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Editor's Note:

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P.G. Hendy

25/2/1972. Cuckoo Cleaves.
Aubrey Newport, T. Faulkner, P. H. Hall
looked around most of the
cave and did a fair bit of digging
at the end.

25/2/72.

Dan.-yr-Ogof. A tourist trip to DYoII was enjoyed by
Mervyn Collett (~~etc~~ SMCC), Elliott (RFoD) Mills, Parker, Pickford,
Reynolds, Tringham and Mrs Prerley. In view of the high
water level it was felt that a trip to III was undesirable
and so we went wandered around II.

25/2/72

Ian Tepron, performing marvels of verbal abuse, did
proceed to jam himself inextricably in the bannister.
After much thrashing he was pronounced stuck and
was retrieved with the assistance of a car jack to
increase the dimensions of the squeeze.

26/2/72.

Rick Law. & Ron Vincent. Swindon Round Trip.

Uneventful trip apart from nearly drowning in the
first duck after the Troubles.

2 hrs.

Rick Law.

26/2/72. Swindon.

Shopped - to sump 2 for John and Pete
CP.

25-26-27-73.

Agie - Agie.

Hansford, Dewdney-York. ^{Dalden}² Gordon³ Stopped
as first of C.S.S at White Walls. Sat, Sometime
~~about~~ Turkey, and out 7 hours, York naked owing
to ~~an~~ stupid helmet. Dinner Peanut Butter Soufflé.
~~Afternoon~~ Apple Pie Coffie
Sunday, Walking, got lost owing to our leader
knowing where we were, Dinner Beef Stew,
treacle tart and Custard. Mud - Yet

4/2/72 Rhine

Chris Gledhill, Johnny Pethouse, Mick Knight, Brian Goldsworthy - took a
ladder for first pitch. Laddered it and came back.
The key we were given was the Upper Pitts Down Key.
This gate was open and has been left open

Sunday Kitchen Window replaced Chris Gledhill.
MW1-York-C Gledhill.

26/2/72 Swallows Shatter Series Graham Phippen, Jim ?, (B.E.C) Pete Moody

Having heard that the V tube from Oxford chamber to Shatter Chamber had
sumped up ^{again} I decided to pay a visit. The water was about 2" above the roof of the
V bend but the dive through was very unpleasant, after a couple of feet
you have committed yourself to getting through because it is too tight to back
out again. Once we were all through we visited all of Shatter Series. When we returned
to Shatter passage we laddered the V tube for 3/4 hr then got so cold we came
out having established an airspace of about 4". The water is still seeping
down the mud slides so the V tube is certain to sump again in a few weeks.
The only long term solution appears to be to dig in the mud floor of the
bend in the hope that the mud and stones can be loosened sufficiently to
allow the water to drain away.

p.m.

29/2/72

millions 12

John Parker, Pete Moody

Pushed squeeze which stopped progress took ^{sump 12} but unfortunately the passage instead of rising as expected concreted down another 6ft to a total depth of around 90'. After although the current was still detectable we couldn't find the way on. Banged underwater squeeze before coming out P.M.

4/3/72 Cuckoo Caves Aubrey Newport, Tony Jarrell, Phil Coffey, Pete Moody

Cleared a lot of rock from end, walked 1hr digging along a passage at the top of the cum above the squeeze and ^{also} found a rift passage which might be worth another look at although its probably the tributary seen on the right just before the dig. (Mark II)

5/3/72 Agie - Agie Southern Sump Passage Greg Palford, Rich How, Pete Moody

Got up at the very silly time of 5am ^{Quick} to go across to S Wales. Southern Sump was incredibly boring. Visited downgreen sump and 5th. Boulder Choke - very fine streamway. Made the long haul out to emerge at dusk.

12/3/72. EASTWICKER. Barry Wilkinson - Roy Robinson.

Postured round to work at Dolphin & Bowlers Chamber. Climbed down 380' way - Who put notice in it "Danger" "Do not pass this point." ? Is someone digging the bedding plane on the left? Came out after 2hrs on rather cocky cells.

Sunday

A Newpoint changed shower valve,
MwD-York. changed shower water,

12-3-72

Caves of Clave on loan to MwD-York.

Sunday. GP. OM - Charles. To Swildens
GP and Charles to 2nd OM to Sump 1.
Charles first Swildens trip.

5/3/72

off Agen Allocated.

Rich has, P Moody, & Pickford

In retrospect a very fine trip along the Southern Stream Passage and up to the V + boulder cliff. Also looked at the downstream sump. This trip was the first time that we had been to this part of Agen. Very impressed by the streamway at end of S.S.P. The water was flowing very strong for himself on way out.

7 hrs.

Rich has

25 March 72. Swildons 4 via blue pencil / round trip.

Rich Gordon & Rich Barnard left at 9:00^M to miss any crowds, but only met two people at the old 40 on the way up!! The mud in Paradise reground was like glue.

Rich Barnard

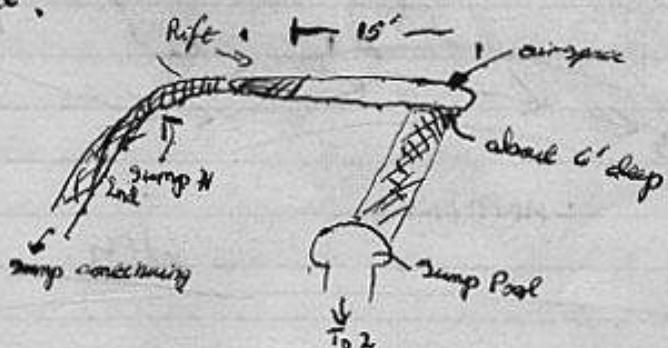
18th March P.S. 6

John Parker, Jeff Phillips & Pete Moody + 9th sherpas from Sheffield University S.S., Eldon Pot Hole Club & Cumbrian C.C. Took down 6 40's, fins, 5 valves, 150 ft of ladder, 100 ft of rope, pitons, bolt equipment and ^{such} piston harmer. Achieved a round trip when an undescended ^{man} in P.S. 6 was discovered to be an unclimbed over already passed. John dived the small inlet sump (GA) and found out it was a large phreatic passage leading to a pit about 30' deep which he didn't descend because his fins were back in P.S. 5; it appears to be the main way on. P.M.

25th March Swildons Moody sump Martin Webster, Pete Moody

Dived the sump which we had probed a fortnight before and reached an ^{spig} surface after about 30'. Tim Cobbett might have

been there before but I'm not sure. Returned to 7 and Martin then dived. On his return we decided the base fed line ~~was~~ which we were using was off of no use in pushing further because the friction made it impossible for the base man to tell where the diver was going. We then fixed the line in 7 and I dived through to the airspace found and after taking in the spare line Martin joined me. He then fed the line out as I pushed on but although the passage continued just below the surface I returned after about 30'. The construction was about 4' high of which 6" was rock.



We decided it might be possible with a good pump to establish an airspace in sump ^{b2} P.M.
Some date Wooley John Parker Pete Moody

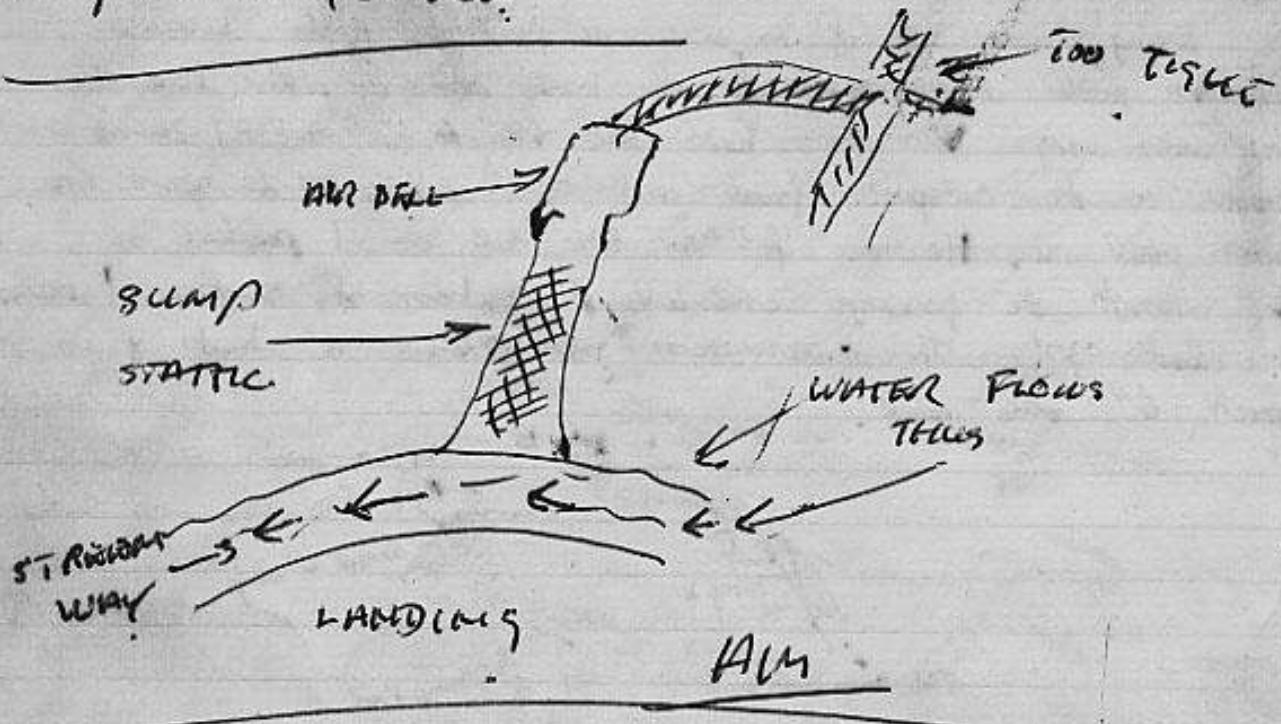
In afternoon went down to Wooley and dived with John. John was looking for 20A but found an airspace ^{near} with a large passage running over the top of it. At first we thought we had found something new but soon realized all we had done was find an alternative route up into 20. We had a good long around 20 which I had not seen before and then made our way out via the shallower route. P.M.

N.B.

The mud sump that SC and I dived three years ago, was located at the bottom of the tunneling. This ~~no~~ sump was dived 30'. To an air bell beyond the air bell approx 20 to 40' across.

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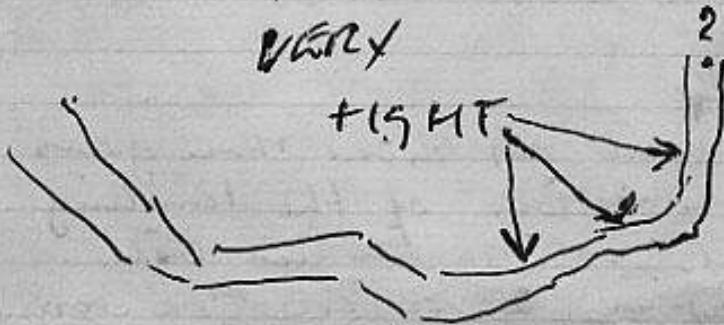
rift was encountered, it was found to be too tight to proceed further.



Cooke cleaves material

PM AM + 2

The by pass {was made} to the original drift was brought out. The furnes had cleared out in approx. 15. to 20 min but it is still too tight to proceed further. over



Sullions 2/3/4, Muddy Sump.

Craig Pickford, Alan Mills, Glyn Bolt, Derek

Sead, Pete Moody.

I moved to 4 with Craig then returned to 2, then Alan, Glyn and I went to 3 where Alan died off to one side trying to find a passage seen several years ago but not investigated. Unfortunately with very poor visibility and no fins he couldn't find it. Returned to 2 then I had another look at the Muddy Sump. The visibility was zero presumably from the dive last week. Belayed line in air bell and returned. Noticed a concentration of CO₂ in air bell probably released from the mud, the inlet sump below the 3/4/72 tunnel was dived by me again with no success.

Pstead, Jepson, Pickford, MacCormack, Gordon (R) to Eastwater - enlarge Twin Verticals - Dolphin Pot. Half the party got lost! going down D.P. & we were held up by a party on T.V. 5 ft. Care as nasty as ever, & two members of party reported movement in the entrance rubble as they were exiting.

Coast Clueless am. p.m. By PH. P.R. 55.

AM was benged the by pass to me by pass with more success the corner has now been removed to a large heap of gravel, to be removed next weekend. SLURP squeezes known as such because of the vast quantity of mud that lurks in the ~~region~~ region + the fact that the being squeeze are slumped around the corner, a vast speed, making it possible to be recenter 15 mins after benging to dig.

AM

SUNDAY MAR 07. — MANGLE HOLE.

Stephen Abramee, Paul Ernest + Alan Goldberne (U.S.A.) attempted to climb away at final squeeze. Passage draughts strongly + echos, little shelter.

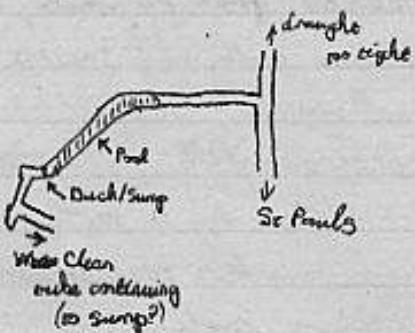
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Swildons Damascus

3/3/72

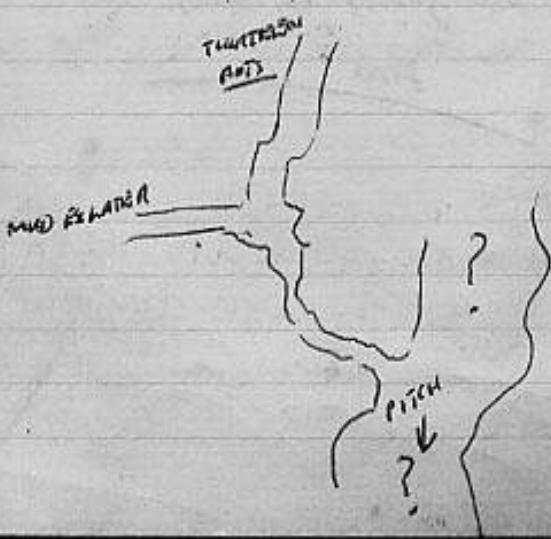
Stephen Crabtree, Pete Moody

Never having been to Damascus before we decided to take a look. There was a reasonable draft ^{draught} going up the ~~main~~ passage before the sump but it was too tight. Found the duck cum sump decidedly unpleasant. Beyond passage continued down a clean washed tube presumably to the sump. It appeared that no-one had been there for a very long time.

~~East water.~~

B.W. Am

B.W. rushing to see all accessible parts of cave, except P-P; has now done, so what appears to be, at the very bottom of cave, a collapse, making cave longer.

Am

4/4/72.

Party (unknown) overdue from Swilkin's Round Trip - minor call out initiated by police. About 8 p.m. Party located about 9 p.m. stranded below 20' with their ladder still rolled at top. Both up on a tight line with no trouble, & carried their own tackle out by 10.

8/4/72 Thompson & Mike McCombe (BCSS) &
Round Trip to test Miles new wet-suit.
Mud Sump & Troubles both fall. 3 hrs.

8/4/72: T. in Lynd + J Penge.

+ Rob Aarjens - intended
to do N.W. Stream + Black
Hole, after doing N.W. Stream.
Violent cold, ending by a
small wooden sled body
ininity caused us
to abandon B.A. for the
pub. - uneventful. 3½ + 4 hrs

DDA

8/4/72.

Jepson, Stead, Pinfold + Mitchell from upper Pitts to Penrhyll
& back to OFD I. by streamway (quite high water level),
Waterfall Poles + out via Low's Passage + Castle Route.
After 5 hrs. Back in time for beer in Hunter;

ay

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8/4/72 Swifts 12 John Parker, Pete Moody

Accompanied by Jeff Phillips, who was taking Norman Carter (Cobran C) on a training dive, to Y. John dived 12 passing the very tight squeeze and found a passage leading upwards which we missed before. It went for about 20' ^{very constricted} ~~very constricted~~ and it appeared that the current had been lost. I dived through squeeze to the real but noticed nothing. The hang in camp 12 on 27th Feb had toward chest modulus from the squeeze but it was still very constricted. On way back noticed large over over swing the 11.

9/4/72 Cuckoo Brian Woodward, Pete Moody

Re Visited Mark I dig and remained hung however to Mark II dig. Corner beyond Slump Squeeze had been completely demolished. A lot of rock was removed but a large heap of small stones & gravel remains. Yet more of the corner can be removed with a Crowbar. Beyond corner these rock have slipped down and are blocking the way on. Should be possible to remove with small bang. Small stream can be heard from beyond final bank. Might be worth doing a smoke test P.M. to make sure it isn't linked up with tributary before MKI dig.

Genuine
Slump Squeeze Mud

25-3-72 - 3-4-72

Wasson Irish Frolics

New York, R Law, Jeff Price, a Newport,
Pete Garrett, ~~T~~ Savage, M Newbes
~~T~~ Thompson.

A pleasant holiday with cavorting, dancing,
drinking and singing, & with ~~for~~ a little light
relax, a bit of fishing.

15/4/72 Swallows & Peter Moody Chris Glubb
an trip to entice C.G. into the delightful
(doubtful) pleasures of free camping. Nearly
lost the rope in 3 nice trips though!

Cuckoo Dis.

AM AN PM CG.

This very fine chick has now progressed beyond sharp squares
~~STRAWBERRY~~ ~~about~~ his first look at it left in disgust, muttering
to him self, and was last seen and heard to be making
a frantic effort to push the old dish. C.G. also his
first look in was heard to shout = { ^{WHICH THIS WOULD} ~~WHICH THIS WOULD~~ }
but seemed pleased when it was suggested we should
now leave the cave eg I wonder why }

A charge of 2 lbs was loaded, and fired with much
success

+ TO

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the left hand wall has now disintegrated, to removable rocks, and the passage can now be seen with much ease beyond the last bang. for approx. 8^{ft}. the passage opens up in to what appears to be a cavern where remaining water can be heard. I have no doubt we are on to something ~~but~~ what with the howling wind coming out of the new passage.

AM

15.4.72

K. James, M. Walker (ccc)
Swildens H. Training dive (on air) for H.W. Looked for
driving silt in the streamway.

K.T.

Hut working
Concrete for oil tank lair, Willcox, Newfont, Ham,

Hollandtwine Mine, Derbyshire. (Pegours Clifb)
Various trips resulting in 1,000' of natural passage some 400' below moor
level and water heated to Peak Corom. A.R. Jarrett
J. Savage

22.4.72 R. Gordon and R. Barnard
Photographic trip to Sump 1. Splashed about
in Sump 1, dropped the camera and came back
out.

22/4/72. Chiseglithell, Johnny Parthore. A dark Park Hyatt
Swildons it was - 3 start + this went through meeps
Johnny called out - says I fit somewhat grubby.
Just a tip to justify the expense.

22/4/72.

K. Jones. M. winter.

Driving trip to Swildons 10 training days. 4½ hours.

23/4/72

Went to Wookey via Swildons, met
about 50 Scout half way, returned
via Hunters (more?), it was an
interesting walk.

23/4/72. R. Gordon. Get Price R. Barnacott

Swildons black hole. → second boulder above.
It took about ½ hour for Rich to persuade me to cross
black hole!!! On the way back there was a hold up at the 20'
(due to weepe's, of course) so I climbed up the wall. above the
Pitch (6) to the right there is a mass of shattered boulder. This
very nearly fell on me and the blokes beneath. perhaps some would
like to knock it down before it falls on someone, as it is
very loose.

R. Barnacott.

21-4-72

J. Jones, Col Pickstone, Ian Tepson, Brian Pitman.
Ladders trip to O.E.D. I to find our way around.
After a huge liquid lunch in the Gwyn Arms

we descended cave. T. Tepson got lost from main party. He had to join up with SWCC chaps leading party of novices. Streamway extremely low. Bars taken out of all the pts. Out via escape route. Met Tepson shivering in Pi chamber 'Where am I? Where am I?'. Out after 2 hrs. Retired to Nantynewl Inn Nantynewl and got drunk in T Jones' party.

~~After~~

P.S. Who we had a nice cup of tea made for us in the MARRIED QUARTERS by the MARRIED WOMEN OF SW.C.C.

WEDNESDAY - GORDON - YORK CRIPPLES TRIP TO SWILLOWNS 200 ft water moderate.

30/4/72.

of bridge on ladder making

29/4/72. - 30/4/72

Working weekend:- Kitchen fittings up, clean up, lounge wall painted, oil tank moved.

30/04/72.

Derek Steed at Aubrey - Quick visit to lambs here - 2 hours ad out 12.15.

21/4/71

John Ham, Julie & Christine Hector, Rich Law. — Coral Cave.

Very enjoyable trip, we managed to get down to entrance pitch.
but law.

27/4/71

John Ham, Julie and Christine Hector, Rich Law, Pete Sanderson + 1.

Heavy trip down Swildon to Sump I and then on to Sump II. Potholed around dry way.

$3\frac{1}{2}$ hrs. Rich Law.

(I would like to point out that John Ham did not go through
(6 May 72) Sump I.)

Swildon Hole Sump 12. and 12a.

Divers P. Collet P. Moody M. Waller, K. James.

P.M. Swildon in 12. H.W. and K.J. left P.C., P.M at 12 and

returned. Ladder missing on 20 some delay. all 18-30

K.J.

6-7 May 72

Swildon Hole sump 1

Cavers Chris Gledhill, John Parkhouse. Cripple Michael Denhey. just
Moody held back to young cavers, normal don't drink
and open your mouth. Too tame water!!!

6-7 May 72

B.E.C.

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• State how given by Norman Petty of early
caving states including slide of Diver 30° of this
Sump 1 with Motor cycle in pump. (I could not
be Jack Shepherd.)

7/5/72

Cuckoo. Aubrey Alan Chris Charlie Jimmy.

Laid 2 lbs in both rigs one went off
the other didn't also Aubrey disappeared in
direction of the bayou muttering they thought about
big bays, M.R.O., recovery of themselves, built sand
a tomb in dit wise. Charge it off. Cavers
come some. To be continued.

7/6/72.

John Haan, Ron Vincent, Rich. Law.
Sludge Pit and Nine Banners.

Pleasant Sunday afternoon poking
about the two caves. A gentleman's caving trip.

Rich. Law.

7/5/72

Geyson & marbleback to Stole Park II Water
reasonably high & moderately smelly (very arid). One
turd found bobbing on Pump I, Pump II totally revolting.
2 lbs approx avg.

