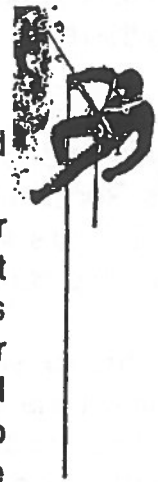


Scarborough

Caving Club



Annual General Meeting 1st March 1997.

12 members present. Apologies were received from Mike Ward and Jamie Dixon.

The AGM this year started off with the presentation of the trophies for the photo competition. The competition this year had a excellent standard of photos from the few people who entered. The entries as last year were judged by Ernie and Ruth Shield and to show our appreciation the club presented Ruth with a bouquet of flowers and Ernie with a bottle of wine and gave them both a years membership to the club. The winners were : Jerry Gibbs for best colour print; Pete Shaw for best black and white; Pete Shaw for best slide; Pete Shaw for most humorous. A white wash by Pete "David Bailey" Shaw! The competition will be held again at next years AGM so start taking those pictures only pictures from this club year are allowed to enter and the categories will be the same.

The committee for the forthcoming year is the same as last year apart from one post. The relatively new post of novice trip supervisor is now held by Keith Dobson who after an absence from the club has returned. Welcome back.

The change to the constitution as detailed in last months minutes was voted against in favour of members liaising with the tacklemaster on an informal basis. It will be down to the individual to decide whether or not they are capable of doing a particular cave in conference with the tacklemaster. Depending on the outcome of this chat the tacklemaster will issue club equipment.

The drill which the club is going to buy with club funds and donations is to be looked after by Chalky as he does most of the digging. If at anytime Chalky is unable to look after the drill it will be stored with the rest of the club equipment with the tacklemaster.

Now that the club is getting a few more members it has been suggested again that we change venues to somewhere which would suit our needs better. The majority of those who attended this meeting agreed and possible new locations mentioned were The Scarborough Arms and The Mayfield. Details as and when it happens.

It was raised that more organisation is required for trips especially in the areas of rescue call out information and time keeping. Firstly it is most important that you have a home contact who can call out the rescue team if needed when you are overdue from caving trip. This person must be kept informed of which cave you are descending and its location, how many are in your party, what transport was used to get to the cave ie. car make and registration, this information could save your life so pass it on. Secondly when organising a trip make sure meeting times are kept, meeting at 9.00 does not mean we're going to have breakfast at 9.00 it means we're going to get changed at 9.00 and go caving, always give a time of arrival at the parking place for

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Chairmans Report. 01/03/97.

This has been a good caving year in general and has seen the club develop a strong interest in digging.

Due to our new explosive licence we are no longer held back by the un-cooperative rocks which we come across in many a dig. Now we can simply and safely dispose of the nuisance rocks, boulders and other obstacles and continue to find new passages. Our small core of diggers are keen, competent and determined to unearth some new discoveries in our own area.

The club I'm pleased to say has a very strong view on conservation and by having this view has been greatly rewarded. Help from various land owners and good access to possible new sites is one of the results gained from the clubs stand on conservation. This needs to be continued to maintain our good name and valuable contacts.

We have seen an increase in our membership which can only strengthen the club, members are needed to continue our club and without them we fold. It has been good to see that some of the new members have shown a great interest in the club and have completed some training and trips underground. Others, alas have taken it upon themselves to commit Tom foolery which is no good for the safety of others, themselves and for the reputation of the our club.

In this coming year we have some very good trips arranged for both experienced and novice cavers alike. I would like to see everyone brushing up on their SRT skills to enable us to conquer whatever cave we explore.

I would like to thank everyone who has given the club support over last year and hope that it will continue.

Jerry.

Tacklemaster's Report 01/03/97.

SRT Ropes.

