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New log started 21-05-94.

MwDewdney-J

Box Stone Mines 15-5-94

Bob Scammel led the Zimmerman caving club around  
Box Mines. MwD-1 JDD-1 T-P. All the usual tourist  
bits.

21-5-94

Weasles Green. Solo photo trip. 1 hour walk to cave in the rain  
with 2 ladders + 3 BDM's, 2 hours in liquid mud, took  
10 photos then 1 hour walk back in the rain. These  
photos had better be good. Jim

25.5.94. CUCKOO CLEEVES. AUBREY, PETE & Max.

AUBREY'S CHANCE TO DO HIS FIRST  
SUMP DIVE FOR 20 YEARS!

-5-94 YORKSHIRE. ~~for~~ Nigel G., Eddy W.

SRT training meet down SINCING & Rowten (1st time for  
EW+NG). (Actually for CFC Berger meet). Rowten's magnificent!  
Portland. NG, Phil, Martin.

Still finding new bits & pieces! Also resurveyed old dig  
started by us, continued for a time by Eddy, Wayne Brown & Dominic  
Seely, to find a new way into long "lost" Sawmills CAVE.

Making good progress, clearing sediment from fairly large passage

-N.G.

29-5-94 MELLS area Nigel Graham. Pleasant afternoon  
walk down-river to Great Elm, examining the remains of Turnbull's  
box works. Back round via Mardon & Whalley Combe.

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29-5-94 Swindon's Photographic trip.

Nigel J., helping Maurice Lewis take stereo photos along Long Dry Way, with diversion and "secret" gate on way. Good stream flowing, including a lower half of the Long Dry Way.

Yorkshire weekend Andy, MAK, Cooke. Proper Job Caving.

28-5-94 Pool sink to Wrecked Rabbit. Pull chas', via Easter gods. Very pretty but wrecked rabbit hard work. still goes on too long. Evening Lower Hagger pub, 8 hour trip, v. tired, could hardly walk back to caravan.

29-5-94 Diccon pot. We had to do it as Len keeps talking about it so much. Met the Shipton club and showed them how to rig. Lots of swinging around.

30-5-94 Stream passage. Gaping Gill which meet. Bradford rig all the entrances, while some dragging nose up the hill. Explained around, some good mud. Good pitches Yo.

4-June-94. Rhino Rift, R.H. route. Andy, MAK, Jo. A pleasant few hours hanging on string. Good swing on second pitch Proper Job tip. Not bad + in case you didn't realise there is a good swing on the second pitch x 100.

4-6-94

Cheddar caves.

M. Foyle, R. Brown, M. Thomas.

Aim two divers to Sheppard's crook.

one diver Relining SUMP 2.

What happened, no divers to Sheppard's crook, no live replaced. Two stab jackets burst, \*two lights burst, one valve burst, one live rail buried under about 100 tons of rock! And did the training officer run

out of air! and above all NO bloody Sherpas. Trust a diver we would.

4.6.94 Swildons - Sun, Tall Graham + Henry M.

Objective - To prove I can fit through blue pencil; succeeded on that account but due to lamp pox encountered by all three, and some-one stealing JIM'S APPLE GREEN string from the Twenty, Also used this trip to test the Kodak Disposable camera. seems to work fine but bring a poly bag! 5 hours!!!

5.6.94 PLAYING ON STRING, BLACK ROCK. JIM(GRANDAD) TALL GRAHAM, HENRY PASSED THE OVER HANG WITH INCREDIBLE SPEED. THE OVERHANG MISSED JIM, WHO WAS BELAYING. ~~guitar~~

5.6.94 AB - Great Chamber + Bat Passage Mak + Jo 2½ hrs.  
Proper Job trip Yo' rescued Cyril the toad from the ladder dig.

5.6.94 LUNDY ISLAND. LEG, MAX & CHRISTINE.

HELL DRIVE TO ILFRACOMBE. 5 MINS  
TO SPARE. ONLY TO FIND CANCELLED!!  
SO SPENT DAY IN ANTIQUE SHOPS  
LEG BOUGHT A TANKARD, MAX A TEAPOT  
CHRISTINE A JUG.

8.6.94 CUCKOO CLEEVES. AUBREY, PETE & MAX.

A FEW BUCKETS MORE.

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Working Weekend. Sat Present J Rands P Hann  
Mwd-Junk. Rands-Junk pouch. P Hann Plus

Sunday Present. M - York to Rands P Henn.  
Clean up around porch and finish odds and ends.

D Few drain Pipes and Gutters. Collin Masters  
wheel Barrowing.

Aubrey Newport Painting Gang Cookie and Debs.

The fire escape looks very pretty.

I must remember next time is a working weekend  
to follow. A committee member's edict "When it's  
a working weekend go away cavorting"

Michael W Denslow

11-6-94 Darren Chan - Mark & Vern

A "Steady" trip down Bossai Streamway with a  
detour to Crystal Oxbow, then back to the Meeting  
Room & no name Canyon - very nice - then out with a  
look in the old Main Charter on the way. 10.00 miles.

13-6-94 Went East Eatons

G-N, P. Olson - Regret start etc. - pottery  
around in odd corners in route.

29-6-94 . JIM THE FARMER. A CROWD

HUGE TURN OUT, TO HELP JIM  
BAILING. THEN BLEW UP A COUPLE OF  
ROCKS IN CLAM HOLE, OR WAS THAT  
THE 'HOLE' OF GREENDOWN !!!

Yorkshire weekend 18-19 June

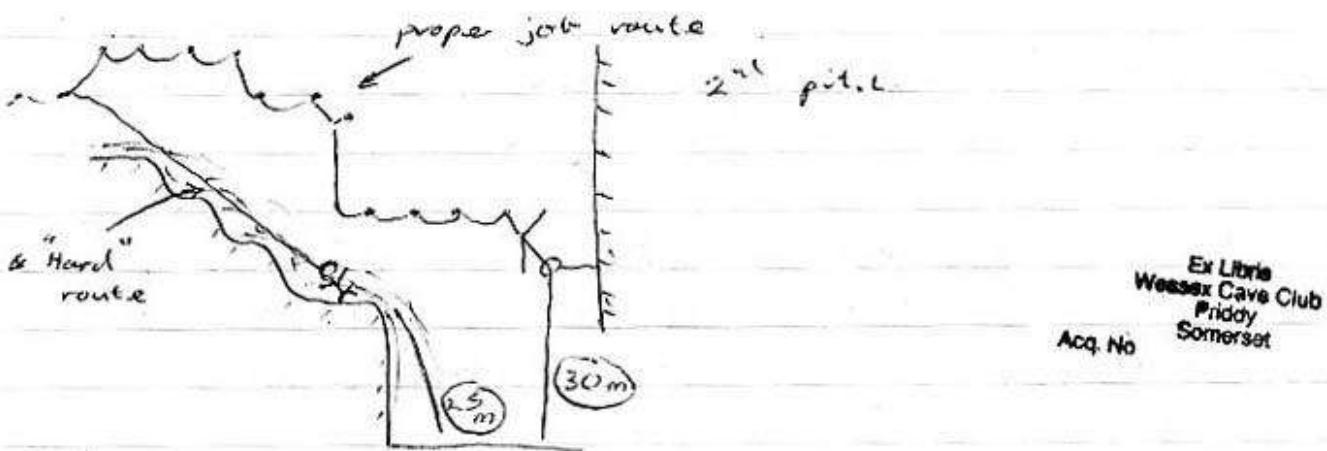
18/6/94 Short Dry Cave Andy, Cookie, John Bridges, Richard Ash, Debbie  
Bridget & cave record. Through trip to Goral pot. A good  
service trip with a bit of exploring, and some impressive boulder  
bridges. Total in 4 hours.

