



# The Stretcher

The newssheet of Devon Cave Rescue Organisation.  
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Welcome to the first edition of "The Stretcher", one of a number of ways in which we hope to keep you informed of future events, equipment systems and practices and general news and views. Please drop any useful articles with regard to cave rescue to me and I will add them to the next edition of "The Stretcher".

**BREAKING NEWS**

DCRO has a Web Site.....

[www.devon-cave-rescue.org](http://www.devon-cave-rescue.org)

IN THIS ISSUE: HEYPHONES - HOW THEY WORK; FUNDRAISING; RESCUE PRACTICE AT CROWN HILL FORT; A STIFF NECK FROM WEST COUNTRY AMBULANCE; DATES and TRAINING EVENTS, AGM MINUTES AND NEW CONSTITUTION, BAKERS PIT & [www.devoncaverescue.org](http://www.devoncaverescue.org) PLUS MORE...

## A DITTY FROM 1979

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### STANLEY'S FOUL END

Stanley Raynor, an exceptionally keen potholer, was one day a little too ambitious and fell down a 200ft shaft. He cannoned into the bottom but was lucky to survive death, despite breaking every bone in his body except his jawbone. Fortunately his colleagues were nearby when the accident occurred and within minutes they had summoned a cave rescue party.

On arrival they decided that the only possible way to rescue him would be by hauling him up. So a huge rope was lowered down to the unfortunate fellow who, with great difficulty, managed to hold it between his teeth.

There then followed a long agonising ascent with the poor chap desperately clinging on by his teeth. At last, however, he approached the surface and there were only another ten feet to go when one of his friends called out anxiously:

"Hey Stan - are you alright?" "Yeeeeeeaaaaahhhh"

(The Western Caver: Anon)

## HeyPhones .

We are now the proud owners of three HeyPhones. These are the new breed of surface to cave and cave-to-cave radios and have superseded the OgoPhone and the Molephone. The designer of these phones is John Hey. John together with CREG, the Cave Radio Electronics Group have developed these radios and most of the Cave Rescue Teams throughout the country are equipping themselves with these. MRO have purchased six, as have South Wales. Our three sets will live in the store at Buckfastleigh and are kept in individual peli cases. If you are tasked with collecting equipment please ensure that you collect two sets as one on it's own is not a lot of use. Below are the basic do's and don'ts of using the HeyPhones.

### HOW IT WORKS.

The HeyPhone is a magnetic induction system that uses grounded antenna. A loop antenna can be used but it is intended that we introduce the units using grounded antenna until members are comfortable with the sets and protocols.

The transceivers talk to each other through the ground. To do this you have to earth each transceiver to the ground. The unit transmits a signal into the ground, which is picked up a distance away by a similar earthed unit. To do this you simply run a wire each side of the transceivers and attach each end to an earth spike or to a length of braided wire, which you bury in mud or throw into a stream. In each box there are spike and strip earths so there is no "surface" and "underground" unit.

With the HeyPhones, operating at such low frequencies, there are two golden rules:

1. Use as long an antenna as possible
2. Make sure that the ends are earthed as well as possible.

Once both sets are grounded the sets are used as you would a standard two-way radio. Press to talk – release to listen. Simplex speech. Normal radio discipline is essential. These sets can be used cave-to-cave or surface to cave, in any combination, so the potential confusion is exponential to the sets deployed.

## DESCRIPTION.

Each unit is contained in a Peli 1200 case; you need more two or more to communicate. The case contains the transceiver, PTT (Press To Talk) microphone/earphone, a 12v 1.3AmpH cell, 2 x 25m earth wires wound on formers (one end fitted with a banana plug and the other with a large crocodile clip), 2 x earth spikes (large steel tent pegs) and 2 x 1m braided earth straps (electric fence tape). One end of the tape has a copper swaged ferrule to clip the croc onto, the spike is connected directly using the croc clip, both spike and braided wire can be used to achieve a very effective ground if cave conditions permit.

