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1987.

The first of January in the 1987th year of our Lord.

Tween Twins

Pete, H, Malc, Tav, Jim R, Mairi, Dunc, Nigel, Geoff + Fiona
Post pub New Year Buntington dig

left hand hole 5ft deep in water, the right just a bit
damp, digging progressed well with an enthusiastic and
appreciative team, more glop came out on suits and wellies
than in buckets. Tav won the first nomination for
muddy of the year. The lack of foliage means we get
^{scc} visitors up at the entrance.

As from the first of January 1987 the WESSEX have
laid down a challenge to the B.E.C. for the most amount of new
cave over 50' found on AENDIP. This has been accepted with
the prize of 1 barrel of beer for the winning Club. The closing
date for cave will be 31st DECEMBER 1987. (In the log by
midnight) ! We (BEC) will take it early! - *[Signature]*

2nd Sun 87 H. TAV'S Hole Jim + ADEN quick look round
for a dig site and to see what the B.C. had.
found one possible place in main chamber
about 4 fm

2nd Nov Eastwater GN

Tourist trip down 13 pitch. Also had a look at the oven in 1 fold series now tackled by BEC.
It goes up a long way & met J-Rat & Gorro establishing a nice connection with Boulder chamber. Lee was briefly & met.

03-01-87 Jim Rand MWD-Junk finished trench lagged pipe and back filled withing 1 metre of each end. Open Boiler House Door needs $3\frac{1}{2}$ flagged off. MWD-JPL
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SWILDONS, II, SARAH LAWES, SIMON LAWES, SUE IND,
MARTIN LOCKYER (Kingscote Poly) Jim AND MARY
RANDS TOURIST TRIP FOR THE KINGSFOLY
DOWN TO TWO TO COUNT THE DIVING
WEIGHTS (14) 3HOURS 10MINS. (Jim Rand)

2.1.87 Male, Pete H, Stumpy, Dave, Nigel to wet Wales.

The 1st four (to OF) up to have a look at III traverses pointed in the right direction by Pete Dobson WSG and his two brothers some interesting noises from Mr Ham at the crevasse we got warm coming out but not lost!
Male's funny suit could do with a wash I think he's

died in it.

3.1.87 Dunc for a walk along the Neath/OFD watershed a fine day for it. Therefore a fine view, most of the peat-bogs frozen solid. A good way of avoiding the Hurn power Services commission in Pant Mawr. Pete, Dale, Nigel, Rich, more photo's of the cave with a visit to the W.S.G. dig. A pleasant trip wetter than last time with a rearranged choke.

4.1 After an altercation with some obnoxious Chelsea members and a night in the cars (More interesting noises from Hurn helmets) Dale, Pete, Nigel, Stumpy, dunc + Geoff N. To Rock + Fountain with Arthur Miller. He 1st I photographing from Hall of the mountain king back, the rest through the 4th choke to promised lands and up in the roof (To Daren?) Also shown various interesting corners. Cave typically Welsh Boring camouflaged floor with MG style roadworks. Only slight recompense in the pretty bits. and a generous helping of over friendly boulders.

04/01/87 Purdon's Hole.

Aubrey Newport & Ian Jepson recommended 'Operation Rolling Thunder' (Bengorfford Brown as "Rolling Thunder '87"). Cave very damp indeed, and the thunder rolled. (For the ~~random~~ benefit of the new to W.C.C. lugs, "Rolling Thunder" is the alcove below the old 40° which has been remarked upon by generations of cavers as a promising site.) Some of us are beginning to doubt the wisdom of "generations of cavers": 1 1/2 hr. Played overnight at Upper Pitts, which was the

a pigsty (one is sorely tempted to add "as usual") when please can we have a flat Warden again, as efficient as M.O.Y. in days of old?

* As were we. See MPNSD overleaf.

3/1/87 Ken + Angus Dawe, Bob Pyke, Tim Moon, Darren Gilan. After a coldish night camping at Whitewalls (booked and confirmed!) — what better way to warm up than a gentle stroll down D.C.? Bob soon realised how overworked + knackered he felt, so left it for another day. The 3 of us continued along "typically Welsh" entrance series with 'USA-like' road "Mt. style roadwork". A good, slow look around the cave — St. Valentine's Chamber, over the pitches (interesting, ~~workscrewing~~ rope climbs), Time Machine + start of Bonsai Streamway. A picnic then a stroll leisurely outwards, meeting Geoff Norton on the way. Thanks to the 'Chelsea' for instant cups of tea on exit! 12-ish hours — a fine trip! dd never go on for ever. J.M.

7/1/87 Tav + I.

Swildons — Wet way, Pretty Way, short dry + look at Butcombe chamber/oxbows. Pretty damp.

1/1/87 Pete & Alison drove down to Holwell Cave with Geoff Norton only to be told the cave wash, shot & would remain so for another month because of present shoring. In evening P.L.A. with Sparrow closing on Pseudos

7/1/87. Nigel G + Phil & Martin continuing rapid progress in GROVE DIG (Portland). Extracted some most peculiar "geode"-like formations from the within the hill. Previous examples disintegrated in digging, but this time I saved 2 good specimens for cleaning: don't know what they are, have not seen anything like them. (Had been identified subsequently ^{using sound} ~~as~~)

Phil Strong has reported noticeable damage already to the formations in the Blackbar Hole extension: it's only been open since July.

nfg

10/1/87 Start of the silly seasons. Overdue party in Seafidans. 10? AM to 9 PM to do a short round. Jim Moon, Doug Adams, Jim Rands, Malc Foyles, Pete Watts and Jeff Price (Leader) had to go through all the trouble of changing in the freezing cold only to meet the party at the gate — THANKS!

PART 2
11-1-87 SILLY SEASON CONTINUE (JEFF PRICE & PETE WATTS
BARROW) Boozing till dawn then being woken up at
8:45 AM to go caving on a trip I organised 3 weeks
ago. 1-2 hours sleep a kipper for breakfast
then get changed and off to G.B. digesting
the lock before it would open at 12:30 out
for the last hour in the Hunters. (HERE WE
GO AGAIN) Jim, AIDAN, GENA, CHRIS,
etc.

3/1 Piennes/Pseudos P.A. Also all day trip (until the advertising ran out) trying to open the way down to the stream. Finished up with open hole down back for wall looking decidedly unstable.

6/1 Piennes/Pseudos P.A. & Andy Spamer. Gently pried for wall rocks from a suitable distance with chimney sweep brushes, then got a sledge round a keystone. This failed to budge but the disturbance caused a mass of rock to come away & block the hole.

11/1 Piennes/Pseudos P.A. Put a nice board just before the collapse area warning of danger. The ~~original~~^{new} dig looked a bit more reasonable will have another go during the week.

10/1 Warren Farm P.A., Doug Adams, Tim Mon. No draught on way in so rather surprised to find the sun had dried by the way was open to the end dig. Shyfed a fair amount of clay still more to dig out, doesn't look particularly promising.

15.1 Rheebo crossed bottom of lane to find 7' drift put there by the snowplough. Crossed this to find things went on similarly all the way to the hill. If Pete Watts^{*} lives here he must be staying by road (but see notice-board).

Pete Watts doesn't live here! This is just a forwarding address!

3.1.87 Down Libe. 6.N

Late start due to car trouble. Everyone had left by the time I got to Whitewall. So a solo trip down River Libe, noting amount in Kingstone Banks + digital array. Met Jim, Ken + Angust as they were coming out.

16/1 Pierre's - Pete Successfully removed last boulder blocking the way down.
 17/1 " - Pete, Alison & Andy Sparrow. After a final bit of gashing we gingerly descended a 6' climb, down under some enormous slabs & the stream. Downstream a low tunnel opened out after 50ft as a major cross-cut even beyond the way became wide & low to quickly terminate at a sump - looks a good bet when the stream ~~divides up~~. Andy climbed the area to get into a steeply ascending rift blocked by slabs & cobbles, very reminiscent of Linsl. After a bit of fiddling around back at the breakthrough point succeeded in getting into the upstream extension. After 80ft or so found it emerging from a very narrow rift in life. Scratching about a climb to squeeze ~~up~~ ^{up} into some bigger fossil stuff maybe heading towards Taithchurch. This rapidly ~~climbs~~ ^{descends} gained height to end at a pretty chamber totally obstructed by boulders & slab flows. Some other rifts were found but again these closed down at the top. Good days coming, we reckon about ~~45~~ ^{4-5 hundred} ft of new stuff.

18/1 Pierre's - Pete, Alison & Pete Walls. Tidying off some loose ends, nothing of any significance found. On the way out the boulders across the Pseudo's squeeze moved and blocked the route. Through cap Pierre's / Pseudo is no longer possible, access to the new extension now is now only by Pierre. We'd appreciate it if people held off for another couple of weeks while we finish exploration & tidy up.

17/1 Pete Mann, Talc Foyle, Rob Tavares, Geoff Newton putting the new bags and 1 ^{repairing.} $3\frac{1}{2}$ * burst pipes in the roof space.

18/1 Day 2 of the bags. The first that bought them

wants his balls chewed off. I ran cracked and the one fitted in left stands so far out that there is only 1 inch to spare when the door opens. Work not completed as the day was rounded off with a Wally that would've come back through mump 1 swallows after just driving it. After much persuasion and the threat of being tied up with the mump rescue kit on pulled through the mump he plucked up enough courage to catch hold of Darnies hand on the far side and a little push from me this side was through. A quick exit from the cave back to clear tools up around hut.

- 20/1 Tar, Dean, Gen + 2 — A quick look at the new bit of Greatchurch — approx 100 ft. at bottom of Gait's Stair. Tight + small — made interesting by a few pretties + a very awkward squeeze. 4 bats in Greatchurch!
- 20/1 Pete & Andy to Pierre's. Andy pulled the last mega lead-a traverse ~~heading~~^{with} downstream from the top of the climb to the top passages, unfortunately no joy. Just nothing across on the far side. Andy then had a look at the even downstream but life up decided it required a braver man than he.
- 21/1 Pete & Alison to Pierre's. I had a quick recce into the downstream supp. during base foul foul first. The缝 was shallow and wide, following the right hand wall it was possible to get in 20ft or so, the way on was then not obvious. ~~I intend to have another go head first with a line reel.~~ Coming out theres a bit of a problem with the line pulling across into the too tight area, it will require weighing

Watty had a pole about up the cross rife/aven I reported finding a choked passage heading downstream over the surf.

24/1 Pete Alison, Duncan Frew, Pierre's. Interrogating & digging the passage found on the Wednesday but decided Pete is a braver man than us, the route is up by some horrific slabs & then back over the top of them. - mad!* Alison gave Duncan a tourist upstream while I opened up a passage on the rife before the fossil stuff. This is pretty shitty, a bit more digging might be fruitfull however. Continued removing the digging kit & put on notices in Pierre's warning of the closure of the route to Pseudo's & the warning of the looseness of the dug section.

been.

* This Bit has Namelessly Named "Prats Temple".!

25/1 Twin Twins * Dunc.

A token dig (futile gesture) shifting noisy cobbles (too hard) amongst tree roots at the top end of the R-hand hole. The clay in the L-T hole proved quicker.

25/1 Kev Clarke, Mark Madden, Shawn Walsh, P.W., PLAM. Mr. Madden showed us how to climb an aven (assisted abseiled by S.W & KC). ~~Pete~~ Some 40ft up he reached a stance back towards the rife from the a bold move back into the aven enabled him to ~~reach the top~~^{gain the top} ~~but~~^{into} nothing at all, just heading back towards the rife. From the stance ~~there~~ it was possible to chimney up another 20ft or so, MM thought the draught was there, Pete W not so sure. Left the aven ready for Sparrow to take a look. While the climbing was going on a shout was made on the survey.

25/1 Charterhouse Cave Pete Mann, Dale Foyle, Rob Turner
 Rearranging the boulders in the end rubble. A good long
 revision now looking very promising with lots of very loose
~~B~~ bits in roof. The way its going we will have to put a ridge
 at the start of the dig. B is for Boulder all covered in what
 H is the Hamm that is ^(all covered in) unquarried beneath it.

25/01/87 - Sandown Hall.

Audrey report a Van reported continuing "Operation Belling Thunders"
 Said to be, grido retired. 100/5 min. ~~JAN~~

24/25/1/87 Down Libau G.N., C. Gardner.

With two new passages in Aggy running off both
 Passage (off lower Southern Stream Passage) towards Down
 Top expectation was running high for a connection. The
 hill was full of people digging frantically for the connection.
 We were foolish enough to join the Rock steady team
 digging at Acupuncture. An 8½ hr dig under uncomfortable
 conditions in a total of a 20½ hr trip. The trip out was breathtaking.
 The dig made 25' to where an air space of 8' or so passed
 It looks promising but nobody is in a great hurry to go back.
 A week's underground camp is planned for Easter - for the really
 hard men. Not me I think. - J.P.

P.S. Not much progress was made from the Aggy side
 either

29/1 Charterhouse Cave Pete Hamm, Graham Johnson, Nev Ingram, Jackie Ridewood. Pete & Graham to dig with more cement in boulder while Nev & Jackie collected gravel from stream.

29/1 Pierre's Pole, Alison Andy, Snabell & Tom Chapman. Achieved very little, Andy & Pete up the slope sump & others tourist to end. Drawing the survey so far appears to indicate that we have the Flange stream after all. We were a bit suspicious the way there's no litter/vegetation in the water seeing as snabell is only just up the valley. Before going down we really dried the water up but there was no indication of any discontinuation in the cave. Intent to do a trace from Top Sink to East Twin in a couple of weeks.

31/1 Tween Twins. Pete H. Pete W. Male & Dunc

Dunc to left RT hole working in weird atmosphere of blackcurrent going under the minientrance, eyeballing the spiders, "interesting" progress. Pete W. Supervising out in the cold, Male playing at being a winch for Hamm confusing the issue in the LT hole. Much spoil removed before we had to quit so Mr Foyle could go for his tea.

30/1 PORTLAND. Nigel G, Phil Strong, Martin Crocker,

Cold east wind was all the more reason not to go to Grove Cliff Dig: workshop revision instead, spending half the time feeding wood to the stove, the other half building railway track for the dig. Got so carried away we nearly missed the pub. Horror.

31/1 Siouxsie, NY, Phil S., Martin C., Dave Taylor.

Thought a late start would miss most of crowds. Thought wrong! Phil & Martin had been after a Siouxsie trip for ages - this was only their 2nd Haulij excursion. Phil entered Two (by ignoring the rope and swimming through!?), for a brief look around. ref

1/2 Tween Twins. Tav, Goff N. Rich Websett, Dune Confusing the issue still further, now a question of dig and see, potential for a few more entrances yet. and if we're very lucky a bit of passage.

1/2 Charterhouse Cave Pete Ham, Julie Bolt, Nyel Graham + Graham Johnson. The boulders in the floor were attacked and vast amounts removed with Grents & Broans up the shaft. A large hole appeared going down for about 10-15 ft. As the roof looked loose this was prodded before pushing down. The long bar was shown to the roof where it completely collapsed filling in the passage. Boulder 1 diggers 0. When the chut had reached and I emptied my wet suit of adrenalin a hole was noticed in the roof. This was pushed after a bit of gardening for 12 ft ["] ~~the~~ large boulders to smaller loose rocks, beyond can be seen going for another 5 ft to flowstone walls and lots of loose stuff. Plenty of cement will have to be put in before that can be pushed. 5 hrs Boulders 1 diggers 1. JH

3/2 Wibey Hill Pot - Tav, Dean, Gren + Vaughan (West Mendip C.C.).

Inspecting the possible dig site at the bottom of Bone Chamber.

The inspection was cut short by a boulder collapse - the boulder I was standing on! This ~~boulder~~ bashed and hit Gren !! cue rapid exit. This could have been a very serious incident, in this case only bruises were sustained. WARNING - This whole area appears to be very unstable - take care.

TAV

3/1 Pierres, Geoff N, Peter Alison M, Andy S, plus Rick Webb & Trevor Faulkner who on attempting the squeeze claimed it too tight, offers to help by pulling on their feet were declined. Trevor's mate made it however he all proceeded to do extension. PM did the squeeze again this time equipped with a bore rod but failed a ~~get~~ as far as before. AS & PAM with support from GN did acoustic in the river to reach what from a distance had looked good bed but which on close inspection was hopeless. Andy showed the two newcomers the upstream delights while Peter Alison attempted the survey ^{stressed} with only to find what had been assumed was a clinch turned out to be a second compass! A bit of an abortion all round.

1/2 Pierres Al Taylor, Chris Johnson ? Sedgfield, Peter Alison.

All & Chris both had dives in the squeeze but with no more success than on 20/1. Al was of the opinion the way on at the end following the rifle had not but needs digging. Did a bit of surveying this time with a clinch compass on the way out

7/2 Waver Farm. Tu, Pete & Alison. Dig at the end is going back left & right. Left is a fair size but easily chisel, right requires bang. Before leaving for the surface put a charge on the boulder rubble above the very draughty Mt 1 dig. Care quite well can see very more rock scumming the end area off once more.

