

27th November 1983
Greenside Mine

A total of thirty-two people turned up for the Greenside meet, a fair majority of whom had never been down this mine before. We set off down in parties of six or seven, each party led by at least one person who was familiar with the mine. This seemed to work well enough for we didn't lose anyone on the way down. There was a bit of a hold up on the last pitch while ladders and life-line were rigged, and people lowered onto Lucy Tongue Level.

While the life-lining was progressing Martin Maher abseiled into one of the stopes, which accompany the ladderway in the lower stages, and succeeded in making voice contact with Mike Mitchell through one of the ore-hoppers on Lucy Tongue Level.

Everyone went separate ways on Lucy tongue Level, thus causing havoc and complete confusion for the meet leader who strove to keep tabs on everyone lest some got left behind when the ladders were hauled up.

Dobie and McFadzean pushed the L.T. Level towards the entrance and noted bad air at the place where the water starts to rise. The atmosphere was very warm.

That night, while firmly entrenched in the Traveller's Rest, we discussed various things that needed pushing in Greenside Mine.

1. Low Horse Level needs digging and a connection making with the top of Willy Shaft. Failing this there is a ladderway rising from Warsop's crosscut which was probably the ladderway for Willy Shaft. Many years ago P. Fleming climbed the ladders for about 90' to where the shaft was capped with wooden boards and girders. He was able to stand on a platform beneath this capping and examine it closely. Unfortunately these ladders have deteriorated since then and are now in a state of advanced decay; one in particular (second one up) is thoroughly unsafe.

It would be possible to by-pass this with either or both of Mike Mitchell's extension tubes. Once up on the platform work could commence at breaking through the capping.

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