

CCPC



Newsletter

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AUGUST 1995.

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| Sun 13th | Whitescar Cave. Yorkshire. NGR SD 712745
Grade 3 Depth ? Length 6.5Km (Show Cave) |
| Sat 19th | Lost Johns. Leck fell, Yorkshire. NGR SD 670786
Grade 3-4 Depth 141m Length 6Km |

SEPTEMBER

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| Sat 9th | Gapping Gill. Yorkshire. NGR SD 751727
Grade 3-5 Depth 155m Length 11.6Km |
| Sun 17th | Little Neath River Cave. South Wales.
Grade 3 Depth ? Length 7.6Km |
| Sun 23rd | Swildons Hole. Piddy Green, Somerset.
NGR ST 531513 Depth 548ft Length 30,000ft |

OCTOBER

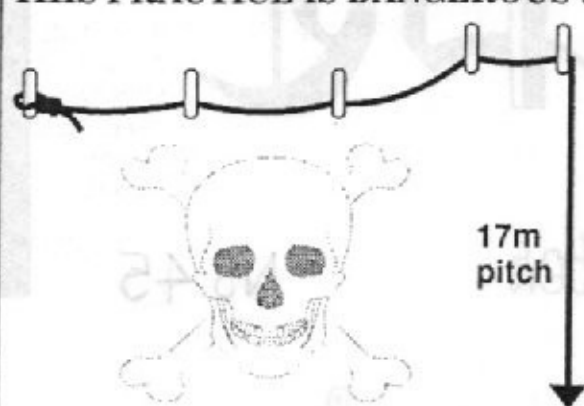
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| Sun 1st | Lancaster Hole. Casterton Fell, Yorkshire.
NGR SD 664807 Grade 3-4 Depth 112m Length 52Km |
| Sat 7th | Aygill Cavern. Casterton Fell, Yorkshire.
NGR SD 663818 Grade 3 Depth 55m Length 2.4Km |
| Sun 8th | Long Kin East / Rift Pot. Allotment, Yorkshire.
Long Kin, NGR SD 762729 Gr 4 D,113m L,317m
Rift Pot, NGR SD 761729 Gr 4 D,111m L, 937m |
| Sat 21st | Ogof Draenen South Wales (sorry no info) |

Equipment and Safety

MIS-USE OF ECO HANGERS

This rigging was seen recently on the 4th. pitch in Bull Pot, Kingsdale. The rope was THREADED THROUGH the DMM Hangers along the traverse out over the pitch head! How this incredible piece of rigging was achieved, no-one is quite sure. We'll leave you to work out what will happen to the caver who slips while clipped onto the traverse rope between two DMM's. If you can't spot the mistake, or if you were responsible for this, PLEASE go on a rigging course.

THIS PRACTICE IS DANGEROUS!



THE DOWNS OF UPS

SWILDONS ENTRANCE

The entrance to Swildons is still changing with large boulders moving and subsidence of gravel areas below the Eight Foot Climb, which drops directly into the Wet Way. This is happening at a great rate, changes even happening while parties are down the cave, so treat the whole entrance series with great caution and consider alternative routes.

BRITISH CAVE RESCUE COUNCIL

Incident Report for Period 1 January 1994 - 31 December 1994

	Cave Rescue Organisation	Cumbria Ore Mines R. U.	Derbyshire C.R.O.	Devon C.R.O.	Gloucestershire C.R.G.	Irish C.R.O.	Mendip R. O.	Midlands C.R.O.	North Wales C.R.O.	Scottish C.R.O.	South East C.R.O.	South Wales C.R.O.	Swaledale F.R.A.	Upper Wharfedale F.R.A.	other teams (1)	TOTALS
Caving Incidents	14	0	4		2	10	1	1			10	1	3	2		48
Persons Assisted	46	0	7		2	11	1	0			39	1	3	2		112
Fatalities	3	0	0		1	0	0	0			0	1	0	0		5
Injured	7	0	2		1	3	1	0			2	0	3	1		20
Animal Incidents	11	1	1		0	0	0	0			3	0	3	1		20
Assistance to Other Teams		(3)					(2)									
Total Underground Incidents	25	1	5		2	10	1	1			13	1	6	3		68
Surface Incidents	20	2				1					1	3	6			33
Persons Assisted	23	17				1					3	3	10			57
Fatalities	2	1				0					0	0	0			2
Injured	13	0				0					1	0	4			18
Assistance to Other Teams	(4)	1													2	
Animal Incidents	5											2	2			9
Total Surface Incidents	25	2				1					1	5	8			42

