

MATIENZO CAVES PROJECT

# LOGBOOK

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*Juan Corrin, May 2015*



EASTER 2015 .

From: Peter Smith <smith\_peter2004@yahoo.es>  
To: Juan Corrin <uzueka@aol.com>  
Subject: Re: Petición de dos planos. Matienzo  
Date: Thu, Mar 12, 2015 11:29 am

Hello Juan

So Juan Carlos is back!

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Out of impatience the other day I went to look for the resurgence Bárcena Morel that Guy mentioned. I put a detector in it and in Molino. Both of them appear to be "clean". Then yesterday I put about a third of a litre of OBA into sink 3886, with detectors in Jivero 1 and 3884 (to relive the pleasure of those two little pitches!). Hopefully we'll get a positive result, at Jivero 1, I expect. Which will be practice of what a positive result looks like.

**EMAIL 12<sup>th</sup> March 2015 re Carcavueso**

Hola Juan,

Muchas gracias por los planos que me has enviado.

Penny, disculpa que abuse que hago de tu persona y te pido, por favor, que ayudes a Juan a traducir este correo, que lo considero muy importante.

Sigo con lo de las riadas y lo que comentamos el otro día y para que te hagas una idea de mi idea del Carcavuez, sobre la importancia de los dos planos que me has enviado, uno esquematizado del trazado de las galerías de la Cueva del Carcavuez, y uno de detalle de un trozo ampliado. Estos planos, según me dices, van a ser, el próximo verano, actualizados con cotas y el trazado del río, con su cauce en su anchura normal en el exterior y cotas en su recta final antes de desaparecer en el Carcavuez. Las galerías, sería deseable que tengan secciones con sus correspondientes alturas. Como verás Juan, el río pasa por encima de alguna galería abierta (hay otras taponadas), que con volar la zona entre el río y estas galerías, junto con un azud de regulación y apoyo, podremos mejorar notablemente la capacidad de absorción del río de Matienzo (que no es el Clarín como se le llama en el Puente de La Secada erróneamente, ya que este nace al Norte del Mullir en San Miguel de Aras) y mejorar notablemente la desaparición de las riadas. Hay más posibilidades de mejorar mi idea, en el mismo sitio, con una inversión que estimo modesta para este tipo de soluciones. El plano ampliado, entiendo que corresponde (creo yo) a la zona de "resurgence & sink" y "sink area", del plano esquematizado, es la zona "green cool passage" del plano.

A título de ejemplo, fíjate, si se conectan las dos galerías superpuestas en "resurgence & sink", (amplia en pantalla del ordenador, el plano 0081-sink.JPG y mira esta unión en el plano 0081-old-survey.jpg, antiguo levantamiento topográfico), zona de las estaciones topográficas 78 y 79 y, a su vez, estas dos galerías con el exterior (que está muy cerca), simplemente usando explosivos a lo bestia, sin más (en mis 25 años mineros, esto hubiese sido coser y cantar, con mi personal lo hubiésemos hecho en horas o pocos días), ique pedazo agujero para que se tragasen las aguas del Río de Matienzo! y acabar una vez por todas con las inundaciones. Contamos, además, con un reservorio de agua de más de 45 Km. de galerías muy grandes de la cueva del Carcavuez y, por tanto, de gran capacidad de absorción de agua, para aminorar el efecto de las riadas. Sería muy conveniente, para las galerías próximas al río disponer de cotas altimétricas, anchuras de galerías y alturas de estas, para valorar una solución de una nueva desaparición de las aguas del río de Matienzo para aminorar las riadas.

Cuando tengamos todo esto en un anteproyecto, pienso proponerlo a la Confederación Hidrográfica y/o a la Consejería de Obras Públicas, ya veremos a cual.

Yo creo que el río pasa por encima de las galerías pequeñas, estaciones 13 y 14 y 31

Hay otro punto negro que, por el momento, no le veo solución, es en donde surgen las aguas del río de Matienzo en Secadura, en el paraje de los Boyones, que es un caos de bloques hundido. Pero ya daremos con la solución para este sitio, pero vayamos por partes.

Ya me dirás tu opinión y lo que se te ocurre. De momento a esperar este plano vuestro.

Juan perdona si te vuelvo a molestar, ¿podrías enviarme una copia ampliada de la zona 1744 cave /0261 shaft/1064 cave/1741 hole/0245 shaft/3628 d-hole/3,895:cave/Cueva del Carcavuez y, galería de unión con sink area y y ampliación hacia el Este de esta zona?. Para mí es muy importante, para seguir pensando en el problema. Si lo tienes con cotas, mejor.

Este correo sería bueno que lo leyese Felipe que, creo, es el nuevo Jefe de vuestras exploraciones en Matienzo (no tengo su correo).

Gracias una vez más

Un abrazo

Juan Carlos Fernández

**Translation from Google:**

Hi Juan

Thank you very much for the plans that you have sent me.

Penny, I do apologize to abuse your person and ask you, please, to help John to translate this post, which I consider very important. I continue with the floods and what we discussed the other day and to give you an idea of my idea Carcavuez on the importance of the two plans that you sent me, one sketched the layout of the galleries of the Cueva del Carcavuez and one enlarged detail of a piece. These levels, as you say, will be next summer, updated dimensions and layout of the river, with its source in its normal levels abroad and its final stretch before disappearing into the Carcavuez width. Galleries, it is desirable to have sections with their corresponding heights. As Juan see, the river passes over any open gallery (there are other plugged), that flying the area between the river and the galleries, along with a dam regulation and support, we can significantly improve the absorption capacity of the river Matienzo (not Clarin as it is called in the bridge of La Secada wrongly, as this Mullir born north of San Miguel de Aras) and significantly improve the disappearance of floods. There are more chances to improve my idea in the same place, with a modest investment estimated for this type of solutions. The extended plan, which

corresponds understand (I think) to the area "resurgence & sink" and "sink area" plane outlined, is the area "Green Cool Passage" of the plan. For example, look, if the two overlapping galleries "resurgence & sink" connect (wide screen computer, 0081-sink.JPG and look at this junction plan 0081-old-survey.jpg , survey, topographical area stations 78 and 79 and, in turn, these two galleries with the outside (which is very close), simply using explosives to the beast, no more (in my 25 years mining, this would have been plain sailing, with my staff we had done in hours or days), that piece hole so that the waters of the Rio de Matienzo tragase! and end once and for all with flooding. We also have a water reservoir over 45 Km. From very large cave galleries Carcavuez and therefore high water absorption capacity, to lessen the effects of floods. It would be very convenient for the upcoming galleries the river have spot heights, widths and heights of these galleries to assess a solution of a new disappearance of the river waters Matienzo to mitigate floods.

When we have all this in a draft, I think propose to the Hydrographic Confederation and / or the Department of Public Works, which we'll see. I think the river passes over small galleries, stations 13 and 14 and 31

There is another black spot at the moment, I do not see solution is where the waters of the river Matienzo arise in Secadura, in the place of Boyones, a chaos of sunken blocks. But give the solution to this site, but things first.

You tell me your opinion and what you think. From time to expect this your plan.

Juan sorry if bother you again, could you send me an enlarged copy of the zone cave 1744/0261 shaft / 1064 cave / hole 1741/0245 shaft / 3628 d-hole / 3,895: cave / Cave Carcavuez and binding gallery yy sink area eastward enlargement of this area ?. For me it is very important to keep thinking about the problem. If you have it in dimensions, the better.

This email would be good to read it Felipe, I think, is the new head of your explorations in Matienzo (I have your mail).

Thanks again

A hug

Juan Carlos Fernández

Hola Juan Carlos

Our survey of Carcavuez will include dimensions of all the passages. It may not be necessary to open up (dig a shaft) at the "sink area". A larger hole or larger holes at the end of the drainage flood channel may be a better answer.

Or both places opened up and kept clear of vegetation.

The enlarged map you asked for is attached. This will magnify many times on the screen.

Regards

Juan

Hola Juan Carlos

Nuestra mapa de Carcavuez incluirá las dimensiones de todos los pasajes. Puede que no sea necesario abrir (excavar un hoyo) en la "sink area". Un agujero más grande o agujeros más grandes en el extremo del canal de inundación de drenaje pueden ser una mejor respuesta. O ambos lugares se abrieron y mantenerse libres de vegetación.

El mapa ampliado que solicitó se adjunta. Esto magnificar muchas veces en la pantalla.

saludos

Juan

**From:** Peter Smith <smith\_peter2004@yahoo.es>

**To:** Phil Papard <papard@easynet.co.uk>; Juan Corrin' <uzueka@aol.com>

**Subject:** Re: OBA test

**Date:** Fri, Mar 13, 2015 8:05 pm

Hello both

This afternoon on the way back from Ramales, I picked up the detector at Jivero 1 and it was clearly positive. I haven't been back into 3884 yet to collect that detector (hopefully it will be clearly negative!) - It was!

Cheers

565 Alex Ritchie, Darren Jarvis, Peter Smith (surface)

Peter led us both up the hill to the cave which would be near impossible to find without a GPS, you can walk past the entrance and not see it.

Me and Daz went in alone, Daz considerably faster than me as he was running away from the many spiders. A short climb up brought us to a small chamber

28/3/15

where we checked all the leads on before pointlessly rigging the hole in the floor thinking it was the handline climb. We traversed all the way along the passage spotting the proper climb 30ft below us, we were forced to turn back at a block wall at a big hole.

Dam at the bottom of the rift we followed the m-silv 30m rope down a steep slope before popping out into large passage.

We went right first and encountered a choke which we pushed in every direction noting we were not the first (2uv). There was hole in the left that we did not before the choke that needed rigging but likely choked.

Back at the climb we followed the passage northward exploring side passages as we went (most ended at drops), before reaching the boulder choke. I spotted a way on above the right-hand side of the choke, which led past some dodgy, muddy boulders into a small chamber with an oven 8m and cow bones on the floor; tree roots could be seen at the top of the oven. The passage continued from fur 15m before completely choking. On the way out a large slab shifted, it's very unstable.