18/6/94 VESPERS POT Adam (D.U.S.A), Debs, Jo, Mak

Dave Elliott gave no implication that the "tortuous entrance crawl" led to yet more tortuous passage. Ran away at the second pitch having run out of time, enthusiasm, and bolt holes. We shall return!!

19/6/94 YORDAS, THE "PROPER JOB" VERTICOLE Andy, Debs, Cookie, John Bridges

1<sup>st</sup> pitch nearly s' below tree as it looked rotten. Descent  
40' down to avoid waterfall.



"Proper Job" routers (Andy, Debs, Cookie) remained dry, - Andy & Debs had the first real aerial boost bar, and all had lots of photos taken by impressed scouts at the bottom.

John Bridges opted for the "hard" route, and halfway down, decided to look for a deviation that wasn't there - he just stopped!! Andy climbed up to try & get him down - the cold had disorientated him & he couldn't remember how to descend. Andy's attempts to reach him were unsuccessful, but he managed to yell at him come down, which did the trick. Final result - a very wet Andy & a very shaken (but fortunately ~~wet~~ un-drowned) John

02/07/94 SWILDONS (4-5hrs) Andy, Steve Swabey, Toni Lowe, Jo, Debbs, Cookie

Reverse round trip as far as Trouble series, little detour via Jo's very muddy slidey passage which led to an "interesting" muddy slidey <sup>steeply</sup> down about 25 ft (destination unknown) (at which point we decided to run away).

Cookie took a dramatic fall off the 20ft, whilst free-climbing it. Unfortunately no witnesses, <sup>or photos</sup>. And yes, Cookie, for the 6th time, the ladder is free (just a loud thud)

3/7/94 Hunters Hole (3hrs) Cookie, Debbs, Jo  
Generally messed around on stony. Sussed out the right hand route.

3/7/94 G-B (4 hrs) Andy, Steve Swabey, Toni Lowe  
A tourist trip to Great Chamber and Bat Passage. Steve took some photo's of us pretty bits.

Toni's reaction: oooh, gosh, wow!

2/7/94 Andy Tyler, Judy Mallington, Antoinette  
Brennan,  
Chapman's Cave 2 hrs  
C.R. - Devil's Elbow, White Passage, loop,  
Ox-bow, Great Chamber, Bat Passage 3½ hr

3/7/94 Re alone down Longwood Shallow  
round trip and down main streamway

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2/7/94 DAREN CLAW - Mark has a Tony (9 hours).  
Tourist trip to the Sumps & some other bits. CLASSIC

7-7-94. ULLER PITS. TSR1 + BEN WANSFORD. MIKE YORK.  
LOUNGE, DINING AREA. 1/2 HOUR OR SO AROUND THE TABLE  
FIRST TRIP THIS CURRY CHICKEN COCONUT ETC, THEN CALIFORNIA  
SAAG ALOO, LOTS OF BROWN RICE, VARIOUS CHUTNEYS YOGHURT  
& PICKLES. ON WAY OUT A SELECTION OF QUALITY ENGLISH  
CHEESES ACCOMPANIED BY WHITTARDS (OF CHELSEA) COFFEE/ORANGE  
LIQUEUR WITH BISCUITS (OR MAYBE RICE BY ROYAL APP.) AFTER DINNER  
HINTH & SOFT FRUITS FROM TUNISIA DATES. NOT A CAVING TRIP  
NOT UNDERGROUND BUT A NOTABLE REPAET WORTHY OF NOTE.

Bell and G and

26/6/94 WAINFOELIN + TRANCH IRON MINE, PONYPOOL  
ZIMMER FRAME CANING GROUP - MIKE DEADWELL YORK,  
STAN SIMS, JON PALFREY, BOB SCAMMELL, RICHARD  
ORTON. 2½ hour trip down the mine courtesy of  
BILL GASCOINE, SOUTH WALES. About 1km of tunnel  
3ft deep in thick red mud, like walking in  
porridge. Some very interesting stone work, coal  
seams, tree fossils. The mine was rediscovered in  
1993 when a JCB broke into the entrance stone  
work. The mine emptied millions of gallons of  
red slime into the Afon Llewellyn. The mine  
is believed to go right through the mountain  
but the far exit has not been found yet.

9-7-94. SIDCOT SWALLET. TALL GRAHAM, HENRY + BEN (RACK HEAD)  
A PLEASANT TRIP PLAYING IN THE SIDE PASSAGES. QUOTE OF  
THE TRIP. "DID YOU LEAVE THE SLING AT THE TOP?" (OF LOBSTER POT)  
WE WILL RETURN WITH AN ANOREXIC WHIPPET AND CHISEL FOR FURTHER  
INVESTIGATION OF "WHOOPS I'M STUCK" PASSAGE.

9/7 BURRINGTON GORGE GRAHAM 'DRESS SENSE' PROLE  
HENRY 'CORNFLAKES' MULLEN  
BEN 'MEAT & 2 VEG' HALLIDAY

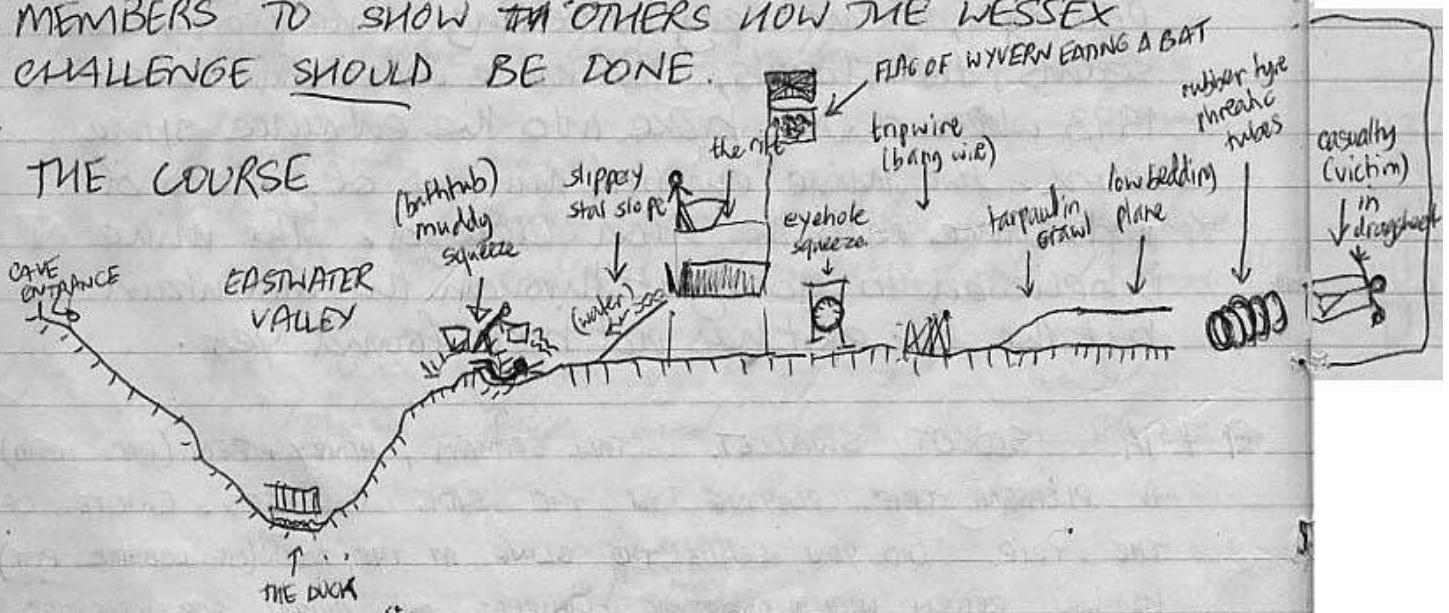
PLAYING ON STRING, EXCELLENT BOULDERING,  
EXCELLENT LEGGINGS, EXCELLENT POSING &  
GRAHAMS TURN TO BALLS UP & LOOK A PEAT -  
YES! YES! YES! YES!!!!