8/2 Palmers Petek Alison. The care hasn't improved in our absence. Nor if the opinion that its not worth persisting with the passage as taken so long to bang along. Decided to start on a rift half way into the care.

09-02-87

What a pleasure to come into a clean tidy Hut on a monday morning. My Blessings to the Action Hut warden. M.W.C. D-Jac

11/2. PORTLAND. (Grove Cliff Dig). Nigel G. + Phil & Martin. Good session saw midway installed and conncerected (with the odd derailment). Truck is based on a bogie off an old experimental model loco scrapped a few years ago (Don't worry it was diesel not steam!).

NG left the other digging for last quarter hour & went to rove nearby Gwenn Rift to see what SRT practice routes can be bolted up (without all rings!). NG

7.2.87 Craven Hut "Users" dinner.

"The Crown" Horton in Ribblesdale. An almost passable meal followed by a Hann slide show which met with northern approval. A heavy Skipton Mafia presence did not deter the NC sex contingent from having a good time.
 Malc + ^{Fi} chickenhead, Keith + Ros, Nigel, Dunc, Hann.
 Mr Watts + Mr Price + Jo showed their faces.

Northern members: Mrs + Dr Halliwell, Parrot, Andy Hayter, Maggie + Gary, Lyn, Chris, Steve Pic., + all those marvellous people I'm too pissed to remember. Some groovy sundays were attributed to the apple pie!,

10/2 SWILTONS Tav + Dean.

A look at everybody else's digs in Swiltons. Short trip due to craving for beer. Bourbon very wet - interesting? (desperate!!).

8/2 Jim Moon + Paul. Swiltons 1. First-ever trip for the brother - he's most impressed. Is this a first - a novice managing not to fall into one of the Double Pots? No!

14.2 Tween Twins

Jim R. Tav. Dunc. Fi + Malc. + matey in a Capri further confusing the issue. Digs a bit moist. The spoil heap is getting bigger. Tav did a thorough strip from the Top to the R

hand entrance. The L_i must go somewhere we are not the first to dig here we're now following a mole hole into caverns measure less to mice. Malc had to go for his tea early.

15·2. Blackmoor Swallet.

Tav, Nigel, Jim + Dunc. To rescue a spaniel which had fallen down it. Turned out to be an official rescue, despite the fact that insurance doesn't cover animal rescues. Ten minutes work for good PR and a happy family.

Wish they were all this easy and had happy endings.

No time Tav.

14½ Swindons. Early evening ran round Upper Sw. for Cix to see Ed: long dry way to see if it is, Bulcombe Ch. because it's there, out wet way for the fun of it. Togged back to the car just for the hell of it.

17½ Lionels

Dean, Tav, ~~Gen~~, Vaughan (WNCI)

Ventured in Horridge One as Gen and Vaughan hadn't been there before. Gen didn't seem to keen but Vaughan can't wait to go there again! Tav wandered up hill to look at foxes + trap crack dogs - both flooded. Foxes still full of hay.

21.2.87 Swildons

Baker

Bob Pyke, Ken Danie, Chris, Dave, Jim Moon, Zippy.

Blue pencil up and down & back to shatter pot and down to shatter chamber. To quote Bob "Vintage Swildons" grand time had by all a good impression on those who hadn't been here before, ducts cold as ever. No allowances made for venerable antiquity.

14.2.87 Down (idea)

Geoff N, Mark Simpson. To Kingston Leads, a seldom visited part of the cave. Squeezing through a small high level hole gained access to a short tight rift. At the end a 10 minute dig broke through to walking size passage which soon became 15' high & 8' wide. Just as it seemed we had it made it came to a dead stop. Way on is a small contorted hole leading up the wall which needs long. Length of new bit (from dig) is about 100'.

JM

21/2/87 OFD Top to One.

Mark, Dean, Tav, B.Prewer, Greg + S. - Superb trip, 10000ft or so of superb streamway, fine situations. Good fun trying to drown each other in the potholes - we didn't get lost once. The cave drops 900 ft from top to 1 with no ladder pitches.

15/2 Pierré's Pothole Alon. Surveyed the rest of the main passage. With side passage Pierré/Pseudo is about 1000ft long & just over 100ft dep.

TWELVE TWINS 22-2-87 Jim GOOF & ADEN VERY
PRODUCTIVE DAYS DIGGING 41 BUCKETS OF SPOR REMOVED
AN ESTIMATED 1 TON. LOOKING GOOD. fair

perhaps it ought to be renamed fester or festering hole
since everyone uses it^{as} an excuse for not doing something
more dramatic when they have hangovers. 26/PH/R

22/2. Clustersome Cave Pete Hamm, Julie Bolt, Nigel Graham
Cementing end boulders.

25/2/87 Goatchurch, Cavern, (M.W.D) - York & Jacob
his second real cave. M.W.D

25/2/87 Extent Prime & First Coat. Jim & Mike.

25/7 Grove Cliff Dig. N.Graham & Paul S & Michael.

Still haven't thought of a name for the Portland Master
Cave. Inauspicious start. Late due took at rather odd cave
in quarry workings ~~near~~^{old} at Vene. Martin's lamp failed.

Truck kept de-railing. Bill moved lot of spoil. WJ had
attacked by large lorry of soil suddenly falling off. Head cones
fortunately protected by grade handle. Then offending
boulder out of cave. It cracked away down the overgrown
cliffs for ages, totally worrying someone walking along the
old railway far below (he was in ~~so~~ danger, but his
torch was visible flitting in all directions!). This dig keeps
tantalizing us (will the Austrians ever all beat us? we're

If we call it "Tentil Little Tantahobble"?). Latest is view into old cavity, probably a cross rift. Beautiful moon - with coated roof dead. A deep rift may intersect Coffin Hole beyond Shelt's cave's present limit collapse . . . NG.

28.2. South Wales. DYO + OFD.

MF, NG, PH, Tav + Dean, RW, GN, DF. ^{knew I forgot someone!}

The initiated members were "aroused" at an unearthly hour by "Mr" Foyle. DYO was exceedingly sporting ^{Caterwauls} having been dumped overnight. progressed to the end of ~~the~~ hole (the 1st bit of dry land) decided that the foot of airspur didn't give a lot of leeway and returned to NG, RI, PH, ~~etc~~ who had been playing somewhat dramatically in the show cave. On to OFD Cwm Durrow. To Top less NG. Stream sporting and a quick trip left everyone shattered → Angel at opening time → Hunters closing time. Good outing for DD Cave group. 1 holed petrol tank + 1 holed radiator.

DYO Far Lave and OFD Cwm Durrow
To Top in one day YOH!!

1.3.87 Foster hole

GN, PH, DF. Zippy made a breakthrough after the removal of much sticky spoil we now have 3 entrances and a bit of cave which doesn't really go anywhere but we're not defeated just yet!

1/3/87 Charterhouse. NS 600 3 Kingston Poly for their long-awaited tour - this they enjoyed even if Mr Mann issued all the word-filled bottles he could find to the company! Not otherwise an auspicious trip: difficulties with lock on entry (cured by WD 40 and cleaning mud from door frame, loss of seal from mounting seal bottle and slightly overdue return! Still, they ~~still~~ liked the place! 1/3/87. Greatchurch. Fred and Hannah + 3.

Much weeping.

22/2 Bleaton Caves - Pete & Alison. First trip either of us had done to this cave. Had a really good look around, quite interesting but don't think we'll be in any hurry to go again. Thanks to Chris Richards for exposing access.

28/2 Pierres. Pete & Alison digging the tube or the cross rift before the sump. Made decent 10ft progress, its pretty constricted so probably requires bang to get any further. Had a poke around some of the upstream sites without any luck.

1/3 Pete, Alison, Graham, Helen & Sarah Aylng. Burrington dye test. Detectors in the main inlet on Pierres & also the small stream which might be Yew Tree water, plus another detector in What have levels. Dye in Ellick Farm, Flange & Top Sunk. Also put detectors in Relford & Langford. Betting is that levels will be negative & Pierres is Flange.

1-3. Rich & Marc

Swim down to 5. No 'omble', 3 hours.

1/3/87 Noxon Park iron mine

Divers | Pearson, AWARD, Kermit.

All three achieved over 90m from base on return to base RW (Kermit) removed 60m of old line. A.W. lost & found his knife.
VIS 20m max depth 20m. Kermit

1/3/87 OLD HAM IRON MINE Tav + Dean.

S. Wales was exceedingly wet (as usual). A toss up between Darren Cilau or the pub resulted in us doing a through trip (Old Ham → Llambegroy) in this enormous complex. Many route finding problems and plenty of graveling, mainly over Weege. Only lost the way twice this time, although once for 5hr. TAV

4/3/87 Kevin Cannon + Jim Moor. Sunkids to 1st just beyond, as an excuse to go to the pub. It makes a change to have the cave to yourself!

4/3/87 EASTWATER Tav + Gen

Upper Traverse - Primrose Path - Lower Traverse - Canyon - Kentish Cairn and out.

Fine graveling trip. Boulder chamber seems to be on the move again.

Met a party in 1st Rift chamber who didn't have a clue where they were i.e. I understand that Primrose Path is now below Dolphin Pot and the Rift Chambers are below the twin vats! TAV

4/3. CROVE DIG NC - Phil + Martin. Launched new railway truck, which with a carefully thought out slings system around 2 buckets, helped us remove an estimated $\frac{3}{4}$ ton of silt (we kept a rubble tally: 50 buckets).

Entered of head of tight rift which has produced some collapse. Problem - which way next? W.C.

7/3 Hut working weekend?

As the central heating was V/S and it was snowing we set about moving the wood stack up the chimney. ~~as~~ we worked + the barker didn't.

8/3 Tynings Barrows Cave - Tom, Ken, Mike Hearn (BEC/MEG).

Quick trip down to end choke, taking in Drunken Horse Inlet + other inlets on the way out. Boulders at end of Drunken Horse in dangerous state. TAN.

7/3 Pete Moody to Pierre's & his own remaining detectors & putting in new ones

8/3 Pete to Nick? to Pierre's barged cube in cross rift before sump he also possible way on in roof by the inlet

14/3 Peter Alison to Pierre's again. Roof passage went on pretty unsupervised. Major clearing session needed on downstream cube - wish it draughted. Started trying to push the inlet. No definitive results yet from the tracings - background fluorescence confusing things, so removed the Pierre's detectors &

give a measure of flow. May have to use more dye on the second phase, for although the distances involved are very short, the time taken for the dye to pass the detectors is also short & ~~there is a limit to how much dye can be passed~~ time breakdown absorption.

15/3 Peed Alison Pierres for a change. Alison managed to pass the flooded squeeze at the base of the 10/13 ft of soft passage. Another local constriction prevents further progress. The passage is null for the complete absence of any stream debris - silt, gravel or cobbles. Also 6 times to remove detectors from East & West bank levels.

14/3 PENYCHMENT POT. Dave, Rich W., Steve Gough, Alan Marshall, Tim ^{Rounds} ~~Wicks~~, Trevor Faulkner. N.Y.
Nice start - narrow entrance! * Tim & Nigel reticent at head of 7 ft pitch. Tim nickname himself "Grandad", so slowly excited - Nigel decided if Tim was Grandad then he was "Dad" - got home to find many a true word in jest...

Very enjoyable trip even if we didn't all get to the camp (better luck next time!). Someone had a piss in the pump for everyone! +

Meanwhile Pete Mann joined CTC Meet in LANCASTER - NEW CAVE Showed trip - perhaps the last chance for some time to come. The way things are going on that fell? + LEG.

* Ice bergs in the crawl!!!

+ How did you find it after clogging through that b-y freeing canal?

8/3/87 Ludwell cave

D.Pike R.Warman

D.P. dived first and carried out training dive. R.W then dived to check condition of line. Line was found to be in good condition. Vis not good Max depth 1m.

17/3/87 Wookey hole.

R Stevenson R.Warman

A photographic dive from 9.2 to 15½. Vis 5m depth on R.W.

14/3 Quote of the day after this down Penyghent.

see over
Anon 1. "If I had a wank now, my hands are so numb it would feel like someone else was doing it to me --- splash splash pause come to think of it, it would feel like some one else was doing it to some one else!"

Anon 2. "That's if you could find it" splash splash silence!

21/3/87 MEECH the cat did nobly and with due caution condescend to grace the Club with his presence.

14/3 GROVE CLIFF DIG NC + 3 Full complement!
Now attacking boulder choke above cover rift.

24/3/87 Rod's Pot.

Carl Pickstone, Charles Pickstone, Richard Michauds Irving, William Henton, Ventured down Rod's Pot on the first day of Spring. It is still muddy and light after 25 years.

Carl Pickstone

14/3/87 Lancaster Hole

Pete Mann joined BB13 members of C.P.C for a run around before the fell closed on April 5th. With ~~the~~ a large party we still moved smoothly out to the Colonnades on to Fall Pot then up to Cape Kennedy and Five Hydrant chamber which is very nicely decorated, back to Stake Pot? past the lovely colouring of Painter's Palette, into the ~~the~~ Amarets, comes Cavern, down into Wretched Rabbit Passage and back into daylight from New Cave (soon upon arrival you count pot). An excellent 6 hr trip under the perfect guidance of Paul who never got lost once (I didn't have a clue where I was to after 15 minutes).

MICHOU !
MICHOU is back ? to stay. \$1 owed, honorary
 Night fees !

21/3/87 TN, NG - GB.

A trip to recover from the NCA AGM. Pleasant wander around the gorge, White passage, the Loop, Bedding chinkies, Oxbow, Bath Pot etc. TN.

21/3/87 M, S and E Henni Tex m Thomas + 2 fit strong lads from Fleet to Boulders. Baptized Sally in stream of it. I witnessed. Both Thomas' retired to Barnes Ledge leaving car keys on 20'. Rest of party fully explored upper series 2½ hrs.

22/3 Charterhouse Cave

Pete Hamm, Julie Bolt, Paul Lambert. None cement in boulders. Some of the boulders got fed up waiting for cement so decided gravity was better and descended onto my head half burying me, was soon dug out intact to replace them back where they started with added cement.

8th & 9th March 87 Purdon's Hole.

Newport & Jeppon to continue operation Polling Blunder on both occasions. 2m & 1m ~~for 22~~

22/3 Charterhouse Cave. Digil Graham had a couple of visitors around - didn'ts were not neglected though: a gallon of sand accompanied us. NG

22/03/87 - Purdon's Hole.

1. Newport & T. upon continuing operation Rolling Thunder.
Paid large, fired and retired. Surprising numbers of parties in rare on
Sunday evenings of late. May have to consider early morning trips. Ugh!

18/3 Pete & Alison to Pierre's. To continue finding hole. Pete also lined
downstream to reach hole, low bedding or flooded pool - could be dry although
couldn't see a opening out. May be better to leave to summer or hope it dries out.
21/3 Pete - Pierre's. Upstream hole again plus hole off downstream right. Wonders
dig in the soft of sand, only trouble is hole is badly silted & one has to back
out with each load of silt. Made several fed of progress toward best - hole
continues

22/3 Pete & Zippy - Pierre's Detecting downstream area. Out early as commercial
rain so decided to do dry test. Back to Purdy for gear then to Lions detectors
in E & W Lavender plus end swamp then Pierre's again to mark the what
be the Coombchurch? trouble. To Coombchurch & fluorescence in Water Chamber
then Goff with optical brightener in East Twin & Pete with Rhodamine to
Corn's Hole.

23/3 Pete - Pierre's & Lions Removing detectors. Pierre's extremely wet
far more than Flange. Also put detectors in Rickford & Langford ahead
of flood pulse.

25/3 Pete & Alison Pierre's Forced upstream into a beauty of
a supp., clear deep & spacious looks a nice die, carry &
approach aren't going to be so good.

28-3-87

Drunken's Hole. G.Neaton

Slow Progress.

22/3/87 Manor Farm Swallet - Tav/Gan

A tourist trip down to the end of Nhasa. Only smelly bit was the inlet just down at the start of Nhasa. Very pleasant to do the cave when its wet and when there's no people in it.

TAV

28/3/87 GB Tav, Gan + 3.

Tourist trip around a fairly damp GB; mainly in Devil's Elbow. ^{water}

TAV

29-3-87 Pierre's Pot. Pete, Hann, Dunc, Nigel G.

Nf to 1st squeeze where Pete had to rearrange his cheese roll to accommodate. Downstream to Pete's temple area upstream to Hanging Gardens encountering a muddy moodys in the stream way Dunc went up to the upstream inlet sump to place a bolt for PM's driving line. what was not mentioned was that this is another example of their use of minimum force for maximum progress therefore maximum effort for minimum progress on the part of the caver. Nice sump shame about the passage! good fun!

21/3/87 Darren Glau. Ken + Angus Dave, Bob Pyke, Jim Moon; also Len Davies, Stuart? and Grant? (Dovey Mountain Club). An assault on the World's End by the above who've spent lots of time together exploring the hole bit by bit. Didn't quite have it to ourselves - there seemed to be lots of tired + manic campers in the lower reaches of the cave. the camp was wonderful - sleeping area immaculate but the cooking / relaxing area stank of sweaty food and rancid armpits! A very fine 14 hour wander round the hole was had, ~~in~~ in the course of which we were firmly converted to "Hotcans". Landlord of the Year award to Geoff, at the Stables Hotel, who fed us well, and managed to produce 7 pints at 1 am when we ~~were~~ ~~retired~~. and don't print that in the journal, Nigel! Jim Moon.