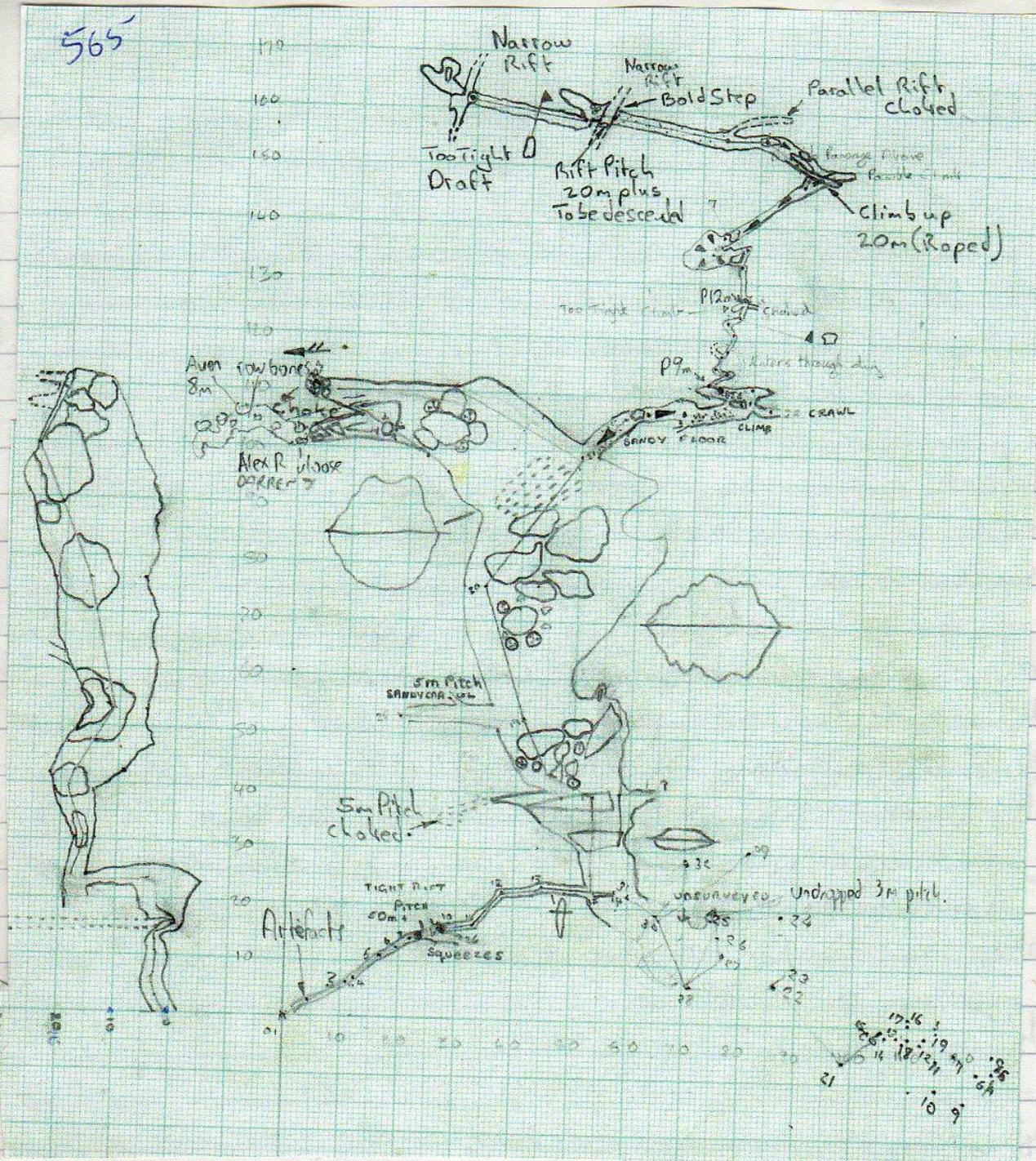
On the way up a new cave was spotted this was GPS'd by Pete and classes as cave site number 4115\*. It is about 8m in length leading to a small choke with no moderate draft.

Edited original sketch to include southern extension.

\* GPS from Pete: 0452961 4797795. ↑ 153



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4116 is collapse/sink hole beyond stream sink near Pablo's bar. See ps. ✓  
3m or km deep. - 453025 4797560 ↑ 153m

29/03/2015 - Alex & Darren S

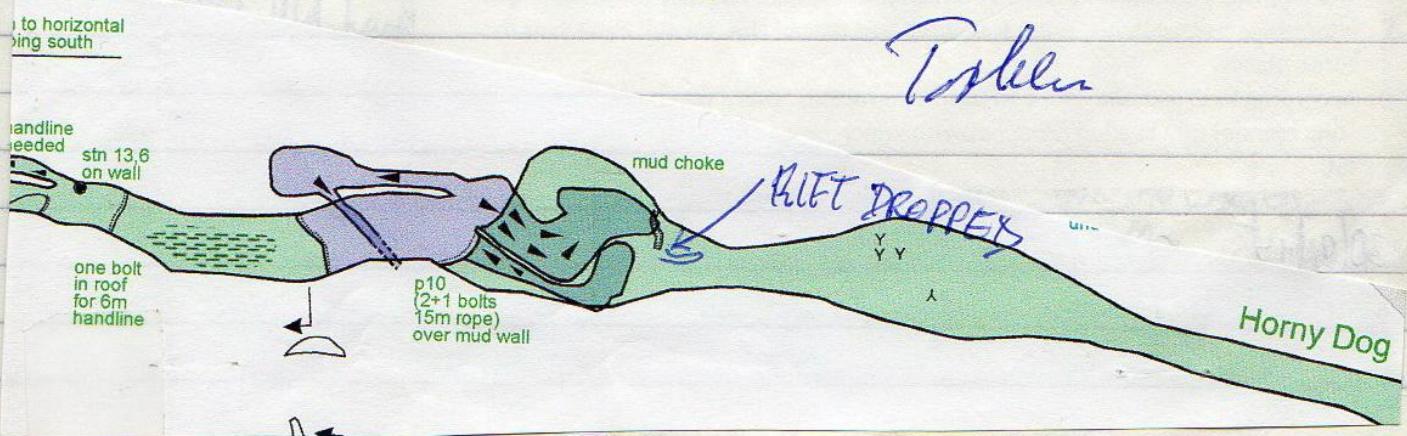
0025 - An attempted through trip. We found the middle entrance very wet but passable. I rigged while Daz went back for his helmet. Once done I bumbled around the entrance several taking photo's waiting for Daz. Eventually we were re-united and headed upstream. As this was a last minute affair

reitor of a had a survey, though I was under the impression Drz knew the way. He revealed he did not in the cave and we ended up looking at the inlets <sup>beyond</sup> Pinto yellow before heading back out whilst looking at the high level series, almost getting to no more spiders. Nice cave though, great streamway.

30.3.15 Jim Davis, Peter Leger, A.Neill, Paul Bell, Amy, "spike" Neal.

(40) Nevada - looked for "lost" passage going off bottom entrance on Survey file - they don't appear to exist, at least in that location. JD located crawl below top entrance (opposite way to blow hole) leading to climb up & pretty passage with deep holes dropping to the hole at "bin". ~50 m new passage. However, on upon reflection, it seems that the "lost" passage has been the victim of an oversight, or entry, of not writing up a correct station no. for fun!! 0048-2015 - still - dodgy copy has a suggested code due Rotted Logs 0-199 and 0-223 now renamed 198-199 and 222-223 gives passage near Squirt's passage. This needs confirming by a visit. - Tim, Ali & others!!! HPP.

31/3/15 #3234 Peter East, Taken Rader, Checked out Horny Dog section. The dropped rift ledge into the Horn Dog meander downwards east, which is much choked.



# NARROW PAGE !

Peter Smith

- ✓ 31/3/15 - Detectors placed as a preliminary to the Valline dye-test.
- Molino resurgence ✓ (791)
  - Bustablado river upstream of Molino ✓
  - Bustablado river near Arredondo cemetery ~
  - Barcena Morel resurgence ✓ Needs No. + position grid ref
  - Comellante resurgence. 0040 ✓

31/3/15

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31/3/15

DIANE DETHURBS, SIMON CAVINILLE, IMOGEN DODD, HAMISH THORPE,

GIGANT PONDO 107 2691

HAVING SPOTTED FROM THE MAIN ROAD THERE HAD BEEN LARGE SCALE LOGGING AROUND GIGANT PONDO ENTRANCE WE DECIDED TO CHECK IT OUT. THE SURFACE SHOWING IS VERY PERSISTENT AND CAN DO WITH IMMEDIATE ATTENTION. AT THE <sup>1<sup>ST</sup></sup> PITCH HEAD A VERY LOUD SHOUT FOLLOW BREAKING THE PITCH. CURRENTLY THIS ENTRANCE CAN NOT BE DESCENDED WITHOUT PLOT OF WORK.

1/4/2015 Site 1561 - cave/mine @ Barrio de Arriba

## Mina Favorita ?

Steve and Juan met Gordon, John Southworth and Dave Milner at Carlos III in La Cavada and then parked on the track up to the mine. (Track will take a 4WD or a hire car). Adjusted entrance position is 0444906,4799611 altitude 146m. General look around: mainly walking with some possible digs and climbs in natural features. Small pitch descended to closed-off mined routes. Pitch below wooden cover to be descended. Needs rope or a couple of ladders and hardware to match the 10mm studs in place.

Possibly about 300 to 400m of passage (including the loops) and would be an ideal underground environment for survey teaching.

The site was possibly an extensive cave system which has had some mining alterations as the vein(s) were followed. Samples of the ore still abundant in some places.

According to Wikipedia, close to Barrio de Arriba, "there was an old sphalerite (zinc blende) mine called Mina Favorita which ceased activity in the 80s."

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updated

1/4/2015  
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the Shanty

30/3/15 Cave 4118 Pallet-Hole 10m

Dig found East side of road to Farm at Big Mat Cave  
Pali, small chamber with dryness - dry

(Who?)

Paul Dold; Johnny L; Alan, Phil P et al

31/3/15 3916 RMCH re-excavated to open up crawl.

Put-in scaffolding & Planks above crawl where it had collapsed, also on floor to avoid some of mud - lot of work needed in summer - Photos

3/4/15 #3234 Golden Reaches, Peleg East

Unsuccessful use of pump set up by Stephan and was ready for a return.

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4/11/15

1/04/2015 #~~4117~~<sup>Andy</sup> Anton, Alex, Joel and Darren had a look at a lead by Paul Dold who found a crack in a small sandstone capped by a boulder, with a very strong draft. After a small amount of digging and removal of the boulder the cave opened out to walking passage with very beautiful decorations. Initially two potential rifts that needed dropping were found. But after Joel pushed a crawl a new section ended that reached a fire pot, which is 20+ metres deep. This pot is planning to be dropped tomorrow to see if a continuation can be found.

~~2001~~ VAIA U/A  
~~2001~~ Big Mat Calf Hole ✓

01/04/2015: ~~2001~~, Si Cornhill, Dr Arthur, James Carlisle, Went

down Big Mat Calf Hole to investigate running tends in "should have gone to Survey school". Si dropped a handline down a rift at the end down which we could hear running water. A boulder pitch dropped at the bottom of the rift dropped into an area with very high water, but no way on. The rest of the trip concentrated on surveying the side passages in the area. Most of these were short, but we entered a few well decorated chamber with a climb up into the "Should have gone to Spearsaves" area

31/3/15 RENADA

AWIB, SPKE NEAR, ANGUS BEE.

Initially the plan was to go down to Sonatogen passage with James, Pete, Ali and Jin however we got separated and never caught them up again.

We had a pleasant journey in ~~post~~ through the blowhole, across the lake, ~~and~~ round an oxbow, down a horrible rope climb, a duck and meandered onward to blood alley via shifted monk.

