

# Scarborough

Caving Club

Meeting Of Saturday 8th February. 1997

This months meeting was in the form of a social night with several locals from the Buck pub at Wrelton joining us for a friendly darts and pool match. The evening was a great success with at least 20 people attending, unfortunately the club was beaten again at both darts and pool but the sandwiches made by Carol soon removed our disappointments. Thanks to Carol for the grub. There are rumours that there may be yet another return match details if and when it happens.

Don't forget next months meeting is the AGM and Photo competition judged by Ernie Shield everyone is welcome. Due to a small cock-up

on my behalf the voting slips issued in last months minutes are not to be used please use the ones issued in this issue and return them to myself or bring them to the AGM.

Anyone wishing to buy a rack made from stainless steel and aircraft aluminium Jerry has 4 available at approx. £25 a lot cheaper than in the shops. Jerry as well as the racks has some Weil's disease information cards credit card size for sale at 20p each. Jerry has also asked that anyone who promised to donate money to the drill fund could they please do so soon as the drill is becoming more of a necessity to continue digging, thank you. It has been proposed that the clubs constitution be altered in item 3 Composition. It proposed that it reads as follows alteration in italics;

### 3) Composition.

The club shall consist of active caving members, that shall partake on club trips and events. A members spouse may be admitted to meetings. New members shall be subject to six months approval. *The Tacklemaster will only issue club equipment to members who are deemed experienced enough to use it properly by the Training Officer.* The club will not be held responsible for the actions of any individual member. The club retains the right to refuse an application for membership and the right to exclude any member.

It has also been suggested that any person taking part in club digging trips be required to take suitable precautions against rectal prolapses as a serious epidemic has been reported in the Thursday night area. Names have been withheld to protect the innocent.

### A Report Of The Past Months Happenings By Jerry.

Saturday 18th January. Earlier in January several members of the club were invited to Ernie and Ruth Shields home for an evening of eating, drinking and slide presentation. The slides consisted of pictures of Ernies last cave exploration and holiday in the Cape Verd Islands. This was an extremely interesting evening with the slides being very impressive and made most of us feel that we would have like to have been there

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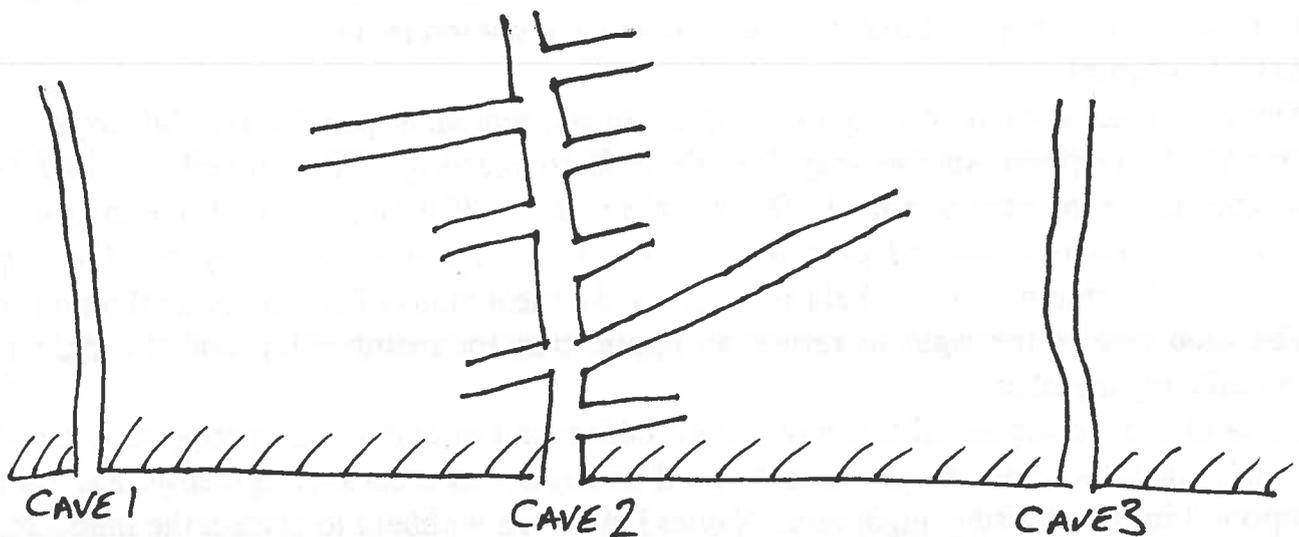
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ourselves. The evening finished with cheese and biscuits, more drinking and many games of "Jenga".

