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Commenced 8th May 1965.

Please write clearly - others may wish to read of your dynamic exploits!

atmosphere:

nick Hart (No Phone)

~~80 Lycett (L.) BARBERRY MOOSE~~

~~Long Ashton WINSTON SEYMOOR~~

from

April 1966:

M.R.M. GILES.

~~Brisbane~~ ~~NE~~ CHEVEZON

(still no phone!)

8-5-65 to 29-7-67

8TH MAY 1965.

O.C. LLOYD & N.H. CLEAVE. We had an enjoyable dive in Wooley. Lines checked as far as 9. All are OK. Just below 9, in a rear-neck of muddy water the lines became repeated result - Worried Cleave in 9 and Worried Lloyd in 3. Some of the lines need re-partitioning. This we plan to do - amongst other things - on the 22nd.

9TH MAY 1965.

O.C. LLOYD & N.H. CLEAVE. Down Swildon to ~~Swamp II~~. We intended to merely collect some air bottles from swamp II, but once there temptation overcame us and we did a quick trip to IV, free diving. For interest, in case any one still uses them. N.H.C. was wearing an open neck entry' gooruit. suitably tied it proved to be adequately water tight for swamps II & III. Whole trip 24n 10 mins.

8th May.

Cannington Cave - Cannington - Nick Astor & Bob Barnard & Tim Coles were taken by Roger Biddle (S7CC) to see this fine 'collectors piece' cave in the Quantock area. (We had planned to do Hollywell cave but speleo-lethargy set in). The trip took all of 20 minutes to execute, & despite a rather nasty entrance, my tie & white shirt were clean enough to eat! (In Bridgewater after)

On Sunday we made up for lost time on Saturday by walking 12-15 miles over the Quantocks in glorious weather

P.M. Bates

15th May.

Most of

Club trip to Longword/August. Nearly all the cave entered, and the end of Reynolds Passage reached.

15th May

Practice Rescue - St Cuthbert's Swallet

P.G. Coates, Bryan Ellis, Brian Lewis, Dave Lowin, Roy Bennett, Alan Coore + 3 or 4 others of the B.E.C. took part in a practice rescue from the bottom of Pulpit Pitch. Howard Kenny assisted with the rescue while acting as an M.R.O. ~~of~~ observer.

The object of the exercise was to improve the method of hauling an injured person up Pulpit Pitch; a pitch which has several not so obvious problems. The pitch, more often than not, is wet, the ladder hangs against a rough wall which only hangs at two points, the pitch changes direction at the pulpit for the top 10ft. In addition the passage at the top curves away from the head of the pitch which makes hauling difficult.

For the practice the B.E.C. rescue sheet was used & this consists of a parachute harness attached to a canvas carrying sheet similar to the M.R.O. sheet but having straps in lieu of ropes - an improvement. The sheet was found to be much more comfortable than the

H.R.O.'s sheet but will require a few modifications before it is as versatile.

The practice ~~sheet~~ went quite well except ~~despite~~ for a couple of unexpected difficulties, due ~~mainly~~ mainly to the use of a telephone which was rigged prior to the practice. The telephone enabled those at the top to know just what was going on below without all the usual shouting & abuse. In order to make the task of hauling a little simpler a 2:1 reduction was achieved using a pulley attached to the sheet, but it was here that one unexpected problem arose — the 100ft H.R.O. hauling rope was found to be only 80ft long! The only other unanticipated occurrence was the amount of water on the pitch. This made life miserable for the first victim who retired wet, cold & wishing he'd worn a goretex suit, after being hauled only few feet off the bottom. The second victim, dad in neoprene, reached the top but not without some difficulty at the pulpit, where it turned

out easier for the rescuers to ~~the~~ pick him up by the sheet's handles & manhandle him up the last few feet.

The practice lasted about 3½ hours but this time could easily be reduced to something like ½ hour if the lessons learned today were observed. A full scale rescue from this cave is scheduled to take place sometime in June.

P.J.H.

22-5-65. Tony O'Brien borrowed Cave Explorers - County Fermanagh for library. returned 30-5-65. 020.

22-5-65. Tony O'Brien took Fortune - Swallows without ladders. Hauled down - passed up 3 doors up. To be recommended.

22-5-65 T. Atkinson took recorded Sidcot Cart & 3 guests down Lamb Hole. Most parts of the cart were visited and a good time was had by all.

23-5-65 T. Atkinson and S. Roberts went to Sistler I

May
29th

Lam Lane R. Grannicott & P. J. Giles assisted
R. Hobbs leading a club trip to the
said cave. As well as a few prospective
members a number of lads from the
Bathminster Town Boys Club also attended.
Most parts of the cave were visited.

P.J.G.

30th

Stoke Lane R. Grannicott & P. J. Giles took
Steve Cawse through the lump &
around the chambers. A j. pleasant
afternoon despite a monumental leak
in Steve's diving suit.

P.J.G.

30th May Nick Dowd & C.L took
ten Severn Valley blokes & girls
down St Ruthents. A very sparsely
tourist trip

5 JUNE C. PICKSTONE, L. HOLLAND, A. MACREGOR (SEC), T. REYNOLDS, T. ATKINSON to Shatter passage. Explored all holes in trial boulder choke in Shatter Chamber; climbed over on LHS of chamber to a boulder choke; investigated, but did not climb, even at upper end of chamber, on RHS; and blew up a boulder in most promising part of choke. About 8 hrs.

what w/e

Hart Cycles & Causes to N.Wales - walked about 30 miles in mixed weather & fought for over 8 hours with what traffic to return to Bristol.

17.6.65

Swildons - Rapid trip to Swildons I & back by Hart Cycles & Gramicott - latter fair had brief look at Series II - time down: 1 hour.

15th June 1965 M. Wooding to Swildons II. Drew's dig in the muddy swamp was attacked - dam built, channel dug & bucket installed. Anyone is welcome to help. End of Vicarage Passage visited. It is not recommended to try prussiking up Vicarage Pot on 40' of no.1. nylon! The stream

at the entrance was dry on entering, but very wet on leaving. Interesting noises were once more heard at the end of the Vic. Passage extension, where a little digging was done, and 10 ft. north of survey point 29 where a tube in the wall was investigated to a stal blockage. Promising.

24th June 65 M. Wooding, to Vicarage Passage. Digging commenced at pt. 09870, 10470 and fill of mud and broken stal was removed for a few feet, breaking into airspace. Later work at pt. 09870, 10500 was hampered by a thick stal sill that should respond to chemical persuasion. One lesson learnt was that if you take sandwiches through a sump wrapped in brown paper they get wet.

25th June 65 M. Wooding, C. Whitford & M. Urwin (Imperial College Caving Club) on a tourist trip to see Shatter Chamber, bauers balamity sump and the other chamber. 5½ hrs.

26 June 65 Hawl, Pickstone & Reynolds to Shatter Chamber again to inspect last bang. I'm had a look & reported boulders now chippings. The clot knocked down another boulder which blocked passage as before. more bang needed. We only have to do this 106 times & we will have eliminated the rockle. Limestone chippings for sale offens?

29 June 65 M. Wooding, M. Uruin to Swildons VI.

Water samples were taken at intervals down the streamway.

4½ hr. trip.

3 - 6 - 65. Rob Hoad took some Fuller &

3 of his mates down 3' Cleft beaks.

At the Wine Rjd Geoff Neal dislocated

his shoulder. We took him out & Ilich

took him to hospital. No serious
damage. The others went on with

Their Trip. (MH)

1st July 65 M. Wooding, M. Uruin to Eastwater. Primrose squeeze
and Twin Verticals to bottom. ~~Stalagmites~~

= 26th June 65 M. Wooding, M. Jeanmaire (Axebridge C.G.) to Vic. Pass.
Stal sill in dig succumbed to 4lb lump hammer - progress for
a few feet - a chamber can be seen but not entered yet.

5th July 65 M. Wooding to Swildons VI. On way in it was noticed
that one of the bolts at the top of the 40' was missing, and a
heavy curtain in Barnes Loop had been smashed. Some
climbing was done in IV. Static sump in VI was bailed
over scaffold tube & polybag dam. When water level
had dropped about 2½ feet it was possible to enter
a continuation passage which was followed for about
120' to a second sump. This looks baleable, but in this

case bailing the second sump would fill the first up again, cutting off the digging party. Any bets as to where its going? M.J.W.

6 July 1965. S Pilkington - P Gray B.C.C. Eastwater.

Hopkirkly lost - apparently we did Primrose squeeze & out - then quick trip to bottom via Twin Verticals.
(Good days caving) Pilkington

6th July 1965 Tim Atkinson, Dave Drew, Mike Wooding to Swildons.

The first round trip from VI to Shatter Passage was done, and Tim did sump 4 for the first time - in one direction only! The second sump, mentioned above, was bailed and passed, to emerge in Causers Calanisy, off Shatter Passage. Neither sump should be dived without bailing. Buckets are in place. A $5\frac{1}{2}$ hour trip. M.J.W.

7 July. O.C.L. Bob Gamble. Rod Hobbs & 2 B.C.C & 2 Seven

Valley to Swildons. Sump 1. 30 mins. 6 went through 1 and back taking a fitter 10 mins. Retuned to surface in 30 mins. in time for liquid refreshment in thunders and a meal at

J

4th July Sun. Tony Oldham, John Cornwell & Roy de Saussure
(Cave Research Associates of America) 2 hours down Lamb
Lee - the morning plus 4 hours down Cutts in
Afternoon.

10th July '65 Dave Drew, Dave Savage, Mick Wooding
to Muddy swamp in Bulldogs II. Approx 2 hrs.
continuous trilling (1000 gals) reduced level
by 18" but after this point the swamp appeared
to be refilling from the other side so much
disgranted and returned to surface (Saw a ditch via
Damascus.). There is obviously a way on
beyond the swamp but further progress will
probably require a pump. This trip was
notable for ~~the~~ his incredibly crude language
antics (from the other 2) which must set up some
sort of record for bulldogs.

D.P.D.

3rd July '65

Drew, Savage, Wooding diving P8 (Derbyshire) with
Ken Pearson. 4 swamps investigated, 3 yrs. 5 hr trip.

9 July Gary Pilkington - Peter Gray & Stoke Lane II
Good trip sump I surprisingly easy, had
a little difficulty finding way out in
near river. 2-½ hours

10 July Gary Pilkington Tony Dingle Peter Gray
Lacock Cavern. Enjoyable afternoon caving
T. Dingle found interesting things
could be worth looking at
2 hours

9 July ~~Gary Pilkington P. Gray - Stoke Lane II~~
11 July ~~Gary Pilkington P. Gray T. Dingle - Swildon's~~
round troubles*, lost way from
troubles to stream. 7 hours
* and Swildon's IV

14-7-65 G Pilkington P. Gray - Banks Deer
Main Chamber. Good idea to have entrance
locked (Preservation of formations) impressive
main chamber, beautiful 60 foot pitch
into chamber (delightful trip 2 hours)

17th July 65 Dave Drew & Mike Wooding to Swildon's Twelve. Three
dives were made in sump 12 and Dave found what seems to
be the continuation of the sump, towards Thirteen. However this

passage is very tight and needs digging. The water level through the cave was high and the 12 sump pool was 2 feet higher than on a previous visit. Sump 11 was dived for the first time, (a steep by-pass climb was used previously to enter Twelve.) by Dave, and seems about 35' long and includes two squeezes. Due to tattered neoprenes the divers became chilly and gratefully returned to the surface after a 7 hour trip. Bob Pyke came as far as VI but unfortunately had to withdraw from the dive due to dizziness caused by forgetting his wet hood.

M. J. W.

20 July 65 Andrew Watt, George Wilcox, Mike Winward, Ben Shanks, Sandy Fishkin, ~~and~~ Giles Atkinson went to Swildons Four, all over. $3\frac{1}{2}$ hr trip.

A.W. ssss

22 July 65. Giles Atkinson etc, etc went to Stoke Lane, but found half the stream going down pebble crawl, so came back I went to Browns Hole. Mud.

A.W. ssss

Fri. 24th Sept. '65 Trip to Cornwall. Tin mines.
Anyone interested? Contact I.R. Johnson
Mendip Hospital, Wells.
Wells 2211 (Business hours).

- return Sunday 26th.

P. Weston - ~~Mr. Weston~~ ~~Mr. Weston~~
~~Mr. Weston~~.

24th. S.S.S. to Eastwater. All six of us went to
the end of the 380' way and Traverse but did not fancy
going on because it was so wet. Three of us then
did a quick trip round Swildons upper series.

GA.

27th July 1965 M. Wooding and H. Uruin (I.C.C.C.) to Swildons.

A 4 hour trip to sump 4 and back. Water was high
and conditions very pleasant especially in the Upper
Series. Sump 1 had a foot thick layer of scum over it,
as did sump 4. There was no evidence that sumps 3 or 2
had backed up. A passage running off the oxbow at
10020, 0950 was examined. This seems to run about due North
steeply upward, about the size of Crystal Passage. The current end
is a blockage of earth and stones, and open passage can be
seen beyond.

August 3rd. 1965.

Went to inspect Cow Hole, having heard that a collapse had occurred. This was correct, a quantity of rubble having fallen from the right-hand wall above the head of the main pitch. This has blocked the way on and also left some ~~old~~ precariously wedged boulders. The weekend of October 2nd/3rd. has been provisionally fixed as the date of the re-entry attempt so make a note of this in your diaries! Because of this collapse the cave is now closed, and keys will not again be issued until the cave has been declared safe.

J. Church

31st July - 1st Aug. Drew & Woodley to Yorks. Damp w/c, inspected numerous risings. Dried Mengill shaft for approx 150' - still goes. Woodley paddled in Bull Head.

4th Aug Drew, Oldham, Woodley. Ave at Sayers Hole Cheddar. 80' progress, promising.

14/8/65 Pyke + Paul Allen (vice) on CDA trip to Spokane Cave. Cave is still very wet after recent floods with water running from unexpected places everywhere. Throught to III, which we disliked at sight. After a bit of weaving around in boulders we followed the stream for a short distance to a deck with $\frac{1}{2}$ " air space and at least 6' long. We doubted that VI had been seen in such wet conditions, and concluded that further progress was not "in". R.P. had some difficulties with a flooding demand valve in Sump VI, resulting in a speedy exit from the sump, spraying air and water from nearly every orifice. Similar troubles in Sump II, due to grit impacted in the rubber diaphragm of the valve. After this, we decided that nothing else could possibly go wrong, and surfaced thankfully at 6.30 - 7 hr. trip (carrying all kit).

R Pyke

20/8/65

T. Phillips + T. Atherton to FRANCE @ 5 a.m.
Agh! *God help the French

28. I am writing this with M. and T.M. about the
25-9-65. Atkinson, Cousins, Catonoff, Hantzsy
chaffed up Mr. Maine & went down
Swallow to see the condition of the 10'
pot in high water conditions without
the pipe. Had someone has removed.
We found that ladder from the
usual place on the rock bolt would pass
the ladder fire the full force of
the water so think again! We hung
the ladder & double line pulley from
the M.R.O. stanchion in Suicide's
Leap. A very simple traverse from
the Keyhole landing went over to the
other side of the pot to where the ladder
hung. By getting off the ladder onto
the ledge where the water used to
hit on the far side of the pot an almost
dry decent was possible. At the bottom
the chamber was full of spray exceeding
heavy by the ladder. The 10' ladder
from the stanchion reaches 5'0" from the
bottom of the pitch. REMEMBER the
stanchion is M.R.O. property!

3rd Oct 65 M.J.Wooding, M.Urwin down Swildons to sump I. The 40' was very wet.

10/10/65 SWILDONS

R. Pyke + T. Atkinson to Pirate Chamber, Shatter Passage. Pyke banked at the squeeze so I spent $\frac{1}{2}$ an hour in the chamber alone, looking at possible ways on in the boulder choke. The pile of boulders has slipped in from the up-dip side of the passage, and it is difficult to decide whether it is best to look for a way through the boulders (along the strike) or over them (up-dip). One promising way on at top of chamber. Rake loose at the moment though.

No way out or not Nick Hart and R. Gannicott, who were on their way to join us. 10' bay spotting without pipe. $4\frac{1}{2}$ hours.

10/10/65

A. BARWICK TOOK HIS AGED FATHER (49 yrs) ON FIRST CAVING TRIP. WE DID A NOISY GOATCHURCH DRAINSPIPE AND A COUPLE OF SERIES SAILLOONS.

N.B. ALSO FATHERS DISLIKE GETTING WET.

1 10.55

F. Gill

9/10/65

Atkinson, Wooding & Savage poked around in some holes at Wooley, nothing of fantastic promise was received.

16/10/65

Atkinson, Stevens & Savage went for a dig in pirate chamber where quantities of large bones boulders were removed from a highly dangerous looking choke at the top left. This pile looks a little more stable now & though a sort of way or can be seen, a bang seems justifiable.

DT.

17/10/65. 8 a.m. Working at Crook's Rest
p.m. North Hill Swallet pantomime.

23rd Oct.

Barrow Marking and T. Gilbert to Stoke
Lane Stocker.

24th Oct

Barrow, Marking & Gilbert - Swildon's to Foals
Paradise.

23rd Oct

Davage to Stoke Lane 3.

30th Oct ☀

Davage to Stoke 8 to dig. A boulder choke
had stopped further progress in Stoke 8. The last time
sump 7 was dived. Half hours work with a
lump hammer opened up a very tight squeeze to
reveal a further 100 ft of streamway passage
with a few small chambers. Another half hours
digging at the end of this revealed more passage
continuing on but too tight to get into - needs
about an hours hard hammering. - 6 hour trip.

30 OCT McNeudney - York & John Phillips.

G.B. GUERN. Down To Sump. OX BOWS OUT
VIA DRAWS ERROW 4 hrs. P.C.I.G.

30 OCT. SWILDONS.

P. STANDING, T. ATKINSON COULD NOT GET BANGER FOR
ARATE CHAMBER, SO TOOK DOWN HAMMER AND CHISEL
AND MADE SQUEEZE 'STANTON-SIZED' (WE HOPE).
5 hrs. APPROX.

6/11/65 Lyke, cleave + Lloyd at Wooley
Hole. Low water and perfect visibility
for the swim down. 1-9, Cleave using U R.P.,
and the other two on air. Stooged in 9 ⁶⁷
most water had cleared a bit and then we return
to 1st chamber. Tim Lloyd recorded surface air in
an film, and took a (fortuitous) completely
inexplicable tape - reading.

R.P.

10/11/65 

Atkison took Lyke to late chamber.
The squeeze - maybe Stanton-sized it is

not repeat not - Luke-size. After much
 moaning and reading, however both halves
 of the party got through and laid $1\frac{1}{2}$ lbs
 of negligible and likely-looking \pm boulder,
 which seemed to be opposing the main mass
 of boulders which form the present obstacle.
 A satisfying stamp was had, but not the
 expected grinding of boulders emerged after
 $4\frac{1}{2}$ hrs., to be revived by birds and
 knot today from Mr. Maine.

13th Nov 65

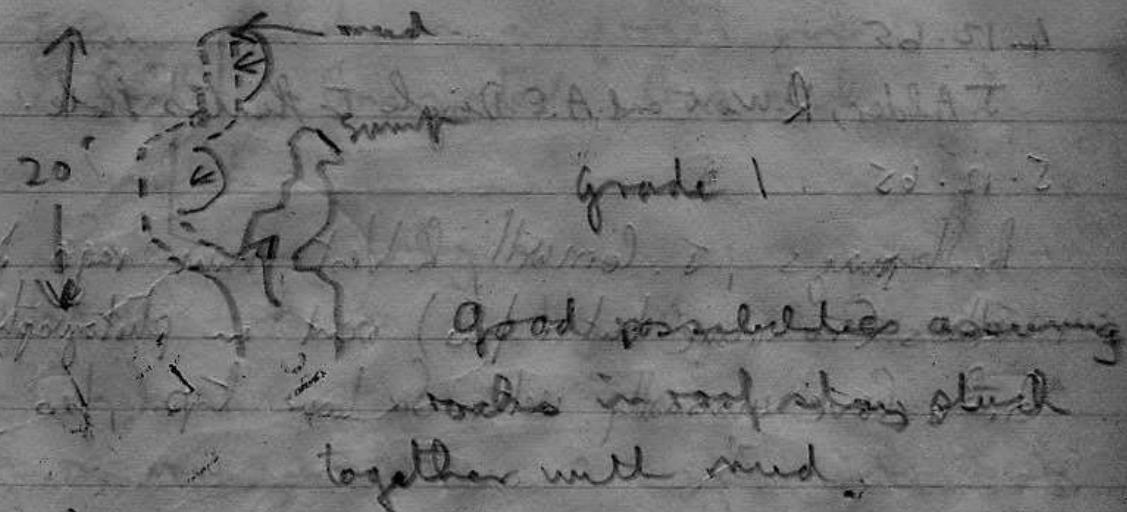
M. Woodring, M. Urvin + C. Wilkinson, T. Dunford
 T. Gilbert (N.V.C.C.) to Swildons VI → Shatter
 via Wet Sink. 9 hrs. An epic trip. Bad air.

