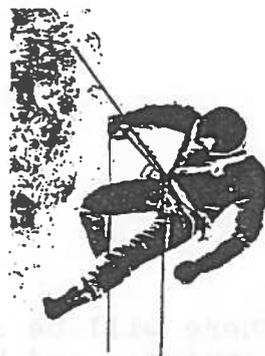


# Scarborough Caving Club



Update for January 1995.

## PHOTO COMPETITION.

The clubs most prestigious annual event, the only annual event (except Lancaster hole and the AGM)! took place at the last meeting and was well supported again, with fourty three entries in total, from four members, for the four catagories.

The results are as follows:

Best Colour print; Keith Dobson

Best Black & White print Richard Ward

Best Slide Michael Ward (only entrant)

Best (most obscene!!) Funny print Keith Dobson (Pervert)

Three ugly naked "cavers" in Yordas, and a photo of Jamies arse, (and it was'nt even clean!)

The judge, Mr Gordon Ellmore, was thanked by Lyn and presented with a bottle of wine.

All Club gear Must be returned to Michael or Richard before the month end for checking and re-marking, some ropes are to be retired, but we need the back first.

Descent has published our work on two of the new sites in our area, and they have done us proud. A copy is enclosed for your parousal.

For safety reasons, Call-out etc, Lyn needs an up to date list of All members vehicle registration numbers, so if it was'nt given at the meeting, please let Lyn have the details ASAP.Ta!

A meeting with Mike Higgins will shortly produce a list of half a dozen decent Mine trips for this year, both in Yorks and Derbyshire, this will be sent with your next update.

To keep all this info in date order, I have a few Year Planners left if anyone wants them, they make forward planning very easy as a whole year is on view.

The Auction next meeting, If you have anything (cave related) that you no longer require, and you think others might benefit, then bring it to our house beforehand, or early to the meeting so it can be labelled etc, also indicate a reserve price if required. cont..

There will be some Club gear for auction, like spare harnesses and helmets, these are for Club funds, but all other items are for your benefit, unless you want the money raised to go to club funds.

Otter hole. Trip to be arranged, if possible to coincide with an OFD columns open day, and anyone interested in going, will be required to attend a meeting arranged for this purpose. It will take the form of a long weekend, camping or bunkhouse accomodation (the trip, not the meeting!) and will be probably around August Bank holiday time. Thanks to Bill Beeby for the loan of a video of the cave, anyone wanting to see it can contact me.

As always, Club tee shirts and Sweat shirts are available for sale at ridiculously cheap prices of £5.50 & £10.00 respectively, or £15.00 if purchased together. Also a few Club sew on badges are still available at £2.00 each.

The Club has recently obtained the new Cavers Handbook, which contains a mass of club and access info, ask to see it.

Dates for your diary:

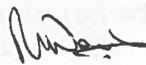
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|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--|
| Bar Pot trip             | SUNDAY 22nd January |                   |  |
| CNCC AGM                 | Ingleton            | Feb 18th at 10am  |  |
| Cavers Fair(South Wales) | Penwyllt            | June 24-25th      |  |
| NAMHO Conferance         | Shropshire          | July 14/16th      |  |
| BCRA Conferance          | Southport           | Sept 30th-Oct 1st |  |

Any Constitutional changes to the Clubs structure must be notified in writing at least 1 month before the AGM, so if anyone has cause to modify the constitution, please think about it now.

Happy New Year

Happy Caving



Richard.

# NEWS **CNCC** LETTER

5/94

Subscriptions for 1995 are due on 01.01.95, the subscription is unchanged at ten pounds. Will you please ensure that your club treasurer has paid your subscription before 01.01.95.

Subscriptions must be sent to: G.Jones, 8 Elworth rd, Elworth, Sandbach, Cheshire, CH11 9HQ. A S.A.E. must be sent if you require a receipt.

## CHANGES

The following phone number changes for C.N.C.C. officials will soon be implemented. Please amend your records accordingly.

SECRETARY: 01695 728673 with effect

09.11.94

TREASURER: 01270 768522 with effect

16.05.95

ACCESS & CON: 0113 2646406 with effect

16.05.95

## ACCESS

Mongo gill-Shockle shaft, urgent repair work around North shaft will shortly be undertaken, this may cause some inconvenience for a short period. Shockle shaft, work has been carried out by the Burnley caving club to stabilise this area, the mined area below new cavern is extremely unstable, this area is passed through on the through trip, if you must go through this area, please exercise extreme caution, as you are advised not to enter the area. Other mined areas are also unstable and stacked deads, dead walling ect. should not be touched. Any worsening of the situation or developments should be reported to the C.N.C.C. as soon as possible.

