

**Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year**



DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

Dear BCA Member,

This is the last newsletter of the year and the last one before Christmas so from everyone at BCA and Poole's Cavern may we wish you a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

It has been a very good year for Poole's Cavern and the Cafe. Although the final visitor numbers are yet to be confirmed it is likely that we have had a record year in terms of visitors, which is a fantastic achievement in its self but even more so when coupled with achieving a rating of 4.5 on Trip Advisor and a 93% very good or excellent rating. In fact Poole's Cavern is rated as one of the top heritage and show caves in the country.

Woods

New Paths in Grin Woods

The paths in Grin Woods have been restored and repaired and now look fantastic. The work will help to protect the delicate flora and wildlife by stopping the off path erosion, as well as helping more people to enjoy the woods by being more accessible. You can read more about the work on the paths [here](#).

Panoramic View from Solomon's Temple

Lynne Noble a member of Buxton Civic Association has produced a brand new guide to the magnificent view from Solomon's Temple. The 360° panorama is divided into four overlapping sections as you move clockwise round the tower. Points of interest are clearly marked with tips on how to identify them (you don't need a compass!). Many of the features picked out help to explain the geology of the Peak District and the history of mining and quarrying around Buxton. Some of them are on the far horizon and are only visible on a really clear day. Did you know that you can see Mam Tor and Stanage Edge from Grin Low? The guides are on sale from the Visitor Centre at Poole's Cavern for £2 each.



SERPENTINE PROJECT

Mike Monaghan Director of Buxton Civic Association, presented a cheque for £250 to the Transition Buxton committee for The Serpentine Project, to help them continue their work in transforming the Serpentine Gardens site from a derelict space, to a community-based project to grow food and help people learn about growing and making food themselves.

Mike Monaghan commented "This is a wonderful opportunity for the Civic Association to give tangible support to a community project which will bring real benefits to Buxton and is attracting so many volunteers."

Christmas Presents

If you are stuck for ideas then a trip up to the visitor centre might provide some inspiration. Have a look at a recent article on the website "[Shopping Made Easy](#)" There is something for everyone.

Newsletter

We are proposing to publish the next printed newsletter at the end of March 2015. We are looking for people's memories of the Devonshire Hospital either as a patient or perhaps as a nurse or doctor. If you have any memories or stories or even old

photographs that you would like to share then send them to communications@buxtoncivicassociation.org.uk by 28th February 2015.

Crescent

The Press release regarding the future of the crescent can be read here. [Future of Crescent secured.](#)

Members Events

Visit to the Houses of Parliament

We have managed to arrange a visit to the Houses of Parliament for BCA members and their families for the 16th February 2015. The cost of the coach will be £25 per head. If you would like to come and have not indicated already please let us know as soon as possible. For the visit to go ahead we need 40 people.

Visit to another Civic Society

We are planning a trip to another Civic Society. The plan will be for a home and away visit, probably towards the end of the summer. We hope to have some details to announce shortly.

Other Members Events

We are planning to have a mixture of talks and walks again this year. We will publish a schedule with dates in the New Year. If anyone has a subject that they would like to talk to members about then please get in touch.

LOST DOG FOUND SAFE AND WELL

Some of you may have been aware that a rescue dog called Sykes slipped his lead in Grin low on 2 December and then set off on an adventure that took him towards Harpur Hill, Chelmorton, before setting out across the Moors.

He was finally found near Three Shires Head on Sunday 7th December, tired, hungry and a little bit pawsore but very glad to be found.

A fantastic effort by all the people that searched for him and wonderful to have a happy ending.



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