

Scarborough

Caving Club



Meeting 11th January. 1997

7 members present.

Meetings are to go back to monthly.

The club now has four new members. Our congratulations and welcomes to ;Louise Atkinson; Andy Brennan; Peter Fambely; Richard Wilsdon.

It was decided at this meeting that the yearly subscription charges to members are to rise with immediate effect. This is due to club funds being low and several expenditures which are going to become inevitable in the forthcoming year eg. several ropes are coming to the end of their safe usage life and will need replacing. Non - member trip fees are also to increase but will still be refundable against full membership. Membership fees are now due and should be paid by the meeting of April 12th.

Charges are now ; £20 per person ; £30 per couple ; £3 per non - member per trip.

On the subject of cash the club has decided to spend some on a cordless 24v Bosh drill for use in digging ie. to drill charge holes when using explosives. The drill is going to be bought in a joint effort by the club and individual members. The club is going to put up half the cost and individual donations from members is going to pay the rest, the drill will remain the property of the club and therefore will be available for use by any member. Also on the subject of cash anyone with any fund raising ideas to boost the clubs balance sheet can contact Carol on (01723) 581828. One suggestion that was made which the club is going to pursue is that of having ticketed Bar-B-Q's.

Jamie our Training Officer has stated that he is available on weekends for climbing wall tutorials where he will teach anyone interested the finer points of single rope technique. Any one wishing to take up this offer you can contact Jamie on (01947) 602135.

Don't forget that Jerry is still the clubs Tacklemaster and anyone who requires the loan of any of the clubs equipment except ladders can contact him on (01723) 354193. People requiring ladders should contact Tony on (01262) 470560.

Due to the failure of the social night with the folks from Wrelton in December a new date for the darts and pool night has been arranged Saturday February 8th. Everyone is welcome whether they are members or not at the New Tavern, Falsgrave.

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The Annual General Meeting is looming, Saturday 1st March and all members are invited to attend. As with previous years there will be a photo competition held immediately before the meeting. The categories as usual are Best Colour Print, Best Black & White Print, Best Slide and Most Humorous.

Dowson Pot, A Thursday Night Dig by Pete.

The dig is going well, since it was started some four months ago 12 feet of passage has been gained with loads of potential for more. Last Thursday (9th Jan) we blew seven bells out of it. All that's needed now is loads of muscle to pull the 1/2 ton of crap out of the bottom. We're going to give it a miss on Thursday 16th to give Lizard ago 'cos we need to make a report of progress as we need to tell Mr Holt, the person who gave us permission to dig here, the extent of our efforts as promised.

Forthcoming Events.

Sat 25th January	Free
Sat 1st February	Langstroth Digs
Sat 8th February	Social Night, Darts & Pool at The New Tavern
Sat 15th February	Kirkdale Digs
Sat 22nd February	Juniper Gulf (Permit Trip Grade 4)
Sat 1st March	AGM & Photo Competition
Sat 8th March	Hurnell Most Pot (Permit Trip Grade 3)
Sat 15th March	Free



Equipment Required For Full Single Rope Technique(SRT) Kit.

Chest Harness (2)	x1	eg. Caving Supplies Fig 8 Harness	£9.30 ea.
Chest Ascender (3)	x1	eg. Petzl Croll	£26.15 ea.
Harness (4)	x1	eg. Petzl Superavanti	£38.75 ea.
Hand Ascender (5)	x1	eg. Petzl Ascension	£30.95 ea.
Rope, Foot Loop (6)	x5	eg. 9mm Edelrid Superstatic	£1.25 ea.
Rope, Cowstail (7)	x3	eg. 9mm Edelrid Runout	£1.75 ea.
Descender (8)	x1	eg. Caving Supplies Rack	£32.45 ea.
Maillon For Harness	x1	eg. 10mm Steel D Maillon	£4.15 ea.
Karabiner For Cowstail	x2	eg. 10mm Offset D Snap Gate	£5.85 ea.
Maillon For Hand Ascender	x1	eg. 8mm Oval Maillon	£1.70 ea.
Total Cost For SRT Kit (approx)			£166.65

Other Equipment Required.

Light	x1	eg. Oldham T3 Cap Lamp	£89.99 ea.
Oversuit	x1	eg. TSA Oversuit	£87.95 ea.
Undersuit	x1	eg. Warmbac Fleece	£39.95 ea.
Helmet (1)	x1	eg. Caving Supplies Protex	£30.80 ea.
Boots	x1	eg. Dunlop Wellingtons	£11.99 ea.
Belay Belt	x1	eg. Troll Belay Belt	£18.00 ea.
Gloves	x1	eg. Thick PVC	£7.20 ea.

This list is just to give an idea of what personal equipment is required to go caving. All prices are approximate and obviously usually open to negotiation with some shops giving discount to caving club members.

Dates For 1997.

January.

Sat. 4th
 Sat. 11th Meeting
 Sat. 18th
 Sat. 25th

July.

Sat. 5th Meeting + B B Q
 Sat. 12th Penyghent Pot [5] (#)
 Sat. 19th Free
 Sat. 26th Gaping Ghyll [4/5] (#)

February.

Sat. 1st Langstroth Digs
 Sat. 8th Social Night
 Sat. 15th Kirkdale Digs
 Sat. 22nd Juniper Gulf [4] (#)

August.

— Sat. 2nd Notts Pot [3/4] (#)
 Sat. 9th Meeting
 — Sat. 16th Meregill Hole[4]
 — Sat. 23rd Dow Cave [3]
 Sat. 30th Washfold Pot [5] (#)

March.

