<u>17th May 1987</u> Carrock Mine

Meet Leader I Tyler o P Stanworth o P Stockton M Mitchell x E Brown x C Moore x C Barrow o A Wilson x P Timewell D Blundell S Sparkes J Capper o N Ingham D Borthwick o A Danson x A Lings Mrs A.C. Thomas A.C. Thomas

Eighteen members of the club met for the meet on a fine Sunday morning 10:30am.

I decided to split the group into three parties. o Ian Tyler

x M. Mitchell D. Blundell taking the remainder.

Pitches had been prepared and bolted on "Combe Height" and "Smith Vein" the previous week by myself and Ed Brown to save time.

x Mike Mitchell assisted by Ed Brown with No 2 party went to Combe Height and descended through the open stope gaining access to No1 level (New ground). The party then descended onto No 2 level proper, where they started to descend down towards No 3 level – this area is where the Mill Slurry was pumped and consequently the air is not as fresh as it could be. Shortage of tackle forced them to return to the level and out to day. "The descent down below No.2 Level could be worthwhile".

No 1 party lead by myself went to the newest trial level on the "Smith Vein" which has been recently bulldozed in by the owners – but had been dug out and cleared for the meet by I Tyler-E Brown-J Adams-D Ramshaw. The descent was made, visiting a sublevel on the way. Exit was made through hopper No 16.

No 3 party led by D Blundell visited all the "Smith Vein" and numerous ladderways and box holes.

After lunch the various parties mingled and explored the "Harding Level" – "Emerson crosscut" – The air was found to be OK. I Tyler-J Capper-D Borthwick-C Barrow dug a small trial off the "Emerson" and cleared a 20'/30' rise which may be worth a further look.

A small box hole was climbed using an improvised maypole by J Capper alas a blind.

M Mitchell and his party in the meantime did the "Smith Vein" stope trip.

Numerous members of the party ascended the ladderways on the Harding into the stopes.

The meet finished at approx 6:30pm all rope 150'-300' was supplied by Ian Tyler plus 2 bolts.

Ian Tyler

o P Stanworth - new member