

KCC Meets List: Feb - May 2024

Day	Date	Cave	SRT?	Notes	Co-ordinator
Sat	03-02-2024	Alum Pot/ Long Churn	None – Medium	Lots of options to have a go at. The more people we get, the more routes we can rig. Scott is particularly keen on NW route (very long daylight pitch). More sensible people may choose to have a play in Long Churn, with the option for shorter pitches. And let's not forget SE route for something in between!	Dave
Wed	07-02-2024	Shuttleworth / Witches 2	Medium	A couple of pitches leading to some large, very well decorated cave. There are a couple of really nice sumps too. If you haven't been, don't miss this one!	Steve
Sat	10-02-2024	Knock Fell Caverns	None	"Very confusing maze cave". Search online for the survey if you want to see how confusing. I'm sure we can rely on Scott to not get us lost... but maybe take a ball of string just in case.	Scott
Wed	14-02-2024	Yordas	Hard, but short	Ideal for those wanting to step their SRT up to the next level. Can be done as a short (downward) through trip, but you'll want to go back up for the full experience.	Ray
Wed	21-02-2024	Gavel	Easy	A short trip to Glasfurd's Chamber to marvel at the (hopefully still clean) pretties. Could also do Short Drop, but no intention of going deep into Gavel.	Maz
Sat	24-02-2024	Five Ways Pot	Medium or Hard (just guessing, as I've never been)	A relatively recent find on Dowlass Moss, so I'm guessing none of us have done it before. 7 pitches in total, but nothing too long. Can be done in reasonably wet weather. A bit of a walk unfortunately.	Pete
Wed	28-02-2024	Hardrawkin	Medium	The perfect evening trip. A bit of walking and crawling in a nice passage leads to 2 very nice pitches. Needs dry conditions.	Gareth
Sat	02-03-2024	Goyden / New Goyden / Manchester Hole	Easy, if any	Exact trip to be decided closer to the day. Lots of great options in an extensive system, but nothing too hard. Let's hope Helen knows her way around. If not, let's hope Jason comes. Bit of a drive.	Helen

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Wed	06-03-2024	It's A Cracker – Boxhead exchange	Hard	As good as it gets... if you like your SRT deep and perfectly formed. Boxhead is spectacular (we'll take the Kendal Flyover route for added interest), Cracker has 3 absolutely stunning pitches. It's simply not possible to emerge from this trip without an idiotic grin.	Ray
Sat	09-03-2024	Magic Roundabout (Lancaster Hole)	Medium	A nice round trip based around the Stake Pot area of Lancaster Hole. Many will have been past the stunning Arson Shaft without even realising. Duck through a window and a treat awaits. Needs reasonably dry conditions.	Scott
Wed	13-03-2024	Sell Gill exchange	Medium – Hard	Weather permitting, we'll rig both wet and dry entrances and have some serious exchange fun. For less experienced SRTers, in and out via the dry route is a great option. Don't follow James. He'll have you squirming to the elusive final pitch	Helen
Sat	16-03-2024	Mongo Gill	Relatively short entrance shaft only	"A fine afternoon's entertainment with a wide variety of fascinating passages and a host of excellent formations." Knee pads recommended. A bit of a drive, but should be well worth the effort.	Jason
Wed	20-03-2024	Red Moss Pot	None	Let's try this again and hope for drier conditions. A few short climbs lead into a narrow, twisting canyon with a few "refreshing" cascades. Main stream passage gets bigger and is even well-decorated in places. Last section is "for enthusiasts only".	Damian
Sun	24-03-2024	Lady Blue's #2 digging trip	None	Come and try your hand at digging in the club dig. The entrance slopes may need a bit of stabilisation ☠, then it's all hands on deck for a bit of serious mud mining. The prospects are good! Chris promises this will be the day of the big breakthrough 😊. Virgin cave awaits.	Chris H
Wed	27-03-2024	Barbondale mystery tour	Unlikely	The exact venue will be decided closer to the day. We can rely on Tim to show us a good time.	Tim D

