

Scarborough

Caving Club

Meeting 10th May 1997.

This months meeting was the first held at our new venue of the Scarborough Arms and was a complete success with 8 members present.

The main item discussed at the meeting was the suggestion of the club becoming Scarborough Caving & Climbing Club. The general consensus was that the idea was a good one providing that the caving part of the club would not be overtaken and engulfed by the climbing part. The finer details are still under discussion and hopefully Richard Hill will be able to attend next months meeting to assist in our final decision making. Richard has given us a list of essential equipment that would require purchasing to enable climbing to take place (see below). Don't forget that any changes would have to be voted on and that we would have to rewrite the clubs constitution to take into account the climbing side.

Dynamic Rope 10.5mm	x 30m	Slings astd.	x 4
Karabiner HMS	x 4	Karabiner	x 4
Sticht Plate	x 1	Static Rope	x 10m

As mentioned last month the club has bought the drill that most people have kindly contributed to, thank you to all those who did. Everyone at the meeting got a chance to have a good look at the new acquisition and have good fondle. As "Tool Time Tim" would say it's a mans tool rgh, rgh, rgh. The drill itself has been modified so that an alternative power source of two lead acid batteries can be used, increasing the time that the drill can be used between charges. The drill opens up several opportunities for the club not only does it aid in the clubs exploration, by drilling blasting holes, it also enables us to quickly bolt caves that are in need of new elliot type bolts and to bolt caves that need the new eco - resin bolts.

The meeting finished with a practical session. Jerry illustrating a new method of rope walking where instead of having the fixed foot ascender strapped to his boot he uses a foot loop and second piece of elasticated cord. Jamie concluded the evening with a knot tying exercise.

Safety. It is a good idea to take a survival bag underground when you cave or pothole incase of emergency. These bags could save your life if you get stuck, lost or injured while caving. They only cost a few pounds and can be carried inside your helmet.

The club has various items for sale. Surveys of the clubs digging progress are available at 75p each for an A3 sized poster. Sweat shirts and T - shirts of various sizes with Scarborough Caving Club printed on the front are also available at £12 and £6 respectfully, £15 for both together.

Anyone wishing to obtain some caving practical experience on the climbing wall please contact Jamie on 01947 602135 to arrange a date as he is available to train people if they wish.

Pete has if anyone requires one a selection of lamp brackets for sale at 50p each.

Forthcoming Events.

Sat 24th May	Langstroth Digging
Sat 31st May	Long Kin West (grade 4)
Sat 7th June	Meeting
Sat 14th June	Psilomelane Pot (grade 4)
Sat 28th June	Cow Pot (grade 4)