Notes:

(1) The 'others' column reflects underground rescues carried out by member teams of the M.R.C. and whose incident reports have been submitted to the BCRC. These are shown in the incidents list (incidents 7 and 26).

(2) West Midlands were called out to assist South Wales in incident 3.

(3) C.O.M.R.U. were called out to assist Swaledale F.R.O. in a search for a missing person incident 33.

(4) C.R.O.'s assistance to other teams includes 6 calls for search dogs only, involving 6 persons and 3 fatalities.



ARREN with another brother, Neil, who is also a member of the club (C8413KH3)



Q. Who's the odd one out?

Derbyshire Caving Association

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Our Ref.:

Your Ref.:

Tel.:

Please reply to - Hon. Secretary/Treasurer,
Mrs. Jenny Potts.

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Mark Lovatt,
Hon. Secretary, Crewe C. P. C.

Dear Mark,

Here's the next statement re. Peak Rigging Guide so you'll know how much money has been transferred from sales directly by DCA. I have also just received from Ralph a cheque for £100 from shop sales - making a total from Crewe C. P. C. so far of **£332.18** (including the £50 you donated in 1992). This is really super! Please pass on our thanks to your members for their effort.

I have enclosed with this also two return envelopes which have come to me. They are for updates for Peak Rigging Guide when they are ready.

Lastly, enclosed is your Club's receipt for their subscription of £10.00 for 1995. Only one thing puzzles me a little about this - for years Crewe have paid at "level 3", i.e. as a club with over 30 members. Under the old system this would have been £10.00 per year. However, last year we changed the level boundaries, put up the subscriptions and also included a levy of £2.00 for the Cave Discovery Fund. Hence the rates for 1995 are:

Club up to 20 members	-	level 1	-	£10.00
Club of 21 to 40 members	-	level 2	-	£13.00
Club over 40 members	-	level 3	-	£16.00

This means that you have paid for this year as a club with less than 20 members - is this correct and the club size has dropped, or is it just possible that your Treasurer has not noted the different rate and has paid at last year's rate? I'll assume he is correct unless I hear otherwise from you.

Best wishes,

Jenny

WARNING.

Cavers should be aware that caves change, little by little so as you hardly notice, or significantly after a jolt from the Dent Fault. Chokes move. A scan of Clubs Newsletters over recent years proves this. As familiarity breeds contempt, cavers often don't notice minor change within a cave, especially a well used cave. Don't assume that a choke is safe to climb or squeeze through just because it was safe the last time, be constantly aware of your surroundings while underground.

C.N.C.C. ECO RESIN RIGGING GUIDE No 1.

This useful guide to rigging certain potholes using the new resin bonded anchors plus information on the anchor, is available from Inglesport, Bernies Cafe, Settle Water Sports & Penyghent Cafe. Price £3.00. The CNCC members and access Handbook is also available from these outlets, price £2.00. The Handbook covers a wide variety of cave related information, but most importantly access procedures.

