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SWILDONS IN AT 01:30 AM OUT 02:50 AM  
HILLGROVE) 1-88 FIRST SILLY TRIP OF THE YEAR  
BEC } DAVE (ACE) PIKE FIRST TRIP SINCE HIS REPORTED DEATH  
MEG }  
CDG }  
WCC } JIM RANDS THIS PLEVY OF CAVE CLUB ALL  
MES } MIKE HERNE TRYING TO BE THE FIRST IN SWILDONS  
BEC }  
CSCC } CCC THIS YEAR. A BOX OF GOODIES WAS  
TAKEN DOWN I.E. 1 BOTTLE JACK DANIELS  
1 CHRISTMAS LAKE

BOTH WERE CONSUMED IN THE OLD GROTTO. THEN A STAFFER BACK TO THE HUT, CHANGED, THEN OFF TO HELP THE BEC DRINK THEIR BARREL

*Jim Rands*

1/1/88 - 3/1/88 WCC in Derbyshire. Large contingent descended on TSG Hut for Peak Cavern meet. Peak was unfortunately flooded but some fine caving was done.

2/1 'P8' Jim Moon, Doug Adams, Tav, Graham Johnson, Nick Pollard, Nick Hawkes and Matt Tuck. Fine if somewhat cocked-up trip in a very wet cave. Both pitches are exhilarating when the stream is high.

3/1 Giants Hole - GJ, NP, NH, Tav, MT, James Easton, Tony Nagle. Pleasant ramble down a fine streamway.

Many thanks to John Cardingley for arranging accomodation and the TSG for an enjoyable weekend. The sofa enjoyed it too.

Tav

5/1/88<sup>(1)</sup> GB - Jim Moon, Nigel from Derbyshire, Julie + Dave. A pleasant tour through parts scenic. Good stream running, but not too wet (2 hours - B).

5/1/88<sup>(2)</sup> Swillhorns - Jim M, Nigel + Dave. A swift trip down streamway to 2 + back via one or two short detours. Stream running well - not as much as one would expect from recent weather. Nigel is convinced "Mendip is OK". I think we'll see this man again... (1 hour 40 - B).

3/1/88 Peak Cavern Beta Team, Dave Frew, Mike Foyle, Nigel Graham, Tim Raads. Although the cave was flooded we went in to photograph Swine Hole - just inside the entrance on left - water high and flowing fast, good for photos, or it would have been if a pulse of water hadn't washed the camera + tripod down the passage while

I was setting up Flasher. The camera was followed by Nigel + Dale who dragged the dripping wreck out full of water. As this made photography impossible we changed and got wet inside ourselves in the Pub.

6/1/88 SWildon's L. Smith + R. Norman

Short (ish) trip down to 2 and back. Kermit winged all the way about his steel soled, loose fitted boots and using it as an excuse to go slow.  
T/C 1h LS

6/1/88 Mer. Max Richard? <sup>CARY</sup> Aubrey  
Cuckoo Cleaves — started wall for bottom dig.

6/1/88 Welsh Green. P.J. P.H NICK HAWKES, DAVE BAYNES, ALAN EDWARDS  
massive turnout, quite damp, soil removed.

9/1/88 THRUPE LANE — Tav, Brian Hansford, Nick Hawkes, Graham Johnson,  
Jeff Price, Nick Pollard, plus two non members. Tav took  
one of the non members on a tour, whilst the rest assortedly  
ambled down to the bottom of Atlas Pot. Nick Hawkes made  
a climb into the roof of the rift at the bottom of  
Atlas but could see nothing of note. Enjoyable trip. NI

6/1/88 ACCOMPTON DIG. Nigel G. Phil S + Martin C, 1st  
version of the year. Minor mods to the engineering speeded up  
things a little. Bright moonlight shining straight on camera made

- tipping duty a little more pleasurable - didn't need capalong on.

Hearld from Phil of rescue in Sandy Hole on the Monday, 40:-

4/1 NG visited Portland Coastguard Station to find out what happened & more importantly to see if any problems of call-out procedure had occurred. Phil had been rang by CG asking him where the cave is - apparently someone was "stuck" (trapped under a rock) somewhere in the cave, but his mates managed to extricate him unharmed. So what is the call-out procedure for Portland? If anyone should know it's me, but I'm as puzzled as anyone by things over the last 6 months or so. . .

NG

### 10/1/03 SPIDER HOLE

Nick Pollard, Nick Hawkes, Graham Johnson. The planned trip was to look at Nod's Pot, but the Farmer informed us that the cave had collapsed and been filled in about 10 years ago. So a quick look at Spider Hole which is about 30ft long ending in boulders. Then a quick look at Rodney Stoke risings.

### 10/1 Cherteshouse Cave.

Pete Mann, Julie Bolt, Nigel Graham first load of cement in boulders of new year.

### 11/1 Swildons - G. Johnson & Aubrey - Late trip to blast dig.

13/1 Welshs Green. G.S. P.H M.M. MT. NH.

13/1 Swildons - dug out results of 11/1 Aubrey

14/1 Swildon Aubrey + Ian Jenson (yes his first trip for 8 months) After pub blar

4.

2/1/88 Warren - RAW, P&AM, Al Keen, + someone else. Traversed top confined with inspection of faults passage where it looks towards the top of Red Deer. Can see but not get into a further few feet by which looks as if it ends in a boulder choke. Also checked off all the of the boulders, no other prospected.

3/1/88 Swildons 7 - RAW & PM Surveyed Sump 6 & Sump 7 areas.

9/1/88 Warren - Kev Gannon, P&AM. Pursued the faults passage again. Got through the first bit following bend of the 2nd. Boulder choke proved to be frighteningly easy to get through - just touched it & rocks & stones flew everywhere. Beyond broke up into some to a larger rift which almost immediately ended at a further highly unstable rubble.

16/1/88 Swildons Hole - Nick Pollard and Graham Johnson, an attempt to do Cowsh Arens. Quite hard getting to it as we had to carry our ropes plus three 10 pound Ammo boxes to be used for the filming by Sid Perou. We ascended Cowsh Aren via the bypass over an interesting bold step and then continued and ~~ascended~~ ascended Little Pot but we were defeated at the next 30' climb as we ~~were~~ found the going ~~settling~~ slippery. We then had to reverse, reversing the bold step was too dodgy so we had to abseil 30' to the streamway using a dodgy ~~boulder~~ boulder as a belay - ~~on~~ N.P.

16/1 Aubrey's Merv - quick visit to Swildons 40 dig to remove spoil from Thursday. (Aubrey's 4<sup>th</sup> visit this week).

18/1 Welsh's Green G.J. NP. Cleaning session. GJ

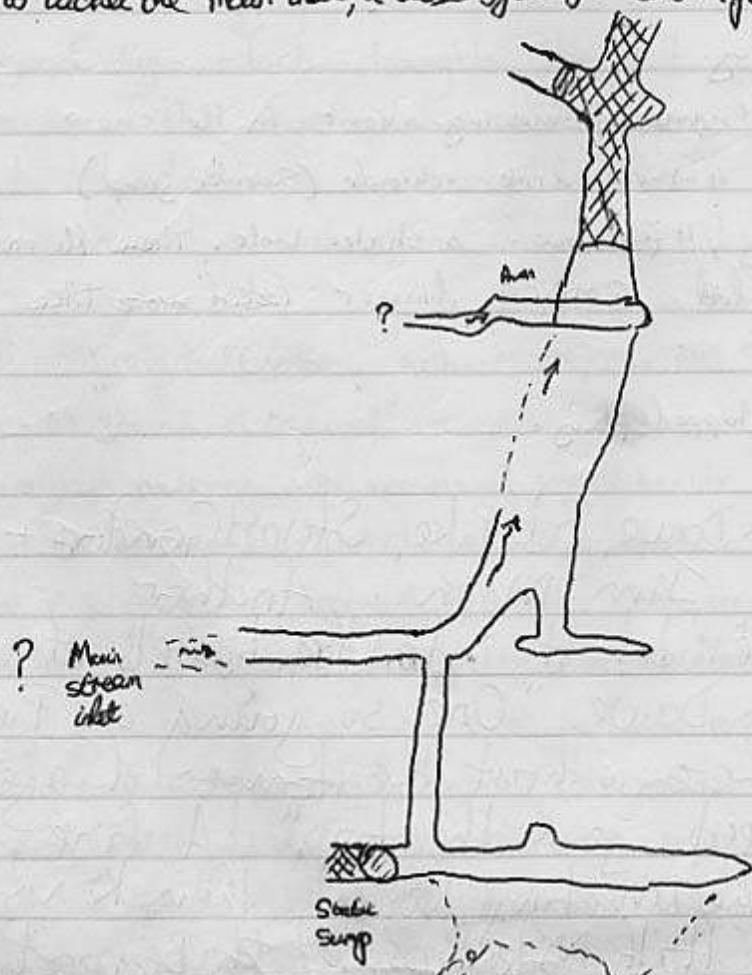
20/1 C. cleavers. A.N. P.M MM G.J. Walling at bottom dig for Anatoly Newport.

16/1 Warren - Nigel Graham, Pete & Alison Moody. There's a black hole at the top of the choke in fault passage - anyone feeling suicidal is welcome to it. A safer bet we are trying is to follow the right hand wall in red deer passage into the choke.

17/1 Piennes - Pete. Started. Cleared the route to the seep & recovered digging bit from the high level downstream choke.

23/1 Warren - John Cordingley, Pete & Alison. Pulled the digging bit out from the end & continued with the Red Deer Dig. Then over to Piennes & joined up with Nick P. & Graham J. Took two sets of bit to the upstream seep, ~~which has passed~~. The seep was only 15ft long so PM & JC were able together to explore the new stuff. Several ledges still need to be pushed. Water conditions were too high to tackle the main void, a cube 3ft high and 1ft or so wide. The static seep is drivable but requires a red.

The over passage & bedding plane require digging. About 120ft of passage & prospects appear good when the water levels drop a bit.



24/1 Chatslowre Cave. Sett Ham, Graham Johnson more cement in boulders, water high - A faint sound of water heard in end but doesn't sound like the main stream

27/1/88 AN PH Cuckoo Claves - 1<sup>st</sup> bang at bottom for many years.

27/1/88 G.J. MM. Welsh's Green - digging at end the passage has now split in two, the water going down in Max's words a 'Poo Hole' pipe. But still draughting very strongly.

23/1/88 Yorkshire by Landy.

Keith, Ros, Dave, Vaughn + Lynne messing about in the snow

Towing lorries and other 4-wheel drive vehicle (Suzuki jeep)

which tried to go caving, it fell down a shake hole. Then the rain came and everything flooded. QMCCC dinner looked more like Wessex, KBS and others.

No caving Sunday rain stopped play.

23/1/88 Darren Gilau, Ken Dawe, Bob Pyke, Stuart Genders + Grant Lindsay (DMC) Tim Moon. Another excursion at Pyke's behest into the bowels of Llangattock. Quoth Dawe "One so young as Pyke should not venture here without the temper of age + wisdom - I must needs join the trip." A fine + stately progress to the Meeting Room, then Kingston Sands, Aggi Passage, Half Mile Passage, the Beyond

Time + various thrutches. Plenty of water in the exit series - interesting aquatics performed. 13 hours splendid touring.  
 30/1/88 Tip Moon Paul Moon. Paul's second trip.  
 Swallows to 2 and back. Proper baptism observed in Double Pots. Fine tourist trip - he'll be back! Water good - plenty of AP for a change.

30/1/88 AGEN ALLWEED

Nick Pollard, Graham Johnson, Geoff Newton, and Paul Fairman (Chelsea SS)  
 Helped Geoff digging in the Aven series at the end of the Main Passage. A good dig; which draughts like hell and has about 4 inches of airspace. The digging was easy, nice dry sand, but the roof has to be treated with caution as Geoff found out when it dropped down an inch with him underneath it. Good 7hr session.

23/1/88 — Craig A-Ffynnon, Arthur Millett, Tav, NG. — Entered at 1.00 p.m.—  
 Snow on ground + forecast for more. Fine 6 hr. tourist trip in large, well-decorated passage with occasional Welsh boulder chokes. Returned to find passage between 1st / 2nd chokes was sumped. Spent 2+ hrs. watching water level fall until exit appeared imminent. Then, second flood pulse hit, filling what had taken 3 hrs. to go down in 10 mins. Water showed no sign of dropping for a while so the night was spent in large passage nr. Hall of Mountain King with occasional trip to keep warm. Eventually exited at 8.00 a.m. to find a party was trapped down OFD (Tim + Gill + 3) and Geoff Newton + 1 down Agsy. It was a pleasure to take a good long soak of a flag after 20 hrs deprivation and a fine full breakfast at the Stables. Thanks to Arthur for a memorable trip!

TAV

Ane to John Cooper, John Hunt &c looking out for us... NS

a bolt in Pieres "O" for the diving line

Middle muddies turned up to pull out the 1st sump line and PM cheerfully sheered a dagger bolt off in the anchor. Ah well, its an excellent passage, probably one of the finest in Pieres.

27/82 Swildons

N.Pollard, G.Johnson, M.Tuck (REC) down to sump 2 then to pub.

31-1-88 PORTLAND. Nigel Graham bravely volunteered to help Nick Poole (M.E.G.) to take Duke of Edinburgh Award novices. Flagpole / Guano Rifts "exchange", putting ladder on letterbox to give them chance of climbing one (normally, free-climb this bit!). Also in party, Alan Hobley - I know him at work, was surprised to find he sometimes caves.

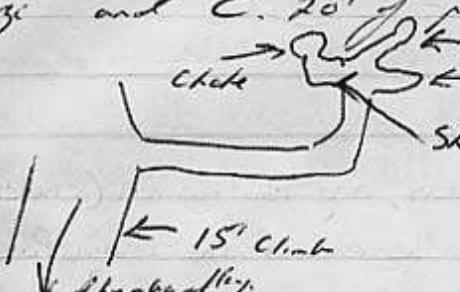
6/2 Eastgate, N.Pollard G.John R.Carey.

down to Blackwall, moderate flow, signs of a lot of backings up. Lolly Pot was great. The rest of the ladders were brought out. GJ

3/2 Charterhouse Cave Set Ham, Graham Johnson, Rich Carey, Tom Tidder more boulders pulled out, more cement put in.

6/2 Pierres, Dunc, Pete & Alison. Pete did upstream sump & pushed the streamway to another sump probably close to the static one. Dunc replaced the bolt at the start of the sump while Alison had a purple at a couple of diggs off the streamway. Before leaving popped the boulders up Twisted Toes Area & also some in a tube stream right just down from the Streamway sump passage.

31/01/88 G.B. Rich Websoft, Bob Tabor.

Next down to boulders. Big when the bottom was  
surged + smaller big impassable. Back up 15' to right into  
Khumba alley + climbed 10' several holes high in the gully.  
Then climbed up 15' on left wall in Khumba alley and crawled  
along a rift to a choke. Another small climb led to a shelf  
squeeze and c. 20' of passage to choke. Won't go any  
  
 further unless someone is suicidet and 5" thick!

Bob enjoyed carrying in his new found jumper (Alison's  
best one!).

3½ hours. P.s. Beware the Brontic Tortoise!!

30/1 Pete & Alison M. Our nice big in-clean stated boulder choke has  
broken out into a rift(?) choked with mud straight ahead, to the left,  
to the right & overhead. Things can only get better. (Warren Farm)

31.1.88 Dunc, Pete Hamm, Martin Lockyer, Nick King (who didn't fit)  
Pierres pt.

10 ft further up "twinkle toes" Aven in amongst the boulders. (First entered  
31.12.87)

P.H using the mobile foothold to levitate without touching the sides.

A boulder needs popping to reach a more solid rift heading  
West. P.H took Martin for a tourist while D.T knocked in

7/2 Welsh Green, Johnson, T. Janat (rec) blew the end.

7.2. Pierres Pot. Pete Haun, Pete + Alison, + Dunc

PH really enjoyed himself up Twinkle Toes slinging boulders down the top half providing an excellent stereo effect with the Moodys working in the streamway. It has to be said PH wasn't so happy when things really started to move, but soon recovered when access was gained to ± 20 ft, further up, a respectable little boulder chamber and many good furling sites. reduced to 3 leads of varying degrees of insanity, joined by Pete + Alison who brought along chimney brush poles and by the look of it half their dig. Somehow I don't think they were overimpressed despite Mr Moody's utterance of "Nice here isn't it?"

5-2. NOTTS POT. or - NOT WOTS POT! Didn't happen, though a few Wessex/Craven diggers dug. Meanwhile others ascended Pen-y-Ghent. lovely sunshine and blue sky. They say the sun shines on the righteously. Well we reached the summit in gathering cloud then tramped back down in a blizzard. Half way back, guess what, yes: lovely sunshine & blue sky.

