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29-11-69 to 23-1-71

Continued from previous log book  
on 29/11/69.

The Nut WARDEN has spent the last few months  
since his last entry. At visiting Trout at Westbury  
Quarry, and also one rescue swillions, and also  
Twin Tittys, etc.

North Hill. N.H.S.R. Working - i.h.

\* 20/12/69 Cobbett, Reynolds, Woodward  
to Surdons XII.

All plunged in Sump XII more filled  
than last trip. Spore SEBA bottle more  
hindrance than help. - left this side of Sump 7.

A 60° a passage & the rest of the  
Sump was examined. This goes over to  
Sump in the right direction but is tight  
and will need bashing.

J.C. 21/12/69

27.12.69. Mini-Rescue in Swindon. Barbara Brown would like to thank all those involved in her extraction from the 20', and especially Bob Craig, Carl Ricketson, Mike York, Ian Tepson, ~~and~~ Pete Bowler and the hauling party. My thanks also. A.T.

29/12/69, ⑦ AJS, P.C. & J.W. Commenced work on  
30/31 & 2/1/70 - the bomb (air platform). The new main beams having been treated & transported underground on the 5th Dec 69. Two trips were needed to remove the platform timbers, the main cross beams of which were in an advanced state of decay. The new beams fitted into these allotted places with only exception due to fouling of the scaffold pole - lower out. The old platform has yet to come out, & the new decking plank is still await ref-painting. But it is hoped that the entire platform can be finished by the end of Feb 70.

## Wookey Hole

3/12/69 James Cobbett John Parker,  
Brian Woodward, Mike Ternan & Z of  
Andrew? - Controller: O.C.L.

The above all went through  
to Nire. Then J.C. (leading with line  
reel carrying line) and J.P. set off for  
for rocks. As J.C. could not pass  
a supposed 'slot' with his back-mounted  
set he left J.P. with line & returned  
to Nire. After thirty minutes J.C.  
joined J.P. again but again  
could not get through.

B.W. then dived and followed the  
line joining J.P. in Wookey XX.  
This was a ~~fence~~ series of large (70' wide)  
chambers which are an old streamway  
acting in places as an oxbow to the  
main stream which was last seen emerging  
from a roomy sump. Wookey XX was  
followed for about 2000 feet; when  
they returned to Nire to meet the preparation

for rice etc. Wookey ~~X~~ still goes!

§ Saturday - 17<sup>th</sup> January

Colin Paddle • Martin Webster (BEC) Brian Woodward (since) and Tim Reynolds. Morse Unn to Sardons ~~XII~~. The cave was very wet and Duck II was more sumped than usual. Also, considerable change were noticed in the gravel deposits in II. Crawl 1 is becoming very low, and there was a nasty duck/squeeze in Crawl 2. We kitted up and set off down stream. No hotel was met until we reached Sump 7. Here TR blithly set off into the sump. Around the entrance squeeze had gone, pushed on, and ran into a gravel bank at the exit. However CP was able to dig a way out and so we continued on. Unfortunately Martin's water jammed so she waited in IX. ~~XII~~ was reached with no trouble and CP had a look at the passage over the sump, but it got too tight. Martin MW had to look at another passage again no go. Meanwhile TR had a look at the sump. While I found that it had cleared itself out nicely and was able to

get onto the bottom of the ascending rift. This was too tight to follow upwards. The bottom of the sump was completely choked, and no way on could be found. After this we packed up and set out for the surface. We were ably assisted by a support party of Survey University, Chelten College and sundry odd bods.

Hutwarden was underground again Sat

23/1/70 ☀

R-Lewis - Swindon. Four via Three. Cobblers to disbelievers!

24/1/70 SLUDGE PIT SUMP DIG

Bob (con(B&C)), Adrian Finch (AC), Tony Jarratt (AC/wcc) + load of helpers owned by Will Edwards.

Much boulder moving and shit shovelling. Sump goes down open on R.H side for at least 8'.

8f.

 Saturday 24/1/70 Wootton Hole.

Party of seven divers, James Cobbett, Phill Collett, Andrew Brooks, John Parker, Tim Reynolds, Morrie Unwin, Brian Woodward to have a look at the new extensions and i) push them further and ii) to get a radiolocation fix of the large chamber and end point of in the new system. At nine Andrew Brooks set out as sentinel - a not very rewarding task and the remaining 6 set off for 2 Wootton ~~XX~~. The passage is generally roomy, but deep ( $\sim 10'$  at 'the slot') and encumbered with a fleet of line floating about. Also, the line on the way up to ~~XX~~ is inclined to drag into a tight awkward bit. The result of these two facts, plus the bad visibility combined to give most people a nasty fright at one point or other on the way in. In ~~XX~~ the line comes up in a tight fist, and it is necessary to negotiate a series of unpleasant <sup>widewater</sup> squeezes before one comes out to a large deep pool where one can climb out of the water & dekit. Whilst crossing this pool both John & Morrie dropped their boots which meant that they found themselves a bit paralysed (we had used fins to come in carrying our boots).

⊗ Saturday 24/1/70 Wooley Hole.

Party of seven divers, James Cobbett, Phill Cobbett, Andrew Brooks, John Parker, Tim Reynolds, Morrie Umrin, Brian Woodward to have a look at the new extensions as to i) push them further and ii) to get a radiolocation fix of the large chamber and end point of in the new system. At nine Andrew Brooks set out as sentinel - a not very rewarding task and the remaining 6 set off for 2 Wooley XX. The passage is generally roomy, but deep (70' at 'the slot') and encumbered with a fleet of line floating about. Also, the line on the way up to XX is inclined to drag into a tight awkward bit. The result of these two factors, plus the bad visibility combined to give most people a nasty fright at one point or other on the way in. In XX the line comes up in a tight rift, and it is necessary to negotiate a series of unpleasant underwater squeezes before one comes out into a large deep pool where one can climb out of the water & dekit. Whilst crossing this pool both John & Morrie dropped their boots which meant that they found exploring a bit painful (we had used fins to come in carrying our boots).

Once debatted we climbed up through some boulders into a big chamber ~ 60' high, 50' wide and 200' long and here the radio-location gear was set up. We then pushed on up the inlet passage to the point reached by John & Brian previously (having set up a second radiolocation point en route) to have a probe. The passage ascends continuously, well stated staled in places, until it ends in a boulder choke, the roof of which is conglomerate. From here a couple of passages led down, but were all choked. So we returned, hauled up and set out for IX. Again the sumpt took its toll as each diver reported his tale of woe in an animal in IX. ~~████████~~ More Union - cylinders came out of harness and tangled in line, Phil Collett - leak in pressure gauge, here resulting in loss of 90% of air in cylinder, John Parker - cylinder came off; Brian Woodward - tangled in line and Smalley Tamer Cobbeth who a) nearly lost a fin leaving ~~IX~~, b) lost his boot, c) got tangled in the line. We set off to base to be met by OCL, Whaley, Mrs Wingo and the press.

P.T.D.



25/1/70.

1. Jepson, John Wilman, Judy Clark. Puddon's Hole,  
Upper Series 2 to Twenty. Cave fairly wet - good stream  
in Short Dry. Many ingredients entangled in ropes &  
ladders on 8' & 20'.

Yours

17-1-70 Late entry

J H Jones led party of 3 beginners + 2 old hands to  
Llygad Llwchwr in Carmarthenshire Wales. Cave  
extremely wet. The crawls in the dry series between  
Boulder chambers had sumped necessitating climb over  
boulders. Water in the river chambers very deep. Good  
trip

Jeff Jones

31-1-70 A. Mills, C. Hannan, D. Macfarlane, R. Lewis, A. Finch,  
Maypoling, Wooley, abominable.

RL.

1/2/70 Swildons Hole Cavern

R.H. Courtenay, Reynolds, diving for the use of, removed from Duck Two. One-inch Ulstron (green) line is now laid through Duck Two, giving a free-dive of twelve to fifteen feet if the bell on the left is not used. On the line in place, the distance from air-surface to air surface (avoiding the bell) is eleven feet exactly. (6-12 pulls). -

R.H.

Cape Two is soon likely to become confused with Duck 2.

1/2/70.

monthly North Hill push. 10 down - reasonable amount of mud & rocks moved. Cave act.

Yours

4/2/70

Sludge Pit. NASA. MD York, Murfield, Marcus, Fred J.D.; Harwell, Caver, Achicoria etc. 12 pounds! (which MIT felt at Wessox) It is reported that Mr Patterson of Esswater Drove has notified seismological mapping and recording centers of a force 3 earth-tremor.

R.H.

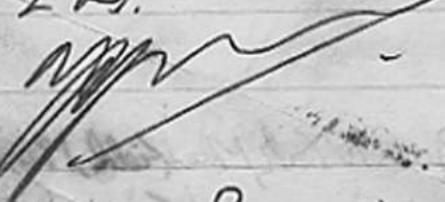
7/2:20 A Thompson + three guests on Upper Saidsbury Tour. Nice and wet. Pool is oxbow now 1' + deep, and very uninviting.

7/2/70

Dr. P. Davies, J. Clark, J. Wilmarth  
Ridgeway F. Fallings into 30' o Double Pot. Glad there  
wasn't a 40' uneventful drop.  
*Frigid Creek*

7/2/70

Wessex Meet, Double Troubles Round Trip  
Party visited Total party = 7. Both Mud Pump +  
Troubles needed considerable lazing. Water at high  
water level, 4 1/2 hrs.



7/2/70. Dick Tringham, Roger Howells made a  
works visit to the mammoth earthworks of the  
Sิดcot Dig. The installation of a fresh air system  
would improve matters, as things got very thick  
after about 20 bkts. After a pause that

refreshed, or recharging a carbide lamp, the bottom fractured, so two canes shot out of Swildons with one lamp between us. So struck was Roger by the extent of the dig that he was rendered speechless for many hours. The dig goes on down and the roof is not rising yet.

~~J. J. J.~~

cc (inc)

8/2/70 and 7/2/70



A. Fish and R. Lewis. Eastwater 380-foot Way, digging. Two rather unsatisfactory dams are in place (to hold soil, not water) and should not be disturbed.

