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31/12/2000 - 01/01/2001
The most stupid trip for a thousand years
NBW Swildons I - Naked, Solo & unsober
With water at the bottom of the overflow pipe entered the cave & stripped off in the first chamber.

The roar of water was most forbidding. Was shortly joined by Mr. Stop, who was doing his own solo trip, but said he was to give me a 15 minute head start.

At 11.59 pm proceeded this trip & arrived at the 20 footer at 12.15 am of the 3rd millennium AD.

In view of personal circumstances & the huge amount water honking over the edge, I rigged a ladder & proceeded down board. Oh my god, that meltwater was cold !!.

At 12.22, arrived at sump one, having arrived via Barnes Loop & immediately began the return trip.

The draught from the water was huge at places like the washing pot & cloake pots.

Although skin etc. was cold, internal temperature was fine & z didn't knowifice the cold. In fact, z was enjoying the trip.

At 12.45, z arrived back at the 20 footer, & saw Mr. Stop's light at the top.

I shouted up to Stop, not to look, as z attempted a free climb, rather than face the vertical sump, formerly known as the ladder pitch.

After pausing to chat & derig the ladder, Stop had a head start of five minutes, & we started the exit journey.

The inlet stream pouring from the water chamber was formidable to climb against, as was torrent from the climb near the old 40 foot pitch.

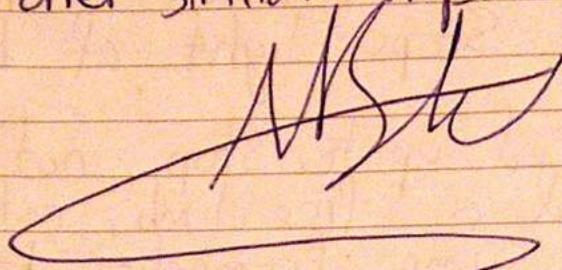
I attempted to exit via the wet way, but the lavatory pan was unpassable, & so z returned via the dry way.

Jacobs ladder was still dry on the return, as although major water was flowing, the subsidence in the first chamber has now enabled all the water to be diverted down the wet way.

At 1.06 am, we had both attired ourselves in decent clothing, & exited the cave.

A fantastic experience, being at one with the cave. A unique understanding, not to be missed & highly recommended.

Looking forward to other similar trips.



my bollocks arnt that old! -

Well, that's a load of old bollocks then, isn't it?
Stop Go; (also pissed as fuck, and Naked).

Addendum: Crazy Crazy Crazy, fantastic trip in search of the full moon, rumoured to be visible from the twenty. Saw the moon but missed Saturn and Uranus. Probably just as well! The worst part of the cave was jacobs ladder, requiring just a little bit more contact with the rock than was comfortable under the circumstances.

On exiting the cave we navigated successfully to prawn's house via the nine barrows taking in the sights and sounds of mendip in the mist.

A unique experience enhanced by the high water level.

PS NBW was quite probably insane to attempt the 20" (and succeed). It was ~~a rather~~ impossible to find a dry route down and almost certainly involved a total drenching in ice cold water, of substantial power.

Under the circumstances I'm glad that I did not attempt the twenty as I don't think I would have made it out easily. One thing is certain, climbing up out of a cave naked is ~~more~~ colder than going in, you need more contact with (cold) rock.

Brrr....

Independent adjudicators have decided that the 2000 Digging Board was a draw. So it looks like its a rollover year, with a 2-board jackpot.

01-01-01 Swindons Hole at the invitation of Alan Hardy various old pals and others were invited to invade the cave to celebrate reaching a new Millennium. Viz - Alan, Paul, Keith, Rob Fielder, Liz Green + Julie G, Glyn Bell, Adrian - Bill Vanderpland, Barry Wilherson, Tari, Rich Warman, Pete Ham, Geoff Water, Phil Hardy, Tasha.

After a group photo outside Mens Barn, we headed for the Old Gothic for another photo. Small parties then went as far as the Mansing and nearly to Sump 2. The cave was quite wet and those of us who have not been past the 20ft - while feel a shot, step and not leaving cave in the ladder. Thanks for the liftin, Keith!

We left the cave in drips and drabs, and when changed repaid the Hardys for milled wine and cider, and a groaning larder laden with snacks. Then we were joined by Clive and Mandy Davies, Brenda Power, Dell Yates and Paul Weston. A good tip, the extent recovered (just) but the bruises will take ages to go down

Phil H

Ham "Not bad for an old fat"

Hardy "I may be an old fat today but on Wednesdays at the NASA dog I'm a young tiger!"

7/1/1 Swildon's Hole Nathan, Jon, Shag, Alia, Cookie
Quick trip to Mud Sump to fill a quiet Sunday
Mud Sump totally submerged and the pump is barely
effective. Lots of spare pipes and buckets optimistically
scattered around. But nowt going to happen until a
concerted effort on the drain hole in dry weather.

13.1.01 Caves La Scuffa Suckin One day ago, part
limbling around, but getting seriously low on oxygen
until into a party at the 100ft segn anybody! Was this
really Swildon's. Didn't see anybody in the way out either
really weird.

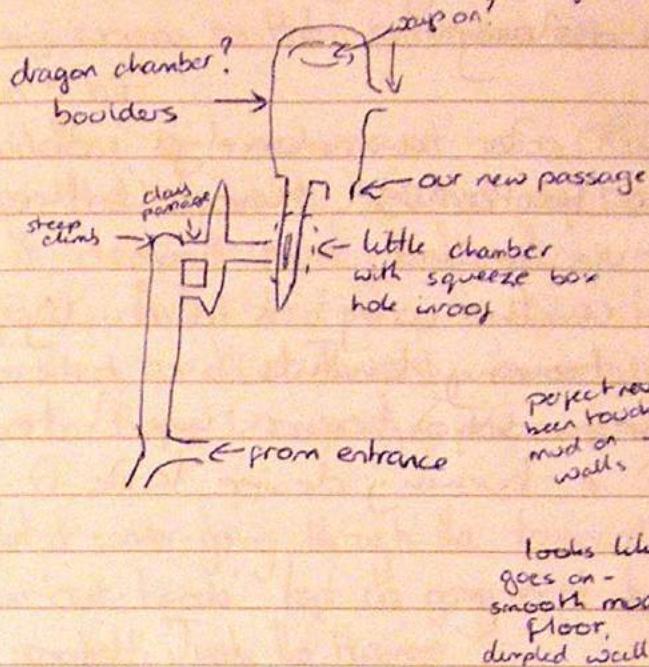
14.1.01 Mike & Ben limbling around the East Twiabok Valley
total contrast to yesterday all the caves were lower and so
were some of the caves!

2011.01 University of Kent - Becky, Claus, Paul, Gary, Nikolai
Trip to Tynings Barrow for some (ladder)
ropework training. Fun 5 hours exploring
including a very nice squeeze and
a few good climbs. & Even saw a
beautiful chamber with shells on the
walls and some stalactites. Very
good satisfying trip.

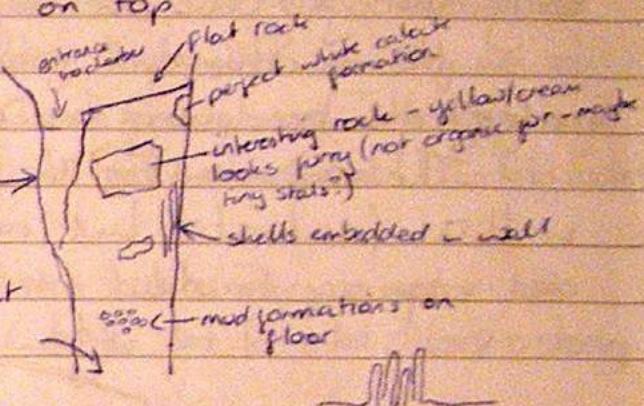
We're swearing its virgin passage (all credit to Becky). Didn't enter cos
of formations - want to make sure no-one else has found it & decided not
to disturb it for conservation reasons.

Jon's going to have a look at the survey for us. If its new, (we can only
dream) its ours! Will be back with cameras.

Before the aardvark trap, take a right



As you enter into the chamber, turn to face the entrance. There's a flat wall on the left, 8' high. Up the wall, & onto the ledge on top.



21/1/01 OKT - Scuddon's simpl (to Mark)

Wet trip to simpl 1 - Becky + Gary baptised sons of Mandys
• did their first simpl.

20/1/01 Weston Bps (SAGA) Goat church Reunion
Descent to bottom - 21 mins - return 2 hrs 50 min

Temp's Fugit.

Eggs Hole

Used the ladder, but no lifeline
Exploded everything.

27/1/01 - Em, Kev, Rob - Alum Pot South East Route

Very wet, very windy, ate Tesco Value chocolate (with added dioxins and PCB's) and turbo prussiked out!

© 21/1/2001 - Breckin, the Swildon Virginity
South B, Jon + Amy

New experience, first wet cave - a cataclysm of water, down to sumps 1 and back. Next time, all the way through, onwards and upwards.

It's a different cave on the way out - (eventually) waterfalls becoming tandem-tumbling torrents.

The end result? A frozen solid fox, a cup of tea in this fantastic hut, and a burning desire to do it all again faster.

Jon

3-2-01 Badger Hole Hendy and Pitman found this cave easily. Large shelter entrance, tunnel to 2nd chamber with bats, big roots, space, and odd little holes and passages going off everywhere - one ending in a satanic shine. Once into the cave, very little solid rock - all in mud and stones. Interesting.

Later in the evening, cast of several to Wookey Hole. SS Wessex could not be inflated, the canis boat on a rope too short to reach Charn's Chamber. Lots of photography, lots of bats (LH and a few GH).

Phil H.

3-2-01 Priddy Green Sink - Troubles & out!

Simon, Kev, Err, Butch, Cookie.

Everyone fancied working in the London sewers? Priddy Green would be very good practice. Picture if you will a confined crawlly passages with groovy, grey slime hanging from all sides and a not particularly pleasant smell of cowsh & Diesel hanging in the air. But apart from that Priddy Green is a cracking

trip with an impressive drop into the spectacular Swildens Four streamway. Not as many worms as Butch remembers either, although a worm was picked off twice back in 3 bits.

Swildens 4 - reminiscent of OFD streamway - superb and then up to the troubles. (What can be done at mudsump so we can visit more often "I demand more boating!" - Cookie on the amount of airspace. A lot of time was spent boating the troubles as they are no longer visited as often. The only consolation was knowing we were going to get drenched in Sump 1 anyway so we may as well get our ears wet! Much to Loder's disgust.

A lot of water going through the homeward stretch but as everyone was on auto pilot, our 'out-heads' kept us going right back to the hut for a hot shower & steaming plate of spaghetti. Just No business.

Done this trip 7 times and never have I seen so much shit and slime in one place (apart from Committee meetings obviously!)

Today I have been mostly wallowing in effluent.

30.1.001 Weston Brothers to Swan Mine with candles & a Nife.

1/2 hrs upgrind. 2½ hrs in the pub

6/2/01. Bear, MAMM, Geoff & Kathy ^{Wonderful} ~~Outstanding Trap down August!!~~ ~~Wet season~~.

8/2/001 Weston Brothers to Waterwheel (Swallet) "To the End". Water bloody freezing in the tunnel. Replaced all bungs including the one in the = dam at the bottom. Slow ascent due to the steepness of the route, anthr's brain disease etc. The Hunter Factor! did however assist in our heroic return. It didn't seem so steep going in.

10/2/01 EASTWATER, DESTINATION DOLPHIN POT. SHH, STEVE & AL MISY, RAINY DAY, LOOKING FORWARD TO TAKING OUR NOVICE AL DOWN EASTWATER. RESULT STRONG & WET, AL 'OUT BEFORE IN'. SWINGER. PUB.

10/2/01 KNOCKHUNDRED BACK ON MENDIP. G.B. Cavern two parties total off G. to the end of bat passage. Mark Wildman, Ian Timby Seth Ankland, Jo Ankland, Peter and Jessica Jenkins, Craig and Olie Seth's mates from Bristol University, their first trip.

10/2/01 James & Andrew; thought GB might be a bit crowded (see above!).
So had a lovely, wet, sporty trip to Swindon S2 and back.
S1 should be renamed "cappuccino" - pretty, man!

11/2/01 Geoff, Amy, & Ron. — Reasons narrow down
GB 2nd S2 passage. WINS PASSAGE. A return to the Hall
and more narrow art. occurring in passing Amy over
into the new areas the Sean Host — Sharon — EDDIE.
PROBABLY SHARON! very succinct!

NB: Amy could have retaliated but didn't want to lower
herself to the footloose gnome's level. AND GIVEN HER
IMMENSE UPPER BODY STRENGTH BLOW IT OPENING A CAN OF BEER.

— even footloose gnomes come to a nasty end sometimes.
④ HAD TO TURN ARMS AS RON UNABLE TO GET THROUGH SPACES AT
TOP OF 3m POT!?

17/2/1 RHINO. THANKYOU MR PREVOR FOR LENDING KEY. SUNTAN.

16/2/01 The hut has been Paulined. See spots in front my eyes from the fair shine of it in the early Spring sunshines. The flowers on the table need some scent on them.

Cows? What cows - where?? St Lukes on Wednesday last (14/2/01), Aubrey said there are cows in the next field over, where Steve and I had dug rocks and stones out of a small depression in the corner of a large depression at the instigation of Paula. "A cow could fall into your hole and injure itself" I promised to fill the hole in to save injuring a cow. Friday, I decided, being the person I am, that to leave the hole until Wednesday was courting trouble and Aubrey would be the first to say "I told you so." I took the afternoon off to do my duty.

On the way I stopped and rang the farm to let them know incase anyone was going out. "What cows? - Where? - There are no cows in that field, none have been in there since last year" - Aubrey saw cows. I decided to go ahead because I was convinced that Aubrey is always right, and even if rustlers were using it for keeping stock during transit, we had no right to injure them. Paula frowned.

"Why fill in the hole with no cows in the field?" Aubrey saw cows - there must be some. "It's our field" I filled the hole in. I saw no cows - not even a cow foot print, but I believe Aubrey saw cows. If he's sensible enough to be allowed a pilot's licence and allowed to fly air-planes on his own - he must have seen cows.

I've photographed the "dig" for future reference before filling it in. Bob S. ask me about the hole in the next field over.

17-2-01 Darren Cilau Nik-nat, Jonathon, Kev, Em
In (don't remember much about that) down to time machine,
~~over~~
down to Bonai steamway where it is reputed to
flood to ~~the~~ neck height. Bumped into diggers (thanks
for the tea guys - candlelit at hard rock cafe) and
out. Don't remember much about the last bit of
that either!

18-2-01

Geoff, Terry and Ron

Swindons hole,

Terry got a shock as it was
his first time. I don't think he thought
the water was going to be that cold!
Geoff made me carry the bag (bastard)
I think I won't buy anymore kit especially
if I have to carry it. Bottled it
at the Sump maybe next time. Ron.

23/2/01 Goatchurch with Dan &
Ellie (Aged Byes) Paul went
Good Fren.

23/2/01 Herbie Plant, Bo Hansford, Danny Brownson & Christopher Wilkinson (Aged 9 - 1ST TRIP)
GOATCOURCH & SIDCOTE - THEY HAVEN'T CHANGED MUCH IN THE LAST
15 YEARS. CHRIS WAS A NATURAL, HAD TROUBLE HOLDING HIM BACK -
- FUTURE WESSEX MEMBER?

24/2/01 AS ABOVE + 6 OF BRI'S FRIENDS - SWINDONS SUMP 1 - GOOD TRIP
REASONABLE AMOUNT OF WATER - YOUNG CHRIS GOT THROUGH SUMP 1 - OBVIOUSLY
DAFT ENOUGH TO BE A WCC MEMBER LATER ON!

24/02/01 Cookie, Tim Graham + 2 IRISH + MARCUS (KONONTAY)
CWN DWR TO TOP ENTRANCE IN OFD

THE HIGHLIGHT OF TRIP WAS ROUTE FINDING WITHOUT PROBLEMS.
UNFORTUNATELY THERE WERE NO HIGHLIGHTS. WE ROUTE FOUND
THROUGH THE CWM DWR CHOKED ONLY TO FIND WE WERE
STILL ON THE WRONG SIDE! DROPPED TOO LOW IN SHOTTY - WE
WERE OFF SURVEY (THAT IS THE SURVEY IN MY POCKET) ALL
FELL IN / JUMPED IN TO MAN TRAPS - TWO LIGHT FAILURES
ONE INSURED, WRIST AND THIN ALIVE OUT FOR A SPLASH
ABOUT 1m. DISINFECTANT (PINE, FRAGRANCE) TOP TRIP
15½ HOURS!!!
THEN OVER TO MENDIP FOR A BEER + A SOFA KILLING.
NO CAVING ALLOWED ON MENDIP UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.
A BREAK DUE TO "FOOT AND MOUTH" IS ANNOYING WHEN IT
TOOK 17 HOURS TO GET HERE.
P.S IT SNOWED HEAVILY ON THE WAY HOME
FROM THE PUB.

effekt

5/3/01: Follow the nationwide Foot & Mouth epidemic Upper Pitts
has been closed until further notice. All caving
areas of Shropshire have also been closed.

27/4/01: THIS HUT IS ONCE AGAIN DISUSED. ALTHOUGH THE UK IS
STILL UNDER THE COOK OF F&M AND CAVING REMAINS
A DISTANT MEMORY...

I'M AT THE HUT ON MY OWN. MAMA & BOBBY WITH WHOM
I'VE JUST SHARED A CUP OF TEA WITH HAVE LEFT TO GET ON
WITH OTHER THINGS. JONATHAN & TOMMY ARE AT BED SCHOOL (I GOT

HELD UP COMING AT CURTAIN PAGE WITH MY WIFE!)

→ SO I'M AT THE HUT ON MY OWN HAVING SPENT 2 HRS
ON THE TOWER PRACTICING MY SRT IN THE HOWLING WINDS
I RAIN ONLY TO FIND HAVING DE-WITTED THAT THE RAIN
HAS STOPPED & THE SUN IS OUT BUGGER! (GEOFF.R.)

6-5-2001

wootkey Hole 9-22.

wootkey Hole open to divers again. M.B.T. was
helped into the water in 9² by Andy Judd and
so wisely soon to be wesser members! The diver had
a one hour dive in low vis swimming out the line
to the shallow route before swimming to 22 and out
via the deep. M.B.T. surfaced in 9² and was
pleasantly surprised to find his ~~two~~ Sherpas sat in
the dark, waiting to help carry kit.

Mike Thomas

6-5-2001.

While M.J. was diving J.T. spent the afternoon
in the ladies cloth laying — a carpet. Keith
arrived around tea time and cut the grass.
out little bit towards the hut walking next week? ☺

6-5-01. And its very nice too! Thankyou Panther H/w.

6-5-01 YES we got underground:— Redcliff cars with Alan Gray
and a band of Belgian Folk Dancers. : Maurice & Judy.

14-5-01 MRO call out at ca. 10:30pm to rescue a person from the bottom of Blackmoor swallow (shaft). Despite having been drinking for most of the evening things happened very quickly. A lot of people piled into a very small number of cars and ~~the~~ before I knew it we were all down at velvet bottom (or did it take longer but it was seen the hazy glow of bear?) The casualty was located and brought-out quickly - he then had to wait for ages before the helicopter landed (a big field with two police cars lighting it up was apparently not enough!). Finally got back to the hut at 2:30am.

Em, Kev, Nik-Nak, Vem, Bean & MRO !!

15-5-01 Em, Kev, Nik-Nak, Vem.

3½ hours sleep - went to Danny. Tourist trip - excellent - but seriously tired. (Name that cheese!!!)

12/13th May. WORKING WEEKENDS - Tackling Boiler, porch roof, scrap, car park, oil tank base, windows, changing room etc. What a lot we done! Weather hot, except for re-roofing the porch in gale and rain. Typical. Good BBQ Saturday evening PIKE IT, PAUL G, IAN T, GEORGE, ROSIE - VEN, TOMMO, DOM, MARK, LES, EM, KEVIN - apologies if I've forgotten anyone PIKE IT

20-5-2001 - 21-5-2001.

Today there were people in the messes, Real ones!

20-5-2001.

Worley Hole 92-22

Malc Fogle, Mike Thomas, Gavins Newtions

Malc's first dive for a while 3-Edwards RT. Mike and Gavins Hrough to 22 to check out areas for filming. Vis was not very good, wished we were some deeper shaft!

09-06-2001 RHINO RIFT

Dom, Debs, Andy Ladell, Nik Nak, NewJo
and Yee (Malaysian caver)

7 hour trip celebrating the re-opening of the caves after F&M.

Rigged first pitch of RH Route, and all of LHRoute. Thorough trip, Dom doing the cave approximately twice, Yee throwing tackle down 2 pitches, Nik Nak enjoyed the 2nd pitch SO MUCH he re-rigged it & did it again (after he realised he'd left the tackle sick at the bottom), Andy Ladell attempted to break his leg AGAIN at the bottom of pitch 5 by freefalling (it's supposed to be free CLIMBING, Andy). *

And then we hauled NewJo up pitch 1 for rescue practice - just for fun! Good to be back underground.

BEC turned up with a novice trip ("see this blue thing - that's your descender, you use it for going down" = direct quote), but, realising we'd rigged both routes, got fed up waiting & went away again. A case of Wessex Cave Club UBIQUE PRIMUS, I think.

09 06 2001 The biannual winter trip to Bonwill Caves. Some 20 members, bent on underground, savoured the delights of the B3am Bone and Stalactite Caves. Most of us got to the low-enters of the bone cave ~~at~~ and into the big chamber in the Stalactite cave. Also a visit was made to the prospect caves, which was capped off with a fine scaffolding climbing ^{frame}. The highest points were awarded to Les for his acrobatics on the scuffed poles.

Thanks to the owners and John Chapman of the Ascension for the arrangements. A silver collection was made towards restoration work on the lower.

10-6-01 EASTWATER Kev & Em (Eastwater Appreciation Society)

After speaking to Dorothy (Eastwater Farm) the previous evening we were all set for an epic to Blackwall Tunnel. The ladders in place at Dolphin Gladman & lolly are remarkably sound although the ladder on 10ft drop beyond is more than dubious! Excellent first trip back on mending. The duck is drafting nicely & we will be back asap * to

go further (or we might leave it long enough to forget all the nasty bits)
Apologies for absence - Nik-Nak)

9th - 10th June 01. Nut Working Weekend (yet another)

The opening of some caves or perhaps this weekend saw the arrival of many members at Upper Pitts, some to cave, some to work and some to cave & work. The weekend saw much activity, caving trips to, Rhin, Eastwater & Banwell. On the work front Dan T brought his mobile workshop thus allowing work on oil tank base, rendering, cementing, painting, ~~scrapping~~, more painting, bunk-room cleaning & drysoring (hoovering with a dryer), carpentry and finally the removal of one striking, sooty, birds nest from the stove chimney. A fine but rather chilly bbq was held on Saturday evening. Some of those involved:- Phil H, Tommo, Nik-Nak, Andy Hadell, Rose & Veen, Nak, Jo, Pauline, Bob Prew, Les, Dan T, Laurie Orr, M & J Hewins, Butch, Cookie, Dom & Debbs, Ken & Tim, ~~Kathy & Tok~~, and those who I have forgotten to mention.

15/6/2001

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16/6/01 Mark & Dave

1st Proper trip for ages!! Eastwater down
and escalator up 13 Pots - Ace!!

16/6/01 Phil H + Prew. Heads Cavern Photographic top in main chamber
Phil's flashgun strobing, but no pictures taken. Met a party of 3 adult
+ 3 kids, 2 torches, no helmets - Foolhardy and dangerous or spirit of
caving? We decided on the latter. Shared them around. Explored first
part of Z Alley, Brown - several + holes in floor. Relatively unstable.
Cave dry - good stream, but sinking at entries.

(PH)

16/6/01 6.8 Andy More

Round trip and boat passage. Good to be caring again

16/6/01 Fortwade Andy More Neil BW 1 basket 40 min

12 poles still good to be caring again

ONE HOUR & FORTY MINUTES - NO SWEAT - HARDER THAN A ROCK.

NRAD

7.00. River Rhee

Dave uppy + Christy.

After leaving Hwy and Marillions in car we tagged up with some guys who were rigging Chiro from Shepton CC. We waited whilst it was rigged. When we eventually got to pitch head and as I noted there wasn't enough slack to lock off, the belay had an undetermined knot on it so after reaching first slope decided to count our blessings + leave before risking anymore.

