

17th February 1985
Tilberthwaite Mine

Present were :- C.Jones (Meet Leader), Dave Blundell, Albyn Austin, Dave Bridge, Roy Garner, Lynsey Harrison, Gordon Gilchrist, Louise Hemsley, Alastair Lings, Phil Merrin, Chris Moore, Mike Mitchell, Ian Tyler (+ Offspring), Angela Wilson.

Excellent meet with a great deal accomplished. Dig started at the collapse beyond the slate closehead. After several hours hard labour the face had been advanced several yards and the floor lowered to enable a wheelbarrow to get near. Spoil dumped in closehead, this was very strenuous as the barrow had to be pushed some 200' through deep water. Another team tried to lower the water level outside (successfully).

After the dig a small breakthrough was achieved when the water started to flow much more heavily. This made digging easier as it washed the clay away.

Eventually it was decided that further digs were needed and a timbering session would be necessary. It would be impossible to shift the whole collapse, so it would have to be mined and timbered.

The job was finished by some rudimentary timbering in order to maintain the water flow. At this time this would not appear too difficult to push through as there is a fairly good wall and a partial roof.

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