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HILLGROVE

LOG BOOK

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LOG BOOK AND
HUT FEE RECORD

FEES

<u>NIGHTS</u>	<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>GUESTS</u>
ONE	2/-	2/-
TWO	3/-	5/-
THREE	4/-	7/-
FOUR	5/-	10/-
FIVE	6/-	12/-
SIX	7/-	15/-
SEVEN	8/-	17/-
EXTRA NIGHTS	1/- per each	2/- each

↑ See log
entry 29.1.56.

TACKLE FEES

1/- PER GUEST, PER TRIP.

MEMBERS ARE EXPECTED
TO PAY FOR PARAFFIN USED IN
THE ALADDIN OIL HEATER

Saturday - Sunday, August 6th / 7th 1955

Olivier Lloyd & Rhet Woolley to Cuckoo Cliffs.

Retracted tripod, which had crossed the road. As regards the dig, "two steps forward, one step back." Will be there again on the 12th D.V., w.p.

Franck Boat joined us on Sunday morning.

In the evening of Sunday Mike Grinner & Olivier Lloyd went to do an Upper Surber's. Some British types asked us to bring their tackle out for them. Apparently they had lost their way, panicked, dumped 3 ladders in the 2⁻ boulder chamber & rolled. We did the roof of the Wet Way first, & then collected their stuff for them. We were disgusted to see that someone had recently shot in the 1st boulder chamber.

M.R.W	(vis)	1 night	5/-
RL	4	"	5/-
AL	1	"	2/-
MG	8	"	8/-
+ 10 th (curbide)		=	21/10 th
			2

less 2/- for new log

less 5/- for timber.

(The R.H. gate post was dealt with - rest
behind old tackle shed

= 17/10 in box

Tuesday August 9th.

A. Fincham arrived.

10th Aug.

M. L. HOOPER

1 tin carbide	8d
1 filling "	1d
1 splint	1d
	<hr/>
	10d

10th August.

M. Hooper, A. Fincham & a visitor down Eastwater.
descended Dolphin pot a pitch but found
way or rather difficult owing to lack
of suitable hand & foot holds.

Thursday 11th August.

M. Hooper, A.F. & visitor down Easter Hole.

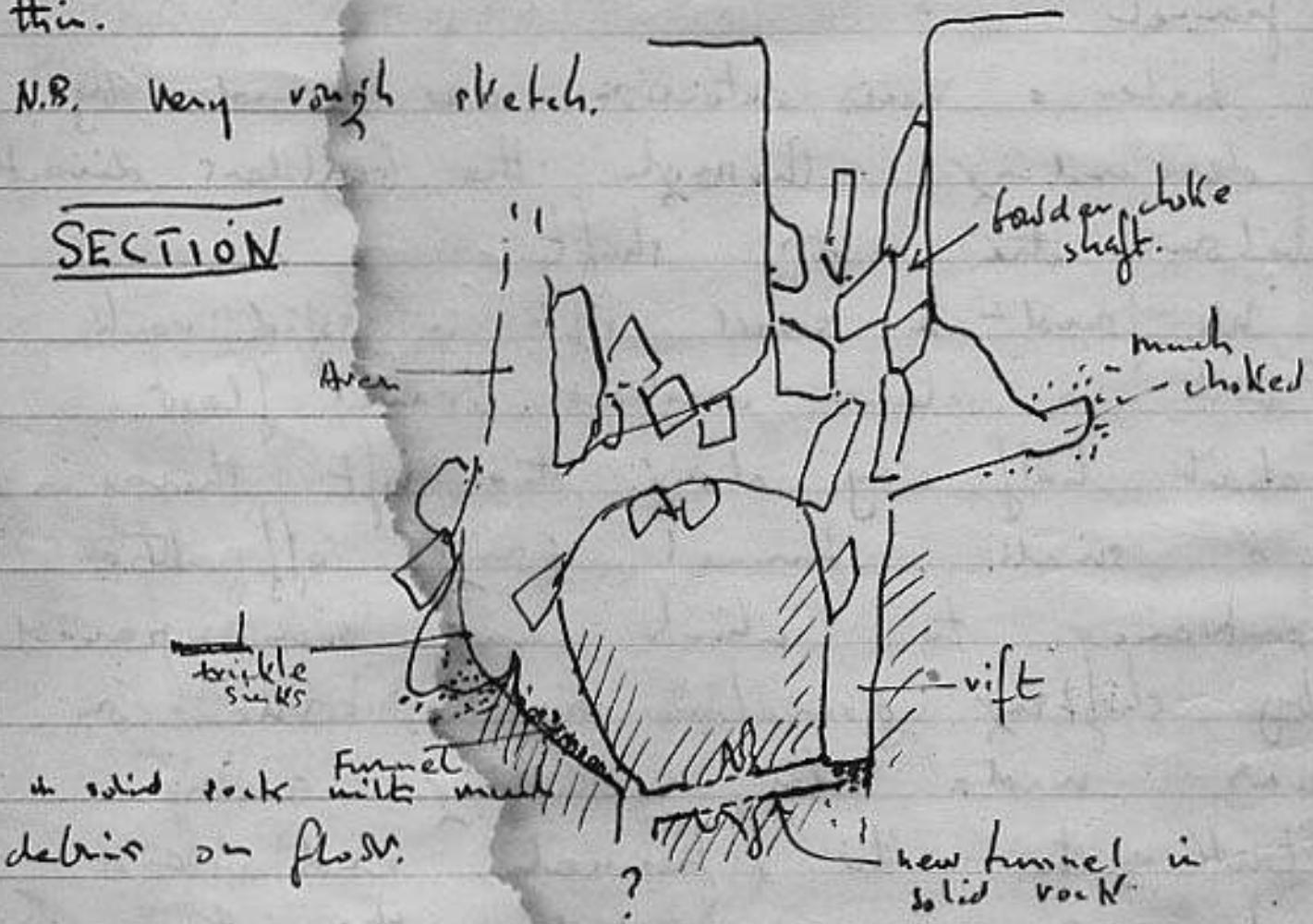
shifted 10 buckets of muck from terminal funnel.

Later a new extension was found by descending through the boulders directly below the top shaft.

We found a small rift in solid rock with a clean worked gravel floor. about half way along the rift there is a small tunnel going off the entrance to which was soon opened by shifting gravel. An air connection was made by sending a man back to the funnel end and it now seems that this tunnel is the upstream end of the rising passage which was seen through the choked hole in the bottom of the funnel (see back report) It should be possible to

force this tunnel fairly easily, and
a round trip may then be possible.
Diagrammatically Easter Hole is now like
this.

N.B. Very rough sketch.



This new section seems to indicate
that the drainage of the hole in
all direct cut to some point below
the funnel.

Alan Fincham

Friday. 12th August.

possible.

is now little

M. G. Lane & A.F. down Easter Hole.

New passage definitely looks interesting.
Very heavy toll on clothing.

~~Mark~~

F.

13th August

Bristol schoolboy party, A. Mason, etc., borrowed two
ropes 20' ladders, one 25' metal ladder, a tether
& an 80' lifeline. Promised to return at lunch on
Saturday 20th August.

D Ford & M. Grinner arrived late Hunter's time Friday
night. Saturday morning, with A. Fincham & M. Lane,
went on working in Tentecost Pot. Two large flakes removed
then progress barred by a large block, beyond which
pebbles rattled for a satisfying period. Returning in afternoon
with P. Davies the block was reduced & stowed away. The way on
led 12' approx to an 18' chimney, consisting of an airspace
in blocks piled against a cliff which forms a reasonably
solid wall. The floors consists of very loose, comparatively
small material with a variety of very nasty ways on
apparent.

M Grimmer	2 nights plus 1/2-owned club	3s 6d
D Ford	"	2 6d
P Davies	1 night + 1/2 carbide	1 7d
M Lane	2 nights	2s 6d
		<u>10 1</u>

Fees removed 14.8.55. by D Ford

14th August - Sunday.

M. Lane, D.C. Ford, M. Grimmer, P. Davies, A. Fincham descended Easter Hole with intent to force a farrat (P. Davies) through the newly discovered tunnel mentioned in report of 11th August. M. Grimmer was on a return "tourist" trip for R.F.'s dig in Tankard Pot. M.L., D.C.F., a "farrat" Davies went into the new drift to start farrating. A.F. went to the "fumal" end of the tunnel.

M. Grimmer looked round, decided it was the strongly vile place, & wisely retired. Phil made a stout effort to pass the tunnel but was unable to make it go. During these operations R.F. found it was possible

to dig a " at a point
len. probe
was very
hard & un-
parable.

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slide le-
a tight
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down a
vertical
with a long
stones thru
the gully
distance.
a narrow

plan.
too high
work in
through

to dig a way down in the bottom of the funnel
at a point where the loose muck was
less prone to slide into the hole, and
was very much surprised to find he
had opened a way down which seemed
passable. The rest of the party rapidly
joined him. A short jagged tight
slide led into a little narrow rift with
a tight muddy meander passage on
the l.h.s. and the slide continued
down a short way further to a little
vertical gully in the floor. After juggling
with a large block it was possible to drop
stones through a n.h.s. continuation of
the gully. These fell for a very satisfactory
distance. It was found that there is
a narrow shaft here of cruciform
plan. The way in to the top was
too tight at first but a little hammer
work enlarged it enough to let P. Davies
through with difficulty. Hammering in

the far side then much improved the squeeze.
I AF was able to follow phil to the bottom
of a 20' chimney. The chimney is easy
but has ~~much~~ loose stuff in the sides.
At the bottom in some loose materials
and a further slide down under the
entrance to the top of the shaft of c. 6'.
Here a repetition of the earlier structure
seems to take place and a small
sloping passage was seen choked
both ways. the down stream way is how-
ever fairly wide. It is a very awkward dig.
The muddy meander passage was investigated
by Prof Ford & seems to enter a sloping
passage of reasonable size, but a squeeze
has yet to be forced.

The new extension maintains the high standard
of bloodiness common to Farter Hole.

A suggested section will be found a page forward.
F.

13th August 1955 ocly. Mike Grimes, Ken Fincham, Tony Bullock
→ Robert Woolley to G.B. (Great Day).

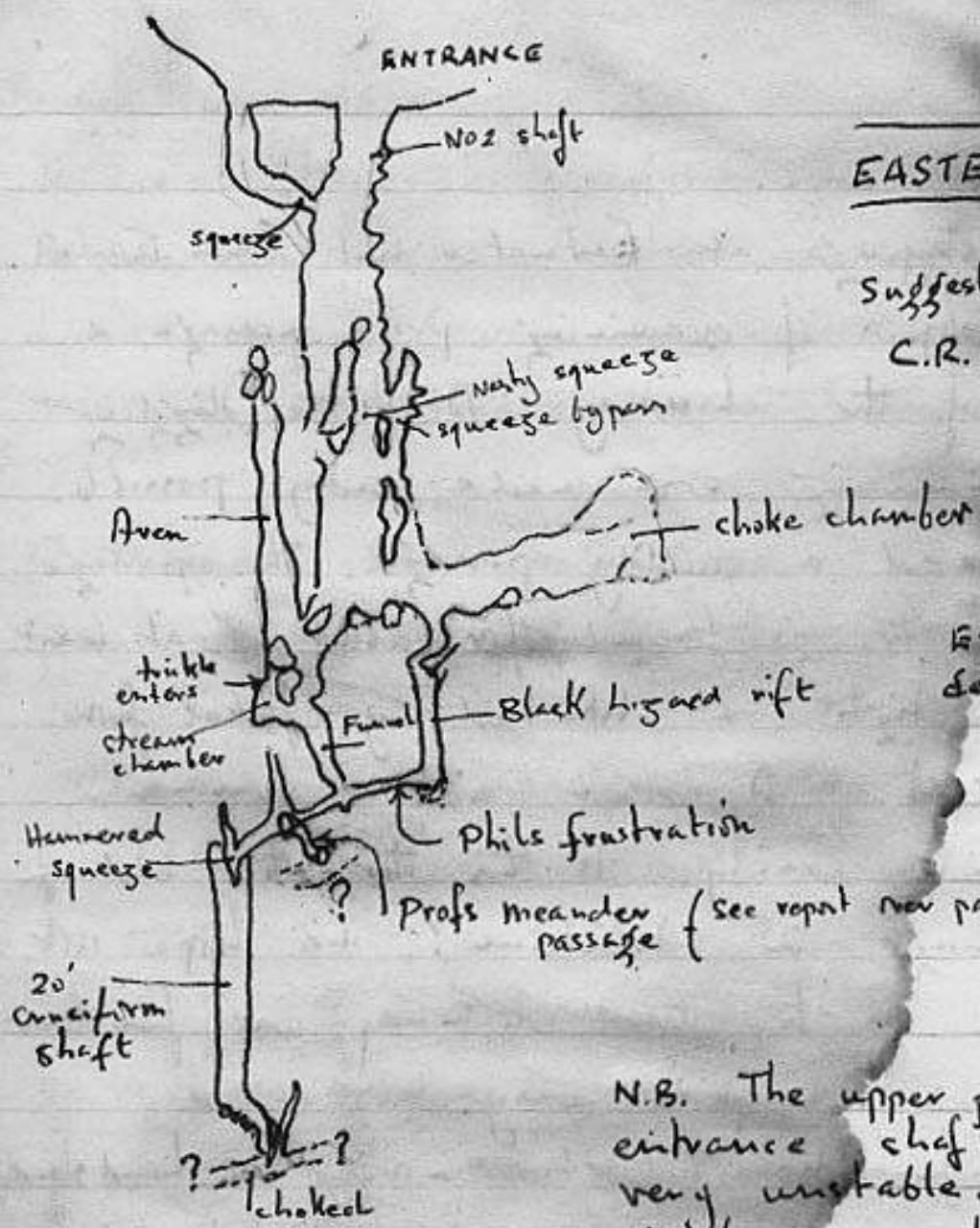
14th August, 1955

Chris Lloyd	2 nights last week + 1 this weekend -	2/-
Robert Wolley	1 "	2/6
Tony Bulleton	1 "	1/6

all to Dank Foss

Chris Lloyd, Robert Wolley and Tony Bulleton to Cockoo Claves. We used a pulley with a 3:1 mechanical advantage in order to dislodge large rocks. One of these at the foot of the shaft (the "shelf") was enormous bodily and deposited on the south side of the shaft; the other, cotted which I call my boulder; because it gave me as much pain & trouble, was dislodged and sent down the cave, where it kept on sticking. It has now been rolled in the fairway, where it causes no blocking & can slip no further, about 34 feet from the bottom of the shaft.

By the time this was done (4 pm.) the cave was open, and we started a grade 3 survey. We did 24 stations, and 269 feet of passage, all easy going except for some rock & chimney climbing. We turned back with the work unfinished. At 72 feet from the entrance (top of Octr.'s shaft) there is a 13' pit where the dip rift

EASTER HOLE.

14-8-55

Suggested section.

C.R.G. Grade I.

Estimated total
depth - 80'-85'

N.B. The upper part of the entrance shaft is still very unstable.

A large rock which fell & nearly maimed Phil Davies will be seen a short distance down. A grim reminder.

From the level of Black Ligard Rift
& the Funnel all passages are in solid rock.

It is regretted that this is the 6th Survey dealing with Easter Hole to appear in recent pages of the Log.

15.8.55.

A.F. still in residence.

Took party staying at Eastwater hut down Eastern Hole with object of examining Prof's passage & the bottom of the chimney. A little digging with a hammering soon made entry possibl. This is indeed a muddy passage. The passage can be seen to go forward for about 15' at least but is rather tight & obstructed by slates from the wall or roof. A ferret with a hammer should pass quite easily. Is this the other end of the final passage in Whitsun? we hope not. The squeeze on to the chimney was further enlarged, and is now quite easy.