6-2 SHORT DROP CAVE. Small group of WCI + CPC ventured down to head of 1st pitch. "No gear ('I thought you were bringing it' "No, weren't you?" "Ah well"). so retreated, peering into overhanging ledges etc. lovely Sunday - stroll trip anyway. It's very easy but an attractive streamway with a notable boulder bridge to admire. N.G.

10/2/88 Swildons D.R.Ike (ACE) R.Warman.

Tourist trip to top off twenty. RW.

Yes it's still there, well that's it for another year! DR

7/02/88. Noisy Rick Welsh Rob Hayes (Becch).

Dried the 72 placed a new bolt on climb  
above static seg. 10-15 ft to go and you see hard at.  
who. "JR"

8/2/88 Swildons<sup>60</sup> Ian or Aubrey

The cave was quiet at 7.30 am, except for a very short  
loud noise!

10/2/88 Welsh Green. Pete H, Graham, Scotty, Avery cleared boulders  
7/2 laid another charge + fired. Water temperature was cold, ~~the water~~  
or in the words of a great explorer if it gets any colder a Polar Bears dick  
would drop off.

13/2/88 EASTWATER

Graham Johnson, Nick Pollard, plus BEC members Jim Smart, Snablet,  
and Mat Tuck. Good ~~trip~~ trip to Whitehall and Cerataph Aven,  
the sinkhole in Blackwall Tunnel seemed to be taking a good stream  
so we proceeded to Whitehall where we spent a couple of  
hours digging a silted passage. Nick and Graham then went to  
Cerataph Aven, both thoroughly impressed, but had an incident which could  
have proved very serious, Nick had just climbed up the 15' pitch from  
Aberfan when Graham who was climbing near the top had the ladder  
snap on one side, Nick managed to grab the ladder just in time NP.  
We then came out. There is a lot of decomposing tackle ladders

knobs, bolts and stuff, which will be brought out in a fortnight's time.

13/2/88 S= Cuthberts Sump

RICH WEBBEN, KIOSH & DONNA SANDERSON, ROB HARPER, ROGER WING,  
MADE FORSD, ANDY SPARROW + 2 BOE.

LORIS! DON'T ASK ME WHERE WE WENT. EXCUSED TAD  
Mole

13/2/88 Swildons Sump I.

Judy Clark + Alan Kennett. Alan's first trip underground for ± 15 years! He was in dry grotto + cave rather wet - wet way characterised by climbing up through waterfalls. Side trip thro That's Temple to 1st duck. Slow v. touristy trip <sup>100% up at</sup> pretties.

14.2.88 Pete H. NG. Dunc, Murray Knapp.

More boulders and cement. Roads grotto entrance in the sunshine rather than charterhouse and choke in the etc.....

15.2.88 Swildons (sump I)

Di Rubeny, Jo Rubeny, Jon Rubeny - led by \* Jim Moon \*  
3+ hours - rather wet, first time for both JR's, mainly  
touristy + introduction for JR's - probably learnt from lesson.

17/2 EASTWATER, PROPER JOB PASSAGE. 8M C.J. M.T. photot  
and 13' more passage. P.H. should diet for a while methinks  
20/2 Pictures-II Pebbles Alison, Mark Mabbett. Alison had four attempts at doing the upstream  
sump before giving up. Maybe I shouldn't have directed her into the blind sump. Mark & I did upstream  
& dived the streamway sumps. The main one drops steeply to a bushy choked with ground, nearly to another  
sump shallower but very tight. Be careful of had a quick dip feet first in the static sump, this  
was a good size underwater and warrants another dive. Before coming out pushed

The wife and the end away from the sea. Got up through a squeeze into a big passage but it quickly closed with huge hanging blocks - not nice.

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19/2/88 A day off work, the sun is shining, where shall I go? - to Mendip on the DUCH TI - Nirvana! To China in a week's time. Paul Weston.

17-2. Allotment dig (Portland). Nigel Graham, Phil Story Martin Crocker. Carry on digging!

20-2-88 READS Grotto. Dunc & Jim 2 hours playing with boulders,

21/2/88 Charterhouse Cave Pet. H + Tim Rands. Comet in boulders and looking very unstable.

21/2/88 Charterhouse Cave. Nigel Graham, Ailiea, Dave Grieves. Toured - and taking card etc for the following by (as above).

20/02/88. Rob & Helen Hooper, Rich Webbott, Dave Grieves. Walked to sea 2 being carried off by Helen!. Nice quiet evening trip.  
2 hrs. John.

21/02/88. Rob Hooper, Rich Webbott, Mark Foyle. Walked to P2 to continue 'THIR' climb. Placed 3 more bolts and now on a clearish run to side passage which can be clearly seen. Very airy climb now especially with Mark carrying about miles below.

4½ hrs John.

Restaurant at the end of the universe

19/20/21/2/88 Daren Alan, Graham, Nick, Snablet Rec, and lots of other people, in Fri night with a bloke called Stuart, out on Sunday very good trip. Snablet got stuck for 1½ hours in a growing table dig. But he got out while we slept. Many thanks to Pete Bolt Andy Cave, and Angela Garwood for the hospitality.

24/2/88 Swildon, P.H. GJ. Swildon 1. Still not long enough, scratched at two new digs, the lower of the two looks quite good, just stal over mud, and an apology to the group that were under the rocks which fell down they moved rather fast.

Swildon Jim Rander & Jean Othenweller (13 year old) down to the twenty via long mostly dry way out the wet way to showerbath then down the short dry way and out by the long dry way third caring trip for our French visitor. 1½ hours first round

27/2/88 Rick Webb, Mak Foyle, Maggie MacLean.

Goughs care with Stevensons Meyer Quater et al.  
in Lloyd Hall carrying some gear in for next week drive.

27/2/88 Rick, Maggie MacLean, Robert Helen Harper, Pete Gaillard Longwood, touring and training for Helen.

3½ hrs. *Rick.*

27/2/88 EASTWATER

Nick Pollard, Graham Johnson, Geoff Newton. A trip to start bolting up Cenotaph Aven. We reached

about 20ft up. Also briefly joined by Jim Smart, Mat Tuck of BEC. Snablet and Tom Chapman dug on the Jubilee line. And found a chamber, 20' long 30' high ~~5' high~~, TEMPLE OF DOOM, below chamber of horrors, Blackwall <sup>wide</sup> Tunnel needs sorting out.

28.2.88 Drunkards Hole. A. Newport, G. Norton, J. Reals, G. Johnson. Drilling made the earth more to very good effect, removing large flake at end of core. Core draughting out today. A good cleaning session now required. CN.

28/2 Charterhouse Cave. Pete Ham, Julie Cott, Nigel Erikson. more Corset in boulders.

2/3/88 Drunkards Hole. Graham Johnson, Pete Ham clearing spoil from 28-2, lots removed. A large boulder in floor now needs removing.

5/3 Levels - Peel Aven. Return to the dig above Horrifice 2 after a years absence. Made good progress until stopped by a very large boulder which will need popping. Can't see on back draughty & echoing.

5/3/88 EASTWATER

N. Pollard, G. Johnson. Continued bolting up Cenotaph Aven, visited for an hour and a half by J-Rat. We are now about 28ft up. Whatever happened to the Mars Bars? - Graham put them down and they

disappeared into thin air - what a plonker! opposite the top bolt 28'ish there is a tube 1½" diameter entering the oven. Reassembling a bolt traverse.

5/3/88 - WEST END ALSO. ½ WESSG X + ½ WSG. Didn't get to end of West end as my fat friend wouldn't fit through the tight rift above Sallypot. Retired to Regent street to see the formations & listen for hammering sounds. Saw formations & heard hammering sounds. This rather upset the lot ~~below~~.

Does Cenotaph ever go to Regent street. I think so ~~at~~

23/88

Sally and Richard? Wildours farm loop chig  
bird and returned. Her visited rolling thunder 2 hrs

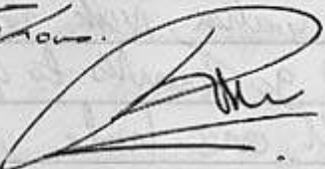
5/3/88 Devon Weekend — Entrance collecting around Buckfastleigh and Berry Head (Brixham) and a visit to Kent's Cavern which is not bad for a show cave. TAN+GEN.

6/3 Drunkards Hole Aubrey Newport, Pete Hanson, and later Graham Tolson - dig dig Count Count "Bang" - Brew tea - dig dig Count Count "Bang" - Brew more tea - dig dig Count Count "Bang" - time for home. 5½ hrs.

5/3/88 Gough's Cave.

Rick Webb, Mark Foyle, Howard Price assisted M. Rob Palmer and Rob Chapman to carry gear across Brixham Police for the forthcoming push. M.F. and H.P. carried 72 cl. bottles

while ACT and RAI carried flag lights w/R  
 Mr Palmer capturing the whole lot on video for  
 forthcoming film. Taylor had is now a lot bigger  
 and he will be signing autographs in the near  
 future. Drive out was excellent in superb v.i.  
 finding a lost battery pack worth £1000t  
 that PTS had dropped on the way in (caravan).  
 Bishops Palace also visited by Pete Gleave &  
 and Brian Johnson. Many cars and passage  
 could be seen with the filming with  
 Stevenson carrying out but excellent trip.

Steve  


Pete ..... Goal keep Kevin

Mr Webb is the little fat Chap in the corner humping a Skid Jacket

2/3. AMMORTENT DIG. usual crew, usual progress. N.G.

5/3. PENYGHENT POT. Well it was meant to be! Nigel  
 Graham arrived on a wing & a prayer with the car dynamo gone  
 wrong so wanted get a m trying to a) sort it out b) put car in  
 garage. Thanks, Steve Pick, Gary + Maggie for assistance.

Ken Dave + Great? meanwhile went down P.C. Pot.

NB Ken joined Gary, Maggie + Tony Whitcher (CPC) for  
 a trip down LARGE POT. Only if ain't, or at least the approach  
 to head of 2nd pitch, a to twisty crawl, ain't large enough for  
 me! (Apparently the pitch head itself is even tighter!).

6/3. Bull Pot (Kingdale) Ric + Pat Halliwell, Oggy & Jan, N.G. Strong trip in very wet Bull Pot - we stopped short of last (5th) pitch as it would have been Ralle Silly. Quicker on ladder, says Ric, but all good SRT practice: 2 traverses, 2 rebelay's + 3 hugely entertaining deviations. 3½ hrs. VG.

9/3 Drunks Hole. Peter H. Aubrey N. Graham J. 'DOWN DOWN DEEPER & DOWN', got out to find an Avon youth van half way down Drunks depression, ok for me and pete, but Aubrey's car was on the wrong side trapped, they had no idea how to move it. Aubrey needless to say was quite perturbed.

12/3 Eastwater, caving, Graham, Nick, Tom, Gary Smith. Six more bolts 40'ish to go. Thanks to Gary, we were able to use a 'Bosch' hammer drill, one hole a minute, and many minutes rattling around. WE WANT A BOLTING PLATFORM. The cage was started, and ran out of gas. 9 hours ever upwards. N.B. Max bars were located, in Nicks AMMO BOX. Who is now a plonker?

12-3-88 JIM AIDEN + 12 ROXETH VENTURE SCOUTS + 2 NAVI-DOCS WITH 7 LAMPS + MIGHTY LIGHTS 1 PRETZEL TO GOAT CHURCH 2 hours THEN TO SIDCOT WITH FAILING LAMPS ONLY 6 GOOD ONES LEFT 2 hours AGAIN.

12-3-88 FESTER HOLE JIM AIDEN + 2 YOUNG MARINERS TO SEE IF IT HAD COLLAPSED. IT WAS STILL THERE BUT IT NEEDS SOME SORT OF SUPPORT. MUD AS FINE AS EVER, fun

12/3-88 SWILDONS Jim + 6 scouts hopped dry wagons to the  
20: out wet way. CAVE WAS A SEMI MOBILE BODY ROLLER  
2 hours. fine

9/3 PORTLAND. Phil Strong + Nigel Graham. Direct  
walk around active quarry at the Grove. Site of WHITE RIVER  
CAVE (was a Mike D-York & co dig) now totally unrecognizable under  
filling + rank vegetation. Quarry face has cut into superb phreatic  
joint network, lots of miniature "cavelets" with stratified infill - probably  
were feeders for White River.

Then over to Wercliff, following tip-off by Mike Read of  
Wey + Portland Venture Scout Unit about backfilling. BULLSEYE FISSURE  
(small rift grotto) buried. ST GEORGE'S RIET under filling or  
quarrying threat? If former may be able to obtain permission to pipe  
entrance, which is top of limestone anyway. (way 15 ft below  
ground level, in quarry face).

Mike also told me further details of early Nov incident of Jan 4,  
when a Weymouth YAC member was trapped, unhurt, by rock fall. Self-  
rescue fortunately: call to Police went to Coast guards who then contacted  
Phil Strong not for underground work but simply to ask him where the  
cave entrance is!

NJG

- 12/3 SWILDONS II Jim Moon, Doug Adams, Jeff Price, Di RUBERY? MAGGIE McPHEE  
Tourist trip to clear the tubes! Not as many  
people to climb over on the way out. MM.P.  
13/3 Rhino Rift. Gary Smith, Maggie McPheeson.  
Check boulders on 1st pitch - seem okay.

13/2 Chatsworth Cave. Nigel Crocker, Pete Hearn removing boulders and finished putting the new gate in the rock. - This is only a temp. gate to stop people kicking out freshly cemented rocks. P.H.

13/2

Southern Cave. MODSAR.

Rick Stevenson, Rob Palmer, Rob Harper, Rich Websett, Howard Fricke, Ken Evans, Mike Payne Jimmy or Before too..

Several of the divers experienced trouble of one sort or another, but the first went ahead as planned with Rob Palmer and Rob Harper at the sharp end. Rick Websett and Mike Payne stayed as support in Bishops Palace. Rob Palmer and Rob Harper both passed through II without any trouble and Rob Palmer then dived alone on two full 80's into vug III leaving Rob Harper as back up. On reaching the end of the line at about 35 metres he then tied on a new reel and pushed on. The pump bottomed at 58½ metres 190 feet off and started to rise, Rob laid about 250-300 feet of line finishing at a depth of about 130 feet. On the return through Super II he got tangled in the line 3 times each time he had to cut himself out, on reaching Bishops Palace Rick and I had to cut the line off of him before we could get him out of the water and to make matters worse all his lights had failed and he had lost his diving knife, so all and all it was a bit of an epic but everybody ended ok. Thanks very much to all the Wessex lads who sat around for 3½ hours waiting for us, but we have got to go back next week to clear Bishop's Palace. Oh Shit they must be by far the most notorious dive site in the country, Mel.

14/3 G. Johnson + 2 GB, wandering around.

12/3 Mark Madden & Pete Moody to the dig at the end of holes. Hopefully the boulder destroying progress will be in little pieces when we next visit the site. ~~Pete~~ Mark then left for a wash off down Sullos while Pete joined Mr Harris & Mrs Moody at the Red Deer Dig in Warren. As the way directly ahead remains slightly closed with mud we have decided to bear left into an area of reasonably stable boulders.

13/3 Pete M. Had a look at the dig above at the very bottom of Threadneedle (Eastwater, W.E. Series) One thing is for certain if it should link in with the passages beyond Blackcreek its going to be no easier than Creek Sc.

16/3 Portland: ~~Portland~~ PORTLAND DIG. Phil Martin + Nigel.

"Ain't goin' to dig this dig no longer / Ain't goin' to dig this dig no more..."  
That's what you think... *NJG*

16/3 Charterhouse Cave. Graham Johnson Pete Mann lots more cement in boulders

19/3 GB - Rescue call out for Vanessa who fell off the climb near the bottom of the gorge. Suspected fractured shin + ankle. Dave Pike applied copious amounts of plaster on the victim and most of the rescue team as well. Waited for Tony Boycott to give OK for victim removal and she came out of the cave very smoothly. Good turnout by the MRO and good assistance from party in care. Ironic to have a serious injury the day after the Wadlers A.G.M.

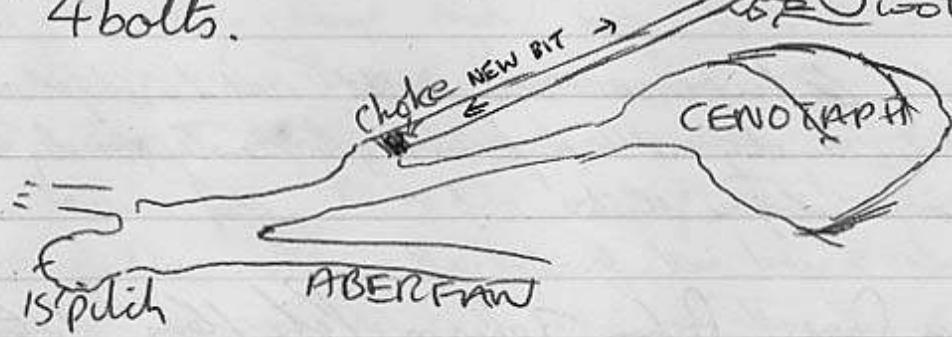
19/3/88 EASTWATER

Nick Pollard, Graham Johnson, Geoff Newton.

bolting up Cenotaph Aven. Cave slightly damp.  
We are now about 43' up.

