

# Scarborough

Caving Club

8 th April Meeting 1995.

This months meeting was a quick short one with very few members attending. Apologies were received from Jerry, Chalky and Lee who were attending a hydrology meeting in Swaledale Bill also sent his apologies.

Subs are still due from many members the deadline for payment is June 95. Those wishing to can pay in three instalments of £5 can do but the full £15 must be received by June also.

**IMPORTANT** the use of Petzl Stops and Figure of Eight descenders is forbidden as these have been seen to do extensive damage to club and personal equipment, the club encourages the use of racks.

Several members taking part in digging trips have proposed that the club join the British Cave Research Association (BCRA) to benefit from their various insurance policies they have available to their members. This would bring a few benefits to the club the ones of most importance being the fact that our members would be insured for digging on private land which has been found to be a necessity in some instances, and that we would have Public Liability Insurance. The cost of these benefits is a one off £3 administration fee and then a £25 annual subscription with an extra £1 per member. Reading through the small print of the insurance documents it looks as though the club my get away without paying to be a member of the BCRA as the insurance covers members of the BCRA and NCA, the CNCC being the northern division of the NCA of which we are a member club. Richard is looking into the legalities and whether this is so.

A trip into Bempton radar and RAF station which consists of many underground passages is currently being negotiated details will be circulated when permission has been established. We still have had no news from Nial regarding a trip into Otter hole.

Jerry has reported a break through in another Windypit. A group consisting of Jerry, Chalky and Lee and some of the Moldywarps have opened a through trip in Noddle End Windypit. Contrary to belief their is a lot of potential in our area and anyone wishing to help out or have a look are welcome. Tuesday nights are the usual days that trips take place.

The cavers fair is in South Wales this year details and a booking form are enclosed. Also enclosed is a form for you to request your permit trips for 1996 please bring it to the next meeting or send it to myself.

Richard has had the idea to place a sign in the most inaccessible place we can find in a cave or pot hole saying something ridiculous like "Beware Forklift Trucks" any suggestions as to where and what are welcome.



The clubs membership cards are now going to be longer lasting as they are going to be laminated.

There are still t-shirts, sweat shirts and badges available at very reasonable prices. Michael has still got lots of books and Descent back issues also for sale you can reach him on (01723) 585921.

Forthcoming Events.

Saturday 29 th April Dow Providence

Saturday 6th May Vesper.

Saturday 13th May Meeting.

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Permit Requests 1996.

In order of preference please. Most important first.

The above mentioned items are now being to be longer listed as they are going to  
be terminated.  
I have also still to think over as there are budget available as very reasonable prices.  
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him on (01733) 882921

Part of the 1992

- Sunday 25th April 1992
- Sunday 26th May 1992
- Sunday 1st June 1992

Part of the 1992

In order of preference please show interest first

# NEWS **CNCC** LETTER

## SUBSCRIPTIONS

C.N.C.C. subscriptions for 1996 will remain un-changed at ten pounds. Some clubs have not paid their 1995 subscriptions, if you are un-sure whether your club has paid or not, look at the front of the envelope that this mail arrived in, after the club name are two numbers, these numbers are the year that your club has paid up to: Eg?? caving club 95. Means paid for 1995. Will you please ensure that your club treasurer sends the subscriptions to the current treasurer. G.Jones, 8 Elworth rd, Elworth, Sandbach, Cheshire, CW11 9HQ. A S.A.E. must be sent if you require a receipt. Failure to pay subscriptions on time only affects your club. Clubs may, if they wish pay 1995 subscriptions now, permits can be booked for 1996 once 1996 subscriptions have been paid.

## CHANGES

The following phone number changes for C.N.C.C. officials have been changed. Please amend your records accordingly.

SECRETARY: 01695 728673

TREASURER: 01270 768522

ACCESS & CON: 0113 2933852

ADDRESS CHANGELECK FELL meets

secretary: C.Danilewicz, 8 Crasmere Road, Gledholt, Huddersfield, HD1 4LH.

