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Jan 1st Trip round the Upper Pitts drainage system - full traced to something which didn't want to leave the ladder bog. Why does it a) always happen to me b) when I've got a hangover c) and there are plenty of idle buggers about who could do the job equally well?

Happy New Year, weasel.

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G.B. 1.1.85 Julie Bolt, Pete Watts, Jo Beckett
Nigel Graham, Geoff Newton & Aubrey
To Bat passage. The duck is horrible +
the wet bit just after the ladder streaks.
Not a full hangover cure!

Swallows 2.1.85 Geoff Newton.

Instead of ~~hurrying~~ rushing on to the more remote regions spent an hour or two exploring most of the way from Water Chambers upwards, including ~~the~~ Blatrombe Chambers.

Earthwater 3.1.85 Geoff Newton

Down to Primrose Pot + did down the fixed rope for a couple of body lengths before safety was regained. Back on via Lower Tunnels to the Rift Chambers + vicinity where an enjoyable hour or two was spent climbing + groveling. Out via Boulder Chamber.

4.1.85 SPAR POT & SWILDOONS (SE INLETS)

Geoff Newton & Andy Symonds (QMC) A first look for both of us round Spar Pot. The cave is well endowed with sharp fossils & blustery corals. An embryo Lionsley without the Mud.

Then on to Swildons to see if the U tube into Renaissance was sumped. It was. We can also report that the Frome Xmas tree has vanished from the area of sump 1. jpt.

4/1/85 Pinetree Pot.

Julie Bolt, Beth Yates, Pete Watts

To moonlight Grotto & variously to parts of Easy street. Julie & Beth to the third aven and Pete Watts to the end. Was + worth it! a unanimous decision, NO.

21/1/85 Swildons

Pete Mann + Cline Barlow to measure how much hosepipe would be needed for lowlow, 105 meters. Tried to take at boulders in aven but bar too short for Sape working. The boulders in side passage looked at but left alone because of a squattoe has taken up residence among the boulders. A lesser horseshoe bat, so this is a bloody good excuse not to go back for a while.

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5.1.85. Eastwater West End Series

J-Rat + Jeff Newton To the big oven in the right hand series. J-Rat climbed the notch at the far end of the oven for 25-30'. This pinched out about 15-20' higher and is not an inlet as originally hoped for. Anyone wanting to climb the oven will have to lift all the way up from the floor (70'+). GN pushed Aberfan Panogl a couple of body lengths further than previously. The bedding eventually becomes too tight but a radore passage about 2' to the right could be reached by someone tall and appears to go for a fair distance.

The ladder (found by J-Rat in the Benger 10 years ago) was removed from Dolphin as its disintegration appeared imminent.

5/1/85 Singing River Mine Pete Watts & Beth Yates.

As an alternative to going somewhere horrible, once we actually found it, quite a pleasant little trip. Didn't get lost too often and even found the bits we went to look at. Got wet as far as the knees in the lake and decided that was enough.

5/1/85 Charterhouse Cave.

Pete Mann + Julie Bolt collected more gravel and put more cement in and boulders. Next trip is wait or bust with long bar to see what's safe further on.

1/1/85 Pete Hamm, Pete & Alison Moody. Drove over to Rofford hoping to do Rofford Farm Care but the land owner was out so on to Buntington & had a quick look down Millars Quarry Care - pretty uninspiring. Next went to White Stone Farm & down Rocked Dry to remove boulders from a couple of years ago. The air is still very suspect down Rocked Dry and people are advised not to go down (the problem seems to be due to CO₂? seeping or from decomposing slags which has been dumped in the neighbouring depression). Finally down Swithers & have a look around Bedstone Chalk - failed to push Alison into anything new.

6/1/85 Pete Hamm, Bob Yates, Bob Price, Pete & Alison Moody. Continued bouldering up the final ridge in Seck in the Mud ^(hinds). A good time was had by all.

13/1/85 Chartshoure Care Pete Hamm & Clive Barlow Attacked the boulders with long bar but not a lot happened. Big hole in floor 4 feet deep to what appears to be the stream bed, but no water flowing. The boulders in roof need bang and a large stream to find out where it's flowing to.

13-1-85 Swithers - Henslers. Nigel Graham.
Very slow progress - the till is solid & quite tough stuff.

16/1/85 North Hill Swallet. Clive Barlow, Pete Hamm & Bob Yates
A quick thash to the end and a good look around as Pete and Clive hadn't been down there before. Quite enjoyed it and can't see why everybody ~~hates~~ hates the place. On way out Pete sat

on the metal ring on entrance and froze to it. A sharp pull left the bum of her wet suit stuck there.

17-1-85 Sandy Hole. Nigel Graham + 2 occasional cavers + 1 beginner. Quick trip, organised at their request, made a little more humorous by snow on the cliff approach to the cave.

Bob Tan, Paul Hobson, Andy Ward, Pete & Alison, Pete Watts }洞穴 - break through and

19th Jan. Pete & Alison, Pete Watts

22-1-85 Brought a group of severely handicapped people up to the G but for lunch. Then on to Ebbor to see how far we could get! Paul Weston

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26-1-85. Swildon's: Jim Moon + Chris Bradnock. A nice constitutional to 2 + back. A little pile of rubbish noted at swamp 1 pool! (Brought out of course)

23/1/85 Swithland Upper Oxbow. Pete Mann + Steve Ingram started digging up through boulders to see if there is a continuation of Butcombe Chamber back towards the entrance 2 feet of progress and looking good.

26/1 Jan Eastwater - West End Series Pete & Alison Moody,
Pete Watts, Geoff Newton, Martin Buckley, Paul Sutton

Tying off some of the leads in the left hand series. The draughts in Whitehall was thoroughly checked and found to close down to very small tubes some 20ft up. In the Jubilee here the passage to the left by the pearls was pushed through to some tubes doubling back to the start of Jubilee. On the way out we used the traverse to bypass the eyeble pitch, this really does save a lot of effort. ~~The~~ Black Tunnel and the bouldered bedding has cleaned up considerably and is much easier than it used to be. "The exp.

27/1/95 Charnwood Caves. Pete Ham, Nigel Graham, Pete Watts
Chris & Anne Lavender. Removed a lot of spoil from
dig and another attempt at getting Crouched, hard luck in itself
here, (better luck next time!) The boulders need banging and the
stream still not audible below even in a reasonable flow.
Looking good with a very strong draught blowing out. 3hr.

? 27/1/95. Doug Adams + Jim Moon. (1st) photographic trip
to Swildon's sump, via Barnes. Interesting -
2 hours caving + seemed like 2 hours waiting for
the whole of Norwich University to fall off ladders
+ down holes. Some entertaining, if unconscious,
poses clicked.

28/1/85. Swildon's Renaissance. ~~Pete Woods~~.

Solo trip to see if the U tube into Renaissance was still sumped. Water level down from 4/1/85 but still neck deep with lots of horrible bits floating in it. Surprised not to see any University of East Anglia students ^{still} down there, they seemed to get everywhere else!.

29/1/85 Dastwater Cavern.

Beth Gates & I up gas can to Norton's Pot. Retrieved old lung mic, and got new one near dig. Cave quite moist - too moist in fact to reach the dig site without holding one's breath. 40 mins ~~up~~

31/1/85. Swildon's SE Inlets + Short round trip, Martin Buckley. $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours.

Took an easy stroll down expecting to have the cave to myself, but there were twenty, earmy cadets waiting to go down the Twenty. I managed to persuade them to let me pass. I don't think I got to the end of SE Inlets as I wasn't sure of the way so I decided to do the short round trip. The troubles were sumped and it took a long time to bale them plus ~~that~~ I nearly drowned in the second as I hadn't baled it enough. M.B.

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30-1-85 Sutcliff's Butcombe Chamber. Pete Ham, Clive Barlow, Nev Ingram, Bill Yates, Aubrey Newport. Started digging downstream choke, 4 inch Calcite over sand + cobbles. At end of erosion managed to squeeze into the Avon seen by Alison, 6 feet high, 2 ft diameter. The passage continues down at floor level with a small draught blowing out, a good vision will then let us see what is beyond.

6-1-85 Pete Ham, Clive Barlow, John Scott + Nev Ingram removed great quantity of silt + Calcite floor down through 9 inches of gravel to another false floor 4 inch thick with 6 inch air space to more gravel. Way on can be seen for 8 feet but too tight

13-1-85 Ham + Barlow + Ingram + Dave Willmett removed more silt by lowering floor by 6 inches

21/2/85 ~~Pete~~ Peter Watts Moody Geoff Newton Alison + Pete Ham Surveyed the up-dip passages in Lower Fault Chamber, Sutcliff. Did a bit of digging in Middle Fault but found progress really slow. Before coming we also had a good look around the Grecy Chimey area

9/2/85 Peter Watts Moody + Do some digging on the Eastwater Excursion + Geoff Newton with Mark Lushby & Steve Newell (BEC) to start boring Cenozoic Avon. In fact we go as far as the low passage to Blackwell Tunnel where we found the way sumped right back, the cave was certainly wet but we see a late shot was a bit off putting, perhaps the fall along the outside needs increasing.

16/2/85 Peter Watts Moody + Alison Hunter. The big push, see off one charge

At the end, then waited about quarter of an hour for the fuses to clear, during which time Alan found 60ft of passage off the Duck Bypass. The fuses now for had now come out of Stick in the Mud & filled the rest of the lower roadway. Went back to the end to get some fresh air & put in another charge. Rather hard. The top - breakthrough next week.

21/2 Gang of Three (PW, PHAM) hives - an abortion of a top, the only thing which went successfully was the bang. Breakthrough next year.

17/2 Charterslone Cave Pete's body + Mann + Julie Bolt.

Laid charge on ~~the~~ boulders & fired. Fumes cleared quickly and the right amount of rock removed. A lot of cement now needed.

20/2 Swildons Batcombe Chamber dig. ~~The~~ Peter, Graham, Julie Barlow, John Scott, Pete Mann. Digging very hard as there is a layer of stones cemented together about 1 foot thick.

23/2 Charterslone Cave. Pete Mann, Nigel Graham, Jim Rands Large amount of cement put in boulders.

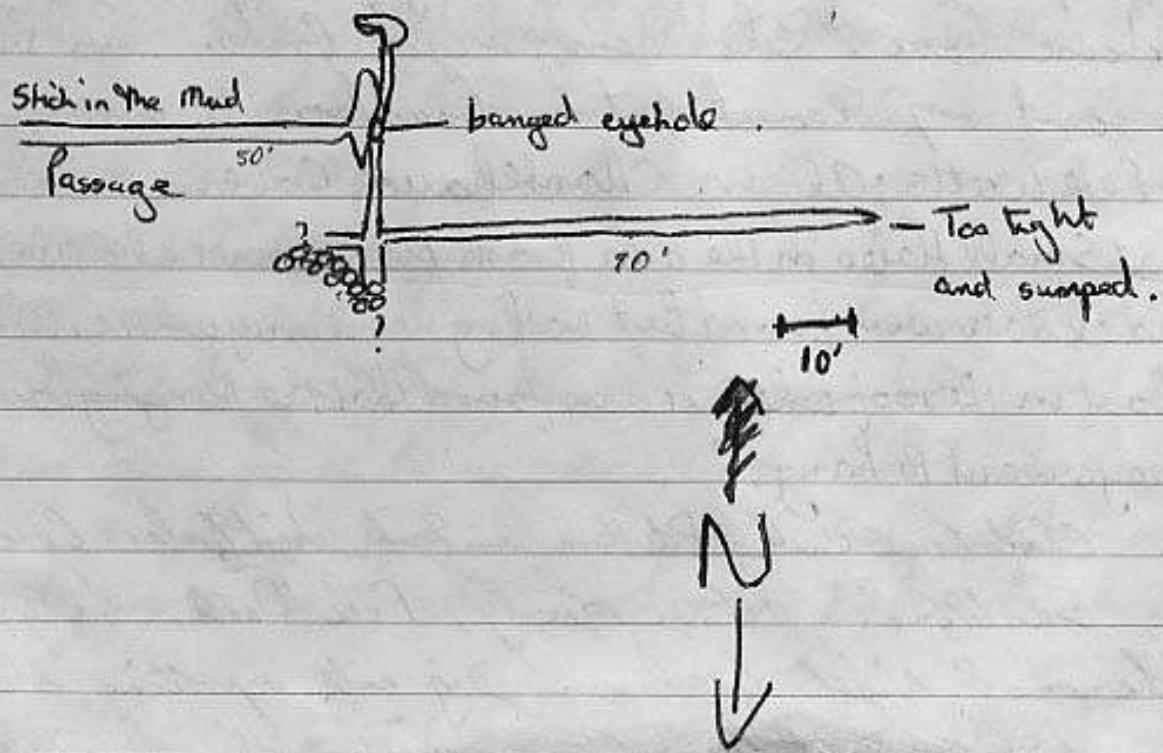
17/2/85. Pete Watts & Alison Charterslone Cave.

Looking at Small Holes in the area from Midsummer chamber to the Citadel lots were found but nothing went anywhere. Also climbing about in the roof where it was found that the hanging boulders didn't always want to hang.

23-2-85. Charterslone Cave. Pete Mann, Jim Rands, Nigel Graham. Concreting

24-2-85 Swildons. Alison Moody, Pete Watts, Andy Wil, Paul Oberon & Nigel Graham. Dig site spotting in Mud Swamp / Shatter Pit / Greasy Chimney area.

23/2 Holes - Gang of Three plus Geoff Newton. After clearing the spot from the last bay we were all able (with varying degrees of difficulty) to get up through the eye hole at the top of the rift. A small passage choked on the left but opened out at the top of a very high, steeply descending rift to the right. After a little delay dealing with a large flake blocking the way we were able to pursue it for about 60' to where it became too low. Two other choked passages were dug for about 20' at the head of the rift were dug for about half an hour but prospects do not appear that good. Probably leave holes for another few years - total length of extension about 100'.



24/2 Sailors Geoff Newton & Pete Moody. First to St Paul's & dig the Muddy Oxbox passage down to 2 to have a look at the BEC's discoveries off Old Approach. We didn't know exactly where it was but took a narrow canyon down from the oxbox just before the main passage turns sharply NW. The canyon dropped out into a larger passage with a small stream. Right were a choke which must be very close to the southwady for the Abandon Hope duck. Strengthon went down a series of short slots, through a duck and along a dry passage to connect with the passage upstream of Camp 1. Unfortunately we'd left some gear in Old Approach so had to go all the way back to collect the damn thing. Later learned we'd totally missed their main find, Valentine's Rift, which goes off nearer the climb up from 10ft Debarg and heads out towards P.P. Passage.

2/3 Easterday - Pete Wells, Peter Alan Moody to hang the end of Whitehall & dig a passage near Ceratoph Aven. Geoff Newton had gone down before us with Mark Hurley & Steve Miller (BEC) to begin the bolting of Ceratoph. At Gladman's we met Tim & Dave from the BEC who were going out, they said the duck at the bottom of Blackwall was open but pretty wet, the others had gone on through, they only had funny suits. We found the duck only had a few inches of space, and was a bit naughty as its right with a right angled bend. At Ceratoph we met the others and made some comment about the duck and they replied that they hadn't found it bad. For a few minutes I thought they were bullshitting me and they caught me as I was bluffing. Then discovered they'd had at

least 6" of airspace when they went through half an hour before and that the bloody duck must be filling up. A really hurried retreat was made, the duck still had an airspace but was really unusable. Pete Wells somehow got through and then that was it. Bailing hard with helmets & a small container stopped us rising any further while Mark went back for the large BDH holding the foot pump at the start of ~~the~~ Jubilee line. Using this for bailing and with Pete building a dam on the houseside we began to get the water off dry. After two hours hard bailing we dropped ~~water~~ sufficiently to ~~get~~ the duck back out. An exciting day

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27-2 Sanddon's Butcombe Chamber Pete Mann, Bett Tatus
Ave Ingram, Cline Berlow. CH went to lowbow first to remove buckets & ropes from former dig then on to remove more spoil. I installed a traverse line on top for added safety as the climb is getting very slippery with mud.

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2/3/85 - Doug Adams & Jim Moon. Went to play in GB with cameras. Much better results this time! NB Cave door OPEN as hinges have sheared off the door. Reported to Nat Warden.

6/3/85 Jim Moon, Chris Bradstock, Alison Eburne —

Swallow 1 + through swamp. First time through a swamp for Abbie - nicely done! A very pleasant stroll back, then to the tents.

8/3/85 Doug Adams / Tim Moon : St. Cuthbert's. Went to make walkies & ourselves practicing SRT up + down Pulpit pitch. Interesting + instructive: sit / stand rules OK!

9/3/85 Geoff Keaton - more SRT practice in Cuthberts

Up + down Pulpit a couple of times then to Ledge Pitch where Medans had set up some godawful rigging

6/3/85 Swallows Butcombe Chamber Beth Yates, Ken Ingraham, John Scott, Clive Baslow + Pete Mann. The floor of the dig was lowered another foot and will need to go down at least another 2 ft to get under the slate. Water has started to trickle in and digging now getting unpleasant.

9/3 Charterhouse Cave Pete Mann, Beth Yates, Julie Bolt more cement in boulders.

10/3 Charterhouse Cave Pete Mann, Julie Bolt, Nigel Graham. Started digging in left hand well just before the Citadel. Good fun getting a 5 ft iron ladder down the cave. 3 ft of progress was easily made in firm compacted mud, it appears to be a rift passage and not just an alcove ~~as~~ ~~especially~~ another revision should see if it carries on or pinches in.

13/3 Swildon's Butcombe Chamber Clive Parlow, John Scott,
Perr Ingram, Bill Yates, Ross Smith Pete Hamm. The ~~main~~ dig was
attacked by c. B, S.S, A.I., S.Y., while P.H. climbed around in the
roof between the boulders. A small chamber in boulders 8 foot x 8 foot
entered which is above the bottom end of the rift and holes in ~~the~~ floor
between boulders ~~except~~ look down into it. A climb 10 foot up
through boulders at this point reaches a small hole between
three car sized boulders held up by cobwebs and small
loose stones where a solid roof can be seen 5 foot higher
and what could be a small chamber. Entry was not attempted
as you would have to take out the supporting stones and get
crushed by the big buggers, this has been called "Death Wish
Chamber". The main dig has now reached a solid floor and digging
under the flakes started into what could be a low bedding plane.

17/3 Cherteshome Cave Clive Bolt, Pete Watts, Pete Hamm.

Put more cement in boulders and some large ones need
boning, back up to dig near Citadel and pushed in another
5 feet and stopped by rock which could be a large slab
fallen in, needs a bit more work to find out.

23/3/85 Eastwater Regents Street. Pete Watts, Martin Buckley,
Nigel Graham. Dolphin Pitch has grown again!.

24/3/85. Northam Park. Kermit, Pete Watts, Andy Ward, Paul Robertson.
3 to dive, one to carry & watch in absolute amazement at the
stupidity of the aquatic minority.

18-22 March.

Took a party of ten health service staff to the Brecons / Black Mountains for a week to train them in 'Adventure Pursuits'. Excellent weather conditions for this, sub-zero temperatures, snow, sleet and high winds! There was sufficient snow around Ystradfellte for snow ploughs to be out! At Llangattock there seems to be a good deal of conflict between locals who live in and around The Old Daren Sunday school and visitors. The track between Cheldee hut and the Daren is now closed to vehicular traffic. This is enforced rigorously as I found out to my peril when accosted by the wild boars.

On our last night I thought I'd got away scot-free with all the hardships I'd caused people but this was not to be as my sleeping bag was full of salt, pepper and flour

~~Upper Swithland~~ ~~Swithland~~ Paul Weston

27/3 Swindon Butcombe Chamber, Beta Ham, Beth Yates, John Scott, Rosie, Terri Ingram, Clive Easton, Aubrey Newport, uncle Tom Cobley and All. A good turn out to find the Swindon New Master Care but the bloody dig is under nine inches of water. Fixing

mud and water doesn't work, when pouring the buckets up the 4 ft drop most of it runs out and down your neck. A short pipe and funnel will be needed next time so we can bail it down the slot on the left.

29/3/85 Persil Rift (Portland). Nigel Graham + Gaynor dock (SRCC) & Stuart? (beginner - albeit with climbing experience). Object was to try to find any possible way into Blacknose Hole nearby - no luck (not without lots of stal romancing anyway!). Still, this recently (last year) discovered cave makes a good addition to the caving trip repertoire, with a 40' twenty pitch, a short tight traverse & a fine stal-walled final section. NG.

20/3/85 Swildons - Kev C, Séan Walsh
Quick trip to St.Johns Bell as a long overdue pre-hunters, and to try out my new ex-fire extinguisher. This was not like caving with a cylinder - more like caving with a large zit. (This refers to the hardware not the company) KEV.

30/3/85. Pete Watts, Beth Yates, Aggie.

Southern Stream but rapidly got Board, Turkey, but equally Boring. Nothing changes.

31/3/85 Tynings. (Doris and the Dots.) Everything but the Dragon!

3/4/85 Swildons Butcombe Chamber Pete Haux, Clive Barlow, John Scott, Trevor Ingram. Fitted pipe + funnel and bailed dry drifts. Straight ahead has reduced to a small bedding too tight to dig. The gravel bank on right hand ridge will now have to be removed to see what happens next.

24.3.85 SWILDONS A very short trip to the first s' drop which Mary did literally. She was ~~worn out~~ carried across the fields back to accessible first Rombor; I got myself out - but had to be carried to a car. Mary -

31-3-85 FOXES HOLE. Pete & Alison M, Pete Haux, Nigel Galan. To attempt to bail lower end of 2nd chamber - water too high in this & the adjacent ramp. Go off to Rickford Farm Cave - Farmer has temporarily stacked a load of rubbish in the way! Caves 2, caves 0. Back to hut, up of tea tea off for a walk.

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5/4/85 Dorothy & Toto. Swildons. First to Butcombe Chamber to finish the surveying and do some digging. Then on to Lowbow to see if it really is that bad, it is. Managed to push a body into some pretty small places, but pain hints!

4/4/85. P. Underwood & S. Gough for one and a half hours of tourism to the first sump via Langwood Chamber.

7/4/85. Swindon. Nigel Graham to Hensler's Dig to compare bearings along it & the Water Rift. As the survey shows, the 2 passages are virtually parallel, though the end point is at an angle to them, not a right angle so there's still a chance the dig is more than just an overflow. (There had been debate on this point between Mo Hann ^{and ASL})

Lay up to Shelter Pot dig for an hour's useful progress.

(6) Dinstick!

7/4/85. Rich Websell, Pete Hann, Pete Watts. Langwood. More horrible things to look at in Lower Stream upper galleries. Websell managed to con the weesex thing man into pushing a horrible upwards squeeze that managed to go absolutely nowhere. Thanks mate!. Had a go at bolting up a horibble wall towards a Black Hole. Part 2 follows shortly.

7/4/85. Julian Trudy Jr. + Maini Sump 2. + back. Trudy's first trip, Sump 1. No trouble, an inventory both by Jim in double pots, a very ~~wet~~ nice wet trip $3\frac{1}{4}$ hrs. new caving techniques taught.

MJ

7/4/85. Noxam Park. Kermit, Pete Watts, Pete Hann, Andy Ward, Paul Robertson. Today has been cancelled, what a snifter? Thank You God. Never mind the Blue Holes, this was aesholes.

8/4/85 Swildon's Crazy Larry & Dirty Harry climbing - falling out of roof in various parts of streamway to I looking for new digs A raypole will be needed to fall out of a couple of black holes that we were unable to get to.

9 April 1985 P. Bonne & S. Gough to Swildon I (camp). Mission accomplished!

9/4/85 D. Sanderson, T. Waller. Swildons 4.

Explored a hell of a lot of Brooks and crannies = 4. Couldn't bear troubles so came out via trout temple. 3 hrs.

13/5/85 Doris, The Dots MKII. Braunes Hole. Got dirty but declined the urge to get wet in a very damp canal. Got clean playing with an aquatic bridge outside Stoke.

8-13/4/85 Ric & Pat Hellard, Paul Norman and Cooper introduced a group of Coss (most of whom had never been before) to the delight of many rains. Started them with last year as a nice introduction and went on through longwood, Swildon (time including 1st camp), St. Cuthbert (time) and G.B. I couldn't get any of them to go down Ratt's Hole. Ric H.

13/4/85. DAREN CILIAU. Jeff Price & Martin Buckley
with Arthur Stillet (Chelten S.S.) to Terminal Sump, New Gannon,
Doug Adams, Tim Moon & Nigel Graham to Antler Passage
via Vicki Osborne (in). Apocalypse (out) with John Cooper (CSS)
who was tramping beyond end of Antler Passage. Excellent trip.

14/4/85 Pete W, Beth, Swildans. 3 hrs 20 mins and never
went beyond the Water Chamber?.

10/4/85. CLIVE BAILEY, MERVINGHAM, SCOTTY, DALEWILHORST SWILDANS
Butcombe Chambers

Removed lots of spoil. Going down into mud but water is
causing problems. Came up when more crud was falling
into the dig than we were getting out. Pete Ham was sick.

5.4.85 Dawn (lilac) Geoff N. Pete & Alison

GN to Terminal Sump. Pete & Alison to Egham Passage &
Misfit Passage.

6.4.85 OFD 1 As above with Martin Gann & lots of
BEC. Some inc Pete & Alison out of Com Rvr. Done inc GN
out of escape route. OFD 1 downstream very spotty.

7.4.85 GN + 2 from Bedrock to River (lilac)

Visited pethys & end chokes in 'old' new extension

8.4.85 GN + 2 from Bedrock Pottering around Egham
Faucet.

17/4/85 Sardons Butcombe Chamber C Barlow, A. Ingram
P. Khan, Roxie more upsoil + water removed.

21/4/85. Faith, Hope and Charity + Winalot,
ChanterRouse. More cement, + crunch - Miss!

20/4/85 Sardons, Hensher's Dig. 3 hrs chipping: Swildons
must be all off 3" longer now! ~J Graham.

21/4/85 C.B. Nigel Graham + Mike Read (guest) general
walkabout round, looking at all the side parishes. ~JG

24/4/85 Beth + Pete Watt, Spot/East Twin.

Elizabeth collecting Brownie Paints (100). + 1 well and truly
shredded wetsuit.

24/4/85 Butcombe Chamber, Sardons. Pto H, Clive B, Jerry,
John S, Steve H, Winalot a lot more upsoil removed.

20/4/85 Sardons, New Renaissance REBASCENCE.