28/3 Swildon's 1: Jim Moon + 3 adult novices. A fun trip to 1 and back to see the sights and clear my post-birthday hangover. Sorry about the curry-inspired rumbling in Barnes' chaps!

28/3 Mark MacLean & Pete Moyle tourist to Warren. Dead stop in entrance, look over to Pinnacles Alison for recce dive upstream. Sarge's Underwater passage is 4' x 3', depth about 6', went about 30' base feed, looks good.

4/4.87 Pierre's pot. Tav, P.H. Dunc

Not content with his own bulk Mr Haun took along his metal hand bag. Tav discovered there was more to the cave than he thought on the other hand the cave isn't as big as it ought. stream has subsided a bit.

4/4 Nigel G & Pete M Palmers. Clearing at the right hand rift half way into the cave. Doesn't look a very hot project.

5/4 Dunc, Peter Alison. Pierre's. Another due upstream this time with 50lb line red light got much further however as a wide low slot a bit further in requires the line to be weighted ~~down~~ to prevent it falling into a tight section. As valve also dredged a downstream lead at this stage made a retreat.

5/4 Chorsterhouse Cave. Pete H, Julie Bell, Nigel G. more cement in boulders. Dig is approx 15 ft deep and 30 ft long, measured by H.B.L. (HAUN BODY LENGTH)

5/4 Singing River Mine - Tav, Gen.

Sunday trip to cure hangover - doesn't work. Water in the lakes pretty high. Lots of fun trying to relock the cave. —

On the way back drove past a party of picnickers - all of Mendip to use and they choose the triangle by Longwood - daft.

6/4 More Thunder! AN, Scottee, Mrs. Nick Pollard.

12/4 Swildons - Short Round TAV + GEN.

Swildons typical for a Sunday - Body Ruckles, Mega Wallies, etc.

Had to bail the first trouble which was about 1 ft under water.

Met "Dog Brain" at the 20ft - A large humanoid turd has been

deposited by some enormous sand in the short dry way. Tony

12/4 Chesterhouse Cave. Pete H., Nigel, Duncan, Paul Lambert
 Nick Pollard - P.H., N.C., N.P. cementing and boulders P.L., D.F.
 Collecting gravel + sunbathing!

13/04/87 - Purdon's Hole

— 12/4 Ed.

A Newport o T. Jepson - Rolling Thunder again!

14/4/87 Porth-yr-Ogof (South Wales)

Carl Pickstone + Charles Pickthorpe + Jimmy

Hertford - did a mid-week trip in warm
 sunshine, from the upper entrance to the main
 cave and then to the last exit before the
 main ~~cave~~ outlet. 3/4 hr.

Carl Pickstone

18/4/87 M. Tony E Harris with Carl and Charles
 Pickstone to Swildon - had Cave to ourselves!
 and on Easter Saturday! Charles' first time in
 Swildon and went to top of 20. Took
 24 picks including some stereo pairs. Out-
 via long dry underground 1 1/2 hours got nice
 and wet.

Longwood Mike, Robin, Mary & Jim SHORT
 TRIP JUST INSIDE THE LID TO REPAIR LOCK & LID

CAVE IS NOW SECURE *from*

South Wales. Tav, Pete H+W, Malc Toyle, Dunc, Nick Pollard, Stumpy + Hon Ed (NG) festering in a field)

17.4 (Friday) DYO NG. to Green Canal, MF, PW, NP, RW. to Great North Rd. + beyond PH, RT, DF to Risings Washing Machine (confused by recent flooding, back out bungie choke + many obscure holes → Angel 122 and camp site. Good time had by all but I?)

18th? OFD 2 leaders + two too many people for Top to one DF, PH, RW, NP, Brian Prever, Fred Davis, Ric Halliwell, Gordon Kaye, Fritz, Becky + Alan, Steve Pickessell via pendulum passage, Tav, MF, NG and PW, via maypole + boot sole, DF + RW exited via maypole + many stations to Top while the rest progressed in their own ^{various} inevitable fashion to one. The areas visited in these two trips were particularly individual in character and acceptability. Some individuals MF + PW won star awards for prima donna performances in circumstances beyond their control. (like some other bungie pulled their strings).

19th. MF, DF, RW, + PW to B Ridge Cave to dive through to Neath, New world series, high water carbolic activity. joined briefly by Joe Becket + Jeff Price and a somewhat more prolonged visit from Keith + Ros Fielder

retired to dive White Lady \Rightarrow Cwm Pwll-y-Rhyd (travelling
 how to spell it) good cold/wet time had by "most"
 the rest went for a walk \Rightarrow R.T., N.P., P.H., N.C. Water-
 fall walks from Port-Neid-Pechen up to Penderyn and Lamb
 Hotel met Rob Cross & Alan Thomas & back to waterfalls walk
 Lost one on ledge - good for Crannog and dogs - not for him.
 up past more water - one wet two dry - back over top - down
 to car - back to Bridge Cave Car Park to meet others.

17.4.87 Daren Cilau G.N.

Pottering around in further reaches of Eglwyseg Passage with
 a comber. All the good leads need being

18.4.87 Agen Alltwedd Stoe Tooms, Tim Arnall, G.N. plus
 another 8 mounted bodies. The first time looking at
 a possible roof passage not on fifth choice. Stoe & Tim
 did the dangerous stuff and a tunnel line was rigged into
 the new passage. This needed four bolts and a certain
 amount of resin. The new passage was about 140' long
 and leads in the right direction for a possible bypass for
 5th choice. Unfortunately it ends in a tight jump. Went in
 via upper main stream set out via southern stream.

20.4.87 Daren Cilau G.N.

Pottering around Eglwyseg Passage and Agneus Chotte
 area. Interesting trip.

21.4.87 Agen Alltwedd G.N. Merth. Lingren

Tonight trip round Grand Circle (again) plus a look at some of the new stuff in the Gothic Passage well.

17/4 Ric & Pat Hellmuth took me & Betty (etc) around OPO I. Late that day took

same + Steve Pickering, Fritz, Lynne and Gordon Foyle working round OPO II

18/4 Ric OPO three) trip - see entry earlier

19/4 Ric & Pat Hellmuth, Gordon Foyle, Fritz, Lynne down DY's as far as Riverine line high level water and out via Tow Path entrance

20/4 Ric etc, Gordon, Fritz, Alan & Betty down OPO II to Colliers - continue open with no obstructions at all.

21/4 Fritz's introduction to medip - Pat I. A quick trip down & back I by Ric & Pat, Lynne, Gordon - 8 Aug II by Steve Pick, Fritz, male Foyle. Around M&O concrete division evening.

22/4(1) Eastbank - Ric, Fritz and Gordon down Olypm Pat to river and back up

22/4(2) Trymme Bank - Ric, Fritz quickly down and out

22/4(3) Twin T's - Ric, Fritz, Pat, Gordon, Steve - around trip to inspect the dig and qualify for NHASD dense.

23/4(1) Male Foyle, Fritz, Gordon - Swithland road trip.

Ric, Pat, Lynne - GB in via Oldbury one up gorge

23/4(4) Geff Nester, Fritz down Estover to what looked

24/4(1) Geff, Fritz, Pat, Ric, Gordon, male, down longword to start of Regent - Fritz and Geff putting along Regent's until Fritz finally gave in

24/4(2) Fritz, Gordon, Ric, male down Meers Farm - both to surface in 3⁰ min. in
long out

24/4 (3) Ric, Fitz, Lynne, Tax down Reservoir. Will Fitz never lie out - he attempts to wear him out instead

Ric H

25/4 Rod's Pit

11.30 am just finishing the mornings ablutions, contemplating the coffee Alison had made. Callout for ? ankle on a sprout. down the cave from the Magic bus at 12.10 with Geoff N. P+A moody, P. Hann, J. Rat, Tim Gould and an assortment of BEC bodies. Plastered the ankle & hoisted him out in time for the Hunters. (Same Scout group as Baker Pit rescue). DF

25-4-87 SWINDON II Jim Banks & Mark Palmer short afternoon wobble the only thing was Jim had camp gear at Jacobs ladder on way in misk went back to Wessex to get replacement camp. Jim

Sunday 26th

Going home, what a bloody good week it has been. Many thanks to Malc, Geoff N, Tax for all the fine trips and the rest of the Wessex for the accomodation and the company. Fitz

25/4/87 GB - Tar, Male, Gordon, Fritz, Gony + Maggie, Tony (cpc)
 Kaye

Tourist trip to Bat Passage + Great Chamber — water very high
 in ladder dig but generally OK.

Tony

25/4/87 - Swildons Watergate — Tar, GN, Fritz, $\frac{1}{2}$ hr. boating
 record in Lower Fault. GN showed Fritz Swildons II as he hadn't
 been there before then onto the thrutchy climb + mud ducks. Fritz
 impressed with the quality of the mud. Finished off with
 short round — no boating needed this time. Knockered!

Tony

26/4 The Hut had the first decent airing of the year.
 must be spring. Tore ourselves away from sunbathing
 to go down Pierces but Jim needs to go on a
 diet and lose a few inches. Dmc.

Fritz caused 11 trips in 5 day is this some kind
 of record? Swildons II, EASTWATER DOLPHIN POT E.C.T.,
 TYNINGS BARROWS. Twin 'Ts' Digging. Swildons SHORT Round,
 EASTWATER WEST END, Longwood REYNOLDS, MANOR FARM,
 G.B. And just to finish the week off Swildon
 WATERGATE AND OUT THE SHORT Round. THIS GUY
 IS Bloody HARD. I AM KNACKERED AND I WAS ONLY
 ON THE FIRST SHIFT!!.

Mole

9pm

3/5/87 Tav + Gen. Twin T's.

A quick look at another example of NHASA engineering
— Real high class stuff. TN.

3/5/87 Welshes Green - Quick trip to make
some rock move. - AN.

2/5 Warren Farm - J. Rat, Peter & Alison. A happy hour spent trying to clear debris from boulder choke. One particular boulder took bloody ages to manoeuvre clear, J. Rat succeeding just as I finished preparing a magic hammer for it. The way on (ie gap between boulders) can now be seen, none dared to enter. Put a charge on the lower bedding before leaving for surface. Used J. Rat's winch to lift dead sheep (see 28/3) from entrance & dumped it down the ad shaft along with two maggot ridden rabbits found by the ad winch.

3/5 Eastwater - Peter Alison. Had a good look around Regent Street & searching for passages which might bypass the sump below Holly Pit. Choose the rift between Regent Street & Threadneedle Street, there's a bit of a draught & a good echo from a minuscule explosion at the end. Alison completed the link between Regent & Great Street, (found ad afterwards the connection there had only been a handshake connection before), also pushed the beddings downstream of Snareskin River to enter short length of high narrow rift with no way on & also connected beddings across to those first entered for encountered coming in from the Magpie Fountain (not a recommended route). Very enjoyable trip.

1/5/87.

Sell gill - Pete W & Parrot. Goblin shaft on string.
Rigged by Parrot - detached by P.W. Most of this was
done going down!.

2/5/87. Swinsto to Valley entrance.

Pull through trip with only one flying angel. It snowed.

~~King Pot~~ Pete W, Malc, Dunc MK II, Nick, Tony, Gordon

~~King Pot~~ Alan (CPC).

3/5/87 King Pot. Pete W, Malc, Dunc MK I & 2, Nick.

Pete H, Graham J, Tony (CPC).

A good hard trip to cure Prangs hangover. Heroics performed
by everyone except the person who managed to leave a
30ft ladder 20ft up a pitch. Not nice when you are
detaching and the first team have pleased off to the pub.

4/5/87 Walk up to Alum to watch Nick drop the 240'.

Then we went Nigeling*. Managed to collect 6 entrances
before the call of the pub became too great.

* A definition of this word will be published in future
editions of all the good caving books.

* The art of Nigeling is collecting as
many entrances as possible in one day
and we beat his record 'cos we got

when he learns what music for
perhaps will use them

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→ syntax error ("heigled out")
TS

Six and we only got two.

Parrot Whipped out of King, the King that
we all want to know is, is Parrot still
capable of doing a grade I on ladder
or does he always have toponce about of
pieces of string or ~~play~~ about with Sean...
Wait out for further editions of Gold Top
over North!!!?

* NIGELING The art of going Caving, without
actually going under ground.

2/5 Dow Cave. Pete H, Dunc, Graham, Tony Black
(F.P.C) By special request a mudkip digging team were taken
on a tour of inspection. At Hobsons choice we determined that
the infamous stream wasn't doing any harm (the sink has been
filled in by concerned Yorkies). Their work in the second choke
deserves an arts council grant for scaffolding. Reached the end
where Mr Haas took over. Poked about in choke found a lead going
in removed some rock pushed in & get a bit more work would
gain about 20 foot more, as the others didn't know where I was come
out and exited from cave with a promise to go back. Wanted
to exchange chokes with Chester Louise but Yorkies wouldn't allow
it.

10/5/87 THRUPE LANE SWALLET

Duncan Frew, Tom, Nick Pollard, Dave ^{Boards} (EXPLORATION group of North Somerset). quick trip down to bottom of Atlas Pot and back out. Very enjoyable.

9 & 10/5/87 Eastwater - Roger Street Area. Continued working at dig started previous week. ~~Open top~~. Broke through barrier but passage swings right & then left thus preventing a look on. Further working digging down the floor should soon through - Dick & Alison + ~~the~~ Pole sets.

b-5. PORTLAND. Rest of crew (3) carried on in Grose Cliff Dig while Nigel G. showed 2 MEG members from W. Dorset (Nick Pole + Harold -?) access to West Cliff caves before returning to Grose for a wobble around Guano + Flagstone drifts. - nff

10/5. ST CORMER'S SWALLET. Alison Woody, Pet Ham, Paul Lambert, Nigel Graham toured the pretties: September Chambers & offshoots, then via catgut into Rabbit Warren / Rly Tunnel / Bubble Chamber Chambers + back out via Old Vault, 3 1/2 hrs - nff

16/5 ^{Proud} water, stumpy, He Harn + He Gresome Two some. Slinging bricks and cement everywhere, (Yet another "working" weekend) where was every body else

16/10 Eastwater P&AM, GN. (whole page) Continuing work in passage off Regent Street. Can now get head & shoulders through barged section however way is still too tight where it turns to the left. Still cannot see or get the impression that it is pretty long-term. Geoff & Alison also sampled the delights of Threadneedle Street, not notably excited by the prospects there.

17.5 North Hill rescue after pub before bed.

Stumpj, Marc, Darby, Prong, Tav, Zippy.

Some bright spark fell down the entrance shaft taking the scaffold belay with him. He was 1st on the way out so they sat from 5pm till midnight waiting. One broken arm + a lot of banisters.

17.5 Rods pit revisited, re-run of the rescue on the 25m ie before breakfast Tav was still in his pit victim was 11 stone + large-ish female. Same place but left leg this time.

24-5-87 NICK POLIARD, GRAHAM JOHNSON
EASTWATER, + WELSHS GREEN.

25-5-87

Paul MITCHELL, GRAHAM JOHNSON
SW10.

24/5. Tav + Gen - Walk about E. Mendip + quick look down
 ELM CAVE - big passage but no prospects. Mells River Sink
 sinking not resurfacing.

25/5 MANGLE HOLE - Jim Rands, Tav, Gen, Mike Hearn (MEG) +
 Ian 'Hovis' Brown (ULSA). First time in 8 yrs for Jim -
 5 yrs for Tav and first time for others - still shitty.

Flake halfway down pitch seems smaller but is still
 awkward. Wand round Main Chamber + Lower Main
 and a quick look in Alderman. Squeeze is a
 duck - foul. Handline down to sumps broke - the
 scientific wire down there avoided a rescue callout -
 Rope retied but take your own.

24/5 Manor Farm - Sean Mannion, Douglas Boomerang
 Nick Harrochov, Nick Williams, Sean Kelly, legless
 Chris Packminister. Negotiated entrance with
 fascist pig landowner, small price to pay
 to wallow in ordure, shrimps galore
 caught typhoid, sculptured almanac
 Master, in end of cave \$ -
 or so experts thought, workers
 still another 6,000 feet to go still
 experience counts but he couldn't
 remember her name. Cym for Tim A.R.

24/5/87 Brian Hansford minus Henry Chris? and John? to monor farm, Rather slow getting in as we hadnt enough tackle. M.H. decided against climbing waterfall and remained photographing certain chamber. Also removed lot of loose stones stones from slope. Rest of party almost reached bottom out in time for pint. 2½ hr trip.

