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This may be Eastwater but
log book.

Post-It Note attached:
Not Mud Sump Passage
1962 - 1968

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PLEASE ENTER FEES IN.
SEPARATE BOOK
PROVIDED



20 10 62

Arrived to find the hut
beant fully clean - unfortunately
the stream was dry. Hope to
leave the hut & the stream
the same way.

Mike Robin Woods.

Party of 4 down Eastwater to
Cross Roads dig. Still signs that
the cave is active in little avens
falling. Route markers still very clear

Mike Woods.

I marks and 3 guests arrived 25th
Oct and spent one night. This was a party
from Imperial College Caving Club,
committee reconnoitring for a proposed ~~long~~
expedition next weekend. Repaired to August
and Longwood in pouring rain for a thorough

working on Friday.

I. G. Lemon.
A. H. Waltham
A. Kenner
P. Gregory

Nov 3/4.

D. Waltham

Ellan Succi - Barbara Bickland
Phil Davies - Pat Davies + 2.

Stayed overnight, - work beginning
most satisfactorily at Cow Hob.

Stoke has now cancelled owing
to weather.

Hot Pies to Hilgrave.

17th/18th Nov. P. Davies & family arrived mid-day,
after viewing exposure sites at Plymouth.
Very tempted to purchase a stoneman
at Royal William Yard who was engaged
in cutting the foot of 540 stones
perfect queen size.

P.D. joined O.C.L., Nick Hest, Paul Dube
and 3 other O.B.S.S. tykes on a visit
to Viceroy's passage with two tasks
planned both accomplished!

- i) Drain the near sumb in the
midday squeeze dig. about 3 hrs
work, now possible to get
through relatively comfortably
from either end.
- ii) Inlet coal belt at near side of
Viceroy pot, there must be
at least a dozen such "ids"
in Sulphur by now, most
provided by O.C.L.

Left mid-day Sunday with 2" of snow on the
ground and a bitter wind blowing.

24/25 ?Dawn as P.D. Dube in boats overnight,
stay warm & dry, less back/tay back each
enacted P.D. will Nick Hest & Steve 3

Wynne-Roberts made the round trip via P.R., Double Track & Viccage passageway & Lump 5. On the way we looked out the new Siderit extension beyond Krellis Chlorite & were most impressed by its difficulty generally, if for one didn't force the climb up to the S.E. Inlet Ledges (Papoge-Poke Pitch) looks horrid.

Many possible digs still in the part of Swildens, O.C.L party freezing dark via birthday squeezes for V.P. to D.T. & beyond Viccage pot. R.D.

Allen Howell, D. Webster etc ate chopping at Paw Hole, overnight stay at the hot, very wet and windy not suitable for camping

P.D.

Camped 11 pm 15° but very tidy
Not much sleep. Went down Eastwater.
Dolphin put a tree verticals. Left 7:30.
Dec 15th Hove as we found it (We hove)

Dec 16th. A.S.C.B.B. overnight. Stayed, intend taking few
detours at Cow Hole before the want of the weather
sets in.

29-12-62

Having struggled through blizzards and
drifts we finally reached ~~Eastwater~~ hut -
none dead than alive! However our spirits
were high and several rounds at
"Hunters" put us right. There were six
of us but John Cookel departed on
Monday for Sweden on foot! The
rest of us stayed until Wednesday,

a day later than arranged, when we decided we would attempt getting ~~C. Bristol~~ first. (I do hope we can stay in goal!!) Neil, Julie and Tadek bravely descended into Eastwater Cave on Tuesday evening and tackled it quickly + neatly. By the way I am supposed to say we are a party from I.C.C.C. In case you don't know what it is look on page one. Any minute now we are setting off — we may never get there! It is freezing and we have left the hut in "butiful" condition.

P.S. According to A.A. all roads from Priddy are blocked + ~~also~~ also all west country roads.

Eugenie Stickland

Julie Wilson

Tadek Borowski
Eastwater

N. Klemm

23.2.63

P.D. Called to provide carbon gas lighting
spares, was washing up bowl, spooner &
dish cloth also "banana" broom handle
to replace head, probably return it
sometime on Sat Sunday with luck.

22-24/2/63 Small Cambridge Party, bottomed Eastwater
Twin Verticals & Dolphin Pot. Failed to pass Primrose Squeeze.
Not good as weather bad.

24.2.63

P.D. Collected faces & placed them in
Hillgrave box - Retained one brush &
removed all blankets & followed to
Hillgrave for airing & start taking.

2/3-March 63. P.D. (at D. D.W. A.S. B.B. D.Willm. & B. Willm.

Saturday afternoon small party at degan Eastern Mendip. Still
Slight promise. The evening was occupied with a film show
a Friday Hall & afterwards at the Hunters. Sunday was
spent quietly, discussion etc. A new gas cylinder was
installed. Fair amount of snow in E.W. Valley, fresh Breeze.
Sunny, Mild.

9.3.63.

Tarpaulin ripped away from roof above the window by the stove.

Tony ~~the~~ Philpotts and guests enjoying a howling gale, I guess we won't be short of water. A visitor on the Milligrove who could bring immediate help. Thanks! We also noted a broken light shade mantle - mantle replaced from one spare in hut (no shades at Milligrove) week end survived without blankets, maybe the previous cold has made everyone Hardy.