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Sat	30-03-2024	Sleets Gill	None	Another postponement from a previous list. The near reaches may be suitable for everyone, but the hardy should push through Hydrophobia to The Ramp. It's a very impressive sight. Definitely needs dry, settled conditions. Whatever you do, don't watch the video!	Jason
Wed	03-04-2024	Rowten	Hard	Still one of my personal favourites. Two possible routes: The Eyehole rote involves big, serious SRT in scary situations and can be done in any conditions. The Gully route is easier and less scary, but needs dry conditions. Will tailor the plan to suit team and conditions... but wouldn't an exchange be nice?	Ray
Sun	07-04-2024	Magnetometer	Easy, if at all	A Fountains Fell classic, but relatively easy. Ladder (or short SRT) entrance into a maze, then some crawling leads to easier going. Option of final pitch down into Caton Hall for SRTers.	Tom
Wed	10-04-2024	Easter Grotto	Easy, if at all	A trip to this classic straw chamber in Easegill. Past its best these days, but still impressive. Could enter via Wretched Rabbit or Boundary Pot, depending on conditions. Guaranteed a good tour from our resident Easegill expert.	Tom
Fri - Sun	12-04-2024 - 21-04-2024	Cantabria, northern Spain	None- Hard, depending on trips	9 days (... or more... or less) in the sun (probably). Caves of all types, lengths, depths and levels of difficulty, but all impressive. Based in Ogarrio. Lots of great non-caving options too. If you're interested, but haven't yet confirmed, contact Helen ASAP.	Helen
Wed	24-04-2024	Dry Gill Cave	None	Postponed from a previous meets list, so let's try again. Sounds like a Jason classic: "obscure and extremely flood-prone". I imagine it needs dry conditions then. I suppose it could be fun... if you like that sort of thing.	Jason
Sat	27-04-2024	Coniston Coppermines (Fleming's through trip)	Medium – Hard	The "other" Coniston through trip. If it's half as good as the more common through trip (from Lever's Water) it will be a grand day out. Looks like there are some stunning sights to see, as you would expect.	Tom

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Wed	01-05-2024	Smelt Mill Beck	None	Apparently the slightly damp entrance series leads to pleasant going for a fair distance. I've never been, but it sounds good.	Damian
Sat - Sun	04/05-05-2024	Top Sink - Pippikin	Medium – Hard, depending on how much you do	An ambitious project, brought to you courtesy of Scott. The idea is to check out Pippikin and do some pre-rigging in Link on Sat, then attempt the full through trip on Sun. Apparently there's no obligation to do the full through trip as there are various escape options along the way. So you could just go along to support Scott on your favourite section(s).	Scott
Wed	08-05-2024	Heron Pot	Medium	Always a Wed evening favourite. Shortish trip with a couple of relatively easy pitches or a harder parallel pitch with associated high-level traverse. Can be done as a through-trip as long as the bottom entrance isn't flooded.	Sophie
Wed	15-05-2024	Roger Kirk	None	Maz promises a tour of some of the caves of Ribbleshead, including Roger Kirk. He also promises a pint in the Station after! No pitches and nothing too serious. May be a bit wet.	Maz
Sat	18-05-2024	Robinsons Pot	None/Easy (2 short pitches can be laddered)	"A short and simple trip with a splendid main streamway, in the most unusual location." A few climbs and a bit of crawling leads to a fine, well-decorated streamway.	Damian
Wed	22-05-2024	Bull Pot (Kingsdale)	Hard	Great SRT trip. The first 3 pitches are easy enough. Various options for the 3 rd pitch. The plan is to get to the bottom, weather permitting. Pitches 4 & 5 are a bit more serious.	Matt
Sat	25-05-2024	Gaping Gill	Medium – Hard, depending on trip(s)	The Bradford winch meet. Let's take advantage of the various entrances being pre-rigged. A chance to do one or more classic through trips without carrying tackle. Dihedral anyone?	Ray
Wed	29-05-2024	Scanty Lardos	Medium	Quite a drive for an evening trip, but the entrance is by the roadside. A great little cave, but definitely needs dry weather. An entrance climb and a slightly awkward pitch lead to the interesting Ann Summers Passage, followed by a bit of traversing and 2 very nice pitches.	Tom

