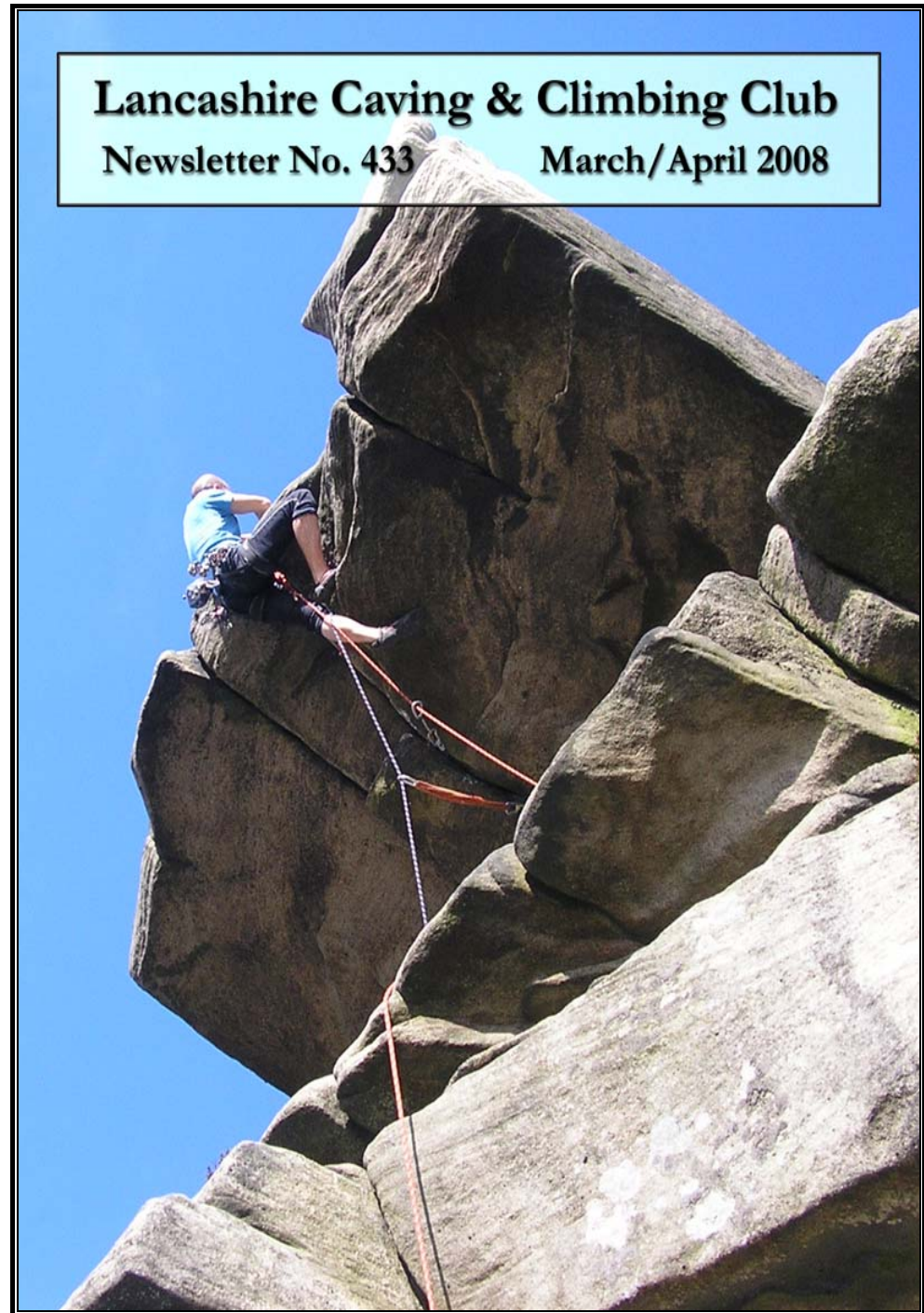


MEETS LIST

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.

