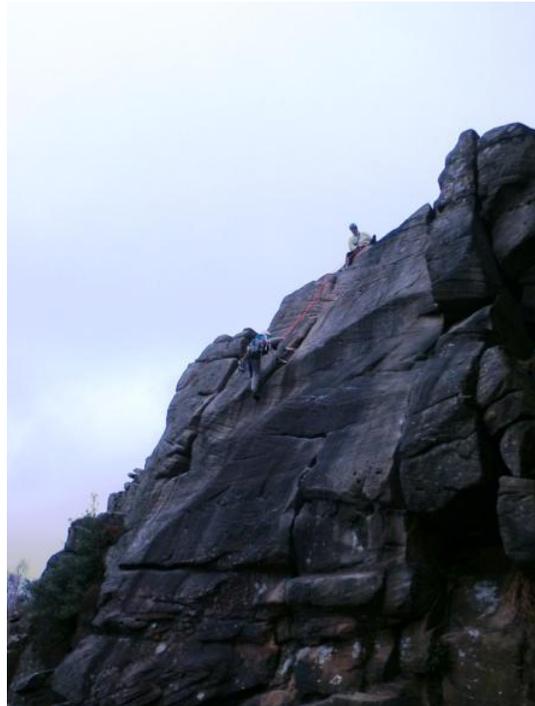


Climbing Meet – Froggatt, March 2014

I am glad to say the first climbing meet of the year went really well, long may it continue! The weather was not as pleasant as forecast, being pretty cool with strong winds throughout the day, which made slabs a worrying prospect.

Despite this 14 (including Jack), made it out, I have not managed to speak to everyone that attended, but a conservative estimate would have at least 20 different climbs were done, ranging from Diff. to E4, so a really active day.



It was good to see Roman and family out, I didn't have a chance to meet his friend (I was fighting my way up The Big Crack when they walked by), but hopefully I will see them next time.

Also good to see young Jack out with Andy, last I saw he was making short work of Sickle Buttress, good to see the future of the club will be in good hands!

Mike Lea managed to escape the added responsibility of a new baby girl and climb Oedipus Direct E4 6a, after doing the 6b traverse, safe to say his lay off has done no harm to his form. Smooth and confident as always, it was a joy to watch and thankfully, I was not called upon to be his soft landing.

Also noteworthy was Paul's ascent of Brown's Eliminate Direct Start E3 5c, following and just short of the halfway ledge, I had to dyno to catch it before my feet blew, so good effort.

Dave Bankart did a smooth ascent of Sunset Slab, impressing onlookers with his confident manner.

Helen and Ed made a quick visit after their morning run, ran up Heather Wall, then went home for tea and cake!

Thanks to all that attended, from my perspective it was an exciting start to the year and great to see so many people out and pushing their standards.

Hopefully, we will have as many out next time. Dean, Froggatt was quarried, so technically you should have been there, maybe next time?

Jon Shields

