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11/1/84 Pierses Pot. Bursington. Alison got my hair muddy. Fun.

Chris Milne attempted suicide by cladding his wrist on broken glass. Phil Lyne found the cave interesting, particularly the exit. Pete Moody engineered the first through trip (both ways) with Pseudo Nooks Hole while Alison dug out a loose choke in a plastic tube to allow Pete Henn to stand up in a horrendous boulder neck. A good time was had by all except the bats, who probably got pissed off with all the coming and going.

Alison laid on a spectacular meal at Piffers Potts in the evening. Lots of food and fun, ending in a late-night port drinking session.

4/1/84 Swildon's Low bow Pete Henn, John Scott, Clive Barlow

Just as I was entering the squeeze there was a loud bang and the rock vibrated, this was due to Alan Thomas firing a charge at Scotty's dig below the old ho. The small chamber at the end of the squeeze was quickly entered feet first and was just big enough to sit up in. A record 5 tubs of spoil was removed and the way on can be seen, a choked passage with 3 inches air gap over the top blowing out a very cold draught. P.M.

5/1/84 Phil Lyne H. represented WCC at Turn T's. 3 ginormous boulders wrenched out to cries of "stop" "go" "stop" "slow" "slower" amid twanging winch rope. Repaired to Hunters to calm nerves.

7/1/84 Phil Lyne H. to Pierses Pot for good forest account. Good and glutinous.

8/1/84 Fred F, Al K, P-L, H, Paula (SMCC) - Ann Hole (guest) to Singing River Mine. Looked all over - Chris Milne's Blue Hole most impressive. All but Phil (who has sense) swam in

Great Hall which was flooded to the entrance. 2h 4

8-1-84 JSCOTT Digging Donsers passage, removed debris left by Bang done on 4/1/84 by Alan Horner. 2 1/2 HOURS. Plot

16-1-84 SWILDONS - HENSLEY'S DIG.

D Graham re-starting this dig. One or two trial excavations then start made on deepening the floor (remarkably dry silt over boulders and what appears to be an old stal. floor). 2 1/2 hrs. Plot

8-1-84 Swildon's - Low bow, Pete Mann, Julie Wootton to place bolts at ~~either~~ both ends of the squeeze to install an aerial runway one successful the other rock too shattered to hold will need an expanding staple. Plot

11.1.84 SWILDONS DONSERS DIG. JSCOTT PHANN 2 HOURS still going through infill. Needs danging. Plot

7/1/84 Pete Watts & Pete Moody cleared all the bag debris from the dig in St Ponds Oxbow. The passage going on still looks very small. ~~What~~ Remained the base of the wood shattering from Renaissance.

12-1-84 MWD-J + Walter-Pechville Guest. Swildon Hole to 20 a good wet trip without a wetsuit. ah memory Plot

18-1-84 Pierre Pot P. Mann + J. Scott + B. Evans a good look around the alcove where the Bear? Skull + Jaw was found on the 1st Jan, none was found only a complete skeleton of what could be a rabbit. skeleton

18/1/84
Quakers Hole. Fred, Anne Hale (Ernest) Paula (Shipton) Quakers
+ Chris (BEC). Quick Trip buton pub. Shitty pit, Shitty cover.

26/1/84 ~~1~~ Coffin Hole, Portwood. Nigel Graham + Gaynor Lock (SRCC)
Small watercourse cave not so much abandoned as positively
deserted. Odd one this, being in the Grove cliff (East cliff) rather
than Westcliff, the main area. Rapid clearing of loose, falling &
fallen shattered rock & dry earth quizzed squozz into tiny chamber
then draughting choke, perhaps 40' from entrance. 2 hrs.

28/1/84 SWINDROS - HENSLEY'S DIG. D Graham
2 hours' work, including clearing the stream trench across the Water
Chamber to divert most of the stream back round the wall to wash the
spoil away - which in today's wet conditions at least it was successful.
N.G.

" " Downwood Valley Sink - Rick Whitcombe, Turka & Perry, Nigel Graham.
Spoil-clearing. The adit timbering is now complete so should
soon be ready to be covering with back-fill. The recent wetness
had washed a fair amount of silt & vegetation into the dig. pit
indicated a couple of feet of ponding. N.G.

~~30/1/84~~

7/1/84 Longwood - Oxbons Alison, Anne, Al Taylor, Keith, Ros, + 2 Dutch ones
Reopened the downstream passage in the Oxbons, which had been
blocked by the debris from the HCA dig above. The Dutch did not
seem very impressed with the digging - heard muttering "about
muddy English holes - we might as well have stayed in Belgium"

10/1/84 Longhole - Chatter. Alison, Pete, Tim Large.

Started digging at the end of the main passage - Very strong draught
but not easy to tell whether it is surface related.

14/1/84 Swildons - Vickage. Pete + Alison.
Good spot around relocking all the inlets. Nothing very inspiring

21/1/84 Pueres to Pseudo Nashes Hole - Pete + Alison.
Yet another trip chasing elusive draughts. Removed one large bone from beneath boulders. (About 10' away from where the Bear's jaw was found) excited via P.J.N.H. Also had a look at Sparrows dig/extension in Sicut - a real collector's piece!

22/1/84 Longwood - Pete + Alison.
Checking out the possibility of digging the downstream end of the Oakw. There is a definite draught but all digging prospects seem to be blasted very staked up boulders out of the roof of the rift.

24/1/84 Long Hole - Alison and Tim Large.
- More digging, passage is now ~~being~~ trending due west.

25/1/84 Swildon's Lowbow. Pete Hann, John Scott, Clive Barlow, + guest.
In an attempt to make the roof safe in the small chamber the Calcite blocks in the roof were removed, this caused a large amount of soil above it to come down as well. When this was cleared a small rift could be seen 1 foot wide x 5 foot long narrowing in the roof a few inches wide but 4 or 5 feet high. The dig appears to be a rift ~~with~~ of a unknown depth with a calcite layer about 18 inches ~~thick~~ thick with mud gravel on top and an air space and draught underneath.

29-1-84 Jim Rands Andy Ried, Hunters Hole. 40' Plus of passage in Honging Death. Can see on approx 8 foot of large chamber, needed a crowbar to get on, so set about the approach to the first chamber with a lump hammer to eliminate the very light squeens. 3 hours



5/2/64

Wesley Hole - Paul Whybro

Trip to 12 + 13. Climb out of water, after hanging kit on line⁽¹²⁾, reached nice chamber with bare hands & knees passage leading 20ft to ^{other} dump⁽¹³⁾. Aven above chamber climbed for 30ft or thereabouts to a sloping ledge. Way on continues above but appears to close down. To right is a window into a parallel avert which seems to enlarge at its base. This is fairly tight at the top, I did ~~to~~ not enter, it would be ~~so~~ ^{so} ~~useful~~ ^{useful} to have a rope ^{or} ladder and someone else around whilst attempting this.

15-12-64 Wessoe Cave Club.

Attacked kitchen ceiling with axe. bare hands. and got covered in shit for my pains by-golly this ceiling was not giving up without a fight but sheer brute force was its downfall. it was all over by lunch time.

Started plaster boarding finish by 1900 had supper - cleaned up roughly and baby Duke gave me a hand to protect the beams.

16/2/64

PORTLAND.

Nigel Graham & Roger Loper (M.S.G/W.P.C.S.T.) Digging false floor of jammed boulders in rift in old quarry N.E. from Blacknot Hole. Looks hopeful, but is awkward dig to work in. Had quick look in the "new" PERSIE RIFT, dug into by Venture Scouts recently.

15/2/64

Suzie's Low boy, Pete Mann, Clive Barlow, John Scott. More spoil removed with a large amount of cobbles. on air space 3ft wide bins high can be seen going off for about 8 feet.

5/2/84 Charterhouse Warren - John Terry Cornwall, Glyn Bolt, Pete Harr, Peter Alison Hardy, Al Ken, Anne Lavender, Chris Milne, Phil & Lynn Hendy, Julie Wooten, Jerry Falson, Anne Hale, Uncle Tom Cobbley
Opened out a short rift passage discovered during the original dig in '71/72 and abandoned in favour of pushing on down the shaft. 20ft of low passage leads to a tight 8ft drop beyond which a square passage a curtain takes one into a small chamber. The rift straight ahead starts up so we began digging out the floor. After a couple of hours, cemented boulders restricted work too much, Du Nord was called for & digging ops abandoned for the day.

12/2/84 Charterhouse Warren - Glyn Bolt, Pete Harr, Chris & Annie. Dug in fixed ladder on the entrance.

18/2 Charterhouse Warren - Glyn Bolt, Peter Watts, Peter & Alison Hardy, Paul Whydro & Lisa Julie Wooten & Pete Harr.

Long digging session eventually stopped by very large boulder in floor. Glyn dug out the floor by the tight drop opening out a bypass. Made a shaft into the shaft & dropped all our spoil down that. Using a digging bar, cradle for large boulders, & paint tins for moving spoil everything worked incredibly efficiently.

19/2 Charterhouse Warren - Peter & Alison, Adrian Vd-P, Julie, Anne Lavender.
Another good digging session. The pit bottomed out at - 7ft. The way ahead looks very narrow but coming back underneath ~~some~~ there's a gap through boulders from which the draught comes.

18/2 Phil & Lynn Hendy investigated hole seen opposite Sewage Farm between Coombe & Shepton Mallet. Real outcrop by the side of a waterfall. 3 holes seen - the one originally seen from the road is an overhang, with a small alcove at the back. On the left, slightly higher is a narrow rift, 8' high, with a small chamber beyond - some tuffaceous stal on the roof, and "pearls" on the floor. On the right, a third hole, a low crawl enters a small chamber lived in by a bat. Total length probably 15'. Provisionally called "Cascade Grottoes" (Mossy Grottoes) Ed.

19/2/84 Pwllodon's Hole

G. Wright & J. Jepson to abandon Hope. Pile was much wetter than of late. Much bailing & dam building and repair finally followed by digging - standard 12 sacks of spoil. 5 1/2 hrs.

23-2-84 Attacked Incinerator with rubber gloves and Raymond from Hatfield Hospital while John, Ivor (St. Nurse) and Keith attacked the fungal growth on litchen cabinets. Is this a perm warfare research establishment?
P. W.

26-2-84 SWILDONS. Nigel Graham to Heasler's Dig. 3 1/2 hrs of digging cleared large quantity of spoil - some remarkably dry - from floor. WJ

24/3/84 ACCIE.
Jeff Price Douc Adams Jim Fursel & two CERBERUS MEMBERS. John Swift & Pete Reece. - North West stream Passage. nice little trundle down streamway. met BOB GRANT^{& CO.} on way out for Practice Rescue. 3 1/2 Hrs.

3/3/84 Crookley. Jeff Price Rich WARMAN. training dives.