Each ended in far left corner on sea right. ap.
16/17 March '63.

D.W.B.B.A.S. More work at Dg on Eastern Mendip
Some 12 ft in side passage gained. (with P.D. assistance.)
Continual rain all Sunday. Left for H.G. median.

March 31st. to April 3rd.

Chris Harvey and three guests, J.M. Cowling, R.J. Thomas & R.B. Rogers arrived with a mountain of kit on the Sunday night to find the hut very clean & tidy. C.J.M. was

staying in the hut, and the other three camping outside.
On Monday we visited Eastwater down to Rift Chambers.
We tried to find Hallelujah Hole from the bottom end and
failed. Next time we will do the round trip. On Monday
evening, two of us inspected a soggy Upper Silurian by
avoiding the water by going down the long dry and up through
the Lower & Upper Oxfords. An entertaining speedy trip.

On Tuesday we bottomed Hunter's Hole. To add to our
anger, we heard "Mud, mud, glorious mud" on the radio
on our return! Hunter's H seems a lot muddier, though
not much looser than usual. Laddered as two pitches (15' + 40')
it becomes quite easy.

I. J. Malvey

Rodney Hayes

April 6/7.

P & P.D. D.W. & B. A.S. & B. Spent Night after
film show at the Globe, for which there was good attendance.
Sunday spent leisurely, late start. Weather, dry, cold,
suney, & very windy.

Easter '63 Hawkes family arrived Sat p.m. in
the rain. Sunday - C.J.H. enlisted slave labour
for digging at Totty Pot - Maurice Henry's, Ray Oldham
& Anne & some others of the Fairlawn group who
defected. A fair amount of digging done. Further
~~pieces~~ middle of skull found, & bones of bo's & numerous
smaller animals, pig, badger, cat, bat. Prospects of
entering cave seem fair.

Monday. Further digging & more bones found. We appear
to be at the top of a bell shaped chamber
with quite a few formations. Pleasant warm
day for surface workers.

April 27/1881 Work and working at Cow Hole,
against all ground about throughout the
winter, entering small chambers in
a different & higher strata.
Sunday spent in calculating gains
preparing for future working days,
In fact the main chamber was briefly
entered. This exploration was

impossible owing to instability of Kegueze
into the head of the main pitch. P.D.

4/5th May Work continuing at Cow Hole
stabilizing pitch approach, a big
job. Almondwall

11/12 May Overcast stay for the Cow
Dive, Gap A.G.M. or dinner, no
caving accomplished.

18/19 May Working party for Cow Hole. A.S. B.B. stayed
17th joined by DW and R. Lekha (guest) at 6 am.
Full party worked all day at Cow Hole, adjourning
in evening to Priddy Hall for very fine talk by
Dave Lewis on his Trans African Expedition.

DW R.L. P.D & P.D stayed Saturday night
departing at 9.30 am for further work on Cow Hole.
The Hon. Sec surprised everyone (including himself)
by ~~not~~ producing tea in body and late breakfast
in bed, for the rest of the party. DW

NOTE - D.W. forgot to enter important
hus-capacity competition on 18 May.
Various persons from Belfry, Hillgrove &
other institutions proved fastwater of ample
size to accommodate 22 - preferably not for long!

24/25 May Willis & Willis. Short visit. Arrived
11.40 pm Saturday, departed 10.40 am
Sunday.

31st May Arrived 8pm to find hut in far
better condition (internally) than when
last visited. Went to bed very late having
waited for friends who did not turn up!
1st June. Spent a pleasant day working at
Cow Hole! Never before have the
diggers been blessed with such fine weather - it
was almost a crime to go below the surface.
We succeeded in blocking the top of the

main chamber, and then opening up a new way down! Many unstable boulders still remain but these, we hope, will be removed tomorrow. Ian Bunkle arrived & was introduced to the cave. He was, surprisingly, greatly impressed and wants to come again sometime!

2nd June. But for some reason (as yet unknown) who holds the Hilgrane tackle key, the bottom of the main chamber in Cow Hole would have been reached.

Momentous progress was made, a second hole to the top of the pitch appearing. A rawlbolt was attached for hanging ladders and one spanner and one crowbar were (accidentally!) consigned to the depths. More shoring was added and that already existing was altered and added to. Another gloriously hot day! Ian left.

3rd. June Today seven people reached the bottom of the main chamber in Cow Hole! The spanner and crowbar were recovered and a faewer tobacco-pipe found as was a well preserved Cow Horn! I was the first to descend the ladder through the hole, but Alan Ach was the first to reach the bottom. I proceeded to the head of the second pitch via a passage through a reasonably stable boulder nuckle which should be a geologists paradise - there are fossils in profusion and quite a number of isolated formations. The second pitch was laddened but I then had unfortunately to leave due to lack of spare time. Returned to the hut and left at approx. 6pm after cleaning up generally,

John Church

22/6/63 A.J.S. B.B. for Cow Nek most of W/E.
two trigs, to bottom, over 12 persons in all, cake now
available. See. Q.D. for key; & appointed leaders.

29/30. Mike + Robin Woods + Harry Clarke + Wendy Raffie
+ a party of 6 miscellaneous Youth Club members
& friends. 4 Slept in Hut, the rest in tents. It
absolutely poured down, all Saturday + most of
Sunday.