Sunday 19th. Whilst nursing hangovers a walk was suggested around Boulby Quarry. This walk turned out to be more interesting than we thought as most of the quarry face is water worn and has 3 known caves / slip rifts in it. Two of these caves are tight but the third, middle one is worthy of another visit.

Many thanks to Ernie and Ruth for a great weekend.

Thursday 23rd January. A return visit to Boulby Quarry was attended by Ernie, Robin, Shaun, Richard, Pete, Chalky and Myself. Ernie was first in pulling out boulders like there was no tomorrow. I followed and managed to squeeze through into a tiny space under a collapse in a parallel rift. From this point another rift could be seen and after more digging a way through was opened up, yet another rift was found this one though was much tighter, higher and deeper than the rest and was a good indication of what once was a very large cave until quarrying took most of it away. The system must have been a joint controlled phreatic maze system aided by gravity to make slip rifts. A rough sketch below shows the system all the passages end in collapses or are too tight. Whilst Ernie, Myself and the others where in the middle cave ( Cave 2 ) Shaun spent some time looking at the quarry floor. After a while and a few boulders later Shaun found a new cave / slip rift at least 40ft deep which promises to be a good find and needs more attention, well done Shaun.



Saturday 1st February. Keith, Jamie, Andy, Richard, Chalky and Myself digging in Langstrothdale. The day started out cold as normal but we soon warmed up carrying a drill, drill bits, two ammo cans, generator and 400ft of extension cable. We were exhausted when we reached Jacks Cave. Keith and Jamie appeared just after the hard

## Forthcoming Events.

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| Sat 22nd Feb   | Juniper Gulf        |
| Sat 1st March  | ABM + Photo Comp    |
| Fri 7th March  | A Flash In The Dark |
| Sat 8th March  | Hurnell Moss Pot    |
| Sat 22nd March | Nick Pot            |
| Sat 29th March | Bull Pot            |
| Sat 5th April  | Car Pot             |
| Sat 12th April | Meeting             |

S NUNWICK MEMORIAL LECTURE

# A FLASH IN THE DARK

HALF A CENTURY  
PHOTOGRAPHING  
CAVES IN COLOUR

LEN COOK

FRIDAY 7 MARCH 1997  
at 7PM



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work was done but it didn't matter as we were keen and soon we were drilling and banging large lumps of the Yorkshire Dales all over the place. After some time a nasty corner was removed and surprise surprise another tight corner, this still needs more attention.

Two other digs were found by Richard but after much digging the first one was classified as a "No Hope" and was filled in. More effort was spent on the second one and soon a rift appeared which was extremely tight and so Andy (our thinnest member) was forced in for a look. On dropping into a small chamber the rift could clearly be seen continuing. At barely 4 inches wide this rift was impossible and the dig was also classed as another "No Hope" and was filled in. This does however make a statement about the potential of the area. A good day was still had by all.

Saturday 8th February. Rope wall training in Burniston. A very well supported day with seven non cavers turning up and having a go. Some had a natural ability at S.R.T. and could make very good cavers. Three routes were rigged with some very interesting traverses. Thanks go to Keith, Jamie and Nial for helping to keep order. Others attending included Mike, Mathew, Andy, Roy Holmes and many more.