DATE	TITLE/VENUE	Accom	ACTIVITY	MC
Mar 1	CAVERS' DINNER		Cave	Les Mottram
Mar 2	Limestone		Climb	Karl Lunt
Mar 2	Kendal Walk		Walk	Joyce Taylor
Mar 7-9	Tranearth Working Party	Hut	Climb	Roger Wilkinson
Mar 16	Peak/Dales		Climb	Pete Nugent
Mar 16	Carlswark Caverns		Cave	Tom Towers
Mar 21-24 <i>Mar 23</i>	Easter - Pembroke <i>Peak</i>	camp	Climb	Ken Tebay <i>See email</i>
Mar 29/30	Deniolen NEW	Hut	Climb	Adrian Perkin
Mar 30	Stream passage Pot		Cave	John Stringfellow
April 6	Peak-Millstone		Climb	Pete Nugent
April 13	Roaches		Climb	John Roberts
April 13	Nick Pot		Cave	Andy Homonnai
April 20	Wild cat		Climb	Steve Martin
April 27	Marble Steps Pot		Cave	Mike Hale
April 26/27	Ogwen		Climb	Mark Adams
May 2-5	Buttermere Bank Holiday Meet	Camp	Climb	Dave Wearing
May 11	Lost John's Pot		Cave	Les Mottram
May 11	Ravensdale		Climb	Adrian Perkin
May 17/18	Northumberland	camp	Climb	Bernie Jordan
May 25	Disappointment		Cave	Andy Homonnai
May 24-26	Scotland Bank Holiday Meet	camp	Climb	Pete Blackburne
June 1	Curbar		Climb	Tony Madden
June 8	Large Pot		Cave	John Stringfellow
June 7/8	Tranearth Joint Meet with CC	Hut	Climb	Roger Wilkinson Please support
June 14/15	Wasdale	camp	Climb	John Shaw
June 22	Giant's Hole		Cave	Tom Towers
June 20/22	Transnowdonia	hut	Climb	Adrian Perkin

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EDITORIAL

The year has got off to a great start, a lot of outside climbing for January / February and its always a good time to be underground, lots of good caving meets.

Plenty of meet reports and lots of plans for the rest of the year. So much so that I've had to trim quite a few pieces to keep to 16 pages - my PC will not print a 20 page booklet, and it's a lot more work all round. Thanks for all the contributions and photos it helps to keep the communications going.

The committee and other members are working quite hard and very successfully at promotions. There seem to be a lot of new members and interested outsiders around. New members are the life blood of the club. The latest venture is the **Club Promotion Evening at Awesome Walls** (see page 13), support for that, the Tranearth Working party and all other meets of course is what keeps us such a good club.

Newsletter Editor: Debbie Wilkinson,

Articles & letters are welcome on old fashioned paper, too.

NEXT ISSUE DUE OUT May 1st 2008

Please send material for inclusion in good time.

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

All contact details are listed at the end. This is because when the Newsletter goes on our web site I remove such information from the 'public section', but it is available on the club section.

Mar 1 Walk & Cavers' Booze-Up Les Mottram

Meet at Naked Man café, Settle, 9.30am. I plan to walk up Penyghent, along Plover Hill and back along the Foxup track to Hull Pot Lane. The evening social (*not limited to cavers I assume - Ed*) will be held at the Golden Lion, Horton-in-Ribblesdale. (*see last Newsletter or contact Les for details*)

Mar 2 Giggleswick Sport Climbing Karl Lunt

Meet up at **The Naked Man** (cafe/bun shop!) at 10am Sun morning. It's in the central square in Settle and easily spotted if you haven't been before. Don't pay for

THURSDAY EVENING CLIMBING

One or more of those shown on contact list (below) should be there if the weather is fine, usually from 5pm to dusk. For unsettled weather definitely ring around 3:30pm on the day to check that someone will be turning out. Grades from V Diff upwards. All welcome.

Ring to ensure your favourite local crag is listed in the next newsletter.

Bob Bowdler or Murray Gallagher or

Simon Holden or John Shaw

Ap 10	Wilton 3	May 1	Anglazarke
Ap 17	Denham	May 8	Troy
Ap 24	Wilton 1		

LAST TUESDAY EVENING INDOOR MEET

Tues 1st Mar 2008: Black Dog (Belmont) 8pm

Outside speaker - Pete Lake will give 30min picture show on his recent activities Kite Powered Snowboarding, or something of the sort.

Roger Wilkinson has some pictures taken at a variety of meets during the year.

Anyone who has pictures (families meet / Bonfire meet/ Sardinia - - ? /anything really) to add please bring them along on a disc or memory stick.