The main stream in the 380-foot way goes, at least in part, to the vein in the north wall of Morton's Pot, where water is seen entering. This becomes turbid if and when digging at the higher sink in 380-foot Way is undertaken.

8.2.70

P. Davies & T. Wilson → Terrible dig. Some progress following exposed face, nothing spectacular.

14-2-'70 Reeds Cavern Rh.

 Collapse has rendered loose the mid-distance part of Browne-Stewart Series. Zed Alley is blocked at the foot of the first spottily mud!

14<sup>th</sup> Feb 70 D.Tomlinson. C.Yonge. Paid a wet visit to the lower Region of August/Longwood All works were visited and the horrible infelicities of Reynolds Passage took their toll on the shattered forms of two wet suits. This passage was followed to its grim near-conclusion. The cane was done free, the swing pit being notably sporting. Water level was recorded as cold and medium in height - 3 $\frac{1}{2}$  hrs. out via August etc. ~~Beffy~~

14<sup>th</sup> Feb. Wookey Hole.

A trip to Wookey ~~xx~~ with the following objectives i) to clear and sort out the line from B to ~~xx~~ ii) to try and push upstream ~~for~~<sup>for</sup> ~~xx~~ and (iii) take photos ~~from~~ <sup>for</sup> Ms Hodgkinson. The peers were very much in evidence - photos being taken whilst we changed. We were also given some water-proof cameras which we set up in a manner totally unsuitable for taking them through a cave so these were dismembered and re packed in a pack. John & Tim dived first and set about clearing the line, John doing the work whilst Tim twiddled his thumbs in case of trouble. John resurfaced

and reported the line clear. So John set off for ~~X~~ followed by Tim. They both reached ~~X~~ safely (encountering Cobble's boats  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way to ~~X~~) and waited. Andrew Brooks was the next diver and Brian was bringing up the rear. Andrew managed to tie himself in knots in the line twice and used up so much air he retreated to ~~X~~. Brian in view of the condition the line appeared to be in, did not feel like coming through. So John & myself waited 1½ hrs.

~~for~~ went some one to appear getting more and more worried. We had a short wander round. and then started back expecting to find the worse. We eventually reappeared in III to a barrage of photos and inane questions from the press.

(14th Feb. Stowe II.

J. Metcalfe, R. Whithy,

B. Gross, G. Lucas, M. Daville.

Photographic trip in Throne Chamber.  
Spent about 2 hrs. in the chamber and tried several multiple flash exposures. Emerged at 7.15 after about 4½ hrs. Stowe I was very cold !!

R.W.

15/2/70 E'water Cavern.

A.Mills, M.Bash, R.Lewis. 380'-way, digging. Three spoil dams now in place.

7/2/70 OGOF FOEC FAWR. Conwyshire

John Jones, C.Pickstone, + 4 members of Bridgend Hospital C.C. had a very pleasant trip lasting 2 hours.

M.W.D - York + AS P-C S-W c-? A-?

Lambs LGR

North Hill - NACIA 1-2-70

21/2/70.

Woolley Hole : A.Green, A.Turner, C.Hannam, A.Mills, O.C.Lloyd, A.Finch, R.Lewis, Phyllis Green, Doug McFarlane, R.Craig (Wincanton). Maypoling in one.

21/2/70

~~15/2/70~~ O.F.D. 2. S.wabs John Jones.

C.Pickstone + 2 members of Bridgend Hospital C.C.

Down to streamway in very wet conditions. Member of Surrey University was caught by a falling boulder in Marble shower screen, with the result - a broken ankle.

16 5 hrs

28/2/70 Surldens

R.h. to Six with apparatus. Five is sumped at the far downstream end, the nearer portions of Sump Five and Buxton's Honor being low decks. The guideline should be ignored in the upstream portions of Sump Five as this, if followed, involves one in dives.

It is probably possible to free through Sump Five at the moment, with care (great care).

28-2-70. Little Heath River Cave.

R. White, J. Metcalfe, A. Mills + 5.

Day trip to Wales.

Went as far as the decks leading to sump II. Metcalfe caught the ditch much longer than usual. About 1 m.c. going down the entrance. 2½ hrs. (got back to the Haven for 9!)

28-2-70

R. W.

P.I.S.S. / P.S. G/B.C./G.B. Cave Boulders  
choke found passage, choke left hand  
rule.

1/3/70 Went to Woodward - short GB trip thwarted by black light. Rhino lift visited. John Cornwell + Wally + numerous other slaves doing their thing in comfort with railway, stairs, electric lighting (fitted) + bottle of Johnny Walker. Very civilised. M.M.T. Please Note!!!

Thompson, Reynold, Stanton, Daniels, Mansfield, Barton and Hanwell groped in dread North Hill and Hanwell discovered that finger-nails ~~do~~ do not win in skirmished with falling boulders!\*

7/3/70

Pebstone, geeson, York, J. Jones, M. Evans, D. Evans,  
<sup>Phyllis</sup> Taylor, Purldons I & II. Water about normal for time of year. Duck II, still dumped, is not a very pleasant dive - tendency to run into mud banks.

*Yester*

\*SAID FINGER-NAIL WAS LATER REMOVED BY NASTY SADISTIC MON. SEC!!

7<sup>th</sup> March 1970.



Wookey Hole. A. Brooks, John Parker, Phil Collett, Tim Reynolds, Brian Woodward to Wookey ~~xx~~ to take photos and also to do some diving upstream. All the luggage was got to ~~xx~~ without much trouble and Phil did a lot of diving to find two some boats and found two paws (Maine's & James'). We then pushed onto the end of the cave and took photos working back from the end. When we had worked our way back to the chamber. Tim kitted up and had a dive in the lake. He found that this the passage descended nearly vertically to about 40' when it closed down. We then pushed back to the start of the sump and John then dived upstream. He found that this sump went c 200' and then went vertically down. So he followed it down for about 80' until it started getting very big when he decided that it was time to return. We then returned back to II to another boat of intermission from VTV radio.

14/1/70 Woekey One

MP: 100M<sup>2</sup>

Absolute (again) maypoling trip. Rh, A.Mills, A.Green, A.Turner,  
S.MacMeans, C.Hanson, O.Lloyd, Doug Macfarlane, R.Craig.

All tackle removed. No further progress.

A report of the climbing, such as it is, in Woekey  
One will appear in a future WCC Journal.

14/2/70 OFD I.

Taking advantage of SWCC generosity your  
Scribe took members of the Viet Taff into the  
other regions of OFD I in fairly high water  
conditions. The "Candlestick" appears to have been smashed!  
Picksline

14/2/70 Viet Menor + Bum Cong  
and on Nanty Moll, came away with  
local sacred trinket.

The attack was a two pronged action  
Bum Cong came in over the mountain  
the Viet Menor via the low lands  
connived with local agent. Then  
took local host, stony by storm

1 fint of Bitter every 12-5 mins  
Explored unknown upper reaches of  
Matto Ogmore Valley and had  
local skirmish with arrow's at  
local strong hold.

With drew for rest returned refuted  
for night raid. The rate of fire was  
about 1 fint even 25 mins.

Retired from Valley on Sunday  
with known casualties, to the  
Cotman Omlett Barn to write  
report.

81 12/20

Mw-York + Egans to Clagie Aquie  
Main Passay Aven S, Main Stream to  
Turkey Passage. 1000 ft passay surveyed

28/3/70

Longwood / August - K Barber (leader) R.  
Harper, T. Lyons - stream very  
low - down August - to pool chamber  
a short distance beyond (very tight),  
out through Longwood.

~~baboon chamber~~ T. Lyons

29/3/70. To stream at Lyons -

D. Gause, P. Davies, T. Jepson. Purdon is  
troubled round trip. Water about normal. mud pump  
just passable, but Troubles needed bailing. Pot  
squeeze in Crystal Gallery is still much too tight!  
approx 2 hrs.

30/3/70.

Large party including Pyke, Jepson, Purdon,  
York, Davies P. & G., Alan Green et al. to  
Lamb Pier. Several, including Graham Davies down  
main Potch. Others skippered gosh timber out.

3 hrs.

31/3/70

R. Pyke & J. Jeffson to Purdon's II. Gentle trip  
looking at scenery & scrubbing inscriptions from walls.  
Water beginning to rise after rain. approx 2 hrs.

Pyke

3/4/70 Pyke & Yesson on the Swayle-Puke  
round-trip. Mud-sump bailed, and Shatter  
Pot laddered. Then retraced, and up  
Maypole Pitch + the climb into S-P. series.  
Ascended down Kott. rift, and then took  
wander opposite Shatter Pot Pitch, to bottom of  
Shatter Pot. Latter is v. pleasant  
to it. Above from obvious solid chalcocite,  
and little easily retrieved by pulling rock head  
of Shatter Pitch. 4 1/2 hours. RS



Wookey Hole. - 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> April.