Having decidedly not reached the other group we opted to survey the oxbow as it was clearly not the route the other team had taken. We started from a junction at the bottom of a calcite slope and continued along cut of the cave, creating a loop around the other side of the oxbow and cut to the start of the muddy climbs, leaving markers as appropriate to continue later.  
• (175m surveyed of which 79 is new)

1/4/15: Processing the data proved by far the more difficult task as having only just learnt to survey, and having been taught paperless, attempting to work off paper was tricky. We got all the numbers in and produced a centre line which we duly printed off and created a rough plan sketch, but beyond that our number ~~anchored~~ crowding to try to create a computer detail survey was time consuming and quite frankly soul destroying. Fortunately we later located a paperless kit which we kindly borrowed for the second part of the survey.

2/4/15 RENADA

We three again headed in the top entrance where Spike and myself promptly stopped and spent 20 min calibrating the disto...  
... 0.26! lowest yet : and then realised Angus had moved on.

We followed across the lake, through the breezy blowhole and caught up at the mud. The plan today, continue to the large chamber to check out the small section down to the right off the beaten track, by Angus rigged a ladder and lifelined Spike down who then disappeared...  
... much larger than expected so we all followed and began from that!

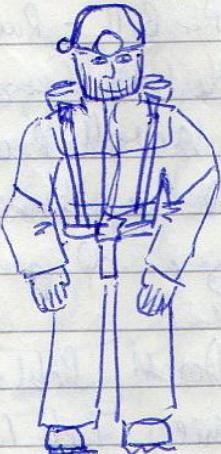
An ADVENTURE WITH;

AMY,

SPIKE,

ANGUS,

and introducing



TAKINZ NUMEROUS PHOTOS AND SPLASHES  
AND EVENTUALLY STARTING THE LEGS



Please let me reach it...

Goal, slip a little...

UP AROUND THE CORNER SPIKE BEGAN...

TIME FOR A BREAK

A FEW STEPS LATER  
WE WENT UNDER A DUCK & UP A LADDER



UP ANOTHER SERIES OF CALCITE SLOPES

AND INTO THE

CRANE TO AVOID THE ROPE CUMB

Nice Wellies

Joined up!

...and back cut through the mud



2/4/15 Vallina - Pete S, Guy, Doc et al - to Sons to put-in OBA.

2.4.15 Vallina - Tim Davis Alexander Neill ✓

Trip to buy chalk at coast and resurveyed with LRUDS from Big  
Sundae to ~~pit~~ south to Double Hatch.

2.4.15 Renada Big Stone, Phil P & Bill - Put in detectors in ready for doc get ✓

2x each in Squirrel Passage, Castle Hall Stream & Sump 1 - early trip out ✓

31.3.15 Renada - Sandoyer area. A Neill P. Eugen S. Davis James Carlish.

Trip to resurvey & look around "Zepelin Kaver" area. Need to fully explore area - not everything on old printed survey done. ✓

02/04/2015 - Andy Ferrar, Don H, Paul D, Eugen, Anton P,  
4/17 Darren T, Alex Attie, Joel Colk. ✓

A very stony team entered the cave with the main objective of dropping the pitch at the end (pitch 14) we thought. Paul dropped the shorter pitch in the way in which both chalk while me (Alex) Darren & Don ~~resurveyed~~ resurveyed with the Disk X.

On arrival at the main pitch Don traversed out to see if the passage straight ahead went, it was a suicidal traverse in my opinion but obviously not for Don.

unprotected

Paul started to drop the pitch with me following with the light after, Don did a flying ~~abseil~~ only abseil to ~~join~~ or join Paul. We dropped him ~~what was~~ we soon realised that this was not a 14m pitch ~~as I brought~~ so I brought Dan Daz's SET last year to give to Don. Then we ran out of rope. (Don had lost his).

We had the genius idea of collecting rope left in Vario, so Joel was dispatched to grab the rope. We were also using it w/ surveyors. Dan was fined for gross muddiness, Anton got and I was on my first warning. This was not a caving trip this was an episode of the ~~Apprentice~~.

Anyway our hero Joel returned with the rope and it was brought down by Daz but that ran out too. So off the floor on a newish 70m pitch. We headed out for the meal.

The one thing that was missed was there was also 2 15m  
ropes of the top, what a Pantomime. (The pitch shall be here re-worked  
be known as).

We left most our year in there, but instead of leaving it as  
we place it was stem all about the place like Alpinex one  
or Hansel Gretel. So we made the climbing passage Head & Grotto,  
cave.

1x long boulder at cave entrance - 2x boulders  
1x light 2x 2m long 2x 15m ropes

Aldrin

We have 2 15m  
ropes

what?

Alex

2m

Don

First warning!

Paul

Wynne

water

On a serious note we are  
now below Voco with passage  
going off the pitch at the  
right level.

→ cover measures?

→ cover measures?

4/11/17 is above team? 4/4/15 survey & photos - no  
new finds - need write up! See <sup>good</sup> description of cave bay  
it's been in Folder 4/11/17 photos

Level

Resurgence at head of  
Arroyo de Canastillas

Child Minders' Cave

03/04/13: Johnny Doyle, Sean Doyle, Bill Sherburne, James Grottel,  
the Bearman, Carlisle.

Went to look at the possible resurgence at the head of Arroyo de Canastillas (site 4046). James had looked at this in the summer but it was too brambly then. Eventually, we hacked our way through the brambles to find an entrance. Bill was the only one in caving gear, so we sent him in to take a look. He returned with tales of a wet streamway and some high-level sandy or dry passages.

Also, nearly ran over baby ant carrying jar baby.

03/04/13: ~~Resurgence at head of~~  
~~Arroyo de Canastillas~~

Johnny, Jade, Sean, Bill, Tom, Howard, James, Jerry & Noa.

More fun at the daddy day care centre. Johnny, Bill, Tom & Howard and James went to survey the cave (site 4046). The about 12m of dry high-level passage was surveyed to a sump that could be dived. This has water flowing into it. The gap upstream was then followed upstream from the entrance to where a larger area was reached. Unfortunately, this was one of the high-level dry passages previously surveyed. There is enough large passage in this to make the rest of the surrounding area well worth further exploration.

There is a prominent dry in a passage about 25m back from the sump on the right. The bore was dry.

4/12/13

about 25m back from the sump on the right.

2/4/15 Si, Di, flew, Pete ✓

137 Coreano (Cueva del)

It was a nice day. Plans were changed to check out the terminal sump and have a nice walk on the hill. We hashed up to the entrance, exensive neoprene was donned. I even managed to squeeze into Si's neoprene jacket. We went into the crack just off the entrance chamber, and instead of the promised 5m of canyoning through beautiful pools, instead it sumped after 4m. Then we struggled out of neoprene & went up the hill to ....

4/15/1033

PETE TALLING Simon CORNHILL ✓

WE VISITED THE DEI THAT IS "STILL WORTH PERSUADING" WHICH IT INDEED IS, BUT IT WILL TAKE A LOT OF PERSUADING!

3/4/15 2889 - TORO LA VACA VIA BIG MDT CALFWALE ✓

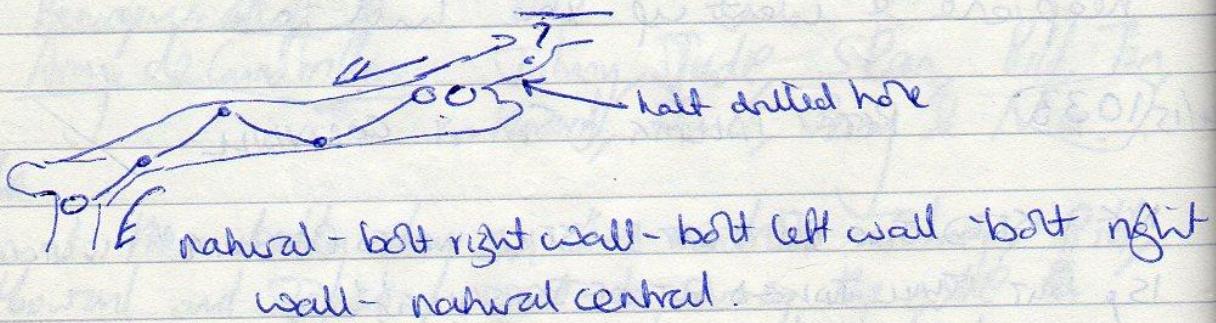
Fleur LORRIGG, PETE TALLING, SIMON CORNHILL, DIANE BARTHOLES  
WE GOT COERCED INTO PUSHING THE DIVALE/DOLD PASSAGE AT THE END OF DEEP RIFTS PASSAGE.

We poked at a few side leads off Ed's Birthday Passage on the way in, but deferred serious investigation until having the survey with us. Si put a rope on a slightly slippery traverse on the way in, after a hand-hold broke off on me. Much appreciated on the way out ~~as~~ when we were all covered in shite.

Went down deep rift passage after coemur from Mr Dringle. Followed slightly vague instructions

from Johnny and managed to find his wedge open lead. While he did mention the mud and water in the crawls en-route, he did underestimate it a little. Lots of tree roots at the end and draft in our faces on the way-in suggested we were near the surface.

The limit was another rift requiring a traverse line to pass. We'd left the drill back a bit, so Si went back for it, while we discovered the drift was out of calibration. Then Si returned & set me up for the rigging. Si & I sorted the drifts & survey while I rigged:



The drill battery was not in best health so after passing the traverse I gave up on a half hole and tied off around the central pillar. A hole was left half drilled in the right hand wall for future use.

At the end it opened up - definitely a rift-aven, with further drop down. Probably also going left & right, but slightly hard to see; good draught.

Out for hosing down, tea, beer, curry, vine, part 2 43.

(15)

3/4/15 Rendu - Ali

Surveyed side bit before rope climb down to duck in entrance series - located drafting eye hole 3 m up climb previously partly done by Pete E. May connect to ramp climbed at same time by RN, PE, DB.  
(29.11 m new survey).

3/4/15 Valline Jerry Corin, Jude Dingle, Tom

Tourist through trip top  $\rightarrow$  bottom entrance.

There is now a well-trodden path to find the top entrance - walk up from where you park, and at the second repaired bit of road is a cairn. The path goes fairly straight down from there.

The top pitch has a line rigged to the head of the pitch. The second pitch is now rigged with good hangs both at the head of the pitch & the ledge. There is a line rigged on the ledge with space for about 4 to clip in.

There are bolts on the 3rd pitch.

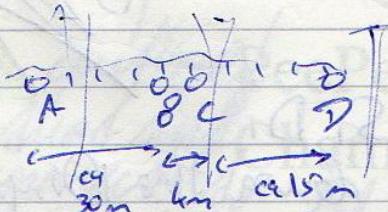
Nothing new found!

4/4/15 Phil P., Hilary, Agos, Pete E., Sam Davis, Andrew

Site 4045 dug open - goes c 3 m. in boulders, no way on,

Site 4046 - dig a little to right - but may be under a detached block like the previous dig.