[sic - word]
Saturday. Party of 8 went down Goat's Church +
Rock Pot. Sunday - same route went down Swildon.
Very wet - considerable light trouble. Finally
perceived + were warned by Werner Tiger Team
who were also having light trouble.

13/7/63. Christopher Mulvey + various companions camping inside and
outside the hut for the wk. Hut muddy and weather filthy as
arrived; we will change the former and hope for an improvement
in the latter. Eastwicks bottomed on the Saturday by two parties,
one adding and the other detaching. Swildon visited in
the evening.

Hunter's Hole and a surprisingly dry Swildons visited on the Sunday. Weather still disgustingly windy. C.J.M.

21st July. Drowsy and fairly stayed over night after the Hilgum working week and when a preposterous amount of work was done by a large party. Fish & chips followed by a slide show & a visit to Hunter's rounded off a pleasant evening.
Back to Hilgum for further work 11.00 am Sunday morning, fine, sunny & hot for a change with a pleasant cool breeze; most unusual for March weather.

Please take your rubbish away with you
Or make sure that it is all buried in the adjoining skip-hole, preferably the former.
C.J.M take note!

N.B.

27th-31st July.

5 members of South Town (Clyton College) spent 4 nights at the hut, in glorious weather.

On the 28th we had a most enjoyable trip in Eastwater (via two verticals) and had planned to cycle over to August the next day.

However the weather was generally agreed to be much too good for caving, so we spent the afternoon swimming at Worby instead.

On the 30th we went over to Swildon's to find no water at all going down the entrance, and hardly any over the 40'. Fast progress was made to the mud sump and some distance beyond (not v. well known to us). We met few other cavers [it was a Tuesday] which was a refreshing change from conditions on term-time Sundays; and we returned to the sunshine about 3½ hrs. after going down.

We found the hut in excellent condition, but we had to change the calor cylinder which was ~~very~~ nearly empty. Accommodation somewhat limited for five — we might have bought tents if we had known the weather would be so good.

[Regret one cup broken — replacement money provided]

E.W.J.H.

August Bank Holiday. Work started in earnest at Throupe swallet, and old roof of hut removed on Saturday amidst heavy rain, typical of the August B/H. Clearance work at Throupe completed which erected, and new hut roof timbers installed by evening when the weather improved.

By Sunday however it was raining heavily again and the unprotected roof looked a sorry sight, day spent at Throupe stabilising entrance to the dig and regaining most of the ground previously dug by George Wintig and Norman Tuck. By late evening the roof had dried sufficiently to put roofing felt on, on Monday proved to be dry & fine, further work at both Throupe & totally put ~~up~~ by Chris Hawkes & Tony Oldham, at the latter, at Throupe most of the

time was spent improving the access to
the lower parts of the dig by removing
check stones etc - a start made
at interior decorating the hut roof etc.

Tuesday. Further work on
the hut putting the finishing touches
externally to the rear end, leaving the
front suitable for adding extension pending
the "go ahead" by the new land lord
a Mr Snooks of Dolegate. No time
for finishing off the interior, a
little short of materials too
Partly included: Alan Surall,
Barbara Brislard, Dennis Webster, Chris Hartas
& family, P. Dennis & family, with help
from various other individuals throughout the
holiday.

P. Dennis

13-14 Aug. 2 gloriously lazy days in showery, though warm weather. Walks over nine Barrows, Cheddar & Black Down appreciated by whole family - especially dog! Came to conclusion family had cooler afternoon on 14th walking over tip of Cheddar than self digging with W. Stanton & J.D. Howell in Gough's. Wife much impressed by cleanliness of hut.

R.W. Bennett

17/18 Aug. Very wet Sunday to the week end, but cleared for the Buriton Bebeau with its very enjoyable Sunday, Good Party at 'The Angel' and a massive progress made. The remaining members of the party started painting the Hut interior, hence the yellow paint now on the edge of the log book.

22nd/23rd Aug. Noted on arrival that there was a leak in the gas system between the end of the tubing and the nut attaching it to the cylinder head. This we sealed off with candle grease, and it seems to have worked. Also, only gas mantle

completely missing (feminine help in painting hut interior?) and the other broken. Both replaced from spares. One broke immediately on lighting although the match did not touch the mantle.

On Thursday we bottomed Eastwater and had to retire quickly when we ran out of water and found that the water container had fallen out of our bag at the bottom of the case. The whole trip to the Terminal lift and back took only 1 hr 40 mins and we were glad to be out.

Spent Friday walking and reading but no canoeing. Left in the evening.

c. mulvey

24/25 Aug. 63. Arrived Sat dinner time weather glorious. Spent day installing tool box at Hillgrange, visited H. Maxwell, 2 M. Thomas. Sunday (Monsoon) 2 Gangs at Thrupe & nothing much else.

31/Aug/1 Sept 63. Party for club dig at Thrupe in the usual foul weather that has characterized the summer. Surveyor "Unknown" Sat p.m. and then to Harbor. Party at C/W Clubhouse. A. Swarrell, P. Bridgman, F. J. Davis. Fair progress at dig, helped by many other members.

ADP

4/1/51 Sept Friday night P.N.P.O. for Dan
Cover produced many white faces in
Church on Saturday morning in pretty
for his wedding, however equal numbers
S.H.C.C. & W.C.C. (sitting on opposite sides
of the aisle) witnessed the ceremony then
attended the reception in Walls.