26/5 Ubley Hill Pot — Tav, Darren,

Good nights digging — much rubble removed — can see 12 ft along 8 ft high phreatic rift but although big enough too dangerous to enter at present — Right hand wall needs gardening. Despite everybody else's pessimism I'm off to the master cave. J.M.V. They lunched at Tony Dingle and Co at Thorn. Cost me a bottle of Whiskey ^{and}

26/5 — Swildons hole, Jim moon, ~~Bob~~ BOB WORRE, Paul Weston, MARK Carter.

Summer-time conditions water level low, with the two Beagurers (Paul and mark) finding some parts ^{hot} ~~cold~~ ^{as well as the} ~~#~~ ^{hot} ~~water~~ ducts). With Paul's wetsuit split in two down the bollocks and Bob effort to squeeze through Birthday squeeze it was (a bloody hard but enjoyable trip (Nice, steady trip - the kids did well! Jim)

Mark Carter Paul Worre

27-5-87 , Pete H. Clive B, MAX GRAHAM J.

WELSHS GREEN ANOTHER SESSION.

ANOTHER FEW INCHES. SEE on 12'-15' still Small,
+ Muddy.

28/5/87

Swildons Hole , Nick Pollard , Martin Palfrey
(non wessex member), down to North West stream
passage , then to Shatter Pot and then out .

28/5/87 Swildons Hole GRAHAM Johnson
PAUL MITCHEL, Sump 1 → 2 Before the Pub.

29/5/87 EASTWATER CAVERN

Nick Pollard , Graham Johnson - Commenced
rift pot dig in the 2nd Rift Chamber ,
didn't look very promising , maybe a small
charge will give us a bit more room . Moved
about 20 buckets and cleared about 2ft of
rubble , also cleared the approach passage
of some bloody big boulders .

23, 24, 25 /5/87 Yorkshire.

Bank holiday in the middle North , very unseasonal weather

"The sun shines ." A walk up Ingleborough on Sat with a
North of Wofford cap .

Look at the BPC winch for Andy + Ann + Zacko (the dog), Malc, Fi, Nigel, Dunc, Lynn + Gordon. A pleasant days naveling taking in Juniper gulf, Rift pot, Longkin East + PS?

Sunday, Three peaks for Keith, Roz, Nigel, Dunc, Clive B (direct). The rest were noticeable by their absence. Everyone was leaching in the sun. Malcolm "Prong" Fogle went climbing. "shame about the tights".

Monday. Blick, P. Collins, Parrot, Hauer, Prong, playing silly B's with the boulders in Dunc's NG + JF opening up the sink above Hobson's choice choke previously filled in by our Northern brothers.

30/5 Ubley Hill Pot - Tav, Geoff N, Dave Boards.

Second look of the week at the dig. My enthusiasm has waned from dubious to laughable but I'll persevere for a little while. Zippy's first look around the cave and same for Dave who was introduced to cave mud - suitably unimpressed.

-TAV.

31/5 Spent most of the afternoon tramping round trying to get the key for Waterwheel Innlet. McG & John Redden no longer keep it. Key now obtainable from Warren at Cheltenham Outdoor Pursuits - if he is in.

Twin Titties GN + Diden

Wrote off another site. Only going. dig is now at extreme left.

Twin Titties GN + Diden. Tonit Trip!

Nigel Graham

26/5 - 29/5 NORTH WALES. In hills & down show-mines. Combining it with a photographic excursion on Ffestiniog Railway, a visit to LLECHWEDD SLATE CAVERNS (Solid & Deep level mines) was made.

Walked round Glyders Fach & Fawr (ascend via the Heather Terrace path along Tryfan's eastern flank, descent via Cwm Idwal - 7 hrs).

Visited SYNGAS COPPER MINE, recently opened as a show-mine, near Talybont. Mine tour itself complemented by video & photographic displays of the conversion work, in the reception building. NG

31-5-87 CHARTERHOUSE CAVE & WELSH'S GREEN SINK. Pete Kana, Graham Johnson, Nigel Graham. More cement in end boulders in former, more rock out end dig in latter.

30-5 HENSLER'S DIG. NG. Short session, but about time I did some more work in it!

02-06-87 Well done wall builders and trench Fillers now you know how we felt 1968-69 when we built the place. MwD Y/A

30/5 Jim Moon, Doug Adams - tourist photographic trip. Nice to see the hole again. (longwood August)

2/6/87 Pierws Pot - Tav + Dean. Tourist trip for Dean to bring him out of his semi-retirement. Dean impressed. TMV.

3/6/87 Longwood - Tav + Darren Foreman.

Quick whizz around Upper Series - Actually got in the damn cave this time. Pleasantly damp. TMV.

3/6/87 WELSH'S GREEN - GRAHAM - PETE - CLIVE - MERV - JACKY MAX - MURRY or MURRAY, Another foot or so, nice to find the stream flowing, after torrential rain, it cleared it up nicely. Bits of spoil out. While Pete 'Mason' Mann continues to do an excellent job with the entrance shaft.

2/6/87 D7. + assorted Building contractors almost underground in hospital grounds looking at newly unearthed Roman Remains of Caesaramagus. I suppose they were interesting but not impressive, the hospital drains that is! ,

5/6/87 EASTWATER CAVERN - Nick Pollard and Graham Johnson, digging at rift Pot dig, cleared as much rubble as we could, very awkward to work in, definitely needs a bang before we can commence any further. Cave extremely wet.

305 Warren, Ned Pollard, Pete & Alan Moody. Good sample in the lower Bedding over by Red Deer Passage. Pete Smart had pointed out that the scalloping indicated that the water had gone up this passage & that it might be a good lead. We found 30-40 ft (<50ft though!) in the right area but it just ran into boulders on the fault. Also went off to the bottom dig, enormous amount of clearing required.

31/5 Burrington, Tom, Nick, Pete & Alan. Another attempt to trace Top Silt & Elkhorn. Got all the detectors in place only to find no stream flowing in holes & the stream which seeps in the marshy area at Elkhorn dry. Went ahead anyway to double check that Picomes isn't picking up any of this water.

6/6/87

Sidcup & Goatchurch

Dennyse Stonrocks, Gary Stonrocks & Spencer Prince.

Enjoyable trip. Spencers first time down, he was a bit apprehensive at first, but soon overcome it after which he handled himself very well and really enjoyed it.

Gary done very well leading, but took a few wrong turns, but then 'who don't'!

Nearly got Nancy by my helmet in the Lobster pot, last time I use a chin strap. felt a right idiot!

7/6/87 Swildons; AN, Tav + Gary Smith. Midnight sortie (well 2 a.m.) after lubrication + chariot race cause it seemed like a good idea at the time. TAV

7/6/87. Charterhouse Cave, TAV, GEN + 2. Tourist trip for proposed MEG leader plus mate. Both thought it was a good hole. 2 rocket tubes of sand dumped at dig. TAV.

7-6-87 SWILDON'S JIM, GARY, DENYSE, SPENCER, A ~~REALLY~~
GOOD RAMBLE ROUND THE UPPER SERIES (GREAT FUN)
IMMID FORGOTTEN JUST HOW PRETTY IT IS. TURNED ON
TO THE TWENTY AND BACK UP THIS WET WAY
JUST TO GET SPENCER THOROUGHLY WET. GREAT
TRIP, JUST 1½ HOURS BUT FUN, Jim

3/6 GROVE CLIFF DIG Nigel, Phil, Martin. Oh dear now where? The waterworn passage has stepped up then been totally wrecked by mud-movement rifts. We've been digging "yesterday" and since the cave is in the upper beds of limestone anyway, it's now hopeless. Next place is COFFIN Hole, known to occur below this dig somewhere, 50 ft down, so lots of rift clearing next. NG

6/6 SWILDONS - SHATTER POT DIG. NG. Short session clearing a few buckets of silt out. 1st time for ages! NG

7/6 CHARTERHOUSE. Pete Haan, Nigel Graham.

More cement in end boulders. Thanks, Gen & Tav,
for forcing sand down there. 3 lbs approx. IY
I'm not guilty this time Nigel Gen

7/6 WELSH'S GREEN. GRAHAM JENNISON

DOWN to clear the end of a lot of spoil
couldn't get it to the chamber on my own though.

13/6 M J, E, & S Hennig 2 hrs down in
Cratched. May be the undiluted family is not
an ideal team - at least of the majority are female.

However it was a good trip with the cave to
ourselves. Had chance to take lots of stereopairs
of simulated squeezes. To bottom of avenine to look
at digging potential; found small puddle at very end.

14 JUNE 87 - Nearly had another rescue from NORTH HILL
SWALLET... cattle in the same field knocked the bouldery
bar right off the entrance tube while a pony was
below. Is this what happened on 17th May? "no"

10/6 WELSH'S GREEN. JOHN SOFF, PETE H. MERV I.
MAX. GRAHAM J. TAV & DEAN, cleared all the spoil
to the surface, put in another 11b, and more
walling on entrance.

14/6 WELSH'S GREEN MERV I. NICK P. GRAHAM J
cleared wednesdays bang a few boats into chamber

6/8 Eastwater - GN, RLAM. Digging session on choke at bottom end of Canyon where it swings off river (Z bend straight ahead & X Roads to left) Opened things out quite successfully however passage continues to drop steeply & is half choked with semi-liquid mud. Not nice.

7/8 Piñon - PM. Digging in tube in downstream rife. Pictures

8/8 Warren - AM & RAW.

13/8 hounds - P&AM Then had a go at pushing upstream in East branch (stream has dried up). Made about 10ft progress in a wide passage, cable choke continues.

14/8 Piñon P&AM Downstream rife tube again also passage leading off from terminal seep pool.

14/6/87 EASTWATER CAVERN - NICK POLLARD + DAVE BOARDS (EGONS) down to Rift Chambers for a look around.

13/6/87 Male Foyle, Petal walls. Rich Webbott F.N.C. In via bridge; down to sump 2 Rn dried laying line + returned to sump. MF + MR through 2, 3, 4. to stack of clubs to new world. Didn't get that far due to lack of line. Returned to P.W. -> Out. Thinish. Very bouldering trip but excellent diving. Went down soon. Felt like paint for robe.

R.D.

14/6/87 WELSHS GREEN AGAIN
 NICK POLLARD, AUBREY NEWPORT,
 GRAHAM JOHNSON - QUICK TRIP TO BANG
 THE END.

14/6/87 SWILDONS

NICK POLLARD, AUBREY NEWPORT, GRAHAM JOHNSON,
 SET SOME BANGS OFF AT ROLLING THUNDER.

15/6/87 WELSH'S GREEN

G. JOHNSON started clearing last night's double charge, a lot of spoil ready and waiting for the 'others' on Wednesday.

13/14 - Trial run for P.H's caravan - Luxury.

13/6 - Day out in West Wales. DF, PM, Tav, Garry + Maggie for a tourist trip round Hylgad Hwchwr. A lot to go far here -

no wonder the drivers are banging underwater. After the pub,

located Glen Glenwaith Quarry + entrance to Ogof Glen Glenwaith.

Didn't bother going in as it sounds horrible. Numerous other holes

in the quarry were looked at including one large phreatic passage that dropped straight to deep water. Further up the road

we visited Ddwyddan Quarry - PH + DF forgot they were in Wales

and started digging a few draughting holes, gaining about 20 ft in one. Meanwhile Tav visited Ogof Pont-Y-Hlyn, a recent discovery

entering via the Upper Entrance (Ogof Derwyddon). This involves a gross mud duck some 20ft. in length - the only usable air-space was full of mosquitos. The duck leads straight into the very large main chamber which is a steeply sloping bedding. Heading directly across the chamber a short crawl leads to a very large phreatic tube, well decorated + with a stream. Exited via a loose + muddy boulder choke out of lower entrance which is found at the lower end of the main chamber and involves another gross mud duck. A fine cave, obviously part of something major. The potential round here is good + must be worth a digging weekend sometime.

11/6 PM, DF + Tav - Looking at a couple of interesting sites above Ystradfellte. Tav had a look down 'The Hole By The Wall' - a tight entrance led to a crawl through dead sheep and Bang wire to a tight + steep rift. Dig looks pretty long term but draughts well. Y Gwyl is a scaled down version of Port Mawr. A collapse leads to a large passage which chokes after about 100ft. There's more to this ~~cave~~ than the guide book states - a blasted rift at the foot of the boulder choke leads to a development at a lower level, with a stream. Crawled a fair distance but didn't reach the end. This is an interesting area. Three distinct collapse lines can be traced running down from Port Mawr - all three converge downvalley from Y Gwyl. A large collapse has occurred here recently which no one seems to be digging. It appears fairly open and with 400 ft depth and $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 mile length.

potential to resurgence opposite Porth-Yr-Ogof a cession is planned.

Watch this space! The scale of collapse would suggest something biggish down below. Finished off the day with a photo session in Porth-Yr-Ogof. TAV

17/6 WELSHS GREEN, J. SCOTT, MERU, JACKIE, G.JOHNSON, TAV & DEAN, cleared out all spoil put in another charge.

18/6 WELSHS GREEN G.JOHNSON, still smell a bit fukey. cleared out end, can see enlargement of passage.

20/6 Wooley

RICH, MATE, DAVE LILLY ^(REC) From 9½ to 20 mule and Dave's first time, great dive good Vin 9½ - 3 and 3-1 on the way out, Mity later and great little lights to carry as spares. They got me from 9½ - 3 in quite low Vin without any problem Mate

12/6 PORTLAND. Whilst Phil + Martin carried on with GROVE DIG, revealing a void in the rift infill, Nigel had somehow got saddled with accompanying a bunch of apprentices on a Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, for their 1st caving trip. Dragged out all

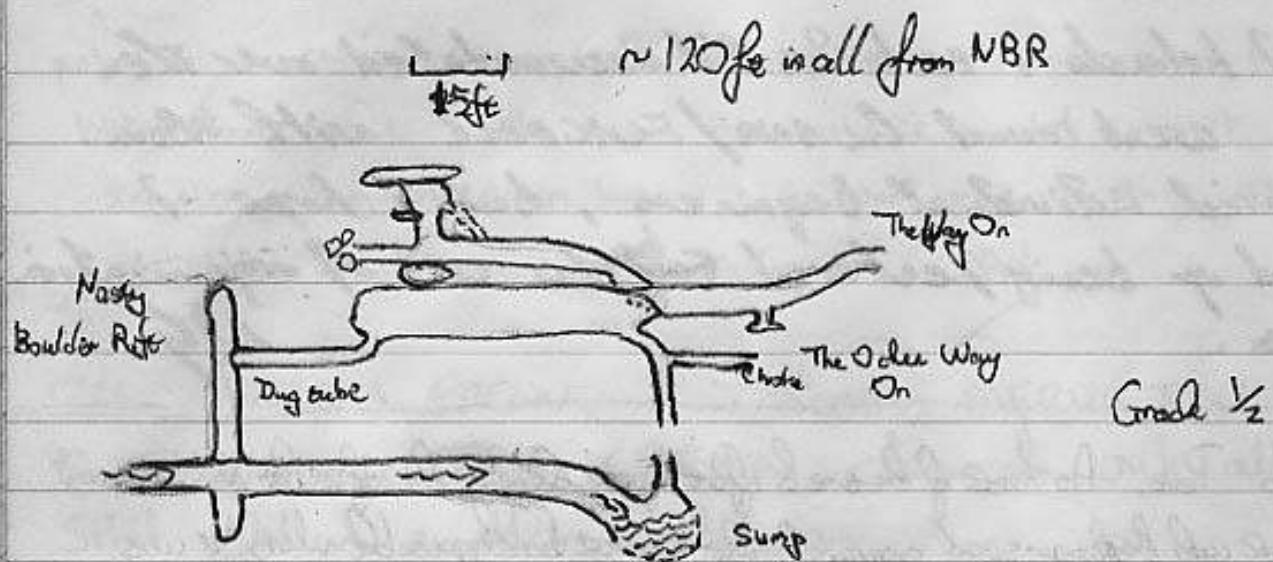
The old helmets + carbides I'd accumulated over the years, went round Guano/rockpiles with them. Don't mind individual beginners, but I hope I don't end up being scattered ~~by~~ this sort of organisation too often.

N.Y.

16/8 Pierre's Pote. As most of the area before spent digging the roof out downstream was backing out with bedding-spit, acquired the biggest bat possible which it was still possible to reach the digging face with. Rapid progress made & some 20ft from the Hasty Bubble Rife ^{de plus} broke out into the side of a large passage. Several leads noted one of which appeared to be the other end of Nixon's sunken passageway.

17/8 Pierre's Pote & Alon. Checked out the passage found the previous day. Going off the side leading towards the sunken another rife was found, this went 20ft or so to end in a cobble dg. A climb at the end of the main passage went into a stacked up cube, a hole in the floor looked too small. Also found a draughty back cobble choked passage heading steeply upwards.

20/8 Pierre's Pote & Alon. Pushed the draughty passage, a west face 20ft then split - one way into boulders the second a very tight vertical rife. Also checked the hole in the floor - no way on here. Stacked cubes found to be the best bat, steel is only thin & beneath is a cobble/gravel fill. Using a hammer progressed 5ft or so, then put a charge on to crack up a thicker coating further on.



21/6 WELSH'S GREEN, MERV. GRAHAM.
KEVIN JAMES, cleaned a lot of spoil.
and not much else.