Goff N, Abiron, Doug Boomer + Richard Aston + Winalot
First three completed the upstream survey. Odens decided against
the squares + exited with Keith Fielder mob. Water level up one
foot in U-tube from a month ago when the line was put in.

21/4/85 Sardons - GN

Soz wander round upper river. found nothing now

27/4/85 Beth & Pete W. Holwell cave..

Nice crystals, but why do the little buggers hide in the tight awkward bits?

28/4/85 Swindon Henster's Dig. Slow, slow, slow-slow
slow. 3 hrs. N.Y.

28/4/85 Beth, Pete W., Pete H. Reservoir.

Up and down or down & up to the strains of Sibelius.
and whimpering males.

1/5/85 Beth, Pete W. Pinetree. Wessex v Easy Street
part II. No contest.

4/5/85 West End Series Entrants

Goff Newton, Bob Lewis, Martin Buckley + Dave Mita? (SVCC)

An ill fated trip started without tree-peds. The
ladders taken in the previous weekend by the Navy / Ken Clarke et al
were duly found at head of Creek Street and hung on Belmont's
pitch. GN negotiated the S-head to see the roadway full to
brim with mud & cobbles - good job car was totally dry.

The trip was aborted here as Dave Mita fell down 10' drop
when the tatty ladder finally broke, & Bob was unable to init
the deck due to ~~ear~~ ^{ear} affection & Martin lamp was knocked. Excuse!

Met Mark & Sean on way out but the SVCC wanted
their ladders out so their trip was aborted as well. F stored the
trials of blood out, 4 hrs. ~~PS~~ PS GN, Mark & Sean temporarily

trapped by largest boulder rolled down into back street. Now we with
SVC! go.

28/4/65 Swildon Low bow Pete Alison Toody & Pete Mann to
one of the bays removed the boulders in the area. After digging
out the bottom a carefull ascent for 15 feet, where it appears to
close up.

1/5/65 Swildon Butcombe Chamber Cds H, John S, Alex I, Clive B,
Ronie removing lots of rock and mud under the slot. The draught
is very strong blowing out looking good.

12/5/65 Swildons - Shalter Pot Dig. Nigel Graham. How
I had general boulder trundling & rift digging, with short
break for reinvigorating conversation with passing tourist group:-

Visitor: "Are you digging?"

NG "Yes"

Visitor (slight pause): "I've never seen a digger before!"

5/5/65 Swildon Low bow Pete Mann, Alison Toody, Julie Bolt
Dave ^{Greville} ~~Saint~~ to Survey the horrible place Alison with clino
& compass, Julie on Notes, Dave getting bored and me full to the
brim on Ale to calm my nerves on tape. The job was soon
done and it looks nice when done, glad that's done, don't have
to go there again. "Bloody Awful Place".

6/5/85 Nine Barrow's. Pete Hamm, Anne Hale & Sam, Ann's 15 year old next door neighbour. A pleasant change from digging enjoyed by all.

11/5/85 Chester Loure Cave. Julie Bolt, Pete Hamm Rose Element in boulders and brought the iron ladder back to the entrance from the muddy dig near the Citadel.

15/5/85. Rod's. It would be safe to assume that Rod's is the one with the sign outside that says Rod's?
Pete & Beth.

16/5/85 BLACKWOR HOLE . Nigel Graham + 1 / Stuart ^{Tucker.} ~~Stuart had out his surname - he's only a workmate of mine!~~ several tourist trip with a bit of token digging.

6/5/85 Darren Cavan Rick Webb, Anne Loure, Chris Miles. Trip to the other end. Very big, huge passage but otherwise - boring stop (take a good look). Nice formations along the way. Took some photos in the fine machine assisting workmen and co.
10 hrs.

6/5/85. Rick Webb, Chris Miles - Rock and Fountain. Quick in out to 5th Boulder choke. Not bad but not swept by Peter.

115/35 Swallows 9 Pete & Alison, Doug Mills & Simon? . Doug & Simon came in
us BP. with the digging boat & followed us on 6/9 (their first trip beyond 25).
At 9 we split up, Doug & Simon going back and while we proceeded up Thread
Tide to do some digging. The site looks a really good prospect but there is
a severe lack of storage space. Most of the debris was spent bargeing up mud
which had slumped in from the last session (last year). ³ Shaded go next time.

April 27 - May 4. By 750 Ducati to the
Dordogne, Périgueux, Lascaux II, Font de
Gaume, and Roffignac.

Weather cold / damp except for
3 very hot days in the ^{region}' valley.
Mr Weston had a sore bum after
about 1000 miles of biking.

Stopped twice by the gendarmerie for
not displaying a front lamp

"Nonetheless, in France, the use of the lamp
is -- OBLIGATORIE!" Paul Weston

May 15. We took 5 m'lasses handicapped
men (av. age 40 yrs) to Langatork for
an afternoon caring. Very enjoyable
and satisfying days, work-fest, I
get paid for it! Paul Weston

18/5/85 Longwood. Finished bolting up the wall in the lower stream started at Easter. The bolts get smaller the boulders above get bigger, and the jokes get worse.
 Pete W, Rich, Geoff N, Martin, Julian, Dave 5 hrs

13-5-85

SWILLOWS MUDDY PASSAGE JOAN SCOTT, PETE HANN
 KENNY INGRAM. CHISELED AWAY AT END CHOKE PREVIOUSLY DUG
 2 HRS. ~~Jo Scott~~

15-5-85 J SCOTT PHANN M INGRAM ROSALIE SMITH DUG
 AT END OF MUDDY PASSAGE, HAD MUD FIGHT. A SMALL
 PERSON CAN JUST SEE OVER MUD BANK ON EACH SIDE.
 NEEDS BANK. 2 HRS ~~J Scott~~

22/5/85 Reads. Pete, Beth, Jo. Good Rat around,
 got lost in the Dark.

23/5/85 Eastwater - Morton's Pot. Dan Tesson & Jo Beckett down to see if dig worth banging again. - found to be silted-up quite badly. Had lengthy discussion on various methods of retrieving a small frog hopping about the bang site!

50 mins.

25/5/85. Swillons Hole.

Jo Beckett & Dan Tesson to II - exited via Troughs, laying bang wire at Mr Hann's new "secret site" over route 5½ hrs. ~~KPC~~

24th May 85. Cuckoo Creaves

Pete Hawn, Aubrey Newport & Jo Beckett down to the dig & out in time for the pub.

26-5-85

M, S, E and J Hewitt with Bob Scamell for conducted tour of Monkton Barleigh mine/ammo dump. 1½ hour trip in a most odd mixture of Babelov line, old mine workings and industrial architecture. Bob says there's 80 acres of it, with miles of passage - all easy walking. Many lone railway tracks or carriage ways. The power house has a huge ~~old~~ engine and parts of the air conditioning plant is just like the Farnborough wind tunnel. A trip full of VE day nostalgia and well worth doing.

Just as we were coming out there was a total power failure due to lightning? though Bob had demonstrated the switch gear to us! Out in time for late lunch at the Swan — also recommended.

26-5-85 SWILSONS SINKHOLE + RICHARD PANES

first trip for Richard down the drywells to 20' then back out the wet way good training as he had long failed in the first 5 mins. $\frac{3}{4}$ hour

6-5-85 Jim Mary & Richard Pomes
NINE BARROWS just a quick look
around $\frac{3}{4}$ hour.

26-5-85 NINE BARROWS (AMANDA'S ALLEY)
Jim & Mary Pulled out 3 more boulders and we were
gained about twentyfive feet more to Tynings
small chamber, more boulders to F--- with
move. Jim

27-5-85 SWILDONS Al Keen Sun Ramps
Richard Pomes + Paul? Jouriert
toys to jump II 2 hours both
novices did well. Jim Rams

27-5-85 SWILDONS II muddy soup
Pete Hamm & Jo Beckett - Through soup! to end of
muddy passage - This was not a banqueting trip
contrary to popular belief.

28.5-85 Swildons to 20' thoroughly
investigating every nook and cranny!
including low bow, middle bow ect!
This strained the knees and elbows to
the limit of the two elderly

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Participants but not of young Jane
 who following our trip proceeded
 to produce another gastronomic
 feast including wine, brandy and
 Cointreau! (we were planning to go to
 Tynings but couldn't find anyone
 with a key to the tackle etc))
 Participants. Jane Cleverby, Brian Bowser
 and Paul Weston. 3hr.

31/5/85 Swildon's & Martin Buckley + Peter Morgan
 Peter done ~~extremely~~ extremely well he managed
 to fall only the once on his back.

25/5 Swildon Shatter Series, Pele & Alison took the two long hoses
 recovered from Watergate the other week on from Shatter Pot or
 Passchendaele. Hopes of exploring the Somme were thwarted when we
 found the water level had dropped about 8ft thus making the
 job of priming 1" dia pipe by ^{cupping} ~~cupping~~ a little difficult.

1/6 Swildon SE Inlets Pele & Alison tidying up some odd survey
 legs in New Renaissance.

25/5/85 L.N.R.C - Mark Owen, Kev Clarke, Rob Jacob - Dived in through
 Bridge with 1mm cable as line! Canal was flooded and M.O & R.J
 couldn't be bothered to do the bypass.

Kev.

25/5/65 - 1/6/65 YORKSHIRE

Large group, ^{some} staying for week, others Holiday wife only:
 Keith & Roy Fielder, Nick Marlow, Nigel Gordon, Diga - , Actor,
 Geoff Newton, Andy Summerskill, Duncan Frew, Chris
 Glover, Doug Bonner, Pete Walls, Beth Yates, Nigel Graham

Various groups, visiting: OLD ING, MERE GITH,
 Rowten Pot (SRT practice trip), ^{RIFT} LARGE POT into LARGE POT,
 Langstron Pot (only a short way), ~~BAR~~ BAR POT - capping
 Cuth with excursion into Whitsun Series (BPC Wreck & Leaf)
 King Pot, Bick Pot (SRT practice), K.M.C. to Rowten Sumps
 & the gloomy Thel River Series, also various walks
 (Whernside, etc). + Cherrytree.

May 27. OLD ING, Pete & Beth. Just to clear the cobwebs,
 fabricate new wet suits. The Bypass to downstream sumps 1 & 2
 cleared more than cobwebs. Anoxia is a positive must.

DISMAL HILL Just because it was there.

(That's what they ^{Chucked} said 15 months ago)

30 May. King Pot. Pete, Geoff, Duncan, Chris, Legs.

A motley crew using an outrageous collection of tackle
 that had to be stretched to the limit. A place to inspire
 bad language but worth the effort, once, but never twice!
 8 hrs.

~~CHERRY TREE HOLE~~ June 1st

A social visit to the Craven Fells into a caving trip.

Pete, Beth, JO, Dave, Fred(Craven)

Managed to find it after a lot of walking about in the sun.
A good trip abruptly halted at the low bedding ducks into
Aurora Hall. Everyone looked but no one wanted to go first.
what a shame!.

~~J~~une 1st

Watched the Craven retrieve a lamb from cross pot!
Did it stay still long enough to show its appreciation.
June.

~~J~~une 5th. Pete & Beth, swimmers. To wash the wetsuits after
cherry tree and just mess about. (P.S. No breeding in caves).

June 8th. Turka, Amanda + Duncan Nine Barrows (Amandas Alley)

A potter around and boulder chucking sessh, Tim's Dig
looks F---ing mad, shift one rock and the rest will follow
under their own steam.

Night of Chris Milner pre-marital excess.
Due to a fire Geoff Price and Turka
attempted to put out a fire with the
extinguisher in the 'lounge' i.e. a fire in
the sky i.e. in the rafters.
The fire extinguisher FAILED to work
other than in an occasional and
desultory manner.

Signed C.Milne

9/6/86 Mr Christopher M. Hie
hereby agrees to pay (ie His Firm)
for any damage at
the Wessex Care Club HQ
(fixed).
C. MILNE.

I hereby testify that
Lord Gnome fell
down the
stairs

Given

T. Howlin

8/6/85 Sawdows, RENSCENCE SERIES. Martin Buckley, Paul Sutton, Julian Taylor, Nigel Graham + Richard -? (a newcomer on his 4th trip). NG was more diligent than the rest to find the V-tube clogged, albeit with $\frac{1}{4}$ " air space, so returned to Shelter Pot Dig. Rest stayed in, but returned shortly after with assorted camp failures, otherwise a good trip for Richard.

9-6-85 Longwood Valley Sink. Rick Wtcombe, Nigel Graham & Simon Steade-Bragg. Deep on down - rift nice ledge chimney initially, broadening towards bottom.

8.6.85 St Cuthbert's Swallet - Brian Prever, PC + Pat Halliwell, Ron Bury (PC), Robin Gray + Andy Cave (BER) Down Pulpit and wandered round in ever decreasing but deliberate circles till return made up more rift. PCft

9.6.85 Rhine Rift - Pat + Ric Halliwell, Brian Prever - to detackle cave behind Phil Romford, Nick Marachor et al. Most difficult part - unlocking gate.

8/6 Easterly-West End, Geff Newton, Peter Alison Macky, Dag Mills, Simon?, The duck at the bottom of Blackwell Tunnel was found to be in a horrid state. We spent a good hr trying to dig up the drain hole but it remains totally choked. Geff, Peter Simon went through a hatch to try and approach the drain from the opposite end. ~~but~~ the passage however was too small. After a quick search for Simon came back out for Chris Song Night.

2/6/85 Chartershouse Cave Pete Ham + Julie Bolt
 more Cement in Boulders none of which decided to
 leap out of the roof at me. Boulders 1 to 0.
 Adrenalin is Brown and fills up your boots. Decided collecting
 gravel is much more fun.

2/6. Swindon's Muddy Sump Pete's Body + Ham to blow
 up the Squeeze.

5/6 Swindon's Muddy Sump. Pete Ham, Clive Barker, Rose Smith
 Peter Ingram, Steve Hall cleared boulders and squeezed
 through. dug forward 8' out in layered mud 12 inches wide
 18 inches high to a constriction and a tight aven beyond.

8/6 Chartershouse Cave Pete Ham + Julie Bolt more Cement
 in boulders. Help time Score Boulders 1 to 1.

16/6/85

In Ham + Eleanor and John Thomas + Michael for
 Gentle family trip with Cameron 1½ hrs. Just after passing
 the last 8/11 drops we met with a torrent of water
 when following path let the dam go. The kids were
 a bit frightened but ~~as~~ otherwise thought it funny
 if it had been done when they were on its ledge
 someone could be have been ~~badly~~ hurt! If you
 must tell water go check below first!
 Eleanor very pleased with 20 photos taken.

24/6/85 Friday-Nighters Burrowing barbecue. They do so
 the 21st is the longest day of the year but with all the rain & cloud
 about I don't believe. Anyway, Fred Febles, Marah & Negi
 G. held a mini-barbecue in Gravelbank entrance before hoarding
 here smoke (we got lost for about 20 minutes or so!) for a
 candlelit through-trip. Then joined the rest at a barbecue in
 aveline's entrance.

JG

19/6/85 Swildon Water Chamber dig. Nev Ingram, John Scott, Les
 Ham, Ron Smith, Clive Barlow, Aubrey Newport started work on
 Graham Johnson's dig in left hand wall above the big boulder. Most
 of the time was taken up removing the digging kit from Butcombe
 chamber and setting up here. The dig looks a good site 3 foot wide
 by 3 foot high with mud floor dipping downhill.

23/6/85 C.B. Carson, Nev Ingram, John Scott, Ronie Smith, Julie Ingram
 Les Ham. Tourist trip to look at the pretties although we took two
 of our own water 3 feet up the wall by the ladder and ladder dig
 flooded just inside the old gate.

24-6-85 NINEBARROWS Amanda's Alley
 Giving up digging here to do digging, going
 to find a safer site. Jim Rands.

25-6-85 SWILDONS II Jim & Graham Hunting for dig sites,
 found maybe 2 possible places to try Jim

26-6-85 G.B. Jim and Graham had a look at the side of the gorge to try to find some thing that would pass the bouldercheck in Chester house only one place looked possible but some one is already digging there. Jim

27. 6-85 Jim + Graham + I Swallows 2 tourist trip. Jim.

28. 6-85 Hawkers Hole Jim + Jim & Andrew : Novice trip, full tour 3 hours, almost missed the pub.. Jim

22. 6-85 Swallows

Geoff N Martin Butcher, Paul Sutton, Long Bonner PS + DB to d + back via streamway. FN + MB (1st ^{tour}_{for him}) Long Round Trip via Blue Pencil. Lump V was evil. Cave flooding on the way out. Grit Lump doesn't like tall people. gd.

26/7/85 Chesterhouse Cave Pete Hann, Rozie Smith, Nev Ingram, Clive Barlow. Nev + Clive collected gravel while Rozie was given a tourist trip by me as a thank you for all the hard work at our dig sites before she goes back to Scotland at the

weekend. Now we have lost the beauty I will have to put up ~~that~~ with the beasts.

23-6-85 Indoor

Pete Moody, Julian Taylor, Geoff Denton. Three visitors to Paechendale but not enough sweat between them to start the silicon tube. GH.

29-6-85 Swindons. Hensler's Dig. Shortened session due to hammer handle breaking & lamp failing. All well.

Started deepening floor & care both spoil carrying & ventilation of fire area (air soon becomes rather bad there). 2 hrs. Nigel G.

30-6-85 - catching up entries!

7-6-85 : Kevin Gannon, Tim Moon. Longwood August. Never been in the hole before - an exploratory trip in wetish conditions. Good 4-hour trip, saw everything except the other end of Reynold's - it looked full + foamy. One or two interesting climbs + traverses - maybe we should take some tackle next time....

14/6/85 Kevin Gannon, Tim Moon : Darren Gilau. Digging trip with Arthur Millett + John Cooper (C.S.S.) digging boulder choke by-pass to ladder pitches. Made it to ladder pitches in less

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than 2 hours, then 5 hours digging. Moved rather a lot of chunky boulders. Proved possibility of bypass stabilising choke while digging. 2 hours sat, then to the pub, Godalming just won't be the same again!

27/6/85 Kevin Gannon + Tim Mon. Arranged novice trip to Swildons 2. The damn novice didn't turn up so a quickish splash n 2 was followed by 'an early couple of pints. If every cloud has its silver lining'

30/6/85 Kevin, Tim, Keith + Ros + Boris from London - Swildons 'Short round trip.'

Boris lost his glasses in double pots - led out by Kevin. The rest continued for a surlyish training trip. A good fun fast trip, bypassing + overtaking grockles on the way. Tim almost felt like a real caver.

Sump

14/6/85 Martin Buckley + Bob Lewis: Darren-Cilau-Ternital-Sun
9 hours ^(excluding 1½ hours at river) ✓ no need to look around. I've been there before. M.Z.

2-7-85. STEFFERS POLY C.C. EASTWATER GROUNDS.

- Arrived late Tuesday evening so decided for a quick look around the upper series in Eastwater - a good thwetch. - v. little water.

3-7-85. - SWILLOWS & SHORT RADS TRIP.

- went down to song ① then back to Trouts temple to do round trip. Troubles were v. wet 1/2 - much air space, but bottom ok. trip took longer than expected due to minor losses of direction or arrived safely @ hut.

Many thanks to W.C.C. for the use of the hut + hospitality.

~~Other~~

6/2/85 Jeff Price, Doug Adams, Tim Moon: Rhino Rift.

A little afternoon trip that went without any hitch. Very oxidating for pain visit, to bottom & out in 2 hours. A fair bit of sweat was left for postentry!!

7.7.85 This is now the second time that Mike Adams (WCC) has had to help Greg Neelton ^(WCC) to extricate himself from a situation in Eastwater. I'm getting a bit worried about it!

Bob (hccis)

6/7/85 A very pleasant day doing Mr P.Mice's work!, and festering in the sun interrupted by Geoff Newton managing to get him self stuck in the squeeze into Primrose Pot, Oh well, thin men to the rescue, a Stanley Knife, rope and a lot of swearing managed to alleviate the situation, Divine retribution as a reward for making us all go down King Pot on his 40th Birthday, or a cunning ploy to get me down Eastwater again, Probably neither..! ~~Rek Watt~~

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- ~~6/7/85. Charterhouse fissile.~~
 ① Cave with deep recesses & a tight fissile.
 ② Note one lots of air in the squeeze, water in bottom
 ③ The squeeze were only going to be a short stay.

3/1/85 Sardous Water chamber dig A. Newport, S. Scott, I. Ingram C. Barlow, P. Hamm, R. Johnson apart from the water its quite a nice dig lots of mud removed.

10/7/85 Sardous water chamber dig S.S., I.I., P.H., R.Watts lots more spoil removed and a small air space over fill for about 4 feet. The passage is slowly dipping down and turning slightly to the left.

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13/7/85 Charterhouse Cave. Roz Fletcher, Duncan Frew, Nigel Graham. Cave virtually dry. SMCC have done a good

job on finishing entrance. (Dip below entrance really rank,
Something or somebody is very dead)

14-7-85 Long Wood Valley Sink. Rich Whitcombe,
Simon Scoble-King, Duncan Free, Nigel Graham, + I. Some
2 hours very useful progress. Floor is claggy mixture of rocks
& wet sticky mud.

17-7-85 Scudlions Watercourse dig Peter Ham, Nev Ingram
John Scott, Graham Johnson, Steve Hall. All the water has
now drained away and digging easier. Passage ~~so~~ is getting
wider, about 5 feet, and looking very good. The main problem
is CO₂, after about 2 hr the air gets bad and after an
hour the air is too bad to work in. 2 foot of progress was
made in an hour + a ~~good~~ bit and a very good headache. All

29-7. Actually resumed painting dormitory - only started 8
last year! This after recovering from a nocturnal fall - in my
sleep so don't know whether I went down the stairs or over the
stair-rail! Ended up being woken by a terrible scream (mine,
of pain!) & a trip to hospital in the afternoon to check for
signs of concussion! Unhappy day! I'm moving beds!

2ND August 1985

Dear Bob Drake.

You owe me a pint of lager.

Ned (tin-tin) SW.C.C.
OFF-CAST

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24/7/85 Swildons Water Cucumber dig Pete H, Graham J, Scotty
Nev I Lots of spoil removed, Passage now turning
left dig face dry.

31/7/85 Swildons W.C. dig Pete H, Graham J, Nev I &
Nigel Graham. Dig under 2 foot of water a pake
around with a long bar failed to drain it an early night
to the flatters.

28-7-85 OFD II. Chris, Annie & Siân Haywood
to the bottom of Maypole Inlet. The main
streamway was flowing chest deep so an
about turn was made and a sporting ascent
of Maypole inlet.

10-8-85. NINE BARROW J. GENTLE TRIP WITH
CLARE HANSDORF TO BOTTOM OF CAVE. NICE
"STREAMWAY" SOUND COMING OUT OF DAVE GORDON'S
DIG. CLARE'S FIRST TRIP, RECKONED IT WAS
"DIFFERENT" "GOOD FUN." B. HANSZER,

10-8-85 Swildons : PETE Cousins, DEREK Cousins &
Richard, Paine, to Sump 1 & back, first ladder
and first wet trip for Derek. Streamway pleasantly
wet but not flooding like last week. PFL.

Dear Nick Tormey,

You bastard you owe me a pint of?

Jim

11-8-85 SWILTONS C.BARLOW P.HANN + MIKE MEARS + BRAN WALLACE
KLESSE

Pleasant little Sunday stroll to Supp 2. First for Barlow, claims to have enjoyed himself except for the penguin immitation due to wet suit failure (Thanks to Scotty's repair job)

7-8-85 Swildons Pete Hamm, Nev Ingram, Graham Johnson, Clive Barlow, John Scott. Thinking that the dig would be flooded decided to leave a night off and go to 2. The dig was looked at on way down and weren't flooded and could have been dug but with no tools carried on down the Cave.

14-8-85 Swildons Water Chamber dig Pete Hamm, Nev Ingram, John Scott, Clive Barlow + Burt. dig under bin of water but slow progress before it got too bad to work ie. lying flat out in water using the shovel at arms length with your nose just out of water. Will have to wait for dig to dry off before more work can be done.

1/6 - 15/6 NORTHUMBERLAND + YORKSHIRE DALES.

Nigel Graham. Week staying with Pete & Claire Ryall (M56), mainly prospecting with no success ("there's something there somewhere"). Surveyed a group of small rifts in a gritstone crag, with Pete R, + Graham Stevens (M56 / ex-Wensoc in the '60s).

Largely wet week in Yorkshire, walking with a couple of B.P.C. members (Pen-y-Ghent, then to Ingleborough - Whernside), visiting Carlton Steam Railway Museum & the National Railway Museum at York, and 'Thundergrounding': I met the Thundergrounders, who were staying in Ingleton, accompanying them for an SRT trip down a fairly wet Tatham Wife. A bit more practice for me in how-to-pass-bolts-without-tangling-overself-all-up.

16/6 at Swindon. NG + Keith Wilson (guest). Were aiming for Four. Keith's lamp failed at Shatter. About Two. ah, well another time.

17/6 CHAPTERHOUSE. NG + K.W. Fairly quick trip in not-too-wet conditions, for Keith's benefit.

N Graham

21/08/85.

Mulberry -> Jacob's Ladder -> "Hut very clean and tidy on arrival".
To Pudsey Shock Fair. Walks over the Hills, "ah sweet memory of
younger times".

22/08/85. Paul Weston + 2 G.B. Devils Elbow route. Conditions Dryish

23/08/85. Cowper Berger. YA-HOO! JEFF PRICE, Jim Moon, Doc C.

1/08/85, Gouffre Berger. The Bottom and back M/B/Caving

28/07/85 Martin Buckley. Also Bob the night preceding (j.f. the record) T.P.

Also many other Wenvex members (who did much work rigging, derigging etc)

24/08/85 moving a Eleanor Henry. John trip to Gwtchend
and arrives 30 photographs in studio condition

24.8.85 (willow) Geoff N + lead to jump a + last
also looking at holes in roof in - joined later by Duncan Few
who must have feared for lead's safety.

25.8.85 NORTH HILL (SOMERSET BERGER)

Jim & Hermits Macrame session
late practice for Berger.

25.8.85 West End Series EAST WATER

J-Rat, Geoff N, Duncan F

Down to the S-Bend. This was well jumped off
and backed up to an impressive extent. The cave was
pretty wet - Lolley Pot was like a real Yorkshire Pot.

Streams entering & leaving in all sorts of unusual places.
 A long been & longy leech was observed above Lolley Pot. The
 cave is now treated in readiness for the ~~the~~ draining of
 the ramp - only a ladder for Dolphin is required.