The C.N.C.C. would like to thank the Burnley caving club for the work that they have carried out in and around the area of Shockle shaft.

## FLOOD WARNINGS

A rapid rise in water within a cave system, can occur for a number of reasons, people who use caves for recreational and other purposes must be aware of a caves potential to carry large volumes of water and even flood to the roof. A rise in the water level coupled with the increase in water velocity can turn a pleasant trip into a difficult, more serious undertaking. Water in caves can rise at an alarming rate depending upon the system, like wise a cave that is already in flood can still experience a flood pulse, given extreme weather conditions. Some caves listed in

the guide books already have flood warnings, others that have the potential to flood have no warnings. ALL active caves i.e. stream caves, should be regarded as flood prone, even if they do not flood to the roof, an increase of six inches in the water level with the accompanied increase in velocity can make your passage through a cave more hazardous, especially, if you have an in-experienced party. Before planning your trip in a wet cave, assess the weeks weather, assess the local weather and the forecast, understand the hydrology of the cave you are visiting. Even if no flood warning is given in the guide book, assume the cave floods, until proven otherwise. The leader is not only responsible for the safety of the party, the leader must also understand ALL the factors that may influence the the caving trip.

## CONSERVATION

During recent clean ups, a considerable amount of rubbish has been removed from certain caves, Lancaster Easegill 100Kg+. ALL of this rubbish has to be taken into the caves, by covers. Unless you are one of the minority of blind cavers, then you must be noticed that most if not all caves have varying degrees of rubbish in them. Please ensure that you and your party leave no rubbish behind in the caves, roadside changing areas is another place where rubbish is often dropped and left. Please make a conscious effort to keep the caves and countryside clean and rubbish free. For information on conservation and access and pollution related problems contact: The Access and Conservation officer P.Parker, 11. Manston gardens, Crossgates, Leeds, or phone 0113 2646406.

## V.A.T. CHANGE

People who run amateur sports club, may be able to claim back some VAT. E.C. law requires services closely linked to sport to be exempt from VAT when provided by non-profit making organisations or local authorities. The U.K. requires many services linked to sport to be taxed and is therefore out of line with the E.C. Customs now accept that in many cases VAT has been wrongly charged since 01.01.90 and they will consider claims to reclaim VAT. There are certain proposed exemptions and these changes will have a major impact on thousands of members sports clubs. Further info is available from Caroline

Barnes 01482 883135 or your local VAT office quoting VAT notice 701/45/94.

## SPECIALIST BOOKS/MIKE MOORE

Mining and industrial history, caving, walking, travel and the outdoors, for more details please contact: Mike Moore, 35 Masons place, Newport, Shropshire, TF10 7JS. Tel: 01952 810116.

## N.C.A RE-STRUCTURING

A full record of this years minutes are available from the C.N.C.C. secretary, send S.A.E. Time table for introduction of constitutional changes 1994.

July 1994 minutes circulated with Speleoscene. September 1994 introduction of voting procedure to be circulated to clubs. November 1994 nomination of national council to be circulated in Speleoscene. 07.01.95 last date for the return of nominations and items for the N.C.A. A.G.M. agenda. Mid January 1995 Circulation of ballot papers and agenda. 28.01.95 Last date for returns of nominations by the secretary. 40.03.95 last date for return of ballot papers. 18.03.95 N.C.A. A.G.M.

## FREE ROPE TEST

Owen Clarke (N.C.A. Equipment committee) has a test rig and is willing to test all types and ages of S.R.I. rope, a full report is sent to the sender of the samples, so before retiring your ropes, send a sample for test. There is a simple form to fill in detailing the history of the rope for test, which should accompany the test sample, this form is available from myself or O.Clarke Tel:01495 773176

## GET WELL

We all wish George Perfect (gamekeeper Bracken bottom) a speedy recovery, after his illness.

