

Scarborough

Caving Club



8th July Meeting 1995.

This months meeting was well turned out which means most of you will have seen Richards shirt so I wont have to describe it needless to say we all believe he was wearing it for a bet.

Due to the contributions that Pat Priestley has made to the club over the years including being a founder member the club has decided to make him a honorary member.

After much correspondence the club has found a way to obtain liability insurance which at the moment we do not have. From September the club will be covered by this insurance at a cost of £5 plus £1 per member for a year giving us cover for up to 2 million pounds further details will follow when obtained.

Due to popular demand the club is organising another trip to Bempton Radar Station which will be in the near future and on a Sunday. Admission is 50p which is going to be donated to The Save the Children Fund.

The local digs are going well at the moment. Lee and Chalky have got to a stage where shoring is now required as several collapses have occurred in the Silpho quarry cave. Anyone with any materials suitable should contact Lee. Birtley Mine dig is also progressing in leaps and bounds a small chamber has been entered to the left of the main passage and possibly with a little digging continues on although it will probably only go as far as it is dug out. The way forward is to follow a small stream bed which continues forward as far as is visible but this involves a lot of hard labour to enable anyone larger than a bean pole to progress.

Brian has had some information passed on to him regarding a new cave near Bowes on the A66. Reports say that it is approximately 1/2 to 3/4 mile long with no pitches but is aesthetically pleasing and has potential for some good photography. Due to this new find the camping weekend has been moved to 19 & 20 th August. The proposed agenda is exploration of the new cave near Bowes and Sleets Gill / Crack Pot varying in difficulty.

Just arrived is a free NCA booklet on cave conservation anyone wishing to read it should contact Richard also available form the NCA is a handbook on cave conservation policies and how to carry out conservation practices which the club is going to obtain which will also be available for perusal.

No doubt by now most of you will know that while the meeting was taking part on Saturday Jamie and Nial were long over due from a caving trip and consequently had to have the Cave Rescue Organisation called out a first for the club. To assist in these situations could all members with cars let me or Richard have details of the make, model, colour and registration of their car (s) this is due to the CRO requiring such details when called out.

Many of the permits requested for 1996 have come back now here is a list so far more will be added later when all the replies have been received.

Top Sinks	30th March
Lancaster Hole	15th June
P5 & Jean Pot	13th July
Gaping Ghyll	14th September
Pool Sinks	28th September
Marble Sinks	12th October

Forthcoming Events.

Saturday 15th July	Psilomelene Pot
Saturday 22nd July	Free
Saturday 29th July	Free (<u>NOT</u> CAMPING WEEKEND)
Saturday 5th August	Meeting
Saturday 12th August	Notts Pot
Saturday 19th August	Camping Weekend
Saturday 26th August	Mongo Gill Hole

THE CONSERVATION CODE.

Clumsiness can wreck cave formations.

Observe taped routes - they are there to safeguard the cave.

Never leave litter or spent carbide in a cave - pollution kills cave life.

Set others a good example when caving - persuade them to follow it.

Enlist the help of experts to record anything new you may find.

Responsible leaders will avoid taking novices where they may accidentally cause damage.

Vandalism means damage to stals, mud floors, rimstone pools etc., - help prevent it.

Alert your Regional Caving Council to developments which may possibly damage or destroy caves,

Take care not to disturb cave life, especially bats, or remains which may be of archaeological or historical mining interest.

Initiate measures to help look after caves & mines - collect litter, clean off graffiti, etc.

Offer your support to others who initiate conservation measures.

Natural caves and old mines are part of our natural heritage - help protect them.