25-8-85 SWILDONS

Pleasant trip looking at the extensions around
 the Approach passage area. Found lots of
 muddy passage at both ends but couldn't
 find the middle bits. 4 hrs. Mark, Sean, Ker.
 Mark, full of his recent continental Carbide
 experiences, held ~~up~~ us up for hours because
 the poxy bide wasn't up to a wet swillies.

Furthermore the above person enthused so much
 about the above illuminant that all were
 convinced that he must be deranged (or a beginner
 to caving)

25-8 SWILDONS: Shutter Pot Dic. About 2 hours digging.
 Had brief look at Cancer Candy's calamity approach before
 exiting - decided climb Rather Silly a) solo, b) off my
 stated route anyway, as came out with the odd stop to
 repair the Nife battery.

Nigel Graham

25/26 Aug Bath Swallet Stream and dig now practically full of stream debris - the rest is full of water. Main dig still looks inviting - must find time to continue with it.

Fox's Hole Some pillocks have spread several bales of straw all over the floor - together with the obligatory fog packets, beer bottles etc. It's a bloody mess. Dig site looks promising, roof looks dangerous.

Pierrot Pot Much of the tufa is now a slimy muddy mess

Twin Tunnels Muddy - stone walling round dig pit at bottom almost complete. (2 trips ago, I ran out of foggy on the first!)

Above tops in aid of photography: Phil & Lynn Hendry

16th: Swindons IV Jim Roads & Alison De Rose ^{De Rose}
first trip to IV for Alison. did well
went via blue pencil, and out the
short dry way ~~five~~ ^{de Rose} 3½ hours

26-8 Major Farm.

Goff N., Nigel Graham, Carol Taylor, Duncan Trew.

A pleasant wandering in highly organic atmosphere, shame about the sunshine still it was worth it and the shrimps are busy multiplying.

26-8 Swindons.

N. Mansker, D. Beomer, N. Crossden.

Photographic Madness! Photographed every square inch of D.B.'s body all the way to the bottom of the old 40'. 3 hours. N.G.

Sundays - St Paul's & Paradise Repairing Geoff Nester, Bob Alton-Noyd.

Abortion trip to survey the Black Chamber or Renaissance, the V-tube gap was well up. Diving through with b.o. it was found to be a good 15 ft long & some slumping of the mud bank on the far side has occurred. So went on to Faule Chamber, recovered an entrenching tool from Laser Fault & had a quick go at random various digs before returning to Muddy Oxbar & clearing all the debris from the bed of some marshy back.

3 1/9/85 Longwood Valley Sing

Dave Morrison, Duncan Frew, Nick Marchant, Alison Ibbotson, Richard Hoggard, Adrian Dawe, Colin Baker - a great turnout of enthusiastic diggers later joined by Rich Whittemore, Clive North and Simon Meade-King (the old faithful!). About 30 trolley loads excavated necessitating a new dumping site. R.H. Wall now extending, underneath the upper level, to about 5 ft & still going. Debris as claggy as ever but some good lumps of red ochre turned up as well as water-worn chert. The farmdog turned up to assist but fell out of favour when he turned over the communal brew-up!

- Amanda.

Palmer's (Tignies Field Dig) Pete & Alison. Continued digging across the bedding plane find in July & discovered two open passages. The first went down to the left but ended at a blank wall, the other, continues straight ahead for at least 10 ft, its some 4 ft deep but very narrow. It will require barging.

31/8 SWINDONS, Hensler's Dig. Nigel Lytham spent about 1½ hrs, lowering the floor.

~~18/12/06~~

31/8 (OGOF - Y -) DARREN CILYAU KILLER

Mark Madden, Kev Clarke, Séan Walsh

7.9.1

A strange mixture of long narrow bits & big boring bits with copious quantities of stripy tapes. Boring bits were very Welsh. Taped bit was very reminiscent of the M1. Did not find the pitches but got to some, very pretty pretties after some very big chambers. Mr. Madden used an electrical illuminant. 6 Hrs. Kev.

24/8 Little Neath River Cave. Persons as above.

Moderate flood - Entered by V. interesting flood entrance & exited by Bridge Cave. Went to Sump 2 where Kev removed his garments. However Mark made his bid for the insanity stakes by his persistent use of carbide (lack of) illumination.

7.9

Mr. M. Buckley took time away from his duties as hut warden to take Duncan Miller training, hacking our way through the virgin forests of Pontington in search of the last trickle of east twin

swallet, the cave once found by Martin's indirect approach wasn't half as good as the stream we followed not to find it! Martin now knows you can't get out of Spar Pot. No wonder he never saw daylight at the other end. ~~He never saw daylight there because~~

1.9.85 Longwood

Geoff A & Jim Moon. Tourist trip. The Wet Chimney isn't as wet as it used to be. Shore! Then onto Valley with a laugh at the diggers.

8/9/85 Charterhouse Cave Pete Hamm + lovely fired band in sand boulders.

11/9/85 S...lclons. water chamber dig C. Badon, A. Ingan, A. Newport, S. Scott, C. Johnson, P. Hamm The dig still under water ~~so~~ no a long handled shovel was used in the hope that bank would be lowered to let the water drain - no luck. Will have to find a way of draining the dig.

14/9/85 Max & I Henn slow geriatric footsore trip following large parts of young bus - well controlled kids "ah de year de year oh"

7.9.85 Palmers Pete & Alison. Afternoon trip & clear out the end rift & get a charge in.

8.9.85 - in - - +Diana Frew. Cleared debris from yesterday's charge - stacking do spot back in the entrance gallery. Put another charge in before leaving.

14/9 Topical Geoff Norton, Alan Rie. A tour of the ~~overgrown~~ playing about in various passage. Had a very satisfactory trundle with the balls & also the batted limb of a Stream Gallery (see 18/5). No rock on the core, no other party down but

a ladder up after he first caving.

14/9/85 G.B. CAVERN. NICK MAROCHOV, R. ACRON, H. GRASSMANN
 N. WILLIAMS + 2. Grand trip as far as Main Chamber
 photographing. First attempts at 3-D photography. Lots
 of hot brew and biscuits kept spirits high! and hopefully
 will get some good pictures. NICK MAROCHOV xxx

15/9 Palmers - Geoff, Peter Alson. Little progress made, we are now out of
 the soft shales into good solid Blackrock limestone.

15/9 Charterhouse Cave Pete Hamm + Julie Bolt more Comet
 in boulders and we are thinking of going up into what looks like
 a space, at least it will make a change as straight on looks really
 horrible

9/9. Dina Trew, George Huppert (Univ Wisconsin USA).

A brief trip to show our visiting Geomorphology
 lecturer a British cave other than Show caves.

Swildens to double pots, George much impressed, v-knackered
 but many photo's of caving hunts and cave blockhouses
 will be shown stateside. Despite all their short faults
 it seems Brit speouts are a touch tougher than the
 American equivalent.

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- 20/9 Pete & Alison Palmer's Cave
- 21/9 Pete M & Duncan F Eastwater - West End Series.
Went down to try to solve the duck below Holly Pit but found this although only a tiny stream was flowing the dry moat was sumped back 20ft. + after
- 21/9 Pete M & Nigel G Palmer's Cave again.
- 22/9 Pete & Alison, Duncan, Richard Hyde, Simon Burgoine & Palmer
Good clearing session, pulling all debris back to the surface, the choke heap is getting rather high.
- 21/9 Alison, Richard Hyde, Simon Burgoine Nine Barrows
Trip to review digging prospects at the bottom. The Garden's Dig. Extension crawl has silted up a fair amount and is now even tighter than it was before! No change at the end choke.
- 25/9 Pete & Alison Palmer's (again)
- 26-9-85. ~~Hidden~~ Cavern
Kevin Cannell, Price. First floor. Keith & Rob Finsen
Neil Fletcher. Chris Chesser. Leggy. Andy? Boris
Tim. Trip to the Pretties. Another Passage -
Part in the Rock. Rollin' on Box etc. 6miles
GP
- 28-9-85 Eastwater - West End series
Geoff Morris - leisurely went around the area
perhaps looking for worthwhile leads to push. Still more to look at. Watch this year.

24.9.85 Longwood

Pete Ham / Geoff Norton. Back to look at the site of trundle in the stream gallery (14.9.85) & way on can now be seen clearly but another trundle will be necessary before it is safe to enter.

25/9/85 Ninebarrows - Pete & Alison. Had a go at the terminal choke in the Gordons' Extension. The end required quite a bit of digging to make it large enough to work the choke effectively. Shifted a few good amounts of cobbles & mud dumping them in the passage further back. Its now ready for digging onwards, whether the whole place will turn into the most god awful quagmire will be seen next time.

27/9 Palmers. Pete.

13/9 Sawdows Waterchamber Dij R. Johnson, J. Scott, P. Ham, C. Borlou, I. Wells, R. Parker. An attempt to pump the dij with a second war pump but clogged up with grit. Some soil removed with the long shovel. At the end of the night the water looked like brown porridge with a small air space into a small air bell. Graham being brave or stupid dived through but was on in rocks cemented together with ~~the~~ Calcareous.

21/9 Singing River line Pete Ham, R. Warren + 4 virgins from his private harem. A pleasant return after 6 years, nothing has changed except for the ~~longer~~ hours at the entrance. Kersit trying to increase the population at every stop, next time ^{will} ~~try~~ take a bucket of cold water.

25/9 Sundown Water chamber dig C. Barlow, J. Kuhn, G. Johnson
 N. Hawker. Boiled water and liquid mud onto wedge in
 buckets, lowered floor 1 foot, forward 2 feet. A calcite floor
 about 1 inch thick lying on coarse material at lowest point.
 Air gets very bad.

2/10 Sundown w/c dig C. Barlow, A. Ingman, A. Newport, G. Johnson
 P. Kuhn, T. Scott, dig dry no wet to work quickly. 2 foot of
 fill removed before the got so bad that it was either give
 up digging or give up breathing.

Sept 21-27th Grotte Peche Merle, Lot.

Went by 1750 Ducati na chantre,
 Blois, V'Brive to the Lot staying in
 modest hotels and Relay Routiers.
 Weather - roasting. The Peche Merle is
 a very beautiful show cave which
 has the most amazing paintings
 of horses, mammoths, bison and
 fish. There is a 1/2 hr. film and
 a good museum. Paul & Val Weston.

5. 10. Longwood Jim Roads + 3 wyoming
 MEMBERS tourist trip 4 hours.

5/10 Geoff Newton, Duncan Frew, Peter Alison, Moxy. Quick look at Warner Farm, to see what's involved in digging out the lower part of the chamber. We opened out a crawl under a boulder but any real work will have to wait until we can get Bruce Herenton (the archaeologist) down. Groped back up the entrance rift Alison dropped a 5ft steel crawler, at the bottom Duncan only escaped being impaled by a very quick self stop over the edge. Then on to Palmers farm to continue opening up the terminal rift.

6/10 Alison, Duncan Frew, Paul Weston, Palmers yet again! General mutiny after a couple of hours. Met Nigel coming across the fields to help just after we had called it a day - definitely sensible timing on his part.

6/10 Chartersome Cave Pete Mann + Julia Bolt poking about in the boulders above the end chig, looks horrible. Attempted a squeeze that only Alison had been through but gave up as the boulder moved in and out with every breathing, it also held up most of the roof.

6/10 Swildon Geoff N. Julian T.

Poking around in the roof of the 2 streamway. Cave very busy even beyond Sump 1.

9/10 Palmers Peter Alison

& guess where we went on 11th as well

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12/10 Pete & Alison - Warren Farm. Bruce couldn't make this weekend but didn't object to the idea of us starting digging anyway provided we didn't run into lots of bones. Digging out rocks from under the stal canopy good progress was made until we began to undermine a rather unstable mass of boulders. In the end we started a new hole further back, the way down is tighter but looks quite good & is considerably safer.

13/10 Pete & Alison - Warren Farm. Success in opening up the hole I had a 15ft ladder pitch down under some horrendous hanging blocks. Below we get into quite a pretty wide bedding chamber, the furthest part was about 100ft from the ladder. Meanwhile Glyn Ble, Peter Harris, Keith Fielder & Nigel Graham laboured away fixing the gate on.

14/10. WASH'S GREEN SWH DIG. Graham Johnson, Nigel Graham. Short trip to modify scaffolding over shaft & across fitting of arch.

SAT - 28 SEPT, '85

Hadfield wed in Canada
in R.I.P. !!

19/10 SWILDONS - Hensler's Dig. Nigel Graham. About 1½ hr useful progress: encouraging signs that I'm beginning to reveal further side of wall of stal. layer in the cleft.

19/10 SWILDONS FAULT CHAMBER

A lot of gardening on the 30' ledge to .

enable a "safe" traverse to Seven Valley Series
 and ~~Left Hand Series~~^{The Trench series}. The avens up ~~there are~~^{the Seven Series} are amazing - nice "escalator" type. A 30' pitch leads to chamber and 40' pitch to chamber and 60' pitch, this was more serious and needs tackle so will return. About 20' up was an alcove + chamber but again needs tackle. On the way back went up ~~the Trench~~^{The Trench} ~~+ H Series~~ which was very loose went up about 100' and eventually punched out.
 Mark & Sean 4 hrs.

20.10. SWILDONS Nick Jummer, Martyn Thomas
 & Bob Vaughn.

Due to the rather crowded state of Swildon's, our intentions to get to Sump 2 were abandoned, so we decided to try & get lost!

20.10.85 SWILDONS Jim, Mary, ~~Denise~~ ANDY
 DENISE ALISTER & CHRIS. NOVICE TRIP
 FOR ALISTER & CHRIS WHO IS PARTIALLY SIGHTED
 DOWN TO THE WATER CHAMBER VIA THE DRYWAYS
 THOROUGHLY ENJOYED THE TRIP 1½ HOURS

18/10 Warren Farm - Mr Wells, Mr Newton, Mr & Mrs Moseley. Thoroughly explored (carefully) the bedding chamber discovered the previous weekend. Basically the chamber is on two levels, with many interconnecting parts, the upper part is larger & more open with some large mud slides. The lower, clean washed & scoured but involving much crawling between boulders. The whole chamber pinches down in the southern corner & ^{has} clearly sprung up in the 'recent' past. The way on is a low ^{muddy} crawl which requires digging.

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Present (as well as Bob) Phil & Dyane Hendy, Julie Bolt, Brian & Sheila Pitman, Mark Madden, Ken Clarke, Pete Hann, Aubrey & Carol

Newport + son (Damian), Al Taylor, Barry & Maria Wilkinson,
Nigel Graham. Tour lasted about 3 hours.

23/10 Palmer's Petrol Alton (We were having indigestion symptoms)

26/10 Warren Farm Geoff N, Duncan F, Petrol Alison M.

Geoff & Pete to bottom dig where about 8ft of gravels along a low bedding was made before we were stopped by a construction. Meanwhile Duncan & Alison continued the wall building activities further up the chamber.

27/10 Pete Ham & Moody @ Cheshirehouse to remove an offending boulder then over to Warren ~~site~~^{dig} Geoff, Duncan & Alison. Whilst work on the entrance were on, Duncan & Pete did a quick trip to the end to cly & open up the bedding in the dig.

27/10. Palmer's - Alison M, Duncan F and Geoff N. - cleared debris from the end.

30/10 Chesterhouse Cave. Pete Ham, ~~the~~ ~~site~~ Tom Ingram Aubrey Newport, Graham Johnson playing with the boulders in end dig.

2/11/85 Purdon's Hole.

G. Wright & T. Jepon to messy situation in abandoned Hole. Big hole flooded, and large quantities of organic material entering via rift at top end of passage. Some material also appears in Streamway at Garage Bend, mid Yule Pit & Newport's Folly. 3rd 2nd floor.

2/11 Warren Farm - Toured up for Clif Both & Rich W. came down
 Geoff Duncan, Pete & Alison continued digging at the end choke. Made
 about 5ft of progress, ~~but~~ ^{but} having done rather
 a lot of robbing the next trip will require time to be
 spent opening the ~~old~~ crawl out.

3/11 Pete & Alison over to Bos Smalls ^{with} Mark Lumley (BEI)
 to have a look at his dig. The cave is almost totally vertical
 and finishes in a 6-8ft high rift passage. Two holes in the
 floor can be seen to continue beyond tight squeezes. The far end of
 the rift is blocked by calcified rocks & we intend to have a go at
 that next Wednesday. Then Mark Pete over to Palmers to
 put another charge in.

3/11 Warren Farm. Geoff + Duncan 2 hours mixing
 cement and finishing off the bottom of the gate + a
 brief visitation to the lower reaches. A pleasant day
 in the sun once we had convinced Mr Smalls nothing
 untoward was happening.

~~2/11~~ 2-11. WCC Bonfire Party. Firetechnician: Robie Gray.
 6/11 Bos Smalls Pete Alison, Mark Lumley, Steve Maher. Succeeded in opening
 up squeeze at end of rift. What looked on Sunday like a 5ft x 2ft continuation
 turned out to be more like 2ft x 1ft 6in & it rapidly closed down to another dig.
 The way on must be the hole in the floor.

9/11 Warren Farm Geoff Newton, Pete & Alison Moody

Long session spent opening the dig right out. Really quite confined at the end, not so further back where the stacking of spoil has made things almost constricted.

2/11/85 Jim Moon + 5 novice trip to Goatchurch.

I had occasion to speak sternly to a young man bringing 9 student friends into the cave. He had a light + helmet - no one else had - or boots/wellies, or suitable clothes. It's the first time I've seen this. What a turp! *judges? Choice of bat for concerned - open to criticism only if their choice is wrong and they require external assistance. Grow up young - you're not the ultimate arbiters of anything. Bit of*

~~Alfuss, Tim Moon, Chris Bradstock. GB tourist trip, with a few photos lovely cave!~~

9/11/85 Chris Milne invented flowictiles. (Self raising).

10/11/85 Kermit & Aubrey surveyed Butcombe chamber + extension in Swildons.

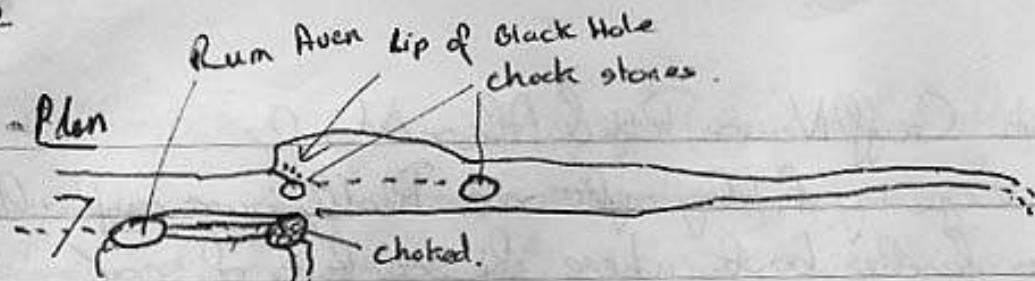
10/11/85 Warren Farm Pete M, Geoff N, Chris + Annie After tourist trip Pete + Chris with stal, Geoff + Annie photographic

16/11/85 Swildons Black Hole area

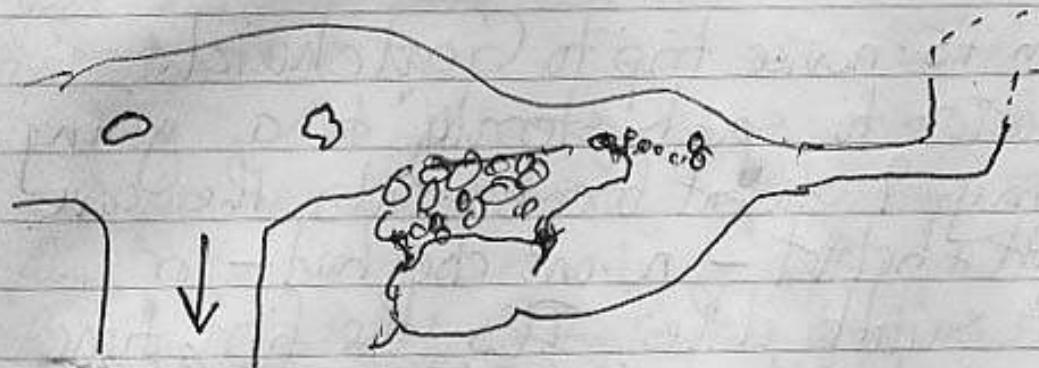
Alison, Geoff, Duncan, Doug Bromer

Surveying bits + pieces. the side of the hole

G2



Section (without areas)



16/11/85

Fairy quarry cave

A. Summersill, R. Sanders, D. Sanders, Pete? (css)

Tourist trip to red room. Excellent
cave with many fine formations. My first
trip down the cave but would do it
anytime the opportunity arose

16/11/85

AD Summersill

Cuckoo cleaves

A. Summersill, R. Sanders, D. Sanders, Petes? (css),
Collette? (ess)

Trip down to the bottom ~~out~~ and out.

Looked up many side passages but nothing
seemed to go. Managed to talk ~~out~~ a

a group of Scouts soon going down
the cave with only a rope for
the pitch!! (They didn't even have
a key)

AS Bennett

12/11/85 H.M. Vene Prison, Portland. Nigel Graham gave
slide show on caring to small group of inmates. Thanks
Pete Hanna for loan of Wilders slide set.

17/11/85 Warren Farm.

Geoff, Doug Boomer, Duncan

A short tourist trip combined with an attempt to collect the
fog ash/insect life.

17/11 Chertshouse Cave

Pete Hanna - Nigel Graham replacing ~~the~~ fresh air with
cement and rocks under very loose, large rocks.

17/11/85 - Pindon Hole.

A. Newell & T. Japon to apply a quantity of
D.N.M.R.R. at a "secret" site in the streamway.

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16th Nov. Eastover. Pete Moody. Detached West End Series forgetting that a ladder & ammos box had been left below Holly Pit. Also failed to remove the top ladder on Gladman's, the carabiner is jammed closed & requires mole grips.

2nd Nov. Suibson - Upper Series. Pete Olson. looking for the fabled link between Renaissance & the main streamway.

23rd Nov. Warren Farm. Olson & Dave Walker taking photos, Pete working in the end dig trying to get a look ~~at~~ along the bedding construction, broke through into open passage similar to the approach to the dig. We're not out of the sump ^{zone}~~area~~ yet but at least we're now a fresh starting ~~area~~ area.

23rd Nov. Phil & Lynn H to re-stake our claim at Ruth Swallow. After removing the stones carefully put down the dig by persons unknown, we removed about 20 buckets of sand and stones, leaving 2 large stones to be later into subsidence next time, and a ginormous rock which will need frightening with a suitably loud word 2h.

24 Nov.

Nine barrows 1h good trip Eleanor Hawkins Maurice Hewings John Thomas Michael Thomas. To ~~overstuffed~~ Crystal chamber took pictures

23/11/85 D. Adams, J. Moon + S. Morris - Sundown's Doug Way,
 Barnes' Loop + return. Nice trip - Doug's kids did
 well. It's a long way from Goatchurch (Rod's) Sidcup +
 9 Barrows!

24/11/85 Jim Moon + Guest. GB tourist trip. Lovely as
 ever. A shame the bicki gone missing!

16/11/85. J. Moon, D. Adams, Bob Pyke, Ken Dave, Angus Dave.
 Darren Gbau: a tourist trip arranged in France. A chance
 for the self-called "old timers" to peek at the joys of
 Darren Gbau. Set off aiming for the bottom, but the
 entrance crawl + a silly Moon missing the right route for
 the pitches allowed time for people to realise how firing this
 hole can be. We settled for a trip to see the White Company
 + Antler Passage. Had extended brew-stop in Antler. A
 thoroughly enjoyable tour - time about 8 hrs. Please, God, let
me still be caving that steadily when I'm over 50! Jim.

24/11 Charterslouise Warren Farm - Pete Hamm, Graham
 Johnson, work on gate nearly finished

27/11 Sundown Butcombe Chamber Pete Hamm, John Scott
 Nev Ingram, Graham Johnson - After running out of ~~screws~~
 and being outnumbered the dig at the top was restarted. Much
 spoil removed and there appears to be a passage going of
 right looking ~~up~~ like Lowbow - is this going to be

two years of madness and sleepless nights picking grit out of ~~water~~ the parts normal grit doesn't get to. Think I will go and see a head shrank or take up ~~hobby~~ flower arranging.

2 Nov. Warren Farm, Duncan, Geoff, Paul & Moon. Open passage dug into last week were 15ft and ended in a too wide spot. Having gone down without being expecting to be confronted by another choke there was little we could do. Only good thing about the trip was the timing of our exit so met John Small at the entrance and got a lift back across the fields in his landrover.

27/11/85. Chalkwood Crue.

Jeff Price & 3 Bristol speakers
outfit trip to Dartmoor 2 dec

30/11/85. Hungleton Smaller.

J. Price, P. Williams & Kevin Cannon.
water conditions low still was still good.

? Dec
fun - 3 dec.

(28th) Warren Farm, Duncan etc. Did today what we should have done yesterday so that we can get into the passage next Saturday which we would have been in to today.

? Dec

31st. Nov. Eastwater - Westend.

Geoff Newton and others. Failing to be tempted by the delights of the Warren Farm mud, instead quick trip to

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Gladmans armed with mole grips to remove the final ladders and knobs.

1/13/85

Sundown's Hole - T. Jepson & A. Newfrot. Operation "Rolling Thunder" continued. (See entry for 1/7/85). Soon we shall break into vasty caverns where the hand of man has not yet set foot! (Pull the other one) ~~ROLLING THUNDER~~

30/11/85.

Sundown's SHATTER SERIES. N Graham + Keith Wilson (guest). What with a late start & very slow progress down the crowded cave, we didn't have much time in Shatter, so came only a fraction of it on what was our first excursion into the movies.

1/12/85. Sundown's - Heater's Ig. N Graham. About an hour & a half useful progress. Progress in this dig is measured in inches per session!

4/12 Sundown Butcombe Chamber lots Klem, Graham Johnson, John Scott, Tim Ingram. Lots of spoil removed in a crumpled position but next time it should be a lot better.

2 Nov. (?) Daren cillies.

Mark + soon to bottom. Very unimpressed with the amount of diving gear still there. Good trip 7½ hrs.

7/12 Chatsworth Cave Pete Hamm, Julie Bolt & Julian Taylor
Some work in boulders, cave nice and wet again.

7/12 Warren Farm Geoff, Duncan, Pete & Alison. The Big Push. Took bang much as this time on the assumption that if we didn't it would be needed. We found what we had been hoping for - a reasonable little stream, flowing across your pools along the passageway. Trouble was it was this side of the dig, fifteen ft from the hoped for breakthrough point we had a red net ears ditch and a few feet further a bloody swamp. Trying to ~~refuse~~ cheat Sod's law seems a bad idea, we didn't need the bang but not for the reason we hoped. Now have to wait for a draught. Before coming out checked a couple of other leads which quickly perched out.

