## Scarborough

## 13th May Meeting 1995.

This months meeting was well attended with a few faces present which we had not seen for a while.

We now have a new member Sue Frazer (Jerry's better half). I hope you will make her feel welcome.

Following much thought about joining the BCRA it has been decided that the club will join up to take advantage of its insurance cover especially now that we have a very active digging party.

Some new mines have been discovered in the Littlebeck and Bluebank areas which are requiring surveying and photographing volunteers welcome. One farmer in particular in Eskdale who has

discovered a mine on his land is most enthusiastic and has requested that the club survey the mine. He has also put a gate on the entrance so that we will have sole access to it.

The club has also decided to start a journal to record all the events which involve the club for example the discovery of new mines, caves and pot holes, the trials and tribulations of trips and most importantly the funny events that happen. This journal would be also used as a biography of the club which would be able to be published and sold to raise club funds. So anyone wishing to enter anything into this should write their report, story down with or without pictures and pass it on to myself.

The club has received a letter from a group at the Emmanuel St. John Church asking us to give a sort informal but informative talk on caving which we have accepted. Anybody with any material should let Richard know, slide pictures are especially required there is no rush as we are not doing it until next year but you could keep it in mind.

We have now received some renewed memberships but many have still not paid up. The deadline is June after which minutes will not be sent to those who have not paid and they will be disallowed from borrowing, using club equipment. Membership is only £15 a year!

Anybody finding dead animals in or around a pot hole, cave should make a note of it and pass the information on to Jerry or Sue who will pass it on to a contact they have, the information required is National grid reference, date and time, anybody doing so should be prepared to give a statement.

Dent rope wall is coming up to completion and will be ready for use later this year, volunteers are required though to add the finishing touches.

Keith has some surveys of the Ease Gill system and Ireby Fell available to those interested but there is only a limited supply so first come first served. Keith is also collecting for Jamies Inflatable fund this is to purchase a new dell set of armbands for those wet trips.

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Several members have recently explored new sites, which are detailed below;

Littlebeck mine, an uncharted mine (lost), near Littlebeck was recently found by Richard & Jamie, and a breif description and survey are as follows;

The mine is very small, with a tiny bodysized entrance, leading to a maze of little passages in a lattice system. There appears to be around 800ft of passage, mostly stooping height, and just body wide, with several blocked entrances to the river bank, all leading to rock foreheads, but there may be two locations where further passage may be gained by digging. The mine was probably Ironstone or Jet and there is no trace of artifacts or workings in the vicinity. We intend to survey the mine accuratly in the near future.

Another popular trip was to the old underground Radar station at Bempton, when several people went into the now derelict operations rooms and other areas around 40ft under the cowfield.

We entered all the buildings on the surface, one of which contains the staircase down to a long tunnel into the main area, there are 3 other possible entrances, but the most noticable thing was the abundance of meticulously drawn erotic grafiti everywhere.

A return trip may be posible for those interested, but the farmer is a funny bugger, so all requests through me please.

Another mine has also been entered in the Eskdaleside area near Grosmont.

This mine (Birtley Mine) is an old Ironstone mine and is very extensive, if fact the farmer says the whole hillside is hollow.

The mine we entered is an older series overlying a newer mine level and access to is is via a renovated adit entrance, past a blocked 40ft hole, to the lower level, then past an underground furnace, into the mine proper. We explored several drift levels until they all stopped at rock falls, but the potential for further exploration is vast.

The owner is very happy for the club to assist with further exploration and is currently arranging with Jamie, a suitable time for our return to dig out the blocked hole area. We found the air was of poor quality, making strenuous work dificult.

Further news as it happens!

The campsite at Dent is no longer a viable proposition as his prices have gone up, making a site with poor facilities very expensive. We are going to try the other site in Dent, as the facilities are much better.

Richard Ward.

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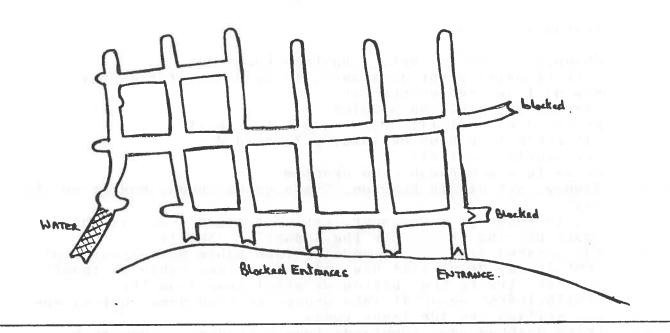
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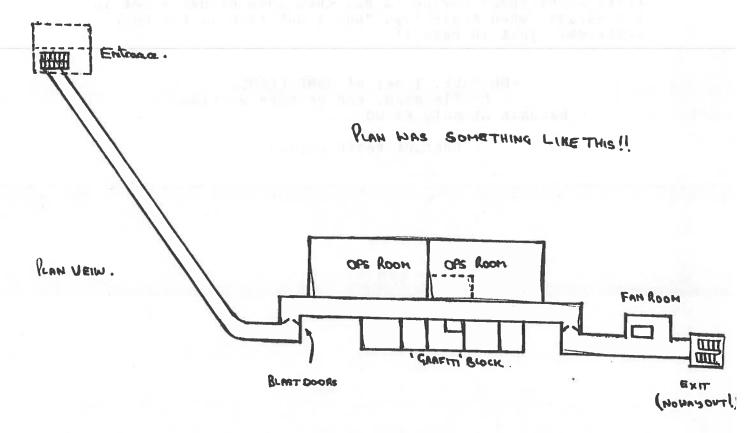
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Bempton Underground Radar Station. Grange Farm, Bempton.

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Keiths fairy tail:

Whoops! car wont start....Battery knacked Correct battery not available, so order one for monday How do I get to Scarborough? "Borrow battery.. No problem Wrong size, wont fit, Earth cable too short Fit cable from Bedside lamp, only need 8"! Car starts (sort of) Drive to Scarborough.. No problem. Sunday, set off to Bempton, "lets go to Sunday Market on the way" Try to leave in a downpour, car wont start.. "why is there smoke pouring from under the bonnet?...PANIC!! You guessed it, yes the bedside lamp cable has vapourized! "but it was OK up till now, anyone got any cable on them?" " Quick, try to beg, borrow or steel some from the stallholders" we split into groups to find some, but no-one was selling bedside lamps today. Keith grabbed some jumpleads from a trader.. "how much mate?" five..four...Done" Fits a jump lead.. Car starts.
Keith moans about having to buy them when he has a set in the garage, when Angie says "but I put them in the boot . yesterday, just in case"!!

FOR SALE. 1 set of JUMP LEADS.
Little used, can be seen working
Bargain at only £3.00

Contact Keith Dobson.

