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log book for Upper Pitts HQ 21-05-94 - 31-12-94
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New log started 01-01-95 - 0000.00 a his
A fine frosty star lit night. Mrs Denbury - 1/1

31-12-94

MANOR FARM Coolie, Debs 3hrs.

Decided to go down Manor farm rather than join Sothers down Rhino Right Hand, which was possibly going to be (and later PROVED to be) a long trip with lots of waiting around (see next entry!). A bimble down to NAHSA Gallery and back. Manor Farm now costs £1.50 per person!!

31-12-94 Rhino Left right hand route Thx - Andy, Mak, Jo, Damian, Steph
It took Andy, Mak & Jo 2hrs to get down with no problems, we waited about 1's hours at the bottom; among other problems Damian managed to get his hair caught in his rack twice; Steph new to fogging was relying on Damian to help her out & got a bit stuck when she found out Damian had put her chert ascender in his maulion upside down, so when she went too far down to undo a duration she had a bit of trouble going back up. We were also slowed down by a group who came down after us & decided to undo our rigging, put theirs in & attach our bolts to theirs, however they decided to call it a day at the head of the 2nd pitch just before we started out, so of course we had to wait for them to undo their bolts & put ours back in. Also had to wait ages for damian to prusick out of the cave mak who was derigging kept catching him up.

1-1-95 8wldons long day, short dry sections & zig zags 4.5min To Mak
Something to do.

2-I-95 Swallows Vicarage Pot/Passage 3½ hrs To, Mak.
it was on the survey.

2-Jan-95 GB 2½ - 3 hrs Andy, Damian & Steph.

An easy round trip to finish off destination canyoning. Lot of stops for photos.

1-1-95 OFD (OFF COURSE) LES MARK DAMIAN STEPH
ANDY LADEC + ANNE

OFD IF COLUMNS PLUS BIMBLE ROUND LABRYNTH
THEN CONIST TRIP TO TRIDENT + JUDGE, SERENITE
TUNNEL, SHATTER PILLAR, EDWARDS SHORT CUT
+ OUT. VIA WHITE ARCH SERIES HAD A LOOK DOWN
A "SIDE PASSAGE" AT EDWARDS. V. PRETTY + MAY
CONNECT WITH OTHER PRETTIES ABOVE GROSS RIFT - ALL
OFF SURVEY !!! 4 HOURS.

02-01-95 WATERWHEEL SWALLET Debs & Cookie 3 hrs?

An amazingly engineered Willy Stanton Cave - the entrance series is practically a winding staircase! Interesting formations, well preserved. Spent a long time getting down this very vertical cave, bottom making the trip worthwhile, but it only took us 15 mins' to get out from the bottom! Worth a visit

Debs. ↑

18-1-95. BATH SWALLET PETE HAIGH, MAK. normal
entire trip length

DIGGING CONTINUES ON MENDIPS
MOST POTENTIAL SITE !! APART
FROM AUBREY'S CUCIBO

18/1/95 Cuckoo Pit Ham, Aubrey Newport,
Keith + Roy Fiddler. Packed two Slat Lakes
fired + Retired

TUES 17-JAN 1995 LES MAX MARK
SWILDONS - V.V.V WET EXCELLENT SPORT
+ N**E B***R***S SWALLE

A. MINI SWILDONS. THE TUESDAY NIGHTERS
STRIKE

FRI 20th JAN LES ROB BRUCE
LIONELS HOLE - SOME BODY HAS
MOVED HALF THE CAVE SINCE I WAS
LAST THERE.

SAT 21st JAN DAVE MORRISON FLASHED HIS
FAG'S TWICE YOH!

SAT 21st GRANDAD, TALL GRAHAM, BENN + Henry + Albert.

SWILDONS - UPPER FERIEN. A FEW DAYS OF HEAVY RAIN
MADE THIS AN ENTERTAINING TRIP. THE FIVE FOOT DROP HAS
GROWN. HOPEFULLY THIS WILL REDUCE THE QUANTITY OF NOVICES! YOH.

SUN 22nd JAN TALL GRAHAM + ANDY
G.B LOTS OF WATER — SPORTING.

Possible new route into Devil's Elbow, good fun
in high water. At bottom water never rising
at an $\frac{1}{2}$ INCH PER MINUTE. Time 2 hours.

21.1.95 Rheddu (DMF-SVC) quick look at Driekraal, to Tea Table. Extremely wet conditions.

22.1.95 Rheddu (+4 SVC) to Rifkinwell Chamber. Possibly opp. 'Lamb & Fox'.

Entrance beneath "Lamb & Fox Pt" in slope beneath old tip. Crawl head-first
round bend (with pool in wet weather) then 10' bedding to two short
scaffolded diggs. Crawl below past rock obstruction & gate until
the wet crawl which is c. 20' to narrow descent adjacent to
boulders (which is awkward on the way out). Step down beneath
to slope, & scaffolded shaft around 20' opens to chamber. Here

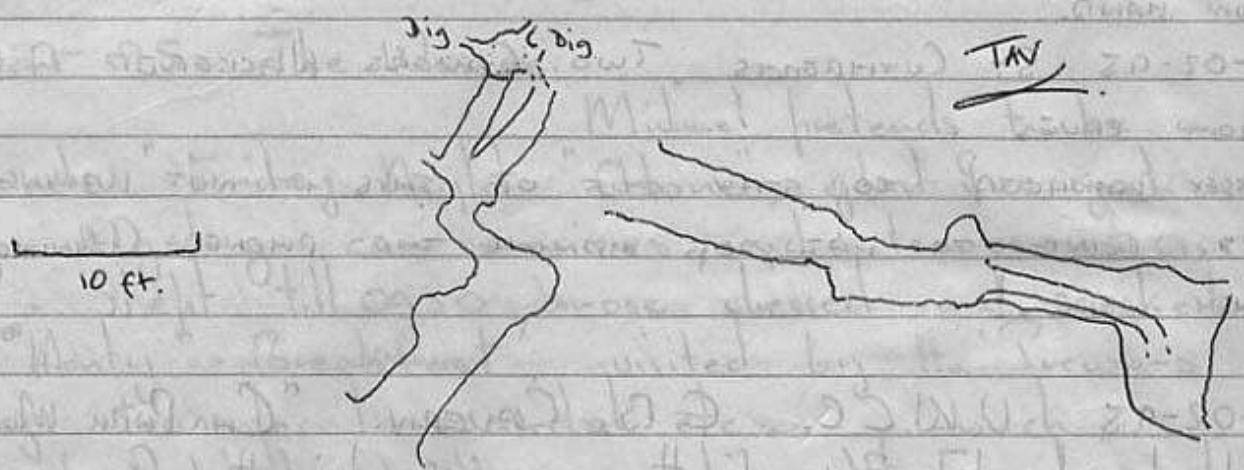
(ignoring the obvious life ahead)

follow low passages ~~with the stream for~~ 150' via pleasant to a narrow drop with easy squeeze to regior water in series of muddy creeps to nice cascade (in wet weather). Beyond, obvious route opens at 20' climb which has a rope on it at present. The climb is at one end of an elliptical 'pot' and a proliferation of large holds make it possible to climb free without real difficulty. At the bottom, a few yards of big passage lead to boulders at junction with even bigger one (cairn prominent). L runs back to pitch on original way in; R on boulders for 300' to 20' descent to water - followed by immediate re-ascent on flat side (RH wall). Forward, initially over boulders, passing junctions L (White Arch & way to main series) & R (Silver Passage). Streamway resumes with only one significant junction in next 1½ miles. It is a bit of a slog but with no real problems. Early-on a boulder obstruction is passed by a climb up & short traverse on RH wall; streamway becomes more pleasing, short cascades & a few stal formations in fairly narrow rift; two muddy boulder-chokes en route are short and not particularly tight. About $\frac{3}{4}$ mile downstream, just beyond the only bit of streamway where stooping is necessary, the thundering inlet called 'Agent Blorange' enters L carrying small stream. Beyond this, streamway is rather uninteresting, mostly wading, the only really deep water lying in the last few hundred feet before current end (Riflemen's Chamber). The most awkward obstacle on this trip is probably the narrow bit in boulders immediately following 'the wet rift' in the entrance passages. Comparable in energy-expeditiile terms with Grand Circle, Agent Alredd, but with less variety especially towards the end. (Changing facilities are zero). (Very useful!) *R. H. H.*

29-01-95 LES MARK + MARTIN (WSG) SWILDONS
TO SUMP I VVVVVV WET EVEN MORE SPOT
QUOTE "THE CAVE IS THE WETTEST I HAVE
SEEN FOR 40 YEARS" (BRIAN PREWER)
ANY WAY IT WAS WET.

1/2/95 Hopeful Too - E. Mendip Jig.

After close on 100 digging trips this interesting site is now L40 VR20. A nice entrance tube descends beneath a large slab to an awkward muddy wriggle to a tiny chamber. An impassable bedding goes straight on but the passage veers left then right beneath scaffolding to a large rift and impressive 10ft deep pot. Two ways on are currently being pushed - the base of the pot where the other end of the impassable bedding joins and a narrow rift on a ledge to one side of it. Easy digging, plenty of room, in limestone and with an intermittent draught and sound of water (which sinks 20 metres away in Hopeful Hole) potential looks good. The water resurges at Ashwick Grove, $\frac{1}{4}$ mile away.



04-02-95 GIANTS HOLE - Andy, Cookie, Debs + 4 (SOUP) 6hrs

Trip down to ~~the~~ top of Geology Pot (dutifully said "oh, what a long way down!") and back up via Maggins Rift (now has a knotted rope to aid ascent) and thro Giant's Windpipe (corrible & wet, but the Wessex were 'ard & didn't wear wetwts, although one BASTARD put his TSA hood on) back out.

It's incredible how a "quick" trip can become EXHAUSTING when travelling at a tediously slow ~~convince~~ pace. Debs.

05-02-95 P8 (JACKPOT) Andy, Cookie, Debs + 4 (SOUP) 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ hrs

5 Very wet. Ditto with the TSA hood (apparently the culprit said

he couldn't hear our insults thro' the hood). Down to Sump 1, this time it wasn't completely dry (pity), and back out (bypassed 2nd pitch both ways). Problems with another group on the way out - they'd rigged their ladder over ours & it was easy to get caught up.

The entire cave is being p-hungered. Looks like there's now an SRT bypass to wet first pitch. Debs.

11-02-95 Swindons Lower Oxbow Rescue. "Jame Kinge In Water". Removed 134 feathers and waders. Victim walked out of cave "had Gon on his side". Water Level Quite High. It's believed that the "cave physco", or Dr Bradshaw was on hand.

11-02-95 St Cuthberts. Two Cavers Hungered Assisted from CAVE.

Wesker managed to stay out of this by NOT DRAWING ANY KIT. BEING TO FAT, OR MANING THE PHONE. CUNNING F***Y THEY WERE!

11-02-95 U.K.C.C. G-B CAVERNS. "Can Park Monitor" Report about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the car is out in the Gorge and a lot of very mud water is coming from the base of the Choke.

18-02-95 Mark, Les, Cookie, Rob & Bruce.
OGOF AGEDALWENNS 8 HRS +
GRAND CIRCLE : CLASSIC (except for the neck deep water!)

25-02-95 Andy, Tony, Neal, Cookie and Debs.

Hunters hole. Playing around with strong and video camera. Went down Sanctioned passage, to view the rare mud formations.

25-2-95. TALL GRAHAM + GRANDAD RANDS.
SWINDONS TO SUMP ONE + BACK VIA BARNS LOOP.
THE FIVE FOOT HAS GROWN SINCE 21ST OF JAN BY ANOTHER
TWO FOOT - GETTING SPORTING.

25-2-95 SWINDONS. Nigel on a roggy bimble to Read
of Twenty and Andy & Co, they were going further. Had
hoped to bring out a rope dropped yesterday, but they couldn't
find it. Here mainly to see latest version of entrance series.

Momentarily lost my bearings in Shower-bath Chamber where it's
all changed around! Are we going to have the Well
Circus back, by the way??

0 03 - 95. The Wessex.

Michael pretends to be a
hot warden. Friday Night "Clown", glad Sue got my
Teddy. Mystery can arrives, and leaves at 000
approx. Slept till 0930, arose dressed and cooked a
"Bull & Monty" Breakfast, visited by the "Prewers"
morning tea local scandal etc. Lunch;
Visited by Walter Willcox, discussed French and
Spanish Fish cooking, Beth appeared sorted
out her locker and Pooley's. Wally disappeared,
Took tea, chatted, Michael Thomas arrived,
Beth left, no connection between the two events
Michael then went to Village Shop, purchased
Paper, beer me. Crisps Coke and Mars Bar.
I retired to library, Mike joined me, scanned
colour supplement for centre page, there was not
a bare bosom in sight, he went to sleep, I
shuffled Paper.