4 sites found to be west of 0261, all at base of a sandstone bed.



A - 5.6 m deep, entrance 0.4 x 0.7 m straight onto pitch.

(4126)

B - 0.6 x 0.8 entrance walked up with sandstone blocks, straight onto 6 m pitch.

(4127)

(4128)

C Effect entrance leads to tight section leading to pitch of about 8m.

(4129)

? shaft obstructed by rock flake, can see down ~3m.

Rear flood level seems to be 4m above the entrance  
section of Carcavesso. (81)

1/4/15 Peter E, Ali, Phil, Jim, Dave ✓

4120 shaft Alisal ~~#47560~~ Alt 643  
10m deep choked, 4 frogs rescued  
but one did not look too happy.

4121 shaft Alisal Alt 626  
13.5m deep shaft choked

4122 shaft Alisal Alt 650  
3m deep slot, choked

4123 shaft Alisal Alt 636 \*  
22.5m deep shaft which needs more  
than two ladders. Return trip required

4124 shaft Alisal Alt 640 6m deep, choked

4125 shaft Alisal Alt 666 Drafting  
rift about 2m deep requires a lot  
of digging probably snapper.

PJ ✓

3/4/15 Big Mat Calf Hole

Pete, Flew, Si Di

Johnny insisted we continued down the Dingle 3 passage  
to push the rift at the end. Flew bolted across  
the rift whilst we surveyed from Dingle Sta 10.

(Sorry this has already been entered  
into Log book ! )

4/4/15 # 4130?

GPS ~~00384~~, ETRS89

Peter East, Toller Reeds

↑  
269

3OT 450158 4796448 ~~ETRS89~~

Entrance picture, Toller TORBER:

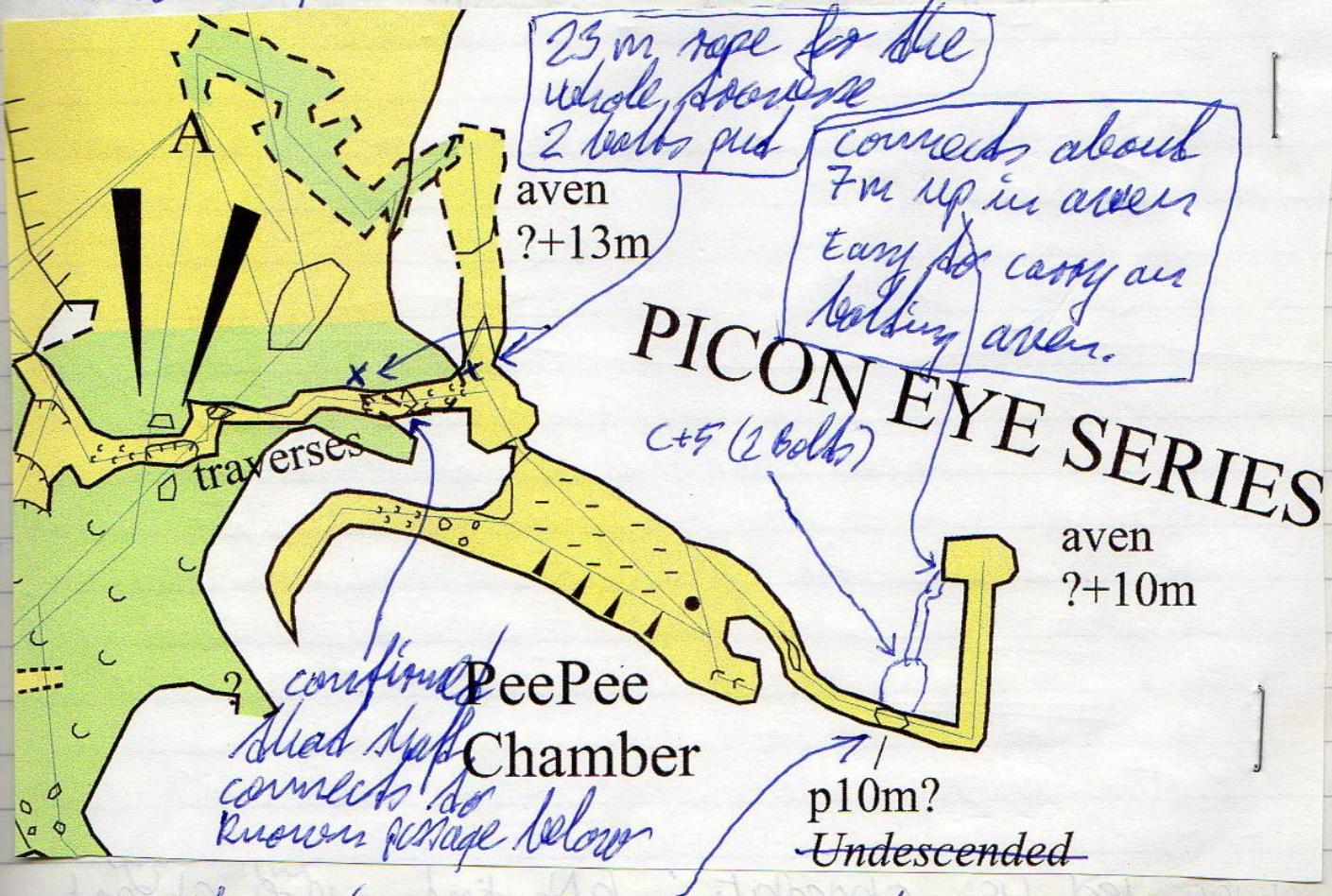
3m into the core a wide crawl leads to a wider space about 6 meters. May dig wider only, drip and runnels.  
A weak draught out.

Toller

4/4/15 #0075 Picom

, Peter East, Maribor Mappunk, Toller Reeds

Picom Eye:



P10 dropped 1.5m up from bottom of P10 a squeeze was enlarged, but only enough to

being ~~the~~ Messes in actions. The geological  
was confounded and more digging/chiseling  
done. About 6 m progress made in 1 m high  
meandering passage. Weak straggled and secco.  
Dairy walls drops helped further on in  
meander. At least 3 snappers needed for  
progress.

Totter

5/4/15. - Johnnix Dinhler's Bike Ride.

After Phil - Papards complained about a ~~lack~~ lack of write up - Here it is!

Mutweng - Riva - Ramous - Ampharo - Antuanstan<sup>??</sup> - Noja. !!

6 35 miles - It was Ave. . - Cross Park Falcon - M. S. LPS Sanro Mc  
LIFE! Ta Park!

Johnny Dangle.



Friday 03/04/15 - Jude, Tom Howard, Jenny C + D3's  
unborn heir mk 2. Daddy's on daycare duty.

733 Valline Thru Trip. All pitch heads rigged with good tot,  
Middle pitch split pitch transverse well rigged with good  
fat. 2 x 40m ropes sufficient.

Pretty disappointed that the well oiled, bare  
chested, furred Spanish Secora boys  
who fed us chocolate last time were absent.  
Baby n° 2's first foreign caving trip at - 20WKS.



Jude

## Q5/APRIL 2015 - Surface mapping :

Present : Bill Sherrington : PAUL DOLD  
 ANDY FARROW : IMOGEN DOLD  
 TOM HOWARD : DAN HIBBETTS  
 ANTON PETHO : JOEL COLK

✓  
 Email &  
 follow up  
 "

Party spent full day checking leads and mapping / taking notes of entrances + features above Bmc H Wood and on a hill and plateau extending into next valley

12 leads inspected GPS logged and description notes taken (due to time constraints data will be emailed on)  
 a good day - but gruelling hiking on our "rest day"  
 - ANDYJ.

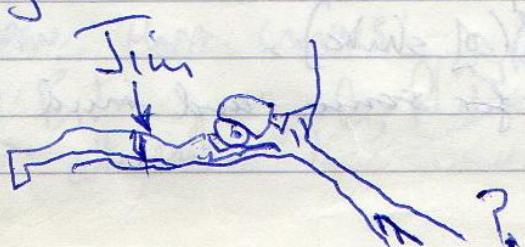
13!

## 4/4/15 Bill Sherrington's Bike Ride.. ✓

Took off up to smathy bar → turn right → R0 To Cobadoj → Alias Rd. - Arredondo N Cruz Usono → Dingles George, 28 miles 5000 m ascent.

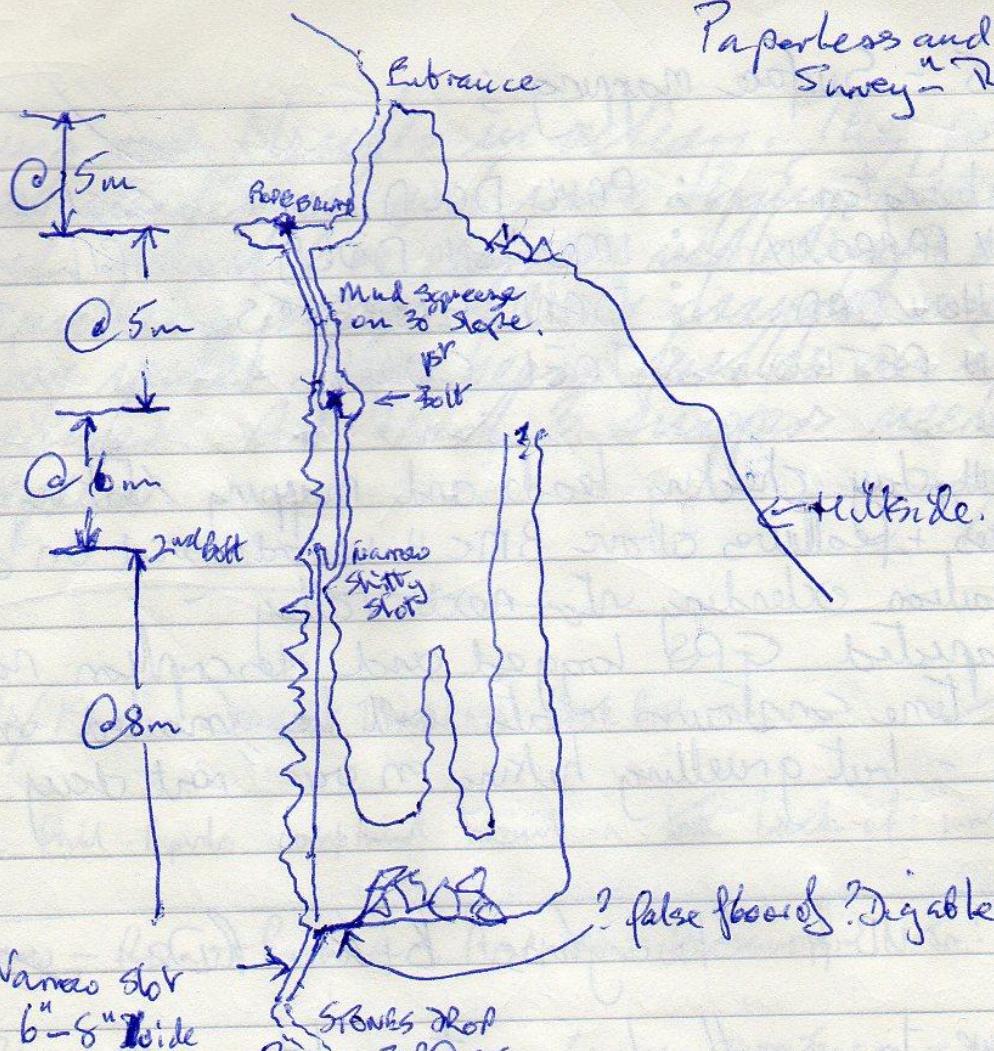
4/4/15 Peter E, Jim 4<sup>113</sup> Cave ? See Pedro

Visited cave previously dug by pedro descended hand live climb and placed one bolt, descended to pile of rocks/Dig. This was dug through and one more bolt placed. Jim descended to top of narrow rift approx 2m long (sloping) with good draught. Will need capping out to get further. Cave approx 20m deep



PEDRO.