3/3/84 LONGWOOD VALLEY SINK. Rich Whitcombe, Simon Meak-tring, Nigel Graham. The adit has finally met the natural cave at long last!! A lot more work is still required in the adit & in backfilling over it, but we're making obvious progress now. 2 1/2 hrs. WJ

3-3-84 WCC FANCY DRESS DISCO - Good time had by all even if we lost all the games!

3/3/84 Pwllodon's Hole.

G. Wright & J. Jepson to Vicarage Passage to sort out drainage in the dig and remove 6 sacks of spoil. 4 1/2 hrs.

4/3/84 Swildon's Hole.

G. Wright & J. Jipon to abandon Hope to dig. Removed 20 buckets of water, 40 of slurry, & 12 sacks of solid spoil. Things now looking quite good again. 4 1/2 hrs.

4/13/84 Swildons. Fred to top of Shatter and to Sump-1. Kicked some bloke in head in the sump. I thought it was Ian coming back from Abandon Hope, but it wasn't and anyway I pissed off quick in case he was bigger than me. Fred.

7/7/84 Swildons. Lowbow Pete Mann, Clive Barber, John Scott. Removed some spoil and attempted to ~~to~~ put in the ariel ropeway but failed.

11/3/84 Swildons. Al K, Quickers & three ^(non-members). Anne got through Sump 1 first go, no messing about - and got up the first climb! Appreciated the slow pace on way out. 13 1/4 hrs. AK

25/2 Warren Farm - Anne Lawender, Peter & Alison, later Chris Mabe. Cleared everything out then banged rifle straight ahead. I checked it all on 26th and decided there is no way on in that direction and that we will have to come back on ourselves.

4/3 Warren Farm - Jamie, Alex, Nigel Graham, Peter & Alison Mabe. Started clearing back underneath the floor.

7/3 Warren Farm - Jamie, Alex, Mark from Army, Peter & Alison. Bar Hairy to bang out a large flake across the passage - continuing on down.

10/3 Warren Farm - Julie Weston, Peter Watts, Alison & Pete. Open space now visible down through the boulders.

11/3 Warren Farm - Anne Lawender, Peter Watts, Alison & Pete. ~~Latest~~ Pit is now about 14ft deep. The gap ~~is~~ Through the boulders we reached the floor of the pit, it's choked with small stones and not very wide. Crawling back towards the surface despite the pit seems to close down entirely. We can't see exactly what we've got as two very large boulders in the way. Hopefully these have now been dusted with Dr. Nobs.

17/3/84 Eastwater
P. Watts, R. Webbsell, A. Keen, G. Jepson for a look around
in West End. all quite impressed by the extension to the cave. 5 hrs.

11/3/84 Charterhouse Cove Elyn Bolt + Pete Hamer cut open
and fitted new lock on blackhouse door.

16/3/84 Charterhouse Cave Pete Hamer, Clive Barlow at long last
a chance to play ~~with~~ with the end boulders. ~~More~~ More
cement used and it is looking very good 3 hrs.

14/3/84 - Explorer's Cavern. Jeff Price. 2-6 CERBERUS MEMBERS.
tried to find new extensions. got lost just after Magic Fountain.
3 hrs.

24/3/84. Footland M. Hewitt + Eleanor J. Thomas + Michael Bolt
Scamell + Keen. Pleasant 1 hour. Kidding trip to
water chamber. They worked an hour in vain search
for entrance to Jones Hole. Scamell said it was their
last time!!

25/3/84 Swildons - Graham, Nick, Matthew and Tony (M.N.R.C.)
First good trip for ages - hammered down
to Swamp 9 (After getting lost just after 6)
had a swim in the pool and came out for
the pub 4 1/2 hrs.

25/3/84 Swildon's Hole.
G. Wright & G. Jepson to abandon hope to dig. Unfortunately
the Dam Buster had sorted again, and after a half-hearted (20 buckets)
attempt at raking, we resorted to aqua-digging to remove 10 sacks of spoil.
Next trip will require major ops. to repair & enlarge the middle
dam. Delighted to run into a BEC party in the streamway - it makes
a change to meet a party who can tread on your heels, instead of
merely getting in the way. - we had to put on a little spirit to get clear
of them. 4 1/2 hrs.

10/3/84 Wookey Hole.

Chris + Annie

3 to 9:1 and back. Cooner loop to 9:2 and back via the extension. Also dived to chamber 15 in the main passage.

Annie

17/3/84 Peak Cavern to Speedwell.

Chris, Paul Whybro, Annie, Brian Hague, Clive Westlake. All passed Treasury Sump to Speedwell. The water level was reasonably low which made progress upstream relatively easy. General tourist trip with an attempted photographic session by Clive Westlake!

Annie

24/3/84 Ireby Fell Cavern.

Chris Milne, Paul Whybro, Annie Cavender.

All three tackled the cave and carried diving kit to Sump 1. The Sump is 60' long and very clear for the first person in!. Duke Street 2 is a narrow inlet passage. We all followed the Ireby water downstream to the Notts pot Sump and then tried to find the way into Jupiter Cavern.

Annie.

28/3/84 Swildons Lowbow Pete Hann, John Scott, Clive Barlow
Installed the ariel ropeway and removed more spoil. The area is looking very odd lots of small riffs and a lot of sandstone ~~and~~ cobbles in sand and sticky mud.

31/3/84 SWILDONS HENSLEYS.

Nigel Godan + Keith Wilson (guest). Cleared enough spoil to reveal buried calcite floor, thickness yet undetermined. 4 man-hours.

- 31/3/84 Tynings. Barry & Marion, Barry, Al, Anne (acc.). Al forgot about the short rope climb $\frac{1}{2}$ way down and we did not go any further as not everyone trusted the rope or wanted to anyway. Met three kids on the way out without a key - one was wearing phisolls. Suggested they came out with us, which they did. ~ 3 hrs
- 24/3/84 Wexham Farm. Pete, Alison Moody, Keith & Zoella. Cleaning small stoves + rubble from 'bangung'.
- 1/4/84 Swildon's, Lowhow. Pete Hamm. smashed up some large Calcite blocks and removed them went for a wheel to dump 1 for a wash. Cave full of kids trying to fall off 20' and walking around in water chamber saying, excuse me mister is this the way out?
- 1/4/84 G.B. Cavern. Nigel Graham & Keith Wilson. General tourist wobble, taking in various side passages off the heater track. Very low water.
- 3/4/84 Nine Barrows. Fred + 3 Guests. 1 hr. Look around.
- 4/4/84 Swildon Lowhow P. Hamm, J. Scott, C. Barlow removed more spoil and there is now a large Calcite block that needs Bang
- 8/4/84 Eastminster. Fred + 4 Smcc + Liz Green. To Dolphin lot. Lined bodies down got then exited to pub. 1 1/2 hr.
- 1/4 Wexham Farm Pete, Alison Moody, Al Taylor, Anne Lawrence, Jeff Newton Dug clay band out from bottom of rife. Fair amount of spoil removed but heavily rocky. No longer any need to bang.
- 5/4 Whitsun Hole Pete, Alison, Paul Whyler. Pleasant little cave, a little unstable at the top but it's solid quite quickly. The whole cave is very clean (flushed out by '68 floods) and totally dry although it looks as if it floods badly. Alison pushed two squashes at the end (previously passed by Ruth Murrell in '53) to reach a

huge boulder jammed across a large rife. The cone draughts really well to look worth some attention.

8/4 Whitsun Hole Pete & Alison. Cracked away the first squeeze and also dug out the second squeeze. The boulder required bang but the draughts was so good that we were able to get straight back and clear the debris. Below the boulder the rife split and became very narrow. Decided as there was still some rather nasty rock loose above the rife to tackle the other end where there's a pit about 10ft deep. Banged the top which was too tight.

7-8/4. HA WORKING WEEKEND. Shed repaired, extension tidied, roof rainwater soakaway built, kitchen walls scrubbed.

8/4. SWINDONS - HENSHERS DIG. N Graham.
Investigating thick white floor buried under silt 1hr.

13/4 Whitsun Hole Pete, Alison, Paul Whybro. Cleared the debris from the top of the left hand rife, as there was no room to stack we backfilled the right hand side. After 1/2 hrs work of Alison was able to squeeze into the first part but a boulder further on down prevented progress. The rife took didn't look much bigger at the bottom and the draught didn't appear to be present so we ~~decided~~ we will have to go back to the right hand rife and backfill the life.

14/4/84 WOOKIEY HOLE.

Chris Milne, Mike Thomas, Clive Westlake, Annie.
Annie's first dive to 20. General tourist trip whilst Clive successfully took some photos!!
Annie.

14/4/84 MANGLE HOLE.

Paul Whybro, Annie.
Quick trip to see if Aldernanton squeeze required digging after previous floods. It was in fact easy to pass and the water level in the sumps beyond was low.

Annie.

14/4 Swildons St Pauls. Peter & Alison Moody. Cleared debris from passage in Oxbow Pit its a real bastard to dig, & unless it opens out a bit soon we'll have to give it up. Fired a real earth shaking 3/4 lb charge and moved on to the pit before the mud Sump to have a bit of a dig. Chris Balstone made an appearance and helped us for about an hour, pit still going vertically down.

15/4 Whitsun Hole Peter, Alison, Paul Whyder, Annie Lavender.

Remained all the check from the right hand rift and dumped it down the left. Small charge was required to get ^{it} the ~~the rift~~ continuation of the rift. Alison squeeze through, then it was about 1/2 way down, the way in at the bottom being very small and choked, with no room to stack so the site looks pretty hopeless.

15-4-84

Swildons - Hersters.

J Graham.

Good progress slowed by equipment failure - no summer 'winkle bottle'!
3 hrs.

15-20th

April

St Daves School (Mike Holland) 9 new members
one with previous experience

Goatclunch, Sidcot, East Twin Wore's Hole, Avelines
Pines for hods heads Drunkards Hole. Swildons
to sump (with Tom Holland, eldest of Holland population
explosion group.) Eastwater 9 barrows Sludge, Cuckoo
Cleaves and Swildons again & again. Very Good
week apart from some gas & money stolen from
the H.Q. Police informed.

21/4/84

Hanwell J. (jun), Scammell + Scammell (junior)
BEP, Terry Crick (first caving trip this year) down
to top of 20'. Supposed to be a photographic
trip. Left camera behind!

22-4-84

Jim Rands Andi Reid Swildons 1 2 1/2 hours
playing in the water, found a ~~no~~
passageway blocked off by a boulder but

looks as though it goes at least 30 feet.
Someone forgot to put a ladder down
the 20 ft pitch although there were
two ladders at the top.

22nd APRIL. AGGIE, S. WALES.

JEFF PRICE, LIZ PRICE & DOUG ADAMS.
TURKEY CHAMBER. GOT BORED & CAME OUT. 4 HRS.

23rd APRIL BROOKALE MINE.

JEFF PRICE, LIZ PRICE + AN ASSORTMENT OF
CUNTERS & GEOLOGISTS A BATH STONE MINE. WORTH A LOOK
BUT WON'T BE GOING BACK AGAIN. 2 HRS.

