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British Cave Research Association

Cave Science Field Meetings

Sunday 10th March 2013

Lincolnshire, Nottingham and Glutton Bridge

The British Cave Research Association (www.bcra.org.uk) is pleased to invite you to attend one of the two Cave Science Field Meetings that are planned on Sunday 10 March 2013, to follow the 24th BCRA Cave Science Symposium at the British Geological Survey in Keyworth on 9 March.

The **Lincolnshire Meeting** will be led by **Professor Tim Atkinson**, of University College, London, to the Oolitic limestone that exhibits many karst features, including depressions, dry valleys and sinkholes with rapid groundwater flow. This will provide opportunities to discuss the limestone geology, structure, fractures and hydrology, speleogenetic inception and any early karst conduit formation within the local geomorphic setting. This meeting will require car and petrol sharing and driving eastwards to follow water-traced flow routes from the sinks to a large spring in the Fens and will take all morning and afternoon. A packed lunch should be brought, although it may be possible to arrange lunch at a suitable venue en route. Attendees should wear suitable outdoor clothing with boots and carry a helmet for use in quarries.

The **Nottingham Meeting** will be led by **Dr. Tony Waltham** to some of the many man-made caves excavated in the Sherwood Sandstone beneath the city centre. It will be a morning meeting that will include an explanation of the local geology and visits to several sites for which permission has been given. The meeting will conclude at one of the public houses that have cave cellars and where lunchtime refreshment may then be obtained. Attendees should wear their usual casual clothing; helmet and lamp are optional but could be useful.

Pre-registrations for these Field Meetings are essential and should be made to the **meeting secretary, Dr. Trevor Faulkner**, by sending an email to t.faulkner@bcra.org.uk by **Friday 8 February 2013**, to specify which meeting is selected, and can be discussed by phone at 01625 531558. Attendances, of adults only, will need to be restricted for both meetings and reservations will be accepted in order of receipt. The charge for each meeting will be £5, payable on the day, with free entry for BCRA and BGS members. Detailed timetables, venues, and further information will be provided by email to those who pre-register. BCRA re-launched cave science field meetings in 2008 and participants have enjoyed many successful events since then. We hope you will come and support one of these so that similar activities can be staged in the future.

Additionally, the **British Caving Library** (www.caving-library.org.uk/) will hold a **BCL Open Day** at The Studio, Glutton Bridge, Buxton, SK17 0EN, on Sunday 10 March 2013, when attendees will be able to browse the books and journals held at the BCL, discuss its activities, and be offered tea and coffee. This Open Day will be available to all, free of charge, although donations to assist the work of the library will be accepted. The Open Day is expected to last throughout the morning and afternoon, but please advise your expected time of arrival by sending an email to **Jenny Potts**, the Library Co-ordinator, to j.potts@bcra.org.uk, so that your visit can be confirmed. It should be possible to attend both the Nottingham Meeting in the morning and the BCL Open Day in the afternoon. Other visits to the BCL can be made by prior arrangement.