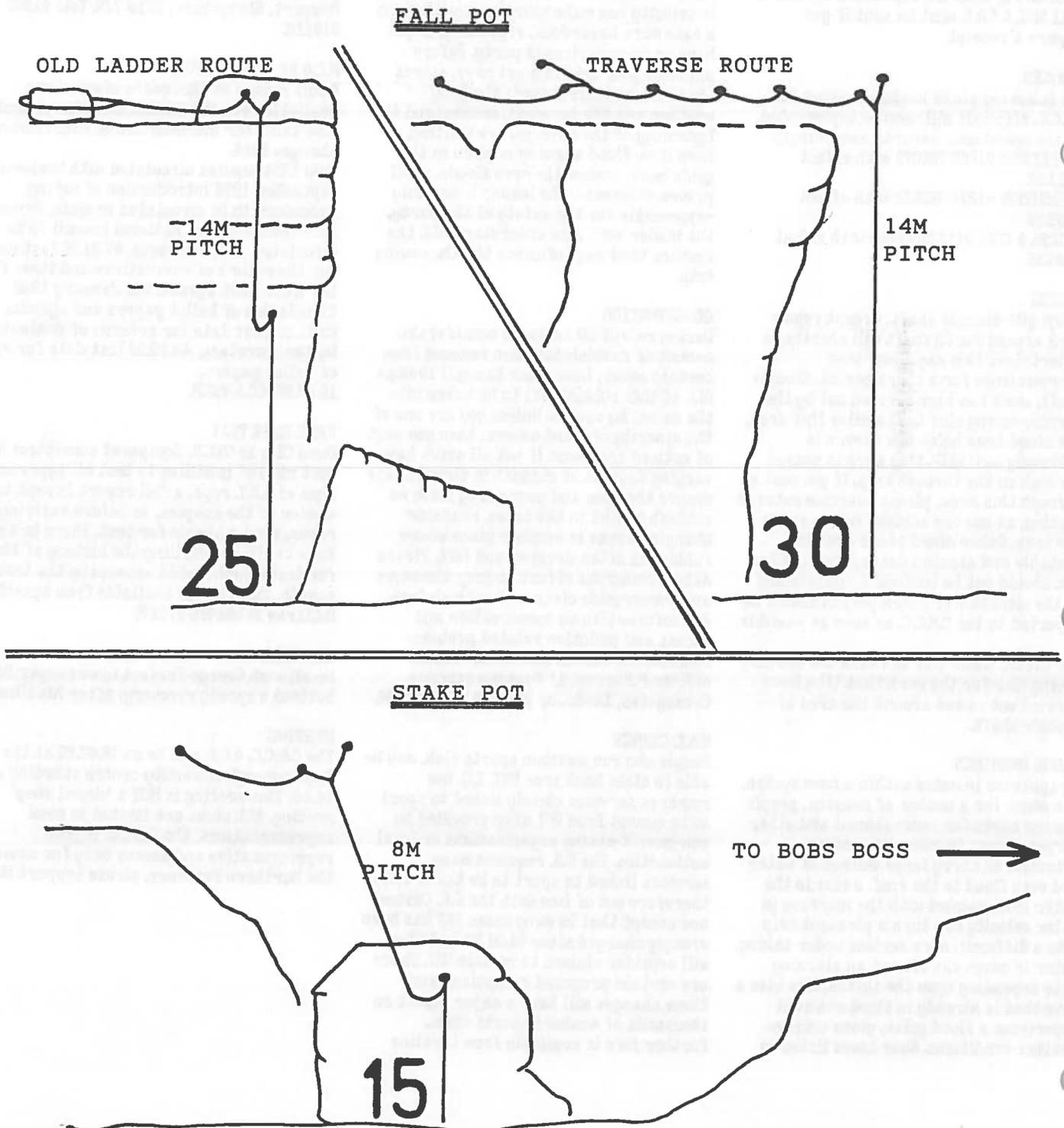
## MEETING

The C.N.C.C. A.G.M. will be on 18.02.95 at the Ingleborough community centre starting at 10.00. This meeting is NOT a 'closed shop' meeting, ALL clubs are invited to send representatives, the C.N.C.C. is your representative and access body for caving in the Northern Pennines, please support it.

### RIGGING IN LANCASTER HOLE

During September the ladders from Fall pot and Stake pot were removed, this was done for two reasons:

- 1: The ladders had been in place since 1948 and were second hand railway signal ladders when they were put in,
  2. They were heavily used especially by large parties doing a through trip from Lancaster hole to County pot, a reduction in the number of parties doing a through trip will help conserve and reduce erosion of the cave, especially the high level fossil series. The pitches have been rigged with resin bonded Eco hangers, Ladders and lifelines or S.R.T. may be used. The Stake pot one is self explanatory.
- Fall pot, two alternative rigs are possible, the old ladder route can be rigged with a re-belay hang past the two ledges. An alternative and better route leads off from the south east end of the top level of Fall pot, on the opposite wall to the old ladder location via a traverse along a wide ledge to a straight 14 metre hang.