NEW FULL MEMBER Apologies, this should have been in the last issue

Shaun Taylor

NEW GRADUATE MEMBERS

Paul Burgess,

Gerald (Ged) Barlow

Bernard Cross ,

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Dave Ryder,

Murray Gallagher has a new landline

RESIGNATIONS

Older members will remember climbing with these long standing members Alan Nuttall, and David & Jean Llewellyn who have written formally resigning from the club. Our best wishes to them for the future.

CONTACTS

Hut Booking Sec.: Phil Tucker,

Hon Sec: Alison Athroll

Climbing Meets Secretary: Ken Tebay,

Currently Pete Blackburne is doing this job, e-mail blackymounts@yahoo.co.uk

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

Caving Meets Secretary: John Stringfellow,

TRANEARTH BOOKINGS

Tranearth is often booked at short notice by commercial groups (especially mid-week). Please do not assume Tranearth will be empty.

March 5 th	Impact	April 2nd	Brathay
March 7-9	LC&CC Work Party	April 8th	Impact
March 21-24	Brathay	April 9th	Lane Head
March 12th	Brathay	April 11 - 13	J Griffith
March 21-24	Reserved for LC&CC (Easter)	May 2 - 5	Reserved for LC&CC (Bank Holiday)
March 28-30	Oldham MC	May 9 - 11	TAG
March 31st	Brathay	May 23 - 26	LC&CC (Bank Holiday)

DAN-Y-MYNYDD BOOKINGS

Dan-y-Mynydd has limited space and no members' room, so the hut is not available for members when there is an outside booking

Ap 18-20	Leeds MC	May 16	Vibram MC
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parking - you should be able to squeeze in somewhere on the square or close by, we can then car share.

Kendal Area Walk

Joyce Taylor

This is one of my local walks which I normally do from home but offer as a meet starting from Levens Bridge. The route takes in the River Kent to Kendal, goes out west to Cunswick Scar end at GR 492945, then S for c5 miles on limestone escarpment & back to the river via Sizergh. Minimum distance c13 miles but could be made longer. 10am start from parking on the A6 50m North of Levens Bridge.

Mar 8/9

Tranearth Working Party

Roger Wilkinson

The hut is beginning to look a bit scruffy so could do with some spring cleaning, painting and general fettling. There'll be a few more skilled jobs to do as well, depending on who turns up. We work on Saturday and get out climbing or walking on Sunday. Food for Saturday lunch is provided. We really need to know who is coming so we can cater, so give me a ring during the preceding week if you are willing to help out. As always, this is a good chance for new members and grads to meet others.

Mar 16

Carlswark Cavern

Tom Towers

This Derbyshire cave gives a Grade 3 through trip. There is only one pitch at the entrance, which will be laddered. Meet at 10:00 am, at the large lay-by in Stoney Middleton, on the A623, on the right when travelling east.

Mar 15/16

Yorkshire Gritstone

Pete Nugent

I am planning to make this a weekend meet. Obviously, people can come for the day if they wish. **Boulderers welcome!** Travellers from the South are welcome to stay at my place on Friday night. There may be a party and dossing space at Sarah Little's house for Sat. night, and further space with Athrolls. There is camping at the Manor House Caravan Park (Tel: 01423 780322. For Brimham on Saturday (GR 209637) meet at the National Trust Car Park (bring your membership card for free parking!) at 10.00 a.m. For Almscliff on Sunday (GR SE 268490) meet at Low Man at 10. a.m. Almscliff in particular has a reputation for tough grades - be prepared to drop a grade or two and you will have a great day. Classics in all grades. For more info/offers of lifts etc phone me and Sarah for a doss.

Mar 21-24

Easter: Pembroke South

Ken Tebay

The camp site is Buttylands in Manorbier. This is off the A4139, turning rt. signed station. GR 068990. This is a well-appointed site close to good pubs. A good family base, with fine beaches nearby. I will be arriving late Thursday night.

www.lccc.org.uk

Keep up to date with club activities.

contact Ali Sharman at,

Tony Fordham-Skelton

Members will be saddened to hear that Tony died just before Christmas. Though still only a Grad, Tony had become a well known active 'member' of the club. During 2007 (usually together with his partner Sarah) he attended many meets and particularly those at Tranearth, a place he loved to visit. Some 20 members were able to attend the cremation.

Our condolences go to Sarah and her sons and to Tony's family.