A series of fantastic helmet renewals & hand standings & contortions makes it possible to look into the choked passage at the bottom of the chimney. If a large block of rock can be broken up progress may well be possible.

The visitors were impressed by the vile nature of the place.

Tuesday 16.8.55.

A.F. & Entwistle had party down Dallimore's.

Recovered 5 frogs & a toad from the upper shaft & recovered one massive hammer from the mine. (now in tankie shed) ? F.

17.8.55. - A wet day.

purchased 1 gall paraffin — 2.1½ d.

18.8.55. Thursday.

A.F. & Entwistle party on pumping trip a Swildens. Three new baptisms.

19.8.55. Visit to Hunters Hole with A. Thomas.

20.8.55. O.C.L. R.W. & Macklin, with Phil Davis surveyed the rest of Anchor Caves & explored some of the passages. It ends at a little stream, entering from a sump about 20' up a narrow rift to the right. disappearing along the floor in a strike rift too narrow to follow. Total passage length in 1 line to this point is 486 feet. Total depth 250' below gate.

O.C.L. Log
Robert Wooley is requested to keep his biscuits in an airtight container in future.

20 August A "tourist trip" to Svalbard.
 However, we ended up (as usual)
 by digging, including the concealing
 of the rubbish left by OCL's
 diving trip rather more than a year
 ago. (27.6.56) R.R. Green J.C. Webb.

AB Years 1956 1957

<u>Hut fees</u>	2 nights O.C.L. 2/6.	in box
	2 nights R.R. Green 2/6	in box
	2 nights P.B. Head 3/6	-
	bus £ ² for carbide.	

CALOR CYLINDER. Bought a new one

Receipt sent to treasurer. DCW

D. Green	1 night	1/6
R. Retbeck	1 night	2/6 in box.
17 Pittard	2 nights	3/6 - box.
A. Fincham.	12 nights	12/6 "
P. Davies.	1 night	1/6 -
" "	fill carbide	1/- ..
M. J. Lane	2	2/-

St. Clegg 1 night & 1 tin candle 3/2

R. Woolley 1 night & 2 fills .. 1/8

20-8-55.

Cobicle box replenished. 3/10 in box.

21st August, 1955

P. Davies

Oliver Lloyd, Robert Woolley & Mark Lane on a tramping party down Swallow's, to "P.G. Stream". Little satisfactory progress along the shale band, but it takes rather more banger, because it is soft. Used 6 sticks of gelly & 2 dots.

An interesting observation I made is that, although the water in the main streamway is reduced to a trickle, the volume of water in the "P.G. Stream" is only slightly less than normal.

STL.

1 x 25' metal
holder & letters to
Hon. Soc. for minor
repairs. 50c.

W.H. & H.C. - 100' cable - \$1.00

C. Hamell 1 hr. 25¢

Myself, J.D. Hamell, C. Hamell & two

water animal traps \$1.50 but had to be
carried with us upper stream owing to the mistake of

being persuaded out of the Castlegate but
instead of the back door. [no tackle fees]

26 August arrived for the night - visited St. Cuthbert's
well. Done a short survey party, on Saturday night.

27.8.55 Took a party of the Belvoir School Club down Lamb Lane: this included 6 boys and Jack Carlton, who came up from the top of the 70' pitch. Mainly a tourist trip. One of the boys (Paul) climbed up in to the hole above Hurst's big mentioned by O.C.W. in the log for 8.1.55 and found it was nearly as above. There were plenty of scat marks there & it must have frequently been entered before. He reports that ^{another} ~~one~~ of the stones in Trol's Temple has been broken. This is very significant.

X Bratt looked for agates in Main Chamber, but none found.

O.C.Lloyd

Mark Lane	2 mgs pits	2/6	in box
Oliver Lloyd	1 mg pit	1/6	
Frank Ford	1 mg pit	1/6	
Captain		8	
Bratt		10	

28.8.55 Clair Lloyd. Mack home to Cuckoo Cliffs.

Promiscuously no subsidence at foot of entrance and no repairs had to be done before going in.

5 hour trip, photography & exploration. The gorge down the canyon is quite pretty and shows solution of granite by crystallized salts. 70181

* Helli found there (3).

Climbed into roof of 1st flat-roof chamber with pithos. The passage on the E. goes 12', turns S.E. and is soon choked. No yard. A

O.C. Wright

Phil Davies? might 1/6 in box.

27.8.55. Generally walking in and around the hut.

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|---|------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | Inventory | Food - P. Premer
P. Davies |
| 2 | tank - dam pipe. | |
| 3 | New rubbish pit. | |

28.8.55. Mr. Ws (J.F. P.P. F.S & P.D) pay a visit to the new extension of hilltop, get the general lay out in advance of next weeks surveying trip. Few photographs. - Phil Davies

27/28.

F. Davis 2 nights 2/6

B. Bruce 2 nights 2/6

Less 4 gas canisters @ 1/- each, 4/-

Total 1/- in box,

3/9/55 my Two night - 2/6
1 ten canister 8

3-2 in box

2. 9. 55 On Arvia in but D.F. arrived.

3. 9. 55 A. Fincham, Mark Low, Phil Davis,
Derek Ford, G.Will. had to ball
MUDS Sump in SWIMMING

No progress. No progress. Conclusion
(Way - I found it too deep)

On the way - we observed

C Kenny and a Dartmoor Rat

Wet Way. Way or in Crystal Passage

4. 9. 55 Went to Miner Arms
Where Phil was in bed and I went
into the hole of life underground.
O.C.W. also

P Davies	1 night	1.6d	
D Workington	1 night	1.6d	
D Foss	1 night	3 lbs carbide 3/6d	- tube of Bootle 3/6d. Pots.
OEW	2 nights	2.6d	
		1 lb carbide	1.8d
R. Huxtable visitor		2.6d	
D Springett	"	2.6d	
		<u>11s.. 2d</u>	

4.9.55.

D. Willis, I. Deer, N. Barrington, A. Fincham, M. Lane,
C. Hawkes (visitor) down Stoke - round trip - ~~2½ hrs.~~
under 2 hrs.

5.9.55. Prospecting at Cheddar Gorge. N. Barrington, A. Fincham,
& T. Davies. Could not find Slitter Hole.

6.9.55 Eastwater. N. Barrington, A. Fincham, & T. Davies.
Dolphin Pot Route. Consider fixed hand line, metal transverse
wire, S. Wales style, would now be good idea on step into
Harris' Passage. Went into Beckers Series. Tiger Fincham
then made tourist descent & descent of mud
escalator. The descent was rendered more interesting
when the rope broke a short distance from the bottom.

7-8-55 I have left a tool box but for general use which just
and tackle box had cleaned up

7.9.55. N. Barrington, F. Davies, M. Lane, A. Fincham,
Mine shafting on Sandford Hill. descended
skeleron shaft & pearl mine.

89.55. pm. dug in "Midway Stocker" Oakhill.
This ~~small~~ stocker is in the cabbage
patch in the back garden of the cottage.

In wet weather a considerable stream
sinks here and apparently, due to
sitting up of the stocker, often floods
the garden & house.

The stocker is now quite dry & heavily
silted up. In hrs. work much
rock & silt was removed to the satisfaction
of the cottage occupants.

The dig is "marginally promising but will
need much work."

Fred Davies should be consulted for
any further information.

Later - mineshaft prospecting in Grove fin
- Eaker Hill area.

Noticed working great shaft beside
track from Wigmore to Eaker Hill fin.
Water is now being pumped from it
depth - 140'. Heard from H. Murrell
that he descended it in 1936 &
found it totally flooded, - an old
haematite mine. — FF.

9.9.55. Lamb Heen trip.

10.9.55. A.M. Dug Midway Stocker.

Tourist trip in Hilliers - noticed that
Suicide passage is now obstructed by rock
fall. I. Dear, M. Grimmer, M. Pittard, K. Lane, F. Davies
A. Fincham - Mineshafting near Grove farm.

Descended the three open shafts near farm.

Wat shaft	—	20'	All three choked up, not much of interest. East shaft provides a good climb.
Centre ..	—	47'	
East ..		54'	

11. 8. 55	n Berries	6 nights	6-6	less 2 " 1/2 for gamefin
	2 visitors	2 night	7-0	
				(3-6, in book = 11.62)

Operation "Sodmarc" successfully completed
at 0.200 hrs.

11/9/55

Stoke Lane

2 nights

2-6

1 floor

$\frac{1}{2}$ (in box)

$\frac{1}{2}$ (in box)

M Grimmer 2 nights + 1/6 Carbide
= $3\frac{1}{2}$ lb Box

M Pittard 1 night 2/6 in Box

11.9.55. F. Davies, M. Pittard, I. Dear, M. Hooper, D. Finlay
in Stoke Lane stockings — tourist trip. —
but the small inlet swamp by Sump 2
was examined and would seem to be
of canoe diver size & interesting.

12.9.55 Departed to Shepton Mallet
hut... with buckle for swimmers.

9. nights + 1/6 carbide — 10.2
in Box.

F.

Sorry!

TR. 8.11

13-9-55

Oliver Lloyd, Trevor Shaw, Robert Woolley and Frank Frost visited Cuckoo Caves. Found the bottom of shaft C. blocked, and entry quite impossible. Party cheered up by the usual Oliver Lloyd meal.

F.F. 1st

12.9.55. F. Davies & A. Fincham made evening trip to Blank Hole. This was blocked with spats down. After examining the pit in the wall we both felt that eventually a rope bolt would be needed, & perhaps a stoned / ~~box~~ cast wire. In this way, the Black Line Harvest would make that part of the shafts much safer - and might lead to more parties going there.

15.9.55. F. Davies, A. Fincham & S. Williams in Easter Hole. Some 3 hours at Watched place.

Removed all holes from Harbor Hotel.

F.

16th Sept A.F. back in residence in evening.
F.D., A.F., M.L., A.G. on trips to paradise
regained in order to see the place &
to determine if with a small scale colour
test it would be possible to determine
whether the trickle of water in Blue
Pencil passage goes Sailors I or II
streamways or not.

It was found that the trickle is
very small and the problem is to
get enough water to wash the
colour through. With the object of
building up a pool, a mud dam
was built at the top of Blue
Pencil passage & it is hoped that
a pool will collect & make a test
possible. 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ hrs. F.

The mud sump was found to be in
excellent condition. Except that there is a lot of
sludge on the floor of it and
this seems to have made it

F. Davies 3 lbs Carbide 2/- 17 Sept.

17.9.55. H. How and wife, Rita, accompanied by
G. Roberts. Arrived 11.30 am.

17-9-55 F.D. P.F., M.L., and several W.S. members
visited shaft 117 (H. Murrell's numbering) near Grove farm ~~and~~
(55' deep chokai at bottom) and another shaft at the top of
Easter hill G.R. 563530. This was descended to a depth of 118 feet.
to water. The total depth of the shaft is said to be 148 feet and
~~in which has been tested the Sherlough spring~~ by the Bristol
Water Works Co. It is an old haematite mine & is said to
be the last mine worked on Mendip. It is now being used as
~~a drinking water supply for a number of farms in the area~~ mgk.
~~no longer in use~~ (including mine). Used WS & tackle

17/9/55. M. Philpott & A. Merry arrived ~~at~~ 4 o'clock. Went
to Eastwater. descended via Dolphin Pot Route to
Sand chm. & Nominal lift. used my own ladders.
did quick rocky ^{twin} in rifts. - met Mr. Cooper on way out
at head of canyon. round trap couple hrs. M.P.
A. Merry sleeping at mains Barn

M. Philpot 1 night in base 1/6.

M. Hooper 1 nit. .. 1/6

18.9.55. Tourist party to Sump II &

Black Hole. Ian Dear, Guy Butcher (W.S.C.)
D. Fincham, D/Merry best Fodder (DEC)

D. F. 2 nights — 2.6

G.A. 1 night + tackle fee 4.0

A.M. 6.6 paid to Hut warden.

17.9.55. Denis Webster, Keith Evans, Phillip Davies,
accompanied by N. Brooks & L. visit to
Hillier's open squeeze into Lucifer passage.
Here we examine the final choke; ~~we note~~
that the sump is entirely dry. The sump
too is still passable.

18.9.55. Denis W. & Phil D. survey the remainder
of Hillier, approximately 100' of passage.

Denis was staying on the other side sump
the water level rose $\frac{1}{4}$ in. It was
3" higher than the previous day. Here was

a small trickle entering the other side, and a draught blowing at of that part of the cave.
Duration of trip $1\frac{3}{4}$ hours.

Phil Dawson.

21.9.55

Alan, and Rita Ash, Nick Barrington on a late evening photographic trip to Hilliers.

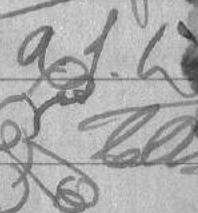
22.9.55 Following a poke around in a small dry valley about 100 yards NW of Zoo Swallow yesterday, AGA & RHA with NB, removed a quantity of boulders from the base of the valley. Got down about 15 feet in a boulder crackle with little of no mud infill. Way on looks promising with plenty of air space. Work stopped after about 3 hours in order to gain permission for continuation of dig. ~~This may have been dug out before.~~ Has anyone any knowledge of this?

2/6 } in box of 2 nights - N.R.Jt

23.9.55.

Aff

Kath



Ad. Tonk
★ Paul
R. Genk

J. P. Takhar

R. H. Durr

X. Ch

Alan Tamm

J. R. Martin

J. Haigdon

The above members of the B.E.C.
were entertained to a late 'cuppa' on

the night of 24th. September 1955.
 We were very pleased to welcome them
 to Hillgrove.

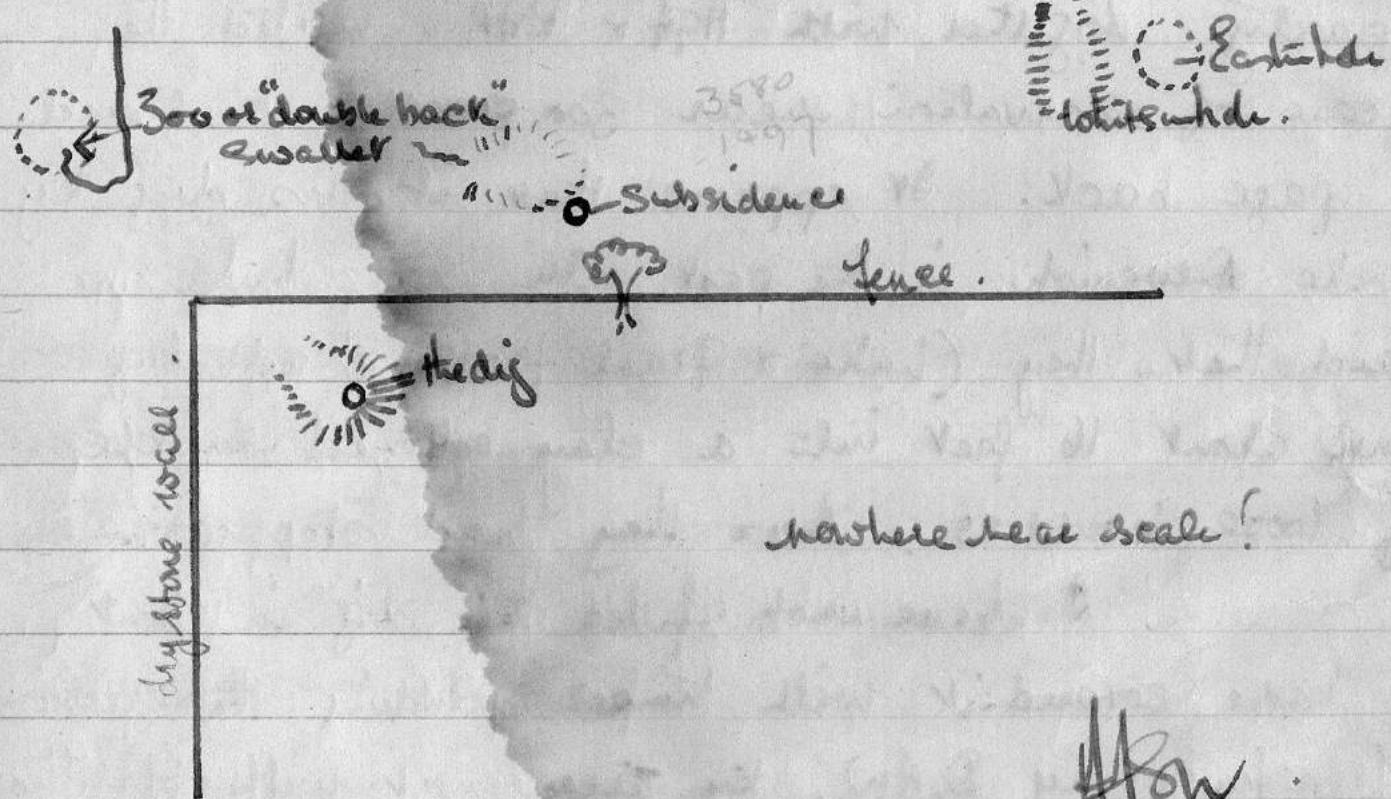
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 24 | 25.9.55. Hywel Murrel and an interested lady
 party together with Agt & Rta. visited the
 scene of excavation near Zoo passer mentioned
 a page back. It appears that it was dug by
 Duke Devonish in the past. On being asked he
 said that they (Duke & Frank Frost) had dug
 down about 16 feet into a clay bottomed crackle
 of loose boulders. There they had stopped.