MEMBERS LIST

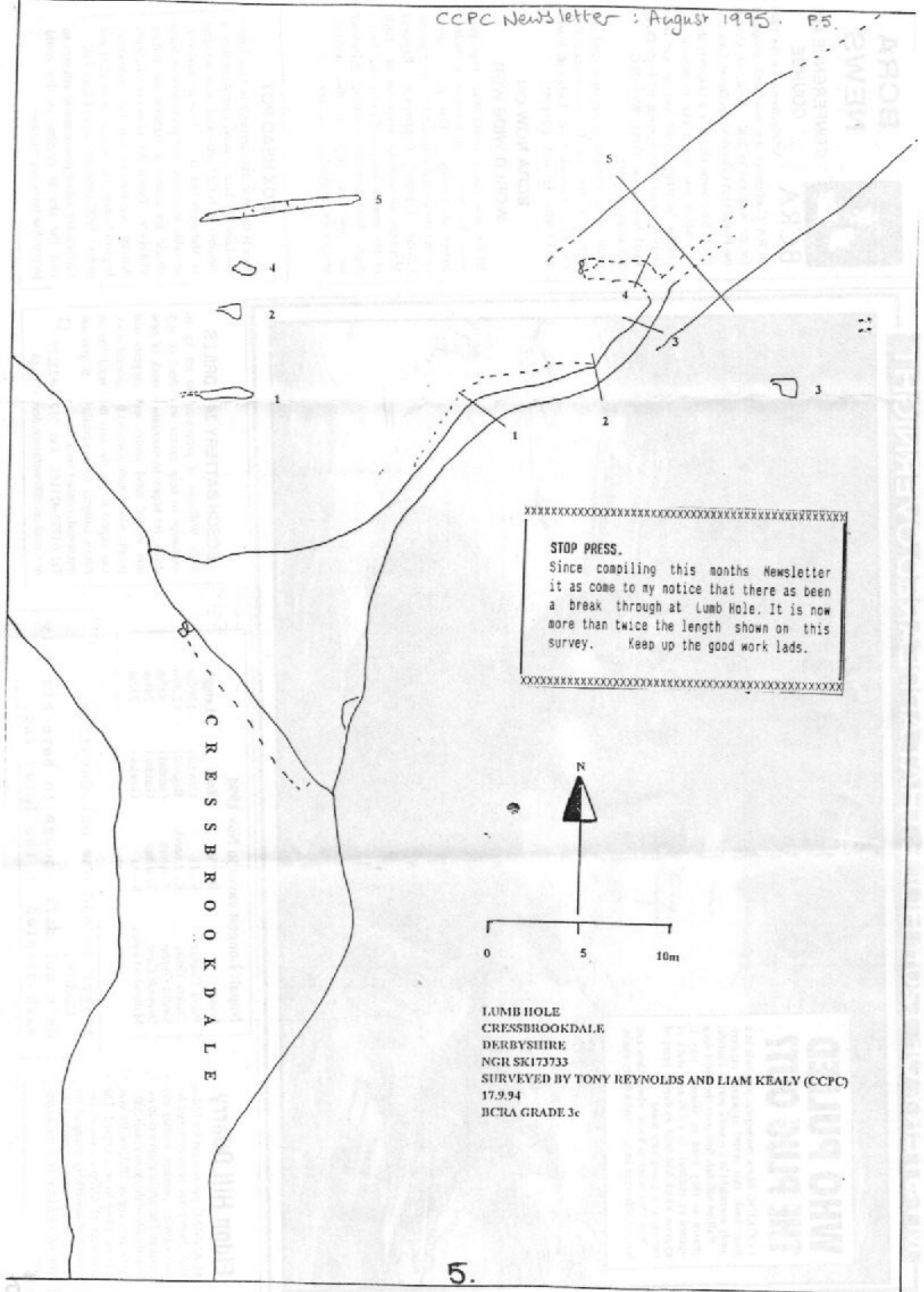
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2		Bratt	Melvyn				
3		Brookes	Jane				
4		Conde	Janet				
5		Conde	Helen				
6		Conde	Tracy				
7		Cooper	Nigel				
8		Crane	Carole				
9		Crane	George				
10		Edmonds	Brian				
11		Evenden	Ruth				
12		Falkner	Keith				
13		Forster	Peter				
14		Foster	Nick				
15		Gamble	Paul				
16		Gamble	Tony				
17		Grindey	Ian				
18		Hanson	Dee				
19		Hanson-Abbot	Adrian				
20		Holdcroft	Paul				
22		Johnson	Ralph				
21		Johnson	Marguerite				
23		Kelsall	John				
25		Knapper	Andy				
24		Knapper	Fiona				
26		Knox	Steve				
27		Lear	Gordon				
28		Lovatt	Mark				
29		Martin	Ric				
30		Miles	Steve				
31		Mobley	Nigel				
32		Morris	Colin				
33		Preston	John				
34		Reade	Pip				
35		Reynolds	Tony				
36		Schofield	Greg				
37		Shenton	John				
38		Smith	John				
39		Smith	Terry				
40		Willingham	John				

