

LOGBOOK

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Juan Corrin, January 2015

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Subj: **Surveys**
Date: 26/02/2002 19:34:34 PM GMT Standard Time
From: P.smith@ono.com (Peter Smith)
To: juan.corrin@matienzo.org.uk (Juan Corrin)
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Thanks for all the surveys. I don't know what we'll do about Valline. As I remember, these avens are somewhere round the hill from the car park for Valline. They aren't very far into the cave. So we can just go for a walk round there.

Mark Smith wasn't able to do very much for various reasons. For example he couldn't find the cave in question at Ogarrio, and the line in Comellante has gone. But he was looking forward to coming back in a couple of weeks with Dave Foxton and several others.

The existing description of 372 is a bit brief, but then so is the cave.

How about : At the bottom of a depression, the rock shelter entrance contains the walls of a small barn. To the left of the barn there is a slope into a chamber, with a second slope to a smaller passage, ending at an aven and a tight rift on the right.

You know the cave, don't you?

There looks like a mistake on your survey, as if one of the arrows had broken in half and slipped to one side! So I've tried to be clever again and fiddle about with it using Paint. But there was some strange problem with the colours, and the survey has turned pink. Have you any idea what's the matter?
Cheers, Pete

Andy found a narrow shaft 5m deep that may just be a large cist.
On the Sunday we took the familiar route up GR75 from Caburru (names from 25 thou maps). Andy
started to dig the shaft located at approx 572, 571. In the event it was descended by Sam, as earlier, and
found to be 2m deep, developed in a rift on a slightly e-w axis. It extended westwards to a further drop
to a narrow rift, to a state pool.
We then continued up GR75, through the boulder gate, up as far as the 'barn' (land), where some
large boulder on the north of the path, carrying GR7 (they must have run out of room) is an impressive
feature, which I think we found on the 'lost cave' expedition. We thought it was a descending cave
passage, but on closer inspection, it turned out to be another e-w rift, partly hidden by brambles of the
usual horrendous nature. After a lot of thrashing with sticks, a way through was made, and Sam again
descended, this time on a rope (I had told them it only needed a handline - the ladders were back at the
shelter), to pronounce it was floored with boulders that could be dug. The feature continued under the path
but appeared to close down; without ladders it was impossible to reach, yet is only perhaps 3m below the
path.
Finally we looked at and surveyed the chamber which lies approx 10m east of the 'barn' and just
south of the path, in a parallel gully, just by a section of the path that resembles a municipal rockery. In
summer I would imagine that the paddy-concealed entrance would be well hidden by vegetation, but I bet
that the locals know it's there. Someone has dug several pits in the floor, maybe for the goats to get a
drink.

Locations / legend

GPS

See Corrin log 2002
5/4/02

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February 2005

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Subj: **Last weekend**  
 Date: 04/03/2002 21:12:04 PM GMT Standard Time  
 From: P.smith@ono.com (Peter Smith)  
 To: juan.corrin@matienzo.org.uk (Juan Corrin)

Juan,

That's good news about the GPF grant. Phil has already got ideas about how to spend it. We went for the walk around Valline. The second shakehole we looked in had a draughting dig. But after that it started to rain (and sleet) so things didn't go quite so well after that. We re-found 752, and also noticed that the new track up the hill has broken into a couple of caves. But the best draughting hole around there must be the one in the rock-shelter at the top entrance of Valline. Do you know if anyone ever had a go at digging that? Yesterday Phil came to the Mazo dig! But we were stopped by a big boulder - temporarily. I'm also forwarding you an account that Joe sent me of their activities the other week, in case you haven't heard. His descriptions are fuller than mine!

On the Saturday we walked along the track from Collada de Esquilo, then down GR75 (the footpath). Just past the ruined farm Andy found a curious stoop-in entrance inside what appeared to be a partial stone beehive, located in the field to the north of GR75. This closes down to an easy dig at the back of a small chamber. Despite Andy furiously puffing on the obligatory fag as he pulled dossers out, not a trace of tobacco smell could be observed 3m behind him at the entrance. The temperatures underground and outside were very similar, yet it was pulling in, so this might be a promising place for a more serious look. Further down GR75 I rediscovered a shaft to the south of the path, just past a poly bag tied to a tree branch. This has a drop of perhaps 10m to a visible floor that slopes back under to the north: stones rattle further down. We turned back a couple of hundred metres east of here. Back near the pylon above the track, Andy found a narrow shaft 5m deep that may just be a large clint.