13th Nov 65

R. Pyke + D. Drew intending to do
 to Swildons XII. Equipment failure caused
 this to be abandoned at camp 6 a while
 investigating an oven in VI. Bob fell & hurt
 his back - very painful limp out assisted
 by 4 N.V.C.C. 7 hrs.

2 P.M.

28/11/65 I Phillip & A. were (slipped away) to S. P. State
house hoping to take some pictures post runt
Sump. About 1/2 deeper, not attempted. Spuds
try down, however found tube exceeding
was horizontal until about 10' from digging
with hands in soft mud back to sea level about
10'-15' high with lots of diggable mud.



28/11/65 - D. T. Tugboat + 6 BIPC down Captain & two
verticals on Saturday - dry, sweaty, trip - Sunday down
on Mandip 100' down. Shallow to 20' - 40' very wet
but Corliss stayed dry!

28/11/65 Gannett, Atkinson, Drew, Kathy & Annette (Ported
Cathberts) to sump.

4.12.65 /

D.G. Everett & R.G. Witcombe on a "scavenging" trip to Swildon's Ore. Sack-load of rubbish removed from Upper Series. Still a lot of carbide to be cleared up — any offers of help?

4.12.65

J. Alder, R. West and A.E. Dingle to Flinters Hole. Two hour trip.

5.12.65

R. Stampings, J. Cornwell, R. West, Ann Cragg, J. Westlake, A. Dingle + others (no name but a few) went on photographic? trip to G.B. Cave unusually wet. Six hour trip, few photographs taken.

27-12-65 Tony & Anne Oldham & Ken Bremer (N.S.S.) 15

Burrington Combe, quick tourist trips around Goatshole, Avebury Esturis & Foxes. Found a *Mycetis mystaceus* in the latter (very rare — 1st time for this cave!)

28-12-65

A BARWICK, I. WEATHERL, J. WESTON, J. BINGHAM.

TO EASTWATER PRIMROSE PATH.

~~28-12-65. Frank, etc?~~

29-12-65.

I. WEATHERLY, J. WESTON, J. BINGHAM, A. BARWICK, +
T. HUNTERS HOCE.

30. 12. 65. Maize Urown to Eastwater
(rift chambers) 2 hr. trip.

28-12-65. T.S.A.O + K.B. Fall Roots. Pot + sump
also. T.O. skated on a frozen one
Waldegrave Pool! Inspected Gas seepage in
Cotter Farm Smellet.

29-12-65 Rain stopped play.

30-12-65 Went to work for one day (just to keep our
hand in).

12-12-65 D.D., m.w., C.H., A.M. G.B., very wet.

18-12-65 " " " " Calf Holes → Broughill,
Birkwith Cave, Lancaster Hole to Master Cave. Very
damp weekend.

26-12-65 D.D., m.w., C.H., A.M. Drunken Upper Scildens

27-12-65 " " " " Sober " Eastwater.

THE END

1-1-66 - Happy New Year to all our Readers.

1-1-66 ADDENDA. → Blackmore Sandstone, impressive.

1-1-66. Coal Petrolene, Tarn Dingle, Dove Alder
Rich West Phil Davis to Eastwater,
distinctly wet approach to
380' way, then leisurely trip to
Dolphin area and soft Chambers.

1-2-66 D.D., C.H. Cuckoo Caves.

2. 2-66 Drew & Wooding, Eastwater, Twin Derelict
1 pt.

1-3-66 M.J.W., A.M. Doubleback & Easter - v. wet.

3-1-66 "Feeler Gauges" required when using
the "privy". One man expedition to
empty same. Thank goodness someone
left a nose-clip at the hut!!

3. 1. 66. M. Uwin & C. Whitford (ice) to
Eastwater (soft chambers & primitive
path) 2 pt. trip.

16. 1. 66. D. PALMER, T. DINGLE, T. BLICK & G. PICKINGTON,
Survey ^{SI SOUTHERN} High chamber etc. returned
via Lower Mud Hall and Finger Travest.
3 pt. trip.

8/1/66 Drew, Wooding, Allen + 15, Penyghent Pot. Hunt Pot outlet sump below 10th Mile dived for 250' - no air space. 9 hr. trip. DPO.

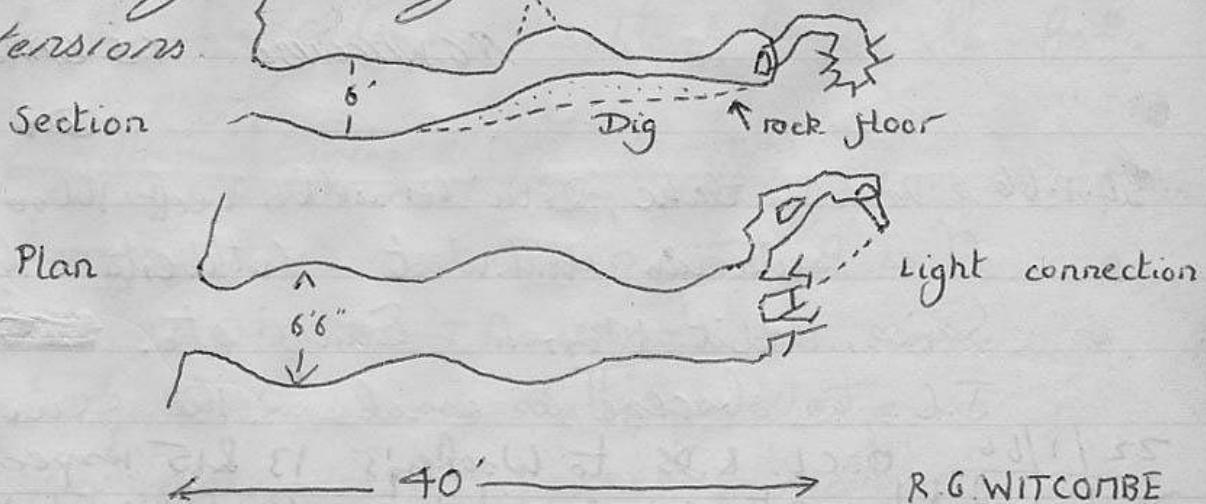
2-2/JAN/66 Drew, Wooding + 2 to Swindons I. The 40 was very wet.

29/1/66

A Crago + D. Westlake to Longwood. Very wet.

24.1.66 Stoke ware with ? from Birmingham
Cave at Crag. Sump exceptionally TURDDY. 2 M. West.

29.1.66 Han Hole :- ST 64 : 60204505
Abortive dig. Cave passage, (bedding plane) for 39' ending in a collapse, which could be penetrated for a further 15'. Dangerous nuckle!
Dig through mud floor revealed no other extensions.



N.B. Bat seen

D.G. EVERETT

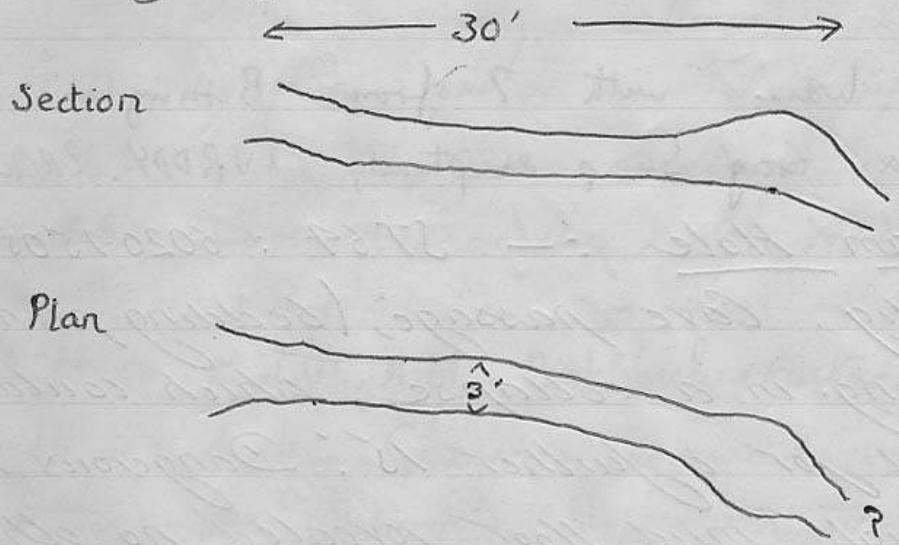
K.E. BARBER

(DRAWCOTT)

30.1.66 Nameless? Cave: St 95 486515

Situated in the side of a narrow defile next to the New Road valley. Cave passage about 30' long, and being dug. Phreatic forms predominate e.g. roof pocketing.

Promising in view of proximity to edge of plateau.



R.G. WITCOMBE. K.E. BARBER

D.C. EVERETT.

30.1.66 Dave Westlake, John Cornwall, Geoff Moore,
Chas Boatman. Rill West - Cutthberts - Maypole
Series, Rabbit Warren - Sump etc. ~~██████████~~

J.C. as obscene as usual in the semi nude!

22/1/66 O.C.L. & D.S. to Woofers 13 & 15 respectively.
D.S. tied shot line onto end of guideline in 14 & visited 15 via
Buxton's slot. Way on looks big. D.S.

29-1-66

Davage, T.J. Hill (UB. ss.) Swildons round trip. 40ft. a bit wetter than usual. DS.

⊗ 5/2/66 TATKINSON, MIKE NORTON, CHRIS GILMORE (CUBES) TO PIRATE CHAMBER. Last bang left lots of loose stuff which was cleared. 15' of progress made, boulders continue, more bang req'd. 4½ hrs.

5/2/66 Swildons

Paul Allen, Davage intended to go to VII & look at promising sites for pushing on the way. Barry Lane & Bob Craig kindly offered to carry our bottles down to II for us.

Having reached VII however Paul's demand value began to leak air & so the trip was curtailed here. Looked at some promising digging sites & then returned. Whilst returning through sump IV, found a bag containing quantity of lead weights from upstream IV. - 6 hrs. DS.

5/2/66 M. Uren Lancaster Hole. Shr trip.

6/2/66 M. Uren. Lost John's Shale Caren

5/2/66 LAMB LEER. CWS TRIP.

open E.T.A. 1600 A.E.T.A 1545

Good trip. Cave of falling waters
Val. landing. East passage and mine
yes! Met M.W.C. blocks & bind.

who knew a bloke, who knew a bloke who
 knew a bloke who knew a bloke who
 found a lake at the bottom of the
 main chamber behind the ladder
 a good trip in all leader
 New Dovedale - Yet P.C.R.C.

ST Cuthbert

John Cornwall, M. Dyer, John Phillips, M.W.
 Norman Bowley, David Howitt, Etc
 Great - if, very wet and C

12/2/66 SWILDONS

T. GILBERT, T. ATKINSON TO IV VIA SIDCOT

→ DIG WHERE WE COLLECTED TRENCH TOOK.

COLLECTED 18' MAY POLE FROM COWSIT AVEN
 AND FERRIED INTO V. WE WERE UNABLE TO
 TAKE THEM TO VI AS SUMP V WAS
 FULL TO THE ROOF. LEFT POLES AND TOOLS
 IN V AND PUSHED THE AVEN JUST BEYOND
 BUXTON'S HOPPER. 20' CLIMB TO SMALL
 VADOSE PASSAGE. FOR 15', TRICKLE

COMING DOWN, LOTS OF MUD, MAY BE NEW.



[Visited early last year & found
slings & crab at the top, probably
abandoned by a previous party]
M.J.W.

SECTION OF STREAMWAY AND
AVEN LOOKING DOWNSTREAM.

JOURNEY OUT ENLIVENED BY RESCUE OF
BOB LIHO COLLAPSED ON 60', HPO CALLED OUT.
 $8\frac{1}{2}$ HRS.

12 February 1966 ☀

M. Woodring, R. Gannicott to Vicarage Passage, Hairy
Passage Dig (see log for 26th June 65) for first dig since June.
Despite adverse conditions (ask Gannicott!) the constriction was
passed to gain ~30' of passage to the head of a pitch which was not
descended due to the presence of a rock flake. Small stream
drops down pitch and stones dropped can be heard to fall for
about 20' (to a pool?). Anxious moments were had on the return
when the dig was found to have filled with water. Then on

to the new Vicarage Passage to an extension (SWETC ?) to look for muddy stream entering. On the way out became involved in rescue (see previous entry) which ran v. smooth "more by luck than.....". Why isn't a pulley kept at Main Farm? - 11½ hour trip.

13th - G. Pilkington + D. Trigler retrieving ladders from last night's episode. Then as far as 20' were hauled through sump and down to Duck II - back in fast time and were out at Barn by ~~2pm~~ 2pm. Fairly wet trip - one other party seen - Sump needs dredging, as several objects were collided with at bottom of sump. Offers? From Maines base down to G.B. collecting key from Phil Davies on the way - quick trip down to ladder dig sump and back again - severe overheating and speleo-depression set in (0ft from surface, therefore a 20 min rest. Out by 4.30 pm.

14th February. John Alder, Russell Cox (BPC), Tony Dingle, Derek Wingham & T. Reynolds to Vicarage Passage to study new extensions. A fairly slow trip was made to the end of Vicarage and ^{of} ~~the~~ Many Passage. An examination was made of the end, and since we had no banger, it was declared impossible to make any progress with a hammer.

So, Harry Passage was examined and we then returned towards the stream. En route, we found the entrance to the SWESTC? dig and went down to have a look. The entrance to this passage is (going from the stream towards Vicarage Pot) on the left before Vicarage Pot. The passage leads off, via a duck and a traverse, to the head of a 25ft pitch into a largish chamber. From here, a passage lead off 'downstream' some filled with remarkably glutinous mud. This lead into a largish passage, similar to Sirdons 4, which ended in a muddy duck with a $\frac{1}{2}$ 3" air space. From here the passage lead on, basically ~~on~~ O shaped, until it entered, via a mud slope, a lower level. This was not explored owing to a lack of time. We then returned to the surface, meeting a ~~WESS~~ party couple of WESS Walkers at sump #1, in spite of a complete and utter muck up on the No': Out at about 10pm.

25.2.66

Mssrs Holland (L) and Atkinson (T) journeying far from their respective seats of advanced learning were confronted with by a scene of squalor and filth quite unprecedented in the History of Hillgrove. It would appear that if the Wessex Cave Club does in fact have a hut warden, then either the said

warden is not well versed in the art of channelling the energies of others into cleaning the headquarters or the said hut warden has departed for a sabbatical year. Whichever of those alternatives is relevant it is no pleasing thing to clean the hut up at 11.30 PM on a Friday evening.

L.H. F.M. (excuse my friend's

26.2.66. N.Urin. Aggy Aggy - Sometimes pomposity).]
27.2.66. Soiree + Cliffs of Dover.

THE RESCUE THAT WAS NOT.

L.Holland, A.Dingle, D.Tringham and T.Atkinson set off down Swithland, bound for Shattole and Vicarage respectively. However, the Water Rift was found $\frac{1}{2}$ full of the stream and the 40', while still passable, very wet. They decided not to descend in view of the fact that a small rise in water level would make the Water Rift impassable. Because of this decision the party was not rescued, the NRO was not notified and the taxpayers did not have to bear the cost of the party's non-readiness in

not descending the pitch. A news report of this trip is expected to appear in the national press under such headlines as:-

CAVERS NOT RESCUED FROM MENDIP POT HOLE.

NO CRIMINAL ACTION SAYS POLICE CHIEF
from our Padley Correspondent,

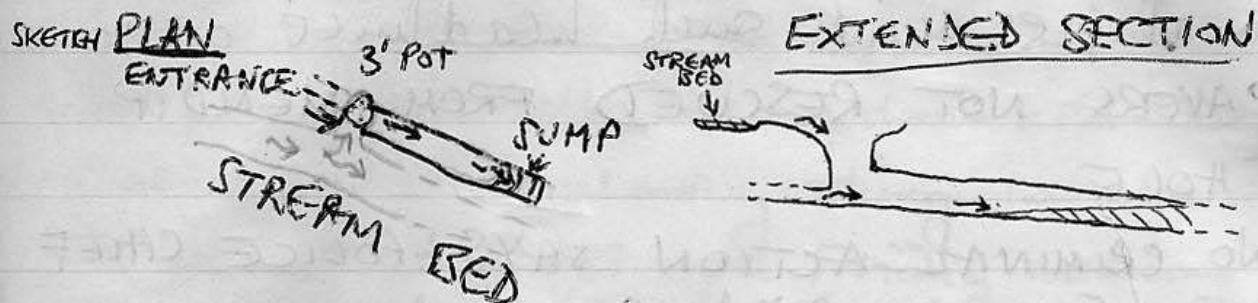
There was no rescue by cavers last night, and I waited, lawklike, [REDACTED] at the entrance to one of Britain's biggest caving systems.....

Sun. L Holland and T. Atkinson spent 3 hrs. clearing up the hut. It is now clean — please keep it like that.

Sun G. Moore - A single, D. Tonge to Knapp Hill Swallet (Hornings) and found a very interesting Swallet further down the valley. This was followed for 6 feet after stream diversion, to a sump(tight) which was not passed. The stream entering the swallet was seen to resurge in the stream bed further down the valley. The entrance to this is very recent, access only being possible due to flood subsidence? We then repaired to Wells then to the Victoria and Brimble Pit Swallets, and Westbury Hill Swallets, and

other nondescript shakeholes.

SUBSIDENCE CAVE (HORRINGTON)



On returning to Hillgrove I found 1 glove and
 (wet) shirt sock missing from the hat + 1 carbide
 lamp - will any finder please return to
 Derek Tonnington -

Saturday 8th March.

W. L. Burton observed a hard road recently made from
 the ^{road} edge to the rim of Tankard Hole depression. Deducing
 that a serious attempt to fill the hole will soon
 be made, he surveyed at Grade 6 to the entrance
 shaft from the field corner, to tie in R. Steiner's
 survey to the topography.

Saturday ¹²
 8th March.

L. Holland, P. Allen, T. Gilbert and G. Tankinson descended
 Swildon's with the intention of investigating a certain
 overhang in Letter Chamber. For that purpose they

transported three sections of the Maypole into the cave. Unfortunately one of the couplings was lost on the way in and so while P.A. and G.T. continued to the top of Shatter Pot T.G. and L.H. returned to fetch another coupling. To cut a long story short (as the saying is) the said party failed to find its way ~~to~~ into Shatter Chamber and so returned surfacewards. At the 40 ft P.A & T.G. having ascended previously G.T. and L.H. were left to their own devices. As the double life line seemed no functional G.T. ascended ascended for about 50 ft without life-line at which point he became airborne. Thankfully G.T. was unhurt and later tried again with lifeline but was unable to climb and so eventually he was hauled hauled up bodily. ~~G.T.~~

I wish to record my thanks to Leo Holland Paul Allen and Tim Gilbert + 2 or more unknown who hauled me up eventually.

G.T.

Survey Party Reeds Cavern
 W Stanton S Howell G Moore
 M.D.-J. S Phillips (P.C.R.G.)
 Good thumb round in the Boulders
 u.g.l.

9 Mar 66 M.J.Wooday, A.L.Meek to Swildon's II.

20/3/66 Gannister & Drew + explosive to Hairy Passage.
 Found it not worth concreting with plaster. Squeeze could
 be passed by thin idiot. Pitch beyond 8'-10': 3 hours.

12/3/66 ^{D.O.} Look out Cathy dear he might be a novice
 at caring but not at love!
 Dave Drew & Cathy Harrow, Stoke Lane 2
 Harrow took Drew (novice) through his first
 sump, but unfortunately he doesn't seem at
 home under water. C.H.