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SRT (subterranean Raw Terror) by Hairball ©

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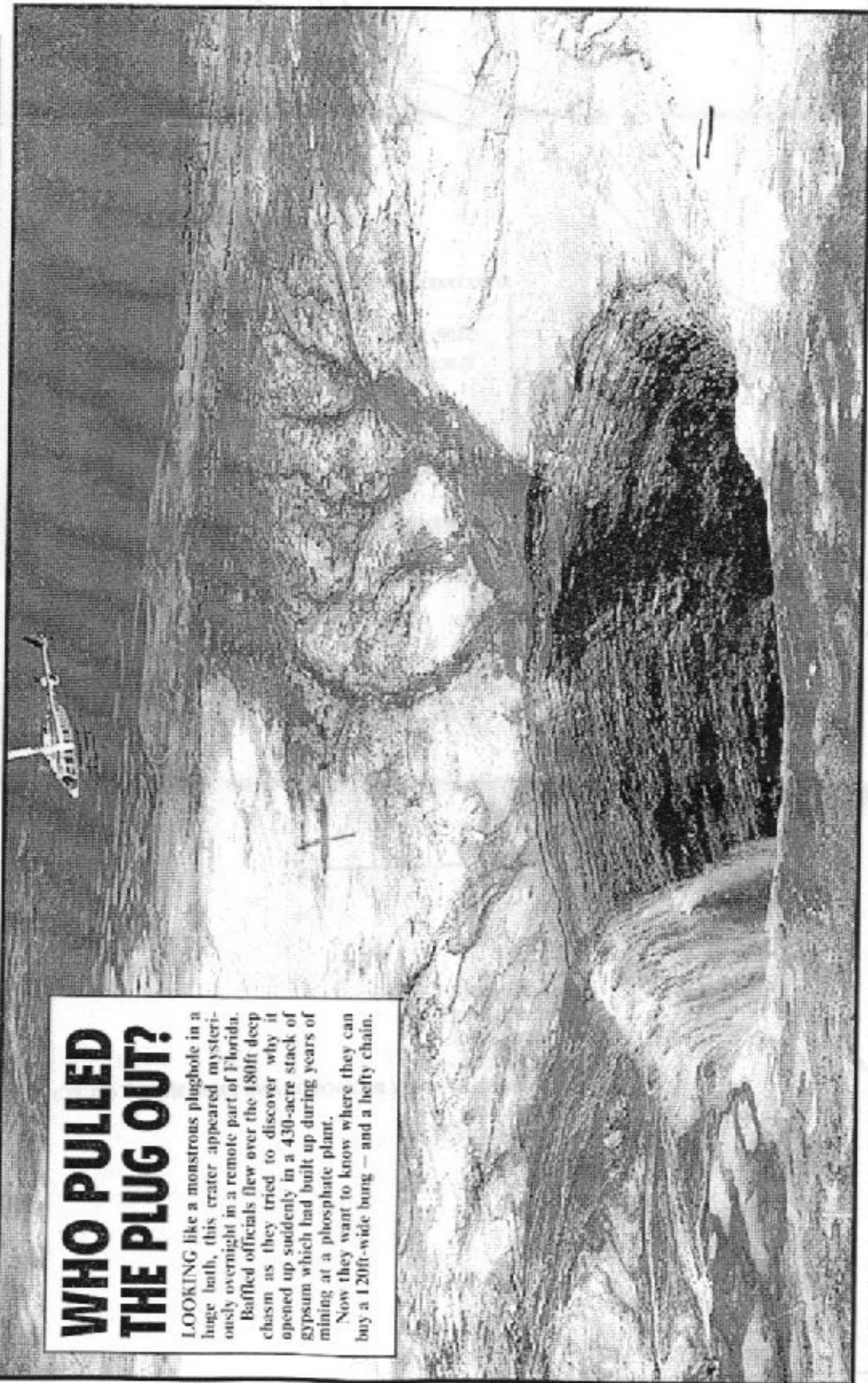