# Scarborough

# Caving Club



07-Jan-95

## MEETINGS LIST FOR 1995

All Meetings to be held at The New Tavern on Falsgrave Road, Scarborough. commencing at 8.30pm. Meet in Bar, then upstairs room.

|               |                   |
|---------------|-------------------|
| January 7th   | Photo competition |
| February 4th  | Auction           |
| March 4th     | AGM               |
| April 8th     |                   |
| May 13th      |                   |
| June 10th     |                   |
| July 8th      |                   |
| August 5th    |                   |
| September 9th |                   |
| October 7th   |                   |
| November 4th  |                   |
| December 9th  |                   |

Non permit list will follow shortly.

Secretary, Lyn Ward, 87 Caledonia Street, Scarborough, North Yorks, YO12 7DP Telephone 0723-377443

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03-Dec-94

## PERMITS LIST FOR 1995

This list is not yet complete and additions will be advised as they arrive.

|            |                        |
|------------|------------------------|
| Jan 14th   | LOST JOHNS POT         |
| Jan 22nd   | BAR POT                |
| Feb 18th   | FLOOD ENTRANCE POT     |
| March 18th | GAPING GILL MAIN SHAFT |
| April 15th | COUNTY POT             |
| June 17th  | BIRKS FELL CAVE        |
| July 15th  | PSILOMELENE POT        |
| Aug 12th   | NOTTS POT              |
| Aug 26th   | MONGO GILL HOLE        |
| Sept 16th  | PENYGHENT POT          |
| Oct 14th   | BAR POT                |
| Nov 19th   | JUNIPER GULF           |
| Dec 16th   | HURNELL MOSS POT       |

Others to follow

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# OLD ING FATALITY

ON Sunday 2 October 1994, Peter Ball, a 25-year-old caver from Blackpool lost his life in Old Ing Cave whilst on a trip with the University of Central Lancashire CC.

Peter, a caver with three years' experience, had attached himself to a handline placed to help novices negotiating the plunge pool and the small cascade above it. Water levels had risen considerably from the time the group first entered the cave. In his attempt to assist people below the cascade, Peter lowered himself into the water to reach across the pool but was overcome by the force of the fast-flowing streamway. Unable to regain his footing in order to

climb back to safety, and being restrained by the rope he was attached to, he was held at the critical point where the plunge pool shelves off into deep water. As a result, he was constantly buffeted by the water.

The belay point was an eyehole some 18m from the cascade. The heavily tensioned rope made it impossible for cavers to untie the knot and release Peter. Efforts to pull him clear, shield him from the force of water, and attempts to release his harness karabiner, were of no avail. By the time the rope was eventually burnt through by a carbide lamp it was too late.

A number of lessons can hopefully

be learned from this tragedy. Firstly, it should be noted that certain caves may be flood prone under certain conditions, even though a guidebook may not state this. Conditions after entering a cave can change quickly, although weather conditions on the surface may not give cause for concern. In this case there was a delay before the cave and its inlets responded to earlier rain, and the rise in water level was further accentuated by persistent rain the week before which had left the ground saturated.

Secondly, great care must be taken where handlines are used to assist in negotiating sections of powerful and

fast-flowing streamways. People should carefully consider the circumstances and possible consequences of their actions before physically attaching themselves to such lines.

Finally, carrying a penknife may prove invaluable as an aid in releasing a person from the restraint of a rope. Again, circumstances and consequences should be considered, particularly if the streamway flows towards pitches or sumps.  
*Report: Ian Holland*

*The Coroner's Inquest was held on 1 November, with a verdict of accidental death. The CRO Controller, Dave Gallivan, notes that this report was written to provide a factual account of the incident and is not intended to form the basis of a debate.*

## New windypits

THE North Yorkshire Moors are perhaps better known for impressive crags and quality climbing than for caves, but the region nevertheless contains some varied features of speleological interest.

Scarborough CC members, working in association with the Moldywarps SG, have recently ex-

amined a number of the slip-rift caves known as windypits, resulting in the discovery of three new sites and extensions to two known systems. Access to some of these sites is extremely delicate and consequently full details of most of the windypits are being withheld until access arrangements have been completed.

