

19th October 1986
Brandy Gill Mine (Caldbeck)

ML Ian Tyler

Weather Very Cold – Hail

By 11 O'clock a total of 15 members had arrived a further 3 arrived later.

The ML clearly stated that the object of the meet was to explore – Emmerson Vein / Brandy Gill / Dry Gill and not 'Carrock' due to recent activities on site by 'Minworth Ltd'.

However some members felt that rather than getting wet they would risk Carrock (7)

The short climb up to the Emmerson Vein was made – and descent was made down through the open stope to the level proper – a vertical shaft of 50' was rigged for descent to the tramming level, for all except the ML who lent his Oldham to an unlit member.

On gaining exit the party pushed on up to 'Brandy Gill Mine' No.2-No.3 Levels. These are connected by a 40' internal shaft. (Both levels were dug out by I.Tyler – N.Thompson) On arrival at No.3 Level – lunch was consumed. The level was explored whilst the ML & I.Matheson rigged the pitch to descend to No.2.

Half way down the shaft is a small boxhole where the stope from No.2 connects with the shaft from above causing a 'kink' – ensuring numerous acrobatics to gain exit. The level was explored bay all and exit made out through No.2 Adit in which the water was standing some 3'.

By now the time was 3:30pm, in view of the fact that 'Drygill Mine' was still ½ hrs walk away and the very cold conditions it was decided to return down to Carrock Mine.

A short visit was made down the 'Harding Level' which rounded off the day. Carrock is a must for 1987 before any disaster – like the blowing up of the entrance which could prevent access (three have been bulldozed).

Meet Disbanded 5:00 – 5:45pm

Ml I.Tyler, J.Adams, R.Calvin, J.Helm, J.Helm, I.Matheson, C.Barrow, D.J.McCurdy, N.Ingham, D.Blundell, A.Lings, C.Moore, A.C.P Thomas, Mrs A.C.P. Thomas.

New Members E.Brown, J.Parker, T.Keats.

Insurance S.Niven 50p

Ian Tyler.