The transceiver has two adjustable controls. An ON/OFF volume switch and a function switch. There are five sockets: power, PTT Mic, 2 linear and one-loop antenna sockets. A dual RED/GREEN colour led indicator shows green to indicate the set is on and turning red when transmitting speech or beacon tones (see later). The cell should last about 15 hours on standby and some 2 – 3 hours with continuous talk on transmit. All sockets with the exception of the two linear sockets are individual so wrong connection should not occur.

## GENERAL LAYOUT

The most important control is the **Function** switch, which controls the mode the unit operates in. There are four **Function** switch positions.

**PHNS (phones).** Used for privacy by allowing reception only through the speaker in the PTT microphone or when used with a headset – mic is fitted. In very noisy caves (water or rescuers) a headphone and mic may be vital. *At present we do not have this accessory.*

**SPKR (speaker).** In this position the internal speaker is switched on. This is the normal setting.

**CNFID (confidence).** When selected the unit transmits a short beep about every 90 seconds. This beep is just noticeable at the set transmitting but heard as a loud beep by the receiving set. It is designed to give the operator re-assurance that the other set is working. It does not interfere with normal use.

**BCN (beacon).** The BCN position causes the set to transmit a steady stream of beeps. No voice transmission is possible in this mode. The purpose is to allow a receiving antenna to be DX'd. (moved until optimum reception is received).

The BCN must only be used for **timed periods**, normally a minute or two, before switching back to the CONFID or SPEAKER function, and is of more use when the receiving unit is using a loop antenna, which is much more directional than the grounded antenna.

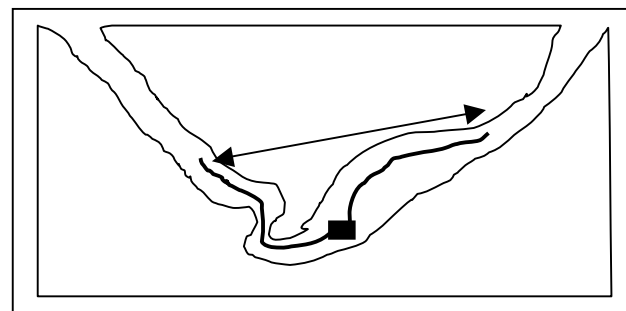
The designers have found that a series of beeps is easier to DX than a constant tone. The only other adjustable switch is the combined ON/OFF and volume switch. When switched on the LED is green. Turning the switch clockwise increases the volume. To prevent accidental movement both switches are click stepping.

## SETTING UP.

We will first run through the setting up and first contact before covering the choice of sites and range of the HeyPhones. When transporting the HeyPhones remember that they are electronic instruments and treat them as such. Please keep your hands as clean as possible when setting up or operating.

## UNDERGROUND

Pick a spot where you think a good earth is possible. This is where you find mud or water. Boulder floors or dry rock is not very good. You may have to move some distance from the incident to ensure a good earth. The antenna ends want to be as far apart as possible – it is the distance between the earth points that counts so make sure you can get a good spread, you should also choose a place out of water noise, and for your own comfort in the ideal world out of any large drafts.



Open the Peli case and take out the two 25m antenna wound on their formers. Unwind a meter or so from one antenna and plug into any linear socket on the

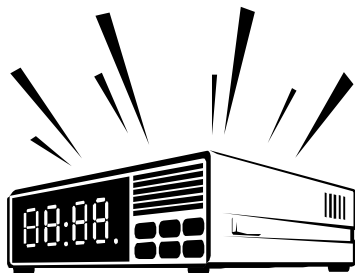
HeyPhone. Repeat with the second antenna. The next step is to layout the antenna. (Tip: leave some slack, or tie off to the handle of the peli case to avoid accidental disconnection). Remember that it is the distance apart of the earths that counts, avoid the situation shown above where the apparent distance is large but the actual is not.

In the peli case are four earths – two braided tapes and two large tent pegs. Choose whichever combination suits your location (two tapes, two pegs or tape and peg or all four – peg and tape at each end). Make a good earth. Bury the spike or braid in mud, put them into water or in the worst case, lay the braid out and cover with mud or rocks – as wet as possible. Connect the large croc clips to the earths and bury them as well!!!. Once the antenna are connected check that the ON/OFF volume switch is set to OFF and plug the power cable into the socket on the HeyPhone. Then connect the spade terminals onto the cell, Red wire to Red terminal and Black wire to Black terminal. The next step is to connect the PTT microphone plug to the microphone socket. You will see that the plug is anti-fooling, so do not force it in, locate the plug correctly and push home without any force. Both the power and microphone plugs have locking collars which should be finger tightened.

