

SCARBOROUGH CAVING CLUB

July 1994 Update.

The digs;

Troutsdale Windypit has been pushed as far as possible by Gerry, Chalky and Lee, with help from others at various times over its exploration.

It has now been filled in again, due to its proximity to a bridleway, but not before Jerry took some measurements and photographs of the pot, to enable a simple survey to be drawn up, see copy enclosed.

Newclose Rigg Pot has also been entered to a point where I got stuck, cos I'm too fat!, but Stephen got down a few inches further and was able to touch the debris cone with his foot, but due to the tightness of the place, further exploration needs a thin person and a hauling party on top (see Survey).

Chalky's new cave above Kirkdale has been pushed to a point where heavy lifting gear is required to progress further. I have contacted English Nature to request permission for the club to extend this site if they and the landowners allow us.

The Sil Howe Whinstone Mine, near Goathland has now been closed completely. A brand new gate has been installed at the bottom entrance, in very heavy steel with two padlocks, protected by steel boxes, and the top entrance has been completely filled in and bulldozed level, someone means to keep everyone out!

Cow Pot (next trip) Meeting at Dent at 9.00am at the campsite most of you will already be there. There is a CAFE now open at the Old Craft Centre near Dent. See Keith for details.

Mike Higgins has had the good fortune to be part of a party to go from Brandy Bottle Incline through to Hard Level Gill in the Swaildale Lead Mines, a long and wet trip, and has offered to take any club members who fancy the challenge. Mikes new Phone no. is 0262-676009.

Non-Permit trips. Several people are arranging trips at the moment, if you fancy doing something, then just phone around, there are enough experienced members to sort something out.

There are still plenty of sweatshirts and teeshirts for sale. Sweatshirts £10.00, Teeshirts £5.50, or £15.00 both together.

The loaning of personal gear to club members has had to stop as to those to whom it has been lent are taking far too long to return it.

Most members have been in the club long enough to have bought your own. Those people who still have gear on loan, please return it now. See items for sale overleaf (complete SRT Kit etc) PTO

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Proposal for organization of caving trips

There was a time when the caving club had only a few members, dwindling assets, and was probably near the point of winding up. Now look at us. There is so much talent among us, so much potential, so much experience, so much manpower and so many keen potholers. But we are stuffing each other. We are talking behind backs, in private, and we are potholing in ever more private groups.

My intention is not to stop anybody from doing what they want.

There will always be people who do not like each other personally. That's fine. But please, let's have any personal preferences out in the open so that we can organise ourselves again.

I just think that we could all do this thing a lot better if we organise ourselves a bit. This doesn't mean that we should conform to some strict regime, or anything like that. What I propose is a basic framework, by which we can all communicate and pothole freely with each other and despite any personal animosities that may exist.

ORGANISING A POTHOLING TRIP

1. Choose a 'Leader'

Probably somebody who is >90% likely to go on the trip but anybody who is willing to do it

This person needs a telephone!

This person could volunteer at meetings.

This can be somebody different for each trip. No special qualifications/experience required.

2. Anybody wishing to participate in a trip rings the ARRANGED 'leader' by WEDNESDAY 9.00pm

The leader will need to know:

- a. % chances of going
- b. Vehicle/Travel preferences
- c. Duration of visit - Day or Weekend
- d. Group/Personal preferences
- e. Complication factors - Girls/Wives/Work etc.

3. The 'leader' then collates the information and PLANS the trip in outline.

They may need to contact Richard & Lyn for permits, advice, chat etc.

They may need to contact Mick Ward for equipment.

4. Everybody who is definitely going now rings back the leader on thursday/friday.

This way they can find out what's going on.

Last minute modifications to the plan can now be made.

- Notes:
- A. Anybody who cannot make some, even small, commitment by Wednesday PM or follow this simple system should be viewed very dimly.
 - B. It is appreciated that small 'cliques' will form. If you want a private trip then inform the leader/club so that we all know. If there is an organised club trip on a specific weekend then private trips should not attract the use of club resources.
 - C. Just turning up at a hole with your 'clique' should not be considered. It is bloody thoughtless and insulting towards those who have tried to do some organisation.
 - D. Any of this "If so and so goes I will go" arrangement should be made before ringing the leader. It is just time wasting for them.
 - E. The plan should normally only be for travel/attendance/equipment considerations.
 - F. The leader could make themselves available for a quick meet up of participants before the trip goes ahead. This could sort out some problems before the weekend.