21/6 A. NEWPORT, G. JOHNSON Swildon
Rolling Thunder fired & retired

21/6 A. NEWPORT G. JOHNSON WELSH'S GREEN
fired and retired a somewhat gloppy charge.
in a gloppy case.

22/6 Welsh's Green Smallet, cleared out last
night's bang. Fumes very heavy, the light
has gone and the passage is the same old
size for next 10'-12'. back to the mining.

23/6 WELSH'S GREEN

A. NEWPORT, G. JOHNSON
dug a bit, got Poisoned by carbon Monoxide
blasted the passage.

20/6/87 AGEN ARWEDD

Nick Pollard, Geoff Newton, Duncan Price (BUSS)

John Stevens (CHELSEA) Down Southern Stream to
snow boat dig, we dug here for 5½ hours.

Then Nick P and Geoff N went out via Grand
Circle, stopping to look at terminal sump, 3th
choke etc. Fine 12 hour trip.

Many thanks to Geoff Newton for a superb trip
Nick P.

24/6/87 Wootley hole

R. Stevenson, R. Warman,

Photographic dive O: 1 VIS ^{MES} WO

24/6/87 WELSH's GREEN JACKY, SCOTTY, MERV
ANDY, MAX, GRAHAM, a lot of spoil removed
to surface. Last night's bang times still
hanging around, were a bit careful after
last night's time for hamsters or budgies.

24/6 PORTLAND. Threw my "apprentices" at
Sandy Hole then joined Phil S + Martin ^{to}
at Grove Cliff dig. Digging down now, into rift.
NG

27/6 WELSHS GREEN

GRAHAM & KENNY. Cleared the end of Spool then attacked the face, disturbing bony humus, we came out.

28/6 Pierre's Dunc, Pete & Alison. Diced upstream sump again (prev dice 5/4). Weighted line at the site also and were through feed first, turned out to be fairly roomy. Passage the far side however was not big enough to turn in and after blundering into some grit banks decided to come out. It will be worth someone having another go head first. I gave Dunc a quick twist into the new bit and we tried for an aural connection with Alison waiting by the downstream sump. All that she heard faintly was Dunc hammering on the wall of the descending tube.

27/6 Pete & Alison. Looked at Nameless Cave opposite Archies. The Complete Caves describes it as being near the top of the hill whereas its nearer ~~the~~ half way up. Not very impressed by the site, looks like another Tucan Twins 28/6 Pete & Alison. Pierre's digging the Way On. Not looking that promising ~~any more~~ left hand side is leading up onto what appears to be a narrow, boulder choked rill.

28/6 WELSHS GREEN. AUBREY N. GRAHAM J.

Wallowed in mud fired and retired, to Rolling Thunder swallows, unable to put in a charge too many groups down.

29/6/87 DAREN CICAU - Nick Pollard, Martin Laffrey (SBSE) down to terminal sump then out.

1-7-87 Charterhouse, Caves. Jeff Price PERK
 & Terry WALLER, touristy & Photography. 2hrs. SAWERSON

1/7/87 Swildons, Tav, Dean, Nick Pollard, Fired
 around the short round, then to pub.

1/7. Portland. Nigel took the Duke of Edinburgh
 mob to unroofed rift at the Bill, for ladder/lifeline training.
 Circa 20' pitch, with an undercut ledge to make it awkward &
 the odd breaking wave (sea-cave) to make it wet & then
 wetter. They didn't do too badly badly (Swildon's next?).

UPPER Pitts Prog. Following last weekend (Pete Haze,
 Duncan Free, Rob Steele, Doyle, Mo. Ed) happily tiling away.

3/7. WESSEXHOUSE EXTENSION : More grout in
 end tiles. N.G.

P.H.O. comment: "Beats Charte-house": blame the
 MNRC for that. Seriously folks, it was a bloody good party!
 I don't remember a party should I? JMC.

30/6/87 Spar Pot Tav + Gen. Quick thrush about. THV.

4-7-87 Swildons to sweep 2 and back.

Following a foolish request from Denise Shattocks we set out
 to prove that swildons isn't always crowded 00.30 to 3.30
 Den + Gary, Tim, Dunc, Martin Lockyer, Andy Doran (KPSS)

The department of dirty tricks was in good form a good time had by all, the streamway was crystal clear and the showers hot, perhaps it ain't such a bad time to go caving!

1/7 Pete Hamm, S.S. Graham, T. Oharon Juddy Swamp dig down to bring the bottom up the Acre. Water low, mud as bad as ever - charge laid and fired and quick exit.

4/5 July 87

Pete Hamm, Nigel, Dave. Rescue Conference in South Wales witnessed Mr Drake + Co. demonstrating swamp rescue techniques in six inches of water. Spent two days practicing for the Dordogne, one or two usefull ideas but on the whole got the impression that no one knew what they were doing. Too many people who liked the sound of their own voices. Not to mention lots of commercial gadgetry - fire for buildings, etc for cave rescue.

4-7-87 -UPPER PITTS CRACKED WINDOWS REPAIRED

8-7-87 "FESTER HOLE" Jim, Denise, Gary. Don't give up hope on this one, theres still a good chance the left hand hole will go.

Digging conditions ideal dry and sunny for the haulers and dry sandy spoil for the digger. Megga lesson only the time stopped us no one wanted to stop digging.

as the passage was going it has just started turning into the hill with a down dip of approx 15° passage is now approx 10' long 2'6" x 2'6" rock on 2 sides.

50 Boats of spoil removed and the site was landscaped to keep the VBSS quiet.

5-7-87 WELSHS GREEN.

J. SCOTT, M. INGRAM, G. JOHNSON cleared a lot of spoil from the end, into chamber very wet & muddy but no stream flowing, bank fines cleared, ready for banking off on Wednesday

4/7/87 GN, Tav + Chris from the campsite.

looking at Digs in Eastwater + a tourist trip of the Upper Series for Chris. Stream has dried up - another couple of weeks of good weather and West End might be on. TAV.

5/7/87. Tav, GN, McHearn + Gen. A look at a secret site in E. Mendip. Needs a couple of weeks of dry to be feasible.

5/7/87 Charthouse Cave - Tav, Martin Lockyer, Andy Doran + Susan Ind (KPS) Tourist trip. TAV.

5.7.87 "Hello who am I speaking to? its Brian Prever here
 totally goat stuck on cheddar cliffs above horseshoe bend.
 retrieved quite easily by P.H, N.G, D.F. and BP. lovely view but
 we were all leaking, Good job the farmer drove us up in
 a Landy otherwise we wouldn't have gone! saves us right
 for coming back from the conference early!"

6/7/87

P.S. we made the National Press + Radio!

Denye & Gary early morning wobble
 down swillers on photo hunt. 24 taken
 hope at least a couple turn out half way
 decent, more or less like the couple that
 took them.

4/7/87 Dale Head Pot.

GoldTop, Prong, Stumpy, Nick, Gaty & Maggie,
 Gordon.

"So they scraped and scratched and scabbled and
 scrooged, and then they scrooged again and scabbled
 and scratched and scraped, working busily with their
 little paws and muttering to themselves, up we go!
 up we go! till at last, Pop, their snouts came out
 into the sunlight and they found themselves,
 rolling in the warm grass of a heat meadow
 or as Prong would say "How can you scrooge when
 some Northern KNOBHEADS run off with ladder"!

Sheet removed

5/7/87. Sellgill (Goblin Shaft)

Gold Tap, Prang, Stumpy, Nick, Gordon & Gary.
More playing about at string, this time rigged sensibly. (NO Parrot)!

6+7/7/87 UPPER PITTS + GOATCHURCH.

JEFF HORLOCK + LYNNE BYRNE, stopped off on our way from Fishguard to London. Have got engaged + am changing home twenty. Took Lynne down Goatchurch (1st trip for Lynne) and showed her a few pubs see you all soon ~~Jeff~~

P.S. WILL SOMEONE PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW TO GET HOT "WATER OUT OF THE SHOWERS, PLEASE. (Turn the hot tap on and put a coin in)

7/7/87 Fester Hole - TAV + GEN.

Widening Jim's passage for the hell of it. I couldn't find a left wall - I don't think there is one. Unless the passage turns dramatically right it will just come out into the combe.

12/7/85 M + E Heinrich accompanied J + M Thomas to top of Suidan 20. Their exert frustration, however trying to take photos - what can you do about the fog from wet bodies? J + M returned from Trats and all surfaced together after 2½ hrs.

8-7-87 Welsh Green Smallet. G. Johnson, J. Scott
 P. Hann. & Sandra, C. Barlow. MAX TAV + DEAN
 Jagui. cleaved the end, cleaved a bit in
 the chamber and a bit of walling.

10-7-87. DAREN CILAU

Nick Pollard, Graham Johnson, Merv Ingram.
 Fine trip down to sumps at the Worlds End.

12-7-87 Eastwater TAV+5,

Short Romot Trip - Primrose Path, Canyon etc. with occasional detours.

A few grunts + groans from assorted crowd, but they all
 enjoyed getting out. Good festering trip. Fav.

12-7 Charterhouse Cave. Pete H., Dunc. Playing with
 the boulders, A big one in the floor needs bang. There is a fair amount
 of movement beyond.

11/7 Swildons S.E. Inles. P&A abortive trip to Renaissance -
 found the Sidee U tube still well & truly sumped.

12/7 Poem's P&A. The Way On looks pretty difficult digging now.
 Decided to promote the Other Way On as principal dig & began opening
 up the entrance to the sife to ease access.

12-7-87 WELSHS GREEN, N. POLLARD, G. JOHNSON,
 cleared last weeks bang, very muddy way on
 Slightly larger, maybe a couple of weeks and
 a breakthrough. (Rubbish)

11-7-87 Upper Pitts Progress continues - Ran out of T.b.s 20 odd short
 last box was different colour. PH, DJT were getting here but will be glad
 to see the end of it.

15-7-87 WELSHS GREEN, G. JOHNSON, P. HANN, C. BARLOW
 MAX, JACKI, N. POLLARD, J. SCOTT, cleared the
 end cleaned the chamber, let off a charge at
 end miserable, muddy, + smelly.

16/7/87. Sarah Mitchell, Roz Hall, Pam Binnie, Rick Thompson
 John Deal, Tony Bennett, Steph Gough. Soldiers 1 or 2
 died in incident, though less so than last night's rescue.
 cold!

18/7/87 Fester Höle Dunc.

a quick shift, and got gained another couple of foot
~~where~~ to say where its going, but there is room for maneuver
 and some lovely mosquitoes who enjoyed breakfast in bed
 heavy rain quickly turned Mr Rand's nice spoil into sludge.

19/7/87 GB - Tav, tourist trip for Kevin Simpson whose previous caving experience was in New Zealand. Seemed to enjoy himself and bought me a couple of beers and a Turkish Delight. I might set up my own business doing this.

TAV

19/7/87. August - Langwood. Bennett, Thompson, Gough. (I) In, out I shot it all about. 2 hrs.

19/7/87. G.B. Ian Hoggy, Jan + Paul. Down Devil's Elbow road, up into ladder dig and back out normal way. To say it was a Sunday we encountered very few other people.

Jan

12.7.87. LITTLE NORTH RIVER CAVE. (Diving)

RICH WEBBSON, PETE WATTS, KEVIN GANNON, DAVE MARTIN, MARCO FOX

At last we made it to New World Passage. It's Bloody Magic, but trips are getting longer approx 11 Bloody hours. Full Report to follow.

12/8'

19.7. SWILDONS Keith + Roz Fielder + Dave. Sump 2 ^{up} and back suffered chemical warfare! When will the Geneva Convention ban Carbide?!

18-7-87 L NRC.

"There is a tide in the affairs of men, when, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune, but amiss'd all their voyages are bound in shallows and misery, on such a full sea are we now afloat, to take the current where it serves or forever lose our ventures". It would be more appropriate if it came from a Comedy of Errors but — the biggest error was attempting it in the first place.

The usual pig of a comby but with 28's this time (were learning). The dive in through bridge was pretty uneventful apart from malc stealing the vis again, then a usual gentle stroll down to 2 where a stop was made to repair valves etc. Being the lucky one Dave stopped here due to Duff equipment. Not being so lucky Neathers went on through 2, Ritchie had a new line, thank god, the other one was atrocious, and was then followed by Pete, Malc, and Kevin, Vis in 2 was good but there is a lot of old line that needs taking out. We kept the same order of diving for 3, No vis in there was non existant and the line was so bad no one really wanted to touch it. Sump 4 was a bit closer but the line was just as bad, a nice bit of stream way between 4 & 5. At 5 Pete gave up due to exploding ears but Malc, Ritchie and Kev carried on through 5 to New World. The vis coming back was a bit better due to increased water flow but it was a

rig finning against it. At this point a new problem arose due to the water, A horrible taste of ① Creosote ② Paraquat ③ Sheep Dip? Not having Rig worm ③ doesn't matter, having wet suits we didn't need ①, and we well tell you next week if it was ② All we know is that it was horrible! A fog stop was made at Sump 2 where we picked up Dave. The stream had risen by about 8-9 inches and it was a real struggle slogging back up the stream, had to use the canal bypass on the way out due to the canal being sumped, Bridge sump on the way out was a real bastard, or as malc said, character building, No vis, impossible to fin against the current, lights getting washed out of helmets, reaching the end of the line and finding yourself still under water, getting hit by boulders being washed out of harnesses, you name it, it happened, finally crawled out at 10-15pm after the longest 11 hours I can remember, I don't think anyone would argue if I said we were all knocked out, because we were, and finally - only just made the pub.

Rich Websell - Malc Foyle - Pete Watts - Kevin Gamma
 Dave Martin. 11 hrs.

19-7-87 WELSHS GREEN sumer. G.J. M.I. JACKY, M.Tud
 lot of spoil into chamber, muddy and not
 still not worth digging really, better than golf though.

18/7/87 DAREN CILAU

Nick Pollard, Geoff Newton. Another superb trip. Into ^{NE} Man in The Roof, then to Antler passage, Far ~~Epoch~~ to the chokes. Had a poke about in the Main choke, then looked at the Eastern choke. Fired on out via ^A Epoch Way, both suffering from light pox.

21/7/87 EASTWATER

Nick Pollard, Martin Palfrey (SBSS)
Tourist trip to Dolphin Pot, and 1fold Series.

22/7/87 WELSHS. GREEN. usual lot plus one.

Spiral out, bang in,

22/7/87 Nick Pollard - Anbang - Thunder rakes.

25/7/87 WELSHS GREEN. MAT, MURR, G.J.

more Spiral out, very, very good bang in wednesday.

15+22/7. PORTLAND: With 2 of digging crew AWOL on 15 (well, 1 sick, I expect fatigued!), AG on 15R, NG sent the Welsh Surveyors off to Chesty Rift then started putting a practice ect.-route bolts in Gargo. Next session, all 3, now good progress in the dig.

AG

(14/3 P.P. Log - omission bottomed &).

25/7 CHARTERHOUSE. NC - Andy Ward. tourist photo.

25/7 SWILDOONS, ROUND TRIP VANTHAN THOMAS, LYNN ROBINSON, ED
ED the NAVAL MEN. V.T. has food-poisoning (British Rail
Poetry). ED & ED first trip (went in mud sump ^{extension} came out
like ^{chocolate} brown mice)

23/7/87 SWILDOONS

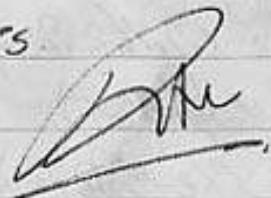
Nick Pollard, Martin Palfrey (sees), Fine evening
trip to Black Hole series, then to pub.

25/7/87 EASTWATER

Nick Pollard. Solo trip to 1st Rift Chamber
to commence digging a roof passage, moved some
boulders from the passage, which is small and a bit
awkward to work in. Can see on for a couple
of feet.

25/07/87. Wooley.

Rich Webb, Mole Foyle, Ken Gannon
Dave R.R. 1st 3 to 22. D.P. to 20.

RHOS


26/7/87 G.B. Vaughan, Lynn, Ed & Ed (RN)
 Down to end of Bot Passage.
 bot out to found a car window smashed
 in. Went down wave to find BEC (?) owner.
 Valuables taken. Police said it was second today.

26/7/87 WELSHS GREEN, PETE, NIGEL, GEORGE, SCOTT
 Lots of spoil removed, good progress.

26/7/87 Aubrey & Nick Pollard - Thunder.

27/7/87 SWILDEN Shatter pot (Purbeck chamber)
 G. Johnson, KEVIN ?

28/7/87 WELSHS Again M. Tuck (bec) G.J. More
 Spoil out, we now have about 1 months supply
 of spoil in the chamber, which we must get out
 before we put more explosives in. Can 'MAX' take it
 any more?

29/7/87 WELSHS GREEN, G.J. P.H. J.S. CB, MAX, M.I.. M.Tuck
 Spoil removed to surface.