I have not filled this dig in but
 I have covered it with timber pending the erection
 of a fence by D.A.W. by arrangement with Mr Thorne
 the owner of the land. I have no wish to
 reserve this dig but I will gladly assist if
 any party is interested in further digging.

There is another very interesting hole
 which has subsided in the past year to a depth

of about 10 feet by about 3 feet across. This is in the plantation about half way between the large standing dead tree in the fence and the corner of the wall and about 25 yards from the fence. At the moment it is being used as a rubbish tip so it's quite easy to find.



nowhere near scale!

~~allow~~

Hut fees. AGA & RHA. Knights member & guest. 18 - 0

DAW & BW. 1 night 3 - 0

JC & DF 1 night 3 - 0

£ 1.4- 0

less 5 gallons paraffi . 10 7½
Collected by Hut master $\frac{1}{2}$ 13 4½

24th - 25th Sept.

Graham Coulter Ford spent night. Recovered digging tackle from Sand Chamber in Eastwater on Saturday. Quick trip to Sump II on Sunday when a carbide lamp was lost at Sump I.

Any finders? Hut fees - above. Plus 1lb carbide = \$1. Left in box.

D Ford

30th September

On Hettes arrived, repaired to Hunters L.I. & bed, in that order.

Sat 1 Oct

30 Sept. 1955: OC Wells & Bill Davies stayed night 31- in box. In the morning we discussed plans for getting a maypole for PR.

Sat. 1 Oct. in E S -

D Ford, Hettes, M. Hooper, M. Philpott, A. Meany + M. Dale (guest) to Paradise Regained, Swildon. In the nature of a tourist trip as only Ford had previously been through the Mud Sump. However a dog discovered in July was

attacked & proved a dud, ending in a 4" vadose trench. Party noted other spots up towards Blue Pencil base then returned. Pump was lower than on previous occasions. Party out at 12 midnight. 5½ hours. Returned Hillgrave.

D. Ford	1 night	1	6	1
J. Tette	2 nights	2	6	
M. Hooper	1 night + 1d carbide	1	7	
M. Dale (guest)	1 night + tackle fee	4	0	
A. Henry	1 night + 1lb carbide	2	2	
M. Philpott	1 night	1	6	
		13	3	1 in box.

October 8-9th.

Arrived Saturday 4.0 p.m.

P. Davies:-	1 night	1 - 6	
	1 fill carbide	1.	
	1 lb carbide	8.	
	TOTAL	<u>2</u>	3 in box.

Left for Langwood / August Hole 5.0 pm. — — —

Returned 1.15 am after tedious and unsuccessful attempts by M. Hooper to negotiate terminal squeezes in Langwood. We did however notice D.A.W.'s

"mountain moving" effects in the ~~water~~. The stream, such as it was in quantity, was very noticeable in farm yard and "other" qualities. Generally, the cave was as dry as I ever remember. Two (unidentified) bats at the bottom of the entrance shaft while waiting to ascend.

Left Sunday. 2:30 p.m.

P. Davis.

Friday 14th. Fettus, Grinnell, Kennedy arrived 8:45. Candy arrived 8:30. Hunter's Christians invited us to their hotel food. Dym, Barrett (guest) Ford and Wells arrived 11 pm.

Sat 15 11 of us took a maypole into Swildas. Discovered 50' of passage in Paradise Regained. (and a formation!) Out by 1pm. Wimmer, J. McFetts, G. G. Candy, D. Ford

P.S. The three undermentioned members emerged at 15:00 hrs. with all the kit — being also fully prepared the entrance

H. Dym, M. Kennedy

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L. Wells 2 nights 2/6
 P. Drysan .. 2/6
 I. Barnett .. (guest) 3/6
 FG Balcombe .. (2/6 return) out
 tin of carbide 1/3
 in box. $\frac{1}{3}$ $\frac{12}{3}$

C. Hawkes 1 night $\frac{1}{6}$

$\frac{13}{9}$ ~~13/9~~ ~~30/- per night~~

or ~~1/6~~ ~~night return~~ ~~1/6~~ ~~wings etc~~
 A grand occasion! ~~Grand~~

This amount by the "rogue master" up to
 the Wines Accts & Diners.

R. S. Dingle 1/6

T. Austin 15.10.55 1 night + 6^d overstay
 From last time - 2/- in box.

Hut fees collected.

Dec. 16/10/55.

16.10.55 Owing to inprovidence, JMF + MG to offast
 at Mines with RK. Subsequently looked at
 most attractive bridge dig (Mr Sheppard) in
 the Forest. 60' removed. Tea put tankard

Hab to bed for the winter. The sides of the shaft have fallen somewhat. But we have closed the orifice proper with tin etc. - and hope that a min. of digging will yield entrance next year. MG

16.10.55 "Luis" Daigle, Eric Hensler and Oliver Stoyl did a leisurely trip around Upper Swallow's, visiting some of the more recordite crannies on the way and returning by way of the roof of the Wet Way (now dry). No water going through iron pipe at the party.

MG + BW to various shaftlets in Hillgrove region. One promising one examined. - (has been dug pre-war HW) Then to Hywel's dig at Welsberg David!

McGinn	2 nights	2/-
J. FETTES.	2 "	2/-
R. KENNEDY.	1 "	2/-
2 fills carbide. R. Kennedy		2d.
3 " " J. Fettes.		3d.

Total fees collected. BW. 16/10/55.

Wednesday 19th October G. Thomson and an Johnson
left after two nights. Did Eastvale yesterday
(5/- in box) an Johnson.

15. Oct '55. Carbide spares box removed &
P. Davies: Club photo album removed for alteration

22nd Oct '55. D.W. G.H. P.D. descended Hilliers
200' new passage explored, and a
very successful 1st trip for G.H. 4 hours

D.W.	(night.	1 - 6
P. D.	1 night.	1 - 6.
	3 fills carbide	3.
		<u>3 - 3 in box</u>

22nd-23rd, Oct '55.

B. Prever,	W.C.C.	B.C.S.S.	1 night @ 1/6 each.
R. Rebbeck,			
C. Tonk.			
H. Hartman,			
H. Colman			
R. Lovell			9/- in box.

23rd Oct '55. D.W. P.D with H. Hartman &

R. Rebbeck continued exploration of far
HILLIERS.
suicides passage; total estimated length
(including effects 300') perhaps straight
line survey measures 120' from
the old end of suicides passage; the
squeeze now being quite open but
care is needed on account of
loose pebbles on left wall. Throughout
the new extension the numerous boulders
are to be treated with suspicion, little
gathering having been done.

A feature of the new passages are
the remarkable redness of the formations
or rather the mud covering them. In
a few places tree roots ~~are~~ visible.
The mud lies amongst boulders, a little
with many possibilities particularly at a
low level. Duration of trip 3¹/₂ hrs.

If the passage runs N as it might well
do, the end must be within 100' of

5th Doushan Well. If however it runs
more E then it will have passed the
Well to the S. A survey will be
made in due course. (See ^{the} ~~the~~ ^{area})

23rd October. DQB with collected horses.
Delivered at Abingdon. ~~was~~

30th October Farland Easterter Rift Chambers, and today by
first vertical. Explored swallows upper site.

29th - 30th Oct the horses at Abingdon

J. Abbott and paid picking
G. Taiting

R. Comer

11b.

A Mung. I went away off a
dram and his all
within you the

28.10.53 R. E. Landis arrived from Khan.

29. 10.53 - Land Leas with Khan & Carter (reg

30.10.53 - Elsan & crystals etc.

2. Nights

29-30th October - Robt Woolley & Miss Lloyd
met us at each

3/-

30th October 1955. C.R.C. party down Lamb Leev,
12 in all, would have been smaller, only
3 of the men who were to have gone down Eastwater
came & joined us. The main problem was that
the steep Eastwater was crowded. Two other parties
were trying to go down it both ways. I gather
that Denis Warkinton & Brian Days had a particularly
good time down there, after all, as the rump of
the C.R.C. party, but found that the bolder on
the 2nd pitch hadn't been properly lunging.
We spent nearly a hour down Lamb Leev,
mostly getting people up & down the main
pitch. Aubrey Glavin & a MNRC. lads
were down there as well, digging in a muddy
hole just below the bolder leading up to
Beaumont's passage. A good time was had by
all.

D. U. Lloyd

29th October

Crossed

of May

Collected

3rd November '55

Alan M. Johnson arrived from Weston.
During the night a squall blew down
the apple tree. It has not yet been cut
up and will supply firewood for the
(with Oliver's pen) lab for many months to
come.

4th November

With the apprentice resting heavily on
the wall and lightly on my conscience
set out to explore Mendip. Looked at
a number of possible digs.

Trevor Shaw, Tony Locke,
Guy Fawkes' Day, 1955, Oliver Lloyd, Cobby Johnson,
Len Garraway & John Middleton (the last two from
Monmouth School Caving Club) celebrated the occasion
by going down Twidale's to the P.G. Stream
and letting off $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. of bangs in the deep hole
which was already there in the shale bank (see log. for
21.8.55). Though well tampered this did not move
the roof as well as was expected. I started a new
vertical hole about a foot back but the hammer
had broken off the handle & put paid to further
useful efforts; whereupon we returned.

We could not, however, on such a day
waste the remaining 2 sticks of bangs, so
we did some gardening near the entrance. As
we goes at the Wet Way, just when we reaches
the "Tomb Stone"; there were two large boulders
on the right, partially blocking the main passage.
These had fallen from the floor above during
the floods of last winter & were a nuisance.
We put the gelly under the bottom corner of
the larger of them & blew it. This made it

sink vertically about $1\frac{1}{2}$ feet. With a little more muscular effort (chiefly Tony's) we dislodged both boulders and the way is now clear and safe.

On return to Hillgrov we tried our hands at lighting two 3° rockets & 3 golden rains. We were, however lacking in expertise. Orl. started by bringing the latter nose downwards in the wet grass & couldn't understand why the wick wouldn't light. By the time the fireworks had been ignited the touch paper was so wet that ~~the~~ ^{the right end} wouldn't light, either. The 3° rockets both made a bee-line for the bushes & burst ~~there~~ ⁱⁿ merrily. No. I must stick to bangor!

Orl.

Orl. 1/6 for 1 night.	} 3/-
1/6 tackle fee for Tony Locke (MURC)	
A.M.S 3/6 for 3 Nights	} 10/- in box

8/12 Nov.

R. Friend, R. G. D. Delebeck, F. J. Kelly arrived
6.30. Hunter Carter, after which we did visit
the 'old hut'. Returned to meet Bob Woolley and
Ken Watts.

12 Nov

M. Watts, R. Woolley arrived at about 3.00 and
left shortly afterwards for Hilliers. After a
fairly quick trip we emerged to find a flat
tyre on the motor cycle. So we walked back.

9 blankets were collected from the farm. They had been brought
back from Eastwater last

13 Nov

Had a late breakfast; cleaned up and
left at about 12.30

R. Woolley, 7 one night 1/6 each in Box.

M. Watts }

19th November. Survey trip into Hellhole
(D.W. [redacted], M. Sealey, D.J.B. [redacted])
A. Ash, [redacted] Hooper, S. Powell also stayed
night.

B. Brewster [redacted] Hooper did trail trip of Hellhole's
Fairy, so [redacted] [redacted] unrecorded. Hot & dry
stream.

[redacted] collect

26 November

R. Woolley took two friends down
Swildon's, but did not use clubs tackle.
There is a surprisingly small amount of
water going down for the time of year.

27 Nov

Left about midday. One night for a Box R.W.

I. B. Dear	1 night	1/6
L. Mortimer	..	2/6
M. Hooper	..	1/6
	23/11/55	5/6 in box

2nd Dec

M. Watt, & R. Woolley went down Lutelton, to try & get into Paradise Regained. We found a muddy, runy ~~water~~ hollowed therein, explored the rest of the series & returned. Returned to millgrov 7.30 with tackle.
4th Spent in morning 1/6 each in box.

3rd. Dec.

Willis, Willis, Warburton, Davies, and Surall. One night. (8/6^d in box.) "Barg-
ing" trip to Mortan's Pot in Eastwater.

Det.

Visit of CACC

~~Tues 6.12.55~~ Parties visited Lamb Head
(CACC tackle) and Eastwater (WCC tackle)

A. M. J. arrived to work on tree.
Decided to canoe instead and went back
for kit. A. M. J.

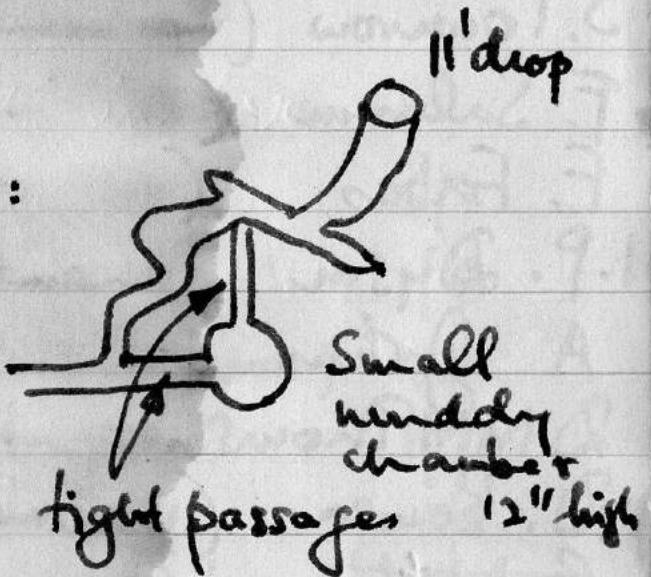
Wed 7.12.55 SWILTONS. (CACC tackle)

- (i) George Mitheson, Bill Marks, Paul Dyson, O'Wells
visited Swamp 2, Black Hole via original
route, out easy way. Discovered a
miserable oxbow in the Approach
Passage. (See Survey)
- (ii) Bill Sparrow, Shirley Tommots, David Bowen
visited E Duck 2.
- (iii) Jim Thompson, Fearnabes, Alex Wells, Alan
Johnson, Felicity Salmon, Dick Kirkland
visited Swamp 1. DMNT took photos.