JOURNAL 2008

I know you're all still reading the last edition of the club Journal but in my intention to get the publication dates at least close to the date on the cover I hope to print the 2008 edition around the end of the year. I have to date received about five articles so those with a literary bent really need to get their act together and get something written. Photographs are also needed, even if they don't relate to an article. Ask not what your Journal can do for you, but what you can do for your Journal.

Roger Wilkinson

CLUB BUSINESS

Committee News - Meeting on 15th January 2008

The following items, raised at the AGM, were put before the committee.

- Members can currently pay by cheque or standing order. Members who have on-line banking can transfer money for subs from their account directly into the club's a/c. Details will be sent out when renewals are due in October
- The 2007 dinner meet was well attended and enjoyed. The committee agreed that the 2008 dinner would be booked again at the Church House.
- We currently have limited technology to send out the newsletter via email. Also, there are many members who are not on email. The Newsletter is available on the website within 2 weeks of printing. If any members would prefer to use this method rather than receive a newsletter by post, please get in touch with Debbie Wilkinson. Email and the web site will be used wherever practical to communicate to members
- Library: see below

Projector

A new projector has been purchased for the club and was used for the first time at the last indoor meet.

Promoting Membership

April 27

Marble Steps Pot

Mike Hale

This is a classic SRT trip, with six pitches, and over 1km in length. The weather will need to be settled as the cave is liable to severe flooding. Meet at Bernies café, Ingleton, at 9:30am.

May 2-5

BANK HOLIDAY Buttermere

Dave Wearing

I will be camping again, (hopefully not in a monsoon this time!) at Syke Farm campsite in Buttermere village, tel. 01768 770222. The site is through the car park right of the Fish hotel and turn right. I will be in the Fish (a bit like Jonah) on the Friday night from about 8.00pm ish. Plenty of mountain crags for all you Peakers to stretch your legs on for a change. Grey Crag for the softies like me and High Crag for the Big Boys. Walks a plenty too, a particularly fine scramble can be had up the back of Grasmoor.

May 11

Lost John's Pot

Les Mottram

This is a superb SRT trip! A long, deep cave, with seven pitches, but always easy going. The master cave is well worth the effort, with 1200m of walking to the deep sump pool. Meet at Bernies café, Ingleton, at 9:00am.

MEET CONTACT DETAILS

THIS PUBLIC VERSION HAS HAD ALL ADDRESS ETC STRIPPED FROM IT. FOR DETAILS GO TO THE FULL VERSION ON THE CLOSED PART OF THE WEB SITE

FUTURE PLANS

Transnowdonia June 20/22 Adrian Perkin

The Rugby hut had been booked for the whole weekend but will only be used on the Friday 20th by Transnowdonia party. It's available for club members for the whole weekend, I hope members who don't fancy the main meet will make use of the hut and form an alternative meet. Please let Blackie or Adrian know.

Scotland May 24-26 Bank Holiday Pete Blackburne

I am thinking of Glen Coe area as I haven't climbed there for years, never on the Etive Slabs, but open to suggestions. Please get in touch if you hope to join me

Summer 2008 Jersey Pete Nugent

Current thinking is to run 2 meets:

7th -17 August MC's Bernie & Lawrence Jordan/Ian & Louise Makin: for those that need/prefer to go in the school hols, but book early as it will be busy.

Sat 30 Aug- Sat/Sun 6/7 Sept MC Pete Nugent: for those who would prefer to go outside school hols!

Note: all dates are provisional at the moment. Could interested parties get in touch with either Lawrence/Bernie or Pete Nugent. Flight/ferries/campsites are likely to fill quickly.

Campsites are expensive but there is a good one near the crags; self catering and B&B are likewise expensive. For those going in August, I would advise an early decision to avoid disappointment. Ferry + car is expensive but convenient, Easyjet from Liverpool is an alternative. Further details available from Pete.

Brilliant climbing - good range of grades, beautiful locations, excellent granite, relatively easy descents. However, tidal range is extreme so take care not to drown! Guidebook "Jersey Climbs" see <http://www.jerseyclimbs.com/>

MEET REPORTS

It all seemed like a very good idea at the time! (The Families Caving Meet)
17 Nov 2007

At the families meet (in August) there were quite a few parents expressing an interest in taking their kids on a caving trip. After a short contemplation of the possible implications, e.g. responsibilities, litigation and the problems if some decide they actually liked it, where to go, etc. etc. absolutely nothing happened (my plan was working). Unfortunately, at the Bonfire meet more definite plans were hatched (I think some people may have had a drink or two!) and a date set for Sunday Nov 17th.

