

Scarborough Caving Club



News and details of meeting held on June 11th.1994

NEW DIGS!!!!

SCC now has three new cave sites in our area. Chalky, while "working" in Wykeham Forest, discovered a new windypit at 9285-8795. This was entered by Chalky, Gerry and Lee and enlarged to allow easy access. During last week, the heavy gang went up and enlarged it from 6ft deep, to around 10ft deep with a rift in the floor, giving a total depth of around 30ft, and draughting stongly.

THIS site is right on a bridalway, so must be filled in after we have finished.

The second is another fissure first uncovered by the Forestry Commission a while ago, but never entered. Richard went to look at this site, and when it was eventually found, it was decended to a ledge 20ft down, with the rift dropping a further 30ft or so, but much tighter. A rope and hauling team are needed here! The top is loose and there are large blocks in the rift. This will be called Newclose Rigg Pot and is in Dalby Forest, a gate key is required to visit this pot.

Another dig is taking place, again found by Chalky, in the dry stream bed above Kirkdale Cave. He is working with Ernie Sheild of MSG on this one but needs help in extending it, see Chalky.

Evening Trips during summer. It was decided to introduce regular evening trips to digs, mines and other sites in our area. Initially Wednesday nights were favoured, but are inconvenient to several people, so let me know, soon, the best night for all, otherwise Thursday will be picked.

The Seamer Gala went off without a hitch, although without the tower, it was a quiet affair, the main comment was "I didnt know we had a Caving Club in Scarborough"!!! Thanks to Stephen and Robin for their help.

Bull Pot has been Bolted by a group led by the CNCC secretary Les Sykes, who used it as a workshop for the cavers fair. We no longer need to worry about this, although it was a little embarrassing when I called up to check on Jack Pickups progress at bolting the entrance, only to find another group complete with P hangers and Bosch drill at the top.

The cavers fair was attended by Jerry and Chalky, who went on a coarse on the fine art of blasting the sh.. out of cave passages with home made explosives.....

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Jerry has now applied for a bang licence, (watch out IRA). Another coarse attended was on digging and shoreing techniques which should come in useful (see first item on page 1!!).

Dont forget, the Photo competition is only 5 months away, so if you intend to enter, then now is the time to get snapping. Also, lets see some funnies this year!

The next Permit trip is Notts Pot on Saturday July 2nd. Details enclosed. This trip is an excellent SRT trip with many routes. Its deep, spectacular and very Photogenic.

Cave Safe 3 is now available, and this video is about SRT, so it is more relevant than the others. The club will purchase a copy. See Lyn shortly.

Some club gear is missing, so please check your gear and return anything which is not yours please.

The CNCC ECO-Resin rigging guide has been published and covers 12 popular caves (including Bull Pot) and at £3.00 is good value, especially as part of the cost goes to providing more P hangers and resin for future bolting. Available only from Bernies and Inglesport.

Michael still has some CD's for sale, if interested see him.

The new Clup Tee shirts and Sweat shirts are now here, and are excellent value.

Sweat shirts are bottle green with yellow logo (as before) and are £10.00

Tee shirts are Jade with navy logo and are £5.50

OR buy both together and save 50p!!

Also available from time to time are green chemical oversuits, not as good as TSA suits but good value at £12.00 See separate list.

The Phone number on your club cards for the Weathercheck should now read 0898 500 416 or 417. these are more appropriate to the Dales caving area.

Due to the amount of work (real work, home, and club) that Lyn and I are doing at the moment, could we be cheeky and ask club members who need to see us to call on Wednesdays or fridays if this is convenient. We like to see you, but it has developed into almost every night of the week now and I have not had time to shower for 4 days... Phew!! Thanks.

Happy caving (and digging)

Richard