Paperless and Instrumentless  
Survey - The New Way



5/4/15 (10) Pete, Sean, Ali, Dave (Angus) Maritas  
Peter (the Dane) Tui, Louise  
Visited Tiler's Way in Egham to lower canal  
and push if possible. Green lake shire merged  
to extend song, but only those with short legs  
survived. Considered digging @ lowered canal by  
8" or more, but the way on was still too low as  
stream flow was reasonable - wait 'till summer for  
drier conditions. However - GOOD DRAUGHT.  
Surveyed 2cpm in canal (of shire).  
Then went out via Squeeze for some mud for  
others.

Afterwards investigated church entrance ad. ~~718~~ 718 for possible surface connection. 718 looks like a good option as it has water - mud.

### 6. 4. 15 Peñida - A Null P Bell

First went in bottom entrance with Danes & S. Surveyed passage up limestone bank on N. side - S. pretty, possible false climb up steps limestone on top. Also continued resurvey in immediate branch - climbs still to do. Then surveyed back from previously done bits in entrance passage to connect with Torben & Peter who were surveying it from below top entrance through blowhole.

(all surveying is re-survey - nothing new).

At top of rope climbs up after blowhole looked for anything above way in - found climb to an easy traverse high up in 45° ledge. At, after approx 30 m enters chamber with signs of previous exploration. Straight ahead are holes down to main passage, over which a passag approx 1m wide & m high leads to a corner, followed by a pool above which is a narrow slot leading to a pool & possible continuing passage.

Attempted to survey these bits which don't appear to have been previously surveyed, but dust almost immediately packed up so will need to return to survey & photograph.

~~31/3/15 BNCH~~

WED. 4/4/15 VACA - JORD L / SHAN L / JONNY L / DOLO / INMAN DANO / STEVE SHARP / AARON L / JORG <sup>Capt</sup> PHIL P (part only)

Environment improved at RIFLE TOWNS CONVENTION YESTERDAY. WENT BRIAN TOOK TO THE OPEN. INSTRUMENT SURVEYS IN THE ROOF OF THE RIFLE & LEARNED OUT THE BLOWHOLE. HOPEFULLY THE SURVEYS WILL PREVENT FUTURE COLLAPSES?? WHO KNOWS!

OPEN, HAPPIER CAMPS!

Entire entry in by Phil JRH. (Johnny Dinner)  
all ready in, by Phil

1/4/15  
2/4/15 ✓

VACA.

Dave / Inman Davis / Bill S. / Steve Simmer / Dan / Jonnies D / Tom Howson

Want to find out about Deep River Area. Pitch was 30 mms - crimped out. Follows the rift - left hole to another rift over a big drop - exposures for 20m - needs a rappel + bravely!! Rises to continuation or ~~the~~ fissure. Survived for 40m, finds at traverse along rift, needs bolts!

JPL

6/4/15 NOT TOO BAD POT

2964 ✓

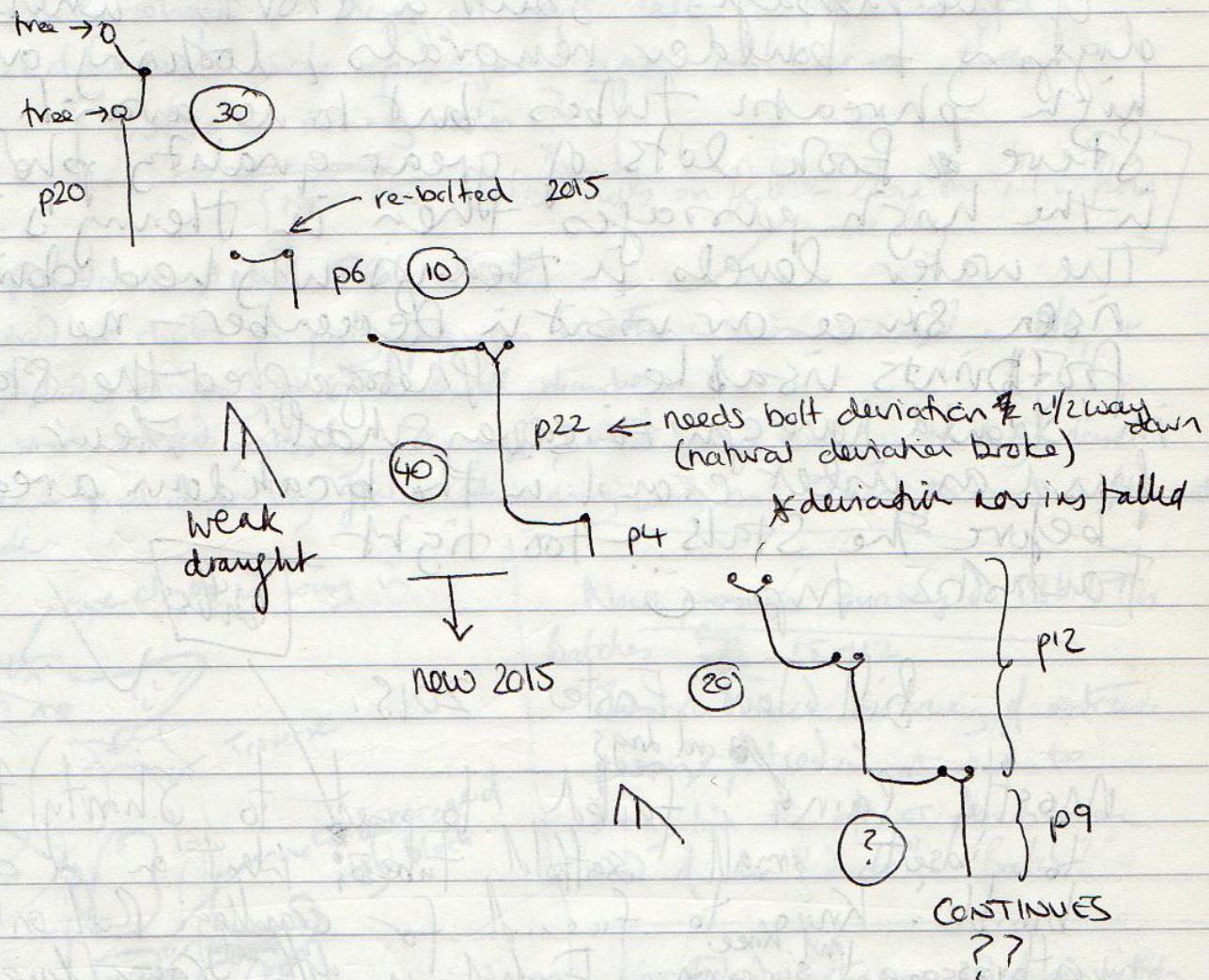
Fleur Lovidge, Simon Cornhill, Di Arthur +  
Bill Sherrington (surface party) ↗ It was not a fucking  
nearest party "pot was crisps"

Gates abandoned of a drafting lead at the end which needed enlargement. A crack at mid afternoon start saw a crag team descending with capping gear to check it out. A ~20m pitch leads to a short drop down and set shuffle to a ~6m pitch. A forth pitch at ~22m follows; in need of a bolt for a dentation.

Then a 4m drop immediately and a short chimney down to the capping front at the head of an underended pitch. Si capped away ethically for a few hours and a 10cm hole became an easily passable one. I (fleur) was given the honour of first descent, which proved to be ~12m, split 1/3 of the way by a ledge and a constriction. Di & I hammered a nobble at the constriction then I descended to the floor. Another drop followed, about 10m, in a meander of small but varying width. Si check on above above, I bolted a 4th hand and Di descended to report more

constraint although they are catenary. It was consistently draughted out, not very strongly, but reliably.

Rigging note: Thru' bolts



Pete, Steve, Si & Dr

5/4/15. Vaca: Big Mat Calf Hole.

→ higher level passage heading South West from Nearly Dan Chamber

Searched the above passage looking for side passages or a continuation at the end of the passage. Spent a short while digging & boulder removals, looking at high phreatic tubes but to no avail.

Steve & I took lots of great quality photos in the high passages then in Henry's Way. The water levels in Henry's Way had obviously risen since our visit in December - no footprints visible. Photographed the Stals in 'Should have gone to Survey School'. Steve found an inlet crawl in the breakdown area before the Stals - too tight.

Fantastic trip. ☺

Births

again

Bill Tow Easter 2015.

Mostly pain. Failed to get to Shanty Town to insert small scaffold tubes; went on a cycle bumble. Knives to fix... for crutching. Roll on arthroscope <sup>int. knee</sup> surgery. Ended up with Camer flare: fuck! Now totally buzzing on Voltarol and codine: shit! Met Andy Farrow. Thought I was hallucinating: how turns out he's the newest and most skinned one of the Dirty half dozen. They had <sup>hurt</sup> but were mostly born less!!

Adios tomorrow! Spent today recovering from a busted cold and knee pain.

FANTABRIA Days of magnifico

which is the case. I mean if you are fatted up.

3/4 Renada - Pete E, Dave B, R' Spine' N, Ali:

To continue up the climb "under the duck", very slippery. Pete put in bolts to secure the route and climbed the slippery climb. Spine followed and surveyed etc. Went up more and ended in a "solid choke". Dugged and left. Ali surveyed some additional side passages over and near the drop.

[where's survey notes?]