You are now ready to switch the set on. Turn the ON/OFF volume switch clockwise a couple of clicks. The LED should glow green. Turn the FUNCTION switch to SPKR. You are now receiving and can transmit by pressing the PTT switch on the side of the microphone and by speaking into it.

## SURFACE

The setting up of the surface unit follows the same procedure but is obviously easier to lay out the



antenna. On the surface avoid quarry or mining debris and look for a good soggy patch to earth into, and avoid setting up to close to power lines – you will transmit mains hum to a receiving set.

A tent or suitable shelter should be provided in poor weather conditions. Some means of communicating with the rescue control is essential, radio, cell phone or runner – which ever is best.

When you switch the surface set on you will hear interference from the speaker. This caused by commercial locator beacons and sounds much like “galloping horses”. It has proved difficult and expensive to filter out this interference and the designers decided it was not worth it.

When contact is made you will find that the interference is greatly reduced by the incoming signal. Only in shallow underground stations is interference heard.

## PACKING UP

When the rescue is over, or when you need to move station, the HeyPhones need to be packed away. Remove all of the plugs from their sockets. Remember to undo locking collars first and always grasp the plug and not the wire!! Clean all mud and water from the earths AND the wire before wrapping onto the formers, starting from the croc clip end (it makes redeployment much easier). The HeyPhone is an electronic instrument and should be treated as such. Ten minutes spent cleaning the accessories before packing will make sure the unit is kept in top condition. This is very important, please don't just ram everything back into the peli case and force the lid shut. You'll wreck it!

## OPERATIONAL USE

Communications are vital on rescues, and so are the correct methods of communicating. As a team we will be using these HeyPhones regularly and it is important that everybody feels comfortable with the correct use, especially the speech protocols.

The HeyPhone gives us the advantage of establishing contact with sharp end of a rescue as fast as the first team can get to the incident and be set up. So for future practices and “real” rescues the first two teams that enter a system should ensure they have a HeyPhone with them and that at least one person is fully able to set the phone up and operate it. These first “hit” teams should be comprised of, at least 3 or 4 team members (1 team leader, 1 or 2 first aiders and a radio operator).

Because the range of the HeyPhone is that much greater than has been possible by using Molephones or OgoPhones and quicker to set up than “land lines/Field telephones” the accuracy of the surface set in shallow systems should not be too critical, but the terrain is more important. Over the next few months (foot & mouth permitting) test will be carried out to find ideal surface and underground locations – If you wish to be involved in any of these testing sessions please contact me as soon as possible – we have a fair number of caves to test (Prid, Dog Hole, Bakers, Reeds, Afton, Radford's, Chudleigh caves, Penn Recca etc) Information on the test sites and the results will be kept in both rescue stores where we will be starting to gather a file on each cave, that should be collected in the event of a rescue.

When a surface or cave set is set up and well grounded the set should be switched on and function switch set to transmit on **CNFID**. If both sets are in the right places the 90 second interval beep will be heard from the other set, if this is so then Comms can begin immediately. The HeyPhone operates the same as a two-way radio. When you have the PTT switch depressed you are transmitting and the LED will turn RED.

Use call signs (to be arranged with control prior to going underground) always say the call sign of the set you are calling first before your own and repeat it twice.



This prevents confusion when more than two sets are deployed. Please see the example below

**“Cave One Cave One from Surface Control Over”**

**“Surface Control Surface Control from Cave One Over”**

**“Cave One from Surface Control, please provide details of casualties names, ages and sex Over”**

**“Surface Control from Cave One stand by Over”**

**“Cave One from Surface Control standing by”**

When a particular communication is finished the correct procedure is to say your call sign followed by “Standing by” not “Out” as Out means you are closing down.