12/5/72

John Haan, Tulu Hector, Rich. Law. - Swildens Hole.
Evening trip down Swildens, cave very crowded, water very
pleasant, but rather nutty. Tulu Hector and Rich Law will
think. Song I (Tulu's first time thru Pump I), and
walked along to Keeney Passage. Very enjoyable 3 hours, "
but the last two of the pub, mind the pub.

Rich. Law.

Wednesday.

McDowdy - G. David Gordon, Supt One, Swildon's Hole.

Sat McDowdy - G. Brian Hawes, Swildon's Hole.

Sat Cave & Clay report, bushes, and turf at Top of
GB Gorge.

Bose Stone Mines

Thursday.

Went down out of boredom, interesting trip if only
to observe the industrial archaeology of the place.
Ideal place I suppose for learning survey techniques
Chris Gladhill, Johny Pathouse, Rich Height.

Shatter

Sunday.

Littered the pit and went as far as
first squeeze muddy and terrible.
2 hours L.

14/5/72.

Rich Gordon and Rich Barnacott

Sunday afternoon fester around Sludge Pit.
Interesting but painful
Rich Gordon.

14/5/72.

P. Gordon, G. Jeffer, A. MacCormack - Swildon's Hole
Troubles round Trip. water conditions pleasant - 2 1/2 hrs,

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Gordon - Tom Sludge Pit Sump Insp -

20/5/72 Chris Gladwell + Johnny Parkinson went down Sludge Pit. Ugh! Looked at a lot of muddy tunnels and then went down to the sump.

To those it may concern.

The two shovels at Sludge Pit Sump are not lost, so there is no need to bring them out. Thank you.

Various trips to Hollandtwine Mine (Dress) Oakley's slate Mine, Llechfael slate Mine (worn X9! @?!) slate Mine (MERTONENT), Peak Cavern (Dress) Ogof-y-Ci and Ogof ~~Epyd Sychn~~ (GRES) etc. A.R.F.Rat.

Friday May 26. EASTWATER. A. Jarrett, J. Savage. 2 1/4 hr
Festered down to the bottom then had a look halfway up Gold's Series. A.R.J.

Sat - 27th RHINO RIFT. Pegasus Club. 4 1/4 hr

Paul Thomson, John Savage, Tony Jarrett, Vickie Wop, Laurence Oxbria, L. Reilly.

Very fine trip to bottom. Don't like the loose rocks. J.Rat.

Sun 28th STOKE-LANE SLOCKER LAMBLER.

Paul Thomson, Alan Wick, Jon Savage, Tony Jarrett
Tubs and bubbles in Sumps I and II.

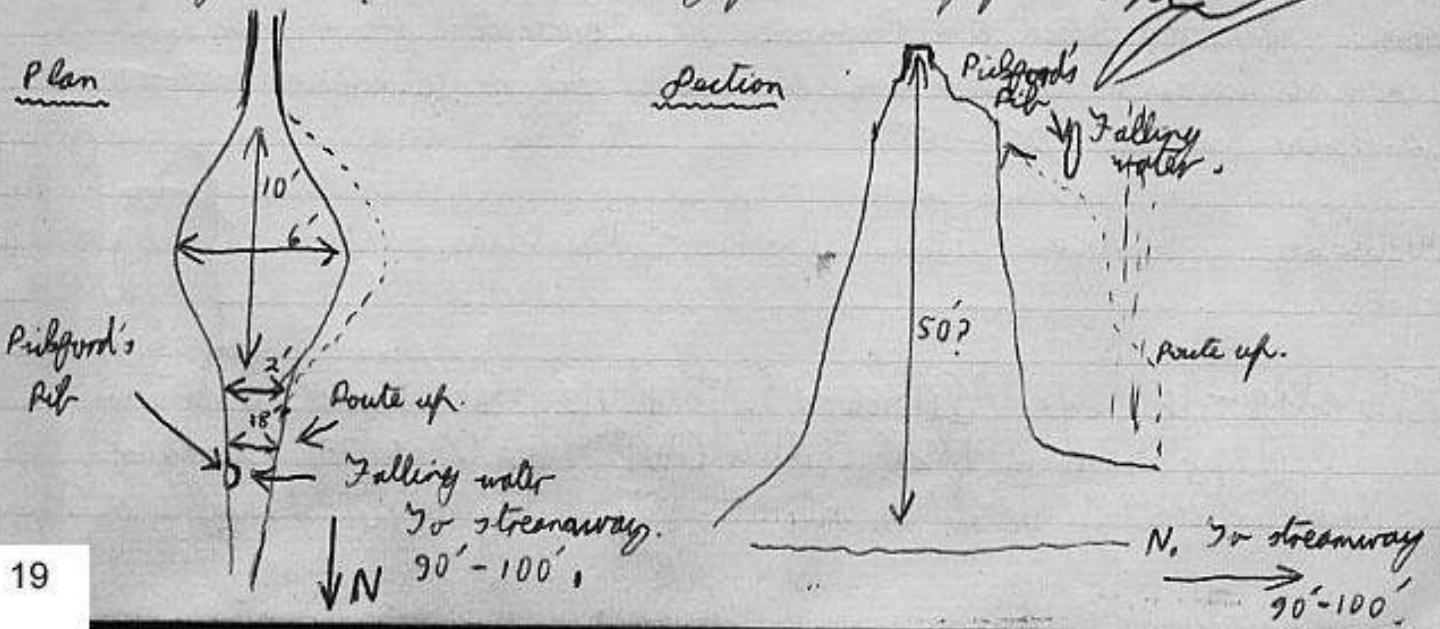
Sun 28th RHINO RIFT.

Pat Corrin, Paul Hurson, Mike Lewis, Jim Mackay
Very fine trips to bottom. Don't like the loose rocks.

P.D.Anter

28/5/72.

Christian, Jepson, MacBormack, Pickford, Stead; to Purdon's IV to climb in the aven above the arbor. Managed to elevate ourselves about 40' above the floor by free-climbing in the rift at the N. end of aven. From here one could move across to the main aven, and view the top, some 8'-10' further up. From this, somewhat precarious position one could see that, ~~as~~ 1. an extremely bold step would be required to progress any further, 2. there were no suitable cracks to affix runners, 3. the top of the aven was too tight anyway. Back in the rift a small trickle of water was descending a narrow chimney, and an assault was made on this, by stuffing the thinnest member of the party (mr Pickford) as far up it as he could be made to go - about 3'. ~~After~~ 10 minutes work with a hammer (& on the surrounding rock, not mr Purdon), enabled him to obtain a further 3" - so this was also abandoned. He was in fact stopped by a protruding, vertical rib of rock, which, if anyone wishes to try again, would probably succumb to a plaster charge. (There is a suitable crack for stuffing!! - and an abundance of tamping & mud at the foot of the aven). All the rock in the aven is very rotten & breaks off at the slightest stress cause - there is also a total lack of protection - however!! We therefore fussed off out through Troubles. Thanks to messrs Stead, Pickford, & Christian for helping to carry the ladder, ropes, pegs, slings, etc., none of which we used. Oppon obs. & are very crowded. Grade 0 survey from memory follows.



(P)

~ Gvocas Gleeves, IRANES A.D.

IRAN such churching from - layed bang. did some
digging, left cause, to return to pub



29/5/72.

Jeffson, Stead o. > Stead s. to Burrrington for a potter
around an empty Coalbrook. also poked our noses into a smelly
archeies. 32n. ay

Wednesday Sludge Pitt Boulder Building Mr. John D Gardner
John Ham.

Thursday - 1st July. CAMBRIAN SLATE MINE, Glyn Ceiriog, Denbighshire
LOWER CEFNIOD CAVE nr Oswestry, Shropshire
N. Lomax, R. Deely, C. Leonard, A. Jarratt. The slate mine consists of several

~~an~~ adit level connecting large mixed chambers.

Lower ceiling cave is a 40ft+ system being basically a long rift leading to a maze of muddy phreatic tubes. AJ.

SWILDONS - VICTORIA AVEN Sat 3/5/72

A.R.Janatt, Phil Collet

Thrustched down to 12 carrying, amongst other things, a mini drive half shaft! AJ was then scaled from a ledge 25' up by Phil (who also demanded beer - Mercator's miserable Shepton Basset). AJ then tried again and after a fairly easy but bloody exposed climb reached his limit at about 120'. At this point the obvious way on was a tight vertical squeeze which was attempted but not passed (to be looked at next weekend). The "aven" consists of a huge, sloping rift about 60' long and on average 5' wide with stacks of ledges (Take a carrier bag along to put the hand and foot holds in).

On the way out AJ's light went out and he temporarily lost his teeth.

May.

Wednesday Slodge Pitt Dig May 1st - D G
inlet on left of sum. has small stream. May

4 June Christodell, Steve Wilson, Johnny Bull, Charles May
Photographic trip to Stoke 2. Removed bottles + tin cans from stream. The usual tins, etc.

10/6/72 Priddy Green Sink.

Purpose of trip was to light some slow burning fuse and thus produce lots of smoke. The party in Cows h (T.E.R. and R.P.)

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were to look for the smoke. The fuse was lit at the bottom of a very evil slippery hole just as a storm was starting on the surface. The cowsh party did not detect smoke because a sudden rush of water prevented them getting up the end passage.

10/6/72 Swildons to Swap 2 to Habency
cowsh from P.G.S. Some wash of
removed. rubbish also

Habency

10/6/72 SWILDONS 12 VICTORIA AVEN
A.R.Jarrett, P.Moody.

A.J. climbed Vic Aven to the point reached the previous weekend. The Aven was then laddered in two pitches of approx 50' and 35' (going up). The squeeze upwards was then tackled and an ascending canyon passage reached after a 10' crawl across the strike from the head of the pitch. The canyon/rift was followed for about 100' and a passage cutting across the strike was followed. This led, phreatitic tube typed tunnel led to a series of ascending and descending rifts and tubes. At the furthest point looked at an arch was found and a nice ~~black~~ ascending passage looked at. A small cairn was built and A.J. returned to the head of the pitch.

Pete then ~~climbed~~ climbed up and the ladder was re-rigged to avoid the squeeze. After Pete had had a look we rapidly departed leaving full exploration til next weekend.

There is at least 300' of new stuff here though it is all small stuff (so far). A couple of trickles of water sink in pools which does not reappear in 12 — so there may be hopes of a dry pass here.

A.R.Jarrett.

Ubley Warren Pot 11/6/72

Pete Moody, Tony Tanatt

Much digging in Pitre's Chamber, Nettle Series. Open rift with draught indicated. Needs bang (preferably)

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Suddens Hole - Cowsh Aven. 10/6/72.

Mervyn & Pyke, Reynolds to Cowsh Aven to have a look at Freds new series and also to see if it was possible to observe the smoke which was being created in Piddly Green Sink by Autrey's activities. The top of Good Meares Aven was duly reached and were comdening starting up the next bit when a dull rumbling sound was heard from above. Lo and behold a veritable torment did proceed to descend from Freds new series. The intrepid explorers did pause to watch the torrent for a full ten minutes before we decided that it would not be possible to continue. So we retreated to Bladde Pot and found that there was a torrent descending this as well. We then retreated down Bladde and back to the streamway and set off for the surface. En route we met Ian & Greg who had followed us down.

10/6/72

Jepson & Fulford followed Tim & Bob down as per above, but meeting them in P.R. proceeded straight out via Troubles. Collected 4 or 5 ancient soda-lime canisters found on down side of Surf I. 2½ lbs approx.

WESSEX Caving Club

11/6/72

Weegies & Goatheads
Chris + lenses.14th Sun. SLUDGE PIT

MASONRY + CARPENTRY SESSION.

M.W.Y., J.H., D.G.

11/6/72 Gave my valuable experience to NASA and went digging - Mason Farm Swallet. Ended up digging out 4 great buckets of cement for 7.0 to build ~~the~~ wall.

M.Jones.

16/6/72 Students 2 - P.Don to Sump 2 and then started scavenging. Filled a large rocket bag with assorted rubbish by the time I reached the surface. The dumping of carbide is getting really bad PM.

17/6/72 (4055) Sniffelons 12 - Vic Aven : Tony Jarrett, Tony Boyce, Ken James, Alwyn Cooper, Brian Woodward, Peter Moody.

All proceeded to 12 after replacing the mainly old line on Sump 9. Poor Climbed Vic Aven best Alwyn was defeated by the squeeze and had to return the streamway. After replacing the ladder on the top pitch, the previous ladder had a slipped rung near the top. We climbed up canyon/rift and at the top Ken took leave of us and went back to the surface with Alwyn. After searching around the passages at the top we proceeded along Declaration Rav to a junction. Brian & Tony (B) took the right turn while Tony (J) & Pete went straight on but the passage soon became very tight and then we heard Tony & Brian's voices so rather than push on we backed out & went round the way the others had gone. After passing through a chamber the passage developed into a comfortable flat out passage to another junction. Straight on lead into a large chamber with two cavers going off. All attempts to climb them were in vain. The left caving went via a canyon to a mud choke. We then began to move out and after Tony had a look down a passage at the head of the canyon/rift we all went proceeded to 12 and feasted on sardines.

and chalcocite. Back in Sullivans 2 we met the noble Shyan who helped to Shape
for us. P.M.

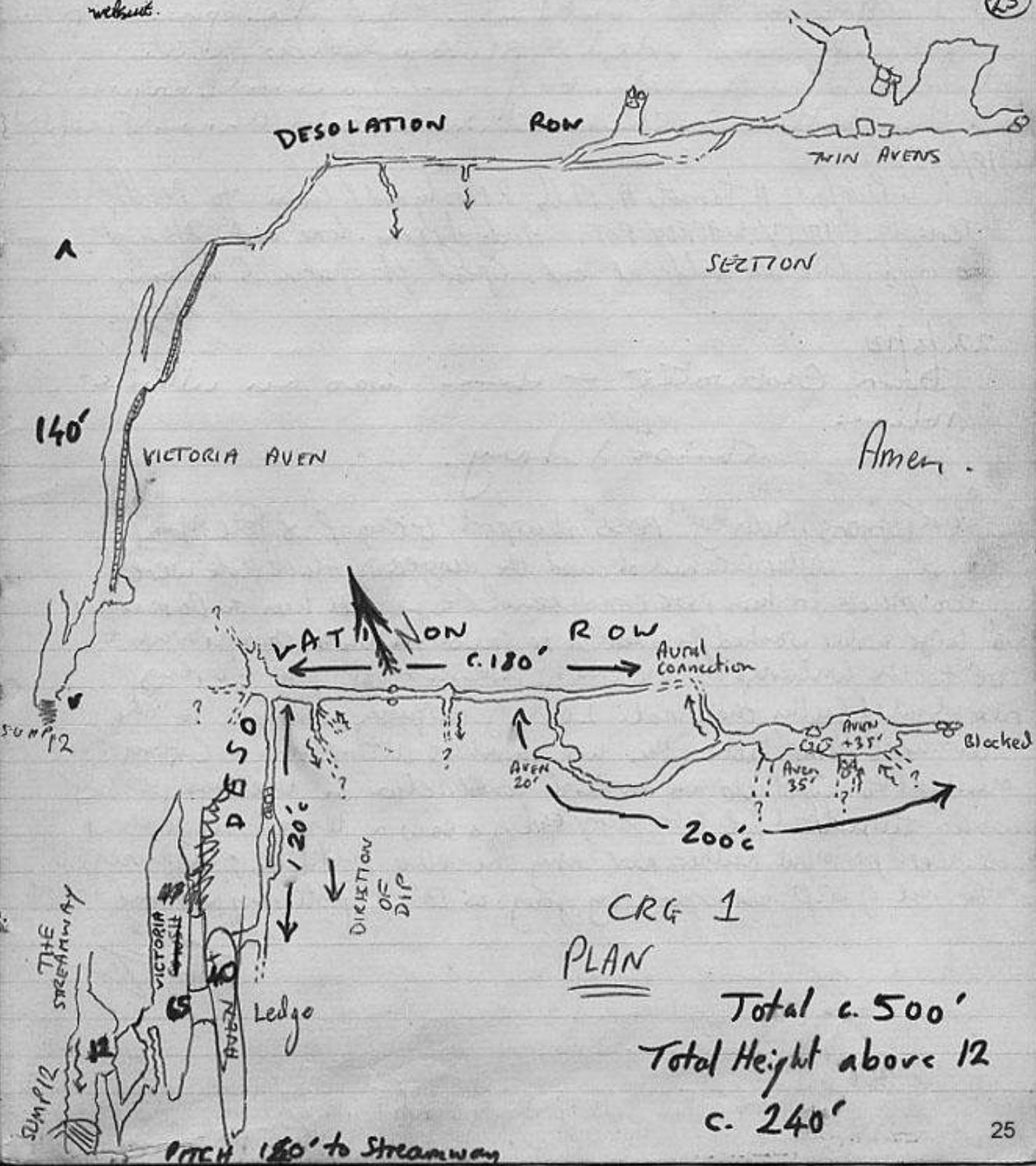
2 hrs - the flat out parts are similar to Shattock, the

New Passages, Victoria Aven

holes in the floor very tight but promising. The
avers are very loose but promising and the
whole loc. is guaranteed guaranteed to run a

walkout.

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17/6/72.

Not to be outdone by the epic trip overleaf we did sludgeto view the marvelous foot of mechanical engineering at the bottom. Chris Sherry, Paul Anna (part) chs

18/6/72

G. Pickford, A. Jarrett, A. Mills, P. Moody and P. Connell to Nettle series, UBLEY WARRIOR POT. Much digging done and 2 lbs of oomph laid on boulders at end. Open rift - just needs widening. T.R.

22/6/72

Down Gooptwater - there was an interior motive

Chris Sherry.

T Lyons, Aubrey "Moss" Newport, Greg F. & Pete Moody

After fate had decided the dangers of Black Hole were too much for him, we condensened to go with him to Rumburk's a "large water washed passage" he said, However this proved to be to the contrary. At the end of Rumburk both Greg & Greg negotiated fully the final 20ft of sloping passage to the terminal "Sump"; the other two members attempted it. Greg managed to negotiate an awkward contraction in the bad passage which turned out not to be surprised, & saw a ten foot deck ahead of him to but neither nor any one else felt like going along it. The rest of trip was spent by going to it & pottering around.

F. L.

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24/6/72. Doo-Sone Mines - Followed
the route of last time I'd lost it and
got lost. Got into sectors we hadn't
been to before. Many checks as the C.S.S.
for scrambling on the walls so disgusting.
Chris G.

25/6/72.

Surdons - Top of Black Holes to Garage
Passage then down to 2nd wash of.
Chris G.

25/6/72

John Ham, Rich. Law, Pete Moody, Adrian Anderson,
Surdon Hole

All four down to Sump I, then Pot & Rich to
10' working, and general mucking about. The purpose
of the trip was to prove that I HAVE NOT
given up caving. Rich Law

27/6/72.

had Mayors reception Bristol Exhibition
Caves and Caving - Attending D Ingle-Smith,
T Reynolds, Mr Dewdney, York, Tony Gillett, Hugh Pearson,
C Hawk's and Son, Rachel Crampton, John & Alexander
Newport, B.O.C.F.L. and Caving Press.
Saw the film, watched what happens when the
lodger goes caving with the landlady and
the B.E.C. being saved from a fall
worth their death.

30/6/72 Missed my beer copying this lot!

Richard.

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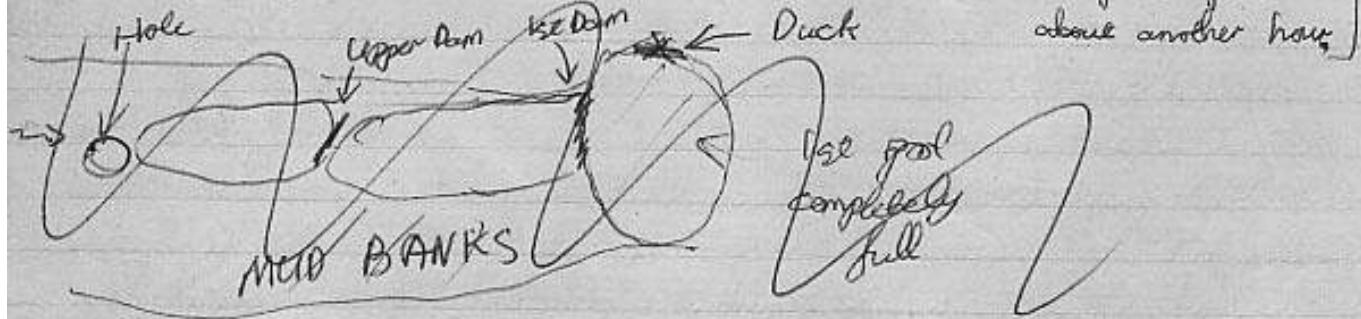
Friday 30th June SWILDONS I
Fester to Sump I & back. A.Jarrett, S.Thorne.

Sat 1st July NETTLE SERIES, UBLEY WARREN POT
3hr 20m DIGGING

J.Rat, S.Thorne, T.Tucker + 2, Al Bentley.

Fri 30th June SWILDONS - St Pauls Tim Lyons, Peter Moody
Went up to Damsons but found the second duck was
sumped so went down Mud Sump only to find the rd hole
just before the Sump was blocked so that the stream which
usually flows down it was now going on to fill the mud
sump. Effort Attempts to clear the blockage failed
so we came out

Sat 1st July SWILDONS - St Pauls Tim Lyons, Greg Pickford
Peter Moody. — Went to Mud Sump and found that
the pool was sumped. Spent about an hour trying to
clear the blockage ^{mechanical} above. Greg eventually cleared it
and we bailed the Mud Sump. Went on to have a look
at a dig at Damsons [and established an airspace after



Saturday 1st of July. - O.F.D II and III

Went up to Smiths Amway, entered car via Top Entrance.
Many GENTLEMEN PRESENT on trip.

7 hrs. - Sir said!

Red box

Sunday 4th July

Shatto Casem

A. Bentley

S. Thorne

A. Jamott

Festered around looking at pretties and
remains of helictites etc.

Ubley Warren Pot

More digging. Vast amounts of bony debris "

and still removed using a canvas bag & rope system.

2/7/72

7.30 p.m. P. Moody & G. Jepon rambled down Purdon's
to Sump II to justify the day's consumption of rations. Cave
fairly wet, & empty. off from $\frac{3}{4}$ hrs.

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6-7-72. Johnny Parkhouse (George Fauman) ambled down to Sump 2
+ back. George's first sump. Party of little boys who said "Ooh look! Divens!" did
much to boost our ego!

6-7-72. Chris' + Faith Ward. down as far
as 20' to give some practice in the
pitch out Dryways. $2\frac{1}{2}$ hrs.

