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## Views from the Chair

Dear Members,

I would like to publicly thank Nick Gordon and his colleagues for organising our recent AGM and conference at Leicester, and making it such a success. The first days were most notable for offering us a vision of Chris Collins in black PVC trousers, (if you weren't there it's your own fault and I shall explain no further).

I would also like to thank the many members who attended and contributed to the 2 day event, it was good to meet you all and put faces to names.

My congratulations to all speakers and not least to our expert panel who passed down to us their combined wisdom on the last day. These sages of the natural science conservation world were off set by the ever youthful William Lindsay who brought to us the lighter side of conservation at the Natural History Museum.

As regards our conference curry. You certainly could not fault it on quantity.

It is proposed that our AGM next year will take place in Scunthorpe! "Why," you are all asking has the group decided to be so efficient as to begin organising our millennium meeting so early, and why have we picked such an exotic location?

The group has been approached by the Biological Curators Group and the Geological Curators Group with the view to holding a large meeting/conference with all natural science groups next year in honour of the millennium. We thought it would be rather churlish of us to refuse this offer. Details have yet to be finalised but we will have our own speakers on conservation issues, and possibly trips to local a museum to see recently conserved plesiosaurs. It is not our intention to see our grouped swamped by our bigger cousins.

Another landmark is this very edition. This is the first edition to be

brought out by our new Editorial team headed by Darren Mann. My thanks to Darren and his colleagues. The newsletter is only as good as those who write for it. Please make every effort to send in articles and news to Darren.

Unfortunately we have recently lost Nick Gordon from our committee. Nick has been an active member of the committee for a number of years and will be missed. He has had to resign due to other work commitments, but intends to remain part of the group. I have no doubt we will be seeing him again at meetings and AGM's. Adios Nick.

My regards to you all  
*Bob Entwistle.*

### The NSCG Website

We are currently in the process designing our new Website, which we hope will be up and running in the New Year, as long as the millennium Bug doesn't destroy the world. We have the kind help of Paddy Collis in the setting-up of our site and I would like to thank him for all of the work he has done so far.

If there are any members who wish to contribute or have any comments or suggestions on what you would like to see on the site, please contact the Editor.

### BCG, GCG and NSCG Conference

Access to Collections

3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> April 2000, Scarborough

Call for Papers: Papers and posters on any aspect of collections access, community and outreach work, Best Value or joint working partnerships etc.

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