7/12 Drunkards Hole, Bos Inocket, Both ~~at~~ Inocket Geoff & Alison
As some compensation for being thwarted at Warren Farm the abovementioned went over to Burnington to tick a few more holes off their lists. Prospects for extension look reasonable but if dry interval in the same fashion it won't be worth the effort.

8/2/85 Upper Flood Inocket

Pete & Alison, Pete Hamm, John Beechum

Geoff & Duncan, Tony Knibbs, Denise Leman plus Pete Henville, friends & relatives. A mass invasion by Nevers & Beckens of the ~~new~~ extension to this cave. A pleasantly diverted steameray was enjoyed by all, particularly those who enjoyed having to model for photo fiend Glazebell. ~~the~~
The dig at the bottom looks good - hopefully we can look forward to an even better trip in the future.

11/12 Surdon Butcombe Chamber Pete H, Graham J,
 John S, Peter I & Nathan Tuck (B.C.C) A spy in the
 master diggers camp, but as the B.C.C. are used to being
 in the slit our dig will suit him, more spoil removed what
 else can you say?

14/12 Warren Farm Duncan, Peter Alison 'The Big Push - Take 2'
 Water still flowing into the dig which was effectively sumped again -
 no draught, no chance, maybe next week.

15/12 Lions - Duncan, Pete. Sophisticated digging techniques reach the Hemerofia 2 dy.
 Instead of crawling up the choked passage grabbing an handful of rubble & backfilling out again
 we used bags attached to a rope. This advanced method is highly recommended, a good
 quantity of spoil was removed opening out the workforce ready for next week's
 breakthrough.

14/12 Rhino and Longwood August. Ken + Angus, Dave, Jerry,
 Fred Davis, Doug Adams, Tim Moon. An "old-timers" trip -
 Doug, Tim + Ken tackled Rhino, while others thrashed down
 August. Swopped over at $\frac{1}{2}$ time. Rhino 2nd pitch very
 wet - like a shower bath, Ken managed to rig rope
 4' too short on first pitch, so jumped remainder relying on
 re-belaying from above. August very wet - almost exciting.
 Waterfalls thundering down in upper boulder slope chambers,
 where I've never seen a drop before. Total time $4\frac{1}{2}$ hrs.
 A most enjoyable + sociable day's touring! Tim Moon.

21-12-85. Reservoir Hole.

Terri Price, Doug Adams & Tim Moon.

Taking photographs & touring - 3 hrs

21-12-85 Warren Farm

Pete M + Geoff. The dig had drained. After heroic efforts by Pete to move an obstinate boulder a breakthrough was achieved — to gain all of 5 feet before it got too tight again. Emerged extremely muddy. Whales pinched the boiler suit I left down there?

16-12 Suddons Butcombe Chamber. J. Scott, T. Ingan, G. Johnson + P. Hurn, The dig in the floor has become too tight to work so the boulders in the Aven are being rolled about

21-12-85 Pete Watts, Pete Hurn, Beth Yates.
Loxton Caves.

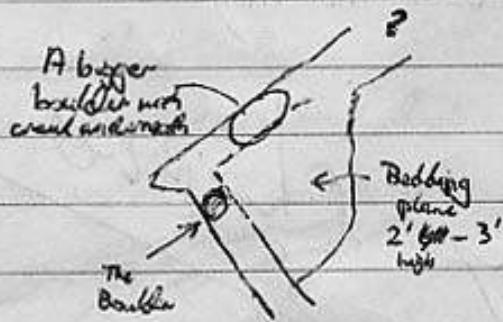
None of us had been down Loxton Cave and wanted to go somewhere new. Found Loxton Quarry Cave so had a quick look round that first. Then went down the main cave. The 2 Peters spent a good hour "squinting" among the boulders, and Beth spent her time avoiding the spiders.

22.12.85. Pete Watts, Pete Ham, Nigel G.

Both Y.

Loxton Cave - PW + NG went for a quick trip while PH + BG went into Loxton Quarry Cave, to ~~dig~~ some dig out some bones. All other went into Purnell ^{Hill} Cave. NG crawled to the end to assess its dig potential - not impressed lots of brambles near the entrance and both Pete's complained to prickles in uncomfortable places. Dennis' Hole. After being chased by a dog managed to find entrance. Nice little cave with bats. Bill. (Not cricket bats!) And Sandy Cave - when we were looking for Dennis' Hole there it was so we did it. NG

22/12 Warren - Geoff, Pete, Alison & Gary. Overnight rain had caused the dig to become rather damp once again. The end choke is just mud fill and we have plenty of stacking space



(was?) in a bedding to the right. Across is very constricted so a charge was used to try & open things up a little

December 25th. Saint Swithun's Hole

Santa Clause, Rudolf, Prancer, Dancer, Vixen

As the water was high the rest of the team decided not to come. The short dry was ~~over~~ used but signs of flooding was noticed even here. At the 40' Santa's bag got too wet so ^{he} waited for our return. Foam and grass lay high up the walls but a safe decent was made toump 1. Here Prancer + Dancer went on through a longer and deeper more spaciousump to a large soft bank. over this to an 8inch airspace though duck 1. Foam a foot up above the arch greeted us at creep 2 but the way on still open. Duck 2 was about 3 inches of air this was soon passed toump 2. A short break then the return at Duck 2 Prancer corked it up and dived under a lip and ~~was~~ surfaced the same time as Dancer but 10 foot upstream erupting out great quantities of water. The rest of the return was uneventfully picking up Santa at the water chamber. The team returned to Wrexham for hot showers, plenty of grub + beer.

Cart in Order of Appearance

Santa Clause - P.C.H.

Rudolf - J.R. (not the S.R.)

Prancer - P.H.

Dancer - D.F.

VIXEN - P.W.

Chimbo

Merry

26.12.85 (Hangover Day (Herculean))

Santa's work done he retired to the Hunters while Prower, Dancer, Vixen and Rudolf wandered the hill inspecting entrances. Eastwater was impassable, St Swithins slightly up^{on yesterday} although during the night the water had been into the Workhouse. Longwood Valley totally under a water/diesel mixture, Longwood entrance sumped and Valley sink blocked with gunge and a pool of nondescript red organic scum covering it. The flow well and little. Gb + Charterhouse appeared relatively dry although the roads were ^{mucked} about more gravel in the middle than at the edge + so back to Wonderland as the waters subsided the beagles snuffle were consumed in the greatest proportions we could cope with.

P.S. from Santa's Goody In fact, Santa went walkabout with NASA and Goblets, plus 3 dogs. From Haytor Combe (where a river was flowing) to Smullen Hill, Wignor, Stock Hill and the Hunters. Lots of water everywhere. Impressive waterfall going down Wignor Swallet. Excellent cobweb-clearing session, but the good work was destroyed by an extended session in HLI. Returned to U.P. to dry out off. HF

27.12.85 Hangover Day Verdict Some one ought to have cancelled it.

27/12/85 Purdon's Hole

Newport & JEPON to look at a very nicely wet & soured upper series and undertake an on site inspection preparatory to "Rolling Thunder III".

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Pete & Alison

26th Dec.¹ Went for a drive over to Burringford Rischford looking at the floods. East Twin was overflowing the swale & running off down the road. Very large stream rising at Squires Well (upvalley from Rischford) & the West Twin stream was so swollen that Flange Swale couldn't cope & all of the overflow was sinking in the excavated trench opposite Pseudo's T.N. Decided it was worth a quick trip down Pseudo's to see if we could hear the stream with the noise. It could be heard fairly ^{at} the lowest point but sound was clear at the bottom of the dip in the connection through to Pseudo's.

27th Dec. Pete & Alison took John Small on quick tour around Warter. Found the end dig sumped back for 60ft. After liquid refreshment on to Pseudo's & back the dig. Stream still sinking at entrance. Rather loose hole excavated down through mud, sand & boulders. More bit of open 'passage' found, all rather broken however. Not really too sure exactly where the dig will have another go tomorrow.

27/12 Longwood Valley sink. Nigel Graham went to investigate the damage reported (as above 8 big Tin cans & 1 Dane Frew). Valley tank of diesel, as did layers of debris covering the old entrance shaft (now used only for wrecking). This was cleared in a haze of oil fumes down to the grid, vegetation cleared from the main which I'd cave likely inspected. No damage except to the Longwood Valley Light Railway (track undermined, truck washed down rift). The rift had been thoroughly washed - all the holds were nice & clean!

Called at the farm afterwards in case they had been losing oil

unaware of it. They told me the oil was diesel fuel from the BWB pumping station, damaged in the flood. Zexel had been cleaning up here this morning.

28/12 Warren Farm Dunc, Jim Rands, Richard Pang, Nigel Gowan
Tourist trip and Sump inspection ^{+ pitch maintenance} still very wet Dig still impossible
can't say where its all coming from since surface is frozen solid

28/12 Pierres-Pseudo Nests. Peter Alison. Had a good look around the lower end of Pierres, decided the best bet was where we were digging yesterday. Spent several hours fiddling around, opened another route into the 'passage' found yesterday - definitely no way on there. Underneath the worst part of the choke a vertical hole was uncovered which sucked in air like no bodies' business & the stream could be heard really clearly. An attempt to open this up revealed boulders too large to pull out, too small to offer support to the mud & other debris around. Cursing, we gave up - until next time!

29/12/85 Sheldons Streamline.

Jeff Price, Mike Foxle & Chris.

nice & quiet. Spent 2 hrs.

29/12 Hensler's D.C. 2 Graham 3 hours.

29/12. Roy, Keith, Chris & Anne.

"Darry" in water. 4 hours -

29/12 Chertshore Warren Farm Pete Mass, Pete Webb
 Photographing all the rocks & gravines, and boulders.

29/12 Pierre's - Pold & Alison Third attempt to reach the elusive stream this time
 digging at the bottom of Pierre's. Even though all the stream was now sinking
 at Flange it could still be heard within the core. Spent three or four hours
 excavating a pit between solid rock walls, only trouble is it doesn't look a very
 right place.

29.12. Pierre's Jim + Dunc a social visit and wandering, inevitably
 enticed into the tight obnoxious late by Alison + Pete. A pleasant hour, I
 never knew there was so much in it.

30.12 Sailors - Suine-Pids Round Trip. Per In alphabetical order - Mr Frew,
 Mr & Mrs Milne, Mr Moody & Mr Newton. An enjoyable couple of hours using various
 lots of begged, borrowed & stolen hardware to tackle the round trip.

31/12 Phil, Lynne & I asked Brian Power to make the earth move
 for them at both Swallet. 12 oz Tellinex placed above and
 below the offending boulder made a very quiet "crump" - but
 we now have a bit - four boulder to take out of the dig.
 The stream sink dig (one taken by me to 6') is now only
 1' deep, but it takes all the stream happily. This re-offers
 about 6' down the main cove, and sinks in gravel in
 the floor just beyond the foot of the entrance climb.
 1h. #

31/12 Chatterhouse Cave Pete Haas + Kyle Graham
 Redistribution of R Sediments and a fall with the boulders
 a push a pull a front = near miss and one cracked finger -
 better luck next time boulders.

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31/12 Dethmers) Cave Pete, Alison, Jeff, Chris + Carlton
 The cave + vicinity ~~was~~ showed much
 evidence of recent flooding. A large stream had
 obviously been flowing into the entrance (and the adjacent
 debris). Some shoveling had occurred and it was
 necessary to dig back into the cave and remove debris
 at the various squeezes en route. The terminal rift
 had sumped off at a depth of 25' or so + the setting
 vegetation left was suspected of causing bad air. Apart
 from this an interesting trail was led from the about
 round side passages and areas. We all hope to return
 preferably in about or four years time

31/12 Garth Weston, Simon Weston and Paul
 Weston to Sandford Hill to the levvy and
 an open shaft about 4 mile away.
 Several bats hibernating in the levvy so
 take care not to disturb if you
 go there. A pleasant evenings activity. PW

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Mille neuf quatrevingt six

JANUARY THE FIRST 1986. The 1986 Wessex Hangover Expedition, being Pete & Kira Moody, Geoff Newton, Tim Rands, Roy Fielder, Pete Kara, Duncan Frew & Nigel Graham descending the one of the mine/caves of Buddleswood. Good look around for bat & mineral spotting. Back at HQ in time ~~for~~ to be stood-by for an overdue group from Thorpe Lane. *^{shaft} No. 9.

Happy New Year!

The Mon Oct.

1/1/86 Twin Tithes - a sort the men from the boys top. Only a little sliver of rain, and only Albert F, Brian P & W Lyndall H turned up. Fired up the compressor to test a new rock breaker - but the couplings were wrong! Lots of water (as roof dips) had entered the cave, and much was washed clean. No digging done. 1h. HF

1-1-86 BUDDLESWOOD 9. HORSESHOE BATS, MOST RINGED.
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF GEM RANDS (^{since he is very} delicate)

1/1/86 Durdor's Hole.

Emerson Titch - newpal & van gepon

To I streamer - Operation Rolling Thunder continues -
 looking good & core very wet. ~~dry~~

2-1-86 Swildon Hole Pete Ham In way down cove
 looked into Waterclimber dig, flooded with small stream flowing
 then on to an area just past Burner Loop on right 15 ft up
 dug under Calcite flow for 3 feet until digging got harder. Next
 time will climb up over flow and place a bolt and rope to enable
 digging at a better site more safe, i.e. you won't fall 40 feet
 into streamway.

2-1-86 Swildon Geoff Newton

Left Pete to went about & dig at Burner Loop and
 carried on to N.W. Stream Ponay to clean my new net out.
 All inlets in vicinity of Vinesay were opening out silted. Stream
 in N.W. was low despite high levels in main Economy
 & depths were easy. Pitc at upstream end bed different
 water levels!

3-1-86 Swildon Hole Pete Ham - Duncan Frew to
 the dig below Burner Loop, climbed into roof and invented
 bolt and rope which makes the climb a lot easier.

* FROM 1ST JANUARY SWILDONS HOLE GOOD
 WILL FEE IS 20 PENCE.

100% inflation

3.1.86 Eastwater West End

Goff Newton & Mark Simpson (N.L. caver M.C.)
To top of Gladman's to put in another bolt.

Then to introduce Mark to the pleasures of Regent Street as some compensation for the groveling needed to reach Greet St. The Blotfire was very refreshing - lots of ice cold water, we emerged cold but clean.

4.1.86 Longwood. Jim Rands, Duncan Fow, Bruce Livingston and Mark Simpson.

The Valley is still very wet + frozen to such an extent that the gate required a certain amount of persuasion to open. After descending the shaft it became apparent quite how unpleasant the effect of the diesel oil is: headaches + sore throats all round. The volume of water in addition to the diesel made this a short trip. A look into Longwood Valley sink dig was thwarted by the wooden trap being frozen on and attempts to lift it would have broken it. In addition to the smell the diesel has made the rock rather slippery in places. "moniti estis"

4.1.86 Swildon's Shutter Series Pete, Alison, Goff

Banging ~~on~~ boulders in roof of oven near Deep Lint. Visited Shutter Chamber + Fracture Rift to pass time whilst fumes clear. Little progress evident on return. ~~Final~~

5.1.86 Buckoo Holes Geoff + Mark Simpson Failed to open the locks - tag短缺.

Nine Bells - a leisurely jaunt around no backroads anywhere.

5-1-86 Sludge Pit Estimate. Pete Kean & Nigel Graham measured entrance to assess work involved in fitting pipes delivered for the job. To build shaft in stable area would mean digging a hole perhaps 8' dia x 12 ft deep: approx 20 cubic yards of material! (The pipes are 5 ft dia). Who's the biggest idiot on meadip? no prizes if you get it right.

5/1 Palmers. Pete & Alison. First trip of 86 down Palmers, no doubt there will be many more. Christmas floods had not made the cave any pleasanter.

4/1/86 Dorken Alaw. Pete Watts, Beth Yates, Jeff Price, Malc Foyle, Doug Adams, Kevin Gannon.

Malcolm came out of 4 years retirement to do this!. I did it as a 32nd Birthday treat, and to hear the unmelodic rendition performed by the others at the end of the entrance series. If you can tolerate the boredom, the entrance series is a doddle. Take a walk man next time. PW, BY and JP to the White Company, antler Passage, MF, DA, KG in reverse via man in the boof. The only difficult part was walking down the hill in the ice, snow. 7 Kms. (PW).

11/1/86 Kneels - Pete & Alison + Andy Sparrow. Half an hour's digging at Horrorface 2 saw us up as far as two large blocks. The first was safely extracted, the second was too stubborn for us & will require chemical persuasion. Cave was up (or rather the entrance series) was recorded MCG, Whitechurch Trolls plus groups unknown. On to Pierre's to show Andy the link through to Beulah Nests.

11-1-86. Longwood "rescue"

"Quote Fred Falstad "I wasn't too big for the squeeze - my wet suit was".

11-1-86 SWINDONS JIM & NIGEL REPAIRS TO MUD SUMP THEN ON TO SHATTER POT DIS 6 BUCKETS OF SPOIL REMOVED. THE CAVE WAS VERY SPOTTY.
3 HOURS JFC

12-1-86 A BET HAS BEEN PLACED THAT RICK WARMAN WILL HARR BEFORE JEFF PRICE. £10 AT STAKE. Witnessed by 5 members,⁺ 1

12-1-86 - am - Tim Moon + 4: GB tourist trip. First "proper" trip after lots of basic thrutching for a few teachers. A leisurely stroll round Main Chamber: they were amazed! They were also a damn sight harder work than your average bunch of kids! 2 hrs.

12-1-86 - pm - Tim Moon, Chris Bradstock, Kevin Quilton. ↗

GB tourist again - white passage, down to bottom of Main Chamber then up + out the easy way. Quoted "It's a lot cleaner than Devon caves!". It fits - some contrast with his morning's trip!

12-1-86 SWILDONS

SUMP TWO - IAN PEARSON - KERMIT.

IP

15-1-86 SWILDONS

VICAPAGE? - IAN PEARSON KERMIT

15-1-86 Swildons A. Ingram, G. Johnson, P. Mann looking at the 3 digs by Barnes Loop. Top one has got a large deposit of Calcite, Middle is very hard compact gravel + left is mud + rock easier to work but not looking so promising. P.M.

18th Jan Warren Farm. Geoff Duncan, Pete & Alison. Much to everyone's surprise the dig had dried right out. The conditions always used to be bad now they're even worse - almost as bad as Watergate. An hour's digging showed the way on to be a wide bedding at this higher level, this required Dr Nobels.

18 Jan SWILDONS - FAULT CHAMBER

Mark, Sean, Ken, Rob back to Severn Avon. Rigged a traverse from main route into the avon (still there and is well fixed). climbed main Severn Avon, about 45' high using lots of worthwhile tactics But no go. closes down at top. Also investigated 83

the alcove about 15' up. led to small oven
and interestingly muddy passage but needs
digging. Epic trip for the boys! 7 hrs.

18-1-86. Rock & Fountain.

A Miller, cos. (Lanier) Jeff Price MacFoye
- (out of Retirement) Young Bros., Vinton.

Bob Price, Ken Niwe & Son, ANEW.

TRIP TO 5th CHUTE, PREMIER, CLOUD, N.W. STREAM.
etc. etc. - Excellent TRIP from water chamber 4 hrs.

Many thanks to Arthur JP.

18-1-86 Sundown Fault Chamber Pete Ham, Julian
Taylor carried none kit in for Ken + Co, left after
a short time when we got cold and fed up of having
rocks thrown at us from the climbers above. P.H.

18-1 Sundown Pete Ham, Julian Taylor, Rich Warman
Buzz Newton, Duncan Frew on R.R.O. call out to
the 20' to remove a cold, tired girl who couldn't
climb the pitch (they were using S.R.T.) Let Frew at
water chamber and all exited rapidly by 10:00 p.m.

19th Jan Palmer's Gaff Duran Passage. Finally we're reached the crossroads at the end of the drapppage. To the left appears to be an outlet, right looks like the way on - the flag is dropping away fast and doesn't look too bad a prospect. life will be a lot easier if we can establish a turning point. Work continues.

18-1-86. Darren Gilav (again!) Pete Watts, Beth Yates. Supposed to have been a trip to the Loose Lumpy bits at the end of After Passage. Forced to stop in the general area of the white Company due to light failure. Perhaps it's not advisable to run a walkman offa NICAD?

22-1-86 St Cuthberts. Ian Pearson, Kermit & Gary Hayes. Nice tourist trip!

25-1-86 East water: Alison, Pete, Geoff + Dave

A semi recreational visit altered by the BEC's "loud" presence! Pete suffering from a head cold sat and contained (barely) his mirth while both he & negotiated primrose pot and then a visit to the BEC's pad in Rift chambers. Then on upwards via the crossroads to Kentish's Corin passing a party who's rate at being blown up by a aforementioned party. Here two areas were investigated by the Miner pair. One tying up an aural connection to a visual and latter inconclusive regarding loud noise.

26.1.86

Palmer's Lane.

P. Moody. G. Norton

Banging the end. The T junction is in fact a cross roads.
 However the longest way on (R) is only 4" or so wide and descending,
 probably to mud fill. Look long term - only the drought gives any hope
 of progress. P.S. The road to the end is desperate! (and so say all of us!)

→ and Lionely Hole P.M. G.N.

Banging a boulder in the dig the far side of A orifice 2.

Then facing the bang jumps out.

26.1.86 Dave + Paul. Swildons

As an alternative + rest cure, Lickells, Palmers + Warren were out of order
 so to the old faithfull short round, Blue pencil and 3 to 4 etc. avoiding
 one of East Anglia - sort of up and under between the legs of the 20
 still a pleasant meander.

22-1-86 Scudlars Graham Johnson, Pete Mann, Tom Trigwell
 John Scott removing all digging kit from Batcombe
 chamber and water chamber - as soon as this one day is
 out we will be back.

29-1- Scudlars Low Bow G.J., P.H., T.I., J.S. to look
 at the prospects of starting this dig again, must be mad.
 With the four of us it would mean moving the spoil out in
 two shifts, if nothing better can be found and there's no
 machinery, may start some time (if the men in white coats don't
 catch up with me)

1/2/86 Manor Farm. Pete Watts, Doug Adams, Jim Moor
 1½ hours crawling preceded by 1 hour's waiting while
 4 bodies tackled the entrance shaft (horribly) with
 enough SRT kit (and a lifeline!) for GG main shaft.
 A shame they only had one descender between them!
 Once in the cave (and ahead of the people-ruckus), a
 most enjoyable stroll was taken. JM.

14th Dec 1985 YORKS.

NICK MAROCHOV, ANTHONY SUMMERSKILL, DOUG BOOMER
 + CREW.

A few pleasant (short) trips down Lanes-Easegill system. One to investigate Manchester flood bypass very crawlly and horrible! Also the Graveyard Series, a very pleasant trip with grovelling in nice muddy passages.

Also Yordas, with an attempt to set fire to the main chamber. Managed to fill it full of smoke, but will have to see if photos come out.

NICK

25th JAN. Rosemoor. Nigel Graham + a couple of independent locals I'd met recently, who are interested in digging. Look around recent quarry (nothing found) then at approach to "the" dig site in the cliff - one of the least accessible bits of the

island - before a session in an old rift (discontinued)
of mine.

1/2 hours Geoff, Duncan, Peter Alison. Dugging passage beyond Homestead II, a
good deal of rock remains to be done.

5/2 Sunday. P. Ham, M. B. Johnson, T. Ingason
T. Scott looking in roof of streamway to
10' ~~down~~^{up}. One place looks as if it could be worth
wanting 2 ~~years~~ years work. //

8/2 Warren - Peter Alison, Paul Idelson. The charge put in the bedding
(18/1) had opened a vertical rift which we had not realised existed.
With only a short cruxbar it was quite exciting putting ones head out
of the bedding at the bottom of the rift and trying to dislodge large blocks
of rock jammed directly above. When we gave up two large bits remained,
3 or 4' higher the rift could be seen opening out into a good sized
bedding.

9/2 Warren - Peter Alison. After a little early difficulty negotiating
the bend into the rift found yesterday we were soon up into the higher
bedding. Down the way chocked almost immediately while back
behind a climb led up out of the scarp/chise area. One way
or ~~way~~ led back down into the chocked area, a second,
which required digging led to an area blocked by boulders and
boulders & stream debris. Further on a few feet further this ended
in a boulder chise. A third possibility at a higher level again was
blocked by a boulder on which we put a charge before leaving.

8.2.86 AND OTHERS DIGGING IN SWILDONS JUST BELOW BARNS LOOP ON LEFT SIDE. WENT IN 4 FT THOUGH RED SAND AND BOULDERS. LOOKING GOOD. 3 HOURS.

JD and MI

9.2.86 Longwood Valley Sink. Rick Witcombe, Clive & Janet North, Paulie -?, Nigel Graham. About 2½ hours of general excavating, below what is still a free-climb, rather intimidating.

8/2 Chatsworth Cave Pete Ham, Baulder, Julie Bolt - cement user, Nigel Graham - Soap dragon. Lots more cement in, on, around boulders. J.H.

8.30pm 14-2-86. UPPER PITTS. ROUND TRIP. GRIPPING WIND BLOWING ACROSS CAR PARK, VNEY A TIGHT SQUEEZE TO LOCK; USED TO BE EASIER THAN THIS. GAINED ENTRY INTO HALLWAY; SAW A BIT OF A MESS, OTHER SERIES DARK + COLD, QUICK LOOK JUST FOR THE HELL OF IT. EMPTY BAG CAN UNDER THE RIGHT BOLST (NO LOCK THERE.) RAPID DESCENT TO FAR REACHES (LADDER DOWN) Tidy, descent to LIBRARY some poor sod DIED AND BEEN PUT BEHIND GLASS IN THIS. HASTY RETREAT TO GENTS, FLOOR TILES BREAKING UP NICELY, STILL A BIT OF FLOOD WATER ABOUT. GROT HALL QUITE PICTURESQUE FLOOR A BIT MUDGY. WATERFALL CHAMBER FLOOR INTERESTING FINE LAYER OF MUD DEPOSITS. COURTHOUSE CHAMBER NEXT, OH, STOPPED ONLY TO PUT KETTLE ON AND INTO MAIN CHAMBER, THE AREA VIEWS AS "THE CARPET" SHOWING SIGNS OF RECENT ACTIVITY, MUD DEPOSITS + IRREGULARS UNDER TABLE ROCKS. OH TO COOK CURRY DUTY HUT WARDEN — B. KINNED

12/2 Sundown. Pete H., Graham S., Alex T., Doak S.
 while Pete put a ~~sus~~ bolt above the new chig so
 a lead line at the top can be used the other 3 played around
 in the streamway instead of removing a hanger and rope from
 the Barnes top chig. New site is on left of streamway just
 before 20' up at roof level in same joint as a small passage
 at stream level. P.H.