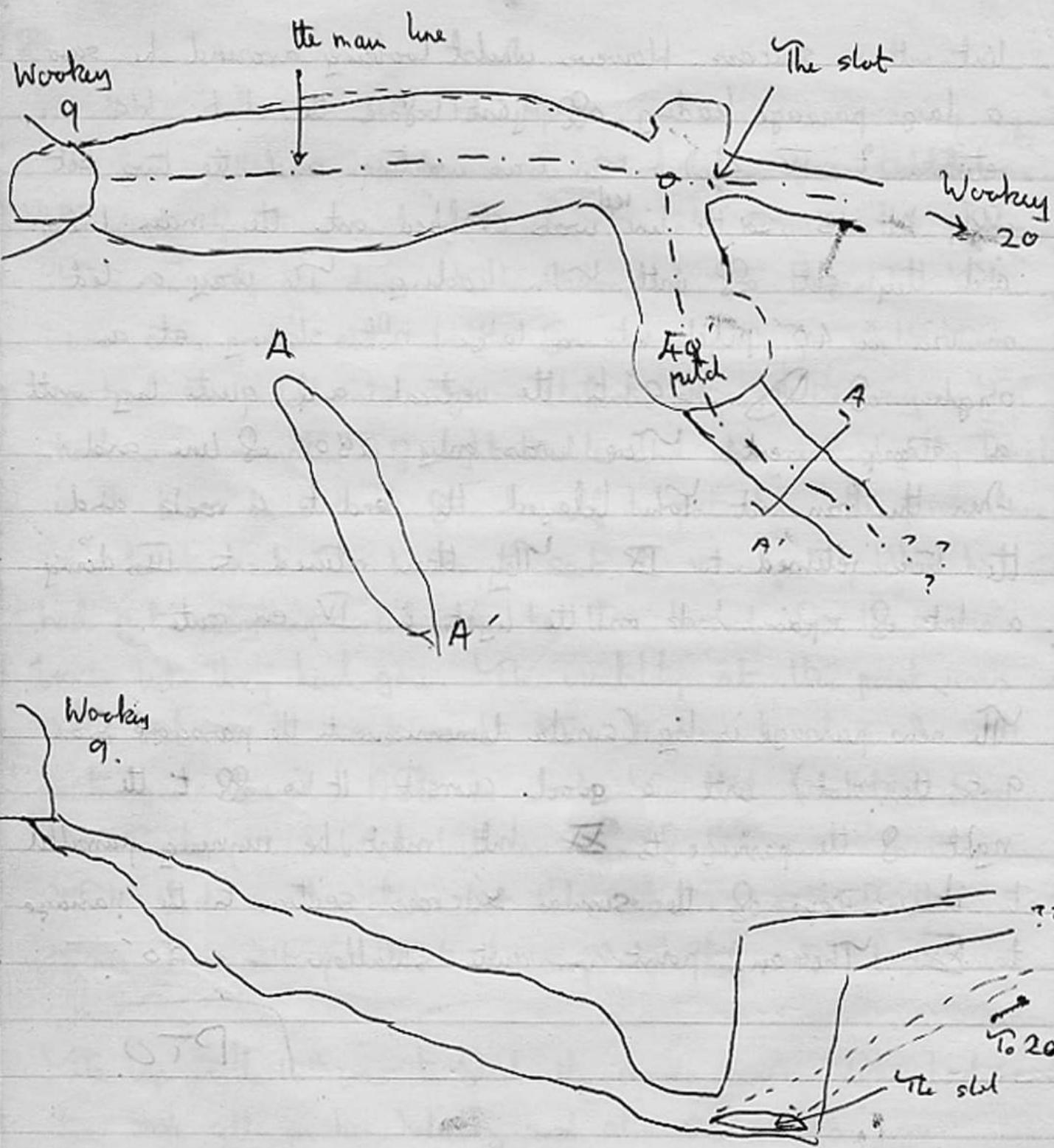
The trip on the 11<sup>th</sup> was to use the radiolocation gear to determine the end of the cave and also to take some colour photos. There were only two divers - John Parker and Tim Reynolds. John was carrying two extra bottles for some pumping whilst Tim had the radiolocation gear. Unfortunately, on the way in Tim had a combination of light trouble and also got slightly tangled in the line. In order to free himself he put down the ammo boxes in order to have two hands to sort the mess out. When he had got everything sorted out he then looked for the ammo boxes but they had gone. The visibility at this point was rather bad so he went on to ~~XX~~ intending to dive when the water had cleared. After a wait Tim did two dives from ~~XX~~ finding two boats but no sign of the ammo boxes. John did another dive, but there was no sign of them. So since it wasn't possible to do anything they returned to base.

The trip on the 18<sup>th</sup> was to find the ammo boxes. John had two Vde cells on his helmet and also OCL's beam gun. John dived first and had a look for the ammo boxes.

but with no success. However whilst looking around he saw a large passage leading off just before the slot. He returned to IX where Tom was waiting and the two set off. At 15 the line <sup>reel</sup> was coabbed onto the main line and they set off with John leading. The way on led on via a 40' pitch into a large rift sloping at an angle of  $20^{\circ}$  to the vertical and quite big with a strong current. There was only 250' of line and when this ran out John belayed the end to a rock and the two returned to IX. They then returned to III, doing a bit of repair work on the lights in IV en route.

The new passage is big (similar dimension to the passage from 9 to the slot) with a good current. It is off to the right of the passage to XX but must be running parallel to it in view of the similar cross section to the passage to XX. The end point is quite shallow - c 20'.

PTO



April 18<sup>th</sup>

Ian Telfer John Jones. Dai Hyon. Graham Cole  
to Black Hole. I.J + G.C. went on to second boulder  
chute. Dai D.C. + J.J returned. D.C.'s 1<sup>st</sup> dive of sump.

April 19<sup>th</sup>

~~York Quilliam & Andy sum up one route to head of  
troubles. Andy on his first trip~~

April

Hansford Loyde York Quilliam Andy? Hansford  
Swindons 40<sup>ft</sup> to replace M.R.O. Box.

Chil 18<sup>th</sup>

Pickstone (Blind) Hansford York Jones Evans Pen?

Sum, one and back with stumbling and Pickstone, the  
blind leading the blind.

18/4/70.

J. Jones birthday barrel. Excellent drunken evening,  
though unfortunate that the purchaser of the barrel did not survive  
long enough to sample it!

25-4-70

R. Whibley, G. Metcalfe, H. Darville + C. Dooley, Dave  
Stanford, Paul Huxley, Chris Burke, Rob Foster.

Intended during Stoh Lane but water was rising fast so switched to a Sildens II trap. Horribly damp!  
Colin & Rob sampled the surf for the first time.

R. Whately

1/4/70 \*

Sludge Pits, Hansford, YORK, Touchy  
Upper "Pit" wandered ditto. Then down  
to sump where the water is sinking  
on left hand side of sump. a small  
hole which could be seen with clear  
washed angular boulders about 500 sections.  
Hansford erected a small dam  
while flooding took place, when then  
the dam was released the water  
drained away fairly easily, as the water  
deaded, the sound of air locks clearing  
and very satisfying gurgling sounds  
Also the air was very clear, which  
is most unusual. M.W.P.

1-3<sup>rd</sup> May

We came, we worked, we went home ~~toffees & fancies~~.

1-3 MATT WORK on the hut was done by the USUAL regulars including the USUAL committee members!

7/5/70 The WESTWARD were able to come all the way up the drive due to new car!!

A Jarrett plus assorted drunks: Much festering, digging and surveying in Llanymynd Ogo and associated copper mine. Good pub down the road.

15/5/70 OFD.I.

John Jones, Mike Evans, Ian Jeppson and Col Pickstone did a very nice long round Watfull series, Pool and out by Escygo route after consuming much of Howard Kenney's party's Pool, who we happened to come across whilst upon our ~~other~~ Nether Wandering. 3½ hrs  
Col Pickstone

Sunday

McDowney - York Andrew Macormack Robert Kenneth  
Feltham, Aggie Aggie Survey Trish Tunkey  
Passage. 1265.2 ft on Fisher (Bronco)  
The Sabbath

Surface ~~the~~ Traverse to Wayen

Rudd ideal conditions big party.  
Consisting of the "ngombe" from Birmingham  
Denis cle Wantutton. The newly beds  
"Peter & Pat", Jovial Jew (bastard)  
Touchy (Andy) (The mean) (Bob).

Danced around Bristol dressed as a woman  
then attended non event of the year.  
Came back to Wessex and had a ale  
oh. "Note if you don't take your own  
you won't get none.

23rd May '10.

4 hrs 50 mins

Swildons. 4 and Round Trip.

Rick Whately, Paul Huyton, <sup>(EVSS)</sup> Dave Alexander and <sup>(EVSS)</sup> Tony Jarrett  
Much festering. Construction of skeleton in 4 stream-way. Mud sump, Troubles etc pretty dry. Met mudists en route. Superb mechanical baling actions on all sums. (Choreography arranged by R. Whately). Cowsh area and Sump 4 smell grim and looked worse. Amazing ladder rigged on 20 on way down. Assorted rung spacings (3'-27') and solid iron rungs with 2" diameter wire cables. (approx)

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Yours Sincerely  
A. Jarrett.

23rd May '10

1 1/2 hrs.

Swildons as far as Trats tampte

Mark White, Howard (Dan) Jarre

Nearest trip in swimming trunks. Much trouble with two carbide lamps thus the time factor.

The water was cold but enjoyable for swimming.

M. White

23/5/70

R.C. Harper, J. Dow & J. Shaw,  
Swoldon's I & II + Vicarage.

Surprised to find rope  
in S. I changed. (was broken)  
Old wire on other side  
(either cut/broken or was old)

24/5/70

R.C.H., J.S. & S.S. ↑  
Round Nij's + Swoldon's IV.  
 $3\frac{1}{2}$  hrs. Strang forward.

24th May '70. Stoke. A Team + 4 Eldor P.C.

Trip round Bone, Throne etc. Stinks as bad as usual and  
stream now re-directed into original entrance.

Thence to Northill where a goodly crew  
pulled out a few bags of spoil.

25/5/70.

P. Davies, T. Jeffson + 2 non-members - novices.  
Eastwater - Dolphin Pit. Prodded in old dig in 380' <sup>al.</sup> Way,  
and in bottom of ~~Ternan~~ Rift. Both look <sup>at</sup> geyserizing,  
and there seems to be some movement in ~~Ternan~~ Rift.  
Evidence of water backing up to roof and in Sand Chamber -  
about 4½ ft. ~~geyser~~

30/5/70 A.J.Thompson and Graham Fathers (guest). Bottomed  
Eastwater via Dolphin Pit. Noticed a "helpful" warning  
about blasting in Harris' Passage as we emerged from  
it. About 4 hrs.

24 - 5 - 70 \*

Sludge Pitt M.W.D.-Y. A.G. A.L.F. + Derock  
and 2 Hms Divers.

howevered sum p are about 1st dumping  
soil around corner, using holly bags for  
storage.

\$1 - 5 - 70

Sludge Pitt M.W.D.-Y. A.Mac. J.W. B.M.  
R.W.-A.W. As above drainage got blocked

up so we end up staying in ~~the~~ a mixture  
of liquid mud and gravel.

7/6/70 Nudist trip to Sump<sup>(1)</sup>. Swildon. [ST.CC.]

