

COUNCIL OF NORTHERN CAVING CLUBS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The A.G.M. meeting will be held  
on SATURDAY 8TH MARCH 1986 at 3PM  
at THE YOUTH ROOM INGLEBOROUGH COMMUNITY CENTRE

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Minutes of last meeting. (Taken as read if previously circulated).
3. Matters arising from Minutes.
4. Officers' Reports:
  - i) Chairman
  - ii) Secretary
  - iii) Asst. Secretary
  - iv) Treasurer
  - v) Access and Conservation Officer.
5. Meets Secretaries/Access Areas:
  - i) Leck
  - ii) Casterton
  - iii) Birks Fell/Mongo Gill
  - iv) Penygent/Gingling/Hammer
  - v) Other areas.
6. Election of officers and committee
7. NCA: Reports from Representatives,  
and other matters relating to NCA.
8. Any other business.
9. Date and place of next meeting.

Members are reminded that voting will be restricted to one representative from each paid up full member club. Representatives from associate member clubs are welcome to attend and join in discussion. Nominations for officers and committee, all of whom must represent a different full member club may be sent to the secretary or made at the meeting.

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Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Saturday 8th March 1986, at  
Ingleton Community Centre.

Meeting started at 3.05 PM. Chaired by M.Rhodes.

- 1.) ATTENDANCE: P.Glover (BCC). B.Sudell (NPC). A.Hall (RRCPC). P.Muckalt (RRCPC).  
I. Wilkinson (BPC). D.Sheperd (EPC). B.Hunt (EPC). G.Barber (DOSS). A.Tate  
(YSS). P.Ramsden (Rep on NCA.Training Comm). D.Leonard (ANT). W.Comfrey (YSS).  
M.Rhodes (ACC). B.Rhodes (BPC). F.Grant(BAC). H.Beck (CPC). R.Sutcliffe (GG).  
R.Sewell (DPC). S.Hayward (DPC). B.Boardman (CRO).

- 2.) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: None.

- 3.) MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Taken as read (Previously circulated).

- 4.) MATTERS ARISING: From last AGM. None

- 5.) OFFICERS REPORTS:

CHAIRMAN: The Chairman apologized for not attending the previous two meetings.  
Thanks extended to Committee and Officers for their hard work over the past  
twelve months.

After serving five years in office the Chairman indicated that he was prepared  
to stand for another term, although he found it difficult to get to meetings  
held at the New Inn Clapham, using public transport.

- 6.) SECRETARY: After his first year in office he was still settling in. Thanks  
extended to all the people who had helped him, especially the Sports Council.  
There had been an awful lot of correspondence to deal with.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY: He was sorry to be standing down but due to other  
pressures he would be unable to attend all future meetings as the job demands,  
he would still attend as many as possible.

- 7.) TREASURERS REPORT: A hard year regarding finances with the Sports Council  
and the printing of the Northern Caving handbook taking us into the red for  
a short time, however things are now picking up and we are now back on a firm  
footing.

The Treasurer commented that although it has to be done, it seems a great pity  
that so much money seems to get swallowed up in administration rather than  
helping the sport to advance.

The accounts for the year 1985 were made available to the meeting.

- 8.) ACCESS/CONSERVATION: A report was made available to the meeting which showed  
a great deal of work had been done in 1985, especially with regard to the  
Casterton Fell access arrangements and the involvement of the National  
Conservancy Council.

Arrangements to be made for the return of the weather machine still held at  
Whernside Manor. P.Muckalt stated that as far as he was aware the machine was  
at present not in working order.

B.Rhodes suggested that in the future we invite the NCC. to attend CNCC. meetings  
and include them on the minutes list.



9.) MEETS SECRETARYS REPORTS:

LECK: 230 permits issued over the year, plus Pippikin permits. Things appear to be running smoothly.

Lord Shuttleworth is very concerned about indiscriminate parking on Leck Fell Lane, as a result a meeting was arranged between Lord Shuttleworth, A. Hall, P. Muckalt and C. Danilewicz on 3rd March. A detailed report was circulated to the meeting, listing all the points discussed. The main points were as follows: Both the CNCC and the owner have agreed to draw up a new agreement for Leck Fell, which will include the following points.

- A. ALL cars, regardless of the booked caves location, must be parked on the Lost Johns car park.
- B. Link and Pippikin Pots both to be issued on one permit, access arrangements as before.
- C. Fencing work to Cavel Pot and Deaths Head to be carried out this summer as agreed two years ago.
- D. Permits issued for the 23rd and 25th August will be cancelled.
- E. Numbers on each permit. Up to two parties in any one month may have more than 10 people per permit. The meeting felt that it was not within the CNCC'S power to decide how many people individual clubs would be allowed to take caving.

The new Leck Fell meets secretary is C. Daniliwicz, 19, Grasscroft Rd, Marsh, Huddersfield.

CASTERTON FELL: 421 permits issued, with 73 for Pippikin Pot.

