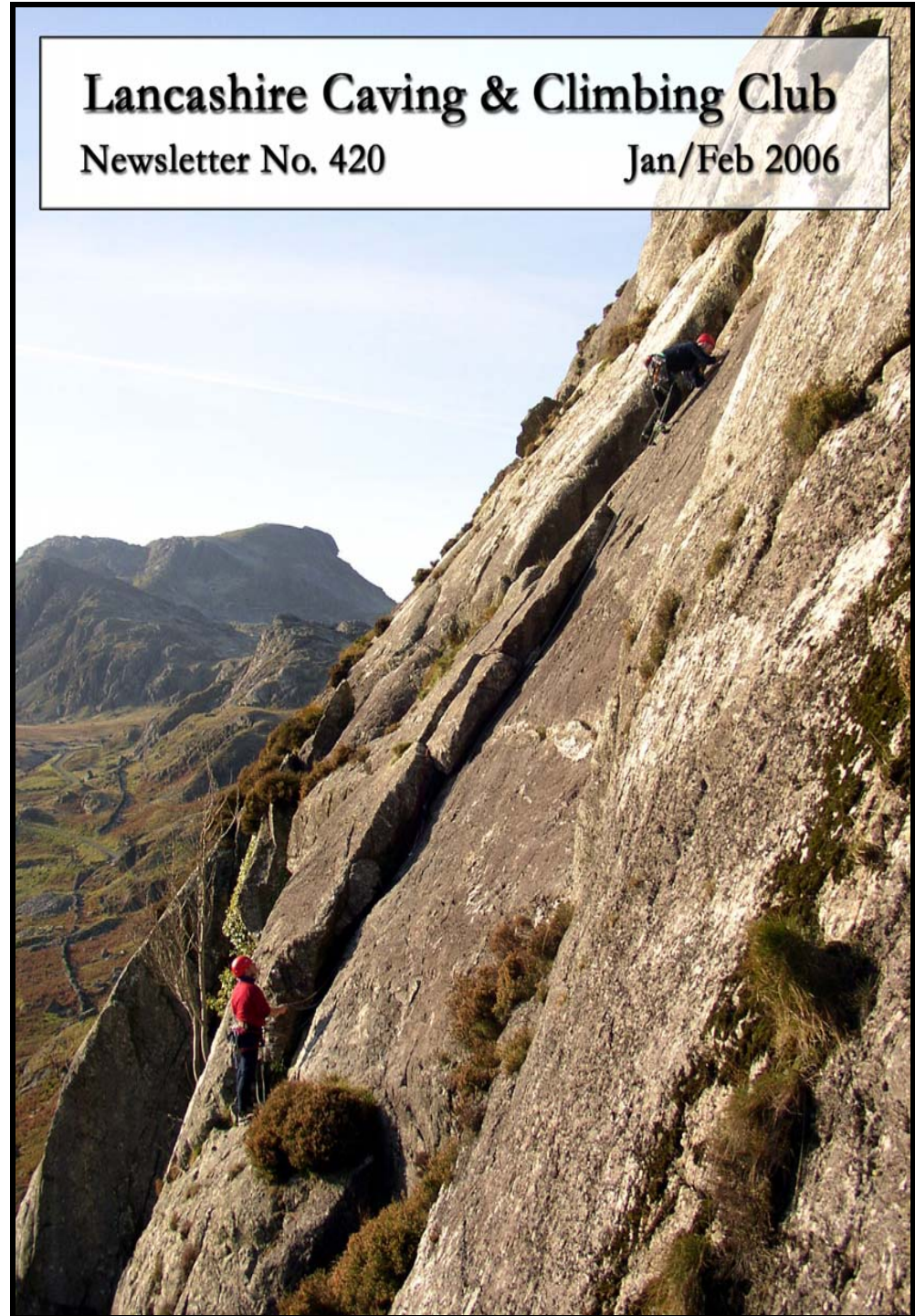


Lancashire Caving & Climbing Club

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IF YOU HAVE NOT YET RENEWED YOUR CLUB SUBSCRIPTION THIS IS YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER
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EDITORIAL

INDOOR MEETS CANCELLED I had hoped a new organiser would take over the Indoor Meets after the AGM., but no one offered. By the time I rang to book the Black Dog all the Tuesdays were taken by other organisations. There are some 40+ members who fairly regularly turn up for Indoor Meets during the winter. It seems a shame not to continue the tradition. I have tried to keep them going but the Newsletter is a pretty large job. Also I believe as many people as possible should be involved in running the club. If the committee can come up with a venue and organiser we could hope to have a meet in March and or April If you can help with venue or as (temporary?) organiser, please get in touch. I will try to get the March issue out early SO KEEP Tues 6th March free in hopes!