15/2 Portland. Nigel Graham invited by 3 local, independent
 owners as "consultant" to inspect new 8 - ft deep area -
 remarkably 'remote' dig site high above the beach near
 Chiswell (NW part of the island). Promising looking: an
 alcove covered by a grille of ~~short~~ ^{long} vertical sheet
 bands, stuffed full of hard packed silt overlying coarse
 gravels - hopefully ancient ocean deposit.

16/2 Chortchoune Cave. Pete Hawn, Nigel Graham -
 experimenting with stal-repairing techniques, a bit of stal-
 working & a tour of inspection of Oldruome Charles. A.J.
 27/11/86 Entente West End ^{not me! J.A.S.}

Geff N, Duncan F, Paul Kheron, Ian ?, Steve de Perchele
 Formally a tourist trap to Regent St. However Gladmen's Pit
 was left rigged for the "Big Party" and a voice + light
 connection established between Head & of Great Street and
 a passage off the bottom of Regent Street. Prospects for other

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way on at head of Creek Street lost mineral.

14/2/86. Thruo CRNE.

J. Price M. Foyle, & B. HANSFORD.

low water, BUT ATLAS was still good fun
3HRS.

15/2/86. Reservoir Hole:

J. Price B. HANSFORD. M. Foyle + BONEHEAD
(Paul. BERTON). TRundle around.
3HRS.

15th Feb Swithland - Watergate. ¹⁸⁽²⁰⁸⁾ Duncan Frew, Peter Alison, Moog
Martin + Buckley + 21 Poly of Wales. Planned trip to West End Series, Fossewater to construct a
dam below Holly Pot was thankfully aborted as the entrance where we flew had
completely sealed the route down through the boulders. So on to Watergate where
everyone had a wonderful time shit glorious shit.

16th Feb Warren Farm. Duncan, Geoff, Peter Alison

The final open lead in the extension field last week went all of 10ft.
After some grafting around we have decided the way on is a close
by the over. Looking long term again.

22/2/86 Swithland: Hensler's Dig. 1/16 w/g

22/2/86 Bristol Ducati Owners club to deepest
Buntington via Goatchurch and Sidgat
2Km underground. Paul was here

22nd Feb Swithlens - Upper Faubé Chamber Dig. Geoff Newton, Peter Alison

Returned to dig at the top of the right hand over series after an absence of several years. The digging site was dry and a good quantity of catch was made. The date has turned out to be looking quite promising.

22/2/86. G.B., Bar Passage. Macc, Nick, MARTIN while around nice taking pictures

23/2/86 Jeff, Macc, Nick, MARTIN. Flushing out hangovers in Swithlens streamway. + some light Fingers (Fingered "BAS. AND") snake and ADDER!

19pm Swithlens Paul Hamm & Graham Johnson. To dig above 20', placed banger and we hung lead line then set to work removing mud until Calcite encountered when work slowed to a stop without hammer + chisel. Went on down to Barnes Loop to take fan at last + Scotty at their dig.

23rd Feb Palmers - Geoff Newton, Peter Alison Moody. We did have plans to do a major clearing session at the final cross cut but instead started excavating a bit half way into the cave. Its deep and loosely filled and fairly narrow. Opened it up to a depth of four feet, removing the fill back to the entrance passage

25 Mar Swithlens - Upper Faubé Chamber Dig Geoff, Peter Alison,

Another reasonable session, dig still dry although a bit cramped. Slow progress.

2nd March Sugarcane Pukka - Swindon Hole

Geff Newton, Martin Buckley, Tim Rollins

Pilotcut through into the dig at end of Tiersome's chamber. It looks very promising, was able to insert half a body into it, the roof appears to be breaking off or even rising. The fill was water & bone good. Getting the water out could be difficult however.

The U-tube to Renaissance was still ranged off and to judge by the mud etc in it the way well had been a mud slump the other side.

Following the failure of some pillocky to put our ladder down the 20' we were able to demonstrate three different ways of free climbing the pitch.

1-3-86. Doug Armanus, Jim Hoom, JGFF PRIGG, HAL FORES,
Pete Mann, Wiggo GRAMM, "STUMPY" ET AL
FIRST TRIP FOR some TO 'DRUNKY' WHAT A CAVE!
PILOTS. FOR WIGGO & PETE, THE COST TO RISING'S
BREAK BY PRIMISS TO MAZEWORKS PERSON FIRST
THREE SUMPS A DRILL TRIP FULL hours
EXCEPT FOR AN UNKNOWN FROG CHURN FOR
WIGGO!! NICE ONE "STUMPY." 

8-3-86 SWILLOONS SHORT TERMS TRIP.

Doug Abrams, Klem Ross, Duncan. A quick run round! - spoilt by the sheer number of bodies at the pitch. Met Ken & Bob after Ken fell out of greasy chimney down to Step 2 and out 2 min. Doug

8-3-86 SWILLOONS HEAVEN & HELL

Geoff Hunter, Alison Morris

First visit for GN & first for Alison for 9 years. The day at the end of ~~the last~~ was then expected but looks pretty long term. A climb above the dig revealed a ponille way on after some gardening perhaps with a return visit with bolting kit & bags. Excavations the ~~rest~~ side of the climb look more promising after the terminal day. The ~~digging~~, loose here & today a fair amount of water.

The warm weather has brought a lot of visitors out of hibernation. We had great fun tempting all over them.

26-2-86

~~10-3-86~~ SWILLOONS dig above waterfall Tom Taylor, Graham Johnson & Pete Mann removing mud + Stat flooring looking good with an outward draught.

5-3-86 As above without Tom more mud + Stat removed. A six inch slot needs enlarging to gain entry into new passage.

9.3.86 Warren Farm.

Kieth, Roz + Duncan, Down to the bottom of rocky horror sample to retrieve a bag of the infamous mud which Bruce had left here. Kieth got very worn, demonstrating that any one larger than himself just would not get through the squeezes which were quite a tight fit. We also got slightly lost in the fog inspecting the field boundaries.

9.3.86 Manor Farm, Doug Adams, Tim Moore,

Mike Usher(guest) + various Kingston Poly bodies.

Nice trip - NHASA gallery + a potter about. Got caught up in a boy scout ruckle at the exit shaft. I wouldn't you know it! Interesting lights they had - 6x Ever-Readies taped to jeans belt loop, crocodile clips on exposed terminals, and old bicycle lamps as headsets. Interesting! Kingston Poly root-riders seemed to enjoy the trip well enough, anyway. JMR.

SWILDONS STREAMWAY JUST BELOW BARATES LOOP

J SCOTT and MERV INGRAM WEDNESDAY nights 11TH FEB 26. FEB

5TH MARCH 12TH MARCH Digging 2 hours each TRIP

15TH MARCH 3 HOURS

~~10 AM~~

12-3-86 Swildons Pete Hanna, Graham Johnson to dig above waterfall. The wet inch plot was attacked and parred. 4 feet in a tight squeeze called the Fanny

after Graham voices after passing that he felt like he was reborn - I just wanted the hammer & chisel to get back through after getting stuck. Beyond the Forney the passage enlarges slightly for 15 ft then descends at 45° to a tight squeeze not yet perched as a hand line will be needed to pull someone out if its not possible to pass. P.K.

15.3.86 SWILDONS Heaven + HELL

Geoff Newton + Duncan Frew.

Want to put in a bolt in the climb Geoff made on the 8th. This proved quite difficult since the only solid rock is behind you + the wall you are facing when comfortably unconcerned is a sharp/thick layer of calcite. After various techniques had been tried a bolt hole was put in lower than planned (Epic stuff) The ~~tough~~ anchor got really badly clogged and we were unable to actually place it. Before leaving Dunc climbed up and attempted to pass the squeeze, this will definitely need remodelling. The way on will be upwards a bit if at all.

15.3. C.B. Gateway Pete Dann + Julie Bolt.

We were going down Clarendon Cave but a car had a window smashed with valuables still visible and the party still underground the police were called.

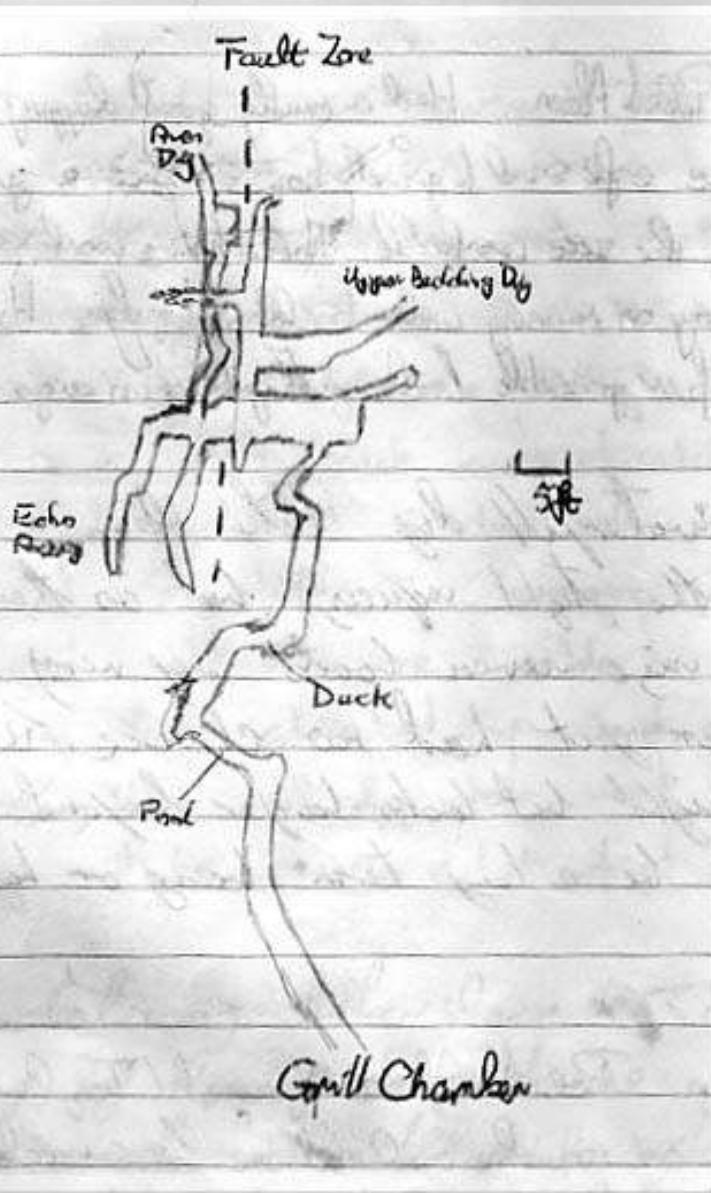
As they arrived no did the owner of the car and confirmed that property stolen. This is the third week-and on the trot and all by breaking windows - so be warned and leave a hamster to guard your car. P.D.
 9th March Pierre's, Geoff Newton, Peter Alison Moody. Took several boulders into Pseudo Nests with the idea of securing all the loose catch above the bottom dig. In the event couldn't decide where to start so went into Pierre's investigating possible sites.

15th March Warren Peter Alison. Had a really good digging session at the over choke. The fill was soft sand & gravel, honest, but a great deal had to be shifted to make the site workable. Three hours work saw us in far enough to clear the way or running under boulders - hopeless. Had a look around further back and found few possible leads - will give them a go next time.

16-3. Scubbs waterfall dig Beta Mann - Graham Johnson
 An attempt at the tight squeeze but as there was only just room for 2 size seven boots my very expensive well developed bear gut had no chance. The passage descends out of sight but looks larger beyond the narrow bit. It would now be a long term bung or hammer job.

22nd March Warren Peter & Alison gave Al Taylor a quick guided tour then on to the end where last weeks leads were ticked off one by one. The first, a passage with a really

good echo turned out to be a pretty bedding ~~passage~~, this lead to a rift which no way on. Second on the left another low bedding heading down dip quickly became very tight, this might still be a good bed if the calcrete floor can be broken up and the dip opened out. Third, another bedding going up dip ran into boulders and finally a sterile passage pinched out in a tight rift with many sharp angular boulders. Disbarred left for the surface.



22nd March Nine Barrows.

G.N. Evening trip to end of Barkings Extension. Was necessary to shift a lot of rubble to get through. The end is still to come - a fair long term project with a shortage of working space.

23rd March Smidgens.

(G.N. & Alison) A trip to pirate (?) Nigels, dry in Shatter Chamber had to be aborted at Barnes Loop. Here we met a "victim" in progress. The leader of a novice party had suffered a dislocated shoulder and was being helped out by Charlie Jeff of VBSS. We joined in to help the victim and the leader of leadership vines out of the cave & arranged for his despatch to British Royal Navy.

March 22nd/23rd "Symposium of Building Maintenance."

A lot of productive work done despite a moderate turnout.

New Extra large letter box installed by Phil Hendy, Pete Hawn, Jim Rands

A start made on the new showers in the extension by Nigel Graham + JR.

New Gutting by Dave Morrison and Duncan Frew, Boiler, Peter Woff.

Windows, Kitchen and the sofa restored by the industrious lady folk

(Mary Rands, Liz Green, Alison Moody). Phil + Lynn Hendy attacked the hedge along the drive. But the weather boarding on the North end of the living room proved difficult to replace due to the quality of the work done when Upper pits was built. The tiles had

been laid onto the under-board rather than battens and the rafters were irregularly cut. The new plastic board looks just the job, the gutter wasn't replaced since the board will have to be worked on. Much refreshment indulged in and lots of fresh air, an enjoyable/useful weekend's work.

PS. Just for the record (so he doesn't feel hard done by) Geoff Newton worked hard demolishing the ladies down and filling it with junk from the extension.

THE CHARIOT HAS BEEN "RESCULPTED" TO ALLOW IT TO BE REMOVED FROM THE EXTENSION WHERE IT WAS VERY SOLIDLY BRICKED IN, SINCE IT WOULDN'T FIT THROUGH EITHER OF THE NEW DOORS.

19-3 Swindon Pete Mann + Graham Johnson looking for new digs, found two small sites at bottom of Shower Chamber, then on to Newport's dig to give him a hand for the hr. MM.

29/30 March 88 Darren Gillett

The objective was the Hardrock extension (BEC dig) to supply the camp here. Snabbel ^(BEC), Tim Large ^(BEC), Wormhole ^(BEC), T-Rat ^(BEC+WC) + Damon ^(WC) drove over Saturday morning stayed in pub (not long enough) eventually staggered to entrance by 5.45pm. Layton with

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tackle sacks and many forms of illumination for 20 hour trip. Wormholes knees got bashed about a bit and repetitive lamp failures halted us at welly boy aven. All the hard work done with no benefits. Slept 3 in an escort rather crowded and very festorous. Weather appalling so back to Hunters Lodge for Sunday breakfast. One heap of boulders looks much the same as the next. Typical BEC inefficiency Wormhole riders again! I don't know where it went but we lost an hour mid trip. We went even near the time machine 3am on a snowy night is not a pleasant time to emerge from this god hole. And it was supposed to be good old British summertime.

30/3/86 Easter Sunday. Photographic trip to nine Barns) M T & E Henry. Regrettably no pictures as camera lens cracked and flash gun packed up in the vet. Eat consolation Easter Eggs before returning 1½ hrs.

28-3-86 Geff Denton Trevor Faulkner Prospecting over N slopes of Wild Boar Fell. Christy fell link looks a good prospect. Also removed boulders from a stream with about 1/2 mile to the N and real gill to reveal a cave passage! A couple of hours engineering enabled GPN to slide down feet first. The penultimate

proved madder than it looked & so he was unable to turn round to see if it was really too tight to proceed further than the 10' or 20' gained.

~~29~~ 29.3.86 Pigjetkin Pot.

GPN Trevor Faulkner Alan Marshall

A good old fashioned trip using net silt & ladders visiting Four Hall & Home Streamway then returning to Pigjetkin entrance

30.3.86 Bruntsford Lake GPN & Alan Marshall

The guidebook describes it as a "fine & core". This is a dirty lie! It's a grubby gravel and infinitely boring. Avoid like the plague. Don't be tempted by the prospect of changing in the barn next to the entrance.

31.3.86 Lancaster Hole

GPN, Andy Summerstall, John Redding.

SRT trip to foot of 80 foot pitch in EPL series. A fine trip. The navigation is interesting.

1.4.86 West End Series Eastwater

GPN, Duncan F, Maggie McP

A quicks throw down to the S-Bend. It's still scummed off and is gathering gravel & silt at a rate which suggests it will need a lot of digging as well as tailing to repair. The West End pitches were left

rigged to encourage the shaping of cement, pipes etc for the proposed dam. The think out was very quick - we have found a rival for action.

Nous sommes Trois poisson d'avril.

A certain amount of mass redistribution has occurred in the boulder rubble during the month + ½ for which the entrance was iced up. Not all of it stabilising.

3.4.86 West End Series, EASTWATER,

Geoff + Dunc

Inspired by our foolishness on Tuesday the Wessex Hydrological Engineers (Eastwater Battalion) set forth after much deliberation in "I could do with another brew." Two 5 litre containers of cement, a length of the old drain pipe from the hut and polybagging were transported reasonably intact to the bottom of ~~the~~ lolly pot. This is a one way trip for the plastic bottles since they only just get here. A good start was made on the dam but it looks like we've run out of resident gravel and probably people to carry stuff here. Any volunteers would be most welcome. Hopefully the dam will be ready for the first drought, this year or next or whenever. The question is could the drought be artificially introduced by diverting the Norton's pot water down Primrose using the existing dams by Boulder Chamber. We will see. Gladmans + Lolly still rigged.

Mar 28 - Apr 5

The Northern hounds return to Mendip: 19 CPC Members & guests did combine in efforts to visit Manor Farm, Northill snared, Rhino Rif (x2) G.B. (x2) Longwood August (x2) Trowpe, Eastwater (x2), Upper Flood, Swindon (x2) Twin T, Tyewings, Cuthberts & Woolley.

Several tourist / sightseeing trips were also made to various destinations. Many thanks for the hospitality.
 26 Mar Suddon 12 - Pete Moody. Intending to pursue 12B again however water levels were well up & the narrow rife ~~was~~ was reduced a couple of summers ago was well & only submerged. Had to see the New Year floods have scoured Sump 4 and the dry section at the start of 9.

29 Mar Suddon Upper Series - PM. Continued with the dig beneath Peterham's dig near the Twenty. Shifted a lot of muck. Explosives will be required to push it further.

30th Mar Suddon 5 - PM. Returned to Jubilee Aven just the other side of Sump 4. As the top of the second cover a construction prevents access to a third ~~big~~ echoing chamber. Put a charge on the squeeze.

5th Apr Suddon 7 AM, Geoff Newton, Duncan French, Simon Turner.

The impressively efficient Wesser in action in Suddon again. Suffering from leg pain AM dropped his main bulk in the streamway below the 20, it was immediately swallowed never to be seen again. We then found that both boulders had been left above the 20, Simon went back for the Shovel Pe boulders only to return with the wrong one, he got it right on the second attempt. At Ten AM DF headed off for 4 via BP while the others went down the streamway. At Sump 2 found that some diving party had taken all but one of the lead weights.

The others met a couple of Derbyshire blokes coming up BP in full wetsuits with scuba tanks + full suits & carrying two huge tackle sacks who trying to find the tracks. On to Y where we met the divers one of whom had an arm in plaster! All went up into the Backroom for a quick look around, this was cut short when a large slab detached itself from the wall and a hurried retreat had to be made. Maybe worth a look again sometime. AM, DF, ST went out via Dang hook while GNB & AM returned via the streamway putting another charge on Jubilee River on the way.

6th April Swildon's Heaven & Hell

GPN, Pete Moody & Men Anyon. A trip to the end of the Heaven & Hell ravine to bring the rockhole above the terminal dig. Men was misled by Mr Faw into coming along for what he thought would be a nice pleasant trip.

06/04/86

Swildon's Hole. A. Newport & J. Geeson - Operation "Rolling Thunder" continues - and looks set to continue for some time yet. applied 1 lb of D.N.M.R.B. & once more filled the streamway with grimes. /br>~~J. Geeson~~

9/4/86

Swildon Hole Streamway & upper series.

G.J., Pat Webb - Paquita the frog - Michel a Bloody perch-like

Putain la vache c'était super (heinide!) Qu'as-tu
fait qui on t'y renvoie? Le pied dans la piscine (double
feet!!!)

14/4/86 HENSLER'S Digs. Ng on an uneventful Friday evening foray into this rather airless retreat (which on this particular evening it was ^{intended to be}: one can be very contemplative on solo digging trips). About 2 hours steady work. Watch stopped: exit to see ~~the~~ ^{Newing} still all lit up (ETO 11.30pm). Entered U/Pills 12.15am. OOPS! 12g.

14.4.86 Longwood

GN Trevor Faulkner Alan Marshall

Mostly a tourist trap for class benefit visits by steam battery, New Treasury & Tribology Parry - In Longwood I sat digest. Took a look at the first area in steam battery. There has been another rock fall from above. The hanging death is now really horrific - a well placed charge will bring down an awful lot. I'm not volunteering to place it however. JG.

14/4 Sandown Pete Ham with nothing better to do went down and piroted to Newport's dig at bottom of 40'. More & Hammer still working well, one party on seeing the black hose thought that it was an electricity cable?

Bob Apr. Pierres / Asuncion's Andy Sparrow, Peter Alison. Inspecting the choke @ the lowest point where the stream can be heard, to see if anything can be done to shore up all the loose rock which overhangs where we want to dig down.

16th Apr. Pierres/Pseudos Andy Sparrow, Peter Alia. Took a piece of corrugated iron
down to protect the dig however the Sparrow just got in there with a four
ft crowbar and did his stuff. When we left Andy had opened the site right
up and ^{uncovered} _{the Master Cave} exposed an open rift which, from the sound of the stream, drops
directly down to it. Several more blocks are preventing entry & a lot more
clearing will be required before we can be sure. The hanging debris threatening
the dig is still just hanging there, although it doesn't look quite so dangerous
as before.

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20.4.86 Swildon Heaven & Hell

P. Moody Geoff N. The body of the 6th April was found to have
demolished the whole road easy access to the cavern beyond
was obtained. The extension proved to be all of 5 ft long. So the
bad news is there is no hope - its whilst dead. The good news is
we don't have to go back. Swildon was pleasantly wet & frosty.

19/4. Swildon: Shatter Pot Dig. NG on a short auto session
(only about 1/2 hour digging). General digging.

20/4 Chatterhouse Cave. NG. Ed Trevor Faulkner, Nick
Dallman & Jackie Westcott arrived on a tourist trip. After they had
left, NG then teamed up with Alan Marshall, Aiden -? & Pete
Horne for a useful digging session (more concrete in end boulders)

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20/04/86 Purdon's Hole.

E. F. Newfrot & T. Jepson to continue 'Belling Thunder' - on this occasion however, sans thunder, due to the kill being unusually easy to work. 2 lbs. ~~✓✓~~

26/4/86 Sunlens Hole. Tackle-geuying for tomorrow's Rescue Practice.

Nigel Graham, Pete Hamm, Pete Wath, Jeff Price, Steve Boyle, Jim Banks, Rich Webrell, Duncan Frew, Robin Taylor, ~~Mark Hobbs~~, Rich Seamer, Keith + Roz Fielder, Andy Sunnucks, Chris Read, Laurence Smith, Sean Webb, Rob Taviner,

27/4. Swallows Hole: City/WCC Rescue Practice from 4 to 6pm

Pete Lacey (Co-ordinator), Adrienne Vandegrift, Dave White, Mike D-York, Graham Johnson, Paul Morris, John Cooper, ~~Mike~~, Geoff Newton, Rich Daman, Ian Pearson, Kev Clarke, Jim Brown, Bob Cook, Danny Bradshaw, ~~Mark Hobbs~~, Doug Miller plus cast of yesterday + Greg & Julie Bolt, Stephen Tuck. Tim Daze & Brian Prever attend as observers.

Same again NEXT week.

Not with me as Victim *P. Hamm*.

27/04/86. Purdon's Hole.

E. F. Newfrot & T. Jepson as per entry for 20/04. However, suspect thunder will be heard on the next trip. 1½ lbs.

RDM

25th Apr Piennes/Boulders Andy Sparrow, Pete & Alison. Andy in the dug up the corner, we removing the rocks he geve us & Alison cementing them in securely out of the way. Excellent progress until just one more boulder had to be removed at which stage a huge boulder peeled away from the right hand wall onto Andy. Fortunately as he moved down away from it the boulder jammed on the far wall and he was able to come out safely. A rather ashed faced Andy suggested we finish for the day.

26th Apr Piennes/Boulders Andy, Pete & Alison. No digging done just cementing everything in sight.

26th Apr Sunders 5 Geoff Nelson & Pete Moyle. Our wizard group to Tukite Area on the 5th April had done the trick and a short crawl led to the base of another clean washed over. At the top of the easy 20ft climb the stream was found to emerge from a narrow canyon. It was possible to see along about 10ft and ~~there was~~^{was} no indication that it opened out.

3rd May Hounds & Goons Hole. Pete & Alison. A Bumfington trip to see if we could find anything off the Hounds Boulder Chubbs leading towards Spar. After drew a total blank so on to East Lark hard to try digging upstream. This was not very successful either, the stream being fairly high and the passage rather constricted. After the joys of hounds were on to Goons, the entrance had become partly blocked with scree but this didn't take too ~~much~~ ^{long} time to clear. The squeeze at the start of the cave caused a little more problem. Finally both of us got the end where a very draughty & entirely impossible crawl leads on. The cave ~~may~~ is thought to connect with hounds, there does seem a chance however that it may pass over the top of it.

3rd May Swallows - Middle Fault Dig

Geoff W. Restarting this dig after a year's break.

Mostly spent de-rabbiting. Still looks pretty long term - a better project than Shatto Dig?

3.5.86 Swallows - Watergate round trip.

Duncan, Dean, Tav. A lot of water in the upper series meant hard work opening up lower fault much to Geoff's hilarity. It also meant several near drownings on the short round when boredom set in after ^{very} little baiting. A good muddy trip also u-cold.