24th APRIL SWINDON'S. JEFF PRICE & JOHN SWIFT (CSJ)

POKED AROUND FAULT CHAMBER & THE HOLES IN FLOOR
THE TOP OF WATERGATE. DOWN INTO FOUR STREAMWAY.
THEN FINISHED BY DOING ROUND TRIP. 5 HRS.

30th APRIL Long Wood - August. JEFF PRICE, JIM RANDS &
FRED FELSTED. DOWN LONG WOOD OUT AUGUST
CAME VERY DRY. 3 HRS.
↑
actually 23rd April. Fred.

23/4 Compton Martin Ocher Mine. Quite hot around.
Very difficult to wash red stuff off hands. Lots
of dangerous looking pit props. Fred Felsted.

28/4 Swindons - Hender's.

After a lot of rather fruitless furling from one end to the other,
found the weak point in the ritual. Floor & started cutting through it.
Good progress in 3 1/2 hrs. Nigel Graham

28/4 Downhead Peckham. The winter floods had badly silted up the end of the cave. Spent about an hour clearing out branches etc then decided it was too small to be worth pursuing. Instead started work on a roof passage 20ft back from the dig.

29/4. Warner Farm Peckham, Mark Faulkner. Found a spring lamb had visited the dig site, the rather smelly corpse was removed in a bucket. We spent a couple of hours removing rocks and then brought a very large stone in bucket which was obstructing the way on down.

29/4 Chartorhouse Cave. Pete Mann, Clive Barlow, Nick Hardy. Some cement in end rubble. Swildor's, Lowlow, Pete's Noody & Mann laid a charge on ~~at~~ calcite block, fired & retired.

1/5/84 C.B. CAVERN. JEFF PRICE & MIKE MUNK.
Took Beam End down noting all the holes in the Roof of the Cave. 5 hrs.

3/5/84 PERSIK RIFT, Westcliff, Portland. Nigel Graham + Roger Cooper (WPCST) & Mike Read (Venture Scout leader & this "new" cave's discoverer)

A narrow, loose rift interestingly placed close to Blacknot Hole, being perhaps 50 yards N.E. of the latter's Main Entrance. Our aim was to try pushing the end - unfortunately an earlier contribution stopped 66.66% of the team! To be investigated further though... NJ

5/5/84 Swildor's. Renaissance. JEFF PRICE & PEGG LUTTS.
Removal ^{4x} 10' ANGLE IRONS. The ones we took down three years ago. If the angles were any larger you wouldn't be able to get them in the Cave. Hard work bringing them out, 5 hrs.

A veritable plethora of understatement by Mr Price. It was bloody hard work.

2/5/84 Swildon's Lowbow Pete Mann, Clive Barlow, John Scott to remove bony debris, block reduced to dust and two feet of progress made, a very strong cold draught can be felt blowing out of the dig.

05/05/84 Swildon's Jeff Newton, Pete Moody. Cleared debris from passage in St Paul's Oxbow - its still looking bloody small. Went on to PR where we met Annie & Alison back just back from Watergate (via lower Faule) where they had been doing a final bit of surveying. On to Renaissance for more surveying and clearing up of the remaining digging equipment. Found a very dead G. magpie in the entrance series.

6/5/84 Warren Farm Jeff Newton, ~~Pete~~ Walters, Peter Alison, Moody. After only a couple of hours work digging on downwards we uncovered two large rocks which couldn't be lifted on. Gave them the dust treatment. Before returning to Upper Pitts drove over to Burrington and dashed off those two classic systems Wilton's Hole & Tunnel Cave.

6/5/84 Swildon's. ^{& LOWBOW.} HENSLEY'S DIG. Nigel Graham + Pete Mann, who arrived part-way through whereupon we trotted over to his dig for an hour or so, removing a quantity of spoil & boulders. Crossed back over to Hensley for another hour or so's joint effort, making good progress. Approx 5 hrs Hensley, 1 hr Lowbow. Nly

6/5/84 m Henin + Eleanor T Thoms + Michael. 1 1/2 hrs Top in upper Swildon Pleasant top but must avoid fall of debris from Henley dig

7/5/84 m Henin + Sally Henin and Justin Parrnell on pit (and last?) top underground. Watch out to Coffin lid - 1 hr; passed one slightly injured scowt leader.

7/5/84 Nev Charles & Mark Owen - Eastwater West end. Tourist trip to ^{show} Mark the way to Regent Street, looks messed up compared with previous visit. Time down 2 hours.

7.5.84 Chris Milne & Annie. Swildon's 9. Completed 'Badlands' survey, at last!

5/5/84 Kev Clarke & Mark Owen - Cuckoo cleaves.

Went to the lake due to M.O. being inquisitive & K.C. being stupid.

7/5/84 Swildon's Hole.

A. Keen, G. Wright, J. Jepson - to abandon Hope. Enlarged & strengthened both dams, baled the dig & removed 12 sacks of spoil. 6 hrs.

7/5 Warren Farm Nigel Graham, Peter Alison } The rift towards the entrance, where the
9/5 - " - Peter Alison } draught is coming up, is too narrow so

working further into the cave where its width will be more
slightly checked.

2/5 Charterhouse Cave Peter Mann, Ann Hale, Jeff? a quick
tourist trip then more cement in end boulders.

9/5 Swildon's Low bow Peter Mann, John Scott, Clive Barlow, Steve Ingham
A small passage on left appears to open out into a larger
person size passage 5 feet on, straight on is closing down below
Calcite floor.

11/5 Swildon's Phil Handy, Ann Hale, Peter Mann a look around
the dry ways, teaching Ann the various parts (of the cave).

21/12/5. SWILDONS - Heaster's Dig. Nigel Graham.

After several sessions of trenching floor to break through stal.
layer, to improve working room & ventilation, started work on face
left by Mr. Heaster. Fill under stal is coarser, with sandstone
cobbles, than that above it. 4 hours.

12/5/84, Goatchurch Cavern, BETH, BUDDIE,
DAVE, CON, RON, KEVIN, PETE + JIM, After negotiating all
passages with care, a certain 'young' lady missed
footing whilst leaving new entrance. Gallant Mr. Meredith
(Dave) leapt forward to assist, Con showed her appreciation
of the event by crushing Dave's fingers with her boot,
(after closer inspection this was proved to be broken) Finally exited
via Old entrance 15 mins later. 3 HRS.

13/5/84 LONGWOOD VALLEY SINK. Toska, Rick Witcombe, Simon & Steade-King, Nigel Graham.

An auspicious occasion, since after removing & stacking rocks from the acid-rift breakthrough, the first following trip for 2 or 3 years took place! Nigel

17/5 Charterhouse Cave Pete Mann, Ann Hale, more cement in boulders and a poke with a bar. The boulders appear to be getting bigger with less mud and more air and after about 10 feet it looks like it could be open passage, a lot more work is needed to find out.

11.5.84 Massive assault on Upper Souldom & 20' Pot with Ed Kuzack, Jane Clevley, Brian Deanna. Very enjoyable second trip of 1984. Paul Weston
P.S. Age is no barrier so Mr Bolt says!

16-5-84. SANDY HOLE. Nigel Graham + Mike Read.

One of Portland's longest caves - we aimed to make it longer! Moved 10 of small boulders & splendid gudge from choke at N end of Gild & Eiter Passage to reveal - yet more rocks & gudge. Heavy collapse where rift has split the stream tunnel. The hypothetical Blacker-Sandy through trip is still ever so hypothetical! (if they are indeed one system) Nigel

12/5/84. O.F.T. SWALES. Seth Mill. Liz Price.

Crossed into entrance to the Smith & Surrounding Passages 2x100.

17/5/84. Ayo. S. Price & Liz Price to the Rising in through. Crew Canal. out via Abyss. had a quick look in MAREWYS, water level in Cave very low. 3400.

into

12th May Swildons 9 - Pete & Alison + Alan ? (BEC). Enough time had elapsed since the last trip for a return to Thrutch Tube to be made. The digging was easy, soft layered mud but stacking is a real problem - there's just nowhere to put it. Alison got in about 12-15ft to where the passage swings right - further digging is required. The only way to work this site is to use spat bags and a digging board - a strong draught at the end.

13th May Warren Farm - Pete, Alison, Pete White. Much clearing done, moving back towards the shaft in the hope of finding a widening of the rife

19th May Swildons - NWSP - Pete, Alison, Al Taylor. Tourist to NWSP, including a visit to the bottom of both dip tubes. They were both sumped some 50ft down & are horribly cluttered with mud.

19th 20/5/84 HQ WORK.

Front porch base built: J Bolt, M. D-Jork, N Graham.

20/5 Warren Farm Jeff Price, Pete & Alison. Dignow requires an electron ladder - its now about 25ft deep - 50ft in total. Vast amount of clearing done - its now looking quite good again. Before leaving we dropped a smoke bomb down the shaft to check that there wasn't a circulating draught through to the dig. No smoke ~~was~~ appeared in the digging site but the shaft was filled with vast clouds of white smoke. We then fired off a charge at the end and the bang fumes immediately came rolling out. The smoke fumes in the shaft remained undisturbed

30/5 Warren Farm Nigel Graham, Rich Webb, Pete & Alison. More clearing, making slow progress

27th 27-29/5 Wesssex & ex Bath Univ CC vs Ogdon Hepz Alwyn

Chris & Annie had been down the cave the week before to try and get the siphon going on the first sump. They'd failed but the cave was left tackled for the bank Holiday. On 27th Chris & Annie, Pete & Alison, R.A.W., Paul Whybro, Jeff Newton, Kev Clarke, Rob, Tich & Tich's brother (from BUCC), Alkaline, Peter Han, + Mark? from the Corners set out to try to siphon the first sump and gether also right for free diving. The trip was an abortion from the start with Alison & Mark turning back at the 80 with lights failure & reaction from an anti rabies shot! At the sump Chris & I took the tackle (with diving gear) took the tackle through to get the siphon on the second sump going while Paul with the third set put a couple of bats in. The sump was much more settled than the previous year and free diving was not 19

considered feasible. The rest of the party were also unable to get the siphon going after repeated attempts. At water level there's a small drainhole and as a last resort we tried banging this out so that the sump could be bailed, this also failed completely.

28/5 Chris, Annie, Paul, Kev, Tich, Rich, Pete. Final Diving trip through to CHAZ then through the drained second sump into the extension. Kev checked out an unascended patch above the climb up after the 50ft, unfortunately his ~~shot~~ was choked with sand & gravel 80ft down. At the boulder choke at the end one multiple charge was set off this cleared the way ~~for~~ for feet and amid the lingering fumes a second charge was laid on two further boulders obstructing the way. This did the trick and a squeeze round a corner led to the head of a 30ft patch with the stream river down below. Chris freeclimbed the rift to enter a large chamber with the water blasting out a wide bedding plane. Downstream the water disappeared into further beddings. There's a very strong draught coming from the upstream end and when the water level drops the streamway up to loghead sinks may be revealed. Slow trip out pulling all the cackle back as far as the 80

29/5 Quick repair the morning pulling all the tackle out.