## ACCESS

For information on conservation and access and pollution related problems contact: The Access and Conservation officer P.Parker, 11 Nanston gardens, Crossgates, Leeds, or phone 0113 2933852.

The access information written on page 119 of NORTHERN CAVES 3 is incorrect, cavers wishing to book permits should refer to the C.N.C.C. handbook page 219, or if in doubt phone the secretary or access & conservation officer, numbers above.

## CONSERVATION

The C.N.C.C. & English Nature will be running a cave & environment conservation workshop during June/July. Janet Harland from Airedale Caving Club has volunteered to co-ordinate the event, it is intended to have the site wanger(s) from local offices at the event. It is hoped that the club conservation officers who attended the last C.N.C.C. conservation meeting run by P.Parker will form the basis of the workshop. The workshop will be open to any one who wishes to attend. Janet can be contacted at 10 Craven Terrace, Settle, Yorkshire, BD24 9DB. Tel: 01792 823385.

There is still positive evidence that some club secretaries do not read and pass on the information that is contained in the handbook and the newsletters, both publications are produced to aid the smooth running of C.N.C.C., access & clubs using the northern caves. If your club requires extra copies of the handbook they can be purchased from Bernies, Inglesport, Penyghent cafe, Settle water sports & myself. Extra copies of the newsletter can be provided free, just let me know how many.

Will clubs please inform the C.N.C.C. secretary as soon as possible of changes in your club, especially addresses. There has been instances where clubs have elected new secretaries and not informed the C.N.C.C., subsequently, the mail has gone to the wrong address for up to three years. We do not have crystal balls, the onus is on the clubs to inform us.

## WARNING

Cavers should be aware that caves change, little by little so as you hardly notice, or significantly after a jolt from the Dent fault, chokes move, a recent scan of the last couple years newsletters prove that. As familiarity breeds contempt, cavers often don't notice minor change within a cave, especially a well used cave. Don't assume that a choke is safe to climb or squeeze through just because it was safe the last time, be constantly aware of your surroundings while underground.

A piece of stainless steel was recently removed from the entrance pitch to Long Kin west, the cylindrical piece of stainless steel had been bent into a large 'U' which had then been glued? into the limestone. I pulled it out by clipping my cows tails into it and standing up. This type of belay is neither adequate nor safe, if any one knows the owner or installer of it I would be interested. If any more of these exist at other sites please inform me, and I will remove them, and replace them with approved anchors.

## C.N.C.C. ECO RESIN RIGGING GUIDE No 1.

This useful guide to rigging certain potholes using the new resin bonded anchors + info on the anchor, is available from Inglesport, Bernies cafe, Settle water sports & Penyghent cafe. price three pounds. The C.N.C.C. members and access handbook is also available from these outlets, price two pounds. The handbook covers a wide variety of cave related information, but most importantly access procedures.

## NEW C.N.C.C. PUBLICATION

THE CAVERS GUIDE TO THE ECO ANCHOR, All your questions answered, available now, send S.A.E. A4, 38p. stamp, to the secretary for your copy. It's free.

## NATIONAL CAVE CENTRE

There is an intention to set up a national cave centre, if you have any constructive ideas, views, ect. please let either P.Parker

## PEAK RIGGING GUIDE

This rigging guide has been produced by Crew Climbing & Potholing Club, it covers rigging vertical pitches with ECO and other anchors, ALL the proceeds from the sales of the rigging guide will go to the Derbyshire Bolt fund, and subsequently back into the Derbyshire caves. It is certainly worth every penny of the three pounds ninety five pence, copies available from most caving shops. If you have problems getting your copy, contact Jenny Potts address C.N.C.C. handbook page 323, or in Speleoscene.

## NETTLE POT

There has been a collapse in the areas of The Gully & Elizabeth shaft.

## KNOTLOW CLIMBING SHAFT

The ginging below the top of the shaft is unstable.

## N.A.M.H.O.

Mining History Conference, 14-17 July 1995 at Lilleshall National Sports Centre, see add on last page.