Saturday afternoon saw the
Club Easterly trip set off at about
4:00 pm, five to the twin vertical
route & six to Prince's Pt. The
T.V. party found themselves short of tackle &
anchored themselves instead in the Dolphin
Pt area - the P.P. party emerged
10 hours later having got 4 persons
to the bottom, all the usual comments
about the square were expressed; It
doesn't get any easier flats for certain.
But a three hour short bit of
the evening decorating the hut, leaving

only a little more framework to be completed.
Sunday a leisurely day, fine &
warm, left office 4:30 pm.

P.M. Davis

21st/22 D.W. & P.S. continuing dig at Thake,
much - soil removed, several hangs
Two visitors from Birmingham were
walked back; will they come again?

P.D. To Swindon with Rodney Hobbs
& Clis Hobbs to ladder - (150' off) to
SE Inlet area for Willio Stanton.
Jim Giles & Nick Hart to Survey. Tuckling
job took about 7 hours, the party were
the first to do the round trip. Willio's
party emerged at 5:00 am not having
completed the survey by 2:00.

B.B. to G.B. for 16 Cds. sheet on Saturday
after digging at Thake

P. Davis

28th Sept. P.M. Davies plus 2 arrived late
to wait for Phillips to emerge from
Bloch Hole. N. Hart, T. Reynolds &
P.D. turned up, tested a bubble, about
midnight after 28 hrs underground.
Sufficiently refreshed Nick & I
returned to H/G.

P.M. Davies -

During week 21-29 Sept A.J.S. & D.B. spent Monday
Walking over the hewedillon area - Great weather.
I noted with admiration the new Hut Erected
Sunday, Friday 27th was spent digging at Gough's
with R. Hobbs & W. Stenton. Shovel dig in rain
but dry soil, very pleasant. The two days 28/29th left
were again spent at Thrupe' with a good party
& lots of antlers, a lot amount of material was lifted
out, & the dig progresses well

5th October. Called in to deliver new
Fees Book for Club Year 1963/64.

Gwthie

5th Oct. P. Davies & P.M. Davies a/c.
Alec Rogers lecture -
Antarctica. Were fed by
crew of Rose Scouts from
Coventry - It was edible !!.
Lodge B committee meeting 9.45.
P.M. Davies

5/10 Oct. D.W arrived with party of Rover Scouts
from Coventry. Balch Cave trip in afternoon, much
drier in cave than on surface. Lecture on Antarctica
by Dr. Rogers was very much appreciated by all.
Eastwater Trip Sunday led by R. Fellow with great
success. W/F enjoyed by all.

The Rover Crew do not appreciate the exclamation
marks in the previous note!

D. Warburton.

19/20th

Hut fell on the occasion of the Club Annual Function, no further relevant comment.

P.D.

21st Oct.

B. Grammar School to Dolphin PS and Twin Verticals. Cave was a bit crowded (4 parties + ourselves) but otherwise a very enjoyable trip. Cave itself quite dry.

Participants G. Ferris, P. Webb, T. Kerr, J. Knight, R. Gunnison, D. Gough.

1964

DR

4/5th Jan

R. Davies & etc overnight at the hut, joined Club last at G.P. on Saturday and helped Beechen Cliff S.S. at their Fleck Farm dig on Sunday.

P.D.

N.B.

Please do not leave any food in hut after your visit and either take your rubbish with you or burn it all carefully in adjoining smoke hole.

24/25th Over night stay for Sunday Committee meeting. Club meeting at G.B. on Saturday very favourably & pleasant.

The Committee meeting was re-opened at Middle Haydon Farm, suggested now HQ. for the Club - (4 rooms downstairs

No. of Rooms	No. Water	No. Drains	No. Road	Situation	FOR				
					4 1st Floor	3 2nd Floor	4 Outhouses	½ Acre of Ground	Price £1000 ± £200
AGA.NG.									

(D)

7/8th Feb. Much activity on Herdip mainly centred around Swindens, at least 6 posts in the cane below 40'.

Here digging in Shatter, a little clearance work before a triple bang in 2'6" shot holes, did not wait for the former to clear. A 5 hour trip.

(D)

22/23 Feb.

B. Grammar School to Beechen Series.

Passed 10 Mancunians on the way out, they were complete with "goon" suits for a Twin V's trip!! Lazy Sunday after sharing time with 5 others charging for Eastwater. Walked road to Swindon, Piddington etc., to watch the streams rise in the torrential rain.

Participants - J. Knight, A.P.J. Webb, G.M. Morris + R.I. Walker to Beechen Series.

g.m.j.

23 24/2 - 1.3.64

6 C.S.S members, part of a party of 21 visiting G.B. On Sunday two members did a circuit in Swindon via Double Trouble / Sun & I. Nots!

H

7th MAR John Cornell, Phil Romford, Phil Davies to Cuthbert to look at few of the newer discards in the course of a tourist trip. Paid a second visit to the sea, discarded by N. Hest & Bob Gammie & P. Davies

earlier in the year. P. fugax R. W. & S. Noct. C. C. C.
digging in the camp few skeletons approx
6' off ground have been lost, therefore
Silt signs up during the winter, presumably
when mounted men go around to make a road still

EL MAB, a SHATTERED camp Sunday, 13 May,

14/15 Mar. Fence at House repaired, and a most
interesting evening spent at the close in 'Volcanos'.