1/6 Suldons 12, Rich Webb, Lee Wilson, Mark. Tourist around the sights & sites of 12. Descended Sump 12B new looks worth another try. This passage, reached across the 12 Sump pad looks 40ft long the bedding to a small sump pool. A reasonable flow of water was noted welling up in the floor and flowing off left where a hidden rift was found going off across the strike. Very small but taking a draught, we put a charge on one of the flashes obstructing access - looks promising.

2/6 SULDONS - Lower Dry Way. Nigel Graham + Keith Wilson (guest). After preliminary reconnaissance last evening, took bolting kit to start climbing into roof passage off lower dry way's passage. Passage is sizeable rift resembling that of Kester's Dig, & roughly parallel to it. Road start to trip (lamp failed) delayed things & we only succeeded in putting in one belay.

1/6/84. WOODKEY HOLE. JEFF, BOB, JIM & BARRY. TRAINING DIVES.

2/6/84. SULDONS HOLE. ROUND TRIP.

JEFF PRICE, DOUG ADAMS, JIM ^{MOON} & MARTIN BUCKINGHAM
Came nice & quiet. Water very low. 2 HRS.

3/5/84 SWILDONS HENDER'S DIG Nigel Graham. 2 hours.
Bloody stal!

9/6/84. SWILDONS. VICARAGE + HAIRY PASSAGE.
JEFF PRICE, PETE WATTS, MARTIN BUCKLEY
& GEOFF NEWTON. & RICH WARMAN.

had a poke around in MR JERSON'S DIG. 3HR.

9/6/84 SWILDONS SHORT ROUND TRIP.
DONG ANAUNE Jim HOON 2 1/4 hrs Cave was
quiet & it was a pleasant trip.

Warner Farm 2/6 Pete Watts, Pete Alison, 3/6 Pete, 9/6 Pete Alison 10/6 Pete Watts,
Jeff Newton, Pete & Alison.

Progressed for 10ft back towards the surface shaft & broke out into open rife, very narrow but
at least 20-30ft deep with the draught powering up it. Now working downwards where a
small cross rife makes the way a little wider ^{and its} ~~then~~ only loosely choked with mud & rock

13-6-84 SPAR DOT JEFF PRICE CLIVE BARLOW PETE HANNI J. SCOTT.
one hour. Scottie got stuck in SPAR Squeeze!

14/6/84. MANOR FARM. Jeff Price. Pete Watts & Martin Buckley.
Martin's first trip down Cave, water very low. 2HR.
5R.

17-6-84. G.B. LOCK GUNGEID UP PURPOSELY BY SOME IDIOTS. 1/2 HR TO
CLEAR. DEVILS ELBOW BOTTOM SIDE PASSAGE OVER RIDGE + CUT.
73.H. + 4.

16-6-84 O.F.D. FRIDAY-NIGHT CLUB TRIP.

15 took part, in 3 groups variously tunnelling around OFD II dry series
to Mappet Lulley/Manicouan, or through-tapping. N.G.

chamber. Think we found 300' passage but not
sure as previous exploration could have been flooded
over. Exited wearily with many kisses and hugs
and two hundred sheep. Yeh.

June 24th WOOKEY Chris
Chris Milne, Annie Lavender.

Both dived to chamber 22 and looked around the
dry passage. ~~between 22 and 23~~

Annie

Newton Farm 16/6 Peter Watts, Annie Lavender, Peter Alison, 17/6 Peter, 24/6 Jeff Norton Peter Alison

Continuing on downwards in the rife. Some very large detached slabs keep slowing progress
23/6 Sudders 12 Peter Alison + Jeff Norton freed up 9. Some work with a long hammer
soon removed the remaining flakes in the passage found on the 1st but 6-8ft is the 12 chases
up completely. Straight ahead on 12B is another rife which you can see along for 10-15ft
but although we had bang with us decided that it didn't look so promising. There's
definitely a draught there somewhere, where it goes, God knows. Silage ~~getting~~ runoff
has polluted the stream from Cough Aven to 12 (I presumably beyond), Sudders 5 & 6
is pretty grim.

23rd June 84 Lancaster Hole to County Pot.

Tony Williams, Gair Ochiltree, Paul McCarrick,
Neil Payne and Terry Tooth. A general tourist
trip with the chance to recapture old memories !!!
Neil Payne provided the photographic service, and
the walk across the fell from County Pot to
Bull Pot Farm proved to be more hazardous than
the cave. The prizes were effectively numbed with
'Websters' pint sized lotion and northern hospitality,
at an inn which had obviously abandoned closing
time. An excellent week end. T J Tooth

VII INLEY 1984

WESSEX ROMAN-STYLE CHARIOT RACE & BARBECU

Chariot race won by Cerberus - at least our chariot completed the course intact & with barely a mark on the paintwork!

Chariot "disappeared" later & mysteriously "re-appeared" on Sunday evening - Chariot-jackers as yet unidentified...

great occasion enjoyed by all. A whip-round offering the meal raised £32.23 for MRO.

11/7/84. C.D. CAULON. JEFF. BOB. JANE. & KEVIN. 2 HRS.

14/7/84 Philip vs I. Jeff. Nole. Tom + Ted. KEVIN
Caulon. Susan etc. + to many people. 2 1/2 HRS.

9/7/14 - 13/7/14

YORKSHIRE

Keith Fielder, Roy Morgan,
Nick Marachow, Nigel Graham + various ARCCC etc.

A week of serious drinking & general "giggardry" punctuated by several good trips. Accommodation: diuister Uni CC's cottage, Willdale Head Farm.

Most completed a GAPING GYM - BAR POT trip, abseiling in via 5th Trench & ladder or prusik out. Penyghent POT was broken but rain stopped play, so an involved 4-team SWINSTE - SIMPSONS exchange / through-trip plot was hatched. This was to consist of 2 exchanging teams, followed down each pot by 2 through-trip parties, all 4 de-tackling once they passed each other (the through-trippers carried a double-length rope each). If that sounds like a recipe for confusion - it was!

The Simpson's lot rigged all sorts of things, ran out of rope & retreated, leaving 5th POT rigged so the ascending exchange group prusiked all the way up into Simpsons only to find no tackle further up! Roy & Nigel + 2, (Gumarts to Valley Ent.) thought things were going well with no tackle to clear - we passed no-one & were doing precisely as we were told - emerging in 3 1/2 hrs. If all meant 3 had to do a Valley Ent - Swinste trip to strip the gear out.

Meanwhile expts 3 were having minor crises in Heron POT, while Keith & Nick photographed YORDAS CAVE.

EASEBILL CAVERNS provided 2 trips - TOP SINK TO COUNTY, and COUNTY/LANCASTER EXCHANGE. On the latter most plunged for abbing into Lancaster, but KF, RM & N⁺ decided a 110' ladder climb was good practice, and so it proved! 4-5 hrs each way.

Navigation in Lancaster/County was simplified by each group carrying a survey & compass & only a couple of minor mistakes were made.

All-in-all, a most good week!

11th July G.B. CAULKIN. JEFF. BOB. TRAVE. & KEVIN ZIKS
18th July HILKROVE SWALLET. OUT OF RETIREMENT!
JEFF PRICE. BOB TRANK - KEVIN CANNON.

I STAVE COLLINS. Looked at Coire with a possibility of starting Wednesday night digging again its been about 4 years since digging ceased. despite a bit of silt has been washed back into dig looks like a long term project. ZIKS. JP.

22-7-84 Swildons.

Adrian Vanderplank Andrew Bell & Robin Stocham

Tourist trip to I totally uneventful but the top half of Swildon smells something cronic. 2 hrs.

26.7.84 G.B. 1/2 Brian Bonner, Jane Clayton
Tracy Locke. Very enjoyable
Makes a change from falling off motor cycles etc.

28-7-84 Phil-Lynn Hardy started digging at Bath Swallet. Good progress for an exploratory forage - 2 sites attacked: a pit started at the cold stream end and a hole to the right. Access to the main open swallet hole is barred until we can get a flake banged out of the way. 2h.

26/7/84 Paul Sutton & Julian Taylor - Trip to Swildons 3.
First time for Julian who attempted to throttle himself on the way back - it was nearly very amusing but got a timely air-bell. 2 hrs.

30/6 Eastwater-West End Series, Tim Large, Quic John, J Rae, Rich Webb, Peter Alson. Excellent trip to the bottom of Creek Street. The draught at the end (blowing inwards) is one of the strongest I've ever experienced on Mend. Only a rock overhang prevents access continuing on down but a better bet may be a cave directly above it, Alson found a squeeze for life to a further constriction through which the draught blows.

29
~~28~~/7/84

SWILDONS II

JIM & MARY RANDS, LYNNE HENDY ----- & NIGEL GRAMM

Fast trip down & through! to sandair two, including Nigel & Mary; slower, return, but in time for the pub. Yo!

L. Hendy.

I must record my gratitude not only to those listed above - & to a Frome CG boat down the - but also to Julie & Glynis, the stonies, Pete H, ~~Al~~ M., & many many others . . .

LH

29.7.84 MARY RANDS WENT TO SWAMP
W/O FOR FIRST TIME 174 45 second time round. 512

2nd & 3rd August Phil & Lynne H - dig at both Swallet progressing well, in PISSING rain! NO surface stream yet! Lynne is into an entrance chamber, with the floor hidden under a gingsious boulder. 1 are about 3' down at the stream sink, with a few boulders on the backwall RH

4.8.84

Phil & Lynne Howard Brian & Sheila Pinnar, Tina Pinnar (T)
Rachel Pinnar (S) Brown's Foley Mine.
First time UNDER ground for Tina & Rachel.
Had difficulty finding the way out.
Good Fun!

25/7/84. Brown's Folly Mine. Jeff, Bob, Kevin, Martin.
M.P.C. & Co. 2125.

28/7/84. Little North River Cave.

G. Price, Bob & Mark, Kevin, C. Pooker.
& a Welsh Leman whose name I can't pronounce.
Down to sum p2. & back out bypassing Canal passage.
Water very low & warm. 3125.

29/7/84. Aggie, Jeff, Bob, Kevin, John & friend.
MAIN Passage. Music Chamber. Ace of Spades etc
LH

M

7th / 8 / 84. Lamb Leer. Cavern.
J. Price, M. Buckley R. Cannon.
Falling Waters, St. Valentines
& Spencer Chamber. 3 hrs.

9/8/84 Sludge Pit with Jane Cleverly
and Brian Banner. 2 hrs.
Muddy - messy as usual Paul Weston

9.8.84 R. Burg + J. Cordingley. Been down Rhine, August/Langwood + G.B. Off
down Swildan's tomorrow then back to York. Dales. Many thanks for use
of your excellent hut and a most enjoyable week's caving. See you again.