9mm Edelrid	50ft /15m ('94)	x 2	10mm Edelrid	35ft /10.5m	x 1
	60ft /18m	x 1		40ft /12m	x 1
	74ft /22.5m	x 1		80ft /24m ('92)	x 2
	80ft /24m	x 1		90ft /27m ('92)	x 1
				140ft /42.5m ('92)	x 1
				180ft /54.5m ('92)	x 1
10mm Marlow	110ft /33.5m ('96)	x 1			
11mm Bluewater	300ft /91m ('95)	x 1			

Ladders & Belays.

Ladders	25ft (7.5m)	x 4	Wire Belay	15ft (4.5m)	x 1
	12ft (3.5m)	x 1		10ft (3m)	x 2
Spreader Belay	x 3				

Hangers & Maillons.

Petzl Twist & Bent Hangers	x 22	7mm long Rigging Maillons	x 50
Troll Angled Hangers	x 8		

Slings.

Long Sling ('96)	x 2	Med. Sling ('96)	x 2
Short Sling ('96)	x 2		

Tackle Sacks.

Red 100ltr	x 1	Blue 150ltr	x 1
Blue 150ltr	x 1 (For Bluewater)	V. Large 200ltr	x 2
Red TSA Sacks	x 2 (Ladders only)	Hauling Sacks	x 2 (Digging only)

Accessories.

3ft Stake	x 2	Rope Washer	x 1
20ft Scaling Pole	x 1	Pulley	x 2
Rope Protector	x 2	Bag Full Of Assorted Items	
100ft Surveying		Cave Safe	
Tape Measure	x 1	Videos 1 / 2 / 3	x 1
Eco Rigging		Eco Rigging	
Guide No. 1	x 1	Guide No. 2	x 1

Our 10mm Edelrid rope lengths of 80, 90, 140 and 180ft are all dated 1992 and are therefore due for retirement at the end of this year. The ropes will be sold to offset the cost of buying replacements.

The club thanks Mike Ward for donating a ladder, spreader, 2 x rope protectors, rope cleaner and other assorted maillons and metal items.

The majority of club equipment is in a good condition and nothing needs replacing at the moment. Clubs funds are going to buy a cordless drill shortly and after that the club will have to start raising money so that the ropes due for retirement can be replaced.

Bull pot

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LOCATION:

West Kingsdale, MK: 70/78/

GRADE:

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ROUTE TO CAVE:

Park at a convenient place about 800 m. south of Yordas wood and off the road. Go through the gate and follow a vague path up through the scars and onto the fell Bull pot is an open shaft surrounded by limestone, a small stream sinks further upstream.

ACCESS:

No need to ask for permission provided route is followed and the county code is adhered to.

WARNING:

Although the cave can be rigged to avoid the water, a considerable flow of water flows through the cave during prolonged rain fall. The water level in the final chamber has been known to rise rapidly.

Entrance is rigged from twin hangers in bedrock, followed by two hangers in limestone block over hanging the entrance.

2nd. pitch is rigged from a natural thread high up and progresses forward to a 'y' hang over the pitch. A short pendulum takes you to the start of the slot pitch, or continuing down is the start of the 'gully'. The slot is rigged with a 'y' hang followed by a rebelay a short distance down.

The gully route is also the route taken by the water. A back-up followed by a 'y' hang. Gives a short descent to a further 'y' hang.

A natural traverse above the stream is the start of the 4th. pitch followed by a 'y' hang. There is an optional deviation to pull the rope clear of the water.

The 5th. pitch is rigged in two sections. A hanger in a large block forms the back-up, followed by a 'y' hang. A short descent is linked by a vague traverse to a 'y' hang out in the chamber.

MINIMUM EQUIPMENT REQUIRED:

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| Entrance pitch | | 20m. rope |
| 2nd. to top of slot. | | 20m. rope |
| Gully pitch | | 30m. rope |
| Top of the slot to traverse into the 4th. pitch | | 30m. rope |
| 4th. pitch | slung for deviation | 30m. rope |
| 5th. pitch | | 30m. rope |