Remembering to say your targets call sign first is perhaps the single most difficult procedure to grasp. The quality of speech through the sets may at times mean particular words or details are not always easy to understand. If you require clarification ask the sending set to repeat i.e. “Say Again” and if required ask them to spell words using the phonetic alphabet, if you don’t already know it ensure you ask someone on one of the training nights.

Speak clearly and if you have a long message to send break into parts and check with the receiving station that they understand each part. Resist the urge to babble, it wastes battery power and there is no need for excessively slow speech unless the reception is poor. Try not to talk directly into the microphone; talking across it produces clearer quality Comms.

Remember for successful Comms –antenna wire as long as possible and earth connections as far apart as possible and into mud or water is best.

Practice as much as you can in using the sets – come and help run the tests.

The above article is based on an article produced in “The Way Out” Newsletter of SWCRO

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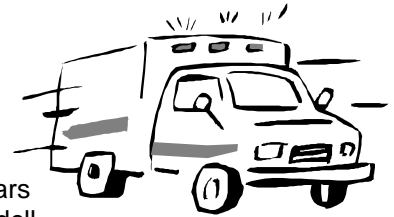
Another way of communicating to you the team members and also our audience is the all new DCRO web site, this is the first version and I’m sure that we will expand it in the near future, the web site has a general page, a training / diary page, a 999 page, a rescue page, a links to other sites page and a team contacts page, with email addresses for the committee. Make sure you have a look, save it in your favourites folder and please provide feedback. Most future communications will arrive to you in the form of an email, with attachments. At present there are only 6 team members who I can’t email – please ensure we have your correct email address, especially if you change providers.

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## A stiff neck from WAS

**WAS** or West

country Ambulance Service have come up trumps for us by giving us two more sets of Cervical collars and two sets of guedell



airways – what nice chaps they are and all it cost us was the production of an article for their regional magazine – This now means we have 4 sets of each and I’m already trying to get some of their people underground (F & M permitting) in the near future. This is an attempt to foster relations and to allow them to see the conditions we have to work in and hopefully we may be able to beg, steal or borrow (long term) some more kit – I have my eye on a O<sub>2</sub> and Entonox set – anybody got any other ideas what we should be aiming to get hold of? If anybody is prepared to show some of the lads and lasses from WAS around Bakers or Prid in the near future, please let me know.

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## £££££ - FUNDING - £££££

Your help is needed now more than ever, since buying the HeyPhones, the Little Dragon and a few other bits of kit. We are in desperate need of some income – this is why I have been selling the old steps out of Bakers Pit – please buy one - they have some real history to them – some of the real old cavers of Devon have gone up and down those (including Mike Bond and Bill Tolfree, sorry chaps). The steps are only £3.00 each and are well worth the money, in years to come they will be worth hundreds on the antique ~~read~~ cave show. Please also always help yourself to a coffee or tea on the evening training sessions, but remember to put at least 50p in the pot. Tea, coffee and all that learning and sometimes a slice of cake for just 50p. What a bargain I hear you say.

In all seriousness we are in need of real funding and the committee would appreciate any help possible to gain a few more quid to the coffers. Any ideas, especially if you are prepared to organise it, would be great.

We are starting the application process for a small SportLot grant, this can be for any amount between £500.00 and £5000.00, but whatever we get can only be used for capital expenditure and not for general running costs. If successful then we will be able to purchase the much needed new stretchers, tackle bags etc etc. We feel that we should be reasonably successful in getting this grant because West Breacon Cave Rescue Team were awarded £62,000 at the end of last year, and it has set a new precedent as prior to



this rescue teams were not eligible. If you have any ideas what sort of kit we should be looking to purchase please discuss with a committee member.



## Bakers Pit

Bakers Pit is well on the way to being sorted and open for full use. The new licence was signed at the end of January and came into effect on the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2001 for a 10-year period by the Dave Millin the DCUC secretary and the landowner. On the 1st February the cave was open and when a few others and I went in for a look we were very surprised how good the cave was looking. The cave had certainly re-generated itself, lots of new calcite growth, so some re-taping was undertaken and then Foot and Mouth struck so the cave was again closed.

