

Scarborough

Caving Club

News Letter 2

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Dear Members,

Sorry it has been so long since the last newsletter, but I have had no material forwarded to me worthy of producing a newsletter. However I have now received several trip reports from Jerry so here we go. I have also received a proposed trip list from Nial & Jamie. I am currently investigating the permits and permissions required and will publish in the next newsletter. If you have any further trip requests please let me know ASAP.

The BCRA Insurance has now been renewed at a cost of £32.

Lee Vasey's Stag Evening Thursday 28th Oct. Activity Go Carting. Venue to be finalised Contact Jerry for latest Info.

Jerry has offered to put together a series of 'Caver Profiles' to be included in each newsletter. The next newsletter will feature Richard Wilsdon we await!

Trip Reports by Jerry

Hello Cavers, Hi-De-Hi, I am back and I am badder than ever!! Back from sailing the high seas to cave and cave and cave again!! What have I missed? Have you written up your trip reports? No! You naughty boys! Well I have some reports. So here we go: -

Saturday 10 April. Magnetometer Pot

Attended by myself, Peter Fambely, Greg Rickets, Scarlet Ponce, Keith Dobson and Andy Brennan.

I have wanted to do this trip for a long time and this was the chance, it was decided that this trip would be a recky as it is a complicated system. So off we set the entrance series was not that bad we carried on into the bigger stuff, petty soon the water levels rose and roof levels descended. Pete and Greg decided to turn back. The rest of us carried on a little longer. On our return we came across Greg perched on a ledge half way up a rift just before a very awkward eyehole, he had dislocated his shoulder and not only was he in a lot of pain but he was very cold. He was wrapped up in a survival bag but he had been there for an hour alone while Pete had left to call out Cave Rescue. We started to assist Greg out of the cave we forced Greg through the eyehole. The C.R.O. arrived and took over. I was pleased to hear Greg made a full recovery, so all ended happily ever after (so the story goes).

15th May Old Ing

Attended by Dickie Wilsdon, Nial (Living Joke) Adams, Scarlet Ponce, Andy BrenGun and myself

Having been in here before I knew the score and volunteered to carry the dive bottles I wasn't diving because I had turned into a wet lettuce but I was happy to support Dickie and L.J. with their dive. A free dive to the first air bell was done by Dickie the Nial and the Young Gun Andy had a go, well-done Andy. After that they free dived back out Dickie and L.J. Kitted up and set off again. Our plan had been to meet then at the other side of the sump bypass I got about 20ft into the bypass and could get no further (wet lettuce again) Scarlet Ponce had another go and managed to get 5ft further. We assumed we were in the wrong place! As we could not find another way on we decided to exit and go into the next cave (Dismal Hill) to greet the divers. Awkward to get in but we went anyway. After an hours wait at the upstream sump, we assumed that the divers must have drowned. So we left the cave to contact relatives and families with the bad news only to find Dickie and L.J. at the car drinking coffee. Apparently they had contracted Lettuce Syndrome whilst trying climb between sumps so they went back out of Old Ing! At least they had to carry their own bottles! (And maybe they lost a few pounds in weight at the same time).

12th-13th June B.C.R.A Regional Meeting at the Punch Bowl

Attended by many people including Andy BrenGun, Dickie Wilsdon, Peter Fambely, and Myself.

A very Interesting weekend A lot of information including Radio Location in Devis Hole mine Caves, A look in Ernie's Dig and Ernie took us on a trip round the maze system without getting us lost! Back at the pub I fell asleep in Les Browns Lecture on Ireland, Dave Carlisle gave a brilliant and video on the mining of sandstone slates and we had an explosives demonstration with Hilti-Caps, very interesting. Later Andy attempted to drink me under the table (Soft Lad. Again - Neither of us was up to the Challenge.)

Thursday 8th July The Well

Attended by Andy Brennan, Scarlet Ponce and Myself

Scarlet has made this dig much easier by buying a 4 wheel drive so we can drive down to the well and use his tow hitch for the ladder belay. After retrieving the previously placed scaffolding poles and planks from the grasp of the nettles behind the fence an attempt was made to shore up the well sides and after much swearing and borrowing a hacksaw from Richard, This was achieved, opening up the way for diggers and divers.

Tuesday 7th September The Well

Attended by Andy Brennan, Mike Appleby, Mathew Gentails and Myself.

I was pleased to see that whilst I had been away Shaun and others had continued to stabilize this site so our objective today was to dig under water and remove the remains of the

collapsed well shaft to allow divers through. Mike set off first holding breath, ducking, digging surfacing, breathing and putting the rubble into the bucket. Mike did great job. Andy and myself would have also had a go but for arrival of the gamekeepers. This problem has now been resolved but would members please contact me before digging this site. Thanks.