Miserable little archway in Swildon
discovered 7.12.55. by C.U.C.C.

See W.I.S. Survey
of Approach Passage:

C.R.G. 1



Thurs. 8.12.55.

D.Gord, Bill Marks, George McChesney & Dave Bowen to the Maypole in P.R. Mud Sump up 3" on last time.
All the party negotiated the Maypole easily by using a 12½' ladder. After 50 minutes digging the squeeze at the end. A new bit was passed, but the way on looked most improvising as compared with many other P.R. diggs so the party returned. $5\frac{1}{4}$ hours. D.L.

P.Dyson, D.M.M., Shirley ^{Streiley}, Alison Townew, Fiona Lakes, W. Sprunge, A. Johnson
to Mud Sump, photographing.

Felicity Salmon, D.Kirkland & A.King, Top Swildon. 48

Hut Soc.Fiddle fees:

S. Townrow (non member)	3 nights	x 4/6
F. Salmon (.. ..)	4 nights	x 5/6
F. Fabes (.. ..)	4 nights	x 5/6
I.P. Dyson member	45 nights	x 4£/6
A Johnson ..	2 nights	✓ 2/6
D MM Thomson ..	4 nights	x 4/6
D. Bowen (non member)	4 nights	x 5/6
G. Mitchens (.. ..)	4 nights	x 5/6
R. Kirkland (.. ..)	4 nights	x 5/6
A. King (.. ..)	3 nights	✓ 4/6
W. Marks (.. ..)	4 nights	x 5/6
W. Spawage (.. ..)	4 nights	x 5£/6
O.C. Wells member	7 nights	x 8/6

Plus ~~6/-~~ ^{6/-} for use of WCC 3 · 7 · 6
Fiddle by 4 non members £6/6
 in Earthwater. TOTAL 3. 13 · 6
Paid Hut Soc.

10.12.55

Bought 5 gal paraffin. 10/- given to me by F.W.F.

Hut fees 11.12.55

F. W. Frost	night	2/-
G. S. Candy	night	1/6
D. Ford	(send to Treasurer)	
O.C. Lloyd	night	1/6
J. Swithinbank	night	1/6
in box.		6/6

11.12.55 H. T. Hooper and N. Barnett brought out
tackle from Easton. left by D.

11.12.55

Mudholi P.R.	1/6
N. J. BARNEIT	1/6
In box	3/-

Sunday night 11.12.55 Oler arrived

1.40 am from Woking, stayed night,
left for Cambridge (via Crooked Rest)

12.12.55 M. Hooper and M. G. Barnett left at
2.30 having cleaned hut.

16.12.55. M. L. Hooper arrived at 1.00 p.m. with
the purpose of leaving his rucksack. Left 8.15 p.m.

17 Dec 55 Dennis Kemp ^{co} arrived from London to find
a very warm & comfortable hut.

With - Jack Waddell (WC) Roy Leggett (SWC) Tom Andrews (DSS)
Anne Horscroft (NPL) Clive Littlejohn (MAFF) Dee Walker (FCH)
and the Rover (RCW 477)

17.12.55. Windy, Rst Woking, Jim Southgate,
John Gorling & Michael Lake to Swindon. ~~Trees~~ hangs
in "P.G. Stream." Down 5½ hours.

DIVER'S LOG SHEET

Serial: Wookey 2

Operation: I 3

Diver: Oliver C. Wells Place: Wookey Hole Date: 10.12.55

Recorded by: Oliver C. Lloyd water temp. not recorded

Underclothing: 4 vests, 2 pants, 1 trousers

Dress: SHAWAD 2 Respirator: SGANTU 3

Weights: 5 absorber: scrag end Bradwell loft. Absorption capacity
(not previously used) 37.5% 52%

Dust blown at 1600 hrs. Line tested and secured to drum by O.C.W.

Gas pressures: Main, 6 ft cylinder, 120 ats Flow: 0.8 l/m
Reserve 4 ft " 117 "

Apparatus inspected by diver and passed as correct at 1700 hrs.

Tested for leaks: passed correct by O.C. Wells at 1950 hrs. (signed)

Air expulsion drill	Oxygen on	Oxygen off	mins
20.57 hrs	21.00	21.03	3
21.11	21.15		

Notes

21.17 disappeared from 3rd chamber.

21.30 arrived at 9th chamber (9) Bob Davies checked aqua lung in 9.1. It was then necessary to climb boulders and down the mud slope the other side to 9.2. Carrying all the equipment about 6 journeys were made, using chain method.

23.45 left 9 for 11 in the order Davies, Buxton, Wells. John Buxton was laying a line. Bob waited for us in 10. John had difficulty in getting his line off the reel. Mud getting stirred up, so O.C.W. went 2 ft. ahead in clear water, while John was getting it sorted out. Meanwhile Bob went on to 11. We arrived at the edge of 11 (no note as to time) and saw Bob away below us (about 20 ft.); he had not waited on the edge of 11. He was in clear water, but the mud was rising rapidly from our feet. According to the records of a previous visit the bank between 10 and 11 is sand, but we found it to be muddy. Bob's line had not been fixed to anything, yet (by arrangement). The other two were going to beacon him out. He was wearing fins.

At this time everything seemed O.K. Bob then swam up to us and tried unsuccessfully to fix his line to the line we were holding (John's aflo, Oliver's left hand holding line). Bob was picking away at the end of his line with his fingers, trying to get it

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undone. He was trying to fix the end of his line onto the side of John's line. Bob was then two ft. away from me. Visibility about 2 ft. Bob then went towards John. Visibility worse (zero).

I then felt a steady pull on the wire. The wire went very close to the left hand wall in a sort of hitch. It then felt as though one or two people bumped into me. I thought I saw Bob's aqualung cylinders near my face, but no-one could have got back along the line to 9. I was about 2 ft. from the edge of 11. I moved back towards 9 about 2 or 3 yds and held the line above my head, so that Bob could flip along it in order to get past to 9. In moving back I lost contact with both the other divers. Visibility about 1 ft.

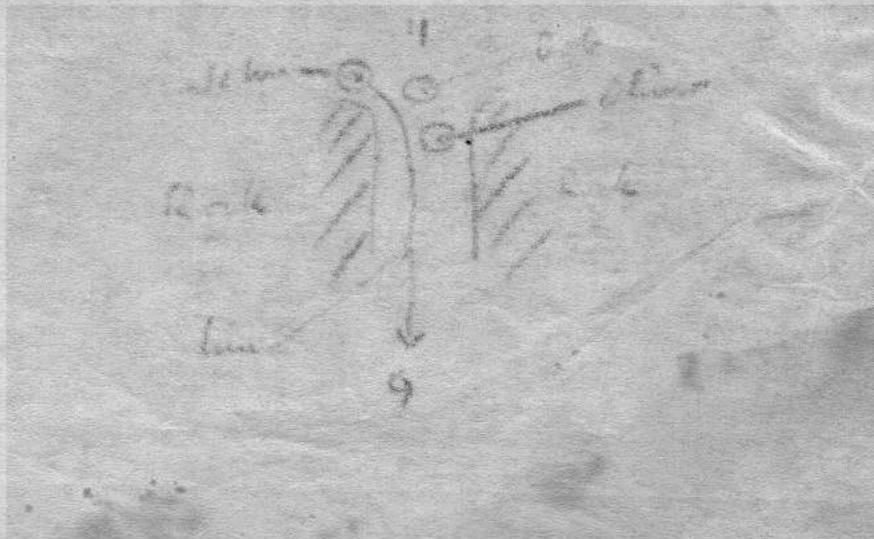
About a minute later John arrived along the wire and gave me a push back to 9 (a distance of 75 ft. from 11). No Bob. I unmasked in 9 but John didn't. After about 1½ mins., we returned to 11, John laying out the guide wire again. Visibility about 2 ft. Shone lights. No sign of Bob. After an interval John said he was running out of oxygen. I had noticed that I was getting a bit low, too.

24.20 hrs, (estimated to within 2 or 3 mins.) Returned to 9. Switched off main cylinders, dived using reserve cylinders and returned to 11. The place where I stopped was probably about 6 yds. short of 11. John was leading the way and laying out the guide line again. Visibility about 3 ft. Returned to 9.

24.35 hrs, arrived back in 9. Changed cylinders.

02.50 hrs, left 9 for home. Time of arrival in 3 not noted, but must have been between 03.00 and 03.05, on 11.12.55

Personal notes: In 6 on way in, trouble with pressure equalization in ears. In 9 Bob complained that his ears were slow.



WOOKY HOLE DIVING

10th / 11th December, 1955

Soon after 3 a.m. on the 11th, two of the divers returned to the third chamber, having lost Bob Davies in 11. They had concluded that either he had reached an air surface and was waiting for rescue, or that he was dead. His aqualung was calculated to last for 1 hour at atmospheric pressure, 36 mins. at a depth of 30 ft. of water or 15 at a depth of 90. Frank Frost then rang up the Wells Police and the Rescue Program was put into action. Graham Balcome was contacted successfully, but not Jack Thompson. The Marines at Plymouth were prepared to send a party equipped with deep sea rescue apparatus, by helicopter if necessary. Three sherpas were left in 3 and the rest of the party left the cave. At about 5.30 they were unexpectedly joined by Bob Davies, himself. The following is the account of his adventures which he gave on return to the Wing Co.'s house.

FROM BOB DAVIES' LOG.

XXXXXX Tested aqualung in 9.1 ; carried all rest of gear to 9.2. 11.45 p.m. left 9.2.
12.24 p.m. reached 12.

I swam to the rim of 11 which used to be rock and is now a steep slope. Not recognizing it as 11 I went to the bottom and realized it must be 11, since my depth gauge read 47 ft. of water. It is known that the rim of 11 is 24-25 ft below water level, so I had gone some 22-23 ft. below this. I found that the way ahead was on the opposite wall under a flake of rock, so I then returned to the beacon divers to tie on the wire as previously planned. On reaching them I found it impossible to pull the wire through the stop hole in the bobbin, so I cut the wire. I then found that my aflo had opened, the bolts apparently pulling undone. Numerous attempts to close it failed. The extra energy expended caused me to breath deeply and thus become buoyant. I had one arm round John's wire but let go of it in my efforts to close the aflo. Almost immediately I found myself against the roof of 11 at a depth of 10 ft., visibility 6 ins.

I descended but found no way backwards; re-ascended and still found no way backwards, nor found the divers. It is now clear that I descended to the bottom of 11 and ascended the other side of the flake in the mud (12). During this time I was still rather disparingly trying to close the aflo, which had to be held together by hand. At this stage my first cylinder became empty (clock invisible). I continued to spiral round the walls, attempting to find divers, exit or clear water, all of which were unsuccessful. I had equalized the pressure in the cylinders and one cylinder again became empty, thus leaving me with one quarter of the original supply.

I decided that since something must be done soon and all attempts to return had failed, and since I had reached clear water upstream,

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that I should go upstream in the hope that another chamber with an air surface (12) existed and was accessible.

At 25 ft I came under drift which seemed to go high, so I ascended and was pleased to find an air surface (in 13); moreover that it was possible to climb out of the water, ditching the aqualung, to a passage going backwards for 30 ft., where it entered a cross rift in which was ~~south~~ another water level. This must be called 12, but it is by no means certain that it is the same as the 12 that I had previously ascended. If not, then they must be called 12.1 and 12.2. (see diagrams taken from Bob's aflo pad)

I towed my aqualung out of the water by one of the straps and pondered on the eternal verities.

I checked the aqualung cylinders and found they contained 35 ats. (I started with 120 ats.) I then recorded the following on the aflo pad:

"11 is 47 ft. deep.

"There are 3 major rifts in the roof and the 3rd gets up to 12" (N.B. this is really 15, according to the numbering decided upon later on the 11th December)

"I had 40 ats" (really 37, as stated) "in each of the two cylinders and will lay a line until one of the two cylinders is empty and will then go on or over, wherever I then am at the time. Signed. 02.50 hrs." 11.2.55

I waited altogether 3 hours in the expectation that the water would clear, and that no rescue attempt could be laid on before this time. The alternatives were to wait and be rescued, which might take 2 days and cause a certain amount of nuisance; or attempt to return, according to the plan. I decided to try to return.

I set the compass for 10 deg S of W with the intention of following it; fixed the wire to a rock and started off. By now the aqualung cylinders were nearly empty, and it was only possible to descend by swimming head first vertically downwards. The compass bearing proved ~~correct~~ and I recognised the slope to 11, but found no wires. There were two alternative routes; I chose the right, which was wrong, so slithered down in the mud to find the left, which was right.

At this stage I saw the wire left by Coase in 1949 and my first cylinder gave out. Although less than half way I decided to continue. I pulled on the wire to increase speed and it snapped. Visibility 4 ft. In 15 ft. my line reel jammed, but I had thought of this possibility in 13 and had put aflohenk in its standby position. So I removed the line reel, which is still there, on the 11 side of 10.

I progressed to the second loop, which I recognized and started to ascent from 20 ft, at which stage breathing became difficult. I ascended as fast as was reasonable, dropping the aflo en route and hit an air surface in complete darkness. I hoped it was 9. I removed the aqualung, waded ashore, fished out my emergency torch and confirmed that it was 2 9.2. After 5 minutes the mud cleared sufficiently to see the light of my aflo about 12 ft. down.

Several coils of wire had "grown" beside the belay point. I removed the weight belt, swam out onto 9.2 and fished for aflo with the wire. This was successful. I considered returning cleanly with all kit, but decided to return as soon as possible, in case anyone was eating my sandwiches.

I climbed over to 9.1 and put on a P. party set (Oxygen breathing apparatus) single-handed, which I am sure has never been done before; turned to say farewell, hit a rock and knocked my by-pass open.

Having lost what I estimate to be 20 ats. I closed it and decided that not much more could happen and that if it did it didn't matter, and returned uneventually to 3. Visibility 3 ft.

Lessons: *

1. Fix belts on aflo properly.
2. See that line reels work smoothly.
3. Swimming is a hazardous technique, because of the danger of floating away, in unknown territory.
4. Spit on the Witch.

Opport A 22-51-51

Indefinite A

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v M Indefinite T

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18.12.55.	Jim Smith	1/6	right
	John Gorling	1/6	each
	Mike Dale	1/6	
	Oliver Lloyd	1/6	

17-12-55 D. Kemp 1/6
A Littlejohn 2/6
A Horseford G 2/6
D Walker G 2/6
T Andrews G ✓ 1/6
J. Waddon M ✓ 1/6
R. Leggett G ✓ 1/6
T. Austin M ✓ 1/6

Caring with the beautiful Chorus! #1.

20.12.55

R Sessions & Robinson & J Haydon arrived.

21.12.55

Visited Harrier's passage, Eastwater going down via 1st & 2nd. verticals.

22.12.55

Returned Home!

~~23.12.55~~ Tackle used - ~~40~~ 40 6d.

Hut fees - 7d 6d.

~~12d 6d~~

~~30.12.55~~

28.12.55

J G Abbott arrived from Bristol

at 3.30 p.m.

4.30. G. Bowden & J Hockett arrived.

27.12.55.

A. Fairman - member

M. Hindge }
L. Holland } visitors
P. Kibbles }

arrived 7 p.m.

D.F. M.H. L.H. P.K. Sn.

28.12.55 Toured tip of Swildon to sump I.
two baptisks. Water fairly high & water
cold. Took Werner tankle but found
cave laddered by Sandhurst and hence
did not use same. Returned via
Hunters arriving. Hillgrave invigorated.

N.B. (a) It's a long way from Hillgrave to Swildon
without tankle.

(b) Some parts of Swildon stream can
walked to Black puddings. — B.