Committee meeting on Sunday.

A.J.S. B.B., B.H. PeP.D.

27-30 March. Found hut occupied by a large field
mouse, which had made a vast nest of
mattress stuffing. Two days spent digging at
Totty Pot, with Jim Reynolds, Tim Atkinson, W.H.
Edwards or Farnham boys. Further skeletal remains
found - no major advances. V. cold but despite
this queues of cars 2 miles long on
Sunday waiting to go up Heddon gorge.

Hawkes & Finch

7 to 10th April

B. Grammar School party, chased out the above mentioned Field Mouse again & had a quiet evening trip round Snidland Upper. Wednesday open examining Tumuli & Long Barrow, noted that Westbury Hill Shutter is filled in & abandoned. Thursday - trip round Eastwater Upper & Dolphin Pot, followed by walk round Pen Hill. Friday - kit up to Hillyope, then Snidland IV & Shutter Passage. hope to help at Thrapston Saturday. Weather great - sunshine all Tues. & Wed., tho' still snow behind walls on the tops.

G.W.

11th - 12th April.

First digging session of the 1964 season provided satisfactory results. New downward progress (4') and considerable amount of clearing up and tamping accomplished. Bristol Grammar School were prominent amongst the helpers. We also included Bill Edwards, a load of timber was donated by Ubley Saw Mills & will prove a valuable future source of materials. Cow Hole was

handled with the basement lock down the morning, and a survey of Hobestown Barn at Townsend was conducted for planning debt by Rod Hollis.

P.P. & AS

P.S. Finisher Project - No mail on Sunday when 9 members were available, and the weather was just awful last Sat.

26.4.64 Saturday digging at Thorpe good progress made. 14 cut members present. Sat. evening meeting at the Museum - discussion or purchase of new headquarters Sunday committee meeting.

PD, PD, BB, AS, B.W.

2/3d May Overnight stay at the hut, attended C.R.G. meetings in Wells on Saturday afternoon.

PD & P.M.P.

9th May

R. Lyke, I. Kerr, M. Watson, & Watson,
spent the day here - A quick Soldiers → Survey II
at 8.30 a.m. on Sunday, and festering
in the sun the rest of the day. One of us
developed an allergy to Neptene. Is this a
Record?.

29/50th May

A.I.S. B&B P. & P.D. Very Good session at Throop, a
small drought was encountered, more study was needed in
the Shafferton. Weather pretty horrid. Departed Sunday
morning for a short course in water diversion by D. Graves, Tomorrows
rain was forecasted.

13/14th June

ASCB line survey at Thrapston
Sat morning. Assisted at Tally Sat PM.
Surface reconnaissance of Thrapston
area Sunday.

July 4/5. A.B., B.B., D.N., P. & P.D. etc.

Spent Saturday obtaining tools, suitable for glazing
dig., pleasant evening with other W.C.C. types at Isle of W.
Sunday spent at Committee meeting.

July 11th/12th P.D. & P.M.D. overnight To find
another hut in course of erection nearby,
belonging to East ^{Hendip?} Benfleet C.C.? and
two tents from another party! Getting
quite crowded hereabouts. Spent the last
part of Sunday commencing a dig at the
Axbridge rising, progress limited, but good
possibilities thought to exist by some.

July 18th Spent day at Tiverton collecting
heavy material (3-4 cwt steel) from a
nearby quarry for use in the dig.
Down cutting of the stream passage was
effectively prevented by a braced metal grill
upstream of the dig.

July 19th Wat. start, Tackle prepared for
next week end. Catching traps. Also good
size party at though fair progress in stream passage.

July 21st: A.B.S. worked with W. Stanton at Gough's 150
Buckets removed. Passage now dividing. The R. bank is
being worked at the moment.

J.T. 22. A.B.S. assisted W. Stanton with the dredger
Gorge Survey some 21 bags totalling 2000ft were
achieved.

July 23. A.B.S. departed for Stepchange 10.15 Am. after
a hot sunny train ride on Monday.

August Bank Holiday

Time divided between Trope dig and bank
Bottom excavation, good progress at
each, no spectacular break through, large
number of horses at Hillgate & can bring out.
Various sites over Scotland on the finest ~~unexcavated~~
Bank holiday on record. Work at
Totlie Pot, Bridgewater archaeological dig &

Sidcot Passage dig - Sibbons left mostly
overhead, busy working all the week-end.

P.D.

More trouble at Lambbar Lee because carried
off the cover to entrance. Caves? or Wages?

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Aug 11-14 Tim Howell, his son & son, Willa Stanton on考古dig yet
again! With exception of letter, more field work for Cave Registry at
Sleights Farm area.
P.W.B.

Aug 14-15 A&BS. Two day, at Thruse, Saturday an
Sunday. Aug. 14th Fall, & sunny but partly cloudy.
Air space following dig, April, could be descended in
8-10 ft., then out but by Bath graph Com-
piled - ok.

Aug 19th - 22nd. Christopher Melville & Jeremy Cowling: four days spent
in gentle caring activity. This included chasing the Barnes hoop
pole upstream to help on a climb up into the streamway rift, where
a sock greeted us at roof level. This relic (archaeological value?)

was left in position, and the pole struggled back to Barnes Loop.

Noted that ladder no longer needed on the 20: other trips to Eastwater and Balch's.