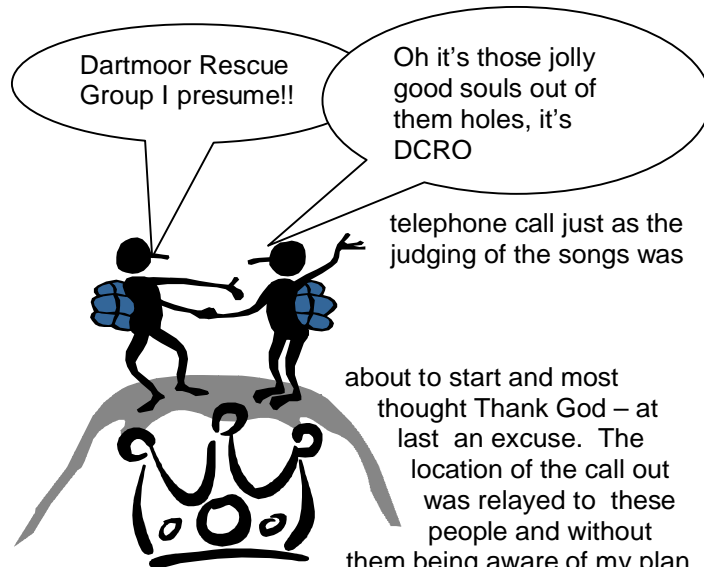
At the beginning of May we were given permission by MAFF to access the cave to finish off the schedule of works. This involves the fitting of a new gate and locks, and the installation of a new ladder.

The new gate is much stronger than the old gate, and heavier, so be very careful of your fingers when closing the gates. As you are already aware the old steps from the top shaft of Bakers pit are for sale (only £3.00) so a new ladder has been constructed for us and is in the process of being fitted. Thanks to Richard Green for his help in installing this ladder a much need boost to the work team.

I would like to take this opportunity of asking all who read this to be aware that the relationship with the farmer, who has the farm adjacent to Bakers Pit, is a little strained at present. It transpires that for some years he has presumed that he "owned" (not legally but by default) the Bakers Pit field. The actual owner has now made it clear to him who owns the field, although he is being allowed to graze cattle or sheep. Please be sensitive and careful what you say if you are challenged. Any difficulties please report these to Dave Millin (DCUC Secretary); Dave's number is in the call out list. DCRO's future involvement with Bakers Pit is now only from a rescue point of view and that it will enjoy some income as a result of key hire.

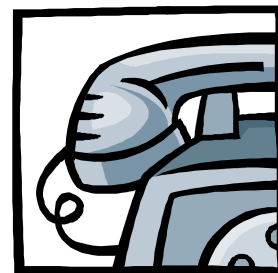
## Crown Hill with DRG

Was it a crowning glory, perhaps it was or perhaps just an excuse not to be watching the Eurovision Song Contest. Anyway those who were available, received a



telephone call just as the judging of the songs was about to start and most thought Thank God – at last an excuse. The location of the call out was relayed to these people and without them being aware of my plan they had to cascade the call out down to two or three other team members, ensuring that the location was relayed and arrangements of collecting equipment from the rescue store at Buckfastleigh. I wondered who might have a key to the hut and rescue store with them, or would they remember the emergency key based at the White Hart. Only time would tell. On arrival Dartmoor Rescue Group were already set up and were ready to start to "task" our people as they turned up. In all 15 members of DCRO arrived on site and the fun and games were on.

## CALL OUT LIST



You should have received an up-to date Call out list with this newsletter. Please ensure that we always have your correct details. Otherwise when we have an official Call Out you won't be called. Please keep this call out list in a handy location, and you might consider keeping a copy, in the car or/and at work. Not only is it a Call Out list, I also find it a very useful, address and phone list. If you are aware of other cavers who may wish to involved in DCRO, please pass their details on to a member of the committee or bring them along to one of the Wednesday evening training sessions. As a general rule we want to ensure that as many of the team have as many skills as possible, so the Wednesday evenings and Rescue practices are very important. Please remember that we all have something to offer and are never too old to learn. At the end of the day I believe these training events are FREE to you (apart





from making a donation for tea or coffee) and I'm sure you will be a better skilled and equipped caver as a result of them.