1800 hours, Mike gone to see Kitch, I
cooked supper, a first rate malayim' cur-

Continue in next Journal. Washed up, Putted
dog, wind rising, sleet and snow 1930 his
thoughts saw ambulance in Lane, must have
imagined it. "It's the loneliness that gets you.
"I may go out side and be gone time".

Cambridge Uni have not arrived.

B.E.C / C.P.C. Refugee turns up for night, talk
to the small house, bed alone with Teddies,
1030 "Full 'Monty", putted dog back to paper
shuffling. Sales officer found account books
memorabilia decaying in roof space. all in
poor condition this is the club's history. Another
year work & reckon..

11-12/3/95 m Henn and wife Thomas met 3 lads in Cl Halls. One
from Donbrom (small world ain't it) Set them to Pitt for bed
and (self cooked) breakfast and showed them the delights of
G.B. marine sport ~~and~~ ^{an} row in white passage with cones
while mike took Tim and Steve to bottom and up waterfall
out in 2 hrs & in time for pub. Pleasant trip.

12.3.95 R. beddis dug sink forming overhang chaddele in valley
N of Gata Coats - Cle Cedars ridge to recess underwelling
wall. Combination of steeper, solid wall & space is
enclosed in Trefil area. Sink feeder noticed & deep ca. 1967
D. White J. Wattle & RL. It never looks more interesting.

13.3.95 R. beddis dug a sink of 12/3 now some 8' deep & gravel slides into
rocks below which encroaching sea sped space. Still good though.

18-III-95 Charterhouse B. Vern, To Hall $1\frac{1}{2}$ hrs

Got wet, saw some pretties, wondered around got
wet again, saw some more pretties, did it all over
again on the way out. Not sure about early
start & out for hunting & such time - could
be a dangerous trend.

4-Mar-95 Lancaster Andy, Cookie, MAIC, Jo and Jason THPS
Down Lancaster and biubled along to just before the
Minarets. Found the route down to the main drain
under Stake Pot. The passage down there is gorgeous.
Clean washed passage sweeping between pools. Rigging on
the right hand wall at fall pot is bad. There is a unavoidable
rob point over the edge until you were past the deviation.
A better rig is probably obtained by sliding along the ledge
past the point described above to the end where there
are some more hangers. We saw these hangers from the
bottom and will try them next time.

By the time we emerged the bright sunny weather
had turned into a snow storm. The Red Rose committee
had scarpered with the helpful advice that we should
leave quickly. Unfortunately that was over an hour
before the last of our party returned and by now
the road was sheet ice. We tried pushing my car
up the road but gave up. Andy then had the idea of
roping snow chains. 30 meters of cable(rod), cold fingers
and careful driving later the car was at the top of
the hill. Then came the slide down the other side.
No way was the car going to stop, fortunately I kept
the front down hillwards. Hoo hoo!

11-Mar-95 Bar Pot Andy, Tall Graham, Cookie & Dabs.

Lots of water going down Jil Tunnel, so we were
forced to go down Bar Pot instead (much to the relief of
the rigger). A quick trip to boping Bill main drove
her up to clean passage before going out. Got out
before sunset. Time underground 3½ hours

11-Mar-95 ~~Walls in neck leading up to Split (Saterday) hole were at one point
so loose it caused us to back out at 19'14'. This was repaired by
digging along loose wall & setting (was grouted or, depending~~ 9

12 - Mar - 95 Juniper Ghyb Andy, Tall Gravel, Cookie Dots.
No problems finding the cave entrance. The Steplos had been up the day before and had ~~waded~~ with the snow of the cave in snow as they had spent a long time searching for it. A great cave, some traversing and a big pitch at the end. Rallomed the cave in 3 hours \rightarrow but took much longer to get out, total time \rightarrow hours. Steplos failed to bottom it even though they had some Derbyshire canters right for them!

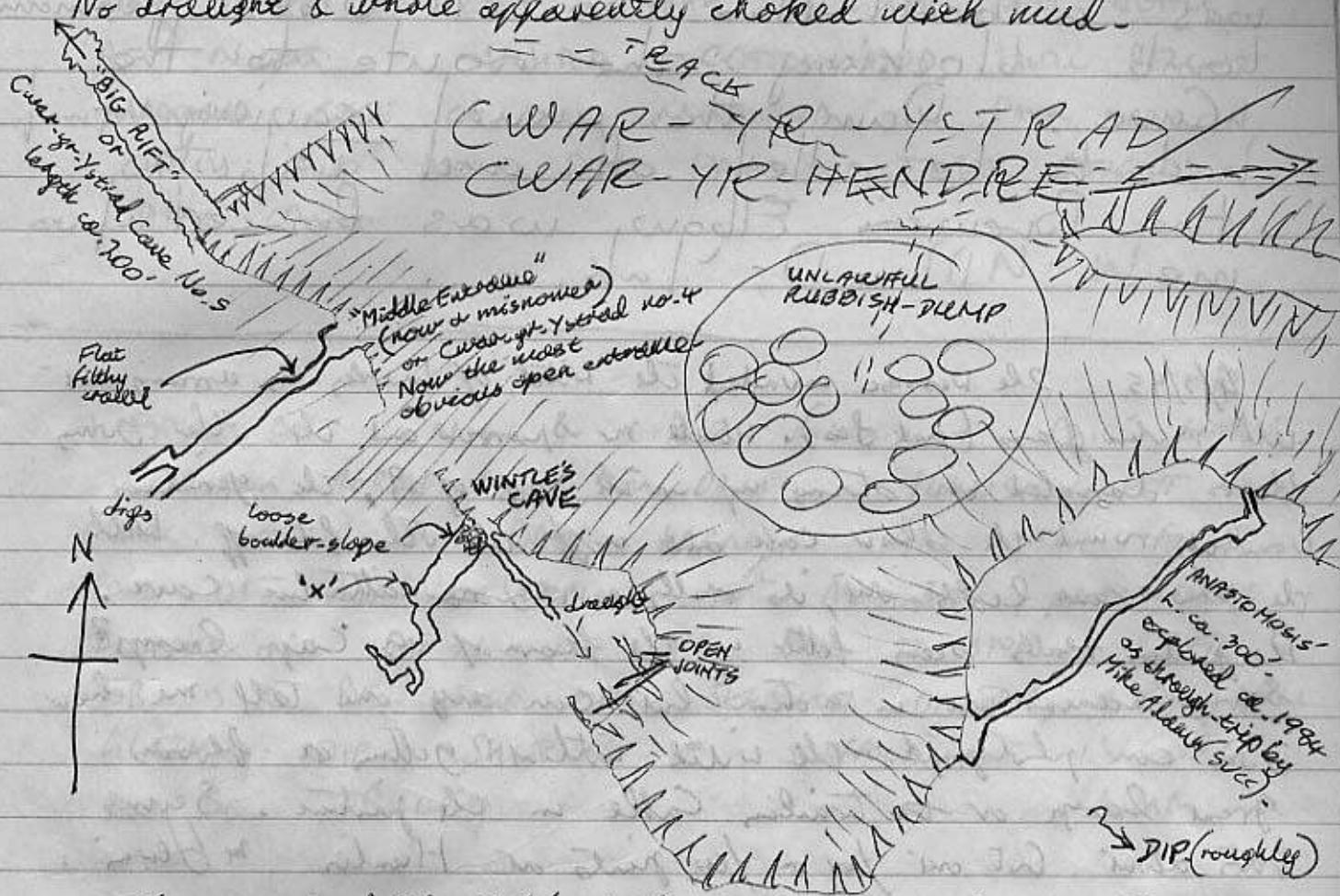
25 - Mar - 95 Swillians Les, Mark, Cookie, Andy, Dan, Nigel.

Bottling swillians 20' pitch. All who saw us thought we it was a good idea. Only put in 3' longer as battery went flat. Then had to wait an hour whilst watching the glue dry. Just as well really as several scouts had to be rescued. (Scout groups from Hereford and Worcester. Sunday they were SRT'ing down Mana Farm with comments like "have you abseiled before?" well a rock is easier to use than a 'fig 8', "and what's a fast jammer?".)

25 - Mar - 95 Rhin Rift Les, Mark, Andy and Rob. Some SRT practice for Rob and a chance to do some real cans for the rest of us. Not so keen a using chink 11mm rope, my Petzl 'Go' descender didn't. Fin only got to top of third pitch before time ran out. Time 3 hours.

1.4.95 Rheddu re-opened cave first explored ^{in 1972} by John Wimble at Cwrt-yr-Ystrad (Trefil) - or, according to the map one reads, all extensions of Cwrt-yr-Hendre. Took 3 days to reopened it (but weather O.K. for surface digging). Compless showed SW as main line of this. Was called 'The Left-hand Entree' but this vague terminology is no longer relevant, owing to modification, gradual stabilisation of quarry & more recent finds. "Wintle's Cave" seems

appropriate, since he dug into it alone. At base of present cut face (~~which~~ much more sensible than the original which was a square beneath quarry-sheeted blocks that has now entirely vanished!) walking in big mud tube lowers to steep & then levels off after about 150' (estimated). No straight & whole apparently choked with mud.



Then examined 'Big Rift' which I had not seen before. This was explored by John Wintle & Steve Stanwick shortly after it had been entered by quarrying ^{also} in 1972. At that time it was thought wise that someone remained on the surface in case of collapse, which happened to be me. The rift is extremely impressive & is going to receive some attention because stones fall into space below - the original explorers did not notice this or, if they did, failed to mention it.

Cutter-gr-Ystad is being illegally quarried by Gryphon Quarries, with the full knowledge of Redland Aggregates Ltd. BBNP have served stop-notices on them but they're still blasting! BBNP say there are big fines in store!

Colin's

Sunday 2 - 04 - 95

I wanted to go caving on Portland, my lamp was working the wonder boots oiled "But Play 148 came into play". There was a World War Two 1100 lb German bomb blocking the route to the Cave. Damn the annual caving trip had to be called off and I wish to the Brewster Elbow was forced upon me. Mw D-Luk.

4/3/95 The Wessac invaded the Wild of Woolley by arrangement with Martin Grass (and Ics). While Mr Sparrow and the other young bloods dangled on strings up in the roof of 9, the geriatrics would round the show cave and cut the other bits off. With the show cave lights out, it's really a very ~~or~~ attractive cave. Do photos really seem better in the form of a cap lamp? Several cameras were in action but can any one tell me how you can photograph the wild without getting a bloody great lamp or too trailing cable in the picture. Some bats about. Cut out for a few pints at Hunter in Hovey.

5/3/95 Spent my 57th birthday evening digging with NHASA. - I should have known "green diggers" get the dirty jobs. ~~There's~~ There's no fun like old fun. M/Hewy

10-17 MARCH 1995

X + DAMIAN IVEREAN + MET SWIM

NW + NAKER BALCON & OMES OF DURR
NSS AUTO - CAVING IN GUADALUPE MOUNTAINS
(NAR MEXICO) : SOME WILLOWING CAVES - VERY
DRY INDEX. 25°C DAY, ICE IN WATER SOURCE
AT NIGHT. VISITED COTTONWOOD, HELL BELOW,
MADONNA CAVE OF THE MADONNA + PINK DRAGON,
OMES ALSO DID PINK PANTRY, THREE ANGLES,
DAM CAVE.

N - W.

1 APRIL 95 NW + BOB MAGIN + PHIL PAPPANO
+ MARK ROBSON + JIM DAVIS, ILLUSION POT
(BACK DOOR TO DARE BARN). GOT THE FIRST
PAIR OF RIM SEGMENTS IN AT LAST. AFTER THREE
MONTHS OF WAITING FOR THE POT TO STOP. NEXT
JOB IS TO PUT SOME MORE SEGMENTS ON TOP, & BACK-FILL.
GETTING THE SNORING + SCAFFOLD OUT IS GOING
TO BE TRICKY. NW

7-April-95 Mark, Andy Chaterhouse 1½ hours
A quick trip round all of the sights, even went down to
the chamber of the singing stal. Very pretty. Hardly
any water

8-April-95 Estelle, Dave Yendil, Andy Ogo Daenen
7 hours. After initial problems with the key (2 REC
groups using Pete-Bobs key), managed to get in. A pleasant
wander down to Rilemanni chamber then up to
Gilmour passage.