29.12.55

Tourist party of Bristol
Cathedral School Club to far side
of sump I Down 4½ hours. 22.51.52

J.W. Abbott	- Monitor.	2/6
G. Bowden	aff. Maths	2/6
C. Weeks	Maths	1/6
I. Harvey	ing. Math.	
I. Harker	=	1/6

29.12.55

I. Harker left 7.30

of B.C.S.C.C.

30.12.55 ~~at 7.30 p.m. he~~ departed at sunrise
on his return trip.

29.12.55. Working party to Black Hole with
the object of fixing a nail bolt at the top
of same to provide an alternative to the
objectionable peg. Information suggested
that there was a hammer in Suidas II
but this appeared to have passed
through the sump an equal number
of times and could not be found.
O.C.H. is hoard at the P.G. stream
was then inspected, but no hammer could
be found, the trip then resolved itself
into a徒手 trip to spit down the
Black Hole, this was accomplished. F.

Sorry, Alan, but I've broken the handle of that
hammer, 3 times, so I don't keep it down there, now
~~this basket~~ OK.

1.1.56 Squeeze machine returned to Lake Dernish. OK.

30.12.55. Surface prospecting - Higher Pits,
Ebor.

31.12.55. Party on tourist and photographic trips
of upper Farwater and then adjourned
to the Hunters for New year festivities.

1.1.56 A.M.J. M.G. A.F. wandering on slopes of
per hill in high wind looking for diggs.
examined a Barrow Rake small white
works interesting but would be a
technically difficult dig due to the
need of lots of shovels.

2.1.56: M.G. & A.F. examined across Swallet
above Worthen on the advice of the Murrells.
A fairly great hole with a large
drainage area. A nice fluted shaft
c. 20' deep, twice dug & abandoned
for no obvious reason.

It is hoped to dig this in the
summer on the camp fair. Moderate
power would be needed with
suitable mechanisation. - A.

- M. Hinge, P. Kibbles left.
 7 nights each ~~17/-~~
 M. Grimmer left 3 nights 3/6 in box.
 2.1.56.

J. Powley W.S.G.

Spent ~~one~~ ^{one} night here after one
 night in Eastwater hut, left ~~1/2~~ in box.

A.F. & L.H. spent the afternoon waiting for the
cession of the "Willis Factor."

3.1.56.	A. Fincham	8	nights	-	8.6
	L. Holland	8	"	-	9.6
	M. Hinge	7	"		8.6
	P. Kibbles	7	"		<u>8.6</u>
					35.0

Less 5 gallons paraffin
10.0
25.0
 in Box.

Monday 2nd

Mr. Witts & two officials ~~were~~ from the Geological Survey
& Mr. Witts Garrison & director of the museum. Mr. Witts
th. idea to explore the Beeston series. Unfortunately
not knowing their exact whereabouts the idea
failed. We were intended to see that there is a series of
gouges extending away along the Dolphin Pet. Note.
none of the wings of the old large lobes had been
dissected. (With the exception of the one)
Tuesday.

We had a full day looking round St. Catherines, & the lead
mines, Big hole which I was surprised to find taking
quite a large stream. We also descended Bellongfield
Swallet. This is marked in British Underground as a 30' deep
cave & easy. It is considerably deeper very far from easy,
with a 30' drop so tight that it is about 30' vertical
space. At the bottom one picks up the stream on a pebbly
floor. The walls are of rocks of major rock specimen pebbles.
Described to first Belgrave Hill.
Well.

We went down Cottles with the same intention of going

thru' the mudways in Paradise region. The swamp was very full & after halting out a bit or two we realized that it would take several hours & we would be in no fit condition to explore further. (An old stumps pump might clear the swamp?). We left in the evening.

Friday

Returned the morning having gone to Crystal. We went ~~straight away~~
in the Stok house direction not with intention of going down Stok house. We explored Brown's Stok & Willybrook Swallow, but could not get down fairy cave on the manager apparently has brought out a new mining Willybrook Swallow & is mentally absent. We were away the evening leaving spent 3 nights here.

Visited S. Hill 1/6 S. Swallow 4/6.

South Town C.C.

Monday 2nd. Arrived and did no caving owing to lateness of hour

Tuesday 3rd Did Burntman area (Rod's, Whitcomb's, Bath, Read's (Kensington))

Wednesday - Eastwater to top of second vertical

Thursday - Shopping in morning, and then rigged tackle for Swildans sump party

Friday - Swildans to sump. Water flat normal, although signs

of recent flooding.

R. Pyke, R. Savory, A. Blackwell-Jones, J. V. March, H. Foster, D. J. Perkins

All 5/b. Pay F. Frost.

7/8th.

Brenda (Willis), D. Warden, P. Davis, R. Kennedy (guest) +
D. Frost, operating on two survey teams in St. Be Lame.

Down 6 p.m. at 3:45 a.m. Water higher than in summer,
very cold. David Willis' extraordinary achievements much
appreciated. Hot fees given to hot warden.

D. Frost

Sat 9th January, 1956. DR Lloyd + Robert Wolley to
Cuckoo Cliffs to take measurements & see that it was
in order. There has been no further mud slip
since our last visit with F.W.F. in September.

Sun. 8th Jan. Retrieved squeeze machine from Lake
Dewinsh & returned it to Hill Zone. DR Lloyd

R. Wolley - 1/6 in Box due from 17/72/55

7th Jan. Jeremy Gibbs (non-member) tested squeeze machine
at 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches - successful.

Witnessed:- J. Hood H. Murray M. J. Frost

15th Jan '56 M Hooper, R. Woollen &
 N Hart (Veselov) did a clinking swildon. We
 sworped around on the Roof in several places. Came
 out after 3½ hours at 9.30 pm.

M. Hooper 1/6

M. Hooper 1/6

N Hart (Veselov) 2/6 (1/6 ticklefee)

- in Box.

Sat 28.1.56.

Denis W., Brenda H., Phillip D., Oliver W.,
 Bill M., Derek F. spent up to 8 hours
 Surveying in Stoke Lane. Did 600'
 of passages.

Hut fees.

OC Weller, Bill Marks,	2 nights each	= 5(-) £	base.
D. Ford, P. Davies,	2 nights each	= 5(-)	14/6
D. Washington Joe Candy	1 night	= 3/0	
Brenda Willis	1 night	= 1/6	

28.1.56. O.L., R.W. & M.L.H. to Bushy Green Stream.

Taking the Hon. Sec's. advice we packed a 10" hole with $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. of jelly & it was very effective.

Would Members like to note that I am arranging a Swindon's Scavenging party on Saturday 11th February.

Anyone who would like to join in will be welcome.

Marie's Barn at 3.0 pm. Bring if possible a canvas bucket, towel and scrubbing brush. O'Loyd

29.1.56. Committee Meeting in hut. Among other things:

HUT FEE\$ FOR NON-MEMBERS IS NOW MEMBERS : 2
2/6 PER NIGHT 1/- EACH NIGHT

Sunday

5th 2.56 Oliver Wall, John Buxton (non-member)

& Audrey Buxton (ditto) arrived from Wookey

I am from an Arches op. at Wookey,
stayed night. 1/6 + 5/- = 6/6 in the box.

Did the washing-up left for us by the Committee.

Thanks Chaps!

7 sent by post

N.B. Hut fees for non members 2/6 per night.

5.2.56. In view of stones falling from wall closing the upper part of well towards back hut stone was placed in the hope of preventing a major catastrophe. The chisel was used for this purpose & must be removed as soon as possible. L.D.

11.2.56. Swindon's Scavenging Party. The Women were represented by Chris Lloyd, Mick Leek, Mike Hooper, Steve Clarke, Chris Hawkes, Marjorie Sealey and even Howard Kenney, who also represented the M.N.R.C. A later party of some 12 students from the U.B.S.S. also came down, of which 8 did some work in the sump I neighbourhood, 4 went through to fix a mark bolt this side of the Black Hole. The Women party cleaned up the air thoroughly from the 40' pot down to the last pothole and up through the Tumple as far as Patch's Beautiful Grotto. Upper Evidens was cleaned up to some extent, but needs going over again, particularly the east way & the top of Taub's Ladder. O.Lloyd

MEMBERS: 2/- 1ST

W.E.S. It does not seem make clear whether
other parties have paid their fees
and therefore we therefore result.

rec'dt	night	2/-	Is it in order for notes made by one member to be erased by another? OK.
A.G. Clarke.	1 night	1/-	
M. R. Leggett	"	2/-	
C.J. Hawkes	2 "	3/-	
M. Dale	1 "	1/-	
M.L. Hooper	1 "	2/-	
		13/-	in those

12.2.56.

A.D. OLDHAM Stopped for dinner!

12.2.56.

Collected but fees.

18.2.56. R. Rabbeck, R. Headstable, A. Cowan
(Visitors), G. Candy, stayed night. fees
in box.

R. Cowan	2/-
R. Headstable	2/-
R. Rabbeck	2/-
G. Candy	2/-

Collected fees.

Daw.

19/2/56.

N.B Hut fees for men - members 2/- per night.
See entry 29.1.56.

(MEMBERS & GUESTS EACH PAYING
2/- FIRST NIGHT AND
1/- EACH NIGHT THEREAFTER.)

19th. 2.56. 9 To Lamb with all members.

Fees in box for those who slept at hut.

D.

3.3.56. M. T. Hooper called and made some
toast, 2 d. for gas in stove. Left about 8.00 ^{7.15 p.m.}

3/3/56. J Abbott two members of
Brent Cathedral school C.E., stayed overnight
and had successful procedure Put trip
All out in 2½ hrs. I reached bottom.

J Abbott (member) 1 night. 2/-

I Honey (off. Mem) : 2/-

G Bewdley (" ") .. 2/-

6/-

4.3.56. Mr Lloyd & 1 guest (A.S. Lloyd)
one night — 2/- in box.

Saturday

3rd March '56

(Archeological)

John Brewster, Luke
Devenish, Phillip Davies, Oliver Wells,

dived ~~at~~ ~~the~~ in 123 and 4.

Luke found more bones in it.

Hut Fees

O.Wells. Night 21
Sent to Treasurer.

3.3.56.

Freda Wilkip

Phill Davies

Dennis Warburton

9.3.56

C Hawkes

Arrived

Cleaned out the fire fed and lit
at midnight by

N.B. Hut fees for non-members £16 per night.
See entry 29.1.56.
(MEMBER PAY 2/- FIRST NIGHT AND
NIGHT THEREAFTER.)

9.3.56. A. Fincham - member
M. Holland Visitor
M. Hodge " "
B. Latrobe " "
E. Buckbarrow "

Arrived c. 11.30 p.m.

Arrived 12.30 pm.

arrived 1.30 p.m.

o.o-13 Warburton, B. Willis. Survey trip to
departed 4 p.m.

10. o. o. Lamb heir trip.

11. Swindon ..

12. March. D. & B. Willis 1 night
D. Warburton each
6/- in box.

11.3.56.

A. Fincham.

Hut fees - 2 nights - 3.0

Lamb beer — 2.8.1.0

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M. Holland

M. Hinge

B. La trobe

E. Buckbarn

2 nights each — £1-0.0

Lamb beer fees — 0.4.0

Tackle fees — 0.12.0

→ Total £2.0.0

N.B. Hut fees for non-members 2/- per night.
 PAY 2/- FIRST NIGHT AND
(MEMBERS see entry 29.1.56.)
 NIGHT THEREAFTER.)

M. T. Hodges	1 night	2.0
A. Clarke	"	2.0
R. Leggett	"	2.6
C. Hawkes	2 nights	4.- (1/- Lamb Deer)
		10/6 in box.

Stoke Lane trip to Camp 2. 5 p.m.s.

C. Lloyd	2/-
S. Warburton	2/-
P. Davies	2/-
B. Willis	2/-
G. Weston	2/-
K. Mortimer	2/6 visitor
A. "	2/6 "

in box.

per White Hart Hotel, Wells,
 evening.

Very Cave trips on Sunday, to
 link up.

19th - 23rd March. Oxford party of eight in residence.

Tuesday. An early rise & provisioning in Wells.

Then a three hour trip in Lamb Lee - came out to find it raining hard - a foretaste of conditions for the remainder of the week. In the evening Hillier's Cave was visited - with the especial purpose of seeing the 'Cambridge' Grotto, & the return was just too late for the Hunter's Lodge.

Wednesday. A wake to heavy rain & wind. After a morning spent preparing the evening meal & lunching at Hunter's Eastwater was visited - a straight descent via Dolphin route & Muddy Cobow to the old bottom. The party were impressed by the 14 Pots on the return.

Thursday. The weather was again very bad but it was decided to press on with a Swildon's trip. Brian Colingridge kindly came out from Bristol University to help out with the party. It was found that the heavy rain had merely increased the stream to proportions which were the norm before last summer. A leisurely exploration of the finer parts of the streamway, Barnes Laps & Troutman's Temple, & the party were assembled at Samp-

1. After a demonstration dive, three baptisms were recorded from amongst the party. Out after 4½ hours & back to Hillgrove to be met by O.C.L. with a bottle of Madeira & an Irish stew. A dinner of Oxonian proportions & an adjournment to the Flute Room for a quiet hour with the guitar & shaver's board.

Friday The last day & inevitably the weather had deteriorated. But leisurely packing up & departure were the order of the day.

Dr. Food.

Dave Satchiffe (Guest)	4 nights + tackle fee	14	6d.
Bill Atkins	" " "	14	6d.
Lodging Entertainments	" " "	14	6d.
Hans Smith	" " "	14	6d.
Tony Jones	" " "	14	6d.
Roger Jones	" " "	14	6d.
Alan Twyford	" " "	14	6d.
David Farrel	4 nights	5	0
		<u>£5-</u>	<u>6</u>
		" "	6d.

I can now tie a bowline bill Atkins.

24th March

Mike Grimmer, George Weston & Mike Widdicks arrived Hunters 8.30pm, persuaded M.J. Lane that it was necessary to do late night upper Smelton Taps. This was carried out with success & after 75 mins rest the party proceeded to Pen Hill to watch the sunrise, but the sun just didn't seem to want to rise & we retired to Hillgrovie rather disillusioned. But at least we had heard the cock crows at Main at 4.15 am. RMCS contingent departed 7.0 am.

Note The squeeze above the lavatory basin is only just standard banger size

25th March

M. Harper & A. Clarke began digging at Red Brook. Stream diverted out of dip but work suspended for want of a spade. Tubs left no note,

M. Harper	1 night	2	as	0
A. Clarke	1 night	2	"	0

left L. 30 pm after

walk over Stock Hill.

4	as	0
4	as	0

Tubs brought back to Hill Grove for safety, 7.4.56.
out.

24th March - R. Pyke & A. Blackwell-Jones + R. Savory + D. J. A. Perkins arrived about 4.30 p.m. Went down Swildon with little definite purpose in view, but eventually inspected the mud-sump (fairly full). Found an albino frog attempting to swim back to surface in a pool beyond the 20 ft. Felt averse to any sort of work, and left mud-sump as we found it.

25th March Left 8.45 a.m. Returned to cupboard at 10.45 p.m. No caving done today. A. B.-Jones deposited at an unearthly lair.

26th March Tourist trip to Eastwater via Dolphin Pot. Spent a happy couple of hours in side passages, and returned after about 5 hrs down. Treated ourselves to enormous meal, and afterwards adjasped sleepily to the thunders.

27th March

Went across to Langwood. Descended to bottom, where R. M. Savory continued to jam his foot most ingeniously at the bottom of the wet valley. There being comparatively little water we looked at August Hole as far as the bottom of the Fault. Afterwards cycled back to Hillgrave in rather a cold state.

28th March.