11.8.84 Charterhouse Cave. Nigel G., Jeff Price, Martin Buckley

Quote by Nigel "I am not as thin as sylph like
as Jeff or Aubrey"

and "These cores a fine when I got fed up
jacking in caving strips"

Quote by Jeff "You have to get through
that squeeze if you want your cell a jacket back"
Good trip after all of us eventually got
through the entrance series. Nigel bought
as all ice-creams after! I didn't plan to: I washed by the rest having
no change!

11-8-84 M. Hein with Eleanor Hein out mineral 2 hrs on kiddie
collecting trip of the minor grotto of Burroughs. Collected Force, Hole
(4 thin) Trout Grotto and East Tunn.

11/8 J. Price, Tim Large, Paul Weston Easter - West End. Banged our way through the
squeezes at the top of Blackman Tunnel. Draught is superb, went back 10 mins after firing charge
to get into start of typical Easter water boiling phase. One further squeeze prevents
entry. Put a charge on this to come out.

12/4/84 SWILDONS ROUND-TRIP: Martin Buckley & Nigel Graham
With virtually no water in the cave the heat was rapping! Not many
people in the cave either so steady progress on NG's 1st Round Trip completed
the trip in 2 1/2 hours. NG

13/8/84 Ed Kuzack, Sam Cleverly, Brian
Bourner, Paul Weston to Sump I,
1 1/2 hrs Dry & hot! Fwester
28, 29, 30 July. Bluebell Cave (Hart Range, British Columbia.)

P. Hadfield, G. Jefferson + G. Pollack + G. McKenzie (colonial
guests). Total of five trips in this resurgence cave - sporadically well at midday -
impassable by 5 p.m. due to diurnal flooding - snow melt in feeder
swallet(s)? 700' of very springy cave - reminiscent of OFDI, though
generally larger & much colder, and wetter. There's a potentially 'divable' sump
(very clear) at its end - preferably for those C.I.G. members in possession of
12 m.m. heated wet suits. Essential kit for a visit also includes vast quantities
of "bug dope". Grizzlies will eat you pretty quickly, but aren't often seen. The
mosquito/blackfly/"no-see-um" swarms are scarcely any slower, and their
presence is all too obvious. Fine cave in a fine area - where are all the
others? NG



(Wessex) (Auckland Spelio Group N.Z.)
17-Aug. Gordon Wright + Mark Bodt[←] romped
down + through Sump 1 in Swildons.
First trip on the Mendips, a bit different
to New Zealand caves.

28-7-84. Kev Clarke & Rob Jacob. Swildons 12
Trip mostly through liquid yad beyond 4. Had to breathe
& diving gear walking through passage from 4 to 6.
Visibility in 4, 6, 9 zero or less. Tried to get to desolation
row but couldn't find a way on at top of rope.
Water level very low - none going in entrance. Concluded

that Messrs. Sutton & Taylor only survived because of the drought (see three pages back). Sump two rope had 8 ft of slack in so we altered it to avoid getting the sumps cluttered up with stiffs.

Kev tried to kill me by throwing rocks at me while half way up Victoria Aven! lol.

18 - Aug Kuster Spencer + Alvan Green + Doug Adams
Suttons start round trip.

cold + wet + muddy. First serious trip for the two
guys did well if a little "knackered" !!

GLYNN - Thanks for the trailer - v. useful.
See notice board.

18 Aug Gordon Wright + Mark Beeth: - Eastwater
Down to Mortons pot, then down primrose
path 2 1/2 hrs

12th August Wookey Hole.

Chris Milne, Annie Havender.

Both dived to 20. We de-kitted and then made
our way along the dry passage to the far end.

At this point a fair draft can be felt coming
from small 'uncaveable' tubes in the roof. We both
then spent an 1/2 hr digging out a mud choked
passage which appears to be heading downwards.

18th August Wookey Hole.

Chris Milne + Annie

Both dived to 24. The water level has dropped
approx 6' in the 23 sump pool which makes
~~an~~ an entertaining exist !!

Annie

19 Aug 84 G.B. Gordon Wright + Mark Bodt
Tourist trip to Bat passage. 2 1/4 hrs.

23rd August 1984

Daddy took me on my first caving trip today, down Goat church.

Thomas Plant - aged 4 years

23rd August 1984

Mummy and Daddy took me on my first caving trip today, down Goat church. Whilst down there I crawled through a hole and banged my head.
Abby Plant - aged 6 years

25/8/84

KAREN (9) + ELENOR (10) SWILDONS HOLE + 2 OLD MEN TO 20' PITCH + DOWN DRY WET WAYS, - KAREN'S FIRST BEYOND 20' TO BARN'S LOOP, AND OUT VIA DRY DRY WAYS, VERY DRY. 2 HRS.

25/8/84. Christchurch Caves. JEFF PRICE.
Alec Lewis Geoff Newton, Al Keen.
quick local allowed. 2 hrs.

26.8.84

STOKE LANE JULIAN + SIM. tourist trip, took some photos. 2 1/2 hours. Good trip must do it again. for hands

22/8/84 Kev Clarke & Andy K. 9 Nine barrows & Sludge. Found frogs (lots)

26/8/84 SWILDONS. Along streamway to Sump 9. No water entering entrance - little flow until stream from Black Hole enters. Air between 4 + 6 pretty foul. G. Newton + P. Sutton 4 hrs.

18/8/84 Séan Walsh, Kev Clarke + Rob + Jacob (Mung Sherpa)

Woke up courtesy of CM. Planned to go to 20 but ear trouble from SW. caused messing around 9 (i) to 3. Infinite vis - like walking in space (I think), excellent dive.

Thence: Ludwell cave/resurgence. Sump virtually disappeared - about 4' ~~to~~ dive left. Dry resurgence passage a real thrutch. Only K.C. bothered to dive.

Thence: Weston-S-Mare for a dive?!? Sea had dried up - did some driving up & down beach and got pissed off.

Finally: Mineries pond - wasn't very deep - got very pissed off.

P.S.: - R.J. Smashed up cars at Ebbor - laughed - not very pissed off.

P.P.S.: - WENT TO PUB - GOT PISSED.

19/8/84 Stoke Lane Stocker Hole,
Séan Walsh, Kev Clarke, Rob Jacob.

RJ & SW's first trip beyond 2. 2 very solidly choked - got booted clear ~~by~~ by R.J. by which time he had enough. S.W. & K.C. went to 6 but were too lazy to go further - no line through 6. Left line reel at 6 & went home. Many small disasters involved but not more than normal. S.W. caught horrible disease. Not a bad trip.

21-26/8/84 NORTHUMBERLAND & YORKSHIRE: - Nigel Graham

Spent week at home of Pete & Elaine Ryder (Muddywatts S.G.) near Newcastle-on-Tyne. Couple of days prospecting on outcrops to SW of Newcastle yielded little, though to be honest one day's failure was due to me being misled into looking at the wrong baseline band!

One find - 2 hours digging gained entry to a fluted pot 10' deep becoming too tight & choked, but in a sizeable wooded depression on the hillside above Alston.

Pete & I visited ELPHA GREEN CAVE - chiefly merely wallowing but with some nice pretties - and examined possible dig/pushing sites in locality, before going off to survey an archaeological ruin to Gyle 5 (using cave surveying gear & etc.)

Ended holiday at Gaping Ghyll week meet - not many other Mendip Cavers in evidence, though Brian & Isabella Prewer gave ~~me~~ me useful advice. Steve Lynch sends his regards to all.

SL

19/8/84

J. McKenzie (Alberta Prehistorical Soc. - Canada) + J. Jepson to Poulton's Hole. To IV via Blue Pencil, and exited via Troubles. Cave very dry. Our colonial cousin says sunfs are nicer than ducks. 3 1/2 hrs.

Jepson

21/8/84 - G.B. Cavern.

J. McKenzie (A.S.S.) + J. Jepson. Muddy Passage - Gorge - main Plumber - Great Plumber - Bot Passage - the latter two still quite fine, despite the passage of some years or many acres. 3 hrs.

27/8/84 - Poulton's Hole.

G. Wright + J. Jepson to Vicarage Dig. Spent 1 1/2 hrs poking without emptying dig of water, though level fell substantially. Will this help in abandon Hope?; You must be joking! Bare bone dig to 20', & alive with weeps, even in II & Vicarage. 3 1/2 hrs.

Jepson

29/8/84 Rionel's Hole

Kev. C., Seán. W., Andy K; Got Lost

Then: Pierre's Pot to Pseudo Johnny Nash's; Didn't get lost.

5/9/84.

HILL-ROSE SWANLET.

JEFF Price, BOB PRICE, PAUL COBBINS.

KEVIN CANNON + WIFE. Tried out Motor. for Winch.

& a little bit of digging done. 1 hr.

5/9/84

HENSLEY'S DIG, Swiltons.

Nigel Graham & Jim Rands. Spoil being removed efficiently, but rotal layer about 2/3 up height of passage makes progress slow.

SL

2 hours.

12/9/84. Tim Tattis (NHSA) went. Small highly decorated chamber with multitude of straws. Very vulnerable. Please keep out for the time being to allow photography & taping.

There are reports of a 3" airspace through Swildons Sump I (from Prew)

5/8/84 Charterhouse Cave Pete Mann + Clive Barlow
rore cement on the Boulders.

12/1/84 Swildons Low low Pete Mann, John Scott, Clive Barlow, Alex + 50, Greg Samways a lot more spoil removed, passage very tight needs more bang.

14/1/84 Swildons Sump I Pete Mann, Greg Samways
to photograph the air space in sump I. Sump is now a duck with $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch air space

16/9/84 Swildons. Fred Solo trip to Sump II. Air space goes a long way into II. The sump is probably only 6-8 feet long at the moment. (Don't believe this in case it isn't). No water in one until below the forty. Swildons One stinks. Fred.