23-6-01 The Power take (Brain, Stephen, Jo, Cutes and Amy) plus Phil Hardy and Fred Felstead (with new and borrowed tackle on his first top in 12 years) to Goochyd. Photography was performed in various locations. Flashgun now fatigued and working well. All to Boulder Chamber and out via Tradewomen. P+F though bloody tight, and down to the Water Chamber. Rock very smooth! Coffin Lid very thickly on the ascent. A pleasant if sweaty trundle. Phil Hardy Plant + 17(?) on the way out. Mövenpick ice cream was then consumed at the Burryton Inn, followed by two brevis cakes. Exceedingly good! (PHT)

10/06/2001 HORNWOOD AUGUST MOVE - DOM, MARK, ANDY LADDEE & JO (PROSPECTIVE MEMBER) ALL DOWN AUGUST HOME, DOM & MARK OUT AUGUST JUST FOR THE FUN! ANDY & JO OUT HORNWOOD. GOOD TRIP. NICE WAKE UP FROZEN BLACKBERRY CATE.

23/06/2001 RHINO RIFT DOM & DEBS, BIFF, NICK-NATE & JINED WATER BY GEORGE. DOM & DEBS & ~~BIFF~~ DOWN R.H.R. BIFF DOWN L.M.R. BIFF THEN POPPED BACK UP L.M.R. TO DROP R.H.R. ALL FOUR OUT VIA R.H.R. THEN GEORGE DROPPED L.M.R. & DERICKED IT FOR US. TOO MAN!!? @+.

Friday 22nd, Sat 23rd & Sun 24th

Picos '82 2001 Reunion.

A meeting of old friends, & partners. To remember old times & I dearly departed friends.
It was a long time ago, but people came from all over the world to be here. The furthest people came from was New Zealand. People still remember & people still care.

Caving wise we did Eastwater & Grottochurch on Saturday. Some new to caving, some old to caving but everyone enjoyed it.

Evening mill at Cox's Mill was ok, with the usual banter. This was also a chance for some people to bury the ghosts of the past & for some to move on, but everyone seems keen to do it again sometime. I think we will.

ABH

Sat 23/6/01

Eastwater - NSW, Herbie Plant, Steve Waite, Danny, Zssac

Sat 23/6/01

Goolchurch - NSW Herbie Plant, Zan Philips, Zan Andrews, Chris
Sam Andrews, Danny, Zssac, Dick & Hilary
Lawrence & their 3 children, Nick

Bennet, Mark Bennet, Sarah, Steve Hatch
Sun 24/6/01 - GB Steve Sprat, Herbie Plant, Abby Plant
Sarah, Zssac, Chris, NSW, Danny & Ted

Goolchurch yesterday was my first cave ever, I was very pleased to do the letterbox and drain pipe. I was unconvincing about G.B. today but went and Herbie were very encouraging and obviously had enough confidence in me which made me much more confident so my thanks go to them. I did G.B. and really enjoyed it. I loved the open spaces and geological features - very different to yesterday. I enjoyed the climbing aspect very much. The highlight for me was seeing a bat roosting in the letterbox.

I think (I might be back (but don't tell anyone!) Sarah Bertram.

Sat 23/6/01 Debs/Dan/Nik/Nate/BiF + George
Rhino

Left hand & Right hand routes - avoided chilling out
in the midday sun.

Sun 24/6/01 Ken/MZ/Simon/Rich/BiF + George
Longwood

Downstream to colony of rare greater shoe-nose
bats stopped further wet graveling - fortunately.
At exit, lock found to be defective and key
bent. Eventually Simon stuck it in, wriggled
it about ~~a bit~~ a bit and eventually it came!

Sat 23-6-01 Eastwater - Dark Cars + Sunglasses ^{En kev} ~~rik-rik~~
After badgering Tav for several months the trip happened!
All the best of Eastwater condensed into one evening's
trip. Excellent trip - thanks Tav!

26/6/01a Sarah, NBW,
Eastwater.

Ok so I came back! Eastwater
was dry going in and wet coming
out. Got half way down Dolphin
Chimney but turned back. Good
trip but tested my limits so
far. Not bad for a 3rd trip though.

26/6/01. MYRA Geoff Jon MANN Sarah Bertram
Lionel... ASIAN. * Amy.

An ENJOYABLE if not CONSIDERATE TRIP. IT'S BEEN A
WHILE SO COULDN'T REMEMBER THIS 'ROUND TAW' ACTUALLY
WE KNEW WE WOULD ALMOST ALL HAD TO TURN AROUND AND
RE TURN UP SEVERAL TIMES AS WATER - TO GET
REVISITED SOON.

29/6. MYRA, Geoff, Jon, & Mark.

SOME WONDERFUL TRIP DOWN TO WADDAK DUG & OUT FOR
A CUP OF COFFEE IN HAWTHORN. THE COFFEE WAS BONE DRY
LUCKILY THIS PUB WASN'T.

30/6 G.B.

Excellent trip lead by Geoff Ballard taking
guests Neville Acland, Gillian Acland and
Lorraine Staley the pretty way!

Many thanks to the WCC for their assistance
with this organisation

Neville Acland.

Norman & Paul Worsnop set up a caving in
'50/60's. Once a man comes out of there! ... THE
GOOD OLD DAY, AH?!

30/6/01 phil H, pnew, norman, Jon, chel, tommo +
Kathy

Audelines Hole, Festers Hole, East twin Swallett
Jones Hole, Grats Crack.

Maurice ~~has~~ been to the ends of all the 5 caves.
= tiger. S.O.F.A. remembrance trip - got lost in
Memory lane Serbia

The screams were a great desert.
(7x5 = 35 person-trips)

26-6-01 JEAN + BUTCH - ST CATHARINAS

QUICK TRIP CAVES: CHAMBER - HALL CHAMBER
(MOVED ACT) TALL CHAMBER - LOW CHAMBER - TRAVERSE CHAMBER
HIGH CHAMBER - SILENT PASSAGE - VARIOUS CHAMBERS - OUT -

41-7-01 G.B. Phil H and Paul W on a Sunday morning trundle. Slight route-finding problems in Oxbar. To the end, and up the waterfall. 50 min in, 25 min out. We thought the cave was dry and warm until we got out - like walking into a sauna. Thanks to Judy H and Paul for lifts there and back. (The young tigers laground trip failed to happen. The moral high ground is ours.) Rehydrating try to the Hunters followed Phil H

4-7-01 Bath Swallet Pete H & Aubrey.

Our third Wednesday digging session - back at our old dig until St Lukes reopens. Usual type of dig, cement / stone walling and nice clean water washed area. Unfortunately it turned to glop within hours!!

28/06/01 - 01/07/01 HAUTE SAVOIE (FRANCE).

MACK, BEAN, TAZ, BUTCH & NICKIEK

A fantastic time was had by all. Two classic through trips - Trois Petits \Rightarrow La Digue & La Morcellera \Rightarrow La Vertige (the latter involving a rather interesting exit - (You'll have to read the write up in the Journey for more info)). Everything went to plan! (My plan that is) Mark H.

7/07/2001 RHINO RIFT - DOM, DEBS & NICK-NATE

The Right Hand route, couple of spits are dropped but route still very doable if rigged carefully. Prepper Job
An Affectionate note from Your Administration officer
8/07/2001 I would like to thank everyone for their sterling efforts on the past and latest working weekends you all know who you are so no need to name names the Barbeques and every night were wonderful and there were more ~~coffee~~ cakes than you could shake a stick at. A great effort by all many thanks

Taz

8/7. Pheno Riss. → Players: GEOFF, UPPY & Russ.

Driver: / SHERPA photograph/coach / Spectators: LARRIE (FAG Box).

The left Homo Russ which became like spaghetti.

Ironman on the return (three separates above rigged arm each other - including a separation in off the right hand man!?).

Larrie forgot his chest 'Jama' — smooth, so remained at top of first area as 'coach' come PHOTOGRAPHER.

8/7 Dom, Rob (Handas a rock) Hoon (Em's Dad) + kev - Primrose - 'owzat!!'

8/7. Singing River Mine → Geoff & Jon.E.

Quick trip down to 'The Land' as Boen made more sporting as we cross to climb down & back up!! from this 'Vantage Point'.

13/7. Waterwheel. Mr P. Hendy & Mr. Deazy. Libetan Bros.

Nice little trip, well done did. Mr. Deazy was good. Mr Deazy - Australia, showed us the way, fit lugger. The water was warm - (ish) and the crack good.

A nice little cave - very steep, black stal, nice ladder pitch. Well worth a visit PH

12/7. We've been running - Time for a Scouting TRIP. Longwood Snarest. Geoff, Jon E & MARK to make it a little more interesting we decided to go down via Arrows Hole & back up!! Just in time to knock Puss up for a quick pint.

14/7/01 GB Andy Rose, NBW

Bat passage and dig at end - good mud. Went home
dry out. Quality trip. 2½ hours.

Squeezes? What squeezes? Slim boy slim.

Tip Top Diamond Trip - Cheers Andy.

AKH

14-7-01 Two parties happened to meet at the entrance to G.B.
Maurice H, Kred F, Phil H, Tom, Kathy, Mark, Jonathan, Angie
Carpani (Maurice's Aussie barnd) Tom (PCC), Paul W.
A good tourist trap around the Ox-bows, up the waterfall. Some of
us (Phil, Tom, Angie) to the cat park. Many photos were taken.
Maurice survived this first G.B. in 2 years. Very little water, lots of
mud on the climb to the cars. (PH)

19.7.01 Bath Swallet Aubrey & Peteth.

Clop & gravel out, cement wall in. Progress
good.

19.7.01 Shatter Cone. Mr P. Hendy, Mr R Deady, Water Bros
header. Varnetts like being upside on inside-out
Christmas cake (Convected). Some nice
crowds (testing for DAGA members) very Narva. Didn't
know I could till sweat that much.
Poor old life. Mr Deady's excellent
Australian Mum helped, for a while!

18/7/01 Silica Mines, S. Wales
Cave Dive in Flooded levels 1 & 2
N.B.W., G. ASSON & M. FARR

AHST

21/7/01 Longwood Swallet

August, Swingsitch, Dammed sump/Reynolds passage
alternatively I'd out via Longwood.

NBW & A. Morse

AMM

21/7/01 Fairy Quarry. Balch + Fairy Cave,
(and forming over) photographic trip with Phil. H. X & C of
Sweat, grunts and 'where do we go'?
P.W.

Imminent closure of Hathers caused panic and rapid exit,
otherwise we would have found Hathers. Honest. No, really --.

22/7/01 GB Andy Morse & NBW.

A sundry stroll to the bottom and out.

23/7/01 GB Terry Waller & Derek Sanderson
To Bar Passage + photos in the Gorge - yds shattered getting changed
as for trip since Feb. The PSM it 'ain't' but it will have
to do for now!

24/7/01 Bath Swallet Aubrey & Pete H.
Lots of mud. Built more wall - more
needed. Hope it doesn't rain soon.

24/7/01 Stock House Shaft - Radio location I let as surface control.
with his miners in the bowels of the earth, technology supplied by Pete, Phil H.,
John Muill and Brian Sneddon (WURSA). 5 fixes - 2 0°, 2 90°. I opt a -
all roughly where I let expect them. 50-60' depth is too shallow to get a
good fix, in spite of severely reducing the size of the tx aerial loop.
A pleasant post-prandial stroll in the woods in the gloaming, lots of wild
raspberries and mulges (thanks, Tony, for the Jungle Formula) (PH)

28/7/01 Waterwheel Swallet Phil H., Christine G., Nick Nak, Jo W.
A pleasant and very damp trip to the end, some photography by
Christine, pulled the bags up the down but went through anyway
Good 1 1/2 h, then rehydration therapy at the Hunters (PH)

29/7/01 GB Sack and Hole

We came, we bimbled, we returned to Kent committed to more exercise

29/7/01 G.B. Jerathmang Joe, Nick Nak, Temo
o Paul W.
Photographic Trip.

30/7/01 Withhill Cave - Phil Hon wades top with Potin Green, Chris
Bunting and Paul -? Time spent trying to clear slot in Broken Column
Chamber. Garden Spray + brush effective on mess, less so on vegetation,
very heavy on walls. To the end(s) and Green hole Chamber - a very
light fit. Overall a ~~wet~~ write-off, knees nearly as. An excellent
2 1/2 h. Phil H.

1/8/01 Black Wal (Dragonmaster) and Phil H (affectionate) used a tare down to burn off weeds in the car park (non-selective weedkiller). Then Keith F. reviewed the lawn, Keith and Phil prepared the croquet pitch. Looks it ain't, but "good enough for round here".

3/8/01 G.B. Weston Bros, Ray Dazeley
+ Plies. Mrs. D.G. Weston Esq, etc
A little trip around the
ox-holes. Some say (10s) that one
night have been late out.
(More 10s) we were in Hanbury.
Off-Course. (via 10p lifts where they did not wipe the board)

3/8/01 Phil & Christine drove to GB on a frontiers trip looking for a well-overdue Weston party.. Eventually found them in the Grotto Roget, where they paid a beer fine for being irresponsible.

Later P. c to Shatto Cave - took more photos, a good slow trip to Pillar Chamber, and an even slower trip out when P. managed to pull the cable out of his NiFe cell in the Long Room. According to the log cargo has lost a torch in the cave - pods have decided we could not find it. Ho-hum - but back at 10p lifts 'll before E70 and officially wiped the trip from the board (see above). 

3-8-01 wessex H/Q.

Old Fort Weston owes lots of ALE !!

8/8/01 Lodmore Hole. Brian Pever and Phil Herdy with John Lock and Nigel - (Army Land Agents) to inspect the dig with a view to using it for army adventure caving!

First visit since February. Good but not enforceable underground, gear up early started (new battery). Winch pulley bearings seized, otherwise all unchanged. Very heavy dip due to recent torrential rain in first section, relatively dry below. Working face still stable. Army will arrange fencing or other safety procedures, we will remove our gear (leaving ladders in situ) as soon as F-M access controls are removed, and block access to the dig face for safety reasons. Cavers' access will be maintained. Reserved anoxic frogs. Army happy and co-operative.

(PH)

8/8/01 Grebe Sallet P. Weston, P. Herdy, Ray Scary led by Martin Evans. 1st visit for 12 months. No livestock in shaft, very dead ($> 1\text{yo}$) rabbit in pool. Marvelled at evidence of C18 lead working and C20 cave conservation techniques! Amazed at unrelenting dormancy of the cave, and tight off at bottom! Deaths in roof not so much hanging as levitating - thank God for local low-gravity anomalies! 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ h, seemed longer

(PH)

11/8/01 Club Trip to Cadder. Phil Herdy, Paul Weston, Maine, Judy Horrocks, Brian Power, Mark & Jo, Toronto, Kathy & Jonathan. Coughs Old Cave. Very interesting, concrete stal, large numbers of bats by moth. Gently prodded a way up to Great Ooves Hole. No Ooves in evidence. Most (but not all) to the bottom. Long Hole to end of main passage. Coopers Hole. Coveted in the entrance passages, but decided not to get too ruddy as we didn't want to get the car dirty for the drive back. Lots of film (and digital chips) exposed. Well, at least it wasn't Beowulf.

Power's flash bulb hit and clearly successfully tested in Coughs Old, ready for Bruce. Finished roll of stereo pictures in Long Hole and Great Ooves after

14/8/01 Brian Power (+ Brenda) Phil Herdy. Followed the labourer with his Now ported Quicke torch tip into W/L, and Phil entered Corning Tower to find the way - encounter with cave spiders.

(PH)

15/8/01 NASA Walk - Hamby Wood / Ashwell Grove. Inspected stone lined pits at E end of wood, then Ashwell Grove. Visited Phil H., B. & B. Prever, E. Dunsford, P. Weston, Abbott F., Jonathan & Rose + 2 kids, John Hill. Pleasant stroll in the gloaming, we think the rising is worth a dig! (PFA)

GROFF, LORRIE, MARY & PAUL → St. Cuthberts
Down to Simeon I. & → Mid Hill, Picton Crayke
Army Camp, Devil's Passageway, Rabbit Warren → Back out. Railway Tunnel is Upper Thoresby Charnel.

GROFF, MARY, JONATHAN AND JON → WATERWHEEL

AN IMPRESSIVE HOUR PLUS TO FIND THE DARN ENTRANCE,
DURING WHICH THE DISCOVERY OF SEVERAL RABBIT HOLES MADE ONE
ALARMED BADGER. FINALLY DESCENDED, MARY HYSTERICALLY IN
A SHORT PURSUIT AND BARE ANKLES. WATER TO KNOCK YOUR SOCKS
OFF (FOR THOSE OF US WEARING THEM). END OF WATER RIGHT
AT THE BOTTOM - STRAIGHT DOWN + UP IN UNDER 10 MINUTES.

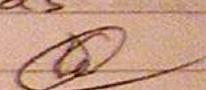
FAST AND FURIOUS, COLD AS ICE. BAG CARRIED OUT
HEROICALLY BY THE SHARTEST, CLOSEST MEMBER OF THE PARTY. . . .

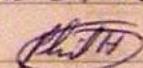
JON

18/8/01 Fred F., Phil H., Tom to Sandford heavy. Difficultly finding the entrance, but found other interesting runesteps. In heavy clothes put way up shaft on L. at 1st Crossroads and to the end of the R. passage. Looked at the Gulf, trampled the pitch (there are bolt holes in the wall) but found the bottom choked. To the end, lots of nice micro forms and young cavers + straw. Lots of small flies, spiders and moths near the entrance. A good little trundle - (PFA) (Camera did not appreciate total immersion!)

19/8/01 Fred F., Tom Miles to East twin, Lions and Avellines followed by ice cream and beer. Enjoyable afternoon. However, methinks Fat Freddie not really suited to lions. We did persevere though!

Fred. Feb 2001

19/8/01 Mangle Hole. Nathan, Stip, Ross, Cookie decided to do it all on ladders, but were a bout to knock it on the head when we couldn't find a belay to protect the final part of the pitch. Especially when Nathan mentioned the quality of the beer to be had at the crown. At that point Ross spotted a fine belay and our dreams of a peasant pit faded on down to the main chamber and a quick fumble around before returning learnt that the 'Canal Street' sign in Manchester now reads 'anal treat' - which I find amusing. 

21/8/01 Phil, Dan Herdy - Fairy Cave Quarry, beyond west of road wire from roadside. W/L Cave to Great Left Chamber / Puffball Grotto, Shallow Caves to Pillar Chamber (in via Z-Squeeze, out via King孔) Bell Caves - full passage, then upper passage / cavelo to Evacuee Passage. A good afternoon carrying with photographs and Mrs Bass. 

22/8/01 REBECCA DAVIES + BARRY DAVIES (DAD) TO GR CAVE - JUST TO KEEP THE HAND IN.

22/8/01 NHASA RETURNS! Here on the lounge again - back to hollock Poem, P. D. Herdy, Mrs Poem, Albert Francis, Jonathan Liley, Eric Oxford, Dave Turner. Took farewell photos of the dig face, dismantled scaffold shoring and started haulling it up the shaft. Started blocking the way to the dig, site clearance commenced. (See entry 8/8/01)

22/08/01. → EAST WHERE..? 

Ton Edwards, Jon Williams, Kathryn Gost.

CHUCK JOLLY & STONE PUB. — onward to stand on

N.B. SHAME UPON TERRIBLE DOOR SIGNS ALWAYS!!!



25-8-01 Phil & Dan Hardy to Great Oone's Hole - to the bottom. Good (long-term) dig site here - then Long Hole - full of big bats (lesser horseshoe) roosts. I mean full. The caving was easy, as the drifts up and back down took the killer. Lots of cave spiders about. (P.M.) (Glimpse of one-eyed Oone at bottom of G.O.H. but it immediately hid)

26-8-01 Phil & Dan Hardy to Sandford Henry, found this time without difficulty. Bad timing meant that we followed 3 youths (1 torch) down the ravine - they walked all over the cave pools and gours at the end, so not very impressive sight to show Dan. Examined all of the hole possible without tackle or risk to life and limb.

To finish the afternoon off did East Twin Swallet to 2nd chamber. Nice little stream flowing. Photographs. (P.M.)

27/8. Geoff, Jon, Tommo & Chas.

Arrived down Polino Geoff Licado - Jon de-Rosso is the man! - Maro have changed his buttons.

1/9/01 Phil & Dan Hardy to Goathouse. Waited for 2 parties (approx 25) to leave out, rest other parties. Cave leaving, down to Brumipipe (which has shrunk). Failed to find Hell and Hove. Out via Tradesman's. Dan did well, needed a break up in places. Looked in Auctions, incl. short extension on L. Ice creams and back. (P.M.)

2/9 GEORGE B., JON E.

G.B., THROUGH THE DEVIL'S ELBOW, DISCOVERED OOZE PASSAGE BUT CHICKENED OUT AS NOT SURE IF IT WENT BACK AND TO THE END OF THE WEST SERIES. OUT AT FOURLE - TONE - I COULDN'T HAVE DONE THAT 6 MONTHS AGO! Jon.

7/9/01 Weston Brothers to Fairy Quam, Balch's Fairy Cave + A.N.Other. (much mud in latter, out in the RE Hunters. What a wheelie.)

25-8-01

Stump Cross Caverns - Show Cave, N. Yorks.

CHRIS. G. DUE TO INJURY, went on tourist type trip around N. Yorkshire in search of some caves. Came across Stump Cross Caverns. Newly opened reindeer cave very impressive with some huge pillars. 20 minute video following trip, including Craven digging to create rather nice steps + walkways. Unfortunately, the first two weeks of opening reindeer cave were marred by the destruction of a particularly nice formation - they had to actually poke something through the protective wire fencing to do it. What's wrong with some people?

Hobbled & limped home after an enjoyable afternoon.

9-9-01

M. Thomas, CHRIS. G.

G.B. Very enjoyable trip most of the way round to the end. C.G. could barely remember any of the cave from last visit so this trip was much more enjoyable. Getting the hang of SRT due to practice right before. Could be dangling around many more caves in the future.

9-9-01 - ULLY, CHARLIE, GEOFF B., MARK + JOHN

HUNTERS.

IT WAS NICE TO HANG OFF SILENT, AFTER RODER AGED WE COULD GO AS NO SILENT IN FIELD, DUE TO 3 ROUTES, MARK + JOHN DID WELL AS IT WAS THEIR FIRST TIME ON STYLING UNDERGROUND. PLENTY OF ROPE RUNS SO WE BROKE. SOME PIPE INSULATION TUBING. A GOOD FUN TRIP.

9/9/01 ESSX CORRY DRIVERS

Thanks for the hospitality of the Wessex good time had by all, "again". Cheers.

9-9-01 Lee Cox Butch Froome -
Butch

9 Sep 2001

Butch Froome + Lee Cox.

First time here thought it was great and would like to come back in the future -

* It was an experience and a half.
12/9/01. Phil, Staff, Jonathan, Paul W. Wodmore. Decommissioning, base.
14/9/01 Weston Brothers. Box Stone Mines.
IN 'Back Deer' → Egstgate, B12, Windy Passage
Most interesting navigational exercise which we intend to pursue. About 4 hrs.

17/9/2001 Club practice rescue. Dog was recovered from beyond the water chamber by a large team of members. The new Hayphone worked well.

16-9-2001

Woolley Hde.

Divers: M. Thomas, P. Short. - ID 22

MRO: L. Williams - ID 9².

Dives through to chamber 22 to set up new Hay phones. Les Williams ID chamber 9² with another Hay phone. Aim to try and establish coms. At the appointed time a nightmare happened: Les Williams was heard loud and clear in chamber 22. That voice gets all over the place. Woolley is now safe. And we did not flood the MRO's new toys!

HSC

20/9/01. GANDI, Geoff, Paul, UPPY, Ian, Myra
A 'MARVIN'

Our Trip into Hunters. — SAGO, Direct a
Right Hand Ruts. And out — Pub!.

N.B. Geoff has stand on the tackle bag to ride &
dig the right hand ruts. — can't reach hanger in bag.

~~23~~ 24/9. Jonathan & Geoff do Stove Lane, ...
"cold & wet" fans the Sump but didn't go
~~through~~ → & return visit is planned!!

26/9. Geoff ~~&~~ Jonathan & David Turner →
St. Cumberts, Stotness, Doreen, Travers, Railway
Turner, Rabbit Warren, Cowslip, Sme 1 and
return via Stan Piton Bypass and Ernest Parade to
& couple of pints in the Hunters!

28th-30th September 2001

Derbyshire
Uppy, Laurie, Russ + Ian.

Arrived Friday night at Castleton after a maniacal 4 hour drive. With the intention to do Edens first thing Sat. morning we decided that we should have only a couple of pints in the George. This idea was soon abandoned when Paul the landlord decided to finally kick us out at 2.30am after copious amounts of beer and a bottle of Wild Turkey, amazingly we were all up at 9.15AM hungover but enthusiastic except for 1 of us who was feeling a tad worse than every one else, too. Russ drove us to the Cave and immediately went back to Castleton to freshen up

To return when the cave was rigged, the remaining three of us with banging heads walked up the hill to the large hole in the ground. Ian went off the West Pitch first and Louise and I descended North Pitch. Everything was hunkey dokey with the rigging, not much to do at the bottom. After all arriving back at the surface Ian decided he wanted to do the east pitch as well, so we certainly weren't going to stop him. Russ conveniently arrived in full SRT gear to help de-rig from the top! We then drove to P8 to cool off and get cleaned up was nice to get wet, unfortunately the fixed ladder on pitch 2 is no longer there so the trip was Cut Short. Which went an early start in the George for a long dinner.