CIM

20th Sept 64. Phil Davies & Tim Gies, the former for the 101st time. He ladder for the 1st went to Metcalf's Pot area of Eastwater. The place hadn't changed much in 5 years, nobody seems to have "fooled" the dig.

An hour scrabbling stone fill from the final rift made enough room to turn round to enable a six stick charge to be packed into a convenient crack, to with the aim of further increasing the amount of working space at the end.

The former beat us back into the boulder rubble stewing that the draught still persists (hopeful) even when there is no water flowing in the 380' way. - Stumples gone from the pot, but the amount of debris in the floor ^{now} makes them superfluous. - A good Sunday morning exercise. - P.D.

¹⁹⁶⁴
23rd October. Dr & S will be stayed night.

Calor gas cylinder empty so removed
Same to Hillgrove & will bring back new
one.

¹⁹⁶⁴
24 Oct P. & P. Davies stayed night on
occasion of funeral Dr. inc.

1st Nov 64/2nd.

3 fm. Bristol gamma School. DPL Br-
Morton Pot & Cuckoo Clever Sun. Monday walking
grat.

7 Nov Called fire Fire and posted warning
on notice board.

R Wooller

6 Nov. 7/8 64

3 ST. cc. fitting in Sidest Passage Saturday, going on
down Sunday, back around at 6thor.

D. Tiffen

Nov 21-22 Intended a quick trip in Swift-Bins but place crowded out so P.D., N.H., R.P. & D.W. did rapid bouldering trip in Eastwater (Morton's Pot) followed by a good trip to the bottom, including a look at the Beecher series which is as vile as ever.

Went down again on Sunday, taking Sarah Davies, (aged 5) with us through the rockle. This was considered necessary as ~~she~~ her brother (aged 3 $\frac{1}{2}$) had already beaten her to it!

Decided that if we were ever to do any useful work at the bottom we should have to make access easier, so we plastered a large charge on the side of the rift, passed the tit & retired in some haste. A most pleasant return to caning. Fees to Hellgrave.

D Warburton

6-12-64. Rbulg. introduced 3 beginners to the delights of caning. Spent weekend perambulating around the Burlington caves.

Rbulg.

19. XII. 64.

J. Cuttridge & Kilburn Poly S.S. descended Eastgate
& initiating five visits. Enjoyable trip - cave
do.

Blawhite

One member directed useful
workable pedal site.

20 XII 64

Tourist trip down Soildons.
Cave dog (?)
Rage

We would like to wish a very
cheerful new year to all our readers.

9/1/65. J. Webuton, A. & B. Somell, P. & B. Davis - arrived
later Saturday afternoon to find the hut in a filthy
condition. Crockery, Pan, Cooking range etc, the floor was
covered with Mud, all tea towels were missing, the
lock on the door had been unscREWed, causing it
to be permanently open, & the tea towels were

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Missing. Whence Members are normally expected
to show more regard for the facilities provided by
the Club.

However the main purpose of this week end,
was to attend the 15th Night Party which
was a team dinner, very well attended &
enjoyed by all, at the time, if not the
a very morning.

Weather, mild, light rain on Sat evening, all
departed Sunday P.M.

P.D.

16/165. Swinton P.D. written by
Nick Hart - Subj to an away trip to
beds at 4 hrs trip, got me 2/3rd

7.2.65. I return visit by the 32nd Cos Scouts.
led on Swallows first day by Phil
Davies & Dennis Warburton, this was
the first trip down this cave and we
all agree the central heating could be improved
and the roof patched. One of the party
(R. Lallen) was taken on to Shatto Pot. On the
Sunday five of a party of 10 made a
quick trip into Eastwater as far as the 1st
vert. Quite an enjoyable weekend and our
thanks to Phil & Dennis. J.F.

- 20th A final trip to finish off - 16 Kadi Pot
survey on Saturday 3 hrs. - last visit 5.8.64
21st First of a series of trips to Survey Caves
Hole, commencing at entrance with
geo. compass by D.W. & A.S. —

20/21 Mar 1965 Mrs P Davies, D Warburton, R Lallen & H Faulkner on tourist trip to
Shatto Pot. The latter first caving trip - H has braces!

D Warburton

15th April

Mr & Mrs B. Cook arrived for stay over Easter accompanied by small son and two puppies (Sambo & Sally) Weather misty on arrival but sunny around 2pm

B80 road.

16th April

Ment to Willgore to get rifle cell charged up (1/- in the gas??) found charges incomplete so fetched my own from the box.

Outs Green One, Therton Hallatt, Wells and back again.

At around 1-30pm some lads from the South Dorset Speleo Group came along and I said that when we had been to Cheddar we would go over to Burrington and I would go down Anlins & Glastonbury with them.

Cheddar was picked, went to Burrow for

and S.D.S.C. down goatbeds (cow in filthy condition) went down Aveton's and inspected the dog (This cow also in filthy condition)

Started in the evening, back to Hillybone and found a stray dog. Took dog back to its owner at Coosecombe arrived late at 12 midnight, wife rather annoyed.

Weather changey day hailing down slight breeze.

Bideford 18-6-65

17th April

Out of bed around 8-30 am done nothing until 2-pm when South Devon Ringers arrived from Barnstaple to camp.