Graham found 100' of passage in a silted phreatic tube just before Cenotaph, all leads looked no good.

I think in future we will have to get up out of bed earlier, and be underground at crack of dawn were getting to late for the bloody Pub. 9 hr trip equals 4 bolts.



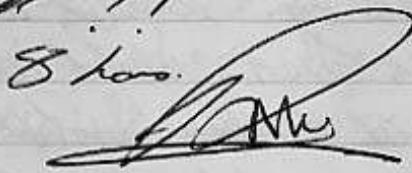
19/03/88 Goughs.

Rich Weasell, Rob Hoper, Rob Palmer, Malcolm Foyle  
Howard Price.

Goughs again! Trip to recover gear from Bishps Palace and carry across flowing on rock. Insufficient full bottles precluded two dives RAW and RHF but unfortunately H.P. could not dive due to no problems and didn't spend long in the water. Thinking he had got out of it H.P. was shocked to be forced into carrying gear!!! RAW RSP and RCH then went to advance base in Bishps Palace and finished the carry out.

with numerous disturbing releases of O<sub>2</sub> en route,  
 good job Foyles the fog went with us or  
 we would have been vapourised. RMN and R5A  
 then made a return journey to put up two  
 more bottles. Rob Hugo had a bit time in a  
 dry suit. Filming was not entirely successful as the  
 light unit packed up in the luggage charter.  
 3 x 80/60's left in Bishop Palace at 0400hrs early  
 16 Aug. 1 full 80 left at 0400hrs early  
 Aug 2. Numerous tasks now have to be carried  
 out in anticipation of the next period at  
 the end of June. MF and HP carried out a  
 Macmillan task of surveying out but only got  
 out of it quite well !!

8 hrs.



17/3/88 SWILDON

Murray + 4 from eastbourne college .  
 Pleb trip down long dry way to 20 and out  
 pace fairly gentle .

20/3/88 SWILDON

Murray + same four from above .

return trip, this time got all the way to Barnes Loop!! Bloody people arrgh!!, absolutely packed.

20/3 Hunters Hole, after Hunter T. JARRAT. G NEWTON N. POLLARD G. TOTINS on, 2 charges fired one at end one on squeeze muddy gritty wet, bad air just about sums it all up. Though it must be a goer.

20/3. G.E. went over to search for Little Dragon mark, lost yesterday. High water, several cars in layby so went down & check saddle Dig pitch. Met Northants C. I. party who said another group had just gone up saddle Dig. Watched water rising rapidly & visibly so after discussion with NCA, alerted MRO. So far no danger, but... NCA kept watch at entrance whilst I raised MRO. Since a full call-out was not yet needed, a small REC team went in to see, meeting the group concerned exactly. No-one else underground, all cars accounted for so all stood down. Still had not found the little Dragon mark ~~night~~

20/3 Eastwater - Threadneedle. P.M. Started work at the bottom of Threadneedle. Where the passage turns left through a tight V bend a stone climbing against an enormous rock ( $4' \times 3' \times 5'$ ) is blocking the way straight ahead & down. Having cleared debris stacked <sup>from</sup> on top of the boulder by the REC when they opened up the V tube it is possible to get a restricted look over the far side. The rift at high level is very narrow so I decided to open up the rift underneath hoping the boulder doesn't drop. Blew up a large

rock jammed in a small trench! <sup>fire</sup> Although flames came back into Regal St they did not clear sufficiently from Threadneedle to allow a safe descent to check the results.

23/3. WADDETON CAVE (nr. Bridport). Nigel Graham, Nick Poole (MEG). Nick's pet cave. A rotational "rift" in the top of a hill overlooking Bridport (coarse, soft oolite), blocked by very loose boulders choke up to 3 ft wide x about 12' high. Tentative dig seemed otherwise unaided with ordinary hand tools no problem to pull. n.f.

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23/3 Drunkards Hole . P.H. A.N. G.S. J.S & - - - . Interesting session . P.H at bottom holding up. A.N. & G.S. higher up the boulder pile. A lot of rocks moving where they shouldn't & a lot of rocks taken back up hill. Speople ideal number

26/3 Eastwater . W.END cenotaph, Jubilee line ~~down~~ G.Johnson. Howard Price, visiting the above part. NICK POLLUTED 'sciving' (fishing) no bolting done this trip. The Sump/duck at Blackwall is now very open, the long bar taken down last week & fangled, had a very good effect. In conjunction with the enormous amount of water which had obviously gone down last week judging by the foam. Blackwall is not a place to be beyond when Ladder Dig GB is in flood. T. Chapman P. (Snab) McNab. T. Hughes have now finished the grade

S the Survey from Charing Cross, to the end 'Excellent Job'  
 We must do the upstream end soon, along with the  
 radio location work. The boulders at the bottom of Constantine shall  
 now be ~~the~~ referred to as SALMONBANK CAFE. *Handwritten*

OFD. 26/3.

Rob, Harper, Helen Harper, Mike Soupe.

Cym DWR → Top Waterfall ← Top ENTRANCE,  
 Water a bit high great stuff.

*RH*

25/3 Eastover - Threadneedle. It's now possible to get 5-6' in underneath the  
 boulder at which point the previously small crevices in the floor is 15-20' deep  
 judging from the sound of rocks dropped down. Passage continues for another 6' or so  
 before going out of site. At very tight & unpleasant. PM

16/3 Horels - P.M. Cleared debris from passage beyond the Hangfiss II  
 only to find route continues on upwards and is badly choked. Two more large rocks  
 obstruct progress. Decided that there are more promising sites than this. Had a  
 look around the steep bank without finding any likely looking site. Fins (at  
 least for awhile anyway)

27/3 Threadneedle - P.M. The rift was still smelly from fumes (-3). Cleared off a good quantity  
 of debris from the head of the climb, pulling the stuff out rather than allowing it to drop down to  
 possibly block the way. Looking down the rift it can be seen to be too narrow for at least 6'  
 (-5) however rift does continue and appears wider further on (+5). Decided to pursue this  
 option & walk across the head of the rift. Looks fairly long term a cross between the Pierres  
 squeeze and Fanny's Rift in Rendles. Can have water further on (+10) unless its the Great Squeezed  
 stream (-10)

27/3 Tav, PH, GJ, Gen — Dig Hunting around Crosscombe. Looked at Ham Hole (Ham Woods Cave) + associated caves. This is an old WCC dig and it might be worth another look. It would be a fine summer dig with sandwiches + tea on the terrace. Followed this up with quick trips down Vindict Sink, Windsor Hill Flood Sink and the two nearby dewatered railway tunnels. TAV.

30.3.88 Drunkard's Hole

A. Newport, G. Johnson, G. Newton, P. Hann, Max, Jackie Baynes

A good clearing session. Then small charge applied to a boulder before departing for the pub. The dig site has become wider, deeper and much muddier since my last visit. Prospects look reasonable in medium / long term. J.H.

1/4/83 EASTWATER

(~~Jane Elliot~~ Nick Pollard) Graham Johnson, Geoff Newton. Another trip to Cenotaph Aven, we are now \$2 up, prospects looking good, briefly joined by Pete and Alison who found Whitehat sumped, they then went to Regent St and found that they couldn't hear us bolting up cenotaph, Al Taylor had apparently heard a whistling stal and not us bolting. The sink in Blackwall Tunnell is now taking the water brilliantly! Gold stars awarded to Nick for the best bolt and the best ladder rolling, Black marks to Geoff for the worst bolt.

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1st April Pete & Alison M - Eastwater W.E. Series. Having been assured by the BEC that the V tube was whitewashed was open, went down intending to start work at the end. Found that what they had taken for the V tube was just a small pool into the cross rift, beyond, the V proper was full of water - a sump probably 10-12 ft long & 4 ft deep. Checked the passages by the pearls, all pretty hopeless, then after informing the Ceneph crew that we were up to, off to Threadneedle. This site is looking increasingly interesting might even go soon.

2/4/88 EASTWATER CAVERNS.

Pete + Alison Moody, Geoff Newton, Nick Pollard. An excellent tourist trip to the bottom of Primrose Pot, 3 excellent ladder pitches. The squeeze at the top ~~is~~ proved entertaining on the way out. Thanks to Pete and Alison for a good trip.

2/4/88 Welhs Green, G. Johnson J. Rands. Lee & Tony LCCC, The last bang was good, so we cleared up all the spoil, draughting out today stream low. J.R. Photography.

3/4/88 M Hearn Cook ear ~~Jinnes~~ on a geriatric trip down the byways of upper Shulders - Tans first trip. It is now 30 years since I ~~first~~ first venture down the place. - Tanyus Fugit

3/4/88 AIDAN J.M SUG BEG NIGEL TONY  
TOURIST TRIP COCKOO CLOVES + TOURIST TRIP  
G.B. GOOD TRIP'S

3/4 Warner - Pete Moody - Continuing with dog in Red Deer Passage. Being forced to walk upwards as he chose

3/4/88 EASTWATER CAVERN - Graham Johnson, Geoff Newton, Nick Pollard, (Les Mottram, Phil + Pete of LCCC). Bolting trip to Cerotaph Aven. managed 5 bolts - nearly 60' up. Prospects look good, we can see what looks like a biggish passage about 25-30' above us. The wet gravel below Blackwall is filling up again. Good trip

4-4-88 SWILDONS SIM RAVNS, AIDAN, BEV & SUE TO SOMP  
2 LONG PRETTY DRY WAY IN, WET WAY OUT. 3 HOURS. J.R.

1.4 - 4.4.88 South Wales (CPC official Meet)

Steve Pickersgill, Ric + Pat Halliwell, Dave + Jan Hoggarth (WCC)  
+ Tony Whitehouse (CPC). Wander round OFD I on Friday - saw many bits not seen before. Heavy rain made OFD II only possible entrance on Saturday but had a good wander round linking up bits known with bits unknown. Aggy visited on Sunday (first time for DH, SEP + TW) while PCH + JH rested in beautiful sunshine on surface - what a change! Went as far as deep water before Choke 3. Water levels low enough on Monday for OFD II to I through trip for R + PH, SEP + TW.  
PCH

4.4 - 9-4-88 Mendip - Annual Visit

Steve Pickersgill, Ric, Pat Halliwell + Tony Whitehouse (CPC)  
Swildons to 2 + 4 via Blue Penit; GB down oxbows

+ up gage; Cuthbert down Pulpit to Sump II & back up Wire Rift; Twin T's <sup>tissing</sup>; Longwood to beginning of Reynolds but not back up August as fairly wet; photographing in Smidsons to Barnes Loop.

Good 4 days caving. + one new experience — being chauffeured to and from the Hunters in Terry's police van with Brian Prever, Tim Hanwell, Fred Davies + TRat to investigate a possible call-out, which interrupted our annual "MRO insurance" dinner at Upper Pits.

Pat Halliwell

6/4/88 Welsh green Smallet. G Johnson A Newport. M Knapp R. Casy J. Beauchamp MCG. cave drying up, draught getting stronger! Fired 3 slabs & being times overtook ladder roller. Prospects for the 2nd Summer going very good.

7/4/88 Reservoir hole, J. Price, M. Purnell (Price's apprentice)  
McKuapp - Our leader took us on a superb job tour of all the sights, The rift very impressive, along with the Civil engineering.  
Rif 2 hrs.

1st - 6th April IRELAND. N Graham to Dungarvan, in Co. Waterford, meeting Pete + Clarie Ryder (MSL) + (for few days) John Dowd, from Dublin (Purgatory P&Co Co.). DONAGALDOOR / BROTHERS' CAVE (no extension made from widely-loose final chamber). CARRIGMURRISH CAVE (short but beautifully-decorated extension + a high-level link elsewhere in system needed). Cave

photographed + surveyed). DUN BOWLEY and neighbouring caves explored, surveyed. Some of these discovered on this trip, indeed in true expeditionary style the last extension to final choke was forced into by NG as Team Leader, only a few hours before catching the coach back to England!

This last set contain some very deep (one over 20 ft) pools, level at that of Finch's & outside the entrances. Are there any local solution pits - or does this area hold an extensive, (active?) phreatic. Could be worth a look at by ~~any~~ divers going over to Ireland; if only to prove the former case.

Remnants of SHANDON CAVE (nowhere) at Duagarran investigated, as were a couple of other caves nearby (surveyed).

Not an area for the "tiger", but interesting, with more potential.

(EGCC)

<sup>2nd and 3rd</sup> JG

Not the 1st  
Socia meets  
the year.

10/4 Bowery Corner dig. Earl Grey Carving Club (First sofa meet of the year) Afternoon tea served while Graham and Snabell went for a dig. EGCC party G-Johnson, D-Like, D-Frew, M-Kapp (have sofa will travel), Probationary members T-Chapman, Ditchhead, T-Hawthorn, Snabell.

10/4 Swindon tour. Despite a wait of over an hour at the Twenty, Jim Rands, Ian, NG + 2 projectives, Beverley & Sue, enjoyed a very pleasant visit to this fine section of the streamway. JTC + NG both thought the Pencil was not as tight as remembered - have bits been knocked off it? 6½ HOURS.

NO YOUR NOT AS FAT AS YOU THINK YOU ARE

9/4/88 AGEN ALLWEDD - Nick POLLARD, GEOFF NEWTON - Excellent 16½ hour trip to Maytime, found a promising dig at the top of, a 15' climb above the streamway, 4" of airspace, looks bigger ahead, spent many hours digging. Exited at 4.00 AM Sunday morning.

13/4/88 Welsh's Green Smallet, P.H. G.J. AN. Mk dug, blew it up, baaaaammmggg!

31/3/88 - 10/4/88 SNOWDONIA, LAKE DISTRICT, DALES - PH, MF, Tav, Gen, Keith + Roz, Gordon, Lynne, Fi, Gary + Maggie + Andy + Ann. Started off in Snowdonia - camping by the layby in Llanberis Pass - Don't Camp Here as Gordon + Lynne had their tent raided. Poured for 2 days so moved off to a caravan where Keith + Roz were staying. Whilst there - had a look round Llanrhydriwch State Caverns - Five large chambers lit by numerous entrances. On the way back Gary slipped on footpath and fractured his knee - GS out of action for four weeks. Weather improved - Had a fine walk around Snowdon Horseshoe (shame about the tourists on Snowdon) - Seeing Roz crawling along the Crib Goch ridge made up for it. Followed this up with an ascent of Tryfan. Spent a couple of days in the Lakes - thanks to Gary + Maggie for the hospitality. Walked up Scafell Pike from Langdale and then down to Wastwater. Spent the rest of the time in the dales looking at one or two interesting sites including a quick trip into Yordas Cave, the very fine Ibbeth Peil Cave and a look at Dark Gill Cave - This is the flood overflow from Brants Gill and is the resurgence for the whole of Fountains Fell + part of Pen-y-ghent. Huge potential here - so we will have a go at pushing the end. *TAV*.

4/4 Eastwater - Threadneedle. Pete. Little presumptions say it might go soon. The passage volumes & look horribly small

16/4 Eastwater - Threadneedle Pete & Alan. Coming up to a corner, will review the section when we manage to get a look on. Wonderful trip out until we got to the top of the Canyon where we heard a really big stream. Found water gushing down through Bubbs Chamber & flowing off into J-Rats dig. Decided to use the Upper Traverse to come out, at the head of Bubbs Chimney we could hear the water from the entrance <sup>here</sup> rubble. At the head of the 300' Way there was water every <sup>here</sup> with a big stream flowing off across the Traverse. Working up through the Bubbs Rubble wasn't too bad but the final bit out into the entrance shaft was real exciting free dive. Came out with clear wetsuits.

16/4 EASTWATER - Graham Johnson, Geoff Newton, Nick Pollard. A trip to Ceratoph. We are now over 70' up, another 4 bolts should see us to the passage we can see. We were cut short when the BEC informed us that the cave was flooding, so a hasty exit to Blackwall Tunnel, a good swildons size stream was sinking in the sink, foam was seen on the roof but the water was subsiding. Apparently Chamber of Horrors backed up 20' in 5 minutes. Lolly pot was really sporting - like a good wet Yorkshire Pot, but had a tendency to throw stones at us. At Gledmans we got lumbered with the job of removing "Dirt - Head" out of the cave which made for a late dinner. Why can't the BEC look after their own?  
(caw)

16-4-88 Jim & Howard Swildons to 250' community water levels very very good sporty trip.

