I hope you have enjoyed the summer and have found the time to get underground at some point.

A lot has been happening in BCA over the past 12 months. Work has continued on clarifying CROW guidance, our superb anchor programme has been further developed, policies are being redrafted to better protect our caves in the

future, back-office systems are being streamlined and updated and electronic communication has been enabled.

In light of this last development, it is with great pleasure that I can report BCA is now finally ready to move email newsletters. Consequently this will be the last paper newsletter we produce and anyone who would like (hopefully more regular) updates in the future, should now register to be sent them by email. Details are below.

Andy Eavis, BCA Chairman

BCA Online - Controlling your Information Yourself

BCA is determined to make better use of email, both to better inform members and also to help save costs. We now have email addresses for over 60% of members, but we do not want members to be sent anything they do not want and, therefore, if you would like to receive anything other than administrative email, you will need to opt-in. This will ensure you receive our quarterly newsletter, as well as occasional other items of interest. To opt-in or register your email address with us, go to: <http://tinyurl.com/BCAemail> and follow the instructions.

Once registered, you can: alter your email preferences, opting in and out as you wish; check the details BCA holds on you; directly register updates to your personal details.

Eurospeleo 2016

From 13-20 August 2016 the 5th European Speleological Federation Congress ('Eurospeleo') is coming to the Yorkshire Dales. Running in place of Hidden Earth and likely to attract over 1,000 delegates from around the world, this is the biggest event in the 2016 world caving calendar.

The event will include a daily lecture programme, bar, on-site catering, training courses, a trade hall and conference banquet. Each evening there will be a stunning 3D film from the renowned Salle 3D team before the main entertainment kicks off. Camping will be available on site and, with around 30 of the Dales' most popular caves rigged and the Craven PC Ltd winch at Gaping Gill, there will be plenty to keep everyone entertained.

Tickets are available until 28 September at a substantial discount, so, if you haven't yet bought yours, go to **www.eurospeleo.uk** now.

Eurospeleo 2016 Hidden Earth, but on steroids!

CRoW

Tim Allen has been recently appointed as BCA's CRoW Liaison Officer. He is leading on our mission to clarify the existing CRoW interpretation and is currently working hard to, among other things, develop relationships with MPs and other suitably influential individuals.

Anchors

A huge programme of testing is being completed by a growing, knowledgeable and committed Equipment & Techniques Committee. Recently we have approved a further anchor for use. Among other benefits the new anchor requires a smaller hole and can be replaced. It has now been installed in a number of northern caves.

Change to Rules regarding CASC Status

We have recently become aware of some important changes to the rules relating to Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs). If your club is a CASC you should have been contacted by us. If not, please email the Secretary urgently.