

BCA / BCRA Party Weekend – Friday 9th June to Sunday 11th June 2017

The Castleton Rotary Centre, Robinlands Lane, Hope Valley, S33 8UB

If you're sent this, you've booked – thanks for making things easier for us. If you are reading this because you have seen it on the website etc please book as this helps. Here are some final details to (hopefully) enable you to get the most from the weekend.

Directions: The postcode is: S33 8WB BUT this will take you to a farm 3 fields away, so **don't use it once you've got to Castleton**. Instead use the map on the right. Please keep your speed down on the gravel lane approaching the Centre as it is single track and popular with walkers.

Site Rules: Unfortunately **dogs are not allowed** on site at all. Smoking is not allowed in any buildings.

Timings:

Friday 9th June 2017

19⁰⁰ – Earliest arrival time please (if you get to Castleton earlier, there are plenty of pubs!)

20⁰⁰ – Bar opens

01⁰⁰ – Bar closes

Saturday 10th June 2017

09⁰⁰ - 10³⁰ Cooked breakfast items available in the Main Hall

10⁰⁰ - 16⁰⁰ BCRA Science Activities (*see page2 for details - places still available on most activities*)

10⁰⁰ - 16⁰⁰ Visiting Derbyshire Caves (*see end page3 for details*)

19³⁰ – Hot Food.

20³⁰ - 23⁰⁰ - Cavers Sing-along. Session to be led by Rostam Namaghi (free) plus Bar (Not Free but at £2.50 a pint for 'real ale', not far off!)

23⁰⁰ – Late - DJ 99 Flake (CHECC resident DJ) offers a Techno/House Party (Free) with music to cater for everyone.

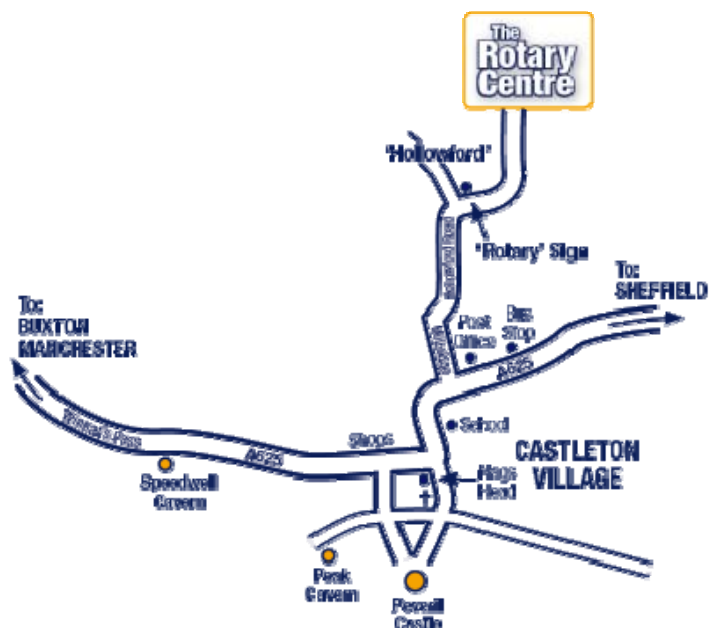
Sunday 11th June 2017

09⁰⁰ - 10¹⁵ - Cooked breakfast items available in the Main Hall

10³⁰ - BCA's Annual General Meeting - Agenda, Reports etc available from [BCA Website](#) plus paper copies available on the day. Bring your membership card (usually red or green) to vote.

14³⁰ (If we are lucky!!) BCA National Council Meeting (Council members and observers)

Payment: For much of the weekend a **reception desk** will be open to let you know where you'll be sleeping, collect money for accommodation and generally answer questions. Evening food and breakfasts will be "pay as you eat" and the bar staff will aim to take anything that's left!



Accommodation: Anyone sleeping in a bedroom (Check , there may still spaces by the way) will need a sleeping bag and pillow. If you're a caver, that's probably all you'll need, but "civilised" people may also want a toothbrush and a towel!

