

## **For Election as Individual Members Representative for 2 years (2024-2026)**

Andy Eavis (07816) Incumbent 2022-2024

Proposed by Russell Myers (00708)

Seconded by Allan Richardson (00022)

### **Election statement**

I started caving when I first went to university in 1967. I went on my first expedition in 1969 and have gone on one or two caving expeditions every year since then. I am a caving fanatic. My life's work has been to try and persuade ordinary people that cave exploring is a very worthwhile, sensible occupation.

I have been involved with caving politics since 1971 when I helped organise a number of BCRA conferences - the ancient equivalent of Hidden Earth.

At the international congress in Sheffield in 1977, I got involved with the international caving community and have been involved with it ever since.

I held many positions on the bureau of the International Union of Speleology (UIS), culminating in doing a double term as President. I subsequently got elected as Honorary President - a lifelong position.

I have now passed over reporting to BCA on the international Union of Speleology to Ged Champion. I will still attend their meetings and back up Ged in my position as honorary president.

I was Chairman of BCA for 8 years.

I stand for individual representative because for many years I was a non-voting member of the BCA council. There was a vacancy for an individual rep in a voting position and it seemed to me sensible to fill that position and handle two roles.

When my position comes up for re-election, I will certainly review the situation again and hopefully there will be younger candidates who are rather sharper than me. Meanwhile, I think I will work very well with Jess Brock who is young and energetic, and standing as the other individual rep. I will bring in an amount of experience, unfortunately much of it I have already forgotten. I will try my best to represent the underground in a mature way.

**Andy Eavis**

**3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024.**