## DCRO AGM – 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2001

Minutes of the DCRO AGM held at 11 Crest Hill, Buckfastleigh.

Present: Patrick Hanlan(PH), Keith Pearson(KP), Jon Whiteley(JW), Bill Tolfree(BT), Colin Smith(CS), Lee Woodward(LW), Geoff Dommett(GD), Andy Rummig(AR), Alan Brady(AB), Mark Ashcroft(MA), Sam Lecureur(SL), Mike Bond(MB), John Millborrow(JM).

Apologies: Brian Johnson, Peter Head, Dean Perry, Dave Jean and Ali Neill

The meeting opened at 2.52pm with PH in the Chair

**Minutes of the Last Meeting:** 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2000. These were accepted at the meeting as a true record of the 2000 AGM

**Matters Arising:** a) the matter of the Little Dragon re-warmer has now been settled. b) Police Radios, also settled these have now passed the tender stage and we are presently expecting 6 radios. c) JM asked if the committee had approached WPCST about the £150.00 (Mike Heard Memorial fund). JW said this would be raised at the Trust's Management Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> June. The Minutes of the AGM of 23<sup>rd</sup> May were accepted.

**Chairperson's Report:** PH although it had been a quite year there had been a number of changes both in equipment and personalities. DCRO needed to be aware of the need to adapt. He thanked the outgoing Committee for its work over the year.

**Controller's Report:** JW reported that since he took over the role of Controller in October 2000, there had been great strides forward in the structure and organisation of DCRO. He reminded the meeting that there was a continuing need for training and fund raising. JW also asked for any support from members in sorting equipment and assisting in the organisation of the systems that we need to put in place for an efficient and effective cave rescue service.

**Secretary's Report:** KP said that the Secretaries efforts had largely been taken up with the joint DCRO / DCUC working party on Bakers Pit. It has been almost a year since English Natures acceptance of the 4<sup>th</sup> Draft of the Management plan and most of the committee's effort has been in obtaining the landowners acceptance of the plan and persuading her to sign a licence agreement. JW added that the neighbouring farmer has agreed with the landowner to have grazing rights in return for up keep of boundaries. KP proposed that the access control for Afton Red Rift be handed over to DCUC at the earliest opportunity.

**Treasurer's Report:** KP introduced the accounts and explained the lack of income from usual key subscribers. He also identified those items of expenditure that had been imposed on us in order to complete the management plan. The accounts were proposed by JW and seconded by JM and accepted by the meeting.

**Training Officer's Report:** Ali Neill sent a written report, a summary follows: Ali welcomed the regular training nights saying that they had long been needed. However, he expressed reservations about the Training Credit system. Such a system, he said, needs to be monitored closely so as not to over-prune the existing call out list. In addition to technical ability a knowledge of sites is very important. I believe trips to lesser known sites would be useful. In the summer months particular use could be made of outdoor training locations such as Chudleigh and Mount Battern Rock. Ali highlighted North Devon as an area of concern. He felt that we urgently needed to identify and recruit cavers local to the area. (He felt that Exmoor Mines research group might be able to help). As I will be working in West Cornwall in the near future it will be difficult for me to remain in post; so I am standing down for the current year at least.

**Equipment Officer's Report:** The equipment officer was not present. KP pointed out that we had a successful equipment audit weekend and this has resulted in a computerised equipment inventory. JW explained the reasons for keeping the "lions" share of equipment at Buckfastleigh.

**Situation regarding Bakers Pit** KP informed the meeting that Bakers Pit was now via a licence agreement with the owners controlled and administered by DCUC. Income from Bakers Pit key hire would now be split after administration costs; 75% to DCRO and 25% to DCUC. Commercial year hire is now £80.00, Club year hire £30.00 Youth Groups £20.00 and weekend hire £5.00

**Proposed Constitution of DCRO** The need for a full constitution has arisen because of the Lottery bid that is being prepared. Please see the New Constitution enclosed, this version supersedes any earlier version.

