

**9<sup>th</sup> September 1984**  
**Arkengarthdale**

After a heavy night on the 8<sup>th</sup> a late start was made and after some deliberation the drive to Arkengarthdale was taken. Windegg Mine Caverns were not visited but the team decided to take a look at the Faggergill Mines near the road. Dennis Webb had just taken a cursory glance in one open adit when a brand new Landover pulled up and the owner of it got out. 'Who are you, what do you want, what are you doing here?' was his friendly greeting. It turns out he was the owner, a Mr. Thorstensen, a wealthy (millionaire) Swede. Thought we were all grouse poachers don't you know – damned cheek of the man. However when we pulled Alan Westall off him, he went away recommending that we visit his neighbours plot.

Realising little could be found to amuse us we did this and moved to the other side of Arkengarthdale where is situated Dodgesons Hush with moulds Level at the bottom of it. The team entered this and spent some time trudging around endless passages with very little of real interest.

After this some time was still in hand so the team decided to visit the Kisdon Gorge at first by walking up from Muker. This was a beautiful walk but was not productive so then they drove around to Stonesdale Tarn Nr Keld and walk along the old mine track to Crackpot Hall. This is on the Pennine Way and the Coast To Coast walk route and is really beautiful as it winds through the Kisdon Gorge with its lofty limestone heights. The mines were at Beldi Hill and its environs with many open adits and the remains of extensive dressing floors. In one of the buildings of Crackpot Hall are the remains of a blacksmiths forge with the flue running up the wall. This is in a very good state of repair and should be preserved. Near Crackpot Hall are the remains of Swinnergill Mines and these too are very interesting. A wealth of archaeological remains.

The team finally walked back vowing to put this area on next years meet list.

CAT Members present were:-

Chris Jones  
Phil Murphy  
Mike Mitchell  
Dennis Webb  
Alen McFadzean  
Peter Fleming  
Alan Westall