9-April-95 Hunters Hole Tony King, Shirley, Andy, Carmen, Tim and Martin. A bit of an epic. Took a long time to enter, & but once started, we got as far as the ledge. The bolts ran out, rope ran out - time to run out.

9-April-95 Rhino-Rig Dave, Dels, Andy, Tim Martin.

In the Hunters last night we had a brilliant plan. Most of us would go down Hunters Hole whilst Dave and Dels rig Rhino. Then the 'Hunter' group would go down Rhino and de-rig. Of course this plan was doomed to failure. Came out of Hunters, went down Rhino and saw Dave at top of first pitch. Dave, Dels, and Martin went down first pitch as we all left. Time underground 1-4 hours.

14-4-95 Windles Cavern; Pheasant & J. Gathorne (unfiled). Dig in offshoot to R which according to SUCC published records (Winkle 1972/3) droughts. It still does. Progress of 5 ft. (2 metres?) in very leggy arched passage following gusty wind. It is going the wrong way (see 'X' on drawing 2 pp. back in this log) but if it turned L it could go for a long way.

15/4/95 Swindons: 2 Knobchundred Occasional + 4 novices. One nearly fell off the ladder on the way out and one wandered off and got lost! Otherwise a good trip. 4 hours and all still smiling.

15/4/95. OPERATIVES PRESENT: GRANADA [C.O.] PDT [C.O.] BEINN [I.C.O.] TROOPERS: LIAM, CRAIG, KEVIN, JASON, STEPHEN, CORY, BRION & SDM SCOUT PARTY FROM 37TH WILLESDEN TROOP, FULL DAYS ACTIVITY:-

1. DUDLINES HOLE - ALL EQUIPMENT FUNCTIONING [THE WORMS WORK!!]
NO-ONE SCARED OF THE DOCK & NO CASUALTIES
2. REEDS ^{CAVERN} - ALL OK GOING IN, 1 HR TO GET OUT, COODIE &
LIFE LINE, V. NERVOUS YOUNG'UNS NOT YET COMFORTABLE W THOSE
OH-SO-FREQUENT 'INTERESTING' & 'CHARACTER BUILDING' SCENARIOS!

3. PADS POT

DOWN TO BLIND POT. NOT SO NERVOUS & BEGINNING TO SETTLE DOWN UNDERGROUND. MANY "NOT THROUGH THAT, YOU HAVING A LOREF!"

TYPE COMMENTS

4. GOATCHURCH

QUICK TRIP WITH LOTS OF SLIDING, CLIMBING TECHNIQUES IMPROVING DRAMATICALLY.

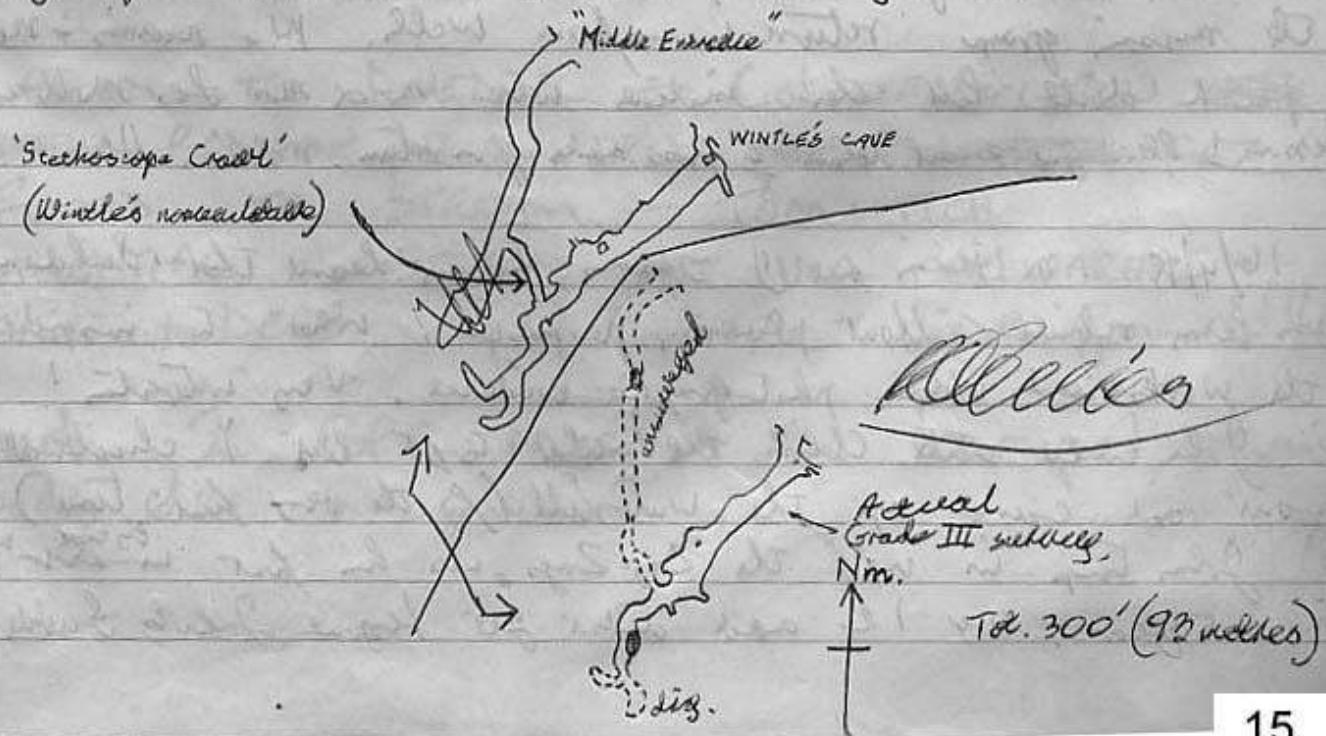
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5. SIDCOT SWALETT

BRIEF SOJOURN JUST TO 2ND BOULDER CHAMBER, LOOKS OF DISBELIEF APPROACHING TIE PRESS BUT ALL MADE IT FINE. RETURN WAS MADE WITHOUT DIRECTIONS FROM PARTY LEADERS GOOD TEAMWORK FROM SCOUTS.

CONCLUSION: A GOOD DAY'S ACTIVITY 5 HRS UNDERGROUND TO GAIN EXPERIENCE FOR A GOOD SWALLOWS TRIP TO-MORROW!

16.4.95 Wintle's Cave: dig at 'x' was exciting while it lasted but as progress was made, an object resembling a shovel came to light beyond! This, when retrieved, was found to be an ear-scratching-tool. Wintle's conjecture that the cave connects with the "Middle Evidence" is therefore proven & the sketch in this log (1.4.95) is therefore up-to-date. An approximate dwelling is given below; shovelling continuation dig 15.4.95.



16/4/95. GRANDAD, BENJ, STEPHEN, RORY, LIAM, KEVIN & BRIDAN
SWILDONS HOLE.

NEW HANGERS ARE VERY IMPRESSIVE. 3 SCOUTS TURNED BACK
AT THE RIFT ENTRANCE TO SHOWERBATH CHAMBER. REST OF PARTY
[THOSE NAMED] TOOK THE LONG PRETTY WAY TO THE 20' PITCH, HERE
WE PAUSED TO INSPECT THE NEW HANGERS. THE RETURN WAS VIA
SHORT DR7 WAY & ZIG ZAG AS 2 SCOUTS WERE BEGINNING TO
GET COLD. EXCELLENT TRIP, ONLY SAW 2 OTHER PEOPLE &
THAT WAS ON OUR WAY IN !! WHERE IS EVERYBODY ?
PS WE KNEW IT WAS CASTER WHEN WE SAW MR. CADBURY'S POPROT PERCHED
ABOVE BIG REEDS IN WATER RIFT CHAMBER, FORTUNATELY WE
WEREN'T CORRECTING !!

15/4/95 I arrived to find the hut locked and a party of 2
L.C.C. members down Builders Hill ~~as~~ on E.T.O. "ON BY 2". By
4 they had no shown. Another party, exiting at 3, thought
they had seen them above the 20, possibly on the way out.
This party too was however of 3 members. By 4.45 when they were
still missing, I checked the Belfry at Speyton but found no one at all.
Eventually I made a call out. No car number was given but it
was either red or green. A party had assembled on the Green after
the missing group returned — from Well. No names - no
pack drill but the visitors were Mr & Mrs Les Metheram
lessors! Please give exact details 2 cars names off on return. Maurice Henry

16/4/95 M/Henry and I Thomas, having heard that Wildons
was being rebuilt without planning permission, went to inspect
the works and obtain photographic evidence. Very interesting!

John could still climb the old 8ft but I climbed
out and came up the waterfall (for the very first time)
John's trip in via the zig-zags was his first ^{by car} ~~in~~ route
in 25 years. over 1 hr and didn't get beyond Jack's Grotto.

18/4/95 WHITE PIT Maurice Harris, Nigel Graham.
spent 2 hours admiring formations & taking photos
(Maurice, with his stereo camera. No aiming flash-guns).
A fine find. We didn't venture down - cave to the new
chamber - ran out of his 8 film.

NG

14 - 18 WCC INVASION OF YORK SHIRE!!!!

14th ARRIVED 10:00 AM Booked in at BPC and went to
Berries - NO BODY ABOUT

Went to marble steps and bottomed it to sump pool
Big stink at top of 90' pitch due to lots of people
p***ing them selves with fight.

Rejoined to BPC lots of wastes evident

Retired to Brass Cat to sample local ate V.GOOD

15th GG - WESSEX SUPER TRIP RIGGED DIHEDRAL
STREAM PASSAGE POT + FLOOD ENTRANCE.

TRIPS WERE 1. DIHEDRAL TO STREAM VIA FAR
WATERS - DOM SEAY, RICH WEBSTER + ~~1~~ CPC MAN
TRIP 2 STREAM TO DIHEDRAL - LES WILLIAMS, ROB DERA
- COUR, ANAY PERIGOR MORSE, GRAHAM PROLE (all)
3. DIHEDRAL TO FLOOD - MARK HERMORE, MAX MIDDEN
MAN + Jo.

4 FLOOD TO DIHEDRAL - COLIN MACLAREN ~~FEZ~~
~~LADDER~~ BADNOK, BIG VORN, ~~1~~ + ~~1~~ FEZ

5 FLOOD TO STREAM - TOM + TICH

6 DIHEDRAL TO STREAM NOT VIA FAR WATERS -

COOKIE + DEBS. 19 people under ground!!!

found 2 BPC members in bar pot otherwise
no body else in cave.

SPACE LEFT + LEB

19/4/95 EBROD COTAGE : Maurice & Judy Lewis, Nigel Graham strolled around for a pleasant hour, returning to car in sleet. Short sharp snow-fall up on top of hill!

LODDOCK SWALE - DIG - Maurice & NC joined NHASA (inc Phil Hendy, Don Tompson, Brian Prever & several other people) at their impressive clay-mine, following a very wide, near-vertical shaft down. The shaft must have been similar to that at Chaterhouse Warren, in width and breadth certainly, is now some 40-50 feet deep. - NJG

More Yorkshire invasion II

14^a Nobody in Barnes so went down Ireby Fell caverns, shadow route. Andy, Jo, Mak, Deb, Cookie, Tall Graham. Bottomed cave.

15^a On various trips down GG, see write ups on previous page. AWESOME

- 16th April Andy, MAk, Jo Yordas and route.
- 16th April Andy, Tony, Carmen, Neal Bull Pot. At last Tony has bottomed this cave
- 16th April Jo, MAk. & Heron Pot In and Out.
- 16th April Cookie, Dels, Tall Graham Jingley with lots of rebelays. Bottomed. Goodsing, digging!!
- 17th April Andy, Tall Graham, Dels, Cookie and ~~Tall~~^{Tony} Graham. Alum pot, Dolly tubs route. Bottomed it.
P.S. when walking up to cave don't forget to look back and check that you've turned off the car headlights. Fortunately Captain Yellow and his side-kick came to the rescue.
- 30-4-95. CLYTHEE. [TRAVELERS THROUGH TIME]
- Bob & Anne Scammell, Phil Da Herby plus Hairy (who owns the pump) to pump out Clay Hole. Shortage of pipe meant we had to pump from the car to two large containers, then from those to the field. Slow work owing to a temperamental pump. All ended getting very wet, record about 1500 gallons, dropped the level about 18".