Thanks to many of you who regularly write meet reports. I try to chase up meet details but meet reports are the responsibility of the meet leader. So here's a New Year Resolution for some: when you've run a successful meet, write (or get someone to write) a report. Happy New Year to you all.

Newsletter Editor: Debbie Wilkinson, e-mail rogeranddeborah@onetel.com Articles & letters are welcome on old fashioned paper or by e-mail. Photos, prints or digital, latter reduced to about 250kb if possible

THE NEXT ISSUE IS DUE OUT BEFORE MARCH 1ST
PLEASE SEND MATERIAL FOR INCLUSION IN GOOD TIME
BUT I CAN ADD SMALL ITEMS UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE

It is editorial policy to correct obvious errors in submitted material but in case of doubt articles are copied as they are received. Errors of spelling and grammar which often occur in e-mails and hastily written articles will be corrected if noticed. If you do not wish this to be done, please add "no editing please" to your contribution.

FORTHCOMING MEETS

<u>Jan 8</u>	<u>Peak/Dales</u>	<u>Lawrence Jordan</u>
Weather permitting, we will climb in the Peak District or Yorkshire Dales, whichever looks like being driest. Ring us on Saturday to find out where we are going.		
<u>Jan 15</u>	<u>Peak/Dales</u>	<u>Martin Evans</u>
As I've just moved to Leek I'll be holding my first meet at the Roaches. Meet at 10am at The Roaches Tea room for the obligatory bacon sarnie (4 miles North-east of Leek, turn off A53 and go through Upper Hulme - follow the signs to the Tea room) or meet		

us at the crag (100 yards further along the road). Please phone me the week before if you intend coming.

<u>Jan 15</u>	<u>Heron Pot</u>	<u>Les Mottram-Andy Glegg</u>
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We plan to meet at Bernie's at 9.30am but please ring to confirm the meet is on before travelling. Nice long cave with two short ladder pitches. A bit damp. Novices welcome. (MC may be Les, not Andy)

<u>Jan 21/22</u>	<u>Dan-y-Mynydd</u>	<u>Phil Griffiths</u>
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I will be at the hut around 9pm then at the Kings Head by 9.30pm. Newcomers who don't know where the hut is may find it easier to meet me at the Kings Head or ring for directions. Please ring for transport sharing etc.

<u>Jan 29</u>	<u>Flood Entrance Pot (Gaping Ghyll)</u>	<u>Geoff Dawson</u>
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This is an SRT trip. We plan to meet at Brookhouse Café at 9.30 am but please ring (me, Andy or John) to confirm the meet is on before travelling.

<u>Jan 28/29</u>	<u>Scotland (or Peak)</u>	<u>Pete Blackburne</u>
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Scotland, probably Cairngorms, if the weather's good; if not, Peaks. Anybody interested give me a call on 07801 435027 nearer the time.

<u>Feb 5</u>	<u>Peak/ Dales</u>	<u>Martin Evans</u>
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Venue to be decided depending on the weather. Please phone me the week before if you intend coming on 07739 389495.

<u>Feb 12</u>	<u>S Bowland Walk</u>	<u>Joyce Taylor</u>
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I don't know the area I'm proposing to visit and I won't have done a recce but if you fancy an exploratory walk, do come along. The 10am start and the finish (hopefully) will be Whitewell GR 658468 and the route will cover c13miles of moor/farmland.

<u>Feb 12</u>	<u>Vespers pot</u>	<u>Andy Hommonai</u>
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This is a serious pot. We plan to meet at Bernies at 9am but please ring to confirm the meet is on before travelling.

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<u>Feb 21 /Mar 1</u>	<u>Norway</u>	<u>Phil Tucker/Pete Blackburne</u>
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So far 13 people booked, leaving Liverpool on 21st Feb returning 1st March. We have 3 cabins booked which sleep up to 6 each. If anyone else is interested then contact Blacky or me for details.

Feb 26

Gritstone Bouldering

Geoff Duxbury

Weather permitting I plan to go bouldering at Widdop near Burnley. I'll be at the car park at 10am. Since the road there is bad if there has been snow, please ring to let me know you're coming.