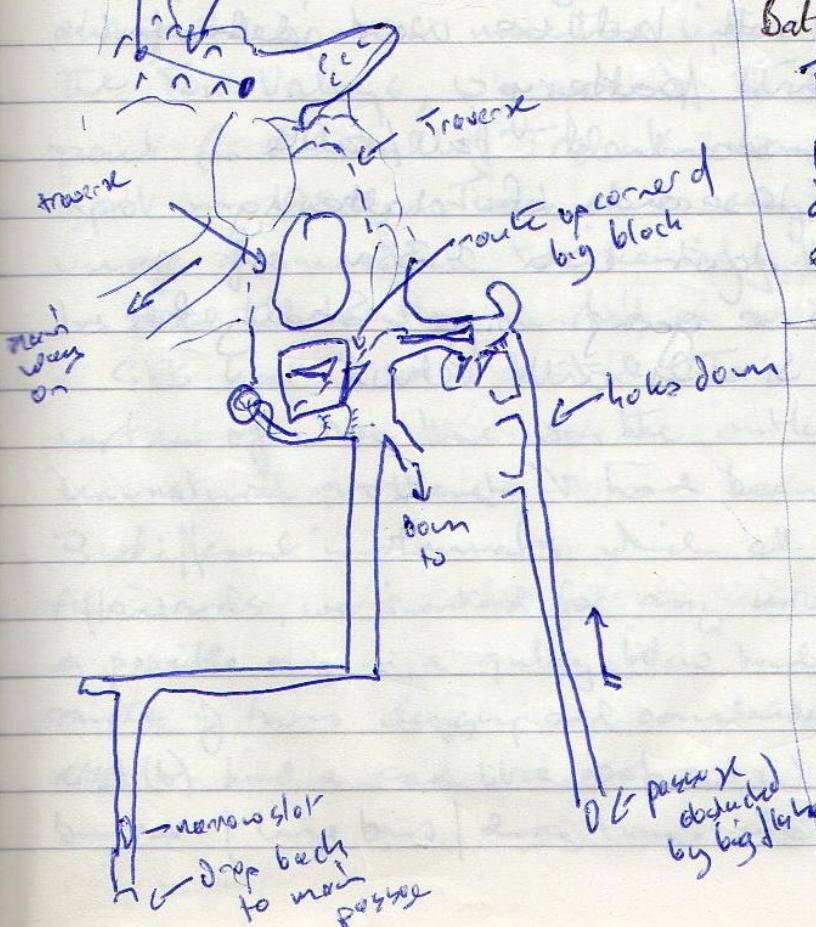
[Not the 3/4/15 notes on file - those one Ali from some day]

7/4/15. Renada - A'Neill & Bell Pete E.

First looked at climbs in pretty passage in extreme series surveyed on 6/4, + photographed - climbs just led to small chambers.

Then to series entered yesterday - surveyed, + PE found way up to high level passage - pushed to big lake obstructing way on. This passage drafty and blowhole

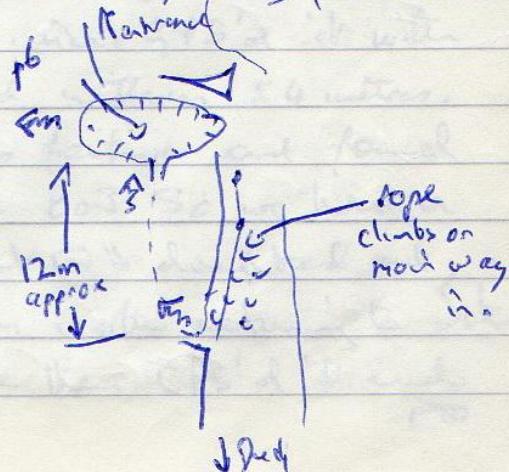
rope climbs in way in.



New passage surveyed 186.47m.  
Batches ~~15-12~~ 15-12

Then continued resurvey of entrance passage, tied in at end to diving line tie off at downstream end of the "duck". Batch?

Located downstream end of constriction which causes flooding of the "duck"



7/4/15

Not too bad pot 2964

Fleer Laveridge, Pete Talking, Simon Cawhill &  
Di Arthur

Picking up from where we left off yesterday. First up Si put a bolt in for a detonator on the 22m pitch. Then we proceeded to the final pitch from yesterday; Pete & I surveyed, while Si & Di capped a cartridge part way down to make it Pete sized.

Next up was a short section of meanders, to another tight pitch head which Si capped open. This lead to another + then another of the same - both capped open at the top. While bailing up the latter we observed with excited delight the huge and long rattle of the debris. The cave was going to go. However, the next pitch head was even more clogged. Si got to work, but we were defeated by emptying the third drill battery.

Rock tests showed ~6 to 7 seconds of fall/rattle.

Capping debris was up to 10 seconds of clattering.

The drill's maximum shot down was ~38m.

It looks to be opening up & going big. Sadly Pete & I fly home tomorrow, but Si & Di will return.

continuing from previous essay quote:

p8

p5

p5

38m reperced - about 5-10m  
remaining

continues for at least 40m, probably more.

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7/4/15 Tim Davis, Phil Papard, Hilary. Mushroom field.  
Sandstone Telephone point, 4131 D.g., and <sup>(B1)</sup> Caravans entrance.  
4132 ✓

Hilary studied the logbooks for 1984 (not George Druehl) and always Hilary been more than interested in Caravans and the Tow Valleys, we set off to locate the original telephone point for the end of Trident. Lark had shown Tim the spot in 1985, so Tim had a very accurate 30 year old image from which to identify the spot. Starting at 603, we used the location marked on an old surface map to create a GPS location and hunted. Tim found what he was 95% certain of where there was the outline of a shaft which seemed unnatural as though it had been dug. We GPS'd it with 3 different instruments which all agreed within ±4 metres. Afterwards, we searched for any interesting features and found a possible dig in a gully below heading for 603. So we had a couple of hours digging and concluded that (a) it was dug out, (b) had a corrugated roof and (c) it was worth returning to with buckets | large bars | dug trays etc. We then GPS'd it and PRO

7/4/15 continued to Sandstone Molephon Point a dig made or ~~wood~~ staked fence across the entrance. ~~number~~  
Directions to Sandstone mt. (SM) ✓

Go to Mushroom field. with back to Silo next to Barn locate Barn on ~~LOVE just~~. SM is at tree, above the evergreen trees road 603 (not very helpful in Summer !!).

(6) 1.6m x 1.2m  
Cavehouse entrance needs 6 feet x 4 foot of 8mm or more of ~~weld~~. 75 mm weld mesh, plus 8 feet x 4 ft of same plus fixings to keep it in place. This will hopefully prevent wood getting into the entrance and blocking it.

6/04/2015 - Langdales with Dan Hibberts, Sam & Jon PEMBERTON & Bob Toogood.

In Langdales cave to check climb/Aven which E.S. Pencil had found previous day? Dan climbed up to station 1.109 in - 4117 cave? Quick look @ Bear Skeleton then dropped Big hole @ station 1.60 too tight! Went to "Big hole" @ 1.108 and dropped to a large chamber 10m down to a further drop descended for 10m in a rift to mud choke with holes in floor (mud and boulders) further pitch down in chamber - 5m which needs more rope. Surveyed out from 1.109 to Langdales entrance to tie in. JPe

7/04/2015 - Vaca w/ Sam & Jon PEMBERTON & B. Toogood. ✓

IN BIG M Calf Hole & THROUGH to Nearly Dan chamber (3  $\frac{3}{4}$  HRS) Up to Shouldice gone to Specsavers to gather bearings Had a brief look in Southern choke which was really wet, still needs a good look at. Out from Nearly Dan chamber (3 HRS) Total - 8.5 HRS. JPe

(29)

8/4/15 #41130

Foster Redden, Louise Rosqued

1x2 m chamber

? -

SQUEEZE

DOG OUT

CRAWL

Entrance

Pictures and video put on computer

Possibly a weak chamber. More digging needed  
(will st maybe sack).

Tobler

8/4/15 Ali + Pete E + Roger - looking at holes nr 4113 (NVega).  
Will email details.

Venting survey - updated partly for passage detail ~~but~~ in main route to Double Dutch from before swirl chamber but didn't have time to complete it - see in survey DR J.L.

Took drawn surveys of Ronda bits for drawing up.

AN.

6/4/15 Phil P, Pete S + Hilary - to check dye detectors at Comedante; Molino Res(0791); Borcena Morel + Reservoir opposite Molino all negative. Owner of land at Borcena Morel ~~not~~ <sup>a hot one</sup> not happy said we needed to ask etc, but as gate was locked + no means of contacting him (no key etc) only option was to climb round gate!

Di & Si

8/4/15 Not Too Bad Pt. 2964  
→ about 90 shot holes in total!!!

3rd day of capping! Some rather acrobatic capping moves were required for today's session. Will tell Mr Pringle to add them to his dance routine.

3rd battery getting low and no more <sup>black</sup> caps left so Si decided to squeeze through the tight rift on the 72m rope. He dropped into a large, grand 60m shaft. 3 re-belay's on the way down. 2 metres left on the rope we landed on a ledge with a hole (smallest) continuing down. Watching the video - stones drop for 6-10 seconds (bouncing off ledges).

We surveyed out and de-rigged the 72m rope pending more capping at the top of the rift to improve rope hand -

{ ← still requires further capping.  
57m All rigged on though bolts

I lit a joss stick which showed the air was circulating - flowing both in and out. Not really a strong draught.

Returning 13/April to continue  
(or de-rig? !? ?!)

Lots of Go-Pro video taken

10/4/15 Pete S mch - Detectors out + replaced  
+ Comedionti - Comedionti positive had been in for  
4 days.

(31)

11/4/15 Pete S + Phil P checked the two detectors left-  
in Comedionti, ~~both~~ both the showing OBA was  
coming out on the 10th when detector was replaced.  
Both seemed stronger in UV than the one on the 10th  
suggest OBA had only just started to flow out.

12/4/15 5pm Phil P + Hilary, Detector in Comedionti  
replaced - +ve again.

8/04/2015 - LANGDALE CAVE w/ Jon & Sam PEMBERTON

??. 1.108??

Dropped "Big hole" @ station 1.60' and further hole below to -18m  
But no way on (De-rigged.)

9/04/2015 - Vaca w/ Jon & Sam PEMBERTON Y BOB TOO GOOD.

Good look at leads and to try and find a way on in "Should've  
gone to Specsavers" Beyond "Nearly Dan chamber". Good look @  
Southern choke first. Dropped a fm pitch on right hand wall  
which choked. Climbed +5m in choke - No go! Found pitch  
down further back in passage not noted on Survey (left hand side  
heading towards end approx. 20m from choke) Assumed to drop down  
in lower passage.

11/4/2015 - Vaca w/ Jon & Sam PEMBERTON

Look at main South choke beyond "Henry's chamber". A good  
20min look but no way on. 5ways chamber the 3 question

Marks end after a few metres! Took photos on way out!

12/4/2015 - LANGDALES

w/ Bob Toogood, Sam & Jon Pemberton ✓

Sam down BMCH to try and get a vocal connection, not a sound. Although Sam thinks he heard Bob & I @ Station 84? in BMCH just below "Wardale Scree".

13/4/2015 - LANGDALES → 4117

w/ Bob Toogood, Sam & Jon ✓

Through-trip to take a few photos. Also made Langdales entrance easier. Easier way in than 4117!!