Bottom pipe to blockhouse needs some  
chemical precision to remove jammed  
boulders. Jim

17/4/88 JEFF PRICE Jim RANDS Mark PURNELL  
SUSSES RIVER Good trip no sout finding  
dificalitie found every thing we went looking  
for. 2 hours Jim

17/4/88 Box Miner - TAV, GJ, NP, GN, Keith + Reg + 2 In Backdoor - a wander  
around Cathedral, Bl2 + Cliffworks to Cliff Entrance + back out Backdoor.  
Pleasant 2 hr Pleb trip. (Who is this Pleb). <sup>TAV</sup> <sub>Pleb</sub>

20/4/88 upper Flood Swallet, very enjoyable trip thanks to  
S. Beauchamp. MCG. - GJ, NP.

23/4 OFD - NP, GJ, MF, Jim Moon, Jim Randy, Jeff Price, TAV, Mark Purnell (The Apprentice).  
Cwm Dwr to One Streamway to Top waterfall to Top Entrance. Magnificent 7 hr trip  
- 4½ miles of superb cave and only got lost a couple of times. First trip  
in the cave for the two Jims, GJ and the Apprentice. It has been decided that NP  
should be relegated to the back in future cause he's a plonker. Fine (pleb) trip.

20/4 Cuckoo Caves A.N., J-S, P.H. short dig owing to light box.  
two out of three lights packed up.

24/4 Swildens - Ian, Bev and Sue - top of twenty-foot  
pitch - and strolled round the short dry way -

23-4-88 UPPER PITTS, D. FREW & M. RONDS CEMENTING FIRE BRICKS IN FIRE PLACE, <sup>Not a bad trip. good draft, dark, light + fitting. due.</sup> ~~TAUS Wool socks.~~

24-4-88 UPPER PITTS. AFTER A VERY NOISY AND ENJOYABLE NIGHT THE WESSEX DID NOT GO CAVADING. I HAD SOME LESSONS IN MACRAME FROM DUNCAN ON THE FIRE ESCAPE, WHILE THE REST OF THE WESSEX LOOKED ON AND PLAYED CRICKET ON THE LAWN, WITH A SPADE AND A ROLLED UP ~~TAUS~~ <sup>TAUS Wool socks.</sup> RULES, ~~WERE~~ OPTIONAL? ~~TAUS~~ <sup>TAUS</sup> Jan RONDS

20/4. PORTLAND. Nigel Graham + Phil Strong try Grano Rift together with Wolg + strong. Phil's 1st go at, cracking. my

26/4/88 HUNTERS HOLE - N. Pollard, M. Palfrey (SSSS). Evening pleb trip. (There's that word again) anon.

28/4-88 SWILDONS LONG DAYWAYS WEEK TRIP WITH MY SUPERVISOR + 6 OTHER ASSHOLES FROM WORK DOWN TO THE TWENTY (I DIDN'T GET WHERE I AM TO DAY WITHOUT CRAWLING) 2 HRS ~~DUSTY~~

27/4 SWILDON, Aubrey, Pete Graham Murry, Rolling Thunder & muddy Sump If the latter charge has failed to do anything we will sell the dig to NASA.

28/4 Eastwater Graham, Nick down to see what Shod did and collect kit from Charing cross, & also try to open up blackwall/chamber of Honors, wet gravel before Blackwall connection

much tighter, lots of stones & silt washed in miraculously though, the sink hole is still very open. Not for very long however if we don't remove all the loose shit. Cave extremely dry. & Nicks overcoat went on probably it lost cutting as a one piece.

30-4-88 Phil Hardy, Sam-Ewan (guest) to 68 - Back Holiday Saturday and the cave to ourselves! Good trudle round main tourist route, and some side passages. Excellent top, 2½ hours.

27-4 ST GEORGE'S RIFT (Portland). Nigel Graham & Phil Strong visited it to assess reasns of encroaching backfilling to entrance. Still a bit to go - started retaining well (dry-stone, boulders as big as we could manage). If the worst comes to the worst we - i.e. all the groups caving on Portland, not just Phil, Martin & ?! - may have to consider wall or pipe shaft. Or lose the cave altogether. I hope not. Anyway it's in an SSSI (staunch!!) NG.

30/4/88 EASTWATER - G. Johnson, G. Newton, N. Pollard.

After 80' of bolting we finally got to the presumed top of Genotaph Aven. A large ledge was found, where we bolted the ladder. We followed a small ascending passage through lots of good stal to a hopeless stal choke after about 40'. Not to despair, our last hope is a high rift <sup>or shaft</sup> passage which we can see above us, this needs about 15' of bolting and climbing to reach a point where we can see what we

have got.

D.Y.O. 30/4/88

RICH WASSER, TAU, MARC FORGE, BOB LIKE, MARK ?, JIM MOON, ACAN,  
 After Mr. Weberell found his way through the snow cave without  
 getting lost. We headed off towards the far North. The Green  
 Canal was just as cold as ever. We all arrived a the far  
 North intact and went off to look at a couple of caves  
 in the left hand series that we think might not have been climbed  
 (we are looking it up) After that we started off to the right hand series  
 which is completely different to 'Pants out'. And the end means ~~as~~  
 though it would go with a minimal amount of effort according  
 to Mr. Wasserc (but were all <sup>heard</sup> ~~had~~ before) a great  
 big 8 hrs. TAU and me <sup>+ Moon.</sup> have ~~have~~ clocked 15 $\frac{1}{2}$  hrs Caving in the  
 last two Saturdays. This will have to stop ~~now~~

30/4/88 FROSTWATER - J. EATON, SPAGHETTI. Quick trip to Canoph Aven  
long trip back out. - much swinging from J.E. @ Good sporting.

1-5-88 JURRANDS NORTH HILL (YACK).

17/6/1902 O, B, I, Kanbee, ZIPPY & THE ZIPPETS, learnt to fly the hard way.

1/5/88 Drunkards Hole

G.N & A.Ward. ~~This~~ Day a fair bit of spoil +  
 dumped / stacked it at foot of shaft. A good long term prospect -  
 one can now see the way on - all 6" of it.

1/5/88 Chatsworth Cave Beta Huan, Nigel Graham, John Cordingley, Bruce Netrea, playing with boulders, way on down looks more open and the wall is now covered with ~~black~~ flowstone.

2/5/88 Swildon, Jim Moon, Doug Adams, Tim Raudorf Murray Knapp. Photographic trip to Barnes loop then down to Swildon II, streambed. The water was clear and just about had the cave to ourselves. Jim M. damaged knee standing up, to the pace even better than one of his flashes. Murray had a quick look at muddy sump to see if wednesday's bags had done any good, but the pump a little strong - unevenful exit. Trip 2 hrs - water pipe has been cleared of debris.

2/5/88 Clydach Gorge - G. Johnson, Tav, N. Pollard, M. <sup>Hearn</sup> Horne (MEG). trip to do Ogof Capel, Ogof Clogwyn, Elm Hole, and Shakespeares Cave. The latter 2 were flooded, the 1st duck in Shakespeares was sumped, we freedived it but decided it was wise to turn back. Elm Hole was quite interesting but we had to turn back after about 80ft. Enjoyable day out.

7-5-88 SWILDONS - FIG 8 ROUND TRIP. - M. MADDEN, K. CLARK, A. GREENWOOD very smelly, while K.C. + AG went to 9, MM climbed lonely Aren (I think), uninspiring rift went up for about 100' then narrowed too much. On way out visited Private

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chamber (unimpressive), finished round trip, down to 2 and out - 7 hrs.

7/5/88 Cavers Cave Cheddar

Rob Harper, Mark Foye, June Frew, Murray Knapp.

Start of the next set of dives Rob and Mark going to start retuning Pump II after Mr. Palmer's epic last March. Cained all the kit in and dived in just under 2 hours (not bad) on reaching Pump II Rob put in a bolt for hanging the ladder out because we were starting to dive from a new base. After getting into stream we waded up to the so called Choke, but it with Mark climbed up through Choke and walked its about 150-200 feet of walking crawling passage. (Hairy minded pink bare back passage) good name Rob and was stopped by a squeeze that was to ~~small~~ for his wetsuit. The passage can be seen continuing, just waiting for Rich Websett.

We retuned Pump II down to the bottom of the Rift at about 90' depth, vis was very bad about 1 ft at best. Dives out and went to pub. Thanks to June and Murray for the carry in, now we've got to go back and get it all out. 7 Hrs

Marks

7/5 Auger Ahmed, Mayline G. Newton TAV. Graham Nick  
nice bit of Streamway. nice dig went 20' in v.small.  
good tip.

8/5 Chortsham Cave Peter Ham, Martin Bishop (B.O.C) John Eyre and Paul Deakin (Pegman) ~~Photographic~~ Photographic trip for Paul 3 hrs.

10/5 Welsh's Green. Aubrey + Graham. A.N. lives to tell the tale it didn't collapse when it went bang (very lucky), put a charge on one of the dogleg bends.

11/5 Welsh's Green. Graham, Pete, Scotty, Murray MAX, Richard cany a few ounces of spoil removed, many, many tons left. No more bang for a long time (Please take note J.S.A.N) Previous night's fines very nearly gone + still draughting without a bream. (A very fine pleb trip) theres that word again - anon - aaaaaarrggghhh (ROOKHAM RAMBLERS, STC)

13-5-88 Jim RAND ON THE WITNEY AGIAN

ALL KNAVERS SHOULD BE CERTIFIED. ~~R.~~  
TUSKER.

15-5-88 Nigel and Kevin made a length visit to Sidcot dig in Swildons. Nigel found the mud <sup>SIDCOT</sup> ~~surf?~~ DIG impassable so he had to return taking Kevin with him who was getting pretty tired now as he had not made such a strenuous attempt at exercise before this. The cave was enjoyable with plenty of splashes though little water in the stream. — KEV

15-5-88

Longwood August, Jim Rands, AIDAN, MARK & IAN. EVERYWHERE  
 BAR RONOLDS, GOOD SUNDAY WOMBLE,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  hours. Jim Rands.  
 15-5-88 (FESTER HOLE) JUST A QUICK LOOK TO SEE IF IT HAD  
 DRIED OUT. IT HAS. DIGGINS WILL RECOMMENCE VERY SOON.  
WATCH THIS SPACE. SIM

14/4/88 Sunday; Murray, + Brian, Kate & Chris (berry C)  
 all a <sup>first</sup> ~~first~~ <sup>trousers</sup> trip down to swamp, and back,  
 well. Escaped being caught up at ladder etc. lots  
 of people - Pleb trip

14/4/88 Sunday; Murray + Brian, Andy, Anne-Marie (berriance),  
 straight down and around the short rapid trip.  
 No problems, mud swamp empty & ducks very low,  
 good fun trip ~~over~~, again. Nobody holding us up  
 anywhere. 3 hrs. Pleb trip

15/4/88 G/F Murray + Brian, Andy, Kate, Chris & Anne-Marie  
 The standard tourist trip white passage down  
 down to the bottom of ladder big and out through a  
 the gorge, pleasant wonder. Pleb trip

14/5 East Chaser - Threadneedle. Part M

Reached corner seen on 16/4. The passage beyond does ~~goes~~ up -  
 small tube a few inches in radius. This if a way on does exist it must  
 be down the refe a bit further back. No longer a very feasible  
 proposition so decided ~~all~~ the ~~as~~ up to brought all the digging gear out

15.5.88 8.30 pm on a Sunday after a hard weekend's festering just got into the shower, got the water nice and hot only to be interrupted by Mr Rand's dulcet tones.

"Is that you in the shower Jim?"

"Yes"

"Is it good?"

"Yes"

"Are you really enjoying it?"

"Yes"

"There's a party 2 hrs overdue in eastwater!"

"You -----!"

Suppose I had to go underground eventually. All 3 safe and sound blissfully unaware of the time.

14/15.5.88 Dowsing becomes big on Mendip. Tony Black, Gary Smith + loads of apprentices conducting empirical study at Bowery Corner, Hunters Hole, Welsh's Green, Eastwater + Chaterhouse + Warren Farm. Systems Tony was unfamiliar with. He will document his findings and all we have to do is prove him ~~wrong~~ right i.e. get digging!

18/5 Surveys Peter H, Jerry, Max, Scotty. The latter two tourist to 2 P.H, A.K, muddy ramp being blown off corner. Could get in a bit further, the oven doubles back a bit will need another charge to rise up properly. Marc has a problem!

14/05/88 Gough's Cave.

RAW + Rob Moyer (Bob). Dived thru to Bishop Palace  
wee we could hear's dt over to Swap II. Rob  
decided to continue diving. Much the went up  
passage found by Foyle on 7/85. Both tanks full  
back to known cave - hard luck Malc!

4 hours. RAW.

18/5 Bone Hole, Aubrey, Graham, John Beauchamp + 2  
Tour of digs, and a little loud noise, nice cave.

21/5 Eastwater W-end, Graham, Nick, Mark Lumley, Pete Bolt.  
Ace photo man ~~My~~ Bolt trying to capture the glorious  
Splendour of the Superb Cenotaph & Whitehall, & Jim Smart  
& Snoblet. ~~Another~~ (which came & went very quickly)  
Surveying ~~Charing Cross~~<sup>Charing Cross</sup> to cenotaph. We all cannot wait  
until we get flooded in the food dump contains some  
real delicacies, Whitehall was open, (Brown hall really)

Also found another dig near Charing Cross which needs  
a couple of bangs before we negotiate passable  
passage.

21/05/88 Gough's Cave.

Ridwell, Malc Foyle.

Camped in to Lloyd Hall picking up 2x28's  
left last week. Dived thru to Bishop's Palace  
carrying 2x50's 2x28 each + his with spare light  
etc. Malc had a cold and wasn't working

~~Comments about who does what and when  
on the hut are counterproductive and  
do not foster good will or club spirit.~~

~~True enough, but try asking WHY and over what some people are not too happy ...~~ <sup>Michael D. - Jonk.</sup> ~~Very philosophical and correct, this log book however is a record of the WCC's activities, and as such may in future years ~~pass~~ by some weird and wonderful fashion maintain and possibly enhance the spirit of the club. So could we possibly just stick to the facts. (Love you too mate.)~~ <sup>Boring</sup> ~~Inc.~~

June 1st. Derek & Keith Sanderson & Terry Waller were to have done Reservoir Hse instead NW Stream Passage. Very pleasant 2hr 5min <sup>TCW.</sup>

SPRING BANK HOLE. W.F.E. DALES. Large contingent - about 20- of Wensley and Craven members on a Berger SRT training trip, visiting SEVEN GILL HOLES, LITTLE HULL POT, ROWTEN POT, BULL POT, JINGLING HOLE. As a change from stony trips, JINGLING HOLE was the venue for one of the most-attended Club bookings for some time, most people going as far as the Fool's Paradise to admire the magnificent stalactites and helictites there. An excellent weekend.

properly so we carried one set of bit over to Duck ponds. PAI lived in excellent vis. Swap descends 27m down base off then to a low silty bit called the Thyme Thymo. Poring this soon picked up the only bits the rest and fished new one on. Surface, after about 60m. Shepherds crook is massive with large shear curving down right hand wall. Swap passage soon terminates at next swap. Returned picking up old tie rod. Avg from base approx 40-m. We returned to swap 4 and started in will/Zitch vis and did a 5 min also stop just for practice. Carried out loadbar gear and imaged about 19.00 hrs. Many thanks to the workers for their support and encouragement! Foxes brain was only firing on one cylinder all day!

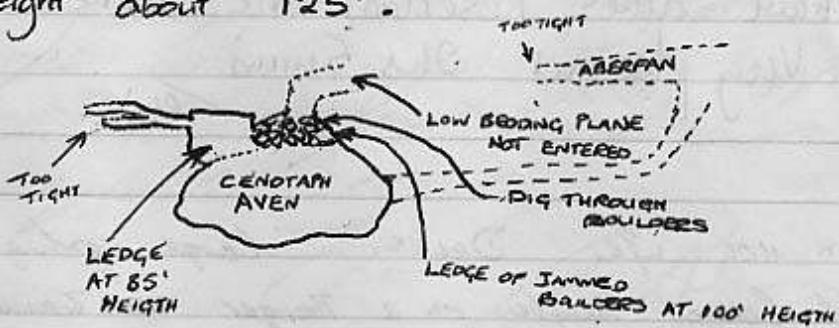
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~~for~~ Log off the journal  
of truck hot!! 8M.

21/22 Duncan Frew, Jim + Lari Rands, Pete Hann, Nigel Graham. <sup>+ some assistance from Fred Davies</sup> The no collect working weekend to get things ready for Turkey was a flop. The few that did work worked bloody hard while the rest sat on the train and slept even better to make tea for the workers but not for themselves. Some of Dave but we tried. <sup>some like gather</sup>

\* including some who are keen to get the hot completed... NER, NER, NER, NER, NER, !