All in all a fantastic weekend and we will be returning shortly.

5-IX-01 ST CUTHBERTS VERN, CARMEN, MAK 2½ hrs

which trip down tourist route to sump 2 very low water out via circuitous deviations - Proper Job

4/10/01. ST. CUTHBERTS. GROFF, JONATHAN, MARK R A
CRAB CASTLE → (still having to go to Rec to get a TRIP!).
BB/JW LED. down to Gan Haas out via Star Arch and water chute → MOTHER ENEMY TRIP WITH THE REC.

16/10/01. Jonathan, Geoff, Ross & Adams.
→ CHANTERHOUSE CAVE. - INEVY TRIP. - DIG GOING WEA!

17/10/01. Geoff, Jon (Gandi), Tim, Paul W. & ~~Geoff~~.
SPRING RIVER MINE → WATER VERY LOW SO NO PLAVING ON INNER TUBES.

18/10 Geoff, MARK & Jon (Gandi) → Wansford.

↳ Caves near Grotto

Trip to Longwood August aborted due to late arrival at the hut, decided instead to do the somewhat shorter trip down Hilters. Interesting little caves good fun getting progressively more gorgeous as you go on. You'll be glad to know the breakthrough to Fairy is filling up with water ~~not~~ nicely.

Mark.

Haven't been caving, but looking through the log, realised I haven't written in it for quite some time?

Simon

22 - 26/10/01 MIDDLESEX WING ARE Thanks for use of the facilities - shame about the rain. I caving cavers follow down Boxstone ~~Hill~~ ^{Goatchurch,} Sidcote & Peartpot caves. Philip

16.11.01 Weston Brothers - Epic through trip to celebrate the re-opening of Sunliders. In - Sticks Eat Back Deck via Blackhorse Road, Art Gallery, Rems crawl. 3 hrs (Box S. m's) Equal time in the Quaymoss Arms.

Noxon Park Iron Mine, Underground site, Forest of Dean

DATE: 11-10-01

DIVERS: M B THOMAS, S MARSH, J WISELY

In early 2001 Gavin Newman and Phil Short reached the end of the line in the deep part of the mine, they continued laying line until they reached a stone lined tunnel at a depth of 50 meters, here they turned for home. For several months GN kept saying he must go back and so after foot and mouth had cleared in the Forest of Dean and when GN was claiming to be busy we went to have a look.

The divers arrived at the entrance expecting to see the usual mud bath but were pleasantly surprised to find the entrance dry and dusty. Arriving at the sump pool the divers decided the water levels must be very low, as they had walked down a significant length of the dive line. During kitting up MBT found out he had left his drysuit hood at home and so waited for SM and JW to return so he could borrow a hood and dive. SM and JW dived down the main line stopping about 30 meters short of the end of the line. MBT then dived and after 15 minutes arrived at the end of the line at the stone lined tunnel. At this point in time MBT did not know what happened at the end. The diver was now a little confused, the end of the line was supposed to be at -50 m the diver was at 32m, MBT had forgotten about the low water levels! He was also carrying 50 meters of line and the passage continued. After looking down the tunnel for a while the diver decided that this must be the end of GN line and he might get a bit of a strop on if it grew a bit, so the diver returned to base having a good look around on the way out. About 20 meters back from the end on the right hand wall the diver noticed a side passage that he had not seen on the way in, but due to worsening vis the diver left it for another day.

DATE: 19-10-01

DIVERS: M B THOMAS, S MARSH

After our last dive in Noxon MBT spoke to GN who confirmed the stone lined tunnel was the end of his line and was grateful that we left it alone! However he had no memory of the side passage and was happy for us to take a look. I think GN's memory must have been affected by his imminent 40th birthday.

SM and MBT dived together, SM using back mounted 12l cylinders and MBT using two side mounted 7l cylinders and a 7l chest mount. Both divers had a pleasant dive down to the side passage MBT noticed on his last dive, just short of the end of GN line. MBT tied the line off and set off down a 2meter high 1.5m wide, extremely silty passage for several meters, which broke out into another series of chambers at a depth of -33 meters. The diver set off across the chamber and swam around a huge nose of rock jutting out from the left hand wall supported by two pit props! It is possible to swim underneath this rock but please don't. Just beyond the nose the diver reached the head of a small shaft at a depth of -37 meters the dive line was tied off here as the diver's nitrox mix was too rich to go any deeper, but the passage was seen to continue beyond the bottom of the shaft.

DATE: 20-10-01

DIVERS: G NEWMAN, J WISELY

NON-DIVERS: M B THOMAS, S MARSH

For GN birthday treat MBT and SM volunteered to carry GN kit to the dive site, JW was left to struggle on her own. GN was kitted up with two side mounted 12l cylinders and a chest mounted 10l. He said he was too old to kit up on his own!. the divers aim was to explore beyond the stone lined tunnel. GN reached the end of his line and laid 5meters of line to get through the tunnel, the diver put out about a further 10 meters of line before he realized he was swimming through a

forest of pit props. GN got scared and swam back to the safety of the tunnel and tied off his line. The diver spent several minutes looking for a safe way through or around the pit props but could see none. This area appears to be the last current working face of this part of the mine and is extremely unstable and should be left well alone. Before GN returned to base he had a look along MBT's line and spotted another passage off to the right in the chamber, this was not entered. The diver surfaced after decompression with no problems. While GN was diving MBT and SM measured the distance in the current dry part of the sump from the start of the line to the current sump pool. This was a distance of 70 meters. JW measured the distance from the sump pool down to the junction of the deep passage this was 150 meters. The divers plan next to measure the distance from the junction to the end of both GN line and MBT line.

28/10/01. Jonathan, Kathy, Geoff & Macki.

CWM DUW TO TOP. A MOST SCENIC TRIP
STRAWBERRY WAS GOOD ON THE 'NADS' ~~WAD~~

30/10/01. Geoff → Par.

... THE QUEST TO FIND CUCKOO CLEARS, OR WAS IT JUST
AN EXCUSE TO BE ALONE IN A QUIET FIELD TOGETHER.
"I'M SURE ITS BY THOSE TREES" - "... MAY BE NOT."
→ WELL IT WAS DARK AND AFTER 1/2 OF WALKING WE
DECIDED TO CALL IT A NIGHT. - ITS NOT THAT GOOD A TRIP ~~WAD~~
ANYWAY!

1/11/01 Taff + Par.

Swildon's - at last! ~~WAD~~
Approach passage + out
Cpt to be back - R.
onward to more beer!

3/11/01

WADDS PARK IRON MINE UNDERGROUND SITE
FOREST OF DEAN.

DIRECTS M.B. Thomas, A. Stuart.
Support, Dean party. DSS

M.B.T. found the water level 3m higher than two weeks
ago and the air down to 6m. M.B.T measured the line
from the deep passage Swildon to the start of his line:
21 m, total distance from start of line 240m. He then went
to the end of the line. Layed on 19-10-01 to tidy up

some belay's and spot the other passage of
to the Right of his line. as he way out the
driver did some work on the Main line before
Sartacang after Deco. A. staat did his first
drive to this site down to - 28m.

MBT

3/11/01

CSCA Party - GB

All my kit had shrunk due to lack of use over
the summer!

All the way to the sump - well dusty muddy hole
up to ladder series - where was all the water, its
not fair putting new people through it unless
they get really wet + muddy.

Took loads of photos in end chamber.

Out via Devil's elbow just for the hell of it.

Jim

3/11/01

Soldiers Hole.

M. Thomas, chris C., Mathew: Some Notes from Oxford caving club,

Some things in life are worth the effort, like the rescue
of a BEC member from the soldiers 20! Maybe we
should re-write the song....

MBT

3/11/01.

Jonathan & Geff. → Swallows

THOUGHT WE'D CHECK OUT CONDITION OF MUO SUMP... UMM...

4/11/01 CSCA - 8 down to Sutcliff Sump 1 on return. Met my 2 other cavers - this was the most stat we were warned of! Our took 2 hrs 20 mins for return trip - not bad considering one of the party was only seven.

pm

05/11/01 Jon (Ghano), Tim, Myra & Geoff.

first time trip into Swallows for Tim (soon to be new member). — Amazingly it was 5 'Crawley' swallows?

7.11.01 Bath - Pete H, Colin Shatto, Steve Watson & Aubrey. shaft Wall building at top while Pete drilled more holes & retrieved three of the four ^{sets of} plugs & feathers he got stuck last week. By pub time he had 5 sets stuck. Hope we get some back next week!!

7/11 Manor Farm. — AIDAN, Ross & Geoff

NOT very many s, not very wet - a nice society task

for tomorrow!

17/11/01 WOOLLEY 24.

M. Thomas. J. Wisely

1. Dine to take out the old line in 28.
2. Excellent viz.

16/11 Sutl Sump 1 Aubrey, Steve, Eganell, Field & Pete H. All feathers recovered well nearly finished.

18/11/01

Swildons - to sump 2 + back.
Nik-Nak, Chris G. 2½ hrs

Long, cold, wet trip - C.G through sump 1 for first time to avoid being dragged down by Pete H, M.Thomas + M.Foyle in the future should she have bottled it! Reached sump 2 + returned very wet + cold - C.G very knackered + came out on hands + knees. Visited Tratman's temple + back.

17/11/01

Rods Pot

NBW, Cookie, Carmen, Andy

Morse & Russel Mines. Russel went ahead and finished the trip where we were still getting stayed. He then ran off to catch a bus (the wrong way). The rest of us had a good scrabble around Rods pot.

17/11/01

Back snallet NBW, Cookie, Carmen + Andy Morse

Managed to get to the bottom with two cockles, and some bits of string (three cockles a good idea).

18/11/01

Swildons Andy, NBW, Mark, Cookie

Après sofa burning trap to work the hangover off. Tip top.

17/18/11/01. Rough Pot - Leck Fell. NHASA visit to North.

Pew + Ric Halliwell digging with NHASA North at Rough Pot next to Lost John's - a promising dig heading towards Lost John's Main Drain. Chemical persuasion used at end to enlarge bedding plane.

PP.

19 November
2001

(Mon)

Yeah, u guessed it Bicton College crew is back stronger + fatter to tackle those tiny holes - ahh!

Sidcot - A group of us tackled the fire press + lobster pot where we all got our arses stuck - esp me! Neverthe less we survived cos we're hard! A good few hours caning with all the appropriate bruises + aches!

Goatchurch - Another group tackled the demanding NSCS in Goatchurch - Ha Ha Ha! kinda got lost for a while - (glad i wasn't with them then!) Take got wedged in bloody tight - he's staying there until he loses weight! That's today read on for tomorrow! Bye ;)

20 November Tues
2001

Swildons → Today we tackled Swildons, after a close look at the survey site split into two groups,
The A Team (double 'ard' bastards)
The B Team (Mummy, we're lost!)

The A Team were bloody superb,

ducking + diving, Weaving + Sliding, The long pretty way we graced with our presents first, after about 45 mins we were in the old conotto waiting for the other group which never turned up! We then cruised up the short dry way, up Jacobs ladder and back down the wet way.

Still no gas, baked beans for supper - yeah plenty of gas later!

found Gold Sovereign - now up my ass!

P.S. Checked Surf 12 out - was top notch! (try it!)

Wednesday 24th November.

GB was our destination today! Went to ladder dig and back passage - was very wet and tight! But because we're double hard we managed it with great ease! A great day's earning although Steve wouldn't stop moaning!

Now time for dinner - yum yum!

P.S. Mummy Jane came today, now

part of the hard bastard team!
Although she's now in the kitchen
cooking where she belongs!

Thursday 22nd November.

Yeah, sorry it's our 2nd to last day today so this will probably be the last entry - but we will be back don't worry. Today we went to Rod's ~~flat~~, SLOTH Steve and Oz bugged off, we found them sobbing in the corner lost - don't worry the A team have now rejected them!

Yeah a good day's saving ~~stuff~~.
We had a night giggle at the back!

P.S We will be back! *Bye!*

quote of the day, "Steve you've just killed a dead rabbit!"

FRIDAY 23rd November.

Yeah, try and had back the tars, we're going today! Leon + Oz said a last farewell to Swildons, we would've but couldn't be bothered to get up!

Had a fantastic week - cheers!

LOVE
Sam and Nuala PS. cheers
for me
use of the
quill.

23.11.01. Pauline hasn't heavered
the ceiling lately! (Cobwebs!)

24.11.01 SWILDONS - NIK NAK & NEVILLE

NEVILLE'S LAST TRIP INTO SWILDONS WAS IN 1963 SO HE WANTED TO SEE
WHAT HAD CHANGED AND WHAT HE HAD FORGOTTEN. A TRIP DOWN TO
SWAMP 2 TAKING IN TRAYMAN'S TEMPLE ON THE WAY. NEVILLE ENJOYED
NOT HAVING TO CLIMB BACK UP THE 40' RELAXING TRIP.

1/12/01 Old timers Swildons Trip: Bob Ryke, Abel Cleare
- Ken Dawe to Black Hole Sener. A combined
age of 192 years, and 145 years caving experience --.
Water level high, and swamp I seems a tad
narrower than of old. Hand holes are still in same
place 40 yrs on - Magic trip.

1/12/01 Phil H. Christine G. Swildons. Took tools to clear
the stone blocking the entrance drain - someone has stolen it!
Bit blocked with twigs - Cleared out, then down the
Long Dry to avoid the Wesser Tigris. Met a very slow
party in the Long Dry. Left them in the Old Grotto, then
out via Wet Way. Spontaneously claps, exhilarating -
R.A.

1/12/01 SWILDONS

CHRIS.G., Mike Thomas, Phil Shortt, Pete Marshalland
1.30 am - very pissed, P.S. wanted to go caving so we
all went to the 20' x back - temp outside -3° . Tolly
good fun - all that.

1/12/01 SWILDON'S HOLE

Exhibit
Womers Caves Club
Presy.
Cave Survey
No. 9 No.

LES WILLIAMS, DAVE COOKE, IAN TIMNEY
Maintenance + clean up trip to Mud Sump
It looked like "DAS BOAT" at mud sump but
now it is clean and tidy. THREE BAGS OF
RUBBISH REMOVED + pump brought out for
essential maintenance (ie. it's FU***ED). Found
buckets, bin bags, hessian sacks, hose pipe + wooley
socks filled with sand ^{at double ports} (Jim Rands you Bastard)
brought this out as well with the exception of
the sand, there goes the viz in wooley!
P.S. THE AIR WAS bad on the return.

2/12/01

Manor from: Bob Pyke, Ken Davis, Neil Cleare,
Jeremy Harley, Bob Cork. Unfortunately the presence
of the youngsters spoils the average age compared to
yesterday's Swildons trip. Nevertheless, good hole +
great fun. We celebrated young Jeremy's 60th
with champagne underground!

5/12/01 Bath

Pete H, Keith Fielder, Steven Aubrey -
Very wet - Keith's first trip to bottom.
No draught

12/12/01 Bath

Pete H, Keith F, Steven Aubrey - Very dry
a cold, draught going in. Started survey.

THANKS TO LEE AT THE MFG. A few of us
decided to get wet & venture beyond survey
pan to see the 'ACRO's' supporting the roof in the
terminus chamber!

7/12/01 Weston Brothers to Box S.M. to continue explore
B.D. → The Tank → circular route to G.K.W. a back + Guapmear from

15/12/01 PHILL SHORT AND MIKE THOMAS

Woolley Hole : 70 minute swim from 3 to 27 looking for HEFFALUMPS AND WOOZLES then returning to 3 and on to 1 returning our KEEP BY CLEANING THE LIGHTS FOR THE GUIDE.

15/12/01 Hawke, Judy, Phil Parlow (!) Paul, Andy, Wendy, Prew
to Sandforderry. Photographic workshop, sketching school.
A nice non-strenuous afternoon stroll.

followed by Ian Terney's 50th birthday bash at
the Hawks. A good time had by all (R.H.)
(Guys who forgot to put a fire in the carra? - I bet this is edited out of the jnl)

13/12/01 Mark & Vern Eastwater 13 pets & Regent Street
2 kept me with time to kill & little sense decide to
visit eastwhere? it was going to be 13 pets only
except mark's dodgy memory refused to accept that there was
a wet crawl on the way to regent street (despite several
previous trips) so we had to go there - I've forgotten
all about it again already!

16/12/01 Harry Potter + Hermoine Granger Wizard
Cacers寿司の森 SUMP 1 + MOD SUMP.
"AROMORRA" but the sump did not
open - returned to surface to check
spell book @ Roger Dumbldores.
Plenty 'o' Muggles to be seen.

26/12/01 Walk to Woolley Hole via Higher Pitts, Elbow Gorge, and
back via devon routes. A nice sunny, frosty start - but
the hill on the way back is a killer

Investigated several small lakes in upper Gorge 2³/₄ hrs. Phil R.

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- 27/12/01 Phil Sturt & Andy Judd
Quick evening trip to Sump C in swallows.
Very low water (didn't even get wet till sump.)
Line in sump 1 very frayed needs replacing.
- 28/12/01 Phil Sturt, Andy Judd, Mike Thomas
Round trip in Aonwen Huelgas (6 entries then out
southern stream) minimum vert upper 7½ hour
trip.
- 23/12/01 G.G. Dilberdul Route - Dom, DEBS, KEN & EM.
Excellent sample followed by a scramble to Mud Walls
south east pot. Proper job walk in & out in the heat.
- 24/12/01 hot Johns - Centipede Route to Master Cave
Dom - DEBS - EM, KEN & ROB (EM's dad) Excellent trip
in the cave which was rather wet & noisy below
Buttleaxe. Plenty of evidence of flooding in lower
cave.
- 29/12/01 PEZ, TOMMO + Paweł G.B. PHOTO TRIP!!
Bardzo Tadna jaskinia, jak dla mnie
trochę za ciepta (może ubrać się
zbyt grubo)
Paweł Kryszkowski z Wielkopolskiego
Klubu Taternicza Jaskiniowego
(It is a very nice cave, I was very hot - (maybe I was
over-dressed) Paweł Kryszkowski, Wielkopolskiej Club,
Taternictwa, Jaskinia carving in Taternictwa)
- 30/12/01
Goatchurch - Alison candlelight sherry and mince pie trip.
20 underground, with Paul, Alison, Nigel Graham, Geoff
Newton, Barry, Martin Walkerian, Maureen, Judy Hawkes, Tom,
(See over)

29 - 12 - 01

M. Thomas, Chris G., Gavin N., J. Wisely

Dan - Yr - ogof 4 hrs approx

Very snowy afternoon in Wales. Two women, an old gal and - well - Mike - went in river entrance = bloody cold swim. Through snow cave and saw very unusual formations such as snowmen and xmas trees etc. Through lakes & boulder chamber, through Mike's favourite long crawl, up past crystal pool and then came all the pretty stuff. Thousands of long straws beautifully backlit by gavin's light (wished he had his camera. We were glad he didn't!) Down Green canal & back round the camel (Jo & I went the squeezy way). Played ropes & ladders in various places.

Absolutely superb trip. Thank you Mike + Gavin. I now have a cold but it was more than worth it! C.G.

30 - 12 - 01

Goatchurch (cont) Tasha Phil - Dan Hendy, Adrienne - Judith Vandeplassche, Christine Grosart, Glyn, Julie Bolt, Kevyn, Dave Walker, Murray Knapp All to the Boulder Chamber where refreshments were consumed. Then to the surface via trademans leaving the entrance to go to the drypits. Very gentlemanly, nice to see Adrienne in a skirt!

30/12/2001 SWILDONS HOLE - DOM - MAR - KEV OPEN.
PIRATE CHAMBER & SHATTER VIA WINDING & TREMBLES THEN A DUCK HOLE IN 4 STREAMS BEFORE OUT - 6 hrs GOOD TRIP. - Another example of Mike's dodgy memory it was only as we thrashed back out of pirate that I remembered why it's been 8 years since I was last there!

31 - 12 - 01

G. B. Phil Hendy, Chris G., Dan,

Steady wander around main chamber, round & down the oxbow & back up waterfall. Couldn't find Denis Elbow but

didn't try very hard either! Bit of photography by Phil +
Chris. 2 hrs approx.

31-12-01 Longwood (~~Butch's~~ moment, Kev's Wellie and New
Jo's Leather Trim) Butch, Carmen, Kev, Jonathan, Chef, New Jo.
Down to Reynolds passage - trying to catch up with Butch
who was behind us. Up to Wet Gallery (Butch had
a moment with a loose rock along way off the ground)
out August (Wellie grabbing rock on right). Good trip -
transport courtesy of Chef and Butch to avoid
damaging leather trim.

2002

1-1-02 New Years Day Jonathan + Paweł + (for Driving)
Swildon's to show our Polish Guest the
joys of Mendip caving.

Naprawdę fantastyczna jaskinia, poczuciem
sąsiedztwa jak w Anglii. Polskie „wiktoria”
woły tu niestety nie skutkuje - „musisz
się zmoczyć”. Wielkie podziękowania dla
klubowiczów z WCC za miłą atmosferę

Paweł Krzyżkowska

"Fantastic cave, Polish paper traverse to getting wet. Many thanks for warm
hospitality - a great atmosphere".

1-1-02 Kathy, Phil + Dan H to Cuckoo Cleaver. Gate frozen shut
but beat it into submission. Waste of time as we bolted out on
the drops into the Canyon. But we swept away a few cobwebs
(debateable if this was the first tops of the year, see above) PAH
(cold, slippy, tricky and only 100 ft in!)

3/1/02 KNOCKHUNDRED STRIKES AGAIN

Peter Jenkins, Daniel Fluey, Ian Tunney to Devils. Peter and Daniels first trip to the Sump and beyond. We enjoyed a good old splash down the sump too, then up to the Black hole for a look, we had intended to bottom the Black hole with Simon and Es Turner but Simon was not well, so we will be back another day.

5-01-02

THE NITE I NEARLY DIED IN THE FOG.

WHO THE F@#K PARKS THEIR CAR ACROSS THE CROSSROADS AT THIS HOURS IN THE FOG!!

THANK CHRIST FOR W.A.S.T SKIDPATS DRIVER TRAINING,
+ THANK BOB FOR THE STRONG MEDICINE COFFEE
TO AID MY RECOVERY.

ERM... MAYBE I SHOULD DRIVE A BIT SLOWER AS WELL.

01-01-02 OGOF BRAENEN - MARK, DOM & BUTCH

First trip to Oxford extensions for us. Down through Elptic, Snowball, & the last Sandwich! to enter More Slaggy + dasney - an enormous trunk passage leading part out of the Blue - a fine 1k long Steamway, and on to into the Black and then out. 8hrs approx.

05-01-02 OGOF BRAENEN MARK + DOM

Back to the Oxford Extensions. This time we visited the War of the Worlds area with (supposedly) the second largest passage in the country. An outrageous passage with many fine formations if you hunt them out! 11hrs approx.



10-01-02 VERN, MARK, CARM.

VERN SAYS HE DOESN'T DO DRIVE UPS SO I WILL. MINERED EASTMERE FOR LIB INSURD. DUNNS CLBERS, LADDERS,
GROUT CHAMBER + BATT PASSAGE. (WHERE WERE THE BATS)

BAD AIR ALL THE WAY THERE, POOR 'KEPT' FELLOWS.

BUZZARD AND TOO MUCH XMAS POP!

WALK EXIT SHOWER. NO, CLOVES WALKER MADE THEM
THE MORE HAD TO GO DO THEIR CHORES - SHOPPING
BURGH, I WANT TO BUT PROBABLY TOO MARRIED CUP
OF TEA

12/1/02 WITHYHILL CAVE. Phil H, Camer, Kathy, Jonathan. Photographic
trip to Column Chamber and Icay Flak Chamber. Phil failed to eat Green
Half Grotto, but some good pictures were taken. Much more crawling and
hurting than I remembered - or am I getting fat? The bat grotto does not appear
to be working. (PH)

12/1/02 SWILDONS HOLE. Kev, EM, Cookie

Through The Troubles to bail the sump in Lovet Frailt
Chamber. The plan was to attack Watergate.
(UN) Fortunately my lamp failed at the point so have
done all the ground work we were forced to leave
it for another day.

As around, to one time of 'I like spunking'

FF

I like bailing, I like bailing

Bailing sums, Bailing sums

I like bailing shit ones, I like bailing shit ones

Shit sum grumps, shit sum grumps.

FF

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13/1/02 SWILDONS. NW, Cookie

Better training for down to Sump 1, change to
Mod Sump and out. Mod Sump level has dropped
3 feet since the beginning of December. Must drain
slowly in low water conditions. Time to attack it!

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17/1/01 Cuchoo Cleaves - Carmen + Phil. To some of the ends.

What a step thinky care. Phil gripped once or twice. I do not think I will do this care again for a while.

17/1/01 Manse Fores - Carmen + Mac, - to the very endiest of end bits, (MAC's studio 100A). exploring all the passages off, and at again. Bad air coming up the entrance shaft.