On the Sunday we took the familiar route up GR75 from Caburrau (names from 25 thou maps). Andy wanted to drop the shaft located at approx 572, 971. In the event it was descended by Sam, on ladder, and found to be 20m deep, developed in a rift on a roughly e-w axis. It extended westwards to a further drop (3m?) in a narrow rift, to a static pool.

We then continued up GR75, through the bedframe gate, up as far as the 'hairpin bend', where, below a large boulder on the north of the path, carrying 'GR7' (they must have run out of room!) is an impressive feature, which I think we found on the 'lost cave' expedition. We thought it was a descending cave passage, but on closer inspection, it turned out to be another e-w rift, partly hidden by brambles of the usual horrendous nature. After a lot of thrashing with sticks, a way through was made, and Sam again descended, this time on a rope (I had told them it only needed a handline- the ladders were back at the shaft!), to pronounce it was floored with boulders that could be dug. The feature continued under the path, but appeared to close down: without ladders it was impossible to reach, yet is only perhaps 3m below the path.

Finally we looked at and surveyed the chamber which lies approx 100m east of the 'hairpin' and just south of the path, in a parallel gully, just by a section of the path that resembles a municipal rockery. In summer I would imagine that the partly-concealed entrance would be well hidden by vegetation, but I bet that the locals know it's there. Someone has dug several pits in the floor, maybe for the goats to get a drink.

Locations required SPS?

See Easter log 2002  
5/4/02

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Subj: **Fw: Matienzo 2/3 March**  
Date: 10/03/2002 14:22:34 PM GMT Standard Time  
From: [papard@easynet.co.uk](mailto:papard@easynet.co.uk) (papard)  
To: [uzueka@aol.com](mailto:uzueka@aol.com) (Juan Corrin)

Juan

Re send of my original with extra digit added.

Phil

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [papard](mailto:papard)  
**To:** Juan Corrin  
**Cc:** Peter Smith  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 09, 2002 6:20 PM  
**Subject:** Matienzo 2/3 March

Juan

I and Peter did not do much, weather on the Saturday was very wet!!

On Sat we looked between the two entrances of Valliant for a possible 3rd entrance that should connect to the avens found near the "maze" area by the Catalans. We found a good draughting dig in a shake hole above the track that follows the contour from the new parking spot on made up track. A days digging should tell if it will go. Grid ref: 50654:92657 with an alt of 415m on my GPS ~~1716~~ 1720  
I also got a GPS of the top entrance - 50116:92621 with an alt of 430m - this was obtained in middle of entrance just out from overhang (6m error) ✓

When looking for the top entrance we came across a Catalan pot VT 9802, seems to be a shaft at least 20m deep, near sub-ridge above Vallina - GPS of this is 50427:92793 gps alt 575. ~~1717~~ 1721

Also near new track parking spot are two caves uncovered during the building work, the top one is taking water and needs a 25' ladder, the lower one looks blocked. They are very easy to find, above new parking spot on hairpin bend on new track, and on left (up hill) side of road. - I did not take a GPS.

On Sunday we dug a cave in MAZO well above the 200m stream cave. This cave is next to another Pete has pushed to a tight pitch needing a small person. We failed to remove a large block with a hammer etc, needs hilti cap. Pete has dug this down a sloping tube for some 15m to an easy dig, the block is above this but needs moving to allow buckets to pass etc. Cave has a draught. GPS 52896:95767 with a gps alt of 276m. This location is between the two new caves (they are only 3m apart).

The other job I did was to take a cheque to Nicole for Terry - this was to pay some bills for changing the elec and water over. Took cheque on 2 March - but as check was one of the old type for the amount to be in pesetas it was illegal by two days!!!! Nicole just laughed and seemed to think this was typical of Terry!

See you at Easter.