Swildons 12

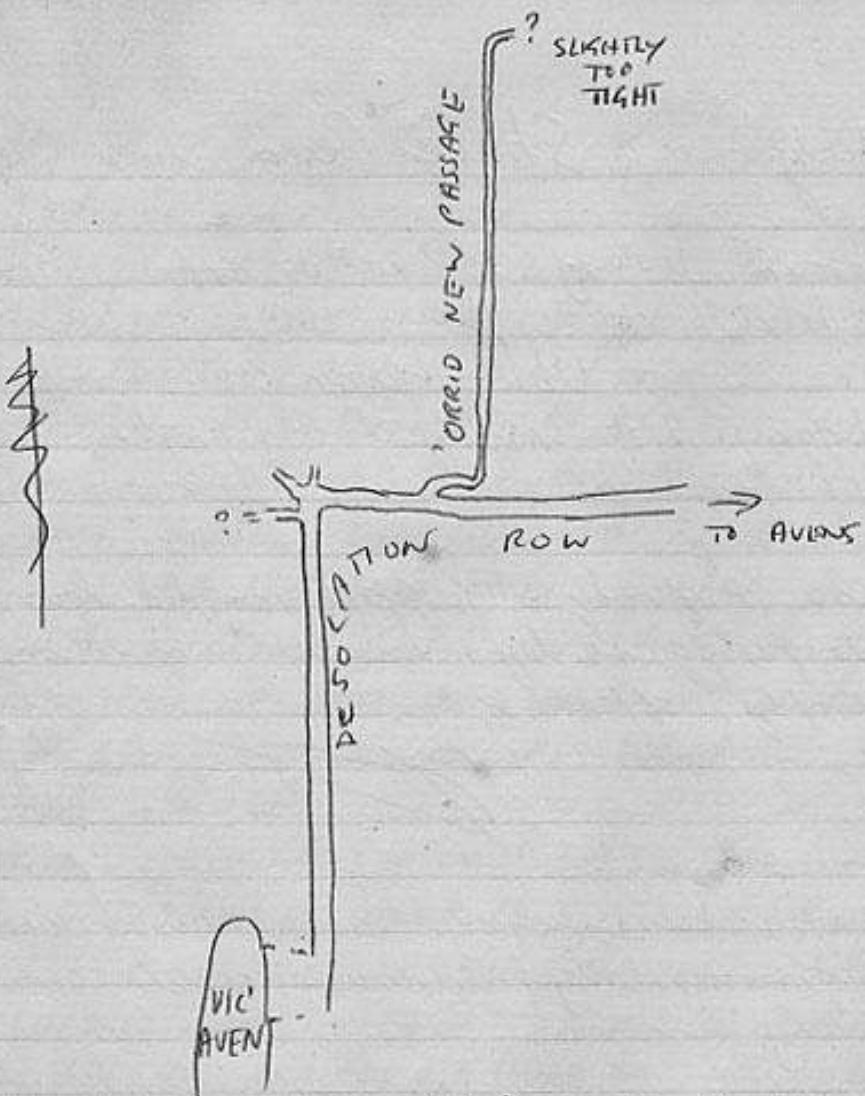
Chris' +
Julian Wafford, Pete Moody, Tony Jamott
(plus ^{to} 0cc) (^{to} 3) (Mike, Chris Gledhill)

(going up at a steep angle with tight but at end - not payed)
150' of vicious passages found in new series (see plan). The
aven at the end was climbed to a dangerous boulder fall
with a view into a large chamber (or passage?) beyond - 30'
long 15' diameter. This could not be entered but should
possibly yield next trip.

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PLAN OVER
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9/7/72 Simlons 4 - Julian Peng, Rich Barron & Pete Morley. Looked at static sump at the end of Birthday Passage.

8/7/72. Messrs Lyke Jepson Jones Head Hart Rickford Lyons & Parkhouse went through Tunnel Cave into the show cave. We then went up the streamway of OFD I : most sparkling.

9/7/72 - Lyons Rickford Parkhouse - went to look at Column Hall in OFD II.

10/7/72.

Chris & Johnny Parkhouse Rog Farmer + Hembister
of Kingswood School (L.S.Campbell + Ian Campbell)
Tourist trip to Sump 1. Barnes loop
& Trabs.

Chris C.

Reads in and out in 10 mins basked in sunshine
2 hrs

15/7/72 Chris G.

15/7/72 Sirdons Roger Pickford & Pete Moody to 12, Rich Barnhouse freediving to 9. - Met the Shyton in 7 and exchanged pleasantries. After Greg had a quick look around 12 we returned to 9 and ^{then} proceeded back. We took along a rocket bag to take out old diving line, bags wire etc which was lying around. Also ferried a large quantity of lead which the Shyton had used (they were out via Pump Link) from 5 back to 2. Rich lost his mask in the middle of Sump 3. P.M.

Old line from Sump 9 ^{it} was measured later & found to be 106 ft long.

Sirdons - Viscosity in unwilling trip, defeated (temporarily) by an uphill squeeze from a puddle. 2 hrs 15/7/72 Chris G.

16/7/72 Sirdons Julian Perse & Pete Moody - Down to Sump 2 and then came up without lights, met our other party just below Barnes loop and only used our lights at the top of the 20 m change over ladder. Only awkward bits were ^{the} bouldery slope before Sump 1 and the climb out of the inclined reef.

17/7/72 Cachos - Mark II Dig Roger Robinson, Greg Pickford, Mr Nigel (Taylor), Peter Moody
~~After Mr Nigel had~~ After Mr Nigel had inspected Turp Square from a distance he went off to the surface muttering about Wessex conspiracies all trying to ensnare him on the depths of C.C. Rog

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day at the Mk. I dig while Greg and Pete cleared a lot of bony debris from which was obscuring the passage. A fine piece of "dry" stone walling by Greg allowed quite a lot of debris to be stacked before slurry squeeze. P.M.

18/7/72 Se Cuthberts - 2 & Coral Series - Roy Bennett, Mick Jordan, Tim Darston BEC SMCC BEC
Roger Robinson, ^{Indep.} Greg Pickford, Peter Moody ^{WCC} ^{WCC}
- Digging trip to 2 was charged for our benefit on a course trip
- very pleasant BEC WCC / BEC

19/7/72 G.B. Cavern - Tony Tucker, Mr Nigel, Greg Pickford, Peter Moody
Very nice trip except that the squeeze in the shore way to the George went very, very evil & an attempt to find Great Chamber on our way back from Bat Passage ended in total failure - loose boulders in the Boulder Ruckle put the shits up everyone. here here!!!

20/7/72

Roy Robinson + Pete Moody
+ ~~P~~ Greg Pickford + Rob Harper

Black Hole to the bottom.
and around a thing
of outstanding interest
hence to Muddy River
Rift (Vol. 8 supplement to July
1985) - Roy Robinson cracked
out* of the descent - others
declared it and its
streamway a real
*The only sensible one in the party!

collectors item or
must for all cave rooms
Thence to the 2nd Balde
Choke in Black Hole

RR distinguished self
by falling off 10' overhang
on way back otherwise
uneventful.

45 lbs.

RCAH

21/7/72 Dug with Mr Nigel at the BEC dig in the right
hand choke at the bottom of Ninebarrows P.M.

Preview to last weekend! Sat. 15th July 1972 had Rich Gordon & Roy Robinson did visit that
hard cave of Mendip, the dreaded - "Goatchurch,"
without candles. A quite enjoyable trip the ledges,
carbides make pretty lights but smell awful!
Roy 'nicked' safety "cordwax" a torch from the
leader of a party to find his-way on - for this
the leader then followed Roy around the
"What's the name of the place?" chamber above the
boulders chamber - trying to make sure
to get his torch back. Much pestering by
Roy & Rich but on returning to the surface
after about 7 hr had walking and climbing
as "ROPE" on the way got a nice
do!! (not small boy) was found waiting
at the entrance for a party to descend.
about 1½ hrs underground York!

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8th July. 1972. - Southern Sommet.

John Han, Rich Law, Mr. Nigel + many others.

A gentlemen's caving trip, led by Mr. Nigel to Southern Sommet. In the morning we went to Hobwell Cave and spent a pleasant hour crawling around small passages. In the afternoon we got out somewhere south of Taunton, and by sheer chance found our way to to Quaking House Cave near Melcombe. This is a very interesting cave in what must be Triassic Conglomerate, the perfect place for a besser press-up. After this cave returned to Cannington Farm Inn for a very enjoyable night with Mr. Nigel as host.

Rich Law

Sat 22nd July. SWILTONS 12. Pete Bloody, Tony Jarrett
Ths 50m

Went to Desolation Row, did some climbing & digging - found nothing - still can't get into chamber. Sat pissed off and came out. Don't much feel like going back again.

Sat 22 July Sludge Pit, Nine Barrows
a question to pass the time
Mr. Chois & Charlie Thor

Sun 23 July Swiltons attempted to get into Shatter light failure at top of pitch came down by means of free climbing the 40' as far down.

Choir Charlie

28/7/72

Bob Jasper & Julian
Penger → Swallow's G.
 north in cut to
 climb areas.

area I

in a a end of 8 by-pass
 up over muddy bank
 for ~ 20' can see passage
 going off in bedding plane
 if cat get in

passage in bedding plane

88

latch tube

8

A



Aver 2.

Just do upstream of 88
Climb up for 40-50' into
roof of streamway reveals
a passage - 6' x 3'
going up at $\approx 45^\circ$ as
far as the wife cell
can see. In order to
climb this to use
the terminology a "bold
step" is needed. It is
a jammed (?) boulder
as follows: ~~it~~ ^{is} jammed
~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~out~~ ^{out} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~out~~ ^{out}
into the stream before
said move is made the
practiced i.e.
A step is required
a lot of mud and
very many loose boulders
present

lot of wedge in cave
otherwise uneventful
4½ hrs.

DMM

23/7/72 Swildor party of 2 Clive Churchill & Mike R O'Gorman to Black Hole, stopped en route at Camp 1 to try out Gyalume, chemical light, successful about as good as a candle, advantages, you can dive a sump with it, it won't blow out, it last for 3 hrs strong light, and 24 hrs afterglow marker light. Is amazing what you see with it, some people look good with a lime green luminescent ear!

23/7/72.

Pridford, Yipson, MacCormack & Stead to N.W. Stream Passage in Purdon's Hole, even hunting. Many were found, of great variety & some of great interest. All loose or crushed. We shall return sometime, when we won't think of an excuse not to. Main items of interest are an oven on the left, about 100' from entrance pitch, going upstream, and the ovens in the cross rift in Heaven and Hell. 4½ hr.

24/7/72

Rob Harper + Greg Pickford
→ Stoke Lane, ostensibly
a tourist tip - got lost

@ finding Stoke Bottom Farm,

(B) in n Diesel
(C) in r sump)

eventually got into
 Smoke T and had a
 look around the
 Chambers - Came across
 "Old" Sand Chamber
 & small inlet stream
 which according to
 survey and practice
 goes to just downstream
 of Lump T - however
 this followed upstream
 in right way it was
 found to be blocked
 with boulders.
 On removal of said
 boulders the stream
 was followed thru
 several ducks and a
 right right all with
 small air space we
 found (?) ~ 15-600' of
 stream passage + another
 parallel stream - real.
 People had been
 there before us and
 there were 4-5
 active dogs, presumably
 these same people had
 deliberately blocked
 the entrance & supposedly
 to dissuade ~~anyone~~
 from entry

~~trip~~
Report uneventful

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1/ Apart from getting lost
from each other as G.P.
started back from
Chambers whilst RH
went on ahead and
the to camp eventually
after long distance
driving contact was
reestablished and
we emitted rapidly

$3\frac{3}{4}$ hrs.

R.H.

P.S.: - 18/9/72 - excursion found by Avd C.G.
Nov. 1971 - annual conference to Sydney Cray
see Belfry Bulletin March 62 R.H.

25/7/72.

Rob Harper +
G. Rickford +
Adrian van de Plaen

Somewhat up to Sump
in Sudans for
benefit of A.D.P. - under
enjoyable - 2 hrs.

R.H.

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28.7.72.

M Hewins & Thomas & M Savage (Guest)
Visited scenes of former ~~old~~ glacial
Swildens to Barnard Loop. 2 hrs.

27/7/72.

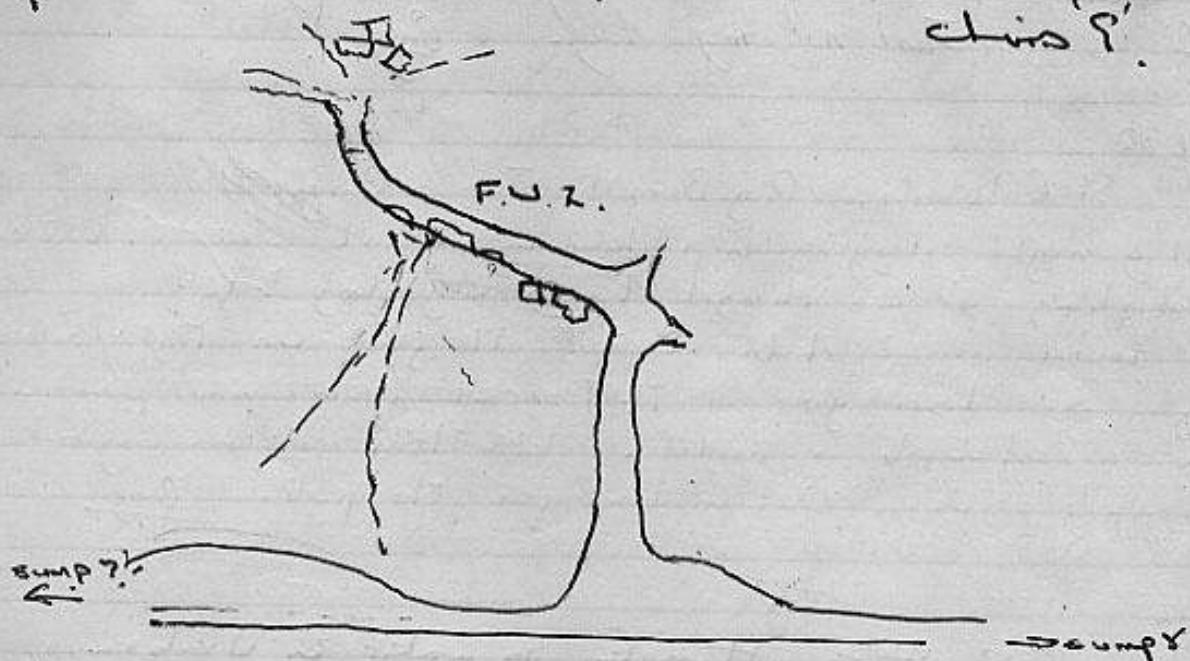
Swildens Black hole. with the Friday night
caving club. GP John Clive, Howard. - Don't do
the first boulders choke. everybody was impressed by
the formations. and after the pub.

30 - 7. 72.

Swildens - Tony Janat, Pete Moody, Julian Penge
Chris Glashill. Accompanied Fred & Charles Ross
and Geoff Joyce to Troutman where they went off
to Combe. Camed on through to q.
Pete & Tony went on through q to look at
air spaces. Julian & Chris went back to
& to look at the over of last
weathered. climbed up and pulled vast
amounts of rubbish into streamway. We
then waded a short way out to small
chamber. On ~~the~~ land side we noticed
a small rising area after moving
a small amount of mud & stones we
gained access to a very loose tube
which goes up to a stal bank. To
the right of the bank it comes in
rising through what appears to be more
passage but which is taken by unstable
boulders, to left more comes out but
right. access nose from the chamber

-before the wave.

this?



1/8/72.

Swildens Round Trip. Greg. Adrian Vonder
Clark.

The trip was uneventful with all the ducks flying low, until we reached the twenty on our way out. Here we found that no ladder was in position. I climbed the twenty and upon reaching the top found both our ladder and lifeline missing. Fortunately I caught up with another party and was able to borrow their ladder to get Adrian up the twenty. I then left Adrian with the other party and came out in great haste to try and find the ladder thieves. They had gone when I reached the green and since the gear had not been left with Mr. Main nor was it in the barn. And since I had a description of the possible culprits. I went to the Belvoir to phone the law. During my conversation with the local sheriff the telephone line was cut by

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lightening. This gone me a bit of a fright and
Jack said he could see sparks coming out of my
ears!!! Just not my day. Greg.

1/8/72.

St Catharines. Roy Bennett Jim - Greg

Tuesday night digging trip however as we were a little
late starting it was changed to a mappaking trip.
We looked at 2 holes in 2. The first was tight and
muddy and didn't go. The second looks more promising
however a shovel is needed. We then made our way out,
via mapple series. Out in time for the pub. Greg.

5/8/72

Swindons - Shatter attempt, no water in tube,
got as far as Pirate Chamber and up to Bat Dig.
Should have gone on through a wet sewer.
Charlie Ross Chris Gablehill.

5/8/72 Jojo (Chezch Hitchhiker!), Phil Collett, J. Rat
To Swindons 2. Pete Moody, Greg Pilkford

Took plastic pipe down to muddy swamp. Pat Cronin,
Then Pete and Greg onto Vicarage to look at Hwy passage.

6/8/72. Shatter Series Went through the sewer mentioned.
5/8/72. Most enjoyable, The Wet Squeezes & ducks. Not as
bad as people make out. Went down pot on the left after
a causes Calamity goes down 30'-40'. Could be a dry IF
there was somewhere to put the spoil.

Charlie Ross - Pete Moody

6/3/72 Richard Law, Tim Lyons, & Julian Penge.
SWILTON'S HOLE.

Our intention was to free dive to 9' and then try and push F.U.2 where I left it ^{with them} last week. Unfortunately Tim didn't want to free dive Sump 3 since he said he felt sick from the night before Rich and then decided to go to Sump 4 and, perhaps dive muck from Coast Avon after seeing the muck in Swilton's 11. After we decided to return to T.T who was waiting in the old factory. On the trip back we climb to the top of the old factory. Time taken $2\frac{3}{4}$ hrs.

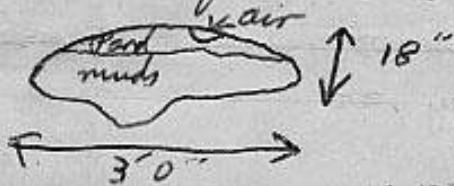
J.P.

6/8/72.

Examiner Pickford a section to vicarage Passage, Swilton's, crossing passages on right, approaching Vic. Pot 1. Some 50' before Pot. Ascending passage for about 30' from Vic. Pass. to arcn - very tight. Self got up some 10' then descended - "encouraged" Greg who got up some 18' to point where it ceased to go. Greg then forced a folding plane type squeeze dove & to the right of the arcn, with rock roof & mud floor, upwards at about 30° for about 20' before it became too tight. Further progress might be possible with an extending tool.

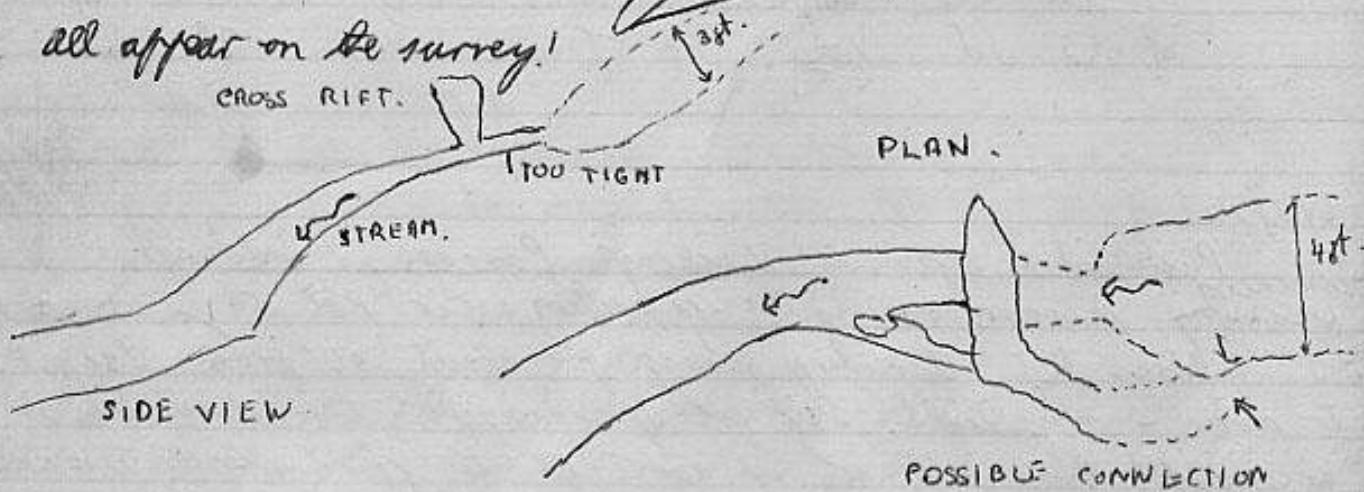
2.

Some 100' before Vic. Pot. Self faded passage ascending at about 30° - 35° for approx. 50' - 60' to a point where it closed at as distinct mud bad with a sandy upper layer. Digible, but looks as if it might be closed for some way. Passage section. Grade 0



3. Pove 120' before Vic. Pot. again ascending it at about 30° - 35° for some 80'-90'. Average section about 3'0" x 2'0", at the top and it became much tighter, Greg removed a few stones to reach, via a very tight squeeze, through an 8" cross rift from which he could see on over a lip, through an impassable squeeze into a rather larger 4' x 3' passage continuing on as far as he could see. Needs bailing! Any chambers which follow are Mr. Pickford's. Water low, were crowded with twits who were most startled when Greg fell off the 20' + landed among them. Once more carried rope & fags which were not used. 4 hrs.

P.S. all appear on the survey!



9/8/72 Swildons 4 - Rich how, Plan (Satanic) Mills, Peter Moody.

Down the streamway measuring the sumps to the nearest inch:
 Sump 1 - 3ft, Sump 2 - 25ft 5 inches, Sump 3 - 3ft 9 inches, In wet weather Sump 1 will probably be about 6 inches longer. Going towards Sump 4 we found a Swildons stream size river of farm effluent (cow shit) entering from Cowsh Aven. The air downstream was singularly lacking in oxygen and Sump 4 was a sight to behold. Plans to measure the sumps further downstream were abandoned and we made our way out.