WHO PULLED THE PLUG OUT?

LOOKING like a monstrous plughole in a huge bath, this crater appeared mysteriously overnight in a remote part of Florida.

Baffled officials flew over the 180ft deep chasm as they tried to discover why it opened up suddenly in a 430-acre stack of gypsum which had built up during years of mining at a phosphate plant.

Now they want to know where they can buy a 120ft-wide bung — and a hefty chain.



BCRA NEWS

CONFERENCE ON COURSE

BCRA

Arrangements for the 1995 BCRA Conference are now well advanced for the weekend of 30th Sept./1st Oct. at the Floral Hall Complex, Southport, Lancs.

If you have some ideas for a talk/slide-show, etc. which you would like to present, the Lecture Secretary would love to hear from you! Contact Alan Speight, 63 High Green Road, Normanton, Yorks. WF6 2LG. Tel. 01294-892287.

Clubs are encouraged to put on a stand and there is a prize for the best contact Pete Cousins, 8 Giffords Court, Lichfield, Staffs. WS13 7HG. Tel. 01543-251791.

BCRA NOW ON WORLD WIDE WEB

BCRA now has a World Wide Web page which has been set up courtesy of Andrew Books at Dundee. This gives current information about publications, the National Caving Library, Conference, Regional Meetings, membership, insurance, etc. Each of the Special Interest Groups also has a page. Those interested in surfing the Internet can find the page at this address: <http://www.sat.dundee.ac.uk/~arby/>

BOX HEAD POT

This is the new shaft entrance to Lost John's via Lost Pot Inlet, named after Alan Box, a member of N.C.C. who died in an accident in Matienzo last year. It is horrendously unstable at present and permission is being sought for access to stabilise the surface shakhole. This is the subject of extremely delicate negotiations with the landowners, English Nature, etc. as it is in an SSSI and in the CNCC-controlled area of Leck Fell. Cavers are asked please not to attempt to visit the site at present as this could jeopardise these negotiations.

BOSCH BATTERY 24V DRILLS

Nick Williams is proposing to set up an exchange to help cavers with dead or sick drills. He hopes to maintain a stock of new and second hand spares and suggests that people who donate parts to the general stock can expect to get the bits they need free in return (subject to availability). If you are interested, contact Nick on: Tel. 01772-421119, Fax. 01772-622279 or e-mail nick@confmnce.demon.co.uk.

Nepal: Longest caves to Nov 1994

Name	District	Zone	Length
Patale Chango	Kaski	Gandaki	2,960m
Chakra Tirtha	Kathmandu	Bagmati	1,250m
Siddha Gupha	Tanahun	Gandaki	435m
Damauli Cave	Tanahun	Gandaki	246m
Mahendra Gupha	Kaski	Gandaki	242m

Answer to odd one out Question.
Caddy.

He's not daft enough to have his ugly mush printed in the local rag.

Eldon Hill Quarry

PLANNING permission for Eldon Hill Quarry has been deferred for two months, pending further discussion. The application would extend the life of the quarry until 2005. At the meeting on 28 April, the vote was too close to be accepted. The discovery of Alsop's Cave in December considerably changed the view of many people regarding the removal of Eldon Hill for aggregate.

ROPE TESTS: RALPH'S STORE.