Feb 26

Lancaster Hole

Bill Osborne

We plan to meet at Bernies in Ingleton at 9.00 to 9.30-ish, but please ring to confirm the meet is on before travelling. Will sort where to go in the Easegill system on the day. We will use S.R.T. as the entrance pitch is 120 m or thereabouts I think ? If anybody wants more information please ring.

Mar 4/5

Dan-y-Mynydd

Ken Tebay

No info on this meet. Please give Ken a ring.

Mar 11/12

Caver's Booze Up & Notts Pot 2

Les Mottram

This will take place at the 'Marton Arms' near Ingleton. Meet from 7pm onwards. They serve good beers and food. I have a permit for Notts Pot 2 (Leck Fell) for the 12th

Mar 11/12

Tranearth WORKING PARTY

Roger Wilkinson

As usual, lots of jobs of all kinds to be done. You don't have to be a DIY whiz - if you can wield a paint brush, that's enough! We'll be propping the bar at the Church House from about 9.30 on Friday evening. It helps if you let me know if you're planning to come, but not essential. Climbing on Sunday, weather providing.

MEET CONTACT DETAILS

Caving For caving meets ring the organiser or John Stringfellow or Les Mottram mobile 07968 285620

Future Plans

SPAIN IN MARCH (OR APRIL) (Rog & Debbie Wilkinson)

We are planning a week of bolt clipping and sunshine probably from Barcelona and probably 3rd or 4th week of March. Anyone interested in joining us to share a car and accommodation, please get in touch. We will happily climb as a three or split up and mix & match to suit grades of others. We expect to book by the end of January. Please get in touch if you are interested.

FAMILIES MEET IN AUGUST (Lawrence & Bernie Jordan)

Tranearth is booked for a families meet from 12th - 20th August. **Note the date now and plan to bring your kids up to join us.** Childless adults also welcome, of course.

2006/2007 MEET CO-ORDINATORS

Lawrence is currently compiling the meet list for the next edition of the Handbook. He would be very pleased to hear from anyone willing to take on a meet. Please get in touch with him asap.

MEET REPORTS

Ingleborough-Moughton Nov 13th

A Sunday that really was! And as if the clocks had been turned back - at the off they were all there - Jim & Bertha, Alan & Aida, Bert & Norma, Anne, Dennis, Peter, Brian, Barry, plus Mike & Hazel from Scunthorpe.

The gloves came off by Trowgill, other apparel by Gaping Ghyll, cloudless and windless on Ingleborough would you believe. An inner circle 5 veered down towards Sulber Nick leaving 10 for Simon Fell and Lord's Seat. Where next? enquired one. The reply of 'straight down' was challenged; in fact the eyes told me that the 'Ayes' were in a definite minority. I have to admit it did look steep, but on the reconnaissance walk with son John in thickish mist the full picture was not seen. So we contoured until first one then another 'flew the nest' and ere long all were down searching for what proved an elusive Borrin's Moor

Cave (despite my Britain underground 1953 edition saying 'dry entrance 10ft high').

Moving on with a triple by-pass through gates, we regained access land and went towards Sulber Nick. Entering the Crummackdale Badlands via Thieves Gate we made towards Moughton. Behind its trig point was a rising full moon, whilst in the west a red ball was fast setting.

Studrigg Scar ladder-stile was easily found as were all the others down and across Crummackdale and around Nappa Scars - by their silhouette outlines. By the light of the moon, Venus and 9 headtorches Thwaite Lane was followed to Clapham where Evensong was in full sing as we passed the church.

Jack Wood

Dan y Mynydd Nov 19-20

Myself, Mark Adams & Steve Martin on his first grad meet travelled up to the Welsh hut. Thankfully, Roger &

Debbie, after spending a beautiful day out on the Glyders, had taken the bitter cold effect off the hut by turning every possible electrical item on that gave out heat as the storage heaters were still not working.

On Saturday we woke up to another beautiful day. Roger, Debbie & Mark got to work on the plumbing, heating and decorating while me and



Photo: Adrian discards crutches and gets back on the rock.