Anybody who considers themselves to be a better potholer than somebody else should declare it. Do not use it as an excuse, it won't wash. If you are this good then shouldn't you be enjoying the fact that other people wish to learn from you and be around you.

CONVERSELY

Do not consider yourself below the ability of anybody else. Sometimes the physical nature of the exercise can be a problem, but not in this club! Caving is something that can be learned. There is nobody in this club who is too dangerous underground, and there is nobody that cannot do our trips, provided that they come with an open mind and a sensible attitude.

Let's declare the commitment that we are prepared to put into the club, then we can find out if we have a club, or just a set of moody old grandad types!

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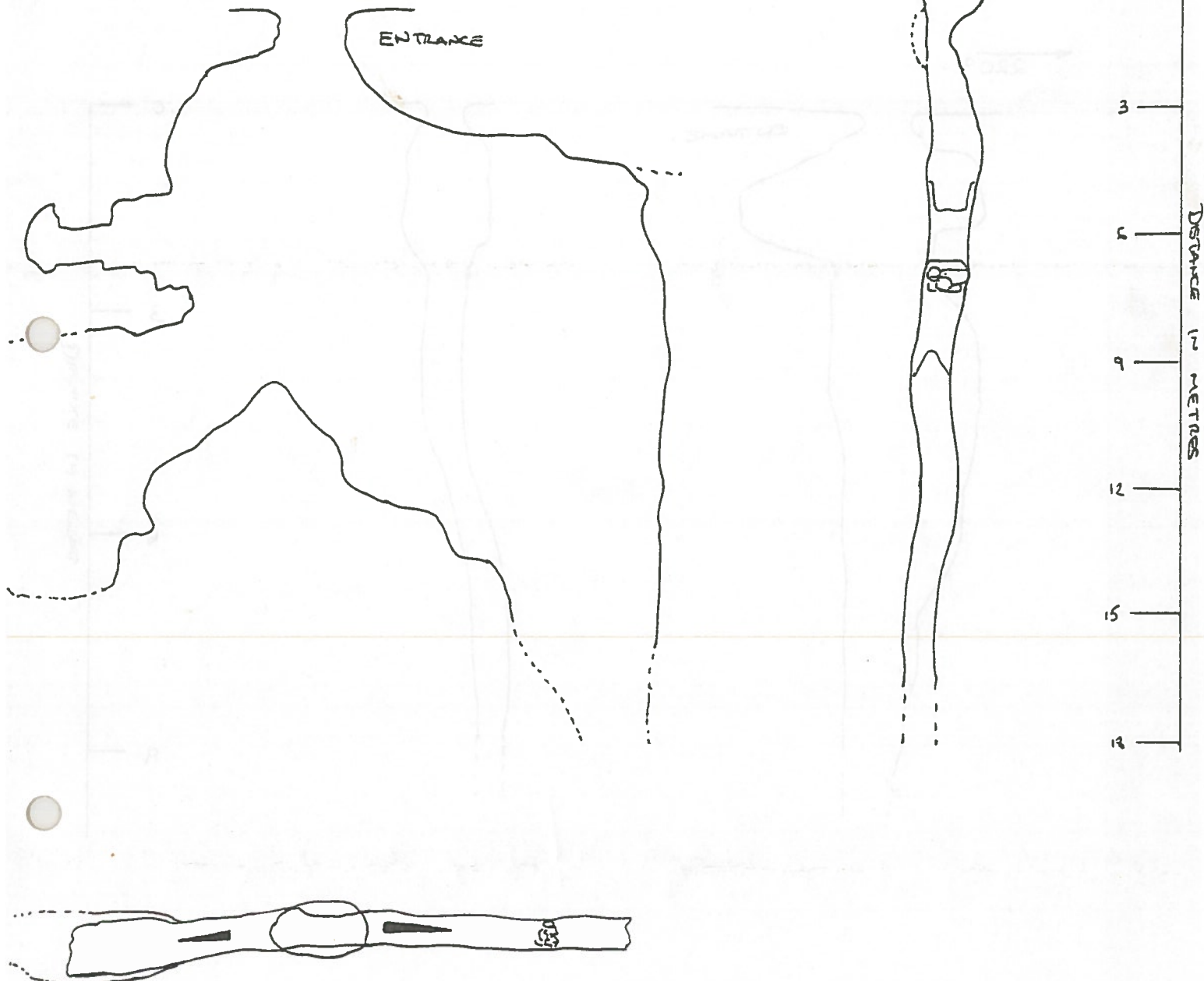
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