J.V., D.W., CGAL; DJS split his  
swimming trunks - in a vital position after 5  
hours fasting, and was consequently disowned.  
Elastic in trunks also failed and was strapped up  
with lengths of shoe-lace. Everyone nearly flopped  
out after a J.V.-fast. River/stream nearly  
non-existent. Glad to emerge into the  
warm air at surface again DJS

7/6/70.

R. Jeffon, S. Smith, G. Hopson (HMS Redross). Purdon's.  
to I & II variously due to dukey lights. Water very  
low, were very crowded - several v. large parties 2 P.M.

your

13-6-'70. Lionel's Hole

African, M.Bush, R.Lewis. An unpleasant hole, but there is some respite in that between the boulders there are interspersed occasional solid environments. Also East Twin (dry, as etc.)

How does Stanton find 'em?

14-6-'70 Seake Lane Stacker

A.Mills, C.Hannam, R.Lewis; to Seake Four. Found Sump One lined ♂ and experienced fun at Sump Two where C.H. emerged having lost three-quarters of his air supply on the inward journey. The S.E.B.A. bottles nevertheless accommodated sufficient for our return (amazingly enough).

12/13th June '70 Brown Long + West terrorised Yorkshire peasants by a) consuming vast quantities of ale + food. b) walking everywhere at high speed and c) ACTUALLY GOING CRAVING!!! Brow Gill/Calf Holes with the exception only being made by the smaller members of the party (Collin, Anne & Rich). Water V. low (no rain for 10 weeks) ladder totally unnecessary (P.V. Please note). Whilst walking it was noted the a large proportion of pots seem to be full of dead sheep and because of above mentioned lack of rain STINK!! Grapeseed was seen occasionally (always)

late!) with Bradford Bird but as she is a wing-maker it seems reasonable to assume that his motives are not entirely healthily sexual!" R.M.W.

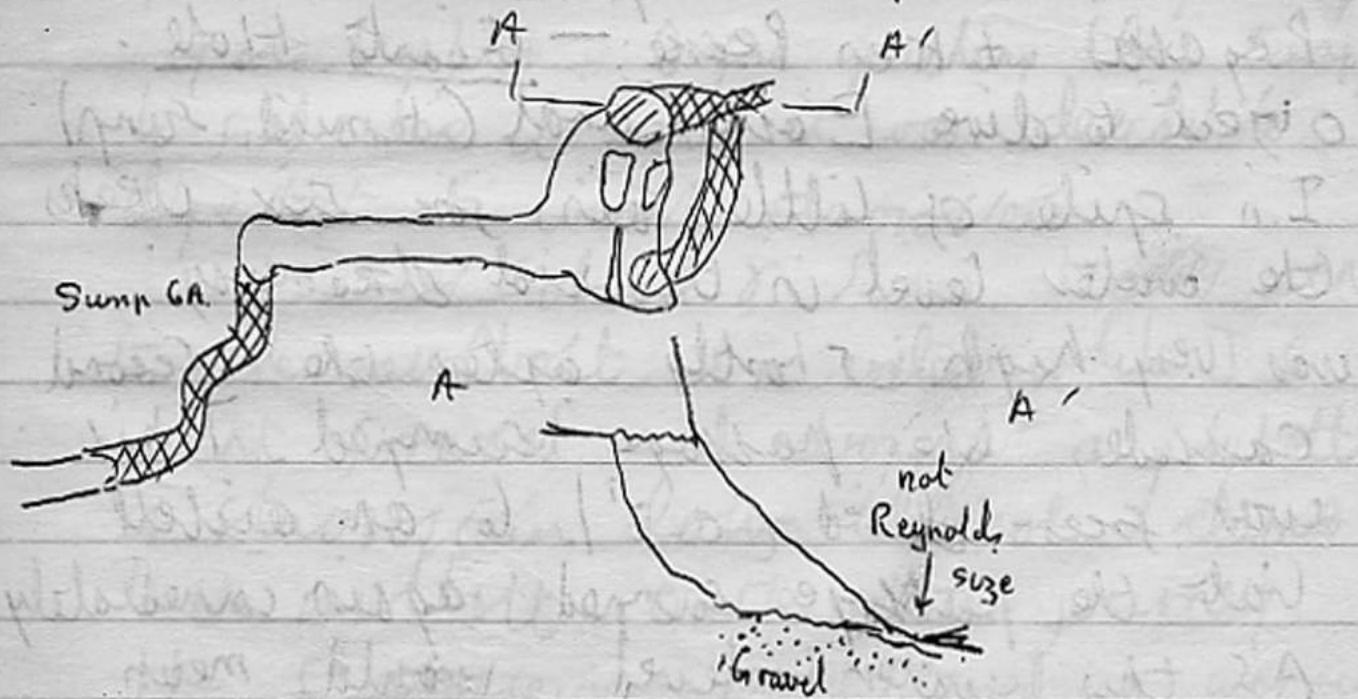
P.S. landlord of the Crown (Horton) was very hospitable and food & accom V. good. Nice change from few years ago. Worse welcome he says! (But HE STILL SERVES HIS BEER SHORT MEASURE)  
Committee why isn't journal on sale in Penygate Cafe ???. All other inferior Mending journals sell well up there.

20-6-70

Ian Tepson John Jones & Andy McCormack round trip. Ian Tepson (b) very well explaining all the relevant points of interest. The mud sums were dry and no baking needed and the Double Troubles low. The U tubes were extremely obnoxious due to unspent carbide + tin being dumped everywhere. Human excreta on the exit side of sums I spoilt what the trip. Otherwise a good trip. 3 hrs. Very crowded to sum 1  
J.H.Jones

20<sup>th</sup> June 1970.

Tim Reynolds to Little Neath River Cave with Sunday UBSS . Royal Forest & Dean members. The aim of the trip was to survey a new passage in LNRC B and to dive Sump 6A. Adrian Wilkins (UBSS) & John Elliott (RF.D) set out to survey the passage but were not able to because (i) they had forgotten the tape ! , (ii) they couldn't find the passage ! . So he gave a hand to Colin Graham (RF.D) & Tim Reynolds. Tim dived sump 6A and found it to be 100' long. There was a 100' of canal type passage ending in a chamber with two sumps. Tim dived the first , found it to be 50' deep before it got too deep. The second was a steeply descending tube which came out into the other sump.



June 7<sup>th</sup> Eldon Hole; James S. Coblett + Simon Howe  
+ N.U.C.C.

Rigged the 180 ft pitch on L.H.S.  
with Remmantel single rope. The pitch is  
'free' all the way down. The party abseiled  
down using Fischer Petzl + & Krab/piton  
descenders - the latter descender (with  
two Krab/piton sets) being coolest. We then  
practiced up using clop and petzl  
ascenders - all excellent. J.S.C.

June 13<sup>th</sup>, James Coblett, Simon Howe, N.U.C.C.,  
Pegau + Ken Pearce - Giant Hole.  
object to dive East Canal (terminal sump)  
In spite of little rain for six weeks  
the water level in the main drainway  
was very high. Shortly after the second  
cascade, the passage clogged. This  
was free-dived (c. 2') to an outlet  
but the passage sumped again immediately.  
As this water level would mean

90 or 100 ft depth at the point reached by J.C. in December '69. The dive was abandoned and we left the cave. J.S.C.

20/6/70 James Coblett, Simon Howey, Tony Jarvis,  
Dale Pike (A.C.G.) & Phil Coblett (C.D.G.)  
Porth-yr-Ogof AGAIN!!!

On two previous occasions J.C. had noted a continuation in the sump from the 'swallow' with water going in. This had been followed for 60' to a pot in the floor, after which the passage got tighter. Before reaching this sump, to find where it went it was decided to dye test it with fluorescein.

James Coblett & Simon Howey went to the swallow. S.H. waited while J.C. went forward and dropped a poly bottle of fluorescein down the pot & returned to the swallow. On the return journey the fluorescein + mud cleaned up, was not

at the pot in the camp about  $\frac{1}{2}$  way back to the Cwmbran entrance. As they had greatly reduced visibility a knot was tied in the main line to mark the point and a hasty retreat was made via Cwmbran entrance.

J.C. also dived later to examine a submerged 'railway tunnel' going off on the right about fifty feet in from upstream Feeder Reserve entrance. This eventually connected with the main line after the 'slot'. It is impossible to say whether this is a direct passage or just a widening of the general passage.

The inlet camp in both main cave on the left (Camp 10) was examined several times and failed to run green.

- + Dick Pike & Tony Tarot did training in the pool below both
- + Phil Collett took photos.

+ The Mellie is bright green.

J.S.C.

Swithlous Hole 20/6/70.

B. Pitman (Guest) D. EYNON (Vic-Toff) and  
C. Pickstone To Sump IV via Paradise  
Regained. Due to a ~~fall~~ combination  
of circumstances unfortunately in our control we  
were 4 hrs overdue and caused some concern.  
at the W.C.C. Social Club. 7 hrs.

C Pickstone

McDowall - Jack M. Money - Thomson

Ds Marcus - Benton B Quilliam Esq

Recovered Engine from Compton and drove  
said Engine to the Late Holcombe Brown.

Swithlous Hole.

25/6/70

Penny Evans + The Thick (but Subtle) Northerner  
did "a coming go," when all the Wessex  
louts were away at work. Went down  
to Barnes Loop. 2 3/4 hrs \*

C Pickstone

\* My God - he's getting fast in his old age!!!

HE CAN'T GET BETTER, 41

27/6/70.

Jepson, MacCormack to Black Hole Series, Purdon's.  
Despite much searching failed to find Helictite wall - this is  
becoming annoying. Pushed small passage off Pine Trees Creek, and  
probably got a belated up it further than men have been before.  
2nd Boulder Globe now looks very unpromising - gradually  
collapsing. Caves not over crowded but very dirty. Water  
back to normal summer level after recent rain. 4 hrs.

~~Andy MacCormack, Tim Lyons, D. King Jr~~ 28/6/70

Dry trip to Sump T, then to NW stream  
passage, terminal inlet sumps - Aerobatics  
on the pitch due to ladder 5 ft short. Good  
speedy trip. Downstream in NW stream  
passage end is a draining. chock - not a  
sump?