## Troutsdale Windypit

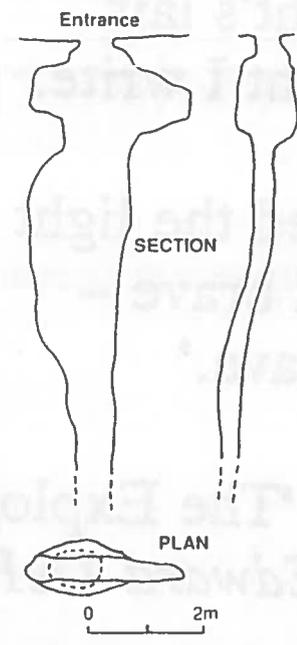
TROUTSDALE Windypit is located in Wykeham Forest and forms the most easterly known windypit occurring in Corallian Limestone. The cave was found by forestry contractors in June 1994 and is situated on a public bridleway at the top of an escarpment overlooking Troutsdale.

Scarborough CC began exploring the site immediately after the cave's discovery and, with the permission of the Forestry Commission, the area was cordoned off and the tiny entrance hole enlarged to body size.

The entrance dropped through boulder clay into a small chamber approximately 2.5m by 0.8m which, typical of most windypit systems, contained a strongly draughting rift in the floor. After several hours' digging, the chamber was enlarged to expose a slot above a solid limestone rift coated with calcite. The rift below could be seen to descend for at least 10m; however, this could not be entered as the slot at the top was less than 0.2m wide. The rift seemed to enlarge towards the west, but prospects for further progress appeared slim due to the modest proportions of the rift. A survey and photographs were made before the windypit was filled in as a safety precaution.

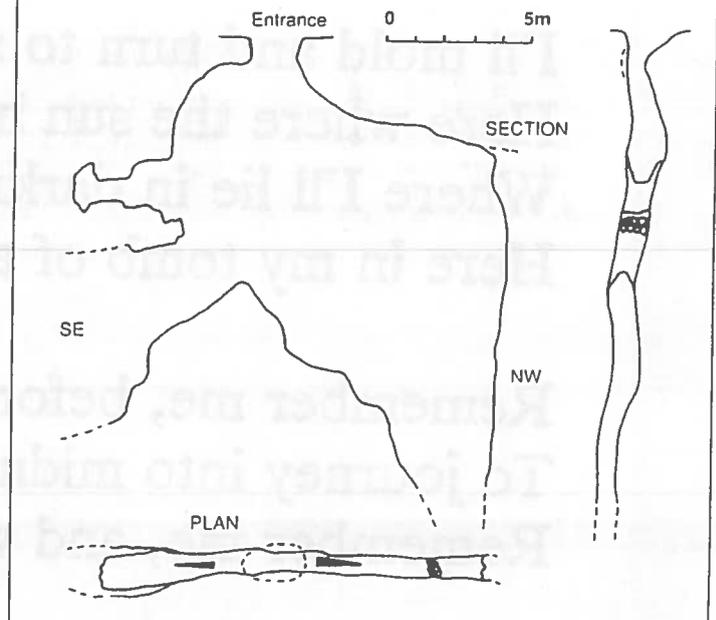
### Troutsdale Windypit

Wykeham Forest, North Yorkshire  
NGR SE 9285 8795  
Length: 2.5m. Depth: 10m  
BCRA Grade 3b  
Survey: JG, CT, LV  
Drawn: RW, Scarborough CC



## Newclose Rigg Pot

Dalby Forest, North Yorkshire  
NGR SE 8686 8940  
Length: 15m. Depth: 20m  
BCRA Grade 3b  
Survey: SJ, LW, RW. Drawn: RW, Scarborough CC



## Newclose Rigg Pot

NEWCLOSE Rigg Pot, Dalby Forest, is another slip-rift system formed in Corallian Limestone. The cave was initially uncovered by forestry workers and entered by Scarborough CC members in June 1994.

The fissure, now fenced, has a very loose entrance which becomes approximately 0.5m in diameter. It descends into a south-east/north-west aligned fissure about 20m deep. The first 6m of the rift is quite large (about 0.6m wide by 13m long) and lands on a ledge of boulders. Below the ledge the fissure assumes tighter

proportions with an apparent floor visible about 12m below, with a debris cone rising in the middle of the rift directly below the entrance.