Early Sunday I looked at the temperature outside, it wasn't good. I rang Geoff up as his kids are quite young, "Have you seen the temperature out, its 2°C, water levels are very high, the clags down and its blowing like mad!" I knew it might be grim. "Are you sure about this?" Both

he and his kids were still quite keen (obviously they'd forgotten what these sort of temperatures were like or they were in a state of blissful ignorance). However, Tracey, Geoff, Louise and Drew had all caved before, so what could go wrong!

After breakfast in Bernies, there was no more putting it off. We parked up in Chapel-le-Dale, just past the Hill Inn. Ingleborough could not be seen! We got changed and set off up the path to Great Douk, Geoff looked like a cross between action man and Michelin man because his over suit had shrunk since he last used it 20 years ago! As we got nearer the cloud base increased slightly to reveal strange whitish grass - it was snow! Eventually, we reached the wonderfully wind sheltered shake hole of Great Douk. The waterfall coming from the entrance was very impressive. I started helping people to climb the waterfall, but was suddenly shocked to see Geoff at the top of it! He'd found

Seven members arrived Friday night, some via The King's Head and conversation and red wine flowed.

Saturday, a frosty morning, turned into a superb day. Five went to Tremadoc climbing and two traversed the tops, up and over Cnicht and down to Croesor, then hitched and bussed back to the hut. The climbers had a good day on Craig -y-castell and dined in the pub in the village after.

Sunday, and another beautiful day. Sandra decided to walk the tops again, this time from Capel Curig. Four other members turned up and everyone went climbing locally on Clogwyn-yr-Oen or Craig-yr-Wrysgan. Some excellent middle grade routes were climbed in pleasant sunshine and pullovers, but climbing wise, the highlight of the weekend was the two Pete's ascent of 'Space Below My Feet' (HVS) according to the guide book, but apparently undergraded.

Pete (Blacky) led it in the only way possible on a route like this, focussed, in total control, and not breaking his flow as he managed to move up the unprotected arête, his last runner far below. It was no cakewalk for the second, as there was a potential for a huge swing into a nasty corner high up. As Pete Nugent pointed out after, it was good job the first section was hard (a stiff

entrance exam so to speak) as to be committed higher up and expect to bumble up from one non-existent runner to the next, would, or could prove fatal.

We all returned to the hut for tea and headed our various directions until the next time. An excellent weekend.

Phil Griffiths

Smelt Beck Cave Feb 17

On a very cold Sunday morning I met up with John Stringfellow at his house. We drove up to Brough and after a breakfast stop walked up to look for the cave entrance, which was located at the head of a steep gill under a small cliff. Smeltmill is a resurgence cave and the stream coming out looked fairly low so we crawled in to have a look. Within seconds we were completely soaked with no escape from the icy water, at one point almost chest deep. After a short distance, relief comes, the water gets shallower and you are in a nice stream passage well endowed with some great formations. Most of the cave from now on is very pleasant and goes on for a considerable distance 1.9km. We spent 3½ hrs; all in all a very enjoyable trip.

Andy Homonnai

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Towers, Bill Osborne and myself enjoyed an excellent trip.

The weather was overcast, very cold and windy and we wasted little time above ground. The entrance to Gavel Pot is huge and is entered by a hanging 30ft ladder at the south end of the pot via P Hangers in the wall. Below, a steep descending boulder slope leads to a 40ft rope climb down into a varying height passage with stream entering on the right. Gorgeous sections of well decorated streamway led to a cascade and the last wet pitches into a sump. We retraced our footsteps and climbed up several interesting side passages, one of which led to a fantastic chamber with large curtain and pillar formations (Glasfurd's Chamber). We tarried awhile, before slowly making our way out into cold and wind.

The day was rounded off back at 'Bernies' in Ingleton. My thanks to those who turned up.

Les Mottram

Stanage Feb 10

Excellent turn out for this meet with at least 14 members, 2 prospective members and a couple of others turning out. Unfortunately John Roberts was ill and having said that he'd MC the meet, as I was planning to be in Scotland, couldn't turn out himself. We opted for Stanage with most people heading for the High Neb area, with a splinter group led by Pete Nugent, heading for Mississippi Buttress. The weather was excellent, with brilliant sunshine all day and only a light wind at the top of

the crag, enabling us to climb till about 4.30 when the pub beckoned (Pete Nugent being so desperate for a pint that he answered his mobile half way up a route to find out which pub it was to be). Too many routes were climbed to list, although its worth mentioning Tony and Karl's ascent of *Quietus* (E2 5c). Thanks to everyone for turning out and making it a great day, even if it wasn't Scotland.