29/7/87 Aubrey & Nick Pollard - More thunder

25/7/87 Down Canal G.N. (big Gardner, Simon with Mike Green
 To clines dig off Red River. After an hour or so digging,
 a hole was exposed which draughted strongly. Later on we
 reached a small chamber with a choked rift in the floor.
 Further digging exposed a 20' high steaming still

draughting strongly. Wide open but only 4" wide. Cline took some photos then we gone up and arrived on to look at Frosty Passage. This is in an interesting position for a possible dyke connection but it looks pretty long term. Left this to look at Neglected Passage + started another Big. Finally called in at the Louse of Time to do some typing. Then out moderately trashed. 14 hrs.

G.P.N.

25-26/8: Ken Dawe, Bob Pyke, Jim Moon

Camped at Schind-Moon's first (long-avoided) trip to past Northern. Down Washfold Pot on Saturday - entertaining struggle with unresisting him cave - witnessed Dawe's acrobatics + hanging about at top of 135' pitch. Ascent likened to "vertical drowning". An entertaining 8+ hour trip - we didn't miss much cave!

Sunday morning trip down long chum, out via Alcan long pitch: 3 hours of great fun - lovely entry via Dolly Tubs into Alcan Pot; superb prustik up. Dawe + Pyke kept giving Moon the "genetics" trip self-effacing rubbish - don't believe a word of it! fine.

1/8/87 EASTWATER

Nick Pollard - Solo trip to First Rift Chamber to continue digging in the high level extension - Not much progress made, spent most of the time moving spoil from the previous weeks digging and trying to make the place a bit easier to work in

1/8/87

Jim Rands, Dempsey & Gary Shorrocks, set out for trip down G.B. all in car ended up in a tight squeeze under a Tractor, car in a nice nress good excuse not to cave, Gary ~~is~~ is thinking about putting his ~~no~~ name down for driver of the year award! (he's got a lot of tough competition!)

2-9-87. GROVE CLIFF DIG (Portland) Nigel, Phil & Martin - boulders in rift sloping progress, and they yield if you hit them hard enough!

1-8-87 NICK W., NICK M., DAVE, JON, ~~ED~~ LINDNER. STANDARDS REE INTO CAVES, TO SOME & BASE VIA AVEWS. NO SURPRISES, NO PROBLEM.

NR. M

1/8/87 : North Hill Swallet

A. Summerskill, D. Boomer, G. Newton.

Horrible!! (Entrance pitch OK, but not a classic trip)
AS 1 1/4 hrs

Fester Höle 2.8.87

Tim, Gary + Den. The early shift joined later by Zippy + Dave in time for the Barbecue and the last drop of booze. 103 buckets of spoil removed, good easy progress, now encountering cobbles and heading more positively into the hill. Hope yet! A touch of CO₂ build up at the end of the session it must be getting good!. 8 HOURS

2.8.87 Charterhouse

N.G. P. Harr. Andy Summerskill, Aubrey. - broke a boulder in bottom - Tourist trip for Andy.

2.8.87 N.G. P. Harr Aubrey

1 1/2 sausages of thunder rolled!

3.8.87 Welds Green Swallet, G.S. M.Tuck(BC) more rocks removed, and scaffolding installed for the sand boat race.

4.8.87L, AUGUST, M.Tuck. BC, G.S. nice change from Welds Green Swallet.

3/8/87 DAREN CILAU

Nick Pollard, Martin Palfrey (SBS) . Another fine tourist trip - Firstly we had a look at the Old Main Chamber, then on to Big Chamber Nowhere Near Entrance , Man In The Roof, Antler Passage , to the Far Epochalypse chokes , then exited via Epochalypse Way , pausing only to have a look at urchin oxbow.

5/8/87 Welsh Green,

J.S. M.I. MAX G.J. MT. move spoil into chamber ~~then back~~
~~concrete into~~ ~~back~~, & out to surface.

6.8.87 Welsh Green.

GJ, DT, JR. following intense provocation from Mr Johnson Jim and Dunc went to inspect the mud, which seems to be pervading the hut, in its natural environment. Wonderfull wallowing perhaps things could be improved with an extra foot or two to achieve complete immersion. This aside we slung a bit of cement around and shifted a few rocks.

5-6-87 FESTER HOLE JIM, DUNC, AIDAN,
 AND SOME YOUNG LADS. HOLE STILL GOING SOUTH
 2 WALLS & A FLOOR NOW. PASSAGE APPROX 5' WIDE
 FILLED WITH SAND & SANDSTONE COBBLES AND
 LIMESTONE COBBLES , LOOKING GOOD SHOURLY

7.8.87. Tim + Dunc.

Friday The first peaceful day of the week, we thought we would have the hut to ourselves for the week but our illusions were shattered on Monday still a lot of work done, new fire escape door frame - temporary repair to the glass, Roof tiles replaced, hay cut and the obligatory foray into the drains.

7/8/87 Ogof Fechan

Nick Pollard, Graham Johnson, Mathew Tuck (BBC)

went to Sump 2, the guide book proved wrong, next time we see the author!! ~~author~~
~~author~~, then out. Then to Little Neath River Cave, an excellent trip, we went back the author's way, then to White Lady's cave, then to the pub the Hurlow. It is worth getting up early. What was the BBC up to? EAST ENDERS DOWN NORTH, EXXELIC K.M.: OGOF, 8-8-87 WELSHES GREEN, GJ. MT. Soil moving.

5/8 GROVE CLIFF DIG NL, Phil, start. "Down down, deeper or lower" and heavy rock to work (well, sledgeshammers). Christened new stinky - new? well I started making it about 10 yrs ago & only recently got cracking on it! Generator works well, a few improvements needed for heating. Good light though (14' Fissma jet, 3" stainless steel reflector). 29

5/8/87 Sawdows muddy sump dig. Pete Hanna solo trip to check out band on 1/7. The muddy bank is a lot lower but the band only took off a lump the size of my fist will try again. Sump 1 is almost a duck again only 1 inch of rock under water.

9/8/87 Charterhouse, Tav, Tim + Gill Fawkes (mea), leadership training trip for Tim plus photo session, 1 asthma attack and much mirth when Gill failed to spot an overgrown depression until she was at the bottom. Interesting! TM.

11/8/87 Enter the Hot Air Balloon Rescue Organization, checking on a couple who hit the ground rather earlier than intended, bang stop in the middle of the Minvier. Seemed to me like they do this all the time (from Millfield School I gather). TM + GEM.

12/8 Grove Cliff dig. Nigel, Phil, Martin. Great work at evening (2 hrs) knocking hell out of a particularly obdurate chert boulder about 2 ft dia.

13/4 GROVE. Nigel G, Mike O'Connor, on a reminiscing tour of these 5 caves: KIDDIES', FEGPOLE, GUANO, COFFIN + the dig.

13/8 1987 Grand Geriatric Gonbehurk. Total age 173
Anne & Bob Lawder, Ted Galton (guest)

12/8 WELSHS GREEN, P.H. J.S. ON WALLING, G.S. CB MAX
 at the end of this brilliant dig making 10ft a minute.
 SWILDERS is beginning to fade into insignificance.

15/8 WELSHS GREEN, G.S. N.P. C. BLAKE M.Tuck
 arrived as we came out (BEC). DIGGING $2\frac{1}{2}$ hr
 kit washing 1hr. Found a small chamber, requires
 bang to get down the steammug.

16/8 Aubrey & Graham - 1 kilo of instant cava makes
 made thunderous noises

16/8/87 OTTER HOLE

Nick Pollard plus assorted MEG cavers, fine trip,
 two of us managed to go to the very end.
 Also had good fun free diving sump 2 and then looking
 at sump 3. Many thanks to Tav for arranging
 the trip for me. - Nick P

19/8 WELSHS, G.S. J.S. CB. MAX M.Tuck

FIRST Thunder for about a month, also put
 in new bang wire.

20/8 Eastwater - West End Series Derek Sanderson &
Tony Waller

Using existing tackle. Holly Pot ladder looks
a bit corroded. Good trip. 3 HRS.

23/8/87 Swildons

Andy Ward. Mark Dunn Another Witchell.
Down to hats and a few photos A. Witchell's
first Canyoning trip seemed to enjoy it.
A.M.W.

23/8/87 Swildons ~~one~~ Clive Barlow + N.B.S. Montgomery

Good trip thro' some one. Nibbs enjoyed experience
Could be a contrast from happy football, plus he
enjoyed watching the girls get changed.

23/8/87 Nick Parfittrey - Thunder

26/8/87 Bob Lander & Alan Thomas ^(BEC) for
evening ramble in top Swildons. Reminded
of entry in Chamonix log-book:-

"Ascended the Aiguille Blanche in 2 hrs
and found the rocks very easy" Next entry
"Descended the Aiguille Blanche in 5 sec
and found the rocks very hard."

26-8-87 A.N. N.P. G.J. Rolling Thunder, without thunder.
 29-8-87 Webb's Green, A.N. N.P. G.J. another new line,
 1/2 kilo bang. very windy. Back to the long term, banging/digging
 operations. Still in Blue Lias, with no sign of the real stuff
 anywhere. cave about 180' long & 60' vetted range. = 7 years
 well worth it.

14-29/8/87 DORDOGNE.

16 camping caves, wine, rights, wine,
 etc of Perigord region. lot of varied + very pleasant
 caving ranging from local "Goatbed" to long streamway
 (10 easy pitches) of Gouffre des Saut de la Fucelle and the
 beautiful stals & 200' entrance shaft of Gouffre de St. Sol.
 Show-caves, inc Padirac (superb), Raufigeac (bit of
 a disappointment. great time had by all :-

Pete Hana, Sandra McKenzie, Rick Webell, Sarah Done,
 Hale Foyle, Fi Lewis^(BEC), Gordon Kaye, Lynne Crookart,
 Gary Smith, Maggie McPherson, Dave Frew, Geoff Newton,
 Nina ^{WILSON}~~WILSON~~, Dave Pika (BEC) + Nigel G.

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31/8 SWILDONS. Nigel Graham, Phil Strange, Martin
 Croker & Anthony Ward: The Grove Cliff Dig Works Outing.
 NG + MC up to Renaissance approach whilst Phil + Anthony
 visited SW. II. Renaissance still rumpled, to about 2"
 above the arch. Cave quiet.

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31/8/87 STOKE LANE

Nick Pollard, Graeme Johnson, Matt Tuck (BEC)
 Simon, Sally, and Martin from ^{Kingston Poly} RPPERS. Fine trip to
 Main chamber, Throne Room etc. Simon, Sally, and Martin
 then went out whilst Nick, ^{GRAHAM} Graeme, Matt visited
 Bailey Ward Series, fine aquatic caving, plenty of
 ducks and gobfulls of sewage. On way out
 we took the line out of the sump which
 some party had put in.

2/9/87 P.M. GJ.S Muddy Sump water low, fired & retired

2/9/87 Nick Pollard, Aubrey Newport. Digging Rolling thunder.

Didn't fire a charge, due to other partys present.

3/9/87 DAREN GILAU, G.JOHNSON, MTUCK (BED), C.BLAKE
 (XWCC) EPOCALYPSE & ANTLER + a few other bits that we
 don't know in search of the above,

5-9-87 UPPER PITTS, SUMPS 1 2 & 3 THE FIRST
 THREE SUMPS AT THE BACK OF THE HUT WERE
 BAILED AND THERE IS NOW A THROUGH TRIP
 AS FAR AS THE PIT WHICH IS SUMPED
 SHORT TRIP $\frac{1}{2}$ HOUR.

| 5/9/87 WELSHS GREEN G.J. N.P. attempted to Survey
 the place, did a little bit, but now i must agree with
 everyone else in saying its horible, its too muddy to Survey it.

6/9 Eastwater WES. Steve Miller, Lawrence ? & Graham Johnson, Nick Pollard & Pete Mandy. Spent 2-3 hrs in extremely muddy conditions (worse than Welsh Green according to GJ) clearing site from the sump area. The drystone was excavated as much as possible & an explosive charged positioned down in it. Hopefully the blockage has now been ~~some~~^{BEC} blasted out & the sump will remain broken when the rains returned. Replaced the ~~tackle~~ which had been on the Greek St pitches for many months.

9/9 Swindon Audley Sump dig. Pete Klemm, Graham Johnson, John Scott. To inspect bank of 2/9. The rock must be very tough or the bang ~~(of dynamite)~~ we are using is rubbish as this is the second time it has failed to put even a small dent in the rock. Felt really pained off so went and blew the shit out of the vital bank at the 20' dig. "If this hasn't done anything, I'll do a proper job and fast on it." J.K.

14/9/87 EASTWATER CAVERN

Nick Pollard, Martin Palfrey (SSSS). A fine tourist trip to Blackwall tunnel, having finally been shown the way on the ~~map~~ sixth of this month, I decided to take Martin, this was his first trip to West End and he was thoroughly impressed, especially with Dolly and Lolly Pots. Had a look at the sinkhole which was blasted in

5-9-87 Wooker Hole.

Rich, Worsoe, Ken Gannon, Marc Force.

Well we talked about it and now we have finally done it. The dive from 9 - 19 was different, we could see where we were going for a change. We do better and got out the water!! The Chamber in 20 is very impressive and there is a lot more passage here than I thought. Rich pushed a squeeze at the end of 20 and got into a small very loose passage, he pushed it for about 30-40 feet and is still going, we might go back for another look some time, again on good clear dive out. 3½ hours

Nigel

6-9-87 Charterhouse Cave.

Pete Ham, Nigel Graham down to check the result of the bony. Boulders didn't move much but the offending one turned to dust. A bit of digging revealed a hole in the floor with a large gap between boulders, this could not be entered as it is very unstable. Cannot put in various places to start the stabilizing work, will take 3 or 4 more ^{trips} before we can get down.

30/8/81/81 Levels - Peter Alison Following up earlier trips to push upstream from East for heel. Altogether made about 25' of progress through a badly choked sump (approximately) to reach a clean worked rock tube. Some work with a lung hammer is required to get further, cannot see very far, passage maybe closing down.

5/9 Easterly W.E Series Pete & Steve Miller (BEC) Quick visit a sump below Blackmoor Tunnel, found it dry. Diving session required to clear way through

Blackwall, but couldn't really tell if the bang had any effect, we didn't hang around because my lamp was playing up. Fine trip.

15-9-87 WELSHS GREEN, G.J. N.P. A lot of spoil removed, into the new chamber, that we are filling up. The bang on 29-8 was very effective, a couple of feet forward, & very wide. Sharp right turn about 8ft in will need two bangs to reach.

16-9-87 AS ABOVE cave, PH J.S. ~~N.P.~~, MTUCKREC, MAX, GJ.
PH & Friends to maypole the pitch, the others hammering at the Shrewsbury

20-9-87 WELSHS, G.JOHNSON, G NEWTON, Digging at the end.

20-9-87 Wooley Hole. Rich Worsore, Lewy (Pock) Gannon, Max & 9: to 20 tidying up the line 9: to 3 clearing out rubbish good job.

20-9 Chaterhouse Cave Pete Main, Duncan Frew cement in boulders. H.

21/9/87 EASTWATER

Nick Pollard, Martin Palfrey (SBSS). Tourist trip to Regent Street, had a good poke about. Also took a taxi to Waldorf St.

23/9/87 WELSHS, P.H. G.J. MAX Dug at bottom, got to top of maypole chocked passage at top. (HANN IN THE ROOF)

19/9 GN PMR Steve Miller Eastwater-W.E.S. Sump/duct still open but no real test as to whether the problem has been solved as stream still not flowing. Did big digging session bagging up gravel & mud from drain hole. Not one very optimistic that its not going to sump come the rains.

20/9 7AM Pierre. Dug at chkd passage by downstream sump. Very badly choked & rather aqueous, not a very feasible proposition.

23/9 Portland: GROVE CLIFF CAVES. Nigel Graham, Martin, Phil continuing surveys, once local wege had moved off last leg of evening. Plotting has given a discrepancy of about 4 feet on last loop (Flagstone - Guano Rfts + their entrances with underlying salt) : about 1-2 % error. Left to see what next (mis) closure does . . .

26/9 Welsh's Green C.J., P.H. dug the mud choke in "Hann in the roof" after 4 feet went into 3 feet wide passage for 25 feet to a small chamber with stal. Aven in roof closed down after 6 feet this being yet another inlet. Cleared bang good echo beyond.

27/9 Charterhouse Cave Pete Ham, Graham Johnson, Rob Tarriner, Nigel Graham underground with Brian Prewer + Dave Frew on surface. While N.G. Collected gravel the 3 remaining set up the "Grautephone" at various places down the cave, Splatter Chamber, Bot Citadel + Singing Stal Chamber were radio located, with very good voice connection between v/ground + surface at all points. S.S.C. is just beyond the Great swallow depression to the left. U.B.S.S. fired a charge at their dig but was very quiet. More cement in sand boulders as well.

27/9/87 SWILLOONS

Aubrey Newport, Nick Pollard, fired a charge at Rolling Thunder. Actually had cave to ourselves.

28/9/87 EASTWATER

Nick Pollard, Graham Johnson, digging in roof of Rift Chamber.

30/9/87 SWILLOONS

Nick Pollard, Aubrey Newport. Digging but unable to bang.