12. /3/66. R. Kinn. with R.C.C.

Magnetometer $4\frac{1}{2}$ hrs.

13/3/66. Ingleborough Cane to Lake Pluto.
 $2\frac{1}{2}$ hrs.

Hand 20 - 25

Stafford University Spel Soc Trips Mon - Thursday

1) Eastwater 21/3/66.

Few to Traverse, Halliday's Hole, Rift chambers
 Twin Verticals to Shalds series. Returned via Canyon
 + tight passage over Baker's Chimney to miss Traverse
 P.S. Some unknown gibbs has. defecated in the middle
 of the passage ~~over~~ over Baker's Chimney - complete with
 bog taper. When we passed it had a nice coating
 of fungus. 4 hrs

2) Shaldas 22/3/66

Four to Double Troubles Round Trip. Looked
 at Vearage Pat + new dig ^{just} before Vearage. Stopped at
 pitch through one member chimneyed down. Returned
 to streamway + proceeded to sump II where Jaff
 Phillips + Al Watt dived sump II. Due to lack of lead
 weights at II couldn't dive III. Headed out via
 sump I. 5½ hrs.

3) Stake Lane 23/3/66. All five members
 through sump I. Photographed the formations
 (very fine). Spent some time wandering around,
 visited sump 3 and most of chambers.
 Came out after 3½ hrs.

32 - 35 m. ad
 4) August - L orgwood. 24/3/66
 Fall down, the resealed being unable to get.
 thro squeeze. Rest to bottom of August series.
 Some photographs taken in stream passage.
 Back via L orgwood series. 3½ hrs.

Party was.: T. P. Phillips, B. Clodwick.
 R. W. Smith, D. Largeant
 A. R. E. Watt.

26 March.

D. T. T. J. Alder. to Stoke - Tourist
 through to II - chambers & after grottoes -
 sump fairly high - on exiting (after 2½ hrs)
 we descended Christmas Hole - really grotty
 isn't going down for 70+ (10ft rise) One
 very surprised greater horseshoe bat was noted
 and replaced - Cave conservation! Another
 quick trip to pebble crawl to Wash off in
 Stoke

26/3/66 D. Nestlake + Ann Cragg to Stoke II. Sump was low -
 spoilt by strong odours of diesel oil. Short trip around
 chambers + out.

2/4/66 J. Westlake & A. Coago to August/longwood. Good trips with just enough water to make August ~~etc.~~ interesting. 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ hr trip.

3/4/66 M. Urwin & S. Trendell (Ches Magna) to Eastwater upper series. 3 hrs.

5/4/66 R. Cleaver & P. Molton (M.U.S.S.) to Swildon's VI (via Blue Pencil). Out via Troubles, which needed bailing. Visited sump 2 for completeness. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ hrs.

9th April 1966

St Cuthbert's: Denis Warburton, on his first ever visit to this cave, was accompanied by T. Cornwell, T. Murphy, R. West. J. Westlake, A. Coago & P.M. Giles.

9/4/66 Allen & Drew digging & banging Ashwick rising & Springfield III - some (S') progress in latter.

9/4/66 M. Urwin S. Trendell, & Liz Walton (STOKE BISHOP)
Swildon's to bottom of 60' - v. wet. Retreated with life-lining help from K. Higgs, & did the upper series, 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ hrs.

10th 4/66 D. brought traps & gun & went up
 Lambton - down at 1500hr good trip
 out 1730hr.
 Mr Dewdney - York John Phillips and 2 others.

11th April 1966

Swindon - Carter & Giley after many
 grueling months journeyed to the dump.
 V. impressed by the "new" 40 ft pot.

P.M.C.

15th April '66 with Jim Fosell, Andy Morris, Ray Cleaver
 & Rich Molten to Somb I R.C. & R.M. looked into
 II. 2½ hrs.

16th April 1966 Wooding to Vic Passage.

16.4.66 D. Butchffe + 4 to Burrougham
 (Goathurst - Red Post, Sidcot 1) 2.25.

16.4.66 Eastwater 1 hr v. wet and very
 decided Victoria better camped
 at Lower Somb I.

17/4/66 11. D.S. 10 ft + 4, & Cuckoo Cleave - Entrance falling in
1930 " " " to Swildons. I.

16/4/66 DS to Stoke Lane - flooded, pool at entrance.
 There is a strong smell of diesel oil in the stream apart
 from the gobs of it floating on the surface. Swildons, water
 very high - near grating.

DS

17/4 J. Cornwell, Dave Savage, R.H. West - speedy Culbertson
 to ducks - fair amount of water. Rabbit Heaven $\{ \frac{1}{2} \text{ hrs.}$
 You will all be pleased to note that John Cornwells
 swimming trunks are no longer with us - they
 met their end ignominiously on the Hillside
 stove - R.H.P.

23/4/66 Wooding Drew & Savage to Swildons. Drew &
 Savage chickenend out at the fort. Wooding continued
 onto Vicarage to do a bang in hairy P which unfat-
 nately didn't go off. Later in the afternoon D.P.D
 & DS introduced to Frank Satt to air kit in the
 mines where he did well, especially considering his
 lack of hood, booties etc.

DS

23 April 66 Wooding to Vic Passage

24 April 66 Wooding to Vic Passage - bang went off eventually.

23rd April '66 Sat K.B. ADO, MW. Abandoned the Pine Tree Pot Club trip due to lack of key. Did Cuckoo Clevers instead. (ref 17-466) Entrance is still possible although care is required with the many loose rocks.

23 April 66. Breakaway Sect no 2 from Pine tree pot trip to Eastwater. Very wet. Two parties went down & miraculously two came out. Leaders were JOHN DOLMAN and L. MATTHEW others present, R.A.P.; S.G.; R.B.;

23. April Breakaway Sect no 3 from Pine tree Pot trip - to Longwood lead by Roy Staynings.

24 th April ADO, AOB KB. & Roy Pearce (NWR) Full (as far as III) Photographic, battery, bugging.

23rd April. A stat was made on the new shelf dry (fairly fully.) The old shelf was referenced & a certain amount of miscellaneous work carried out, including installing one window. The weather was typical 'low M.R.' it ended however

22nd April 1966

T. Mason & P. Giles visited Radford Cave, Plymouth & Yealmton Cave, Yealmton. Radford Cave after a short scramble entrance series opens out into a pleasant walking / scrambling type passage. The formations are plentiful but mostly dead & muddy, although the bright red mud gives them an unexpected appeal. The cave is in the region of $\frac{1}{4}$ mile long & in plan takes a parallelogram shape - a trio of tight parallel tubes connecting the entrance to the "end" of the system.

Yealmton Cave is very gentlemanly - it being possible to walk upright everywhere & leave via a tradesman's entrance. The cave was a show cave many years ago. Halfway through a short flight of stone steps ~~steps~~ ^{leads} witness to this fact.

1.76

26th April 1966
Tongwood.

P.M. Giles & T. Hillbot led a party of 5 Sedminster Down Boys & Club to the bottom of the Fault Pitch in August Hole via the Christmas squeeze. Found the whole system extremely wet

P.M.B.

29th April
St Cuthbert's

S. Causer & R. West assisted P.M. Giles leading 3 Ipsbourne Y.C. members around Sept Series, Catgut & R. Warren. Out via Lower Chapel Hall.

P.M.B.

30th

The starts, Causer, Giles & West continued work at Eastwater. Dry-stone wall ends completed, drive way marked out & concrete laid in

the cattle grid.

Weather excellent - blue skies & no wind - a few pink backs produced!

P.M.G.

May 7th Sat.

Early long party at Fairmont today, a very interesting day was spent in barging out the old B.E.C. Draft. Digging went down through clay & boulders for some 12 ft., but stamping a 14 hr continuous haul in a great breaker. However a start was made which was most encouraging. At one stage 14 vehicles were parked in the field. Work is to resume over weekend, when a timber staff will be built.



7th May

Hart, Giles, Gannicott & George Davis to Eastwater for more work on the cattle grid. Concrete base completed and walls commenced.

P.M.G.

8th May

Biles, Tringham & Pilkington to Longwood.
The object of the trip was to dig at
the main stream sink of August
hole. Excessive water on the Fault
pitch & the prospect of more water
problems further down caused a
premature return to the surface.

P.M.B.

14 May

Pete Cousins & Party from Lanchester C.A.T (Coventry) did
a quick Eastwater twin Verticals & twice round the pot.

14-5

ADG deposited two double pully blocks in
Tackle Hut. The generous donation of the
smallest step-lay jack from ii) Bristol.

15 - May

Phil D., Bob G., Pete Cousins, Rick West finished!! off
cattle Grid. using foundations of E/W hut.

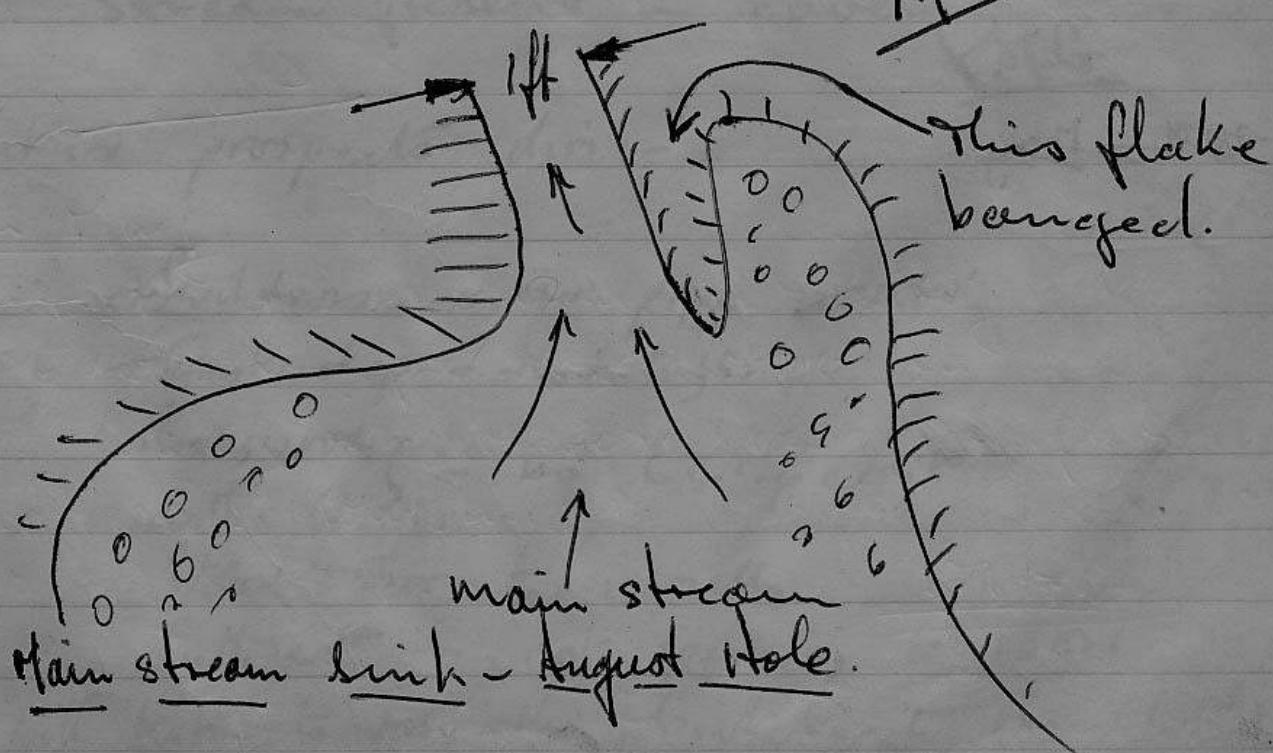
24th May - J. Biles, D T收拾 digging at bottom of August
Hole - bit of temporary progress made + waterworks. 4 hours
out by wet chimney. Then to Stoke II with plan

Tinian - Upper Grotto & Throne Room.

21st May

Giles & Gilbert to August Hole to apply a chemical tracer ~~to~~ the main stream sink. Two $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs charges were placed on a large flake at the right of the slot down which the stream flows fired from a point about 150 ft up the main stream passage. Examination of the results was prevented by excessive smoke.

Cave much drier today than on previous trips this year.





August hole. (cont. from previous page)

22nd. Hart, Gilbert, Cannicott. found barged flake gone
and barged more.

26th May 66 Drew, Savage, Wooding, Lloyd and Pearce (B.S.A) to
Wookey. Savage, Wooding, Lloyd & Pearce to Nine, Savage
continued past the point previously reached to surface
in an air space (Wookey 18) consisting of an inclined
rift 30 ft long & 2' wide. He returned & Wooding &
Pearce went down. Pearce had ear trouble & retired
at 12. Wooding continued to 18 & returned in a
morass of lines. Estimated length of dive 500 ft.
depth 95 ft. A serious proposition for further work.
Lloyd dived to 13 and all returned to base in 3.

~~28th~~ May

27th May.

Eastwater

Bob & Anne Lander + Giles to Eastwater for a brief exercise. The results of the bangs carried out by Davies + Giles on 24.9.64 in Morton's Pot examined, (by Giles only), and Morton's Pot written off as a possible way on. The whole party then attempted the terrible Upper Traverse in which Lander (L.G.) jammed + prompted an early return to top-room level.

Stream present in cave.

P.S.L.G.

Future prospects dir:-

Swildon - no pipe at 40'

Eastwater - too tight.

Longwood,

G.B } - no C.C.C. permit

Stoke - too smelly.

Cuthberts - not speaking to I.E.C.

I will have to join the Glastonbury Fan Club!

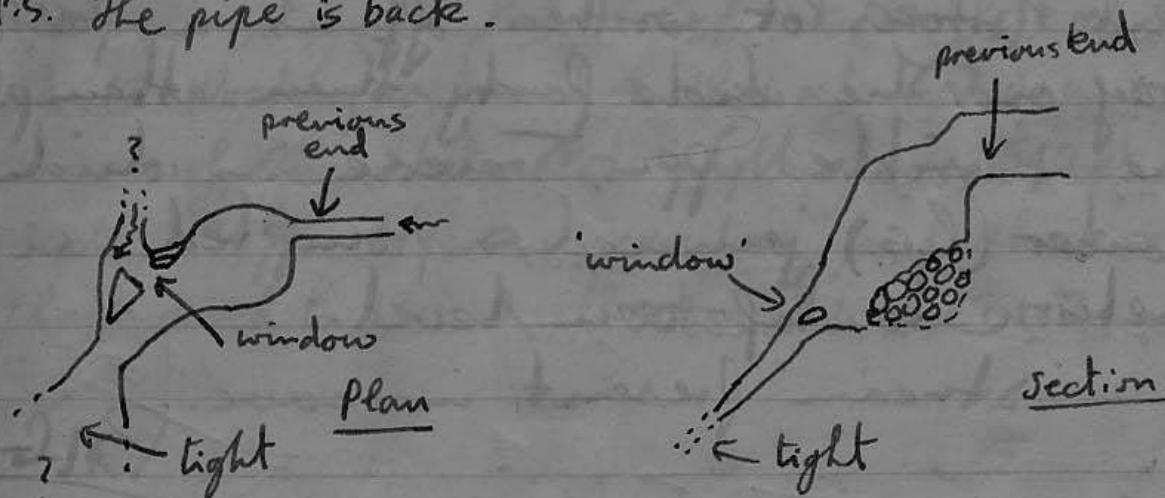
R.M.



28th May 1966 Gilbert & Wooding to Hairy Passage, Swildons.

The previous bang had been extremely successful - the impassable slit + 10 ft. pitch were transformed into a smooth slope + 4 ft. drop! After a short distance the passage became very tight & some headfirst digging was done in the compacted fill, then a bang was effected at a 'window' leading back into a tributary passage.

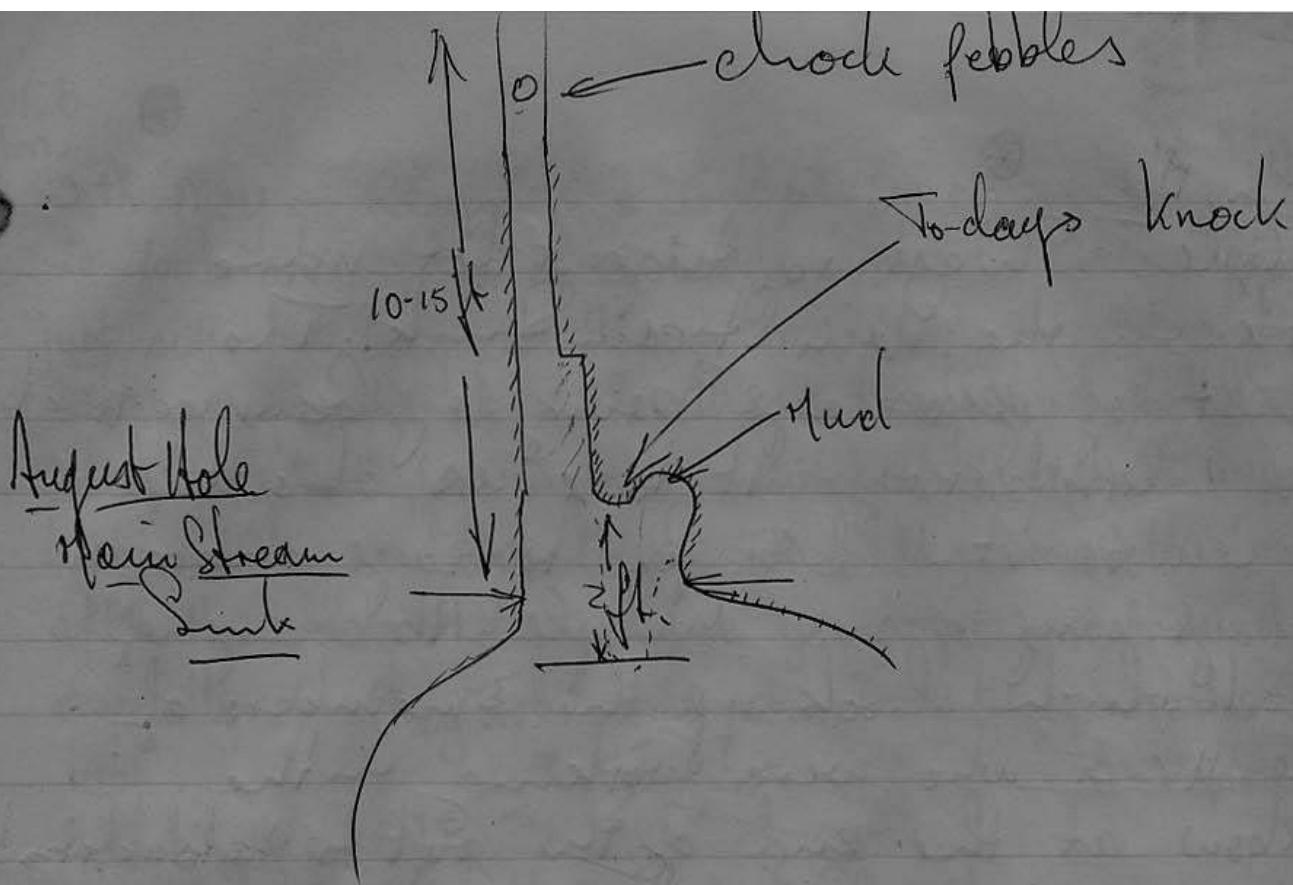
P.S. The pipe is back.



28th May



Gates & Pickstone to August to resume work at the Main Stream Sink. Last Saturday's bang [was] ~~not~~ successful, a debris removed prior to another charge. Today's bang seemed to have little effect beyond breaking off a few small chunks of rock & loosening the roof somewhat.



29th May ☺

Cawse, Gannicott & Reynolds to August to bring and bang the end choke. A fast trip was made to the bottom in a Longwood Christmas crawl and the damage done by yesterday's bang (see above) done. This was not very great, so four platters were placed and set off. The resulting bang was satisfactorily loud and we retreated out of the cave without stopping to see what damage we had done.

29th May

Phileas A. Thomas (sic) led members of the Orpheus Cave Club (Derby) on a tourist trip around St Cuthbert's.