P. Muckalt stressed that permits should be displayed on car windscreens and the tear off portion posted as is requested. Out of the 241 permits issued only 20 were returned.

Permit holders were taking the wrong approach to Pippikin Pot.

Cars were being very badly parked at Bull Pot Farm. The farmer who makes his living from the farm, must be given room to work. NO CARS AT ALL should be parked beyond the gate.

BIRKS FELL/MONGO GILL: 53 permits were issued to 39 clubs. Birks Fell booked solid.

The Meets Secretary had caught a club who seemed to pirate on a regular basis a letter had been sent out to the club concerned, and a reply received which was full of apologies and pleading ignorance of the permit system.

PENYCENT/FOUNTAINS FELL: 317 permits issued, vast majority for weekends.

Permit applications should stipulate a choice of caves, and allow at least two clear weeks for a reply.

Gingling Hole and Hammer Pot continue to be closed from the end of November to the beginning of Easter.

A full report was made available to the meeting.

OTHER AREAS: No reports.

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS: All the officers for 1980/1, remain the same with the exception of D. Leonard who takes over as Chairman from M. Rhodes.

PROP: Bradford Pothole Club.

SEC: Down and Out Speleological Society.

And B. Sudell who takes over from A. Tate as Assistant Secretary.

PROP: Red Rose Cave and Pothole Club.

SEC: Bradford Pothole Club.

The position of Access and Conservation Officer remains with A. Hall.

The following clubs were elected onto the Committee;

Bradford Pothole Club. Burnley Pothole Club. Earby Pothole Club.

Northern Pennine Club. Red Rose Cave and Pothole Club. Craven Pothole Club.

Association of Nidderdale Troggs. Down and Out Speleological Society.

Dent Pothole Club. Yorkshire Subterranean Society. Gritstone Club.

One more member club is required to make up the committee to twelve.

Interested parties to contact Secretary.

Meets Secretary positions are unchanged.

## II.)

N.C.A.: There were four meetings during the year, which were better attended than in previous years.

- A. Cave Instructor Certificates were awarded to the four instructors at Whernside Manor.
- B. Due to recent changes at Whernside Manor, the Cave Instructor Scheme administration is now carried out at Woodlands Centre, South Wales and Training and Assessment at White Hall Centre, Derbyshire.
- C. Caver Training/Techniques Courses to be dropped at Whernside Manor. Leader/Instructor training to continue.
- D. Quite a few Local Authorities operating in the Dales would like N.C.A. Training Committee approval for their "Local Cave Leader Schemes". In theory this also requires CNCC approval. The N.C.A. Training Committee policy is, ideally a person operating such a scheme should hold the Cave Instructor Certificate and would observe courses before giving approval.
- E. The N.C.A. is required to put a five year plan for its development to the Sports Council under the "New Approach" to grant aid. Training could form a large part of this grant aid. The draft document was presented to Whernside Management as the National Cave Training Centre, at the same meeting as funding for Specialist Caving was withdrawn, which caused a major rethink. The new draft covers Caver and Cave Leader Training, entailing the employment of a National Officer and peripatetic training schemes. This is potentially the most important decision the committee and N.C.A. will have to make.
- F. The N.C.A. Training/Equipment Committee's have met to consider a "Bolting Code". The result was it deplored excessive bolting, but condemned also the vandalism involved in removal of bolts.
- G. P. Ramsden expressed a wish to continue representing the CNCC at future N.C.A. training meetings.

- I2.) ANY OTHER BUSINESS: CNCC must be made aware of schools and outdoor centres who intend to use CNCC controlled caves. Secretary to make up list and contact same for their future plans. To be discussed more fully at next meeting.



Three members expressed an interest in attending N.C.A. AGM. After lengthy discussion it was decided that CNCC representatives would vote for item I8a. on the agenda in preference to item I8b.

PROP: Red Rose Cave and Pothole Club.

SEC: Bradford Pothole Club.

A.Hall received a telephone call from a member of the Nature Conservancy Council, who wished to visit Birks Fell Cave. Someone had contacted him about a bat sighting, and he wished to investigate it. Burnley Caving Club offered to help out.

MEETING CLOSED 4.40PM.

TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING:

FRIDAY APRIL 25th AT THE NEW INN CLAPHAM. 8.00PM

This is the first meeting of the new committee. Please try to attend.



Firstly I must apologise for the chaos which has ensued from my change of address and the fact that I have not been able to devote enough time to CNCC matters as has been required.

The audit accounts are somewhat complicated this year this due entirely to the fact that in 1985 CNCC spent more money than we had! This resulted in what is called a cash flow problem and needed some judicious book juggling to make ends meet. It also meant that some people have had to wait a little longer than normal to get paid - apologies to Andy and Ian and especially the Sports Council to whom we started the year owing £200.

The breakdown of where the money went is roughly as follows. There is no balance as there is carry over into this years income and expenditure.