27/9 - WOOLSTY HOLLOW

Rich Worsborn, ^(Posite) Koughmanow, Marc Fortes

Planned trip was 24 but owing to some technical problems like losing books and high pressure leads made

only managed to pass 23. Kev and Rich reached 24 just, so we have all got to go back again and finish the trip, good diving. 23 is great for the first one though, the rest get nil vis. 5½ hours. Nigel G.

30/9/87 WELSHS, MINGRAM, MAX-VON-DUNBAR, P. HAWN, G. JOHNSON
PETE DIGGING AT END, THE REST SURVEYING, GOT AS FAR AS PITCH. THE SHARP RIGHT TURN IN STREAMWAY (see 15-9-) has been passed, passage beyond much the same.

3/10/87 EASTWATER

Matt Tuck (BEC), Graham Johnson, Nick Pollard, digging in Rift Chambers.

30/9 COVE CLIFF DIG. With the survey gear up here (for Welsh's Green work above), NG, P.S. - NC had a respite from surveying as carried on rift dig. Very strong winds made cave cold & draughty but more positively it drew a good draught up from the dig choke. First time this has happened. Nigel G.

Goughs Show Cave. Rich Stevenson, Rob Palmer, Rob Harbor, Rich Wessman, Kev Gannon, Marc Forcet, This was the first further dive in Goughs for 8 months and we took up a very kind invitation by the two Robs and Rich to go in with them as support divers, we carried most of the kit in

on Friday evening. Saturday morning we all arrived at the top of Lloyd Hall in fairly good time, lowered all the mass of diving kit down the pit. The dive from Lloyd Hall to Bishop's Hole is about 400-500 feet going down to about 40 feet and goes down to right end up bedrock, a great lot of rock finding. Bishop's Hole is about $300 \times 60 \times 60$ and is full of massive boulders. Rob and Rick S dived on passing the next sump and finding into the third. This sump is now 36 metres deep and is starting to shelf off instead of going straight down after the new seat of line that was layed. We all exited with the help of Quackenbush and his merry band, with 17 bottles and a bloody great heap of bags. 9 hours.

Then we woke up! *Nicer Do not Print*

27/9 Pierre's Pete M. Attack on the high-led downstream choke. Opened the dig up by removing some very large rocks embedded in the floor. They did not look too promising straight ahead so removed some calcreted cobbles in roof to emerge into a relatively open rift. There were a mass of stacked in boulders, therefore was one could see along the rift for 10ft or so but digging required to open up start.

8/10 Pierre's Pete M. Big breakthrough failed to materialize, rift was smaller than it looked. After an hour or so work was stopped by what appeared to be a bad bearing rock jammed in the passage. Decided to remove chemically rather than risk getting splattered by large boulder in roof.

14/10 Pierre's Pete M. More digging, hanging blocks in roof still threatening.

4-10 - WELSHS GREEN SWALLET. G.JOHNSON, JIM RANDS Should have come but was still dead after the BEC dinner. Wednesdays change was brilliant, 6 ft progress, way on next, 18' hopefully won't need blasting.

3/4 10. After Aubrey had done such a good job of tidying up the extension I felt that strange urge to make a mess of it again, ably assisted by PH + MF. things progress ^{fine.}

4/10/87. Woolley Hole.

Male Foyle, Pete Brooks; Rich Webbott, Kirk Savory. Two pairs arrived separately to 20 m training alive.

B. RW.

4/10 CHARTERHOUSE. Nigel Graham led 3 Reading members for a tour of the cave - taking card + cement with us. Exit to meet Duncan Frew, Pete Mann.

NG, DF, PH down then to the dig, carrying yet more card. More cement + card boulders - another few feet depth added to the dig.

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Paul Lambert

7-10-87 WELSH AGAIN, SWALLET, GJ, PH, MI¹, MISS SPOIL,
MAX VON DUNBAR, Jumbleads to wan, stops working at ESCC
push to wells road, 1/2 an hour digging left, exchanged
ladders on maypole, dig the bottom, a little bit damp!

10/10/87 THRUPE LANE .

Nick Pollard, Matt Tuck (REC), Tony Nagle, Jim Eaton.

Frie trip, Nick + Matt to do Avalanche which was
bloody wet. Then all four to top of Atlas and
then out

10/10/87' Micky spilane

10-10-87 Well, here we all are, *ssed out
of our brains... waiting for a cup (or mug)
of tea "T". and there is this real
doughnut looking at me wondering
what I am writing, and his name
is Shallaha. Well what can I say,
"Bollocks" would be the word I think
but "FUCK OFF" is a little better
to the person who wrote the beginning of
this note,

lots of love Kev & Martin

~~10/10/87~~ - 7-10. 87 Dorothy + Men~~s~~ Ingram
Birdsong, Barns loop dig, fired and retired
1½ hours long time no see slope is the back
again.

10&11/10/87 Post - Periods. Progressing slowly along a boulder choke ridge of
indeterminate width and height. Way on is blocked every few feet by slabs
which have come out of the roof. Just hope the stuff we're digging under doesn't
block to drop out.

11/10/87 Webb's - GJ, JS, Tax & Fired & Retired - went off with a
good crack - CRACK!. Aargh! TMV.
MAT (SEC)

10/10/87 Arrived at the Hunter to be accosted by Brian Prewer. I want
you, you, you and you and . . . , Party last down Singing River
Mine for 8 hours. Leader answered to the name of Coo-Eee!
Surfaced to find Beer + Fags which was a nice touch making up
for the loss of drinking time. PH, NG, DF, MF, JP, Tax underground
+ BP, Bob Drake, Dave Pike (MEG), Al Taylor + Mate, Mr. Mitchell the
horseowner making tea and receiving apologies. Party were found
30 ft from entrance. TMV.

14-10-87 Webb's. GJ, PH, NP, Mad Max, P. Lambert,
P.H & P.L running bang debris the others completed the Survey
(well almost) a good night 6ft progress!

15/10/87 CUCKOO CLEEVES

Nick Pollard, Graham Johnson - quick trip ~~to~~

~~an area:~~ ~~area~~ ~~area~~

16/10/87 SWINDON - BARNES HOOP DIG, SCOTTY + MERV.
Cleared some of last weeks spoil,
fixed and retied.

17.10.87 We saw the film

We read the book!

We SHI' ourselves.

We bought the T-Shirt

And Malc didn't make it....

Swallows No, Rock weber, Ken Garner,
Malc Foyle. Registering trip driving in legal
sh.t. lost in Swap 6. Swap 7 had crud
on it with white mould. Out were we
at a rescue on blue pencil. Good fun.
Thos.

14-10 PORTLAND Continuing GROVE CLIFF CAVES

Survey. Nigel Grohan, Phil Strong - Martin Crocker.
Caves themselves now all plotted but odd surface error still to
investigate. ~ *AF*

Swindon's Barns Hoop Dig
 17-10-87 Max Von Dohm + Miss Spal
 Prepared spoil from 14-10
 today. ~~Redwood~~

17-10-87 WELSH GREEN, G.Johnson, N.Graham, P.Lambert
 cleared the end of rubble,

20-10-87 Welsh Again G.Johnson N.Pollard
 Tourist Trip!!

21-10-87 Welsh again P.J. P.H. Miss spoil Welsh mining
 consortium is proud to announce the share offer of the
 Century. ignore the city our choke is not slumping,

↓ 19(215)

17/10 GN.PAM Eastwater - Threadneedle St. All of us to do end
 to investigate a possible lead. Geoff cleared a fair amount of lead out &
 Alison was able to squeeze up & get a look. Scratches clear blossoms but
 back arches it could open out. A large flake of rock prevent entry.
 GN.PM deflected by the alternative high lead rank out - a ridiculous
 letterbox squeeze. A very aptly named bit of passage.

21/10 PM Eastwater. Down to Blackfriars Tunnel. The duck is still gone
 and the drainhole is happily taking quite a reasonable stream. It looks

as if we're done. Renamed flats (hopefully) in Headingley on the way out.

23/10. Portland. Nigel Graham, Phil Strong searching Westcliff for any sign of dig site in S. end of Sandy Hole (a choked passage in the cave leads cliff-wards). No luck: any such seems to be buried under considerable depth of debris + grass slopes. Over to Grove, to run triangulation survey of approach to Dig, etc.

Survey now drawn up, all bar the finishing touches. JG

24/10/87 DRUNKARDS HOLE, BOB SWANET.

Nick Pollard. Afternoon poke about, Bos was quite interesting but could do with a good clean up, lots of broken glass etc.

24-10-87. Phil Head, Colin Williams, Anne Hole + 2 nice sponten top to Scildon's Swamp. Not too much water, and no problems with the rooms except for lack of spec. Colin, Anne, Derek through the swamp. Only 2 cases of long pa, but this without full apal, having rusted out through underuse. HF

24/10/87. Wooley Hole

Phil Foye and Rich Weiszell went to bottom end of previous trip plus Cutters, Eastwater, ^{Scildon's} Sludge streamways

Excellent trip to 24. Explored
showcave and side passages to head of j. lch.
Mike Foye lost one piece of string.
5½ hours.

Rick Udell played cards for a known object, he lost a fin
in one of the short ramps in 23 m! ha! neither bad news
in that he found it.

24/10 Welsh Green Swallow Col Ham, Graham Johnson, Duncan Frew,
Tim Rands. A 4 hr session to clear the end right out. Lots of spoil
removed. The passage height is increasing but the width is not. 5 ft
of progress can see on for another 15-20 ft

24/10/87 SWILDOORS R. Warman, L Smith,
Tourist trip to II,

25.10.87 GB practice Rescue. WCC. doing what comes
naturally. Successfull communications throughout courtesy of Mr Prevers
Grunerphones unlike the previous weekends fiasco. Not a bad
turnout maybe we learnt something even if its "not to give
the hot air breather to a diver to put together, you know
what happens when they're let loose on high pressure cylinders."
CO₂ snow does not warm the victim up. Apart from the
communications the important thing i.e. getting the victim out went
very smoothly.

17. 10. 87. Wessex AGM.

after a pint or two in the huts what better to do than sleep it off in the AGM. This was not to be Swindon rescue, dislocated shoulder by blue pencil passy PH stayed on surface with the counterphone, Jeff Price, Dunn (underground Grouper), Merv + Scotty, 2 imperial College lads set of down picking up Leg + Marachor at the 20', Malc, Stumpy + Kev Gannon returning from 9 with diving kit. Which they dumped. Reached the victim and sent message via Grouper to surface, this was the only communication during the rescue due to operator error. The victim's shoulder went back in of its own accord during the rescue as the victim made his own way out. Accumulated Mr Drake, Dr Boycott and numerous others along the way, the DEC let us down a bit with the exception of Mr Jarrett who brought the coffee to the 20' out just slightly late for the dinner which was held up for us by $\frac{1}{2}$ hour. Victim + others somewhat bemused by the quick change to posh clothes. We learnt a lot about the counterphone Mr Hann had a pleasant afternoon wandering around the fields listening to Decca navigator beacons. No not a new pop group but a mixture of beebs, squeaks and woodpecker noises that the counterphone picks up. perhaps we could market this as the sound of the future, its as good as some of the dials!

27/10/87 THRUPE LANE

Nick Pollard, Martin Palfrey ^(SPECS). Trip to Avalanche.

28/10/87 SWILTONS

N. Pollard, Merv Ingram .

30/10/87 DAREN CINAU

Nick Pollard, Graham Johnson . Trip to have a look at Apocalypse chokes - Not impressed - Although a minutes digging in a side passage produced 30ft of passage - Not a lot for Daren. We will be back soon .

31/10/87 M. T & E Hewin gentle potter about in Goutchard trying to take pictures amid the steam and boy scouts probably last trip of '87

28/10/87 Welsh Green, P.H. G.J. J.S. MURRAY, spot out being in. Steam disappears off to the left, main passage continues straight ahead

25/10/87 DR. APOCALYPSE & DR. DETONATOR. SWILTON'S, & WELSHS FIRED & RETIRED in record time .

1/14/87 Swallows

Rick Webber (deck) and Russell Hicks (nylon). Down to Sump 2 yester
trip. 2 1/2 hours.

BRI

1/11/87 Webb's Queen, J.S. G.S. MI. McKnapp. a little spot out, and a change in, to widen the passage. Spot is now brought out from the bottom of second pitch (What next?).

31/10 - 2/11/87. VP NORTH. Attempt on the Number 1 Chats Caved With a one (long) W/E, Record, by Hon. Ed. To KISDON CAVE, Saturday, with Moldywangs spelio. my group on the occasion of their 21st anniversary. Short, easy, gloriously claggy cave entered via old mine level. This Scarsdale cave (near Reeth) was the 1st visited by MSL as a club trip, and we visited it after 2 of the founders duly stood at the entrance for copy of the 1966 group photo. Evening: very enjoyable dinner attended by perhaps 40 at the Buck Hotel in Reeth, rounded off with slides of their explorations over the years (inc. one of Portland, and some taken on Scotland trip on which I was a guest).

Sunday: down through Swinsto with Craven. (inc. Parrot, Ric + Pat Halliwell). On ladder. Wet + cold.

Monday: "Gua-barking" (~~Rambling~~ Rambling.

Hole actually) with Bob Pyke, Ken Drue + 2 Derwent Mountaineering Club friends. GRT - with party somewhat diminished by a sprained back & an injured knee, only top of 4th pitch was reached ~~(100m)~~, but it was an interesting & worthwhile "Join-The-Dots" exercise. Every entrance shaft.

NG

* (ask the Donkeygat lot - we were all rather taken by that clichéd word!))

4/11/87 Bone Hole, Digging with MCA. Thanks to John Beauchamp for the trip. TAN/GEN.

31/10 Eastwater Nick Pollard, Pete & Alison Moody. Cave very wet so aborted trip to Whitchall & went to Threadneedle instead. Bag of grenades used had been effective & able to squeeze into rift above squeeze. Unfortunately it pinches off, with looks as if it heads back perhaps to connect with other rift. Tried for several connections between Roger St & original dig in first rift without success.

1/11 Piero's P.M. Dg over sump is becoming v. difficult & work & rest looking ~~no good~~.

7/11 Doug Adams, Jim Moon. Swildon's short round trip, detour to 4 streamway. A fine perambulate through muddy reaches of the cave. Met 18 others en route - my word, it's getting bloody crowded these days. Doug appreciated the finer points of Blue Peril on his first trip down it. In 4 Cowsh Avens was suitably disgusting. Water conditions low in streamways 1, 2 & 4 - But ducks quite full. Lots of

wet puddles just before + after Blue Penit - the roof must be developing a leak. Appreciated the "new" dugout after the Troubles, which has filled up since my last visit. 3½ish hours - lots of people - rucks on the way. ~~time~~.

7/11 Eastwater - West End Mark Maddal, Ken Clarke, Pete Moody

Cave had dried out a lot from the previous weekend. Dug at start of Blacknab Tunnel was open & showed no sign of having surged. On to Whitehall, where a brief hole was called when KC's wet suit began to disintegrate. MM ~~wore~~ very nelly long hymo t-shirt to help out. Workface at end of Whitehall could not be reached, ~~as there were two sets of steps~~ ^{safe from the stalactites} vertical slot drops into a larger crawlway ~~I found the going too tight~~ - have to get the wife (who has done it before) to come down & give encouragement. On to Cenotaph Arch which suitably impressed MM & KC then slow haul out.

8/11 Pierres Petre Moody. Dog still very blocked by boulders infall, decided to come back 10ft & go up in the roof where larger gaps can be seen between the boulders - doesn't look too hopeful.

~~get~~ ~~scratches~~

4/11 Welsh Green Smallet, J.S. P.H., MAX, C.J. Spill out bang in to under the very narrow bang face,

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7/11 LANCUFFE/ODDMIRE, G Johnson N. Pollard, DALEK, BPC, FRITZ, BUCKET, Tony & BRIAN CPC, down to have a look at some possible dig sites, stopped short at NEMESIS, a little way on from pitch, large collapse blocking way on, another

Sick dig Site now await some work!

11/11/87 EASTWATER - Nick Pollard, Max - To Rift Chambers to collect tools.

11/11 Welsh's Green, Pete H Murray Knapp, G. Johnson, as expected the cave was pretty damp. The pitch is brilliant better than AVAHLANCHE in THRUPE. However it was too wet & deep 9"-10' at dig face to do anything constructive. Water is lost on the surface, down another minor swallow, so we think we can dewater the stream during digging sessions.

BORTHAM CAVE YORKS

KEV GANNON, RICH WORSCHE, MARK FAYE.

