

Chair's Report

This AGM report is the one to sum up the year just gone. The biggest news was that the access agreement with Longleat for the Cheddar Gorge Caves was finally signed last September. It took an extraordinary amount of work by the C&A Officer. It has taken many years. The commitment, tenacity, patience and dogged determination has been extraordinary.

The Cave The Sun fundraiser took place last May. Whilst the numbers weren't exceptional, those who turned up had a great evening enjoying good company and a very tasty hog roast. A small loss was made but that shouldn't put us off running another event.

We have made some progress on recruiting volunteers to assist the elected officers. Thank you to Joshitha Sivakumar for assisting the BCA Rep and thank you to Matty Dredge for assisting the E&T Officer. I hope we can build on that success and recruit more.

I would like to thank all the officers for all the hard work they have put in this year. Frank Tully for being on top of the Minutes, Tom Harrison for keeping track of the accounts, Wayne Starsmore for many C&A issues – not just Longleat, Linda Wilson for keeping an eye on BCA, Andrew Atkinson for placing and replacing a fair number of bolts, Peter Burgess for keeping us all informed and finally but not least Graham Mullan for scrutinising the Accounts.

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