Steve made a start on the great pile of crap left out the back by a former neighbour. The skip we hired very quickly became full & mid afternoon saw reinforcements arrive, first Rod Campbell & Adrian Perkin, still on crutches from his last works meet & then Mike Hendrick. Many thanks to everybody that afternoon for getting stuck into the hard work & resisting the temptation of climbing in the warm sunny afternoon sun. Robin Hodgkinson arrived later to find the hut warm & cosy. You will be pleased to know that the hut is now ready to stay

in summer & winter. The next works meet will involve moving the still big pile of rubble from the back: don't be afraid to volunteer.

Sunday again was beautiful so we all hit the crags climbing in warm winter sun. Who needs Spain? Even Adrian couldn't resist an attempt at the first pitch of Slick.

Thanks for a brill weekend.

Blackie

Hardrawkin Pot & Sunset Hole Nov 20th

Seven members and one guest assembled above The Hill Inn, Chapel-le-Dale. The weather was frosty and bitter cold. Geoff, John, Andy H, Graham and Slug descended Hardrawkin Pot using SRT. Nick, Drew and myself explored Sunset Hole to the final chamber, using rope and ladders. Water levels were low, making both trips enjoyable. Nick, Drew and myself later went over to Hardrawkin Pot and met the others at the top of the first (80' pitch) on their way out. They then went over to Sunset Hole with some of our gear.

A good day was had by all.

Les Mottram

Scoska Cave Dec 18th

Just Geoff Dawson and myself made the effort to visit this enigmatic cave, situated in Littondale, though I believe there was also a pirate meet visit to Dow cave. Unfortunately the cave was just off the edge of Geoff's map, which led to a flog around the hillside before the entrance was finally located. This is an impressive rectangular tunnel, which cuts directly into the hillside, and we sauntered along the first hundred and fifty metres, soon spotting the two species of moths that winter in the cave. After this we crawled for three hours, and then went to the pub.

John Stringfellow

Dow Cave Dec 18th

The meet should have been Scoska, but we decided instead to do Dow Cave. Five of us assembled at the car park in Kettlewell, on a frosty overcast morning. Following a conflagration, we drove in convoy up Coverdale, changed and walked to the cave entrance in a cliff. There had been a recent rockfall but the cave entrance was not blocked. Underground it was warmer and by descending boulders we entered a large streamway. Occasionally we had to climb over boulders we finally made it to a bigger and better passage. We terminated our exploration at the start of "Hobson's Choice". This was a wet squeeze up through loose boulders. We tarried a while, then went in search and found "Dowber Ghyll Passage". This was entered down a slope into a stream passage, which was narrow. Eventually we came to the famous duck with a 2foot airspace. Beyond there was some nice stals and flowstone cascades and the start of the serious bit (the traverses). Here we about-turned and made our way slowly out of the cave. Everyone had enjoyed a nice easy trip. The day was rounded off with beer & baguette. Thanks to those who turned up: Matt, Nick, Drew and Tracey.

Les Mottram

From Manchester Evening News Nov 7 1986

The Dinner was burned

.....the Lancashire Caving and Climbing Club sits down to its golden jubilee dinner in Blackrod Hotel tomorrow night.

The club's first annual dinner in 1937 turned into a fiasco when a posse of members, tired and weatherbeaten after an all-day squelch over the Pennine moors, limped to the Oldham pub where they'd booked their meal - only to find that it had burnt down during the day.

*Ed Thanks to Joyce Taylor for the above.
This year's dinner was a success.*

Indoor Ice Meet Dec 11th

Thanks to all 16 (most of the Norway contingent) that turned up to this expanding meet. Unfortunately the popularity & the change in safety rules from when we went last January had resulted in small groups going in at a time resulting in a lot of hanging around for which I apologise, though the feedback again proved that this is an invaluable training session for the real stuff, hopefully arriving very soon in the new year.

Blackie

Tranearth New Year

Tranearth was busy with small parties from Christmas to New Year. We found a well-warmed hut on Friday evening and a pleasant gathering of old friends. On Saturday, after a damp start, we all managed good (dry) walks with some periods of sunshine. Late arrivals (Gerard) who came just for the New Year Cheer suffered from a heavy shower before it cleared to a lovely night for the fireworks. New Year's Eve was a buffet feast (thanks for all contributions), which seems to have occupied the whole evening, interspersed with chat and games which were much enlivened by Peter & Eddie's enthusiasm

New Year's Day was one to remember, a cloudless day of beautiful winter colours. A group of 10 made their way up the breast of the Old Man to an icy top, then continued round and over Dow. All followed by tea and cake back at Tranearth before departure.

