

# Scarborough

## Caving Club



### A.G.M. Minutes 4th March 1995.

The AGM commenced in The New Tavern at 20:40 with 13 members attending. Apologies were received from Bill Beeby, Dave Jackson and Tony Manton.

The meeting began with the introduction of the new committee members Jerry Gibbs (Tacklemaster) and Mark Rowe (Secretary). The club thanked Mike Ward for being tacklemaster for the past few years and Lyn Ward was presented with a trophy for her outstanding work done on behalf of the club as secretary. Lyn was also given a bottle and a card signed by all the members attending the meeting.

There were no changes to the constitution and it was voted that there

was to be no change in the annual subscription which stays at £15 and is now due.

It was decided that due to the club recently obtaining some new ropes that three of the older ropes would be retired. The retired ropes consisting of a 30ft and 40ft Bluewater and a 75ft rope which was found are to go to Nial at Sewerby Hall to be hung in the trees and used for SRT practice. It was also decided that the clubs equipment would be divided between Keith and Jerry each having identical sets where possible. This is due to several members complaining at the lack of availability of club equipment. To complete the two sets of equipment it was noted that some more maillons would need to be purchased which will take place when club funds are sufficient. Also newly implemented is that all club equipment has to be signed for when obtained from the relevant location and signed back in when it is returned. These measures have been introduced to keep track of all equipment and to prevent lost due to some club equipment is still missing. Please have a look round and return any club equipment you may have Jerry is especially looking for the return of some ladders and spacers which are missing.

The caver of the year award was not presented this year due to problems of calculating who was the lucky recipient. The award has now been abolished and has been replaced with two new awards Most Improved Caver and Most Committed Caver the winners of which to be decided by the committee.

Due to the expense of public liability insurance the club decided that galas, fairs and trips for Scout groups and youth groups would not be attended or take place.

The club is to start advertising our existence by putting the clubs details in Descents Club column and by occasionally writing reports for the Scarborough Evening News. It was also suggested that a poster be put up in the areas Universities aimed at postgraduate cavers who have already got some experience underground.

The meeting ended with a cake provided by Lyn to celebrate yet another successful year for the club which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

It is now that time when we should be thinking about our permits for 1996 so think about which trips you would like to do jot them down on a piece of paper and bring them along to the next meeting.

Mike has also still got some books and descent back issues for sale any takers contact Mike on 01723 585921.

The club still has a selection of badges, T-shirts and sweatshirts for sale at very reasonable prices.

Badges .....	£2.00
T-shirts .....	£5.50
Sweatshirts .....	£10.00
T-shirt & Sweatshirt .....	£15.00

Forthcoming Events.

Saturday 18th March Gaping Gill Main Shaft.

Saturday 25th March Robin's Dub.

Saturday 1st April Rift Pot.

Saturday 8th April Meeting at The New Tavern 20:30 start.

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### Chairmans Report 1995.

The last year has been an eventful one, although like this year it started off very wet, the club has done many interesting and varied trips to caves, pots and mines, and not the usual systems, although looking through the cave requests this year, there are many more that could not be fitted in. Two permits were not used last year.

We seemed to have developed a club within a club, and I urge those who feel left out, to either seek more training and go along with the elite, or band together and form a backup group, to enjoy yourselves in the big systems without pushing yourselves beyond the limit trying to keep up.

The Whinstone mine has been lost to the caving world last year by the shortsighted actions of the Duchy of Lancaster, even though we wrote to them expressing our wish to "adopt" the mine, the entrances were bulldozed, sealing it permanently.

The club has been active in finding and exploring new caves in our region, with Wykeham, Dalby and Silpho, being discovered, along with some major finds in the Windypits by Gerry and co.

Most of this work has also been published, which is a first for the Club.

Beurocracy is the worst enemy of the caver in this area, with most landowners and agents simply refusing to accept they have a cave on their land, and you can almost feel the tension building in these people when you try to negotiate access, its as if we have uncovered an embarasing wound. It takes many letters and phone calls to get anywhere, but some people, like the forestry, are beginning to call us now when something is found.