Compton
 29- Apr - 95 n Ochre Mines. Les, Tuska, Cookie, Dels,
 CPT & CG " MNec
 Andy, MAk, Jo Paul, Mike, Lynn, Melony, Nigel, Tufey
 Farmer, Cooney & Jane, + Jim, Nick.

Hauled 56 pumps up to the top of the mine. Food and beer supplied. This could be a new wassan challenge, fastest time 2 minutes 40 seconds to haul a pump up 55 m and prepare at the next one. Great fun all got very red.

30 - 4 - 95 OTTER HOLE.

Probably a good trip - wouldn't know there was a tool with us.

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"Old Lags" owing to the Dordogne France. 14-04-95.

The object of the trip was to continue the work that had started in cooperation with Speleo Club Périgour in the summer of 1993. When family, Cavers divers, general hangars on, Camped at St Amand de Collie. The divers plus others went across to the Font Da La Dove and splashed about in the sunfish pools and after a dive of some 20' broke into other stream passage, for about 300mtrs-400mts followed by a second sunfish which was passed later on in the holiday to more passage and a third sunfish. This was left to the following year. Later that year a unsupervised dive by J S passed the third sunfish and more stream passage was found. [J S who was tragically drowned in a diving accident along with a second diver in the resurgence. At Tente-ac. Seaking dived the weekend before passed through the sunfish to emerge in Large River Passage explored for 2 Klicks, his wands. Diving has now been stopped at this site, for the foreseeable future.

The 1994 Trip at Easter was a washout. Heavy rain, Floods and "Richard" all took their Toll.

Cold Blew the wind for France Easter 1995. A Wessac, Cave Club, Stroke, Cave diving group party, the members of which were, The Beer Engine. The Con. The Youth Dobbin. Left Portsmouth 2300hrs arrived Caen 0700 entertainment on Voyage by Yachting Rugby Club. Pale imitation of the BEC. The 24 M/C Race at Le Mans made a by pass inevitable traveled throughout the high ways and by way most pleasant. Arrived Cubas for a late lunch to be joined later in the day by Fat Boy and Me and her, the diving team was complete.

Fat boy was a little over enthusiastic and kited up to explore the Resurgence at the Trou du Huguenant.

The youth left French Halt Site. See Report 1993 G.D.G.
Divers had of the Fontaine de Bugeaud. A washing place
or Lavoir. Dive was in loose boulders under the track, his
excavation curve up through track and the boulder appeared
to back fill. At this point the operation was terminated.
This was followed by usual Richards Et.

15/4/95.

Return to Font Da La Dove. "Operation Day of the Coujou"

Fat Boy and Beer Engine Checked lines and Relayed
Beer engine was attacked by a Coujou. The ~~sixth~~ sum
sump passed a dead Coujou passed enroute, Dobin and
Youth passed sump five to find Second badley Decomposed
Coujou, and the Passage appeared to carry on for a
50 - 100 mts. in view ~~of~~ of the Contamination the Dive was
abandoned till Next Easter. "1996"

16/4/95.

Fontain de St George Fat Boy and Youth.

Tourist Dive. First Sump. French Cave Divers contact
was made communication a little difficult, The French are still
busily mounting the kit.

Beer Engine and Host had a prospecting trip and further
Dive site was found. Fish & Me Fish appeared.

The Con went shopping with Hostess and Me and Eve
17/4/95. Font la Truffe The Lot.

Tourist trip and Photos to Sump 2 all divers.

17/4/95. Second Dive Site. Small River the Youth dived and
reappeared smiling. Fat boy and divers digging through
boulders with skill.

18/4/95. Beer Engine Youth and Fat boy dug in morning
Beer Engine Youth and Dobbin in afternoon, Dobbin finally
cleaning the last obstruction, which was brought back to
England.

The youth then passed in to the cave proper returning to make sure the exit was safe. He did not seem to happy but returned to lay a line up to a multiple junction. Ben Engin plus Dobbin the diver to make sure the youth was not suffering hallucinations.

The Passage was Named the "Coyote Free Zone".

19-4-95. Dobbin fixed a bolt and a heavy line was run through the squeeze, and emergency bottle was left beyond the squeeze. The line was relayed to the head of a descending rift with upward flow. At this point the dive was terminated, much cannibal though will need to be given to the next dive down this cosy rift. Our host expressed his desire to see the way on a gag and bottle were provided and he was give a 45 Seconds view.

They returned to Host Establishment and饮. a toast or two had a rest then ate.

20-4-95 Departure for Caen at 1800 hrs after a trip to the Booge Mine. Uncoverfull drove to Caen arrived at 0100 hrs approx. Slept on Dock Side intermittently. Sleeping in the same ~~car~~ car as dobbin is like trying to sleep in a cement mixer. Calm Crossing. Have you got lost crossing Towns, I have in the past. But the key was discovered this year. Follow Signs to Centre De Ville ignore all turning left and right past the side of the Hotel de Ville ignore a turning left on right over the Bridge up the Hill and then you pick up the Road to Falaise, going South repeat the operation and Pick up the road to Mont Bayon.

The real names have been change to Protect the Innocent.
And Our thanks and Gratitude for all they did for us in France at Cubas. Wrasse Andrew & Christian.

Mw Daunay - H

6/5/95 assisted Tasha and Paul Whitcomb, of dry stone
walling w/ little croppell swallet - Corks "promising" m/twin

7/5/95 massive, Brian Prever and mike Wilson drove to
the South Wales HQ, to join the assembled messes legions
for an attack on the Welsh stronghold of O.F.D. The
columns fell to a determined attack led by Captain
Foyle. The formation were ~~over~~ then bombarded by
a battery of fast guns until they submitted. The way out
for us was prolonged by detours down to the Judge and
Jester area for Pete Hamm to take more photos. John Thomas
and Pete made their traps more sporting by having lamp failures.
Some sporty climb (& loved that first traverse move!)
added to a super day trip. Thanks to Eric of
the South Wales, the dutiful ~~gate~~ gate guardian m/Han.

8/5/95 Could have been an epic! Eight trial step dancers
set out to do an eight som reel in the old grotto, led by maniac,
m/r Prever and the elder master Butcher. Two tumbled out at
start of 2nd 2ags. One fell down a hole in the ~~flat~~ floor and the mate followed. Eric wee rounded up and
taken to the old grotto - but they refused to ~~the~~ dance.
As Anthony brought the few fit ones up the long dry. Bert
came up the short dry and all ^{came} out by the waterfall.
Ann will have a lovely bruised ~~or~~ cosmic (she is bum).
Could have been worse. m/Han

9.5.95. BATH SWALLET.

PETE FLAIGHT x MAX

SHAFT 10' DEEP - STARTED WALLING
BIG SANDSTONE PEBBLES (2' dia)
AUBREY THIS IS WHERE YOU NEED
TO BE !!

6-8 May 95 Wessex Wales Invasion

Stayed at WSA hut.

6 May 95 Lee Williams, Andy, Cookie. OFD 1

Took direct route to the rocking boulders. Then went up waterfall series. Spent a few hours exploring. Crystal Pool chamber well worth a visit. Only bit we missed out was Tiger Aven. Back out via flood escape route.

Time underground 5 hours.

6 May 95 Mark, Deb, Tony, Carmen. ~~OFD 1~~ very quick trip as Mark was ill from concussion - don't hit your head on the stairs at the WSG!!

7 May 95 Lee, Andy OFD Top → OFD 1

Took part in the attack on OFD (see other reports). Led the attack on the columns then on to Trident and Judge. Avoided streamway by doing the traverses, I was more nervous before seeing them than actually going down. A lot of entertainment as Marks' group were wading through the streamway below us. Lee was shouting so much that he lost his voice! Regrouped with Mark & Marble shores and made our way to Devil's pot via Piccadilly. Stayed together through OFD 1½ for the Oscar awards. Tony and Carmen were joined us for the flood escape route out.

Good trip 5 hours
7 May 95 Mark, Deb, Cookie, Tony, Carmen OFD Top → OFD 1.

STREAMWAY!!!

Coden coming club.

8 May 95 Lee, Andy, Cookie, Paul + one other (MIKE)
(LYGAD LLWCHR ISH) Lake cave (please fill correct spelling)

A quiet trip going via the rice chambers, a swim down the main streamway before drying out of the sump. Lee kindly volunteered to be lost through the sump. 1½ hours, a fun trip.

Dominic Sealy various trips whilst away in Nomans Land!

FABIAN HOLE - DON'T BOTHER IT'S NOT WORTH PACKING YOUR ROPES! (SOLO)

HUNT POT - DOMINIC, DYLAN (CPC) MALL & KEVIN SANNON (CPC).

~~EASTER~~ ROUTEN POT REMOVED (SOLO). NICE TO HAVE CAVE TO ONE'S SELF.

TATHAM WIFF DOMINIC, MAUR (CPC) SRT! NICE LITTLE TRIP UNFORTUNATELY MET A SHOW PARTY ON WAY OUT WHO HAD RIGGED OVER THE TOP (AND UNDER NEATH, AND THROUH AND EVERY OTHER WAY!)

((. DILFEDRAL SO MAIN CHAMBER & OLD EAST PASSAGE (SOLO).

NOTTS POT - DOMINIC SIMON ASHBY & SIMON ROWLEY (CPC) ADAMSONS ROUTE - BETTER THAN GENTLE ROUTE!

MBRILL HULL DOMINIC / SIMON ASHBY / SIMON ROWLEY (CPC) EXCELLENT TRIP ONE TO DO AGAIN & AGAIN! FIVE STARS

((DILFEDRAL - STREAM P.P. EXCHANGE VIA TAN COUNTRY - DOMINIC RICH WESSEL TONY WHITEHOUSE (CPC); WESSEL SAT OUT THE TAN COUNTRY EXCURSION CHAMING HE WAS OLDER WISER & HAD ALREADY BEEN THERE - "ANY WAY IT'S FULL OF SHIT" YES HE IS RIGHT & NOW I AM OLDER AND WISER & SHALL NOT RETURN (UNLESS BY WINCH). INTERESTING PIECE OF COVE BEST TACKLED USING A WET SUIT DUE TO V. COLD WATER & LONG SPOTS OF CRAWLING IN IT. I HAVE TO CONESS MY ENTHUSIASM WAS EBBING SOMEWHAT BY THE TIME WE MADE IT BACK TO ECHO RIFT & I WOULD NOT ADVISE ATTEMPTING THE TRIP IN A FOAMY SUIT UNLESS YOU AFE OF THESE BRUBBER COVERED VALLEY! AFTER 10½ HOURS OF CAVING INCLUDING THE WALK BACK DOWN THIS MU WITH EVERYONE'S TACKLE (6 SACS) WESSELS WORDS ~~SIMPLY~~ OF WISDOM SUM UP MORE THAN I AM CAPABLE OF EXPRESSING "I COULD EAT DOG SHIT NOW!" THANKS TO COOKIE & DESS FOR ENSURING WE WERE SAFELY OFF THE HULL - MUCH APPRECIATED

DOMINIC

PRENTY FELL CAVERN - DOM RICH/W - KEVIN CANNON (CSC)
WERE TO DO SHADDAW HOWEVER NUTS IT IS NOT ON
P HANGERS SO MAD AUCK WUMBLE DOWN ORDINARY
ROUTE.

DOM (SOLO) SWILDONS MADE SHORT ROUND TRIP &
QUICK PORE AROUND ENTRANCE SERIES - NICE TO SEE
UNDER MENDIP AGAIN!!

What about the slippery Simpson trip, Broadkill, pt. 1? &
and Hoon too, as well as, Rtw.

Broadkill pt comes highly recommended, what we saw
of it from the surface!!!

31.5.95 Thistle Cave (Ribblehead), an easy through-trip. Bliss.
1.6.95 Gillgath Cave & Fell Close South Cave. Bliss. Latter blocked except.
3.6.95 Roger Kirk Cave (Ribblehead) - this is quite pleasant. It has
a fair amount of variety & is a good 'send-off'
caving (unless it rains a lot). Nowhere near as
tricky as Gillgath which is a nightmare for large
explorers. Camping at Selside & shared the cost
of caving at Hooton. Bliss.

4.6.95 Knock Fell Caverns. Used camp-site at Dufour.
Finding the entrance was interesting in view
of false NFR in new guide-book (which I
did not purchase) & the orienteering spirit
here to be sustained underground here, too.
A bit like Box or Brown's Folly but totally
notched. Week & weekend 1 week on. Bliss.