4/6/88 EASTWATER - Nick Pollard, Geoff Newton - managed to rig a traverse line to the ledge at the top of Cenotaph Aven via some bold free climbing by Geoff. This point is about 100' up and is a ledge of jammed boulders. Two ways on were noted, an inclined low bedding plane ~~heading~~ heading down dip (probably the top end of Aberfan Passage) and another down dip bedding plane which requires moving boulders to get to. None of the passages were entered due to the absence of Graham. ~~The aven itself was free climbed for a further 20' or so above the ledge of jammed boulders until it pinched out. There is no way on at the very tip.~~  
 Total height about 125'.



5-6-88. St Cuthbert's Swallet. Jan + Dave Hoggarth were lucky enough to find a leader going down Cuthbert's. Us Ted Humphries and four tools from Northampton. Curious Chamber was visited and much admired. We reached Sump 2 and came out via Finger Traverse and other devious routes. *jdh*.

11/6/88 Daren Cizaus - Nick Pollard, Graham Johnson, Mark Pinel,  
 Pete Bolt. Carrying 2 x 500 ml bottles and a tackle bag  
 of pieces to Crystal Inlet. Good trip? /

11/6/88

"Gough's Cave Cheddar" - Saturday

Just for a change, we carried a mountain of bottles  
 and other diving kit into Mackay Progess. The ~~packing~~  
 taken in, and the platform finished, was bombing the tides down  
 the 70 foot pitch.

Sunday

Bob Palmer & Robin Brown went through to ~~the~~ Sheppards Creek,  
 to use up the Mole Home, so that Bob's truck could get  
 a fire in the Garage. Mole and Jim went in, and fixed  
 a dry travers line from the platform to the dry rope  
 land around the corner. ~~He~~ Her fixed up the lights in  
~~the~~ Lloyd Hall.

12/6/88 Longwood Snallett - Jim, Sue + Bev.  $3\frac{3}{4}$  hr.  
 Very enjoyable trip, enjoyed the squeeze! Water level low

14/6/88 Two coats emulsion filled cracks  
 ladies dorm. Ran out of time so  
 did not get a chance to rub down filler  
 or tape up. etc MwD-7

14/6/88 0930 hrs Hut wide open who was

last cut.

Gouges Cave Cheddar 6/18/88.

Again transporting gear through into Bishop's Palace and Shefford's Crock. Loads of bottles taken into Caves, there are now 5, 80's in Shefford Crock and 5, 60's left in Bishop's Palace. The hand work is nearly done - Divers Robin Brown, Rick Webber, Rob Harpo, Steve Pugh, Rick Stevenson, Rob Palmer. Thank to the lads that turned up to carry the kit in with us.

Eastwater 18-6-88.

GN & GJ

The Conoph Tinx continues. Nick Pollard died off (ill) on the surface and Graham pleaded imminent collapse at foot of Gladness (ill?) <sup>Hangeron?</sup> We changed the ladders on Gladness and spent an hour or so bolting at leads between the two pitches - all just too tight. I destiny though. Then out. GJ.

18/6/88 Gouges Cave Cheddar

Sort of a Change Carrying Kit in Robin Brown & Marco Paganuzzi Transported Bottles and Kit through Shefford's Crock. Rest of us stacked kit and ran in telephone cable. Rob Harpo, Rick Webber, Steve, Zippy, Mike. Next week we Opt!!!

18-6-88 Last couple of SRT trips before the Budgie. Alias "Shepherds chasm". Not a very big turnout.

Wades flood entrance → GG main chamber and a few other places. rigged by Paul Norman, Uncle Ric and aunty Pat Haffine!! Steve Pic. de rigged by Maggie "the flame queen" in mini pea green oversuit

Pete Hann, James Eaton + Dunc. Exchange with stream not attempted in view of lack of people and excessive length of ropes.

19.6.88 To Alun for Diccan - Long side main shaft-exchange Ric, Bob, Brenda down diccan but Bob had packed the wrong rope, beautiful traverse line + very short descent good job he put a knot in it. I thought teachers were supposed to be numerate. Ric appeared to inform Pat of this problem just as she passed the belay onto the main hang and she had to go all the way down to tell Dunc that he'd have to come back up, heavy hot day packed with midges biting you to death. Nowhere to run to on a belay. just hanging around.

On to Kettlewell with P. Hann + J. Eaton to spend "loads of money."

18.6.88 Battery Swallet  
Sub contract for MCG.

Aubrey

22.6.88 P.H.(ugly) Max Harry Aubrey Cuckoo Cleaves  
P.H. = wall buster Max = cement mixer Harry = hammer  
Aubrey = pop!

24.6.88 Battery Swallet } more MCG Subcontract  
" Bone hole }  
Gough's CAVE 25/6/88

Aubrey

WB Got all the gear in How much are we  
spending to get?

11/6/88 Ogof Hesp Alun — N. Wales weekend with MCG. Having been told that it was horrible tight + muddy it was a pleasant surprise to find the cave large and pleasant. Not knowing the cave we had a bit of fun route-finding, so only got to the pool just before the big ~~big~~ pitch. Then a quick run around nearby Poachers Cave. Perfect weather and a fine weekend. Thanks to the MCG. TAN

19/6/88 Otter Hole — Jeff Price, Ken Dawe, Jim Moon, Doug Adams, TAN, Mark Purcell. Fine ramble around a magnificent cave. First visit to the extension for Ken and Mark who were suitably impressed. TAN.

25/6/88 Goughs. 30 hrs of unadulterated hard slog keeping the divers happy, playing with Molephones, leaky bottles and plenty of mud. Major decompression practice in the pub after making several long dives in a pint pot. Cheddar man eats chunky meals, P. Ham, D. Frew, P. Lambert, J. Raids, Quackers, Aileen, K. Gannon, Mike Hearn, Oge and Chris, to name but a few. The divers can learn to write for themselves. Some or the shrapta's

25/6/88 Swildon. Graham took Murray for his first plunge through 2 & 3, also taking some more weight down w/ the bucket, up to 11/12' low and then fine in 2 in very poor state of repair!!! Railed out in time for pub.

26/6/88 Catherstones. Alison took Mark Madden + 4 WSG & Murray around. Via Captain Hawker, lake down

25/6/88

Didir even gur du decompression parties  
au ab + 10m stop

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Reprise.

(cork) passage → Shuf II and out via  
Rabbit Warren, railway tunnel etc. An attempt  
made to find Rocky Boulder Series but gave up.  
An excellent tumble around some superb bits of  
cave -

Christian Coumans Cave Divots

WE'VE BEEN SPOT KNOCKED AND WE'RE  
GO TO DO IT ONE MORE TIME!! . MAC.

26/6/88 EASTWATER - Tav, Graham Johnson, Nick Pollard. An interesting poke  
around for dig sites in Rift Chamber areas, also visited the roof  
extension in 1st Rift Chamber and did some work

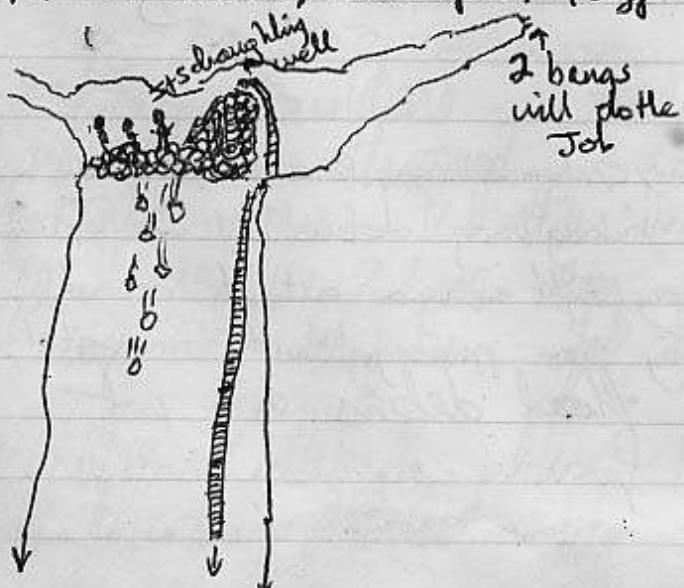
2/7/88 EASTWATER - Nick Pollard, Graham Johnson, Tony Jarratt, quick  
trip to roof extension of 1st Rift Chamber to bang the draughting  
boulder ruckel at the end. Later joined by Snablet who decided  
to ride his skateboard down the cave MAD!! Many thanks  
(Tony)

3/7/88 EASTWATER - Nick Pollard, Tav, Graham Johnson, Pete + Alison Moody.  
Back to the boulder choke, after kicking bang debris out we entered  
a small chamber and dug a very tight ~~squeeze~~ out to reveal  
200ft. of large down dip walking size passage with fine stal.  
Phenomenal draught. Found flood debris in a pot  
where is the Shear coming from:

3/7/88 Sheldons - Narrows Knob & Watson  
 Layer 1. Replaced tip in Shelly D. Water very  
 low, seems like practically a duck.

29/6 8 6/7/88 PORTLAND Nigel G., Martin C., Phil S.  
 To new dig (located by Martin + Phil) on West cliff. The reentered?  
 on the island, protected by very steep grass slopes & a short cliff climb.  
 To our dismay, even this spot is not inviolate. A haulie had been  
 stolen - cut! First of the seniors saw NG, then the others, arrested  
 the west slope (pick-axe and ice-axe style) to put bolt in a boulder so  
 we could get back down with oddments of rope! 2nd senior, 2 bolts  
 in at "cave" for protection traverse-his. Threatening grot - appears to be  
 bedrock - place passage choked with tough angular gravel / sandy clay  
 silt. DG

9/7 Eastwater, cenotaph. Geoff Nick Graham.



All the leads were pushed to  
 bag of want conclusions. One  
 remains looks very good takes  
 the wind, but needs a bang or  
 two or three. The boulders over  
 the top of the Aven are not  
 very stable we found out

9<sup>th</sup> July 88

Swallows, short Round Trip.  
 Tony N + Andy over (visiting)  
 Finally cracked the "B&R@ger!!!"  
 after getting lost 6 times  
 previously, the time lucky. Every  
 route we took seemed to end at  
 fault chasm until the last  
 side-passage tried. Got jammed  
 (Tony's first) in Birthday squeeze  
 and after being ~~pushed~~ forced at  
 one end yanked at the other  
 came out like a cork. Long trip  
 but well worth it.

29/6/88 Gukoo Cleevess. Murray & Pete & Murray  
 => Hammer, Autogyro. BANG! Locking sympathizing.  
 A party already there who were enlightened  
 into the caved way to descend the pitch -

6/7/88 Cachoo Cleevess. Murray & Pete investigated  
 Autogyro last bung which turned out to be  
 a holocaust at the end, total devastation!  
 Removed fur amount of sciss. The Hitman tried  
 to kill Hang with the Hellboy pump hammer truck  
 dam the entrance shaft, will collect pay later.

10/7/88 Aubrey & Murray a quick trip down Cuckoo, BAAG (again). In fact it's a lie, it was steady trip due to Aubrey's injury.

10/7/88 EASTWATER Again

N. Pollard, Zippy Newton. Fotograffin the new passage complete with hangover

10/7/88 EASTWATER - Tar + Snablet taping off formations in Dark Cars and Sunglasses. Also took some photos. Still draughting well — Rift Removal operations will commence soon. Thanks to Snablet for helping.

14/7/88 Cuckoo Murray, Paul & Aubrey - moved lots of soil - and made some more (we hope).

18/7 J. Beauchamp, G. Johnson amineshaft in ~~a~~ a ~~field~~ 38' deep blocked with rubbish. Cartouilage required.

23/7/88 Swildons Hole - Mendip, Priddy. N. Pollard, a small tourist trip for something to do.

22/7/88 Paul Scotte & Aubrey Cuckoo 11b

25/7/88 Graham T & Aubrey Cuckoo - another 1b/ft.

27/7/88 Paul & Aubrey Cuckoo again - bottom of cave has bad air!! Probably Aubrey's BOM!!

26/7/88 P. Lambert a morning digging in Fester  
 tried to find wall in passage we dug  
 out the other day - failed - I don't understand  
 this place. Its now a cave not a hole.

Wednesday Evening Swildons. Twin Pts Last of Summer Wind  
 Trip. J. Moon Mud-York. S. Simms J. Palpney R. Williams J. Clayton  
 Boulder Ruckles of people at twenty, enough water to enjoy cave  
 noticed the bottom of 40' is filling with muck. Murky,

**BERGER! YOU!! MAN**

We stole the barrel, they paint our windows.  
 They (BEC) are not around weekdays)  
**Who KNOWS WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN?**  
Proper Job.

30/7/88 Swildons - N. Pollard, Snablet (BEC) trip to Shatter  
 Chamber, Pacchendale, look at Snablets and Toms dig called  
 Bat Dig, looks alright. Photos taken. Then we all got pissed  
 again at the BEC barrel.

2-8-88 A.PAN PAUL FESTER HOLE

A NOTHUR GOOD DAY Digging THE CAVE  
HAS NOW DOUBLED IN SIZE WITH THE LATEST  
BIG BREAK THROU (SORRY JIM) AIR PAN  
LUCKY BASTARDS Jim

3/8/88

Welshs green Mark Lumley Graham John  
Very quick cup between beers, 1 boat out very  
smelly, (Mark & the cave)

~~WELL IT'S HOT . IT'S HOT~~

~~WELSHS GREEN RUMBLE AND (38) WENT~~  
~~SUPPLY THEM TAKEN SWARF OF THE~~  
~~.dot 20000~~

Read the book seen the film been here we counted them down  
the Berger tree whenside manner and counted them out again  
I think they all came out. Two weeks of good saving and  
a weeks bergering now red the log Dic.  
They even found a wednesday night dig, good potential boys.

6/8/88 M Hewins to experiment with stereo using forward slave flask and own slaves J & E Hewins as models 1½ hrs then ditto after lunch in Read's cavern.

6/8/88 TAV Graham, Nick STEVEMILNER  
 PETE BOLT, EASTWATER DARK CAPS &  
 SUNGLASSES, SURVEYED & a bit OF FOTOGRAFFIN  
 UNTIL BATTERIES EXPIRED.  
 TOTAL 180' exaggeration factor 1-4%

Buger "granted Jim Raads and "Jack" Nigel, Martin  
 Dockyer, Brian Gilbert (BEC) & Mike Read (W.PVSU) to  
 Camp One, gently. And even more gently out... Back again  
 2 days later, Mike & Martin continued to bottom whilst  
 rest of us turned back at Canals. Slowly back, taking photos  
 to Camp One. Night there, then on out steadily  
 Fantastic trip - all those training trips up North paid off! *NY*

7/8/88 WOOLER HOLE - N. Pollard plus Dave Pike, Pete Bolt, Trebor,  
 Sebastian Prince. First cave dive ~~for me~~ <sup>Pete</sup> in through resurgence  
 to 1 then out. Very enjoyable dive. *NP*

7/8/88 - Murray, TAV, Nick, Dave Pike, Reed pulling in  
 the Millies,

7/8/88 FESTERHOLE JIM, NIGEL, AIDAN, AND PAUL. A good day's  
 DIGGING APPROX 2 TONS SOIL REMOVED AND SURVEY WAS TAKEN  
 STILL LOOKING LONG TERM BUT HAS PROMISE. Jim & shorts

7/8/88

BFC's

Agen Ahmed's ~~Midnight~~ dig. M. Murray, Snablet, Graham  
moving rocks & mud. Looks good.

13/8/88

SWILDONS HOLE

M. MADDEN, S. WALSH, K CLARKE Trip to blow up  
the boulder choke in the ~~area~~ sandwich chamber  
of Desolation Row. Smooth trip, streamway disgusting  
all the way to 12, q badly silted. Bang was  
quite loud, have to go back + see what's happened  
soon. 7½ hours

13/8/88 Subcontract division blew up upper flood & bottom  
(for MCG (Murray & Akerly). Bottom swelled  
'run filthy & no water' -

14/8/88 Dark Cars - PM, NP, GJ, TAV - Boom. (EASTWATER).

14/8 Chatshouse Cave Pete H, Murray moving boulders  
in dig.

15/8 P Johnson, J. WATSON (belfry)

Manor Farm John end dig  
draughts looks good. needs bang. return next  
week proper ~~so~~.

~~ed.~~

20/8/88

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20/8/88 Pierres Pot. DUNC.

A quick trip just to remind myself of some of the facts of life such as, caves are located underground and this particular one is smaller than most. Forgot my cell belt but wouldn't have worn it most of the time anyway. Cave in moderate flood, ridiculously unpleasant in a furry suit up in the upstream sump inlet where the water was backing up in the two squeezes. No apparent backing up at the downstream sump, surprising!

20/8/88

Eastwater DC6SG P.A. Moody, McKnapp, G. Johnson put a charge in left rift, not much draught, very difficult laying charge. Almost no bang as Mr Knapp dropped detts down upstream, Alphas rescued from there to Palmers bang. Murray's a jelly fingered prat. ~~etc etc~~

20/8/88 SWINDONS JIN, BEN & PIDEY.