D. J. Perkins left early, and remaining longer - they went aero. to Buntingford, where they wandered around Sidcot and then basked in the sun during lunch. They then did Rod's and Drunkards, having a passing look at Bath, and cycled back, having spent a leisurely but enjoyable day. Met O.C.L. on arrival at hut, and were treated to private exhibition of cave photographs. Afterwards adjourned to Hunters, O.C.L. leaving for Bristol at 11.15 p.m.

~~Hut~~ Bmund 5x20' hddrs & 1x12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ' for Last John's Cave. ~~O.C.L.~~

29th March.

R. Pyke + R. Savory left at 11.30 a.m.

<u>Fees</u>			
A. B. Jones	- 1 night	- 2/-	
R. Pyke D. Perkins	- 4 nights	- 5/-	
R. Pyke	- 5 nights	- 6/-	
R. Savory	- 5 nights	<u>6/-</u>	
		0 - 19 - 0	

To be paid to Hon. sec.

6d for spaces in tin

29. March. - A. Fincham arrived c. 5.0 pm.
departed at 8.00 pm for Priddy Stores and
liquid refreshment.

30. March M. L. Hooper and A. J. Clarke arrived
12.15 p.m. +/- in box.

30. March. Examined double back (or
two) swallow - beyond whitewash, outside corner of all.
No water flowing and no water in the
cave. It was found possible to penetrate
the squeeze out of the chamber which
is so frequently full of water.
The very narrow rift was entered and
there were signs of extensive recent
flooding - straw etc. The end of the
corridor of surface washed mud and
no air space continues, it appears
to be a simple soak-away, on
occasions the pool here must be some
6 - 8' deep due to the vertical
outlet. The whole cave is in the

30. March.

M. Lane & A. Fincham disposed of
the Elsam contents —

31 March 1956. as arrived at a hut filled with
charcoal broken bottles, glass, old hardware, M. Lane took
party of 6 to the down Swildons. — wsg tackle

$$15m \rightarrow 2 \text{ nights} + 21 = 51-$$

31.3.56. Party of 6 in Cutters. W.C.
composed of practically all clubs but B.E.C.
M. Hooper being the only one who had been ^{once}
before played principal guide. The party
found its way to the swamp by the approved
route with occasional variations.

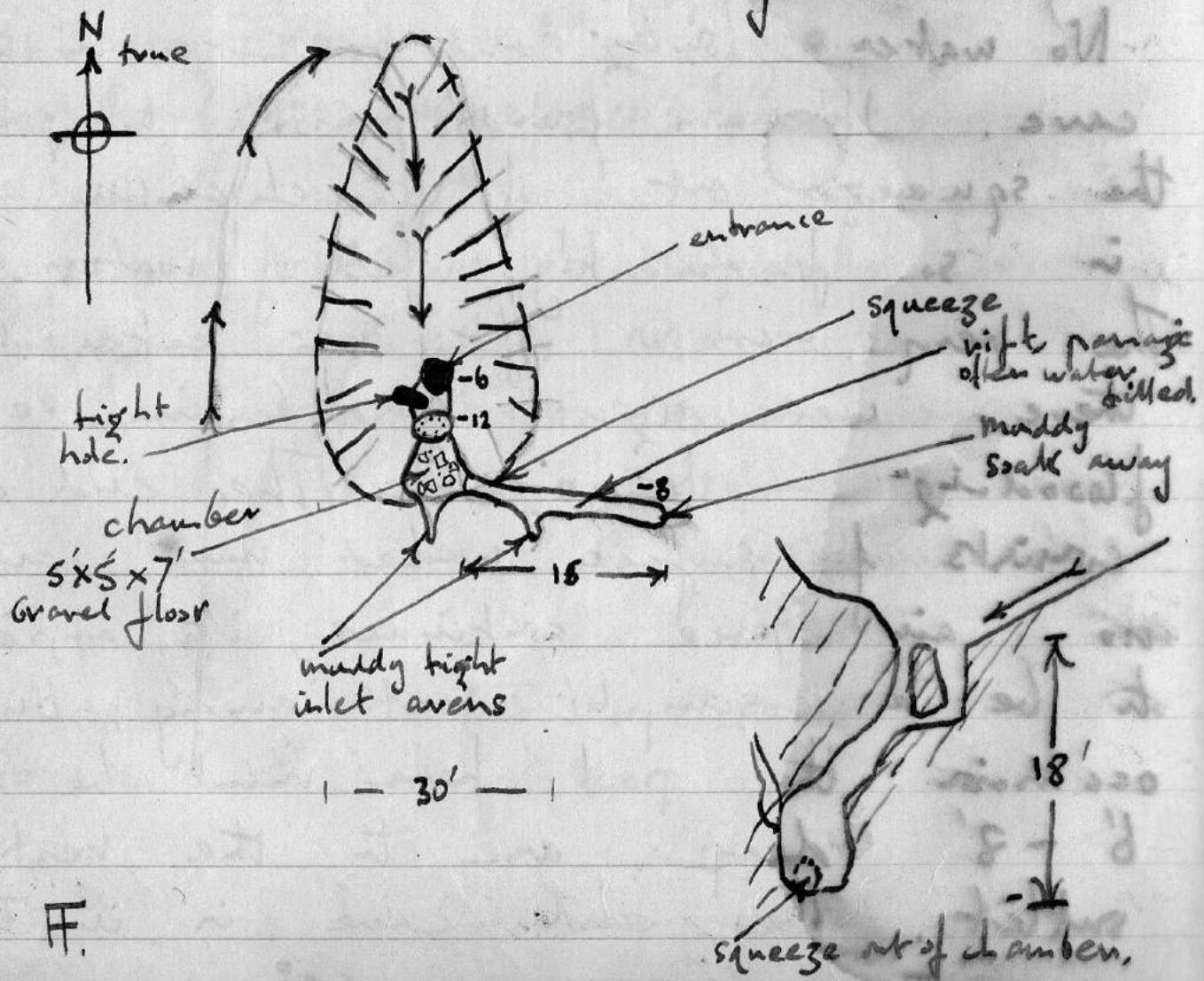
The cave was declared very fine by all
members — 6 hours.

1.4.56. Party of 5 to swamp II and Black
Hole - Swildons — two "frogs" (April or
otherwise) being baptised in the process.
5 hours

Anger Division invaded Fott Hillgore

triamic conglomerate which can be seen on the surface in this and nearby swallets. possibilities of extension are very limited when one is good at working standing or over head or is prepared to blast a cave.

On occasion this swallet takes a considerable amount of water.



* captured a quantity

Prof. Van Coder (O)
PRIME APE

The Primate of India

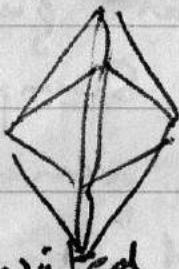
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Assam Catangzo

Herr Mo Schivelbein & Becon

Herr Russell Jenkins spy. H

X tree from Nea



The above uninvited and speci-woman (qk, 1) specimens consumed all available stores. 2

10 half .02.41
10 dozen - still
available

3 April A. Fincham 5 nights.

~~6/-~~ in Box. — AF.
5.6 - owe 6d.

2 April
Cress 5
various operations at

3 April Lander 2 Mts 3/- in Box.

3 April Puffins Hawks 4 nights 5/- in Box.

3.4.56. Gwittos, Talbott & Shuck Murphy down Swindon to view Mud Surf 4 hrs.

3.4.56. Retained 3x25' l.w.s. ladders. od.

Lot Glass' is a magnificent cave & a good time was had by all. See next no. of the Journal! od.

4.3.56 Parcel from Cawells of c. 5 Thurfield.

11 3.4.56 A helmet was found in Main's barn recently. Probably belongs to A Fincham. Can be collected from Main's when wanted.

4 pm we party down Whitson Hole.

4 pm Jeff Abbott departed
2 nights 5/- in box.

~~July 2~~ 5. 4.56. Party of 6 down Eastwater. Double
verticals to Osbowe Pots & 4-fold series
4 hours.

C. Wills

5. 7. 56. SOME ROTTEN SOA SO HAS PINCHED
THE SECRETARIAL WORKING.

6. 7. 56. 7 down Swildon's to Lump II &
Black Hole - 3 baptisms. 3½ hours.

C. Wills

8. 7. 56. Bath Civil Servants down Swildon's
out by 10 pma returned tackle.

R. Pyke + R. Savory (aff.) came and went off
to Swildon's, for lack of anything else to do.

7/11/56 Elson emphyse.

C. Wills

~~Not foro.~~

G. Witten	4 insights	5/-
J.G. Abbott	2 "	3/-
M. Murphy	W "	3/-
P.J. McLean	3 "	4/-
B.R. Collingridge,	3 "	4/-
A.T. Morrison	7 "	4/-
A.P. Rosenblatt	1 " man	7/6

7.4.56. The remaining $2 \times 25'$ and $1 \times 12\frac{1}{2}'$ metal ladders
and the $2 \times 75'$ life lines have been returned from Yorkshiria.
The $12\frac{1}{2}'$ ladder is removed for attention to a slipped rung.

OC.

7.4.56 A.L. Merry and M.L. Hooper arrived before
retiring to the Hunter's. 4/- in box

7.4.56 DIVING AT CHEDDAR, Skeleton Pit.

There are no side-passages underwater above
the pit descended by R.E. Davies

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Section:

Plan:

water surface

Skeleton Pit:

mud

RIFT
3' side

mud

down

DIVING AT SAYES HOLE 7-12-56

There are no passageways underwater except for the small slot entered by John Burton (at a depth of 30')

Section.

water surf

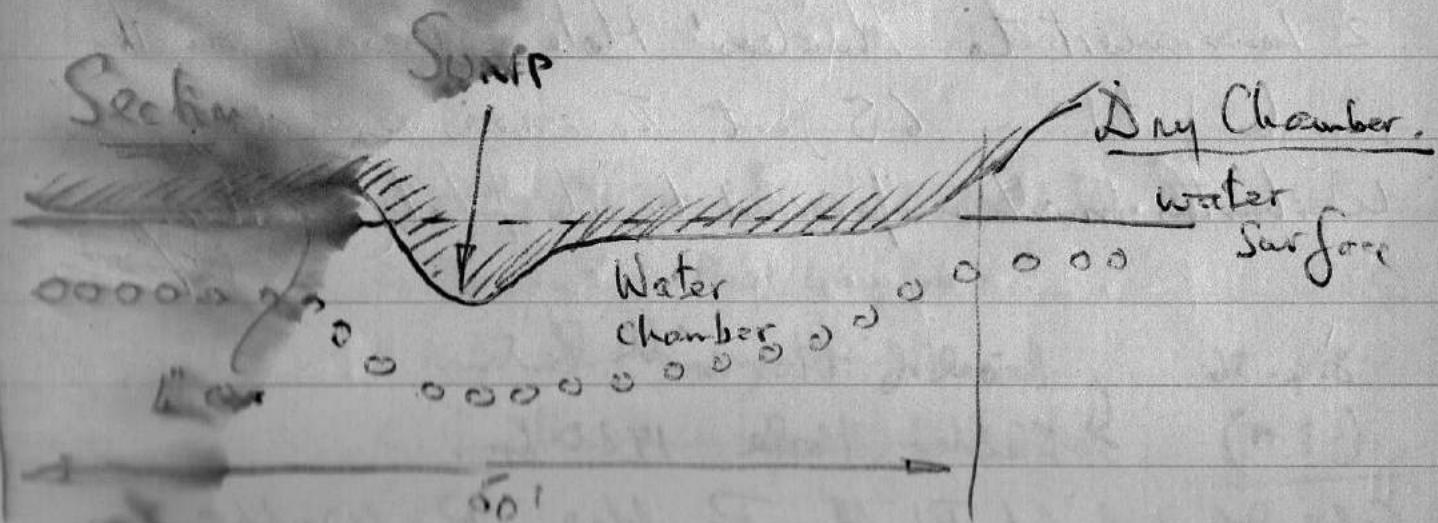
mud
slope

slot

bottom
rock walls
all mud

DRAWS AT LOONELL CAVE

New organic passages underwater except already known. The water would seem to come out of small holes in the boulders.



8-IV-56. D.C. Wells.

Hikes	D.C. Wells	2 nights	3/-
	F.G. Balcombe	1 "	2/- + 6d gift
	O.U. Cogol	1 -	2/-
	D. Warburton	1 ..	2/-
	P. Davis	1 -	2/-
	D. Ford	1 .	<u>2/-</u>
			<u>13/6</u>

8.4.56.

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Carbide Spares Box examined for refill.
Journals removed for binding. x-3.56.

P. Davies -

Margorie Seely, O.C. Lloyd, D. Washburn & D. Ford
2 hour visit to Hunters' Hole. Descent via the
single pitch - 65 feet. The cave is very dry -
Washburn much impressed by its photogenicity.

D. Ford.

8.4.56 Arrival of Monmouth Party.
(P.M) → Foster Hole 19.20 hr.

Colin Thursfield, Phyllis Poulter, Pip Webb, Lee
Gassaway & Lewis Steeles.

9.4.56 { 11.00 A.M. Arrival of Robert McCallum
11.00 noon. Above to Estivater. Dolphin Hol.

10.4.56 Above to Webb.

11.4.56 } Above + Colin Sevenstarbank
10.00 DOL to wildcows.

+ 1/2 25' Ladder
1 12' Ladder
1 Lifeline

Reached Sink I. via wet way. St. Pauls -

Dense seas on return. Exit by way of an unwelcome tour of Upper Series in attempt to find Long Dry Way.

2/30pm Return to Millgrove. (via Victoria & Hounds).

2 Reefs (1 Millgrove Hut; 1 Hor. ladder.) found in Upper Grottoes.

12.4.56. } Webb, Garaway, Metcalfe left.
09.00 }

Fees in Box:-

P. Webb. (Guest) 4 nights + tackle fee.	11.6
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L. Garaway (Assist. Mts) 4 nights.	5.0
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R. Metcalfe (" ") ³ nights.	4.0
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C. Swillensbach (guest) tackle fee.	1.6
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£ 1.2.0

11.00 P. L. S. H. E. M. P. T. I. C. D. N.G.R. 357551.149693.

No caving attempted to-day. (Wells, Cheddar.)

13.4.56. } Remainder of Monmouth Party left.

10.45 }

C. J. Thursfield 5 nights.	6.0
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P. Poullier (guest) 5 nights (tackle fee)	14.0
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L. Stedens (guest) " + " " 14.0	
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£ 1.14.0

- 13.4.56 R.E.L. & Ray Shaaples. (guest)
arrived.
- 14.4.56 St Cathberts with sundry
other bodies (see below) and
- 15.4.56 Departed San Simeon
town at Mendocino.

R.E.L. 2 nights 3/-
R. Shaaples 2 nights 5/-
In bus

- | | | |
|----------|----------------------|----------|
| 13.4.56. | A. Fincham | |
| | D. Edwards (visitor) | Arrived. |
| | C. Weston | .. |
| 14.4.56. | M. Crimmins | .. |
| | M. Widdicks | .. |

Cuthberts trip to complete laying of
telephone cable from Curtin Corner
to Dining Chamber - 6 hrs

Excellent reception can now be obtained
between here and the Belfrey

15.4.56. Surface negotiations on Cross
Smaller dig successfully executed.
All departed late afternoon.

D. Findam	2 nights	3.0
D. Edwards	" "	5.0
purchased 15/4/56 Saw.	cost of fuel mantle	1.3
M. Grimmer	1 night	2.0
M. Wilder	1 ..	2.6
G. Water	2 nights	3.0

~~flat~~

A. Findam 6 ^d used	-	0.6
Grand Total :		<u>17.3</u>

to Weston contribution to fuel used for breakfast Easter Sunday, 2 .. 0

15.4.56

M. L. Hooper and M. Dale with a member of B.E.C. did a straightforward trip of Cuthbert's to the sump. We took down to the Dining Room a coil of wire left at the wire traverse and connected it to the telephone. Contact was made with the 'Bellfry.'