Back at Priddy Green we saw a black and orange Reliant parked there, the owners of which were strongly suspected of stealing tackle (see 1/8/72). After looking through their car for any Wessex tackle we went back down Smeedons to the 20' to see what ladder they were using. We found an unlabelled ladder with no club markings so lacking any evidence with which to challenge them we returned to Priddy Green. We then decided to try and trap them so off down Smeedons we went again. The plan was to leave a Wessex ladder at the 20' and then wait back at the cars to see if they would remove the ladder. Unfortunately we met the suspects who were already on their way out of the Water Chamber, so after letting them pass us we hurried out by the Shore Dry Way and arrived back at Priddy Green.

The proceedings then began to become more like a cross between a James Bond movie and a Brian Rix farce when *Tock Mr arrived in the Bat Mobile with a powerful pair of binoculars, hearing a ladder plainly visible on the front seat of Al's car we retired to the New Inn and awaited the arrival of the suspects. Unfortunately who should arrive but the police, leaving his car parked near the others he went into the farm to talk with the farmer. He left the suspects arrived and after looking at Al's car and the police van they went into the barn to change.

Obviously they were not going to try and steal anything while the police were there so we drove round to the farm to ask the police to go away. At this moment the policeman returned so we drove back to the New Inn and watched the police drive away. The "owners" then came down from the barn but were now probably very suspicious, any way they declined to take the bait and after employing their spent carbile on the Green they drove off.

We shall have to trap them next time. P.M.

Friday 11th August. In Hennin and
P. Dale. Gentle patter round swildon to
20 ft.

12-8-72.

Ogof-Cyl-Yr-Ychen.

John Jones, Mike Evans + 2 after signing
to form of from abstaining Quarry owners of any
responsibility for our safety we descended above cave.
Finally found a passage described in Caves of Wales
and Flashes. It was supposed to be the main passage. The
mud was extremely glutinous after the wet weather.

A strong line present enabled us to get out very
easily. A strong smell of spent diesel fumes pervaded
the cave.

Dolmen.

Rick Law + 2 GENTLEMEN - 11 August.

A very enjoyable gentlemen trip to Langport
and Tiverton. Arrived back at Huntley for
a long drinky beer-water extremely low.
2 hours.

Rick Law

13/8/72 Julian Reinge. Tim ~~Reinge~~ Charles Moss

- Swildon's Hole. - Shatter Series

Had a quick look at Roche and Shatter
Chambers and then went down to Sump 2. To
with the muck of Time Taken 4 hours

18th Aug. J. Rat, P. Moody, Pete Spokes-Rhal, ~~Bob~~ Bob Mayhew, Al Mills, Titch Thompson etc had a look at mineshaft at Ether Hill. Descended one of 40; couldn't find All Eight Mine.

19/8/72 Suddons 12 - Tony Jarrett, Baaza (from Australia), Jeff Phillips, Pete Moody.

A digging trip to the end of Desolation Row/Baaza freezing & 9) quickly terminated. At Tony's insistence we all 4, Suddons 5 & 6 were extremely grim, even at 6 Tony and Baaza decided to go out. Jeff who had not been to 12 before wanted to go on so Jeff and myself proceeded to 12 and looked (from the bottom) at a couple of areas. The trip was notable only for the amount of equipment found by Jeff in Sump 3. It has been decided to rename Sump 4 Sump 4. - really grim bad.

19/8/72.

North Hill. a quick stretch - bottom of number - plank and out.

et is 9. Brian G

19.8.72

Stoke Lane - B. 9 + H. MC 7.30 - 10.30 pm Enjoyable trip despite freezing almost to death with inadequate clothing. Brax had to use bang to get through the nutting grater! Found way easily through Sump I ~~&~~ II going through the chambers on the way down and up the streamway coming out. Formations still quite impressive but can be seen split by increasing amounts of carbide and chondritic wrappes.

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20.8.72

Pine tree Pot. B.G + 4

Quick ~~recce~~ look at Easy Street & other interesting passages Brian G.

Vicarage Passage dig. Swildes Hole. Sat 19/8/72.
Phil Davies Ian Jepson. Eog. Pickford - This was our first bouldering trip at this site. 4 hrs lead by Phil and deteriorated with a staggering thump - gams hanging about in Vicarage passage - made a quick retreat necessary. A very good trip approx 4 hrs.

Vicarage Passage dig. Sun 20/8/72.

Pete Moody Rob Harper Eog Pickford.

A quick trip to see if the gams had cleared and to inspect the damage done to the squeeze.

The gams was still apparent but not enough to worry about. The Saturday's bony has shattered the squeeze by about 7 ins.

Pete and I moved what loose debris we could then we all made a fast exit. Rat without a light again! Approx 3 hrs.

20/8/72

Rob Harper.

Solo Bent Trip
cleaned up shith piles
~~at top of Shadwell
Pots ~ Di Landing~~

otherwise uneventful

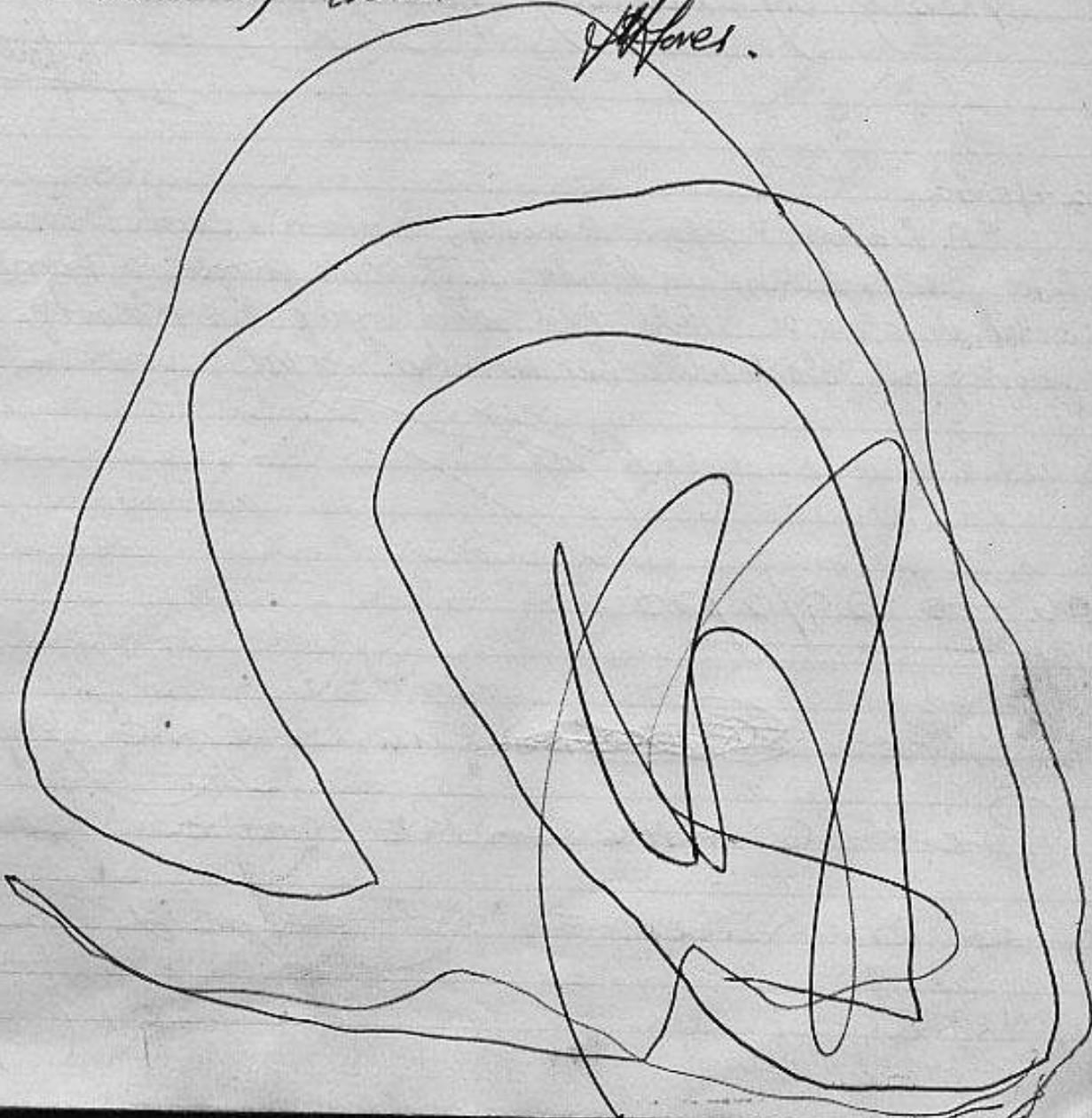
1 3/4 hrs.

Dox

20/6/72

Helped various members of the forthcoming Spanish expedition & others to make what it seemed Miles & Miles of ladder.

~~affairs.~~



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26-8-72

Phil Davies, Job Jones to Vicarage Passage to
bang a bit more of the obstruction in Vicarage
Passage Dig (see last weekend's note). 4½lb of
bang laid with satisfactory explosion. We didn't wait
to see where or if the fumes went anywhere. Rapid
exit to streamway. We both suffered headaches from
fumes of last weekend. Slow exit to surface. Duck i
waist deep. Sump one just a duck under. Cave
extremely dry and very sparsely populated. Time after

Job Jones

27/8/72.

P. Davies, J. Jeffson, P. Moody, G. alam & Sarah Davies to
Ramb Leir & down main Blanfer Pitch. The younger 2 Davies
looked at C.O.F.W. while Phil watched myself & Mr Moody
frigging out about with our descendents. 2 Ds.

ZJ

26 → 29/8/72.

~~Ron~~ ~~John~~ Tim + Grey

Pickford + Rob tape.

→ S. Wales. - stayed @

WSG.

Sat. - Pesta-yr-Ogof - 10 mins (?)
 many females in cave
 lot of time spent
 festering in pools.
Out side.

Sun. - Dan-Yr-Ogof - despite
 asking for a trip
 to Fawr Fach only got
 as far as Wally Bay
 as guide did not
 believe we would
 make it - result
 was that we saw a
 lot of side passage
 that is normally missed
 & very enjoyable - This has
 hardened veteran of Dan-Yr-Ogof
 etc!) has a fine ~~view~~ view
 lake while climbing
 Dinas Rock T.T. fell off & up.

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he meant to do from the
→ OFD II however got
diverted → USG dg (There
then managed by getting
a numerical series of
his to get very Dingley
waste & slab of plaster
On a side ridge which
was the abandoned
for a large meal.

Tues.: Did OFD II
waterfall series
~~down~~ Tim suffered
what he described as
a VERY SKINNY FALL. - This involved
a 90° backward rotation
about his hips in a rift
followed by a rapid
descent thus depositing
TJ O his back down
floor in all forms

position & Gia didn't
look skilful)-

very disagreeable we.
Thoroughly recommended
to those who can stand
96 hrs of T.T.

RCH

P.S.: T. in was heard to
= much the one unprepared
~~thank you~~ take high

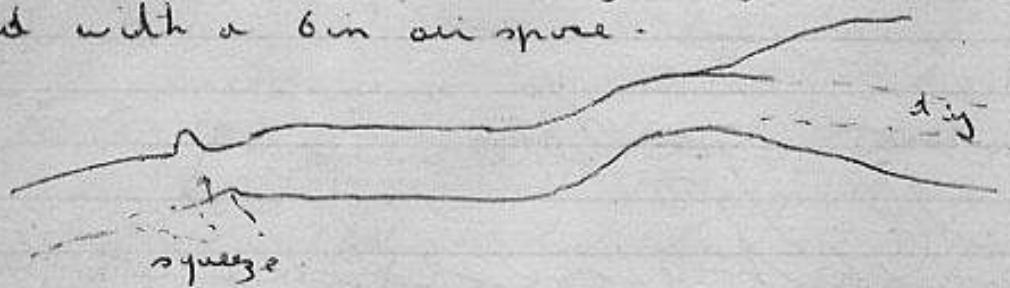
WED. 6th September.

Pit Sump to lay concrete in dam.

Sunday 3 Sept.

Phil Davies, Greg P.L. Vining passing dry
in Sullers hole. After much clearing and hammer
and chisel work I was able to make the squeeze, "Greg
squeze" just! The passage beyond is of a similar
size to the approach to the squeeze and it

leaves too light. After about 35 ft however the end is now an easy dig in loose soil and mixed with a 6 in air space.



At the present end the passing width to start 15 ft
at lower soon height.

After a light failure forced me to retreat -
Phil and I made a leisurely exit from the cone
Trip $4\frac{1}{2}$ hrs. A very good trip.

AM - BW. MKE = EAST WEST R.

Swindlers

Tim Lyons, Julian Peng, Cay P to Sickleles
Then back to 8 to look at F U 2.
Julian and I climbed up to F U 2 and pushed
the boulder choke which led to another climbable
area. We then returned to the stream to
find Tim who was rediscovering 8. Slow Foster
out. Total 6 hrs.

Friday 8th

High & Dave Gordon
to Bladage Pit. Jumped layered
More concrete in dam, very
slow work.

Wed. 13th Sept R.G. / D.G. Shudge Pt.
More concreting v. slow work

WHO ELSE BUT THE B.E.C.
"Mr. Noyel!"

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MM

Down. Cuthberts with the B.E.C. and Shipton to work on Sump 2. Much bulking gone a reasonable air space and the damage caused by last weeks bulging was inspected. The underwater passage at the far end of the sump is now open for very small people and can be entered for about 7 feet at which point as it is constructed and since your head is now submerged you retreat rapidly.

Some clearing of rocks gravel and mud was done and Ray Bennet layed another charge. This was duly fired, the domes were hoisted and the party made a dawdling exit. Wexford members on the trip were Tim Lyons, Pete Moody and Greg P.

SUN 17th SEPT.

SLUDGE PIT

Two bags of sand to sump.

Hi.

17/9/72. Pete Moody Barry Wilkinson & Rog Robinson ~~success~~ ^{to} Damascus Hutchersons traps past the wege retreating to pub. Pete attempted to get to end of passage but his erratic moves put off Rog & Barry and a retreat was made picking up a party of 'lost' wege at the ~~Water~~ chumbers approx 2½ hrs. Rog.

20/9/72 Dave & Rick Gordon Concreting in Sludge Pit by candlelight. Both lights went down on way down fortunately we had previously left some candles at the Sump. Good progress was made, candle wax seemed to improve the mix.

August 72. Thompson, CIV Watson & J. Wedderburn (Moldywaps)
 To Doolin - Fishersstreet Pot from St. Caths,
 Poll-an-Ionian, Pollnagollum (Branch Passage Gallery)
 N.B. According to "Caves of N.W. Clare" (p. 20157) a 20'
 ladder is used for descent into Branch Passage from
 B.P.G. FOR 20' READ 30' - We found out the
 hard way!

21/9/72 T. Lyons, Bazzza - Cuckoo cleaves + general touristic
 type trip, both end dips viewed. Trips as enjoyable
 as could be expected in such a CAV 1 hr.

23/9/72 T. Lyons - Surdons - wet suit cleaning trip.
 to Sump II. Many weyes around our joints, etc.

23/9/72 St. Cuthberts 2 - Bob Craig, Mick Jordan, Phil Collett, Pete Hiscock, Tim Large, Pete Morley
 The sump was bailed out and the left-hand "passage" dug out; before the
 passage was banged I had a look in the sump with a bottle. The underwater
 passage at the end dips steeply to a constriction life in. After removing a plastic
 bucket which was firmly jammed in the constriction I dived again and could
 just insert half a bottle width into the way on, the rest of the passage is
 very heavily heavily silted - as a diving proposition Sump 2 can be written off
 until some way of digging it out is devised. The digging party were troubled
 by water coming back from 3 and filling the sump. After a successful
 being we all made for the surface 4 1/2 hrs P.M.

23-24-9-72. A. MILLS + B. WILKINSON.

SOBERING TRIP TO NORTH HILL ARTILLERY HUNTERS
 SHOT, BROUGHT OUT ODD ITEMS OF DIGGING EQUIPMENT
 - NOT MUCH AIR.

B.W.

(PS. SOMEBODY'S PINCHED THE DIVING SEALS FROM
 THE SET). Found

24/9/72 Sullions 12 Pat Cronin, Pete Moody

First diving trip for Pat, took gear to 12 ready for trip in a forenight's time to Desolation Rav. Measured sumps 4, 6, 7 & 8. lost All experience on the way back between 6 & 11 and broke the harness on one of the belays. P.M.

26/9/72 Goatchurch. Professor Hartman, Aubrey George, Gary Hayleton, Roy Robinson, Barry Wilkinson. Party baptised Goatchurch.

27/9/72. Eastwater

Roy Robinson + Barry Wilkinson did proceed to thrutch around in Eastwater visiting such diverse places as Dolphin pit, 1st & 2nd Rift Chambers, various odd tubes, Avens and Primrose Path. An excellent brew was had in the passage above dolphin pit.

5HRS.

23/9/72.

B.W.

Rob Harper and Greg P to S Wales.

We met Ian Tefau and John Jones at the SWEC and trudged off down OFDI. John and Ian took 2 parties on tourist trips and Rob and I went to have a look at Waterfall series. After several hours of fun looking at most of the small side passages including a real "Welsh squeeze".

We came out - via Colossal Passage. A very good trip of 4 hrs.

1/10/72 Shedge Pit Rich & Dame Gordon.

A very large boulder at the head of the pitch has moved considerably and is now perched precariously immediately above the descent. The rock which is at present supporting this boulder is breaking away from the wall and — it appears likely that the whole structure may collapse in the near future. This could prove disastrous if anyone was below it at the time.
What a f-----g nuisance !!

(Sept - Oct)

Aug.

Doolin - St Catherines Cave.

CLARE

Whilst spending 10 days in the area the writer could not help but to succumb to the siren call of the Doolin System. Accompanied by Mr James Shannon of Doolin & Miss Piogi Faughnan of Dublin he borrowed cycle lamps and all 3 accomplished a through trip in very low water. Pot descended on 40 yr old rope & good coast guard ladder and we hatched a lift sack from St Catherines on a donkey cart — very ethnic.

J.Rat.

also

N.B. Dr Jackson Pot & Hazel Mine	—	Derbyshire	J.Rat
also Cefn Coed & Bent Newydd Cave	—	Denbighshire	J.Rat
East Pool Mine	—	Cornwall	J.Sarge
Perkins Level (Snailbeach Mine)	—	Shropshire	J.Sarge

30/9/72 S. Wales L.N.R.C.-G P. Moody with the UBSS: Aldwyn Cooper, Adrian Wilkins, Carl?, Charlie?, Only Adrian and myself dived. After resurveying Sump Passage Adrian surveyed sump GA & GB (7) and found the way on, between GA & GB steadily going down*. When we returned to we found our boots and other gear missing. After a frantic few minutes with visions of coming up in wet-suit socks I remembered Satanic M was also in the cave that day, we soon found our boots filled with rocks and stood 7ft up in the roof.

1/10/72 Hepste Resurgence Caves Aldwyn Cooper & P Moody.

Dived Dived to 2 in very low water conditions. Aldwyn found the way on possibly right. Need the stream to develop before the sump. Don't know whether it's just an arbor or a separate streamway.

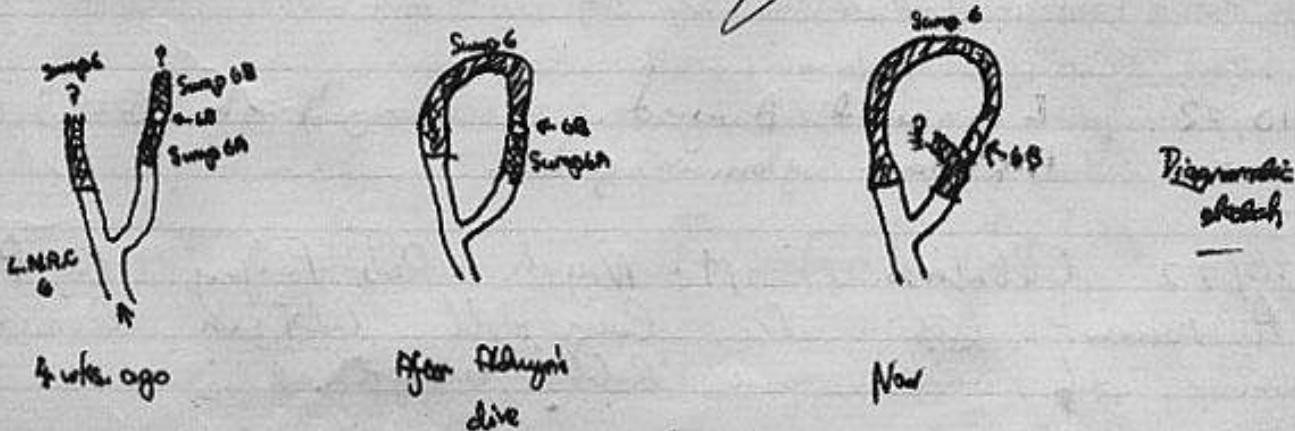
7/10/72.

Precious rescue in Swildens. From the bottom of Black Hole to the streamway. This was a short trip with Bob ^{2nd October} as victim and a George, Michael, Pete, Ray, M., and me as rescuers. A most interesting trip during which even the victim was seen to laugh, (or perhaps he was hysterical!) - Appar to us.

Craig P.

7/10/72

Didn't go diving. Did go for a walk however.



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7/10/72 Suidors 12 - Brian Woodward, Phil Collet, Bob Charder, Pete Moody
Slow trip down. We had to leave Phil behind in 4 when he had
light failure. Found Sodanic M's tape in Sump 6. In 12 we blasted a
passage across the 12 Sump Pool hopefully going to 13 but probably going
to Sump 12B. Brian investigated a sump beyond the Sump 11 pool
it were damn fairly deep but with no line red Brian had to return. It was
probably a connection with Sump 11.

8/10/72 Suidors 2 - Chris Gladhill, Pete Moody - scavenging from
Sump 2 etc. Terrible trips, no stream, hundreds of voices, carbids and litter
everywhere. We couldn't do much about the carbids as there was no water
to wash it off with. We did remove a rock bag full of rubbish however
and cleared up the ledge on Barnes Loop over the Inclined Rift
where some nice gentleman (or woman) had laid a large and smelly turd! -
which is now well distributed over Inclined Rift.

8/10/72 G. Pilkford, & Jeffson passed around in 9' water'.
Hole for a couple of hours.

14/10/72 Some have 4 , Allynn Cooper, Charles ?, Richard ?, Tessa ?, Pete Moody
Allynn & I were going to do a pushing trip but in 2 it was found Allyn's hood
had been lost somewhere in 1 so instead we walked our way down to Sump 4.
Both of us were amazed at the amount of work ~~water~~ still needed to be done
down there. Found the hood on the way out - 4 hrs

14/10/72 Longword August. Tony Tucker (BEC.)
Cog. P. A pleasant afternoon's fest.

