

Scarborough

Caving Club



Meeting 12th April 1997.

This months meeting was fairly brief with only a handful of members present. Perhaps this was due to the continuing debate on the clubs meeting place? On this subject the club has now a new venue The Scarborough Arms, North Terrace, Scarborough. (Corner of Castle Road and Auborough Street). Meeting approximate start time will stay the same at 8.30pm. See you all there at our next meeting 10th May.

Subscriptions are still due from those who haven't paid up yet. People who haven't paid will after these minutes receive no further issues and will no longer be able to borrow club equipment from the tacklemaster. Thanks go to those who have already paid.

Further to the comments in last months minutes regarding the issue of club equipment the tacklemaster will not issue club equipment if he has reasonable doubt that it will be miss treated or abused.

On Friday 11th Jerry and Chalky did a talk on caving for a local scout group, including a slide show and some knotting techniques. Thanks go to Mike for providing the slides. No funds were raised from the talk but several Venture Scouts expressed an interest in caving and would like to be taken on a trip underground, volunteers are required to take part in this easy trip which has to be arranged.

Bridge Swing. Those members interested in swinging off Kirkdale viaduct on 10th May contact Jerry. Dave Grice is helping out with this but we are using club equipment, that is the old ropes which are going to retired at the end of the year so any concerns about damaging the club equipment are unfounded. We might as well get one last bit of fun out of them.

The Club is finally going ahead with buying a drill, a Bosh GBH 24v cordless which will be used primarily for digging or rather blasting. The club is obtaining this drill at a discounted price of £346.62 as opposed to £599.94 + VAT retail. Anyone who promised to contribute to the drill fund please can you do so as soon as possible. Also on the subject of the drill it has been mentioned that it may be advisable to buy a right angled adapter for drilling in narrow passages, views on this would be appreciated.

The digging in Manor Vale is still progressing very well with only 6 inches of rock to smash through to emerge in a section of passage which looks very promising. Current surveys of the digs are available at a nominal fee. A3 size are 75p ea. and A2 size are £3.50 ea. available from Pete who has details of surveys available, all monies raised are going into club funds.

Climbing. It has been suggested that the club becomes Scarborough Caving & Climbing Club as there is not currently a climbing club in our locality and would potentially increase the clubs membership. Richard Hill who is trying to set up a climbing club will sometime in the future give a brief talk on climbing within our club including topics such as finance and equipment. Ideas and views are invited not forgetting that any changes to the clubs constitution, which this would be have to be discussed fully and voted upon.

Rack descenders, Jerry currently has a contact who if we provide the materials will make up some racks for the club to sell in the form of a self assembly kit at £25. The racks would be made from aircraft grade aluminium for the bars and stainless steel for the U shape which is the same specification as the ones in the shops but a lot cheaper and untested. Those interested contact Jerry so that he can arrange things.

Northern Wetsuits are selling a very good quality knee pad with remarkable flexibility considering its thickness for £10 a pair. Also available are wetsuit socks made in a three piece design for £12 a pair.

Don't Forget that the club has a selection of Sweat shirts and T - Shirts available at £12 and £6 respectfully or £15 for one of each. Also don't forget to collect the rigging guides each month so that you can build up a set.

Forthcoming Events.

Sat 26th April	Browgill Cave (Grade 2) / Calf Holes (Grade 2) Ideal for novices / Beginners
Sat 3rd May	Disappointment Pot (Grade 4)
Sat 10th May	Bridge Swing Meeting at The Scarborough Arms
Sat 17th May	Gingling Hole (Grade 4/5)
Sat 24th May	Langstroth Digging

Alum pot-Dolly tubs

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LOCATION:

Lower long churn cave NGR: 773757
Upper long churn cave NGR: 772775

GRADE: 3

ROUTE TO CAVE:

Lower long churn is about 200m northwest of Alum pot and close to a wall. Upper long churn cave is above the limestone outcrop south west of lower long churn cave where the stream rises and sinks into a stream passage.

ACCESS:

As for Alum pot

WARNING:

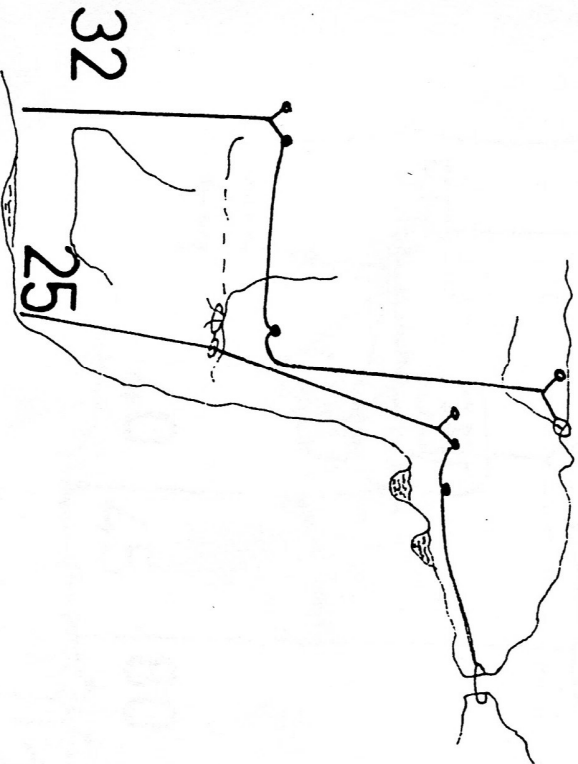
Due to moor land gripping parts of the stream passages flood drastically and will trap parties.

Part of the Alum pot system which can be entered from either Upper long churn cave NGR: 772775 or Lower long churn cave NGR: 773757. A bollard of rock provides a good belay point for a traverse over the pools to a 'Y' hang, a deviation from a thread further down pulls the rope clear from some of the water. An alternative is to rig a high 'Y' hang in roof of the passage, to a re-belay part way down, then traverse forward on ledge to further 'Y' hang and dry descent.

MINIMUM EQUIPMENT REQUIRED:

Semi dry route sling for deviation
Dry route

25m rope
32m rope



Alum pot

LOCATION:

Borrins moor Selside, NGR: 775756

GRADE: 3

ROUTE TO THE CAVE:

Park conveniently in Alum pot lane, remember access for agricultural vehicles is required at all times. Follow the green lane and cross over stile at the end. Follow the worn track to the obvious clump of trees that surround the open shaft.

ACCESS:

Call at Selside farm.

WARNING:

Although a relatively easy shaft to rig, a considerable amount of rigging is carried out in and on exposed places and ledges. Due to the open nature of the shaft there is a considerable amount of green growth on the shaft walls and ledges, making it a slippery place, extra care must therefore be exercised.

The two main descent routes have been re-bolted in Alum pot, those being the Northwest and Southeast routes. As the cave is used primarily as a rigging and S.R.T. exercise, ALL the routes across the bridge, greasy slab ect. have been re-bolted, with two further points of descent from the bridge. This re-rigging or over rigging, has provided more permutations for ascent and descent which we felt was required due the ever increasing numbers using Alum pot.

Alum pot