27/6-3/7 Golden Oldies (mr & mrs Hains & mr & mrs Thomas) Dales
nostalgia trip. John first b'd since '62

The Bradford Caving Club did us swell
a fine round note return to Hell

Singing holler lone a crowd etc etc

Also all managed a work in Dr Bonister Handlam —
at least one sell it! Got some good pictures. We are making
a huge official Wessex "small boy" for the kids help with the flash guns.

GAPING GHYLL

27.5.95 ANDY, TALL GRAHAM, IAN TIMNEY

FLOOD ENTRANCE TO STREAM PASSAGE. BRADFORD WINCH MEET - ALL ENTRANCES ALREADY RIGGED. WENT DOWN TO MAIN CHAMBER TO HAVE A LOOK AT THE THREE HOUR QUEUE OF GROCKELS WAITING TO BE HAULED UP. WENT OFF TO MUD HALL WHERE WE STOPPED FOR A CIVILISED COFFEE + BRIE CHEESE (BERGER TRAINING). ENTERTAINED BY IANS DOPPY JOKE! HEADED OUT VIA STREAM - NO EPICS.

28.5.95. ALUM, DICCAN - WESSEX INVASION.

ANDY, TALL GRAHAM, LES, ~~TALL~~ ^{MARK}, DEBS, COOKIE, MAD AL IAN TIMNEY, TIM + MARTIN - BOURN MOUTH.

ANDY, GRAHAM, LES + ^{MARK} DESENDED DICCAN LES FREE CLIMBED TO ALUM POT TO ALLOW HIMSELF AND MARK TO ASCEND DIRECT. US TWO WENT OUT DICCAN DE-RIGGING. ANDY WAS TAKING ALONG TIME DERIGGING DUE TO LIGHT FAILURES. SO I RETURNED AND LENT HIM A MIGHTY KITE AS DERIGGING BY WATCH LIGHT WAS TAKING ALL DAY.

MAD AL, IAN, MARTIN DEBS - COOKIE BOTTOMED VIA DOLLY TUBS IAN AND COOKIE EXITED VIA DIRECT. ALSO MARTIN ANDY + LES DID LONG CHURN THEN DOWN DOLLY TUBS THEN CAME OUT DERIGGING WITH DEBS + MAD AL GOOD TRIP! DEBS MAN WENT $\frac{1}{2}$ WAY DOWN + UP DIRECT.

AGE ALLWOOD ← PLEASE CORRECT

10.6.95. MARK HELMORE, LES, ANDY + TALL GRAHAM

were up Turkey series for a while.

GOES ON A BIT!

11/6/95 went to work off hangover, turning wind for Tusca at Little Crofton Farm. Simon dug 15 buckets and work stopped for shower.
in Haw

29-05-95 SWINSTO PULL THRU

Les, Andy, Debs, Cookie, Tall Graham, Mark, Martin
HOO HOO!! Proper job trip. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ hrs. Nos.Tarts.

03-06-95 CALF HOLES & BIRKWITH - W YORKSHIRE NOVICE TRIP

Andy, Debs, Cookie + 2 Novices (800m) + 20m + 2 SOUP
water was fairly high, making both caves more interesting.
At the end of Birkwith, boat was totally knackered, but
Andy & Debs decided to use it anyway. The buoyancy kept it
from sinking to the bottom, although it was constantly approx
1 ft below the water level. Got most of the way to the end
before we ran out of hand holds & became becalmed.

04-06-95 DOLLY TUBS (LOWER LONG-CHURN) 3HRS !!?!

Debs, Cookie + 2 Novices.

Very slow trip. Novices completely exhausted at end. Too
tired to do Upper Long Churn. Said they'd like to go Caving
again, but not do anything harder than the trips this weekend!!!

11-06-95 SWILDONS - Debs + Cookie

Pleasant trip to Sump 1 to replace the handline. There
is a substantial amount of spare rope coiled up on the
downstream side of Sump 1, so if the rope starts looking
a little frayed at any point, please feel free to move
the knots along by about 1ft, so that rub point rubs
against a dif. part of rope.

22.6.95 Rheliss struggled all day with one Trefil boulder, the
boulder winning! Y-dip.

23.6.95 Cheddleton area; interesting examples of the grit.

25/6/95

O FD

LES, MARK, VERN, ANDY + TALL GRAHAM

BOTTOM TO TOP VIA TRANSVERSSES AND LOTS
OF OTHER PLACES. WELL IMPRESSED WITH THIS WELSY
CAVE.

25-27/6/95 Relyed on numerous descents sites on the grit at
Trefil & visited Chester Cave which has acquired a bit of
polish & a useless length of rope (Parker's?) in & beyond the
Tube. ~~etc.~~

15/7/95. Lost river (ans). (Cousin Chennan)

WHILE MALL. BEER MONSTER FAYE WAS BABY
SITTING IN FRANCE. HE TRUSTY COMPANIONS MADE
AN EARLY ASSAULT ON THE ^{CAVE} (THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN
IMPOSSIBLE IF THEIR BORDER HAD BEEN PRESENT).

2 DIVES WERE COMPLETED IN SCAMP 2 laying
50m OK line. But still can't find end
of old line. ~~Mar.~~

28-7-95 Maurice Hewins & Michael Dauding off

'Rebuilt two sections of Mr Pattersons boundary wall. Patterson is very frail these days and a little vague.

28/7/95 arrived to find Trevor and Steve Gibbons had hewed away the derelict curvam from the car park and were demolishing it in the field by North Hill Tunnel. Entered into the spirit of the thing and did a general tidy up of the grounds round Upper Pitts. Had a good smoky bun up! m Hewin

* Morris is a good chaps - it sound like he does all the work around here.

29-7-95 DOMINIC & RICHARD HATHWAY (PROSPECTIVE MEMBER)

RHINO LIFT ON LADDER - GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO PRACTICE SOME MODERN LADDER TECHNIQUES!!! HAVE TO ADMIT SRT MAKES LIFE MUCH EASIER.

WELL WORTH DOING THOUGH. THEN DOWN TO GLEDDEN FOR A PLEASANT CUP OF TEA IN THE SUNSHINE.

30-7-95 DOMINIC & RICHARD HATHWAY (PROSPECTIVE MEMBER)

HUNTERSON MOLE SAGOS POT ROUTE - SOLO RESCUE PRACTICE.

NICE FREEMANLINE RELAY!!! ON LADDER. WATCH OUT FOR FALLING MOLES I WAS HIT BY ONE WHICH CAME STRAIGHT OUT OF THE ROOF UNARMED.

30-8-95 Mark & Jo Suddens to sump 1 to collect water samples.

Had hoped there would be no one else there at 9pm on a Thursday night, but met 3 groups. Despite several weeks of very dry conditions there were enough drops to collect.

4/8/95 Mark & Suddens - to retrieve some of the bottles left last night then off to Whaley Hole, they wouldn't allow us to go and collect any resurgence water in case we fell in and sued them so instead collected a sample from Whaley 3 doing "at our own risk"

and after the guide said "I'm not going to carry you across advising you to do this, but you can collect water from there" we managed to survive the 10ft walk to the pool + back unharmed despite being off the beaten track. Anyway they did give us complimentary tickets to get in, sneaked off after this + tried to make a hasty exit through the null shops etc etc etc.

30-7-95 DOM & BRIAN - PIERRE'S POT
WATER SERIES : BOLT ABOVE SQUEEZE !

5-8-95 DOM & BRIAN (SMCC) EASTWATER W.E.S.

CENOTAPM AVEN - IT'S VERY MUDDY TRAVELING HERE AT PRESENT! FOLLOWED AN ASCENDING TUBE ABOVE THE ENTRANCE TO CENOTAPM - GOES TO SOME PLEASANT DRY FORMATIONS / CARSTAN POOL.

13-07-95 GOUFFRE BERGER Cookie & Debs 64 hours 5 mins
A quick trip down to the bottom & back!!

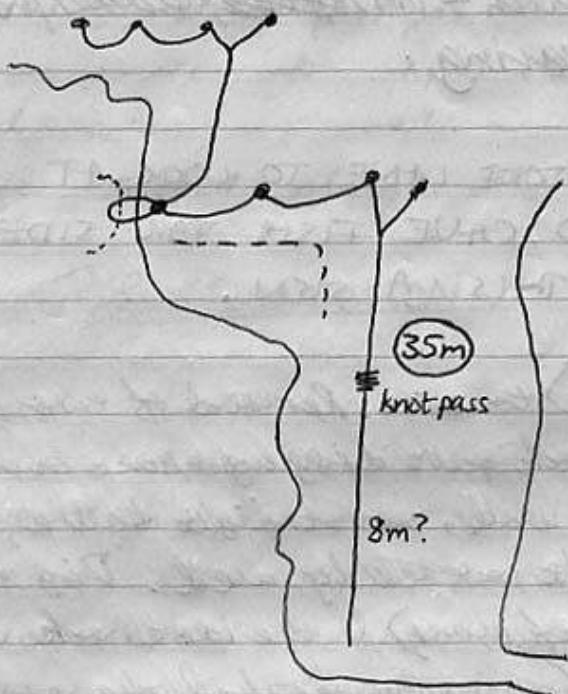
17-07-95 CHORANCHE SHOWCAVE Cookie & Debs

Will never be able to really enjoy showcaves in Britain - this puts them all to shame.

22-07-95 "LA GROTTE SANS NOM" Thurs Andy, Cookie, Debs

Went to go down Gouffre fumant, but it was already rigged, so we decided to find another cave. Drove out through the Herbonilly Pasture & at the northern most end, found a hole (la grotte sans nom) we decided to explore. Has obviously been done before, possibly as an SRT training cave. Lovely, beautiful pitch to the bottom where we found some obvious but small & unworn meandering passage. Traversing / squeezing over the top, the stream drops gradually away ~~farther~~ from you. Got to an inlet, past which the passage gets too tight & turned

La Grotte sans nom



back. Carbide marks on the ceiling indicate that many others have done the same!

P.S. It's more fun without the knot pass!

23-07-95 GROTE DE GOURNIER Andy, Cookie, Debs 6hrs
Hired a very small boat inflatable boat from a shop in Pont-en-Royans to cross the entrance lake. Lots of kids & leaders doing the same thing in much bigger boats. Got to the end of the fossil section of the cave, weren't able to find the NTR way down into the streamway - the Vercors Caves description is very vague. Found it on the way back, so next time . . .

24-07-95 Gour Fumant Andy Cookie Debs 6½ hrs
Proper job SRT cave, very deep. Good trip.

25-07-95 GROTE DE BOURNILLON Andy, Cookie, Debs 1½ hrs
Easy stomping trip to the sump & back. This is a particularly hot cave. Onesuit only advised

-95 Rhettis wedged about Trefil digging holes.

5 Rhettis dug to limestone in place supposed to be all grit. This altered significantly of prettiness nearby size, worked 2/8/95 on.

95 Rhettis reduced 12 cu.ft. boulder to 11 cu.ft. using 4 lb. hammer,

4-8-95 RL removed 11 cu ft boulder in Little Gika. Stopped by a
succulent one beneath.

5-8-95 RL, same site. Excessively hot weather keeps one digging (in shade).

05-08-95 NORTH HILL SWALLET Cookie, Deb, Mak, Jo Th
To the top of Rumble Punkt pitch - no ~~ladder~~, ladder/handline.
Welcome back to Mendip caving.

6-8-95 DOM & ANDY STOKE LANE TO LOOK AT
FORMATION. 3 BLIND CAVE FISH TAIL SIDE OF
SUMP (STOKE 2) IS THIS A SIGN.

7-8-95 Rheddis & RG Griffiths (SVC) to site. Removal of two grit
slabs & propping-up grit block gave digging-space in muddy
debris. Walk L or R along wall, or straight down, all
possible to dig & all dug quite easily well. Dig now is
12' deep (15' below surface of moor) & the last rock we
excavated was limestone (so we'd reached the contact).
This place is bound to go pretty soon, I think. R.R.

9/10-8-95 2 dips as above. Borrowed some cable-mesh
from Upper Pit (4 lengths). R.R.

12-08-95 SWILDONS 3½ hrs Deb, Richard Hathway, Dan Sheerman
Trip down to Sump 1 (now a duck, 6" airgap) for Dan to
chicken out! - via Barnes Loop, Tramans Temple, & a good long look
down ~~all~~ routes in upper series, to familiarise ourselves
with them. Good trip!!