15/10/72 Cuthberts. Mr Noyel. Pet Palyay. Cog P.
A tourist trip to Cow Holl. wtsh. During
Rumm and out via Rabbit Warren.

Oct 15/10/72 Smidgen Treadles Read Trip Pleasant trip - plenty of people, no water.

Peter Moody

17/10/72 Smidgen 12 - Desolation Row - Julian Walford & Peter Moody - Speedy trip to 12. then up Vic Aven to Desolation Row, found 20ft of unusually horrible passage on the way to the final chamber. Here we decided that Tony J. proposal to blow up the boulders in the roof in order to get into a chamber/passage seen by him on previous trips was just a cunning scheme to block off the final chamber for all time. So instead we excavated the boulder choke in the final reft. Within an hour we had discovered the way on (unusually small and horrid but with draft and scallops) unfortunately we could not get into it as a large boulder remained jammed in the rift although we could see over it and very nearly get through underneath. A large charge of bang was fired on the boulder and we returned to 12. ^{"single" boulders}

The bang of 7/10/72 had made the approach Cillit size so we laid a charge on the next constriction. Reached the surface after a 7hr trip. Both passages should go on the next trip. but where is anyone guess P.M.

P.S. Smidgen 5,6,7 were really evil from ~~down~~ liquid secreted from Crust Aven.

17:10:72 - Quick scrubble with three novices to Primrose Path to retrieve certain equipment - wonder how I knew where it was? C.R.V.D.

15th & 18th Oct. Sludge Pit,

Looking good.

Dave & Rich.

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20/10/72 - Shudge pit carry - R.D.C.

Pete Moody, Chis Cottill Martin Webster, Greg P.

Swillers to Pink Champer and Candy's Pulomity
Cave very dry and smelly. A "Silly" trip.

I backed out at top Overhang (g)

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21st Oct

Greg, Thelma and Fred Davies - Photo off by descended
+ others. Cave bottomed in about 20 hrs - a good bit slower
caving out, as Davies' jitters persisted in caving didn't
get us up all the pitch. One member of the party, who
got about $\frac{2}{3}$ of a bottle of Scotch 7 hours earlier
kept collapsing into drunken slumber between, and once, at
a pitch.

22nd October

Al Mills, Barry Wilkinson, Rog. Robinson
to Eastwater. Looked at over by dolphin
pitch about 60 ft high came out via
1st left sponger, and lower transect, passage
Path, Hellbypah Hole. Pleasant trip. 2 hrs underground

Greg P - to Yorkshire with the B.E.C. Doug Stucky
Dave Turner. Dave twin Mike? We did
the Providence - Dow Caves through trip a fairly
strenuous trip of 5½ hrs.

A Thompson, Ch M: McCombe, G. Vale Vicarage Pot - Harry
Parry, N.W.S.P. (a bit) Cave exceeding dry and divinely
odorous below the Vicarage!

22/10/72 Swilders - Desolation Row Brian Woodward & Pete Moody

In 12 Brian found that the flood bypass? or sump 12 reads another bang but prospects do not appear good. In the final chamber in Desolation Row instead of finding thousands of feet of new passage we found the boulder still blocking the way or and 3lbs of bang splattered around. As one stick was leaking nitro glycerine and still had the det in it care was used to collect up the charge and we fired this from a safe distance. Evidently only one of the two charges laid on 17/10 had gone off. After this disappointment we returned to the surface. Due to a smoke and general fog visibility was down to 6ft at the Farley 5th hr trip P.M.

5th November Swilders - Desolation Row Dave Yeandle & Pete Moody

Dave's light was fading by 12 but we managed to get to Desolation Row where we found the bang had done its work. While Dave conserved his lights I went on into the continuation. After several small inlets the passage got quite big 18" x 16" unfortunately a gravel choke blocked the way or about 150ft of new passage.

Back in 12 Dave went in to the flood bypass to place a charge and inadvertently passed the constriction into a nasty very tight inclined bedding plane. After a great deal of scratching & swearing Dave managed to get back into the approach passage. We fired the charge just for the sake of Tony Faubus and exited on only one light. P.M.

11. Nov. Swilders.

Entered passage in Vierunge. P.M. CP. and Rich, ~~Barnard~~ Barnhardt. This was to be a digging trip however twenty minutes digging showed that this passage is not a "goer". However the squeezes, on the way in and out provided much fun for all concerned. We then went on to NW stream to

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inspect the big Aeon and the downstream sump.
It was noted that the big Aeon has a heavy spray in wet weather which will make the proposed climbing difficult.

A good trip especially as there was a fair stream in the cave. EP.

4/11/72.

D. Tringham, Eric --, Terry --, Jepson, Pickford,
R & D Gordon to Bas-yr-Ogof - 3000' north -
St. Hand Series. Fairly wet - 9 hrs ~~me~~.

28-10-72

Parc Egles - night

Appy ^W Upper Knighton original intention being to go to Turkey light failure deamed early return, a fine trip.

29-10-72 Eglwys Faen - a certain long gentleman from the WCC couldn't negotiate certain beds. He sulked.

Chris G

17/11/72 Eastwater SCEG trip + Chris G Liddell to Dolphyn a slow but enjoyable trip ~~ff~~.

17/11/72 S.W. Idols - Pete Cousins + Colin Dinsley on tourist to ~~II~~ and out via Troubles - since when were there 5 mudumps to a round trip!

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18/11/72.

Swildons - seeq. Chris Gladhill down to Barnes and back + Phyllis trip to 2. a most enjoyable trip 3 hrs. Chrisq'

18/11/72.

+ C. Davies & R. Lewis.

Pidford + Jason paired numerous "Friday nights" on a though trip from OFD I to II - Top Entrance. Water surprisingly low despite much rain ~~now~~.

P.S. Ian Jason + Geoff came back via Nantynewel Inn. When Jason won a pint in my pub Daffys.

24/11/72. Due snowfall, team Dougerty + Roy D (13) Round trip start 8.30 am end 12 pm. "Snow rules".

25/11/72 Lyke at gentle solo hauler round trip. 1st trouble swiped - hauled to give 4" air space. Out via Most of upper series, returning graft + litter. 2 1/4 hrs. SB

27/11/72. Rhinogift

Al Mills, Glyn Holt, Roy Robinson, Barry Wilkinson. Interesting trip to the bottom using descenders + clogs, marred only by the facts that we ran out of cigarettes at the second pitch.

B.W.

2nd December Intending to go down Swildons I walked over to inspect the stream which was found to be up to the top of the second pipe a quick look inside the entrance revealed that a very exciting trip would be possible. Unfortunately (although wisely) Mr Main was refusing to let anyone go down. Meeting the HBSS on Piddly Green we decided to go to Longwood instead. A very big stream was going down and we found August Hole was completely impossible. The sound of the stream ($\times 2$ normal Swildons) going into Longwood Chamber could be heard long before we reached it. After Christmas Crawl the roar of the main stream

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Filled the air. We managed to get upstream on the crawl which approaches the bottom of the chimney to August; this was impossible. After some discussion three of us decided to go down Spring Pitch which we all found while the rest left for the surface. We found the pitch very snaking and the inclined passage down as the cross stream was a real maelstrom of water. We then went up to the Boulder Chambers before returning to the surface, an exciting exp.
- Andy Nichols; Graham? Tony Basye & other USGS; Pete Moody.

Dec. 3rd - Swildens to Sump I.

Ray Bennett, H. Brusby, John Kitcher + 1.

Effects of yesterday's rain obvious at many points, especially below Barnes Loop, evidenced by copious volumes of beer-like froth 3'-4' above water level at Sumps I + II.

Goughs Cave, T.Rat. P. Faupan and 3 others. Major expedition.

Swildens. Greg P.

A quick trip down to Sump 2 to meet the divers. gave a helping hand to a young SWTC lad who had wanted his shoulder.

Dec 10th Victor (Vic) Holland Woke to find someone above had passed themselves. Vic's comment He does not like this sort of wet trip. R.I.P.

10/12/72.

Spent a Pifford to a pleasantly wet Swildens with buckets for mud pump + a Sidcot Pig. Greg felt unwell, so we left 1 at mud pump + 1 at S.E. entry passage.
1/2 hr. arg

9/12/72 Swildons 12. - James Cobbold, Sub Submers, Pet Moody - First diving trip for Sub, one wet. Previous week floods had caused severe backfilling up of river down to 10-12'. Water ~~flowed~~ flooded over 10' bypass and Sump 11 bypass as water backed up to a depth of at least 30ft. Silt had been generally redistributed. P.M. - kind sharpening by Pegasus

10/12/72 Swildons Damascus - Beaman (Mac) MacCannus, Beazza, Pete Moody & others. Blew up passage in Damascus. Very satisfying bang.

10/12/72 Swildons - Went to Shattoo to collect a cramber for dry but found V tube from Oxford Chamber to Shattoo Passage sumped. Went up to Damascus to inspect effects of bang and found a large quantity of rock had been removed unfortunately most of it was in the form of dust and crystals which promptly got inside ones wet suit. After clearing away more debris decided it needs another charge to open up the access more. P Moody

15/12/72. SWILDONS - ROUND TRIP. BLUE-PENCIL

RICH BARNACOTT, RICH MITCHELL MIKE ROGER.

DASHED OF TO MUD STUMP FEELING HAPPY WITH LIFE, BUT WHEN WE SAW THAT IT WAS LIKE A PESTERING OXTAIL SOUP CHANGED OUR VIEWS. THE TROUBLES WERE TROUBLING, ESPECIALLY SINCE MIKE HAD CAUGHT HIS WET SUIT BY HIS NAUGHTY PARTS AND HAD RIPED THE PROWLT OF, GIVING US (MUCH TO OUR DELIGHTED TO SEE) A 'BIRDS EYE' VIEW OF A VERY SMALL AND MOLEO PAIR OF SWIMMING TRUNKS. NO BODY TOLD ME CAVING WAS SUCH GOOD FUN.

Rich Barnacott.

16/12/72 SWILDONS - SOUP TRIP.

UNADVENTURELL - BUT BLOODY COLD !!!

17/12/72 Swildons - Swine Puke round trip.
Pete Moody Julian Penye. Greg. Pickford
This trip must rate as one of the best trips

that Snidders has to offer it has some spotting climbs (esp. the 42' right) and two nice overhangs one of 35' and one of 60' ft into shelter chamber. This trip was enlivened by an epic struggle with 240ft of. Mslam which was untangled no fewer than four times until it was finally subdued by Pete. Approx 5 hrs.

21/12/72. Snidders. Silcox dig.

Pete Moody. Greg Pickford.

The object of this trip was to look at the Silcox dig we went to SE inlet via the arched sebou after inspecting the dig we returned to the oven just before the glat and could see little climbed this to find it leads through a vicious passage to a too tight oven and a too tight sump. Pete pushed the down stream end of this passage for twelve to fifteen feet to a choke this passage is very tight and is heavily stacked. After detaching the oven we made a rapid exit. Approx. 6 hrs.

9/12/72 - Intentions of visiting Chiod Quarry Cave, were thwarted since entrance is again blocked. But a new cave 18 feet up on the Northeast Face was entered. Length 20+, Main passage width 4', left hand offshoot consisting of boulders infilled in "a shaft, of 5' diameter, we decided to name it "Zulus Cave" - anyway its original!!.

Also about this time, I made a sortie to Chelms & Bath's Combe Quarries, in the latter a 6' dia. plectivi tube was revealed, but was -

- quarried away before Dave Green and myself could obtain official permission to carry out any exploration; it would pay to make a suitable agreement with the quarry co., so as to prepare for any possible future occasion.
 "Hi" Nigel [TAYLOR!]

15/12/72 - G.B.

Rick. Haw & John Ham + many GENTLEMAN + LADY! Very slow wander around the cave. The entrance to the Laddo Dig Series looks much the better with the laddo removed. - Should be an interesting climb. Out in time for Hunters.

Rick. Haw.

21/12/72 Escalator Having returned from Selside Dig, got changed and had a meal two gentlemen arrived from Eastwater to say that three of their party were stuck at the bottom of Mud Escalator. Greg and I went up down while the others went to alert MRO. We met the missing three at Dolphin Pitch, they having extricated themselves from the Escalator. Greg went out to stand down rescue while we moved slowly to surface, all alright but tired. Met Rick Haw, who helped with tackle near Baker's Chimney.

27/12/72 Fairy Cone - Hillions Cove.

Pete Polley, Nigel Taylor, Greg Pickford
 A mildly interesting trip enlivened only by my light failing 100ft in and the strong smell of broken limestone in one of the neckles.

15/20th December Sludge Pit

Rick + Dave Gordon Dame building assisted by Rick Bennett + Pete Gordon

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28th Dec Smithson - Deschutes River : Greg Pidford & Pete Moody.

Although no new passage was found it was a useful exp. We thoroughly examined the new stuff found on Nov. 5th - provisionally called the Deschutes Extension. The oven not looked at on above date became no tight after 6 ft and developed into a bedding plane 5" high. The downstream choke was scattered - it appears to open out again after about 6 ft but a few minutes digging, which showed the choke was of loose gravel about 5" thick above mud, convinced us it would be a very difficult dig because of the complete lack of working space. Another small side passage was investigated but it too was badly choked with mud and holds little promise. We then returned to the begin to make our way back to what had been the final chamber and but Greg noticed that a small inlet stream trend appeared to disappear in the floor. After a bit of digging a gaping hole was revealed down which stones bounded impression the bottom of which could not be seen. As digging progressed more and more of the floor over which we had crawled disappeared, unfortunately after the encroaching mud broke we had to give up with three large boulders blocking the way so these should yield with the help of a lump hammer. P.M.

31/12/72 - Searched House Tanes
Crosscut & Julian Range
 + Red Harpe - Found
Old Smoke II -
 looked at chambers, water cold uneven & full - $2\frac{1}{4}$ ins

11th Jan Smidors Damascus - Baraza, Stewart McNamee, P.M.

A double charge was laid in order to ease access - very impressive bang

12th Jan Smidors Damascus - P.M.

Inspected damage done by bang of 7/1/73, very successful - only a couple of feet to go to a pass about 4ft deep which will hopefully lead to bigger stuff.

~~12th~~ 13th Nine Barrows N.W.-York to inspect Mr Nigel dig being attacked by the Squeezers of Hartree and Chew, not a dig for a man sized man.

21/1/73.

Pickford - return to a pleasantly wet Wildon's to visit Black Hole Series via Old approach. Spent much time looking at caverns & dips in Abandon Hole, and looking at side passages off Old approach, so on reaching the 10' overhang we exited. approx 4 hrs. ~~nr~~

Pete Moody - Hey Pickford. to Longwood August. This was a fairly wet trip. Pete was effectively washed down the August chimney but I was unable to find the way out of the chimney so I came back up. and met Pete who had gone full circle we then descended Longwood and went through Christmas crawl into August. The rest of the trip was exciting a really wet trip in this system is ~~good~~ good.

31/1/73. Dave & Rich Gordon. in Nine Barrows System
We have managed to push Nigel Taylors dig for approximately another 20'. This cannot really be called a flat out crawl, it is more of a 20' squeeze! It is becoming exceedingly difficult to remove spoil and even harder to remove ourselves! The way on is visible and a sizeable stream can be heard. Aha! The N-H master system is in sight!!

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1st Feb Smildon Damascus - Banged again - Bawza, Mac, Pecc

3-2-73

5th trip around Dry Ways: down to Twenty
back out Wet Way. Cave very sparsely populated
by Homo Sapiens. The Dry Ways are absolutely
stinking with spent carbide sweet papers etc.
water condition bad.

John Barnes.

EASTWATER. B.W./R.R./AM + SMALL MORSEY BOY

Quick trip to bottom of cave on Dolfen rail-
small boy very ~~poor~~ morsey all way smacking
I hate you Mills no drought he requires a
large ~~mean~~ onion bottom of cage stumps
perhaps you fancy a thin Pete
P.M.

P.S.

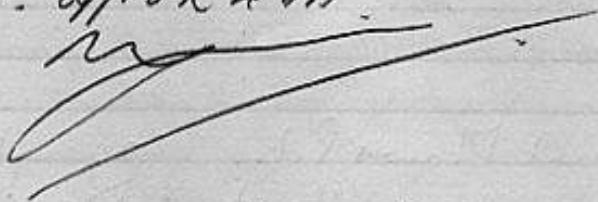
SMALL BOY FOR SALE
APPLY BATANIC "ONLY USED ONE"

4th Feb Smildon Damascus - Rich Gordon, Pete Moody

The bang of the 1st had done little damage, the way or at the
bottom of the pit could be seen - about 6" high, very disappanning.
4/2/73.

Pulford & Jepson to abandon Hope, to dig side
bedding plane to left of the flat out - squeeze at the end
Subsequently, about half-way up the original passage, Greg
removed a few rods & entered a passage about 3' wide
& 10' high. Went north? about 30' to fairly roomy
lambent with an early dug mud slab at the end.

Roots quite interesting. approx + m.



11th Feb. Gordon bros. Nine Barrows Swallet.

After considerable initial probing Nine Barrows terminal choke has finally succumbed to our advances. The final penetration was in the order of 100'.

The main streamway is regained after the very tight dig approx. 35'. The stream then follows a tight rift which eventually closes down into a rather tight and low choke.

10th Feb. Sullions 4 - Greg Pidford & Pete Moody

After a good look around some of the side passages in 4 a preliminary dive was done in Birthday Sump (a static sump above Sump 4). It descends steeply for about 8fe to a loose mud choke - worth another ~~test~~ dive with a bigger bole.

17 Feb 1973. Cuckoo Clefts Revisited

by Liz Jones & Hubley.

Top dig is as awkward as ever but bottom dig still shows promise.

17 Feb 1973 J.Rat & Sato Sulonen & Pete Moody

Woolley. Dived Sumps 1-9 (AJ, SS 1-3) (PN, SS 3-9)
After abortive 12 trip.

Amen.

(M4)

Hollowfield Swallow 18 Feb J. Rae & Moody
A miniature North Hill with as much promise - USA!

13/1/73. Part Mawr Pot. a photographic/digging trip. The so called Dead End on the left before the sump was scratched at yielding about 30ft the hole is composed of a grey/black silt. Could this be an 'ocean' type of passage trending towards the sump. Chris Gledhill, Phyll Fanning Andrew Webb, Barry Webb, Geoff Bell.

14/1/73 C.F.D. Reverse Through Trip - Top Entrance to Cwm Dwr. a bloody fine trip. Chris Gledhill, Phyll Fanning (Tony Boycott, Graham Terra MSS)

19/2/73. Bridge Cave, Pwll y Gd, White Lady Cave Town Drain, a wander down to Fechan valley in frozen conditions made possible a full look around of these caves. Chris Gledhill, Mer Keen, Jim Underwood.

20/2/73. Porth yr Ogof - Down for a swim in melt waters through the Resurgence. Enjoyed swim so much we went back again! AK. Excellent luminescent effects in mud when coming out.

24/2/73 — 01.30 silly trip to Sump 2. John Parkhoff took Tom Wilby, (Swansea Univ. CC) down to 2. Brian Van Derbank went as far as 30'. On the way back a sudden urge took us to rush out & see if there was anything left in the barrel back at the Wexx - and there was.

24/2/73. Sensible trip to G.B. with Swansea Univ. CC. Very pleasant, but I wish I'd remembered that the Ooze was choked before attempting to go through it. A wet good do

Parkhoff

24/2/72. 3rd day - Peter Moody Ching Ladhill.
 Went and had ^{look} at Muddy Swamp cubes and then
 on to Vicarage, attempted an aerial connection
 with Greg and Rich in Abandon Hope - no go as yet. On
 to Vicarage and Hairy passage - a most unpleasant
 place. Peter attempted to squeeze into the
 entrance. Back out doing a reverse Round
 Trip and a detour to suspect Shatter Cube
 which was swiped. approx 5 hrs. Chris'g

25 Sun.

AM. "Steve. Small Boy."

REVERSE TRIP AROUND TROUBLES. FAULT VISITED U.A. ROUTE
 SMALL BOYS FIRST. TIME AROUND HILLS. FIRST TIME THRU
 SUMP 1 HE WAS EXTREMELY "NACKED POOR BOY!"
 IT ONLY REMAINS FOR ME TO BUY HIM THE TRADITIONAL
 PINT OF BEER. UNFORTUNATELY WE ALL SO RETURNED VIA KENNYS DIS.
BATANIC M

24th Sat

G. Pickford & R. Gordon to Abandon
 Hope.

Had a police around in the hole in
 the floor immediately inside the new extension.
 Nothing much happened except for
 losing the crow bar in the mud.

Looked at Aven and met Seldon
 bringing a shovel on the way out.

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(Sundays)

25th Feb 1 Dave Yeandle, Pete Moody + 3 went to look at the GPIJ extension to Abandon Hope going in via Old Approach very impressed with prospects of dig in N. end of new passage, a little digging done. Bypass to Bold Step in O.A. passage is at least as encouraging as the Bold Step.

P.M

3rd March Pek Moody, & Rich Gordon & Rich Websell

To GPIJ extension in Abandon Hope.

Half an hour's digging in ~~is~~ ~~find~~ the N. end of New Passage we came out into a ~~Rift~~ which we did not cross because of excellent mud formations on the floor. The passage goes on for another 10' but we can't quite see if it choked up or not.

The passage is now extended another 20'

3rd of April Bob Bayatt, John Hill, Joe Roberts, Nye Barrows etc., trying to attend with both in as all a very good, then try last night? four tries to draw out of above part.

7th March Rich & Dave Gordon. Nine Barrows

After a couple of bangs at the inlet in the new extension we got through into about 20' of tight passage.

We were hoping for a cross rift

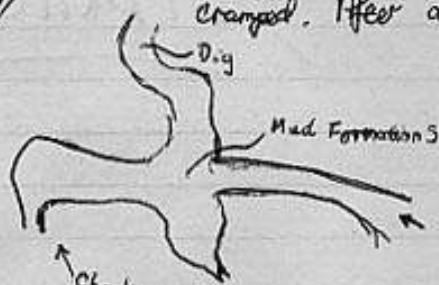
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which might enable us to bypass the terminal choke, but no luck.

The only alternative now is to attack the end choke which will mean a lot of extremely hard work.

10th March Swildon-Abandon Hope Dave & Rich Gordon, Peter Moody

After taking a couple of pictures of the mud formations discovered on the 3rd we made a thorough examination of the new passage. The left hand passage



choke and doesn't look very good. The passage straight on is choked solidly on the roof and is fed by a trickle of water which makes digging fairly hopeless. The right hand passage is choked to within a few inches of the roof but digging is easy although the position is rather cramped. After about an hour we exited muddy.