17/1/02 Box S.M. Back Door - Wind Tunnel - Brewers. Weston Brothers.

22/1/02 Geatt, Paul W + Jon, Ty Whinns ~~forest~~
Boving cave, down to the scraps and tracts.
Nothing to particularly recommend. Livened up the evening therefore by rolling the motor on the way to the Hunters - one smashed to pieces Volvo and a lesson about when to buy new tyres. - ..
- Jon, 10 mins post crash.

25/1/02 Manor Farm Scallet - reserve. Woman could not climb September left (rigged with a rope) Pres. Rick West, various DEC + MRC wardens + Phil H. Worst part was getting to the cave - very muddy after 1 1/2 days heavy rain. Casually came out under own steam with the aid of a ladder and a tight lifeline. Debrief (and tea) at Chatsworth Centre, all back in time for the Hunters.
(PH stayed on top - no hit, honest)

P.T.

24/1/02 Weston Brothers. Box S.M. Excellent trip
B.D. → Tank → cliff passage - B12 - Wind Tunnel - Brewers - out top grill - Robots - B12 - Eastgate - Back door.
Filmed by HTV in Quaymans Arms (including free Beer!) Various light ancillary lights fiddled with by Weston Major on return journey due to failure to charge Nife before trip. Weston Minor provided

his final packet of 'Japanese Seaweed Soup' during the lunch break at 'Eastgate' (thankfully he promises it is the final packet). Cavers be where they're found. Miners be where they're dug".

23/11/02 Bath Pete H, Keith F, Steve Watson, Colin Shapter, Aubrey
Pete & Keith played at oven climbing but don't like big rocks. Rest of roved spoil from dig - looks interesting but we need cement ('here we go again') (climbed 20ft of oven)

30/11/02 Bath Pete & Aubrey - Yes we got the right name for Shower Pot - Fucking Net everywhere until bottom passage.

21/11/02 Sandford Lerry - Pew & Also Bloody (yes really). Trip to see if we could find the cave & also to see if it would be suitable for Golden Oldie trip next Christmas. Looked at all bits & pieces that didn't need ladder or maypits. Cave pearls seem to recover quite well after recent damage.

The ski centre people would like cavers to book in & out at the reception office. There is no problem with access, however out of courtesy it's wise to ask to use their carpark.

2/12/02 Swildons Hole: Vic Cooper AND Phil Short.

Down To Sump 5 in HIGH water levels. Line in sump 1 almost BROKEN. most of swildons s a series of rooms due to high water levels. 4 hours

26-01-02 Oscar Danner - Max, Ned & Carmen

Trip to Wasser Sauer for sightseeing & fine bouldering projects.
(Cave exceedingly wet after heavy rain!) Boulders enough! Came in
hotole who built around it (possibly a Dambo). One boulder
further bouldering to gain way on. Down hard down under for
Eden, then out.

29-1-02 GB MAK & SO

To Does go caring!

29-II-02 Hunters Vern & Mak

Just wanted practice on string so we rigged everything
including the Superstars Y-hang 6' off the floor of the ~~the~~
entrance pitch (Pre climbable.) {

31-1-02 Phil Hartmann - Stage Masters - photographic workshop with digital and
classic cameras. Several hours viewing around wall lighting couples followed
by a climb up 6x in the crown.

Humor has it that Brown's Rally Hole is now looked by the fat boulders.

02-02-02 GB Ausp - Uncle Rob V, Ann V, and Jon Wood.
Uneventful trip to White Passage with nice stream
in the George. Son & Rob into West extension off of
White Passage where a small white creature ran past
the back of Robs neck and along the wall past
Jon. Wood and then disappeared at great speed
down stream running along the wall, neither had
any idea what it was but they were definite it
didn't have a tail!

03/02/02

charthouse - warren farm (Swallet?). Alison Moody
Les Williams, Dave Goto

A Rather trepidatious trip to this superb cave.
there are 3 squeezes and having abandoned my
oversuit at the first, I managed to pass them all
in + out - I AM AFTER ALL OFFICIALLY THIN!!
nice pretties + bones of reindeer and Arctic + others.
Many thanks to Alison. Les.

P.S. Isn't it about time some fat people went
digging so we don't have to squeeze into things

25-27th Jan 2001

WCC TRIP TO DEVON - With a cast of thousands
(13 actually) we popped down to Buckfastleigh for the
weekend to annoy some Cavers who thought
that they (2) had a sole booking AGAIN!.

Friday evening we were suitably motivated and
Tigers. Went to Dog Hole (Dogleg Extention) Russel
Suffered on back at first Squeeze and joined
paper tigers pidd trip!! End of Dog Hole Extension
is superbly decorated chamber of immense proportions
(Honest!) (no really!). Retired to pub (Kings Arms) for Official
Lock-in prior to early(ish) start on Sat. Met Ken
Dawle at Radford Cave for trip round twice (ensures
kev 3 times) and then back to Penrecca for
some SRT and explanation of Stile Caves. We
did NOT piss off Greater Horseshoe but in lower
tunnels as he was still there on our return.
Back to Kings Arms in torrential rain for
official lock-in, 1.00 AM!! Sunday afternoon
dawned bright(ish) and cheery(ish) and we set off to

Bakers pit. Superb trip with 12 persons, & I
all the cave with the exception of intertidis passage
off of judges chamber (couldn't succer anybody
into it, except Mr Cooke, MR Morse + MR Timney)
Back to DSS Hut for tea and then off to
Hound Tor to have Hound Burgers at the
Hound of the BASKET MEALS, walked up Hound TOR
in the rain + Gale force wind + had photo's
taken doing Semaphore from the top of the tor.
back to Carpark + forced to eat more Burgers
Lakes + ~~Fast~~ tea.

Excellent weekend enjoyed by All.

Key Players Were:- Mr Williams (Les), Mr Cooke, Mr
Morse, Mr Timney, Mr DAWE, Mr Richardson, Ms Williams (so)
EMASIE + Kev, Mad Dr Russel mines, BIFF + Lou, R Mark.

19/11/02 Juniper Gulf, Morse, NBW, B.f, Lou,
DSS: Andy Rummung, Alan, Lee
Morganagi Ian + Peter Wilton Jones.
warm-up trip for the Berger. Final shaft as
classic as ever. Fun with GPS's to find our way
back in the dark. Lock-in in the Helwith Bridge Inn

20/11/02 Lancaster Hole to County Pot same cast as above
A trip to build up stamina. Plenty of water
at the County Pot end.

Back in York Shire - A classic weekend. Just
like old times.

9/2/02 Bit & Lou

Ex Libris
Wesley Gore Chub
Pisgah
Bomagreen
Acc No.

Rhino Rift ~ Left hand to BEC dig. Uhhh!

6-II-02 SWILLOWS SUMP I HALL & SO
WOULD HAVE BEEN A QUICK TRIP BUT FOR PICKING
UP A COUPLE OF OTHER CANERS EN ROUTE (THEY HAD
FORGOTTEN SOME KIT, & ASKED TO FOLLOW US). CANADIANS ARE
ALMOST AS SCORN AS YANKS

9/2/02 ... SWILLOWS SUMP (1.5 mi. SW of Hwy 125)
moss, catt., kav, em, hawk hawk; kav, kav, mire (in rock);
Good trip. Water levels nice & high. (LES = BUSY WITH FOREST AND
MASS BIRDS)

9/2/02 ... SWILLOWS HOLE AND SWILLOWS AND PHILLIPS SITE.
DIVE MOD SUMP. AMB. INT. LOWER FLOOR. (WATER AT NEUTRAL
HULL LEVEL) BLUE REMN. P. G. INTO WATERLINE, PALE CHARTREUSE
WITH FINE IRIDESCENT SPOTS (FEGO) WHICH TURN WHITE
OVER TIME. A LITTLE ALUMINA WHICH IS PROBABLY THE PROGRESSIVE
MINERAL FORMATION OVER ALL. NO. STONE WAS RECENTLY
REMOVED, WHICH LEAVES THE CAVITY ALL EXPOSED AND UNCOVERED.
A ROCK FLOOR IS COVERED WITH A LAYER OF THE HULL
MUD WHICH HAS BEEN LEACHED BY RAIN, CLOUD, ETC. HEAVILY REWORKED
WORLDWIDE. KEEPS ON REWORKED AND REWORKED. HULL LINE IS CLEAR.
SCATTERED BIRD BONES ARE CONCENTRATED IN THE HULL
AND ARE LEACHED. CONCHIFORM FAUNA (CONCH SHELLS) FOUND
RECENTLY. THE HULL IS A SMALL ADAMITE PLUTONIUM NODULE
AND THIS ONE IS HOLDING IN A FAIRLY COOL WAVE WHICH HAS
WASHED FAUNA OUT. CONCHIFORM FAUNA FOUND HERE. IN THE HULL
PLUTONIUM FAUNA IS PLENTY PLenty OF CONCHIFORM FAUNA.
PHOTOGRAPHED. LIGHTLY PAINTED WITH CONCHIFORM FAUNA
AFTERNOON TRNDLE

Buy a decent pen Bob!

PHOT
CHEAP PAPER

Sorry Phil - can you
write it again? S.

16/2/02 Bob, Noel & Ken do G-B, Ladder Dig, with idea
of trying (second attempt) to enter the Big chamber.
Reboring from Bob's Passage, we poked upward
into vapours realms of hanging death, in that realm.
Attempts finally frustrated by Ken's lamp box - fascinating
exhibition of 1950's caving light technology - Rotten
rusty cells, faulty contacts, stinky with blocked jets ---
He exited with torch gripped in teeth, partially
blowing the usual string of oaths. We emerged
SAFELY and unusually QUIETLY ----. KEN HAVING
NOEL'S SPARE TORCH IN HIS TEETH. EVEN KEN WAS SILENCED.
FROTH LAYER AT BOTTOM OF CAVE WAS @ 6' FROM LIP
OF LADDER DIG, so about 10' up from FLOOR.
SUNDAY 17.2.02 KEN'S REVENGE, TAUGHT NOEL HOW TO MAKE
EVERY POSSIBLE MISTAKE ON THE SAT TOWER.

13/2/02 Wednesday night digging Bath Swallet. Keith F took his drill
and his metal rod and applied a bit off Hilti technology to the
boulder above the pitch. Above ground Aubrey, gazing watching
with dally shoulder sun lights in the trees, he was right,
someone was around the vehicles, we investigated. I dropped
the stone I was carrying when we found it to be three or four
caravans looking for a tow because their vehicle has got
stuck further along the track by Leads Cavern.
Scannell went to the rescue and with adrenalin going
through the red (+ panic) he managed to reach the
stranded LANDROVER, which had stuck off the track
and down over a bank and pulled it out with his
TOYOTA HILUX. Hilux 'I'-LANDROVER 'O'. To summing this about
it was a sticker on the window of the Landy stating
'CAVERS DO IT IN THE MUD'. They certainly did something in
the mud.

P.S. It's a shame in the last Worcester Journal to see the tourist photo's of Bath Swallet, without a picture of Aubrey & Pete Ham, who spent so much time and effort digging it out for them. Very few people joined in the digging at any time — Bob Scamell.



I'm sure that photos of Aubrey & Pete would've been published (that's if they'd been submitted off course!). Where's the Club Spirit??

— It has been supplied to you

23/2/02. Fred Felted. To top of 20.

Hanover

Bob

16-II-02 WORCESTER JOURNALS WCC & DEVON CEDER MEET

Top Tip Yorkshire doesn't do food after 9pm on Friday — don't worry though as the bar is astonishing & quite filling in the choice of food. All those that ate managed to get underground & rig the cave before midday those that didn't picked at their breakfasts & finally got motivated to go caving sometime in the afternoon as most were leaving the cave, we weren't the last in as the WCC Tigers that had decided to do Atom first were last down — Given the complete lack of planning & confusion it worked like a dream — Proper Job

17-II-02 SIMPSONS FULL THROUGH WORCESTER JOURNALS (IAN, PETE, IAN,

COOKIE, BIF, LES, STEVE TOWNS (Ellesdon), IAN TINNEY, WCC

WCCD of been a quick trip but for the boulders in fact oh & the fact that Pete, Les, Steve & I (me) were at the back on the way in & suddenly found ourselves at the front after Ian & Cookie went down the wrong pitch!!!

28th/11/02 WESTON BODS BOX MINES

BACKDOOR - BLOWERS - BROWNS GATE STREET, LEFT

BACKDOOR, GUARDMANS. THE LAST WITH THE
BEST.

22.2.01. harper's crossed back with no awards. a 3rd. 2.1
- a 4th, a 5th & 6th followed. Back to sister's & friend's all
together home about 11pm on Tuesday after night's 2nd & yesterday's
service delayed, and now... went to the 3rd gig again
~~Jameson's~~ . until now the gigging all in

23/2/01 Sunday Hole - Phil H, solo. Long dry, to 20, out via Short Dry
Zig Zags - blocked. Baptist Crawl - got stuck. Pulled a thigh muscle
below the 40. My 36 exp. film ran out at 26. Followed Sparrow + rabbithole
of York kids all the way. A very enjoyable trip ~13h.

16.2.02, Tac Bean Little Neath river cave,
A few Divers on the way in very wet..
turned back at canal, "in not stupid"?

23.2.02, Tac Bean, John, East Water,
Boulder collapse getting brighter good trip, John's
last trip down east water may be his last.

23.2.02 TALL GRAHAM, MORSE, COOKIE, NICKNAC, + DUNCAN FOSTER, DES MCNAULY + BRIAN COLLIN,
TOURING IRISH CAVERS.

NIC'S TRIP TO BAT PASSAGE + GREAT CHAMBER TAKING IN THE DEVILS ELBOW +
THE WHITE WAYS. WE MET LOTS OF CAVERS UNDERGROUND SOMETHING THAT
DOESN'T HAPPEN IN IRELAND. G.

24.2.02. VERN, MORSE, TALL GRAHAM, + (DUNCAN, DES + BRIAN). OUR ILLUSTRIOUS
leader brought us on a tourist trip to sump two. ENSURING we were
well maintained en route. Excellent trip + Fantastic Cave. THANKS VERN. G.

24/2/02 "Gillie" Trip to Sandford Hwy Mine -
Pauline → Leading (yes → dad too!) took
Carmen 'cause it was her idea, and Rosie
came along with Finsic + Aileen as well. We
arrived at Ski Lodge - in dining shack / room -

Pauline reported us in at bridge - & on my return Rosie & Gwstie were leaving a goon tea-trays, hurtling down this ski slope after snatching traps off of kids! Carmen took pictures!

Off to find the man - Pauline found it straight away - no problem! First down the hole & this time avoiding falling down Badger-holes.

I think all girls enjoyed it - Lots of oohs & Aahs, saw one bat, some pearls - wat tags & Right at Cross Roads along passage not ventured before by Pauline. Felt quite daring - lots of prob - finished at end of tunnel - came back; stopped off for chips in Cheddar & Alice sat in her undies all way home - Dropped her off at Paddy Green by her gate & watched her run all the way to her house, only to find she was locked out! Doing the horribile thing - we drove off! Good trip - lots of fun. Came home to find the welcoming committee has all passed off home!

- Formation of new caving group:

Girlie Action Group & South West Action Ladies Love Orange Wellies
Fairly uneventful - had to perform EPR on Pauline (Emergency Pier Recovery), Aileen broke a nail. Thanks Prew for laying out the paving slabs for us!



27/2/02 Weston Brothers on T.V. (4TV paid for the beer)!! Lesser persons can rub shoulder with us at Hunters. Weston Minor drinks Butcombe, 'The Other', Exmoor. Don't hang back girlies!

1/3/02 ~~Box~~ S. Miners. Further explanation to the outer limits via B. 300. Eastgate, B12, shafts.

2/3/02 - JONATHAN, KATHY, CHEF, GOLF + SUITCASE - OGOF DRAENEN

Finally make it down to the Wessex Series to admire "our" bit of the cave. Non + Gentle Gho. Still loads to find down there. Perhaps a short cut to the Golden Arches... AND "A FILET OF FISH FOR MY WIFE" passage - (yet to be uncovered).

2/3/02 - University of Kent - (Nigel, Paul, Yoshi, Yusuke) - Goatchurch + GB

Did Goatchurch in the morning. Good trip down from the main entrance round to the Tradesmen entrance.

Back to put for lunch, then off to GB. Went down to the Bridge and back good trip, then had by all. Off to the Hunters for a well deserved pint

3/3/02 - University of Kent (Paul, Yoshi, Yusuke) - Wildong

Nice wet trip down the streamway to the 20 foot pitch, then back out. Wet fun as always

Had a great weekend. The Wessex members friendly and hospitable as ever (Thanks to Christian for letting us join in her 21st birthday celebration)

We'll be back (we hope)

5/3/02 - UPM, LAURE - RHINO RIVER

QUICK BLAST TO THE BOTTOM OF 3RD PITCH, AND OUT. 3RD PITCH IS STILL VERY LOSE AS LAR FOUND OUT WHEN A LARGE DISLOGED BOULDER EXPLODED AT THE BOTTOM:

8/3/02 Mike O. ^{Wore} (Plyford Independent Speleological Society 1985) Ben Scarcliffe Sunkers streamway and fish about as day ways, water levels very civilized. Almost a more spacious left. None of the rock floors and still had light fail!

9/3/02 Moron park underground site.

SDO diving trip; water levels still high w/ 3 m. The diver spent an enjoyable 6 hours replacing Gavins explorations line with 6mm line. Double carry's were needed as the Diver opted to take 10 cylinders into the hole.

Mike Thomas

8/3/02 Box S. Mines. B. door, fast gate, B12.

B.P., Brewster (photo's), quick route to shafts/staircase (photo's). W.O. route into chft Services Tank, A0, Cathedral (photo's) B. door exit. 3 HRS. Weston Brothers + several hours in Huang Mens Arms. (Many big roof falls in W.O. Route, some may be new).

15/3/02. Moron park underground site

Another solo trip; 75 min dive Remaining old line and installing 6mm line upto the limit of exploration in the passage with the rest so race shafts in the float! Glad I'm off to France soon, will not have to come back for a bit. OIS 6-8m today. Mike

The Complete Caves of Gozo - marine and fresh

7/3/02 Calypso's cave or candle. Small hole overlooking the sea. Traditionally a site ~~where~~ mentioned in Homer's *Odyssey*.

15/3/02 Xerri's and Ninja's caves. Two small show caves in the tectonic limestone cap of Gozo, formed during well digging operations. Both have some pretty formations, ~~but~~ even if they are small. The obligatory stereo pictures taken.

24/3/02 Shitter Cave. Night Demoneade + 2 led by Phil H. A pleasant 1½ hr trundle, partly well impressed with the prettiness. First (and last) top for Sal, who grunted a bit on the squeezes. "Nice to have done it, but not bitten by the bug". Phil H.

20/3/02 Bath Snaked Aubrey + Petet H. plus 3 x BDH containers, 1 bag of sand, 2 ladders, 1 rope - did some cementing. It was damp but not too wet. The tellies/stabbies stayed at home (Keiths)! - I guess there was a good film on.

29/3/02 Toyota Hilux '2'. Landrovers 'O'. Scammell's to the rescue again.

30/3/02 StopGo + Ross

Great trip round upper pits, took in the above, sights and sounds of the changing room, proceeded along the corridor and into the 'lounge'. Quick excursion to the waters then back to the bunkroom to complete the 'round trip'.

'Where the f*** is everyone?'

↓ Yorkshire, Ireland + France!!

3/13/02 Shatter Cave (again!) Phil H led the Vandaphunks, mithamay and photography. All v impressed, especially Anne with 2 squeeze bts Phil H

1-5 April 2002. After the enforced lay off last year it was very nice to be back on membership for our annual "post-South Wales" apres-hike meet. The usual first day visit down 8 miles down the road off the Welsh main road, followed by the equally traditional Tuesday evening meal for associated members (or members' spouses as one of the participants chose to call themselves). Our Welsh provide a welcome respite from the last 6 months of hectic digging on Lick Fell (The dig on Lick is Rough Pot which Jimmy had helped with WCC because Diggs Hems helped at the site for at least weekend 1935 when the lost John note was first successfully descended down Rough Pot, digging up lost John and allowing the 2nd descent of Monasty Pitch and the first trip to follow the stream through to Shole Cavern).

Very impressed with the state of desolation of the hut.

Phil & Phil Hellard

3.14.02 St Lukes Aubrey (+Keith F)

Struggled to bottom with bucket of cement - stuck some rocks in bottom of dig - started out. Keith arrived after I had rolled up ladder!

14-4-02 Hunters Hole

Chris G, Butch, Andy Morse

First SRT trip for Chris, without incident. Very careful, casual trip to bottom of last pitch and back up again. Learning all the time and looking forward to France... (Thank you Andy & Butch for your patience!)

14/4/02 Maurice, Paul and I made photo trip to waterfall town stereos in the water net and portraits in old bath. What the stereophotographer has failed to mention is that he kept his two models under various waterfalls for ages as he wanted "nice" wet shots with plenty of "sparkling water effects".

12-04-02

ESSOX LARRY PROVIDED ANOTHER TERRIFIC WEEKEND
HAD BY ALL ONCE AGAIN THANK YOU ESSOX CLUB
FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY.

- Steve Chas -

13-04-02

Rhino Rift Butch & More - Rigged R.hand route & left hand route. Some performing by Butch on the R.hand route, first. 'V'hang needs a ring hanger but none available so imagination was used. Left rigged for the "Berger training weekend".

13-04-02

Hunter Hole Butch & More - Rigged direct & sago exchange trip! Left rigged.

14-04-02

Hunter Hole Butch, More & Christine. Quick trip in Hunter. Christine first set up.

14-04-02

Hunter Lodge Inn Hole. Butch & More. Went in and had a cook. we each took out a rock.

14-04-02

Rhino Rift Butch, More, Nick Nale & B.J.
Re-rigging trip back LH and RH routes. That's enough caring for this weekend.

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17-04-02 Bath Pete & Aubrey (Teletubbies stayed at home again!)

Just a little water turns Mendip digs to Glop!
this is no exception.

6-5-02 Weston Brotten to Box S. M's. (Northern Area)
Cliff workings to Crane Country. Out via B.Door.
3HRS. Excellent Trip. Pub afterward
where are we brother? "F*cked if I know"

19/4/02.

NICE TOOK BACK ~~RE~~ REPATRIATION MSG OF
COOD NURSE O'SHAG!

Box S. M's.

19/4/02 Weston brothers (Northern Area - Far Northern cliff workings) many artefacts including a corrugated tin lid but also several v. large, muddy collapses. Out via crane ~~falling~~ ^{counTRY} and Back door ("Hanging Death" in AO package can easily be bypassed). Still plenty to see & should keep us busy for many more trips!
3 hrs. Pubs afterwards.

21/4/02 Suillows 4 & 8 - Back & Mud Sump. - Kev & Emsie.

Water levels were disappointingly low. Nice steady trip to look at swamps 3 & 4. Went back to the fridges but still not enough air space, so we carried on to Mud Sump to give the siphon time to do its stuff.

Kev got his kite stuck in the tree at the back of the Weston. The foolish boy ~~performed~~ performed acrobatics to rescue it. Fortunately, the only injury was to Biff's hand from the climb back down.

21/4/02 Suillows - Andy Moore, Ed, MAK

Down to swamp den had a look at mud swamp

20/4/02 G.B. MRD Practice Session.

Kev, Emsie, Cookie, Jo Wimley & Prew attended MRD kit airing down G.B. Well attended with over 30 participants. Dr Jo demonstrated First Aid kit while various others showed headphones, drag sheets & Hot Air kit etc. Stretcher handling & carrying also shown. Photos taken by Prew. A useful couple of hours. Thanks to Chertsey Centre for use of car park & minibus.

RP

20th/4/02 Jonathan, Becht + Sutcase

Ogot Draenen, the old wise carver and the young eager apprentices embarked on a trip to the further reaches of Draenen. Didn't quite reach The War of the Worlds as Beans Wedding was calling. Back soon.

27th/4/02 Woomer 24 Andy sold Phill Short

Just another "Short" carrying trip. Very Excellent.

Andy discovered religion on way back. Repeatedly calling for Jesus. At possible 5 word or one sentence record set (274). Andy burned into an umps lump due to staying much.

Phill "Moral Support" was his usual jovial self.

28/4/02 Chris, Andy & Phill. Swindons 2 & up to mud days.

These country girls seem to have deformed hands or Chris (Put your right hand in) didn't, Cahic gloves were made for specific hands.

Phill had his first full on Lardas arrest due to the gravity defying exploits of the acrobat he was carrying with, and marveled at the change in the umps lump's fitness level since yesterday.

16/1/02 Alison Moody, Dave Warman, Kermit, Andrew Main, Steve Turner + Tom Stearn

GB - tourist to Bat Passage with Dave taking photos.

