

Scarborough

Caving Club



Meeting 6th September 1997.

2 Members Present. (Jerry & Shaun).

Apologies from Mark, Pete Shaw and Nial.

Only myself (Jerry) and Shaun bothered to turn up. I had to ask myself whether it is still worth having a meeting. I can understand that Saturday is a good day for caving, climbing or what ever and is often spoilt by having a meeting on it. How can members put their ideas across without attending meetings or saying anything. Can we run a club for you without knowing what you want the club to do? We could but you probably wouldn't like it. We try our best to please everyone but if you don't tell us your opinions how can we improve this. Would it be better to have a mid week meeting, after a digging trip perhaps? Don't all rush to answer!

After the "Try - Dive" at Ryedale pool a lot of people wanted to learn to dive. It was suggested that Richard, Nial and myself would train these people to dive by having monthly lessons on the Sunday following the meeting, once again nobody bothered to get in touch! The opportunity will not arise again.

The club welcomes Jack Taylor back to the club. Jack has caved with a few members before and is available most weekends. At the moment though Jack is moving house so we don't have a contact number for him at the moment, as soon as we have details we will let you know.

Caving Holiday.

A caving holiday has been arranged for mid July '98 in France. This is for a week and will comprise of at least three caves, possibly an underground camp over and a canyon / gorge trip. This trip is going to be around £200 per person based on eight people sharing bunk house accommodation. A £50 non - refundable bond is needed by the second week in November to secure a place. Further details are available from Richard on 01751 432953. Note : This is a real cavers trip, girlie poofers need not apply.

New Finds.

Some time ago Shaun found a slip rift in the floor of Boltby quarry. This was recently explored to reveal a small slip rift approximately 35ft deep, 2 to 4ft wide and 30ft long. The quarry face shows signs of water erosion and has three small caves in it (mentioned in previous minutes) so particular attention was paid to the far reaches of Shauns cave (now named Stone Lever Pot). After Ernie had pulled some rocks out Jerry was able to squeeze down a small phreatic tube and make a vocal link with the surface, a good find for the area. Well done Shaun.

Due to the low number of members at meetings and the lack of input the monthly minutes will now be regarded as the monthly news letter.

For Sale.

Mike Ward has got various items of caving equipment for sale (list enclosed) ring him for further details on 01723 585921.

Jerry has 2 rack descenders for sale, these are new and only cost £10 each which is virtually £20 cheaper than in the shops.

Forthcoming Events.

Sat. 27th Sept.

Sat 4th Oct.

Sat 11th Oct.

Sat 18th Oct.

Peg Leg Pot (grade 3)

Rift Pot (grade 4)

Meeting

Stream Passage => Flood Entrance
through trip (grade 4)

For Sale. Contact Mike Ward (01723) 585921.

Jumar Ascender	£5.00
Petzl Chest Ascender (Croll)	£5.00
Rack Descender	£5.00
Various Krabs	£1 to £2.00
Chest Harness	£2.00
Helmet	£5.00
6 volt Ni-Cad Light + Charger	£30.00
FX2 Charger	£5.00
FX2 Car Charger	£2.00
Ripped Oversuit	F. O. C.
Knee Pads	£2.00
Ammo Cans (small & Large)	£1.00
Maillons + Odds & Sods	Offers
Various Books & Guides	Offers
Full Set of Alarm CD's	
Praktica BX20 Camera, Wide Angle Lens, Extension Tubes, Separate Motor Wind, TTL Flash, Slave Flash, Flash Leads, Metal Camera Case, Slide Copier	Offers Around £80.00

RIFT POT

LOCATION: Marble Steps NGR: SD679769

GRADE: 4

ROUTE TO CAVE:

Park conveniently in Mason Gill Fell Lane. Follow the lane and cross the wall at the stile, head north for 250m. Rift Pot is the large shake hole with wood covering the entrance hole.

ACCESS:

Call at Masongill Farm follow the route indicated and adhere to the country code.

WARNING:

Although Rift Pot may appear to be a safe dry cave, in times of moderate rain the crawl between the first and second pitches becomes impassable, the water also backs up as it meets the physical constrictions caused by cavers bodies.

Two large blocks in succession provide natural anchor points, cross over holes in floor (old dig) to 'Y' hang over cylindrical shaft, there is a large quantity of loose material in the area of the first pitch, care is required. From the small chamber enter the crawl (it is advised to remove your S.R.T. equipment here and bag it). As you approach the second pitch a slightly deeper trench allows you to don your S.R.T. equipment. An initial anchor is back up to 'Y' hang at a constricted pitch head, a short 10m. descent lands on a ledge, here two route diverge.

Direct route

The first anchor of the traverse is used as back up to 'Y' hang, descend 10m. to ledge with re-belay 'Y' hang from opposite sides of the shaft. A fine free hanging descent through the roof of the Parthenon. Alternatively, a 'Y' hang re-belay in the roof is also available for those who crave aerial acrobatics.

Route 66

Traverse around the buttress of rock to 'Y' hang from opposite walls, a deviation after 10m. allows a superb descent through the roof of the Parthenon and the vastness of Coates Cavern.

MINIMUM EQUIPMENT REQUIRED:

Entrance pitch	2 slings	30m. rope
2nd. pitch		25m. rope
Direct route		50m. rope
Route 66	1 sling	50m. rope

Rift pot