Ryle

30th May

Giles & West to August for more work on the Main Stream Sink. The result of yesterday's bang by Gannicott etc was v. satisfactory - it took us about $\frac{1}{2}$ hr to remove it all & fix to-day's charge. To-day's bang was a single 1lb charge of D.Gd which shook up the 3 members of the N.C.C. who were working in the oxbow at the end of the rift to satisfaction!

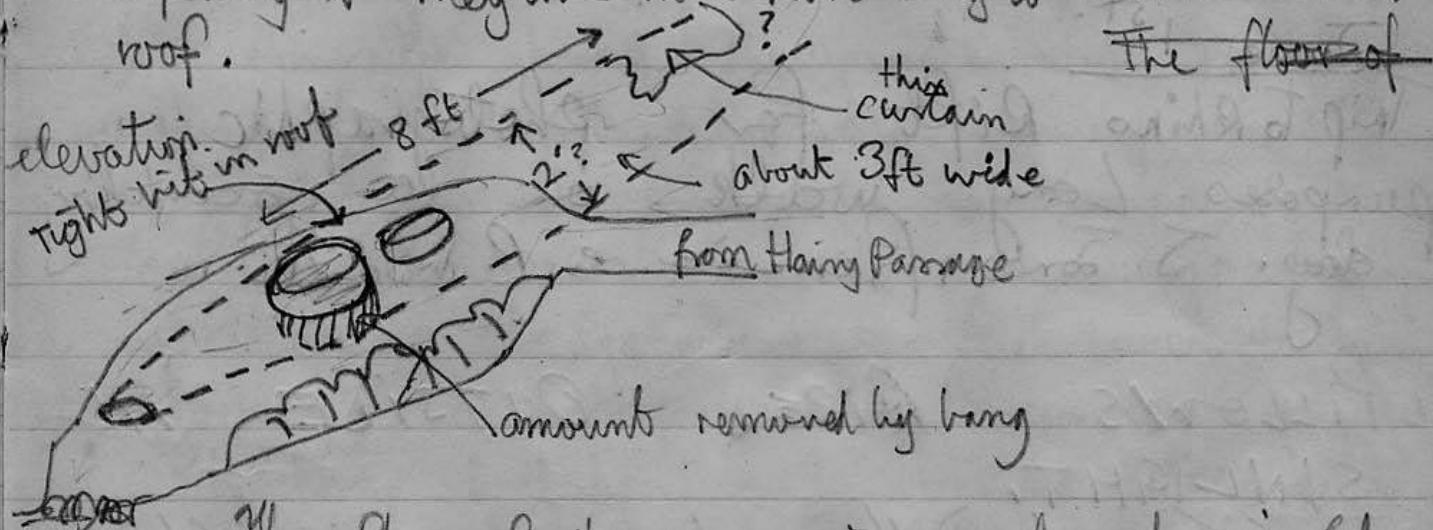


(a.b. Bang wine still in cave in usual stowage.)

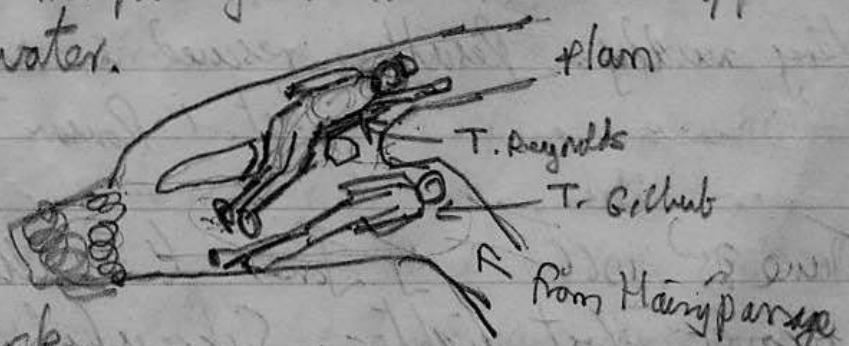
On our way back from August hole we stopped off at Blackmore Swallet & hauled two bucket loads of fill out the th hole for the 1ft. - Blackmore works v. promising & the surface ~~mines~~ mechanics are excellent.

Whit
Mon.

30th May. Reynolds & Gilbert to Hairy Passage windows to look at effect of Saturday's bang. Window enlarged just sufficient to squeeze through and look up ~~4 ft~~ passage sloping upwards at 45° . It is man size for 6 ft, and seems to continue, but view is restricted at that point by a light calcite curtain. Neither Tim could get round the bend after the window, but anyone young fit and thin could, especially if they took some more bang to remove a bit of roof.



The floor of the passage is smooth and rippled by a trickle of water.



P.S. The pipe is still back.

W.M. Monday; Ridley Green Tug of War, Gymnastics defeat
for Canham 1st. round.
Wrestle tonight; S. Wayne Roberts & another bloke.

May 31st P Weston J Jones to Swildens. Object photograph
trip to Tratmane proved abortive due to exceptional wet conditions
at 40'. Unbelievable considering dry conditions on surface. Upper
series photographed. Retired to New Inn to get as soaked inside
as outside.

June 1st

Trip to Rhino Rift for photographic
purposes. Long walk on a scorching
day. J. Jones, fiancee & P. West.

ALL PILLOWS FIRED OUTSIDE IN
SUNLIGHT.

J. Jones to Dalmores to use up remaining film.
Very muddy. Result: rescued 1 very weary frog from bottom
lost 1 Ronson Gas lighter. 1/2 hr trip.

June 2nd 1966 J Jones to Dalmores to try and
recover lost lighter. Successful. Of course the thing
had to be at the bottom. ~~Tried to~~ Tried to rescue another
frogs but he did not want to be rescued, R.P. 20 min trip.
still as muddy.

June 2nd Sat.

M Gallagher + N. Clatworthy to Harry passage;
Mike Wooding's bashing of the windows proved to be
just sufficient for M. Gallagher to enter the streamway
about 8ft up from windows. There is a bump in the
passage, on the left and a slab curtain on the
right. The passage is about 50° to horizontal and
just big enough to keep one's arms by one's side.

Just above the bump the passage widens to the right
making it about 6ft wide by removing the slab
curtains I was able to squeeze just far enough to
see that there were no side passages 6ft further
up it narrowed again and a few loose boulders
blocking the passage could be seen.

The bump will have to be bashed before it can
be passed and then the boulders ^{probably} will be removed
by pulling them - time 6 hrs.

June 4th

C. Pilkstone, G. Pilkington, J. Tongham to August
Hole in scoring boat. Bang at bottom right - prior damage
not extensive but in all 6-7 ft progress made
during last fortnight. Fast trip out with one delay due
to deladding fault pitch and then having voices at

the bottom. Out at $\frac{1}{4}$ to 5.

June 4th / Foret M Cozman to Swildons. Quick trip down short dry way back via wet way. Traffic jam at 40'

(*) June 8th - 9th Mike Wooding and John Dolman pushed the end of Hainey Passage. The window was passed and the stal. ~~stal.~~ curtain smashed and then passed to ~~near~~ give a 50ft. passage (clean rock!) with some formation. The end was dug in clay but was not passed, although the way on was seen. (Note:- ~~Foret~~ Caveas visiting this part of the cave should remove more of the stal. curtain as the inclined rift is F....!B....!R....!!! tight.)

Time Taken $5\frac{1}{2}$ hours

John Dolman

June 10

Watch it blokes! Hut easily burgled via kitchen window, valuable tools etc. + Dm's moped (irreplaceable) in garage waiting to be stolen. TA.

7th June

Alan Thomas (Bee) a miles to St. Cuthbert's to bang a flake in the dig at the end of the Grouse Rift. The result of the evenings

work is not yet known, but Coon Hall is extremely resonant at "bang frequencies!"

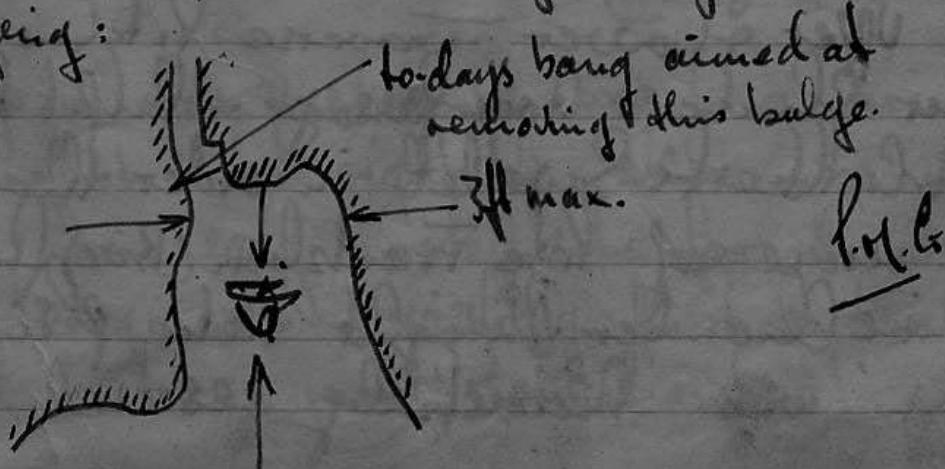
P.M.C.

June 10th

P. Cousins & I Extract to Longwood, due to visitors being over most of the time spent watching groups of Highways Sp. both upstream of bottom of fault-Pitch and in Longwood main chamber. Pleasantly wet trip on blistering hot day.

12th June ☀

P. Giles & Causor to August to continue work on the Main Stream Sink. After clearing away the debris resulting from the last two bangs, we laid & fired another 11lb charge of plaster gel. The situation prior to to-day's bang seems encouraging:



DRINK
BEER

2 spaces

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paces
TO

2 spaces X HERE BE
TATERS
(H.O. & F.) (Hands off and fast.)

12-6-66

Host. Cousins & Allan (Paul.) to St Cuthb.
Pyroholistic Series. Very fine collection of stars &
pleasant climbing in 100' rift. The Knobbly dog
for ascent is 4' short, waistlength & Krab suffices.

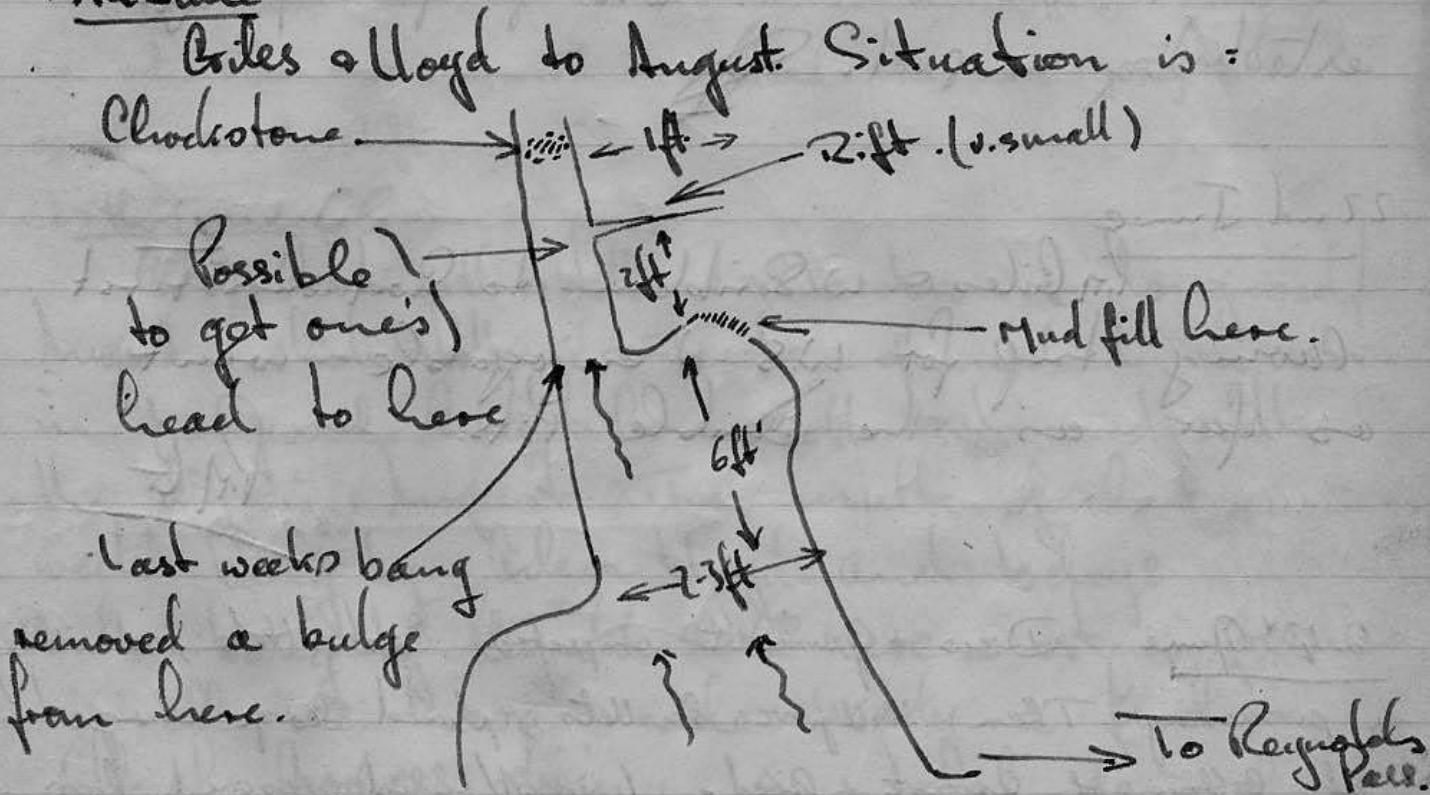
18th June.

W. Craig, P.M. Coles, R. Hallett laddered
the upper slover wave pitches the
Water Climbe & downpassage a pulpit pitches
of St. Cuthbert's Spirelet. in order that the
main rescue of Pete Franklin (Bob) from
beehive Chamber might take place. The
'victim' was successfully rescued

Potter

~~18th June.~~ D.Tingam + R.Cox (BPC) to Swilson's IV - fast despite large parties below 20' pitch. Sump IV looked at, but no weights - so no dice! - up to Sump III then out via Troubles. Abseil down Pit found awkward due to wet clothing. Out of cave by 7.30 (4 hours). (Noticed Hollow floor by blasted boulders has been broken).

19th June



To-day it was possible to reach a mini-rift going off to the right, as shown. This rift provided a ready made line for the bang. The bang was successfully fired & ~~it~~ it was heard in Longwood Main Chamber!

P.M.G.

19th. Fairmont Mill. I day's work by the digging group lowered the shelf floor a further 3 ft. Explosives were needed to remove 2 large boulders, this was done without damage to the shaft. B.E.C. - Co G members gave a helping hand. We are not out of the clay yet, they move stones & rocks are being found. The water is also getting away after establishing a pool.

22nd June

P.M. Miles & W. Scribbans to Swildon's First Caving trip for W.S.-J. enjoyable - went as far as the Double Pots.

P.M.G.

24th June Drew & Gamieott inspected Easter Hole, not really promising. Then Hillgrove Swallows, placed large charge at bottom of largest & pried. 1 newt/lizard rescued from Easter H. 1 mini-rabbit from H'grov'e swallow.

25 June - M. Brown & S. Trendell to Swildon's sump 1-2t hrs. down.

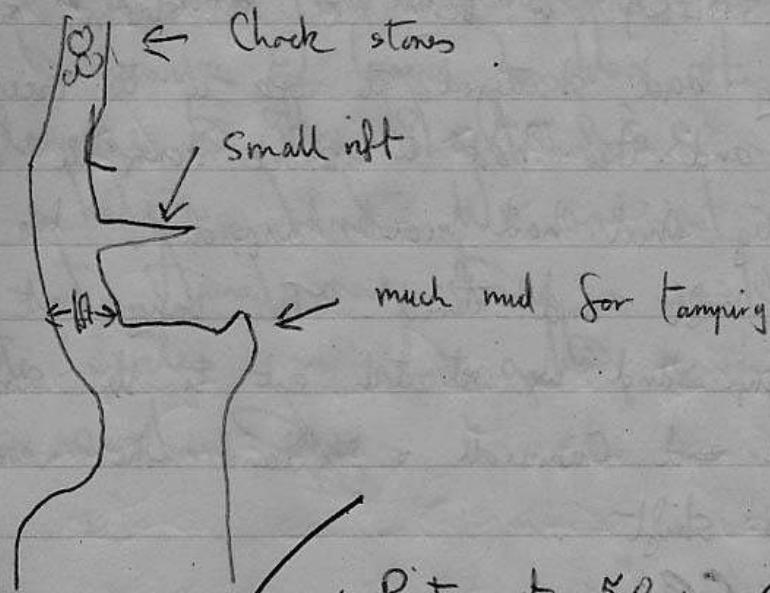
25th June 1966. Longwood/August. Cousins, Reynolds & Dave Smith (BEC) to bang at the stream sink. The previous bang had shattered the rock in the vicinity. We cleared the debris, and then had to knock down the stal slow above the dig which had become dangerous. We then placed the bang in the rift and retired. The bang went off with a satisfying thump and we retreated out to the surface. There we met Giles ~~&~~ Cornicott & Holland who were going down as the second shift.

25th June 66.

Giles, Cornicott & Holland & Jacobson to Longwood, August. While Hollands-Jacobson finished absent in Longwood, Giles & Cornicott continued with the dig in August. The results of last weeks bang by Giles Lloyd and today's earlier bang by Reynolds & Co were most impressive. In all we have made nearly a further 6ft of progress, giving a total gain of about 12ft. The passage ahead remains the same as ever; about 1ft high & about 6" wide. We can see ahead for about 6ft but then the passage veers to the right & out of sight.

P.M. →

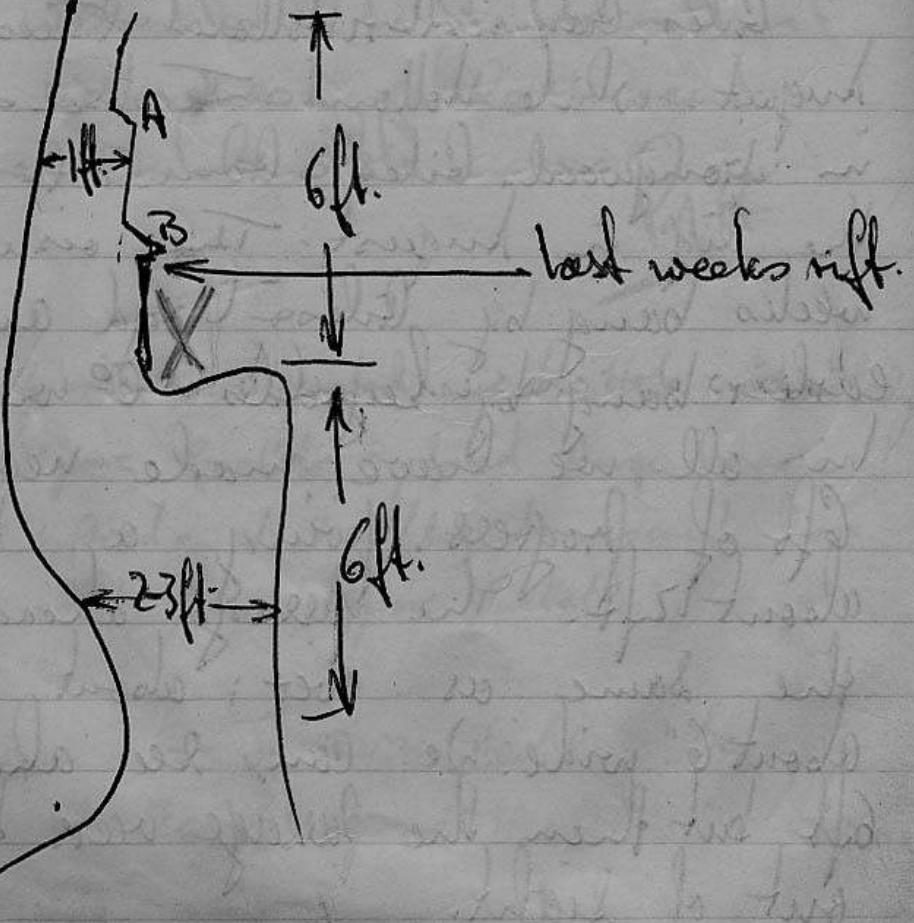
Position at 1.00 pm 25th June 1966



Position at 5.0 pm 25th June 1966

To-day's mud bank
placed at A & B.