9/7 COVERT ACTIVITIES GRAHAM 'PAINT IT BLACK' PROLE  
HENRY 'IN THE ARMY NOW' MULLEN  
BEN 'I'M A PINK TOOTHBRUSH' HALLIDAY  
2 MISSIONS, BOTH ACCOMPLISHED SUCCESSFULLY, DETAILS  
UNDISCLOSED, NO CASUALTIES.

09-07-1994 THE WESSEX CHALLENGE  
THE RACE AGAINST TIME

A MOST EXCELLENT SHOW PUT ON BY WESSEX ACTIVE  
MEMBERS TO SHOW OTHERS HOW THE WESSEX  
CHALLENGE SHOULD BE DONE.

THE COURSE



THE BENEFIT OF THE CHALLENGE BEING RUN OVER A SHORT  
COURSE WAS THAT SPECTATORS GOT A GOOD VIEW.

THE WESSEX TEAM GOT THEIR CASUALTY KIDNAPPED, REGAINED HER, & IN AN EFFORT TO REGAIN THEIR POSITION IN THE RACE GOT GLORIOUSLY DISQUALIFIED.

FINAL WINNERS WERE THE B.E.C. WHOSE CASUALTY COMPLETED MOST OF THE RACE BY HIMSELF AS HIS TEAM (AND ALL IN THE FINAL HEAT) WERE TOO BUSY TRASHING THE WYVERN FUG & SOAKING EVERYONE WHO'D BEEN CHUCKING BUCKETS OF WATER ON THEM IN THE INITIAL HEAT THAT THEY NEGLECTED TO RESCUE HIM.

THE COURSE WAS ENJOYED BY ALL PROPER JOB!!

THANKS TO : LES WILLIAMS, MARK HELMORE, STOODS, DENISE, WENDY, BOB SCAMMELL (AND HIS ANT), DEBS, COOKIE, MAX, TIM & MARTIN, JIM RANDS, MAK, JO, ANDY & <sup>FOR SETTING UP & DISMANTLING THE COURSE</sup> ~~SEVERAL OTHERS THURST THURST & FRI.~~

THE GOLDEN RIVETERS. A MIXED AGE GROUP OF EX & ALMOST SERVICE PERSONNEL TOOK PART IN THE ABOVE CHALLENGE. DRAWN NO 2 MEANT WE WERE IN THE SAME HEAT AS THE W.C.C. NEEDLESS TO SAY THEY WERE TRASHED & TRASHED BY "THE GOLDEN RIVETERS".  
JUST THOUGHT YOU ALL 'OUGHT TO KNOW THAT!!  
"A GOLDEN OLDIE RIVETER. BFF"

10.7.94 POWER FAULT S.W.E.B.  
CALLED OUT, RENEWED CONNECTION  
ON POLE. A.O.K. NOW!!

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LES WILLIAMS MARK HERMORE BRIAN PITMAN  
UPPER PITTS HOLE - CATTLE GRID DIG.  
SPENT TWO HOURS REMOVING SOIL FROM  
CATTLE GRID DIG, DRIVE SERIES, UPPER PITTS HOLE  
NO WAY ON FOUND SO EXIT TO UNCLE  
ROGER'S ~~ALCOHOL~~ EMPORIUM.

16-July-94

Les, Mark, Max, Andy Swildens → Pirate chamber dig.  
Took some scaffold poles from TetraPak to make it easier.  
At went to pirate chamber some scaffold pole, bars etc were  
carried most of way in. Started digging / moving boulders,  
but ~15' in with good daylight, we are going! If you  
want to be much thinner than this dig is for you. Total  
time underground 5 hours.

PIRATE CHAMBER IS A GOER!!

BUT THE CHOKE IS NOT!! FOR THE FAINT  
HEARTED

23-07-94 LES + MARK + ROB + BRIAN.

PIRATE CHAMBER :- WHAT SQUEEZE ???

5 HRS WELL ARD!

23/07/94. Rich Webb & Mark Foye.

Swildens Black Hole. Couldn't remember  
the way. Climbed over before Black Hole, no go!  
Met some 'dudes' at camp 1.

JMC. JF

23-VII-94 So + mak Waterwheel Swallet 1 hour  
oh as a short trip. wet in the crawl

9/10<sup>th</sup> JULY - HYMAC HOLE - REMOVED - NEW  
HOLE DUG 8' TO THE RIGHT ACCESSED OPEN TUFF  
APPROX 8" WIDE - 6' LONG 10' DEEP POSSIBLE  
DRAFT - SHAFT BUILT OF DRY STONE WALLING  
APPROX 5' - THEN BOUGHT TO SURFACE IN CONCRETE  
PIPES - A SMALL AMOUNT OF SHREWD WORK  
+ CONCRETING WILL BE REQUIRED TO SECURE  
BASE OF PIPES + SHAFT - THIS WILL BE DONE IN  
SEPTEMBER - THEN DIGGING TO WIDEN TUFF.  
ST CUTHBERTS LIES APPROX 400' LOWER + 100' LEFT / RIGHT  
~~NEARLY VERTICALLY~~ - ORIGINALLY WHERE YOU STAND - NEW  
CAVE CALLED CONFERENCE POT.

Tisha.

17<sup>th</sup> JULY - WHITBY COOMBE - TWO HOLES  
BOTH ON ~~MOUNTAIN~~ FLOOR IN PLACE OF OLD QUARRY  
BELLOW TIP - G.R. 58805295 APPROX - Cannot  
find any reference to these but I am sure they  
must be known of, at present they should not be  
pushed - as badgers in residence - but from initial visit  
both are crawlable.

Tisha

23/07/94

I (Hawkins) (senior) dived Sump 1. (aid assisted)  
after looking at it for the last 35 yrs +. about  
assisted by Mike Rose, Malc & Rich. with  
Maurice. Talking photographic records. Jd the  
scrap book.

25/07/94

Les & Mark (Scaffolding Contractors Ltd) Consolidation work at  
St Lukes. ! !

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27/07/94 Mark, Les, Dave (The Bill) & Paula - St Lukes

Finished the Scaffolding & started the Stone Walling.

Looks like a Builders Yard now - Found Something unpleasant  
in the mud - black & smelly (no - not he's socks !)

30-7-94 Gough Cave Pete Holliland, Pete Bolt, Mike, Les, Jo, Debs  
Andy, Rob, Cookie late (Taw appeared later) 6 hours.

Sherpa trip for divers took bottles to Hayd Hall, then  
had 3 hours to kill before they returned. So we went  
exploring. in the adventure cave and around the two  
"divers" routes. Les. frightened a tourist when rejoining the  
show cave - the poor woman ran off screaming dragging her kid  
with her. Not surprising really les has that effect on most  
people !!!

27/7/94 Aubrey, Pete, Keith, Jo, 'Digging' in Cuckoo.  
Aubrey enjoys sadistic songs.

31/7/94 GB Andy, Rob, Debs, Cookie

A pleasant trip down to Great Chamber & Bat  
Passage. Now Rob, was that squeeze worth it?

31/7/94 Racket Drop. Mak + Jo - looked like nobody had been down there  
for a long time judging by the amount & height of stinging nettles - not  
surprising really

23/7 - 8/8/94 Don, Eddy & Graham + 3 Shepton

Proper coming in France

Roche Perce 100m straight down.