Sat. 1st AGM & Photo Comp.
 Sat. 8th Hurnell Moss [3] (#)
 Sat. 15th Free
 — Sat. 22th Nick Pot (#)
 Sat. 29th Bull Pot [3]

September.

Sat. 6th Meeting
 Sat. 13th Rumbling Hole [4] (#)
 Sat. 20th Free
 — Sat. 27th Peg Leg Pot [3] (#)

April.

— Sat. 5th Car Pot [4] (#)
 Sat. 12th Meeting
 — Sat. 19th Grange Rigg Pot [4] (#)
 — Sat. 26th Browgill Cave [2] / Calf Holes [2]

October.

— Sat. 4th Rift Pot [4] (#)
 Sat. 11th Meeting
 — Sat. 18th Stream Passage [4] (#) < == >
 Flood Entrance [4] (#) (Thru Trip)
 — Sat. 25th Nettle Pot [3]

May.

— Sat. 3rd Disappointment Pot [4] (#)
 Sat. 10th Meeting
 — Sat. 17th Gingling Hole [4/5] (#)
 Sat. 24th Free
 — Sat. 31st Long Kin West [4] (#)

November.

Sat. 1st Meeting
 — Sat. 8th Long Kin East [4] (#)
 Sat. 15th Free
 — Sat. 22nd Newby Moss Pot [4] (#)
 — Sat. 29th Rowten Pot [4]

June.

Sat. 7th Meeting
 Sat. 14th Psilomelane Pot [4] (#)
 Sat. 21st Free
 — Sat. 28th Cow Pot [4] (#)

December.

Sat. 6th Meeting
 — Sat. 13th Langcliffe Pot [5]
 Sat. 20th Free
 Sat. 27th Free

[1] to [5] denotes the grade of the cave.
 [1]. . . Easy cave, no pitches or difficulties.
 [2]. . . Moderate caves and small potholes.
 [3]. . . Caves without any particular hazardous, difficult or strenuous sections.
 [4]. . . Caves which present some hazard, difficulty or have large underground pitch.
 [5]. . . Caves which include very strenuous sections or large and wet underground pitches.

Grades [1],[2] . . . For Novice / Beginner Cavers
 Grades [3],[4] . . . For Intermediate Cavers
 Grades [4],[5] . . . For Very Experienced Cavers

(#) denotes permit trip all others are non permit and are subject to change.

Meetings are held at The New Tavern, Falsgrave Road, Scarborough. 8:30pm Start.

TRAINING OFFICER REPORT
TO ALL MEMBERS

Just a few pointers regarding safety that during 1996 I've noticed some members need reminding about when caving:-

1. When using a carbide lamp it is most important not to scorch/melt the SRT rope for obvious reasons, such as ensueing death for the culprit or an innocent party behind that person.
A great deal of care should be exercised especially at the pitch head when it is all too easy to casually let the flame flick gently back and forth over the rope.
Please exercise great care otherwise if the situation occurs again such lamps may, regretfully, have to be banned.
2. When rigging a traverse line leading upto a pitch head, the rigger should try to ensure wherever possible that the rope between the bolts is fairly tight so that if a member of the party did suffer a fall while attached to the traverse line the shock load transmitted to the knots is minimized as much as is possible as, no matter how slim, there is always the possibility that the rope might snap and that person become strawberry jam.

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3. Become familiar with your equipment (so to speak!) to the point that you could put your SRT rig on in the dark.
Don't get out over the pitch head and then find you've done it wrong as by then it could already be too late.
Any member not sure about the equipment they already own or may be about to buy need only ask for guidance.
4. All members should carry a plastic survival blanket in their helmets or where ever is convenient.
On club trips, any member found to be not carrying one will **NOT** be permitted underground as it is unfair on the other members of the party who have exercised consideration.
These items only cost £2 to £3, a small price to pay for something that may one day save your life.
5. Cows Tails. Certain members seem to have formed a strange attachment to their cows tails, to the point that they keep them ad infinitum.
This is not a good idea as out of all the pieces of equipment used when caving these are the most critical as its these two small pieces of rope that will hopefully stop you in the event of a fall.
Please replace your old cows tails, preferably once a year. Again, these items are also very cheap, about £5, not that exorbitant.

Hope most of you agree with the above and safe caving.

12 December 1996

Jamie

PS. During xmas to New Year I'm not at work so any members that fancy going to the quarry trainings will give me a ring.

Nomination Form Of Committee Members.

Nominations are required for the 5 posts on the committee. Please bring these nomination forms to the AGM so that a vote can be taken on those nominated. Each nomination must be seconded and you cannot nominate or second yourself. A list of those eligible for election follows with current committee position stated if appropriate. Anyone voted in has to hold a minimum of 1 term of office ie. 1 year.

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| Shaun Aconley | Nial Adams |
| Louise Atkinson | Phil Bailey |
| Andy Brennan | Jamie Dixon (Training Officer) |
| Peter Fambely | Jerry Gibbs (Chairman)(Tacklemaster) |
| Tony Manton (Novice Trip Supervisor) | Pat Priestley (Honorary Member) |
| Mark Rowe (Secretary) | Carol Shaw |
| Pete Shaw | Ernie Shield |
| Chalky Thomas | Lee Vasey |
| Mike Ward | Richard Wilsdon |

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I nominate :

..... for the post of Chairman. Seconded by

..... for the post of Secretary. Seconded by

..... for the post of Tacklemaster. Seconded by

..... for the post of Training Officer. Seconded by

..... for the post of Novice Trip Supervisor. Seconded by