It was ~~over~~ over down with rain. We all visited Sandford Long & Pearl mines. Back about 8 pm started

10-30

Bideford 18-6-65

or " April

Met with South Dorset Speleos
to Abridge Ochre Caves as they
had to go home today and wanted to
do a pretty cave.

Broke 3-30 PM, Met to Hollyrook
returned tackle and left for home
at 7-15 PM.

B.B.C. 18.4.65

N.B. Hot, muggy conditions on arrival
left clean. Also ~~the~~ clothesline,
left for everyone's use.

May 8-9th

Huge to work though, shortage of help & raw
weather brought in early finish on Saturday.
Bette all around on Sunday, Monday generally, best
of W.S.C. this week (cont.)

P.P.B.

May. 22/23.

P.M Davies plus 2 and B & T Surrel &
D. Washington stayed overnight after
obtaining 25 ft of Thrupe & almost
carrying Denis in the process! Unfortunately
we were unable to meet Ken Pearce as
he went home after about 10 hours
of Monday Committee Meeting.
Sunday morn. Unusual Mendips trip!

PD.

What. 5/6/7. Due

T. Danie, D. Washington & B. Surrel spent the week end
working at Thrupe. With a cost of £8 on the Sunday a
small amount of fresh progress was made, & of previously
open tunnels enlarged, still considerable expense, ab
Continued, but due to the depth of difficult, an
even longer party is desirable. Monday spent
tidying up, laying in stores, all departed for
Plymouth Port in the evening.

July 3/4
I & Sonny woke at 7 am. Left at
8:30 Saturday, so got down with odd load's.
Cooking at Sonny's Lake, a sunbather.
Good fishing on Sunday about 10 ft gained
with view along further 15-20 ft.

17 - 18 July.

Derek Trigham, Fred Davies,
Fred Fisher + Charlie "The Face"
Malone arrived in time for the
Cuthbert trip - down the Cat gut
through the Gull's to The duck and
back via the Rabbit Barren + Cerberus.
The trip was much enjoyed by all -
all our thanks to Zet for a great
trip. Fred + Charlie's
Sack - to Clifta - Fred + Derek
stayed the night and made a

filthy mess. Fred, Bill Langley,
+ Dr Hinman arrived on Sunday
morning and did a quick
Eastwater - to the verticals + got
out with 20 mins to closing time,
and just made the Hunter.

Ia lost a watch and a
crab. near the entrance - any
finders please return to SACC,
Clifton Col- Bristol, 8.

YIPPEE
(John D)

21ST July

Exchanged empty color cylinder with half full one
from Hillgrave. J Chatterley and Jones as far as ^{Sump 1} ~~sump 1~~

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EW Jones

22nd July. Found bear nest under bear

23rd July Color cylinder from Hillgrove apparently
not half full = two empty color cylinders.

G.W.J.

G.W.J.

1st August.

A. & B. Sunwall, assisted by a small party, finished the
Tahoe opencast. Under bear, Water Conditions, a
Survey was made. Various details taken, of which
was then sealed off at 8' ft below the datum
point & filled with rock.

This Club activity had lasted 2 yrs & the
day a had provided many enjoyable hours. It
is hoped to have another dig for next
season!.

Upon arrival the Hut was found = a spotless
condition, & weather glorious.

Color Gas about $\frac{1}{2}$ full.

Fri 5th C. Malone A.F. Fisher, God Davis, arrived 3:30 to close missing key. Pleasant evening at Victoria. Derek (Hog) Tringham arrived 11:30 - early night.

Sat 6th

Up 7:15!!? Along to Hillgrov to collect & set Still Bins by 10:30 - 1st down! Quick trip to mud sump ($\frac{1}{2}$ full) and end of Shatter passage, where due to exposure from a drowning at the 40' we turned back before dying - Our undying thanks to the explosive members of the SVCC! - 6 hour trip - entrance to Hunter's in seven minutes flat?? Also visited the caver's bar at the Vic (the flat Fred bar)

Sun? - Hog has passed out so Fred continues.

Started late - 3pm - and had a quick look at Arbridge Ochre Mine. Bats, stal + fleas were much appreciated, also a fabulous no-ring ladder.

- Fred has passed out so Charlie "The Fine" continues - Roared along to Hillgrov in nil visibility mist and paint fees!!!

Charlie ~~open~~ and King of the Warps.

1966

JUN 15TH To D Warburton, 1-2 PM. Drove.
A. B. Surball had enjoyable evening at
Wessex 15th night party, and a not
so enjoyable morning afterwards.

JUN 25TH. D.A. Willis plus wife plus two
Australian guests spent pleasantly
warm night ~~in~~ on to sample the
Cheddar delights - Strawberries &
cream etc. on Sunday.

JULY 28/29TH. D.A. WILLIS & J. SLAVIN STAYED 2
NIGHTS. IT RAINED !!!!!

AUGUST, 7TH. D.A. WILLIS, M.E. MACLEAN & M. MACLEAN
(GUESTS) STAYED ONE NIGHT. IT RAINED !!!

August 8th - S.J. & S.P. It rained.

1966

Wed & Thurs

D.A. & Bill Willis stayed 2 nights.

August 17/18

Glorious weather - hot sunshine.

NEW CALOR GAS CYLINDER started.

(took ~~empty~~ empty back to Whiting).

Renewed supply of candles.

Re-glazed window (broken on previous visit).