I Gave DE PENDANT, COOKBOSS

I Gave DE PISCATELLA, ASSURE (true)

PCANA GREZE, VIAZAR (true)

CARBONIE, MACTURIN, NOIRE, LIMOGES, PUCELLE,  
THEMIS, RENKON, ROC DE COR, FAJOLCT, DQ COMBES  
ST SOL, PADIRAC

& LOTS OF ROCK WASHING.

13/8/94 Ed + Dom Swildons.

Ed to VII Dom to IX, More divers  
than Weegees! Major lead ~~scramble~~ Shuffling  
@ 2. Came out just in time to make  
the vis crap for Pete Bolt! 5 hrs.

13-8-94. TALL GRAHAM, Rob + Julie,

OBJECTIVE - SWILDON TO ONE, AND ACT AS SHERPAS  
FOR ABOVE. MISCALCULATED TIME AND MET THEM  
AT 20. SO JUST WENT DOWN TO ONE +  
THROUGH. PLAYED ROUND IN UPPER SERIES BY MISTAKE  
3 HOURS.

(GREAT)

14-8-94. TALL GRAHAM, MIKE + NIKI GB.

UNABLE TO FIND THE ELUSIVE MAIN CHAMBER BUT  
STUMBLED ACCROSS BAT PASSAGE. MIKE + NIKI NEED  
A BETTER GUIDE NEXT TIME. QUITE IMPRESSED WITH  
THE PRETTIES; WHOSE THE SERK WHOSE FIXED PEA  
HANGERS ALL THE WAY UP TO THE CHAIN!!! 

My IMPRESSION WAS G.B. WAS A NATURAL CAVE - NOT  
ONE WITH BOLTS EVERYWHERE. NOT A NOVICE PRACTICE  
CLIMBING WALL <sup>!!!</sup> (It's a chain not a fixed aid!?!)

Domine Dom.

14-8-94. TALL GRAHAM TAKEN DOWN EASTWATER BY THE ENEMY  
(BEC) AS NO ONE ELSE AROUND! ITS BEEN A VERY QUIET  
WEEK END ON THE HILL.

06-08-94 GIANTS HOLE Andy, Leslie, Debs <sup>down to geology Pot.</sup>

07-08-94 P8 (Jackpot) Andy, Leslie, Debs

13/8/94 Les, Mak, J. Paula + Phillip (Austran) (OF) top to Cwm Dwr  
Just a little play Mak enjoyed a ducking in a man trap (thats what  
you get for trying to be clever and trawering over them all) Spent a while  
in the Big Sheds - Les must really like them eventually found our way out.  
I wonder why everyone else does it the other way round

16/8/94 R Lewis to Speezy Fissilee, used sawbar to remove "spee"!

20/8/94 (MELLOR RIVER CAVE).

MAUL FOYLE (LEADER) MIKE THOMAS (BOY) ROBIN BROWN, I (DYSLEXIC)  
A WELL PLANNED AND EXECUTED TRIP TO EXAMINE Sump 2 R.R.  
SIDE PASSAGES MSF DIVE IN Sump 2 R.R. AND FOUND  
A PROMISING L.E.D. R.R. DIVE TO INVESTIGATE. SAID LEAD MSF  
HAD STIRRED UP ALL THE MUD SO NO VIS. RRS COULD  
SEE OVER A SHORT BANK TO BLUE CLEAR WATER AS  
MSF HAD GRAPHICALLY DESCRIBED R.R. PUSH TO HORN  
THE BUSINESS AND GOT STUCK. SO DUMPED R.R.  
AND RETREATED. DIGITAL NEEDED.

KRJ

22/8/94 Ed + Dom THEAPE CAVE ON DANGLY  
STRING, SOME NEW ROUTES + OLD. WHAT  
IS THE POINT OF HAVING SOME REALLY  
GOOD SHAFTS IN A GROT-HOLE LIKE  
THIS! I SAY BLAST THE TOP OUT OF  
THE SHAFT - IT'LL BE JUST LIKE  
ALUM POT.

(New Atlas Direct - Sticker - Off Atlas ) (high Altitude  
Cult. Cavers being bolted with & hungers thus no 3m  
pits)

23/8/94 M & J Having winded down a.g. after voluntary  
duration to crux of 3s and 2 low pitch session  
- were moderately successful

23/8/89 Ed + Dom. off to the famous  
GOATCHURCH CAVERN. POSSIBLY THE MOST  
POLISHED CAVE IN THE WORLD. WENT ROUND  
AND ABNT A BIT AND THRU' SOME DEKIN.  
BEFORE WE'D HAD ENUFF.

Bank Holiday, where is the Wessex Friday alone  
with two jests Sat Bob Lewis errante for  
France Fair jests. Least I had the day  
to talk too. More work on library door  
tracks another week up's work should see the  
job off. Mike D-

28/8/94 FE2 + 'H' NICE PEACEFUL TRIP TO SWILLOWS, SIGNS  
OF LIFE COULD BE SEEN IE:- ONE KNEE PAD + HALF BURNT CANDLE  
AT SUMP 1. THE WATER AT THE SUMP WAS SO <sup>CLEAR</sup> AND TRANQUIL  
THAT IT SEEMED A SHAME TO DISTURB IT, SO RETURNED TO HUNTERS.

29/8/94 FE2 + 'H' QUIET TRIP TO GB WITH NO TROUBLE WITH  
THE KEY & LOCK. NO SIGN OF LIFE AS WE KNOW IT - TOTALLY  
CONVINCED THAT THIS IS A BANK HOLIDAY SO ARE HOPING BACK  
UP NORTH TO FIND A PARTY!

3 | 9 | 94 DOM - ED - GRANAM - & A Dihedral  
Route Sand Canons - Without Steps - Bar Pot  
Aven. Still a Spectacular Shaft.

4 | 9 | 94 DOM - ED - GRANAM CLOW POT  
DOWN TO LANCASTER STREAMWAY <sup>(TO LOOZ ONLY)</sup> IN FLOOD!

5 | 9 | 94 DOM - GRANAM ROWTON POT  
LOWER ROUTE - NICE TO NOT HAVE TO  
QUE!

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~~DOM & OTHERS 7 x 4" 1/2/94~~

~~SWILDONS - SWILDONS CRH WAYS -~~

~~WOB CONTINUUM - PIERRES POT - LOOKING AT  
SHUTTLE NOVEL TIPS~~

It's only the 12th now — is this illiterate fiction, or  
BEAVES & BUTTHEAD just illiterate?

DAVE

- WENT DOWN SID COT

ON 18-9-94 GOT LOST IN THE CAVE  
EVERYWHERE. GOT STUCK IN THE  
LOBSTER POT I MUST LOOSE SOME WEIGHT said  
MISSSED — EDEN SO PRETTY FUCKED  
OFF.

This entry in yellow, copied and expanded below

~~REASONABLE CONSIDERATION OF H.2.30 AM~~

~~WE DECIDED TO HEAD DOWN SWILDONS, WENT~~

Pissed out of our heads at 2-30am we  
decided to head off down swildons, went  
down to sump one <sup>and</sup> back, — what a  
bloody boring trip, it was as there was  
no water "Don't Drink The Water"

by

BEAVES & But HEAD

BEAVES AND BUTTHEAD WENT CAVEING  
AGAIN, THIS TIME WITH BIMBO.  
WENT TO GB TO PLAY. WENT DOWN THE  
EASY WAY TO THE GORGE. WENT UP WHITE  
PASSAGE SAN THE PREGGIES, WENT DOWN THE WATER  
FALL AND UP LADDER DIT. CRY WHENEN YOU MINT  
DISTANCE OF BAT PASSAGE, REFOR BIMBO WHEMPED  
OUR IN THE DUL. STANDING OFF BEAVES + BUTTHEAD.