12/8/95 Ogof Draenen Les, cookie, Mark, Vera, Dom 11 hrs
A pleasant trip down to somewhere close to
Agent Blotney's II. We were struck by digging fever
near Fault Chambers. Mark & Dom made their way
into 50 odd foot of new passage. On Mendip it
would win us the barrel, but in Draenen we
couldn't be bothered to survey it when 71 km is
regularly found. We became a bit disenchanted

with the maze of passages all alike and no proof positive that we were at Agent Blorenge. We had just turned around when we met a succ group on a round trip— so we tagged along. The connection is not obvious. (See below)

THE CONNECTION

FROM CLIMB UP FROM ST DAVIDS HALL.

FOLLOW 2ND RIGHT KEEP FOLLOWING UNTIL T JUNC

LEFT — FOLLOW TO T JUNC (START OF WOODEN SPOON)

TURN LEFT UP THROUGH UN OBVIOUS CRAWL.

CONTINUE THROUGH CRAWL V LOW DOUBLING BACK
ONTO TOP OF RIFT CLIMB DOWN (SOFT APPROX)

FOLLOW NARROW PASSAGE TRAVERSE ~~HARD~~

TO T JUNC (TO LEFT GOES TO HARRIS BASHER NO 1)

TO RIGHT GOES TO FAR AGENT BLORENCE (STREAMWAY)

FOLLOW DOWN STREAM PASSAGE UNTIL MUDY SUPE

UP. FOLLOW PASSAGE TO RIGHT (STRAIGHT ON LEADS INTO
CRYSTAL MARE) UNTIL STREAMWAY MET. TRAVERSE &

DROP DOWN TO REACH STREAMWAY — GO THROUGH

AN UNOBVIOUS HOLE IN THE LEFT WALL TO

CONTINUE IN LOW WALLS. UNTIL CLIMB UP

IN PITS IS MET. DROP DOWN TO REACH STREAM-

WAY AND FOLLOW DOWN SMALL LEFT CLIMB UNTIL

DUCK IS MET. TO AVOID DUCK CLIMB UP IMPROBABLE

LOWING RIFT CLIMB BETWEEN NARROW WALLS TO

EMERGE IN AGENT BLORENCE STREAMWAY AGAIN. FOLLOW

WATER UNTIL JUNC WITH MAIN STREAMWAY IS

MET.

9/8/95 Mark Les + Dom (Tigers) + Bob Scammon (Very sensible Paper Tiger)
Sally's Rift - Yes WHERE!

A classic of classics - Tectonic rift cave (Gull Cave) in
Bathstone & over 1000' long (probably the longest of its type
in the country. Must be done!). We were all glad that
we'd had a warm up trip in the Berger. No tackle required
for tigers, mere mortals should take a 25' ladder & a bit of rope.
(but they didn't do the round-trip)

5-6/8/95 A quick trip to Doolin. Left Frosty
Saturday morning, lunch in O'Connors, afternoon
trip ~~to~~ St Catharine's down to Aran Vies passage
& back out same way. Sunday walking
around Inishtrahull (Arran Island) - looked in
sea caves under cliffs on north coast then back
home before dark.

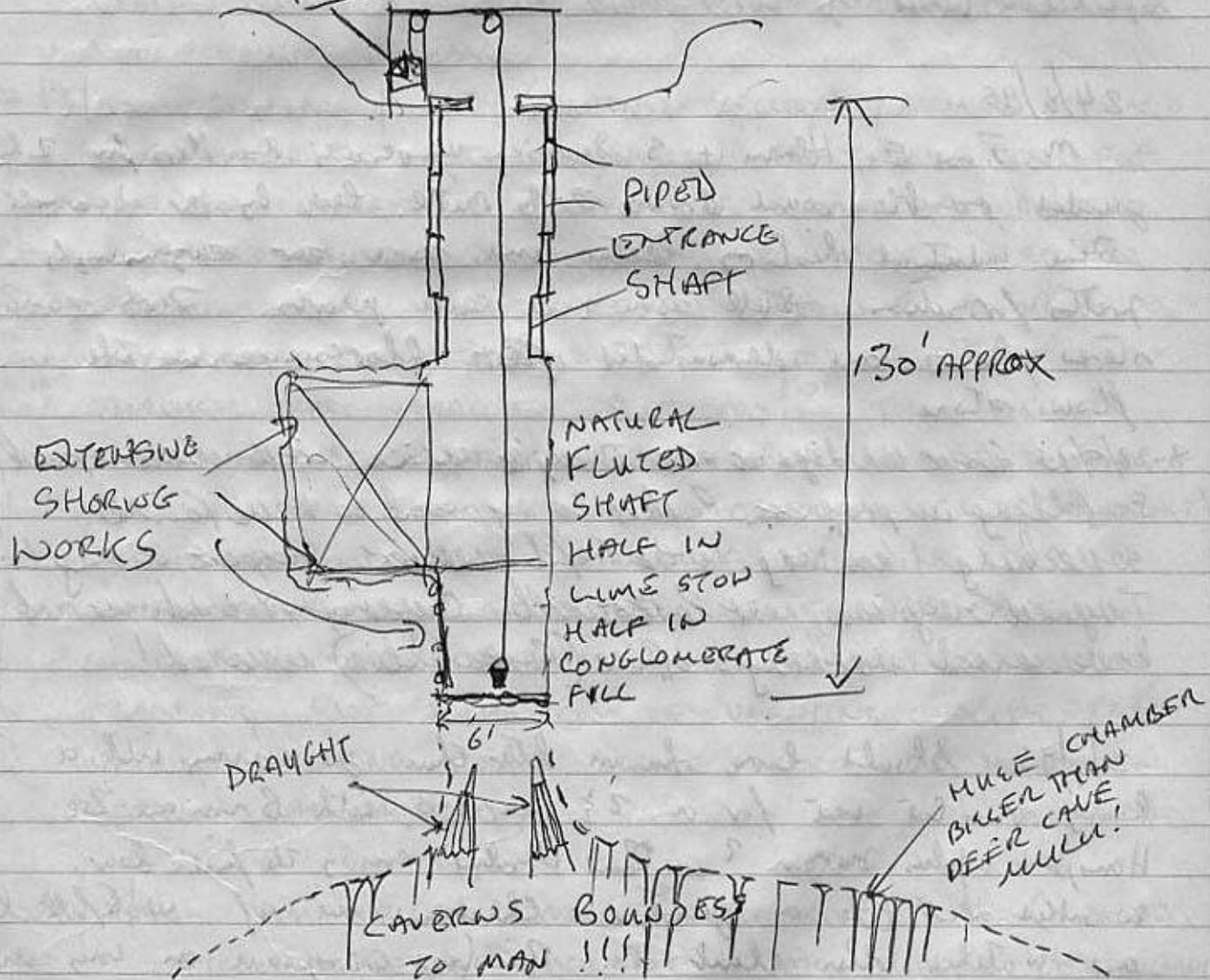
P.S. Doolin is not the place to visit,
particularly on bank holiday Saturday.
Hubley + Mac (BEC) + Yas (Dutchman)

~~THE ADVENTURE DOMINIC + ANDREW (MURKIN SENSIBLE)~~
~~STORY IN Doolin AT ST CATHARINES FOR THE DAY~~
NICE CAVE!

WED 16th AUG LES MARK PAULA - OVER TO
ST LUKES TO RE START DIG. SERVICES WINCH + DANE
SOME CEMENTING

FRI 18th AUG LES MARK + DANE - ST LUKES SWINGER
REMOVED 19 Buckets of soil winch performed
EXCELLENTLY PASSAGE DRAUGHTING AT BOTTOM,
BACK TO ~~the~~ previous Depth, ALL NEW FROM
HERE ON

PROPER JOB WINCH



Sat 19 G. D. Overdue by 1-30 hr owing
Time Visit to site to find Party of 4
out side of cave. Lost track of time.

Saturday 19th: White Hart Quenaboh came all the way from
Snow to find some Mendips water! - There wasn't any in
Eastwater! so we gave them up, got out and went for
a very wet swim in a quarry somewhere near Oakhill.
Aren't they boring without water in!!!

23/8/95 It was very muddy on Puddly Fair day - at least at
the bottom of Clay Holes. Two ships were filled ~~at~~ by Pitman,
Hewin, and Bromley. Tuska did a little work and lots of
spectators turned up too.

24/8/95

m, Tom E. Hewin + 3 Swanscombe University Ramblers for 2 hour
guided ramble round Browns Folly Mine led by Mr Scanell.
Fine industrial history lecture and some ~~surprisingly~~ surprisingly
pretty formations. Still some nice cave pearls. Took some
stereo photos and demonstrated ~~that~~ fluorescence in the
flow stone.

8-28/8/95 About ten diggs at site. Dredge varies with wind-speed.
Scaffolding in progress. Parker is supposed to have found
something 1 km. long 'in the Trefil quarries'. Suspect it may be at
Tregavell Quarry, near Poststockell, Cider-gr-Ystrad seemed to
have ceased working - office (Postakasba) removed!

2/9/95 Should have known better than go carrying with a
hangover - but went for a 2½ hour A.B. with Brian and Zoe
Hansford plus Morgan? Then Dominic enjoyed the first hour.
Wandered about like a geriatric. Chickened out of waterfall climb
and watched others climb it. Recovered composure on long out-
- m Hewin

20th AUGUST - DOMINIC SEANNE, MAX MIDDLE, MAC & JO - THREE
LANE - ATLAS DIRECT 4SM STILL A GOOD PITCH IF A BIT

LOOSE - SMALL ATTEMPT TO DROW THE DITCH NEXT TIME BY TRAVERSING AROUND TO EAGLE'S NEST. NOTE 8MM HANGERS NEEDED. THIS SHOULD PROVIDE AN EVEN MORE EXPOSED HANG!!

26/8/95 DOMINIC, ANDY (CAPTAIN YELLOW) RICH WEBSELL,
MAC & JO. LONGKIN EAST / RIFT EXCHANGE - ANDY
MAC & JO IN LKE. - DOM & RICH IN RIFT. THE
RICKING (HANGS) IN RIFT ARE OF A POOR QUALITY. THIS
CAVE COULD DO MUCH WITH BEING P HANGERED! OTHERWISE
A PLEASANT EXCHANGE.

* 27/8/95 DOMINIC | ANDY (CAPTAIN YELLOW) | RICH W & MAC &
JO. RIFT POT (MASONIC). AN INTERESTING POT
IN AN INTERESTING AREA. THE ENTRANCE IS A LITTLE
CONFINED THOUGH WHICH LEAD TO MAC & JO + RICH W
TURNING BACK. ANDY MOORE (IN CAPTAIN YELLOW MODE)
VACUENTLY STRIPPED HIS SAT KIT OFF TO FIT
THROUGH THE NARROWER SECTIONS!?! THIS TIGHT
ENTRANCE LEADS TO A SUPERB 60M SMART DROPPING
INTO A LARGE WELL DECORATED CHAMBER (LOTS OF STRAWS)
WITH VARIOUS WEADS GOING OFF INCLUDING THE
CRUSHELHOLM TRAIL (I THINK?) WHICH INVOLVES LOTS OF
CRAWLING PAST FORMATIONS OF VARYING QUALITY. CAVE
UP JUST BEYOND LOOSE CUBBLE CHOKES AS ~~MESMERISE~~
GETTING RATHER BOLING.

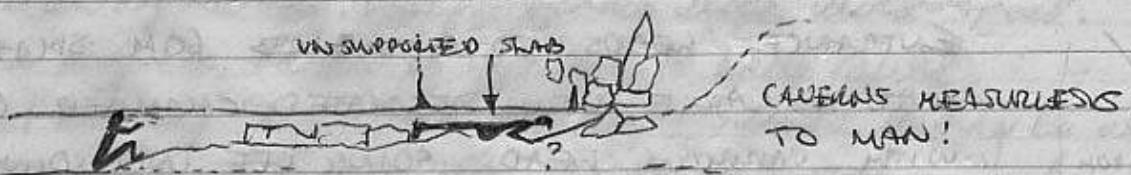
28/8/95 DOM & RICH WEBSELL - BLACKSHIVER POT - (A SOFT
TOUCH MADE S) BLACK RIFT IS STILL SUPERB PARTICULARLY
WITH SOMEONE BELOW YOU! ?@?

* NOTE DURING THIS TRIP TWO CARS WERE
BROKEN INTO WHILST AT MASONIC - BY WATER

WORKS - WE REPORTED OUR LOSS TO THE POLICE HOWEVER WE WERE NOT THE ONLY PEOPLE RUN OVER THAT WEEKEND. SO IF YOUR IN THE DALES TAKE THE TIME & TROUBLE TO ENSURE YOU LEAVE NOTHING IN YOUR CAR OF VALUE EVEN IF ONLY LEAVING YOUR CAR FOR A SHORT PERIOD! ?!