Weather: The forecast says: Drty Friday, Heavy Rain first thing and clearing later and dryer on Sunday, so don't forget suitable clothing (especially for those going out on science walks on the Saturday).

Anything else: If there's anything else you'd like to know, just send an e-mail to secretary@british-caving.org.uk

Details of Saturday's Science Activities

(All activities will start @ 10:30 in the Rotary Centre and run into the afternoon)

- **Workshop on cave biology led by Graham Proudlove.**

This will be based at the Rotary club. There is no limit on numbers but it would be helpful if you would pre-register [see below].

- **Surface geomorphology / hydrology walk around the Peak/Speedwell catchment led by Paul Hardwick.**

This will start from Perryfoot where there is limited parking so participants will need to share cars. The walk will take in several of the swallets in the allogenic catchment of Speedwell Cavern and then visit Eldon Hill Quarry where there will be a lunch stop (bring your own butties). From there the walk passes through the autogenic catchment to view dolines that have been traced to Peak Cavern. Then down the Cave Dale dry valley with an optional trek up to the top of the Titan entrance dig. Finally visit the three Castleton springs: Russet Well, Slop Moll and Peak Cavern Rising. Expected return to the Rotary club about 16:30. There is no limit on numbers but it would be helpful if you would pre-register [see below].

- **Workshop / practical on water tracing led by John Gunn**

The programme is very weather dependent as if the present dry spell continues it will limit the possibilities. However, it is hoped that dye will be injected at two sites which, to date, have not been traced. Participants will view the dye injection and obtain practical experience of using activated charcoal and cotton wool fluocaptors. It is also intended to deploy field fluorometers and automatic water samplers. THIS WORKSHOP IS LIMITED TO 10 PARTICIPANTS AND PRE-REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL [see below].

- **Registration**

It would be very helpful (& essential for the tracing workshop) if those who are intending to take part in an activity would send an email to John Gunn (bcra-chairman@bcra.org.uk). All that is needed is your name and which activity you intend to join.

Details of other opportunities on Saturday

- The British Caving Library at: The Studio, Glutton Bridge, Buxton, SK17 0EN (Tel 01298 83382) will be open from 10am to 5pm for those wishing to visit/find out more.
- Access to a selection of some of Derbyshire's most popular caves (Bagshawe Cavern, P8/Dr Jacksons, Eldon Hole, Giants Hole, Nettle Pot, The Peak/Speedwell System to name but a few) are all within 30mins travel (Bring your own gear and sort yourselves out on this one). Visit the Derbyshire Caving Associations Webpage for more information. www.thedca.org.uk.
- Access will be possible to the Peak Cavern System on the back of OUCC Trips on both Saturday and Sunday (although you won't be interested in the Sunday as it's the BCA AGM!). Wayne Sheldon is key holder on Saturday and interested persons/parties will need to meet at the TSG Hut/HQ in Castleton (Chapel Works, Back Street, Castleton, Hope Valley, S33 8WE), opposite the school in the middle of the village, at 09:00 in order to: a) sign a Peak Indemnity Form b) pay a small £3-4 fee and c) get changed to be ready to access the cave by 09:45 (there is no access after this time although you can choose the length of your own trip/when you come out, 'within reason'). You will need to be a BCA member and covered by BCA Insurance and find your own way around the cave. A similar opportunity is offered on Sunday with Alan Brentnall being the key holder. (Parking in Castleton may not be easy so it might be better to walk to the TSG from the Rotary Centre, this should only take some 20mins.)
- There are a number of excellent show caves in the immediate Castleton Area (Blue John , Peak Cavern, Speedwell Cavern and Teak Cliff) and in Buxton (Poole's Cavern). There may be concessionary access (TBC) to some of these show caves. Again visit the Derbyshire Caving Associations Webpage for more information www.thedca.org.uk.