Stef

4/7/70

Brew, MacCormack & Jepson to Hairy Passage,  
Purdon's, to dig - somewhat hopelessly as the passage  
has become closed some 70' before the dig site.

Therefore had a good look around in H.P. and regions adjacent, end  
of Vicksburg etc. Purposed to find a round trip in H.P. passing  
under floor of V.P. & coming up a bedding plane near the end,  
Vicksburg Port is onward to descend without the bankline.  
water still low. About 5 hrs.

*[Signature]*

4/7/70

Rob Harper + Jon + Jerry Shaw  
(Gases). - Black Hole + Duck 2  
lot of weezies in Sowdon's  
- otherwise non-eventful - nice  
trip - 4 hrs.

R. Harper

6/7/70

Rob Harper, Mark White + Jon.  
Van De planck. Sowdon's 2.

via SI - for a mark.  
went on to dive S.2. no  
problems but SI post.  
Dr. Sodder's I side is  
a bloody SHIT HEAP.  
Re Retracted.

[addition: CO<sub>2</sub> at 8 I was right - mark]

7/7/70

R.C. Harper + many weej.  
Cockoo Cleavers, Contours  
or 9 Barrows - 15 min.  
for 9 barrows - did a  
bit of digging in  
Samp I contours - Cockoo  
Cleavers unchanged.

R.C. Harper

8/7/70

M.W.D-Y Nady McCormack,  
Ron Parfie, Mark Whit  
or Rob Harper & Sludge.

Pit Diggings trip, much.

Slit sifted great help

from bucket John Shaw.

John Van de Blaack (wank).

Skinned up with 3 others

M.W.D-Y rockers

further down in adag

than anyone else -

found lots of poly bag

11/7/70

Bob Harper, + 2  
Shaw - P. Hand & Good

Swidder's Upper, seen

& down to 20' ~~well~~-in

many people about -

Terrible smell of  
shit a long way therefore  
washed out of trip.

Ramón Pérez

✓

12/7/70

R.C. Hayes + 3 - Sardar -> SI.  
met party who wanted to go  
through so took 4 - landing -  
then back up to Trat's Temple  
the party met at SI wanted  
to go to mudumps => took  
~ 10 - en route to mudump.  
found 2 people trying to ~~be~~ bail  
the first mudump arrested  
at - then asked what they

were doing, they told us  
that they were only going  
to the head of Blue Pencil.  
So we informed them that  
they had spent  $\sim \frac{1}{2}$  hour  
drilling the wrong dump and  
they tagged on with us.

Got to M. Sunn and rest  
went back while the original  
party came back out (Bh Twp).

Roth

11/7/70.

Alan Green, Mike Evans, Liz Jones, Andy MakKormak,  
Ian Jeffson, George Hodgson, Smudge Smith to Lamb Beer.  
Various persons absented main chamber by various means.  
Visits to Valentine's & Beaumont, Price, 2 exuted. 2 left

MJZ

12/7/70.

Andy MakKormak, Ian Jeffson, John Van der Plank  
to Garage Pot. Replaced grotty, short piece of

footlace with 1 1/4" "Nelson" cordline. Looked at two areas on the way out - both being too tight to ascend far though visibly continuing for some distance. Both quite crowded - still supper all water. 3 hrs.



16/7/10 Eastwater Canyon.

Rheavis - the little road-trip (sounds something like "Petite Aiguille de Peuterey") of upper series (Traverse, Prim. Path, Lr. Trav., Canyon - and). Load of rubbish. Also, the entrance has moved!

The survey, with relation to Upper Traverse, is rather misleading. One tends to imagine that pseudo-random trenching as taking a line towards 380-ft. Way; this is a result of the positioning of the name Upp. Trav. In effect, if these semi-tubular trenches go on in the same downdip line, they will miss even Moxton's P. (and that applies to all of them).

Note that the floor of Upp.T. will go, I suppose, but perhaps one would be better-off believing upper E' water to consist of a couple of open bedding-planes. Matter of luck whether or not you dig the correct trench.

15/7/70 - N. Lyons T. Lyons & Happer  
Toorolt trip to Sump I  
& back. Party down there roping  
down & Double pots!!

17/7/70 T. Lyons R. Lewis  
blue pencil round trip,  
free dived 2. Not a wet suit trip  
to B..... hot, hardly a stream  
but still ~~soothing~~ enjoyable.  $3\frac{1}{2}$  hrs. of  
jumping in every convenient pool.

18/7/70 - Upper Treloose, Erwaz. Ab. Unpleasant boulder <sup>(as usual)</sup> juxtaposition

25.7.70. A.J. Thompson + Graham Fathers (guest) to Sump IV  
and out via Troubles. Cave crowded, mainly with  
novices. V. enjoyable. 4½ hrs.

25/7/70.

J. Jones, S. Jepson, A. Medornak to Vicarage  
Pot:- attempting to enter hole in roof. Inserted 2  
Drill anchors, & then wasted much time trying to stuff pegs  
into staled-up cracks finally deciding that more bolts  
were needed. Air became quite foul - partly due

to inconsiderate consumers of the noxious weed. Care not  
very crowded - small stream running at last. 6 AM.  
My

25/7/70

Evening - Priddy Cross Fete - Team of :- A. Purcell,  
J. Willement (andor) P. Gardlin, Colin Neal, Bob Harper,  
G. Jeffor, R. Day & J. Jones, received a "bye" in the  
first round of the tug o' war, and ably demonstrated  
in the semi-final that they now know nothing about  
the aforesaid sport. Afterwards, the women got drunk  
My

27-7-70.

swildon's 4

Swildon's Round Trip ~~& return~~.

J. Venn, A. King, H. Tringham, P. Down, D. Eastham  
& J. Hopkins.

And jump low-existent. Venn, Tringham, Hopkins, Down  
down B. P & S down, bloody sticky & bloody sharp  
in places. Nice hairy climbs at both ends. Big &  
Eastham vainly tried to draw test on return  
in right-angled bend but did lower trouble I

by 4 inches. After landing waterworks very  
refreshing. Came to ourselves: Hellua stuck  
in Barnes loop. Slight stream dam &  
bars.

SLR

Worthing - York has been underground ~~shot~~ by  
members of Wessex & the other clubs.

2/8/70.

Spud & Sniff (sandals) + Pete Bottin.  
Bridge Pt. dug out about four good  
bag fulls. Mainly small trash from  
boring last week.

2/8/70.

G. MacCormack, CHRIS HARRIET, OMER. Is wilder 2.  
Cove still bone dry. and rather dirty, very crowded,  
Chris dived rump 2. (being the only member of the party  
wearing a wet suit). The headline in duck 2 does not  
appear to be entirely satisfactory now that it is delayed

7/8/70

CHRIS HANNAM HAD A BATH AND  
WASHED HIS HAIR!!!!.

8/8/70

Dave Ryndi, Maurice Keeley  
+ Rob. Parpei - Swallow's  
trip → SI + Trat's Temple -  
Tess No water (m) and very few  
people down for a Saturday  
afternoon - trip took 2 hrs.

R.M.

11/8/70.

Party comprising J. Jones, G. Jepson, A. Mabonwala,  
T. Reynolds, A. Mills, + C. Hanlam to moss Risings, Heston.  
Former 3 to assist in carrying bit for latter 3 driving.  
a low, wet, not pleasant ride. T.E.R. penetrated.

in the air bell as this makes it necessary to change hand on the line half way though - which would be rather untimely in high water conditions!!

about 3 hours

A. King

8?

5-7-50. Swildons - N.W. Stream. A. King,  
P. Down & C. Miller. No water going down  
at all, rather unpleasant. Sump very  
refreshing. Pitch alright but didn't use  
ravibot (waterfall!) boulder much preferred.  
Terminal sumps quite low, Glad Miller taking  
down for a grotto (refreshing?) dip. Cave  
uninhabited for a change. Down H2 his!  
P.S. Penetrated creek in second dip below S.I.  
for about w' → Possibilities.

A King

west? Pump some 200' before it become too tight.  
No others lined. about 1 hr.

3/8/70.

R. Harper, G. Jeffson, A. MacCormack returned  
to the assault? on Vicarage Pot area. Succeeded  
in inserting one more bolt before a lower one started  
to move & we decided to retire. We are now beginning  
to learn how to "bolt" in areas. MacCormack estimates  
A 3 "P." Cave drier than we've seen it for years,  
and very uncrowded. approx 5 hrs.

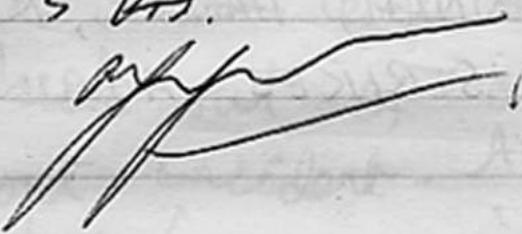
11.8.70 A Thompson + Graham Fathers (guest) to  
Sludge Pit. Investigated sound of stream in  
otherwise dry cave and have commenced digging to  
locate same. We shall return. Gho.

15/8/70.

P. Davies, G. Jeffson, A. MacCormack to Vicarage  
Pot - again! More bolts inserted, despite problems  
with Drill anchors losing all their teeth, and snapping  
off when pulling in. Progress was hampered by lack of  
high grade bolts for the larger plates,

and ordinary bolts proved TO SHEAR OFF ! -  
CLIMBERS TAKE NOTE !!

Cave very dry - not even puddles at the entrance. approx 5 hrs.



P. S.

Most humble & grateful thanks to R. Harper who came down to assist, arriving in time to come out of. (ENTRANCE → LANDING in 15 mins. RTT).

21-22/8/70. AJ Thompson & Rob Harper on midnight jaunt to Sump 2. There was actually a pleasant amount of water around. Enjoyable. Our thanks to M.D.Y. who stayed up to wait for us. Out 02.15 h.

22/8/70 AJ Thompson & Gahan Fathers digging in Sludge lit Upper Series. Made 6' mainly thro' stal. roof and mud fill. 4 hrs. Work continues.