Dave it was Good

Early start planned in theory, late start in practice, then was breaking it. Rich and mate were, fast! arrived at entrance eventually and hiked up 1st ravine great, big and clear. 2nd ravine mate took 3-5 mins to go as many feet, the slot is not as easy as you think, if you got the wrong side of the line. The Guide book is not very clear you have 4 dives to get to 9!! The dry cave is superb, China shop is no good that when you have seen it once you think that you shouldn't go the again because the stal are just to close to you. The rest of the cave is very good fine stal and

good passage shape. Dried out ok. Rich had a wps
of bolt in the slot, (I Wasn't the only one). This
is an ~~superse~~ trip 6 has ~~July~~

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Mongo Gill.

following an abortive trip to Langcliffe to rig the care at 3am (we couldn't see the road so what chance admiral entrance) Maggie the flame green, tone + buffy (MNRC) mushroom as well, Ric Halliwell, Dunc, Pete H, + ^{Tony Whitchouse PB} ~~what's his name~~ down shockell shaft pottered through to North shaft where Ric + the MNRC free climbed out to save the day by getting us to the pub on time by saving a couple of hours grovelling back the way we came, a brief investigation of South ^{Entrance} shaft was halted by the insistence of closing time. Why does the wessex keep booking this place admittedly it has its moments "but its not what I came 500, well 250 miles' to do."

Yordas 12/11/87 Malc offi, Kevin Gaji, Rich W, Gary Smith + Tex ^{that}
Well we got underground !!. (Not to forget the pub, Sportsman closed on time, the barmaid seemed sure Gary would survive till 7 pm we weren't so sure.) Scenic towns of the dales. PH, Sandy, DF, Tone + Tuf

Bernies chip butties are now "S...te" well He ketchups red and you can't say more than that, it tastes like ^{the} former Vordas was (looked) as crowded as bernies!

14/11/87. Nigel Graham, Paul Lambert.

Swallows - Nigel not amused with peoples knitting on the Twenty. Went to Shatler series PL's first time there. In the wet way out the dry way, stream flowing very nicely, good trip.

14/11/87 DAREN CIRAU

Nick Pollard, Graham Johnson, Rob Taviner (TAV), and Matthew Tuck (BEC). A good 9 hour trip to Far Eocalypse where we spent many hours digging a futile silted passage which looked crap. Tav took many photos mostly of the Antlers and Urchin oxbow. and Nick looked at lots of stupid side passages which all looked hopeless. (PROPPER JOB OXBOW CLUB)

15/11. Singing River mine.

Paul Lambert, Simon -? (proactive), Nigel Graham. Sunday strolled up, down, round & round, cairns everywhere. Don't ask how but we located the staircase to the main chamber - and the way out! Pleasant wobble.

- NG.

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Rife + high level downstream continuation.

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Many people, and some carbide lighting. Tom said the necessary words! 3ish hours of amusement!

21/11 Chaterhouse Cave /etc Henn, Julie Bolt more earnest in "boulders revenge" this time it decided to fit my head to the wall, so I really want to play anymore! good draught with no round of water - The entrance to Reeds Grotto has fallen in.

21/11 - 22/11 Welsh Green Dye Test. Samples taken every 2 hrs from St Andrews well - Wooley Hole - Gloucester spring.

D. Frew, R. Johnson, J. Henn. with the helping hand of Dr. W. I. Stanton

21/11/87 SWILDONS SHORT round - A. Summerskill, N. Morochov, S. Hall, Lydia Ormerod (SUSC), R. Blatt, I. McKenzie, D. MacNeill
 After a trip down G-B, and not relishing the prospect of passing duck in ladder digging in furries, returned to Upper Pitts where we picked up Nick, Sarah and Lydia and drove to Bridley green. Down swildons whined until just before climb up into Tratman's. Swift progress made until near Supp where Ian turned round due to fury suit and having done the trip in '84. Easy progress until first of the troubles where baiting didn't open up the duck enough for Sarah who exited with Nick. Rest continued with a short excursion to

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many people, and some carbide lighting. Tav said the necessary words! 3ish hours of amusement!

21/11 Chatsworth Cave lets Henn, Julie Bolt none came in "boulders revenge" this time it dared to pin my head to the wall, do I really want to play anymore! good draught still no round of water — The entrance to Reach Grotto has fallen in.

21/11 - 22/11 Wolds Green Dye Test. Samples taken every 2 hrs from St Andrews well - Woakay Hole - Glencot spring.

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 After a trip down C-B, and not relishing the prospect of passing duck in ladder & dig in furnaces, returned to Upper Pitts where we picked up Nick, Sarah and Lydia and drove to Bridly green. Down swildons unhindered until just before climb up into Trotmans. Swift progress made until near Supp where Ian turned round due to fury suit and having done the trip in '84. Easy progress until first of the troubles where baiting didn't open up the duck enough for Sarah who exited with Nick. Rest continued with a short excursion to

a look at Aberfan and Jubilee Line. We then exited taking the club ladders off of Lolly Pot. Please note - only Dolly Pot is now rigged, Lolly Pot, isn't. (Lolly pot)

"GLADMAN'S", NOT "DOLLY"

1/12/87 Welsh's again, GJ. MT Afternoon session removing Spoil

2/12/87 Welsh again GJ. P.H. MAX, moving more Spoil looks very good.

1/12/87 Affester Hole TAV + GEN. Festered, what more can I say. TAV. (way on is 60° down and full of ticks)

7/12/87 Aubrey & Graham, Welsh's Green, blasting the light left harder, I think well be though on Wednesday, then to SWildons rolling thunder.

5/12/87 Extricated a stuck parrot from "big meanie", it sort of flapped its wings and asked for ladder is this the second coming of Mr. Eliot or what?

5/12/87 DEATHS HEAD - Nick Pollard - Mat Tuck - Absconded entrance pitch took pictures there

6.12.87 Host Johns Cathedral and Done to Battle axe traverses Keith, Ros, Nigel, Dave, Vaughan + Two lads from Edinburgh. a pleasant Sunday trip since Rumbling (our planned trip) was well and truly

stitched up, dot to dot cave guide style, it was just a little less windy up top but still welding kit weather.

PS in retrospect I take it all Barker kickin.
(I now am led to believe that this other party was Mr K. Sanderson's)

12/12 Swildon's Kent + Angus Dave, Tim Moon. A bit of honest touring. Down to '2, back to Approach Passage, then on to Black Hole. Angus' first visit there - Kent + Tim had crossed it in the distant past. Sorry about the brown stain on the bold step! Off along the series to the bitter end then back down the Hole itself for a fumble around. Took in Kenney's Dig just for a giggle on the way out. Water conditions very low. Sump 1 seems a bit silted up at present. (We were hugely entertained by a poser abseiling down the twenty - he got it wrong + managed to tangle up his rock leaving himself hanging in the water + struggling!) JM.

9/12. Portland ~~the~~ Assessment dig. Nigel, Martin + Phil. Here we were, changing at the layby opposite the Emergency Services gate to Portland Youth Custody Centre, prior to the dig.

Stashed around were a pick, sledgehammer, chisel, rope, bucket etc etc. Then along tramped a Police dog team (on exercise?) plus police van. Phil was ever so worried, anyone would think the dig, in a rift off the main passage floor, is under the YCC wall! (It is). The Police didn't bat an eyelid - just exchanged

"Good evening". Since they had briefly paused to look over the well at the cave entrance in the cliff, one wonders if they know all about! Ah well. Thus steady progress. 24

12/11 Burrington Grot. Paul Lambert, Nigel Graham.

Foxes, Trot's Crack, Devil's somewhere (all boulders + bedding planes) Out in time to recover car* ditched by boy racers nearby. Achieved successfully - once Paul had gone them all & much as I towed!

* M.C.R.O. (Mendip Car Rescue Organisation)
First outing. is this the DDCC? Yes - a 'IS' reg Escort!
(closer member)

9/12 Welsh Paper Smallet, Pete, MAX Graham, Mondays bang, proper job, way or very big, lot of spoil to move

11/12 Down again, Nick Graham, another silly digging session in Far apocalypse. (Kitchen drift), long-term stuff again.

Next time - Time Machine area. Watch this space.
(Bag of Wank CC).

FESTER HOLE 13.12.87 Jim & Aiden. STABILIZING THE COLLAPSED AREA, MAKING IT SAFER THAT TOOK MOST OF THE MORNING. STOPPED FOR A BREW AND SOME SOUP. THE KITCHEN WAS SET UP BY THE ENTRANCE ON THE "TERRACE"

THE "PATIO" IS COMING ON QUITE WELL. AFTER
LUNCH WAS SORRELLED BY NIGEL AND BIFFINS
COMMENCED IN ERNEST. THE DRAUGHT IS
INTERMITTENT BUT NO BAD AIR PROBLEMS
NOW 6 HOURS DIGGING IT'S LOOKING GOOD. J.M.

13/12/87 Welsh Green Graham, Nick, P. LAMBERT, Spel moving
Session, lot of it removed, more remains, the small chamber is nearly
full, and finally more Spel dragged out to chamber 1'
9.12.87 Durdons barnes loop dig Dally and Morris
ingram got our names in the Weston Mercury and retired

16/12 EASTWATER. Aubrey & Graham, fired a small
charge in roof of 1st rift chamber looks interesting (if
the smoke clears). This dig is above Nicks original dig, it is
a rift quireroomy and sloping up at about 45° , with no connection
to the main rift at all, apart from the bit we banged. Must buy
the 'Weston Mercury' tomorrow!

17/12/87 EASTWATER - Nick Pollard, Graham Johnson.
A trip to the roof of the 1st Rift Chamber to
have a look at what the bang of the previous
night had done. Graham started banging at the
rock with a lump hammer and after about $\frac{1}{4}$ hr
he had moved all the loose rock that he could.

Graham said it was still too tight but had another go and managed to pass the constriction, next was Nicks go who after a struggle managed also to pass the squeeze which is horrifically tight. We then went on to explore about 70ft of well decorated rift passage, with all ways on too tight. This should settle the barrell with the BEC. Thanks to Aubrey for lending his services.

13/12/87 Browne's Folly Mine - Tav + Gen. Gentlemen's + Ladies trip for 'Bony Fidy' Cavers (Quote from Avon Wildlife Lovers).
3 hrs - loads of photos - Entrance 2 is gateless. TAV.

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19/12/87 EASTWATER CAVERN

Nick Pollard, Graham Johnson, Nick Hawkes, Rich Wessell
Tav and Rich (Non member) Surveying trip to the new find in the roof of 1st Rift Chamber. Tav took Rich on a tour, whilst N. Pollard + G. Johnson were the only two to negotiate the squeeze and survey the new stuff which totalled to ~~about~~ 102 ft

Member: "How did you manage to get from Camborne to here?" (J/Pitt).

Guest: "I came up with the bloke who hasn't"

arrived yet".

19.12.87 Pierres Pot

Dune. John C + Pete H. Went to dive the upstream sump.
Not a bad little circuit - pity the walls aren't very far apart!
Sump went for 50ft to junction. To right - airspace and
about 100ft of passage ending close to the main cave
- voices could be heard. Other way in sump not examined
due to blackout vis - but should go fairly easily as it's
shallow. Enjoyable trip. — Your turn again Pete!!

WELSH'S Green,

J.N.C.

20/12/87, Graham, Nick Hawkes, Merv, Mat Tuck,
Nick's first time down for over a year, very
impressed, lots of spoil removed.

16.12.87. Barnes Loop Dig New, Merv + Scotty.
Cleared out spoil then looked at prospects.
Not looking good - may have a look at
opposite side of streamway.

23/12/87 Welsh's Green, Graham J. Pete H, Spoil moving
and work at end.

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24/12 L. August. Graham, Nick Hauke, not as good as Tasmania apparently, down Reynolds a 'bit wet' not the place to be on Christmas eve, hence out, with wonder belay on swing pitch.

Christmas day Swildons Hole Santa Hann + Rudolf the red nosed Foyle (hic) down to the old grotto to see how the S.N.R.C. Elves work off their hangovers. Just in time for the dinner time sermon by the Rev. Roger Dows.

Boxing Day Daniel George Hardy exceeded ETA by 48 hours, but finally succeeded in passing the final squeeze with (Non-MLO) assistance. Mother and baby doing fine, father took well-earned brandy and long sleep (I was standing, at least heine was lying down.)
Thanks to all for your well-wishes - Phil H.

27/12 Welshes Green, NICK, GRAHAM. Wednesdays bang was a 'proper job'; after cleaning up and hammering we had made 4 ft of passage, with more hammering to do. Removed the maypole up to Hann in the roof if you havnt seen it yet, bad bluk.

28/12 CHARTERHOUSE. Nigel Graham leading 2 Camerton CC members, sand boulders etc. stream back, if discoloured by the unplugging of Read's g. going on outside. Argonite camp clearing up; gravel collecting again in stream pools.

28.12.87. Pete H. Dunc + Tim R.

two hours digging a promising little swallow near charterhouse, removed several large boulders + heaps of organic clath, once we'd opened up the entrance a bit of drystone walling to stabilise the area.

The easiest 200 ft this year, pity the VBSS opened Read's Grotto in 1923.

28.12.87 - 29.12.87 Swildons Hole Cavern Down to Sump 2. 10.00pm - 2.45am ~~Malcolm~~^{Herbie}, Nick M Ben D, Lynn D, Frank G. Enjoyable Trip Reading 76th Sea Scouts

Pierre's Pot. 27th Dec. Pete, Alison & Dunc. Repaired John's dive of the 19th & found that the bypass will be made at the base of the climb into the fossil passage. Working from the far side 6-7ft of progress was made in a gruel chalky bedding, work on the near side was hampered by a couple of large boulders blocking the route down.

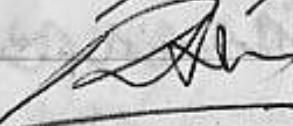
28th Dec. Pete. Banged the boulders.

29th Dec. Pete, Alison, Dunc, Pete H, Dave Board. Cleared the debris from the previous day, some silt in a pocket in the floor prevented the connection from being made. Can see the open passage just beyond. ~~After this I passed this point, I didn't feel like the combander~~

20/12/87 Rick Williams, Ken Gunn, Howard Price Boris. OFS III Nice day, got lost,

what a surprise! Met the WSG gal. Challegard
by 12 o'clock due to lack of Foyle Factor.
Tommy Gunn and the Goose Green gang went
caving! 6 hrs.

29/12/87. Agen Akash. Rich Webbott + 2
Chelten/Gloucester; Paul Dunkley + 17.4%?
Was taken via a very wet (in dry grotts)
Southern shear to the Gothic extension
where Mike had previously built up
an over about 200' from terminal
chute. Mike climbed and lowered a
ladder and so we all went up to
explore the leads. All very loose and
not very promising. The extensions are very
impressive with some very high overs, but
the whole place is bone dry. Left Mike
to camp overnight (headcase) and Paul and
I exited in 1:50 mins from Gothic chute.
The rest including Foyle festocrat!!!

Ghans. 

30/12 Pieres Poles Alison & Andy Spenn. Opened up the squeeze bypass and had a
good look at the prospect in the new passage. The rift definitely continues at the end although a
lot of digging will be required, probably worth diving on upstream first. As the squeeze in the
new passage was pretty horrendous put another charge on it before leaving.

Fester Hole (Trem Tres) 30.12.87

Jim R., Aiden, Steve + Geoff N. for afternoon shift

Early on, the false floor in the chamber fell on Aiden who survived due to the cushioning properties of the mud floor. A lot of spilt was removed and the chamber is getting quite big although the way on is not yet obvious. The mud is currently very sticky go.

30/12 Welsh's Green, Pete H. Graham S. JOHN S.

NICK H. MAT. T. (Bec) More hammering at the end gave us another 4 ft. up to the Sharp right hand bend. Its getting smaller width wise but higher 3½ ft. Two foot from right hander is another Sharp left hander.

31/12 Piennes Pot Pete H. Dunc. P.F. cleared a bit of spilt out of the ramp by pass while P.H. put in a bolt near the joint passage climb to enable entry across the right into an armer. The armer went up for 20' to a mud squeeze through this up more boulders to a small chamber. To left up/down boulders to a small tube and solid choke. Back at chamber above the climb a tube ascending at approx 45° for 15ft to sand boulders beyond a black space, this passage was not entered due to the unstable nature of the rock on which you have to climb - a return trip in the new year will push this route. Approx 80'-100' of passage found.

31-12. CHARTERHOUSE. Nigel Fisher, Nick Hawkes' brother Jerry + 2. Gentle tourist trip. Nice stream flowing.

31/12/87 Swildons

Nick Pollard - Tourist trip to 4 streamway, had a good look around then came out of the cave.

31.12.87 SWILDONS

J.M. ROUNDS (JOHN & JOE BEC) & 1 SHPTON MEMBER

GENTLE TRIP TO SUMP 2, AND A GOOD GROUZE ROUND THE UPPER SERIES 3 hours

31.12.87 Welles Green Graham + Geoff N.

Clearing spirit. The end is 53' from the cluster measured by tape. Looking west to inner - the way on is not any wider,

31/12/87 Reservoir, N. Hawkes, Sister Hawkes & co M. Tuck, Graham very nice handle around a superlative cave,

30/12/87 Lost Johns

Peter WATTS, Nigel GRHAM, Marc FORCET, Gordon CLAYE, Keith SANDS Steve PICHARDSON, Alan BOCKY, Andy C.P.C.

Rugged Confined Rafts on rope down to MASTER CAVE
Had a look up and down stream. Subord. CAVE

Got rigged over on way out by Belgian M.
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DIGGING BARREL FROM THE B.C.C.

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