BLACK HOLE SWILDONS AM SB "SMALL BOY."

A QUICK TRIP we were hoping for
BUT SMALL BOY VERY SLOW. MUCH TWITTERING FROM
HIM, OH TRAVELER BUT HE DID GET ACROSS
EVENINGLY "WE HAVE NOW AWARDED HIM THE

C.D.M. and hope to award him
the "KICK UP THIS ARSE," at a later date.
in the hope it will speed him on his way

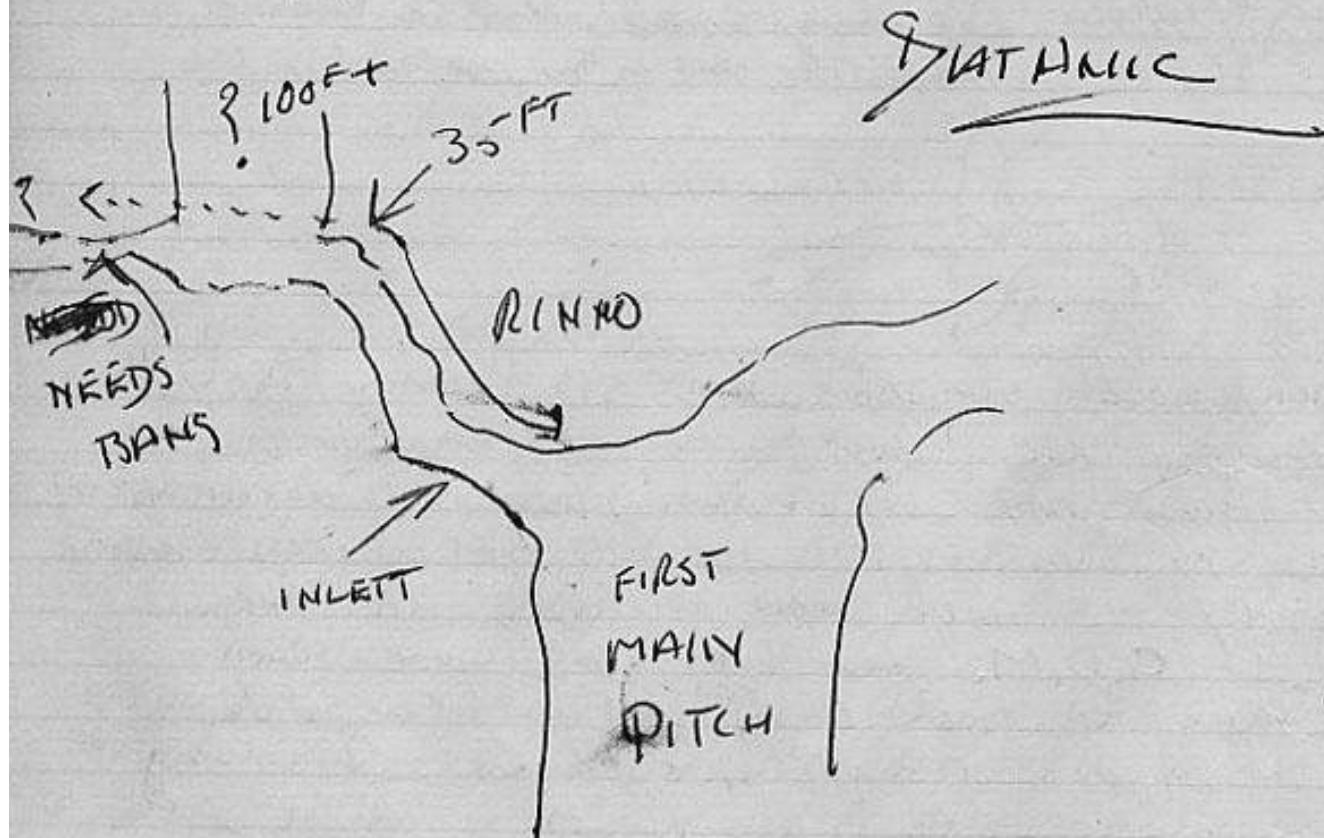
SPATANIC

WESSEX CAVE CLUB
LIBRARY

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SAT 17 RINCO RIFT = AM BW.R.R.

OBJECT TO ~~THE~~ CLIMB TRAVERSE ON FIRST PITCH THIS WAS CLIMBED FROM THE FIRST LEDGE, BY AM, FREE ROPE WAS LAID ACROSS AND LEFT IN CAVE. RR. CAME ACROSS FOLLOWED BY BW. PASSAGE WAS 35 FT LONG, NOW ~~REMOVED~~ NAMED "SATANIC WACK" AVON ABOVE SATANIC ~~WACK~~, PASSAGE WAS 100 FT + THERE IS NO ~~THE~~ PASSAGES OPPOSITE. FIRST PITCH A BEAM SUN COULD BY RR. NOTHING WAS VISIBLE. FAIRLY WELL ENJOYED BY ALL BY COURTESY OF BW.



late entry

10 March 1973

Ian Jeppson, Mike Thompson, Rich West Phil Davies N Hart, T Reynolds, Bob Pyke M.D-York J Jones visited Wymouth western pit at Newton Abbot.

Descended 340 yd shaft easy way (by lift) explored various passages one over a mile long. Excellent draft! Various unexplored passages running off. Rummaged around amongst roof supports (chocks) and saw some coal. Rapid exit made as pits were open. Whole system unsafe as roof and walls had to be supported definitely dodgy. Good transport service. Giver provided and hot or cold showers after trip. Unfortunately my smoking.

OK now.

24.3.73

Aubrey Newport J Jones to North Hill
Down & up.

J. Jones.

24th March Jeff Yeadon & Pete Moody Snidons - Desolation Row

We took a crumb to the Desolation Extension to attack the hole in the floor found on 28/12/72. Unfortunately more rocks had slipped or since the last visit and we were unable to clear them. A section of 5ft of passage is very unstable and digging ~~the~~ boulders are from beneath one is rather dodgy. We went on to the final chock and dug for about an hour but it remains very hard work. Removed the boulders from the big pitch on the way out leaving a rope as a handline. Thanks to the B.E.C. who lent us a ladder for the pitch. P.M.

25th March.

Pete Moody and Rich Gordon to North West Stream passage to have a look at the end of Heaven and Hell passage.

We then went up to the extension in Abandon Hope, and dug at the dig on the right of the mud formations. After an hours digging we broke through into a bedding plane that descended steeply into the main passage again. The passage continues for about 70' then chokes.

Wednesday 21st & 28th

Rich & Dave Gordon now attacking terminal choke in Nine Barrows extension. With very little water going down quite room we the cave the choke diggable it only you had to dig so at the moment we are enlarging the passage

Sunday 1st April.

If you want to escape from civilisation don't go down Swildons. Intended to do a photographic trip. 95% as far as the well 20 people coming up. Went back to Long Day way met 2 porters. 5 people going down 8 ft drop. Arrived at 20 ft. 30 people waiting to go down

2 parties coming up. Frustrated returned unable
to photograph in main streamway due to a thick
fog.

John H. Jones.

1/4/73.

D. & R. Gordon & T. Jepson to abandon Hope
Extension, Pildford. Flash in camera failed, so did not
photograph mud formations - these won't last much longer so any
photographers wishing to perform, please do so! Spent some
time at the end, working in what looks to be a fairly long
term dig, the which, on account of the quality of its clay is
seriously named "Good Stuff Dig". Buckets and an extending
tool handle (dead in situ) are required. Total length of new
passage from "Pildford" End (squeeze from old Abandon type)
to end is approx 160'. The final section is about 70',
quite big (5'-8' high. & 6'-10' wide) & very reminiscent
of part of Vic. Passage. Anyone visiting please be careful
of mud formations after flat out crawl, about 40' from
"Pildford" End.

5 1/2 hrs.

MR

Great Tartan Race 1973.

Kingsdale Valley Master Cave (valley entrance)

3 1/2 hrs. We took our barrel down to
Ravens Passage in what proved to
be a very sporting trip. No problems
as far as passage size was
concerned. Plenty of water in

Master Cave made transport easy. The sled worked well, only casualty on trip was the barrel which lost a hoop; if anyone finds this please return to Wm Younger & Son, (Glasgow). An excellent trip.

(A reward of a free pint of Tarta?!!!

Met P. Moody as usual leading swimmers. — Chris Gledhill.

Pre Barrel Trip to Sump 1. A rescue / photo trip to check size of passage: barrel conclusion - tight. Nevertheless a worthwhile. Took a photo of me emerging through the white foam on top of sump 1 pool.

Chris Gledhill.

Post yr Ogof a photographic trip Todmors Entrance → Main Entrance → Great Breeding Place Cave and out via the skeletons before resurgence. Enjoyable trip and wet. Barrel behaved well. 2½ hrs. Chris Gledhill.

North Hill. A photo trip to get a couple of shots of the barrel on a pitch. The barrel misbehaved by getting jammed under tip of concrete pipes.

A successful carrying session. Allison Betts Phyllis Norris Keen. Chris Gledhill

2/4/73

Wynford - Richard Gonda +
Wynford - Pat Crum +
Wynford Pete Moody +
Wynford Rob Harper to
Abandon hope - some reflected
poking up unless by W.P.C.
+ W.P.C. + W.P.W. nothing
found - some digging
done at end - no animal
connected with
Village Passage
made in shrubs.

W DCH

7/4/73 Nine Barrow, formerly known
to find choke, after quick inspection
stream with an left which was
deemed to start from length
bearing 110° from original range
with little head behind Bob Barwell + 3.
P.S. following lead to tree through
extremely rough, mostly rotten
wood part air 110°

7/4/73 SOFA BOADING PLANE. AN HILARIOUS
+ DDC + INSPECTOR
2 Hour spent by 5 VISITORS TO UPPER PITTS
NEGOTIATING SOFA occurred BY TWO PERSONS
AT TIME 1 SUCCESS 1 CHEAT 3 FAILURES - RETRO
TO HUNTERS TO REPLACE LOST ENERGY

11/4/73. Goldsows ① ② & ③ to Nine Barrows
Recent attempts to ~~to~~ enlarge the terminal
choke with plaster have been rather ineffective
we have therefore commenced digging out the
floor. The dig is down hill & wet, spoil having
to be moved well back up the passage.

8/4/73 Swallows 9 Graham, Tessa, (4BSS), Pete Moody
Down to 4 by Paradise Regained then on to 9. Inspected
last bang in Thrush Tube (in Feb '72!) it had done a good
deal of damage and we were able to get on another 20ft
(previously accessible to midgets). After a bit of trouble with
the bang wire we banged the next constriction. Out in Troubles.

14/4/73 Swallows 9 BelCrown, Pete Moody
A trip to Desolation Row was abandoned when Pete had trouble
with his scuba in Supp 6. We had a look at the bang effects in
Thrush Tube. The way on was open and after a short dig a few
feet further on we entered a further ~~over~~ feet of new passage.
At the end the passage became very tight and neither of us felt like
pushing it. The passage opens out again beyond the squeeze and there
is a good draught. P.M. - PS Its muddier than the Abondoned
Hope extension!

15/4/73 G.B. Cave Dave & Pete Gordon

Ladder dig extension successfully found
main chamber, after prolonged search.
Oral connection made with surface from
top of gorge, after climbing a knee-deep
mud river!

Pete Gordon.

14. 4 73 Eastgate

Chm3 Daves + 3 - introductory trip for 3 - Bakers Chimney
- Rift Chambers - Primrose Path. Enjoyed in retrospect!
(D)

Swindon 16th April Dott & Peet had a good look at St Pauls Durbar and down on a Abberdon Hye. Screen has invaded the Good Stuff Dig which is flooded to a depth of about 6". No Coal Dig?? Dott had an egg esp. A few VP was seen flashing up and down the I Streamway.

Various factors round Derbyshire, North Yorkshire and N. Wales resulting in a total of approx 300' of miscellaneous shabby panage.
J.R.B.

20/4/73.

Jeffson, A. Gordon, D. Gordon to Good Stuff Dig, to be joined later by P. Andrews & P. Moody who had previously visited Vic. Pass. Bailed out dig (see entry above) & reconstructed drainage channel which had been trampled in on a previous trip by one of the ubiquitous Gordons. Pod all forward progress, but spent some time & much effort enlarging working space. Split one bucket, so replacement now needed. Adrian V.P. was seen flashing up & down the I streamway. 5 hrs. as

21/4/73 Julian Penze, Rich Gordon, Pete Moody - Three hours of very efficient digging done in left hand branch of Taunton Passage in Swindon 4. The dig is looking quite promising although a lot more work will have to be done. Rumours were heard that A.V.P. had been flashing through Sump 1 - glad we missed him.

21/4/73

J Jones, Pickstone, B Pitman + 1 Northern & slow pitch trip to sump 1. ~~55 ft~~ Adrian Vaughan. Slow pitch trip to sump 2 55 ft AV through to 2. Not much water. 2 hrs.

23/4/73.

D. Gordon, P. Moody, J. Jeffson, P. Andrews to Longwood Shale.
In Longwood - out dugout looked in Stream & wet galleries & overflows -
latter rather interesting. Out on two flights. Much trouble with soil
both going in and out. No sign of Adrian Van Pelt. approx
4 hrs.

23/4/73

Chris Davies, Rich. Lee & Francis !!!

Very good evening - will be busy
few hours from 8 to 11 pm which very
present... Has ruined it my exp. life of
years !!!

Rich. Lee.

23/4/73 Swildons 4 - Bob Craig, Rich Gordon, Pete Moody

We continued the dig commenced on the 21st. but soon ^{we} had problems when a
large boulder began to be exposed. The boulder was eventually released & was so large & weighed
several hundred weight we could not get it out the hole. We managed to continue
the dig but we were only able to rabbit. Still looks very promising ~~and~~
the hole is now about 10ft deep P.M.

24/4/73.

D. Gordon, J. Jeffson, S. Wynne-Roberts, M.M. Thompson,
C. Pickstone + others + numerous assorted B.E.C. to Swildon's
at midnight to look for overdue party. Located
by B.E.C. in Vic. Pot, carrying absolved in a pulled their rope
down. Hope this isn't going to become a habit with trouble
parties. all out by 3 a.m.

WEEK BEFORE RACER, PLACE SILVER, $5\frac{1}{2}$ "
B.W. { SHEDON } FD. 513 W.W.E. M.C. AM.

RACER, LONG-RAKE $5\frac{1}{4}$ " OXLOW-SIANTS DORSETSHIRE
RR. DW D.S. SB AM.

Monday 30 April. LAMB HAIR.

Aubrey (Zoneux) & Dennis Perron - Philippe Taillard (Tiloup)
Daniel (Dada) Triboulet - Marie-Hélène Hervé (La Marie)
Pierrette (Pierrette) Perron - Roland Rats - Gilbert Nats (Somodo)

To Most parts of L.L. The previous evening or Big-Ben we played with Squeeze Machine. Somodo could just get through 10^{th} . He could not get St. Valentined!! P.S. The 2 girls were surface party.

Wednesday 2nd May Tessa, Tony Boycott (both UBSS) & Pete Moody

Enthusiasm for a bang ~~trip~~ 9 and a Figure 8 trip waned in Thresh Tube. Tony zip broke completely and with the fact that there seemed nowhere in particular to bang together with the prospect of forcing oneself back up the passage, which is similar to a very tight Blue Pencil filled with Abandon Hope type mud, if there was a machine we decided not to bang. On the way out we put a small charge on the boulder at the bottom of the Smidgen to dig but with the luck we had on this trip it probably failed to split the boulder but succeed in bringing down the sides of the dig. P.M. — the pool had at the bottom of the Smidgen to dig had dried up.

Saturday 5th May.

Rich Gordon, Reke Moody & Sep Price
to Swildon's 4th dig.
Unfortunately the dig is now
flooded for the duration.

Saturday 12th May.

Rich Barnacott, Ian Sepson
Rich Gordon and ~~Somebody else~~ Ken Neill
Short dig at the end of
Abandon Hope. Getting muddier
if that can be possible!

Saturday 19th May

Allan Mills + small boy, Rich Gordon
and Paul Hatfield.
Tourist trip down Longwood August.

Sunday 20th May

Paul Hatfield ~~to~~ Dave & Rich Gordon +
quite ~~quiet~~ good progress. but the dig is
filling with water between digging
~~the~~ trips which increases the stickiness
9/10 of the mud.

26 May. Swildons. 1 $1\frac{1}{2}$ hrs.
late night number down to 20ft and out via Long Dry Way and Boulder Chambers to Short Dry Way, very pleasant due to absence of Wasg. chains & led hill. A van duplicate. Dave Rose.

26 May Abandon Hope.

Pete, Rich, & Dave Gordons or Aubrey. (A. Vanderplank to 20')
Ug! When we arrived at dig it was found to be full of water. We tried bailing but after much effort we found that the water was flowing back in. We dug for a short time laying in water up to chest height. We abandoned hope of any progress and left. Exit from sweep 1 was without any lights - not as difficult as expected.

27 May Swildons. First $4\frac{1}{2}$ hours

mess around Paradise Regained, then to dump 2 and approach passage.
Dave Rose.

28/5/73.

Wesser team of: - A. Newport, G. Jepson, P. Hand, M. Lewis, P. Andrews & Aubrey's mole entered scratch Tug o' war at Piddly Port, and to the utter astonishment of all concerned beat "Queen Meliaid A" in the first round. Eliminated in semi-final by the eventual winners from the new ~~Tun~~ Tun.

~~WADDELL~~ OTHER GROWTHS

7 MAY COUSH : FD AM R/10 DINGIES
14 MAY " AM FD "
21 " BLACK HOLE AM "
28 " YORKSHIRE = SIMPSONS ALAM POT DICKAMS
SWINSTOW and WALKINS
FD. SB D'S JH. DC "RM "SHIPPIN" AM and ONE OTHER.
FEATTY ?
2. JUNE PAUL (STEVE) PH AM / SHORT ROUND TRIP und.
abandon - hope you can stuff A/MOPP UP YON.
CLBS

~~WADDELL~~ ~~SATANIC M~~ PS SMALL BOY IE STRIKE
SITTINS BETTER NOT SO MUCH TWITTERIN BUT PLENTY OF PUFFIN. HE'S TOO FAT

2/6/73.

A. Newport, P. Andrews, J. Jeffson, T. Large (a visitor from a small & little known club) to Pedestal Passage Dig, Purdon's Hole. This has suffered somewhat from previous parties "rabbling," so all efforts were concentrated on enlarging working space. A "dibbag & rope" spoil removal system is now in situ, which makes the site workable (just) by two people. With 4 available, buckets proved faster. Barbed dumps are proliferating throughout the works. 4/6/73.

26 May Sludge Pit chiss Glashill : Stept Moore. an exasperable(?) trip to just beyond pitch
27 May Run Barrows chiss Glashill Stept Moore. went as far as the court before crystal chamber.

Sundays, 9th June. This Gladhill. Steph Moore. Down to 20' and out in Dry Way a manageable $\frac{3}{4}$ hrs. Steph nearly took her cousins this bodies well for the Hardip stripper! On way out a party of 15 from the Army were on their way down. Chris G'

June 9th, 1973.

Steve (Small Boy) & Paul ~~Moore~~

hesitantly trip to 4 Water in Troubles Very
hours (Small Boy) nearly fell off the landing
on the way back.

Steve

June 9th Longwood. Geoff Yeadon & Pete Moody do fairly sound job in order to make the trip more sporting they carried down a 40, a bed, car dented valves, meat hooks, a live red etc etc etc. We firmly deny suggestions that we went down to catch a species, which undid a cump in the estuary which turned out to be a porpoise 10fe long going into some even more porpoise which the MKG declared ages ago. (Praise God we didn't catch him as well).

June 10th Sunday 4, Tim Lyons, Rick Gordon, Pete Moody, Alan Mills

~~Small boy at the Head Camp and he did all the job~~

After much talky got off to sundown, satome being ill & dropped out it took George. Water level in dig hundreded work, not far amount I shot removed effect I lost eight sardines blood under rock effects on the kid. Unfittest member (guess who) left early & arrived at sunrise shortly after other

Steve

ALIAS T.T.

9 June
Sturge Pit went for a quickie down to
the dig and up and around the
Sturge Pit an interesting hour and half.
Chris's Stph.

10 June. North Hill ladder practice for Stph.
then over to Nine Barrows, all down
to dig. Looks terrible but I have it on
good advice that it's worth doing!!?) took
a look at the ^{collapse} chamber behind Crystal
chamber. a good hour.
Chris Glasthill Stph.

June 13. Found a few feet of passage in ^(approx 6,000) Wales (NW cont. Pat.).

17th June:

Three lads Swashet.
Henry Baker, Alan Clarke, Simon Meade King.
Further good progress made. Easy
digging through alluvial deposit. Layer of
sand (gray) exposed. The threatening bank
opposite the cliff consolidated with temporary
(showing preparatory to something more
solid.) latter. Much evidence of chert
erosion, and water blackened rock.

June 16th 1972

Steve "Small Boy" at last got round to going down North-hill good solo trip a very sporting gravel in sludge + cravvly things. The Ideal place for Satanic M. to live

Ps He is now suffering from
CRAP-A-NITES

~~Steve~~

~~garage~~

16th June Suckless ? Paul Hatfield, Pete Moody & Suckless ? we P.R. attempted climb into passage ~~visible~~ visible high in the right hand wall of the 2nd Chamber. Paul reckons that a couple of pegs are needed. Had a look at the dig in it on the way out, ~~it's~~ looks good for tomorrow. When we get back I had the misfortune to meet Dave Gordon.