The test results are back from NCA on ropes sent to them in Jan of this year. The results are shown in the table below with comments following. We will need some lengthy discussion on the implications of these so perhaps you could peruse them at your leisure, discuss them with colleagues then come up with ideas at the appropriate time.

The test used at Buxton consists of dropping a 80 kg weight 1 m onto a 1 m length of rope (FF1) The first drop tightens the knot, the second tests the rope. CCPC does one extra drop for good measure before passing a rope.

The NCA test consists of briefly suspending a 80kg weight on the rope before submitting it to the fall factors shown in the table.

	FALL	FF1	FF1.25	FF1.5	FF1.8	FF1.8	COMMENTS
ROPE		PASS	PASS	PASS	FAIL		OK
EDEL 10MM		PASS	PASS	PASS	FAIL		OK
EDEL 10MM		PASS	PASS	PASS	FAIL		OK
EDEL 10MM		PASS	PASS	PASS	PASS	FAIL	OK
EDEL 10MM		PASS	PASS	PASS	FAIL		OK
EDEL 10MM		PASS	PASS	PASS	FAIL		OK
EDEL 10MM		PASS	PASS	PASS	FAIL		OK
EDEL 10MM		PASS	PASS	PASS	FAIL		OK
EDEL 10MM		PASS	PASS	PASS	FAIL		OK
EDEL 10MM		PASS	PASS	PASS	FAIL		OK
EDEL 9MM		PASS	PASS	PASS	FAIL		OK
EAL 10MM		PASS	PASS	PASS	PASS	PASS	OK
							SCRAP FAILED BELOW KNOT
							SCRAP LOOKED TOO GOOD AND TOO YOUNG TO FAIL

All the Edelred was purchased in '91 for the Berger. The 9mm was tested by CCPC 12 months ago (it had not been used since '91) it failed to survive the 2*fft drop test. NCA have found it to be acceptable, comparable to the 10mm. Two lengths of the 10mm were "not recommended for SRT use" despite passing the NCA test. One of them because it failed at a point other than the knot and the other because failure was surprising considering the age and visible appearance of the rope (i.e. good)

The BEAL was purchased in '87 by DCRO then deemed unsafe after failing the "Buxton" test following minimal use. JRJ bought this for non caving use and it has not been used since. It does however pass the test with flying colours. Alan Walker (DCRO Equip. Officer) believes that the rope may deteriorate rapidly in use due the open weave of the sheath.

You may have heard that we have experienced some problems with our latest batch of 10mm Edelred and that this is currently under investigation. There is a fairly new Marlow rope on the market and reports suggest that it is quite good. We have purchased a length of this and are at present keeping accurate records of this, a piece of BEAL and a new piece of Edelred in an attempt to compare their performance. Records are being kept of every trip (including ascents and descents) followed by testing as soon as appropriate.

N.C.A./ D.C.A. CAVER WORKSHOP

NOVEMBER 4th & 5th 1995

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COST : £10.00 PER HEAD/PER DAY

BOOKING MUST BE MADE IN ADVANCE
FEE PAYABLE TO 'NATIONAL CAVING ASSOCIATION'

PLEASE COMPLETE THE BOOKING FORM AND SEND TOGETHER WITH A STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE TO,

NIGEL ATKINS,
D.C.A. TRAINING OFFICER

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NB. THERE ARE LIMITED PLACES ON THIS YEARS EVENT SO PLEASE BOOK WELL
IN ADVANCE TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT

Please make only one application per form.
If you can't get hold of a spare on for a friend etc. we are happy to accept photocopies of this one. Tick the session/s that you wish to apply for. one session per day. All course fees must be paid in full on application as there are limited places available. Cheques must be made payable to 'National Caving Association'. Details of the event plus location maps etc will be sent out nearer to the date. Please complete the booking form, tear off and send it together with your cheque and a S.A.E. to D.C.A. Training officer, Wharfedale House, Midway, Derbyshire, DE11 0DB.

All sessions are £10.00 per head/per day.

LADDER & LIFELINE	SAT NOV 4th	
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