JPe

Monday 13/4/15

2964  
Not Too Bad Pt.

Sid Di

May 13/15

Following 3 days prussiking practice (in Carlista) we returned to Not too bad to check out whether our dreams had enlarged the aying pitch entrance.

Simon Capped the tight pitch down (previously descended) and improved the entrance considerably. At the previous point of exploration Si rigged a short

pitch down to a ledge. A constricted pitch lead descended 45m in 5 pitches, 1 deviation. A parallel choked pit at the ~~top~~<sup>top</sup> of the final pitch wasn't very inspiring - small hole at the bottom.

At the bottom of the final pitch the cave continues into a tight meandering passage. We tried to remove a lump of rock which prevented us entering with no success. It will need one round of caps or perhaps plug + feathers.

It appeared caveable beyond this point but is tighter - a sideways wriggle. A good lead. Slightly draughting.

Scorchio day! Tuesday 14/4/15 Tora La Vaca. D1 + Si. via Big Mat Calf hole.

The entrance pool at the connection point is deeper and evidence of the cave slumping in - get the feeling it may collapse again. Draughting strongly out the entrance.

Calibrated disto. Surveyed north from the Frizzington series. The area around Pont Aron (glove junction) West of, at the end of the rift traverse).

We then went on a magical Mystery Tour to the east of glove junction. We surveyed a 205m loop which led us back into Ed's birthday passage - the extension Jude + Sue explored in 2010 at the 4m climb. Great day.

Di + Si

Wednesday 15/4/15 Tora la Vaca.

We have been instructed by the expedition leader to survey 20m more passage to take the total up to a nice round figure. Into Fizzington we will go.

13 | 4 | 15 - Phil Popov Comedianic SC-40 Detach changes

14/14/15 Phil + Hely —

15/4/15 Phil P. — " — " — "

13/4/15 Phil P - " - " -

10/4/15 Phil & Aubrey 11 81 small tree

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attached is what we have done so far, some of the drawings done by others I've found difficult to interpret so bits probably need checking in the cave.

26/4/15. Pete has been in touch with the forensic studying the bones in site 3153. There are at least 5 individuals + 1 child.

## JS; DM; GP - MATIENZO REPORT – EASTER 2015

**31<sup>st</sup> March** Las Calzadillas area – John Southworth, Gordon Procter & Dave Milner

- ✓ 1.- **4119** Twin depressions, just below bend in road, (GPS ref 0447897 4794854; Alt 523m) visited. No obvious ways out, other than narrow side rift linking the two features.
- ✓ 2.- **4133** Shaft, 2m deep, to false floor with good echo. (GPS 0447887 4794922; Alt 513m)
- ✓ 3.-Known sites **3759** & **3760** visited. Recorded as undescended.
- ✓ **3759** – 8m deep slip fault, approx. 20m in length, with narrow draughting slot at lowest point.
- ✓ **3760** – 13m deep. Similar feature to 3759, but does not appear to connect. 12m long, ends in choke.

### 1<sup>st</sup> April

- ✓ 1.-Site **1561** Mine at Barrio de Arriba– John Southworth, Juan Corrin, Steve Martin, Gordon Procter & Dave Milner. Short 4m pitch descended, with no way on. Natural rift found near end of far left-hand branch – too wet to climb.
- ✓ 2.-Site **2952** Hornedo - John Southworth, Gordon Procter & Dave Milner. Dig started. Photo JS of Gordon Procter 0002.

**2<sup>nd</sup> April** – John Southworth, Gordon Procter & Dave Milner

- ✓ 1. **Las Calzadillas- 4133** Return to blocked shaft (No.2 from 31<sup>st</sup> March). Part of false floor removed and 16m free hanging pitch descended. No obvious way on at bottom. Total depth now 18m. Photo DM
- ✓ 2.-Site **2502**. Las Calzadillas- Entrance enlarged – more work needed.

**3<sup>rd</sup> April Las Calzadillas** – John Southworth, Gordon Procter & Dave Milner

- ✓ 1.- **4134** Four very small caves 20m apart found in fields/woods north of 2996 just below Alisas road GPS for all four 0447378 4797336; Alt260m.
- ✓ 2.-**2502** Las Calzadillas. Revisited and dug. 3m long with choked boulders at end and very narrow descending 3m deep rift.

### 4<sup>th</sup> April Hornedo

- ✓ 1.-Gordon Procter. Further digging at **2952**.
- ✓ 2.- **2889** John Southworth & Dave Milner. Down old Vaca entrance to investigate possible dig up 3m climb at Red Pike Junction in upper series. Appears to be long term project to force way on.
- ✓ 3.- **4135** John Southworth & Dave Milner. Examined possible cave entrance at GPS 0448061 4802214; Alt160m. Found to be undercut in sandstone beds. Not sure which area this cave is in, the nearest known site is in San Antonio area. Photo DM

**5<sup>th</sup> April**– John Southworth, Gordon Procter & Dave Milner

- ✓ 1.-**Hornedo 2952** descended. 6m deep rift with floor blocked by sandstone boulders. Daylight visible above slope opposite entrance.
- ✓ 2.- **Hornedo 2947** descended. Pitch, 5m deep, into 5m long rift, closing down to north end with daylight visible (possibly **2920**?). Southern end narrowing rift with possible enlargement after 3m. A further 6 small, tight, entrances south along same scar.
- ✓ 3.-**Las Calzadillas 1973**. 8m shaft descended to rubbish covered floor, with a further 3m climb down under wall into an offset small chamber. A 1m step up leads to 5m of inlet passage blocked by fallen slabs. At base of rubbish pile a wet slot leads to 2m deep clean washed rift, with small inlet stream, which closes down. GPS 0447540 4795607; Alt 413m. This is a more accurate GPS.

6<sup>th</sup> April - John Southworth, Gordon Procter & Dave Milner

- ✓ 1.- **Fuentecil 4136.** Small hole, 3m deep, on side of track – too small to descend with serious digging.  
GPS 0446563 4800657; Alt 238m. Photo DM  
✓ 2.- **Cobadal 4137** Dig on edge of very large depression with strong outward draught. GPS 0447624  
4798968; Alt 230m,

7<sup>th</sup> April - John Southworth, Gordon Procter & Dave Milner

- ✓ 1.- **Cobadal 4137** Opened '2.' from 6<sup>th</sup> April to reveal sloping descent for 3m into decorated chamber 19m x 3m. Further sloping descent for 4m down rift below chamber became too tight. Entrance still draughting strongly, but unable to locate air movement underground. Photo JS 0010 DM 0012 GP 0014 formations  
✓ 2.- **Camposdelante 3815.** Descended. 3m deep, with no way on. Was recorded as undescended.

8<sup>th</sup> April - John Southworth, Gordon Procter & Dave Milner

Rio Lastras area

- ✓ 1.- **4138** Twin fenced depressions – possible dig sites. GPS 0455383 4802744; Alt 132m Photo DM  
✓ 2.- **4139** Small hole in edge of woodland. No draught. GPS 0455165 4802855; Alt 148m  
✓ 3.- **4140** Small entrance descending steeply for 3m to where floor and roof meet. GPS 0455082 4802997; Alt 146m Photo DM  
✓ 4.- **4141** Shaft, approx 6m deep. Undescended. GPS 0455051 4803046; Alt 132 Photo DM  
✓ 5.- **4142** Shakehole, adjacent to road, with small hole in base 1m deep. Slight draught – possible dig. GPS 0455141 4803228; Alt 107 Photo DM

9<sup>th</sup> April - John Southworth, Gordon Procter & Dave Milner

- ✓ 1.- **1561 Mine.** Barrio de Arriba. Bolted up two natural rifts noted on previous visit on 1<sup>st</sup> April. No way on at top of each. Photo JS 0016 DM

10<sup>th</sup> April - Cobadal on Camposdelante side. John Southworth, Gordon Procter & Dave Milner

- ✓ 1.- **4143** Choked rift, 2.5m deep at head of shallow gully. GPS 0447323 4798148; Alt 237m.

11<sup>th</sup> April - Navajera. John Southworth, Gordon Procter, Dave Milner & Bob Toogood

Three entrances explored on levelled area, down valley from 'Famous Five Cave'. No obvious connection between the three. **4144** GPS 0444701 4801143; Alt 68m .GPS for L/H entrance No 1. All within 20m of each other. Photos JS DM

✓ 1.- **L/H 4144** 68m alt - Main entrance dug out to reveal 5m of walking passage to 4.5m climb down over stal, to complex of interconnection passages. Estimated total length 100m. Entrance partially walled before departing.

✓ 2.- **Middle 4145** Est GPS - 444711,4801142 alt 65m. Narrow, steeply descending hole, 8m deep.

Standing room in rift, which quickly closes down.

✓ 3.- **R/H 4146** Est GPS - 444723,4801140 alt 64m. Partially excavated entrance on right of rock face, 2m deep with 9m of passage. Ends in small, decorated chamber, with no way out.

Photos 11 April 2015 JS.

1 main entrance before dig.

3 R/H entrance.

5 DM in L/H main cave.

7 Main cave walled up.

10 Bob T in Middle cave.

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matienzo recce : GPS data and notes file: M:\ARCHIVE\Caving-years\2015\Easter2015\Andy Farrow's data\matienzo recce mappingv2.xls  
 date surveyed : 05th APRIL 2015

present : andrew john farrow , anton petho , joel colk , paul dold , imogen dold , torn howard , bill sherington , dan hibbets ,

andys GPS ref.	matienzo cave ref	name	UTC 30 co-ordinates	alt	description
7	4147 ✓		30 T 448760 4799269	361	depresion in hillside filled with brambles - voids and draft ? Behind large movable boulder
8	4148 ✓		30 T 448780 4799305	368	fenced hole in hillside above farm building
9	4149 ✓		30 T 448439 4800296	167	cave enterance in forest below logging track - carnivore skull found inside ent. - signs of previous exploration
10	2308 ✓		30 T 448780 4799372	383	cleft in hillside north of farm building - blocked by boulders and vegetation
11	4150 ✓		30 T 448817 4799383	377	cleft in hillside north of farm building - open pot 4m with animal bones on floor - way on visible
12	4151 ✓	depth?	30 T 449191 4799540	256	obvious rift in plantation 15m N of logging track - 2m wide 5m long - descended by paul dold - no ways on obvious
13	4152 ✓		30 T 449190 4799555	255	hole in slope - on same level as # 12 - descending hole below rock
14	4153 ✓		30 T 449199 4799561	254	hole in slope - on same level as # 12 - tight fissure - partially dug by bill sherrington - too tight
15	4154 ✓	"hang on hole "	30 T 449216 4799575	246	cleft adjacent to forest track - drops into narrow rift - [ see vid narration ]
16	4155 ✓		30 T 449220 4799578 est	240	hole in rock face adjacent to forrest track
17	4156 ✓		30 T 449228 4799576	238	prominent shakehole - in wood , - brambles prevented thourgh check
18	4157 ✓		30 T 449288 4799546	220	large [ 20 * 30 m ] oval depresion in wood adjacent to logging track - too overgrown to search properly