1.9.94 Canyon d'Olodikie, Logibar, France. This is a through-ab., "le plus sauvage de la France", which descends about 1,000' in a series of cascades, largest of which is 35 metres. It is a bad trip, considering you have daylight for 99% of the time. All belays are in place. From Logibar, next Larrau, follow a tourist path upstream and then across a suspension-bridge which appears to be some 300' above the gorge. After bridge (which bores quite a lot & bears a notice disclaiming liability for accident), follow zig-zags up into forest until you hit a horizontal track. Turn L & keep going about 1 mile until the first main cascade's top is visible. This is a 53' ab. followed by another of 10' and a third of some 30'. This brings one to lip of main cascade, which is 130' but can be split some 15' down. That still leaves about 115' to go and without some precocious bolt-placement, you therefore do need 230' of rope - or nearly. The rest of the gorge - some 2 miles of it - is easier, with mainly small patches & pots, but good fun. Risky in the wet - escape and 2B impossible.

4.9.94 PSM by EDF to indeterminate point = Selle d'Adelie?

6.9.94 PSM by EDF to Selle Naevante. Some desperate route-finding which included 3½ circles of zone adjacent to Selle Naevante looking for rope/ladder descent which I couldn't find again: seemed like about 2 hours of somewhat stressful bouldering. Whole trip eleven bolts to L from bridge below Ste. Engrace.

9.9.94 Grotte de Recouillon = nasty muddy hole in Perigord.

11.9.94 Searched by customs at Southampton, who didn't believe I had a car, could afford a holiday, was smuggling hashish in the spare-wheel and had cycled alone in the Pyrenees. It would be most interesting to know how many cyclists get searched like this - it's a 'first' for me in this country.

BUTTHEAD

Rheinis

27-Aug-94 → 3<sup>rd</sup>-Sept-94

Ireland Holiday

MAK, JO,

Andy, Deb, Cookie.

28-Aug Faunarooska . Long narrow ~~of~~ stream passage, a lot of sideways walking, followed by a roof traverse to small grotto. Went on down to pitch before returning out. Time underground 4 hours.

In cave met some Irish cavers doing a rescue practice; their last practice 2 years before failed. This time was more successful. They told us about Poulnagieme cave which is not in the County Clare guide book.

29-Aug Poulnagieme (not sure on spelling)

This cave was only discovered in 1984 and is ~~apparently~~ Ireland's deepest cave. Route down is shown in diagram opposite.

Got down to the sump, obvious signs of high water so decided that it was too much effort to bail out water, cool water. Apparently sump 1 can be bailed out. This is followed by sump 2 which is usually not a sump and then sumps 3 and 4 which can be drained using the plumbing.

30-Aug Poolie Cave

Faster St Catherin's I to Fishtestest

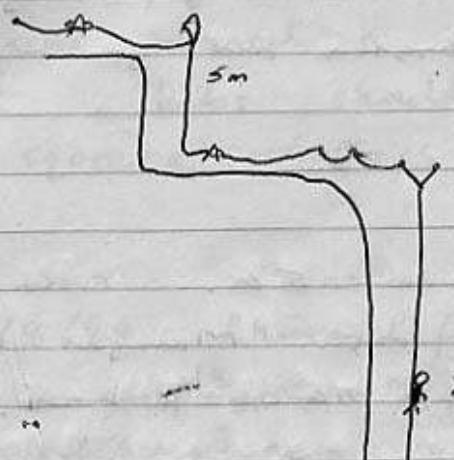
~3km

pot. A good dry hole trip with some good stream passage. Total time in cave 2½ hours.

PS the fence to the field of Fishtestest pot is electrified. Don't touch the electric fence. Beware the electric fence. (Someone, who will remain nameless, touched it not once, but three times!)

Alltuee slow cave. Went to meet Cul Wright. Not a great slow cave but we managed to get in free of charge.

The not entirely accurate  
ADM rigging guide Poulnaglome



Ropes used 15 m 1<sup>st</sup> pitch

65 m 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> pitch

30 m to sump 1

31<sup>st</sup> Aug Poulnaglome

Long porage, mostly walking size followed by a long roof traverse. Got to the sump on retreat. On way out some of us managed to squeeze through to a fine Avon with its own natural access restriction.

Time underground 2 hours.

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Decided to attempt Upper Poulnoyee. Descended double pots and an 9m pitch with tight take-off. Dangled feet or head, depending on size, over 1<sup>st</sup> oven (~100') of Poulnoyee. Not worth descending due to rope abrasion and you only end up in Poulnoyee anyway.

1<sup>st</sup> Sept Callan Fine.

Finally managed to find entrance, 50'. Followed stream all way to end and went out. Managed to rescue a frog from bottom of cave. Time 2½ hours.

2<sup>nd</sup> Sept Poulnagollum → Poulelva.

Handline / Itacia hilt abseil down Poulnagollum. Went down bunnas passage, over marmith pools and an ~3m drop into main stream passage. Classic stream passage, all way to Crown canyon and out via Poulelva pot, ~35m SRT out. Time 3½ hours.

3<sup>rd</sup> Sept Mitchelson show cave.

Visited this on my back home. Quite a nice cave, but the guide wasn't so good. "This is the two gods ghost", over here is the 'lady in a shawl', here is the 'warrior in the shawl'...."

Best part was the notice at cave entrance:

" SINCE THE USE OF CAMERAS SERIOUSLY DAMAGES CALCITE FORMATIONS, WE REGRET THAT CAMERAS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE SHOW CAVE."

Perhaps we should ban photographic trips to AB.

A good week caving. we were lucky to have fine weather.

17/9/94 Eastwater Cavern Andy Cadell, Tom, Andy (Captain Yellow)  
Cookie, Deb

Good trip down ~~Batters~~ Chimney + Dolphin chimney + bolts  
Messed around a bit at the cross rods + then back out.  
Debs should pick which holes she tries  
to squeeze through more carefully.

18/9/94 Rhino Rift - Right hand route. Andy, Deb,  
Soup's <sup>SULLY</sup> ← no, get your facts straight!  
<sup>Cookie now owns rope.</sup> Cookie, Ian  
Tested up my? new rope the hard way. Good trip  
to the bitter end (5 pitch) - Not really worth it  
past the third pitch - but it had to be done.

25/9/94 Eastwater - Beecher sewer TAV & JAKE - Aborted trip due  
to Dolphin ladder being 20 ft too short - so had a look at Mortons.  
Beecher has now been resurrected as a proper dig and looks promising.

24/9/94 DOM - LES & MIKE - RHINO RIFT RESCUE PRACTICE  
LIVE CASUALTY OUT FROM BOTTOM OF THIRD PITCH IN  
FOUR HOURS.

25/9/94 DOM & VARIOUS SHERPES - SINGING RIVER MINE.  
WE GOT WET!

26/9/94 DOM - (MARTIN & JULIAN SMC) DIREEN CILAC  
ST. DAVIDS SUMP. LOTS OF CHOCOLATE EATEN!

27/9/94 TAV & POY DARK CARS EASTWATER!

30/9/94 Jamie R - MIKE M. G.B. Cavern.

Bat passage, Great Chamber, Enjoyable trip!  
Lots of Bolts about!

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1<sup>st</sup> Oct - 94

Swibbons ADM - Cookie want to do

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Black-Hole, had a look - maybe we'll give it a go next time. Time underground 3½ hours.

2<sup>nd</sup> Oct - 94 Hunters ADM, Cookie, Tony King, Steve. Played around on some string, rigged all three routes. 2½ hours.

30/9/94 - Dom & Grahem - SHATTER CHAMBER.  
OW WHAT HOOTY MUD!