Short dryways some of the more obscure routes got them both wet, good fun for me not to much for them 2 hours *Jin*

\* 20/8/88 SWINDONS HOLE M. Madden, S. Walsh, K. Clarke Follow up trip to last weeks.

Arrived at Sandwich Chamber to find that the two boulders holding up the choke had gone but the rest of the choke was still there. There was a way through which would probably

\* see "208 w. k1 rpt."

Re-surveyed 2nd 1/2 of cave to investigate possible ~~wrong~~<sup>wrongly-read</sup> bearing on earlier trip (2 who ago).

Then Charterhouse Cave. Tomint, James taking photos. The crowd below Inquiry Stal Chamber had obviously recently been nuzzled: foam on roof & big ~~last~~ bubble-bath to wadlo through.

27-8-88

FESTERHOLE JIM AIDAN PAUL 4 HOURS DIGGING = 60 TUBS OF MUD. HAD TO BAIL THE APPROX TUBE BEFORE WE COULD START. THE WATER RAN STRAIGHT DOWN THE SLOT IN THE LOWER TUBE. NO DRAUGHT TODAY AIR WAS BECOMING FOUL. WE STOPPED WORK AT 4PM FOR A BREW AND SOME SOUP. SOUP WAS JUST HEATING NICELY WHEN SHOUTS WERE HEARD FROM THE TOP OF THE COOMBE ABOVE PIERRE'S SOAK BURN HAD GOT LOST AND COULD NOT FIND HIS WAY DOWN. SCAYER'S TO THE RESCUE HE DID NOT EVEN KNOW WHERE HIS CAR WAS. WE HAD TO SEARCH FOR THAT AS WELL, AND HIS GIRL FRIEND. WHEN WE GOT BACK TO THE DIG THE SOUP WAS COLD THAT WAS IT WE PACKED UP AND ~~BIENT~~ BACK TO THE WESSEX. A WELL BETTER DAY TO-MORROW WE HOPE, JIM

20/8/88 AGEN ALLWEED

Nick Pollard, Mark Lumley, Pete Bolt. Digging trip to Midnight Passage, long term stuff, but looks good.  
21/8/88, N.Pollard, M.Lumley, P.Bolt, prospecting on the

involve imbedding oneself ~~in~~ in boulder choke so we decided to modify it by pulling rocks out with rope. While Kev was tying this on, ~~the~~ a large boulder rolled down his back leaving a nasty but usable way through. Entered the chamber ~~at~~ and tried tidying up from the top but it threatened to seal Kev in so he gave up and explored.

The chamber was a boulder strewn bedding inclined at approx  $45^\circ$ . About 10' high at entrance tapering to nothing after about 20' downslope & 80' upslope. No prospects. This probably reaches approx 80' vertically from Des. Row.\*

Horrible red things found growing in sumps & onwards! Pink anemone-like clumps 3"-5" across & Red Fronds hanging from roof.

\* this is only  $\approx$  160 ft below the surface!

I'm glad to see that the Wossen ~~are~~ are, at long last, finding some of the old BEC. diys - see BEC hut by about 6 years ago!

17/8/68 Cudoo, usual crew plus one (his first carrying trip) ie Aubrey, Max, Pete Murray new bit lead air all 3 ft of it loose rock removed and a being fixed.

20/8 Festerhole, Nigel Graham & James Eaton.

(Biff)

surface at Llangynidr, not very impressive, but nice scenery.

27/8/88 - Nick Pollard, Graham Johnson, Geoff Newton.

Eastwater, Cenotaph Aven. 27' bangs at the top broke through into about 120 ft + of high narrow rift passage ending in another aven with fine blob like formations on the floor. The aven is about 35 ft + with a passage going off at 25' ~~depth~~, not preclimable so back to the bolts and pitons. Bang fumes in the new passage were bad and probably accounted for the <sup>yes you are in a room</sup> exit plus headaches (or perhaps I'm just getting soft). ~~Geoff~~

~~hello I am from the planet SEMPLON, I eat SEMPLONites~~ I am a SEMPLONian  
When will this place give up its secrets easily?

28.8.88 FESTERNOLE SIM, AIDAN & PAUL 1½ HOURS DIGGING HAD TO BALL THE DOCK AGAIN. APPROX 20 BINS OF MUD.

27/8/88. Angela Williams, Pamela Gough (guest), Nick Thompson (hubcaps), Tony Bennett & Steve Gough to Builders Dump I. Annual pilgrimage

28/8/88. Thompson, Bennett, Gough. These have avoided water in Atlas as far as possible, first time I've been down since Nigel Kermode's rescue!

27/8 DC&SG Eastwater. Peter & Alison. Cleared debris from previous week's efforts & fixed another. The place is horribly similar to Threadneedle which finally pinched out into a cul de sac of about 6' do., hope this does not do the same.

29.8.88 SOAKAWAY HOLE 2ND PUSHING DIVE ON SUMPT II  
KIEITH SAVORY ABLELY ASSISTED BY AUBRY NEWPORT  
AND A LARGE TEAM OF SHARPAS FROM THE WOSSY  
WAS PUSHED TO A CONCLUSION, NO OBVIOUS  
WAYS ON. ~~THE~~ 14 MINUTE

27/8. Gaping Ghyll. Not the most-attended Wash Meet - not surprising in view of the weather. One Fall Bank had dropped enough to allow working to commence, Hale Foyle, Duncan Frew, "Parrot", Dave Board & Nigel Graham could enter in search of Whetstone cavities. The main chamber was impressive with 3 vegetable waterfalls ( Rat, Til + Main) all "working" - spray everywhere. Water stopped play: the Font drink was well & truly occupied. Out to bright sunshine: Honest!

28/8. JINGLING HOLE. The Weeres take the BEC caving in Yorkshire!  
Not to mention the Bradford & Victoria. reps. as well. Parrot rigging: "Come back up Parrot", ordered Hale, Dave, "and rig it properly" (ie with a tape sling not a deviation cord on one leg of the Y hang in the tree). "O.K", Parrot, "Um, can you read my ascender down the rope please?" All held watchful, Parrot went back down to rig the "devious" route, followed by Nigel with the 2nd rope and vague memories of where the route goes. Then "My main beam's gone, got a spare?" "Not for that lany". "Oh." To Parrot, devoid of illuminant,

and Nigel, short on digging experience, decided the only way out was  
 a "Mid-Rose damp Changeover". No-hum. All got down eventually,  
 pleasant enough dangly trip to fit in between the Master Series closing  
 and the same re-opening in the evening.

D.G.

3/9/88 EASTWATER.

Nick Pollard, Graham Johnson, Geoff Newton, Steve Milner (BEC). The proposed trip was to climb the new aven found the previous week at the top of Cenotaph Aven. The stream was wet and upon arriving at Blackwall Tunnel we were horrified to see the foam levels from flooding, the foam was backed up 30ft from the sink, and upon crawling into the tunnel foam was everywhere. The sinkhole was under a bloody pool of water and after trying to clear it we decided to abort the trip, because of the bad weather forecast. All totally and completely pissed off.

3/18 STEVE'S ENDEAVOUR. Nigel Graham, Phil Strong, Martin Crocker into one of Portland's largest rift caves. Nice little tourist trip as a change from digging!

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3/18 Cuckoo Caves Murray, Anthony, & Marc, Mini Bang-

31/8 Chantelouve Cave. I. & H. Paul Lambert, W. William Edwards + William Stanton. more sand carried down plus a tourist trip for the two Williams. Both much impressed with the Cave with Mr Edwards doing very well despite his three more years and ten plus.

#### 4.9 Pierres Pt.

Pete Haun + Dunc.

Twinkletoes even digging the bottom of the rift ½ way up, got about six foot in to a narrow cross rift heading back towards Pungle ridiculously tight and stuffed with boulders. One more lead to follow up then back that. Went to inspect the upper reaches of the nasty boulder rift. Very nice too but noway over the sumps worth attempting. A very slippery and slimy march back up to the surface time to go somewhere else

~~1) Spill removed, 2) Few conditions of Mithring's Mallet~~

Phil Churches

9/9/08 Wooley Hole - N. Pollard, and ~~A.?~~ The dive was to do 3 to 9, Crystal clear vis, but due to an entanglement in the line half way through I decided to return to 3. (NO KNIFE CARRIED - PLONKER) Also dived to 4 with Dave Price of BEC.

7/9 ENGINEERS' HOLE (Portland) Nigel Graham + Martin Crocker. This was my 1st dig but I had not been there for at least 10 years! Moved fair amount of spoil (silt-choked, rotted vegetation). Cleaning rubbish in the quarry did not please us: at least the discarded wheelbarrow was

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unusable enough for us to carry it out over to bury the dumped dead dog, though the discarded NCC SSS (f. 222) I notice told us nothing we didn't already know!

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10-9-89 COUCH's. On hearing Paul Lambert had seen ~~little~~ little of the show-cave despite so numerous trips in there carrying for the divers. Rick Stevenson arranged a tour with him + Nigel Graham. As it was his last day there as a manager, Chris Brecklow accompanied us "for a last look round", switching on the "sunrise" at Krieg Euston's for a group of tourists we met there (rarely-used effect now parties are no longer guided round - )

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7/9/88 SWEDDONS - Low low Peter H., Paul Lambert a short digging session to see if it is worth having another look at, one large rock removed and lots of good white mud.

10/9/88 BIRKS FORE CAVE. Dune crew - Pete Hamm, Keith Fielder, Rick + Pat Harrison, Tony Whitelock, Terry ?, Tony Black, Mike Doyle + 1 K.C.C. + 1. Cleaning Cave enough sand to fly on the beach with. Why are there so few Southern Wessex members using our Northern permits for sand surfing / canopy trips as this?!!! Nelly

14/9 WOOKER 3-9. N. POLLARD. P. CHURCHES

14/9. WEST CLIFF of Portland. Charge from digging. The daughter, Tina, of one of Phil's workmates wanted to go abseiling so Phil, Martin + I set up ropes on the Blackbar face. 2 ropes about 3 ft apart. Wearing full SRT rig as a precaution, I abbed just below Tina on the other rope. A long stay was grabbed onto my harness, on the end of it

a knot tangled down Tia's rope - Doing this, I could re-preserve her all the way down the 100ft pitch, further, if she lost control (Fig 8 on Bluewater, no re-belaying) she would have gone no further than the slingshot. Also, if she'd got her long hair, or jacket, pinned in the descender, I could have punched up quickly to help her. The descent went very well - she thoroughly enjoyed it!

- Nigel Graham

17 Sept m Herring with Ron Timney & Es Turner to Twin Titties to attempt stereo photowork. Bounced off 36 exposures in ~~near~~ the mud. Met the wife on the green and all 4 to Sirdar's to wash off. Total ~~these~~ time 3 hrs.

### 11.9.88 Flame Thrower Pot.

Keith, Pete H, Malc, Tony B, Bob, Barbara + kids, Dalek, Nigel + someone from C.R.O and the only one underground Dave - 20ft to dead woolly inspecting the prospects. Mr Black dowsed the scene + Malc tried to fill it in some interesting manouvers while I played at being a winch cable capped the hole to prevent further pollution of the stream, Hause cave will go! To the Pub !!!

### 24-9-88 - G. B -

Murray - Sue, Bev and <sup>(visitor)</sup> Dave - trip - main chamber ox bow and loop back up the gorge through the waterfall. Second time for Sue & Bev to this cave, very enjoyable, took our time ~~and~~ 1½ hours appreciating the very impressive formations. Thanks Murray for a good trip.

21/9/88 Swilday

Pete, Scotty, Marc, Paul Murray. The water chamber dug revisited, about 4" of water at end, Murray digging himself a dyke, about 2' progress made, then air turned foul escape then made. A quick call down to the 20 for a wash then out. Pirating eh.

30-9-88. OUDREY WISHING WELL. Tourist beauty spot about 4 miles N of Weymouth, this large (1M gall/day) spring. The head of the R. Wey, is in, or <sup>as</sup>, the base of, the Portland limestone beds.

Paid 30p, closely inspected it. 2 openings: 1 is the "Wishing Well" bit, the other, slightly larger, to one side where the water rises from an intriguing hole. Bought booklet + pot of tea (enjoyed it despite local gossip about X-Rays and Beck Passages from little old ladies on next table!), as diplomatic manoeuvre before initiating negotiations to dig it.

The managers seemed very doubtful, but was more worried about the effect on the trout hatchery just downstream than on the well. I promised to follow her suggestion and the wife to her husband, who runs the fish-farm.

Whether or not there's case for there for the CDG to play in remains to be seen. Have to be able to go a-juggling first ... (Permission applied for Nigel G in writing. Refused on grounds of his disturbed rest being a health hazard to the baby Goat: 15/10, w/g)

2.10.88 CHARTERHOUSE CAVE. Nigel + Howard Price (BEC), Tim Benfield + Pete Bracklow (Carbone School of Music CC) - Tourist, also (of course) gravel + sand hauling! ng

8/10/88 Murray & Graham Webb's green abit damp  
and sounding good. Silted up quite badly & lots of foam.

8/10/88 Cullercoats

James Coblett, MacAnus & Roger Day to  
cave 1 and back. Plenty of water around.

IRELAND, CO CLARE - 17/9/88 - 1/10/88

Members present. Tav, Graham Johnson, Jeff Price, Nick Pollard,  
Dave Pike (BEC) and Gen Jefferies.

18/9/88 Doolin CAVE - NP, GJ, JP, Tav. Aran View to Fisherstreet  
to St Catherines. Moderate water conditions, had to dig out rubbish  
to get into Aran View. Met Bradford in streamway 5 hours

19/9/88 Poulnabrone - Poulnagollum - NP, GJ, JP, Tav. Abseiled into Poulnabrone  
met Bradford lost in maze, into Craven Canyon then into main Poulnagollum  
streamway up to Poulnagollum main entrance. 3 hours.

20/9/88 Coonagh River CAVE - NP, GJ, Tav. In Polldonough North, lots of  
crabwalk walking and graveling in stream. Up and down  
excellent main Drain. Tried to exit via Polldonough but not sure of  
way so tried Polldonough South - same result. Eventually exited by  
Polldonough North again. 5 hours.

22/9/88 Coonagh River CAVE - Tav, GJ, JP. In Polldonough South  
down Main Drain to gravel pit and out via south on a

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rainy day. Pleasant trip - On previous trip we crawled within a foot of the connection to "South" and it only takes  $\frac{1}{4}$  hour to get. ? "OUT.MEBE"

22/9/88 POUNDERE - Tar, GJ. Excellent cave, walking streamway huge caves and fine formations.

23/9/88 CULLUM ONE - Tar, GJ. Found entrance after visiting Jam Pot Two and Upper entrances of Cullum One. Another fine trip - good streamway with cascades to a flat out bedding crawl. Detoured to Gaffers Gulch Old Streamway - Not impressed 3 hours. NOTE - main entrance lies within newly afforested area and is difficult to find.

25/9/88 CULLUM TWO - Tar, GJ. Excellent trip - due to rain the stream was high. Main entrance down to pitch in walking size stinking wet passage. Definitely a wet weather trip. Graham gave it 30 out of 10.

(Ballinores)

25/9/88 ~~DOONYARDON~~ Cave. Tar, GJ. Quick visit to this cave - not as good as it sounds, in fact pretty crap really,  
~~Wet~~ ~~Stink~~ ~~Bad~~ ~~Horrible~~.

26/9/88 AILWEE CAVE. NP, GJ, Tar, JP, DP, Cen. A tour around the show cave with Carl Wright. Many thanks Carl.

26/9/88 Pou-An-Ionain - NP, GJ, JP, Tar, Gen. Spectacular Main Chamber and stal, but crap apart from that.

28/9/88 FAUNAROOSKA CAVE - NP, GJ, JP, Tar, Nice streaming down to head of both pitches and photographing.

29/9/88 Powerballing - GJ, Tar - Back of wank "rich". Good cave apart from the underground bits. Master cave ok ~~not~~. Best cave in class, 80 out of 10 ~~not~~.

29/9/88 POUINAGREE - NP, JP - Easy wander down a pleasant cave.

Coughs. a \o/ 88.

Dunc F, Murray k, Prime 'A'f'c, Nigra S, Malc F, were going to try a put some bolts in for a platform at the head of the 70'. When we arrived the water was 3 feet deep in cress entrance, when we got up to Lloyd Hall we found that the water was about 20 feet above June levels, 'Lloyd less hall'. So we aborted and went out & after about 1 hour in the cave the water had risen about a further 6 inches in the entrance.

8/10/88 Saturday

& Malc, Al, Max & Murray. Malc dragged scuba gear & kickers to Shimp 2 (but he enjoyed it really). Moderate currents of water + cepivus loads, rocks, pms trip -

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15/10/88 THRUPE LANE SWANET - Nick POLLARD, Geoff NEWTON. Pleasant amble down Old Wells Road, top of Atlas and Geoff to top of Avalanche.

