

Council of Northern Caving Clubs

Meets Secretary's report for Birks Fell, Robinsons Pot, Ludwell Fairy Holes and Mongo Gill

General

This is my 25th year as access controller and neither landowners nor permit holders have raised any problems regarding access to Birks Fell, Robinsons Pot, Ludwell Fairy Holes or Mongo Gill

Birks Fell

We now have a more formal agreement drawn up in a similar way to Robinsons Pot although the conditions of access remain the same as before. I have received 8 requests for permits for 2014, the same as in 2013 at this time.

1977	22	1978	35	1979	40	1980	41	1981	50
1982	47	1983	52	1984	63	1985	46	1986	55
1987	44	1988	28	1989	32	1990	25	1991	41
1992	49	1993	35	1994	41	1995	39	1996	34
1997	35	1998	28	1999	32	2000	15	2001	0
2002	21	2003	27	2004	10	2005	12	2006	15
2007	17	2008	15	2009	10	2010	13	2011	12
2012	10	2013	9						

Robinson's Pot

The access agreement allows a maximum of 5 permits per year on the second Saturday of each month, June to October inclusive. Only five requests for permits have been received so I propose to allocate the permits to those clubs.

Ludwell Fairy Holes

Last year was the first year of access to this cave and the access agreement of 1 permit per month appears to be working well. After a few hiccups all available permits were issued from July to December. All permits from now until September 2014 inclusive have been issued.

Mongo Gill

The new access agreement appears to be working without any problem. I have issued 1 permits for 2014 so far. No permits have been requested for Great Expectations, nor were any issued last year. The connection with Stump Cross stream way remains well and truly blocked by a major collapse.

1981	28	1982	39	1983	39	1984	44	1985	24
1986	28	1987	29	1988	36	1989	38	1990	38
1991	36	1992	43	1993	34	1994	36	1995	20
1996	26	1997	0	1998	0	1999	22	2000	22
2001	5	2002	5	2003	3	2004	9	2005	6
2006	10	2007	6	2008	8	2009	10	2010	3
2011	8	2012	4	2013	12				

Ric Halliwell
17 February 2014

Casterton Fell Report for 2013

A total of 54 clubs were issued with permits for the whole of 2013- (16 more than in 2011 and 7 more than 2012) this added up to 367 permits issued in total, A big increase from the 179 permits issued for the whole of 2011 and the 209 permits issued in 2012

We still have quite a number of clubs who are not BCA members making requests but these are refused and passed on for Glenn Jones to deal with.

Permits can now be requested and issued by email make everyone's life much easier, They can also be turned around in less than a week (provided I am not on holiday) and the CNCC web site has been altered to reflect this.

Les Sykes, has and is dealing with problems – and is trying to resolve permits for commercial caving

There are plenty of permits available for clubs but some weekends are full booked up already.

If anyone wishes to take on the Meets Secretary role for Casterton Fell, Alan is happy to relinquish the role

Alan Speight (CNCC Meets Sec – Casterton Fell)

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A.G.M. report for Penyghent/Fountains Fell 2014

2013 was my ninth year as access officer and in that time I have issued 584 permits, an average of 65 permits per year.

Last year was a good year with a total of 78 permits issued and no reported problems.

Cave	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Little hull	10	8	9	7	10	19	11	12	18
Dale head	0	0	2	4	6	5	3	2	4
Penyghent Pot	11	8	24	23	17	20	14	13	28
Hunt Pot	4	4	3	4	10	11	6	2	13
Hull Pot									5
High Hull									1
Gingling Hole	9	36	3	8	6	10	8	10	6
Gingling sink	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Hammer Pot	4	3	8	5	4	6	2	4	3
Total	54	71	61	60	67	82	56	55	78

2014 looks like being another busy year with 33 permits issued to date, I am willing to carry on as access officer for another year.

Report to CNCC AGM on 1nd March 2014 – Leck Fell Access Agreement.

During the last twelve months 631 permits have been issued to a total of 58 clubs. The figures for previous years were as follows:

Year	Number of permits	Number of clubs
03/04	197	63
04/05	191	58
05/06	181	48
06/07	187	41
07/08	354	46
08/09	367	51
09/10	363	40
10/11	317	47
11/12	465	48
12/13	725	56
13/14	631	58

Since the last AGM demand for permits seems to have been more or less steady over the year as a whole, in comparison with the previous twelve months. Overall there was a small increase in the total number of clubs issued with permits than for the year 12/13. So far 20 clubs have been issued with permits for the coming year. This is a few less than the number issued for the following year, at the same time last year.

Clubs from all of the caving regions of the UK have asked for access, throughout the year, and as usual, many of the clubs local to the Dales were in touch on a regular basis for permits. Subjectively it seems that this year more clubs have been making several visits to the fell rather than having just one or two meets.

Going forward with the exception of Sunday 30th all the weekend dates in March 2014 are now fully booked. From July 2014 no weekend is currently fully booked and availability is good.

Date – 08/02/2014

Jim Sloane (CNCC Meets Sec – Leck Fell).