August 20/21st

P.Davies, P.M. Davies, A. Surall

& Surall overnight at Hartwater
following Committee meeting, Saturday
evening or Citheroes rescue Saturday
afternoon. (Pegasus broke dislocated
shoulder in September Series) call out
2.30, calling out under his own
steam by 5.30.

b.) helped BESS Soc with dig
at Heale Farm (Easton Tedif) Saturday
evening for explosive charges should
provide plenty of rubble to be removed
& enable forward progress to be made
as well as improving working conditions.

Sunday spent talking of old times
over numerous cups of coffee &
discussing the more colorful
Medif. characters. PJ

August Bank Holiday Intermittent digging at
Fairness by H. Sorrell & Co. over
the weekend, Denis Wohstet made
another "comeback" too came
in one day! (Estuaries & Coasts)
Pine wet at hot site,
periodically soaking storage bin, lack
of nests, prevented completion.
David lent a hand at Nettle Hill
& Graham made a descent of
the shaft, as well as making his
debut as a Fairness digger.
Rain on Sunday spoiled an
otherwise fine 3 day weekend.

PJ

1966

10 Sep Willis & Willis - a one night stop after
traversing newly-opened Severn Bridge.
Very warm.

23 Sep Willis & Willis - another one night stop
to retrieve pyjamas left behind
last time! Very damp.

24th/25th Loft

Bald step

Dotted line is Harris' passage.

Old route through
Boulders

Direct route
into bedding
place to right
of Harris' passage

Plug of very
large boulders
in roof of
Harris' passage.

Tight descent through
Boulder plug, stones
can be dropped into
Harris' passage

WAR BUTTON'S BIRTHDAY

31
(YUK-YUK!!)

today!

Sat. 24 Sept P.D. R.W. D.W. to Dolphin to try opening old route. Bang more or less U/S.
Sun 25 Sept Above + I.J. tried again. Left the inspection for a later date in view of amount of bang used. Stones can be sent through into Harris' passage, so it is only a matter of time!

N.B. - Approach Harris' Passage with extreme caution after this weekend's banging. ~~All W.~~

Sat, Oct P.D. R.W. M.P. D.W. to Dolphin again
^(Rust!)
to inspect the ~~bad~~ results of the Birthday Blaster. It was almost completely blocked, but after a laborious hour shifting boulders we investigated the old route & the upper part of the chamber. The old dig at the top was passed, and we found that the boulders had either moved or been moved. A quick wriggle brought us into Harris' Passage, completely eliminating all the difficulties. A happy ten minutes followed, during which the passage was enlarged to Sunall size, accompanied by most satisfying reverberations.

Sun, 2 Oct A rapid round trip in Eastwater to celebrate the finishing of Dolphin passage. Party consisted of D.W., R.W. M.M., B.W. P.T. and the three ladies, Jean Chalker, Sally Merritt & Pat Smallwood. D.W. chased parties from Twin V's to Dolphin, back, forwards & sideways, going up & down innumerable ladders. 4½ hours, finishing the trip with about half the lights working.

A.C.H ? Dinner !!!

11th Dec 66

P.D., D.W., I. S., to Eastwater to day another change in 380' terminal dip. to uneven roof flake between dip and entry to Harbor Pot approach rift. Satisfactory road, cave unusually full of people and rather wetter than normal.

~~David~~ Have a good weekend

Shall we be seeing you? Jim

THANKS, JIM. SEE YER SOON. DAVE
(PARTY OF 14 STAYED ONE NIGHT.) DAD.

15th & 16th MARCH.

GOLDSMITHS COLLEGE.

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BURRINGTON on the Friday night - just
for fun (well, tell you the truth, no money to
get pissed on). Arrived late at 6.12 after a
wee time at Hunter. Rose, 8, Van (blamed)
impossible £, start. Red dog - set off at
11.30 up the end. Instruction in Hunter's
Hole to 6.00. Red Lion return 12.30
pissed off.

Rose 8.00. Diesel left 10.00.
Money to ~~Hall~~ gone

MIKE HURST. VICE-PRES.
CHRIS ROGERS.
DOS SOBER.
ALL SPENCER.
NAGGY HOLLAND.
GOYCE WILLIAMS.

19TH MAY 1968. + 18TH.

GODSITHS COC.

UNIV. OF CONDON.

Good to see place well used.
BURLINGROR [as bloody usual].
Free climbed logs 60'.
Weather not bad.

Passed up on Sat. Wish you were
here. Swallows Sun. = must be
potent.

Cold Amis, Dusky sweater, logs, time.
Flies. (9 in 'ak (mights that is?).)

1st 2nd & 3rd JONG (I THINK) 1968

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(WHIT)

GODSMITHS COLL.

PENINS TO quell for us this weekend.
But have gone up to Yorkstone, Wealden
fantastic on Sat so went climbing in hempton
All got seen but.

Sam. Hunter & Swallows (62, and all
upper sense) Had the place to see selfs.
Flat & excellent.

Don, Duke, Mr. Chip (aka Tom
(Pissed again) and Wild Bill.

all (well chis told me to eat that).

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"P.T.O." at bottom RH corner of RH page in red

2nd Sep. 1968. New cylinder of gas installed.

6TH SEPT. 1968 WATER CONTAINER WITH TAP (5 GALLONS)
LEFT FOR MEMBERS' USE AT EASTWATER. *DAD*.