Main Stream Link
- deepest hole
5 pm 25.6.66



Swildon (Sidcot dig).
C. Pickstone & Pilkington.

Good trip down 40' & 20' pitches
mainly because of lack of tools.
Trip to Sidcot dig quite interesting
rather dig climb up to coal & dig.
Picked about a bit on way out.
Purpose of trip to retrieve digging
tackle for Pyrenean trip
I have

26th June

Davies, Graham Davies & Miles do Swildon's
to the top of the Fort. To-day trip was
Graham's 5th caving trip - he is 5 years old!

26 June Ground to West Lake

A crag to Eastwater. The Rift Chambers were visited
way out was made over the Lower Traverse,
Hallelujah Hole & the upper part of Pimrose Path.

An interesting 10 mins or so was spent
watching John Cornwall thwacking around in
Hallelujah. (Monday found him very stiff & bruised -
he also found a few ~~the~~ muscles that he didn't know
existed)

28th June J. Westlake + A. Cragg did quick photographic trip - buckoo chevrons

30th June J. Westlake + I. Daniels (B.I.A) to Blue Lizard. Present trip - no corals at 40' to contend with. Time taken 2½ hours.

~~3.7.66~~ (X) Richard West & Phil Davies. To August Main Stream sink dig. Much debris removed before consolidating cleage was found to prove that remains of rock this side of the small rift. If successful this ought to make forward progress much easier for the future. P.D.

(See X marked on previous diagram)

3.7.66 M Holland + Swynne Roberts a very low descended sea series in Scotland N.W Extent? (SWIC discovery).

The hut as usual was in an excellent state. Alas, the tidy Wesser race has died out!

9 July 1966 Wooding + Meech, quiet upper Suidlons.

9 July Eastwater club trip 6 to bottom, 4 lost somewhere in Primrose Path. Cave full of bodies so left tackle for the rest day.

10 July 4 to end & de-laddered. 1½ hrs.

D. Warburton, S. Moore, R. West, B. Pyke

12th July

Thompson, Howell, Kenny, Dave Gray (BCC). 9 miles to North Hill wallet drag.

13 July, Ivar Yeo + wife + P. Weston + others to Suidlons One. Very dry trip. thanks Emily Speeds as usual.

15 July. P. Weston, Ivar Yeo + wife to Lamb Lair. Winch platform decrepid, unsafe (except for cavers) To pub after.

16 July A. Bonnie, Ron Marksay, Bob Sis. at Starkey's & St. Catherines. photographs

17th July party as above to Sump 2 swallows and 5 mud springs.

Sat 1st July. County Pot (Yorks) tourist of near series and then up to Easter Grotto - G. Pilkington and C. Parkstone potbeds sumpt (dry conduit & caving) and found air surface. Looked promising.

Sun 3rd July A. Dingle, D. Tringham, J. Dolman, M. Freeman (BP Club) M. Diggle (Bat PC), J. Chalmers (Bat PC) Alum Pot Easter (bouldered at last pitch) 5 hours.

Mon 4th July Gamber Hole (dig) A. Dingle, D. Tringham after chiselling $\frac{1}{2}$ hours the constriction was passed to give 10' of rift blocked at lower end by large gritstone boulders. Bedding plane goes on - but unable to get in at present.

1" = 15'



The Cave is near Colf Park
Horton-in-Ribblesdale

The 5th - Playgent Pot - 7 hours in and out & laddered as well - J. Savage + S U BSS. G. Pilkington and D. Tringham - very good trip - everything went right! Dryish conditions.

Wed 6th Pool Sinks & Carty Pot to Easegill main train Sump (see scars) & Sat 2nd July) The former sump (wet bedding plane) was passed to give access (thru' roof) to Lancaster (Sand Caves?) a new connection perhaps? Those who participated were J. Savay, A. Dingle, G. Pilkington + UBSS + D. Triggle.

Thurs 7th Merewill Hole with UBSS. A. Dingle, G. Pilkington, D. Triggle. Slow trip about 6 hrs in dry conditions.

Sat 9th, UBSS + O.C.L. G PILKINGTON, C PICKSTONE to last jettins, very dry sump passed to second sump without "caving".

Sat 23rd July. very good trip in approx 6 hrs. C Pickstone

P. (consists of Jack Bunker (SOETCOS)) to N.J. Stream Pass
Inserted haulbolt in ledge on left of Pitch, not the ideal place but I was sitting on the edge for 10-15 mins.!!
Pitch requires 25' ladder, 20' needs a jump to reach!
Inspected pots at end upstream - beyond duck - both 20-30' deep bottom not in sight. Attempts to descend will require a large channel fiton - there is a wide crack - or another haulbolt - any offers? On the way out a boulder approx 1mt was dislodged on the pitch - sorry it missed me - we afterwards found that it had flattened a ring & almost severed a wire on the ladder which I climbed up. Time down 5½ hrs.

→ Pet H 6

Thurs 21st July. D. Tough and L. Weaver to Sardons two - a weekday night tourist trip down at 8.45 pm and found TWO other parties in the cave - I think they must have been waiting at the 40' since last w/e! $\frac{1}{2}$ hr wait at top then fast trip down admiring 14" spacing ladder on the way (14" long rungs too!) Thro', to Mayday Pass. Out at length 12.30 AM. Good trip.

Fri 8th July. Yorkshire. G. Pilkington, A.E. Dingle + 2 others to Simpson's Pot. G.P. and A.E.D. remained at the top of Slit pot whilst the 2 others descended to visit the new master cave. They were much impressed.
 Sun 10th. Carl Pickstone, Tony Dingle + 3 others descended Adam pot to Sump via Long Churn. 5 hours.

15th July - 28th July '66

Carl Pickstone (Pappa Claus), Giles, Gary Pilkington, Tim Reynolds, T. Atkinson to Cirque du Ley, Pyrenees. After marathon drive and miserable weather established camp at Barthélemon, 6,000ft.

May poled avn in Resurgence at Barthélemon to huge 100+ ft. avn (roof invisible) with windows 25 ft. up in h.h. wall. Windows went via 30' pitch and 15' pitch back to main

passage. Dug in terminal choke, whar stream is clearly audible beyond; needed bang. Ditto in flt at upstream extremity of stream passage. Surveyed last year die corriee and this year's die corriee to [last after yesterday] Grade IV.

Looked for cave in valley between Pic Noir and Pic de St. Hauz; negative. Also tried to find back way into Rosengnef de Benthaillon via small cave in gorge from Etang de Chichoi. Negative also, though one possibility remains in open but inaccessible cave in side of gorge. Climbed Pic de Canéjan, 8,600 ft. Went 6 ft. into Spain throughon.

Weather mainly abysmal. Made useful contact with Belgian and French clubs. Arrived Hillgrat 2 a.m. 29/7/66.

T.A.

50/7/66 - D. T. M. - J. A. - to Chartreuse -
festering and then to Soulders via Hauteis - down to
Sump II, and N.W. Stream Pass. Good trip with loads of
froth about.

29/7/66 ST. CUTHBERTS.

D. Irwin, D. Statham, (B.E.C) were helped in survey of Cobane Snic by T. Atkinson. $4\frac{1}{2}$ -star

30/7/66 SWILDONS

Judy Barker (SWETCC), Peter Lonsdale, Tim Atkinson to Private Chamber, Shatter Snic. Cleared boulders from the upper right hand part of the choke. Rather dicey. Ended with 1 lb. Polar Annas blown against a thin screen of very dicey boulders beyond which was a (small) space. Whole business rather dangerous, much "gripping" over cut hands, carbide lamp, etc. 7 hrs.

31/7/66 Northill Swallet. Tim Reynolds, Peter Lonsdale, Mike Thompson + A.N. Other.

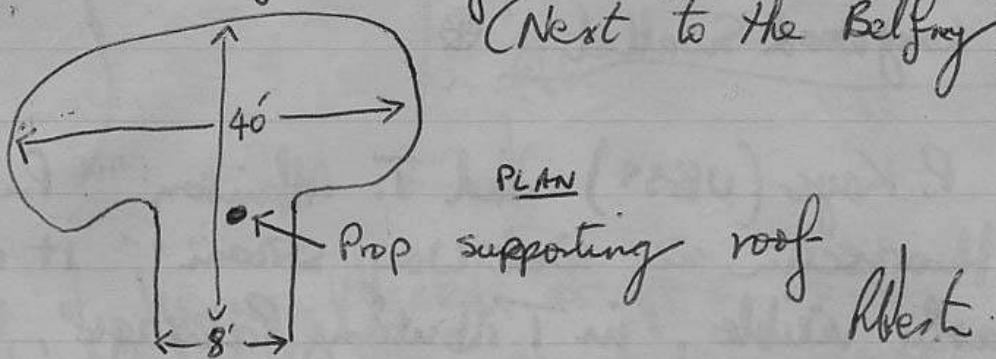
31/7/66. D. Tringham + T. Atkinson, + several cavers banged a rift in small cave at Cartwhistle. Way on can be seen, draught, basal geomorph - make it stem pinnicing. Tony Dingle has named it Halfpenny Hole, after a Georgian halfpenny found there.

31/7/66 Cuthberts. J. Cornwall, and persons unknown including AE Dingle Bob Waddan + Sally,

Warburton, S. Causier dug in Cuthbert's Sump area.

John Comwell, his mark.

3/8/66. "Explored" (!) a small ? manganese mine at the top of Elbow Gorge. The floor is covered by an 18" layer of cow dung, water and urine which emits the foulest of aromas when disturbed by a caver's naked foot. Surely one of Mendip's smelliest spots (Next to the Belfry)



3/8/66 Halfpenny Hole.

← Daws and Comwell had visited this cae on 1/8/66. Sunday's bang was quite successful, and another charge was laid. After some ~~bad~~ trouble with misfire this was unprimed, after which a boulder fell from one wall buried the charge. Merifully, the largest boulders became jammed in the rift

before reaching the bang.

Today's trip included J. Cornwall, N. Thompson, B. Walker, T. Atkinson, and numerous onlookers. Dave Davis' charge could not be seen, but as the passage was blocked by the fallen boulder ($2' \times 2' \times 1'$), half a pound of plaster was applied and exploded. A quick look inside afterwards showed no sign of the boulder, only a large triangular hole!

T.A.

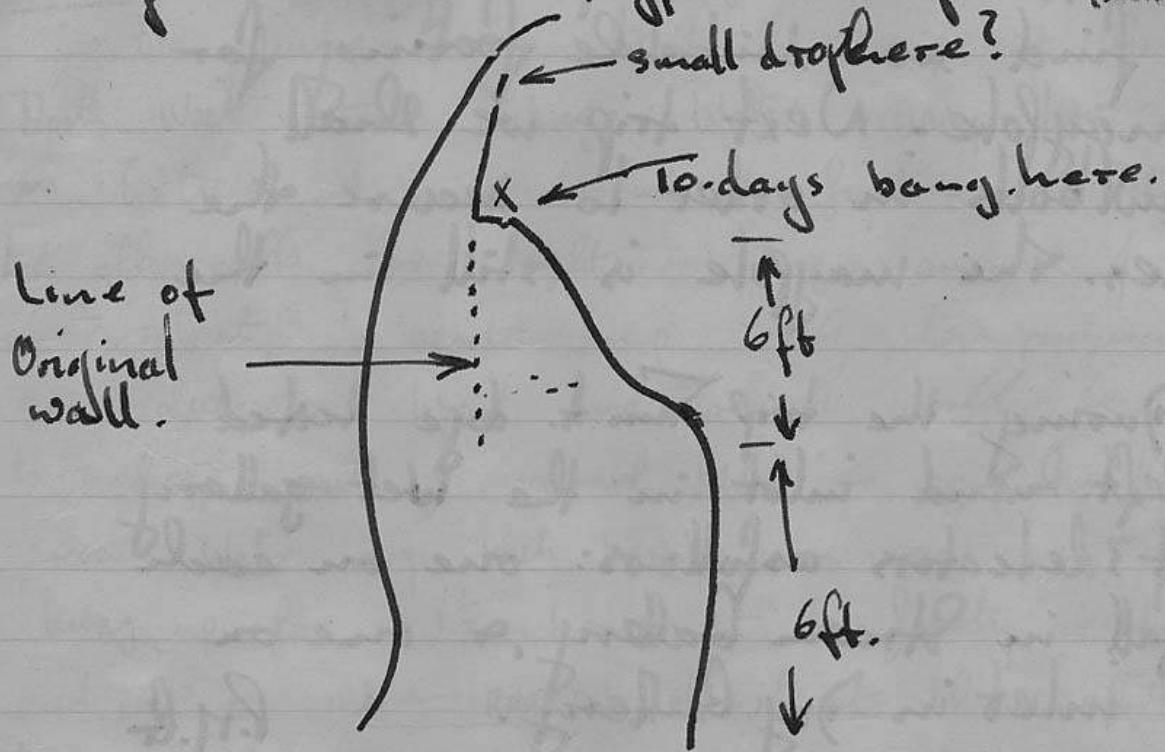
4/8/66 Longwood Swallet.

P. Kaye (VBSS) and T. Atkinson. Put 50 gm. of fluorescein in Wet Way stream. It came through, clearly visible, in Tributary Passage, in $\frac{1}{2}$ hr. No fluorescent visible in any of the small trickle coming into the main stream between Fault Chamber and Tributary Passage. Detector taken down, but not used. $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. of plaster placed in stream sink. Good loud bang. Attempted to climb into passage visible 40 - 50 ft. up in Stream Passage. Open cast visible, but needed maypole due to loose ness of stream fill. $3\frac{1}{2}$ hr.

6th Aug 1966 Ad.



Giles, Atkinson, Bunker, F. Salt + 2. to
August Hole with Maypole & bang.



$1\frac{1}{2}$ lb of bang placed at ft x. &
successfully fired, after about an hour
of dam building and debris removing.
Next trip we intend to build a
more permanent dam across the entrance
to the dig to divert the stream
wholly into Reynolds kessage.

Following the digging we then returned
to the Great Rift (August) & magphed up to

a large open passage some 40 ft above stream level. Unfortunately we were unable to enter the passage as we could find no suitable footing for the maypole. Next trip we shall fit nail bolts in order to secure the maypoles. The maypole is still in the cave.

During the trip Tim A. dye tested the left hand inlet in the wet gallery & left 3 detectors as follows: one on each waterfall in Stream gallery, & one on small inlet in dry gallery.

P.M.G.

5/8/66. Halfpenny Hole *

Bob Wallin, Jim Gidde, Tim Atkinson, with large numbers of spectators. Wednesday's bang had demolished the boulders blocking the passage, which narrows to a slot below an unstable pile of debris. A flake on the right provided entry through the slot. 1 1/4 lbs. of plaster was fired on this. The bang left after

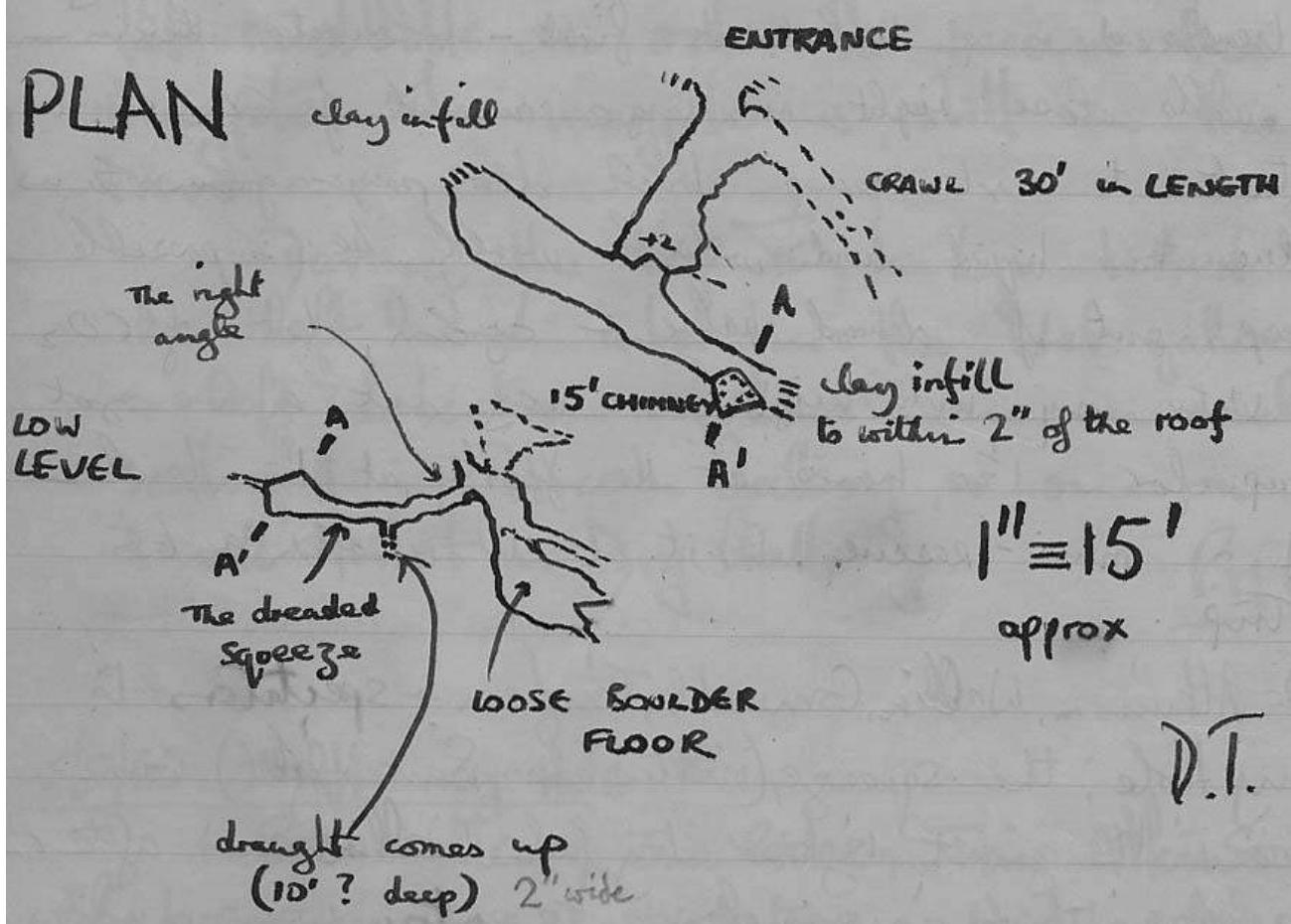
Monday's trip was recovered at last.

6-8-66 R. West helped Phil Romford (source) Paul Allen & Doug (succ) ^{MacFarlane} to bump diving bit to the seeps at the end of North West Stream Passage. Water very low on way in. Extreme end seep looked at first - no water therein - but all walls close right in. Large amount of CO₂ about so retreat to next - seep back down passage again & no go due to liquid mud which would be impossible to keep out of demand valve - again, lot of CO₂ present. Water very much higher on way out & we got hung up for 1½ hours at the foot of the trail - end of a mini-rescue. Exit at 10 p.m. after a 6½ hour trip.

7/8/66 ⚡ Atkinson, Wallin, Connell, Tringham + spectators to Ha'penny Hole, the squeeze, (visited also Sat night) was attacked with great vigour by Bob Wallin and after his work with various implements entry was made by Bob into 25' of narrow passage - widening at the end (via tortuosa) but choked as well - after preliminary look round == Bob started digging and I joined him. The squeeze is tight - so is the right angle bend, but it appears quite promising at the end altho

spoil disposal is awkward. The draught noticed in the 1st squeeze is emitted from a 2" crack on the right as you descend. The whole cave is awkward and ends very disappointingly indeed.

PLAN



13/8/66 August - hongwood. ☺

[P] P. Reynolds, A. Wicks, T. Atkinson. 11b. of plaster in bottom dig. Tuesday's bang (see below) did a great deal of damage, widening a 3ft. length of passage by 4-6 ins. Today's placed

or R.H. wall where passage begins to narrow again. The way also requires widening 6 ft. from the crack at the far end, as a constriction there hampers the digger. Removing the floor would take three and would not need bang.

9/8/66 Mike Norton, T. Atkinson (UBSS) to Langwood on dye testing trip. Detectors in Stream Gallery, Dry Gallery, placed, 80 gm. Thorescan placed in R.H. stream in Wet Gallery. 1 lb. bang placed in small crack on right of stream sink dig with aim of widening the passage.