Phil Tucker

AND AGAIN! - I don't like to turn away reports and it was such a good meet.

. . . The main cohort went to High Neb, a splinter group went to the popular end. The weather was truly outstanding, tremendous russet browns on the moors against a fabulous clear blue sky with outstanding visibility. With no wind, the temperatures were extraordinary, T-shirts in early February on Stanage!!!?? Rod Campbell (& guest Chris) despatched a number of classic including *Central Trinity*, *Hargreaves Original* and *Rusty Crack*. Pete Nugent and grad Paul Burgess (a mate of Robbo's) ticked off a total of 7 classics at the popular end.

The group reunited at the Little John pub in Hathersage. The debrief revealed that the High Neb team had also had a good day most notable perhaps was Tony Madden's lead of *Quietus*.

Pete Nugent

Dan-y-Mynydd Feb 16/17

a sneaky dry way around saving everyone else from wet feet.

Once we were all together, we carried on following the passage upstream. There was a lot of shrieking at the knee-deep pools and the cold water. Tanwyn decided she really didn't like it and wanted to go out (very wise as it turned out). After seeing Geoff and Tanwyn safely out, I caught the others up. All shrieking at the cold water had now stopped, I think their feet had all gone numb! We carried on trying to distract the kids with looking at little grottoes full of cave decorations. It's a shame there's nothing spectacular to look at as it's a very nice little cave, but at 3000 ft long it feels like a 'proper' cave. Right at the far end the roof drops forcing you to crawl for a few hundred feet before exiting. I had not been all the way through before, so I didn't know how low or more importantly under these condition how wet it got. I told Saskia & Stephen who were right behind me to wait out of the water on a large slab and when the others caught up for them to do the same. Aware they were all getting cold, I shot off as fast as I could. Less than two minutes later I was back, daylight was only a couple of hundred feet away. I returned to complete mayhem! Dylan has lost his welly (for the second time) Geoff, Louise, Dylan and Elana had all turned back because they were getting seriously cold. Presumably, Christine & Drew had also retreated, I'd not seen them for some time! We were 100 ft from the top entrance, there was

3000 ft of cave to return to where we started from! We needed to get going and out fast! Geoff and the others were already out of communication range, so I took Tracey, Stephen and Saskia out of the upper entrance. They were to meet us back in the Great Douk shake hole. I went back down into the cave and through the crawls again, I needed to make sure everyone else got out safely. I caught them up, they were moving rapidly in an attempt to warm up (tricky with only one welly).

When we eventually got out, along with comments like "I'm never going caving **ever** again!". Tracey was waiting to let us know that Christine had gone back to the car with Drew, Stephen and Saskia. Later, over some well earned chips in Bernies the comments had improved to "maybe we should go in summer next time". So after all that, there may be a next time, wonderful things chips!

Thanks to all those who turned up for this silly, almost epic adventure: Geoff, Louise, Dylan & Elana, Tracy & Steven, Geoff & Tanwyn, Christine, Drew & Saskia.

Team Scapegoat a.k.a. Nick Bennett

Tranearth New Year Gathering

We arrived at Tranearth on Saturday and trudged up the lane in horizontal rain. Cascades of water pouring off the fields and a flooded gateway ensured our first soaking of the weekend. The hut was soon cosily ours and we spent the rest of the afternoon playing games and reading. We were joined in the morning by

Dave Wearing who suggested a walk up the north side of Weatherlam in a quest to find some snow. Most of the snow had been washed away so the only snow fun was a game of slushy snow balls. Some wintry sunlight in the afternoon lit up the fells around us and made a good end to the day.

In the evening we were joined by the Little family, the Bennett family and Brian Carlyle. The children soon got some games going while the adults drank mulled wine and mulled over ideas for climbing trips in 2008.

New Year's Eve was another wet day. We walked over the Old Man then into Coniston for a bacon butty while the others walked over to Coppermines valley. We got back soaked but Sarah soon revived us with hot chocolate and biscuits. The evening was spent sharing food, drink and stories. When midnight came, we all joined hands around the stove to wish each other a happy new year.