22/8/70.

FIRST COAT OF WHITE GLOSS ON KITCHEN  
CEILING BY:- BARBARA BROWN, M. DENDNEY-  
YORK, C. HANNAM, HARPER, R.  
OUR HERO STRIKES AGAIN!

27/8/70.

M. HANNAM, C.J. MILLER, A. KUE,  
J. SANDERSON, S. BENGSON.

Trip down Swildons, to South East  
Inlet; straight to Sidcot dig, climbed  
aven near dig. ~~with map~~, followed  
passage to end, return to bottom  
of kpit rift; some of the party ascend-  
ed the rest, to Scyng Puke. I left via  
airless oxbox, mutt syrup for majority  
of party. Two mad bastards, including  
myself returned via Houbles road  
trip. Everyone out in hrs.

C.J. Miller

29/8/70 Swallows to shelter (chamber)

Pirate chamber: James Coblett, Simon Howey,  
Helen Sergeant Victor Holland, Dave Balon.

All water levels were found to be  
low and the deck out of old shelter  
passed without incident. At 6:00 p.m.  
deck a thin layer of 'fester' on  
the water surface was broken by  
J.C. and all but Helen & Simon  
followed through. They were met off by the  
envelope & waited. After a lot of false  
leads had been followed the way to  
Pirate Chamber was found and  
Pirate Chamber visited — J.C. taking  
Gould with the Squally P. Then  
a shelter chamber was visited  
& the party returned via St. Pauls  
with a quick trip down the streamway  
to sum up it for a work.

6 hrs

J.S.C.

30/8/70

Grahame Fathers, Richard  
Dave Gordon & R.C. Harper  
Stoke → Swap 2. and Chambers.  
— Tard unusually found  
in Stoke I — hairy mad  
climbing in Chambers → 3 hrs

Rett

30/8/70 - Porth-Yr - 090x.

James Cobbett, Simon Howes, Tony Tomatt.  
Support: Roy Pedder, Vic Holland, Dave Bacon,  
Helen Sargeant.

Simon Howes dived first from entrance.  
C. and followed upstream. At the bottom  
of the pot a passage was noted to the  
right - presumed source of fluorite.  
He went to the new bolt and on to the  
little pot 60' further on following the

line. A marked line was laid from the net to the swollbott & ~~was~~ surveyed.

The marked line was removed. A 'no spot' depth was taken along the swamp passage. He then returned via Cwm Bryn entrance.

Jane collected Tony Tomlin and went from entrance C. to the swollbott.

Tony waited here while J.C. surveyed 'Colbetti Loop' - Chasm  $\rightarrow$  S of 2<sup>nd</sup> lead weight area. As J.C. had no wet suit zip & was v. cold they then returned to entrance C. lots of fish!

J.S.C..

31/8/70.

Rob Harper + Dave + Rich Gordan, Swildon's 2, - RH went onto 3. met party (~~falling~~) messeng about in Swamps I. - long trip

Rob

5th Sept. '70 ~~Squidgy Hole~~ and below A west

D Macfarlane, R. Lewis, Pd. Troubles.

6th Sept. '70

A Mills, M. Bishop to Sic; Lewis to Two, for want of an O-ring.

20 Sept. 1970 Nine Barrow's

M. Keeley, B. Pieman.

20 Sept 1970 Twin Titties

N.Y.O.R.K.

2, Oct. 70,

Structural and Field Geology learned  
from Library by A. Freeman.

3<sup>rd</sup> Oct 70

The Chairman visited his Cells HQ., and  
socialised with the inmates.

9/10/70.

West - stay right - victim suitably  
ill. R.I.P. !

28-10-70.

Sawdust Sump I with small boy and Alan green  
Sludge Pit other series round trip then down to the sump  
to find that some had been digging the inlet near the  
sump and dump. Headed in sump. Rude went adro around  
the cave. back to the entrance which has a free climb out.

Platt

2-10-70

Sawdust lone trip to sump one cave full of Wasps  
and "coons" ~~Mar 4~~ Sunday to Sump II

10/9/70

Did a quick trip down to Mexico - three  
day journey from Hunters - to grapple with  
jaguars, Five-de-Lances, and ticks in the Sierra  
del El Abra. Eight new caves visited extended  
one 4000ft. in an ~~an~~ 18 hour trip down Salaro  
de la Tigre. Another was a 460ft. shaft with Mayan  
Sacred Carvings on the walls.

After a fortnight of this, away down into  
the Yucatan and British Honduras, returning via  
Guatemala where a five day drive (24 hours per day)

brought us up to Pennsylvania for the N.S.S. Convention. More Caves in West Virginia. Francis Hole Cave, etc.

Members of the A.M.C.S. (Association of Mexican Cave Studies)

G Pickstone

Did a weekend trip from Hamilton Ontario with members of McMaster University, C.C. to West Virginia (500 miles in 10 hours). To find another way into Cutlip Cove - 600 ft. of Mendip type crawling.

G Pickstone

Distance travelled 15,000 miles in 8 weeks. England is a safe place - no ticks, Mosquitoes, jaguars or poisonous snakes ~~or Mike Boons~~.

G Pickstone

11 Oct 70 - AD, PBO, Middle & B Mellow down Paddy Green Sink to listen for a Boeng. No Boeng came! all out after an hour.

11<sup>th</sup> Oct 1961; A.K.; S.B.; P.B.; + I. Swildon

Round trip. Too many weegies  
+ kids'. Foul air in cave. No  
Mudcups + high Troubles. Hutwanderer  
Spotted underground. Out in 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> hrs.

Adrian Blayf

11<sup>th</sup> Oct.

The Hot Warden would like to thank all the members who have made his term of office most pleasant.

Particularly Dan Telson ~~our~~ ~~selfless~~

Jenny. Murnal # who has washed the clubs + dirty linen for the last few years

Carl Pickstone "Wally" Wilson Alan Green + wife

The Brum Cong, John and Davlin Alder,  
John & his Jones. Tim Reynolds. and  
host of others, the ones who work not talk.  
And to all those who felt it was beneath  
their dignity to clean up after themselves, try  
and do better next year. We love looking after

10-27-21  
To all the sum. Best of luck  
new hut warden.

M W Denley - York

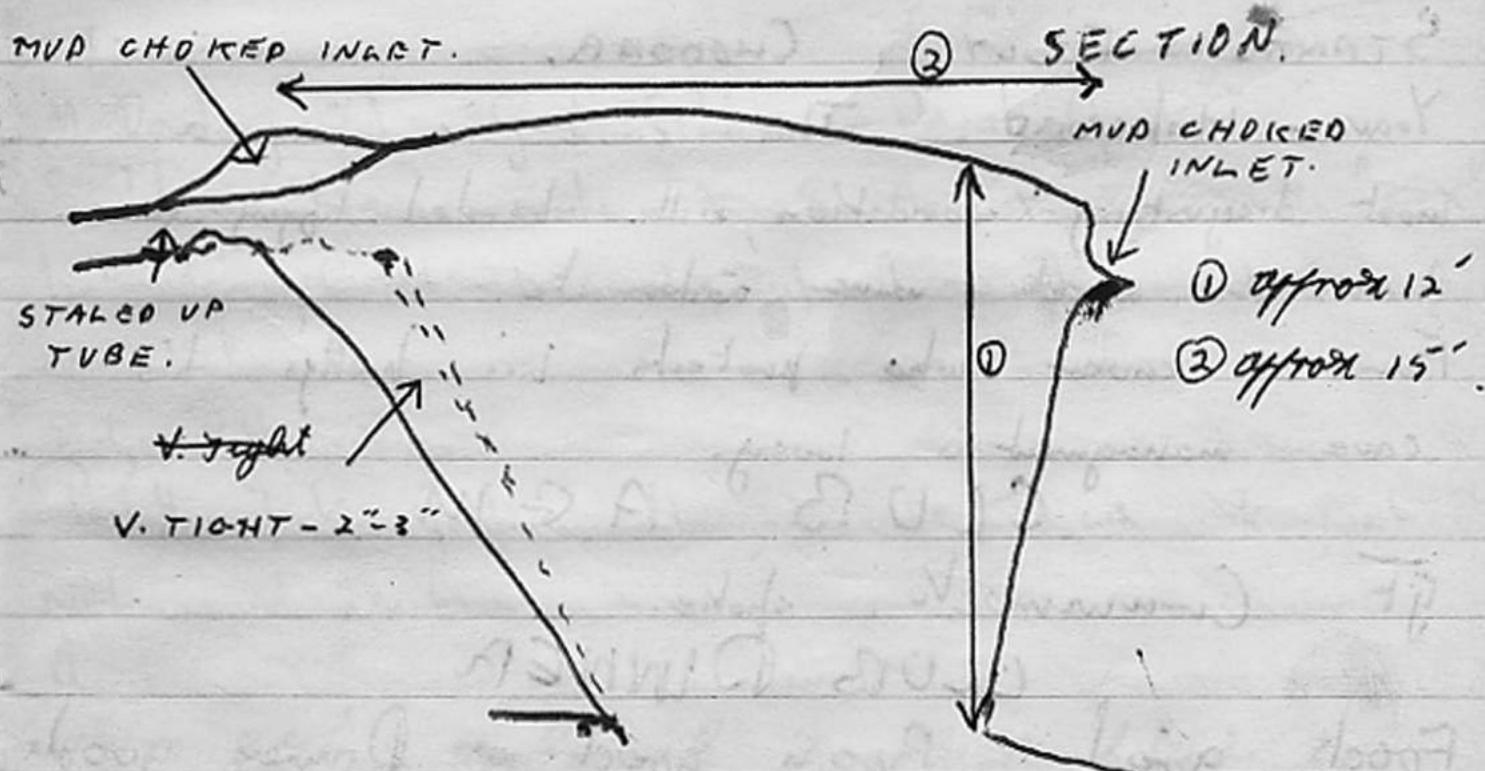
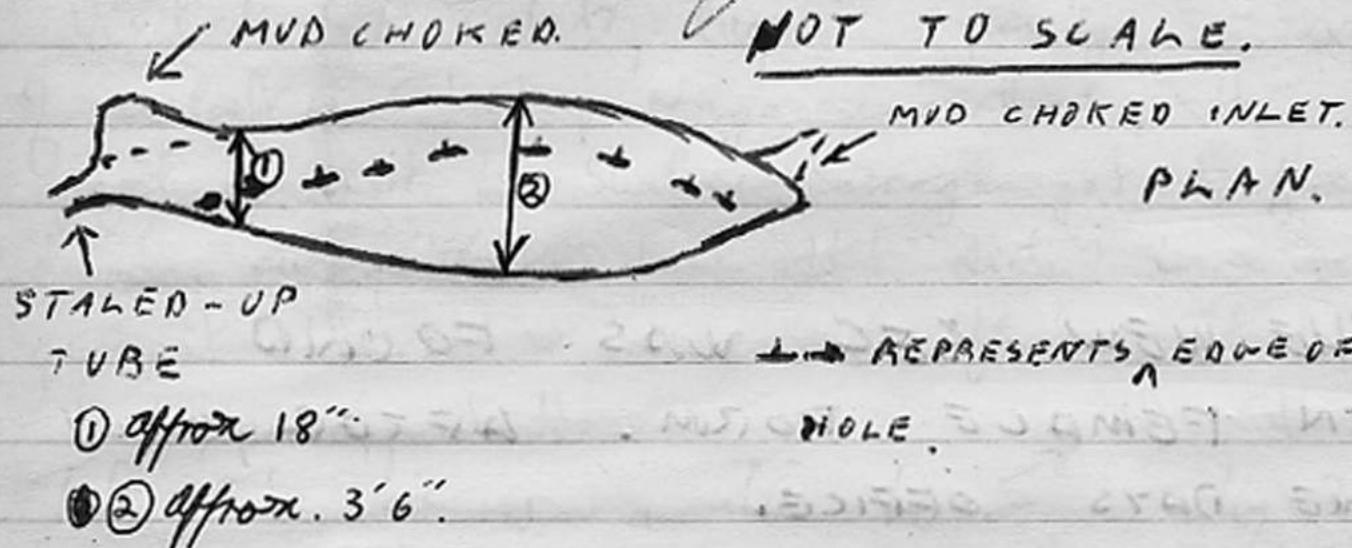
11/10/70