4.5.86 Ian Poassa - Kermit - Singing river. Kermit the complaining Sherpa but nice splash around in quite high water.

4/5/86 In hearing with John a Michael Thomas for springing swallows trip. John and Michael were down to double pots. all got very wet. hope the water is not radioactive!

4.5.86 West End Series Eastwater Cavern (3 waters)

To the sunken S Bend with 3 yellow cement. Found a smallish yellow frog in the said S-Bend - perhaps he lives on the bottom swimming around in the sump? Fortunately we could find ~~not~~ no stones and take

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gated to the three miners (GN, Rob Turner & Dean Antl) we able to postpone civil engineering and exit. ~~I expect~~
~~that~~ It was Rob & Deans first visit to West End and I suspect it may be their last for a little while, however they said they enjoyed it.

P.S. Gladman's Pit is now deserted. GPN

5-5-86 Berrington - The Ham - Duncan Frew looking at various small holes - Tunnel hole - Whitcombe hole - Tween Twins hole which might be worth a dig and also found something horrible down Boon Hole - The Wookies & Mr Newton!

10-5-86.

Mike Angus & Greg Angus attempted road trip but mud & swamp flooded over dam. Spent a few amusing & some hairy moments exploring areas of inundation including a climb above Barnes Deep Areas to find green sumped chamber?

10-5-86 WOOKER

Anne Milne + Clive Westlake took John Cordingley to 24.

An excellent trip in a fine cave.

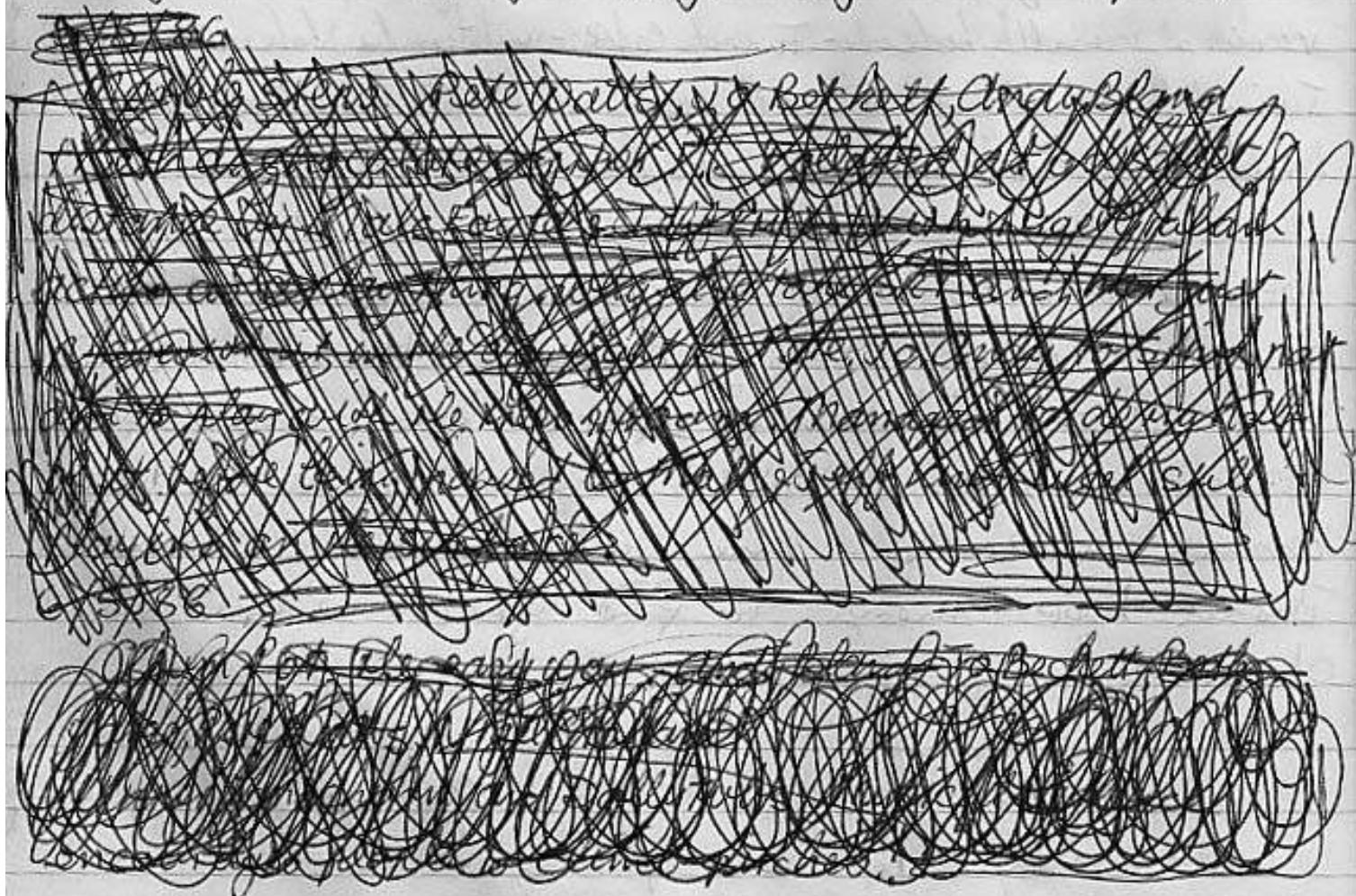
10/05/86. Swildon's Hob.

E. Firth - Newport & J. Johnson to former's digg below Old York "Yea, and the Thunder rolled an 5th time." 1/3 hrs.
 "an last time??"

4th May Pete & Alison grafting in Goat's Hole. Did a bit of digging of flat soil crawl at end. Fairly loose gravel fill but very awkward to dig.

5th May Pete & Alison & Geoff Nelson grafting in Goat's. Yesterdays excavations had filled with water ^{this} making conditions quite delightful. Managed to remove about 15ft over the two days. Can see on another 15ft - still very low, looks worth a go.

14th May Pete & Alison & Andy Sparrow Piennes/Pseudos. Removed the boulders which tried to squidge Andy the other week and also the one below it which was blocking the way to the Master Cave. A good cementing & clearing session was required.



17 May 1986 Darren Gilan.

Andy Blundell, Pete Wilks & Jo Leekett through interesting entrance series to White Company + the Antlers, + out via b-los. Despite careful taping by the Chelsea, it's a shame to see broken 'stal' at White Company, (happened since Jan 86) PLUS grubby little paw prints on some of the 'antlers' formations. Cave conservation is supposed to continue all the time - not just in specified years!! Re-entered the civilised world at 7.30pm to find Sunshine & blue skies and a superb view across the valley. (Please note that it doesn't rain all the time, everywhere I go!) - 2 (FB).

17/5/86. Darren Gilan. Jim Moon, Doug Adams, Boris Glowacki, + 3 Kingston Poly students. Usual stroll through spacious entry series, then through Man in the Roof, Upton Oxbow (both sides!) Antler, Epcalypse + return. 6 hours (tired students - 7 hours) I agree with Pete (see above) - it's a shame to see such beautiful decorations damaged by ~~grubby~~ grubby + ignorant visitors - especially in view of the loving work of C.S.S. in taping good, close viewing + access routes. Our re-entry to the world was slowed by (a) carrying a large BDH table tube out for C.S.S. and (b) Doug's light being wrecked by an especially vindictive rock in the exit series. It took nearly an hour! ~~Am.~~

Tired students??? Bollocks!! It was Doug + Tim who couldn't even talk afterwards! Stop taking the piss!
Tired we weren't even shagged. Popeye. ~~DE~~

15th May 1986) Due to Nature Conservancy

Council proposed restrictions on the use of land in and around Preddy in the form of SSSIs on Caves, the Landowners with great reluctance decided to close the caves on their land. i.e Swindon's, Earthwater, Sludge Pit, Nine Barrows, North Hill Swallet, Hunter's Hole.

(The best excuse for going down the hunting all day we've had for a long time) (Every cloud has a silver lining! some dinner then there!!).

5/5/86. Marble Steps. 2 trips. Jo Beckett, Andy Bland, Pete Watts. Andy's first trip underground. A little bit of ladder and lots of string. Got as far as the 90 but dead trees & foam cut short the adventure. Spent a lot of time squatting about in some little bits whilst waiting for Mark Fayle & Jeff Price to come down. Got fed up so went back up digging as we went. Passed half way up by Mark & Jeff so handed over the tackle and exited in to Rain and Snat (Just for a change).

6/5/86

Alum Pot Nigel Graham, Jo Becket, Andy Bland, Beth Yates, Pete Watts. The easy way. Upper Pang chasm & Dolly Tubs. Mass dissent at the ladder alleviated by threats of physical violence from the trip leader.

14TH MAY SWILLOONS COLONEL GADAREI and ~~his~~ squad charged Barnes Loop dig. unfortunately this could be the last time in millions, hope to return to dig it out ~~best~~ plan m Ingram. 2 HRS.

24th May Buntington GN.

Spoke with Quinton's Hole & elsewhere. Failed to find Sugraville Shaft but didn't look too hard. Had a talk in West Twin shaft.

25th May Windsor Hill Smelt & Viaduct Smelt

GN & this Month (Kingston Poly)

Gentle right rising top. The caves are in a very pleasant woodland area full of wild flowers, old graves and old railway remains. Both ^{have} been given to a lot of hard work over the years.

Windsor Hill was short (150' approx) but pleasant, remainder of Tributary Passage in Longwood - ending in a wavy gravel slope however. The NOASA overhead railway & mortared sides are very impressive.

Viaduct is an interesting place with stairs appearing & disappearing all over the place. There are 4 or 5 leads to the cave. Ok so long as you don't mind the old bore hit or muddy hit. Some leads still look worth a day. JP.

What wrong with Zippy does he smell? Why won't anyone go caravanning with him? What's wrong with Primrose Pot!!!

Boo Hiss!

24/25/26 MAY. DCC + (MEG) invade Craven Pothole Club
 Cottage (area invaded by Mendip generally: SMCC, Corbetts,
 BEC ...!). Mike Foyle, Duncan Frew, Pete Hearn,
 Pete Watts, Nigel Graham, Dean Nutt, Rob Towner,
 + Jill & Tim (MEG). Variously caving + walking;
 PW completed his ambition, the Three Peaks Walk. Rain
 stopped b/t play but MF, DF, PxZ, NG trotted down
 through SIMPSONS POT, using a strange variety of abseiling
 techniques. SWINGED* too wet but fun was had in Marte Cave.
 Walked up to G.G. (which stat) to take a few photos before
 walking on over Ingelborough to Horton.

* Simpson's crew b/c PW, plus Dean & Taw.

~~the~~ SIMPSON'S CAVES

Conquering Durus exceptie being over, i.e. dragging him
 up the walls, climbing and attempting to climb the wall. was
 descended using various classic Abseil techniques! The stages:
 - the flying angel*, hand over hand, the screaming bolts & Mr Watts
 performed the single handed, sweaty armpit! (Not to be
 repeated we hope!)

* Judging by the reason for the hangover: —
 the "fallen angel"?

KMC 26.5

Abandoning Swinsto to flooding? The afore mentioned went white water paddling up to Rowbar Sheep Head water fall climb to slit pot area vs - very spotting + + + etc. P.H. didn't get his descender jammed on the climb ("this time!") much enjoyed!

The Wessex (Dagenham works outing) return from the North

Three Ford Escorts head south carrying four Wessex members, setting out at five o'clock down the M6. And you've guessed it. Not one of them was doing 70 not 80 all of them did 90+ miles/hour.

Pete Watts was not observed drunk. The supposed witnesses were incapable of noticing anything. For an impartial verdict please contact Jo-Jo as one of only 2 sober people in attendance.

It is apparent that Mr. Watts was not in a fit state to count. Jo was the ONLY sober person in the pub and that is also open to debate.

They say you're double when you're drunk.
Editor Please Note. Does all this fall into the same category as the deleted versions of Morphsteps' album? Double standards! AH WE KNEW HE WAS SEEING DOUBLE!

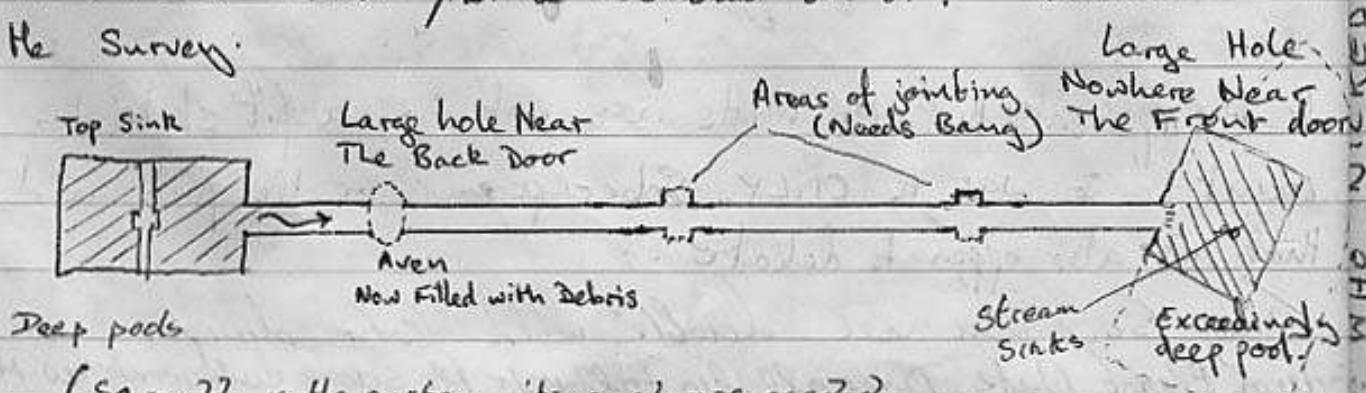
morning (not Mrs Moody)

1.6.86 AM. Pete Hawn + Duncan Frew. Upper Pitts Shit Hole
 Having replaced the "air" tight gate and dammed the stream
 got stuck into replacing the leaky cistern however
 due to flash flooding the site needed pumping out
 several times before the mission was accomplished.

Afternoon. (Not the other muddy one)

1.6.86 PM Having returned from the Pub (honest we only
 had one) PH + DF were joined by Mark + Nigel.
 Frustrated by the WCC ~~we~~ set about digging on/in
 Upper Pitts lawn. Quickly broke through into heavily silted
 passage. The fill had accumulated over 20 years with
 samples from every cave on Mendip and a few others as
 well. After a few hours experimenting with horizontal
 SRT the drain was cleared but there's still a Bloody
 great shaft which needs further work to stabilize it.
 it is also flooded now! cause it takes a good stream
 in wet conditions (we hope).

P.S. The precise location of this site will not be printed, so that
 the N.C.C. cannot put a checkmark on it. However here's
 the Survey.



Survey Notes:- Surveyed to C.R.R. Grade 0.75 using
Rag - Rope - drain rods. and mini van.

7/6/86 Charterhouse Cave Pete Mann, Pete Watts, Julie Bolt,
Duncan Frew. After a false start (I left my coll & helmet at hut)
the usual thing happened - Collecting gravel and carrying boulders.
P.M.

11/6/86 Portland : Devil's Slit - N Graham + Phil
Strong & Martin -? (2 bush.). Entertaining evening
thatching session - Phil & Martin wedging themselves in lower
part of off (looking for any continuation) - too tight for NG
who camped about on rather nice traverse lie in roof of the
slit. vG

9/6/86. G.B. Jim Moon Kev Gannon. Kev's first trip after
recovering from housemaids' knee (!) A simple thrash through
Perilisk Down, White Passage etc to Ladder Dig extension.
Dug out Bat Passage duck a bit to get through, but
didn't really fancy it on a Monday night, so we finished
the trip in the Hunters.

12/6/86. Longwood. Kev Gannon, Jim Moon. Well, there's
nothing for it - GB was fun, so here we go down another
midweek hole! Straightforward touristing. A bit caught up
in an MEG riggers' nuckle at Swing Pitch, but otherwise

very simple. $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours to Reynolds + back to the car - Kevin's knee seems to be OK!

11/6/88. Little Neath River Cave. Jim, Kevin, Boris, Dave Donner ("F Troop") + UBSS divers (Marco? + 2)

Into Bridge, portaging for Kevin + UBSS. Out to Flood Entrance - $\frac{1}{2}$ hours' glorious sunbathing -

Down Flood (water present enough to be fair) to Sand Chamber + a look at the other end of the

Bridge Sump. Met 2 UBSS divers on way out - someone nameless had dropped a vital line reel in the canal, (which they'd luckily found on the way out) so Marco + Kevin went wet touring instead of pushing 8. (or was it 6?) Boris, Dave + Jim continued leisurely stroll, with much fun in ducks + wet bits to sump 2 to wait for divers.

We got cold! One diver emerged - waited - got cold - went to look for the other one. Two divers emerged, one * whining about a leaky demand valve. A steady portage back to Bridge sump, wave bye-bye to divers, then we 3 exited (wally-like, with a big tackle bag the divers couldn't manage!) through Flood Entrance for a long bath in the river. $\frac{3}{4}$ rh hours - all good fun (except the waiting!)

1st-2nd June Dawn Lilac / GN, Steve Allen, Henry, —, later on Mark Lumley, Jim Smart. Digging at end of "Hard Rock" extension. Broke through after 1hr digging to gain large passage. At this moment Mark & Jim exposed. It took another 2 hours to enlarge the squeeze so Mark could pass it. Eventually we all set off to explore 1/2 km of new precious passage mostly covered in crystals, - roof walls & floor. Eventually emerged on surface after 16hr underground. It's a long way from the entrance.

3rd 7th-9th June Dawn Lilac GN & lots of BEC etc

Went down Finlay right to camp. Found Mark Lumley in his pit in the early hours. Set off at 10.00am. Mark to start taping, FN digging major passage heading N. Broke through after 3hr to gain a whole 30' extension. Joined Mark digging in high level side passages & gained 300m of ready work heading back to right in the breakthrough area. Back to camp for one whisky etc. Short sleep & out in early hours, leaving behind a load of draped & pinned up BEC.

14th-~~15th~~ June Dawn Lilac GN, A. Miller, C. Barker, D. Remy, Bob Paul Tansey, Chris —.

Went in with Paul & Chris who visited Terminal ramps & went out. GN to dig site - wrote it off a hotel at Terminal choke. Needs Baag. Met Barker et al on way out. Want needed for survey so went out after checking rifle or breakthrough. Rift blocked by boulders - needs length. Out after 12hr

21st - 22nd June Rivers Libau GN & Tom Allen.
 Digging in side ravage heading for Rivers extension.
 Gained 80' still going low with road to remove.
 Climbed up over 12 o'clock High Chamber.
 Leads to rills blocked by small boulders. Another area nearby
 needs road cutting. Terminal choke doorway. Passage
 Hard Rock extension now totals over 1 mile. Here
 camped yesterday night. GN stayed out overnight. PS.
 Extension leading towards "Aggie".
 Extension still has "open" dips, 1 acre to left,
 2 slopes to bury and several potential dips. ym.

25/6. Portland: GUANO RIFT, N.C. plus Phil Strong & Co.
 Guano has long been known as a short but wide rift ending in
 a choke caused by a huge block, and with water worn features
 on the walls. Trial 6 dig low suddenly crawl with deteriorating
 sides with no success ahead, but it did reveal two openings
 between boulders supported by psychology & guano, over the
 downward continuation of the rift. To be continued... *AG*

23/6
 Two bunk reinforced top of stairs night - Portable
 bed stored in Ladice Dam. *MoM* *W* Watts

27/6 Gr.B. 25-6 Guano Rift crew. Cave virtually waterless
 and only one other party seen *AG*

28/6/86 Dunsterdy Hole Geoff N.

Working with heavy hammer at bottom of terminal rift. Enough progress to want to go back again.

21/6/86. G.B.

Julie Bolt, Pete Watts, Tuffy, Littler, A joining of forces if not minds between the weasel & the MNRC in a ~~kind~~ kind hearted conspiracy to show Julie's friend Ken the delights of G.B and give him the benefit of our good nature, wit, humour, tolerance, (stupidity). These terms did not apply to everyone else we met down there.

A 4½ hr trip made longer by the outrageous antics of Rupert the rock.

25/6/86 Charterhouse cave. Pete's Mann, Watts + 2.

2 guests with the temerity to think it was a tourist trip were handed a shock and 3 heavy articles for Mr Mann's death wish dig. Only when ~~they~~ were they allowed to look at the dangley bits and underground flamingo nests that abound in places.

29/6/86 Vindictive Sists + Windsor Hill Flood Sists

GN + NG Another joint among Eastern Meadys (See 25.5.86) but in much drier conditions. Actually found another 20' or so of ponytail at the top of the avens between the two halves of Grinper Head. This was cleared by rearranging boulders. Further digging will require long. We also dug into 35' of stream ponytail cumbered in the cave, but this proved to be a redimentary of ponytail.

recently blocked by gravel silting.

Unlike my previous visit West Windsor Hill was bone dry and a totally different hole *g1*

WELCHES RIFT 25TH JUNE G JOHNSON JS SCOTT
IN WIRAM A NEWPORT 2 HRS DIGGING APPLIED $\frac{1}{2}$ LB DNMR
AND RETIRED TO PUB. 2ND JULY GJ JS AN
PAANN PETE COLORING 2 HRS AND ANOTHER $\frac{1}{2}$ LB DNMR
LOOKS GOOD *J Scott* *m*

2/7 Portland: Casco Rift. N Graham + same 3 as last Wednesday. Decent-size bolt put in well, "new" pitch descended: about 15 ft with a slightly awkward take off among the boulders. Lovely spacious rift, generally 3 ft wide, ^{space} and clearly undercut ("clean" floor) decaying stal ~~#~~ on walls which themselves were crumbling. Enticing one or round a few bends. To a T-junction with a tight cross rift. Impassable left. Right, pulling loose rocks off well allowed perhaps 20 ft of bouldering to a complete choke.

Anthony & Phil scaled loose wall to investigate source of good drought — a shattered possibly water-worn tube high in the rift roof. Total length of extension c. 60 ft (old length of cave c. 40 ft). *g1*

2/7/86 Langwood Petal Waitot I. It was wet! could have been mistaken for swildans. Lots of whining and whimpering, could have been mistaken for Marble steps or alum, ! or Simpsons or KMC or anywhere else in the universe but not west end.

5.7.86 MNRC celebrations.

MENDIP CAVERS CHALLENGE for the WESSEX SHIELD.

A very smelly ride around an ingenious sedan chair course most of the smell courtesy of the BEC Rotten Eggs, Coosh + Danvers bunged into the chair. The Wessex dragons Chinese cousin had a good outing. Fine festivities, Sofa Rugby (outdoors with goals?), Piggy back jousting. Sedan chair race was won by BEC in a rather smelly little sporting number let us just say the Wessex almost came last, no less said the better.

5/7/86 EASTWATER: West End A. Summerskill, P. Acton, G. Newton de-rigging cave. First trip down West end for A.S. and P.A. Relatively uneventful trip to top of last pitch.

6/7. CHARTERHOUSE. Nigel Graham + Jo Sparrow.

Jo's first trip in the cave, ~~which was~~ the trip also being the opportunity to take more gear to the dig. Taped mud floor in the Citadel approach has been trampled over.

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9/7/86 G.B. Pete Watts + I. As a punishment for making me go caving, the 'I' was made to do Devil's ebbow but it was dry so that wasn't much fun, attempt No 2 resulted in much slipping, sliding, gruelling and thrashing about in mud. This was more fun until it was realised that it was my kit that was getting ruined. Punishment No 3 next week.

5/7/86 MNRC Celebrations.

The wessex participated with Dignity. So little was achieved by so many but at least we did it with style!

Is that what you call it next time perhaps I could be carried forwards. (That is "if there is a next time")

12.7.86

Yorkshire with the BEC "Lads" and NCC "I'm not so sure" Black Shire (Yes we really went underground) with poled rope walking kit (Another thing I'm not sure about.) All this training is possibly improving my hangover recovery time but nothing else. ~~OK~~

19.7.86 Pete.H. + Dunc.F.

What better way to spoil a good days festering in the sun than to start a new dig. An inauspicious start to a new chapter in the search for the Burrington Master Cave. 1) Both of us forgot our Helmets + Lamps. 2) We couldn't find the stupid hole.

After parading up and down the couche with pickaxe and shovel we finally found Tween twins and set about it. Much gardening around the entrance and 20 bags of soil removed till the lack of illumination stopped play. BMC here we come.

16/7/86 Longwood. Pete watts + I.

"Crime, Punishment" Part 3. The 'I' wanted to go somewhere wet but being given a fuzzy suit and shaved down August created even more wimping noises. It was even wetter than 2/7/86.

Mall, Dunc & Dunc.

WENT TO SB BAR PASSAGE AND CAME BACK AGAIN. 4 HOURS, LOTS OF OTHER PLONKERS DOING MUCH THE SAME!

29/7/86. Jim Moon + guest, G.B. A gentle stroll round the pretties. Pete has seen a lot of Burlington, so this came as a bit of an eye-opener to him! Now for the Hunters....

26/7/86 O.F.D

The first obstacle could have been the last, how to get a permit out of the S.W.C.C. when you are only a "Quite well known club" (son of weasel bites back). The long forgotten art of diplomacy was applied and off we went towards top entered. The gang of 4 revisited (Webb, Foyle, Price, Watts) closely followed by their attendants for the day. (Duncan, Keith, Roz and the Hon Ed). We took an awfully long time finding Maypole inlet, but once we did, off and running. Various acts of aquatic ferocity were performed in the deep pools, ^{that} we forgot lived in the stream way. Thank god for the Berger MK1

water proof bag box. Armed with a survey and lots of confidence!, headed towards OFD I. MISTAKE NO 2. Divers pitch was found with reasonable ease, Malc nearly died going into hanging death looking for the Letterbox. Rich Said he knew where it was, Pete found it, (its the only part of the cave I recognised), but could we find the connection to OFD I streamway? $3\frac{1}{2}$ hrs later, we managed to find Dip sump, and we actually wallow in the water that, as it later transpired, led into the boulders that led to this and that and OFD I. So near but so far (a mere 100ft away from the stream) Decision time, wait to be rescued (never), Top entrance off or Cwym Dwr. Yes we all know the way to Cwym Dwr, dont we!. Remembered the slippery climb, and the Smidgy, but as usual, the boulder choke defeated us until we actually got into it. Home and Dry, nearly, a very sensible discussion as to whether the hole in the floor really was the crawl to freedom. Joy of Joy its got bigger!. but 1 out of 8 is not democracy. $9\frac{1}{2}$ hrs but it seems longer. The best thing that can be said about it was that everyone caused to the best of their ability?