20/1/02 Pete + Alison Moody. - Avelinos

Trip to look at the end dig. A good site but a lot of sand to shift. Also had a look at the left hand side passage. Interesting Z shaped squeeze + then free climbable soft to rejoin the 'stream'. Water

Other sides in a very narrow rift. (Not too promising + would need bang).

22/1/02 - Charterhouse ~~Stalactite~~ Cave

Alison Moody, Steve Turner, Andrew May + Tom Stearn
Tourist trip - cave quite wet + very draughty.

27/1/02 - Aveline (5 minutes)

Alison Moody. A second look at Gho and dig which is now 3' under water, so a very short trip.

29/1/02 Alison Moody, Dave Warman, Kermit Andrew May, Tom Stearn + Steve Turner. Tourist & trip to 2nd Mud Sump (well flooded) and Sump I (foamy + scummy)

3/2/02

5/2/02 Alison Moody, Dave Warman, Steve Turner, Tom Stearn, Andrew May. General tourist to ST Alacite's Hall, down Forty Bucks and up Coffee Pot. Much sticky mud, (took longer to clean the kit than to do the trip). Dave taking photos.

10/2/02 Pete + Alison Moody.

Swildane - Lowbow.

Trip to revisit Gho dig at the downstream end of Lower Lowbow. This is a mud choked rift heading down dip and could give a connection with Renaissance (on Gho same line and about the same height). The rift appears to possibly bend to the left after 5'. Looks worth a digging trip.

12/2/02 Alison Moody, Dave Warman, Tom Stearn
and Andrew Moon.

Singing Five Holes - Cave very wet. Tourist
trip and as it was Shrove Tuesday, pancakes
were served in East Chamber (these were transported
underground in a BDH container + kept warm with
a hot water ~~bottle~~^{bottle}). We will probably all get
cadmium poisoning.

17/2/02 Pete + Alison Moody
- Warren Farm, Red Deer Dig

Trip to start dig at the upstream choke in Red Deer.
Incredible spoil - totally dry soft red/orange sand,
that flows through your fingers (horst). Bagged the
spoil in sacks made from fertilizer bags. A large
pit was excavated, but unfortunately the digging face
is at the end of a large passage + the roof is
dipping steeply downwards. Difficult to know where the
best place to dig is as we really don't want to
have to remove all the fill.

*If anyone knows a source of ready made
synthetic sacks (not hessian) we would be very
grateful *

19/2/02 Alison Moody, Andrew Moon, Tom Stearn .
Warren Farm - Tourist Trip.

(If anyone else would like a trip down Warren
max - 2 + bade, please give Alison a ring on 01769
870006 .

24/2/02 Alison Moody (3rd trip down Warren in a week, time to retire again). Jude + Adrian Vandeplassche Warren Farm, photo trip. Adrian's ammo box nearly became a permanent, extremely expensive ~~but~~ but very useful foothold below the Crowscrew, when the handle broke on the way out. Unfortunately, we were eventually able to retrieve it.

26/2/02 Andrew Moon (lader), Tom Stearn, Steve Turner + Alison Moody.
Reservoir Hole.

17/3/02 Pete + Alison Moody.
Swallows - Lower Limestone Dig.

Without any mud the soft would be quite big, but ^{it is} extremely difficult and unpleasant to dig. The mud infill turns to slurry as soon as you touch it, and has to be slopped into a stiff sack + dragged 20' back up the passage to where it then has to be squeezed out again. Hard work and A was not ^{100%} happy with the air at the dig face. We gave up in disgust after a couple of hours.

3/4/02 Pete + Alison Moody.

Spar Pot. Spent a 'happy' couple of hours going round in circles. The case is much more complicated than we remembered. Also quite draughty. It would be 'good' (I think!) to try to get a cableable connection with Lionsels (A previous smoke test has proved that Spar + Lionsels do connect).

17/4/02 Pete + Alison Moody
Sidcot - Purgatory.

Another trip down memory lane to re-check the possibilities of the end dig. Our digging boat is still there after 10 years, however decided that there ~~was~~ is too much run in from above (boulders, cobbles, mud) + that it would be difficult to work.

Had a good look at all of the higher level passages in Purgatory and A pushed an extremely tight squeeze (for he - sorry les you won't fit) over a plateau to ~~go~~ gain about 20' of new passage, heading up towards the surface with unfortunately no boulders on.

11/4/02 Alison Moody, Adrian, Jude and Rob Vanderplank.

Charterhouse Cave - Towist + photo trip.

Does Mrs. Morely ever sleep? P.W.

Bank Holiday wife 4-6th May. S. Wales.

First off Mendip top in years - must do it again Beer, OFA, beer, Port yr Ogof, Weather fire, good company, good bat. a good time had by all P.W.H.

A hole has appeared and we lost a stick down it. Bob S, Steve (GNWM) & Paula & Dad. What more do we need. Good night's digging 8/5/02

11/5/02 Rhino Mike, Jo + Clare

Having managed to arrive, surreally without club hat or food, Mike + Jo generously took me down Rhino to play on string. Unbelievable just to be ~~were~~ underground again - it won't be

15 months till next time!

10/5/02 western Bns. Box S. M's
 Jacks entrance to Pem's Crawl &
 return explaining many workshops
 in this area. Much instability
 including hanging death.

3 hrs.

4th - 6th May S. Wales Bank Holiday Weekend.

Managed to get Mr Hardy to Wales for a nice potter down OFDI. Two groups went in on Sunday led by Rose & Peter. First party took photos in streamway of Messrs Thomas, Hewins, & Hardy while second party, including Lou, Judy H, enjoyed the trip to the boulder chamber. First time in OFDI for some.

On Monday Phil H, Peter & Rob Peter went to Port of Oyst for another potter. We watched Gavin Neama & Jo Windy kitting up for a dive in upstream Port. I now know why I never got into cave diving!

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9.5.02 Blacknor Hole - Kev & Emrie

An evening trip to find & rig the ascent into Blacknor Hole. Looking forward to seeing an impressive void in the cliff face as shown in one of the photos in 'Caves & the Isle of Portland' (if you haven't already got a copy it's available from Wessex Sales Ltd) found a squalid little void in the cliff face filled with ~~hundreds of~~ years of Shite hawk droppings, nice! Good fun for an evening & we will be back with full kit to investigate further. That good looking cave must be around there somewhere Kev & EM (WCC Portland Division).

April/may - Rosie + Vem invade Assynt, courtesy of Tav.
Joined usual collection of mendip (+ other) cavers for annual pilgrimage to Scotland. Rained, snowed, sleeted, gales... etc but still managed to undertake at least 14 underground excursions inc. classics such as ANUS, Claonaite, knockers + Smoo, as well as lesser known shitholes such as Tree Hole (see Tav's articles in previous WCC journals). Managed to do some walking + touring + even found time to go to the pub! Fantastic !!! * ↓

8.5.02 Rosie + Vem ⇒ Mud Sump.

Went with great ideas of starting to bail this obstruction but water level in sump outrageous + well-backed-up. Suggest a 'party' at mud sump (complete with picnic) with as many people as possible to try to clear it.

16.5.02 Rosie, Vem + Congo - St Cuthberts.

Congo on commission to "do some art", so down to Maypole Series for much posing on ladders. A classic trip to the top, then back down again, but interesting to note that there was much more water on way down - ? overflow from dam on surface, but entrance rift dry.

19.5.02. Rosie, Vem, Mark - Longwood/August.

Classic trip down August, downstream + back out via the waterfall for a bit of sport. Forgotten how great the streamway is, but just remember that you don't always want to go head first!! (Vem). Cave seemed tighter than previous + oversuit's shrunk!, but still a fantastic trip (████ 2nd in 4 days - I'll get a reputation if I'm not careful).

* PS forgotten to mention Balnatiel Group - nth. coast of Scotland. Walk across golf course, climb over rocks, jump in the sea, swim thru kelp + into the sea via the foam. Excellent trip!

21.5.02 Rosie + Vern → Charterhouse

Another cave that seems to have shrunk! - entrance crawling just as hideous as usual. Normal route through + even went to the Singing stal. + Midsummer Chamber. Main chamber + Blots still impressive.

"Neighbours" is like the OFD of caving.
quote - Jonathan Williams - Hunters Lodge 24/5/02.
(where can I get some of what he's on? JF)

Actual Quote was . . ."Neighbury is ^{like} the OFD of Soaps!" JF

25-5-02 Surlions, fuelled by 2½ pints. Not too much water (removed a stone from the drain) long dry (including upper section) to top of the 20, also top of the old 40, out via the wet way. A lot of buffing, some puffing. In from entrance, and back to Upper Poths. Lovely to have the cave to myself, all the pools in the long dry way clear. Phil H.

26/5/02 / 25/5/02 : Surlions. IN TO SUMP 2 ON FRIDAY EVENING TO FINISH FOUR DIVES AND PREP FOR NEXT MORNING. PHILL SILENT. FINISHED UNEXPECTED FULL TRIP DOWN TO SURLIONS 12. 20-MINUTE DIVE IN SUMP 12 MARKED TO 60' AND SWIMMED OUT INTO THE ELBOW THEN FOUND A CONTINUING PASSAGE AT -6'. BELOW THE ISLAND REEF SEEN ON LAST VISIT ITSELF. SUMPS ITEMIZED SILENT ESPECIALLY 5 AND ENTRANCE TO 9 IN COMPARISON TO LAST VISIT ITSELF. UNEXPECTED EXIT. PHILL SILENT AND UNHAPPY. CAVE DIVING WITH PHILL IS ONE OF THE MOST FRUSTRATING WAYS OF HAVING A BAD TIME! (Adapted)

31/5/02 : Surlions. AFTER LAST VISIT'S EXCITEMENT WENT SOLO TO SUMP 12 IN JUST UNDER 2 HOURS. DIVED SUMP 12 IN VERY LOW WATER CONDITIONS AND FOUND THE SLOT I PASSED LAST WEEK TO BE FULL OF GRAVEL. DUG SOME OUT AND WALKED ON TOP IN AND THE REST OF THE GRAVEL SWAMPED IN UN-REF. PULLED OFF MASK AND SILENTLY LEFT RECOMMENDED DIGGING OUT BUT BACKWASHES OUT OF THIS EXIT. TOTAL TRIP TIME 4½ HOURS NEED TO GO BACK IN HIGH TIDE AS LAST VISIT. PHILL SHORT.

1/6/02 Ric + Pat Halliwell, Phil Hendy, Tyrone Bevan,
Julie Bevan, Laurence Elton. Down GB via
White Passage to sump and out up the Waterfall
climb. Out to bright sunbathing sunshine.

2/6/02 Ric + Pat Halliwell, Karen Lane, Debbie Evans,
Tyrone Bevan, Julie Bevan, Sean Howe, Gordon
Kaye. Down short dry way to sump &
out wet way. Debbie's first trip underground.
Pat H.

3/6/02 Weston Brothers + Lee Weston to Box 5 M's:
Backdoor, ^{cave floor} Eastgate, B12, Robots, BP (Fan Route)
through banked wine curtains, ahead to
sft (2r) o(Rt) into a collapsed area
then ahead to shafts (Mrs Weston most
impressed, particularly with the stone staircase &
iron ladder to surface - blocked) Out via
W.O. Passage to junction with cliff passage,
Tank o AOR route, 'Hanging death' avoided
with easy bypass.

3 hrs. plus usual repas at The
Quarrymen's Arms.

2/6/02 Phil Sturt / r. Morris & J. Wislett: All 3 to squeeze then Phil solo to stream, follow
up & down streamumps look @ hanging bn. Exit

3-6-02 Alisom + Carmen Pierros Pot to Hanging Gdns +
sumps. Ali had a little scamp across every rock + craggy
whilst Carmen recovered (hoping it would wear her out
a bit) so soon lost, out with the aid of Alis head as
a fixed aid, + straight down ladders to do the
round trip. More scamping by Ali, + then out with
a word out Carmen. (We will return when this
space!!)

3/6/02. Bill Hallidie & son Dan Miller (only boy carrying about 40 years) down the road from Martham Lane, W.B. He was initially impressed.

1/6/02 out at recy. Max Mardon arrived (3/5/02) Saturday pm. Had a good dig for an hour or two at the new dig at Whitemstown Farm (next field to St Lukes). Then a quick look at St Lukes, followed by Cheddar for cheese & rolls and a nosh at Burrowton followed by a quiet trip down Bath Swallet. Backup - in case of emergency only supplied by Mrs & Mr S (B) (Ex T) & Paula.

8th June

Upper Pitts to Rookham (middle Holes) to Orchard Cliff no charge. Bl. the drop at the end is half-full of water. Failed to find Crediton (site of) - then up to Templeton Dig. An impression of a hole by the side of a large dry muddy hole, all traces of a shaft in the side. Back to Upper Pitts - cottage industry included gun carriage parts, ladder making, helmet fitting and rug reparation. Weasen hole & shafts are here at last. Whoopee! PA.

9th June. Sister Cavers, Lannis Brosart, Phil Henry & Paula Smeat. To end of CME then round loop and back. C.G. in a huff when she couldn't work out why her camera wasn't working on = No film!!! Oh dear - will have to come back again! Phil's suitably impressed by C.G.'s favourite little cave.

12th June To the hole in the next field over to St Lukes by Cormery, Paula, Steve the NWM & Bob Scammell. A good big holes had gone dug out. Lots of "up bucket" - "down bucket". Lots of a strange skull and a bone - very old. Another hole appeared and getting bigger. Rock walls on ~~two~~ sides. Cleared all of Max's sand and a lot more. Cormery got a blisted which she's willing to show for a small fee or $\frac{1}{2}$ an orange juice at the pub.

8/6/02 Lianels / Spar Pot

Alison + Camer. - Return march on ~~Wetcaze~~ after last weeks route finding problems (I'm sure someone has moved the labyrinth around) ^{First a quick trip down} ~~East was opposite steep stairs~~ ^{Spar Pot} Spar pot ~~ladders~~ ~~ladders~~ ~~ladders~~ checking draughts. On the way out we lit a small bonfire at the top end of Spar to see if we could repeat a small test carried out a long time ago which proved a connection between Spar + Lianels. We then continued down Lianels via West low level to the Sump and also to the dig at the end of Stick in the Mud Passage (if it hasn't improved!) Out via the round trip to Junction Chamber which had a strong smell of smoke at high level. There was also smoke at the lower end of the boulders chamber. We intend to repeat the test with people in both Spar + Lianels. It would make a lovely through trip !!

14/6/02 Spar Pot.

Alison + Camer. Very thorough look around checking out all leads. Found two possible dig sites. Draught checking with Camer's disco smoke.

15/6/02 Spar Pot - Sewer Rat Dig 1 (name courtesy of Mr Prever - Thanks Brian)

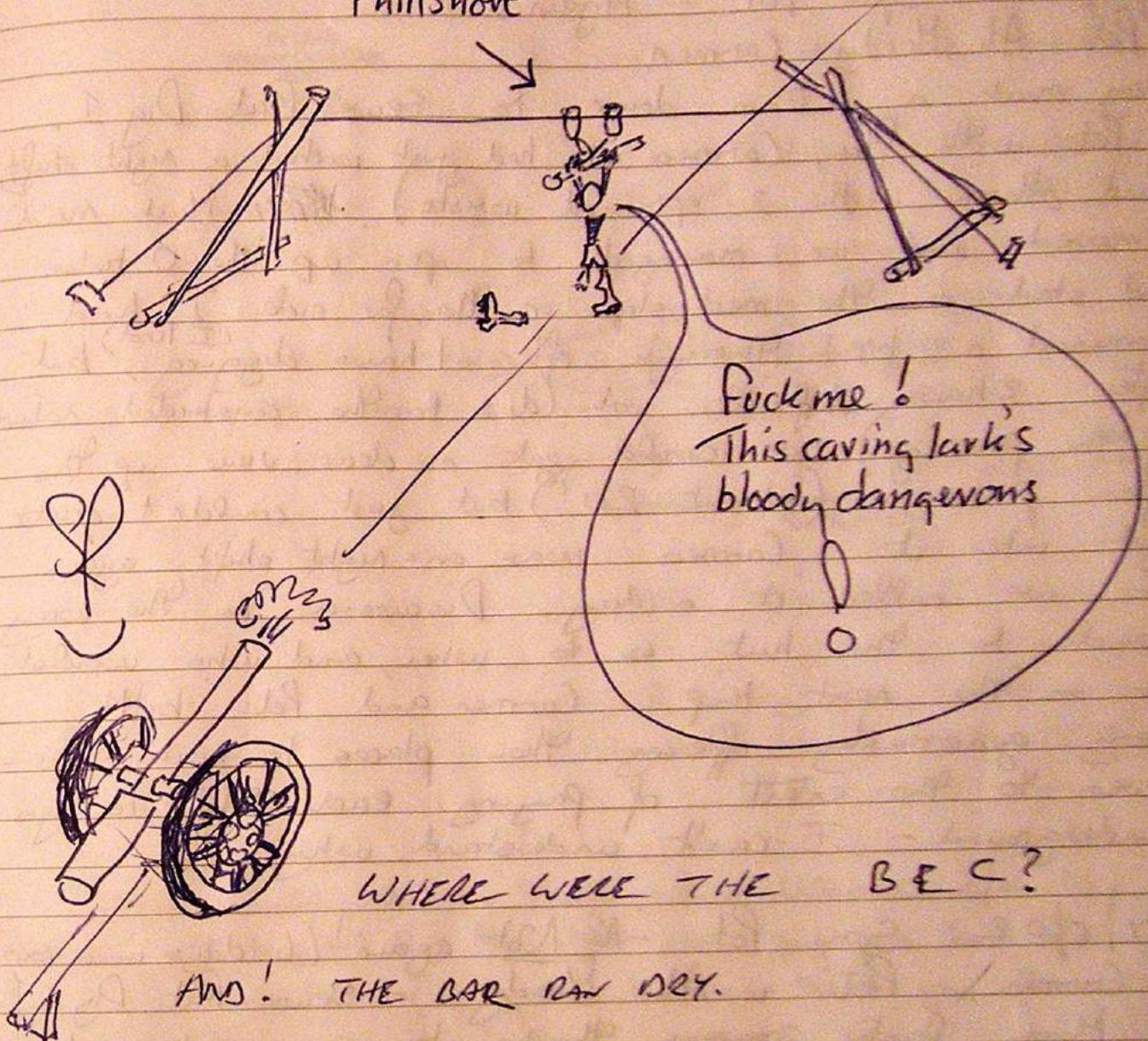
Alison + Camer. Trip to start digging one of the passages found yesterday. Nice and tight and muddy - watch this space!

15/6/02 PHILL SHAW & GREG BROOK: BACK TO SWINDONS 12 AGAIN. WENT IN NIGHT BEFORE TO PUT BOTTLES @ SUMP 2 & 116 WINTER. 2 HOURS FROM ENTRANCE TO SUMP 12. DIVE TO LETTER BOX SOURCE AND AS IT WAS QUITE OPEN (AND WINE THERAPY) BROOK TO HOLD IT ON FOR

SITE. ZERO VIS AHEAD AND GRAVEL SLOPE STILL OBSTRUCTS
MOBILITY. CAN SWIM SOME DISTANCE INTO CONTINUING PASSAGE. (TRY TO ENLIST
THE SCARPER TO DEAL WITH THE ITENS GAMES OF WHETHER YOU CAN
GET OUT, AS IT FILLS UP FASTER THAN YOU PASS IT)
2 HOUR OUT TRIP WITH NO WATER.

MENDIP 2002

Phil Short



16/6/02. - CAVE ART TRIP TO SWILTON'S - IN THE OLD GROTTO
ROBIN GREY, DAN CHANDLER, MEL (ANDY SPARROW'S MUM)
WOLF, MAURICE HEVINS + LATHY GLENISTER ~~ET AL~~

16/6/02 Swallows - mud some possibly?

SWEAT MORNING TOP NOT CUTTYS & GOOD IDEA! FRIZING DIAMOND WHITE, BEING LIDDE AND CURSING BUT COMBE ALL THE WAY IN. BE WARNED BAD AIR IN CAVE! OTHERWISE AN ENJOYABLE TRIP FOR ROZ - LOVE WATCHING THE BIRDS SUFFER!! KEITH, ROZ, GORDON AND MALC F.

16/6/02 Spar Pot - Again!

Pete + Ali Moody + Carmen

Very much a B team down to Sewer Rat Dig 1. (Pete with flu, Carmen who had just worked a night shift and Alison with 2 sprained wrists). ~~Ali~~ Much mud removed and we managed to open up the V tube and start on the mud slope on the far side. I had promised a break through after 1 hour digging, but after 3 hours, difficult work (due to the constricted nature of the passage) we could get a clear view up the open passage (about 20') but just couldn't quite get into it. Carmen was on a night shift again so we called it a day. Discussion on the way back to the hut as to when, and who would be on the next trip. Carmen and Pete both very generously offering their places to each other - even to the extent of paying each other to go underground - I can't understand why.

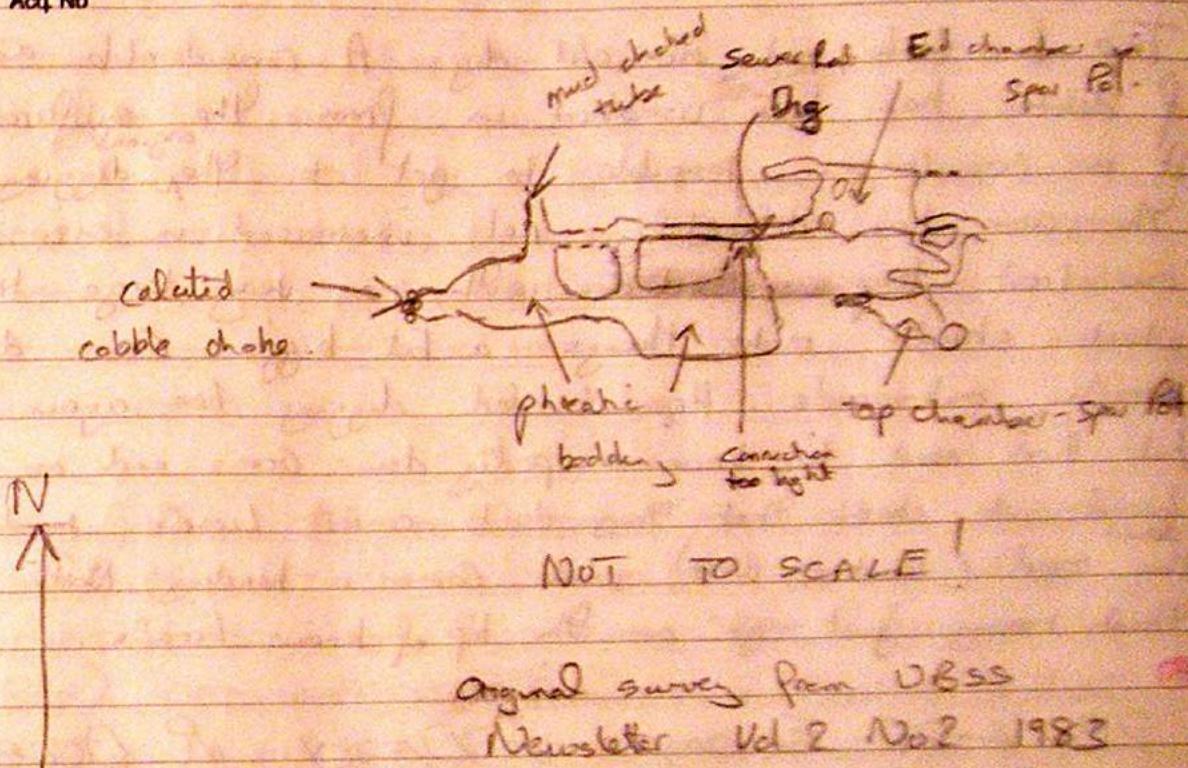
17/6/02 Spar Pot - No Not again! (4 days in a row).

Carmen, Pete + Ali Moody. - Sewer Rat. Dig 1.

Much faster progress thanks to a weeding hoe and after about 1 hour we had managed to dig away the mud slope and get into open passage. This proved to be a fairly narrow water worn rift for about 20' which then linked back into the continuation of

main phreatic bedding found at the end of the cave. This continued up dip to a phreatic arch choked with calcified cobble. Very draughty.
 ☛ This will be the next digging site. Also, a mud choked tube on the right might be worth a look. Total extension approximately 20 metres.

Ex Libris
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 Somerset
 Acq No



P.S. Alison would like to thank Dave Warner & Co. Wimborne Wet-suit for the £1 to buy a ball of string for Lions. (It's nice to know that you friends have confidence in you!)

21/6/02 - Ali Moody and Mad Phil down Eastwater (BER) to look at Phil's dig in Soho. Looks worth a couple of bungy drops to get to the next corner.

Also to Phil's dig at Maaten's Pot. This was flooded to a depth of 4m. ~~Not~~ ~~an~~, ~~a~~ very impressive spoil removal system.

8th June 2002 Jonathan, Geoff, Kathy - Agate Diverses Life on Mars the Dry Way. Had a bush at a few Haggises or is that Haggi. It was my way rather than the Highway for Mr Ballard on the way out. Stars.