4/9/95 - DOM & REEVES (W) BLACKNOR HOLE - THROUGH THP. SOMEONE HAS SHUTTED THE ENTRANCE WITH U/S BOLTS & BELAYS. FEAR NOT THEY ARE NOT DESTINED FOR THIS WORLD MUCH LONGER.

5/9/95 DOM & NIGEL GRANEM. - HOPELESS HOLE DIC. EXCAVATED UNDER HANGING DEATH SLAB - TO MORE HANGING DEATH - WHOLE PASSAGE IS VERY SHATTERED DUE TO RIFT ABOVE. AFTER SINGERLY REMOVING BLOCKS FROM BELOW HEINE LOST OUT & DIG WAS ABANDONED! ?



7/9/95 DOM - SWILLOWS HOLE - SOLO TO LAMP IN SWILLOWS 2. INTERESTING WORKING UP IN ROOF OF STREAMWAY - NICE FORMATIONS.

10/9/95 Thrope - Railway Series to High Acler. 605 Coalie Dels A bolt testing trip. All passed A-OK.

9/9/95 Mark & Dom - OGOT DRAEDEN. (Andy Ladd + brother + came along).

This was planned to be a furling trip to look at any possible dry sites in various areas of the Cuse. After showing Ladd & Co around, Dom & I went off for some digging. A short dig in Peverance I got us connected to Peverance 2. After a quick look around I noted a crack near the floor in a small chamber. 3 to 4 hours digging in clay boulders saw us into another small chamber with a passage going off. Just around the corner we stood up in virgin passage with flat mud floor and smooth walls & roof. We stopped off until a low bit slowed us down, once past the passage got big - 9 ft wide x 7-8 ft high. We stopped on side by side until the passage stopped. Dom squeezed through a small tube & emerged in an even larger passage - with tape markers. This was Gony Square. All in all we gained nearly 300 ft of passage - high quality at that. We decided to call it Hoo Hoo Passage (you've probably heard the noise we make when we are digging). We exited quite pleased with our find after 6½ hours.

11/9/95 DOM & NIGEL - BUTTERWICK HOLE - BOLTS ON ENTRANCE & BAN REMOVED. THE BOLTS CONSISTED OF BOAT FITTINGS COMMENTED INTO CRACKS, THEY WERE LETHAL?! SO I THINK WE HAVE DONE WHO EVER PLACED THEM A FAVOUR?

13/9/95 Aubrey, Rob H., Roz F., Colin or Martin

Rolling Twister is 68' 6" long (20.84m) and wet. Water chamber dig too wet to dig. fin,

14/9/95 DOM & ANDI SPARROW - THRUHOLE NOTE PASSAGE OFF BRIDGE RIFT PITCH. SQUEEZE OVER CALCITE PROVED UNPASSED BUT COULD SEE BIG PASSAGE! FOR AT LEAST 5 FT BEYOND! GOES INTO A BLANK BIT OR LIMESTONE SO MAY BE WORTH PENETRATING WITH CHEMICALS! MR WILLIAMS WHERE ARE YOU?

16/9/95. Malc Foyk and M.R. Thomas have the contents collected of half a gribit, the back half, but have an insult to

gebits.

Ogof Draenen RAVENIST THE THOMAS, DOM,
Wet, good, must go back & see again a bit.

17/9/95 TO THURME LANE DOM & MARK & MARIE
BOILED ABOVE AVALANCHE POT TO SMALL
CONTINUATION OF RIFT HOWEVER IT PINCHED

20/9/95 - HOPELESS RUE (PORTLAND) DOM & MEL
RETURNED TO ABANDONED DIG - DECIDED IT SHOULD
HAVE BEEN LEFT THAT WALL AS CLOUDS PARTIALLY
COLLAPSED WHILE DIGGING, IT IS NOW DEFINITELY
ABANDONED!

23/9/95 DOM - MARK - RICH(H) OF OGOF DRAENEN 13½ HRS
INTERESTING CAVE. - FUND APPROX 500M INCLUDING
N. NAME CHAMBER SU ' WIDE 20' HIGH 200' LONG +
WITH FORMATIONS EXCELLENT STUFF.

OGOF DRAENEN 9 hrs.

26/9/95 DOM, RICH WEBBELL, ROB HALPER, ANDY SPANIER.
RETURN TO TAPE ABOVE PASSAGE & DROP DIGGING RIFT
RAS CANS. FOUND ANOTHER 200M (MINI MAZE) LEFT ALL
THE BIG WEBS THOUGH AS HAD PROMISED MARK NOT
TO WALK INTO JUST CAVERNS?! WILL RETURN TO SURVEY
ON FRIDAY WITH MARK H.

THE BRIEFED OUT IN THE NIGHT - COULD NOT FIND
THERAPY OR GYM ET CETERA AND OTHERS. NOT IN THERAPY
COURSES THEY TRAIN TO NOT EXERCISE. SO I WOULD TALK
HUMAN FOR HAM OR ENTHUSIAST SO TIE THEM TO OWN SO
POOR BRIEFED 2MAJORITY SAW 'PROBLEMS WITH PAINKNEE'

Swindon Mole Sheet. 23/9/95?
1420 Glynne initiated call out
collapsed caver?

Pew call Wessex response + cavers to Green
Radio watch 1430 from entrance - to hub contour
down cave Danny, Vince, Richard, Graham

Diabetic girl? Tony Newton called on
route. H-Jho Thenea? Astma.

30/9/95 Wessex Invasion of Portland!

Rather large group led by Dom + Nigel, INCLUDING TALL
GRAHAM, GRANDAD, COOKIE, DEBS, LES, VERN, ROSIE, MARK, MAK, JO, MAX,
MAD AL, BRIAN, AND ANDY. DESCENDED DOWN ARIEL AND
INTO THE SYSTEM AND WAITED AS THE REBOILING PROGRAMME
WAS COMPLETED. THROUGH TRIP TO SANDY MOLE. SOME
PEOPLE FOUND IT A LITTLE BIT TIGHT IN PLACES, OTHERS
FOUND INTERESTING TRAVERSSES. I JUST FOUND HORRIBLE
CRAWLS. I'M GLAD I BROUGHT KNEE PADS!

THE EVENING WAS SPENT IN SUCCESSFUL SEARCH
OF WEYMOUTH'S EQUIVALENT OF TWIN TITTIES!

1/10/95

GROVE CLIFF CAVES (FLAGPOLE)

TALL GRAHAM, MAD AL + GRANDAD

ENTIRE SYSTEM - SAW A FORMATION - NO CRAWLING
EXCELLENT TRIP.

2/10/95

SWILDONS UPPER SERIES.

TALL GRAHAM & GRANDAD RANDS.

A QUICK TRIP JUST TO SEE WHATS NEW AND WHATS GONE! SHORT DRY WAY, LONG PRETTY DRY WAY HIGH LEVEL BY-PASS, ZIG ZAG, LONG DRY WAY, HENSA'S DIG AND VARIOUS OTHER SQUALID LITTLE CRAWLS. YOU WOULD THINK MONDAY MORNING WOULD BE QUIET IN SWILDONS BUT OH NO - MET TWO OTHER PARTIES.

7/10/95 OGOF DRAENEN WESSEX EXTENSIONS MARKLES - 10^{1/2} HOURS

A TRIP TO SURVEY THE FINDS OF THE LAST COUPLE OF TRIPS - MET THE CHELSEA ON THEIR WAY TO SURVEY THE EXTENSIONS SO WE LET THEM CARRY ON. WE HAD A QUICK LOOK AROUND, DID SOME TAPPING, FOUND 150-200FT PASSAGE, STARTED ENLARGING THE WAY TO THE MINI MALE AS IT'S ONLY RACCOON SNAKE SIZE -

11/10/95 GB Aubrey & Martin Cross.

- Got lost! So came out - Someone had filled the place with bang furnes - could not see across passage, VIS 6'-4'. Met some UBSS on way out - they said it was not them!

7/10/95 les Catacombes Paris these are old
mine workings where "deads" really mean
"deads". Spiral stair approx 80-100' followed by
about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile of low narrow passage which merges
into some really macabre old workings stacked
with literally millions of peoples bones, dug up
at various times during the 18th & 19th cent
from the Paris graveyards to make room for
more. These stone mines are said to date back
to Roman times, but all the workings we saw
looked very much newer or have been dressed
by jadding-dead interesting. Walk round
unescorted takes about 1½ hours with a few
snaps. Well worth a visit but I wouldn't
fancy eating my lunch down there, the
catacombes end with another long walk and
another spiral stair which dumps you into a
side street several blocks away from where
you started.

Bob & Golly Scanff



Golly thought some of these were better looking
than me



14/10/95 Six Knobchubred (very) Occasional to
Swallows Sump 2. Cave full of Abegstnith (?) students,
otherwise uneventful. 4 hours. 15/10/95 Five in GB to Gt. Charter.

14/10/95 Les, Mark, Andy, Cookie, Ian.

Ogoj Draenen. Continued pushing the "wesser extensions" now called "wesser series" 13 hour trip.

Birkwith Tony, Carmen

21/10/95 Calf Holes Andy, Cookie, Debs + 3 Novices

Very successful trip with good time had by all. Took an inflatable dingy into the Birkwith canal and paddled of to the end, where the roof met(s) the water after 2150'. Tony who was swimming noticed a fairly strong under-current at the end.

6/10/95 Heron Pot Tony, Carmen, Andy, Cookie, Debs + 3 Novices

Even though the water levels were normal, it was still to wet to take novices on ladders through. So retreated at the top of the second pitch. Eoin, one of our novices is going to a wesser member - although he doesn't know it yet, on account of him being 3' nothing tall.

18/10/95. - C.B. Cave. Party of five. John, Terry, James, Ivan and Graham. Very good day, fairly dry, mucky, beautiful formations. The business. Julie unable to attend due to swollen knee syndrome!

21/10/95 NORTH HILL SWANET
TALL GRAHAM, MARTIN, TIM + MAD AL.

EVERYONE TOLD US THIS IS THE WESSEX COSS PIT!
HOWEVER NO SEWAGE WAS ENCOUNTERED. PLENTY OF
FAUNA - BEETLES ETC. TALL GRAHAM, MARTIN + AL TO TERMINAL
SUMP. INTERESTING CLIMB HALF WAY. HOW COME I ALWAYS
DO THE HORRIBLE CRAWLS? $\frac{1}{2}$ HOURS OR TRIP.

28/10/95 OHOF DRAENEN - DOM - MARK - RICHARD
MATTHEW (PROSPECTIVE MEMBER) - JAN TIMMAY - ANDY
(CAPTAIN YELLOW) MUNSE - DAVE COOKE - STEVE SWANEY.
FURTHER EXPLORATIONS, NICE FORMATIONS.

3/11/95 'PUFF DUFFEN'? (WELL THAT'S HOW YOU
SAY IT!) WELSH VERTICAL POT HOLE -
NOT BAD LITTLE SRT. TRIP. DOM SEALE, ANDY
SPANNER, CHRIS CASTLE & (1 OTHER GUY) MCG

4/11/95 LOKTON CAVE OGBS + COOKIE ('2 hr.

A trip to see what the Parish Council
want to gate. Short and has been trashed
over the years. Some of the little squeezes
on the left hand side into Morgan's chamber
turned out to be a little too tight without rope to
get out. The oven in the third chamber is open -
some one has dug round the concrete cap. The
oven looked like somet out of Raiders of the
Lost Ark - the spiders were crawling over each
other and could eat you alive. Probably growing
fat on the last kid to fall down the area.

4/11/95 Mark Max + Sue OGOF DRAEKEN THURS

A short trip to show our O2 member around the Wasser Extension, had a couple of virgins and came out! Approx length explored to date is estimated at 2km and still going. (The end & back is now a 6 hour steady trip)

5/11/95 - THREPFU LANE — HIGH ATLAS (OPEN STAIRWELL) DAM, DEBS, ROSEY, CARMEN. A GOOD 150 FT PITCH - BUT A LITTLE COOL WINDING AROUND.

10/11/95 - WILDCATS HOLE - DAM - SHORT ROUND TRIP THOROUGH WELL NOW.

11 Nov 95 Draecken OFD Mark, Mak, cookie, Andy & Tonia. saw the Draecken car park in flood and decided to do OFD instead. cum down to top. Though stream may lots of water. 4 hours

11/11/95 "I'll do anything in a wet suit"
Carmen said.