30/7/86 Pete W. & Malc F. Manor Farm. (after taking out a second mortgage). 15 mins to the end of NASA gallery
 $1\frac{1}{2}$ hrs to get out. It had to be that quick, the

xxxxxx farmer managed to get a lot of brown sunny stuff to descend with us.

2/8/86 Lamb Lait. Malc & Pete.

Bring back the fixed van ladder!

2/8/86 M and J Herring 1½ hr geotric potter in goatchurch - and not a boy scout in sight. Set up some nice photos but came out with mostly feeling I'd set the camera wrong.

02-08-86 MwDawning - Jeff removed mud from ledges Down cut back pipe work to iron roof space. Captured pipe work with compression fixing. Also removed miss fixings for boulders work. Two walls of bolt to timber take stone.

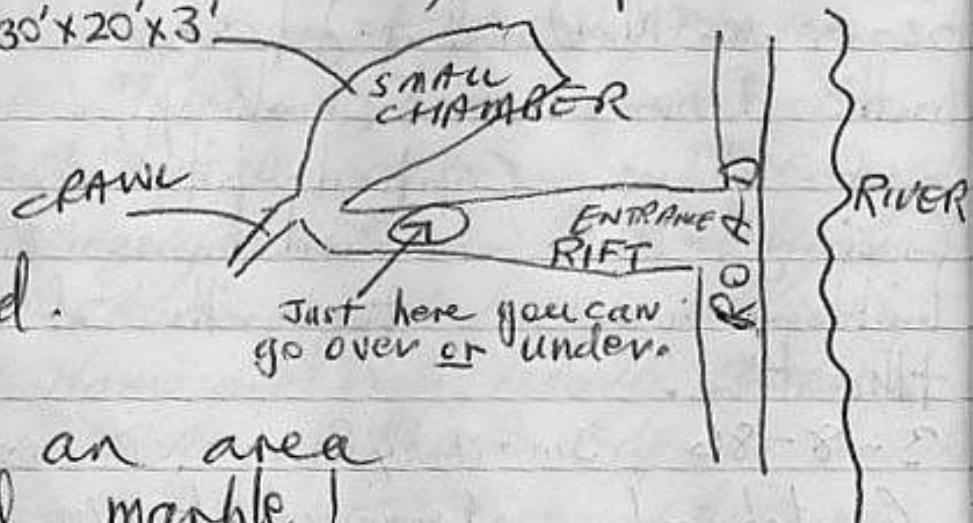
3-8-86 Jim + Mary Rands, Denise & Garry Goatchurch I mucked it up & couldn't find the drain pipe. "What a leader". Then on to Sidcot had a good look around for the first time since 1957. Best cove was pseudo Sammy Nash's for a quick look round 1½ hours all told. Good time was had by all. Jim Rawles

July '86

Visited Crystal Cave, Sequoia National Park, + Bowden Cave, South Fork of Kings Canyon and an un-named cave near the latter, having borrowed a torch from cave guide.

Rough Survey of
Cave with No-Name, over the Kings River,
opposite Bowden Cave Caving Park,
Kings Canyon National Park, California

30' x 20' x 3'



length Explored.

150'

Cave is in an area
of Granite and marble!

Kit: Hand torch, Sun Hat, jeans and shoes.
Mr Weston became very anxious when
I disappeared from the entrance
rift into the small 3' high chamber.
The following encouraging words were
heard. "There's no shelf here to drag
you out if you get stuck!" Paul Weston.

9/8/86 Split Rock. Foyle, Price, Watts

Now that we've scared ourselves stupid, we can start doing it properly.

14/8/86 Grand Annual Canyoning Expedition.

Three middle-aged boulds risked their lives for an hour in Gantchurk.

Bob & Anne London; Ray Barton

16/8 Blacknor Hole Canyoning by the sea-side! Mike Foyle + Nigel Graham (^{Phil Strong, Satonlywood} visited next extension found by Mike Read's WPSVS. Soc. group. some 500' mainly low but wide entered through horrendous boulders (one coffee-table-size slab ceiling like "door!"), past attractive patches of orange formation (cave!), over cross-rift, eventually to end, surprisingly for the area, in a fine down-cut canyon terminated by a scramble over boulders down into a bell-shaped pot some 20 ft high and 10' dia at base, ~~whose~~ floored with rubble. No obvious way out, unless there is something in boulders in roof. Nearly abandoned continuation checked but found very heavily choked - it's a long way in to go digging! ~~likely tip~~. About 5 hrs, inc. photography - off

I problem rope to what I end on exit from Caves!

It was long enough when I came down it after you!! - Nigel Extension looks from rift uncovered by MF + NA in recent WCC Trip to the Seaside.

17/6. BURRINGTON. Mal Feyle & Nigel Graham, in a decidedly perturbed mood after yesterday's hauls - 9 - kases way or angular chit bags, held a " jeans - & - Tshirt " trip to assess the condition of Gratchark & the diggability of fuelies. Here's! *all*

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23/8 M, J and E 'Henn' 1½ hr family trip in Gratchark exploring rocks and crannies. Short runny bad tinkle with comers!

23/8/86. Doug Adams 'pm Moon. A post-holiday slither down Longwood August. Despite heavy rain recently, it was disappointingly dryish. The wet chimney wasn't, really. Still, a good couple of hours' entertainment.

SIDCOTE, PIERRES POT & PSEUDO NASHES HOLE.

Jim Rands Nick Dummett Mary Rands Denise and Grany Quick trip down Sidcote then on to Pierres had a good thrash around then sent the others through the slot, age and discession preeval and I went round and got them out from Marks. good afternoons fun
J Rands 24-8-86

G.B. Jim, Mary, Ted, Hanna, Denise & Gary.

Slow wobbly round taking in the sights.

3 hours 25.8.86 jobs

24.8.86

Malc Toyle, Nigel Graham, Duncan Trew, Pete Wats

-DF.

An early Berger Practice SRT frolick in Kingsdale.

Bull pot was rigged to make life difficult. Pete in protest over the distance he had to walk from the road tested the ballistic properties of handled petzl jammers but his aim was well off all he hit was the bottom of the 4th pitch rather than Dunc's head. A brief visit was paid to the sump without the use of rope. After Malc had given a prima donna performance on how not to rope walk went on to Singling. Dunc rigged it then gave the rope to Malc who had a severe credibility problem and failed totally in his attempt to make Dunc go down. Malc nearly failed to entice Pete to the gloomy depths where he was shackled up with a 2 dimensional hermit. Pete was even less talkative than usual. An equally impressive performance from Malc while posing for the family album. Pete turned his light off in an attempt not to fill his wellies but this token gesture was rather pointless in a day light shaft so he closed his eyes. The only unanswered question is "What was he doing with a milk bottle secreted in his

wetsuit?" Answer ① "He was boasting." ② "He was pleased to see Nigel!" In which case, I'm glad I visited Singing/Route caves. ^{eg.} One things certain They don't want to go to He Berger! (It wasn't a milk Battle, may be a skirmish at a bulk tanker but never a Battle) (I lost that at the top of the 120 in Bar!) (also managed to collect 1 cracked rib at the head of the 120)

25.8.86 WESSEX TAKEOVER BID FOR THE CRAVEN WINCH
MEET AT G.G.

Maggie McPherson, Malc, ^{Gold Top} Pete & Nigel G. Dunc. T. Joe Beckett Andy Bland. Down Bar Pot rigging an SRT hang and some using the craven ladders. Andy woke everyone up by playing at pantomime furies 50ft off the deck on the 120. A minor altercation about SRT rope with ~~the~~ a group of White Rose and Gosport. I won't say cave clubs because in my day can I condone their actions. ~~As~~ we went through New Hensbos to the master cave searched round for the source of an echo by the swamp visited the Blowhole and the anorexic whippets went to echo rift. Out via Mad Hensbos, round and back to Main chamber. Maggie + Dunc went out via Bar while totters went up winch.

On returning to Bar the rope was found to be badly clagged up, the after math of the afore mentioned party: 3 possibly innocents + Dunc suffered severe verbal GBH of the highhole when Maggie exploded. After prating

around insuring that the lifeline was returned properly. Some derigged the SRT hang. An unpleasant welcome awaited at the top of the pitch. 50% of the belays were in freefall mode. This could not conceivably be accidental under the prevailing circumstances. The names of the "suspected" culprits were gleaned from the which log. Their bollocks will duly be nailed to the wall since homicidal bastards will not be tolerated. still we survived to get into the beer Tent. The craven were most hospitable (hardly surprising since over half those present were Wessex members) staggering down the hill at 3:00 am was a good way to finish off a "memorable" trip! (Rumor has it that Gold top was attacked by a pair of Blue tits, since it was cold? ~~at 3:00 am~~) ^{(a) however if} ^{it was} ^{not} ^{the} ^{case} ^{then} ^{it} ^{was} ^{just} ^a ^{harmless} ^{incident} ^{of} ^{two} ^{blue} ^{tits} ^{that's} ^{what} ^{they} ^{were} ^{after} ^{all} ^{so} ^{it} ^{wasn't} ^a ^{homicide} ^{but} ^{an} ^{accident} ^{so} ^{it} ^{wasn't} ^a ^{bastard} ^{attack} ^{but} ^a ^{blue} ^{tits} ^{attack}
 PS Not As Gold As Austria! ^{Was it gold to} ^{was} ^{second} ^{drinking} ^{for} ^{Dumb} ^{Fucker}

25/6/86 G.B. Cavern Pete Hamm + Sandra Mackenzie
 A tourist trip to the bottom. Care very day compared to the foul weather outside. Also made a pleasant change to have a hands in pocket stool to then entrance instead of the 4 hour + walks with heavy packs of the last 3 weeks in the mountains of Norway - Report for editor at a later date. P. Hamm

* Thankyou - it will be most welcome! — Ed.

22/6 ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~ & OOPS - Ed. Start again . . .

G.B. CAVERN. Nigel Graham + Pete Ryder (Mollywangs Speleos) As Pete & Sandra's trip except a) it wasn't raining and b) I had not

been abroad beforehand!

- Nigel G.

26/8/86 CHARTERHOUSE CAVE. NG with Pete + Elaine Rydes (M. S. G.) late evening nightcaving trip - actually a small stream in the cave - and another little brook was seen heading towards C B sink!

Whilst Pete + I were in C.B. on 22/86, Elaine took their two young sons into Wookey show cave: Aiden (aged 5) to cave guide: "Was this a real cave once?" ... NY

29/8. Out to grass? Breathing temperamental engine and the odd threat of "Rain stopped ~~May~~" Head & Deputy Groundmen Watts + Graham did battle with the Club "laws", gathering in about half the harvest (if's someone else's turn for the rest). A gloomy note was struck with the liquiciding of 2 voles, 2 of their young relatives, shaken but unharmed, were recovered.

30/8/86 Doug Adams, Marc Foyle, 3 diversions.

Thorppe Lane to the bottom of Atlas, not too wet but the cave was busy, two other parties but fortunately we were here in shifts. A good trip to take our minds off the really bad smash we found at green ore. 2½ hours of pure pleasure watching strong struggle in the tight bits.

30/8/86 Duncton Hole G.N.

The war of attrition continues. The big should shortly become a 2 person job. - well in under next or two's time.

31/8/86 Duncan, Malc, Pete, Jim, Mary. Split Rock.

We went to Yorkshire and got most of it wrong, so we came back to split rock and still couldn't get it right!

Gold Top rides Again!

4-9-86 Jim & Mary hands with the help
of the Royal Navy Air Arm, forcefully
elected a ewe from Wessetts
property, who was obstinately
~~looking~~ looking for Pete Hann, at
12.30 AT NIGHT.

4-9-86 Mary modded scum between
the ladies and the cess pit after Jim
wimped out, with a weak stomach.
short trip 15 min only. fin rock

6.9.86, Malc Taylor, Jim & Mary Rands, Duncan Brew

2 hours digging in Burrington at Twcon Twins as a prelude to going to the pub and hence to Wales! about 2 dozen buckets shifted. Looking good.

6/7 9.86 Malc, Jim R., Duncan, Bob Pike, Geoff Price, Doug Adams, Jim M.

The second cave of the day for three of us, Otter Hole.

Our beloved caving secretary did his stuff, No one left in the car park. A slightly unorthodox route to the entrance gave everyone the opportunity to demonstrate their Scree running technique, Some of the trees aren't as solid as they should be. In at 9.5-10pm and cleared the sump without navigational problems, on down/up to Strew chamber having taken a good look at most bits on the way. Jim M. took a load of pickys. Malc, Doug, Duncan went on up to Coral Passage then we came out stopping on the way for a pique-nique. Everything about the trip was unbelievable; the stal, the really quality mud, the noise the sump made and the speed with which it drops the fact we didn't get lost and no lamp failures^{only moderate beds further out at 2.45 and} and in the caf at Anst services by 4.00 am, bedraggled and naked. Geoff had to be at work by 6.00 the rest of slept it off before a leisurely kit washing session, then ourselves then to the pub to make up for lost time.
Grandad is just a bit stiff this morning.

7/9/86.

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Fall + 2. Hobo - Goteborg. 3 hrs.

Hannah was most surprised to find that ~~she~~ to exit the cave from the end of the drain pipe entailed crawling back through it! She was most peeved. Fred.

7/9/86

Malc, Jim R. + Dunc's 3rd trip in 36 hours in the company of Bob Drake + Pete Wills to track down a gormless party overdue from GB. ~~met~~ Jim + Dunc met them 20 ft in while Malc still had his shreddies at the mast. They "carefully" contributed their key deposit to the MRO.

7/9/86. Split Rock. Again. If only pitches were endless we would be all right! Malc, Dunc, Pete + Jim (The prang thinks we are getting somewhere near "competent"). (Gold top keeps trying to prove that what goes up doesn't always come down)

Postojama 30-08-86 Dewdney-York.

Family caving trip.

Eat your heart out English show caves. 200 seater railway train for $\frac{1}{4}$ hour bail out at huge well-deconed station 600 caven's head towards

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a huge rock hole signed hosted
 in English and Woy. A smartly
 dressed Wugo leads off into
 the wilderness of Stall over
 Brindie's through passages measure
 less to to mice 2 ~~and~~ Klicks
 later on we are back to
 another railway station on to
 train and of the surface.
 Time of Trip 1.30 mins distance
 covered approx Klicks.

13.9.86 Dunc.

A look at GB from some weird and occasionally not so
 wonderfull angles. The gorge was more like South Ken tube station
 on a saturday night but the remoter corners were deserted.

13.9.86 Geff Drunkard's Hole

The offending rock batten is now small enough to permit GN
 to squeeze past & drop about 4' onto loose boulder floor. Too
 constricted for GN to dig however. Small sevith recovery. The return
 was accomplished with some difficulty. Good draught.

Mac, Andy, Ann S.B.

Quick trip around with the words to Many
people. 2½ hours.

14.1.86. Doug, Nigel, Geoff, Treen-Twins + Pricelos/Pines
Shifted a few boatloads of York from the fore, followed by
a visit to Pinedo JN to listen for the stream. Two of the party
met out via Pinedo.

20/9/86 Hut working weekend - As usually the
hut did F--- all and jolly decent regardst
all the members who did likewise.

20/23/09/86 Hut Working Weekend. Cleaning can hawk.
Drake, Yonv., Hendry, Morrison, Bolt and Bolt.
work started morning. other tasks took over
afternoon.

The club does not want member's Rubish
ask before leaving.
And the members, do not want to keep
H.Q. Clean' tidy and re-hired
all stayed away — including those who
do more than their fair share of cleaning & so on all the rest of
the time ???

~~3~~ 142 Weekend 20-21st September. BCRA. U mist Manchester. The wessex travelled north in great force, as did most of mendip, B.ec, MNRC etc. etc. The lectures were the normal mixture of Brilliance, Boredom, but a good time was had by all. It can be reported that the wessex upheld all the best traditions and got well, truly rat-assed (To a man?) and leapt about a lot at the evening bun fight. (The B.ec may get everywhere first, but a certain member was seen to be unable to even reach the bottom of a pint pot.) * Various acts of bonacy can be reported by others who were there.

* Moreover - he gave his beer away to a Wessex member!!
We kept away from the political bits - we'd all had enough of wrangles of over \$s - you - know - what, etc ! The one thing I found out about Manchester at night is its a dump and the gravitational pull at 24.1. is so high you have to crawl to your pit. (well that's my excuse). John Condigley

Total - 14 WCC members present: Pete Mann, Pete Watts, Duncan Frew, Trill & Ray Fielder, Geoff Newton, S-Rat, The Hallwells, Steve Gough, Tony Bennett, Malc Foyle, Nigel

Question: what's the NEXT WORKING WEEKEND going to clash with.

Answer: The Berger trip?

Next Question: What club Assets will be drawn out or burnt.

Answer: What ever left!

4-5 Oct

Trev, Dean

G'd Tof and Honey ride again, also, Kell, Roz, Ziffy, How
ed and Vermitt all travelled North for the Wessex adopt a Parrot
week end

Saturday Derby fell was descended on string rigged Parrot
fashion 21 bolts for 4 pitches? Vermitt went swimming.

Sunday Alum main shaft was the trip of the day (low side)
again rigged Parrot fashion (no bolts) he found the rope to shank
and it had no knot in the end (who fucked it up last at split Rock?)
also Malc was the only one who found a stream running as
he hurried out?

4-5th. Wessex Northern Section?

Instead of being really hard and doing Top sink - Pip -
Went to Derby fell and let Parrot rig it. Lots of bolts
and lots of traversing. Roz treated a deviation as a
re belay and got it all wrong. Photo's to be shown later.
Whole trip done on string, as far as the sump in Duke St.
Derrigged by PW & MF and the female didn't carry any
tackle out. A good S.H. trip. Pete, Malc, Parrot, Keith, Roz
Tav, Dean + Nigel in the shakehole?

Alum Pot

Main shaft from the tree, how deep is it, Parrot
Nearly went off the end of a 200ft rope! I might be my
rappel but the onus should be on the person

tackling it. One up, one down for a long time much to the amusement of crockles & novices. In fairness, the only one who cocked up the change over at the top was moi! (satisfied Roz) In a light hearted moment Malc got soaked near the top. Pete, Malc, Zippy, Keirh, Roz, Tom & Dean + Nigel somewhere near the wall.

11/10/86 Pant Mawr. The wessex go west for a nice little stroll in the sun. A lot of small boys about who took an eternity to climb the pitch. Pete H, Malc, Peter W taking photos, Dave, Nigel, Maggie & Gary running up and down trying to look efficient. Mr Mann was heard to complain loudly when one of his models ran away to look at the sumpt without permission. Still lots of small boys at the pitch on the way out. Quake of the day from unit 2. "People who climb pitches without life lines should be thrown out of which ever club they belong to," at which another wcc person did it but also minus a helmet. 4 hrs

* How can you have a hangover cure when you're still pissed!

12/10/86 Little Neath R/C. A hang over cure trip. The little bit of water that was about wasn't even cold so the risoheads managed to delay their punishment. Even the canal was very + even if the club is the one that found the cave?

civilised. For the second week running male managed to get soaked when he least expected it. We must go for the hatrick! Personell same as Pant Mawr, but as our tame yorkie said "There are no caves outside of Wharfedale". Quote of the day from a wcc member "Yorkies are something flat and brown & thick & make you sick."

Add to the good food guide the Angel even the slugs are quite tasty just like the waitresses. The landlord even smiles. If you do eat here note the pies come in a pot, this is not edible Mr Hawn!?

Everyone there thought "Ah a nice quiet evening". Wrong: they didn't expect a load of hungry, thirsty happy-go-lucky geologists arriving to provide entertainment for them. Hah ! F-ing Hah !?
edit along the dotted line!

8/10/86 PORTLAND. NG + 3 wandered around quarries in NE of Portland to look for any "new" rifts: not much there but we quenched a good thirst.

... AND ...

15/10. Same lot to inspect new link (^{by} Venture Scout Troop) between FLAGPOLE & GUANO RIFTS. A mere 10-15 ft of narrow rift from our find of 2/7/86, entering Flagpole just beyond the tight letterbox squeeze. There, a quick dig opened a bypass to the letterbox. Found ladder not needed in Guano after all. So: adds to what has always been a pleasant little mid-week

stroll trip with intriguing traverse lies (optional for the acrophiles!). I'm not telling Mike Read where we're digging next though . . .

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Look Out Pigginton - Top Link exchange

Motley collection of geriatrics, mostly women, come out this ~~of~~ fine ego trip. Not as hard as Dawn but more variety. Even surprised Pat Halliwell's non stop gack-gack. Top Sink party: K. Sanderson, Swanny (SICC), Maggie McPherson, G.N., Gary S. Cough, N. Thompson, Pig party, T. Faulkner, G. Newton, P. Halliwell, R. Halliwell, Rose. 9½ hours.

18/10/86 Lianells. Jo Beckett Pete Watts

Been a long time since I was here? It hasn't changed.

18/10-10-86 The Han Ed managed to better his best in the squeeze machine, but it has to be reported that the anorexic whippets (as usual) went one better.

12-10-86. Kath, Roz + leader - 'Danny' - Far North. 6 hour trip over enormous boulders.

Enjoyable trip by all.

18-10-86 Quantocks Hde G.N.

Slow + steady progress

5 Oct. 86. Maggie McPherson & Steve Pickering had an evening trip to Link Pot to recover

gear left behind after the previous day's
abnormal attempts at tying knots!!

22/10. Sandy Hole (Portland). Night 6 + 2. Went
to look at dig sites at N end of cave (after that hoped for
link to Blacknor Hole). 2 rifts intersect the passage, both
blocked. 2 ad more likely. Scared ourselves silly
running boulders. So went to extremity of passage,
but very low (+ draughtily) bedding plane. However
big clausen infill had taken scratch at it, with very long term
as even hopeless, so retreated to explore the pub. Rocks were still
rolling down the rift as we passed by it on the way out!

24-27/10 N.G. Attended weekend course, run by Uni of
Bristol Extra mural Dept, on Geology of the Weymouth Anticline.
(The structures in which Portland's caves dwell). Friday evening
lectures then both days devoted to field trips to exposures & road points
on both sides of the Anticline.

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18/10/86 Goatchurch

Carl Pickstone + Charles Pickstone⁽¹⁰⁾, Jimmy, Nicholas,
William ad. Richard Herter. Spent 2 hours grovelling
about in this muddy hole. It was very pleasant
after an absence of many years underground on
Mendip taking No 2 son on his first caving trip
Carl Pickstone

CHAIRMAN'S LOG , STARDATE 20 - 24/10/86

VENUE - SOMEWHERE IN WALES, NEAR DEVIL'S BRIDGE

PERSONNEL: HENRY - Phil & Lynne

WILLIAMS - Colin & Claire

ARTHUR - Brian, Sheila, Tina, Rachel

DOG - Sally.

WEATHER: - FOUR, AIR VELOCITY AND PRECIPITATION HIGH

Spent a few days looking at rivers and exploring local hostilities.
Impressive spoil heaps in Twm Rheidol valley, good for acre - running
4 adults located, all very wet due to silt in entrances.

Incline level investigated at Goginan to approx 100' - very steep,
mine survey shows approx another 200', all flooded.

Mining museum at Plynlimon highly recommended.

Abortive look at impressive ^{mine} ruins at Cwmpystwyth - cut short
due to lack of time, weather and hifis.

Narrow gauge steam railway very good, especially a) when h-parked in
middle of nowhere, enabling trap to pull in Aberystwyth and b) saving
11 mile walk up 800+ feet back to start. See P.H or CW for
details of avoiding toll to see Devil's Bridge waterfall, or BP and PH
for information on getting 2 feet over through a turntable at once.

(Don't go out of your way to find Robber's Cave - its a small
alcove by a waterfall totally explorable without lights.)

HF

25/10/86 - 30/10/86. Due to a nasty review of a "southern contingent" visiting Yorkshire for a week Maggie McKersie, Steve Pickering & Garry Smith (CC) arranged an exchange trip. Due to inclement weather we missed a Saturday lunchtime session, ~~and~~ arriving just after closing time. Vino Wilson, a "friend" of Maggies', joined us expecting to do some caving!! A sunny Sunday led to a walk over the Minster, and lunch at a famous speleotigious watering hole, a game of whatabout finished with Kermit suggesting climbing at Split Rock, ~~but~~ with a promise of leading an Easy 5. Garry promised to do ride things to a sheep if he died. But the sight of a yellow frog in full caving gear ~~had~~ made it possible for the sheep to remain at peace. Monday's rain caused us to sample the "delights" of Bristol or Tuesday's rain to again sample the previous mentioned watering hole, the ensuing ^{leapfrogs} ~~alcoholic~~ haze being shattered by a visiting group of children. Showers on Wednesday and we took Pete Rose, Russell Myers & Mike Scratches of the CLC on a trip into G.B. # where ~~at~~ all of the accessible parts of the cave end with ladder dig being scuppered a high diving competition was held. Thursday and it's raining again so we're going....!!

S.P.

25th-26th Oct Raven Cleft (lire Gardner, Geoff, Sarah?
 & John - ?)

Originally a trip to reach a passage near the lower end of the Bonzai and investigate a dig at the end (40 meters). However en route in White Pass a loud crashing sound was heard beneath the boulders at junction with Red River river. (It being wet weather) So the Red River river was examined for leads into the failed upstream continuation of the Time Machine. After this an hour or two was spent digging the above heap of boulders in an attempt to reach the supposed inlet passage from beneath Red River. However it proved a long term prospect.

Eventually we 'reached' the original objective gained by a climb which has only been managed by Steve Holmes (when the Time Machine was first used a fair while ago) He is still the only person to have ~~managed~~ managed it. Everyone was well aware of the difficulty of getting out with a broken leg.

Instead we investigated another unnamed passage in the area found by Rob Park & Tony White. This proved to lead towards diggy running parallel to Red Rock Gorge Extension but 300 m or so to the North.

A considerable amount of time was spent

taking photographs of the provisionally named 'Enchanted Forest' before trussing our way to the end of the passage. In fact only 'living skeleton' boulders reached the end since the passage changed from an easy crawl to an incredibly tortuous rift provisionally named ~~the~~
~~the~~ 'Echo Snake' for reasons which will become obvious to anyone foolish enough to pay it a visit.

Lesch & John gave up near the beginning and returned to the Bonsai (it was John's first visit to Bonsai). Lesch reached the bitter end where it pinched out & started a grade 2 survey out, soon joined by CN. Together the survey was taken back 300-800 Metres or so of morوثion to the Bonsai.