31/10/94 - Dom - Y - CROF - Dom - Grahem - Rich(W)  
TAOL NORTH - MARK, IAN, VERN, MALL, ANDY (L) THE  
RISING. A VERY PRETTY CAVE WITH NICE Rock  
SCULPTING!

2/10/94 Dom & Grahem - PIERLES POT + INTO  
lower SERIES. A NICE SUNDAY AFTERNOON  
TRIP.

Sept 94. (Various evenings) Sawmills cave dig (Portland).

Phil Strong, Nigel Graham. Attempting to open new way into  
Sawmills Cave, where original entrances have long been buried  
by quarry work. This dig, in cutted phreatic tide, has  
also been worked by Dominic Sealy, Wayne Brown, & Eddy Waters.

3/10/94 Swibbons entrance (verified on walking in area): Eric  
Hawkins, Nigel Graham. I don't know if anyone has previously  
noticed, but water is running below blockhouse wall below  
overflow pipe. Don't encourage it: it could undermine wall  
& create complications ... or unwanted work? all

8/10/94 KNOCKHUNDRED O.C.C. caring for the young Maurice  
Hawkins & Turner, & Ian Turney with Juliet and Demon  
Turner 11 years and 9 years and Daniel Turney 10 years  
AVOLINES, and 2 hours in goatchurch a great success  
for there first trip. This makes them full members of  
the KNOCKHUNDRED O.C.C. but they won't be at the DINNER

1/10/94

Wessex Cavers Took Wessex Members To D.Y.O.

12-10-94 STAV, ANNIE, FEZ, HEATHER, CATRINA, ROS, TINKA, RAY.

HULL F.C.C.T.P went down Avelines, pierres pot and Sidcott. Ultimate experience. Avelines and pierres pot were just the small ones to give us a taste and get us started. Sidcott was wet and scary. we were drenched when we went through the 'older' pot. we also went in goatchurch. Through 'Hellish tight' was unbelievable. Only two of us fit through it and it was so scary. we are all absolutely covered in bruises, so if you're reading this, wear knee and elbow pads. Highly recommended are Sidcott and goatchurch, just don't wear white underwear. Now we're all going to get plastered and go to sleep ready for tomorrow's expeditions.

FEZ is a bastard. He sent us through holes but never went through there himself.

13-10-94 HULL F.C.C.T.P.

WENT Down G.B. what an amazing cave. climbed the red hill to get to the car. We think it was an Austin Maxin. Going up the mud hill was hard but coming down was quick and scary. everybody was absolutely covered in mud. It was

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disgustingly beautiful. A few of them went to the waterfall but said there wasn't much water there. I stayed with Heather and sat and had a breather. The best cave we've been in, but not the scariest.

Audrey

15/10/94 DAM TO CRAGMEN EASTWATER - PRIMROSE POT ON DANIEL STRING. WORTH RIGGING A FOOT WOOD AROUND A PULLEY AT TOP OF SQUEEZE FOR THE RETURN - OTHERWISE THE USUAL EASTWATER - CRAP!

15/10 IAN TURNER, JOHN JUDMAN, TIM BICKNELL, TIM SEROWINSKI A LIFT TO MANDIP WITH THE INTENTION OF GOING TO REDRUTH, BUT WENT TO SURF 1 INSTEAD AND THEN TO THE DINNERS. REDRUTH CAN WAIT

11.10.94. CONFERENCE POT. AUBREY, PETE, PETE, MAX.

AUBREY TURNED UP LATE, WE THINK HE WENT TO CUCKOO FIRST. HABIT! PULLED LOTS OF VERY STICKY MUD OUT. EVENTUALLY GAINED A DRAGMGT.

15/10/94 - RHINO RIFT RIGHT HAND ROUTE  
DAM & ALEX (B.E.C.) TOOK ALEX DOWN FIRST PITCH, NOT BAD FOR FIRST & RT STUP. YES ME

STILL WANTS TO DO MORE.

A NOTE OF THANKS TO THOSE WHO LEFT  
ON SUNDAY (16.10.94) AFTER THE ANNUAL  
DINNER WITHOUT CLEANING UP. A RESCUE,  
THAT EVENING A GETTING UP ON MONDAY  
TO SEE THE PLACE LOOKING LIKE THE  
POLTERGEIST! THANKS!

AND WHERE WAS THE NEW HUT WARDEN  
OFF SOMEWHERE PLAYING HIDE THE  
SAUSAGE!

THERE WERE ENOUGH CLUB MEMBERS STAYING  
ON SAT/SUN ~~TO~~ (INCLUDING COMMITTEE  
MEMBERS) WHO KNEW WHAT IS REQUIRED  
IN THE WAY OF CLEANING UP. WITH OUT  
SOMEBODY HAVING TO STAND OVER THEM  
WITH A BIG STICK. THE STATE OF  
THE KITCHEN WAS NOTED BY THE HUT  
WARDEN ON SUNDAY NIGHT. MANY THANKS  
TO THE TWO! PERSONS WHO CLEANED UP  
MONDAY MORNING I HOPE EVERY BODY  
ELSE WHO WAS ~~SUPPOSED~~ INVOLVED IN  
MAKING THE MESS IS SUFFICIENTLY  
EMBARRASSED FOR THIS STATE OF  
AFFAIRS NOT TO OCCUR AGAIN

J.R. William. NO  
HUT WARDEN.  
19-10-94

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21-8-94 Eastwater Cavern - Regent Street  
Dom & Male 2x hrs  
lots of rift - lots of crawling / thrutching - lots of  
pretties at the end. Proper job trip for a frisky night.

22<sup>nd</sup> Oct-94 Swildon's - Blackhole Andy, MAK, 4½ hours.  
Coloured black hole, also did most of side passage short trip  
made longer by some fat old blaster (who?)

22/10/94 Dom & Slemton (MARTIN, STEVE & MARTIN)  
TO OFD 3 — O THOSE TRAVERSSES ARE HORRIBLE!!  
STREAMWAY IN FLOOD SO DIDN'T GO UP IT.  
\* OH YOU POOR PECKS THE STREAMWAY IN  
OFT III IS ALWAYS ~~3~~ 3 foot DEEP (+ V COLD)  
THE TRAVERSSES ARE NOT A PATCH ON THE MARBLE  
SHOWERS ONCE OR

OK HES I NO UVE BEEN  
CANTANOUS THERE BEFORE!!! AND MONIST  
SELF RECOMM WE ALL DID IT WITH OUR HANDS  
PREFUDICED DOLTED BE MIND OUR OWN AND  
MANSTAND!! BLINFOLDED, MVN!?

27/10/94

### Wooooooookey Pothole

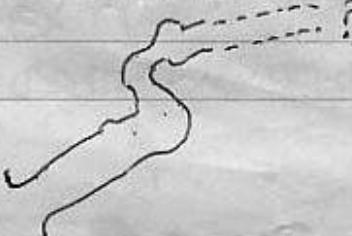
NORTHERN  
TARTS

Quick splash through Resurgence and up to 22 in poor viz

Russell + Monica, M-T and Brocky (NPC)

29/10/94 Tav, Godge - A 'new' site in East Mendip, not a million miles  
from Hopeful Hole. After 6 months (intermittent), 3 bangs and 200+ buckets  
of clay - broke into phreatic descending bedding with fine roof pendants -  
looks good but needs floor digging out to facilitate progress.

TAV



NORTHERN TARTS .

30/10/94 Woodcutter's Hole Pothole.  
Vis slate due to trebor and ~~the~~ the foodmixers, so  
went to 20 for a walk round.  
Russell + Monica and BJ (NPC)

30/10/94 Millie Wilson Dells, Cookie st Cothberts. 3 hrs  
Tourist trip to Goss and lots of little diversions.  
Going down the entrance with the slide gate  
open was interesting! It looked like we were  
going to climb up it with the dam open. Fortunately  
after a shortish wait someone came back and  
shut it off. Also rescued a frog.

