

14th June 1987
Dodd End Mine Meet

Meet Leader	I Tyler x	M Mitchell x
	C Barrow x	R Garner x
	E Brown x	C Moore x
	D Ramshaw x	G Gilcrist x
	G Hodgson x	D Borthwick x
	J Adams x	A Wilson x
	A Danson x	I Matheson x
	A Lings	M Matheson

Sixteen members of the club met for this meet, most members arrived well before 10:30am it was a fine sunny day.

The main adit of “Dodd End” was inspected on Sunday 7th June and found to be totally run in, the level sumped to the roof.

After a strenuous six hour dig by D Ramshaw and myself the level was opened and the water level dropped to a depth of 3’ 6” – a good 12” lower than when the level was first dug out by myself and D Blundell way back in 1983.

A bolt was put in the short top pitch in preparation for the main descent. However, due to the problem of the dig and time lost we could only inspect the shaft top bolts and did not have time to prepare the intermediate pitch, it would have to be done on the day.

On arrival on the Sunday, myself, E Brown, G Hodgson took the gear up to the pitch to prepare for the descent. J Adams/M Mitchell organised the members and explained what we were about.

The pitch was rigged and I descended to the intermediate station. An extra bolt was put in – I was joined by R Garner who found a second bolt. The pitched rigged I made the descent to the level below. The total pitch from surface is approx 20’-190’.

x Fourteen members made the descent. The exit due to the digging was not as sporting as it was intended – the shaft descent was somewhat dry.

The party descended to the car park for lunch. Various members for some obscure reason changed into smart fell walking gear only to be informed of further delights.

The low NE X Cut “Zinc” was looked at – Ed Brown stomped his way through bags full of rotting lambs – M Mitchell understood the problem and declined.

Next we visited the “Old Mill” following the leat we came round to the high NE X Cut – run and flooded. (D Blundell/I Tyler dug this level in 1983).

I considered as meet leader that this level should be visited today!!

The level was dug out with enthusiastic help by R Garner-F Hodgson-C Brown we proceeded onto the Engine Shaft Site and Water Leat System visiting the two old "Myers Head" Levels.

We returned back to the high NE Crosscut, the water had dropped to a depth of 3'6 most of the party visited the full extent of the level.

On returning to the car park the time was reaching 5:00pm.

M Mitchell, I Tyler, E Brown, A Danson, A Wilson, A Lings, Don Borthwick, decided to have a look at "Hartsop Hall Mine" the party located the elusive "Woods Level" and this was dug open and entered. A short level, 15 yards long which cut the main Hartsop Lode at the forehead. On returning to the car's the time was approx 7:00.

I Tyler

Tackle used 300' rope – I Tyler
3 Bolts – I Tyler