23/6/02 Ali Moody - Coons Hob

Trip to look at our old dig. A considerable amount of debris has been washed in from the surface and it is no longer possible to get to the ^{original} digging point. The cave has definitely not increased in size since our last trip. Exited with a very large tree branch which should make things a bit bigger. Cave draughting strongly outwards. Hope to start digging here again asap, but first need to have a party down Coon's and one down ^{under} ~~down~~ Licicle to check that they don't connect. Licicle ~~and~~ runs ~~down~~ the road (East → West) while Coons is heading North and we think it may just go over the top of known Licicle.

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28-6-02 Friday . R. Deasy . R Dolby (BEC)

RETURN TRIP TO SWILDONS JUMP 1.

APPROX 9.30 AM TO 11.30 AM

RICHARD DOLBY DIVED JUMP 1
NO INCIDENTS , EXCELLENT TRIP.

29/6/02 Browns Folly Mine. Phil H and Kathy, led by Bob Scamell who took us to uncharted regions and tried to get lost. We tried not to lose him. The water splash at the well backfired on Bob. Thanks for showing us lots of the mine I have never seen before, and for the history lesson. Phil XXX

p.s. The Compton Martin Ochre Mine key fits the Brown Kelly locks - but the AWT have other locks which can be fitted at their whim to keep caravans out (during the winter?)

24-06-02 Pete, Alison, Carmen, Sean & RAT II dig, to PGM

THE CONCRETED COBBLE CHOKE POOLED LAST NIGHT

KEY PREVENTIC PASSAGE FILLED WITH LOOSE COBBLES, LARGE +
SMALL BOULDERS, + LOOSE GRANULE. EASY DIGGING SOON MADE
SHORT WORK OF 3 FT WORTHS OF FILL

1-07-02 Carmen, Alison, back to S.P. II MORE DIGGINGS

ANOTHER 2 FT GAINED, DIG FOR DIGGINGS ITSELF,

"BOULDER I ALISON O." DIG IS QUITE COLD + DRAUGHTY
SO TRIPS ARE QUITE SHORT, WITH ANY LUCK A FEW MORE
COLLAPSES MAY EXPOSE THE CAVERNS NECESSARY TO MAN
BEHIND IT ALL WITHOUT OUT HAVING TO DO MUCH MORE
WORK. Hnn. DREAM ON!! *1/2g5*

2-07-02 Carmen, Emma C.B. TO SQUEEZE AT TOP OF LADDER

DIG, "MY HIPS DON'T GO THRU' THERE!!" cried EMMA,

SO OUT WE WENT. MET BILL FROM UBSG (DIGGINGS
BERTIES POT) DECLINED VISIT, PLACES TO GO PEOPLE TO SEE,

2 1/2 hrs. THANKS TO ALI, + PETE FOR LOADS OF K.I.T.

Who's Carmen?

?-6-02. Box Miner Rosine, Vera Gauthier.

Nice little trip, good beer.

5-7-02 GB rather wet Neston Bros.
up the waterfall, 20 in - 3 hours out
Getting old (toots).

6-III-02 RHINO SIMON, MR. PAUL (NEE BUTCH), MATT
Left & Right all up & down twice Proper
Jobs.

Star Mine - near Shipham - 6-7-2002.

Mike Thomas - Malc Fagle, caters. Laurie, Paul
Mel, phil, Mark and pete and so.

Mike Thomas digging with a lot of help from the
above - thanks. About 50m of passage was
Re - Found Running in a north/south directions.
Some old tools and cart found that need fixing.
The unstable nature of parts of the underwater
mine deserved a little respect!

Mike

3/7/02 Eastwater - Scho.

Alison Moody + Mad Phil.

Someone definitely had it in for us today. Lugged
one drill + 3 batteries (bloody!!) to Phil's dig. Spent
about an hour removing the spoil from his last trip.
I couldn't understand why I could feel water running
up my wetsuit while lying ^{head first} down the dig. Soon found
out why - my zip in my new wetsuit had completely
broken - not nice. Phil then tried to drill some shot holes
for the next charge, only to find that the drill was
not working + after achieving a 1" deep hole after
about 45 mins - gave up in disgust. He was not happy.
Lugged drill + batteries out of cave again - 4 hour
trip.

5/7/02 Swildens - 2nd Mud Sump.

Alison Moody + Mad Phil

Transported 3 x 5 gall containers to 2nd Mud Sump, & a new dam to ~~send~~ the inlet stream on ~~right~~
the left away from the Mud Sump + down the ~~A~~
Oxbow. Dam was put into place ~~in~~ + sealed
with expanding foam. High levels of CO₂ by the
Mud Sump.

6/7/02 Swildens - Mud Sump
Alison Moody, Mad Phil + Adrian Hole.
Trip to continue dam building.

6/7/02 Spur Pot -
Survey trip with Alison Moody, Mad Phil, Ray
Deasey to run a line from Sewer Rat Dig II
back to the East Twin entrance.

7/7/02 Oon's Hole
Alison + Carmen - ~~in~~ Restarted old dig at the
bottom the Rat Run. Made some progress but spoil
removal extremely difficult - we need some technology
cave blowing a gale.

11/7/02 Paul Lambert

Hi to anyone who remembers me. Was just passing
so I stopped in to see the place. Might even
try seeing a cave again one day.

9/7/02 Oon's Hole + Lions
Alison Moody + Mad Phil down Oon's to resurvey cave
and also to see if there was any visual connection
with Pete + Carmen who had gone to the Tawnee
area in Lions with a vehicle. Absolutely nothing

head between the two parties. The recent survey work also indicates that Goons has already, completely passed over Lions into ~~the unknown~~ the unknown.

10/7/02 2nd Mud Sump Trip 1. - Mad Phil, Alison M + Carmen H. Trip down to Mud Sump to try out diesel pump (which had worked perfectly on the surface) only to find that it wasn't playing. Phil took it to pieces - not a good idea, components flying off into the mud sump in all directions. Also tried out Les William's idea of suspending a 5 gal. container in the roof above the mud sump + bailing into the top of this. A siphon hose out of the bottom of the container then ~~is~~ allows the water to flow naturally back up the passage to the next dam. Worked well. Carmen very nobly (or stupidly) volunteered to take one of the old defunct pumps out. (which promptly worked on the surface + when back down again I saw later). Out of cave by 5:45pm.

Trip 2. 6:45pm! (and wetsuit still wet).
Mud Sump again - Mad Phil, Alison M + 2xHobs.
Trip down with ~~another~~ 5 gal. container to set-up a ^{2nd} siphon which will take the water over the highest dam and allow it to flow off down the muddy oxbows. Emptied all the dams except for the bottom one. System works extremely well + is a lot faster than pumping. Exited with thumping CO₂ heads to find the cave well and truly in flood. - Total bailing time today 6 hours?

12/7/02 Monroe and Judy will come to reserve underground filming after 34 year gap. 800 still 8mm but new video, not care used Reeds and Hatchard as studio locations. Very appropriate because art lost effort was in Hatchard in 1968.

12/7/02 Dave M Eastwater - Regent Street lost several gallons of water in crop pocket overnight, that must be why we wear a heavy t - sock all the water up!

* 06/07/02 GREG BROOK PHILL SHORT AND STEWART SWINDONS 12 AND DESOLATION ROW
STRAIGHT FORWARD CLIMB TO SUMP 12 WITH BAG OF ROPE,
BOLTS AND OTHER ASSORTED HEAVY STUFF. GREG FREE
CLIMBED TO THE LEDGE PUT IN A BOLT AND HAULED
UP OUR ROPE ON THE DUBIOUS EXISTING ROPES. PHILL
& I WENT THEN CLIMBED UP TO JOIN THEM. DREW THE
SAME ON THE LITTLE SECTION AND THEN FOLLOWED CLOSER
TO SANDWICH CATHEDRAL. (WITH A MODERATE HASTY
NOTE) 11 HOUR TRIP.

* 12/7/02 Weston Bros. Box S.M.'s.
In Jack's, Rem's crawl -
cathedral, 'secret places' staircase
etc.

lunch enabled Weston Senior to bring a
musical flavor to the proceedings
with the harmonica,*
Explored workings near
Jack's on exit.
Good Trip. 3 HRS.

* It is hoped Weston Junior will bring
his recorder next time
The Joys of Retirement.

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13/07/02 Greg Brown, Aron Judo & Paul Stent
Swallows 12.

straight forward trip to 12. place explosives in satire
of sump 12 and detonate from near sump 11.
Lined bore, lot of fumes so left. back next
friday to catch with it's done.

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14-07-02 ~~SUMMER~~ SUMDAY (COMMITTEE MEETINGS),
Swallows - THE FINAL ATTACK ON MUD SUMP
MAD PHIL, ADRIENNE HOLE, SHAUN HOWE (BEC) ALISON MOORE,
CARMA MASKELL, BOTCH (DAVE), MARK BOY (PAUL W.), MAK,
AVON MORSE, CAROLINE, TO DO THE FINAL BAILING
TRIP TO FINALLY CLEAR MUD SUMP. MANY HANDS
MAKE LIGHT WORK, + THIN AIR, SPENT THE
FIRST 2 MRS FIGHTING FOR BREATHING. Once the
SUMP BROKE, A HOLDING GALE BOUGHT OR
REFRESHMENT TO A REUNED TEAM OF BAILERS
Please note the signs directing canoers to walk
over the damp side the constructed
bridge to avoid damaging the dam upstream
Also a concerted effort by all canoers
passing thru' mud sump to do a little
BAILING TO KEEP THE SUMP DRY, THERE IS A
SMALL INLET FROM THE OTHER SIDE THAT WILL
CAUSE THE SUMP TO FILL AGAIN IF IT IS
LEFT UNBAILED FOR A LONG, B PERIOD OF TIME.
eventually the sump was bailed dry^{15H} AND
all the team were able to pass thru',
with relative ease to the other side.
Mission Successful !!

Wed 17th July

Star Menes Phil H, Peter, Paul Weston Checked GPS river locations with tape and compass, confirming presence of previously unrecorded shaft - not yet descended. Projects not good for great depth, however.

Chancellor's Room - N1895A. Cleared up a dodgy looking rock, and pulled out more rock spot. John Ham built a wooden lid for the shaft. Went to look at a hole discovered by S.W.T under fallen tree roots in West Wood. Descended by Kate however. John Hall. 10' to mud floor (fallen in) and 12' bedding plane extension. The shaft is in a ravine, but is narrow and may be natural - it does not follow the line of the ravine.

Well done Tony Tompitt for the 70m passage found in Hunter's Lodge Inn back. 15' wide walking passage decorated floor, ending in a draughting choke. It is nearly underneath Alfred's Hole.

20/07/02 PHILL SHORT, ANDY STEWART, ANDY JONES, RICHARD PARKER
SOLUTIONS 12.

All down to sump 2 then Andy Jones & Richard Park 7 feet
PHILL & Andy Stewart to sump 12. Now to check out results
of 13m-16 from last w end. Roof of sump 15 gone
but the debris created has blocked it. However it is manageable
size - rocks + granite and will be a smooth feed with no
will be taken after the incident.

22/07/02 Cheshire, Tony Jarrett - Hawkes Lodge Inn Since
photographic trip to see the final points of
the new 200ft of huge cave passage, finally broken
through on the previous day night by Tony +
his team of diggers. Spectacular (for Mendip)
size formations + remains of former opponents.
Pondy o' Pies area, hopefully all intact in
BB, the broken + Mendip recorded off - fab!!

25/7/02 THERE'S BEEN LOTS OF
ACTIVITY ROUND THE HUT DURING THE
LAST FEW WEEKS - CHECKING KIT,
CUTTING ROPE, LAST MINUTE TRAINING, ETC

HERE'S HOPING BOTH THE HERAULT AND
THE BERGER TRIPS ARE GOOD ONES AND
INCIDENT FREE.

14/7/02 Bean, Tarz and new to canyoning
"Scrumpty" yes scrumps first canyoning trip.
Swam all the way through porridge ogo.
Dragon are currently making a wet suit to fit.

27/7/02 round trip in Swallows hole and also
blue pencil, Tarz, Bean.

2-8-02 Sarah Ken Steve('Pop') John ('ex maniac') Bryan
Re Wedding Canyoning Weekend. Err no trips
tonight but will buy tomorrow.
^{lunch} 60 STUFFED. Steve sings lyrics to the
"Worker Song" shocking disgraceful.

10/8/02 Phil Scott, Glyn Brown, Ann Stewart
Swallows Hole: CANEY 6 7 LTR CROUNDELS AND 3
3 LTR CROUNDELS TO SUMP 4 REACH FOR PIGGYBACK
VEHICLES & SUMP 12 NEXT WEEK LEFT 3 3's &
SUMP 3 FOR TOMORROW EXIT FROM PRINT GREEN. EXITED
VIA BLUE PENCIL AND A LOON DUCK LOWER FAULT TO
SEE IF THE BAIL WORKS (IT DOES). ALL FREE COMBED
THE 20 & THE 40 DIRECT EXIT VIA OXBOWS AND NOT
WAT. EXCELLENT DAY.

26th July - 10th Aug,

46 Wessex + friends in L'Hérault. Good caving, diving, canoeing, walking, snakes, food, wine, swimming etc. Be prepared for death by border in the Hérault (full reports, photographs, video etc). Share about the weather, Berger team! Philipp (excellent, better, dry with the occasional thunderstorm, 35°C + most days.)

26th July - 10th Aug

4 caves, 2 of show caves and a long snake with a good 5 foot on it down an unknown cave in a quarry that we found. Dad and I accompanied by Mr and Mrs Preuer went in into the unknown, with 200 foot + of easy walking it finished that day with a tricky squeeze. After researching snakes of France. I think that the snake was an evil viper. Fun fun fun! D Hender

11/08/02 Piton Sainte, Grec Broca, Arre Stewart
Swallows' Hole / Prinny Green Sink

DOWN PRINNY GREEN TO CLITTERS CHAPEL AND STUMBLE
RUNTED BACK SINK: DUE TO SIZE PHILL & GREG CAME
ON DOWN PULL THROUGH PLATES TO COUSIN ALEX AND
LUC (MEAN WAY). ALEX MET US HERE HAVING COME ON FROM
SWALLOWS. THEN WE ARE PULLED OUT WITH COIN LEFT AT 3
TESTED DAY. NOT TOO MUCH COUSIN BUT LOTS OF UNIDENTIFIED
WITH THE SINK!

11/08/02.

Bob Ryke, Noel Cleare. Double Troubles - intended round trip
thwarted by failed Memory syndrome at Birthday Squeeze.
Rehomed in time to dig some mud for Alison + co, in damp-
conditions at Mud-Camp.

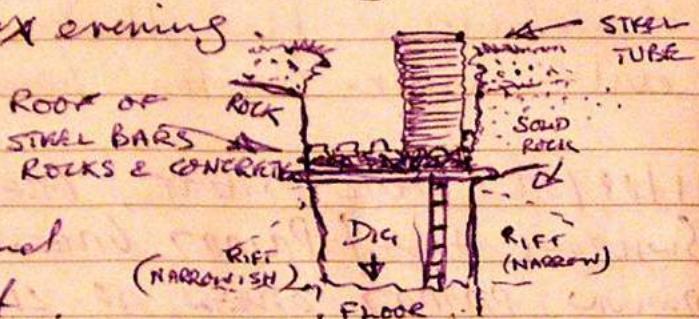
16/08/02 Weston Brothers. No sooner have we returned from the Grattoy
Madam Edith in the Hérault than were back in the Fox
for shamb area for new winter project. Need to dredge with same
"experts" a.s.a.p. (Bob + Golly). 2 hrs underground. more divers!
malane

12/8/02 Pyke, Dave & Clarke. Purple Lane.

In half after surfacing, Noel urgently called to both of grandchild no. 1 - Pyke & Dave, who have 4 1/2 between them regard such incidents as pretty routine, and not to be used as excuse for not doing another cave tomorrow ---.

13/8/02 Bob + Max Pyke. Sump I + inspect Mudsway engineering. Sorry Alison - forgot to take a bag (pretty high on the pathetic excuse index!).

14/8/02 The dig in the next field to Sturteas, all day Paula, Steve (TNMM) Carson & Bob's digging BBQing and installing metal tube + Max evening
The hole just opened up in the field, vertical sides - no run-in, it is easy digging with solid rock walls almost all round except where the two rifts run off.



Mr Fielder kindly loaned one of his generators to run our cement mixer, so whatever you say we think he's o.k. for a Londoner.

17/8/02 Malcolm, Jack, Claire, Chris, Ed, Nic, Rick Swildons Hole.

Down to sump I, quite dry down to the 20 foot, with a wet bottom at the 40 foot. Ed was christened 'Son of Mendip' at the double pot. Malc, Paul + Jack went through sump I (B.F.K. being cold) round to the landing for some fun, before

going on to sump 2. On way back met rest of group at 20 foot after they had visited sump 1. Then all went out with Malc, Paul + Jack visiting the formations in the passage above the rift including some magnificent curtain stalactites. Arrived back at the entrance tired, but happy. (P enjoyed sump 1 and the trip to sump 1, despite the cold - Paul)

17-8-02 Swildons Hole. Solo - lamp just inside entrance, so only short dry - water chamber - wet way - out. Very little water.

Phil H.

17/8/02 SWILDONS HOLE : DIGGING TRIP TO SUMP N.
REMOVED 4 MUNS OF GRANITE AND BIANCO DEBRIS OVER
2 HOURS OF DIVE TIME IN SUMP 12 BETWEEN 3 DIVERS.
A few more dives like that & we should be there.
PITTS SISTER, GREG BROOK, AND STEWART : SUPPORT R.S.G.
DEATH PENALTY.

10/8/02 - Swildons - 2nd Mud Sump
Alison Moody and Mad Phil Russell.

Working trip out to see how much water ~~had collected~~ in the Mud Sump over the last month, ~~the last month~~. We were relieved to find that there was still a reasonable air space (In wet weather the drip from the oven on the far side of the Mud Sump will still feed into it). Phil tried suspending the 1st container as high as possible in the roof. It proved that it would be possible to land the mud sump in one lift if a suitable pump could be

found. This would need to left water about 3m from the Mud Sump into the container.

11th August - Swildons 2nd Mud Sump

Ali Moody, Mad Phil, Adrian Hole.

We decided to put the pump / 1 left idea on hold and to keep a simple washable system in place, with 2 suspended containers. The old lower dam just before the mud sump is not really serving any useful purpose now and also looks like a sieve. This was demolished and a new dam built ~~on~~ on the left hand side of the passage, immediately below the first suspended container. Many thanks to Bob Pyke + Noel Cleare who stopped to help.

14th August - Swildons 2nd Mud Sump.

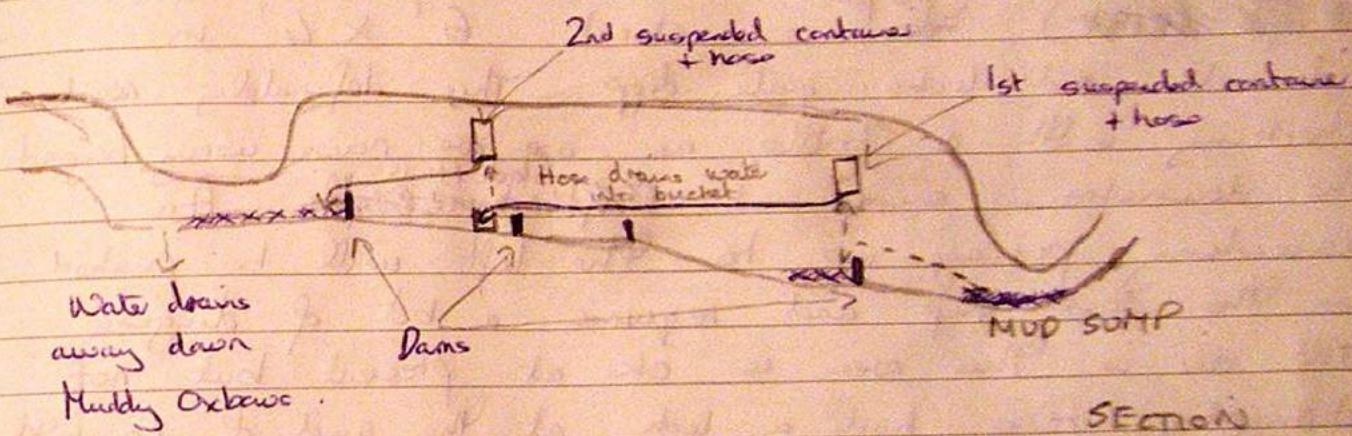
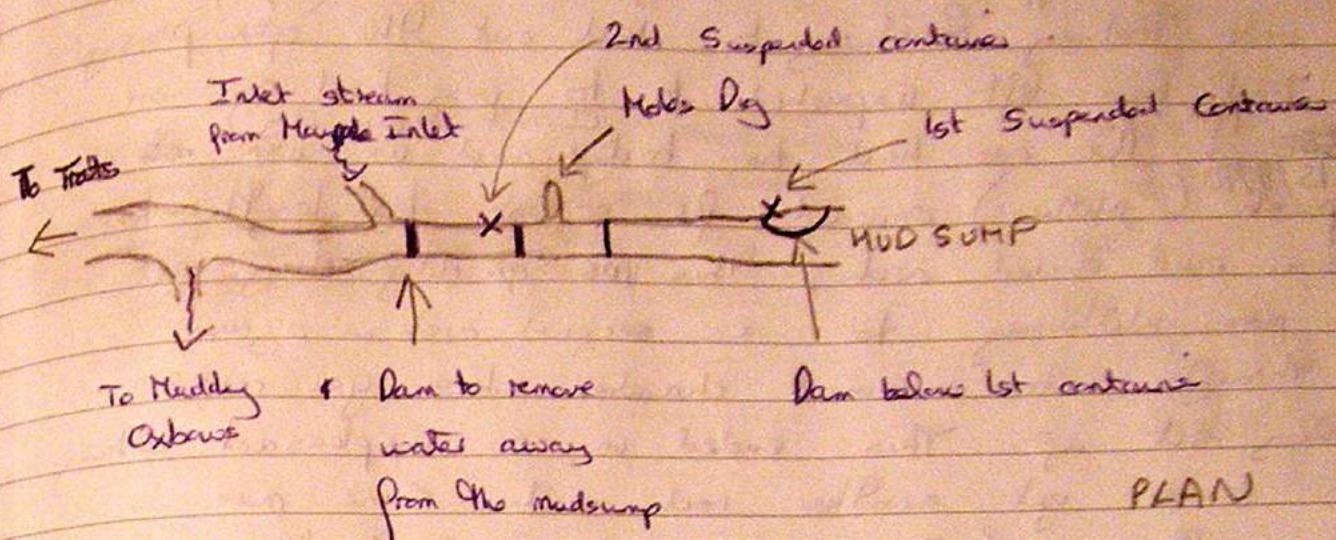
Ali Moody + Mad Phil

Trip to finish off the new dam and to bail the mud sump dry again - just for fun! The bailing system can be fairly easily operated by 3/4 people. It is possible with 2 but involves a lot of running around. A request is made please not to leave water ^{bottom} in the new dam, as this could cause it to ~~collapse~~. A good tidy up was made of the area and there is now a plastic sack full of rubbish which needs to be removed from the cave please. We could also do with some new buckets for bailing (both large and small.) Any donations would be very welcome.

17/8 Weston Bros - Ridge Mine

Better than Box, entrance well hidden. A local showed us the way. Quang means for refreshments.

MUD SUMP BAILING SYSTEM



There were replaced about six years ago
by Dan Seely & Adrian Hale.