From the ledge the rift can be seen to enlarge to the south-east. However, the restricted nature of the pot has meant that this area has yet to be investigated. In the other direction, to the north-west, the rift can be seen to descend to the deepest point in the cave and continue to an as yet unknown depth. Work is continuing.

*Reports: Richard Ward*

One day, feeling oh so brave,  
I went walking in a cave.

Now, I fear, I can't get out.  
I'll die in here, I have no doubt.

I'll mold and turn to slimy bone  
Here where the sun has never shown,  
Where I'll lie in darkness all alone,  
Here in my tomb of ancient stone.

Remember me, before you dare  
To journey into midnight's lair.  
Remember me, and what I write:

'Here lies one who loved the light  
But he was curious and brave –  
He went walking in a cave.'

'The Explorer'  
*Allan Edward DePrey*



## ARMY PIPE SPECIFICATION

1. All pipe is to be made of a long hole, surrounded by metal or plastic centred around the hole.
2. All pipe is to be hollow throughout the entire length - do not use holes of different length than the pipe.
3. The ID (Inside Diameter) of all pipe must not exceed the OD (Outside Diameter) - otherwise the hole will be on the outside.
4. All pipe is to be supplied with nothing in the hole, so that water, steam or other stuff can be put inside at a later date.
5. All pipe should be supplied without rust; this can be more readily applied at the job site.  
NOTE: Some vendors are now able to supply pre rusted pipes. If available in your area, this product is a recommended thing, as it will save a great deal of time at the job site.
6. All pipe over 500 ft (150m) in length should have the words "LONG PIPE" clearly painted on each side and end, so the contractor will know it's a long pipe.
7. Pipe over 2 miles (3.2 km) in length must also have the words "LONG PIPE" painted in the middle so the contractor will not have to walk the entire length of the pipe to determine whether or not it is a long pipe or a short pipe.
8. All pipe over 6ft (1.83m) in diameter must have the words "LARGE PIPE" painted on it, so the contractor will not mistake it for a small pipe.
9. Flanges must be used on all pipe. Flanges must have holes for bolts, quite separate from the big hole in the middle.
10. When ordering 90° or 30° elbows, be sure to specify left-hand or right-hand, otherwise you will end up going the wrong way.
11. Be sure to specify to your vendor whether you want level, uphill, or downhill pipe. If you use downhill pipes for going uphill, the water will flow the wrong way.
12. All couplings should have either right-hand or left-hand threads, but do not mix the threads, otherwise, as the coupling is being screwed on one pipe, it is being unscrewed from the other.
13. All pipes shorter than 1/8in (3mm) are very uneconomical in use, requiring many joints. They are generally known as washers.
14. Joints in pipes for piping water must be water-tight. Those in pipes for compressed air, however, need only be air-tight.
15. Lengths of pipes may be welded or soldered together. This method is not recommended for concrete or earthenware pipes.
16. Other commodities are often confused with pipes. These include: Conduit, Tube, Tunnel and Drain. Use only genuine pipes.
17. Scottish Regiments in the Army, use Army pipes in unusual ways. These are not approved of in engineering circles.

*With thanks to member no: 4464 (R.E.M.E)*

Whats the differance between a supermarket trolley and a Wigan girl?

A supermarket trolley has a mind of its own!

Whats the differance between the Titanic and a Wigan girl?  
Only 1500 men went down on the Titanic!

What does a Wigan girl say after sex?  
"Do you All play for the same team?"

How does a Wigan girl turn on the light after sex?  
She opens the car door!

How do you know when a Wigan girl has a orgasm?  
She drops her pie!

What does a Wigan girl use for protection when having sex?  
A bus shelter!

Whats the differance between a Wigan girl and an ironing board?  
You have trouble opening the legs of an ironing board!

Why does a Wigan girl only have short breaks when working?  
To avoid retraining!

Whats the differance between a Wigan girl and a Boeing 747?  
Theres only one cockpit on a Boeing!

What has a Wigan girl got in common with a cowpat?  
The older she gets, the easier she is to pick up!

Whats the differance between a Wigan girl and a washine machine?  
You can dump your load in a washing machine and it wont follow you round for a week!

Whats a Wigan girl got in common with a washing machine?  
They both drip when they are f.....d.

Whats a Wigan girls idea of safe sex?  
Keeping the handbrake on!

Whats the differance between a Wigan girl and a Walrus?  
One has a moustache and smells of fish.. the other lives in the sea!

How many Wigan girls does it take to screw in a light bulb?  
None, they only screw in cars!