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Views from the Chair

Dear members,

It is AGM and conference time again although a little earlier than usual this year. We are having our conference with the BCG and GCG as a special millennium event on the 3rd and 4th April in Scarborough. Each group has been allotted time for up to six speakers and I'm happy to say that the NSCG had more possible speakers than time available. We have put together a good and varied selection of talks with a conservation bias, which are to be spread throughout the two days.

Trips have also been arranged for the last day. Personally I'm off to see Kate Andrew's plesiosaurs at Whitby, she also informs me that there is a good fish and chip shop in the town. (A sort of view it, then eat it situation).

Our AGM will take place on the Tuesday before we leave for our trips. I fully intend to keep our AGM as short and to the point as possible but we do need your presence and hopefully your participation. It's nice to know there is someone out there who appreciates what the committee has been doing over the past ten months.

The post of secretary and two ordinary committee members posts will be become vacant at the AGM. Any of the members who feel that they would like to serve on the committee should please give their names to Paul Brown together with a nominator and seconder as soon as possible. If not we will have to twist peoples arms and make them stay on for another "tour of duty". Whilst it is pleasant to feel one's indispensability, new blood and new ideas are important to the group.

On another note, I would appeal again to the membership for articles for the newsletter. Darren and his editorial team have been frantically trying to put together this newsletter with very little copy. Please remember that although we are only a small group we have a worldwide membership both personal and institutional. We are the only group in the UK and Europe that exclusively promotes the conservation of natural sciences. An article in the NSCG newsletter will reach just as many people as one in

any other journal.

In the past, we have had articles of a high quality, and have been complimented especially for our 10 agents series. We are all anxious that this will continue. I will end with the hope that I will meet as many of you as possible in Scarborough in April, and I hope you will be attending the conference dinner.

Regards to you all.

Bob Entwistle

Access to Collections

Scarborough April 3rd-4th 2000. Joint BCG, NSCG, GCG Conference
Promenade Lounge, Scarborough Spa Complex, South Bay, Scarborough



Biology Conservation Group



'Social inclusion' is one of the governments new buzzwords and with the advent of Best Value, museums must show their commitment to providing access for all. This two day conference will look at how we afford access to collections, to the scientific community, the public and other users. It will consider the issues raised by how we enable access, examples of good practice, how museums can break down barriers and are reaching beyond their walls.

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