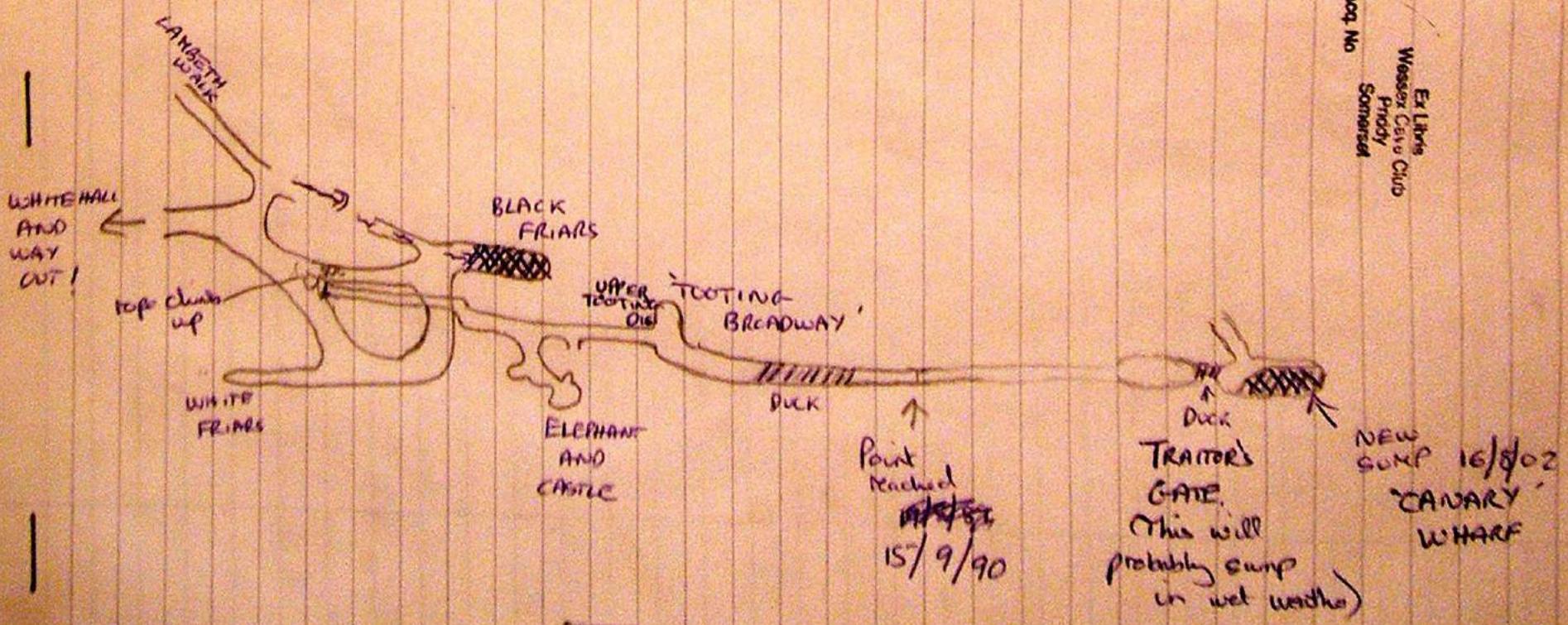
16th August - Eastwater-Southbank

Alison Hoodly and Mad, Phil Russell
(We must both be mad!) Careful trip down Creek Street - on ladders that are probably at least ten years old.* The two down Gladman's late on but the ones down Lollypot + beyond are not nice. Care was extremely dry and much to our surprise Waterloo didn't have any water in it. The bottom swamp (~~Black Ferns~~
~~Water~~) was growing a red slime in it and there was

✓ considerable evidence of recent flood debris right up to roof level. The approach to the sump was knee deep mud. Then onto Tooting Broadway to check out the open passage that had been left unpushed to to very bad air on ~~15/9/90~~^(I can't imagine why) !! No one had been back & and we were ~~all~~ all to push (slither) onwards for several body lengths to a semi mud choked arch. This was quickly dug out into more slithery to a second arch - again dug through into a small chamber where you could actually sit up. This ended in a unpleasant looking duck under yet another rock arch. Some more mud wallowing (all very easy digging with the mud peeling off in large slabs) and we reach a second small chamber and a clear static sump. ~~Black Friars~~
~~15/9/90~~. ~~This~~ is about 6' x 4' in diameter and looks quite deep. This definitely needs checking with a bottle, as we are now way beyond the downstream sump at ~~Stephens Green~~^{Black Friars}. An ascending passage up to the left will be pushed on the next trip and requires a bit of digging. The air in this area is ok at present but not draughty. Also had a look at the end of Lambeth Walk before exiting. 4½ hours. New passage length approx 25m. Mr Short I think that the new sump has your name on it!

N.B. The ladders on Lolypot and below are dangerous and a detaching trip is ~~needed~~ required. The emergency food dump at Charing Cross also needs replacing - some of it looks as though it is going to explode.

SOUTH BANK - PLAN (GRADE 1^{ish})



18/8/02 C.B - Marie, Eddie, Paul, Nicks

Bumbed to C.B. Was good.

24-08-02 Mark Andy and Dave. After 14 years caving
Andy More finally did the short round in
Swildon to connect all the bits up. Very dry.
trip until the first of the trouble. A classic
trip for an all round work out!

25-8-02 Swildons Sump 1 Sarah Clarke (^{soon to be}
^{Marshall})
& Ken Marshall.

Pre Wedding ^{bump} - Ratte dry - Water chute
is a dribble. Sump 1 Freezing.

Good trip. Getting married on
7th Sept so wish us luck.

(once married I can make him take me caving!..)

1 25/8/02 Swildons Shalter Series + S.E. Inlets
Roz Fielder + Ali Macky

^{to Shalter Chambers}

General tourist trip. Many thanks to the SMCC who
bailed ~~out~~ ^{the} Shalter duck yesterday (that was excellent timing)
Also up SE Inlets, Sidcot dig was sumped just at
the bottom of the U tube.

28/8/02

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The dig in the next field over to St Lukes still waiting for a proper name, Baileys Carmen, Steve, Bob S & Max concreted a roof to Stevens shaft and cut the top 3' off the entrance tube using Mr Fielders monster metal cutting machine & gantry. All set to resume digging again. Digger Carmen going on leave for a short while, Max going on leave to visit his wife for a bit longer.

28/8/02 St Lukes

Pete H, Colin, Aubrey or Visit by Max

Back digging at St Lukes on Wednesdays - bad air at bottom stage (not just Colins bottom). Max saw most of case before his return to Southern Hemisphere.

22-26th August - CPC Gaping Gill visit met.

I have seen Gg at its best (flashing shot-off sunshine) and at its worst (cascades going down the main shaft) This was a Saturday, when I was evacuated due to a mini-flood in the morning. After an hour the water fell and climbing resumed. Low and twice at the bottom as Whistler and Whistlers Son. ("Is it legal, are do you need protective clothing?" Still wet, cold and draughty - glad our stint was only 90 minutes.

Within 10 minutes of surfacing the big tap in the dry was turned on. Fall Beck was above the dam during rock-dam test and Rose Lake and a brown screeing cascade poured down the cliff. Boulders could be heard rumbling down the bed along the rear of the flood. Washing ceased (the gully was uninhabitable) during 11. due to case A room party (handed 10 out of the lot (including 2 tourists who asked for CPC application forms) the other sat at a, watching waves lapping against Telephone box until the wash could be put back into operation.

A great introduction to the system. Being wrenched down the shaft is an experience. Main Chamber is strangely familiar. Lots of big stuff, a pity its all connected by crawls. Full use was made of the Trentham Arms, in spite of beer and cider rationing. Wearers included Brian and Brenda P., Nik Nal, Suntan, Rita, Leg (engaged to Karen (CSC) thereby planning to appropriate the 2 chills). Also various NEC, SMCC and ACC (forced to ladder up the pit instead of presenting up the lifeline). Met Paul Duck (former Jack's son). A very good welcome from the Coopers, for which many thanks RHS/H
(Pew - I hope my writing is a bit more legible)
(It's getting better.)

31-8-2002 SWILDONS SUMP 2
JO WISELY ANDY CHESS

Took a trigger-like Andy to do his first sump! Had to get his new ladder dirty as well. Low water levels. Good fun. JO

25th August 02. SWILDONS - SHATTER.
FOUR HOUR TRIP - OF WHICH 3 HOURS IN MUDDY CRAWLS AND DUCKS REACHED SHATTER CHAMBER - SMALL + MUDDY (USED TO FRENCH SIZE CHAMBERS WHERE YOU CANNOT SEE WALLS OR ROOF!!)

MOST DIFFICULT PART WAS SEPARATING 4 VACUUM PACKED YELLA BUCKETS - NEEDED FOR MUD SUMP EN ROUTE.

POPPED INTO S.E. INLETS - MORE MUDDY SUPER TRIP!!

Ros Fielder AND Acisan MUDDY.

1/9/02 Sun-tan, Nik-Nak, Chris G, Gary
SWILDONS

Planned a short trip to shatter pot but found it occupied so carried on around the short round trip with a detour down blue pencil to sump 3 & sump 4. Chris put the gremlins to rest & went down Barns Loop - the normal way this time! She also nearly had a sense of humour failure climbing back up the chain into Blue Pencil & threatened to punch Nik-Nak! Had fun going through trouble-series - Sun-tan was convinced C.G.'s arse wouldn't get though so he was told to *!* off; Old age before beauty & all that! Had a wee & sweaty stop between sums 3 & 4. Some bad air between sump 1 & entrance, also up towards shatter. Not bad but noticeable.

Thoroughly enjoyed this trip (C.G.) About 4hs. These old farts just can't keep up!

7-IX-02 AUGUST - LONGWOOD MARK, MARK, SCOTT (AUSTRALIA)
Bone dry - I could actually see August chimney! first time I've ever seen it, normally its full of water upstream & down quick trip - proper solo

7/9/02 SWILTONS Lake pot - UPPT + STONE CANYON
18 Met mud water on good air down to Sump 2 no mud some water.

8/9/02 Smoke lane slacker EMER, KSV, NIK NAK, MARK, SCOTT (AUSTRALIA)
Proper muddy trip.

10/9/02 EURGH!! WOW!! EURGH!! out. Swam in the quarry lake - WAD!
Happiness is... being on this side of that sump.

1-9-02 - Sandyhole to Blacknor ker + Em (WCC Portland Mission)
Riffs, squeezes, climbs, stal, strains, etc crawling,
crawling, crawling. It would have been nice to stand
up but a good trip - all on Portland! Is anybody
else caving during the week / weekend on Portland?
Give us a ring to sort a trip.

8/9/02 PHILL STONE / GREG BROOK / HANNAH STEWART
DAMP LANE TRIP. PHILL THROUGH MUD SUMP
TO CITRUS SHATTER THEN BLUE PENCIL TO MEET
GREG & ANNE IN 4. ALL DIVE 4 & 5 THEN
THROUGH DAMP LANE (DOWN TO 7 VIA 6 BYPASS,
WHilst I'm sure mentioned) THEN OUT via mud
sump.

14/9/02

Mark Helmore, Scott (Aussie), Chris, G.
Shatter cavern & Withyhill.

Afternoon pottering round shatter with photo-stops
and then onto Withyhill. Very pretty with impressive
columns & beautiful green lake at the end. Well
worth the sore knees!

17/9/02 MRS. ROS FIELDER + MR. HANSFORD. SWILDONS VERY DRY
ALL THE WAY TO SUMP I. ARRIVED BACK AT THE 20' PUFFING LIKE A
TRAIN KEEPING UP WITH HANSFORD SORRY FIELDER, ONLY TO ABORT
TURN BACK TO THE MUD SUMP. VERY ERATIC FISH PONDS & SCULPTURE
- S, ~~APART~~ FROM THOSE, VERY MUCH AS I RECALL 20 odd yrs ago & THEN
A NICE STORMY STROLL OUT TO VERY NICE SEAT WAITER FOR MENDIP.

18/9/02 MR FIELDER & MR. THURSTON, - TONIGHT A NEWTON & MR HANS & COIN
AT ST LUKE'S. 3's COMPANY 5's A CROWD SO I FIELDER & HANSFORD
OUT TO MR SCAMMELL'S DIG. HANSFORD LOWERED THE FLOOR BY 2 FT.
& THEN IT WAS TIME FOR THE PUB.

10-9-02 - Sandyhole again! (To take photo's just to prove that there are caves on Portland) Kev + Em

22-9-02 - Thrige Lane - Kev, Emrie & Tavis (frame). To High Atlas, down Sither then back up from bottom of Atlas daggip Sither on the way. Superb trip. Highly recommended.

23.9.02 Browns Folly (without a key) Bob S + Nick McCamley photographing big things. Tryg out 800mm filter + Nick 2L 500mm big lens & lots of flashes.

25.9.02 The hole in the field. Hard concerteing for a while, the roof is bomb-proof, the entrance tube is well glued in now & proper digging next week, + if Mr Hansford can lower the floor by 2 feet when he visits us he's welcome every week! He did do a good job, and kept the workings tidy - for an old git. Tonight only Mr S, Steve, & Paula. I think the Shubbs must have worn themselves out helping last week.

28.9.02

Morons Park Iron Mine
Diver Mike Thomas / support male frog.

Mike and male did a great job of getting all the diving kit into the dive site in record time! Mike has set off and linked the two shafts together after laying about 20 meters of new line. The diver returned to his final male being bothered by several Boy scouts!
max depth 34m.

5-10-2002

Woxon part Iron Mine

Directs Mike Thomas. To wisely, Ben Hodder.

Mike Thomas pushed out a passage in the Deep Route that he looked at while connecting the two shafts last week. 95m of new lace was put in, the direct only stopped as he had out of lace. The passage was seen to continue depth 34m. So went for a swim down the laced part so last week to look at a very nice stone lined tunnel. This was done by some drysuit training in the entrance area and down to the left hand shaft.

27/9/02 Western brothers-Ridge Mine.

First leg of survey completed.
(North & South). P.W.
3 hrs.

2-10-02 SONTAN & NIK NAK.

Top of lace

First trip to find High Atlas and the big drop, but managed to get disoriented and went down into the void by accident. Not such a big drop but nice to sample. Came 2/3rds down the and accessed to the ledge about 20ft below marble streamway to avoid the water 'TARTS'! Exceeded the risk at the end but, didn't control fall as couldn't be bothered to take off SRT kit.

Left up the ledge and followed pond along
the ridge.

12-10-02 NIK NAK (SOLO)

SWILDONS SHORT ROAD TRIP

I HAD ALREADY MADE UP MY MIND, IF THERE WAS NO ONE TO PLAY WITH THIS WEEK
THEN THE SHORT ROAD TRIP WAS ON. FIRST IN THE CAR ON THIS VERY EARLY
SATURDAY. DIDN'T SEE ANYONE UNTIL THE 20 AND THE WAY OUT (AFTER 12:00)
IT'S FAIRLY QUIET, WE DROVE THE TRAIL AND TURNS OUT JUST A FEW OF THESE ARE
COLLECTORS. THEY DRIVED CONSTANTLY, & EVEN MADE ONE MISSED, BUT THEY CAME
BACK WATCHING FOR THE NEXT ONE.

11/10/02 Weston Brothers Ridge Mine.
Second Survey Trip linked up "North"
"South" routes.

Brother said we're going around in a circle
Me "How do you know?"
Him "I'm adding up the angles"
Next time I'll have the compass!!



12/10/02 UPPY, + 1 GUSS SWILDONS

"BLOODY WET AT LAST"

WATER COMING IN 6 INCHES INTO TOP PIPE, DOWN
TO 40 BUT ONE GUEST COLD + NOT SURE, EXITED FOR
TEMP. + HOT SHOULDERS.

15/10/02 CROOKE HOLE (THE BIG IN THE NEXT FIELD TO S LUKES OVER)

16/10 Derek Sanderson and Terry Waller -

SWILDON'S - Fault Chamber Arens. Terry's
59th birthday so I paid the goodwill fee!

Lots of evidence of recent flooding.
Shute out of Washing Pot totally blocked
and we had to do some serious gathering
to get ~~past~~ through.

1 HR - 45 mins. Great stuff!

16/2/02 Dant, Cleave + Lyte - Rhin. Rif.

Double-Rig Direct + RH rarer. A
grand dangle ... !

19/10/02 Fred started to top of 20. Same as per
23/02/02 except this trip contained wedge.

out of sinc. Paula, Bob S, Steve (NWR) + Aubrey, Pete H, Colin

15/10/02 Crook's Hole - The name given to our dig. Named
after the farmer (not the owner) of the field, he almost
drove his tractor into it after it opened itself.

It was $\frac{1}{2}$ mtr deep on one side and $1\frac{1}{2}$ metre deep on
the other when we started at the end of April 02.
This Wednesday, Aubrey, Pete and Colin came over
and gave a hand. Suddenly holes appeared in
the mud and rock floor. Not for the first time as
we knew there was a draught but all had
been blocked by a run-in. This time it was
dead impressive as the two digging were creating
a lot of steam (wet oversuites from St Lukes + sweat
and general breath). Suddenly the air cleared
completely, absolutely clear when a hole in
the floor opened up. We still have a lot
of mud and stones to clear before going deeper
to save any run-in and also better could be
just a few feet to the side.

QUARRY!!

25/10/02 Weller Brothers.

Further surveying in Ridge Mine -
we have closed the outline of the
main through Weller in the
former MoD/war dept area

and closed survey lines through
this area (now divided into three
sections for further surveying).
(not well)

22/10/02 Foster, Steve (NW) Keith Fidder & Bob S good leave, digging
totally knocking, & digging S & B hauling lot out nice
stone walls all round. Where? Crook's Hole next over
to St Lukes. The others were down St L's playing with
boulders.

19/10/02 Swindons SHATTER SERIES AND PASCHENDALE PHILL SITCUT &
ANDY STEWART.

TOOK ONE SET OF DIVING LINE BETWEEN THE 2 OF US.
TRIED TO BAIL BOTH DUGS FOR SOME TIME TO LET DIVING.
IN THE FIRST PASCHENDALE SECTION (BY THE BURCH PIPE)
PIPE WOULDN'T FIT SO PHILL REEF CARRIED IT TO THE
SUMP. DIVING RETURNED TO SURFACE BECAUSE WIRELESS
WAS FOUND TO BE CUT / SEVERED.
PLANNED TO RETURN IN A FEW WEEKS TO REPLACE LINE &
CHECK OUT BIG POTENTIAL OF PASCHENDALE II.

2/11/02 Swindons Hole

Les Williams, Andrew Collinson

DOWNTON TRATS TO SHOW ANDREW SOME
FINE MENDIP CAVE. WATER WAS SPORADIC
& CAVE FULL OF UNIVERSITY FRESHERS (NO NEED
FOR LIGHTS!!) TOP TRIP.

20/11/02 43 members of WESSEX

109

(many with hangovers)

Redcliffe Caves, Bristol

Couple of hours searching for gnomes, then refreshments and then back to Upper Pitts for lunch. Thank you to Pauline + her small band of helpers for tidying up and preparing food.

2nd Nov Phil H + Jonathan W. on a fact-finding tour of OS to test CO₂ levels (with lungs and candle). A very wet day (Pippy Fireworks postponed) - could not get out of the car for a few minutes. Good stream in Tynings Farm Swallet.

Good flow in the gorge. Took Oxbow to below the waterfall. The bottom was swamped, rising about 1' in a minute - foam was about 5-6' higher than that on the wall, the water was about 4' below the foot of ladder dig.

A candle would not light at the top of the Gorge (wet matches) and the only difficulty in breathing was noted by Phil on the uphill dashes (age and lack of fitness). However, we met Tony Boycott who said he had just measured 2% CO₂ (at Berles' Pub).

The bottom of the waterfall was spectacular, and we were surprised to find a fair stream flowing in from the entrance when we came out. Some person has bent the locking handle on the door. Tynings stream had come up a good foot, and there was water all over the road on the way back to the HQ.

1/11/02 Weston Bros Ridge Mine

Final survey leg of MoS/war Dept area completed (but needs to be checked for accuracy).

Short investigation of East Ridge, not much which we intend to start surveying shortly.

3 hrs. Very satisfying trip.
Adjourned to the Quaymans Arms,

2nd Nov 02

SWILDONS 12.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY RICHARD

PHILL SHORT, GREG BROCK, ANDY STEWART, STEVE MARSH,
STEVE J. MARSH, JO WISELY.

oh-my-god! Yet, another Phill trip! Steve used the great excuse that he + Jo were going to get there together to have a girly trip rather than keep up with the speedy mob. A very dodgy the whole way through, so the excuse that the 'girly' were only 20 mins behind was that the sense of continuing was being discussed marvelled at the digging system, think their hot river they ^{the girls} headed out, rise in time while the next digger was in the water, level nose 2½ ft in suns (2 over 30 mins!) so the rest of the team followed. Got rather, erm, spotting when the 7 bypans ^{were} was swamped, then Buxton's corner became a nightmare. Found a dodgy old piece of rope to use as a guide so found the exit, left the proper rope coils for the others when it was all swamped here or how later! Put a bit of pace on until past suns (which we all needed this due sea etc!), then realised that the water was just getting too strong so started + I left our kit bags + cylinders. Reached 2nd bag ^{which} hadn't washed away from the suns 2! The others joined us just in time to be delayed up the 20, then up the waterfall at Jacobs ladder so we didn't have to carry all 6 over all. And they cleared loads of bang doors + open up 12 even more. Super.

2/11/02

VNI. OF KENT

Nigel Jackson, Claire Morton, Paul Marsden, Jerome Oswald
Jones, Mission 1, Mission 3, Mission 4, Mission 6, La Mission
Goatchurch + Sideset Snallet

2 very good trips, that been the mission's
caving careers. Unfortunate incident at coffins lid
in Goatchurch, involving Mission 3. Has left her
with many bruises but I call it character
building. Jerome has finally cemented his
position as club psycho although, in the evening
he refused to throw lit rockets around
(unlike me!).

Thanks to everyone for their help and
advice.

2/11/02

Mark H, Paul Wakeling, Bear & Tar & Jim

OFD 1 To Top.

Jim's first trip in this Classic Cave, and what a day to
do it on. Heavy rain made the Streamway somewhat exciting, with
bankwork needed to pass obstacles. Outranging.

5/11/02 Claire + Paul + UKT Swallows to 20', + Jon W

Jon accompanied us down Swallows - nice fresher trip around upper series.
Jerome managed to resist jumping off the 20', & everyone got nice & wet
coming up the wet way.

Nigel & Carl (aka Mission 1) ended up goaf by themselves after losing (& hilariously
finding) the club money.

2-11-02

SOUTARD + NIK NAK - SWILSONS SHATTER SERIES

MISSION TO TAKE A 3L CYLINDER TO SHATTER CHAMBER FOR PHIL SHORT'S FUTUR EXPLORATION OF THE PASCHANDALLE SUMP. NIK NAK'S FIRST TIME IN SHATTER POT AND BEYOND. EVERYTHING OK UNTIL WE REACHED THE FIRST DUCK! BAILED THE DUCK TO GIVE $1\frac{1}{2}$ INCHES OF AIRSPACE AND THEN WENT FOR IT - NOT SOAT NICK, THE SECOND DUCK WAS BAILED ALMOST DRY AND WAS FAR MORE PLEASANT. ON TO SHATTER CHAMBER TO DOOR THE CYLINDER AT THE AGREED LOCATIONS AND FORWARD TO PASCHANDALLE AS FAR AS WE DARED - UNTIL IT GOT DUCK TIGHT AND NEITHER OF US ENDED PUTTING IN MUCH MORE EFFORT. ON THE WAY BACK EXPLORED CAUSER'S CAVITY TO REACH GATE SUMP (THE AIR BECOMING VERY STACK) AND RUMBLE CHAMBER. ON CLIMBING OUT OF SHATTER POT WE BOTH FELT WE COULD DO WITH A LITTLE MORE EXERCISE AND DECIDED TO CONTINUE ON THE RUGGED TRIP. WHEN WE REACHED SWILSON'S TUE WE DISCOVERED THAT PERHAPS IT HAD BEEN CALLING OUTSIDE - THE STREAMWAY WAS WORKING AND SUMP 1 WAS VERY INTERESTING!

6/11/02

Crook's Hole dig Paula, Steven (NWM) & Bob S. Most of a good Wednesday. Finished concreting rocks around the entrance shaft and dug until lights failed, generated ran out of fuel and the BBQ ran out of food. Then came to the Wessex for a cup of coffee before starting the evening shift. If it impresses no one else it's impressive to us. Mr Fielder visit evening to cast a weathered eye on the proceedings

Note! Suprised to find the spatula, photographed being inserted into a bottom (with Mr Scanell's camera) during the night of the Wessex dinner - still in the drawer in the kitchen with all other ~~best~~ cooking utensile!

Plus the kitchen fire door wedged open with no one in the hut.

3/11/02

To Wisely, Andy, Chell, Steve Marsh,
Andy Stewart

Short round Swildons

To remove the bags left in I! know why
birthday squeeze is so called - Steve ended
up in his pants! Very pleasant trip.

9/11/02

All Moody, Nik-Nau, To Wisely
- Charterhouse Cave

Squeezed in to admire the blobs and
other pretty stat! nice chilly puddles
+ stream. Nik-Nau had a rummage
in Pete's dig but didn't look very enthusiastic.
My hips make an effective dam for the
waterfall!!

8/11/02

MARK HELMORE, ALAN ALLSOP, NIK NAK

Swildons - Sump 1 and back.

Timed the flood pulse just right - outragous, Jacobs ladder
was a whiteout - long dry way on exit - no choice. HooHoo!

9/11/02 STEVE MARSH / ANDY STEWART / ANDY CHELL / 1224 IMSET & NICK
ANDY AND I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACCOMPANY MARSH AND STEWART
TO SUMP 9 ASSISTING IN LIVING OF B'S HORROR, 5 & 7 BYPASS.
SUDDENLY REALISED THESE GUYS ARE 'SUPERMEN'! THOUGH
BARELY MANAGED TO KEEP UP. 56 WAS AWESOM. LOVED
THE NEAR-FLOOD AMBIANCE ^{OF} THE WATER BUT
PRETTY DEMANDING GETTING BACK!