15.4.56

M. L. Hooper

I night 2/-
Fees due from 17th March
through lack of cash 2/-
 4/- in box

25/4/56

South Town Cave Club Party
arrived at lunchtime and after lunch went
down Estuarine (Dolphin Pot) as far as
the '2nd Bold Step'.

26/4/56

Trip to top of 40' pot (Swallow's)
to show beginners around.

Fees (5 books for 2 nights) to F. Frost

A. B. Blackwell 'for'

28 Mar. M. Webster, P. Davies. 4.30 pm.
→ Stoke Lane.

28th April.

M. Davis	1 night	2/-
+ 9/- owing		<u>9/-</u>

29th April. Carbide spares
left in hut P.D.

29th April

G. C. Lloyd	1 night	2/-
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M. L. Hooper	1 night	2/-
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R. Woolley	1 night	2/-
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A. L. Merry	1 night	2/-
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8/- in box

29th April 1936 Party of 5 to D. G. Stream, Sibbles
1 long, 6 buckets. 5" hole waiting to be
deepened. O. Lloyd

I've taken 3 ten tools for baking { returned
6.5.36
one.

D. Webster, P. Davies. T. E. Survey trip to
S. Lane, completed the survey. Also visited
Estwater with P. Chard. Hot Pies etc. Bet 4/-

May 1st R. Ryke & A. Blackwell-Jones came and made some tea. Left for Eastwater about 12 o'clock

May 5th. Mike Grimmer, Mike Widdicks, George Weston, Skeetts, & Hugh Wright (guest) arrived; down Eastwater at c. 2.30 Up at 7.00 after doing Dd. Phipps' route.

May 6th M. J. Hooper and a non-member D. Clark did a tourist trip to theump in Swindon's.

M. J. Hooper 1 night 2/-

D. Clark 2/6

Tackle fee 1/6

6/0 in box.

May 6th. G. Weston & Mike Widdicks down Stoke Lane - unusually early owing to lack of watch or clock.

NOTE The practice of leaving milk, sandwiches & bacon in the kitchen for long periods is to be deprecated!

G. Weston	1 night	2/-
M. Wielchicks (proposed member)	1 nt.	2/-
H. Wright (visitor) tackle fee 5 th May		1/-
In envelope in box		5/-

• 10th-11th May.

Benck Willis, Dennis Washington, Phil Davis & Derek Ford, to survey in Stoke Line. But no diameter, so an evening was spent playing with a presumed mine shaft near Green One. Sunday, went to examine Ridgards Driggle & other old passages in Stoke 1. D.F.

B. Willis	1 night	2 1/-
D. Washington	"	2 1/-
P. Davis	"	2 1/-
D. Ford	"	2 1/-
		<hr/>
		8/- in box.

May 14th Visit by Hen. Soc,
Jim Sutherland & Prof. Tratman.

18th May 1956

A.D. Oldham arrived 5.30 pm Hat found to
be tidy. Expect for 3 dirty cups and 1 glass
not of stub tea.

19.5.56.

Paid call to find my flea-bag. This is
1) Brown 2) labelled Brigadier Buchanan
3) Gone. If found please inform Dr. Mr. Thompson.

18/5. McGuinness and guest A leaves arrived
9.0.

19/5. ① Visited Longwood Valley, which has been
disgustingly denuded of timber. The entrance
to the cave is now blocked.

Visited photographic exhibition Wells.

Sid Elson

H. Grimes, Ann Leavers, Pet Chard. P. Davies took
with R.E. Lander, C.H. Spence, Bill Frane to Hillier's to look
at Cambridge Grotto. bedrockly stone was
entirely dry.

Hot Pcs.	Ann Leavers.	Hot Pcs details etc
	Pet Chard	
	Phe Davies	IN Box

18th May

P.R. Glover & 4 Guests { M. r (Technie, A. Goodall, I. Glover,
P. Attey) } arrived 10.30 pm from London, London
at Reading.

19th May Above party did girders to Snug I,
laddering as they went. Tools used :- 2 x 25' alloy
ladders + tether on 40', 1 x 25' ^{ladder} in 20'. Left them down
at request of Mr. the Duke. Water v. low = almost
warm! Snug I shrubs!

20th May. Gentle perambulation in brilliant sun
over Pen Hill via Banous Lake dig to Hunter's
for the usual or their back for lunch via the lead
works. After lunch P. Goodall, I. Glover or P. Attey were

shown round Gaol-church & Bridgwater
by Chis — ? for Postm. Mary Hawks,
Chis.

20th R.E.Lawder arrived in the
sybaritic conditions of Hills, rose after
a night on the floor at Shepton
Market Hart. Down Hilliers as
above.

21st Inspection ton of dogs
1 Night 2/- in box

20th. B.White left for Bristol

2 nights = 3/- ~~but 3/-~~
to change will forward to Hon Treas.

21st. A.Wilson leaves for Bristol

Did Sandown to 1st June. on Sunday

3 nights 4/-

Regret to say I am temporary Embarrassed
so I will forward the fees to Hon
Treas later.

L.A. Sargent, J.W. Frame, B.P. Frame.

Camped in field next Ranch. ^{bf in}
Whit Sub. E. B. Sue Hillier, ^{box} Dog

T. Austin arrived Sat. 19th. after
spic trip with recruitment w/bike.

Stake home Sat. afterwards Stockholm.
Pub. up to Huntiers, back. Cutberts
Monday nothing, then Huntiers.
owing 3/- ^{Q.} *the other club.

Pee ^{ear}. D.W. when are you going
to do your ear? ^{Q.}

21st. R.R.G., H.M., A.G., I.C.A., & T.P.H. wandered round
Box Sub. etc ^{*} Were urged to dig in Whitsons
by R.E. however, but after cracking all over
the 'thing' decided we wanted our lunch!
Ate, & left about 5:30 pm.

[Had a great game trying to help three
unfortunate females round up a huge
show jump in stallion that was play-
ing sheep dogs with the cows! Highly
unsuccessful. Much horselaughter!]

Money in box:-

1 member }
4 guests } 4 nights — £14s-0.

Tackle fee:— 4 guests

6/-

N.B. Glauer, poster
Guests on lot money
£14s-0. was provided
is what I.P. Rule

£2-0-0
R. P. B.

18/5/56. M. Dale arrived at 10.20 am
- 23/5/56. Friday. A Herry, + 2 guests of 0/-
Dale, D Collins + M. Lee arrived
Saturday. Saturday was spent
"pottering", including a dig at
Green Doe, opened, "Slink, by the MNR.
Sunday was spent in Cuttibest
by permission of B.E.C. Spent
7 hrs in various parts including
Main Route, Lake Series Rat Run, Rabbit
Watten, mappoling in Gour Passage.
~~Saturday~~ Monday spent in Souldous in
various places including driving
Sump 1 by M. Dale. No one else came

tho, so returned. A. Henry & M. Lee & D. Collins
left Monday evening. H. Dale
left Tuesday Morning.

H. Dale	4 nights	5/-
A. Henry	2 nights	3/-
D. Collins	2 nights	5/-
M. Lee	2 nights	5/-
in base		18/-
in base		18/-

Tackle fee owing 3/-. Total owing = 2/-

[Will a certain member or members
please note that I have no intention
of not paying now or at any other time.
Since it is not in my interests nor in
the club's, that I should do so.

H. Dale]

N.B. The Photographs stuck on the
walls are probably not in the
best positions. It is therefore
suggested that any disapproval should
be in the form of re-adjustment

of the position using the "Recettive"
which will be around.

M. Dale.

22 May.

N. Barnett	1 night	2/-
	tackle fee	<u>1/6</u>
		<u>3/6</u> in base
M. J. Hooper	3 nights	4/-
R. J. Burgin	1 night	2/6
	tackle fee	<u>1/6</u>

in 8/- forwarded to

Hon. Sec.

26 May

C. H. comes 11:30 AM H.D. looked. wandered
over to examine double-back (straight) I joined
forementioned dig. Sunday Brenda & David Willis and
C.H. fenced in & walled preparative to dig as follows
some distress shown at removal of Pepper Pot.
1 night 2/-

26 May R. B. Lawder arrived 3 pm.

Went to reconnaitre Cross Swallet
to gauge wire requirements.

27 May - installing shaft at
Tannard Hole.

1 Night 2/- in box

26-27 May

H. Dale	1nt	2/-
A. Messy	1nt	2/-
D. Collins	1nt	2/6 + 1/6 tackle.

2/- owing.

Burying Swallows Nuc Sump.

c 60 buckets removed. air space
now \approx 6".

M. Dale.

1.6.56 A.D. Oldham arrives at 6.00pm
studies on Doves digging in the
Elson trench with Little's show.
The corner of the walls was built
up on the stones shooed out.
He was in a poor condition
with food and green fungous.

2nd. 6.56

Investigated mine shafts at Green
Ore also went down to Barrington

3.6.56

Left for Bristol.

2 nights - 3/- in box.

3 : 6.56

M. Murphy 1 night
N.C. Hoyle ..

2/-
2/-
4/- in box

9-10th

M. Dale 1 night

2/- in base

M. Dale.

8-9-10 2 nights

= 3/- in base

A.D. OLDHAM.

9 June R.E. Lawder and Chris Monk (gues) arrived 3 p.m. Did an upper Swilden, Hunters, party at Churchill and so to Sed.

10 June R.E.L. & C.M. did upper Eastwater. C.M. found his way out through the ruckle with a minimum of guidance - good show

R.E.L 1 night 2/-

C.M. 1 night 2/6

4/6

16 June R.Walley & M.Cooper arrived to "do" roof - but it rained a lot so nothing much was done.

M. Hooper } 2/- each owing
 R. Woolley }

Tony Dunn 2/- pd
 Alan Bonner 2/6 pd

Arrived Saturday 16th June, stayed
 overnight with the intention of climbing
Cebba Gorge on the Sunday.

M. Dale int 2/- + 2/- owing.
 M. Durrant int 2/6 + 1/6 tackle.
 8/- in box

C. Hawkes - member
 J. Hawkes - guest arr 12.00. 17th June

Tourist trip of Wooken Hole - inspection of
 Badger Hole & Roman Villa - retired to

Hunters - Sunday - R. Lawler. M. Dale

& M. Durrant & C & J. Hawkes

descended Smidsons to Sump. Returned

uneventfully except for loss of one soul

(right shoe) Place acting overwound

PT CJA. 21. JA 216.

R.E. Lawder 21- In S.R.

AD Oldham 15/16/17

¹⁶ Went over to Cross Roads
with B. Lawder.

¹⁷ Wedgeee digging
top Hopes wood.

2 nights . 31- in box

Saturday

23/6/56

R. Whalley and M. Hooper arrived to
recover the roof. This operation took
much longer than we thought. it was
going to. Removal of the wood on the
ridge was difficult, as it had been
installed with 4" nails only. Half the roof
was covered. It rained hard again

24/6/56

Went to Swindon with O. Lloyd and

K. Evans to fix a bar above the party
for rescue work, 4 hour trip

R. Woolley 4/- in Box (2/- ~~owed~~ paid 16/0/0)

R.E. Lawder + 2 guests }
John & Julian Wedgwood } All day
Sundry other odds } Swindon

M. Atkinson (guest) 2 nights 5/-

Tackle 1/6

C. May (..) 2 nights 5/-

Tackle 1/6

R. E. Lawder 1 night 2/-

15/-

in box.

John Wedgwood 1 night 2/-

Julian Wedgwood 1 Night 2/6

Guest - Tackle 1/6

+ 1/- donation

7/- in box.

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24th June 11 pm. D. Warburton called in 11 pm on way home.
Did not use but had booked so 2/- in box

27 June

R. Woolley, M. Sealy, J. Smithabank had a
good 'bash' at the roof. A lot of work
was done

30 June my fare 1 night 2/- [no charge so
will pay later]

109.56. " 1st. Borrowed the 4 wood & rope ladders
for the U.B.S.S. trip to Ireland. Due to
be returned 22.7.56. This is a "quid pro quo",
since they lent us 100' of all metal ladders for
our "St. John's" trip at Easter. DCW

Hut fees. 30 June

J.D. Morris & DC Wells 1 night @ 2/-

= 4/-

+ A Merry 1 night 6/- in box

1st July.

N. Barrington + guests for the night after Swindon's etc.
left early for London. Fees pd.

6.7.56. A. Fincham - arrived.

7-8.7.56 R.E. Lawder 1 night 2/-.

Broke - will pay next week.

7th July Mjhane 1 night 4/- inc bosc including
last weeks debt.

8/7/56 PD, PC, MG, & W, ML investigated a mineshaft
on Baker hill (GR56355295) which recently had been
uncovered by bulldozing operations.
at the moment its top is covered w/ slabs
& a holly bush. The shaft is 70' deep with
2-3' of water in the bottom at present. A rift leads off
from the bottom but due to water was impermeable
in our non caring clothes.

7.7.56 Tan Kard Pot. M.C., A.F. P. Davies.

Tony Rich descended Tan Kard Pot.

estimated depth 150 - 200 ft all in
boulder rubble practically all vertical.
Had to go down twice trying to find the

way on ~~ladder~~: from the present terminal chamber ~ while some very dicey descents by the uninitiated not recommended end. — FF.

8.7.56: A.F. D.Willm. descended Smalls. Investigated inlet passage r.h.s. just beyond Kerney's dig to B.H. this will be dug in the near future.

9.7.56. Descent of Mr. Sealby's well by M.G. & A.F. to determine chances of obtaining sea water.

Tackle required — 25' ladder, triplex entrance square sc. Rigged main cable for C. S. Small at dig: in afternoon.

10.7.56 Serviced winch at bulk of sand shifted all tackle to C. S. Small — Rigged tackle and experimentaly raised and dumped on first boulder c. $1\frac{1}{2}$ cu.t.

Hot fees . 2 Nights 3/- for ~~10/-~~
10th & 11th July in Box.

P.D.

GEORGE WESTON; July 9th - 14th = 8 nts. = 9/-

No charge - intend to return about 16th-17th inst. so
will pay bill in one lump (probably in fuers).

R.E. Lander	July 13 th and 14 th	3/-
	+ July 7 th evening	2/-
		5/- In box.

A.D. Oldham arrived Fri 13th 6.30pm
visited Kertes which was crowded
with Mèges.

Sat went Cross Lavallet.

Sun. Went to Cross Lavallet. Maxwell
done some hanging. Went down
Eastwater in afternoon via 1st/2nd
verticals and Dolphin Pot.

B. White arrived 11 am went down
Eastwater.

A.D. Oldham two nights 3/- in box

Monday 16th July.

J. Abbott & 2 aff. members of
Bristol Cathedral School club arrived
11.20 a.m. Took 12½' ladder + 2 ropes.
for Dolphin Pot trip in Eastwater.
Returning it tonight. J. Abbott.

6.50. J. Abbott returned a tackle.

17th July. G. Wester returned, with Champion Burndown Asphodel
(guest; Kennel & Tailwagger Blues). Also brought ashtray.

16.7.56 Took 4 guests to Lump 1 buildings. Tackle fees paid.

19/7/56.

M Grimmer	five nights	6/-
A Beers (guest)	two nights	5/-
Cooking Set (while camping nearby)		2/-
Total	<u>13/6</u>	in box

20th July G. Wester & Ch. B. A. departed.

3 nights = 4/- ; + 9/- owing = 13/-

12/6 in box (total charge) ; 6/- owing.

Intend to return almost forthwith.

20. July R.E. Lawden arrived.

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Len Dawes (W.S.Q.) visitor - 1 night - 2. c
In Box.