date surveyed : 01st APRIL 2015

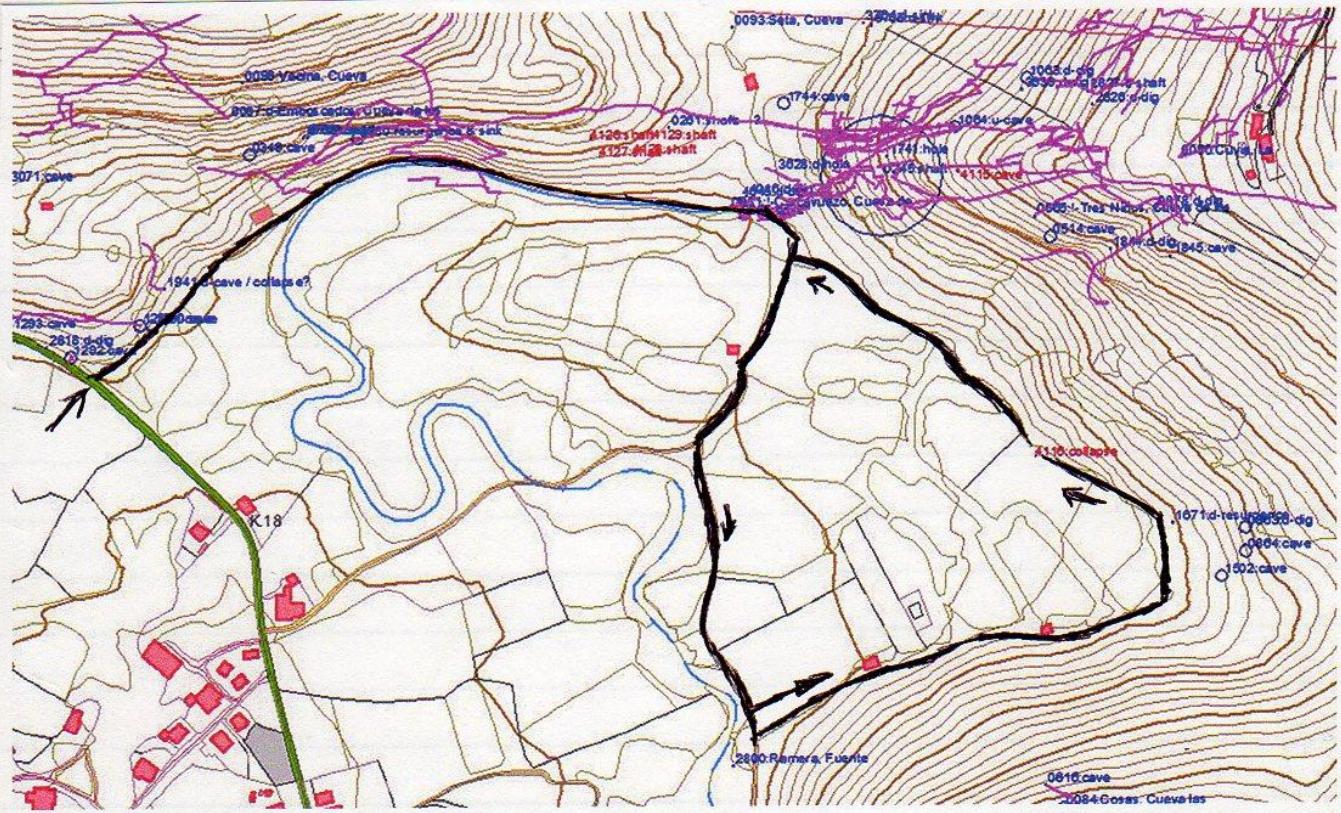
present : andrew john farrow , anton petho , joel colk , alex ritchie , darren jarvis  
 hole names are credited to discoverers

andys GPS ref.	matienzo cave ref	name	UTC 30 co-ordinates	alt	description
3	✓ 4158		448662,4800299	147	appologies - description has vanished - but it's a hole we were told to GPS - right next to park spot
anton	✓ 4117	" stag cave " ?	448502,4800345	166	hole in side of depression below wire fence - boulder blockage and soil run-in dug out to access cave beyond
alex	✓ 3300		448400,4800500	141	open rift in side of wooded depression - leading to pitch - bolts present
darren	✓ 4159		448503,4800373	163	hole in depression
IC	✓ 4160	"Isobel's cave " ?	448654,4800294	148	appologies - descriptin lost may be same as 4158?
BMCH	3916	"bigmat calf hole"	448556,4800278	147	grid ref and altitude provided for error checking
4	prob 3300		448405,4800491		appologies - description lost - entrance in woodland
cairn	The Cairn	"the cairn "	448427,4800465	157	prominent stone cairn in field [ included only cos its usefull to orrienteate onself ]

3034

2 May. The Langdales to 6m rope into 4117. The aim was to look for bones and pawprints. Didn't see any bones along the main passages, but took photos of the pawprint marked off by small stones. Didn't go into the smaller side-passages or down any of the rifts. P.S.

May 3rd



Juan + Penny. Sunday pm stroll to look @ river sink. Now sinks in ~~several~~ visibly separate places rather than a lake. Then walked the long way via Pablo's barn to site 4116. Can see base + all way round. About 3m deep. Rocks don't appear water-worn or stream bed-type. Photo + video.

Walked along track NW towards Caravaca. Probably a good idea to (re)visit this area in hot weather. A few depressions (ancient stream sinks?) flat may drought.

3 May. In L/H main cave.

7 Main cave filled up.

10 Bob T in Middle cave.

**From:** Jim (home) <jim@managerie.co.uk>  
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**Subject:** Re: Logbook registry  
**Date:** Wed, May 6, 2015 11:34 am

4126, 4127, 4128, 4129

Hi Juan,  
The 3 or 4 small entrances to pitches found at Easter above and to the left of the Carcavueso entrance suggest that there may be some similar ones above and to the right. Haven't looked there. The pitches seemed to be between two sandstone layers, the bottom one probably being the 3 to 4m bed which forms the roof of the entrance.

Jim

May 6 + 7 + 9 ~~Three~~ Juan surveyed the sink area at Carcavueso. ~~Two~~  
"permanent" stations left - Tied back to Alberto's barn.

May 8 Pete + Juan to site 4112, <sup>Cueva de la</sup> Cuesta de la Encina.

Surveyed cave; 2 entrances; possibilities for parking + extension. Ten meters high, 7m wide chamber @ one point. Nice formations. Video + photo. ~~About~~ ~~#~~ survey.

Some bits "new", 211m surveyed

May 9th Lea's 3 daughters and their mother turned up with Lea's ashes. Juan + Penny took them to Agua where Juan took the 3 daughters into the entrance chamber, where they scattered the ashes into the stream. Penny looked after mother at the entrance. (She had a recently broken leg).

Just as we were leaving a group of 40 Basque carers + families arrived. All a bit bizarre!

Jean turned up for the food + drinks at Bar German afterwards. The Basques also arrived in a coach having booked a meal.



## Area near 0812 – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April – Dave B, Peter E, Ali

040

5.5m shaft – we did not descend  
SITE 0812

041 > SITE

5m deep choked shaft, descended  
0449690,4795834

4161

042 > SITE

Covered shaft, appeared choked, undescended  
0449709,4795846

4162

043 > SITE

6m deep shaft with drafting dig on right at base, descended  
0449711,4795861

4163

044 > SITE

5m east of 043, 7m deep shaft with draft, descended  
0449714,4795859

4164

045 > SITE

4m diameter shaft with trees, 5m deep, drafting in through small digable choke  
0449793,4795909

4165.

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**Subject:** Renada new survey

**Date:** Thu, May 28, 2015 9:50 am

As the length of "new" survey given in the Easter summary seemed a bit suspect, I have just gone through the survex data & come up with the following figures:

Entrance series 466.2m

-? TC of SVS = 33071 + 521 = 33592m

"Zeppelin Hanger" (?) area 54.5m  
total 520.7m.

This was all either new or as far as we know previously unsurveyed passage.

Did you get the last survey I sent, which shows all the new & resurveyed passage in the entrance series also what we did at the (?)Zeppelin Hangers.

Does anyone know anything about the passages leading from Azpilicueta to above the Zeppelin Hangers? If these are straightforward, it would seem this could make a perhaps easier alternative route for the Azpilicueta - Renada through trip rather than going through Sanatogen.

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**Subject:** Matienzo Easter 2015  
**Date:** Sun, Apr 26, 2015 1:46 pm

Hi,  
I thought I would send you a quick rundown of the surveying we did over Easter.

1<sup>st</sup> April 2015

Batch: 2889\_15\_02 (126m - new surveyed)

VACA: This is four side passages off 'Should Have Gone To Survey School'.  
The .top sketch from Christmas was extended to include these but the survex batch only contains the new data.

3<sup>rd</sup> April 2015

Batch: 2889\_15\_03 (29m - new surveyed)

VACA: This is a short, previously scampered but unsurveyed section at the end of the Dingle/Dold Rift Passage (off Ed's birthday passage)

6<sup>th</sup> April 2015 / 7<sup>th</sup> ?

Batch: 2964\_15\_01 (36.59m new surveyed - 30m vertical, 17m horizontal)

Not Too Bad Pot: Continuing down from the end of the 2008 survey to the head of the 7<sup>th</sup> capped out pitch head.

9<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015

Batch: 2964\_15\_02 (119m new surveyed - 110m vertical, 31m horizontal)

Not Too Bad Pot: Continuing down from the head of the 7<sup>th</sup> capped out pitch head to the constriction at the current limit.

14<sup>th</sup> April 2015

Batch: 2889\_15\_05 (81m - new surveyed)

VACA: Previously known but unrecorded passages West of 'Pont Aven' (this is very close to the start of Frizzington and has been added to this .top sketch)

14<sup>th</sup> April 2015

Batch: 2889\_15\_06 (206m - new surveyed)

VACA: 'Magical Mystery Tour'. Starting off as previously scampered, but unrecorded passages East of 'Pont Aven', continuing through some 'new stuff' and connecting into "possible lead up 5m climb" marked with a star off Ed's Birthday Passage. The sketch is also included in our ever increasing frizzington.top so we had an idea where we were heading!! But the 2889\_15\_05.svx is only new survey data. We did continue surveying into Ed's BP but this has been omitted and the survey was connected to the end of the previous stuff.

15<sup>th</sup> April 2015

Batch: 2889\_15\_04 (55m - new surveyed)

VACA: 'Doldie's Draughting Passage' Heading North off Ed's Birthday Passage fairly close to Bigmat Calf hole (STN:78).

Ending in draughting pitches to descend and bolt traverses to cross - several 5 star leads!!

Our total offering to this seasons passage total = 653m.

I hope this all makes sense if you haven't already got this information.

Yours Missing Matienzo

Simon.

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