16th June Mangle Hole. P. Moody R. & D. Gordon.
Abseiling and prussiking trip to bottom of Mangle Hole. The entrance pitch is narrow and muddy and not very pleasant on the way out. Had some trouble with slipping jumars due to them being well clogged with mud, (a point to watch!) THIS ONLY HAPPENS ON THE EARLYER JUMARS

17th June Paul Hatfield, Chris ?, Rich Gordon, Pete Moody

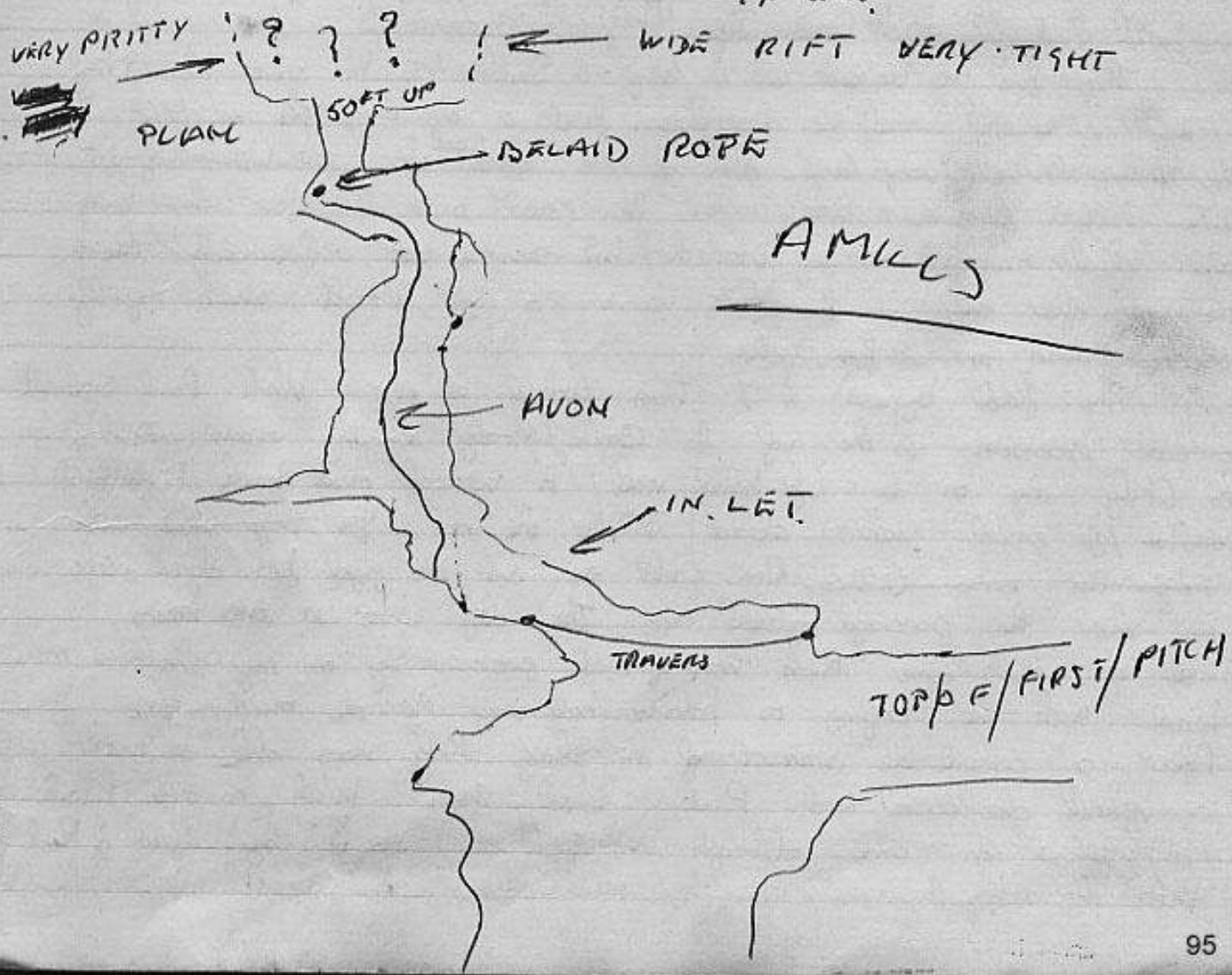
Dug on in for a couple of hours, the dig has dried out well but progress was badly hampered towards the end by a very large boulder (floor?) which was uncovered.

RINNOO RIFT

AM. D QUILLIM RR. AUBURY

ALL PARTY TO BOTTOM OF FIRST PITCH AUBURY NOT FEELING WELL DECIDED TO LEAVE CAVE. REMAINDER OF PARTY TO BOTTOM OF CAVE. ON WAY OUT MET, D GORDON. ALL PARTY TO TOP OF FIRST PITCH.

AM. D GORDON ACROSS THE TRAVERS AM, TO CLIMB AVON, D GORDON TO LIFE LINE. AM CLIMBED 150 FT UP AND BELAIDED ROPE TO STALAGMITES DECIDED NOT TO CLIMB FURTHER UNTIL THE AVON IS PASSED AS IT IS TOO EXPOSED. DESCENDED AVON AND LEFT ROPE BELAIDED TO STALAGMITES 50' UP AVON



Sat 23rd June.

H. H., B. Woodward, M. Webster, R. Mansfield, M. Gordon Gray, & Dave Gordon to Primrose Pot in Eastwater. All down pot except Hitch and Martin W. A very enjoyable crissick up the bottom two pitches the top pitch being free climbed! The squeeze is a trifle warning on the way up but otherwise the trip poses no technical difficulty.

Al.

Sat. 23rd June

Paul Hadfield, Rich Gordon, Pete Moody - Suddons 7

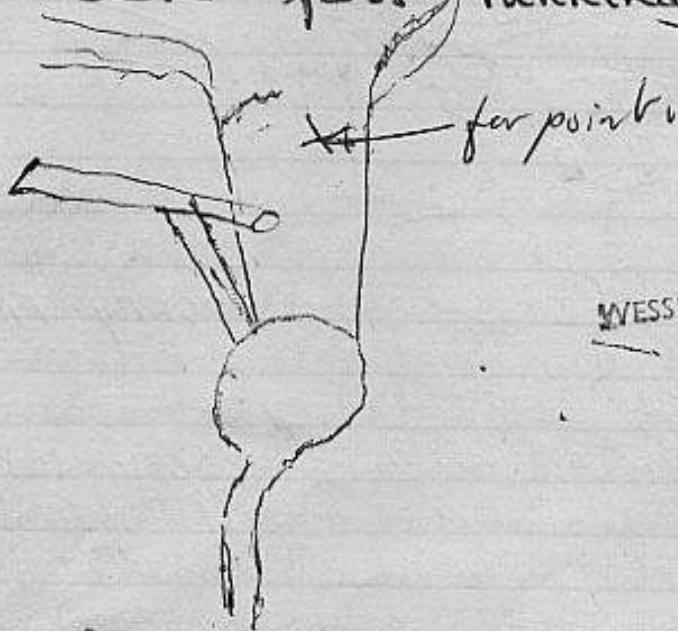
This fine trip started with a bang - in Suddons 7. We spent about half an hour excavating around the obstruction found in the dig on 17th. We uncovered a very large flake of rock which after undermining it some chemical persuasion was used. We moved on to 7 after the bang and Paul managed to peg into the hole seen on 16th, unfortunately the passage after only a few feet became a rift 2' high which rapidly tapered down to a few inches.

The flood bypass in 7 was looked at next. While Paul explored possible extensions in the roof the Gordon/Moody digging team attacked a likely dig on the left-hand wall. A vertical mud bank 10fe high ended off ending within about 6" of the roof. The dig went with comparative ease (in 2 hrs). One could see over the mud for about 6fe to where the passage opened out. The dig went on two hours most of which time Rich was passed precariously on my shoulders or head with me trying to balance half way up the mud slope. After a considerable amount of brushing Rich was able to enter a small chamber and Paul joined him. With no ones head to stand on and although a gallant attempt by Paul & Rich into the haul me up the mud slope & proved impossible

for me to get into the new extension. The description that follows is therefore by Rich.

After failing to squeeze Mr Moody into the chamber I explored a narrow tube which descended at 60° . I got to the top with the help of Paul's shoulders and head, at the top I found to my horror another tube descending at the same angle, & but luckily ended in a choke after 15'.

Paul then (mounting again) climbed another 45° angle bedding plain (with a draft!) for 25' & then back, after claiming that the passage opened out considerably and could see on for another 25' approx because one light had practically gone out, two of us had headaches and we were fast running overdue.



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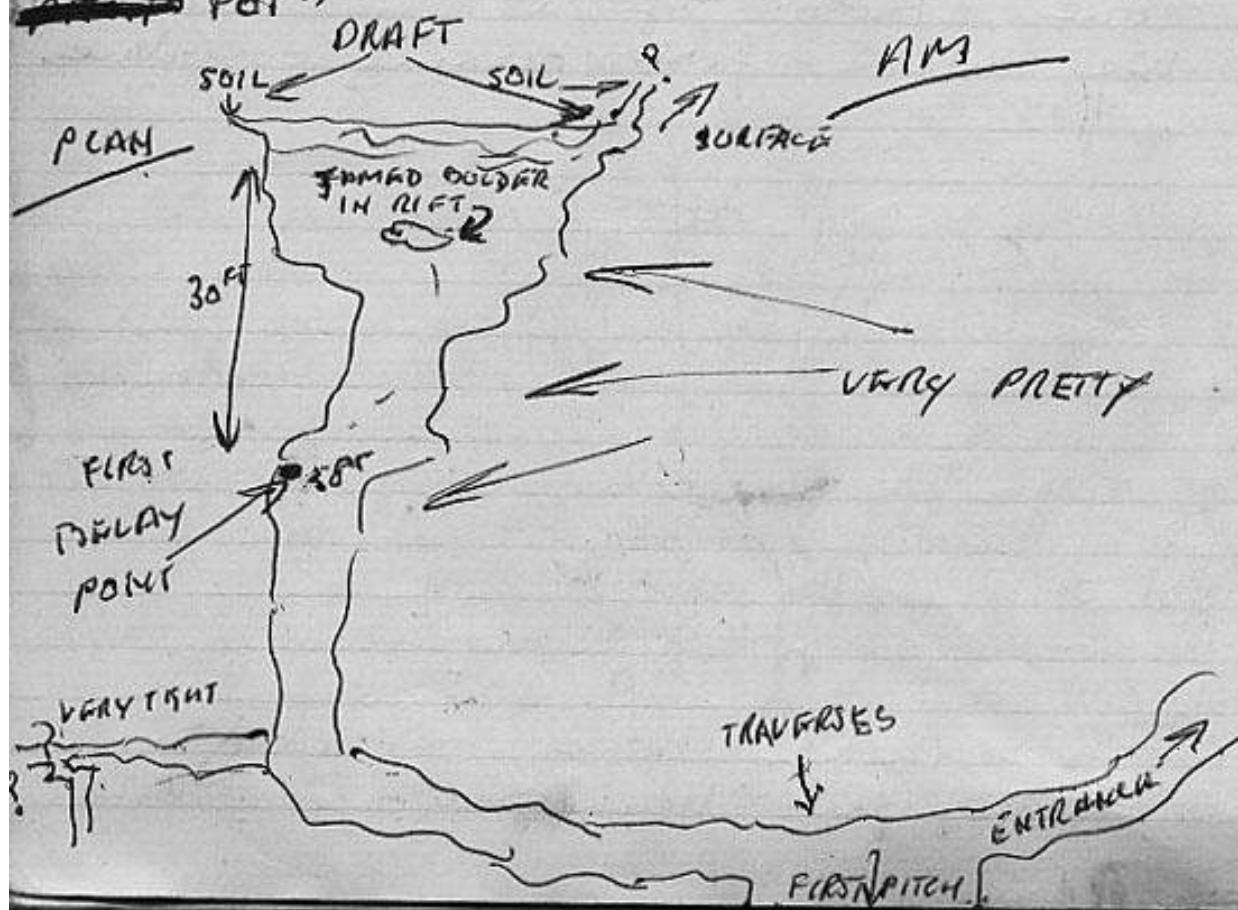
We returned via our dig in 4 (splashing up the streamway - from dump).

to the dig - in a fog of bang fumes which
 proves that there is a draft in the dig.
 We looked at the now fumeless
 dig, the boulder was no more.

9 hrs.

RINNO RIFT 22 JUNE AM 1155 S. POOL

OBJECT TO COMPLETE THE CLIMB ON RIFT IN THE INLET
 PASSAGE. AM, TO FIRST RELAY POINT 50 FT UP. SB TO SAMI
 9:30, TO LIFE LINE AM, AM. CLIMB A FURTHER 30 FT
 TO TOP OF RIFT. SB JOINED AM. AT TOP OF RIFT.
 TOTAL, 80 FT THIS TOP OF THE RIFT HAS CONTINUOUS
 DRAFT ~~ARM~~ WE THINK ITS FROM THE SURFACE
 SOIL WAS SEEN IN THE ROOF IT IS ALSO VERY PRETTY,
~~STAL~~ ETC, "ONCE OR TWO BAMS, WOULD OPEN IT TO THE
 SURFACE, THIS MAKING IT A 200 FT PITCH, "A YORKSHIRE
~~POT~~



16/6/73

Pulse, Jeffson, Clarke Bereford, Ken Gray to
Dan-yr-Ogof. Water generally very low - fine trip
(if somewhat warm) was add to foot of Far North over.
approx 7 hrs. ~~approx~~

23 June STOKE LANE

^{Cathars}
Paul Pot. Quick trip water rising
fast, informed others down the
lane. Quick trip out.

26th June Cuckoo Clunes Paul Andrews, Pete Moody

On the way down we met the BEC who had just barged the Mk 1
dig. They were very optimistic about the ^{gases} After waiting 2hr for
the fumes to clear a bit we went for a quick look at the Mk 2
dig. Fumes were present in Mk 2. Perhaps Mk 1 is a better bet
after all. "CRAP"

AM

27th June 1973

Steve (Smallboy) Phil H. Jeff + DAN

To Dam the Down stream side of Sump! DAMS LENGTH
WENT out As we set out first Trickle of WATER AT
The 40' got to the Sump to find the weeg their
There are now two dams on the other side of
The sump water level was rising fast as we
made our way back carrying 3/4 c.wt Boulder
which broke in two at the washing pot But on
A matter of principle we carried it back to the
upper pits to mend it ~~See~~

Saturday 30th June

Nine Barrows, Sludge Pit and Scaldens
to Sump 1. 6-segals first 3 trips.
He says he gets rock

0 Rose 6-segal

so 7.73.
Cave Pickstone + 10 year old Son B. P. Ryan.

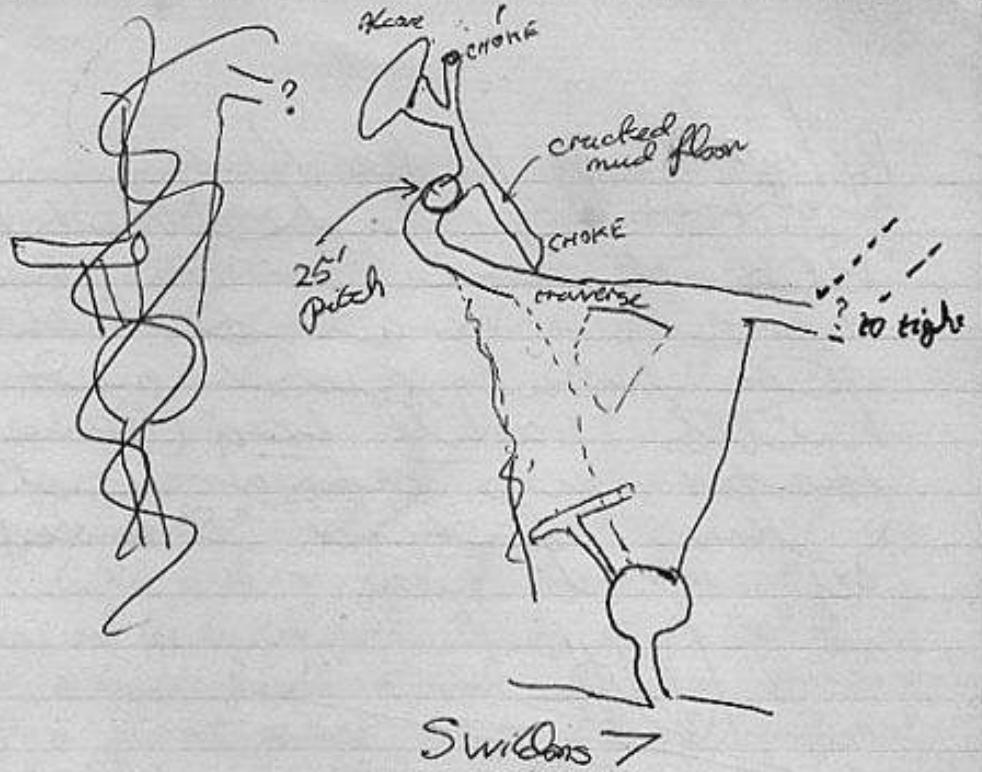
Slow trip to Rod's Pot:- A Bloody Awful
CAVE.

30th June Swindons 7 - Sub Sulman, T. Rat, Paul
Hastfield, Pete Moody.

Paul went solo down to 4 via PR expecting to meet
the rest of us coming down the screencway. Unfortunately we
were delayed by the Hunters and didn't start until about 3 hrs
after Paul. We eventually met up in 7 where Paul had ^{been} given
us up for lost, gone to 9 and was on his way out.

Suspicion had been aroused about the promise of the
passage found on 23rd by Rich G who refused to come
down. Paul now decided to leave the pushing to us while he
tried to climb onto other passages. It was soon abundantly
clear why. The bedding plane was inclined at something like
80° and liberally coated with mud. At the top we found
a nasty traverse back across the bedding which lead to a
25' pitch to a cross passage both ends of which were
choked. A slippery climb up one side lead to an alcove
which no exists. There appears to be little promise of
further extensions.

A slow grip out and an unpleasant shock in 4
where we found the dig flooded once again



1st July Swallows & Rich Gordon, Pete Moody

A quick look around & for an alternative day when the main one is flooded produced nothing exciting. The pot upstream of the rope climb into the bar on the west of the stream looks completely useless re digging possibilities.

2nd July Rhino Rift

B-Craig, Pete Hiscock, Pete Beckford, Tony Apparatus, Rich & Dave Gordon & Pete Moody. Absent to bottom approx. 1 hour of ~~time~~ leaving boulders round at the bottom. Protruded prussick to surface as only half the party were in possession of prussicking equipment.

~~101~~ (fixed)

from shock + slight exposure is the M.R.O.
Arrived on the scene, he was got out
with out any difficulty with us lot
Bringing up the rear.

Steve:

Tues 10th July Swindons - Desolation Row. Geoff Yeadon, Pete Moody.

We augmented the ladder on the top pitch of Victoria River with a 120' rope so that one can self lift like the pitch. The dig at the end of the Desolation Extension is no longer feasible to work. To clear space the way on one has to back out of a flat out square with handfuls of liquid mud, the only way to open the choke up would be to bang over the top. The hopeless optimists of Good Scuff Dog would quit at this place.

After banging the hole in the floor found on 28/12/72 we made our way out. Owing to trouble with lights and the fact we were both hungrier from the night before the trip took 11 hours

14/7/73 Swindons 7 Paul Hadfield, Phil Collett, Pete Moody

The one remaining passage we pushed on 30th Juneⁱⁿ was found to be a continuation of the bedding plane which was too tight. We returned to ~~4~~ and dug the dig in 4 which has now dried out. After digging for about an hour we came out.

14/11/73. - Mike Roger. Derek.
Sledded to Rob Harper's
Black Hole, - It was a
~~way~~ - I saw it first trip - 4 1/2 hrs.
On way out met wife
with "small boy" (Steve) She
told us about her
husband's patient "Stranded Baby Whale
Act".

Derek

LATE ENTRY. "Due to missing log"

June 30th 1973.

Steve + Alison

Having conned Alison to
come down Sullivans in her new homemade wetsuit
"without a fork strap" had a good three hour trip
in which she went through her first ~~top~~ Sump. 1
When we got to Eastwater Lane on the way to
Upper Pitts we met H Phil H. who invited us to
go swimming as we were not due back for
quite sometime we proceeded to the B.C.
who told us there was a rescue in Longwood.
So we dashed over ~~it~~ at such a speed
that Steve MacQueen would envy - we got
to the ten foot to find out that the person
had a smashed cheek bone and suffering

15-7-73. SWILDONS II
A. MILLS + B. WILKINSON

A quick trip to Swildons II after a flash flood warning from W.I.L.S. Police. We ~~were~~ told everyone to fuck off out we them had the cave to our selves "very nice" "must do it again some time." we got to some one, Barry Wilkinson went through sump ? no trouble at all.

Is one hima pint, had a look around II found another party of cavers who were all so told to fuck off out, flash flood and all that CRAAP we had a fas. and decided to fuck off out in case there was any-thing in this Police warning came out on the surface approx 400 to a blue sky, SUN and small spots of rain.

P.S.
BN, first time through camp one
we cannot make out what
was stopping him from going
through before ← FEAR B.W.
AM
SATANIC
STOKE LANE
II NEXT

Late entry.

Sun 24 June '73

~~LL~~ Llethrid Cave Lower Peninsular.
J Jones & R Chislett visited the above cave
for photographic purposes. Normally rapid stream

was absent and I got very wet in a wet suit. Photographed fine formations in the Great Hell. Exited after three & changed. On crossing state R Christell fell sustaining injury to ankle. Fast drive back to hospital X-ray revealed torn lateral ligament lower end of tibia. Nasty.

Wheeler.

15/12/73

Phil Collett & Bob
Harper → Shiro Left -

4½ hrs Mountaineering
ascending a punishing
- uneven & full except
for Phil's seal harness
leaving unattached
the seal in front
the way down
the rock adding interest
to the return journey

RCA

20/7/73 SULLOWS SHORT ROUND TRIP , ALISON MOONER, PAUL HADFIELD,
STEVE WAKEFIELD.

ALISON'S FIRST TIME ROUND , PLENTY OF FROTHY WATER AFTER
WEEKS RAIN. HAD TO OAIL THE FIRST TROUBLE TO GET AN AIR SPACE BUT
OTHER WISE NO "REAL" PROBLEMS . ~~HELD~~ DID DIS~~S~~PEAR SHORTLY AFTER
GEEZY CHIMNEY BUT A PAIR OF DOGS WITH SAID DOG ~~ATTACHED~~ ATTACHED
WAS FOUND AFTER A SHORT SEARCH; STAMMED HEADFIRST IN A DOWNHILL
TUBE.

SAME PERSON DID MAKE MUCH NOISE & COMPLAINT IN THE FIRST
TROUBLE, ~~BUT~~ IN BIRTHDAY SQUEEZE AS USUAL .

MANY PARTIES ENCOUNTERED ON WAY OUT, NO DOUBT ATTRACTED BY
HEALTHY, WATERY STREAMWAY. 3 1/2 hrs.

Oh Kiffy

21/7/73 - Longwood-August — Roy Sahido, Dave Parker, Dick Tilley
A trip introducing D.T. to Longwood/August . He was most
impressed with ye streamway. — 3 hrs.

Ray Sahido

22/7/73. Nine Barrows Swallet.

Mike Roger, Rich Gordon, Dave Gordon -
An attack on the choked aven shortly
before the terminal choke. Opposite, 1 ton of
cobbles removed, at considerable risk, and
deposited in the streamway. A small
airspace was entered above the fill with
a reasonable draft coming from a minute
passage which will need banging.