1/9 Pierre's/Pseudo J.N. Peter Alison. Scumy & photo trip. Geoff Naudon

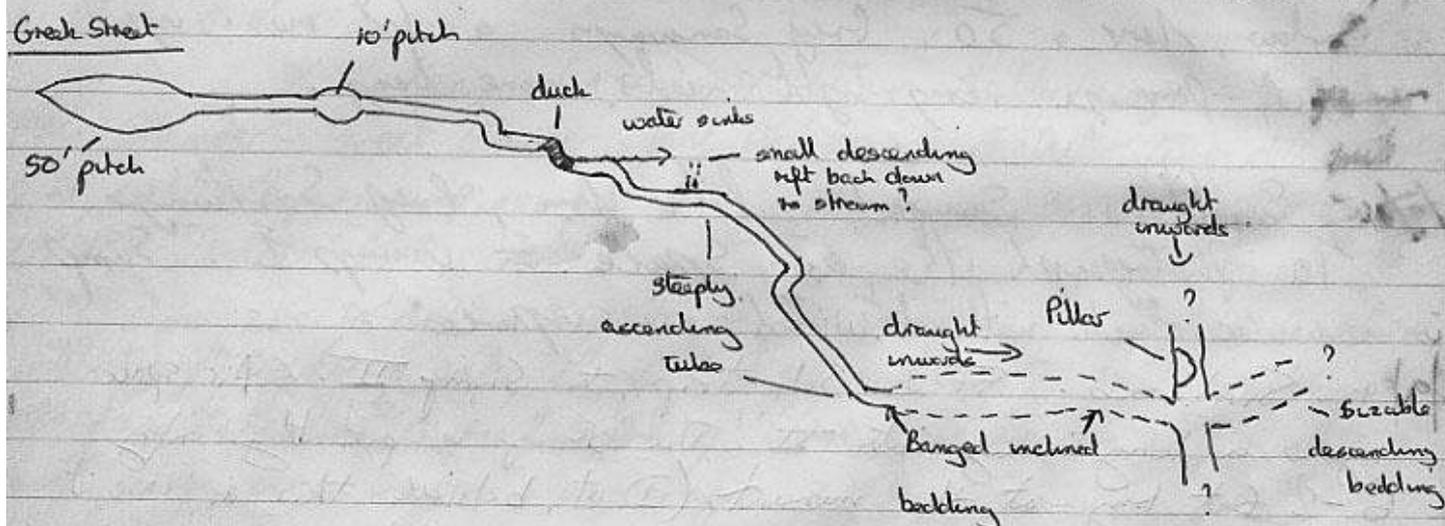
8/9 Swildons Watergate Connection Peter Alison, Pete Walls, Paul Julian. A White Pete went to Watergate via Fault Chamber the others to bail out the upstream sump the others made their way up from Swildons 4. With almost perfect timing I had the sump dry just as the others arrived to bail out the lower sump. Continuing on upstream the next sump was found to be dry and only a bit of digging was needed to get into the chamber ~~found~~ discovered last year. The two leads off were checked, the one which normally has a small stream, would require banging while the passage ~~lead~~ heading off south looks a fairly long term dig.

9/9 Warren Farm Nigel, Peter, Kevin, Peter Alison, Geoff Sharp continuing on downwards, badly choked.

15/9

18/12 Eastwater - West End Series, J Roe, Peter Watts, Peter & Alison Moody.

Casework work at end of Blackmore Tunnel started on 11/8. After 1 bag Alison was able to get through into a large cross passage 10-15 ft high - 4 ft wide. Opposite the bedding continued across the other side of this 6-8 ft wide & 3 ft high. To the left there was a squeeze passage into a passage with a fierce draught, so the right way climbed steeply over boulders. With no-one else able to pass the squeeze all the loads were left unpushed. Before leaving there a charge was fired on the constriction hopefully to make it big enough for all of us next week.



2nd September - Lionsel,

Alison, Chris Milne, Annie Lavender

Trip to check out ~~the~~ whether the waterlevel in the end sump had been affected by the drought. No change and cave is still as enjoyable as ever! A.M.

18.9.84 Jane Claverley, Brian Burner, Paul Weston investigated PINE TREE POST re. The Walkway and Easy Street Crawl. What a great place for a dig! It's so easy if you don't go too far. The last time PW went there was about 1964. We plan to go there again in 2004

19th Sept Bath Swallet. Prew laid a successful shaped charge yesterday on a boulder in Lynne's part of the dig. Today we cleared out the rubble, and with more chisel work demolished a further third of that boulder and half of another one. A possible choked way in can be seen, but Dr Nobel will have to use his rapid erosion technique on the two boulders before it can be dug. Looking good!
Phil Lynn H.

28th September Chert House Cave. Pete Hann & Julie Wootton (sorry Bolt) were nice enough to take Steve Gough & Jo Beckett along on their digging trip, and to give us a good tour as well. The cave has been the place before and was impressed. The men carried cement through a cave before either. Thanks!
Steve

29th September Longwood. Cave was taking rather less than 20 cumees. Greg Samways, Jo Beckett, & I went down & came out, via August. See you all next year.
Steve

29/9/64. Hender's Dig. Dig has suddenly turned left - am I digging an ox-bow to the Old Forty route? Re-remembering around up in the Water Rift re-inforced this point as a tight (too tight) joint was spotted ~~over~~ high up at roof level about 1/2 way along. Since the dig is in a skylight with a very narrow ~~slot~~, this could be the case. Had brief look at inlet below Forty, to assess ways of dealing with it without damaging the stal. 4 hrs. Nigel G

29/4/84 Bath Swallet Prew's last bang not very successful, but 2 large rocks hammered into submission, taken out and used in the dry stone wall. Two small openings found running down dip, but both are choked (slight draught). Still looking good. More bang needed. P. L. Herby

30/9/84 Longwood Valley Sink Simon Meade-King, Nigel Gray
Graham
+3

Dig progressing well, at bottom of rift. Back-filling & halving of surface has improved the site considerably.

2/10/84. Alternative Caving Club. Cheese & wine party in Nine Burrows. Included 2 wessix (Fred and Liz Green). Very pleasant. Ran out of wine so retired to Hunters. Fred.

30/9/84. Grotte La Gouvernec Vercors France.

Paul Wyboro, Rick Weibull, Rob Harper.

Pleasant trip starting with a cold swim. We could not remember where the first access to the streamway was so spent some time looking in holes in the floor and finding short sections of stream. Eventually found the route to the streamway and had an enjoyable time swimming, traversing and cascading. The wire traverses are in a poor state. Rob and Paul went to find cascades. Returned on one light. Harper gobbler; after 7 hrs. other trips to look at Bourcillion entrance - a foaming Malotson, and Pre-Martin but mainly rain stopped play!!

AW.

6/10/84. Stoke Lane Stocker.

Rick Weibull, Anne Lavelle. Quick trip to recover Chris's mini bottle which turned out to be a party. Case set and silted with quarry discharge. - Sump 1 is very low and remains unpleasant. Then Rbw.

6.10.84 M. Harwin & Daughter J. Thetun & Saw
A rugged quick trip to oppet Swildons.

23-9-84 Investigated cliffs between Birding Gap + Beedy Head looking for more solution tubes like Beedy Head one. A pleasant time involving short "rock" climbs + some slithering. Nothing longer than 60ft found but plenty to look at. *Jeff Newton*

23/88 Warren Farm 23/09 Pete Watts, Annie Howard, Pete Moody

30/09 Chris & Anne, Peter & Alison, Nick?

7/10 Pete Watts, Nigel Graham, Jeff Newton, Peter & Alison

Drill digging downwards. Went through some very cloggy mud & eventually on the bank through to a bridge of ~~stalled~~ in rock below which is open rift perhaps 10ft deep. Good brought one again. Banged the hammers ready for next week

Sullivan's Fault Chamber 29/9 Annie Howard, Peter & Alison 6/10 Jeff's Newton & Price, Peter Watts & Moody + Alison. Started a new dig in the ^{left hand} passage of Fault Chamber approach. 2ft 6" wide and unknown height, we've gone in some 20ft. Fill is sand & gravel, ~~it's really~~ a bit too civilized for us.

10-10-84 Charterhouse Cove. Pete Mann, Elvira Bealov, Ann Ingram + 50 after a false start a half a poly bag of gravel was dug out of ~~the~~ stream bed but a lot more is needed from somewhere.

12/10/84 First ever trip saw bottom of foot (close up) and nick's trousers fell down (terrifying) other than that great. *Grant Robinson* 9 barrows.

12/10/84 Yogi, Went to Nirebaraus with Ian Hunter today. No one told me I had to be a midget to be a cover! Got booted in the face, mooned at and virtually jumped by someone behind me. It was great! (NINE BARROWS. POT HOLEING PERUERI)

12/10/84 First time down a proper cave. The person who made them should be sacked, (not everyone's a midget). Probably the first person whose trousers fell off (King Mamer) someone enter me for the Guinness Book of Records, please. Went down with Ian Hunter Portchester School (NINE BARROWS.

Signed KING MOONER

12.10.84. N. WE BARROWS.

First cave trip quite good went with
Don Hunter of Portchester school.
Cave slightly wet but was good
fun.

Portchester
School.

Michael DP.

9/10/84 H.M. PRISON, PORTLAND. Lecturing & slide-show on
caves & caving to about a dozen inmates, 2 of whom had been
cavers (voice from the gloom, during the slides: "Ah, the Short Round
Trip!"). Thanks are due to Pete Haan for loan of his Swildon's
two slides. Nigel Graham

14/10/84 Chanteshore Cave. Pete Haan, Julia Bolt + Nigel
Graham Give you one star at what we went for.

13/10 Swildon's Pirate Chamber Jeff Newton, Peter Watts & Mandy.
Found a possible way on in P.C. on the right half way up the chamber a flake
prevented access to what looks like a wide bedding plane. Banged that out of
the way but ~~found~~ a couple of large blocks fell down and blocked entry to
the passage. Will have another go at it next week. Came out via Truffles
collecting up on assessment of broken knuckers, old knifer suits, dead batteries etc.

4/10 Warren Farm Jeff Newton, Peter Watts, Keith & Ross, Peter & Alison.
~~After~~ After clearing a mass of debris opened up an eye hole which
looks like a large passage. Put one charge on & returned half an hour later
to try and add a second but was thwarted by lingering fumes.

11/10/84 Kartwater Cavern. Jim Moor + M. Duke (guest)
A swift (1 1/2 hrs) + energetic thrutch through
boulder ruckle thence to traverse S. band
too thirsty for 2 vats so went + sat on
2nd rift chamber before making arduous trip
to the hunters. Jim Moor

21/10/84 BRACKNOR HOLE. Pete Watts, Julian Taylor, Paul Sutton,

Rick Warren & Jenny did journey variously S.W., W. and S. to meet Nigel Graham to tour Portland's premier cavern. Upon reaching entrance pitch, (opposite side of which is Start Point) they did chorus "Bloody Hell!"

Round Trip, with odd diversion to view new find (a decorated rift) at far reaches, taking about 3 hours in all (inc. entrance rope work). R.J.

17-10-84 - Swildon's Low bow Pete's Moody + Mann. Laid charge on wall, fired and left.

24-10-84 Swildon's Low bow Pete Mann, Clive Barlow, John Scott & Nev Ingram. Removed bang debris, passage goes left to a cross passage up 6 ft to a choke down 5 ft to another bend, some work on right hand far corner may give us a look around the bend, draught still very strong.

16/10 Pete & Alison Warren Farm. Fire charge on eyelet & case were back half an hour later to drop into a reasonable chamber left exploration to the west end

20/10 Warren Farm, Pete & Alison, Geoff Newton, Pete Watts. Oh! Had a really good look round chamber but the way out is very badly choked with glacial fill and the place to start digging is not obvious. A large oven leads off one side of the chamber and several narrow rifts offer possibilities of extensions. Took many pictures of boxes which are littering the chamber floor.