22.7.56. Returned 4 wood & rope ladders
borrowed for the British VBSS. trip (see by-note
1.7.56.). OCT.

22.7.56

R.Wolley paid short visit in which he
did a small amount of work on the roof.
departed at about one o'clock.

14.7.56. A.Fincham, D.Williams, L.Dawes dug passage
in Swildens II, decided it required special
equipment, passage is however very interesting.
trip approx 3 hrs. party tackled cave and
reached sump I in 23 mins.

20.7.56 A.F. and R.K. a tourist were photographic tips
of upper swildens.

21.7.56 C.Hawkes, A.F. and novice visitor to Swildens
sump I. R.E.L. Fetching bait from Old Sodbury

22.7.56. C.Hawkes and A.F. descended Tankard
Pit. depth estimated with aid of

Avoid 160' approx. dip S.E. 30-40° approx.

The whole cave is in rubble graduated from mere several hundred weight, changes at the top to cottage size boulders at the bottom (quaking chamber).

The cave is very dangerous, especially at the top (shaving) and at the bottom and anywhere in the rubble off the main route down.

The present final chamber is promising but a very dicey proposition indeed. Keys to the cave are held by: Brewer, M. Grinner, Troy Rich (B.C.C.), A. Fincham.

(over Swallat project: digging continues.

Hymel Murrell assisted matters greatly by means of his rapid chemical process and much shattered material now awaits removal - the roof however threatens collapse - prospects fair to middling.

R.E.L. & R. Kenney down G.B. F.

24th July, 1956

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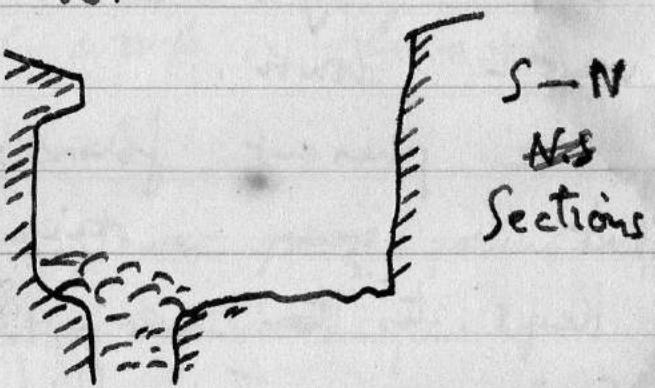
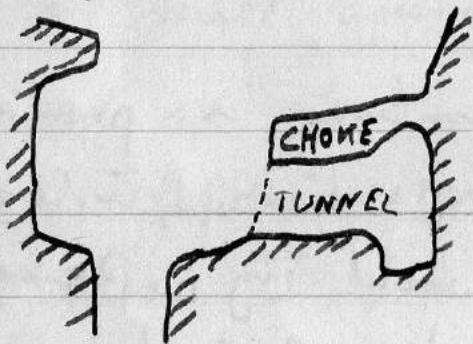
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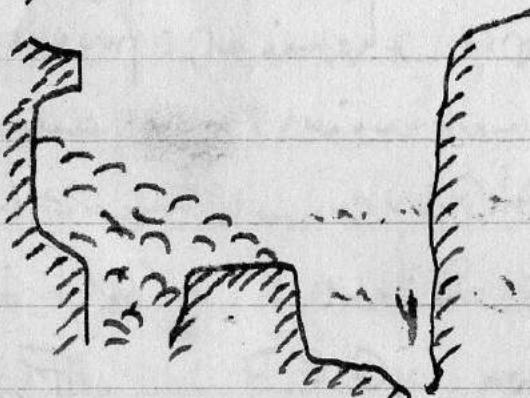
T. Robinson

R. Horn arrived.

23 - 4 hrs digging at Cross. Profile
changes from :- to :-



24 July. A further session at Cross. Profile
changes to :-



(Moral:- If you want
to dig a hole, dig a
big hole next to
it instead of a small one first!)

25 July R. Edm. digging at cross with Mark Lane
and 2 brothers. Slow progress in tight net.

25th July. R. Edm. Fincham & S.D. to
Swindon, digging in "back passage"
till we got tired of it.
Same progress, still large.
quantities of liquid mud to be
removed.

P.D 1 night but fees 2*l* in box.

28th 29th 1st H. Dale. 1/6^d in box
St. Cuthberts overnight. tourist only

28-29th Mike Holland (visitor)
One night 2/6 in box

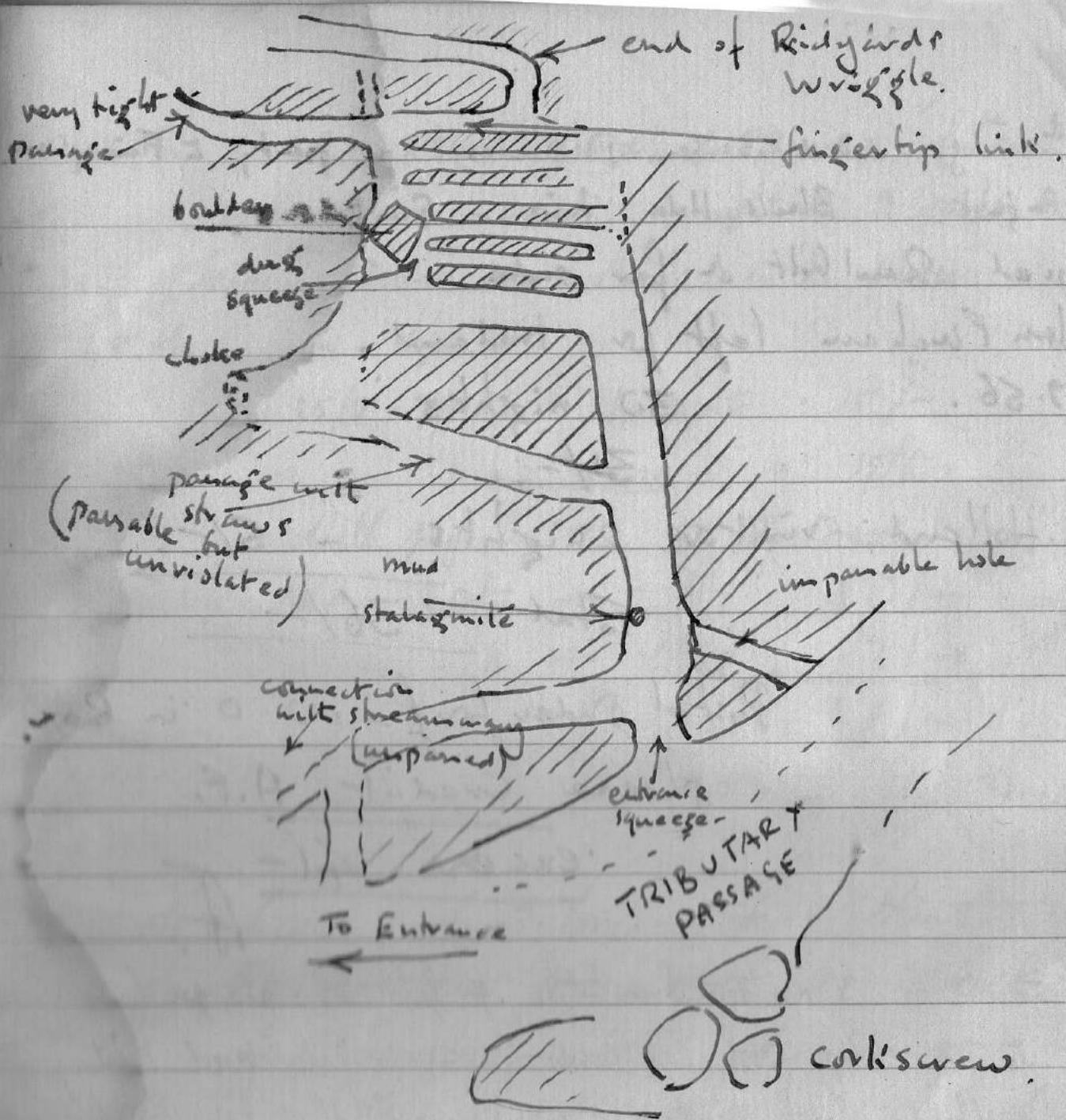
27/7/50 A.D. Oldham
arrive 8.40 p.m.

28th. D. Warburton, P. Davies, B. Willis, G. Weston, A. Fincham
Survey trips in Stoke Lane I. - Tributary passage.
With the aid of a little rock hammering and
fowling a passage was entered, going off
the tributary passage just by the conserves.
This was explored by A.F. and G.W. to an
obstruction of rock curtains and slabs.

It was suggested that this was the other
end of Ridgards Wriggle and with
some more fowling from both sides this
proved to be the case, finger tip
connection being possible.

The passage contains a good deal
of stalagmite, a few straws and much
muddy sand. Some 50' of new passage
was surveyed.

With a little hammering a through
passage should be possible and
thus provide as a sporting
alternative to the shoney crawl.



New passage in Stalce I. 'BLACKPOOL SANDS'
discovered 28.7.56. C.R.G. I.

ff.

29th. July. D. Warburton, P. Davies & party to Feizor Caves.

5. August. Black's Hole trip - Sutherland,

fished Rawl Golt on far side.

Alan Fincham left for Ireland.

6. 8. 56.

30 nights

31/-

M. Holland, visitor. 2 nights - 5/-

Total 36/-

Postal Order for £2.0.0 in Box.

please credit A.F.

excess 4/-

A.F.

5.8.56. 3 visitors from Stoke + J. Weston sherpaid to PR camp with Les Davies (WSG) - delivered 1 pt milk (in bottle - intact) and 1 copy "News of the World," both provided by Mr. & Mrs. Willis. Bob Lawder enlarged St. Paul's squeeze to his own enormous dimensions. Richard Kenney passed mud sump then returned to keep REL company. Stoke visitors claimed to have enjoyed this, their first trip on Mordig.

6.8.56. G.O.W., REL & "George" to PR camp, followed by Norman Brooks. GW & RL brought out 2 packs, GW becoming "true son of Hendix" in the process.

7.8.56. G.W. departed.

$$\begin{aligned} 25/7 - 7/8/56 &= 14 \text{ nights} = 15/- \\ + 6^{\text{d}} \text{ owing} &= 15/6 \end{aligned}$$

Will pay by P.O. to Hon. Treas.

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \text{R.E. Lawder.} & 20/7 \rightarrow 29/7 & 10/- \\ & 1/8 \rightarrow 6/8 & \frac{71}{171} \end{array}$$

Will pay by P.O. to Hon. Treas

Members who leave for Hunter M. Alvises are requested to stack the packing up on the d-board. Otherwise it's hard for the suckers who follow.

N.B. Dangerous drugs found in Rutt. I have removed, anyone contact me who knows anything about them C. Hawkes

A.D. Oldham got through squeeze machine at $6\frac{1}{2}$ "

Witness. Brian Foden S.P.C. Don Barker S.P.C.
Roder Pyke. { A Adams S.P.C.

Brian Foden S.P.C. got through squeeze machine at 6".

13th August

A. Oldham, R. Pyke + 35.o.T.P.C. members down Eastwater on Taintor via Dolphin Pot.

~~g~~ ~~2~~ R. Pyke + B. Foden walked to Ls. Farm and did an August hole downstream with photographs. Slept Ls. Farm Barn.

~~10~~ ~~3~~ Paul Dyer borrowed 2 x 25' metal tubes for Normay.

~~11~~ Did Langwood, and walked home again.

~~12~~ R. Pyke left 5 nights in hut - 6/- in box.

3 S.P.C. members left

2 - 5 nights }
1 - 4 nights } - 35/- in box

Own tackle used.

* STOKE O - ON - TRENT POT HOLE CLUB,

12 th August Sun.

A.D. Holman left.

16 nights = } 7/- in box
 $(27/7/56 \text{ --- } 12/8/56)$

12th August, 1956

Cuckoo Cliffs is now open again -

Nut fees: M-Dale, 2 nights 3/-.

O.C. Lloyd, 1 night 2/-

K. Evans, 1 night (guest) 2/6

7/6 in box.

19th August

Too much rain to do effective work at Cuckoo Cliffs, but the shoring & packing is complete up to the head of the tip of the Wells shaft. Still some loose patches at the bottom of the Wells shaft to the south. Rebuilt this morning. ore.

O.C. Lloyd 1 night 2/-

A.G. Clarke .. 2/-

M. Cooper .. 2/-

6/- in box

18th Aug '56.

D.W. & P.D. to Stoke Lacy A.A.

for 11th Survey trip. - finished on old

Tributary passage and did a

little exploration. - Heavy

storm at 5.30 produced interesting

effect open stream. Also a little

gardening in the way of odd

corners removed making the way less

awkward in various places.

I might hat fees. D.W. } P.D. } 4/- in box.

19th Aug '56.

Also were joined by J.C. and
investigated the surface near Stoke Lane. —

Went home.

25th August, 1968

"In" party to Stoke Lane, in preparation
for the C.R.C. dining trip next Saturday. Party
of 14 sleepers and about 12 bags. Sleepers included
Chris Lloyd, Tony Morris, Steven Robertson, Richard
Harrison, Lake Devinish (as far as the Native Corsets)
Tony Bulleton, Alan Merry, Malcolm & Vincent Watts,
Christopher Harker, Chris Ineson, Robert Pyke, Taffy
Austin, Trevor Street, Spud Murphy and Alan
Fincham. Trip took between 2 hrs. 10 minutes
to 2 1/2 hours.

O.L.

26th August.

T.A.U.T. night 2/-
+ 3/- owing = 5/-.

Farewell!

M.I. Hooper night 2/-

7/- in his

Spud Murphy night 2/-

26.8.56.

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McLloyd 1 night 2/-

Alan Blackwell - 2/-

Bib Laundry 2 nights 3/-

7/-

OC & F in a hasty tour to Coxs
Milltown neighbourhood. After doing a grade
minus survey, decided it might go in
any direction except E, i.e. mostly N & mostly W.

Then to Cuckoo Clives, where things
appear to be all right; but a H.J. liquid
wind is working through everything & will
take a long time to settle.

26.8.56 G.O. Water & Daves (etc) cooked breakfast
1/- in box for fuel used; also 15/- saved (18.56).

25th arrived 26th Went 2/- in box

26.8.56 M.L. Hooper collected A.B.B.-3.
but fees

-15/- + 1/- = 16/-

26.3.56

A. Sinclair & provisionally removed to Belfry.

2 nights - 3/-

credit from 6.3.56.

I. G. St. & 1st div's attempt on Snug It in
~~St. John's~~ Lane. T. B. Buxton div's, had misfortune
to get water from flooded soda-lime canister
into his mouth. This put an end to
any real diving. Opening exploded while breath
held. Reasonable size; must try again.

Hat fees (1 night each) 8/-

Glen Buxton (guest of Wm.) 2/-

Anthony .. (.. ..) 2/-

Stewart Robertson (.. ..) 2/-

Oliver Lloyd 2/-

A. J. Morris 2/-

donation

1/-
"/- = box.

2.9.56. "Out" trip to Sloke Lane to
unmove 10 packages left at Base last night.
Led by Tom Shaw it included Howard Kenney,
Tony Dunn, Tony Burleton, Derek Thorpe,
Robert Worley, Brenda Willis, Rosemary Morris
(OBSS.) and 5 members of the Bedford School
Carrying Club. The latter with Howard K.
arrived at about 11.30 am & placed most of
the stuff from base & were met by about 5 of
the others, who helped them with it through the
marsh. Party emerged at 3.45 pm.

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R. Lawder } arrived Friday night . Did 3 of the
(Hawkes) } trussington caves on Saturday and G.B. is guest of the
W.S.G. on Sunday . R Lawder hot fees £6 3/-
(Hawkes) hot fees still living on Elmer's purchase.

C. J. Hawkes

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