

Scarborough

FEB 1999

Trip reports and Communication. from Vice Chairman

Sat 16th Jan 99

Bull Pot.

Attended by Myself, Shaun, Andy, Nial, Neil and Jamie.

There seems to be a car crash of some sort on every trip. Last trip, it was my turn to crash, but this time it was someone else who managed to balance their car on top of a dry stone wall, on a bank at an icy corner, we missed it by seconds! Shame! The usual breakfast followed in Fountains, all orders were wrong, Andy didn't want beans, but got them anyway, I wanted 'The Full Monty' but only got beans and scrambled egg. Arriving at Bull pot I was miffed to find I had lost one wet suit sock and left my emergency lamp at home and more importantly I had left my S.R.T. kit at home, all was not lost, I took the draw cords from two tackle sacks and had a very enjoyable trip using prussic loops.



Caving Club

Sat. 30th Jan 99

Old Ing & Dismal Hill Cave.

Attended by Myself, Nial and Scarlet Ponce.

The day started with the normal car crash, This time between a small red car and a large white lorry, This is getting habitual. Breakfast was better only my order was wrong, I didn't get beans. The caving was good. Scarlet got us lost within five minutes of leaving the car, and two walkers had to show us the way. Both caves were very similar, both were clean washed stream passages, bitterly cold water, mainly knee deep for Jamie and me but deeper for Nial. Nial like us had the opportunity to climb out of the water but chose to wade up to his armpits most of the time (Oh the pain!) until he had explored all the sumps, we looked down on him from the warm, dry roof bedding plane, but we had to admit "That bloke is a double hard Bastard!".

We will do some diving in here in the summer. Anyone want to sherpa?

Club Talk.

Tackle

Can members please try to get tackle back to andy before the A.G.M. Club equipment has been allowed to degrade some what and a lot of work is needed to get it back up to scratch. I am sure andy will be looking for volunteers.

Subs.

Subs are still fixed at £20 with £10 for Armchair cavers. A big thank you to Nial who has agreed to pay £40 as his subs were lost last year. Members who do not pay up are out of the club in April. sorry but that's the way it is. Non members using club equipment is still £3 per/trip refundable upon joining E.G. 2 trips = £6, membership would be £14.

A.G.M

The A.G.M. will be held at the Buck at Wrelton on Thursday 11th of March at 9 pm. Light buffet may be provided. Please fill out your committee nomination forms and send them back to Pete or bring them on the night Post up for grabs are: Chairman, Secretary/Treasurer, Training Officer, Tackle Master.

Photo Competition

The photo Competition will be held at the Buck after the A.G.M. like last year The photos will be judged by the locals. Categories are: Best Colour, Best Black & White Best Slide Most Humorous (Chalky has already won most ugly)

N.B> Only this years photos count i.e. March to March.

Forth Coming Events.

5th March

Stephen Nunwick Memorial Lecture on 'Caves of Castleton', starting at 7 pm. Admission is free.

11th March

A.G.M. & Photo Competition 9:00 PM.

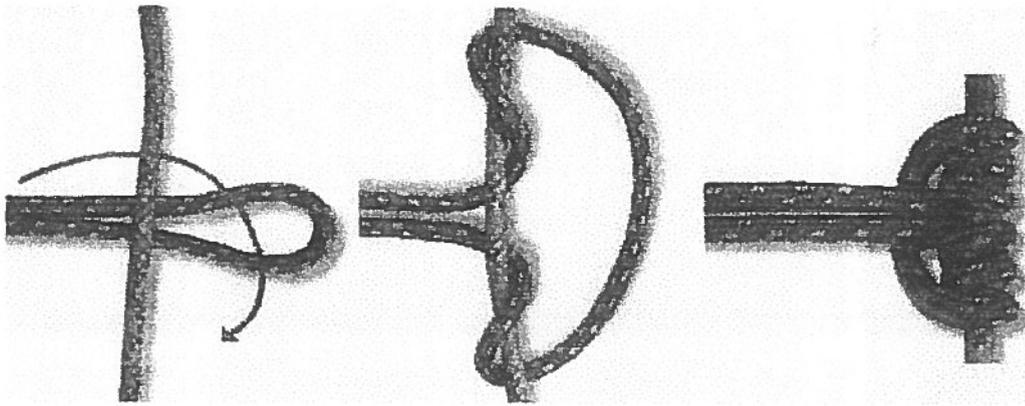
13th March

Sel Gill Holes, a good S.R.T. Training trip or if you suffer from constipation why not try the active route (that will twitch the old sphincter)