N.B. Lab tests on the sample from the L.H. Stream in Wet Gallery, tested on 6/8/66, show that the stream discharge to both waterfall intake in Stream Gallery, and the trickle falling from a fault on the left of Dry Gallery, 100 ft. or so above the stream gallery junction.

14/8/66 Fred Barnard, Ron Mairling, John Bingham, to Biddercombe swallet to dig upwards of a 100 buckets removed, the dig is now probably slightly below the original level as left by the M.C.C., a stream can be heard

below. The main water can now be seen to disappear down a 2" rift.

17/8/66. August - hong wood.

T. Atkinson to top of hong wood Great Chamber. Mapped structural geology from floor to surface, including Water Chamber. A few faults; jointe are at 60° and 30° to one another indicating a thrust, rather than a normal, origin. Some variation in dip, nothing startling. 3 hrs.

20/8/66. Arrived to find Tackle Shed EMPTY and no tackle booked out! and Nobody in Swindlers. — so reduces to sunbathing ADB

20. 8. 66.

Rescue: St. Cuthbert's.

One s. experienced York Nine had suffered a dislocated shoulder in Union Chamber, September Series due to a falling rock.

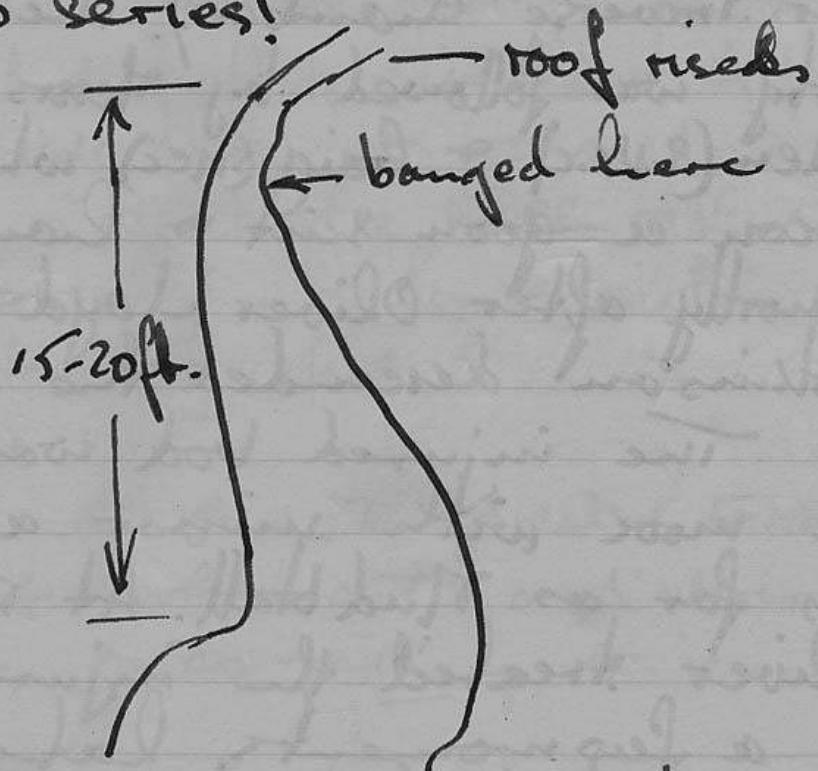
The M.R.O. organised a stand-by as soon as news of the accident

reached the surface. A small party led by B. Newell took down the M.R.C. telephone & contact with High Chamber was made after ~~the~~ 35 minutes. (There being a telephone line in the cave to Upper Traverse Chamber) The telephone party was followed by H. Hess, Gales, Allen (S.V.C.C.) & Baird (MCC) who took down a gun and a hunting rifles. Shortly after Oliver Lloyd Tim Atkinson descended the cave.

The injured lad was able to move with minor assistance as far as Bud Hall. At Bud Hall Oliver treated the injured arm a few moments, later the arm clicked into place. The lad then proceeded out, road mainly under his own steam.

21. 8. 66 Atkinson, Gates, Brewster & J. Hooker, Meadow Hill? Albert?

Back to August hole to (a) dig at bottom (b) build dam in streamway at dig. (c) fit ravelbolt to secure Maypole (d) erect & climb maypole into Super new series!



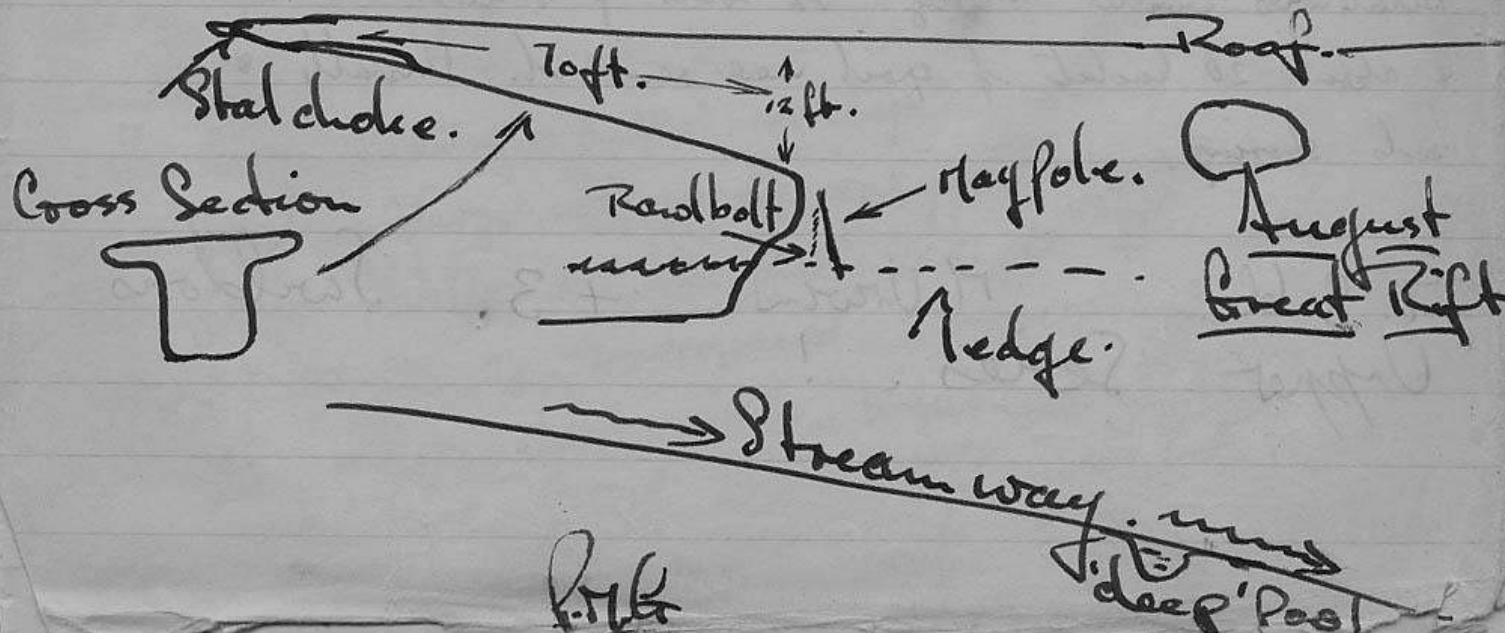
Results of previous bands quite satisfactory. It is now possible to get between 15-20ft into the dig now but the end is still tight although the roof rises slightly & the floor appears to drop incrementally. 10-days band was to remove a small

shoulder of rock which fouled my
digging elbow.

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The dam was constructed with
cave mud ~~& normally~~ normal
Cement & small stones. Whether
it will set or not is doubtful
but it certainly reduced the flow
of water into the dig considerably.

The nail bolt was fixed in position
& we climbed up into a sandy
passage about 70 ft long & 10-15 ft
wide. It ran parallel with the main
stream - 40 ft below in the Great Rift -
& descended fairly steeply. There
was no sign of a way or - match.



20.8.66 ~~Hay~~

Morris P. (owner), G. Pointing, D. Berry, H. Pyke & others
collected approx. 1,000 Bales of Hay for Mr Sealy.

21.8.66

~~near [redacted]~~ Call out for rescue in

Swindon via Mr Sealy in late afternoon — great
speed to the Green via Beeches & Belfry only to
be told the bloke was already out. Fell a
broke his upper arm on the FIRST drop of
the Wet Way!!! M.R.O. called but lad got out
under own steam & professionally prodded by Bob Pyke
till ambulance arrived.

Why are they always in two's ?? ??

21-8-66 A. Barnard, J. Dington, G. Head & R. Marking to
Biddlecombe Swallet to dig. 16 sacks of at least $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt each
& about 20 buckets of soil were removed. Unstable &
needs shoring.

27.8.66. M. Uren. + 3. Swindons -
Upper Series !

20th Aug.. Club trip to Flute's Hole. A.E. Drayle, A.E. Valdeman, V. Latwothy and D.S. Rogers. Two and half hours visiting Sanctissimus Passage etc. Descent by ladder by main pitch.

20th Aug 66 Wooding - Rowten Pot, Yorks, with Imperial College.

28th Aug 66 Wooding + Meek to Cuckoo Cleaves, the end. Nasty hole. Hen Minies to recover.

28/8/66 R. Markig, G. Head, R. Sier to Bullock's. A few rocks & bucket of mud removed & then large rubble. This revealed a rift about 10' deep but only about 6" wide. Needs chemical percolation.

29/8/66 J. Orton + 2. Quick trip to end of Eastwater Traverse & then Swildons. ~ 40' s.w.t.

29/8/66 R. Markig, G. Head. to Locklions
Sump 2 : 2 hrs.

28.8.66. George Pointing & I West investigated a very interesting water-filled, underground cavity only 50 yards from Hillgrove !!! (no - not the GESAW pot). In the old house are a couple of underground storage tanks & down one of these West was lowered by Pointing who wouldn't have fitted. The water was (at first) very clear & the chamber is about 8' x 8' x 6' high.

with a domed roof at the top of which is the entrance about 18" x 18". The floor is liberally covered with rubble, sludge of a very doubtful origin, and dead lizards. With aid of a knife all THINGS looking very unhygienic were removed so we beat a hasty retreat to the Minories & got cleaned off with a 20 m gloop.

29.8.66. George & Rich dived in the Minories where there was about 1' to 18" vis. and rather more fish than usual.

August 31st. Yesterday evening whilst digging at North Hill Swallet the wire immediately above the top rung of the ladder broke cleanly. Fortunately only Ken Dawe was climbing at the time! No damage to his person was caused, only his dignity. I have removed the offending 20' of ladder from the tackle shed for inspection by the Tackle Warden. We had thought that the Allen screw had been responsible for the break, but close investigation reveals the ladder obviously one of the older ones and that the break is probably due to fair wear and tear. One can't help feeling that it had been used many times without

a satisfactory spreader and tether, thus causing an undue angle and strain on the wire at the top ring.

Jim Farwell

3rd Sept

Unofficial but working weekend:
 Atkinson, Banks, Dewdney took off.
 cleaned out the drain -ugh! about
 8 gallons of sludge, washed ~~the~~ down
 the link unit; cut the grass smethes,
 & descaled the south inside wall of
 the butt.

P.M.B.

28/8/66. G.B.

J. Banks, R. West, T. Atkinson, D. Houston, to
 ladder Dig Extension. "Hairy" boulders, beautiful formations.

29/8/66. Longwood-August

Nick Hart and Tim Atkinson put the
 geology of Fault Chamber - Great Chamber area on
 paper. 6 hrs.

30/31/8/66. T. Atkinson became an JBS member
 again and spent two days drilling and blasting

at Manor Farm

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the new shaft / Great fun !

M - 9 - 66.

Two members of Wessex proceeded to venture into Sarsdon with a party from the University of Bristol, who apparently had never heard of the V.B.S.S. ^{and} were ^{to} John Yeomans P. Wentworth

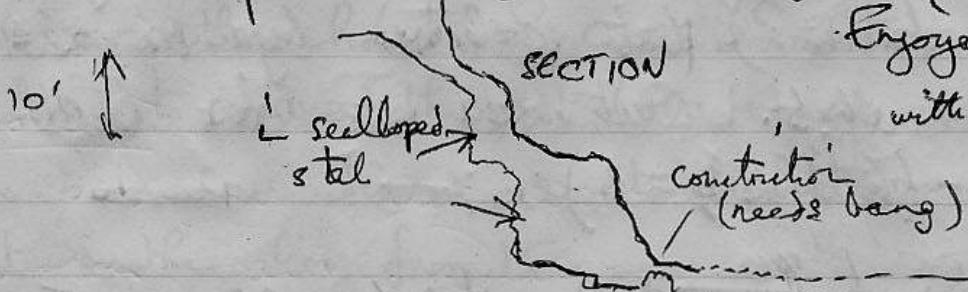
8/9/66 D. Edwards & guest to Pallinor to mochgate possibly of extension (?). Place, sinks go in and out dead quiet. - $\frac{1}{2}$ hour.

13/9/66 R. Marks, G. Hearn, J. Dingle, Sarsdon, road

top floor sink to surface. Very dry. 8/9/66
10/9/66. A. Dingle, D. & A. Fright, A. Wills, B. Hand, P. McDonald - Pool Sinks - Basgill (County of) abandoned due to flooding - (beck side). - Cymru Cavers reacted. examined

11/9/66 - Calf Hole, Basgill - merely wet.

14th Sept 1966 B. West. Dug to Fault Chamber looking at
 hole in floor - one 20' plus - then D. Troubles out.
 3 hour trip. Passage at bottom of Fault Chamber.



Sept 9/10/11 9 lesser members + numerous members of our host club (Portland Cave Research Group) spent a very pleasant, if unenergetic, weekend caving, walking & swimming on, around & under Portland in very kind weather. Thanks to P.C.R.G. a to Messrs Vickers for the use of their Cricket pavilion.

B.S.A.

12.9.66 J. Cornwell took West & assorted books down Culbert's & forced them to work on an Aswan-size dam in the Gouffre Rift with a view to flushing the sump. Gouffre Rift looks very impressive with 2½ to 3' of water in it & it was possible to swim (yes really!) down the length of it when the plug-hole was unplugged. Rather surprisingly the sump took this little lot with not much more than 4" of backfilling up — so - tis going somewhere fairly large.

17/9/66 A. Thompson + 2 to Sited. Looked at supposed bypass dig. (but no more) Nearly locked in by a load of Moles (from Harrow?) but released by an observant Corbans chap. Out via Troubles (with 2 lights) - (6' hrs $\frac{3}{4} \pm 1$)

17/9/66

West, Moore, Tringam, Chalket, Valérie and Bent - Festering via Gallow and Cledar. Festered in and around pyramids & Thistle-climbs and abseils performed to great applause. Good fine weather fest.

17/9/66 T. Jefson + 2 Bath Tech School. Boggins at Hele's Farm, Downland Loose rubble from last bony record ditch now needed.

22/9/66 Tringham + art D to Stoke

accompanied by Tony Philpot - Good tourist trip to Upper Grottos and Dump II

17-9-66

P-KE MARKED IN LEEDS - R.I.P!

24-9-66 Woekey Hole Diving

Davay, Barry Lane, O.C Lloyd, Phil Kingston.

Phil & DS dived to '15 to begin removing old line

from 15 to 18. New line found to be severed just beyond end of old C.D.C. line in 14-15. Two old line reels recovered each with ~200 ft. of couplers. Barny repaired lamp in 2nd chamber. O.C.L. visited Coase's Loop. In order to recover the vast (600 ft) of couplers lying loose somewhere beyond 15 it will be necessary to relay yet another line from 15.

D.S.

25/9/66 D. Savage + Drew Sullens round trip. 2 hrs.

25/9/66 - P.D. left. 10 Rite-Suits in box -

after two trips to Freshwater in an attempt to open up to Dolphin, Harris Passage route. Work still in progress, it is unsafe to take boat in the area in its present & stable state. P.D.

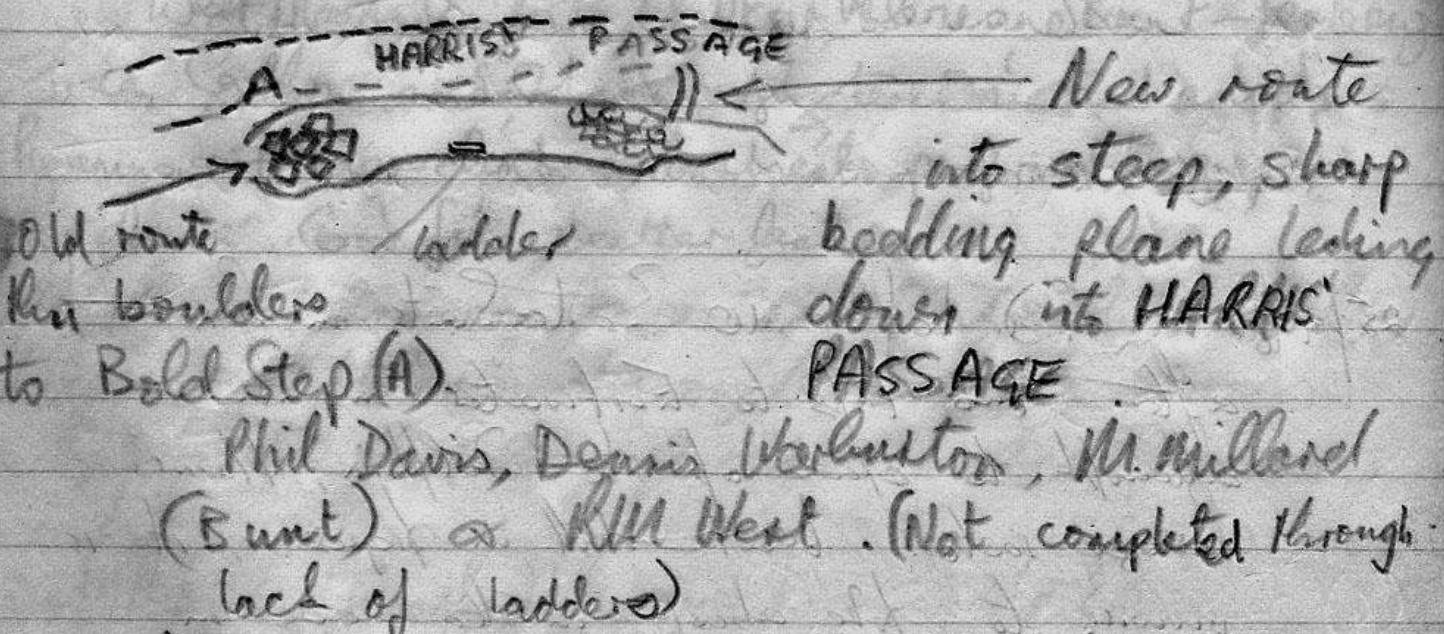
24-25/9/66 R. Hobbs - P. McDonald, G. Head, Tony Philpott, Maine Union, D. Tighan
(UNDER SWCC Supervision)
 to ~~\$~~ Danger Ogg^{II}. Sat we worked above camp at upstream II and entered high level over series stopped by no ladder. Sunday the last 2 above mentioned lads were lucky enough to go in with A. Coase, G. Jones, A. Murray and me with ladder and he in 1st party to Danger Ogg^{III}. This is a higher continuation of the river stream & goes for at least a mile so far (60ft high x 15ft wide!) Stopped (minima)

by large boulder, sand and mud fall - Water heard thru, and choke not pushed. 8 hr. trip - Superb system even w/o the new bits!

DT

1.10.66 ~~(*)~~ The Dolphin Route was reopened today! - but not by the Old route — Position is thus: —

Plan



2.10.66

The ~~team~~ above + Bob Warren +
Pete Turner (Phoenix) and the pleasurable
company of three young ladies did the
Dolphin/Twin Verticals round trips.

28.9.66

P. Weston took party from Southend Hospital
down Sutcliffs very dry conditions.

8.10.66 Giles - Glaves Craig to St. Catharines
water-cutting round trip.

8.10.66. A.B.Swift, J.M.C. & H.A. J. Common.

Digging at Biddulph - some progress made
in cutting back rear face.