**Election of Committee Officers** The following officers were elected

Chairperson – Patrick Hanlan	Proposer - KP Seconded - JW
Controller – Jon Whiteley	Proposer - MB Seconded - JM
Secretary – Lee Woodward	Proposer - JW Seconded - AR
Treasurer – Keith Pearson	Proposer - MB Seconded - CS
Training – Simon Mullins Officer	Proposer - AB Seconded - AR
Equipment – James Hanlan	Proposer - PH





7.2. The Treasurer shall provide annual accounts to the satisfaction of the AGM.

## 8. THE EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

8.1. An extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) may be called giving 28 days notice by either: -  
 a) The Committee  
 b) Half the Membership giving signed notification to the Secretary.

## 9. PROPERTY OF THE ORGANISATION

9.1. DCRO, if its Committee so decide may enter into licence agreements conferring the right to use or cross property.  
 9.2. If DCRO ever wishes in the future to acquire real property (either freehold or leasehold) for the furtherance of its aims then this can only be pursued with the agreement and ratification of an EGM convened solely for this purpose and no other.

## 10. DISSOLUTION OF THE ORGANISATION

10.1 Dissolution of the Organisation may only be considered at an EGM convened solely for this purpose and no other.  
 10.2 A decision to dissolve the DCRO will require a 75% majority of those present to be brought into effect.  
 10.3 All cash and realisable assets shall be donated to which ever voluntary organisation, covering the County of Devon whose aims and objectives (in the opinion of a simple majority of those members present) are closest to those of DCRO  
 10.4 In the event that no such voluntary organisation is agreed upon, then all cash and realisable assets are to be donated to the British Cave Rescue Council, or that organisation's successor body.

If we can tie the knots on the surface, now lets try them underground plus how do we get the casualty out of this hole !!!!!

3<sup>rd</sup> October 2001 – 7.30pm Pridhamsleigh, Nr Buckfastleigh – Underground Comms and Treasure Hunt – Entry fee £1.00 each – Teams of two – Practice your comms, solve the clues, have fun and find the treasure

6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> October 2001 - First Aid course, Buckfastleigh. – A chance to renew your out of date First Aid Qualification – the course will be subsidised – an excellent course – you can't fail to learn.

5<sup>th</sup> December 2001 – 7.30pm DSS Hut, Crest Hill, Buckfastleigh – Oxygen, Entonox and the Little Dragon.

## RESCUE PRACTICES.

Sorry for all the recent confusion over dates and venues etc. Please find below the dates of the next two rescue practices. The locations will be published, nearer the time, meet time for each of the practices will be 9.30am for a 10.00am Start.

3<sup>rd</sup> June 2001 – Rescue Practice, Bakers Pit

28<sup>th</sup> October 2001 – Rescue Practice TBA by PCG.

Look forward to seeing you at the training events and the rescue practices.

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## Thanks.

Many thanks to all of you who have over the last couple of months helped move DCRO forward, by giving up time sorting equipment, chasing around collecting kit and supporting the cause. However, the need for more people to help still remains.

As many of you have already heard me say it is now time for DCRO to become **E<sup>2</sup>**.

**EFFECTIVE** – When we are called to a “real” cave rescue lets make sure that we all know what we are doing, and how the equipment works etc.

**EFFICIENT** – Lets sort the rescue quickly but with an air of professionalism – let's be a “**breath of fresh air**” in front of other rescue services and teams.

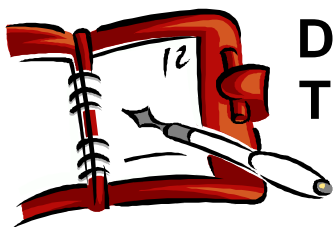
Thanks again for the support and help.

Jon.

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## FEEDBACK

Should you have any feedback, or require anything else from us, then please let myself or any committee member know. Also, should you have any articles that you wish to be published in the “**Stretcher**”, then please supply via email or post.



## Dates for Training.

Wednesday evening training events will continue throughout the year - please make every effort to attend. The dates for these events are below together with dates for two future rescue practices.

### TRAINING

6<sup>th</sup> June 2001 – 7.30pm DSS Hut, Crest Hill Buckfastleigh – Comms and Rope work skills, try the new Heyphones, and practice your knots.

8<sup>th</sup> August 2001 – 7.30pm Bakers Pit Car Park, Buckfastleigh – Underground session and Rigging