16th Nov. Swan Mine (labelled Kingstar Mine - but MCO notes missing)
Brian Pitman, Phil Herdy, Rod Fidland, Marcus (from Germany) Mervin McVay and
describer of entrance stinks - it does not have a steel gate and is wide open.
Mine quite straightforward - we kept following massive branches to the east.
Lots of roof falls and many dodgy-looking areas. Explored all walkway
passages, many ^{bottles}, stone trough, small collections of artifacts, some
boot and hoof prints, and a rusty crane. Mine very wet in places -
heavy drops. Good cambered wheel sets. And entrance is a tunnel
middle of old school desks, not a low wide arch.

Mined the Swan by 15 min, but the Crow was open all afternoon.
Good 6X. A pleasant couple of hours spent trundling around
(PREW - HOPE YOU CAN READ THIS - HAVE USED MY
BESTEST JOINED-UP WRITING).

15/11/02 1224 Inset | Andy Chell | Martyn Farr | Richard
OCOF AP ROBERT (DIG). One day trip to revive John Parker's dig
from 12 years ago. 2 mile walk either way in wetish marsh land
and among huge shake holes. The muddiest cave we've ever
been to! Worse than Noxon. Found old dig and had a go at
two places. Boulders very LOOSE and extremely INSTABLE.
A new experience but when or why return?

17/11/02 1224 Inset / Andy Chell / M. Farr
Porth yr Ocof. Dived down to Essers Passage junction and
spent 2 hours in the tunnels and air bells. Andy had
freeflow on way out and despite some entanglement
problems an excellent cave diving trip.

18/10/02 Andy Chell / 1224 Inset / M. Farr
Noxon Mines. Water levels incredibly low (by 15 metres)
added to the experience. Dived down to bottom
at 35 metres, checked tunnels and air bells. Bumpy
and very tiring trip but worth it!

17/11/02 MY BIRTHDAY!!! Andy Chell / 1224 Inset / Nina Hukkanen
GB CAVE. TOOK DOWN 18W HID LIGHTS & VIDEO SYSTEM.
CELEBRATED BIRTHDAY & TOOK LOADS OF VIDEOS. SPECTACULAR
TO BE ABLE TO SEE THE WHOLE OF GB WITH THESE LIGHTS.
HELECTITES AT GROTTO ARE A "MUST SEE".

20/11/02 SWILDONS 1

NINA HUKKANEN, 1224 INSET. OWEN WALLS. TEADCH GALLOWAY
Took Owen & Teadch to Swildons on their first trip using
L pretty way in and wet way out. Sump 1 is quite high
and water flow strong. "Fantastic" they said. Unfortunately
key to GB has disappeared without being logged out so
couldn't do that as planned.

18-11-02 SWILDONS - SHATTER SERIES (11.11 photo) (cont'd)
constant, MAK, DANE CRAWL & NIK NAK
FIRST CAVING TRIP FOR THE THREE OF US AFTER VERN'S SPECIAL DAY ON
WEDNESDAY. WE TOLD DANE TO BE CAREFUL AS THE THREE OF US HAVE FORGOTTEN!
DECIDED TO VISIT SHATTER CHAMBER JUST FOR THE HELL OF IT AND PRACTICE
CRAWL ON THE WAY OUT - UNFORTUNATELY THE CRAWL TO IT WAS STOPPED.
CAME BACK THROUGH MOD SUMP ON THE WAY OUT AND OUT THE OTHER END WAY
FOR A WASH. VERY ENJOYABLE BIMBLE AROUND TRIP, NO RUSH AND USED A
LIFELINE ON SHATTER OUT.

10/11/02 Rhine Rift.

Izzy Ismet, Andy Chell, Chris G.

After very pleasant walk around Mendip, found the cave and Andy eventually rigged first pitch. Quite a bit of water. Bat sat right on the deviation, laughing! After a comedy of errors, had a bloody good laugh and a fun trip. Want to come back ASAP.

23-11-02 Darren Cilau - Time machine + Angles
Nik-nak, Max, Alison Moody + Jo Wisely

Had a lovely bimble around this really impressive cave. Did like the white company. Didn't like the upside down ladder, admired the mud figure collection with the hunters! I did get a bit knocked for the entrance series on the way out so slowed things down a bit - and the air may have turned blue a few times. But generally - excellent day, excellent flappage! DW

24-11-02. Mike Thomas, Andy and Paul Shott - ACCY
INNOCENT CAVERS GIVEN SEVERE BEATING BY GORILLA AS THEY
BIMBLE TURNS NASTY. DECIDED TO DO THE CLOTHESLINE.
PHILL HAD THIS REALLY GOOD IDEA TO DO THE THIEF THE WHILE
WAS ROUND. WE HAD FOURY THAT RECORD DESCRIPTIONS BACK UP
MAKES IT HARDER TO NAVIGATE. PAUL WITHOUT GLASSES HAS TO TENDENTLY
TO POINT AT RANDOM BITS OF SURVEY LINE REPLIED WITH SUTABLE
PHRASES - MIKE HAD NOW DECIDED (AGAIN!) TO GIVE IT.

24/11/02 1224 IMSET / ANDI CHELL / CHRIS GROSSART - BUNTERS HOLE
After last trip to Rhino, decided to put some more practice in at Hawks Hole and look at the tunnels, dips and the upper bedding plane. Chris practiced de-rigging. Rather short trip that led to multiple headaches afterwards (?)

25/11/02 1224 IMSET / NINA / OWEN / TEADCH OB CAVE
Took Owen & Teadch on their first trip to OB. Great to see bats at the entry! Spent time in upper grotto and took photos of Helictites. Went Bridge route, had lunch, took photos and spent loads of time studying sea shells under waterfall.

27/10/02 Scamwell's Toyota Hilux 3. Two Landrovers and a white van . Top of Cheddar Gorge white van off roading (unintentionally) people pushing - blue smoke and smell of hot rubber, - "have you got a rope?" "What else would I have?" I was going digging. Hope his rear spring is still attached to the chassis - The funny chomping noises were either him and the stones walking at the rope knots pulling tight, or his white van pulling apart. Anyway he went on his way. Glad Mr McLarnon was there to tie the ropes on, as I had abeans trousers on.

27/10/02 Crook's Hole dig. Pauler, Steve (GWRM) & Mr. S. lots of rocks out tonight plus a good few buckets of dead sticks mud which turns gloves into shovels and sticks like shit to a bucket. Still, the weather was good to us tonight, it was supposed to be high winds and rain - the stars were out. Holes keep appearing in the floor. Optimism breeds Enthusiasm, which quickly fades after 20 buckets of mud and a slippery rope. Back ache and head ache so I must be getting fitter.

BAD! —

Fire door wedged open & kitchen appliances plugged in and sockets switched on. Insurance companies love this sort of thing. Billings fall on as well by the feel of it 23.00 Wednesday. Yes I have put money in the concierge box.

23/11/02 Weston Bros. + Kevin o'emsie. Three hour trip circumnavigating Box S. Mines. In Jack's out, The Cat flap, Back door.



30-11-02

MANOR FARM, SWILTON, NICK NAK, ALEX, JOHN & TOM.

THOROUGH TRIP AROUND THE CAVE, ACCOUNTED EVERYWHERE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF
 FLORENCE'S
 GOURMET'S BATH TUB. THERE HAS BEEN A SUMP JUST BEFORE THE LEFT
 CRAWL. LOTS OF LARGE ROCKS READY TO FALL IN - BE CAREFUL.

30.11.02

SWILDONS 2 "GIRLY" TRIP - 1224 / ANDY / NINA

TARGETED SUMP 7 BUT AFTER CROSSING ONE, NINA DECIDED "ERR, NO THANKS!"
 TURNED BACK FROM SUMP 2. GOOD PRACTICE FOR ANDY AND ME AS ENDED
 UP CARRYING ALL KIT & CYLINDERS TO: WATER WAS CRYSTAL CLEAR AT
 SUMP 1 AND COULD EVEN SEE! WHAT A GIRLY DAY!!

Kev + Em 30.11.02

Rhino - in - good trip on the right - until Em was locking the
 door on the way out and was assaulted by a small twig. In
 the eye! Twig to be burnt.

01/12/02 MARK & MAK & MICK & BETH

SWILDONS SHORT LOOPS PLUS BUTE PERCH & SWILDS 4 STREAMWAY. CLASSIC!
 4/12/02 OR Crook's Hole dig. The prodigal digger has
 returned to the fold - Carmen is back - Palla
 Steve & Mr S + the Stukers visitors less dabug (having an
 evening off).

7.12.02. NICK-NAK, ALISON, MARK, GAVIN + JO "SNOTTY" WISEO

Grand circle, Aggy

Jo was a bit under the weather with a cold
 even before starting, so the gorilla singled her
 out for the biggest kickin' in Southern
 Streamway! On rejoining the main streamway at
 bypass dig all got an extra dip in the freezing
 water over the head. Lovely! Took a wander down
 a passage with lots of bats before picking the right
 large passage home from Southern Streamway!
 Ali + Clav's first trip down for 15 years!

11/12/02

Neal Cleaves & Ken Rawe. Photo left - R.H route.
Found the bastard.

6/12/02 western Brothers

Ridge Mine. Fine Tuning
of Survey.

The owner has asked can
you please not spray white
arrows in spray paint - I said I
would paint

14.12.02 MARK & BEAN. GRAND CIRCLE A667. It took
5 hours of classic caving! (BEANS LIGHT BIBS
CAME ON TWICE!) Hot shower at Whitefish was
WELL APPRECIATED.

14-12-02 SUNDAY & NIK NAK - COCKOO CLEVES

TRYED EVERY HOLE AND THROTTLED UNTIL IT HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO GO
FOR THE LAKE. GAVE IT A GO BUT HAD ENOUGH BY THEN SO GAVE UP AT
THE FIRST BEND. WILL GO BACK AND TRY THE LAKE FIRST TIME NEXT TIME,
FOR
MAY NOT BE A VERY BIG CAVE, BUT VERY ENJOYABLE.

15-12-02

CHRIS. G & MARK H.
EASTWATER.

IF GOING CAVING AT 8.00 am ON A SUNDAY
MORNING ISN'T KEEN - I DON'T KNOW WHAT IS!
VERY WET BUT GOOD TRIP.

18/5/02 Good to see the fire doors shut, probably because
the wedge is missing, never the less at least we'll
know why half the hut is still standing if the worst come
to the worst - God forbid.

Mr (soon to be retired "new member") S (B) (K.R.T)

20/12/02 Weston Brothers.
First survey legs of 'Old Pidge' -
and again 'Going round in circles'.
Much of 'Old Pidge' seems to be
filled with the rubble of
the MOD War Dept. area.

A most enjoyable time was again
spent in the Quaymans Arms
which was heaving. (And we
got free drinks!).

While there Mark (the manager) showed
us the Stephens latest efforts in
Monk's Park - we felt very demoralised
at this - still we went with
our efforts in Park.

~~get into work in the first place~~

~~and about no work at all~~

~~27-12-02 and about no work at all~~

~~RHINO RIFT, Mike Thomas~~

Sd Imp - Left Head - to bottom of third pitch - very nice.
conditioning new rope.

MBC

27-12-02

GROSART

Swan Mine - Pauline Grossart, Phil Hindy, Dan Hendy.
Brian Prinval, Bob Scamell.

LEFT SHEILA Pittman with ANNIE Scamell, Collected Bob Scamell.
Had a very pleasant trip around Swan Mine
seen Concrete Stacking Cranes, Crushed Cranes,
Bob showed us parts of the mine I never seen before
back to the Scamells for a FEAST!

Mole Road/Drink

1/2 hrs

Brian Pittman

Brian! Please spell my
name correctly!

SWAN MINE (cont.)

This trip gave the that warden a chance to field test his x-ray gun (a petzl zoom). Dan had a good time, finding a few hundred feet of walking size passage by crawling under a very dodgy hanging roof section. Squeezes 1.-Peter O. (claimed over-indulgence in truice pines and bubble-squash) (not at the same time). Phil's photo session not 100% effective. Found several rare horse-shoe prints and hob-nail boot marks.

On the way out via the bolt hole, looked at several old bits of the mine and saw 2 bats - but no ball, so game abandoned.

Death by cold buffet at Clevatia Cottage - thanks Anne.

Phil

27/12/02 O.F.D. MARK & BEAD & PAUL W & SCOTT.

PENDULUM PULLED OUT INTO A RAGING STREAMWAY
WITH WATER NEARLY THIGH DEEP AT MAYPOLE WE
TOOK THE UP OPTION VIA MAYPOLE WITH A COUPLE OF SWIMMERS
TO SEE PETED PRETTY PASSAGE - 10K. FISH SEEN

28/12/02 The grand Wensley duck race down the 8 miles wet way from the water clarke, arranged by Alison Moody. Over 20 ducks were released but the race was ~~over~~ won by Peter clockwork "swan". Peter Lake and wife at the finish, his line followed by excellent refreshments at Treadwell Cottage.

28/12/02 AMBREANCE IS GRAND LONG-TIME SEEMINGLY
BEEN ABSENT. IRISH LANDS DON ME PRAYER. GOD
BLESS US ALL!! OVER OR WATER SHOT.

29/12/02 Swildens - Dave, Mark, Andy & Malc.

Cave Very wet, stream throwing rocks at us as we went down the wet way. Lavatory pan full of sticks & branches! Decided to exit as water rising rapidly (levels rose 6" in its short time we were in there!!) Ace trip to find the gear on!

28/12/02 TYNINAS - SONTAN, DAVE CRANE & NIK NAK.

TO THE END AND BACK, TAKING IN ALL THE CAVES ON THE WAY. CLIMBED UP TO DRAGON CHAMBER AND CAME BACK VIA WHITE DOG PASSAGE. SONTAN DECIDED TO TAKE A SMALL CRAWL RATHER THAN THE MORE OBVIOUS LARGER PASSAGE, GOT STUCK AND NIK NAK HAD TO DIG HIM OUT - OPTO HIS OLD TIGER ANTICS.

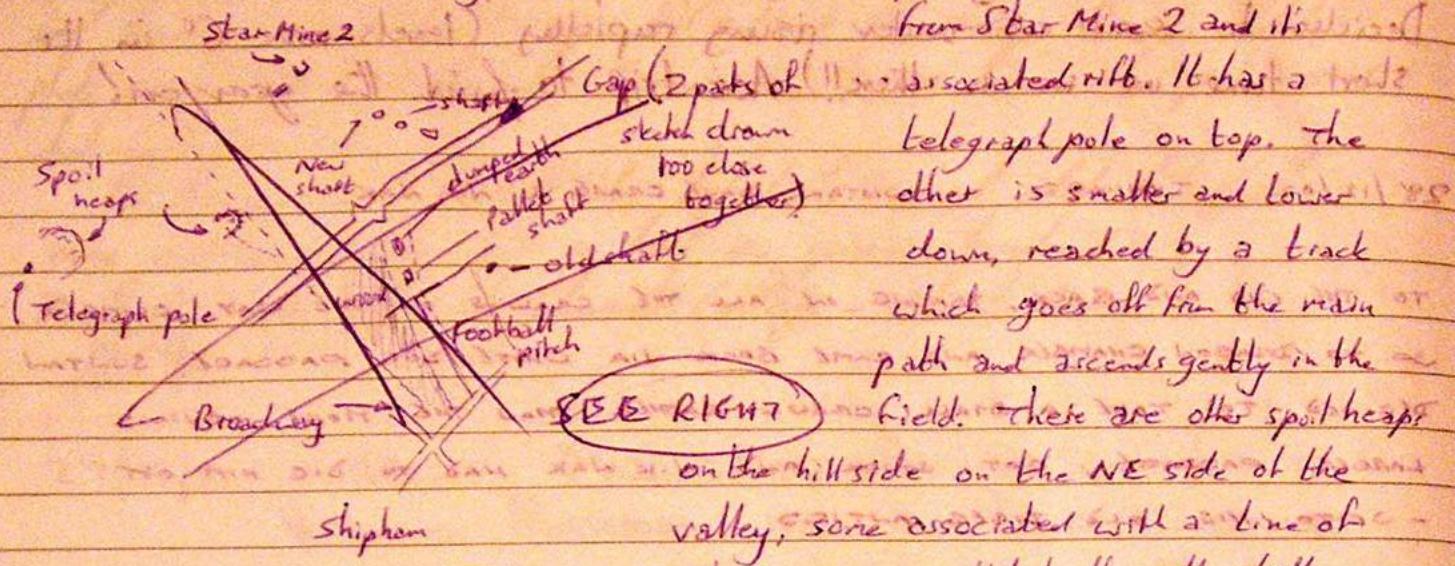
28/12/02 SALISBURY A&E. A JUDD M THOMAS

STUDYING NURSES QUARTERS FOR ALLEGED CAVE SHAFT OSWEST WHILE MALC FOYLE HAD LONGS PULLED AND WAS EVEN ATTACHED TO THE MACHINE THAT NIGHT. (Still going strong 19:00 29-12-02!)

29/12/02 PAUL MAUNI FOR ANDY JUDD, MIKE THOMAS
LOVELY WET & WINDY NIGHT. ONLY MADE POSSIBLE BY MALC PERSUADE US NOT TO GO YESTERDAY (See Previous). IT WAS ALSO MISTY BUT LUCKILY 2 SOULS ON THE MOON BUMLED INTO THE SICKENING FENCE POSTS. Lots & lots of water. It's too bad for the pictures. Mike took some nice snaps. ~~Photos~~. Nice green back in winter like this.
PAUL MAUNI PCT: N 51° 49' 57.8" W 003° 36' 39.7"
IF you ever need to find Paul Mauni in the rain and fog! ~~HBC~~

31st Dec

Phil H, Mark H, Christine G. STAR. After compulsory lunch in the Star Inn, we walked up Daffodil Valley to Shiphэм. Did not see the 2 mines which were located in the valley bottom, but located 2 flat-topped spoil heaps on the S.W. valley side. One at the top of the slope, in a line



under a low rock face. There are lots of shallow pits on the level ground just above the path.

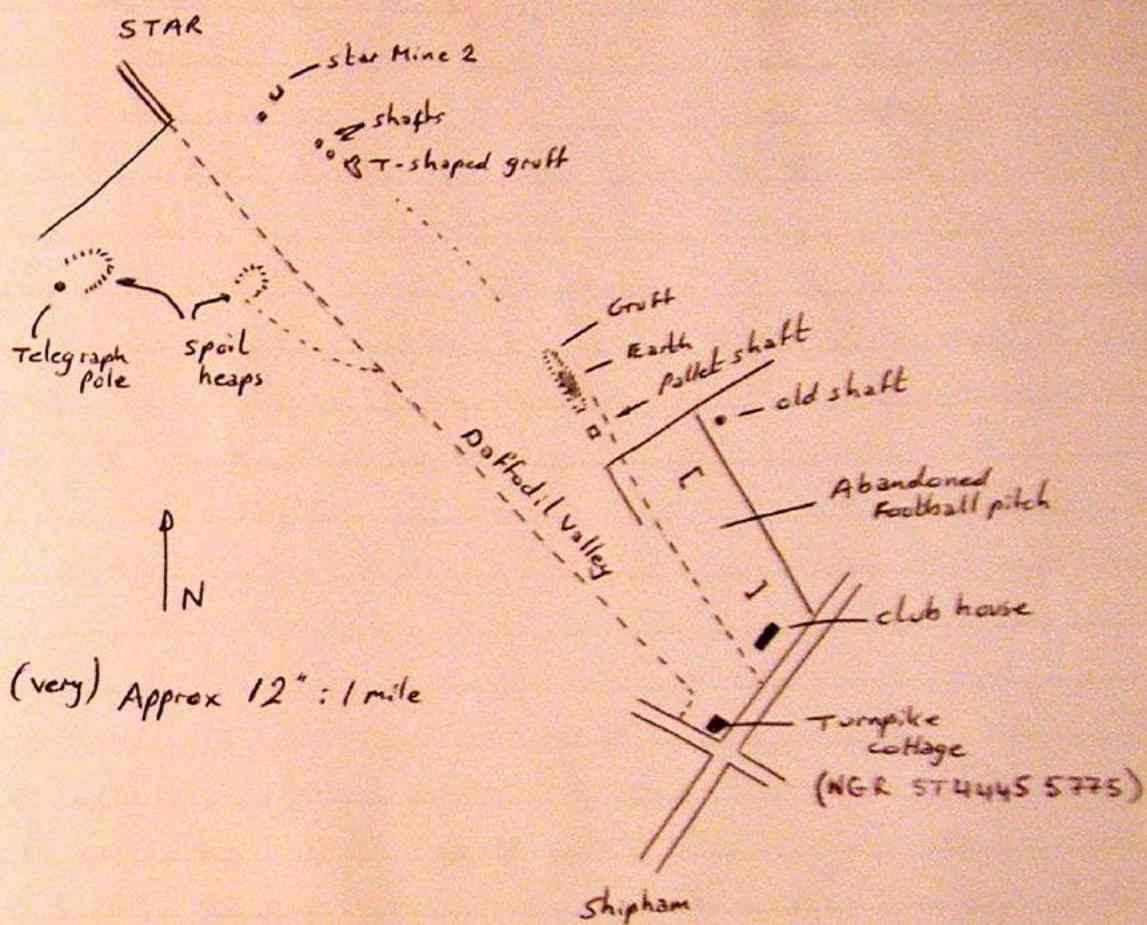
At the crossroads in Shiphэм we walked a little way up the road, and then returned via the footpath adjacent to the abandoned football field.

We easily located the old shaft shown on pre-1900's 2½" OS maps. The NGR is accurate, the shaft lies under boulders in the field corner. Stone dropping shaft - at least 10' depth. Just over the stile, on the left is a grotto running NNW-SSE. A loosely-chinked shaft has a wooden pallet protecting it; earth is being dumped nearby to fill the rest of the grotto.

Looking near the T-shaped grotto "end" found another open hole near the one previously located to the NNW, about 10' away. How come we missed it in the summer? We could not conclusively locate Star Mine 1 even though the bracken etc. has all died down. No open hole could be located. The "rectangular pit" can now be seen to be an oval depression - unlikely to be a building foundation. Star shaft was found

to be flooded several feet deep at the bottom. Nearby we found an old jar, the base of an old whisky bottle, and a large nut and bolt.

A productive afternoon, somewhat damp, but at least it got some fresh air into our lungs.



24 - 12 - 2002 - **STREAM PASSAGE POT** - DEBS, DOM, MR DAVE (BUTCH)
GOOD DANGLE, RATHER DRIBBLE FOLLOWED BY WOMBLE THROWBY
TO MAIN CHAMBER. PLEASED TO BE OUT! ?

LEW FELL

26 - 12 - 2002 **NOTTS POT** TWILIGHT ZONE - DEBS, DOM &

MR DAVE, EXCELLENT DAWNING DOWN THIS UNBURNED CAVE. -NOT AS MUCH WATER AS EXPECTED & WE'RE EVEN ABLE TO VISIT THE SUMP

LARGE POT (MASONVILLE)

28-12-02 DOM, MR DAVE, ERIC RICE & ROB (MR POPS)

8 years since my last visit & cave is still not large. Through to Colossal Pitch & the connection with Rift. Still a cracking sporting trip. Extreme trip with rift-sometime...?

OFD, WALES

22/12/02 Andy Clegg with MARTYN FARR

Took cylinders for an upcoming dive, on an 8 hour round trip with Martyn Farr. Went in at OFD-I, very wet conditions — knee deep (borderline!) at step but luckily first choke was not sumped, so we managed to get through. Really good and fab trip. Looking forward to returning to dive once the water levels have eased.

28/12/02 A Llygad Lluchwyr

ANDY CLEGG / 1224 MSET / NINA HUKKANEN / MARTYN FARR

Spent about four hours ~~in~~ at the cave while Andy and Martyn did an underwater dig to reveal a new passage. Nina stayed put as surface support and baseline feed. I explored the sumped chambers for about an hour. A very interesting cave indeed and quite promising as a possible link and new passages look likely. But fighting flood waters and low visibility does not help. Will return when the waters ease and push it as a team.

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29/12/02 AGENT ALLWEED

ANDY CHELL, 1224 MISTER, MARTYN FARR, NINA HUKKANEN

An amazing caving trip where we lost count of the LH Bats after 100! Spent 4 hours travelling main passage and North Wing and another 4 hours taking turns on a tight and quite unstable dig. Managed to open and remove boulders with scaffold support. The draught is very promising, but boulders highly tricky. Will return with more wood and scaffold to follow the draught. Appears we even managed to save a bat on the way out and the walk back in storm and rain was immensely exciting!

31-12-02

About 20 sat down to a sumptuous 3-course feast laid on by Jonathon. All well fed, and surplus cash to the bistro fund. New Year seen in in traditional fashion - Auld Lang Syne ... drizzle outside the Hunter's. Various shenanigans back at Upper Pitts - Music, pole dancing, massage, plus a huge cold buffet.

Holiday remarkable for various personal disasters and illnesses. Let's hope the New Year brings an improvement

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