Thanks to all who came and made it such an enjoyable gathering.

Debbie Wilkinson

The pea soup recipe will be on the web site 'soon' or available by e-mail if requested.

New Year at Tranearth

By Peter and Edward (with some help from Mum.)

The L.C and CC had a meet
We all brought different food to eat
Toffee pudding, lots of cheese,
Fruit salad, soup made with peas.

The sweet chestnuts were not a success,
None of them were at their best.
Some were mouldy, some were burnt.
Chestnuts they were, sweet they weren't.

Numbers were hidden high and low,
All over Tranearth we had to go.
Sandra got off to a great start
Then truffles were awarded for taking part.

For the chocolate game you throw a six
Then with hat and gloves you start to feast
Only one piece at a time
For being greedy is a crime.

Then fireworks flew high in the air,
They crackled and fizzled and nearly singed
hair
We looked at the sky and saw the stars
Then argued about the position of Mars.

All together, when midnight came
We sung and played the New Year's game.
What better way to start the year
The sky is bright and friends are here.

(Thank you, Roger and Deborah for
organising a New Year's celebration at the
hut. We certainly enjoyed and appreciated
it)

Ambleside Wednesday Evening Climbing Lectures

These lectures are in Percival lecture Theatre St Martin's College @ £6 with various concessions. For full details visit www.awsometalks.co.uk

11th Jan 7.30 pm, Ben Heason: First free climb of Angel Fells, Venezuela

25th Jan 7.00pm Dave Macleod: Climbing in Scotland

8th Feb, 7.30pm Dave Birkett: Dave's exploits in the Lake District

Clues marked * share a common unstated definition.

Across

1. * Lettuce plantation (8)
5. * Following Butcher, but ahead of maker of period lamp holder. (5)
8. * Boltless spots returned. (8)
9. Synod makes moves, sudden moves. (5)
11. Unhappy with knot? Play safe – with right alien, that is. (5)
12. State for climbing licence, perhaps, one most hot. (5)
15. Green axe placement. (4)

17. Cairngorm environment, for instance, not up to Switzerland's. (9)
19. Bad class condition which prevents one from climbing well. (3, 4)
20. See 22.
21. Mills stream runs off 27, 2. (11)
- 27, 2. More gentle talent seeker of North Derbyshire. (6, 5)
28. * Battered orange gets returning revolutionary. (8)
29. * Said to be a modern man. (6)
30. Having most summits – South Pennines, maybe? (8)

2006 New Year Crossword

Set by Roger Wilkinson.

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Down

- 1. Swindale Crack offers cruellest cut! (10)
- 2. See 27.
- 3. Crazy grid leading to point on 4, perhaps. (5)
- 4. Innocents' hesitation to go with German to unclimbed peak. (6, 6)
- 5. Be amusing, useful when bivvying. (7)
- 6. * Relation to gravity. (4)
- 7. Bold gritstone cracks can produce it. (4)
- 10. Loading food for Mountain Marathon, maybe. (12)
- 13. Said to be hide sleeping mat (old fashioned type) (2-2).
- 14. Only a lake. (4)
- 16. Split in the caver's world. (4)
- 18. Frighten conservationist in flooded part of upper Teesdale. (3, 5)
- 22, 20. Cold Lord, on Borrowdale crag. (5, 4)
- 23. Vintage that is frequently seen on crag. (5)
- 24. Wild, stark limestone scenery. (5)
- 25. Something like Shad short of a thousand. (4)
- 26. Reverse weapons to get sleeping bag state. (4)

CLUB BUSINESS

AGM

An only-just-quoted AGM voted in the proposed rule changes for Graduate membership and no smoking in the huts. The Chairman thanked Anne Pilkington and Les Mottram for their many years of service to the club as Treasurer and Caving Meets Secretary. The new Treasurer is Barry Walton and the new Caving Sec. is John Stringfellow .

Ed: I didn't take notes but I think that's everything.

SUBSCRIPTIONS 2005/2006 now overdue

Please send cheques made out to LC&CC to
Barry Walton,

SINGLE £20

JOINT £28

2006/7 HANDBOOK

Please check your entry in the current handbook and let Brian Evans know if anything needs changing. We are still short of one or two post-codes.

TRANEARTH

FEES

Members who use the hut and do not put their fees in the box are reminded that they should post outstanding cheques to Harold Newman as soon as possible. **Several members are owing fees from last year**. Please do not add to Harold's work making him chase up these fees. **PLEASE do this NOW**.