14/10/88 Murray & Graham Nocturnal trip down to Sculdborn 2. A Bit WOBBLY, & fell down Limekiln

15/10 SWALLOWS (Upper series). ~~Wet weather~~ Gary & Maggie, Gordon, Alun, Becker, Ric & Pat, Nigel. Decidedly more do- serious ramble round Dry Days, Oxbows, etc as far as the Twenty. Visited Kestrel's Dig and Butcombe Chamber. Emerged for a spot of fun & high jinks in the pool outside, interrupted by lots of dry-grotted wege in the shape of Andes Sparrow. "You're not taking this very seriously", groaned. "No!" we cried... ~~that's~~ only

18/10 (Tues) Fester P.C. 2 HR LEFT HAND SIDE now looking good (can't be fester!!)  
DIDAN.

16/10/88 Sculdborn. A tourist ramble and poking up Northwest stream, a fine piece of cave, the pots out cave bearing with people Party Rich Webber & Murray

19/10 Cuckoo. 'Good news I've got some bang!' great what shall we do? 'Cuckoo' BANG.  
Mark, Aubrey & Murray -

-22/10/88 Swildons - North West Stream Passage.

Nick Pollard, Graham Johnson, Murray Knapp. Good fumble about in some digs at the downstream end. All crap. dug one for 5 foot no good. Bad air was noticed as well.

23/10/88 ~~at~~ Lonhroos Nick Williams + J. Berkman + Rob Donaldson. - SWIFT AND Satisfying rip in the top of bottom - sum backs up to "DO NOT DAM..." notice. Trouble will key in padlock on why our man. 2½ hrs.

24/10/88 Welshs, Aubrey & Graham cleaned up. bang face & fired 1/6, were approaching. maybe a 3' to 4' waterfall judging by the sound.

26/10/ Welshs, Graham, Tim Smart, Pete Bolt copyisting & photographing a bit of rock at end.

- 26/10 Aubrey Murray & Max - Tried to get into cuckoo but found a key broken off in lock - Swallows instead.
- 28/10 Aubrey & Darian (Newport) - Managed to extract stub of key from cuckoo lock.
- 30/10 Cider - Murray - Dislodged after heavy deliv, not most successful hang. but managed to squeeze through to weak bit of rift, held too tight to work in -

22-29/10 Co. WATERFORD (EIRE). Nigel Graham, Pete Ryuler, Abigail Mann, Lee Blanks, Robin + Cath Sermon, joined by Dublin-based John Dowd for ~~a few days~~ a few days. Return to Dungarvan area visited by NG, PFR, SD plus others at Easter this year. High water levels further re-inforced ideas of extensive active phases under the BEWLEY CAVES at least. Several other caves located, sites of 3 possibilities visited (2 lost, one artificial shelter). Brief tour of limestone W of R. Blackwater (perhaps 10 miles W of Dungarvan) raised interesting possibilities. A farm manager there spoke of old caves lost in back-filled quarries and of "ground holes", subridges into cavities (some with stal). One of these had gobblled up a tractor.

Most of these caves were open and looked by archaeologists late 19<sup>th</sup>/early 20 C. but until now not properly investigated by cavers. Prof. Trotman had worked on late archae. digs, and recently Gareth Jones had treated and sketched a few. (Pete Ryuler had had this region suggested to him by Gareth). All in all an

interesting and useful week. Accommodation: Hobley house at year's end  
 (worthwhile) Dungarvan. Recommended: Lang's Bar in Dungarvan's main square!  
 26.10 Swildons muddy sump Soddy Pete H. - NG park (Author, Doley). Transferred sand and to the prob.

4/11/88 Graham & Murray. Welsh's Green 3rd attempt -  
 His week. Tonight we actually got underground.  
 it is drafting very well. & needs a ~~bang~~  
 bang. approx. 300000000/lb  
 at a rough estimate. (This might be  
 a slight ~~ex~~ over estimate HK). But looking good.

29.10.88 ... Gingling photo trip:

Gary, Maggie, Alan + Becker, Gordon, Malc, Pete H & Dunc.

Malc got us all up at 7.30am cus, the good trip nice  
 and warm underground compared to the coldly defrosting  
 zip-suit. Outward back at the air big 2.30pm.

30.10.88. Malc, Pete, Gary, Maggie + Dunc. 1st trip and 1st!

Lunch in the Sun, in tent and an abortive trip to Trilith Penit  
 followed. big a long long drive south. 1.7 hours + + + .

5/11/88. Jim Rands, Ber, Sue and Davy. 2nd visit  
 Swildons, long day way in - down to sump 2 back along high  
 level bypasses 3½ hours.

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29/10/88 Porth Yr Ogof N. POLLARD, M. BISHOP (REC), G. JOHNSON.  
Dave? <sup>DAVE PIKE (REC)</sup> Dive about in resurgence.

30/10/88 WHITE LADY CAVE / Porth Y Rhed. <sup>STEVE MILNER</sup> Nick POLLARD, Keith  
Savory, ~~Steve Milner~~ (COG) Robin Brown (REC). Good  
training dive.

29/30 - Grotting about Ystradfellte looking at various smaller caves + potential  
dig sites including Ogof Coeden Prop (crap), Ogof Ganol, Ogof Ffynnon (Good),  
Ogof Glen Mellte, Pwll Dewr, Green Cave, Pulpit Hole etc. Interesting area with  
a few possibilities. TAN.

5/11 Cuckoo Cleeves - Murray & Graham, went to look  
at the caving from Wednesday, the gang seemed to have  
done quite well, but times had and a quick  
exit made, with effort of breath!!!

5/11 ASHWICK GROVE HIGHER RISING, M. Knapp, TAN, G. Johnson  
D. PIKE, Went to try to dig/dive/get in this very large  
resurgence last dived/dug in 1960. A fortnight ago  
there was no air space, today we could get in without  
kit, but kit had to be put on to dig at end.

looks very good, but needs a lot of work.  
approx. 1.5 million gallons per day, & a  
NCC OCC pub sections there is massive cave  
behind the resurgence. ??

29/10 Piores - Alvin & Murray. Dig at downstream  
sump - wet & muddy, just cool!! Then a look  
in the water to inspect the bang. But not too good -  
then a jumble about on the way out

6/11 Dark Cars + Sunglasses - PM, Tav. - Removed debris from last bang +  
banged again. This is the most evil sodding difficult place to dig in the entire  
world and we ought to give it in - except for that draught.

6/11 Swindons Hole. Nick Pollard, Keith Sawyer. Enjoyable trip to  
5 via sumps 1, 2, 3, and 4 (with a bottle) turned back in  
5 due to the stench of shit. NH Vis.

Stop Press - What's this I here, Graham Johnson has retired  
from caving and become <sup>SP.</sup> a 'HAS BEEN' CAVING/DIGGING  
ALOT' unlike myself. NP. hear

6/11/88 G.B. PETE, JIM & PAUL TOURIST TRIP TO THE  
PRITTYS, THE LOCK OR THE BLOCK HOUSE  
NEEDS ATTENTION & CAN OF WD JUST TO GET  
IT WORKING (JUST ABOUT). ~~Islands~~  
(LOCK HAS NOW BEEN FIXED)

7/11/88 Welsh's green T. Jarrett. R. CLARK  
G. JOHNSON, 20T (Surface co-ordinator)  
X 1/2/88 at end Saturday things.  
Thence to Bowery, cleared weekend bang  
10 bags & lots of rocks. Looks very good  
They might beat us.

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7-11-88 Eastwater

Rex Sanderson and Terry Waller 1½ hrs to  
Sand Chamber via the bold step.

9-11-88 Welsh's Green. The old crew minus 1 or 2 ~~are~~. PH, J.S. carrying on with the proper job shaft  
walling, without which we most certainly would not have  
a cave to dig. AN, PL, MM, M.K.GS. underground.  
Mondays bang worked a treat, 10 boats out about same  
left. Because of problems with mine bang detonated  
from 20 feet away. Fuckin hurt my head. GS.  
measured mine C 15FT. (dug up Johnson)

12/9/88 FALDORE & GUANO RIVER. No, Phil, Martin. Photography.  
12/11/88 Ken Dave, Tim Moon + Peter. A sedate tourist  
ground in Swildon's. Not much water, but lots  
& people. Still good fun, though!

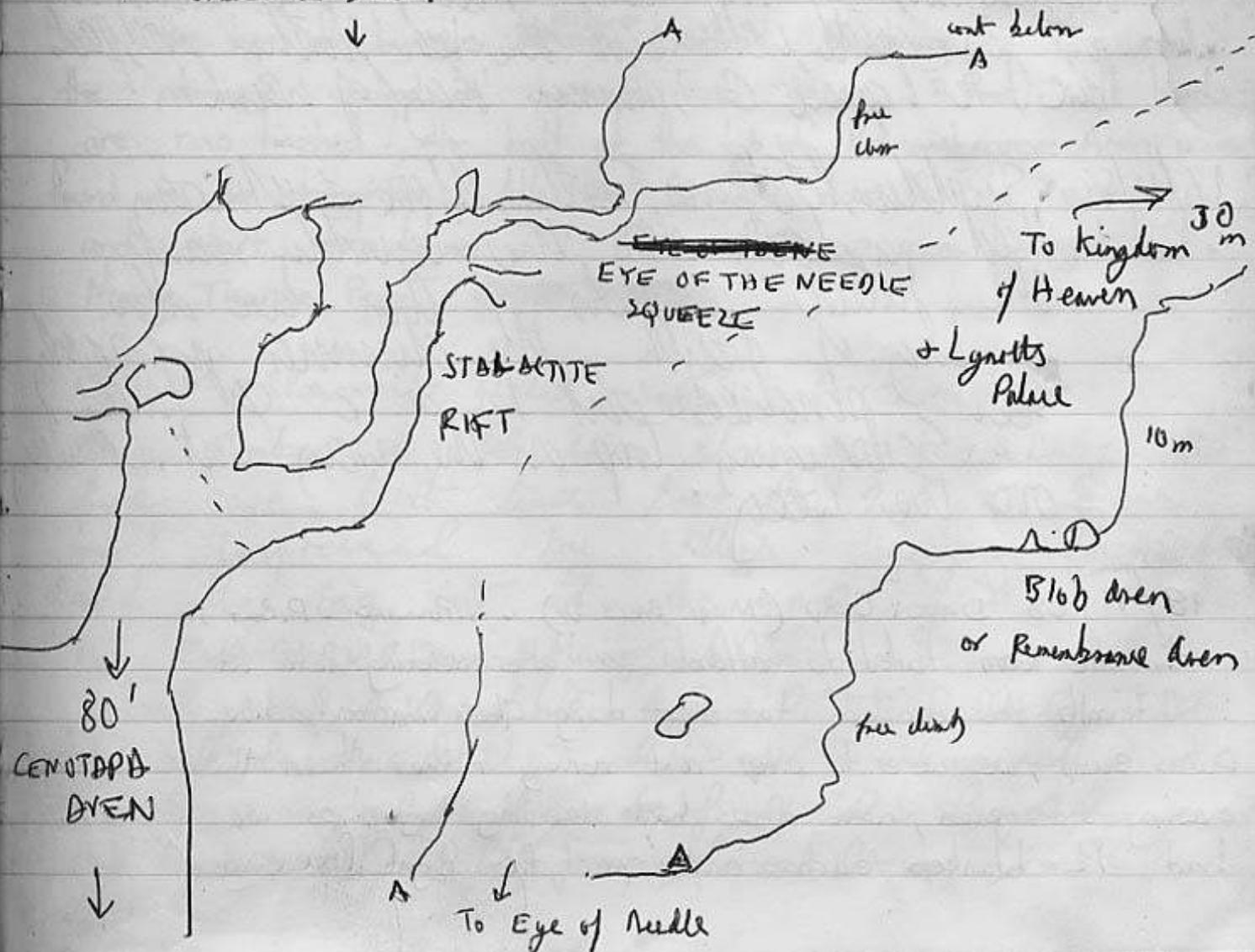
1/4/89. UPWELL WASHING WELL. Large spring off the Portland limestone  
beds a few miles N of Weymouth - c. 1 Million gal/day. Had  
caught permission to dig it to see if there is any cave (dunes only)  
behind it. Sadly, permission refused as over fears of very fine  
silt, which does emerge in high flows, badly affecting baby  
fish in trout hatchery just downstream. Digil G

12/10/88 M J and E Hearn initiated by fun  
into the wonders of the nether world with a pleasant  
gravel in. Boatshark. Useful number of photos taken 1  $\frac{3}{4}$  hrs

12.11.88 EASTWATER CENOTAPH AVEN down

The Aven beyond Cenotaph aven. Felt pretty rough, too rough to bolt aven, so free climbed it instead (10m) gained about another 100 ft of extremely pretty rift passage. The only way on is through a beautiful grotto. We will return with a clean mat or sheet before pushing the passage on the other side. The other leads are all too tight or ~~too~~ cracked up. Still draughting. Aven has dead flies & bat shit so it must go ~~south~~ somewhere G. Johnson, N. Pollard, G. Newton. JDN.

Grade 1b stated ~~as~~



13/11/88 Chert House Cave Site H, Nigel, Dave, Lydia Omorod.

Concent in Boulders, what else?

13/11/88 Rolling Thunder Murray Aubrey & 3 Carbone  
School of mines (Pros). Thunder

14/11/88 Rolling Thunder Aubrey had a quick look  
at results & ~~the~~ added some spoil.

12/11/88 Cuckoo Clavers Took Murray & CSM Took  
them on a pleb trip and had a look at  
the results of the last haul, the bang did  
it's job quite well but the ~~red~~ future prospects  
are to quote G. Johnson 'bag of wash'

16/11/88 Sirdars Peterton, Scotty, Max & Murray  
Had a look at the muddy sump,  
the future prospects of this are also  
a bag of wash, the dinner previously  
seen pinched off to a 2' φ tube.  
Sporringly. trip on the way out, crawling  
over the wees.

18/11/88 Daron Clev (Mega Balls Up) - N. Pownard - P. Bar,  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  the team failed to attend so after meeting Pete at  
Whitemills he decided to abort during Gloom Room and dive  
Dukes Sump, we were to enter next morning rather than the  
evening. Problem, none of us had sleeping bags, so we  
had  $1\frac{1}{2}$  blankets each and spent the night freezing

our bollocks off. Awoke in the morning so cold and pissed off that we decided to abort trip. Dinner in the Old Drum and Monkey then a walk around Clydach Gorge. What a cock up!

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19/11/88 EASTWATER.

Hi GRAHAM JOHNSON

Nick Pollard - Pete Bott. Pete photographed Blackwall Tunnel and The new extension above cenotaph Aven.

Nick managed to get a look into the last remaining lead at the top of Lynott's ~~Palace~~ without marking the fine stal, the passage ended in a rock wall after 2 foot. All leads are now finished?, the bolt at the top of Remembrance Aven was found to be dangerous. All that is left now is to survey and start detackling. 1 BDH of crap was brought out. Many Thanks Pete.

19-11-88 Reservoir Hole Jeff. Bob's Tax & fin

Many thanks to Jeff for showing Jim & Babe this fine cove, first time for the 2 of us. I was most impressed by Willy's digging techniques and the big rift at the end. fin.

19/11 Eastwater - W.E. Series Murray, Peter Also

Finally got back into Whitehall but no tanks to the BEC. Small dogs had all but blocked the route to the V tube with their spew, it took us nearly an hour to clear it away and even then a lot of wet mud & sludge lay towards the duck. Ranged the end which looks promising, then out, drawing to Cenotaph for Murray to have a look.

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19.11.88 DCO. Nigel, Pete H, Dunc, Lynda Ormerod, Tone Littler  
Mark. photo trip round the inner circle finally found  
our way back up to Gored Platform Hall from the washing machine.  
The green canal as cold as ever but the swans were unusually  
friendly, back in time for Dave "Ace" Pikes 1st birthday  
party.

20/11. Lower wood area (1). Tim Ranks, Adlan, NG, Mike Read,  
Warwick ~~etc.~~ <sup>expended to be</sup> striding down RHEED RIFT SW. Found another  
beam in roadside bank which will be far along time yet, converted & used  
Hello to the Longwood Valley Park diggers. You can't win them all. ~~so~~ to  
about 11A. took 5 min. now down in hole, memory of  
birth in Portland N.Y. Martin, Phil. last few shots of this the grave  
Cliff Caves, the last digging session of the winter. ~~etc.~~ No thanks to the bastards  
who had ripped the entire railway line out and thrown it down the cliff face  
have recovered it, but it needs ~~completely~~ <sup>in the cave</sup> re-digging. Thanks to the  
mystery visitors who left a full, unopened and un-damaged tin of beer!! wly

23/11/88 Welsh green, PL PH, GJ Surface construction  
MK. AN JS + 2 underground. 1lb.  
Winch returned to Hut.