9/11/94 Mark + Carm + Ley + Vann + Damon + Lysa - Millerton Lakes Cave CA.  
A superb classic GRANITE Cave in the middle of nowhere.  
California. Similar to OFD Streamway, if a tad shorter & smoother.  
Lysa showed us how not to stay dry! (Not a patch on Swindons!).

31/10/94 DOM + MARTIN (SMCC) ROBLIN SHAFT SELL CILL  
INTERESTING WHEN WET, WORTH RISING A TRAVERSE LINE  
DOWN THE STREAMWAY.

1/11/94 DOM + MARTIN (SMCC) LARGE POT (MASONICE)  
ARCADIA NICE PITCH, COLOSSUS.

2/11/94 DOM + MARTIN (SMCC) VESPER POT  
NICE TRIP BUT LAST REBBLAY IS KNACKERED  
ON THE ELLIOT BOLTS. THERE IS ANOTHER BOLT  
BUT IT IS RATHER INCONSPICUOUS - YOU CAN  
HOWEVER DROP THE PITCH IN ONE IF YOU RISE  
CAREFULLY.

3/11/94 DOM + MARTIN (SMCC) LOST GUMNS DOMB  
ROUTE DOWN TO L.F.M.C.

4/11/94 DOM + MARTIN (SMCC) ALUM POT NW  
ROUTE STILL A NICE PITCH!

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6/11/94 LEST MARK OFD (OUR CAVE)  
WENT TO CROSS RIFT FOUND LOADS NOT ON  
THE SURVEY V.PRETTY. WENT TO DEJA  
RUE GOT VERY MENDIP SO CAME OUT  
5½ HRS.

9.11.94. SWILDONS. MARK, GARLIC, TONY & ME.  
WELL 'ARA WET TRIP!

9-11-94

BEAUS WERE AGAIN WITHOUT BUT HEAD, BUT IN WITH GIMBO (WORST LUCK). HERE IS GIMBO'S ACCOUNT OF OUR VERY WET SWILDONS TRIP — (TIMMY MEMBER OF THE FAMOUS FIVE) (TESTOSTERONE (?) GFM).

GIMBO excellent wildos trips. water level wood seeing and experiencing. extremely damp around the arm pits, well wood a quake to the knees. look forward to tomorrow, then hopefully, the stream will going in over the embankment.

9.11.94

The Tony King's Yorkshire holiday.

25-0ct-94 Bull Pot. TK, ADM. Went down with video camera, lots of water, managed to get some good pictures.

26-Oct-94 Wretched Rabbit. ADM, TIC, Jason Newton, Shirley (Neal Fay). Bad weather + long wait for everyone to get organised. Ease gill stream only just below entrance of Pool sink so we went down Wretched Rabbit instead. Started 16:30! so only got as far as main stream before leaving for pub.

28-Oct-94 Bar pot. ADM, TIC, Shirley.

Weather still poor. Down Bar pot to Gaping Gill main chamber. Three waterfalls into main chamber, quite impressive. Total time 3½ hours.

5/11/94 Lancaster Hole Jo, Mac, ADM, Frank, Graham (all) cookie.

Exploratory trip to see the new rigging arrangements at Fall Pot since the ladders have been removed. Not impressed. Then did trapdoor down to the main drain. Those who got to the bottom had a good time. Further interest was provided by the rope being 6 feet short. Now, how do you pass a knot in the middle of your rope?

6/11/94 Yordas ADM, Frank, cookie.

Did the aerial route for old times sake. However booked the audience didn't do a good job. A six year old ain't enough boost our egos.

12/11/94 Manor Farm ADM, Ian, pine, cookie -

Almost as busy as Sivildons today. A lot of water around, although it was receding.

Albert Eye went from known surveyed to a  
an inch or so in half an hour.

12/11/94 DON - WES - MARK & LEE - RMINO  
RIGHT HAND ROUTE - FUN TIME HAD BY ALL  
SHAME ABOUT THE PAYING ROCKS KNOCKED DOWN  
BY KINGSTON UNI ON THE LEFT HAND -  
OBVIOUSLY THEY ARE AN ACCIDENT WAITING TO  
HAPPEN :? (SELF-RIGHTEOUS OR WHAT BUT  
THEY WERE ALL CANTAUSOUS & PREJUDICED.)  
MAN WE BEEN DOING THIS FOR  
35 YEARS SO I CAN'T BE WRONG.

13-Nov-94 GB ADAM, Cookie. Quick round trip.

Time 50 minutes. We've been caring for 3.5 years  
so we must know what we're doing.

13/11/94 TAU VINCE DOM - 'HOPEFULL TWO 'MORE  
SPOIL REMOVED. A NICE DIG'.

19/11/94. MAX, VERN, TALL GRAHAM, MARK  
FOOLS PARADISE, BLACK HOLE SERIES VIA  
APPROACH PASSAGE. HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TRIPS:-  
VERNS SPECTACULAR 11" DROP AND ALL  
FOUR UP THE 20' IN 30 SECONDS (<sup>OVER</sup> 20# GROSS)  
3 HOURS AND I'M SCATTERED.

YAH!

20-11-94 DEBS, TALL GRAHAM, TIM & LUCY (Swansea Uni)  
NOT BROWNE'S HOLE - a tiny, un-obvious entrance leads to an  
awkward climb down a spacious lift shaft, from which a tight

squeezes commences. One chamber and many squeezes follow, all of which progressively diminish in width to resemble rabbit burrows. After one hour, decided this was not Brownes Hole and surfaced. Warning - sleeping bats in this cave.

BROWNES HOLE A short way down the hill, an more obvious entrance (not dissimilar to that of Avelines) can be found. To see the numerous pretties, we advise visiting the cave about 60 years ago, before they were all trashed. Excellent cave - all passages lead to each other. Good for exploring, with a fearsome mud slides - way on is through the duck, which can be siphoned (v.advisable). Yo! Good trip! Deb's.

18/11/94 DOM & PARAHEN B SWILLOWSONS 22  
NW/SD - GENERAL DMBGT.

19/11/94 DOM & PARAHEN B THURWEE LANE  
BUTAN ATLAS NOTS OF WATER running down  
ROCK OUT OF BLEAK HALL - SOO  
MANKERS STILL NOT PLACED SO FAILED  
TO DROP THE PEGS AND WENT HOME!

a bit late - 6/11/94 Bull Pot Kingsdale Mal. Jo + a few random people we bumped into from Durham FSBs (I'm not one honest)

we ended up rigging but hadn't bothered to read the guide book - no one noticed we didn't know what we were doing (I think) got to the bottom + said chano to the others as we had to get to Leeds for a train I don't think they were too chuffed. Had to wait at the top of the 4th pitch to watch some bloke from Imperial College as he was left by himself at the top of the pitch + rather pitifully said it was only his second SRT trip would I mind watching him.

12.11.94 Jingling Hole/Pot - Mak. To + lots of random FSBs.

The highlight of an otherwise boring trip was Mak jokingly suggesting that if you dammed the stream flowing several metres past the entrance shaft there would be a waterfall down the shaft - the water level was high. Two people decided it would be a good idea, so some poor person ended up with a great big waterfall flowing over him as he descended the pitch (we didn't laugh) - it was quite impressive really. Some people complained it was getting draughty further down so we dismantled the dam so we didn't get wet either. Luckily we were fit up + someone decided to build the dam up again. Unfortunately the same person was coming up the rope who was drenched before loops - we didn't laugh again honest. At this point we decided to wander into Valley entrance after mud riding it down the hill - loads of water going down the ladder pitch. Stream was quite good too. The FSB crew looked like drowned rats (Ha ha ha!)