11-11-95 EASTWATER CAVERN DEBS + SAMIRA & GARETH (Prospective Member)
QUICK TRIP TO DOLPHIN CHIMNEY & AN EXPLORE AROUND

LITTLE CRAPPEND SWALLET

12-11-95 THE CRAPPEND COBBLE, Carmen, Dom, Debs, Cookie, Samira & Gareth,
little cave, Tuskad! Sporting trip in the wet. Excellent

18-11-95 GOATCHURCH and SIDCOT SWALLET, Andy, Debs, Cookie, Paul + Owen. A* tight squeeze even for me!!

that someone has been pushing.

Spotted a ~~couple~~^{new} of diggs on the left just before
the drain pipe there is a 10' ladder down to a
horizontal low passage half full of water. It seeps off
almost immediately. I would describe it as cold not cold
squalid but my companions who went first described the
water beautifully blue and "well worth a look". Ha! The
second dig is much more interesting. ~~that~~ to past
the decision climb beyond the end of the drain pipe.
which I have just discovered is written up in the latest
Meadow Under Ground so you can read about it there.

19-11-95 - a ~~base~~ Tuskin, Cooke, Dobs, Andy, Owen
and Paul. Went to Princeton and had a look at
the surface near the Wesser series. Clellan have been
digging here for 3 weeks, just above Dead Rat Chamber.
Had a bit of a dig further down stream until it got
dark.

LOST JOHNS

- 18/11/as DOM, RICHY, WEDSELL, MACC.F., KEN GANNON,
BOB PINE, REN DAWE + 7 OTHERS.
DOM, RICHY, & 1 CPC MAN IN MONESTARY ROUTE DOWN
TO L.F.M.C. DOM & RICH UP WEST POT INLET.
MACC & KEN CATHEDRAL ROUTE TO L.F.M.C.
BOB & KEN CENTIPEDE ROUTE -
SOME INTERESTING DIGGING DUE TO MR
FOYLE FORGETTING A CROSS OVER ROPE FOR THE
MONESTARY TEAM? STILL ALL GOOD FUN.
19/11/as DOM, MACC, RICHY, BOB PINE, REN DAWE + 1
RUMBLING WOLF - A NEARLY GOOD LITTLE TRIP
NICE ENTRANCE PITCH.

18/11/95 Mark, Les, Suntan, Mark (Bean) + Malc Al.
Ogof Draenen 12 hrs.

A working trip - well it was supposed to be. Found a 7m pitch on the way to the end of the lower stuff. Dropped into 2-1km of outstandingly pretty passages, including an active stream. Surveyed out well happy. Called it the Hand Basin Under - well its down & under.

23/11/95 Paul & Debs. Thrubee Lane Swallet
perseverance & further pot route - Debs
regarding did a proper job. You!!

25/11/95 Mark, Cookie, Andy M, Malc & Tonic
Ogof Draenen. 11 1/2 hrs.

Went in to both the 23m pitch and check the continuation of the pretty passage at the end of the extensions. The North Continuation went about 100ft (?) - still very pretty. A 30' pitch was found but needs cleaning before dropping. Surveyed back and put the 2 bolts in the 23m pitch.

25/11/95 Tall Graham, Jim, Debs, Samira & Gareth. ~~Swildon's~~ Digging in Henders Dig. Barred a couple of inches!!

9/12/95 Andy M, Owen G-B 4 1/2 hours.

Round trip + up ladder dig to Great Chamber
and BAT passage

9.12.95 Swildon's to Sidcot U-Tube - Rich Webb, Debs, Cookie (but not thro' the sump!). Vern, Rosie

Bibble around Swildon's to see how the entrance has changed + for something to do late on a Sat. afternoon. Down to airless oxbow then in amongst the mud (so Rosie was happy!) to the sump - crystal clear but high water levels so didn't bother going in, so turned back.

P.S. Malc should've been on this trip but somehow managed to bring his dustbin full of rubbish instead of "barrel -

10-12-95 It is official. We are now the WCCC - the Wessex Cave & Computer Club. For more details contact Coobie, Nick Williams or Vern.

13/12/95 Dom & MARTIN ELLIS (SMCC) RHINO RIFT
RIGHT HAND ROUTE P 182 then FINAL PITCH LEFT
HAND ROUTE, NOTED FIVE FLYING CREATURES ?, AT
VANNIUS POINTS IN SHAFT SO CAVE QUIETLY?!?!?

16/Dec/95 Andy, Mark, Mak Jo, Owen, Richard, Duncan Snildens. Found new, "decorated" chamber at the end 40' pitch. stayed there taking photos. Mak, Jo, Owen and Duncan continued to survey also connected the cave to fit survey.

17/12/95 Mat Hewin to my archive studio for photographic experiments - watch this space!

28-12-95 I Four Knockhundred Occurrences, down Longwood. James John & Graham & Debbs. Made it down the entrance series as far as the Letter Box where the fat old red had no bloody chance of getting through and no hope of going out backwards round the elbow. With the help of Jimmy I managed to get tunnel round and made it out to the surface, Debbs took Graham & off down as far up the main chamber and returned with no problems. The Fat Red is now restricted to the larger chamber of G.B. and a bit of Suckless provided every body gets out of his way.

29/12/95 Three Knockhundreds, John, James & O2, in GB to see if John (TFS above) could get stuck. He didn't, but his light went out. James & O2 went onward Whiter & Back.

(ANUS)

22/12/95 Aut Nam Uamh Stream Cave Mak, Jo + Roy (Mak., bruv) Braved the blizzard, horizontal driving sleet to get to the cave. Did most of the ^{not} cave, wandered around, went through Parallel Squeeze / Crawl; fat buggers. On the way back went in Otter Hole also not for fat buggers or Mak said, "Fat ^{thus} people shouldn't dig + tall people shouldn't rig" Had to turn back when faced with a big puddle which we would have had to get soaked in. Unfortunately we didn't manage to get onward into the pub at Ulverpool.

28/12/95 Chris W, Joy W, Jared Halliday, Jones Smith.

Sought refuge from Belby, some nice people from the Wessex came and rescued us at about 0100hrs from the Pyro's.

Trip down to Sirdons 20ft ladder pitch and back 2 hrs, couldn't go any further as we had left the tackle bag at the club.

29/12/95 Sirdons to Sump 1, nice trip, 3 hours.

Thanks to Dels, John and the other's for making us welcome, nice change from the B.E.C, application form in the past !!.

Chris W:

25-12-95 AM FLOOD ENTRANCE TO GAPPING GHYLL , Andy, Debs, Cookie, Damian & Viv

Reached GG in darkness, on the way back up The Big Pitch the 1st deviation decided it was bored of its surroundings & bapts at the space by Debs' left shoulder as she prussiced up. No call of Below was sounded, but fortunately on hearing Debs yell "Oh My God!" Andy dodged out of the way.

On their way back up the first pitch (rift pitch) Viv reached the rebelay on a ledge, detackled all her SRT gear & walked along the rift & couldn't work out why she couldn't find the entrance . It was up that bit of rope, Viv!

28-12-95 MRO CALLOUT 0100hrs ^{to} Grotty Hole(nr St.
Cuthbert's Swallet)

Received a call from Brian Prever, can Wessex attend a callout at above location. Dispatched a team to investigate, found 4 ~~people~~ distressed cavers (8 dog) covering area near entrance having fled from fireball ruckle & unstable BEC Members. ~~Evacuated~~ Evacuated distressed cavers to Upper Pitts for comforts and sanctuary. Kept overnight for observation

22-12-95 Thrupel Lane Swallet
Les Williams Dom Sealy

down to ~~the~~ Cowsh (CRAWC) Duck!! and on to Suther pot. Suther pot gone and a sump put in its place - cave was a tad wet. Surfaced to find more rain promised and returned to upper pitts. Just avoided extra deluge.

LOST — IN THRUPEL LANE SWALLETT.

Suther pot. classic 90 ft pitch. gone missing. If any body finds it can they return it — no reward offered

TIGERS + TARTS TRIP

29th DEC 1995 LES. MARK. MAX + DEBS

RHINO RIFT. FIRST 3 pitches. R. Hand Route
Rigged down to bottom and back out
left ~~the~~ rigging to two Tart Yanks. proper Job

TRIP - ~~the~~ "TART" YANKS (By the way I'm not a Yank - Yankee is a term that refers to UNION Soldiers in the Civil War - My allies are quite clearly confederate coming from Alabama blood) I (VIVIAN) de-rigged quite happily & efficiently with no trouble despite the fact that we were left with one gear bag for all rope & tackle. Nice try guys.

30.12.95

You REQUIRE A TAPE & BAG. P.S. TARTS LFS

Antarctic in Mendip. Some members leave early for Wales - presumably make it to Dozener but I am the RAT are giving out bad weather warnings + at 4pm the M4 is closed! Vern + Rosie manage to make it to the end of Eastwater lane but after a few ~~the~~ intimate contacts with the ditch decide to abort. - next is the epic journey UP the lane - one driving, one pushing!!

A walk to Mendip Heights in "The Quest for Mike's Paper" is the next mission. After slipping + sliding over the fields we arrive @ Mendip Heights to find it closed! Next is a trip to Pewer's to deliver the Journals* - one coffee later we're O.K. + sumo to make it back to Upper Pitts

In the evening, a mission for food at The New Inn by Mark, Jo, Vern + Rosie. Have a few berries, in the hope of dulling the pain in the event of an injury, but after Rosie's fallen over "I've hurt my bottom!" the theory has definitely failed. Arrived back at Upper Pitts with a severe case of "Van Gogh Disease" - it was our car, honestly!!

* P.S. The way down ~~the~~ past Pewer's house when icy is best approached on all fours - it's less distance to fall :: less painful!

1-1-96

Traditional New Years day trip to O.F.D. various trips to suit various appetites. VIVIAN, DAMIAN, MARK, LES, AND MAX had a rip-roaring good time doing a bit of pretties sight-seeing, some cave running, some raft dancing, some slippery belly-wriggling & some right-on stream jogging. A+. Our friendly cave elf entertained us with mischievous disappearing & reappearing tricks (Hoo! Hoo!) We almost lost this nymph off the roof rack on the ride back to the hut.

Andy, Chuck Mak, & Jo apparently had a good time as well in upper fossil passages.

30/12/95 - OOF DRIVEN WESSEX EXTENSIONS

DOMINIC, DAMIAN, VIVIAN, ANDY, DAVE (TOLLEN SMEATON MEMBER), CHUCK. FURTHER EXTENSIONS IN LANDOWN UNDER APPROX 200M PASSAGE. NOVISH PHREATIC STUFF HOWEVER SMALL WAY ON STILL GOING. THE END OF THE MAIN PASSAGE (PONDEROSA) WAS PASSED BY PUSHING A TECHNICAL SQUEEZE WHICH REQUIRED THE REMOVAL OF CAMP BELT ETC. (THIS SQUEEZE IS ONLY PASSABLE TOO THIN CAVEUS) TO REACH A LARGE SWIRL BOWER WITH A SUPERNUS WHITE CALCITE BOSS (12 ft by 10ft APPROX) & OMEN GOOD FORMATIONS NAMED THE WHITE HOUSE. ALL HAD GREAT FUN & EXITED BACK THROUGH THE ICED & SNOWED UP ENTRANCE AFTER 11½ hrs UNDERGROUND. THIS WAS FOLLOWED BY A NIGHTMARE JOURNEY BACK TO MENDIP TO OUT TO DAMIAN FOR STAYING AWAKE.

JAN. 4, 1996

SULLIDON'S Hole. DAMIAN & VIVIAN ± 6 hrs.

Took some photos, admired the beautiful Christmas tree-Photo-sensitive twinkle lights worked beautifully. I hope my

strobe triggered them fast enough to get them on film! The water was apparently ~~low~~. We did still manage to make good use of our wetsuits. We took a side trip down blue pencil & took a gander at Sumps 3 & 4. Nice stream passage down there! We bailed a bit & continued around the circuit route & then sump 1. That's quite an interesting trip for a California caver who hangs out in warm dry caves whenever possible. The sump was a nice little adrenaline rush.

JAN. 4 '96 - Charter House - Mark, Mark, Damian & Viv. ± 1 hr.

One cave a day isn't enough. Damian & I were back from Swildons long enough to grab a sandwich & change from wetsuits to fleeces & oversuits before heading off to Charterhouse. Nice formations. Thanks for taking us, Mark.