11th & 12th September. B.C.R.A Hidden Earth, Leeds

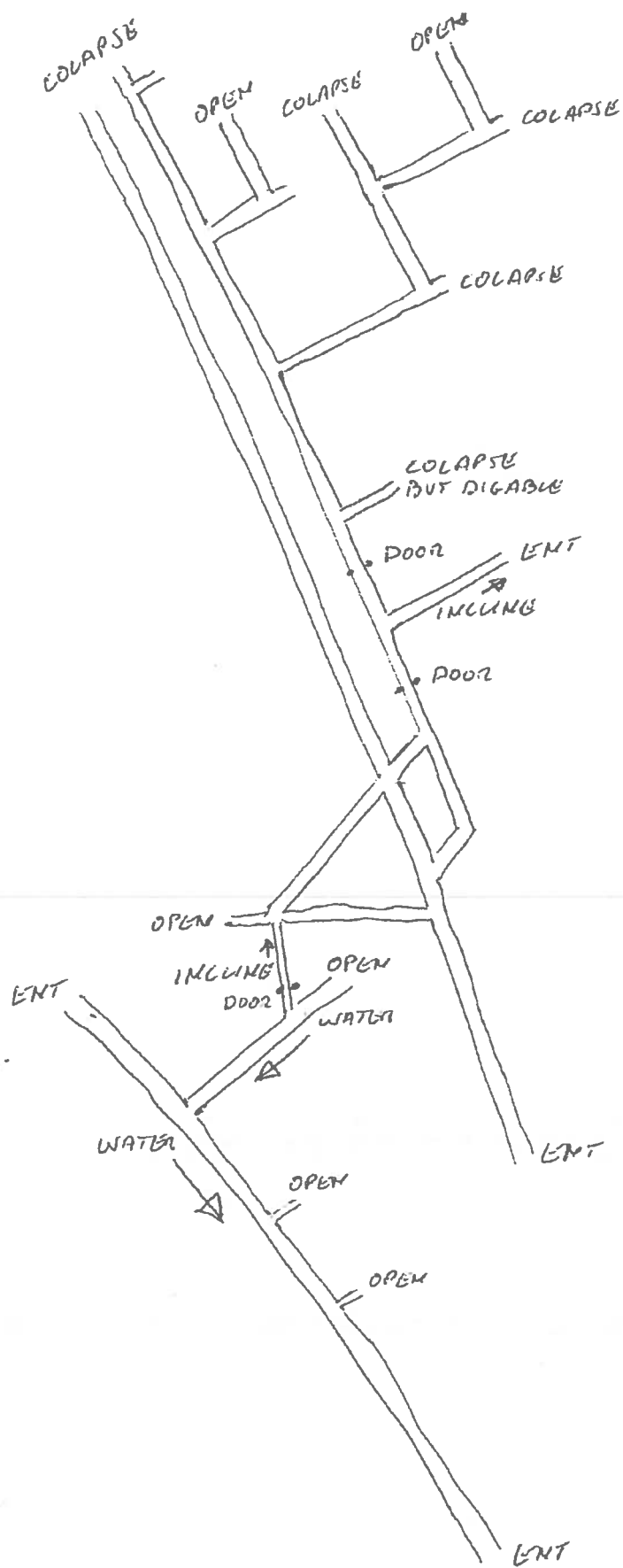
Attended by everyone who was there including Dick Wad Wildon, Neil Hanan, Andy Bren Gun, and Myself.

What a brilliant weekend with three lecture rooms and a theatre showing videos, slides and talks on every subject all happening at the same time. It was difficult to decide which lectures to attend. One of the highlights of the weekend was the 'Squeeze' run by Wessex C.C This consisted of two pieces of wood bolted together 18 cm apart (to start with). Most people managed to pass through this. Then it was wound down to 17cm. I got through (after a fashion) Andy fell through and Dickie got head and shoulders and chest and stomach through but then came a problem He could not get his big 'Wad' through try as he might, taking off his trouser off had little effect (except on the spectators) he was stuck and had to be released. So the target was to beat 18cm for Dick Wad. After getting through 17cm I found I couldn't get my chest through anything smaller. Andy managed 16cm but was beaten by a pizza faced Herbert whose only restriction was the size of his head which turned out to be 14.5cm. Weston's 'Old Rose' at 7.3% was served at night and once again Andy tried and failed to drink me under the table (doesn't take much). Sunday morning's lectures were made much more hard to understand due to 'Old Rose' but we still learned a great deal in the cave diving department, most of my equipment is now being modified, and will be tested to the full in the coming months. The great cave divers 'Scoff' Schofield and Dave Rydall, who have always been 'God Like Names' turned out to be real people who gave us encouragement a requested to dive with us one day. Maybe we will let them... One Day!