## C.S.C.C.

The C.S.C.C. handbook and Access guide is now on sale, cost one pound + a S.A.E. available from Dave Bell, 2 Grosvenor ave, Carshalton, Surrey, SM5 3EH.

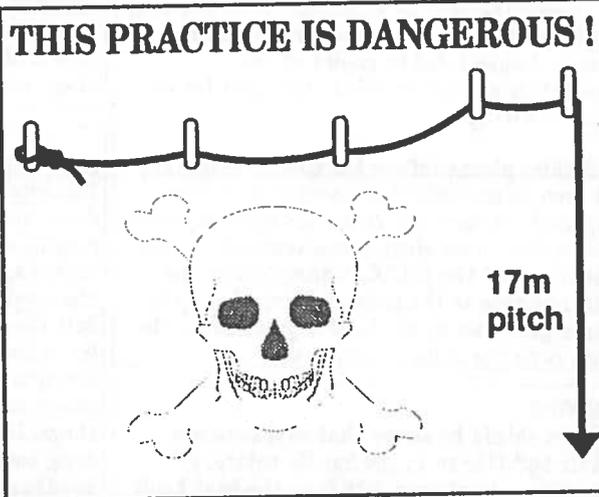
DCA/NCA cavers workshop 4&5/11/95, SRT rescue weekend 22&23/04/95. MAtkins is willing to visit clubs and talk on cave related activities, cost, a couple of pints. For more info contact, MAtkins, 51 Barklands rd, Swadlincote, Derbyshire, DE11 0PG.

**Free** - but how about a donation to the local Cave Rescue Service?

**Equipment and Safety**

**MIS-USE OF ECO HANGERS**

This rigging was seen recently on the 4th. pitch in Bull Pot, Kingsdale. The rope was **THREADED THROUGH** the DMM Hangers along the traverse out over the pitch head! How this incredible piece of rigging was achieved, no-one is quite sure. We'll leave you to work out what will happen to the caver who slips while clipped onto the traverse rope between two DMM's. If you can't spot the mistake, or if you were responsible for this, **PLEASE** go on a rigging course.



**THE DOWNS OF UPS**

**DMM Installation on Climbs and Upward Pitches**

DCA is currently looking for ways to protect climbs in several caves in Derbyshire and it would seem, after much discussion, that there are several options available, including the following:

**Option 1:** The pitch is rigged as necessary with DMM's and a fixed rope is left in place, replaced or washed periodically, as necessary.

This would be the "easy" way, but it is not a satisfactory solution in regularly visited caves because ropes left in caves either disappear or quickly get very dirty as they are not regularly removed and washed.

**Option 2:** Two DMM's are installed at the head of the pitch and a pull-through cord is installed to these. Mid-pitch rub points are ignored.

This is, again, an easy solution but it is inadequate because (a) rub points are dangerous in SRT, and (b) rubbing ropes can dislodge loose debris onto cavers below. This would, however, be the cheapest solution.

**Option 3:** Two DMM's are installed at the head of the pitch and a pull-through cord is installed to these. Single DMM's are installed at resultant rub points mid-pitch.

This solution would require the pitch to be

rigged as per option 1, but would necessitate the first person up the rope to ignore the rub points and re-rig the rope to intermediate belays as he ascended. This does not solve the problem of rub-points and the associated dangers.

**Option 4:** Two DMM's are installed at every point necessary to avoid rub points and appropriate pull-through cords are installed to these.

As is often the case, the best solution is the most time consuming, the most expensive, but probably the safest. This option would enable totally safe passage of the climb but would probably frustrate the hell out of most cavers!

**Derbyshire DMM Discussion:** DCA's newly-appointed Bolting Co-ordinator, Ivan Woolley, has set up a meeting at which interested cavers are welcome to come and discuss this and other points associated with the work being done. This will be at the Peak Hotel, Castleton on Saturday, 22nd. April from 8pm. (The pub serves bar snacks until 9.30pm.)