Phil



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Subj: **This weekend**  
Date: 11/03/2002 20:47:37 PM GMT Standard Time  
From: P.smith@ono.com (Peter Smith)  
To: juan.corrin@matienzo.org.uk (Juan Corrin)  
CC: papard@easynet.co.uk (Phil & Hilary Papard)

Hi Juan, Hi Phil,  
(Thought I'd have a go at sending a message to two people at the same time).  
The news here is that the Liverpool people went into Reñada 2 on Saturday, following a suggestion by Jim. They dived the main river sump at the end of the Rub a Dub Dubs, but Jim had told them it was small, and it turned out to be a massive sump, with very clear water, (despite some rain during the week) and they needed more air, lights etc than they'd taken. Anyway they were very impressed, and were making plans to return.

The other news is that the Guardia have been showing interest in Steve's car!  
Cheers, Pete

Subj: **Renada**  
Date: 12/03/2002 19:59:28 PM GMT Standard Time  
From: MSmith@atlasccg.com (Mark Smith)  
To: juan.corrin@matienzo.org.uk

Hi Juan,

Do you know if anybody has looked at the sump just past rubber dub dubs in Renada 2(or3) ? We went and had a look at it this weekend and I dived it on one cylinder for a small way and it's huge. We were supposed to look at a sump near a choke but instead found the main stream sump where all of the streamway appears from. I certainly want to look at it again with two cylinders if it's not been pushed.

All the best,

Mark.

BTW in the Matienzo web page 2001 report you have me down as Mark Stretton not Mark Smith. Mark Stretton is another guy from Liverpool but he doesn't dive.

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Subj: **Re: This weekend**  
Date: 12/03/2002 20:42:26 PM GMT Standard Time  
From: papard@easynet.co.uk (papard)  
To: P.smith@ono.com (Peter Smith), juan.corrin@matienzo.org.uk (Juan Corrin)

Pete/Juan

If you mean the sump where the water comes into the Rub a Dub Dubs from the south, it is big an clear. I think the only reason it was not dived previously is the extensive cave beyond incl seeing water again in a static sump on the left (south) and at the lake at the end - but this water has not been tested and some water may come from elsewhere. It is a good venture but will need quite a lot of logistic support.

See you at Easter.

Phil



Subj: **Renada 2 1/2**  
Date: 12/03/2002 13:08:21 PM GMT Standard Time  
From: DFoxton@Winnetts.co.uk (Dave Foxton)  
To: Uzueka@aol.com (Juan Corrin (E-mail))

Juan

I had been speaking to Jim Davis who had suggested that Killer should have a look in "a 6ft diameter tube, just below a choke, immediately the end of the Rub a Dubs". He had believe this would be a short dive to the opposite side of the choke, as he could hear running water when next to the choke.

So with this in mind this weekend we went and tried to dive it. Slight problem in that we did not dive this tube and killer dived the main sump instead.

Do you know if this sump has been looked at before?

It is the source of all the downstream water, which is quite a considerable flow.

However on the way out he found the tube in question & thinks that this is merely a flood overflow for the main sump, but this will need to be checked.

Either way we were going to investigate further at Easter but more info would be excellent.

Diving the main sump will require quite considerably amounts of dive kit and so a few people to carry it- so these "spare people" would need something to do in the vacinity to keep warm.

Would you know who has explored in this area before?

The people that have sprung to my mind are Jim Davis, Terry, Pete Hall & Pete O'Neil.

It is quite an interesting area to say the least.

Do you have a list of objectives again?

Subj: **RE: Renada**  
Date: 13/03/2002 10:15:28 AM GMT Standard Time  
From: MSmith@atlasg.com (Mark Smith)  
To: Uzueka@aol.com

Hi Juan,

Thanks for the info and prompt response.

The survey we've got doesn't show any cave past this point (only to the west where we went along the bedtime series). The only way cave could be to the south is if the choke at the end of the bedtime series doubles back strongly on itself for about 250 metres. However I'm pretty sure this isn't the same water (although it may connect to it) as the water coming out of the sump we dived is far from static. I would really like to see the latest survey however so I can get a good idea as to where everything relates to each other. Is there any way of getting hold of the latest survey for that part of the cave ?

Anyway I think if I can get Dave and a couple of others we should be able to do the cave. The dive bags will only be three and rope bags will be easy as they will be reduced right from the word go. If not then there's OVLOV but that looks much less appealing than the sump we saw down Renada.

Thanks again,

Mark

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