24/11/88 GJ + S GB Wombling around

23/11. PORTLAND. Nigel Graham, Mike Read and Gareth Jones  
radio-located N end of Sandy Hole. Mike and co due ~~to~~  
~~to~~ This weekend to radio-locate S. extremity of Slackness Hole

( inc. 1½ hours for setting up, using and re-packing the equipment, this will probably be about a 10 hour trip). Aims are to test the two surveys and to assess the distances apart of the two passages. They are probably the same passage, crossed by a tangle of rifts, collapses and stream-washed chokes.

Mike had some difficulty obtaining consistent depth readings, perhaps due to interference caused by old buried cables, a barbed-wire fence almost directly over the transmitter, and electrical noise from the nearby housing estate. Otherwise all went very smoothly. DG

26/11/88 Jim Moon, Stuart Grindrod, Grant Lindsay, Dave Cross, Simon Richards. Touristy fest of a short round Swindon's trip. First duck seems to need lots of bailing these days while the Troubles are less troublesome. First really aquatic trip for Dave + Simon. Gentle 3ish hours' pottering. J.M.

26/11/88 EASTWATER CAVERN

Nick Pollard, Geoff Newton, ~~etc~~ a surveying and pushing trip, all leads have now been treble checked and there are no ways on, surveyed from the end (Lyatts Palace) to more or less the top of Ceratoph (Grade 4b). Top of Remembrance Aren is loose, boulders move and the bolt is <sup>(Nick not in)</sup> crap. 9 hours.

Slow exit due to lamp failure on Mr Newton's behalf. B. Tav entered with us but exited at Gladman's Shaft due to feeling unwell (cold or flu).

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27/11/88 Swildan Rolling Thunder SANG!!!!!!  
of plaster Aubrey & Murray.

30/11/88 Welsh Bill clearing session all of  
the previous day's work and re-arranged.  
The previous day was done well & a lot of  
that was removed - quite a lot of waste.  
Aubrey, Scotty, Max, Slugs, Ham, Alf & Murray.

3/12/88 Cuthbert Murray, Aubrey & 2 others  
pleasant ramble down to sump 14 & out  
into rabbit warren extension. Had chamber  
between railway tunnel etc. The weather  
wasn't held out with a few people  
down there. Thus

4/12/88 Wooken, Murray, first plunge 3/12/91  
then up to 9ii walk back and down  
cave with Keith Savory, Mark Lum. See e  
Peter went to 20.  
26th ~~Nov~~ 3rd Dec

Daren Cilau, M. LUMLEY, A. CAVE SNARET, GWYN  
G. JOHNSON. 7 days. (174 hours). SOME digging  
done, snab & Andy & Gwyn got 90mts on end of  
shaft ift. very small. Friday 13th choke  
against from a little unstable, in now looking very

good, Gwyn lucky to be alive after close encounter (black eye bruised head & arm) with a 1/4 of a ton of Mountain. \*

The Restaurant at end of Universe has now been revamped, patio, Settee, & causeway to Stereo. Ran out of drink on Thursday. On way out on Saturday, met Steve Milner & Stuart at H.R.C. drank their entire stock of spirits and marmalade juice, which made for quick exit, out Sat night in time for pub well rated ~~██████████~~

\* Gwyn had a fractured skull quite lucky I suppose.

9/12/88 Bowery corner Gonzo, Ross, Graham quick angle, Then I sat arrived and blew it up. Here endeth chapter 1 18-43 hrs

~~1/12/88 - 3/12/88 DAREN GRAY / Hard Rock Cafe~~  
~~Nick Pollard, Pete Soh, Phil Thomas~~  
~~AIM - for myself (Nick) + Phil to support Pete~~  
~~on a dive in Dukes Sump. Saturday Friday~~  
~~Pete Dived at David's Sump whilst myself~~  
~~and Phil went up Hard Rock Extensions and down~~  
~~the superb Borrowed Books Store a.m. way~~  
~~to Phycastronic Strangeways and Gloom~~  
~~Room Sump (excavated) - set on Saturday after~~  
~~it his excellent ~~██████████~~ Caving~~

3/12/88 Ric & Pat Hellmuth, Tony Shugly (rc) and Tony Black (rc) down Team Pot to install fixed rope ladders (say SRT rope + ultimate note rope) on 2nd and 3rd pitch. Clean or forth pitch plus 1-5 hrs digging hard 2' wide 4" high stagely straightening dig which looks bizarre in front.

10/12/88 Ric and Pat Hellmuth, Ken and Angus Daws, Brian Power down to mud sump to see whether it was as sumped as we had been told - it was. The dam is about 1' deep underwater, ie on the sump side of the dam is one wrist deep. Found the drain hole which fumbling in a mucky deep water revealed to be totally choked with soft clay.

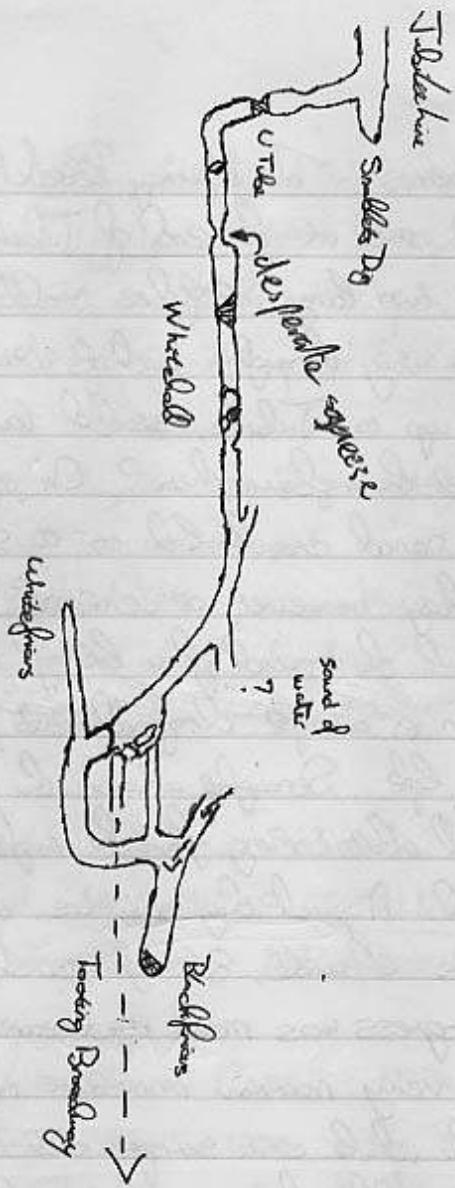
10/12/88 Mark Madden, Kev Clarke, Richard intended to go to Watergate but found MUD SUMP TOTALLY SUMPED. Backwards round round trip also impassable. Did Approach/Black hole and went out.

1/12/88 DAREN CILW / Hard Rock Cafe. Nick Pollard, Pete Bolt (UCI) and Phill Thomas. The aim was to sleep two nights at Hard Rock, and support Pete who dived Dukes Sump beyond St Davids Sump. Friday Pete dived through St Davids to Phychatronic Strangeways, whilst myself + Phill went up Hard Rock Extensions to Micron, then down the superb Borrowed Boots Streamway to Phychatronic Strangeways and Gloom Room Sump. Pete followed left hand wall in Dukes and laid 60m of line before turning back because of poor visibility and small passage dimensions. 44 hours.

10/12 Eastwater W.E Series - Tan, Murray, Peter Alison. Thankfully no more mud & boulders into U-tube at the end of Jubilee hire although the actual bend was surged at. Using two large cubes sealed at one end it took getting on for two hours to bail our way through - buckets would be no good as they'd have to empty pulling them up to Jubilee, sealed large rigid containers would be best but how do you get them down there? On to the hang site in Whitewater the way was mud & silt, a coral crawl led to a sump and what at first appeared to be a seal blockage however a vertical chimney led up over the top into big passage with the sound of a lot of running water off to the left. A slippery climb down in a rift dropped into a small chamber where a climb was noted on the left. Straight ahead the passage dropped into a pretty grotto with another small rift coming from the right. The passage then became very wide & choked. A quick dig saw us through into the bigger stream. To the right the passage was 6' wide, 8' high quickly terminating in deep black sump. Not much progress was made upstream either, the water was found to be flowing in a very narrow immature rift. There was clear evidence that the whole area seeps out in wet weather. The going back the smaller rift, although very pretty, didn't go far - ~~block~~ ending in a seal boulder blockage after about 50'. Returning to the climb Tan was slumped up & quickly reported it was a goer. At the rest of hang wire was taken up to use as to preclude the descent & then we were off after him. The passage dropped down into an old abandoned chimney which choked upstream & led into a wide restricted bouldery place in the opposite direction. With time fast running out things had to be left at that. After a short climb back up Greek St everyone got their second wind & we were out by 8:30 after a 9hr trip. We would be grateful if people will hold off visiting the extension until after we can have a second look.

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Grade 0



The most rewarding yet gathering trip I've ever done, my body has rejected me, and we're having a trail separation, well, till the next trip anyway.

Murray

Yott - WEST END Boys

Nick P (CENOTAH YOTT)

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Sudden Sump 2 Photos  
A.M.Ward. M. Jones

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Sudden Ward Pete, Alison, Duncan & Murray.  
and many others BAAAANNNNG ! ! x 2.

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J.M. A.DAN

J.M.S FIRST TRIP DOWN PINETREE NOT ENJOYED  
THE P.C.H.

ON THEN ON TO FESTOR (STILL BLOOD DISCUSTING)  
A.DAN

16/12/88 J-Rat &amp; Murray

In desperation, J-Rat finds Murray to help for a quick trip into Bowery to Bang the end, and drag a bit of spirit out. I don't think Bowery is going to win the Barnd this year anyway!

18/12/88 DAREN CIAU - NICK POLLARD, JOHN NATION (B&amp;G)

Tourist trip for John, to Time Machine, where I deposited all my kit, exited via taking Peter Bolts Diving cylinders out.

Mega man is here to take your balls MAN!  
NO FUCKIN ZZZ TOP, AGAIN

18/12/88. Croatchurch! Jim Moon + 6 small boys. While on a simple scouts' novice trip, came across a party of sixteen. A shame they only had two helmets and three torches between them! I wouldn't have believed it if I hadn't seen it - suitable thoughts on preparation + safety were expressed.

20/12/88. G.B. Moon + Liz Turner. First G.B trip for Liz, a teen young grizzler. She was appropriately impressed. Cave very dry - not used to walking to the Main Chamber mud choke at this time of year.

21/12/88. Longwood/August. Moon + 5 Burlington School Speleological Society. Time to introduce BSSS to the delights of the Wet Chimney + August Steamway. They liked it!

23/12/88 The Wassex go north for Christmas - Malcolm, Pete & Nigel. Next exciting instalment soon!

24/12/88 Sunday Pete Alison + Murray returned to the mud spring to see if it could be made to drain better. Pete + Murray went to Renaissance (spelt correctly \*???) Pete dived in the U tube and laid a charge on the drain hole on the far side. The charge went, but very quiet, concerned Pete re-dived the tube and found debris in the U tube assumed it had

\* No - it's "RENAISSANCE"

gone off, also the wine smelt quite strong, of  
 James left Meanwhile back at the wind-swing  
 the car drivers tried to meet her, right all,  
 the pump apparently quite bad back there ??  
 of Pete's oxen, they worked for 6 hours  
 of spirit removed, then out. The driver feels  
 of stepping what little damage there is with  
 long reins. Sbs.

CHRISTMAS DAY I just walked to wildours entrance  
 didn't fancy much more than that after Christmas eve.  
 (Pass the paracetamol.) Fair.

BORING DAY, LONGWOOD AUGUST, 3m + 2 GEORGIES TOURIST  
 TRIP 2½ hours

27-12-88 SINSINS RIVER JIM JEFF  
 BABS, KIT SORTED, ROUTE AGREED,  
 BUT DECIDED TO STAY BY THE FIRE  
 AT THE WESSEX AND DRINK SCOTCH! YAH.

P.S. FESTORING IS NOW A ART FORM! Fair  
 27½ Eastender - Dark Cars Murray, Peckham

Filled two port sun of five gallon containers into Dark Cars botenged or built  
 out for the flood day at the end. Dropped the last 18" in 1½ hr before it became  
 too difficult to fill the containers. Wayon is tight, pump required. Cleared debris from botenged  
 info but didn't put in another bag, as a major project was pursuing flood day first.

27. 12-88. UPPER PITTS.

HOT USELESS DINNER. P & A MOODY, JIM  
SRAYARM, MURRAY, PAUL, JEFF & BABBS,  
+ TIM HARSE (B.E.C.) ANOTHER FINE  
MUD! WATCHED OAVINGS VIDEOS WENT  
TO PUBS.

Excellent meal, my complements to the chaps MICHAEL

28-12-88 TWEEN TWINS DIS (ALIAS FESTIVAL HOLE)

40 BOATS OF SPORL OUT TODAY. SLIGHT DRAUGHT  
HAS REAPPEARED, BUT FROM WHERE I DONT KNOW.  
JIM, AIDAN & BABS 3 HOURS, MUD STILL AS FINE AS  
EVER.

28/12/88 Sunday Murray & S SIBSS to camp II  
and out. Care to ourselves!

CENOTAPH 2 WESTEND BOYS O

28/12/88 DAREN CILAU.

Nick Pollard, Snoblet McNab (BEC) a 49½ hour  
camp at the Restaurant At The End Of The Universe.  
Spent 1 whole day digging the end of Shit Rift,  
a complete boastard to get to, but a definite goer,  
4 inches of airspace, draughting well, and easy digging  
but small. The music at camp was good, I

thoroughly recommend The Tubes.

Cenotaph Boys YOH!

29.12.88 Eastwater

2nd Rift Chamber - Geoff N / Graham J

Fiddled around in the roof & found nothing

30.12.88 Eastwater

~~Cenotaph~~ Cenotaph Aven - Geoff N / Graham J

Finished the survey back to Charing Cross with the exception of Proper Job 2 (The Rasp).

31/12/88 Eastwater. I Murray O

signed: Horatio Knapp

Scruff bank has gone further, but for further info see next attack as I can't really see what the hell I'm writing

23/12/88 - 2/1/89. The Weeves Northern Expedition. Male + F; Pete H, Nigel G, ~~joined by~~ Duncan, Lydia, Rick Debull, Rob Hayes. Once the Christmas weekend weather had settled, the water in the caves settled and the turkey & Tetley's in us settled, asserted good trips: Caregill F (County Pot to the big kil via Manchester bypass - "only 10 minutes" said Tony Black of CPC - funny 10 minutes! , and Lancaster / New Cave); Rowten Pot;

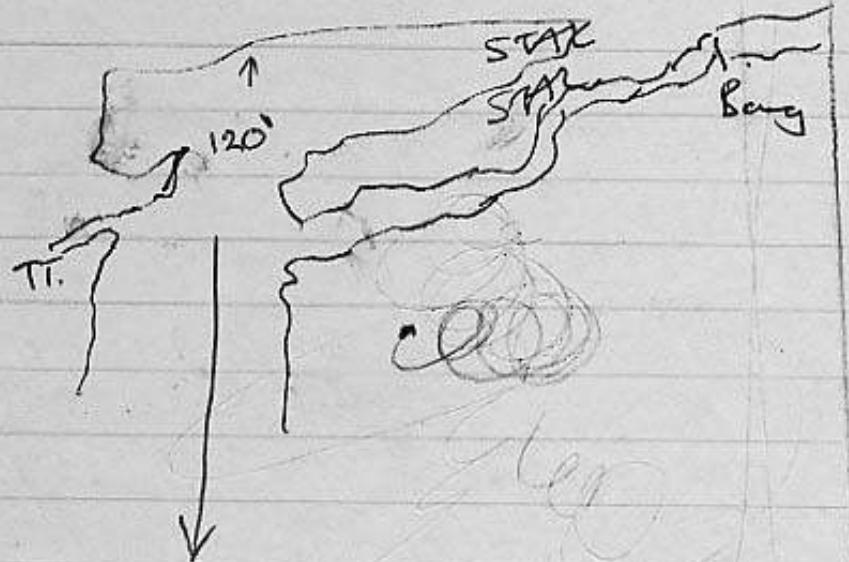
(Rob, Rich, & Keith Rankerson only there): some new cave we hoped to see but didn't as the entrance had been buried. Notts Pot the last Johns by large WNC/CPC contingents.\* Much feasting, drinking, Beerges - remaining, hangover-recovering - from - the end to 1946! all

\* me Ric + Pat, Gary + Maggie, Leg, + Reece (QMCU?) et al.

San Timney, Es Turner John Wildman, Graham Wright, Sam Daniels  
Bill Hayes Kew Frost Marion Frost 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> FEB G B Saturday  
Morning, Goat church afternoon Box Mines Sunday afternoon  
a great weekend.

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PROPPER JOB  
AAAAA AAAAA AREEEEEEE BAHHHHHHHH

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