Thanks to all who came and made it a special time.

Bernie Jordan

Birkwith Area Jan 6

We decided to change our meeting venue to the Naked Man in Settle as the food is better, cheaper and arrives more quickly. After ringing around the regulars the time was set for 9:30 (Hint: you should contact the meet leader if you're planning on attending a meet).

As there was lots of water about in the fields and rivers, we would have to be careful with our choice of cave. We decided on the

classic beginners' trip Calf Holes to Brow Gill as we could see the amount of water entering the cave before we did. It didn't seem too bad at all. We put some ladders down the entrance pitch (much to Bill's disgust, he prefers this new-fangled SRT stuff). We shot along after Les, the speed he was going anyone would think he didn't enjoy caving! We were out of the resurgence after only what seemed a few minutes, still a nice trip.

Slug suggested following the stream down the hill side just for fun. It looked very green but pleasant enough. Bill and Les took one look and walked around. After watching Slug go up to his waist, then swim, I thought maybe Bill & Les had been wise. I managed to traverse along the side only waist deep, until I swung onto a flake that didn't take my weight and I ended up going for a dip after all. Further down we met up with Bill & Les who'd been exploring a natural rock bridge (a very short cave). Slug managed to persuade Les that this was a really nice streamway and he should go and have a look at the cave we'd found (we really had). Les got up to his waist and with Slugs persuasion of a small ledge on the other side of the ravine, Les jump over. I'd love to have seen the expression on his face, but he and his helmet were all under water! He popped up with a shriek, the water was rather chilly!

As the day was still young we decided to have a look at Birkwith Cave. I'd not been in here before so was quite keen, but not keen enough to continue when we got to the swimming

part. We exited and wandered back up the track to the cars with the intention of doing Old Ing as well, but lots of cars and a mini bus had arrived, so we got changed and went to the Penyghent Café. I was quite amused (thinking of the reason for Les's swim) to hear Les discussing the water conditions with someone he knew and saying how it was all right because Slug who was in the cave rescue was looking after him!

Thanks to Les, Bill and Slug (and Andy who went walking) for yet another grand day out.

Nick Bennett

Lawrencefield Jan 6th

We had the sort of January day that makes up for all those cold, wet, "we are here now so we had better do something" sort of winter gritstone days. The sun shone and the rock was dry. There was a cold wind but we opted for Lawrencefield which was sheltered. Plenty of routes were done. *Great Peter (E1 5b)*, *Delectable Direct (HVS 5b)*, *Slippery Wall (HVS 5b)* and *Quantum Crack (HVS 5b)* by Tony Madden and Karl Lunt. *Great Harry (VS 4c)*, *Gingerbread (VS 4c)*, *Three Tree Climb (HS 4b)*, *Meringue (HVS 5a)* and *Limpopo Groove (VS 4b)* by Lawrence Jordan and Steve Crossley. *Three Tree Climb (HS 4b)*, *Pulpit Groove (VD)*, *Gingerbread (VS 4c)*, *Summer Climb (HS 4b)*, *Gregory's Slab (S 4a)* and *Snail Crack (HVD)* by John Banks and Chris Jackson. Thanks to everybody who came along.

Lawrence Jordan

Peak Jan 13

Myself, Rick and Chris Jackson set off to the Peak, on what can only be called 'a not very good forecast' for the first joint climbing/bouldering meet! We waited in Outside for any late arrivals, and for it to stop raining . . . , neither happened so we set off for Burbage South.

As expected the crag was a touch on the damp side, but to complete our climbing and bouldering meet we needed to do a route, so I found the easiest route I could and promptly climbed/thrutched/swam up it. The rest of the party wisely refused to follow but at least one had been ticked.

Part two was completed on excellent boulders right at the foot of Burbage South, although the rain was still falling, we all managed a couple of problems, *Slabby Rib VO(4b)* on the Briquette and *Big Flakes VO(4b)* on the Armoured Car. With climbing now starting to feel like deep water soloing, the puddles were quite big and deep, we decided to have a tour of the crags close by, so after visiting Carl Wark (worth half a day) then a look at Higgat Tor (which was sort of dry) we called it a day.

Thanks to Rick and Chris for a good but very wet day.

John Banks.

Gavel Pot Feb 3

Unfortunately John Stringfellow was unable to lead this caving meet. However Nick Bennett, Tom