A. MacCormack, T. Jeffson & D. Gordon, Pavillon's  
Hole - yet again to Vicarage Pot. Harry learned  
<sup>bolt fixing</sup> <sup>to every hole in roof.</sup> our lessons on the previous trips, we managed quite smoothly.  
this time. Insertion of one more bolt by Andy enabled myself  
to get off the top of the ladder, and proceed upwards for 12-15  
feet in the Hole - it proved to be a wedged, tight rift,  
& roughly keyhole shaped in plan. On reaching an  
apparent passage at the top, I found it to be completely  
blocked with mud, and very tight anyway. Small  
globules on the mud suggested some water flow at times.  
In the top corner the rift became a very tight, slit  
blocked tube, following via Passage towards its end  
far too tight! Conclusion - James mil - much  
learned about bolting in caves. appon<sup>4</sup> & pts.

C.R.G. Grade 0 follows.

P.S. 7 thanks to J. Jones, R. Harper, P. Davies

& D. Gordon who have assisted on various trips.



P.P.S. Care conservationists please note - all danger.

plates have been removed except 1 left as a monument  
to human endeavour - i.e. - forgotten!

THE NEW SFC WAS FOUND  
IN FEMALE FORM. AFTER ONLY  
ONE DAY'S OFFICE.

STANTON'S FORCY CHEDDAR.

YORK - HANSCORD. This cave is in a  
most disgusting condition, with abandoned digging gear,  
chunks of wood wine bottles etc.

For a caver who protects his property his  
cave management is lousy.

CLUB A&M

GF Crammack spoke.

CLUB DINNER

Food good Room good Dinner good  
Speaker good Ten out of Ten for Dan

17.10.70

Swildons hole. Chris Dantes, Chris Williams, David Harbottle.  
Visited S.E. Inlets, dug in passage to right  
of new bolt, 5' of passage unearthed, the  
payed a visit to Shatter passage got to first  
ditch, owing to the fact that didn't have web suits  
gave it a miss & came out after a 5½ hour  
trip, pant, pant!! closed  
The 5' bit is a lie he → day 2"  
D. Harbottle

24 - 10 - 70.

McDonalday - J.A. Geoff Price David Gordon.  
Swildon Hole ~~trials~~ to Shatter Passage. the "EX"  
hutwander failed to make upward escape, must continue  
with diet.

Sludge Pitt Dig  
Pattitt - York - Gordon. lowered 1- $\frac{3}{4}$  lb. to locat  
swim and surface.

A

24/10/70. Jeffon & MacCormack. Troubles found 3rd. No  
stream at entrance - mud pump dry. Troubles comish

normal. That wet-squeezed off-way through Yorables was  
is smelly - due to passage of F.J.D.'s rough laden  
minions ?? 2 hrs.

my

25th Oct 1970. PRIDDY NINE BARROWS. (ROUND TRIP).  
HANSFORD, "TORCHY", A. GREEN, "TURNIP" PRICE. (FIRST TRIP FOR  
ALL BUT HANSFORD)  
THROTTLED DOWN TO "mud" GROTTO. DIDN'T LIKE  
DIG IN PIT AT ALL. NO INCIDENTS, BAR TORCHY  
WHO JAM HIS HANDS CLIMBING IN PIT. OLD ROUTE  
LOOKS HELISH TIGHT THESE DAYS. ~~Hansford~~.

26th Oct 1970. STOLE LANE SLOCKER. Chris Davies,  
Chris Williams, Richard Law. Some route-finding  
difficulties down passage to sump. Thru sump and along  
to Sump 2, in revolting condition, deep mud. Look at  
Bone & Throne Chambers. Up Main Chamber and along  
until come out at Sump 1. Further route-finding  
difficulties on way out. Water low. 3½ hours. Good trip.

1 November 1970.

On trip this morning, blues with me,  
Richard Lamm.

Swildons Hole - straight down to bottom  
dig. Dug at far end for about  $\frac{3}{4}$  hour.  
Removed about thirty buckets of earth.  
Out with troubles, - just required  
bailing. Paid a visit to Sump II  
on the way out.

$\frac{1}{2}$  hours.

Robert D. Lamm

1ST OCT. 1970.

B. HANSFORD + "DOOK" MILLS. COOKED CLEANSE.  
FOUND CASE TO BE RATHER SMELLY  
FROM HUMAN URINE IN BOTTOM REACHES.

M. YORK. + HANSFORD + MILLS.

SWILDONS SUMP I TRAPS TEMPLE  
MUD SUMP TOP OF SHATTERED

berry

4/11/70 NASA DUG N.H. & S.P.

8/11/70

Jeffson + Aubrey Newport to Black Hole -  
ferrying in old approach. Water at reasonable  
level - several pots scouring out. Cave filled  
with slow-moving weeds. 2 in.

Wednesday.

PICKSTONG has not been a doing his job  
New members have not received <sup>the</sup> letter  
of welcome.

13/11/70.

On Trip. C. Davies, J. Ham, R. Law.

Routine trip down Hartlers Hole.  
Poked around all available passages.

21/11/70

Pete "Rotarse" Webb, Dick Pike, "Admiral" Hones, Tony Jarrett - Down to Sump VII and 2 through to VII. A good trip. Don Taylor and Steve or beginners try to I and back.

21/11/70.

AJ

A.J.T., G. Falters, G. Jeffson to Ideal Passage, Purdon's; to remove pretty ladder from maypole climb - dig still looks interesting - are quite crowded & quite wet. 3 hrs

~~4 hrs~~

22/11/70.

J. Cobbett, G. Jeffson to Purdon's; II - J.C. proceeding to IV & back in  $4\frac{1}{2}$  mins. 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  hrs. ~~any~~

22/11/70.

Ray Barrett, H. Busby + 6 (from youth clubs'). Read's Cavern & the general festle called Goatland. A very gruesome trip with numerous problems called beginners.

22.11.70.

Party Davies R. Law payed a visit to the 'Black Hole' turned back after reaching the Priddy Green stream on the other side. Nice to see <sup>some</sup> real water down the cave after the summer drought. 3½ hrs all told.

Chris Dore

20.21-22.11.70 Aggie Aggie

Mw Dewdney - Jack D Gordon, Andy "I've got a problem Macmillan adk. Main Stream to clean water which was passed only to be beaten by sunfs on the far side

Sunday MwD-T DC A (3GAPM) bestand and walk morning. Afternoon Main Passage Aven Seine Ace of spades chamber. Party joined by John Vandenblank.

Sunday afternoon

Brian Guilliam Aubrey Neibout John Spencer  
Took passage to sunfs. (had a nice wife).

camp great  
managed hills

31/5/20 -

Rob Harper + Grahame Fathers  
- Cathbert's with Dick Wickens  
and Colin Dooley. - very enjoyable  
→ sunny. via, some Rft, Gou  
Rft and. back via the  
same route - hilarious antics  
by Grahame & severe case of  
(orange lights) - 2½ hrs - 4.30  
pm.

RCA

John Ham, Richard New, Adrian visited 'Cuckoo Clueves'  
in "Brass Monkey Weather" went to end, and got  
thoroughly wet. Party joined by more Wekeses on  
way out. CD

Lay Sonnet & Howard Bushby - Cuckoo Clueves.  
Some of party decided against a visit when viewing the

aqueous content at bottom of pipe. Entrance area extremely wet. Met another group Wessex en way out.

All those who weren't so stupid as to go underground went to look at Swoldons. - The water was just above the hand hole on the block house door.

Sludge Pitt & Nine Barrows

M.W.-Y D.I.K.G.

Water Water every where Tiffy.

5-12-70

J Jones J Alder M Evans went to Grotto Crystal Chamber in Nine Barrows. Fairly wet. We then proceeded over to Swoldons to wash. Went down Long Dry Way and on to the 20 ft Descended 20 ft Ascended and came

out wet way. Nice drop of water down there & it  
very wet.

