

COURTESY OF...

by Kevin West and Kat Kaufmann

Sunday 17th June 1990 found Barry Parker, Kevin West and Kat Kaufmann having a greasy breakfast in the Fountain Cafe, Ingleton where we met up with three friends - Nigel, Bob and Nick - from the Eldon Pothole Club. Feeling slightly the worse for wear courtesy of Saturday night spent in the Marton Arms, we eventually made our way to Little Hull Pot. As this involves a 2.5k walk along the rough Horton Scar Lane from Horton-in-Ribblesdale, we weren't sure if we were on a caving holiday or a hiking holiday. When we finally arrived at Little Hull Pot we met up with several more people from the EPC. From the low entrance we entered a streamway which gradually lowered to a crawl through pools of water ending at a 20m pitch, followed by a 30m pitch. On descending the first pitch, Barry got wet courtesy of Kev, Kev while descending the second pitch got wet courtesy of Barry, and while ascending the second pitch Nigel and Kev got thoroughly soaked courtesy of Barry. At the bottom of the first pitch, Nigel, Kev and Kat got thoroughly scared due to a falling rock, again courtesy of Barry!!!

On Monday 18th June, the six of us set off for Ireby Fell Cavern where both Traditional and Shadow routes were rigged. The Traditional route follows the stream in pitches of 9, 11 and 12m, (Ding Dong Bell) and the Shadow route reaches the same point with pitches of 5, 3, 6 and 25m. A narrow walking-size canyon passage of over 500m ends at the 12m Well pitch followed by another high canyon before one of the finest streamways in the Dales is reached. The streamway consists of heavily scalloped limestone walls and small sharp loose shale. This continues for 400m to the huge phreatic tunnel of Duke Street where we went for an easy amble. On the way back to the cars Kev, Nigel and Nick couldn't resist a short sorte down Marble Steps Pot to the bottom of the main chamber via the Sidewinder route.

Tuesday 19th June, after a good night's rest courtesy of Mrs Morphet's caravans, saw us descending Cow Pot into Fall Pot, (pitches of 30m and 50m) where we felt like spiders on a thread! We descended through the boulder choke into the Main Drain, where Barry, who was wearing his wetsuit under his oversuit, decided to jump into a pool. He had his glasses on when he went in, but he didn't have them on when he came up! So half an hour or so was spent wading waist deep in the water before he found them again. He'll get us wet one way or another, so be warned! As we were coming out, we were vainly attempting to dry ourselves out and therefore traversing around the pools. Barry, however, was swimming through a 2ft deep pool when we encountered another party. Seeing him swimming, one woman screamed to her friends "Well, just how deep are these bloody pools?" While Nigel and Nick de-rigged Fall and Cow Pots, Kev, Kat, Barry and Bob exited via Lancaster Hole (Kat didn't like climbing the fixed ladders and had a fit later on when she read in Descent that they were over 40 years old).

Wednesday 20th June was the big day! Due to a groin injury, Barry decided not to join us for the long walk or the cave, the cave being Gaping Gill Mainshaft via Dihedral route. Kev, Nick and Bob descended Dihedral (Kev never thought he would feel agrophobic in a cave!) and in Main Chamber, met up with Kat and Nigel who had descended Flood Entrance Pot via Wades Entrance. Nigel and Nick de-rigged Dihedral and the rest de-rigged Flood Entrance.

On Thursday 21st June Kat and Bob were relegated to caravan cleaning while the others went up and down and round and around the Goblin and Fossil routes of Sell Gill Holes. Stopping just before they got dizzy, they found that the rope was very much the worse for wear, the sheath having been cut through! Kev had also managed to draw blood when he got fed up passing a deviation, and punched himself in the face instead.

Kev, Kat and Barry said goodbye to Nigel, Nick and Bob at 5.30pm and made the Eclipse in Egham by 9.30pm! A KNACKERING, JOLLY GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!!!

ON THE MOVE

John Crowsley has moved to: 11 Rose Walk, Fishponds, Bristol, BS16 4JN
Keith Dart has moved to: 99 Northville Road, Filton, Bristol, BS5 02J

0749-679358

Apologies to Arthur Spain for getting his telephone number wrong in Bulletin 9 - his correct number is shown above.

CONGRATULATIONS...

...to Pete Cattermull on becoming a full member after a proving trip in Waterwheel Swallet accompanied by Yvonne and Martin Rowe.

...to K. Arnold who has been accepted as a probationary member representing the Royal Navy.

WARNING!

Cars parked at GB continue to attract the attention of thieves. On 14th July, a car belonging to a guest staying at MCG was broken into. A rear quarter light was completely removed (leaving a perfect set of fingerprints on the glass) and everything of value as well as a few things of no value - a packet of sweets! - was taken. Fortunately the car's owner had taken the advice of a Full Member and had already removed his car radio before leaving the cottage. As well as stealing watches and spectacles, the thieves also stole bunches of keys including another cottage key. This is regrettable, but unavoidable as where else can you leave your key when you go caving? Obviously, you would be well advised to either walk to GB now, or arrange to be dropped off and picked up later. Alternatively, a "sentry" should be left with the car. It is not safe to leave any car unattended anywhere near GB, Charterhouse Cave, Longwood, Manor Farm or Tynings.

If you notice anything missing from the cottage **INFORM ANY COMMITTEE MEMBER IMMEDIATELY** (24hrs Answerphone: 0252-872006) **AND INFORM THE POLICE.** Ensure that all cottage fees are posted promptly to the treasurer at the end of the weekend.

COTTAGE BOOKINGS

27 Jul - 29 Jul	Hanwell VS	(6)
04 Aug - 05 Aug	Members' Weekend	
06 Aug - 10 Aug	Royal Navy	(??)
10 Aug - 12 Aug	Hanwell VS	(16)
23 Aug - 29 Aug	Br Trust Cons Vol	(13)
03 Sep - 07 Sep	Royal Navy	(??)
08 Sep - 09 Sep	Members' Weekend	
01 Oct - 05 Oct	Fosseway School	(??)
06 Oct - 07 Oct	Members' Weekend	
03 Nov - 04 Nov	Members' Weekend	
01 Dec - 02 Dec	Members' Weekend	
29 Dec - 01 Jan	Members' Weekend	

YV'S DROPPINGS

John: "What type of rope is this?"
Anon: "It's an 11mm... er..."
John: "...Bungy?"

Linda: "The flies down Manor Farm are so bad now that you need to hold a torch ahead of you to attract them away from you... or you could send a novice ahead first!"

Malcolm: "Did Geoff have a hangover?"
Martin: "Is the Pope a catholic?"

Martin: "I can see daylight"
Marcus: "Yes, and I can hear it too!"

UPPER FLOOD LEADERS

The following current leaders have been re-approved by the committee:

J. Beauchamp, M. Cotter, M. Haselden, W. Hiscox, G. Lister, L. Hawkeswell, B. Murlis, S. Redwood, V. Simmonds.

The following applications will be considered at the next committee meeting:

A. Duckett, M. Carson, J. Crowsley, S. Eddy, V. Gill, M. Lovell, A. Spain, A. Thomas, D. Tooke, R. Wallington, S. Wyatt.

Any comments on these as leaders to the committee please. Applications from probationary members were turned down as the key is kept in the library to which only full members have access.

STOP PRESS

Ubley Hill Pot and Cow Hole have been infilled by the farmer at Ubley Drove Farm because they were "dangerous". Full report in the next newsletter.