Other Issues

Recently I used Prussic loops to do a caving trip as I had forgotten my S.R.T. kit (I know, I know, don't need to say) and I wondered, how many members can use (or tie) Prussic loops they are very simple to use and could save your life. Picture the situation, your half way up Gaping Gill Main Shaft when your handle ascender collapses, you're hanging by your chest ascender, shitting yourself, can't release your chest ascender to go back down, you have a draw cord in your tackle sack. Can you use it. If the answer is no I recommend you learn.

The Prussik Knot



This knot is the main not used for as a replacement for a jammer in prussiking. It is made out of a rope sling, which should have a diameter several mm less than that of the rope it is used on.

Loop the rope round the rope, pulling it through the inside of its self Repeat the process several times until the prussik loop grips the main rope, without slipping, when body weight is applied to the loop.

NB. Trip list amendments

Gaping Gill Trip Moved from 11th to 19th
Langtsroth trip swapped with Quaking

Trip List 1999

Month	Day	Date	PotHole/Cave	Permit	Grade	Requested By
January	Sat.	2 nd	Bull Pot (Kings Dale)	No	3	Andy
	Sat.	9 th				
	Sat.	16 th				
	Sat.	23 rd				
	Sat.	30 th				
February	Sat.	6 th	Simpson's ✓	No	3/4	Peter F.
	Sat.	13 th	Marble Steps	No	3	Sue
	Sat.	20 th				
	Sat.	27 th				
March	Sat.	6 th	Sell Gill Holes	No	3	?
	Sat.	13 th				
	Sat.	20 th	Roaring Hole	No	3	Jamie
	Sat.	27 th				
April	Sat.	3 rd	Magnetometer	No	3/4	Jamie
	Sat.	10 th				
	Sat.	17 th	Disappointment	Yes	4	Jerry
	Sat.	24 th				
May	Sat.	1 st	Polna Gollum		4	Jamie
	Sat.	8 th	(Jamie to confirm)			
	Sat.	15 th	Old Ing & Dismal Hall & * Red Mire	No	2/3/4	Richard
	Sat.	22 nd				
	Sat.	29 th	Odd Mire	No	5	Jamie
June	Sat.	5 th	* Punch Dowl Gaping Gill Mosssdale	* Yes No	4/5	Peter F. Jamie
	Sat.	12 th / r				
	Sat.	19 th				
	Sat.	26 th				
July	Sat.	3 rd	Langstroth	* No	4	Richard/Jamie
	Sat.	10 th				
	Sat.	17 th	Ogof Drennan (Andy to Confirm)	Yes	4	Andy
	Sat.	24 th				
	Sat.	31 st				
August	Sat.	7 th	Car Pot	Yes	4	Pete Shaw
	Sat.	14 th	Quaking	No	5	Jamie
	Sat.	21 st				
	Sat.	28 th				
September	Sat.	4 th	Spectacle	No	5	Jamie
	Sat.	11 th	P8 Derbyshire	?	3	Richard
	Sat.	18 th				
	Sat.	25 th				
October	Sat.	2 nd	Grange Rigg Pot	Yes	4	Jamie
	Sat.	9 th	Little Hull Pot	Yes		Jamie
	Sat.	16 th				
	Sat.	23 rd				
	Sat.	30 th				
November	Sat.	6 th	Ease Gill (Lancaster/County)	??	3/4	P.Shaw
	Sat.	13 th				
	Sat.	20 th				
	Sat.	27 th				
December	Sat.	4 th	Tatham's Wife	No	3	Jamie
	Sat.	11 th				
	Sat.	18 th				
	Sat.	25 th				