Tuesday 14th September Boulby Crinkle Mines

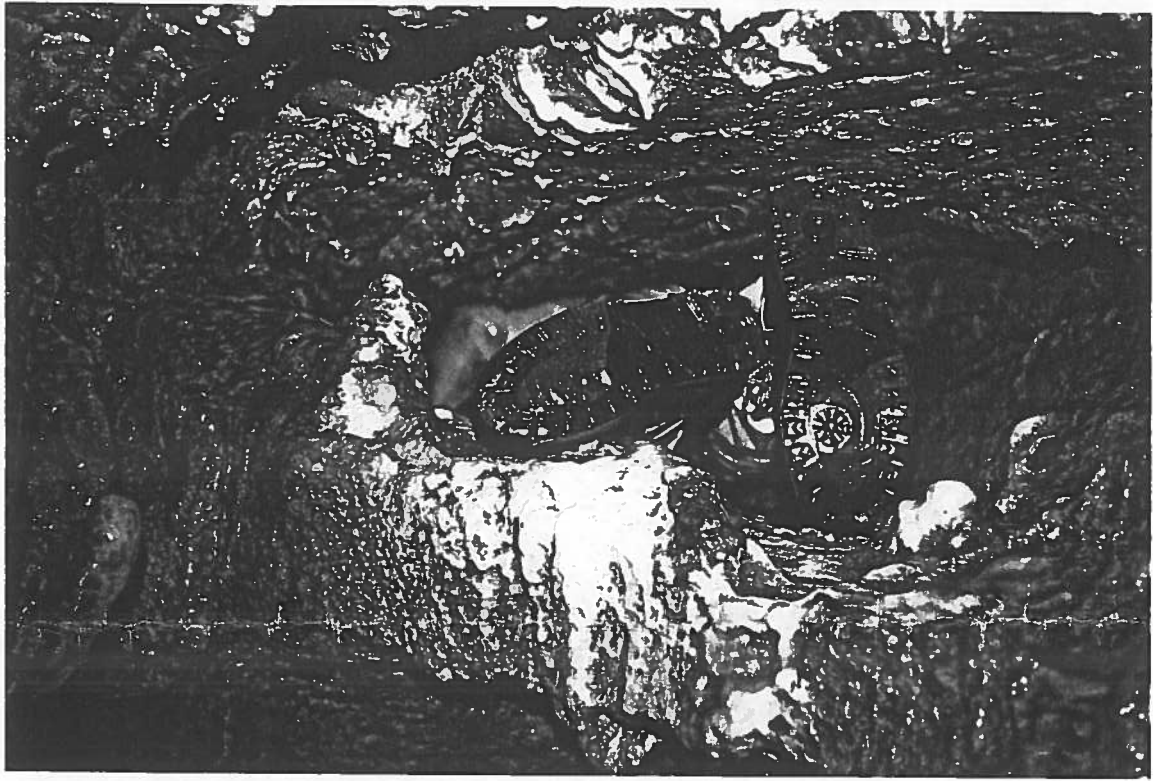
Attended by Andy Brennan, Pete Fambely, Scarlet Ponce and Myself

After a half hour drive round to find the nearest parking place to we ended up back where we started. After getting kitted up we set off down to the mine, three of us in wetsuits Scarlet Ponce proving he is 'Hard' by wearing his furry suit, once in the mine we set out to explore all possible leads. The main haulage route was blocked by collapse after about 600m, which was disappointing as this was originally over 7 miles long. The next tunnel running parallel was also blocked after 600m, but there were lots of side passages most of which had collapsed but leaving roof space for us to get through. This mine was originally an ironstone mine in shale bands and looks very similar to Birtley Iron Mine but although it was closed down relatively recently some of the collapses were consolidated with flow stone up to 13mm thick, stalactites, straws and shark tooth ribs were in abundance, some white, some brown but some orange/red from the iron. The place was very interesting and several leads remain to be followed at a future visit. Next time we must bring a camera.



BOULBY CRINKLE MINE

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INCORRECT, PLEASE MODIFY IT
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THAN MINE



NIAL (LIVING JOKE) ADAMS STRUGGLING
IN THE 'OLD ING' SUMP BYPASS