9.10.66. Stopped at mud-sump Siverton - Boiled
fire, 2½ hrs. water level too high - estimate short.

12/10/66. P Weston. Iron Yeo + 4

Poor University of Bristol to
Lamb Lair for photography
+ visit to Cave of Falling waters
Down 3 hrs. back to Hunter's.

8-9.10.66

More work done on the new H.Q. pipe -
like but virtually completed and half the
water main began dug. Pipe on order.

Boys involved: Davies, D. Warburton, Bob & Ann Lawder,
Rich West, Ian Jefferson, Pat Davies, Jonah Davies, Graham
Davies, Flurge, a bunter, Vic Reynolds, P. Cousins,
Ken Dave, Jim Hanwell, Tony & Steve, Leon, Chelten
& P.M. Giles

P.M.G.

15/10. 66

Further work on new H.Q site - water supply trench completed - was awaiting B.W.A. inspection. Pipe laid.

Those present included: L. West, J. Maxwell,
Nick Hart, P.M. Giles, T. Atkinson, Jude ~~Cutter~~ (non member), Chris Light (non member), M. Davies, Ian Jefferon, T. Dingle, Alan Wicks, Geoff Rose, Steve Causer, John Church.

Total volume of material removed: c 900 ft³ P.M.C

16-10-66 Thompson (m) Maxwell (s) Moore (g)
Causer (D) Bunt a RMW dug at
Bottlehead Swallet.

18-10-66 Thompson (m) Maxwell (s) Dawe (K) Causer (D)
Davis (F) & West (R) dug again at Bottlehead.
Progress continues apace (generally onwards & fast) After 2 evenings & 1 afternoon
work 15' of passage approx 3' x 3' to
4' x 4' has been excavated.

19-10-66

Paul Weston, Ivor Yea + wife + 4 University types
on evening trip to G.B. cave with Aldis lamp,

good for photography & high level passages.
Out & in time for beer. - 3½ hrs. down.

15/10/66

G Pilkington R Pyke T Bllick (Bunley cc) to St Johns.
Entered the caves at 11pm on Saturday Evening, down
Cathedral, Dome. Attempted Stoke Oven but gave up because
of the amount of water. The passages off the bottom of Dome were
examined in detail, but nothing new was found. After a meal
of steaming hot-soup, ad cold meat we emerged at 5AM.

& Pickstone

22.10.66 Bob Pyke, Carl Pickstone, Judy Barker & Pete Cousins
descended the Eastwater Twin V's whilst Russell
Cox, John Blakes & Dick West went down Dolphin -
All round the Muddy Devonians up the Pots then
out tether way round. 2 hours.

22.10.66 Too many pints & too much good company
was enjoyed by too many people — AGM at
Pridy well attended — Dinner at the Caveman
even better attended. A really good time
was (predictably) had by all and Messrs
Courage, Bockley & Simmonds are undoubtedly
very happy.

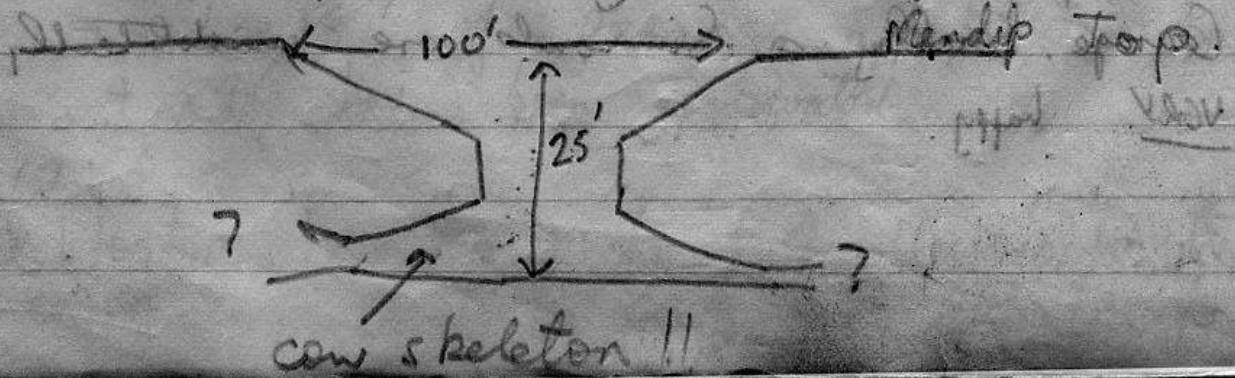
29/10/66 Atkinson, Giles, High & Drew down August Hole. Tim & Colin geomorphologising, the other 2 letting off 2 lb bang in the oxbow. Not much noise & not much hope. DD.

30/10/66 Single, Drew, Orwin + 3 to Stoke Lane Pothole, map-poling in III & IV without much success (35°-30° pole necessary). 100'-150' of new passage found in III & IV all muddy & horible. DD.

30-10-66 George & Rick had a dive in the Minories.

P.M. Giles, Davies^(+ offspring), Cousins, Colvest & West filled in the trench - the water pipe having been laid (without a little iron). Many still backs produced.

30/10/66 Paul Weston and Valerie Wheeler visited another small mine working near Pitts Farm, Thistleton situated in a steep-sided depression.



12/11/66.

PM Giles, P Davies, P Cousins, Jill Edwards, D. Darb-
er & Oliver Lloyd finished off concrete for cattle grid.

Pete Cousins & OCL removed divers kit from Swildens 1
after trip to 12 (Phil Kingston & Rio Gilmore)

12.11.66 *

Davies, Warthenon Giles - bouldering
at the end of 380ft way in Eastwater - much
noise!

12.11.66

Tan Gepson, Dave Drew, Paul Allen (S.U.C.), Pete Hudson &
Snab (MNRC) + 1tr Swildens &c. D.D., P.A. & Snab to 6 - very little
airspace in sump 5 (c. 2" min.) needs digging. 5½ hours.

DD

* 13/11/66 Davies, Giles, Drew, 3lb bang at end of
380' way Eastwater.

19.11.66

On the 26th anniversary of the discovery of the
cave G.B. was visited by T. Atkinson, P. Giles and
Colin Haig (USS) for the purpose of a geomorphological
survey of the new extension to the ladder dig.
Much useful information was gleaned.

H.G.

Buhole

19-11-66 Dennis Warburton lead Ron & Alan Nichols, Pete Reynolds and Rich West down Eastwater so that the lightweight members of the party could have a good look at Primrose - especially the dread squeeze. Rich got through the squeeze without noticing it & went down to the first ledge. Showing commendable initiative we had neglected to bring enough ladders for the whole pot. Pete joined Rich & due to much griffing & moaning & about the cold from the others Rich started out again. Someone had most definitely rushed down after Pete & stuck rocks-coloured cement all over the squeeze. Every thing that has been said about the squeeze is right & suffice to say we all got ~~out~~^{out} more or less OK.

20-11-66

LAMB HOLE. 1340 - 1530 hrs

Dennis Warburton (Life in the old uni's yet)

J Cornwall, Richard West, Jean Chalken

Pats Smallwood, M'Dewdney-York, Dave Handwich

B.T.R.C.C. Peter Reynolds, Main Pit, Ladleene,

all descended bar P.S., MWOY, J.C.

and got very muddy. J. CHALKEN first time main pitch. I inspected Platform

Planks missing. first Pine Pole loose.
 Iron work in very bad state very rusty
 and loose. Entrances Ladders loose and
 rungs missing fixing bolts missing.

Half full

19.11.66.

T. Reynolds, A. McGregor, Dave Smith (BEC), D. Hardwick to
 Stoke Lane on a sight seeing trip into II. CB, Main Chamber,
 Throne Room. We then tried to get into the Backroom Series
 but were foiled because the ladder was too short - So we
 went out via the Bone Room, meeting another party down to
 Sump II. We then came out muddled up with the other
 party in a nose nose to toes crawl. with

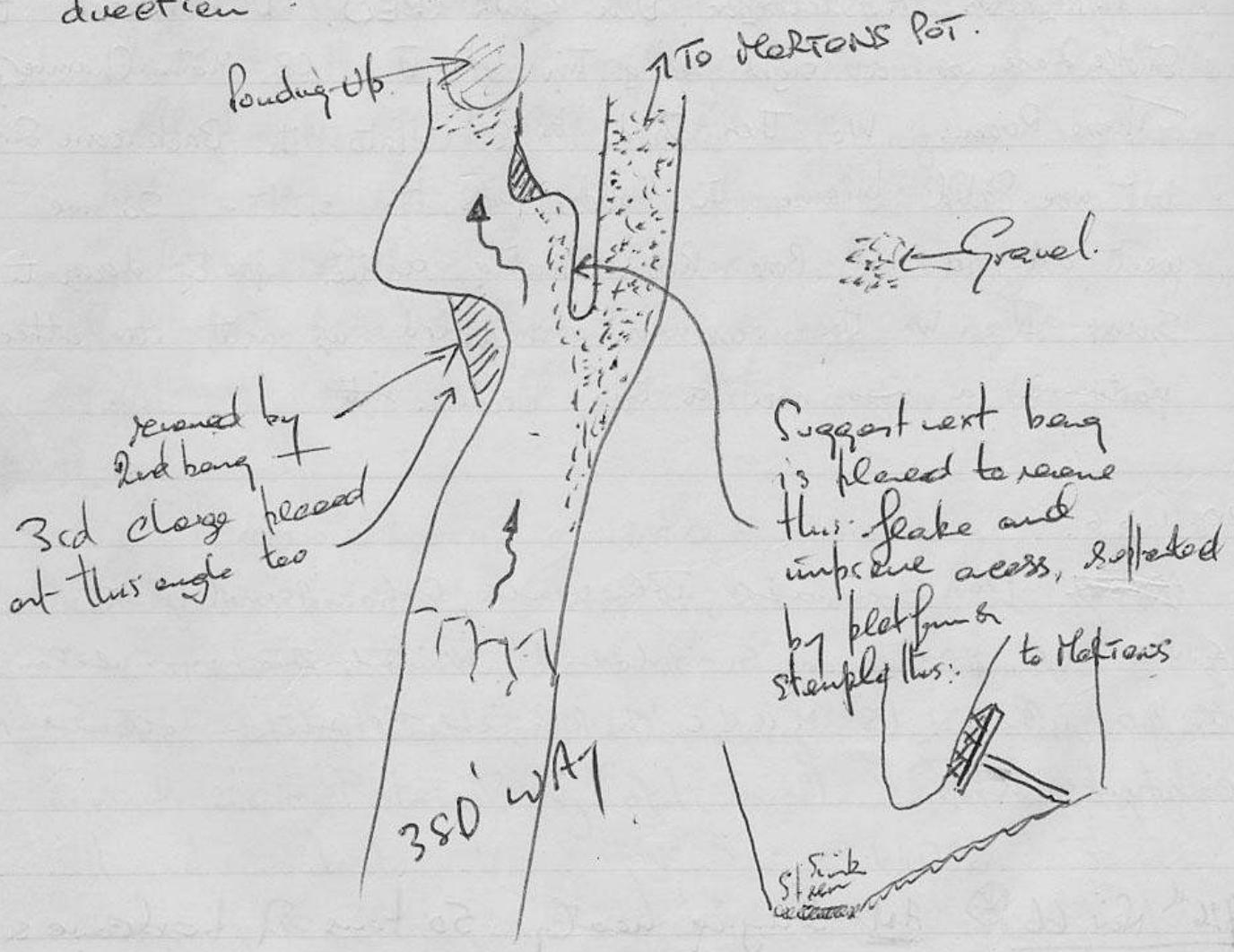
20.11.66.

~~████████~~ Fred Bonwick, John Weston, Graham Heard, to
 S.W.E.T.C.C. extension Sunldoms. Waited two hours below
 the 40 while 15 M.U.C.S.'s climbed the pitch - otherwise
 enjoyable trip.

26th Nov 66  A.M. laying ready 50 tons of hardcore &
 scalings to Fossewater site drive, with help of

Rich West, Alan Wicks, Leigh Webster, Ian Tjølsen, Bill Edwards, Phil Davies & Peter Reynolds. - 5 loads, + digging
the quarry east twice

P.M Quick trip to Eastwater with Ian Tjølsen
to place another barge at end of 380' way.
Previous barge had been cleared by some
wind pressure, revealing a change in passage
direction.



26th Nov '66 Peter Reynolds, Las Holland, Dave Drew to
 Pirate Chamber, Suidors. last bang has shifted the
 small boulders around a way on can now be seen
 on the left & upwards but v. light & suicidally loose.
 1 lt charge set off - should stabilize the area. Quite
 promising. On the way in we had to assist a
 U.G.S.S. 15 stone specimen up the 40' & on the way
 out became enmeshed in an M.R.O. call out hauling
 a C.S.S. woman with sprained shoulder up the same.
 * Out somewhat plated at 1 am. DTD.

26.11.66 As stated above: call out via Howard Kenney to Khaters
 at 10.30. 1["] rods to bottom leg 11.10. Woman up
 40' at v. high speed with pull from 5' at bottom.
 On out under her own steam. Those involved - Pete Reynolds
 & Dave Drew from their trip to Shetter, 2 rods from
 East Somerset Caving Club, John Cornwell, Deans
 Worlton, Rich West & Paul Allen. Much gripping back
 at Hillgrove when cooking started at 1.30 a.m.

* L Holland became separated from his party above
 the 20 ft without a light. After attempting ^{in vain} to
 relight his carbide continued to 40 ft and
 succeeding in turning through 180°. Progress was
 halted when the 20 pitch was almost descended

at great speed. lesson. When travelling in streamway without light continually check on direction of water flow otherwise results might be disastrous.



27th November 66

Dave Drew, Rich west a Tony Tingle to Cuckoo Caves. Third in the series of banging trips to the above, this one to remove a boulder which greatly obstructs access to the terminal rift. Charged Fred from 200' away & produced a highly satisfying 'crump'. D.P.D.

27/11/66.

J. Jeffson, D. Everett, R. Witcombe; ~ digging at Heale F.m. Cave, Downhead. Working face enlarged - now for some time. J.J.

28/11/66.

D. EVERETT, R. WITCOMBE digging at Nancy Carmel's Hole. Very muddy working and rotting leaves are being washed in from beyond choke - interesting!? Satisfactory progress made. Seven Lesser Horseshoes are hibernating.

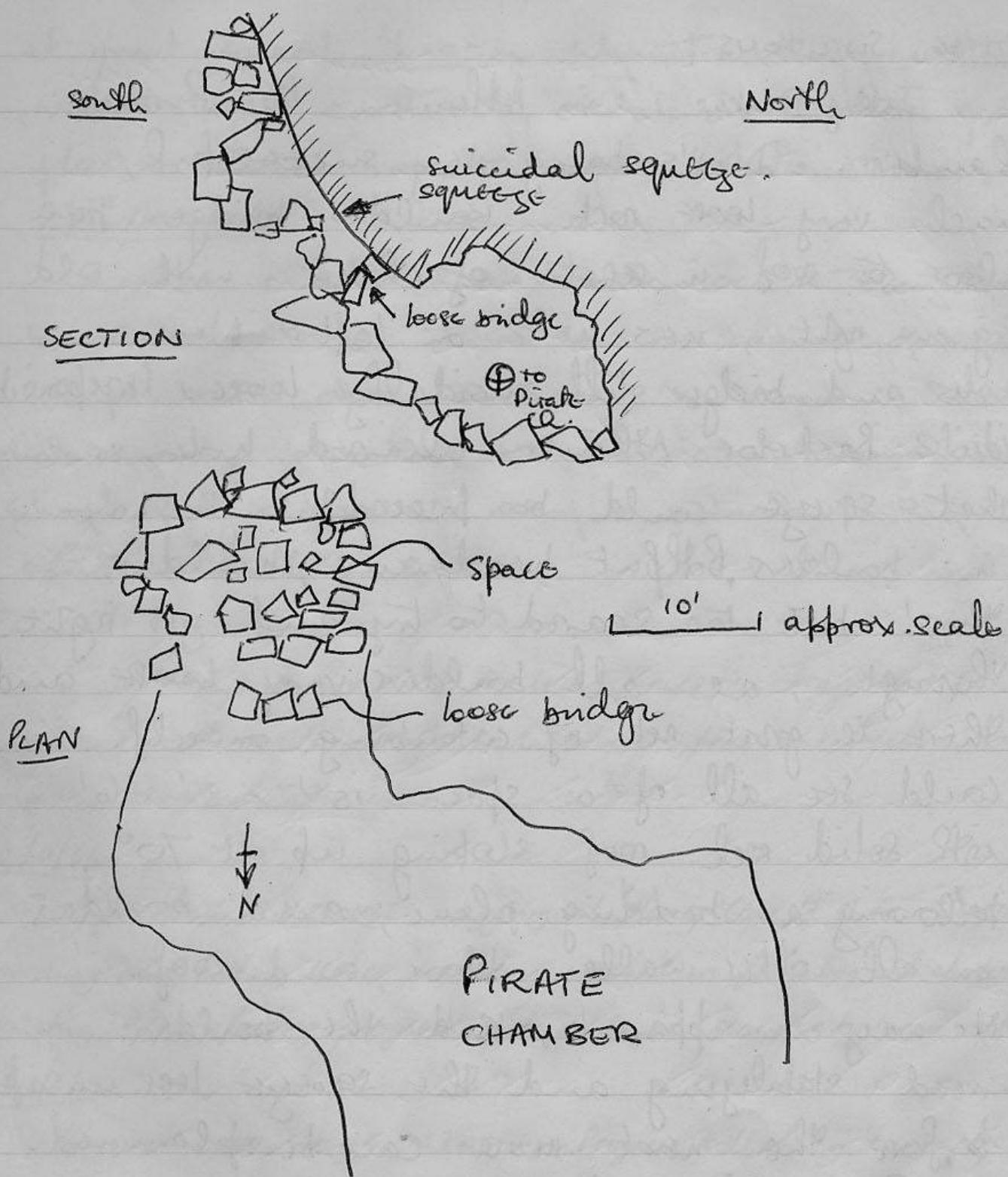
29/11/66.

DRAINCOTT CAVE ST 45. 486515. Progress halted by discovery of large no. of bones, which are undergoing identification. Work confined to enlarging existing passage. 2 less. Horseshoes hibernating. D. G. E.

27.11.66 Reynolds, Atkinson & Giles knocked in several fence posts at Eastweber before heavy rain stopped them.

④ 3/12/66. SWILDONS.

Tony Barker, Tim Atkinson to Private Chamber. Don's bang very successful, much very loose rock. Boulder bridge from floor to roof in center of choke, with old dig on right, new hole on left. New hole and bridge still suicidally loose. Inexplicable idiot Bachelor Atkinson cleared hole so that squeeze could be passed through hole in boulders, both put heads and shoulders thru' but too scared to try and get right through, as all boulders very loose and there is great risk of entombing oneself. Could see all of a space 15' x 5' x 6' with solid rock roof sloping up at 70° , following a bedding plane, and boulders on all other walls, floor, and roof. No way out apparent, and the boulders need stabilizing and the squeeze left unsafe before the next move can be planned. [interesting that dip is $30-45^\circ$ to S at N. end of Private Ch. and $50^\circ-70^\circ$ to N at S. end].



3.12.66.

Another 3 loads (28 tons) of hardcore spread on the drive at Eastwater.* Another 3 of 4 loads should finish the drive — next weekend? Those contributing time & labour included Cousins, Pyke, West, T. Jefferson, A. Dingle, W. Edwards, T. Reynolds & P. Giles.

* Despite light fall of snow at mid-day!

P.M.G.

4.12.66.

Messrs. Davies, Pyke, Reynolds, Hamell, Giles, Cousins, Fred Davies (n.c.e) + friends, completed the row of fence posts from the cattle-grid to the first tree and then secured 3 strands of barbed wire thereto.

P.M.G.

10.12.66 Saturday am saw the finish of the drive at new H.Q by Messrs. Webster, Giles, Hamell, Edwards + Davies, who laid the last 4 loads (32 tons)

⊗ 11.12.66 Moses, Webster, Jefferson & Davies to Eastwater with 2 drs of plaster and manz

pieces of timber to carry out bang as suggested 6 pages back. 380' way was left in a very sketchy state, bearing wood smell predominating over bang fumes. Previous plaster had removed a considerable amount of the left back wall causing a partial leakage of sinking water and consequent backing up about 1-2 ft.

10/12/66.