29/10/84 Lamb Lair. Good look at dig site off bottom of entrance ladder. Crawled about and along for several hundred feet! Accommodate trip for the grand light up of main chamber shortly. Chris, Brian & Paul Weston

1/11/84 Lamb Lair (again). "Le Grand Lighting Up The Main Chamber Expedition" we hauled lots of lamps, batteries, ammo tins, ladders and rope to the Winch Platform and obtained 9 minutes 30 seconds of sheer & brilliant and fading illuminations. By the time the main party gathered all light had

gone!!

Participants: Chris (Lighting Expert) Jane,
Brian Bourne, Sue & Steve Jenkins, Ganth,
Carrin and Simon Weston, signed. Paul Weston

P.S. we will try again later!!

27/10/84 King Pot.

R. Harper, P. Hadfield, R. Welsell, G. Jepson. Nos ① & ③ to bottom - two
old men about half-way 6 1/2 hr.

29/10/84 Lost John's.

P. Hadfield & G. Jepson to master B are via Centifed on little
bridge rigged for us by Keith & Derek Parkinson + Jerry P. 6 hr. Loch 17 ft
is beautiful when it's raining.

2/11/84 Scudlon's Hole.

P. Hadfield & G. Jepson. Wandered around a pleasantly wet
and unpopulated Trouble Peris with "The Old man Mr H." - treading
on my heels. 2 1/2 hr.

3/11/84 Eastwater, West End.

Jo Backett, Paul Hadfield, Dudley Walsh, Rick Welsell, Beth Yaker.

A gentle trip to see the new pretties in Eastwater - more of
a gravel than anticipated. Extreme grips wet but according to Dudley
"the water was better" on the way out. 4 1/2 hr.

31/10/84 Scudlon's Low Bow Pete Hann attacked right hand
bead with hammer + chisel after a short time was able
to get round to next bead which is too tight. Way on looks
good for about another 10 ft

7/11/84 Scudlon's Low Bow Pete's Hann + Moody &
Rhine Barlow laid charge on rock plate and fired

when we got back to the green we were asked if we heard thunder underground or a large rock fall, no all was quite quiet we said and left them looking rather ~~sheepish~~ sheepish.

9-10-84. Coffin Hole, Portland.

Nigel Graham + Gayman Lock (SRCC). Very gingerly juggling into horribly shattered & loose chokes. Most of the abandoned stream caves on Portland are in fairly solid rock. This 'un aint'! Also visited site of White River Cave to assess chances of exhuming it from deep deposit of stone-works sherry. Hard luck: the depression's been recently filled & levelled. At least it's not unrecorded: Mike York produced a survey of it some years ago. NJ.

10-10-84 Charterhouse Cave Pete Hann + John ~~Wotton~~ Bolt

A trip to forget main Bulb blew at entrance dip bulb blew at the end no work done.

11-11-84 Swildon's Lowbow Pete Hann rock glaze on left wall bugged but a bulge on right wall stops legs from bending round passage. The way on can be seen for about 6 feet and a small stream can be heard ahead.

27/10 Eastwooder - West End Series Tony Jarrett, 'Quize' John Watson, Paul Whybro, Peter Alison Moody. Follow up trip to that of 15/10 15/9.

Everyone managed the bedding plane squeeze OK. Everyone on their best behaviour, taking it in turn to pick off the leads. The bedding plane straight across from the way end quickly became too tight, a continuation at higher level indeed. Traversing across the bedding another passage was found but up dip it soon became choked. Ted stripped off to take the last lead, the squeeze on the left over some fine calcated pots. Of course this was the one to go. Beyond another squeeze the way opened right up 5ft across 20ft high. A climb down and traverse over a blind pit led to the balcony of a wide pitch with the sound of a stream coming from the bottom. Back up the passage a descending rift was found but the last 20ft was too small to safely free climb. Tony offered his whole book collection for a rope but he

had no takers. With no tackle there was nothing for it but to go out.
At the breakthrough point we paused to hammer out a steel squeeze and
Alison dropped through into a phreatic tube. Progress was stopped 100ft further
by yet another pitch. Slow chip out - Shvs n all.

14/11/84 Swildons Lowbow Pete's Noody + Hannah laid a
charge on right + left hand walls.

16/11/84 GIB - Devil's Elbow route in, also looked in
virtually every nook & cranny off Gorge & Main chamber,
plus a hard look at The Gorge on way out.
Jane cleverly, Brian Bourner, Paul Weston 4 hrs.

After the above (epic through trip) Jane prepared and we
devoured a sumptuous meal of crab avocado followed by
chilli con carne with a Waldorf salad, milled down with
a bottle of wine. Before we collapsed we were further delighted
(and bloated) with a banana flambé and Jamaican coffee.
Off to the Hunter for some plain fare!

16/11/84 Swildons Lowbow Pete Hannah Solo trip to
see what bang done on 14/11. A good deal of rock removed
but where on left wall stopped progress. The way on looks
like it could turn left into an aven? nice echo when you
hit the rock.

16-11-84 Swildons Old Forty. Nigel Graham. Fungling base
of waterfall & rift downstream in short reconnaissance trip prior
to investigating the never-dry inlet under the aven wall. Clearing the
compacted floor gravel may have the foot just enough to break the runy.

26/10 Swildons Pirate Chamber Solo trip to bang remaining boulders
blocking the way.

3/11 Swildons Pirate Chamber Peter Alison, Peter Watts, ^{John Wilson} Geoff Weston. Dug into passage off PC.
It went all of 5ft before stalling up. Found another possibility at the bottom of the chamber
a passage can be seen going on but entry is prevented by a large hold in block. Renamed
this with Dr Nobels.

10/11 Eastwater - West End Series. Tim Large, Tony Tennant, Peter & Alison Moody, Peter Watts
Armed with a rope, 4 BEC expedition ladders, ammo can & container full of food & stores we returned
to the extension found on 27th. The pitch down to the sand of the stream was rigged and we
landed on a floor of large mud covered boulders. A squeeze/climb dropped 15ft or so down
to the stream. The air was very foggy, no draught at all and obvious signs of the water
backing up at least 30ft. A climb over boulders led J. Ral to a rift with the stream
down below but all very tight & pretty hopeless. I went upstream and found a steeply ascending
tunnel with voices coming from the top. It was Jeff's Pica & Newton of the B' team at the stream
sink at the bottom of Blackmoor Tunnel. A couple of bays would open up a much easier
route in through here. Returning to the base of the ladder the draught was found to be coming
from a rift straight on. Peter Watts free climbed the 15ft pitch to gain a large passage with
many ways on. It was quickly determined that this was a continuation of the high level passage
we were in before. Tim found the way on and on a comfortably sized, pretty passage which
went 200-250ft before ending at a daunting squeeze. Pica dug through and we
squeezed up the far side of the U-tube into a further continuation. Another 100ft or so
further the way began to seal up & a bay will be needed to progress further. Quickly
checked most of the side leads on the way out but they're going to need a more thorough going
over. After a brew up at the top of the climb we began the slow trip out.

11/11 Smildons - Fault Chamber Dig, Peter Watts, Geoff Newton, Nigel Graham, Peter & Alison Moody.
After fighting through the hordes we ~~re-entered~~ did a good digging stint at Fault Chamber.
The passage is still a good size but has turned sharp left and become more inclined.

17/11 Eastwater - West End Series Geoff Newton, Peter & Alison, Peter Watts, Graham Wilson-Jones, Jane
Clark. Went down Alison's pitch out to the right of the breakthrough point. The pitch was
only about 15ft but very slippery. At the bottom was another typical Eastwater bedding plane.
Down top the bedding quickly choked out but across the bedding on at a dried up
streamway was found with large sandstone cobbles. After 100ft of walking passage
the way opened right out into a superb oven 30ft in diameter & about 60ft high.
We didn't get up it. By the ladder a very slippery bedding was followed up dip but it
soon closed up. Back in Blackmoor Tunnel we met Bassel & Jane who after a trawl to
the left hand passages were having a rather trying time attempting to survey.

17-11-84 Charterhouse Cave Pete Mann, Julie Bolt, Nigel Graham
More cement in boulders that are hanging in fresh air and
are also getting bigger and more black stuff around them.

18/11/84 Swildons, Kev C, Rob Jacob^{etc.} took dozens of Bay Sprouts as far as sump 2 & unfortunately brought them out again.

21/11/84 Swildons Low bow Pete Hann, Clive Barlow, John Scott, New Ingram + Chris Jones removed all spoil from dig face and what was stored in chamber, unfortunately Pete Moody's last bang wasn't in the right place so the tight bit is still there, better luck next time.

24/11/84 Chantry/Louise Cave Pete Hann, Julie Bolt, Pete Watts Aubrey Newport More Cement in boulders, Cave very wet.

25/11 Swildons Low bow Pete's Moody + Hann banged the sledge on left hand side.

1/12/84 Swildons - Header's Dig. Nigel Graham. 2 hours.

28/11/84 Swildons Low bow. Pete Hann + Clive Barlow cleared the last bang and squeezed into a rift 18" wide 3 feet high 15 feet long. downstream ends in red choke and several boulders, upstream a tight low, narrow passage 10 feet long with a flake of rock stopping progress.

1/12/84 Swildons Low bow Pete + Clive. Clive removed a boulder downstream while I worked on the flake upstream. Removed the first flake with 4 feet more progress to another this will have to be banged. The passage continues low for 5 feet to a pile of boulders with a black space beyond.

5/12 Low bow. Pete's Moody + Hann banged the flake after a bit of swearing from Moody.

24/11/84 OFO. Rob Harper (Bee) Julian Taylor, Paul Sutton, Rich Weisell. OFO III via Top Entrance, Churn etc etc Good trip quite wet. The young ones burned us off.

Chris Platt

25/11/84 Aggie, Rich Weisell Keith Sanderson Rob Harper (Bee)

Up to White Cliffs, net Bob Drake's entrance, down to main stream and east up to Turkey Boring. etc.

Rev.

9-12-84 Sudders Low bow Site Mann & Julie Bolt The bang was very rewarding and rubble room removed, the boulder beyond took more work but after a while we were able to squeeze through to a continuation of the rift approx 20ft to mud & boulders. Half way along on left wall a 3' x 2' pheratic passage 10 feet long to boulder and the vibration of the main stream can be heard. On right hand wall a pheratic ~~pipe~~ tube going up to same boulders 8' from floor, passage continuing up but boulders will have to be removed.

8-9/12/84 SOUTH WAKES.

Large group (about 18-20) + Colin Houlden (BEC) at Whitewalls. Walking as well as visiting Daren Alau, Ogo of Craig-a-Efynnon & Bridge Cave (the latter for diver training). OCAF party led by Arthur Mitchell (C.S.S.) to 5th choke & parts of side series via aqueous passage to ^{visit} dig in search of main stream, near entrance.