The club has spent all your funds this year on new gear, we have several new ropes, including a 305 ft Bluewater, several new 9mm ropes, Hangers and maillons.

We also have Cave Safe 1,2 & 3 videos for loan.

The P bolting programme is well under way with many of the popular Dales systems now bolted.

Jerry Gibbs is now looking after the equipment, and so far has shown great enthusiasm, he has the room to keep it all together, is centrally located in town, and he is now on the phone, so if you need gear, then contact Jerry.

I would like to thank Mick Ward for looking after it for the past two years, it is a thankless task.

The Photo competition is one of the clubs success stories, and is now attracting some very high quality entries. To those people who feel they are not good enough to enter, most of the winners are not staged or set up shots, but opportunist shots, taken on the spur of the moment, so, with a little knowledge, anyone can take a winner. I hope this years are even better.

There are to be no changes to the Constitution, as nothing has been put forward.

Regarding the treasurers report, things look grim, but in reality, we have purchased a lot of much needed gear this year, and it is worth mentioning that, unlike most clubs, our expenditure on stationery and postage, photocopying etc has been practically negligible, so practically all subs are spent on gear, for everyones benefit.

As you are all now aware, Lyn has handed over the post of Club Secretary to Mark Rowe, who has a very tough act to follow.

Lyn has been at the forefront of the clubs success since its inauguration, and was instrumental in getting us into the CNCC, and all the media coverage when the club was finding its feet, writing many letters, and leasing with meets secretaries to bring us some excellent permits.

She organised trips to lectures, fairs, and breweries, and was the main organiser of our "expedition" to Skyes caving regions.

She has received personal thanks for her work from Chris Howes of Descent, Les Sykes of CNCC and Jack Pickup of Cave Rescue for help in organising Bull Pot bolting.

Lyn has done a lot of work behind the scenes that is not normally seen by the ordinary member but is, none the less appreciated.

We now have a good group of experienced cavers, thankfully no injuries this year, plenty of quality caving under our belts, and plenty more in the coming year, and I am proud to have been asked to stand as your Club chairman for another year.

Richard Ward.

SCARBOROUGH CAVING CLUB

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR  
THE YEAR ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 1995

	£	£
<u>INCOME</u>		
Subscriptions		285.00
T Shirts/Sweat Shirts		182.00
Donations		5.00
Building Society Interest		1.11
		<u>473.11</u>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
T Shirts/Sweat Shirts	312.84	
Ropes & Hangers etc.	269.35	
Trophies & Prizes	52.09	
Postage & Stationery	46.69	
Video	19.00	
CNCC Subscription	10.00	
Books	7.45	
Food	5.18	
Sundry Expenses	22.19	
		<u>744.79</u>
<u>Net Deficit</u>		<u>£ 271.68</u>

NOTE The above account does not reflect any closing stocks held in T Shirts/Sweat Shirts or their possible sales proceeds. Neither has any adjustments been made for any prepayments or accruals or value of equipment held by the club at the year end.

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1994/5 CAVER OF THE YEAR

This award was based on official club trips which have been notified to myself or the secretary.

They do not include digs, private trips or trips with other clubs, nor do they include taking parties underground, or midweek trips to Windypits etc.

This may seem unfair, so discussions are to take place to bring in these extra trips in some way.

For instance, R Ward has six official trips registered, but has been underground 15 times, G Gibbs has 17 official trips listed but has been underground many more times than this.

This year there will be no award as such, so as not to offend those who feel cheated, and a fairer system will be in place for 1995/6. Appologies to those people who do feel cheated, but after all, its not the quantity that matters, but the Quality and enjoyment value.

NAME	number of registered trips.
J Dixon	25
K Dobson	24
J Gibbs	17
N Adams	15
S Johnson	13
M Ward	10
M Roe	10
T Manton	8
C Thomas	8
R Ward	6
P Bailey	5
L Vasey	4
J Maxwell	4
E Jobling	4
A Radford	2
M Higgins	2
D Jackson	2
T Frankland	1