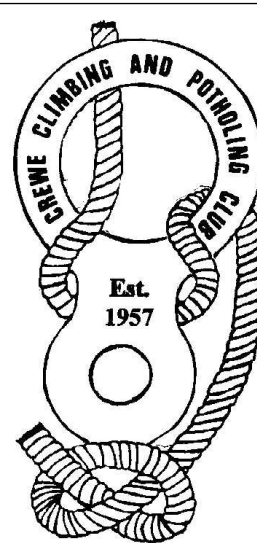


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Another Mine Recovery Project.

We were recently requested by the Staffs Wild Life Trust to rebuild and cap a dangerously “run in shaft top in the Staffs Moorlands, one of many that we have treated for the SWT in this area.

The above shaft is situated near to Throwley Hall an early 13th century ruin in an area of outstanding countryside at 1000 AOD above the river Dove.

Tangible evidence of over 50 shafts can be traced along the east-west trending lead rakes that vary in depth from shallow trials to several hundred feet.

The above shaft top was revealed when the thin layer of rubble and soil cover was “disturbed” by erosion. The shaft ginging had to be rebuilt from bedrock to surface and a galvanised frame and grill fitted.

Nothing is known of the history of this discreet group of workings. However the following observations were noted when the writer and colleague descended the shaft.

No shot holes are evident but bar and wedge/plug and feathers may well have sufficed in this fissured limestone.

That said this shaft and others in close proximity certainly predate the stone wall enclosures, circa 1760 to early 1800s. However what is known is that lead was mined from this locality in Elizabethan times.

Len Kirkham and John Shenton.

This article also appears on the project page on CCPC web site.

CCPC trip to Kyrgyzstan

The write up on our trip to Kyrgyzstan is rather large and is being sent out as a separate document. This is to enable members to select items they wish to read rather than having to open (and possibly print the entire newsletter. Photographs appear on “You’ve Been Framed” CCPC web site and there are links to other photographs in various places.

I’ve pasted a letter here received from Edelweiss who looked after us in Kyrgyzstan, it was sent to Sharon in reply to a letter she sent thanking them.

Dear Sharon,

Thank you very much for so kind great letter.

We are so happy you liked your journey. And we so proud of you, because you realized really great and difficult ascending that is more sportive than tourist. We still remain some cool

moments spent with you and have just nice emotions and gladness, thinking about you. It was huge pleasure to work with your group and really unforgettable great experience for us too. We miss already each of you and hope to see your great team again in our country in very very close future.

Thank you very much for your visit.

Sincerely yours, Edelweiss team

Gouffre Berger.

Alan has written a very comprehensive article on this years trip organised by Masson CG. Four CCPC members took part, two reaching the bottom. The article is being sent as a separate document. Photographs: Alan has previously put links on Yahoo.

Returning gear.

It would be helpful when returning gear if you could bear in mind the following:

Suits and helmets should be cleaned to remove excess mud and dried.

Please turn suits the right way out and folded so that the size of the suit is visible.

Ropes should be rinsed in water whenever possible knots removed and the coiled.

Never leave metal work in a bag with wet rope.

Remove dead batteries from Petzl Duo lamps

SRT kit should be washed and hung up to dry.

Yet another Kirkham project!

Len and his team have been busy yet again in the village of Cromford. A shaft appeared in a nature reserve quite close to a public footpath. Len manufactured a "bat friendly" cap and he and John fitted it. It allows access to cavers who have permission. He descended about 8 m to find it blocked with branches from nearby trees. Len is hoping to descend the rest of the shaft, which he estimates is 25030m deep, before the bats return to their winter hibernation sites.

Club Training.

There have been a few requests for training, one for basic SRT (including what to do if you get "hung-up") and one on mid-rope rescue. These will probably be at Parson's House unless someone comes up with a better venue. We will need names and numbers in advance.

Meets

As usual Darren has been busy planning trips for 2011. If you have a favourite trip or you fancy a particular system let him know. 2011 is almost finished but it's not too late to think about 2012!

Sept 25 Notts Pot 2 AND DCRO collection in Bakewell

Oct 5 DCRO training Buxton Fire Station

Oct 10 Red Moss Pot Oct 16 DCRO collection Buxton

Oct 23 Swildons (Mendip0) Nov 3 DCRO Buxton Nov 14 DCRO Peak Cavern
Nov 27 Lancaster-Easegill Dec4 DCRO Bag Pack Buxton
Dec 5 Bull Pot Dec 18 Jack Pot AND DCRO pub collection.

Remember these are only the official meets. Unofficial meets take place regularly on an ad hoc basis. If you are doing something or fancy doing something use the Yahoo site.

CCPC tee shirts.

There has been a request for club tee shirts. Be interesting to know who is interested and whether tee shirts or sweat shirts are most popular.

A thought for 2011

Have a look at the cover of last issue of Descent. Anyone interested in Slovenia for a long weekend or week in 2011