26.11.94 Manor Farm - Steph + Toni

Toni's first SRT trip - okay, so everyone else down (all 12 of them) were using ladders, but it's a nice free-hang... Handline down 20' rift, down the bypass (not sumped this week) and eventually the NAHSA gallery. Back up someone wanted their rope shifted from the pre-climb to the rift - we obliged. Toni had a bit of an epic on the handline in the rift, but we stood patiently in line at the bottom of the entrance while ~~more~~ 7 more headed down. Another epic at the top of the SRT...

Toni "I can't get off the rope"

Steph "Stand up and unclip your chest gear!"

Toni "I can't stand up"

Steph "Huh?" (not understanding that Toni wanted to 'stand' on the ground - he meant 'stand up in your footloop') Steph goes up someone else's ladder cos someone else turns up behind us... Oops.

27/10/94 Andy, Deb, Mad Al, Cookie. Swallows Black Hole All the way to the end of Fools Paradise. Some of that scaffolding is interesting. Put some of Sparrows training into practice. Unfortunately no rope cutting was required.

26-Nov-94 Lee, Mark, Max, Dom, Andy, Deb, Mad Al, Cookie, Mak, Jo, Martin, Tim, Rosca, Big Vern - Mike Thomas ... (can't remember everyone, just add your name). ~~Bob~~ + central, left hand, ariel, shadow... routes Blue School Gym (right hand route). An SRT practice cave led by Andy Sparrow. All had good fun, though everyone was knocked unconscious and had to be rescued at least twice. Lots of rope cutting (+ some hair cutting for Tim)!

16/10/94 Ball Swallow Pete Hahn Tax Noddon. Re started my old dig at in the left hand hole. Remaking boulders. Cave very wet

23/10/94 Ball Swallow Pete Hahn Tax Noddon Pete Hahn Remaking boulders - then had a look down Bob's Swallow

30/10/94 Ball Swallow Pete x 2 Tax Canent all set - so dropped the two boulders out of the hole and crawled through to an unstable area to the left a squeeze through to a chamber boulder and solid roof to a 3 ft drop to an area where water ponds up. Lots of flood debris so this area takes a lot of water and marks under the wall. Approx 30 ft of ~~—~~ Cave formed.

7/12/94 Bath Swallet Pete H, Pete + Max  
Started digging the land choke where we think the  
~~red~~ water sinks, all the fill is fairly recent in fill.

9/12/94 DOM & ERIN SWILDONS SHORT ROUND  
DAM ON 3RD TROUBLE NEEDS SOME  
ATTENTION!

10/12/94 DOM LFS & MARK OFD 1 TO MANAGE  
SHOWERS OUT VIA OWN PWR - STREAM WAY  
MEN. LES & MARK NOW HAVE (WELL SOON) LEADERSHIP.

16/12/94 Cuckoo - YES! Cuckoo

Roz Keith Pett H Aubrey

Roz came down ~~late~~ for a bang with  
us - she says the earth moved!

17-Dec-94 Burrington ADM, MAK, JD. A quick trip down  
some fine caves. Bath Swallet, Bos Swallet, Rods,  
Rounds, Glastonbury, Sidcot Swallet and of course our  
favourite - Avelines.

17 DECEMBER 1994 DOM HAZEL & BRUCE (COLORADO CAVERS)  
GLOUCESTERSHIRE & SIDCOT - VERDICT - NOT LIKE USA! "I DID WARN  
THEM" SO RETIRED TO WESSEX C.C. TO INSPECT FOREIGN  
SRT SYSTEMS & HAVE A PRACTICE ON FIRE ESCAPE.  
THEY DECIDED IT MIGHT BE SENSIBLE TO TRY PASSING  
A RE-MAN'S BEFORE GOING DOWN RINGO TOMORROW.

18-12-94 LFS, MARK, MAK, MAK, JO,  
SWILDONS Hole SHORT ROUND MAINTENANCE  
TRIP HAD A LOOK UP UPPER FAULT CHAMBER  
THEN BAILED DOUBLE TROUBLES DRY!! UGLY  
BUILT NEW DAM AT THIRD Duck Trouble  
SERIES and then BAILED 1 FT (0.3M) OF AIR  
SPACE REMOVED ANTI POLLUTION MATS FROM

DOOMED GROTTO AND RE-DIVERTED STREAM FROM  
CALIPER POT BACK INTO SUMP POOL  
MOST OF US LEFT VIA Z + STREAMWAY  
BUT TWO TARTS PREFERRED TO RETURN  
THE DRY ROUTE BACK THROUGH PARADISE  
REGAINED. LES HAD TOTAL LIGHT FAILURE  
AT THE THIRD TROUBLE DUCK BUT STICK  
HAD TO WAIT FOR MAK + JO TO CATCH UP  
AT VARIOUS PLACES IN THE STREAMWAY  
5½ HRS SUPERB TRIP.

24.12.94 Lancaster Hole - Crap Trap to Wilf Taylors Passage. (6hrs) Deb, Andy, Cookie  
Crap Trap is a bastard of a pitch to rig without rubpoints, but very beautiful, and well worth it. Our short  
string ladder was very useful on Wilf Taylors for some awkward climbs up the  
beautifully sculptured passageways. Possibility of a round trip through Wilf Taylors II,  
Fossil Route, & via Waterfall Chamber (in drier conditions!). Please note - when Italian hitching  
down what we called Castration Chamber (you'll know it when you get there), it is best NOT to get the  
bottom belayed loop of fire rope caught round a rock & descend into a hanging loop 4ft off the  
ground, as you can get stuck up there, eh Andy? 20.65.

25.12.94 Flood Entrance to Bar Pot. - Mak, Andy, Damian, Steph, Cookie,  
Debs + Jo 5 hrs.

Proper Job. Trip!! Yo!! - rigging not quite the same as Dave Elliot  
Guide for 4th pitch in Flood. + Mak missed the 2nd deviation so it  
was a bit wet. No Christmas cake this year + the chocolate log  
got squished, party poppers went with a plop. Missed GC in daylight  
as the Land Rover wouldn't start. (who sold Damian a dud?) it was  
cold waiting for the Flood entrance de-rig team - until someone suggested  
the lonely night roll without a pitch & it got bomp started!!

26.12.94 Pool Sink / Wretched Rabbit - Andy, Mak, Damian + Steph, Jo 20min!  
The stream was almost at the lip of the entrance to Pool Sink so we  
decided against going down, we went down RR instead, we got to the bottom  
of the climbs, Mak + Jo belayed down the rift, a few minutes later Andy

came down shouting "Out" so we turned round + headed out, within the space of two minutes a waterfall had appeared at the entrance to the rift + when we got back it had doubled in size. On the way back we stopped for a quick look at Powl sink, water was flowing down the entrance - good decision earlier. All the work was due to an + a thaw - we hadn't seen any frost as it had been foggy + rainy every day so we didn't see the peaks were frozen

30-12-94 Manor Farm - Mark + Jo 2 hrs  
To wet!

30-12-94 OGOF DRAENEN - Mark, Les, Max, Nathan + Steph 10 hrs.

A classic trip with a short entrance series followed by stomping passages for miles. Stomped all over the shop and then came out. Apart from the boulder strewn floors its the D-B.

This log was closed New Year Eve

2359.9990 hrs and a new log opened

Mark Drennan - M.D.

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26-12-94 Bull Pot of the Witches Coolair & Deb's.

A short explore round some of the lesser used non tourist routes. Cat Hole looks like a nice dry way in but needs to be bolted first. In the interest of others' safety, we removed a belay point (natural flake) from the top of the chimney into South Chamber. Next time, I plan NOT to remove flakes whilst I have my entire body weight resting on it! Still, I did the descent in record time!

Debs.

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