KEYS

Keys for members now require a deposit of **£10** (cheques made out LC&CC) requests for keys should be sent to the Tranearth Booking Secretary, Judith Cressey

HUT RULES

The AGM determined that, for the benefit of all, smoking is not permitted inside huts.

CONTACTS

Tranearth Hut Booking Judith Cressey

Dan-y-Mynydd Hut Booking: Phil Tucker,

Hon Sec: Carol Wrigley

Climbing Meets Secretary: Lawrence Jordan,

Offers to co-ordinate meets and ideas about future meets are welcome at any time

Caving Meets Secretary: John Stringfellow, 31, Manor Road, Clayton-le-Woods, Chorley. PR6 7J

There are NO INDOOR MEETS

The Black Dog is fully booked by other groups. See Editorial

REJOINED MEMBER

Dave Williams,

NEW GRAD MEMBERS

Richard Ginns,

Rachel Fry,

Tracey Miller

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

John Crossman,

David R Llewellyn,

Mervyn Keys,

Bill Osborne,

Adrian Perkin,

Alison & Ian Atheroll,

Janet Newman got married earlier this year: her married name is Janet Cummins,

address :

Alan Nuttall,

TRANEARTH BOOKINGS 2005

Jan 27/29	Duddon Scouts		Feb9-12	Adventure Trust: Dale Heaton
Feb3/5	Eunice Coop (Kirkintilloch)		Mar 11/13	LC&CC Working Party

Tranearth is often booked at short notice by commercial groups (especially mid-week) so this list may be incomplete. Please do not assume Tranearth is empty at other times.

MEETS LIST

Meet venues may be changed in the event of bad weather. Please ring meet co-ordinators to let them know that you are going on a meet. This list may differ from, but supersedes, the Handbook programme.

DATE	TITLE/VENUE	AC	ACTIVITY	MC
Jan 8	Peak/Dales		Climb/Shiver	Lawrence Jordan
Jan 15	Peak/Dales		Climb	Martin Evans
Jan 15	Heron Pot		Cave	Andy Clegg
Jan 21/22	Dan-y-Mynydd	Hut	Climb/walk	Phil Griffiths
Jan 29	Scotland or Peak		Climb	Pete Blackburne
Jan 29	Flood Entrance Pot		Cave	Geoff Dawson
Feb 4	Peak/Dales		Climb	Martin Evans
Feb 12	S Bowland Walk		Walk	Joyce Taylor
Feb 12	Vespers Pot		Cave	Andy Homonnai
Feb 19	Peak/Dales		Climb/Shiver	Lawrence Jordan
Feb 21-Mar1	Norway	Cab	Ice	Phil Tucker
Feb 26	Gritstone		Bouldering	Geoff Duxbury
Feb 26	Lancaster Hole		Cave	Bill Osborne
Mar 4/5	Dan-y-Mynydd	Hut	Climb/walk	Ken Tebay
Mar 11/12	Tranearth Working Party		Work/climb	Roger Wilkinson
Mar 11	Caver's Booze-up			Les Mottram
Mar 12	Notts Pot 2		Cave	Les Mottram
Mar 19	Peak/Dales/Lakes		Climb	Gillian Tuddenham
Mar 26	Dales/Lakes		Climb/walk/cycle	Caroline King
Mar 26	Magnetometer Pot		Cave	John Stringfellow
April 1/2	Tranearth	Hut	Climb/walk	Jill Lockett
April 9	Peak/Dales		Climb	Tony Madden
April 9	Sleets Gill Cave		Cave	Andy Clegg
April 14/17 EASTER	Pembroke	camp	Climb	Ken Tebay
April 22/23	Tranearth	Hut	Climb	Pete Nugent
April 23	Goyden Pot		Cave	Les Mottram
Ap 29-May 1 BANK HOL	Peak/Dales/Lakes Or TBD		Climb	Graham Phillips?
May 6/7	Dan-y-Mynydd			TBD
May 7	Titan Pot		Cave	Andy Homonnai
May 13/14	Tranearth			TBD
May 21	Peak			TBD
May21	Ireby Fell cavern		Cave	Graham Phillips
May 27-Ju4 BANK HOL	Scotland			L & B Jordan
June 4	Bar Pot		Cave	Geoff Dawson
Aug 12-20	Tranearth Families meet			Jordans