### Income 1985

From subs, NCA grant and interest      £1154

### Outgoings

Printing, postage etc	Officers	49-56
	Sports Council	548-27
Access	Fountains Fell	82-00
	Penyghent etc	35-22
	Gaping Ghyll work	107-07
	Ireby Fell Cavern	20-00
	Members travel exp.	36-65
Others	Insurance	100-00
	Bull Pot Telephone	117-00
	Hand Book	789-00
	Donation to NCA	200-00
	Audit	31-00

Total expenditure      £2115-77

Current cash in hand      £879-00



# THE COUNCIL OF NORTHERN CAVING CLUBS

## INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1985

	1985		1984	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
SUBSCRIPTIONS	649		715	
GRANTS (N.C.A. 1984)	423		502	
BUILDING SOCIETY INTEREST	82	1154	54	1271
EXPENDITURE				
ROOM HIRE	5		8	
INSURANCE	100		50	
N.C.A. SUBSCRIPTION	-		175	
PRINTING AND STATIONERY	516		349	
OFFICERS EXPENSES	95		28	
WORKING PARTY	202		420	
AUDIT	31		29	
EMERGENCY TELEPHONE	117		92	
DONATION TO N.C.A. CONSERVATION FUND	200		-	
Y.D.N.P. CONT. TO WEATHER FORECAST	-		100	
PRINTING HAND BOOK	789	2055	-	1251
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME		(901)		20

## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1985

ASSETS				
CASH AT BANK	140		703	
BURNLEY BUILDING SOCIETY	885	1025	903	1606
LIABILITIES				
SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED IN ADVANCE	16		-	
CREDITORS	304	320	-	-
		705		1606
ACCUMULATED FUNDS				
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD		1606		1586
EXCESS OF EXPENDITURE OVER INCOME FOR THE YEAR TO DATE		(901)		20
		705		1606

PREPARED FROM AND CERTIFIED TO BE IN ACCORDANCE  
WITH THE BOOKS AND INFORMATION SUPPLIED TO US.

85, CHURCH STREET,  
LANCASTER.

20TH JANUARY, 1986.

Scott. Wilkerson  
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS



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### Meets Secretaries Report 1985.

I list below the details of the permits issued during 1985 on a monthly basis. The vast majority are for weekends except for the Easter period which is always very heavily booked.

There have been no serious problems with access.

Club secretaries when applying for permits should offer a choice of dates whenever possible. It is unrealistic to expect to receive a permit if less than two clear weeks is allowed for a reply.

Gingling hole & Hammer pot continue to be closed from the end of November to the beginning of Easter.

### Permits issued in 1985.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	TOTAL
Penygent	.2	5	7	7	12	11	7	8	4	6	6	3	78
Dale Head	0	5	4	2	7	3	2	0	0	1	0	2	27
Gingling	----	closed	----	9	8	9	4	3	9	6	4	—	52
Hammer	----	closed	----	6	8	10	1	2	1	4	1	—	37
Magnetometer	0	6	3	3	5	3	1	2	4	3	0	2	32
Echo	0	1	1	3	1	1	1	1	1	0	2	0	12
Little Hull	0	5	0	2	3	4	4	2	1	1	4	2	28
Hunt	1	0	1	3	1	3	3	1	3	0	0	0	16
Hull	0	0	0	2	2	2	1	2	0	0	1	0	10
High Hull	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	6
Washfold	0	1	1	5	3	2	1	0	0	4	0	2	19

Total     317

Ian Wilkinson

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Meets Sec. Ribblesdale.



Permits Secretary's Report. A.G.M. 1986.

(Casterton Fell - Riparian (Leck Fell)).

An increase in the number of permits granted (see table below) also an increase in rates partly due perhaps to Clubs who failed to pay their Subs, resulting in the withdrawal of permits.

In the interest of Access, Landers are requested to display permits and post them, either at Bull Pot farm, 20 returns out of 421?

or Leck Fell, Bank House farm

Permits for riparian access are for access from Leck Fell House (excepting in April-May-June.) This is part of the conditions of the Access.

No change on the parking at Bull Pot farm as requested in previous years

Please park so the farmer can attend his Stock.

P MUCKENT

MARCH 1986.



AMES - KHSBILL.

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	1983.	1984.	1985.	1983	1984	1985
JAN	31	24	24	9	7	4
FEB	26	27	24	6	4	6
MARCH	33	30	36	7	7	7
APRIL	42	44	52	7	9	8
MAY	32	32	45	12	8	8
JUNE	26	29	39	6	6	5
JULY	34	40	34	0	7	5
AUG-	26	35	34	3	3	4
SEPT	22	31	26	4	6	5
OCT	32	29	28	5	5	3
NOV	32	34	42	3	8	10
DEC	34	30	34	5	3	8
TOTAL	370	388	421	67	73	73

R. MUCKHLI

A.C.M. MARCH 1986.