P. Allen, T. Jefferson. Swildon's II. Object-testing former's goon suit. Result: - 45% soundness. Much sitting around to discover insulative properties of inflated goon: - 10%. Many clueless ones in both 3 los. *T. Jefferson*

11-12-66 Various illustrious members were dragged from their nice warm beds at the obscene time of 9 a.m. to take part in a practice rescue in Swildons. Despite the hour an admirably large number turned up. Due to the wetness & the presence of a highly incompetent party on the 4th it was decided just to acquaint everyone with the rigging procedure & then out via the Wet Way (!?!) Tim Atkinson must have been very severely affected by the early rise

as he actually volunteered as victim!

After about $1\frac{1}{2}$ hrs of very wet, uncomfortable & for Tim, painful at times, ^{shoving} we emerged to be greeted by about 30-40 people waiting to get down the cave! Very valuable few hours - despite the obvious disadvantages of the Wet Way for a genuine rescue the time could be cut down to an hour of hard going - which is worth remembering. R.W.

(May usually offend with spelling etc in this week enhanced by a semi ball point pen - apologies!)

18/12/66.

P. Davis, S. Jeffer. Eastwater 380' way.
Shifted some 15 buckets shingle & small rubble:- then bang. Offward to Hull Fox, doubled to bang again. No results reported. S. Jeffer

24.12.66

D. Irwin. Miss S. Clark. 9. P. Cousins.
St Cathbert. Surveyed from Dock across Great Bour and back to 2nd Stab Bank via Plantation Tunnel,

24th December 1966 Followed the last "xxxxx fine sport chgs."
Tenn.

25th December Marvelous day for surface walking. Sunny & frosty. Visited Wigmore Swallet (N.G.R. S7.
5570. 5255) well worth digging again (AD 5640).

26th December AD. A.D. Cuckoo Caves dig in round rift.

27th December AD. A.D. Sally? Sandford Hwy. pleasant trip with a walk over Sandford Hill inspecting mine shafts also visited dig in Bewington Combe opp. Upper Twin Brook Valley.

27th December 1966 DRAYCOTT CAVE

Digging continues 13 bones found to date, shown to be recent by Dr A. Sedgely (Brit Mus (Nat Hist.)) 37 buckets removed.

2 Lesser Horseshoes hibernating.

R.G. WITCOMBE, K.E. BARBER, &

M.J. HARRISON

28th December 1966 Cuckoo Caves.

Emptied litter bins. One of which seems to have been used for digging.") R.G.W.
K.E.B & M.J.H

28/12/66.

J. Jepson, D. Tringham + 3 guests. Longwood - August. Both Boulder slopes + downstream August examined at leisurely pace. Tringham + 1 guest entered + exited via August 1 - others by Longwood - exit & entrance easily possible. Water level reasonably constant. Approx 3:10s. J. Jepson

31/XII/66.

A rescue callout which turned out to be unnecessary as the victims had been accidentally locked ~~in~~ in resulted in five frustrated rescuers, Tringham, Alder, West, Reynolds T., Reynolds P. making a trip to the HO via the wet way. Most enjoyable, very wet, with 3 virtual sumps between the entrance and the HO. On ~~the~~ returning, Reynolds T. departed, + Tony Dringle was escorted by the other four to the HO, again, and back, again.

PM Reynolds.

28/XII/66.

Alder, Dringle, Reynolds P. to Lamb Hole. Reynolds photographing. Short visit, including Cave of Falling Waters. Dringle very interested in "boom boom" of water which could be heard down the hole behind the ladder pitch. TMP c. 2hs

PM Reynolds

18. 12.66 Further bunting in 380' way
in Eastwater by I.T. & P.D., followed
by a triple bang at Heel Farm
smelter. Results at the latter got
to be obscured but the former:

31. 12.66 in Eastwater had removed the
remaining roof flake, further digging
under heavy water. Conditions made
plenty of working ~~time~~ before a new
double bang was fired in the
left hand floor. This with most positi-

1-4/1/67 Water Racers stayed for 4 days
while sampling range. All time to workers
and I worked 20 hours just hotspots. T
SO NOW YOU KNOW (or should) ————— WORK.

SWI L DONS

GOES TO WOKEY !!

~~SWI L DONS~~

Other results available at moment (Jan 7th) are

— Eastwater to Wookey (slowly!)

Cuthberts to Wookey — very fast - 12 hours -
so all the digging here is very justified.

Keep going lads. (Big push in Cuthberts sump on
weekend of Feb 4th / 5th / 6th)

August/Longwood } to Cheddar — predictably (dodgy to say that these days!)
Manor Farm }

More info when available.

3/1/67

D. Kemp, A. J. Thompson, T. Jeffson, P. Bowler, Gordon;
to Shatto Chamber. Intended to retrace steps with a forearm + 2
entering via Streamway - Day Link. Mixed connection - self +
Thompson entered while others waited for sumpers - all out eventually
by midnight after nearly 4 hrs. Gloop + Grit Sumps took the sumpers
^{* Drainage tunnels filled?}
5 hrs!! to clear ~~Jefferson~~ * NB First time this trip
has been done - 2 sumps took $5\frac{1}{2}$ hours with lots of CO_2 .

18th 24th 27th 31st Dec 1966.

Last Johns. Survey traps. A grade IV survey was started
from entrance to Monastery Pitch, along the New Roof Traverse to
Hammer Pot. Quicksand passage was also surveyed. A large
stream appears from an area which possibly comes from a nearby

shakable taking water.

2nd Jan 4th Jan 1967

Lost Johns. Surveyed from the Bottom of Monastery (120') through the zig-zag passage to Dome Pitch, then up Dome Cathedral, to N°1 hole. Flooding out.

A large stream was ~~was~~ cove when it was entered by survey team. The Monastery Pitch looked fantastic, a great wall of water hammering down, spray was being carried up to 300 ft down the stream passage. The zig-zag passage is the one passed by a very much skinner Ken Pearce in 1952. It consists of a vertical rift 20' high 8" wide at its very top, smooth walls. Gary Pilkington had to be left beyond squeeze as he was too fat!!

Time 8 hrs.

7th Jan 1967

Lost Johns. Surveyed from Hammer Pot, down Mud passage to Mud Pot, Centipede, and to Dome junction, from there up to Dome Chamber.

Time 6 hrs.

6 Pickstone

Surveyed approx 3000' to date. 10,000 ft to go.

to Cutberts

21.1.67 Judy Bunker, "Kangy" King, Barry have a kick West / with view
 to blocking off the stream for the digging weekend in 2 weeks
 time. It had been found that dams in the Gour Rift were virtually
 useless for this as they could only hold back the water for about
 20-25 minutes. What we need to do is block the stream off in
 the 2 passages under the Great Gour. Large poly bags were filled
 with mud etc & pumped upstream of the narrowest point of the
 smaller water exit (where the water usually comes out). This virtually stopped
 the flow and all the water now flows thru the larger passage.
 Some form of shield is now needed to control the flow from this
 passage. When blocked off this should give about a 35 foot head
 of water & flood the passage back to Barrow Plantation Invasion
!!! (NON swimmers NOTE!) As usual - all this seems to have been
 left until the last minute and it seems unlikely that this
 ambitious scheme will have been completed by the weekend of Feb 3/4/5.
 Anyways, a cold wet trip of 6 hours was enjoyed by all.

P.S. Telephone is now in position from Belfay to camp and the reception at
 both ends is really excellent.

write up more promptly please!!

21.1.67 Tim Gilbert & Phil Collett. Tourist Trip to Sardis 12.
 28.1.67 - After much festering, D. Tringham, C. Pilkstone, G. Pilkington,
 T. Phillips (solo), T. Reynolds and A. Sawall, Warburton and P.
 Cousins descended the great gulf of Lamb Leer in the

afternoon - the yawning chasm was ladderised and a good "prattle" was had by all. 2nd hours.

29.1.66.

G. Pilkington, J. Phillips and D. Trigay went to Stoke with OCL with the view of removing rescue gear after OCL's "adventures" the previous day. The water level was the same as yesterday and the entrance looked *deceptively passable - about a 1ft airspace - we did not believe. We then made our way to Swallows and descended to the bottom of the 20' fairly wet conditions - Out in time for a drink with 2 mins to spare - Time 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ hrs.

DTrg

* Please note - This airspace is reduced to 0th bungers - all as soon as a bod inserts himself. Watching Oliver's struggles (with air) last night it was obvious that the entrance passage is ~~completely~~ impossible under these sort of conditions^(without kit) - it ~~takes~~ one hell of an effort a much too long in time to try to sump out.

PWW

7.1.67. Paul Weston & Bruce Lewis filmed by B.B.C. (!!) whilst attempting to row through Sapperton Canal Tunnel. Complete roof fall at two miles. Four hours in tunnel

11-2-67 T Jones & his (wife) to Upper series Swindon's for tourist trip. Down short dry way to go back long dry way. However we got very wet. Traffic like Piccadilly Circus in rush hour.

11-2-67

West, Kingston & Monckton down Cuthberts. Pyrolusite Series visited - all of us for the first time - very impressive. Why the hell hasn't anyone taken any photos up there? lake chamber on way out for a swim. $2\frac{1}{2}$ hrs.

4/2/67,

Heck Fell. YORKSHIRE

Gary Pilkington, C Pickstone descended a recently collapsed stalchhole. Near to Short-Drop Cove. A tight bedding crawl led to a winding rift - 9" wide x 10 ft high, with a stream entering from above. After about 500 ft it emerged into a large stream passage going up & down. There was water on the wall. From this we assumed that we had in fact discovered another entrance to Short-Drop Cove. A very pleasant trip followed, along the known Cove. It is in fact a master cove about 40 ft below the surface of the moor, with many tributaries and side passages. A very fine system. 6 hrs.

C Pickstone

11/2/67. Dufter Mine in Greenhow.

Dove Brook, Gwlad Beini, C Pickstone + 3.

of Brodysal Pothole Chit. Descended with a view to trying to connect the level with that of another mine to make a length of 7 miles. The passage had run in after about 3000 ft, but it could be possibly dug through.

The passage was surveyed back to the entrance, to determine where the blockage was. The blockage was in the Sun Vein which is 5000 ft long, and it occurred approx 1000ft along its length.

6 hrs. 6 Pickstone

18/2/67.

P. Reynolds & T. Jeffs on. Wildon's - Double Trouble Round Trip. ~~Hold ups at 40'~~ are approaching those of pre-pipe-removal days. Stream normal, Mud Surf full - it trouble very much so. 15-20 min continuous boiling and suffocating. 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ hrs. T. Jeffs

19/2/67 WCC members Reynolds (1) Derek Tringham, Bob Pyke, R. West & Terry Taylor + Paul Allen (succ) ventured to Wildest Wales with the intention of Dan-Yr-Ogof ing but this proved too wet so we OFD ed. An evening with Vale of Death also in the Gwyn was interrupted by

a call out as the VBSS had gone and got flooded in in Bridge Cave.

The less comment the better — all I'll say is in my humble opinion the SWCRO has a lot to learn from the MRO.

R.I.P. The poor 'ol' sheep wot got splatted on the way to Bridge Cave.

NB a lesson was learned (possibly by T.R.) don't try to keep up with a hotas Elan on a panic drive. Unless, of course, you're suitably equipped (mobilitywise).

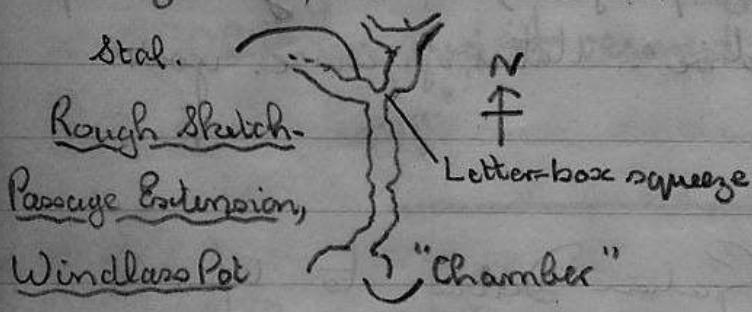
26. Feb '67. Geoff Lees, Phil & Graham Davies to E/W with banger for the 380' dig. Previous blasting (on 31.12.66) had removed a goodly quantity of rock from the left hand floor, this was carefully chipped out and removed down passage before a foster 1½ lbs charge was laid out 1.45 fm. - Spent afternoon collecting drainage treacles at flat site with P.M.G.

Phil Davies

Saturday, 4.3.67:

D. Everett, R. L. Witcombe, F. Rabbitte & K. Barber to Windlass Pot, Winsor Hill Quarry, nr. Sherston, Wiltshire.

Explored passage tending north (vaguely!) from "Main Chamber" - c 35' long, very tight, 3 exceptionally vice-like squeezes. Worthwhile stal. near end, where passage veers right (N.N.E) - "letter-box" squeeze upwards here where stal. right opens out beyond - choked with stal. after c 10', where it divides.



In all possible ways one too tight, but in the chamber, a second passage veers off in N.W. direction near roof - c 10' long and choked.

4.3.67 P.D. & H.S. fit to Fairman to inspect a sequence of few buckets of sludge and to ensure free drainage at bottom of shaft. Second to Festwater to clear remains of last banger of the drill and to lay another dashed blaster.

5.3.67 P.D. & I.T. Back to Festwater to repeat the process, still more banger fines hanging about. A recent fall at the far end. Metamorphic rock has rendered the rift previously blocked by debris.

from the old dig, on this occasion a small
shear was entering and letting about 8'
into a larger passage beneath.

14-3-67.

Paul Weston & Ray Tobin to
Lamb Lair digging along
Valentines Landing. Fault air
encountered after several hours.

18/3/67.

P. Reynolds, J. Barker & J. Jeffson - Purdon's to Fault
Chamber with object of probing a hole. This proved to be very
tight, leading into a "Neil Morrison" rift, and none of us passed pushing
it, despite, or perhaps because of the presence of a ladder. Wrote! Very
thin sod & banking rope! I doesn't pass fobble out again. who.
Can anyone account for the strong smell of chlorine in the streamway
between 40' & entrance? ~~effort~~

30-3-67

Paul Weston & Ray Tobin to Pine
Tree Pot. Moonlight Grotto showing signs
of wear & tear. No padlock on
entrance.

Short visit to Rock Pot afterwards

5/4/67. A.J.Thompson + Chris Watson (guest). tour
to Sump I. Slow foster.

6/4/67. AJ Thompson, C. Watson + 2 - Goat church,
Sidcot + Rod's.

7/4/67. AJ Thompson, P.G. Bowler (GUCC) + C Watson
Round Trip + visit to Sump 4. Troubles v.
full. $5\frac{3}{4}$ hours. C.W.'s first sumps. PGB
cabled down in Sump 4.

~~Write up more briefly please!! Use your eyes!~~

19/4/67 ~~⊗~~ Eastwater again P.D. to 380'
dig to do more work. Dumping
in approach passage to Melton's Pit
batters to make it inaccessible soon.
if stream dig doesn't go soon.
Getting less hopeful of this project, ~~P.D.~~

17/4/67. Ian Walker + Dave Prime Brian Chadwick
+ Pete Ford to Stoke for photographs. Good
Trip

18/4/67. Some party + Jeff Phillips to Black Hole
4 hours. to second boulder hole.

19/4/67 Prime, Chadwick Ford + Phillips (Shift Uno)
to Swildon's G. Then back to Double

Tranlels round. Dived II + Phillips dived III - would advise to ~~be~~ inexperienced or non competent underwater swimmers. Back to entrance via surf I Six hours good trip. TP.

④ April 8th/9th. - Club dig - Fairman's Folly.
Despite weather a good weekend work. However, helpers are required if the Club is to make a success of this project. E.

Sat April 29th

A.E. Dringle, A. Tringham, J. Alder, S. Jefferon, G. Moore and one other visited Little Nest river cave. Very fine trip. To fish ramp and out in 3½ hours. Visitors should call at Blaen Nedd Taf Farm before going to cave. Cave is reached by crossing bridge and turning right along opposite bank of river.

Sunday 30 April

G. Hand, P. MacDonald + D. Westlake. Swildon's round trip. Slow trip due to hold up at 40' caused by party from Ordnance Survey caving club. Cave very dry!

④ 14th MAY Tim Gilbert, Dava Alder, Phil Davies to Fortwater with tools
 to open the bottom of Martin's lot.
 After about an hour's work T.G. got to the bottom 14' and observed
 a 3' high passage going off to the left (i.e. → stream sink). By
 this time we had made it safe to enter this passage it was only
 1' high and very wet. I spent nearly
 it for the "water treatment" for a
 while in the hope of clearing it but
 without success. (See 5.3.67)
 and he was surprised at how far in the

May 28th

Hevin, O'malley and myself fishing
 in brookland. 50 ft. of Kodakstone II
 successfully shot with Baner lighting in 2 hrs.

May 29th Barnburn Survival Complained the
 sink was blocked this resulted

in 8 trial holes to find end of pipe
 Reynolds waving stick in air said
 dig here we did not he was right
 the soakaway is Super Sat and a
 chemical had to be added to help
 the drain.

10th JUNE 1967.

~~EIGHT~~ (YES, ~~EIGHT!~~) PEOPLE (John Cornwell,

John Church, Henry Brown, Alan Thomas,
 Keith & Pete Franklin, Philip Cobes and
 John Manship)

ENTERED AN ESTIMATED 600 FEET
 OF VIRGIN PASSAGE AT NINE
 BARROWS SWALLET. EXPLORATION
 AND OTHER WORK IS CONTINUING.

NOTE. PARTS OF THIS CAVE ARE IN
 A VERY LOOSE AND DANGEROUS
 CONDITION. CONSEQUENTLY, WORK

IS IN HAND TO GATE THE
ENTRANCE, AND KEYS WILL
NOT BE GENERALLY AVAILABLE
UNTIL THE SYSTEM HAS BEEN
DECLARED 'SAFE'.

J.R.C.

20-6-67 E. Jones K. Jones (guest) T. Jones. to
Dolphins. Bottomed & out. 1 frog & 1 Lesser Horseshoe Bat
were seen. Tourist trip to ? Lillymore Swallet after. emerged
1 p.m.

21-6-67 Tourist trip to Swallows to 40' pot. Down long
dry way up a very dry wet way. Down 1 hr 10 mins.

17-6-67 Commenced survey of P.N.B.S. with A.J. Sosell
J. Clark, P. Davies & Michael Lawrence. Accurate line
from terminal sdg to entrance established with
much detail at this stage. Altitude check made
made, approx 108' & 500' of passage. (4 hours)

2-7-67 Survey of P.N.B.S. continued with C.H. Kenney
D. Waterston & ~~P.~~ Phil Davies, detail recorded
and extensions added to entline. Various little
holes flushed nothing of any consequence discovered.
P.D. (3½ hours)

17.67 P.D & D.W. made final visit
to Bedlam to finally deck one leg of
the Survey before putting it onto paper
(25 mins)

8/7/67.

A.J. Thompson, T. Thompson. Intended
Swildon's it but insufficient table at bottom to
climb, so descended down wet way to 40'
and out again. No stream at entrance, and
cave bone dry!

~~15~~ ^{Tonight} 15.7.67. ~~At~~ Dingle, Henry Brown, Mike Jeannine and Judy Barker set off
for Shatto Passage at 3.0 AM. Dug in Bat Hole and then returned to
surface. Out of cave by 1.00 PM.

18.7.67. HJL and arrived for morning tea.

15th 7/67. D.Tringham, Steve Grimes + 1 other down Swildon's
to dig in stal pool above 20ft - Then waited for others to turn up
- time was about 4.00 am. Out to surface 5.00 am meeting
above party by levatory pass.

15th Merry St. Swithin's Day!

D.Tringham, R.Howells to Swildon's IV, self went to VI and we
then retired from the cave via Double Troubles and the
Short dry way! ($3\frac{1}{2}$ hours)

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Sat 22nd Tony Dingle, Henry Brown, Mike Teammire and Judy Barker departed for Bat hole, Shelter Passage at 2.0 AM dug and returned to surface. A twelve hour trip.

Sat July 29th

J Jones + E Jones to Swilkins swamp i. Met and joined party led by M. Dewdney York at the 40'. Proceeded down to Swamp i returning via Barnes bog. From entrance to 40' was bone dry. in at 11:20 am out at 4:0 pm.