If you are interested but can't attend, contact Ivan direct at:

16 Hyde Bank Road, New Mills, Stockport, SK12 4BW. Tel. 01663-744626

**WHOOPS!**

**CAVE CONSERVATION VIDEO  
"LOST CAVES OF BRITAIN"**

Sorry, correct price is £10.00 + £1.00 postage (cheque payable to N.C.A.)

From Graham Price, 3 The Acorns, Oakhill, Bath, Avon. BA3 5BT.

Profits go to the U.K. Cave Conservation Emergency Fund.

**TITANIUM PRODUCTS - BEWARE**

Jopo, in a note in the B.C.R.C. News, warns that there is concern that the titanium products becoming available from eastern Europe (such as jammers, karabiners, pitons, etc.) must be treated with great suspicion. Most of the products are made from commercial grade titanium which has absolutely no advantage over mild steel, apart from a small weight saving and superb corrosion resistance. More importantly, titanium is VERY prone to fracturing from scratches or notches. Some basic tests have shown that a small mark can make commercial titanium act like cast iron. There is also a real problem with heat dissipation. For practical purposes titanium does not conduct heat, small areas can get very hot! It is apparent that with present costs titanium is unlikely to replace 7075 alloy, the common karabiner material, on cost alone.

**BOSCH BATTERY 24V DRILLS**

Nick Williams is proposing to set up an exchange to help cavers with dead or sick drills. He hopes to maintain a stock of new and second hand spares and suggests that people who donate parts to the general stock can expect to get the bits they need free in return (subject to availability). If you are interested, contact Nick on:

Tel. 01772-421119, Fax. 01772-622279 or e-mail nick@confmnce.demon.co.uk.

**DMM RESIN TYPES**

**Q.** Why do we use Hilti C50 HIT resin (which states it is for "Solid Masonry") for fixing DMM Eco-anchors, rather than Hilti C100 HIT resin, which is for "Rock and Concrete", when the latter would seem to be more suitable for rock in caves?

**A.** Because brick is porous and allows moisture to penetrate into it, C50 resin has to be moisture compatible. As caves are inherently wet places, this is the more

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# nca covers fair

The covers fair will be a participation event. The idea is to take part not hang around getting pissed. Bring your own caving gear, NO CARBIDE, lamps will be available for hire.

Camping at Penwyllt is included in the cost. Fast food will be available during the day but you will need to provide yourself with packed lunches for off site trips.

If you pre book a list of alternative accommodation will be provided but you will have to make your own arrangements.

A licenced bar will be available, Note that the local police are very hot on drink driving so drink with us and be safe.

All workshops are booked on the day, first come first served.

The fair is organised for the NCA by the West Brecon CRT and the SWCC.

To make the fair a success YOU have to contribute YOUR experiences and skills.

Book early, using the form on the back of this sheet.