At the Bonsai we found the tackle bags left by John & Lesch. We followed the smell of cooking to Hard Rock Cafe where we disturbed a party apparently visiting the kitchen and sleeping gear. (It was 3 am by now) Lesch & John were not to be found. Back at the tackle racks Lesch & John were eventually found asleep on a ledge (having been absent on a trip for water when we passed before).

Went out on side beam emerging after $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours. There was some discussion on whether we had $1\frac{1}{2}$ or $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours overhead (The clocks went back during the trip)

g.t.

1/11/86 Duncton Hole

G Newton. Manage to enlarge passage sufficiently to go in head first and shift a few rocks. There's a big boulder that will need breaking up before further progress is made. Reversing the passage was a bit worrying. (One water dam - about a stream.)

24th, 25th, 29th Oct & 2nd Nov Pieris/Pseudos Pete & Alison + variously Duncan F, Geoff N, Andy Sparrow & Tim Chapman. Having exhausted all stacking space in the immediate immediate area we introduced the 'Warren Method' - pent cans on co rope. Using this technique good progress ~~was~~^{sugar being} achieved although digging soil has to be suspended for the occasional cementing eng. Dig very draughty & stream clearly audible.

12th Oct & 26th Oct Goats Hole Pete & Alison. A really disgusting dig, as we dug out deeper the floor of the choked passage so water collects in the excavated hole. One digs flat out in 6" of water which gradually turns into a muddy slurry as work progresses.

11th Oct Warren, Pete & Alison. Trip to check out the low calcined bedding plane at second. The bung had opened at out and a fair amount of rubbish was shifted. The way on is almost totally choked and further bands of calcite are going to necessitate more bung. Before leaving for the surface passed back the high level slate passage leads only to the Avon Dig.

19th OCT Graham's secret dig (Not everyone knows about) (not even me) (himself) the wall boulder (secret room), colon (cabinet) and the entrance collector (iron editor). After the

dinner trip to press gang slaves into shoving sand
sand to welds green snarlet. slaves being hard to
get we comandered the donut-nickelaw: four
trips across his fields saw 8 bags of sand dumped
by the woods. then our only slave (ripe) in full red suit
paired it to the entrance. the man's wall, the glorious
leather couched his pants up. Cardofix barged, and the
slave went sex foot down to the platform. told 3 hrs
that phone motion n glorom.

1/11/82 Run Hallin In Key, Garden Key (CPC) + One Hognor (ex)
down Top Etincie out of bottom stone. At least some of the
Wessex know the correcte belief about me II!

Boring Northern Radicals snappers what's the fun in
trapping straight through! — But we only had 1 wife with us
and she (obviously) isn't a man wife

Never mind that since when have the CPC had
sheep in their membership? Rams of course?

- We have had sheep for a long time - at least in spirit if
not in body.

well the wessex now has "joint" membership for
couples (Not heterosexual) Queer w: — as the Sun is
pushy a mole club this sounds ideal. — all the
men associated with the Sun are Wessex workers.
Perhaps he'll be better off down the river.

8-11-86 G.B. DUNCAN, J.M. DENNIS, GARY, MARK + ALLEN NUNN. Quick look round, Dennis and Jim went for a swim at ladder dig. It had rumped up to the foot of ladder dig. Waterfall quite impressive 2 hours. falls VBS lost in Devil's elbow Survey
and all was seen to be rescue
a pointed finger saving furtherassel

7/11 Portland. Nigel + 2 made 3 hrs rapid progress in a new dig on E side of island. So far: enter via a short traverse on slippery grass on cliff a low phreatic tunnel into a widened cross-joint. Earth falling this was soon leaved out to reveal the lip of the arch of the containing passage. Interesting site.

4/11 Langwood / August Tax, Dean + 2 — superb tourist trip in pretty wet conditions — down to head of Reynolds and out via August (Sump?) chimney. Shown up by a climber in the party who happily free climbed everything, makes you sick.

6/11 Pierre's / ~~Pseudo~~ Spannabis Modes - Can't dig session

8/11 Warren - Poth Olson M. Rather than attack the high bed which bedding we had a try @ the bedding encountered just after breaking off of the sump area. Although jolted with claggy mud it looks a better bed - quite big once you get the mud out, & bit of a draught.

9/11 Warren - Poth Olson, Kenneth Jr. While I put a charge in at the end Olson gave Kenny & Tony Bryant (who was helping Bruce with the bore survey) a quick guide out of the lower bedding. bn unfortunately was a little too large for the confinement

YORKSHIRE (YET AGAIN).

Last weekend October 26th & 1. Nov. Two down here
Roz Paggerd Paul? Karl. 25/10/86?

Bob, Paul, Tom and I had not ventured in to Bar Pot
before so we wandered off of the mountain with lots of
few and shallows of the people. Finally got down big pitch
had a good look around. Mud hole, and Cavers Stream passage
main drift very impressive is not very often often you see a
360° vertical jump from below. on the way out Paul had
to rescue a right footer from about 80' up big pitch.

Tuesday. 28/10/86?

Well known Caving Club did well known Cave
with out him.

Wednesday 29/10/86?

Tatton wife.

Great little cave first time being on Mendip again.
Pitons are all short and nice and wet.

Thursday 30/10/86?

Cherry tree hole.

Third trip in three days? A bit off the beaten
track but a great little cave. Little beam $\frac{3}{4}$ mile long.

Sunday 2/11/86?

Simpsons - L.M.C. →

Last trip of the week every body had a good

Trip including one member of the Party who
traveled about for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour getting strong, slit for
~~the~~ Inside of the year. (I must have got fatter
since the last time I was here?).

I now Yorkshire Jet for a change.

Kiell, Roz Molls, Lee, Paul, Shanks.

Went up a bloody great Mountain again to have
a look at Stream passage but it was full of
people. So we went over and had a look at
Hunnet Moss 2 100 + pitches Safest stuffs and
a great traverse to get to the top of the first pitch.
Kiell will or write an account of his comments
as he was going across at a later date -

12th Nov. Brenda's Pete Wells, Andy Sparrow, Tom Chapman, Peter Alison M.

Digging session which revealed a narrow slot through which the way looks
more open. Also Pete & Garry - pushing a sand bag the width of the passage
ahead of him nearly all the water in the dig was displaced forward thus
rendering the dig dry.

15th Nov. Warren, Tim R., Peter Alison M. No draught, water in pools,
stream in Grill Chamber, sump closing off rock to end. Great!

16th Nov. JR MR, Steve, & Adrian, Singing River not
a very exciting trip will go again.

16th Nov. Geoff N, Pete M. Bit more digging in Garrys, cave wetter than Woods
not possible to attack the end. Brief look at Underpave (much collapse) & West Pit
(very choked) on way back to U.P.

15th + 16th November 198X

Malc, Dunc, Stumpy, He Hanno + Hon Ed.

Somewhere in Wet Wales

Mr Watts ran off somewhere^{else} with our Aggy Key so that was just too bad \Rightarrow Pub \rightsquigarrow OFDII met Pete ^{Job} Thompson (WSG) in Car park and went for a brief loop round to maypole Inlet and on through Selborneians. Hon Ed. was in cautious frame of mind so we ended up scattered but team effort got us out with Peter's help. \Rightarrow Sobered up \Rightarrow Pub (Angel) \rightsquigarrow Lamb \rightsquigarrow WSG hut \Rightarrow Sleep. Sunday morn wet Pissing down met Arthur (Bog Rat) Millet at Craig-a-Powr ^{dr.} aborted trip \Rightarrow Pub (Bridge) \rightsquigarrow Upper Pitts.

Following Editorial Complaint \rightarrow No it's Duncan Michael Frew

12-11-86 Portland. NG - This story. To dig worked on last week. Rapid progress. Path below ^{enters} now obstructed by big goat leap: good thing it only goes to 3 other caves! See above.

If you dopey ~~cunts~~ want the Aggy key, you'd better ask for it, not expect me to run about after you! There are enough prats in this club without certain members trying to top of the pile of assholes.

* (Hon Ed - This will not be printed but to be honest, I don't give a fucl).

Comin' Soc! There is no point in asking for an Aggy key. When you were suppose to be coming with it or

at least 6 days before the trip you were. I object to being called a ~~dopey~~ cutt and if you are getting to do !!! to do a half decent trip when as far as everybody ^{knew}, you were going to turn up it in the ~~the~~ ^{the} fresher thing to do to tell the other people concerned so that they can make other plans. ~~only~~ at least I sign my comments

Since when has WCC stood for We the unff diving crew? Com.tee members are supposed to be upholding the moral standards of the WCC "Wont Come Caving" therefore giving us few illiterate Javis the chance to wimp out, has can we do this without even the chance to get into the F --- ing H - e. Jav

15/11/86

OFDT

Spent the afternoon wandering round here there and everywhere getting lost on several occasions. A good trip Javis had by all and was finished off with several or more pints of beer afterwards.
Devonian + 2

16/11/86

Lionel's hole

After turning the start of horseee on a previous occasion we and taw returned ~~here~~ to have a good look round. After a new drowning try to get through a duck taw lead on and on until we decided to call it day. Took a few pictures on the retreat and decided afterwards that we probably won't bother going back. (in the near future!) Dean + taw.

18/11 Pseudo's Andy Sparre, Pete & Alan M. Successfully spud across the far shore to get at 'openish' peaty below. Way back underneath the rubble looks horrific, in the direction the water sounds very close but a few amounts of digging required

22/11 Pseudo's Al Taylor, Pete & Alan M. By cementing trip to secure the new loc.

Large Sunfish very wet & excellent draught being pulled into Pseudo's Had a good look at the way on - I think it may be ^{now} long term than first impressions gave. Some pretty horrendous bubbles dangling in the roof

23/11 Rocket Dog Pseudo Alan. First trip to R.D. for over a year. The air in the lower chambers is still pretty ~~dry~~ poor, there's enough oxygen to sustain a candle but we don't fancy starting the dig up again. The depression is showing signs of collapse with some holes opening up around the concrete piping, and a few lumps of concrete have broken off & fallen to the bottom of the pit.

23/11 freebie Swallet Pete Mann, Tony Garrett,

A pleasant afternoon spent to refresh my memory of this pleasant mine - S. Rat + Joe were impressed with work the miners had done and with the artifacts which make the place unique on Mendip.

23/11/86 Dunc + Malc Warren Farm.

Finally coaxed Mr Foyle into descending to the depths of this hole of dubious distinction. Some unscheduled work was required to retrieve him. Fortunately the jumbo hammer proved up to the job and for the sake of malc's modesty no other help was required.

The Corkscrew is now a little less "bent." Dunc.

PS. It is worth reiterating that this squeeze is awkward. Both in thickness of chest + length of leg. The combination can be killing!

Mr foyle tells me killing is preferable therefore I substitute "Awkward".

As Fred said it was not me that paid at fit through the squeeze it was my last visit. Going in is a piece of piss getting out is a BASTARD! (.

For Sale I just used Petzi Sait and I won't Connig it that's the case we'll go down with some Araldite + reconstruct it then Malc can strip off.

~~26/11~~ 26/11 PORTLAND. NG, Phil, Martin. Going to have to coll the dig somethin': we think it's actually Tar Stalactite Cave, but are not sure. First blow: pick left in there was stolen. Now, our "oppo" (very oppo - see "Desert" 73 p 16..) Mike Read recently had a bucket pinched from his dig - kids, or a shadowy bunch of dig visitors? Still - 2 hours hard graft and the outline of the tunnel beyond what was a clay-filled cross-joint was revealed. Looks good. Pity there's no air space.

nff

28/11/86 "An issue Never Touched on by the back pages of descent" Re personal recriminations resulting from access problems May we consider the Aggy Affair closed. Since various dopey cults x^{*} or 3 are getting more tedious. I won't sign it since the writing is easily recognisable. This too can be omitted from the journal since I don't give a toss either!

[Then why clutter up the log book with silly arguments?] —
* more likely one so you can clutter it further dear ED

29/11/86. Today we found a new cave, on Mr. Maths land. It was a pleasant swallow, and the stream was followed over numerous potholes, through rifts and finally to a...

clear sump pool. Cautiously we ventured on, reaching at last a second and longer sump. We turned homewards, investigating various higher, dry passages on the way. Any suggestions for the name of this wondrous hole? Siuldor's Hole.

29/11 Siuldor's Hole!!

11am Saw Robin who said that he was going to re-open the case. We all nobly volunteered to check it out for boulder movement etc.

12am With Geoff Newton held up at the blockhouse by a scabious packrat. Tried to feel Alison between the bars on top of the blockhouse & returned to house for WD40.

12.15 Alison gained inside of blockhouse in the upper cage, still no key with lock, returned to house for molyb^g & inform Robin of problem

12.30 Having got all clear from Robin (it was Tim Large's packrat anyway) back at the blockhouse, turning key with molyb^g sheared it off in the lock so finally applied the golden key - success!

Good eng round PR, down to be back at Tropics - everything very wet, wonderful!

29/11 8.30 Male, Leg, Dean, Nigel shot down Siuldors. Through to Sump II (apart from Nigel!), up to the bubbles & over do the Vicarage Pit. Male tried to get stuck for the second time in a week !! ("in Bothd ag Meirg".)

30/11 Poerels/Pseudos Alison & Pete cemeteries & stamping.

29/11 Pits H, Siu 1oon, Dunc, Tim Banks. After hearing it was open in the pub rushed down to II before the crowds got a chance.

22/11/86 HERMITS Caves^{TETBURY} Glos

A.M. had a 4th fourth solo trip this month. Came now 80' long.
And still digging in sand & clay filled passage with slot and
draught over it Passage 7' x 6'
A.M. had.

30/11 Charterhouse Cave Pete H, Nigel, Julie back to
play with the boulders after a long rest. Boulders getting
bigger and cleaner, looking a better site.

30/11/86 Prowl down to Swildons II & back. Carbides do not
work well in sumps! Can I swap Swildons for Sell Gill??

NO!!!

30.11.86 SWILDONS SURROUNDS MARY ADEN & SIM?
down to sump one for a hangover cure.
(it didn't work). working weekends and
Shepton Buffets are a definite health hazard.
Working weekend tasks accoced

GAS TANK BASE LAID

SINK AND TOILET IN EXTENSION FITTED

INCINERATOR DISMANTLED

SKIP LOADED

SOME WORK DONE ON DRIVE

Mary had a interesting trip lamp failure
and the beam split on her wet suit.

30/11 Smildans short round. Leg + Dean.

No baiting of ducks required on 2nd day after the re-opening. Down blue pencil to visit swamps 3 + 4. Cowsh still stinks 2½ hrs ~~as Sunnerville~~ Andy Summerhill (Leg)

30/11 BEC trip to Eastwater. T Rat reports there's been a collapse in connection through to Boulder Chamber, it's still open but definitely ^{case of} at your life in your hands. Also large slab or cut across towards the BC route has dropped further. Everything else reported OK, so stick to the proper routes across the Traverse.

1/12 Kermit & Pete M. Pierris & Pseudos hopefully sifting out buildings. On returning to cars found someone's VW had been broken into, passenger door open & glove compartment rifled, others cars & car area untouched.

6/12/86 Dankards Hole GN steady progress with the blowtorch another 2 or 3 tugs should see a breakthrough. Joined by Mr Moody who had found Boons Hole too wet to work.

Bos wallet GN/PM Just a last word. The bottom dig looks promising but the whole area is a vile place. Ugh!

Dankards GN/PM second tug to look for missing car keys. These eventually turned up ~~in my~~ between the ~~drift~~ fungi & overgrowth at leg level. but nearly got bogged down. Retired to find Eastwater Review in progress

Extracts The mine victim was suffering from failure of nerve & technique, the wrong side of Hallehug Hole. Was taken out through Lower ~~and~~ Tumore & Boulder Chamber by J-Rat, Fred Rivers, P.Hann, P.Moody & others. G.N & others arrived in time to find an abandoned Zot at ~~end of hole~~ end of usual tunnel. Lunched Prisoner Path, Lower Tumore, head of Twin Vents & Dolphin Thimble finding no survivor or victim. We didn't think J-zot would use Boulder Chamber route as he had said it was unsafe. We were wrong. We sent Zot out & deleted Dolphin Pitch. No ladder. Therefore the Boulder Chamber was the only route they could have taken.

7.12.86 Viaduct Smellet G.N., Dave Martin

Playing around in the boulders in the rift between the two halves of Brimpton Mine. Still some funniness but needs more people & more being to work easily.

2.12.86 Swithland Sump 2. — Tar, Dean + 4, Pleasant trip down streamway made more eventful by Dean breaking his little finger. P.S. Dean gets upset if you call him a plonker.

7.12.86 Swithland 2 — Tar + 2. — another pleasant trip to 2, very quiet for a sunday.

6[#] 7[#] /12/86 Pete Ham trying to put the tiles on the wall in the new shower block. Apart from the few interruptions, ie Keys, Rescue and Pub about half the work was done on a wall that's up and down like a fiddlers elbow (or Sapp Price's bum).

6.12.86

Having overcome general driving failure. 1 speeding ticket + an escort immobile in the fast lane of M25 Yorkshire # No-fags for 7½ hours.

Keith, Ros + Parrot Stream → Wades FC.

Malc, Kev, Dunc + Andy? i! ! Craven plonker Potters way. Excellent trip apart from Andy? i!! stopping Malc + Dunc* getting a couple of "extra" hours in the pub. P.S. Parrot will die sooner than sooner, and Andy? i!! dies first!!! no?

6.12.86 The Wessex dig in Team Rd (Ingleborough) is progressing at 4 to 5 fat pe week even if most of you didn't know it existed (Nigel do not publish this - Nic Hellier).

7.12.86

Wessex member escaped threatened Rescue practice (Not pissed enough to go in stretcher on the morning after!)

7.12.86 A Wessex member and a prospective CCR taeked Sell Gill for the Sun offine meet down Sell Gill.

12/12/86. - Eastwater T+V+I.

Short trip down to canyon + boulder ^{chamber}~~step~~ - V. Wet | V. Cold - then the pub.

3/12 Pierre's/Pseudo Sparav, ^{Watts} Moody & Moody. ~~Moody~~ Big of digging, everyone had a hard way on. A boulder on the roof is causing problems.

10/12 P/P Sparav, Moody & Moody. Big caving session, we can see eight feet to whole hole like a patch surrounded by very loose rock. A lot of work ^{going to be} required to secure the way through, looking good.

14/12/86 G.B R. Wurman A.M. Ward. Photo's all over the place

13/12 Working weekend take two.

Trench digging for gas pipe. Mac, Tank, Pete H and Dunc All pretending not to have hangovers while whistling the kanga mission nearly completed, it gets dark too early so we get to the pub early etc etc etc.

(Manadon)

17 Dec Fred Fieldhead, Bob Lauder plus John Tooze, Andy Tilcomb, Rick Burwash, Angie Cheatham sauntered round Upper Swindons. Bob & Angie exited via Long Dry Way, the others braved a sporting wet way.

18 Dec. TAN + I. — Drunkards, bath + Arcturus — tourist trip in smaller holes of Burrrington. Bottom of Arcturus making some interesting noises (like Duncan in the morning), weather bleak + gruesome.
That good day!

21 Dec Dear #2 Eastwater : 13 Pots, muddy oxbow. A good stomp around to burn off pre Christmas flats!!

25.12.86 Merry Christmas

Following a Christmas message from Chickenhead. Dancer upheld the spiritual owing to Saint Swithins Hole in company with the five dwarfs from the BCC. Biff, Snablett, John Lew and two hungover dutchmen. A quick trip to No 20' and back via the short dry way since due to overnight "sunshine" the water was at a very seasonal level. The rest of the team must have lost their way in the fog. Its the only excuse for their absence!

26.12. Another Tough day passing it up. Help !!

27.12 Reservoir Jeff, Jo[✓] and two Duncan Michaels (Price + Frow) The two Hamsters. A rapid ogle at Willys Engineering. There was no stopping the two J's making demented noises like hamsters on heat but at least we came out the same number that went in.

13.12.86 Raven Cilau CN. A. Mallet

Conducted tour with Arthur to lots of the bits of Raven I havent seen yet eg Dgyi Ponge, Half Mile Ponge, Entels Flyover etc. Quite impressed.

14.12.86. Eglynns Faen CN. A. Mallet, J. Logue

& interesting new dyke ending at unstable slope with open spout beyond.

J. L's dyg on excavation. Cleaning debris,

YORKSHIRE - CHRISTMAS 86.

Sat 20th Bass Pot Kingsdale.

Karen, Roz, Macc, went on a bit of rigging practice, down as far as the wind filled up we checked out and kept dry. 2 hours.

now 22. MARSH STOPP.

PETER & ALISON, KAREN & ROZ, MACE, (W.C.C) TONY, PARROT, TED, IAN, JOHN (C.P.C) KAREN (L.C.C.C) Exchange trip Peter Alison Tony, Ted, Ian, John in via the 90' knock, L-3, Mace, Parrot, Karen in via the Intertubes. Macc, Parrot got back to the bottom and found no lifeline but somebody shouting abuse from the top of the pitch after a few minutes playing queso with Steve Gough, KAREN & MURTON (W.C.C) were recruited. The trip went well and lasted about 7 hours. Not bad 8 out of 14 W.C.C Members.

Fri 26. BARLOS

Tony, Ted, Dan, Karen, Parrot, Mace. A late Christmas day trip to G.S. we strolled up the hill after that stupid bird

had forgot his funny suit. we had a quick look round Main Chamber and went out. In great to be the ~~so~~ only party in box; it does a lot to improve the trip. Came out to a blizzard and went to bed 4 hours.

SAT 27th Son Giv

Bobor, ANDY, JAW, MALL. At last Sam talked me into doing the 'C.P.C Club Pot' not bad 3 hours.

Mon 29th. NOTTS Pot

Pat & Rick H., Steve Gough, Maggie, GARY, ANDY, Parrot, JAW, MALL, TED. Skinned up yet another Yorkshire Mountain and descended Notts the last but one pitch on Centre tank decided not to go further owing to the water condition excellent pot, went up back to bottom it, 6 hours.

WEYMOUTH 8
Late Dec 86 PORTLAND. The NG asked to investigate pleasantly watered "resurgence" (inactive at time) in River Wey, to N of Weymouth. Spacious walk with some pretty little streams and an eel or two, ending at a very iron-rich choke. short pitch, with fine stal flow, near "cink" also investigated.

Portland: the dig at the Grove continues. Air spaces provided slight drought (not to be taken too seriously on Portland as masses of crocs - with vertebrate everything), but many tons of clay + sand still to be moved.

I'm having you on: The 1st paragraph is accurate itself but

This was no natural feature : I was inspecting a water mill tailrace tunnel (the choke being the 20 ft Ø x 9 ft iron water-wheel), and the pit was in the pit carrying the drive gear from the waterwheel. All this on behalf of a possible lessee interested in re-opening it. Interestingly, the course of the River Wey, short distance upstream, may be a limestone (Portland series) ravine.

ALF

30.12.86 G.B. CAVERN . BOB LADDER, Jim Rands & MARY RANDS. A post Christmas trip to work off the effects of over eating. Water conditions very high sump backval upto 100' from bottom of the waterfall. The aggregate age of the caves involved was 150 years on average age of 50 so we only did a float trip of 2 hours. ~~Jim Rands~~

30. 12.86 Drunkards Hole. G.N.
Slow progress. J.L.

30/12 Charterhouse Cave Peter Harr, Julie Bolt more cement taken to end but no work done because of 15 hour head light box. Cave very wet and the water can be heard below the end dig.

Pierre's/Pseudos, The Sparrow & the Magpies. Digging & clearing; nearly at the pitch now, only obstacle is the 50 tons of rock & clunch diversifying @ go down the hole with us.

31st Dec Chris & Annie, Pete & Alison. Drove over to Richford Farm Cave, asked whether we were qualified cavers & whether we had were cavers, then told to come back in the afternoon at 3pm. So on to Auckles to listen to the gurgles at the end and to Pseudos to show C. & A. Still too early for R.F.C. so back to Upper Pitts & tea, then back over to Buntington to find the boulder was out, hung around for twenty minutes then gave up in despair.

31st Dec Nigel, P. Harris, Dave Charterhouse Cave 2nd Boulder Hole

Mr Harris' light stayed on long enough to demonstrate his bouldering technique with some chunky herbats long session shifting spoil \approx 10 buckets. If you're wondering why Pete isn't scribbling his own dig notes it's because he is knackered after his toughest stint so far.

31st Dec G.R., Tarr. Viaduct Swallet & Windsor Hill Flood Sink

More digging in the area ~~at~~ between the ducts of Grinper Mine. Quite a lot of boulders removed revealing a small space. Looks a bit long term. Then tourist trip of rest of cave for Tarr's benefit. Trip down Windsor Hill Flood to look at the engineering + a wander up the ~~11/05~~ railway tunnel which has some nice flimestone + gauze.

31 Dec 86, Jeff Price, Richi Webbott & Jo Beckett
Changed + on Friday Green asked a party way to Eastwater. Sat at Sup 1 + asked for sauce

party where Primrose Pot was! They said 'It's in
here somewhere'!! A fine way to finish '86 under-
ground!

31-12-86

B.E.C. tested fire insurance - found it to be valid. When asked if he had any difficulty finding the Belfry, the Fire Officer (Stooke?) said "No, I know coming up here in '68."
(STASHED)

Dec. 86. 'Recee' to South west
Guizhou, China. Bob Lewis, Doug McLaren,
Mike Adams, Paul Weston.

Investigated an area to the
north of ANCUNG. Doline 1 mile diam.

Many very large entrances, sink,
resurgences, shafts 200-300' deep.

Excellent potential.

Lived in farmer wooden house.
Chinese co-operation superb.

Scope for full scale expedition
in 1988. PW.

(See "advice")

PRESS RELEASE

16/05/86

In the evening of the 15th May 1986 a meeting was held at the Hunters Lodge Inn Priddy to discuss the implication of the NATURE Conservancy Council proposed restrictions on the use of land in and around the village of Priddy.

These restrictions in the form of S.S.I.'s have been imposed in their view to protect the caves which are numerous in this Area.

We the landowners' would like to point out that for the last 80 years landowners and cavers via the local caving clubs have worked hand in hand in the preservation and exploration (in both the scientific and sporting aspects) of the CAVES under their land.

We can see no reason why a Government body utilising Public Funds are forcing upon us restrictions which we find Orwellian in nature.

Because of this the landowners that are affected have with great reluctance decided to close caves and stop further exploration on their land.

Further meetings will be held very shortly to consider what further actions might be taken to protect our freedom.

Issued on behalf of PRIDDY AREA landowner's
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