In the evening a sumptuous meal of Cheesecake  
Supreme & Rice + a Barrel was provided by  
M W Davdney York. Thank you & the rest.

5/12/70

A. MacCormack, G. Jeffson, T.E. Reynolds. -  
Purdons Hole - Old approach Passage - Black  
Hole Series. Prodded around in areas, <sup>in abandoned mine,</sup> none of which  
goes anywhere, and after looking at the abandoned  
Hole dig, decided that that is the best thing to do.  
& interesting hole above the 40 limit however.

3 hrs.

6/12/70

D. & R. Gordon Quick  
trip round Troubles very wet  
with nice duck immediately after  
Troubles.

J. H. C. Adams

Ray Barrett & Howard Busby - Swildon with Oxford  
'weegees'. A very refreshing trip to 20.

Members of WCC have become addicts to ---  
----- Taffa Cakes. 12 packets at least this  
weekend.

Barrett

Brian Pittman & Sheila Martin (Guest) :- S.M first  
caving trip went down Nine Barrows  
Very wet but very enjoyable.

Brian Pittman

w/e 29th Nov '70. Shiningough - Youlgrove, Deks. Pegasus, N.M.R.G.  
w/e 5th Dec. '70. Lost Johni and ABF.

A. Jarrell, Bob Cross (BCZ) and Adrian Findl (ACG) accompanied  
Pegasus Club to Lost Johni System down to terminal sump.

A pleasant - and ~~h~~!\* wet trip.

ABF

1 A.M. 13th Dec. 20.

M. YORK + B. HANSFORD. Swildon to Shutter  
Passage, very quiet trip, fair amount of water  
field next to entrance contained two sheep

one with twin Lambs & the other with  
a single Lamb, the Lamb were of a stand-  
age, a dog or two at the most.

Sun 13th Dec '70 Sludge Pit.

"Dook" Mills and Tony Jamatt, fed up with knotted  
rope brigade descending entrance pitch, dug out a new  
15' pitch to the right of the entrance tube. Although dug from  
both top and bottom ~~is~~ there is still a letterbox  
to be passed. Next party - take a hammer & chisel.

Wednesday night

Fell down above hole with 28 lbs of cement.  
so far as the Wednesday night Dugger what  
a waste of time. got off M.W.P. P.V. Gordon.

19/12/70.

NASA dinner at Priddy Village Hall  
Excellent evening - everyone drunk! wine with  
you, sir?

20th/12/70. Mytton's beach Mine, Perkins beach Mine - near  
Shelve, Shropshire. Wandered around surface remains

and looked down a few odd adits. A superb area deserving  
of many more visits.

A. J. Farmer

### That Was the Pitch that Was

New entrance pitch to Sludge Pit now only of theoretical interest as large boulders now block the letterbox. If anyone who has no ~~(key)~~ wish to live would like to re-open it —  
best of luck and merry Xmas. Yours Sincerely

A. J. Farmer v.d.  
ascr.

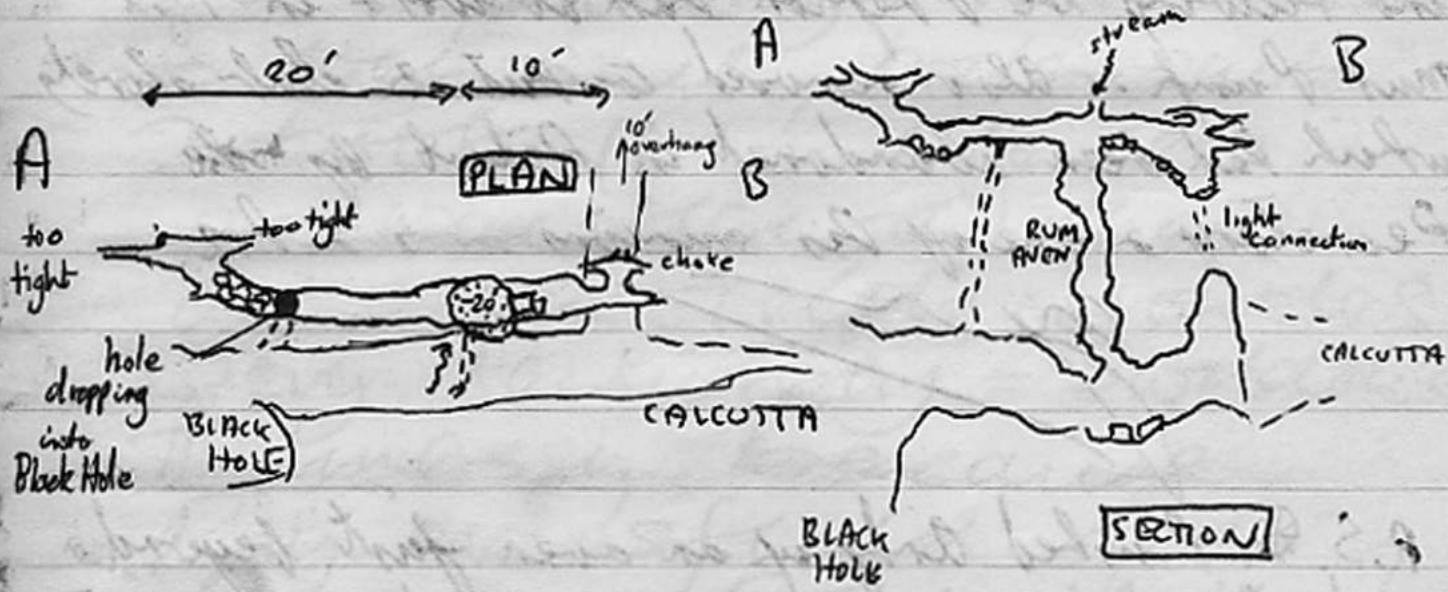
④ Boxing Day 1970 New passage A Black Hole Series, Sutcliffs. 4½ ms  
Alan "Tich" Thompson, Alan Mills, Tony Farmer.  
An undimpled 20' aven (Rum Aven), at the  
T-Junction just before the Black Hole, was duly climbed  
after some gardening. At the top was a cross passage, parallel  
with the main passage below and, in fact, an upper continuation  
of this joint. To the <sup>left</sup> ~~right~~ an imposable int was found after  
about 20' and just before this a hole in the floor dropped  
down into the Black Hole below. To the right the passage  
closed down after about 10' but ~~was~~ a mud  
choked, down-dip ~~int~~ passage on the right could

be dug. The stream inlet passage directly above the aven became too tight after a few feet.

The total passage length is about 50' and was named Rum Aven due to the large amounts of this liquid which were devoured in Sardons II. It is doubtful if it will yield anything else of interest.

We then proceeded to the terminal choke where several large boulders were removed. Progress continues.

Several areas, inlets and side passages were investigated en route.



CRG - 26 (c. minus 26)

Witnessed  
A. Thompson

27/12/70 SWILDONS - IV

AM, A.N. To collect diving equipment. Left Boarding. day  
for trip to Chowsh. 2 hours

2/1/71.

John Alder, T. Jepson, & MacBormack to Pidcot  
Passage, Swildon's Hole. Deposited 1 short pick  
& 1 short shovel; token dig showed that soil  
removal is impracticable with so small a party -  
5 is probably the workable minimum. Proceeding out,  
looking at dig off Keith's Chamber on the way,  
and viewing the Pleyton Park at work in its  
mud pump. Also removed to Butz a club shovel  
which had been abandoned in Pidcot by the  
Secretary & one of his miners. 3 1/2 hrs

ox

P.S. Pushed Andy up an over fast beyond  
Mud Pump - he reported much mud & loose stones,  
& no footmarks - rift intended of above P.R.  
some 50' towards Pleyton - tight tube -

and shoked head back toward mud pump. ny.

2/1/71

A.J.Thompson + RC Harper  
+ G. Fataaris + T. Peage.

Shatter passage →  
shatter then →  
Pisces chamber (YES!! all  
of us!) although RC reduced  
to wet suit, boiler suit  
& boots (e no wife cell  
or waistlength) then  
out via Triple troubles  
very (assuredly - Swallow's  
II messy because  
Ray mansfield & S.  
Gwynne + Roberts had  
head of us  
hastily tripped down

11-45 am out 6:45 am

ROTH

3/1/71.

The decorations are down; the food is drunk; Christmas at the weissen is over! Happy 1971 to all!

7-1-71 A.R.K., M.T., J.V. J.P.S, P.D to Sump II

but changed our minds at sight or  
flooding gullions (thaw). Fantastic  
water works down to old 40'. Powerful  
current. Water covering both holes in  
blockhouse on exit and a little starting  
to appear down. I know approx.

Adrian King.

K. Sanderson

G 1-20 R. Saunders C. Myers, T. Shaw, T. Tyas, J. Page

~~Σ T.S.~~ wild ones camped the stream was  
crossing by only just above normal water level

~~91-2002~~ Python? A? 159 2½ hrs

~~PHIGUAI~~ Shady pit general potter around  
looked at swamp drift.

3 hrs T.S.C

10.1.70 Ray Gorrest, Howard Busby + b. Sludge Pit  
Quite a happy little fest. All members  
enjoying this marvel of nature with  
full packs.

Sun 10th? Tom James Cobbett and Tony Jarrett descended down Rowter Mine, Derbyshire and trundled back up again thoroughly exhausted.

New Year weekend. A. Somatt and several Welshmen wandered around Montgomeryshire looking at Dylife Mine, Nant Melin Mine and Nantyriquet Mine. Some superb wet adit levels were investigated and The Star Inn, Dylife, duly patronised. There are hundreds of old workings in this area just waiting to be explored.

How about it?

B.R. Knott

15/1/71 GEORGE HODGSON, BRIAN QUILLIAM  
AUBREY NEWPORT to SWILDONS 3.

- REPLACED RAWL-BOLT ON INSIDE  
OF SUMP 2. - ALSO BROUGHT  
MAY POLES FROM 4 TO LANDING.

later went to look at N.W. Stream Passage

~~McKee, visited post~~ 05.11.71  
CLOSED 23/1/71.

28/9/71 West has borrowed wheel-barrow till Sat Oct 1st