## WORKSHOPS

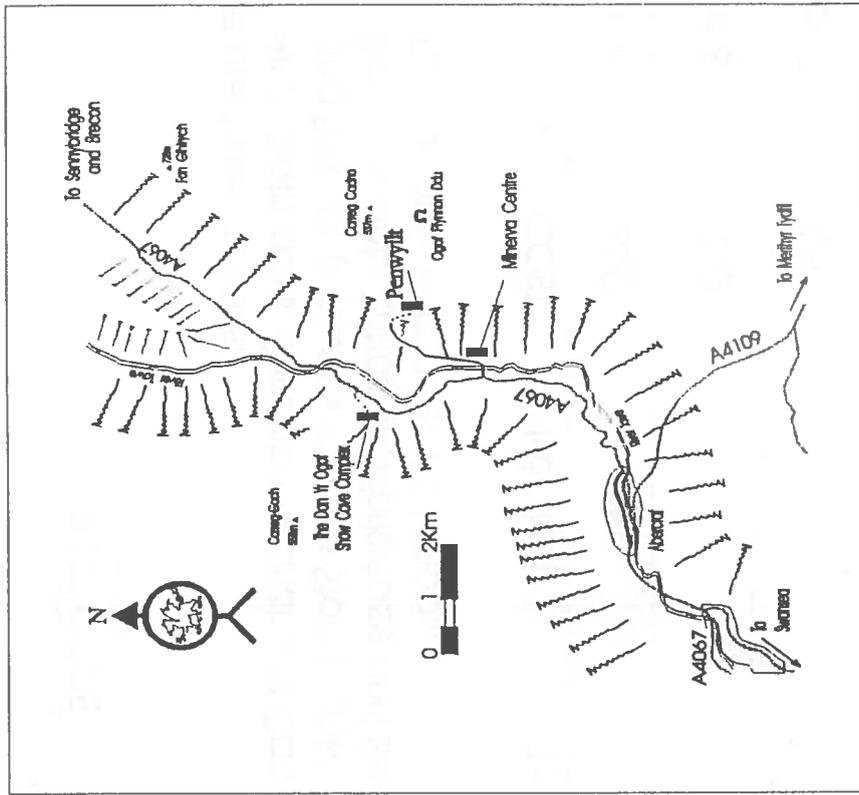
ARCHAEOLOGY	GEOLOGY	HYDROLOGY
PHOTOGRAPHY	SURVEYING	SRT ADVANCED
SRT BASIC	BOLTING	DIGGING
EXPLOSIVES	FIRST AID	RADIO LOCATION
RIGGING	DIVING	CONSERVATION
BIOLOGY	RADON	CEN STANDARDS
VIDEO	ART	GREENSITES

## DISPLAYS

NCA	BCRA	ROPE TEST
RESCUE	TRADE	C.C.WALES.
CLUBS	ART	VIDEOS

THERE WILL BE A PENTHALON FOR TEAMS OF FIVE, WITH A 'LIVE' VICTIM (BRING YOUR OWN)

Registration for workshops is between 8.30-10.00 am on the day.



SWCC

penwyllt

abercraf

swansea

24-25 june  
1995

# BOOKING FORM

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 POST CODE \_\_\_\_\_

There are three options.

- A) All in, both days, Entrance, Workshops, Camping and Stomp, (includes food at Stomp only).
- B) Saturday only. Entrance, Workshops and Stomp.
- C) Sunday only, Entrance, Workshops.

	COST	No. Req.	Total
Ticket A	£20		
Ticket B	£12		
Ticket C	£8		
Total Cost			

Send this form with a cheque or postal order made payable to **CAVERS FAIR 95**

to:

Cavers Fair, 8 Giffords Croft,  
 Lichfield, Staffs.  
 WS13 7HG

## TIMETABLE.

<i>June</i>	
FRIDAY 23 FEB.	16.30 ON 19.00 22.00
	REGISTRATION BAR SLIDE SHOWS
<i>June</i>	
SAT. 24 FEB.	8.30/10.00 10.00/16.00 18.00 20.00 21.30
	WORKSHOP REG. WORKSHOPS PENTATHLON STOMP FOOD
<i>June</i>	
SUN. 25 FEB.	8.30/10.00 10.00/16.00 16.30
	WORKSHOP REG. WORKSHOPS CLOSE

The main venue will be the Brickwork's Quarry just beyond the SWCC hut. The NCA instructors will not be paid! The Stomp is a live band and during breaks there will be slide shows in the Brickwork's Quarry.

Trade stands etc. will be all day and there will be caving trips if required. Site security will be provided but you must be responsible for your own gear. There will be stands at Dan yr Ogof.

To avoid past niggles everyone pays, no freebies.

Any profit will be split between the WBCRT and the NCA. It is hoped to help purchase a major item for future events. The SWCC only require to cover the cost of power and gas.

The SWCC hut is reserved for the organisers and the Soup Dragons

REMEMBER NO CARBIDE.

any offers of help, ideas to:

Jopo,  
 31 Holbeche Road, Sutton Coldfield,  
 West Mids. B75 7LL  
 0121 378 1936 phone/fax