D.L.

28.7.73 THRUPE LANE SWALLET.

T. Baker, A. Dingle, W. Edwards

S. Meade-King & R. W. Constance

Tin-gated shaft is now 20' deep.

The main cliff remains scattershot but the other solid rock wall is undercutting. The fill comprises screen gravels, O.R.S. cobbles and water-worn boulders, which are very sledge-resistant. Two sleepers of the fourth ring were put in.

R.G.W.

29.7.73. Swildon's Hole Abandon Hope.

D. Stead, I. Jeppson, D. Gordon. - gentle trip taking 3 more buckets down to facilitate future belaying sessions. Nothing notable to report.

D.

HORSWOOD - AUGUST MON

AM + PEGASUS QUICK ROUND TRIP

August 1ST 1973.

Steve + PETE.

Pete's 2nd trips down Swildon's 1st one ever had to be aborted at 20 due to No Belay so had a second attempt got to Bump and Back very quiet due to a Monday.

Steve..

P.S. Will make a good cover.

P ~~PEGASUS~~ ELDON ?

3rd August 1923. Mick DURDEY DAVE BLYTHE.
Steve.

WENT TO BLACK HOLE SERIES AFTER ABOVE-mentioned
GB, trip after messing about in Mud River. If we got there and decided not to continue.
"Various Excuses" DAVE got stuck in the swamps
Dove to air bubbles in wetsuit got out
okay.

Steve

time I know.

PEGASUS IN THE MENDIPS

SUNDAY: EAST WATER. M. Durdey, D. Blythe, P. Webb.

MONDAY: LONGWOOD AUGUST. A. Mills M. Durdey D. Blythe P. Webb.

TUESDAY: SWILDDONS. (DAIRACUS). S. Macaques, M. Durdey, D. Blythe, P. Webb.

WEDNESDAY: SWILDDONS. (DAIRACUS) & ST CUTHBERTS. SWILDDONS: M. Durdey, D. Blythe, P. Webb, M. Mills, S. Cuthberts, C. Priddle, M. Durdey, D. Blythe P. Webb.

THURSDAY: LAMB LEER. A. Mills, M. Durdey, D. Blythe, P. Webb, M. Mills, Steve, Pete.

FRIDAY: SWILDDONS: (BLACK HOLE, MUD RIVER RIFT). Steve, M. Durdey, D. Blythe,

SATURDAY: SWILDDONS: (ROUND TRIP & BLUE PENCIL) 1 WEEBS, 1 IND, 7 PEGASUS.

SUNDAY: LONGWOOD AUGUST (ROUND TRIP) Pat, Dave, Mick, Anna.

4th August 1973 Swallows Round Trip. - Rich. Law.

After a period of 8 months without any page writing, began to feel that something should be done about it. Spent a very pleasant three hours wandering along the Round Trip. (Very slowly). The 'round-trip' seems to be much better when you alone, just know that you'll do it solo. Had a look at say II on the way out just to see if it was still there. Can't say the place has changed very much, except that the air is now rougher than ever.

Rich. Law

5th Aug Phil Hendry, Julian & M. Jay (guest) - Swallows Round Trip. Raining fairly, nice stream. Took 1 photo off feet in Mud Sump, then flash gear fell apart. Went as far as Shatto, then returned, and out via Party Way. Must a) get into condition, b) not drink so much on Saturdays.

Sorry we missed you, Bob!

Phil Hendry.

THURS HAMP LEER. ART. + PEGUSUS

SAT. LONG WOOD AM + 2

SUN RINO RIFT. AM + STEWIE BOATING, DISSINE INLET RIFT.
4/8/73.

D. Gordon, P. Andrews, T. Jepon, in ~~YORKSHIRE~~ with Bob Craig & assorted other P. Lepton. Intended to do Penygent Pot, but wet weather & a bad forecast, plus Bob's known "relationship" with the system, sent us instead to Merigill - a quite P.T.T. bottom of N.P.

The Round Trip

4th August 1973.

Steve "our header" Plus. The PEGASWS. ZEKE, REG, VICK, MICK D, MICK M, TOSIO PAUL, DAVE, BLUEY, we were okay to the mud. Swamp after we found it - we started boating during which there was a good slanging match going on. HAD ALTHOUGH CLIMBING THE GREASY CHIMNEY ~~REACHED~~ FOUND BLUE PENCIL WERE EVERYONE EXCEPT ME WENT DOWN I WENT TO BALE THE TROUBLES THEY WERE SUMPED UP. I ~~WAS~~ WAS LAUGHING AT THE ROAR OF THE ~~STREAM~~ STREAM. GOING DOWN THE PENCIL. AND THE ~~CURSES~~ CURSES COMING OUT. WHEN WE GOT TO THE SUMP THERE WAS LITTLE HESITATION. ON ~~THEIR~~ THEIR PART AS FOR MOST OF THEM IT WAS THE FIRST. after ZEKE HAD DONE IT. IF CHUFFED HIM UP AFTER ~~H~~ HAVEING TO STRIP OFF FOR BIRTHDAY SQUEEZE.

Zeke.

11 August '73

Swallows, Pete Cousins Ken Burke & Adrian. Van der plank

Quick gloop down to II brief look at approach passages and syst. in line for two pints in Hunt 45 - not bad for refined coffee

Peter R

4/8/73 cont. wet & sporty trip was had. 7 AM walked up Penygent on Sunday & home.

Bye

12th August 1973 - Sawdust Hole

Marion Bayley, Rich. Law.

Originally intended to go to the Black-Hole, but after coming back across the fields in a small heat-wave we decided against it. Went down as far as Sarge II and then decided that something ought to be done. So quickly went through a few of the John Bell and back. Many rabbits people with carbide lamps abiding the place out.

Rich. Law

August 3rd - August 16th France.

- 1) Aphida à P.-P.S.N - Roofing and 8hrs.
- 2) Photography with Bill Peeler, P.B.Smith Edm & Co in he same 3hr.
- 3) E.g.c To ~~hepaticus~~ 1hr.
- 4) Paris St. Georges "Arcte" P.S.N Telephone laying 12hrs.

N.J. Tay PW

4th August - Hunter's Hole, Derek Stead & Dave Gordon, absent / prussick trip. to inspect the cave for the first time.

SL

22/7/73 Snidders 9 - Threlch Tube Pete Moyle & Bob Elleror
Dug the final squeeze in T.T. but chickened out of pushing it

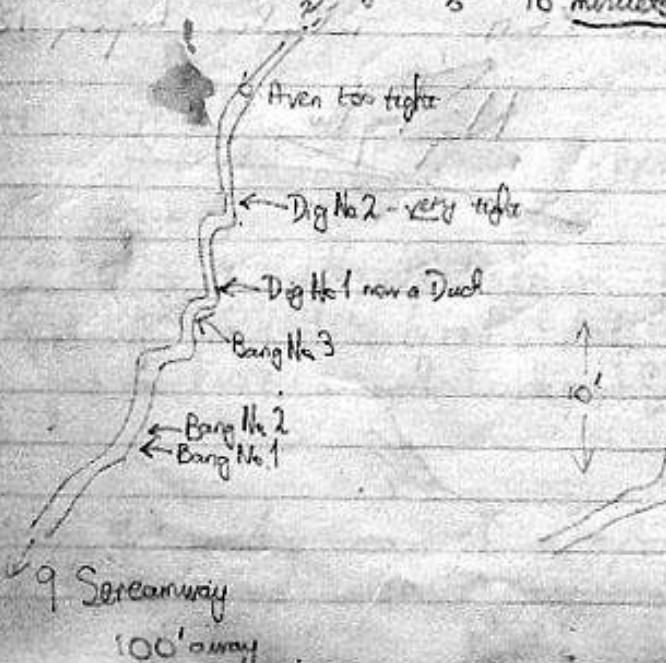
18/8/73 Snidders 9 - Threlch Tube Pete Moyle & Orange
Pushed the final squeeze to an aven which was too tight. The main passage went downhill - shattering my theory that the T.T. was another Blue Pencil going to a high level Shatter type passage. Went down the headfirst but chickened out before reaching any definite conclusion. An incredibly nasty muddy bastard passage. - Above 60' of new passage.

18/8/73 - Ray & Kay Mansfield, Tony Knibbs, Dave Gordon look at Upper Flood Swallet, Blackmoor Swallet and Manor farm swallet. Thought Upper Flood very interesting and promising.

A.E.

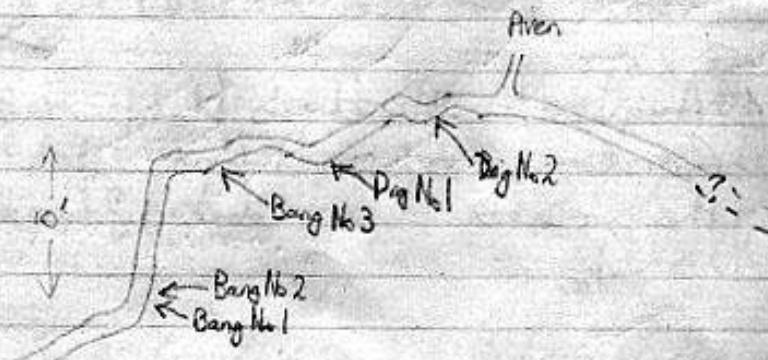
Plan

2 5 10 minutes



Section

Threlch Tube



~~18/8/73~~ 19/8/73 Suildons 4 - Julian Perge, Pete Moody
Borrowed the ^{short} 100ft long siphon tube from 1st Mud Sump
and took it down Blue Pencil as the dig in 4. More interesting. -

19/8/73 THE RINO RIFT. AM SWELL DAY
DANGED ~~WALL~~ FLOOR FELL IN A LARG^E
HOLE CAN SEE SKIN STANDING UP ROOM ONLY.
PASSAGE SEEMS TO BE HEADING IN TO HILL.
AT A DOWNWARD SLOP WE CAN SEE 20 TO 30 FT.
WILL MAKE RIFT ~~LARGER~~ LARGER FOR ENTRY.

AM

25/8/73. 4/August. Rhenis/S. Stanwick to Balcony.

26/8/73 AM DS. AM RINO RIFT.

WENT TO CHECK UP ON PREVIOUS BURNS DID SOME
GARDING TRIED TO INSURTE MYSELF IN TO SQUEES
NOT VERY SUCESSFULL PUT MORE BURNS IN. AND
RETIRERD FROM CAVE.

AM

25/8/73 Removed the bang wire & digging tools from Mr 1 Dig
Cuckoo Cleaves. The BEC extension is about 10ft long in a nfo
becoming too tight. A pretty hopeless dig. Rich Gordon, Paul Roger, Pete
Moody.

26/8/73 Albert Sole S.C.G. (S.C.G.) Pete Moody Suildon 9

Pushed Thrush Tube to a conclusion. The passage found on the 18th
continued to slope down hill for a few feet and then became
too tight. It would be possible to dig the floor out but the

chances of any significant discovery now appears very slight. From the nature of the passage at the end it appears that Thrush Tube was not formed when the Second Capture began as is Causers Calamity / Damphurst / N.E. Trub. and so there seems no hope of getting into the "Master Cave" somewhere beyond Pirate Chamber.

Returned to 4 & dug for an hour. The dig was still wet & much only the two of us little progress was made.

27th August.

M. Hearn to upper swildon with P. Trub. Back shortly after with J. Hearn; this time reached 20'.

27th August 1973 - Swildon.

Terry, Rich. Law.

Pleasant two and a half hours free-climbing.
Went from II to IV without any trouble. - Being first time through Sump III without a hitch.
Mr. Moody having told me that Sump IV was
very big at the moment we decided that
we would go on down the stream-way. At the
present time Sump IV is small, - tight and
bit rocky. Went half way through V and then
returned. Very little "air" in V. No sign of
A Mill and the bottle of whisky.

Rich. Law.
J.M. Miller.

27/8/73

gordon, Stead, large a small to Woodley to
swim - ~~the~~ it were cold.

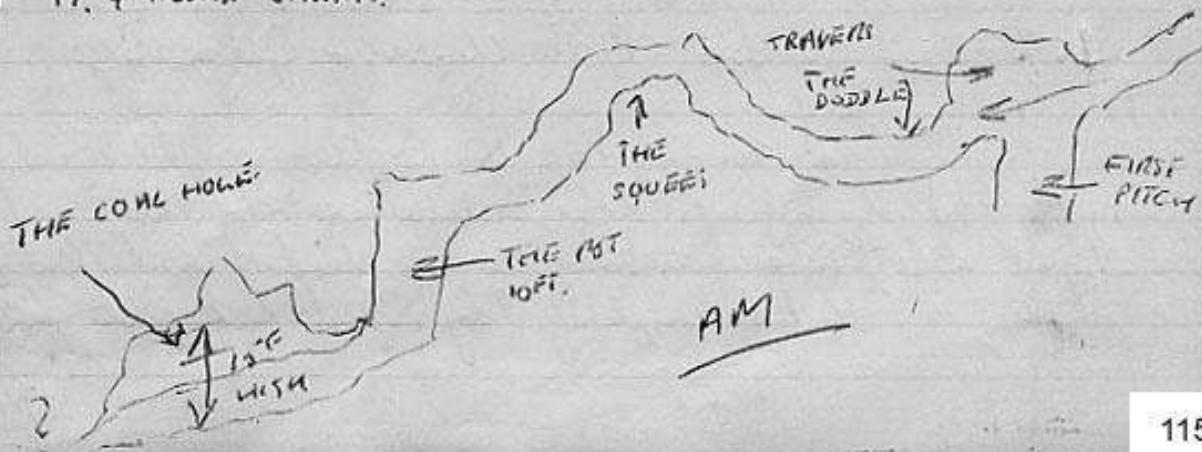
~~1/9/73~~

J. Range Rosaled
Bell ~~Bob~~ Haape - Miss
Baron D. D. V. J. P.
Ims.

Doss

RIND RIFT AM BW DS

WENT BACK TO CHECK UP ON BANKS. HOLE NOW LARGE ENOUGH TO ENTER PASSAGE. 15' LONG. TO POT. POT 10' DEEP. PASSAGE NOW CONTINUES A FURTHER 15' FT TO 20' TO SMALL HOLE TOO SMALL TO ENTER. THERE IS HLC SO A SMALL STREAM + DRAFT. THE FINER PASSAGE HAS A LOT OF FOSSOLS IN IT. + BLACK CHERR.



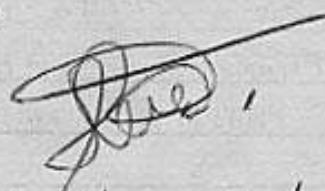
1st Sept.

Pete Moody, Rich Gordon, Paul Hadfield & Chas. Chas. to the 4 dig. dug for about 2 hrs until progress was hampered by large boulders in the floor and also water coming in from the other side of the dig.

The digger is looking a bit better now as the roof is leveling off (we hope).

2 September, 1973.

SWILDONS. 1 Steve + Mick f + Mick R. to The Sam - via Taos temple + Acid Squeeze. had a good mess about as it was. Their first trip we all went down in Boiler suits very refreshing in the double pots eat our mass Bars and hardened out a good quikie.



1.9.73. Swildons - Pirate chamber - Julian Penge, Paul Hadfield, Pat Cronin, Geoff

Tourist trip to pirate - poking around in boulder ruckle but it appears rather unstable so retreated on limited light made even more interesting by our leader's route finding. A tube completely dry, final duck guile full. 3½ hrs.



8.9.73 Swildons 9 - Julian Penge, Paul Harfield, Chris

Investigated area I ref. 23.7.72, on left before Thrush Tube. Climbed up several feet higher than previous high point but the going is rather difficult. 3-4" smooth corralled mud on floor of inclined bedding plane - seems to open out further on. Left climbing gear here, including rope gauge known etc. ~~and~~ which we retrieved from the climb in 7 (23rd June 73). The tube/bedding plane rises at about 45° and appears to lead back in direction of F.U. 2.

On Chris's first line though sump 4, very large at the moment. Out through the bubbles. 7 hrs.

Ph Kipp.

2nd Sept . Swildons 12 - Desolation Row Tony Boxall, Pete Morris

Arrived at the Hole in Desolation Excavation without incident.

The boulders of 10/7 had remained a couple of the boulders blocking the way on. A bit of work with a crowbar opened it up. We found the Hole to be 12 ft deep - at the bottom it was hopelessly choked, all the bottom very disappointing.

In 12 we barged the 12 "bypass" which is looking quite good. We also blasted the dig in to on the way out. 10 hour day.

8th Sept Swildons

Surveyed Abandon Hope with Bob Craig & Bob Mekew very muddy - 60m. of new passage, also went to 4 with Brian Woodward & Marcus Webster the boulders in the dig had gone but there are still problems with water although Swildons is the driest it has been all year.

9. Sept 73 Stoke Lane - Ken James & Paul Harfield.

Placed new line though sump 2. Surface to surface measurement 8m \approx 26 ft.

J.H.

10/9/73. Nine Barrows Swallet. Paul Andrews,
Dave & Rich Gordon. I laid a 2lb charge on the
constriction immediately before the terminal
choke.

R.

10/9/73 Swallows 12 - Jerry Blash, Pete Moody

A quick trip to close the Surf 12 'Bypass'. We should see no
more use of extension next week - Htrs.

15/9/73 Swallows ^{N.W. Screen} ~~Abandon Hope~~ Vicarage Rich Webell Paul Hofield
Rich Gordon, Pete Moody.

After a quick look at N.W. Screen which smelt perfectly evil,
some sort of pollution was flowing down one of the inlets on the right
of Vicarage Passage through Wet Ears Squeeze to its NWSP, we went
to inspect the end of Hairy Passage. A runout off the small chamber
leads to a very tight set take with a ~~flame~~ ^{flame} floor which leads up
to two chambers discovered by Mike Wooling ~~Dave Brown~~ & others. Rich G.
lead through the squeeze half way up the take which is B. tight and
Paul & I followed. Rich W. was defeated by the squeeze and so waited
in the small chamber. At the far top of the second chamber we found
a very reasonable dig, horizontal, clay filled & within $\frac{1}{2}$ " of the roof
and an excellent draught. After about 1hr Paul left us to go out
with Rich W. while Rich & I continued digging. Within a few minutes
we found that the roof was lifting and there was a very fine echo
from the passage beyond. Then we heard voices coming from beyond
the dig and saw Rich & Paul's lights. They had ~~found~~ heard aer.
voices coming from a passage on the right left between Vicarage Pot
& the duck. Assuring us that it was quite impossible to dig from
their side they left us to dig through the remaining 5ft of choke.
Another hour past and progress was going very slow & very hard not
so we decided to leave it for another week. On the way out
we had a look at the end of the dig which appeared perfectly dug.
The only problem was that we had to dig stood on ones head and

to remove spoils we had to grab an armful of clay while the other pulled you out of the hole by the feet. Half an hour digging succeeded in making the connection almost (but not quite) ~~possible~~ passable and completely racking Rich and myself. We emerged after an hour up.

16/9/73 Smeddon 12 - Geoff Marshall, Bob Ellerton, Pete Moody,

Paul Halford met us in 4 and took some climbing gear & 9. We had a look at the Sump 12 "Bypass" which was extended another 20ft before it became too tight again. Looks as promising as anything else down here.

21/9/73

There were a great many OLD covers in the flinters tonight.

22/9/73

Ubby Warren Swallet + Nettle Hole. - Rich Webb 17. Buckland rode around in Ubby and eventually found the coil, also sea formations very nice. Went down nettle alone and found my way to right squeeze through which could see daylight. To left though so went back out nettle entrance. Very tight rocks and sharp. Also did some free rescue practice.

3 hrs. R.W.

22/9/73. Phil Hardy took pity on a BEC guest who was unable to find someone to lead him through Sump I for the first time. Great fun watching the suppressed panic, the final gasp of breath and the bone-jarring crash of helmet on rock as he didn't dive deep enough. Down to Sump II, and out. Few parties down, no crowding or hold-ups. 1½ h. P.C.H.

22nd Sept - Bob McHew, Peter Hiscock & Peter Moody.

A muddy visit was paid to Abandon Hope and the survey completed. We then went on to Vicarage where some digging was done in the passage found the previous week. After several rain attempts to pass the squeeze we decided to attack it from the Harry Passage end. Peter H found the squeeze ^{in H.P.} tight however so while Bob were back with him I went on to the dig and go through after a minutes digging..

The round trip is very sporting when done from the Harry Passage direction and well worth a visit.

August 1973 Gouffre de la Pierre St Martin, Gouffre d'Arphidie and Gouffre de Bordelais (France & Spain). Good trips. AJ.

22nd Sept Phil Davis & J. Jones to Manor Farm. Fred opened cave for us. Formations excellent, rather tight below. Came out minus turner legs and sleeves. Very fractal in places.

23rd Sept. - P. Moody, Rich & Dave Gordon

Swoyne-Puke round trip a visit was made to terminus chamber and the small passage descending from it was inspected, this terminates in a small choked sump which appears quite diggable. Sl.

26th Sept. - Rich & Dave Gordon - laid another 2lb charge in Nine Barrows, the last one had proved quite effective but we definitely need some help to remove the rapidly accumulating debris. Sl.

30th Sept Alan Mills, Alison Hooper, Paul Hadfield.

Eastwater via Dolphin post -- A hunt trip, first time down for Alison and myself. If Alison pays "pint for every "leg up" the Hunters will be dry before closing time. PJ.

6th Oct. Alison Hooper & Paul Hadfield

Manor Farm -- Down the main streamway to the end then out looking ~~at~~ for future "potential". - Sufficient impressed.

PJ.

13th Oct. Alison Hooper + Peter Hirstoff had "fun" friends in for afternoon tea.

13th Oct Paul Hadfield, Pete Moody bailed out Orange's Vicarage dig in order to assess it as an alternative to Good Scuff Dig. Ugh!

13 Oct. Chris Gledhill, James Cobbet, Brian Quillan, Aubrey Neapolt. + 3 SWETC. Photo and inspection trip to Manor Farm. Very unimpressive material. Inspected areas in roof downstream across took promising. Set the siphon in progress. Threaded the end chamber. Potentially it all has to wait of an another advance. Chris G.

14 Oct. Chris Gledhill + Steph Moore.

Borth Hill just a quick inspection trip. The leads at the bottom of the entrance one collapsing. Air was particularly gaseous breathing was a little laboured.

Chris G.

14/10/73.

Nine Barrows

Rich and Pete Gordon and
Rich Webshell.

Cleared alot of spoil then
laid another 216 charge. The
last charge had done considerable
damage, so making more room and
easier digging.