

"EARLY 88"?

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CREWE CLIMBING & POTHOLING CLUB Newsletter No. 15

Dear Member,

Just a short note to remind you of a few things.

Firstly it is time to renew your subscriptions. They are staying the same as last year and they are as follows.

Full Member: £10.00
Married Couple: £18.00
Associate: £8.00
Junior: £9.00
Student: £9.00
Unwaged: By application.

These rates stand until the end of March after which they will all increase by £2.00 as is club practise. So it is in your interest to cough up the dosh to John Shenton before April Fools Day. His address is 3 Hunters Close, Biddulph, Stoke-on-Trent. Alternatively you can pay him at the next meeting on March 7th. I will be preparing a new members list for the April meeting.

As you know the club meets on the first Monday of every month at the Bleeding Wolf, Scholar Green. Unless it is a Bank Holiday and then we meet on the second Monday. The meeting is traditionally the place where information regarding club activities is announced, caving trips are planned, people are brought up to date on current affairs and opinions are expressed. We also quaff a few pints in the process. So lets see you all there.

Now for the club events. The most important one is the clubs annual Christmas do. This year the event is to take place on Saturday March 5th at the Wilkes Head Public House in Leek, starting at 8.00pm. The licensees have applied for an extension until 12.00pm, we have some really strong candidates for the Wally of the Year Award and Forgery will be appearing on the bill. They are a sort of singalong lets all get drunk sort of group. The cost for this fabulous evening of entertainment is only £3.50 and this includes a buffet to tempt even the most fastidious gourmet. See you there.

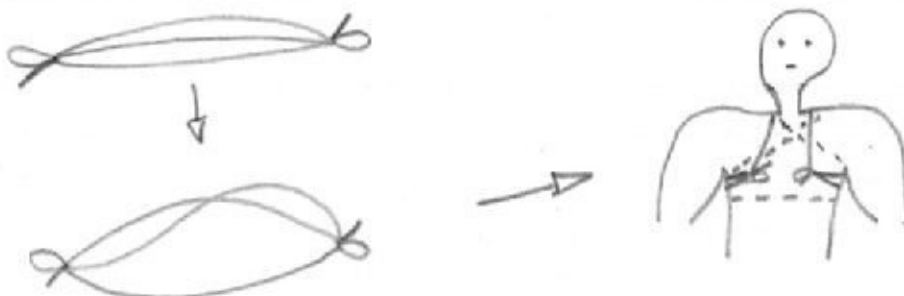
As for caving we've been having some good turnouts for club meets. 12 or so people turned up for Oxlow/Maskhill and about 7 people went to Giants.

The next trips are Knotlow/Hillocks on Saturday 12th Feb and Ireby Fell/Large Pot/Rift Pot/Marble Steps on Sunday 28th Feb. Ring either myself, Liam Kealy, (0625 614525) or Paul Shenton (0538 756489) to see whose going and to arrange transport etc..

P.S. The new club Journal will be on sale at the next meeting. £2.50 to you, John.

AN ALTERNATIVE CHEST HARNESS...by P.TON.

Chatting to one of our older members I was reminded of a simple, cheap, effective chest harness that many of our members used to use well before Caving Supplies and others came on the scene with their complicated and expensive models. You will need a piece of tape about 12ft by 1/2" (Note the units) Arrange this to form three equal lengths then tie a tape knot at each end....Thats it !!! To fit the harness chuck one loop over your shoulders, cross the other two putting an arm through each. The two small loops can be joined with a maillon which goes into the top hole of a Croll. See...dead easy...even you can do it...,if you cant use the diag. below.



Someone borrowed my SRT book (by ELLIOT) at a recent meeting, can I please have it back! ? ...Ralph.

FOR SALE. Ammo boxes, SRT bags, see Ralph... Sweat shirts, T shirts, Badges, Car stickers, plus the new super duper Journal.....see Liam.

SUBS...SUBS...SUBS...SUBS... DEADLINE APRIL 1st...

GEAR... When using club ropes please return them CLEAN (ie.washem!) and if possible dry. Never leave maillons in a tackle sack with wet ropes, NOT EVEN FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS.

When borrowing lamps from Ralph they are supplied charged(!!!) with a knot tied in the cable. If you use it return it without a knot, if unused leave the knot in place. If a lamp needs attention (IE.doesnt work!!!) tie at least two knots ...simple,even you can manage it !!!

MEETS LIST 1988

January

Sat 9th Oxlow/Maskhill *
Sun 24th Giants Hole *

August

February

Sat 13th Knotlow *
Sun 27th Ireby Fell/Rift Pot/Large Pot
Marble Steps.

September

Sat 10th Gaping Ghyll*
23/24/25th.Kettlewell-
Langstroth/Pasture Gill
Dowerbergill Passage

March

Sat 12th Alum Pot *
Sun 27th Tatham Wife Hole *

October

Sun 16th Juniper Gulf
Rift Pot/Long Kin.B

April

Easter w/e 1st - 4th Llangattock
Daren Cilau/Agen Allwed
Sat 23rd Pen-y-Ghent Pot

November

Sat 12th Hunt Pot
Little Hull Pot

May

May Bank Holiday.29/30th April & 1/2nd May.
Lake District.Camping at Langdale.
Sat 14th Gingling Hole
Spring Bank Holiday.27/28/29/30th May
Lake Distict.Camping at Wasdale.

December

Sun 11th Kingsdale *

June

Sat 11th Ogof Hesp Alyn/Poachers Cave.*
Sun 26th Out Sleets Beck *

July

8/9/10th July S.Wales.OFD/DYO
Sun 24th Black Shiver/Meregill

* Denotes trips suitable for novices under instruction.

In addition to the above,Paul Shenton is arranging trips to Beak Cavern, Otter and Lancaster. If you want any other trips ring Paul.

CCPC JOURNAL NO. THREE. ARTICLES NEEDED...BONT MISS THE BOAT ...PUT PEN TO PAPER NOW...