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25/11 Sudders Shelter Series ^{Geoff} Jeff Newton, Peter Watts & Moody + ^{Andy Ward & Paul Herson} 2 ACC. First went to Pirate Chamber where we quickly decided the passage beyond on 3rd site worth pursuing. In a two ft high tube partially blocked by boulder left in. Target on records Shelter Chamber but were side tracked by the avars near ~~Entrance~~ Causeway Colony (Damp hole). We dug into one narrow avar which was climbed for 15ft or so to where a short squeeze prevented any further progress.

Maver Bluff

1/12 Sudders Shelter Series Peter Alton Moody, Peter Watts, Geoff Newton. Alton had a look up the avar found the previous week but couldn't pass the squeeze. Decided it was worth hanging on its quite draughty & very water worn.

2/12 Sudders Fault Chamber Dig Peter Watts & Moody. A hard few hours continuing the dig - definitely looks long term.

8/12 Sudders Shelter Series Peter & Alton Moody. To do Damp hole avar again. It can be seen continuing up but is guarded by large blocks which were banged down.

9/12 Hawks Hole Pete & Alison, Pete Watts - What the hell are we doing staring the dog at the end of Sack in the Mud Passage again?

15/12 Eastender - West End Series. Geoff Newton, Quess John Watson, Peter Watts & Moody. Quick trip opening out the squeezes to the river, Blackman Tunnel and what will be a bypass into the left hand series. John, whose leg felt a bit on the way in, was rescued on the way out from the bottom of Dolphin pitch where he had been waiting in the dark.

16/12 Fault Chamber Dig Pete Watts, Geoff Newton

Still going left & down. Slight draught. Joined by Andy & Paul of A.C.B. A long term project. Visited lower fault chamber to remove pipes but siphon irregular & dam full. Whole cave pleasantly wet and free of tourists. J.A.

12-12 Swildons Pete Mann, Clive Barlow, John Scott, Merriman & Steve Hall. A night off digging!! to look around the Ox-bow, Mann got fed up and looked at a boulder choke in second ox-bow and noticed a black hole beyond. Barlow was sent to low bow to get crowbar and 10 minutes work saw us in a 35 foot high 4 foot wide 20 foot honey rift. A climb to top a tight passage which will need some work. Some very fine ~~stone~~ formations will need photographs

16-12 Swildons. Pete, Clive, Scotty & Merr with Nigel Graham for a short time. Scotty & Merr photographing, the Clive & Nigel surveying after this was done Scotty & Merr dug in floor and broke back into the ox-bow. ~~the~~ the + Clive hammered the squeeze open into a passage 4 feet x 6 feet. 20 feet up stream to caliche boulders + too tight hole 15 feet down stream to a tight slot with a draught blowing out. getting out from bottom was fun for me as a very large boulder fell out of ~~my~~ while I was on the wrong side, 15 minutes with Merr pulling + the pushing ~~prevented~~ ~~on~~ ~~new~~ brought relief and a rapid exit. P.M.

15/12/66 Charterhouse Cave. Julia Salt + Peter Mann.
Cement in end boulders.

20/12/84 Eastwater. 5 of SCPCC. No guide turned up for Cuthberts so we went for a scout round Eastwater. After having a look down Mortons, Ed got stuck up towards Kentish Laim. Off we went down to the Verticals both 1st and 2nd.

Nimbarrows - a quick glance round.

One party down GB, good exploration all over it.

Another party but not as far

21/12/84 One party down GB to Bats & Great Cavern. Good fun. Water 6' lower than yesterday.

One party explored Lambs Leer for SHS. All of Derbyshire Crap in one hole. - YUCKY. Thank god for a good pitch into the cavern.

One party to Swildons - sporting wet trip, very enjoyable.

→ ANDREA DID HER FIRST SUMP + KATIE HER FIRST FALL!!
→ DICK DIED OF STOMACH ACHES - WHAT A SURPRISE
→ LUI GABER

One party to Eastwater - good sporting trip.

19/12/84 Charterhouse Cave. Clive Barlow, Terry Ingram, Bell Yates + Pete Hann. Bell's first trip down the cave, a quiet tourist for her while the others collected gravel for the end dig.

22/12 84 Cuthberts. Two trips around Cuthberts.

Tony Boycott took us down to Mud Hall and Curtain Chamber - v. impressive. Then down to the main streamway and a look at sump 2. On the way back we did a few loops around and by this time all us tourists were lost. A visit to the Cascades and then time to leave. An excellent days canyoning, enjoyed by all.

23/12 Sludge Pit, 5 SCPCC down the aptly named hole, a good thrash about for about 1 1/2 hours, another 7 went off to Sump 2 in Swildons,
Cheers!

23/12 Swildans - Sump 2 and back. 7 SCPC members, excellent 2 hour trip thoroughly enjoyed by all and made even more sporting by the amount of water going. highlight (?) of trip, the Xmas tree + decorations in Sump 1 chamber!!

Thanks for the hospitality - we've all had a great time!

I'U SECOND THE LAST STATEMENT. WE'VE HAD A WONDERFUL 4 DAYS LIVING. THANKS FOR ADVICE, FRIENDSHIP, KNOWLEDGE, PATIENCE BY MEMBERS OF WESSEX STAYING AT HUT DURING SAME PERIOD.

FRIENDLINESS

December 25th.

Santa Claus & Rudolph the Red Nosed reindeer go to Swildans. First to middle ox-bows in the search for fame & fortune but got fed up when none could be found. Carried on down to Sump 2. Water levels ridiculously high and cold. Sump one turned into a real head banger due to the depth of water. Couldn't get the sleigh through, so had to be content with pinching the presents from under the tree. Spotted two elf's doing a round trip, but they climbed the 20 like Legless Goblins. Hit by a flood pulse in water chamber, most enjoyable! Retired from cave to be greeted by torrential rain, and Blatly wanted snow? Ambushed in the field by snow white & the 3 dwarfs (MNRC), not enjoyable, and ran out of petrol so had to walk back. all in all, a stupid day.

+ SCREW -
+ TIM MOON

8/12/84 Jeff Price, Bob Drake, Kevin Cannon, Doug Adams
BRIDGE CAVE - LITTLE NENTH RIVER CAVE
Neath flood entrance sumped, everyone
through BRIDGE SUMP for a trot round Neath.
Thanks to Nick Graham for carrying kit. 3HRS

JP

December 26th.

Pressed Rat & Wanthog visit Panto Land. (Longwood)

Should have known better when we ~~we~~ saw what the stream was taking, but being the silly season, why not. August turned out to be impossible for ~~the~~ people who breathe air. The amount of water coming down the Aven should have given us our second clue as to what was to come next. But! From the Aven down to Longwood Chamber was very wet and the climb across the Chamber could be classed as different. Swing pitch was ridiculous, so rather belatedly, decided to abort the trip in favour of even more stupid pastimes, the most stupid being running out of petrol again and having to walk back for the second time in 2 days.

27/12/84 Morton's Pot dig - Eastwater 11.40m

I. Jepson, A. Janott, T. Hughes, Chag Chester (P22ASUS)

1/2 lbs bang laid in terminal bedding plane. Suitably loud noise as a result.

J Rat.

28.12.84.

Pete Watts & Pete Mann. Swildons. Lower Fault Chamber, Upper Watergate.

Attempt No 2 to Recover the Hoses from Watergate for Pete & Alison.

This time managed to get the siphon working but found that all the buckets had holes in them. After a few choice words and a lot of bailing, managed to get the sump open enough to get into Watergate. Upstream was well and truly sumped, so decided to leave the hoses in place for the time being. Mr Mann said something about the climb off out of Lower fault that cannot be printed here.

29.12.84 Fault Chamber Dig

Geoff Newton, Paul Sutton, Julian Taylor — Roof appears to have bottomed - dig starting to go up again. Joined by Andy Ward & Paul? of ACT ~~SM~~

31.12.84 Swildons Jim, Fred & Hannah. My first trip down. Arms are so tired can hardly hold the pencil. After initial baulk at the sight of all that water gushing past the entrance,

took courage in both hands and entered.
Discovered Mined it. Carried on till we came
to the twenty. I'm glad I couldn't see the
bottom of the ladder. Continued on about
halfway to sump 1 then got tired and turned
back. Was hauled halfway up ladder when
arms gave out. Came out wet way and was
pulled through the crawl. Finally found last
bit of strength to clamber out into daylight.
Fantastic!!! Hannah.

30-12-84. TWININGS BARROWS. Beth Yates, Rick Warren,
Nigel Graham. To terminal sink & quit below one inlet. rly.

31-12-84 SWINDONS - BUTCHER CHAMBER. Julie Bott, Pete Mann,
Nigel Graham. Look around right chamber found 12/12 by PH etc,
also obtained further details for survey. First time I've ever heard of
a cave feature named after beer! rly.

31-12-84 Phil Lynne, Jim R. & H digging both Swalleb. Several boulders
and 31 buckets of soil (large) removed. Floor is now mainly gravel with air spaces -
draughting (!??!). Back wall will have to go - question: is it holding
up the roof. Breach through into C.M.T.M. postponed until next year, as we
have already won the WCC/BCC digging barrel for this year, and don't
want to humiliate the BCC too much.

HF

30/12 Geoff Newton, Pete Watts, Peter & Alison Moody to tunnels continuing the 'dig' at the end.
31/12 Geoff Newton & Peter Moody - Swindons Shallow Series to the Damp hink Aven, after clearing
all the loose debris from the west on 8/12. Way on up is into a jumble of boulders with
no obvious route to pursue decided to abandon the dig. Went on to Shallow Chamber
without finding anything interesting.

31/12 Al Kean Beth Yates. Manor Farm. First time I have been down He's cave for years.
A pleasant surprise. Still a lot of formations in good condition. Nice and wet and
not smelly - a bit like a Yorkshire cave in places.

AK.

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28/12/84 Rich Webb, Beth Jules
Swiss cows Round trip and Switzer to
High water level in troubles. Bionic lockhouse performed
well. takes

29/12/84 Rich Webb, Rob Hayer, Peter Citan
Spent long time in old Peter Citan looking
for new entrance but failed to locate
them, we now know where they are thanks God
exercise in proving they can get through
the entrance series.
5 hrs.

30/12/84 Rich Webb, Rob Hayer, Woody Hole.
Nice time in medium via interesting to
continue climb in columns etc. On finding
to get into this due to pressure we
succeeded in finding two then returned to air
surface in 19. Then spent some time exploring
side passages in nearby. Numerous 'sifts' on way
out.
4 1/2 hrs.

31/12/84 Rich Webb, Rob Hayer, Alison Moody.
To try Beckitt, Peter Watts. Cuthberts
went down to gear hall and Rob and
I climbed up the intake, two pitches one of
25' to large ledge then traverse right to
second pitch of 30' to small crevasse with
one side of gear hall. Rob then climbed
above this to a small passage blocked by
boulder with possible way on. We all then
explored pyrotechnic since quite attractive with
black stuff. Rob climbed in roof box to
find another small too tight? passage. Fun
with falling boulders and vein attempt to
down Peter Watts in the entrance cleft.

6 hrs.
