

MATIENZO CAVES PROJECT

# LOGBOOK

Year: 1986  
Season: summer

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Sat 12<sup>th</sup> July

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Joe, Liz & Sley arrived late afternoon after driving down via Gouffre Padirac and the Grottes de Betharam. We like French show caves! Sley destroyed his image by having a shower at the first camp site and proceeding to put a set of new trendy clothes on. It is recorded on film! Lourdes was visited en route and Blackpool will never look the same again. Row upon row of plastic virgin marys and crucifixes, some with flashing lights round them, and plastic containers for the holy water. Sley tried to get near the grotto to push it, but was stopped by a copper who said he was improperly dressed (!) Nearly got showered in flying glass when a Spanish (of course) bus tried doing a cowboy manoeuvre on a street corner, mounted the pavement and smashed the neon sign outside a plastic virgin mary emporium. Grottes de Betharam (nearby) are really good - you go up in a cable car to a back entrance then into big old well-decorated phreatic stuff. After the guide has spouted in French he presses a button and you get a commentary in English as well so of course Sley pressed the button again afterwards so we all got a commentary in Serbo-Croat or something. Then you drop down a lot of steps to the active lower level and walk for ages along with passages reminiscent of Dovber Gill. Then there is a boat ride which is only about 100m and rather spoilt by the guide walking along a catwalk by the side of the boat - why couldn't we have done as well? Then you get into a train and go roaring along a lot more passage before emerging back where you started.

Just remembered - Sley made passionate phone call on way down through France to Marion - reckons he's proposed marriage to her. Is there anything left of his image ???

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Sun 13th July (ILLEGAL CAVING)

Despite pouring rain, it was decided to do something. Pedro, Slug, Jane, Joe, Richard and Steve up La Vega to end of tarmac road. Walked up the track, not knowing whether we were getting wetter from the rain or from sweat, up to what was to turn out to be Torca de las Alveplanas, though Pedro thought it was a new shaft. Pedro, Joe and Richard went down this, the others off to look at other stuff. Despite a promising start and a noticeable inward draught (on a cool day) the cave soon degenerates into a hands-and-knees crawl along a sandstone bed, which lowers. The draught is not obvious here. The place is a bit puzzling - the large shaft near the entrance just changing to the immature shaft of the crawl. No high level way on could be found, and the wet conditions didn't encourage pushing the crawl. On the last exploration the crawl got very low and wet, so perhaps it is worth pushing in dry conditions, perhaps by someone in a wet suit. It may just go into Renada. Upstream, Richard pushed about 40' of passage (erry, 12m) which may have been done before. Marked entrance with a yellow tape threaded through rock (in front) and a chiselled 'A' nearby.

A very poor start to Sluggo Tours '86. Investigated shaft in dry valley very close to Spear Pot (as explored in '85) also close to shaft explored and accounted above.

Shaft almost as blocked as Liz's bottle during the first few days in France.

Also investigated another interesting "Hoya" further up valley but no passage

Raised perennial (?) problem of marking shafts

(he can't spell either)

We suggest numbered fluorescent strips.

What about metal tags fixed with a Milti gun?

Where are they?

Explored 75' shaft with complete choke at the bottom. This was further down the valley from Alveplanas and on the same side.

SOFT MONDAY 14TH JULY 1986 (MORE ILLEGAL CAVING)

We decided to go caving and Steve say can i come an i say yeh & Joe say can I come an i say yeh and Jane say can i come an i say yeh an slug say can i come an i say no 'cos you smell but slug come anyway. So after joe have washed his willie we go to a place where there is a big pile of shit & a lot of rotting animals an slug say this is called risco:-

We went upstream and climbed up a steep boulder chute to an upper gallery and Jane said I want a line on this, and slug climbed up a climb with 2 bolts and Jane said I want a line on this and we carried on in the roof for a bit and did a traverse and Jane said I want a line on this, and then we got to a really hard bit & Jane said I'm not going over there! (etc) so we went over & decided that slugs upper galleries were only a continuation of the upstream roof passage with lots of phreatic tubes which Steve pushed along - ~~the roof~~ side the main-passage for quite a way. So we came out.

Richard is a lying cunt - Jane.

Richard is a lying cunt - ~~slug~~

Nice, well decorated upper series to Risco, maybe 30 m above present floor, mainly above dry oxbow. Well worth a photographic trip with the correct lighting.

P.S. Everyone must go to bed early tonight because Eros arrives early tomorrow morning.

PHK BIG BACKS PAPPADAM PAPPARD  
IS COMING TO LEAD US NOT INTO  
TEMPTATION.

Tuesday

15th July 1986 OK NOW TO GO CAVING - PERMIT STARTS!

(But we went caving out of the permit area anyway)

Phil B.B.P.P. arrived horrendously early. After much to-ing and fro-ing and organising of tackle, it was decided to go shaft-bashing up above Ogarrio. The track up hasn't got any better since it was last done several years ago and after all the rolling-Land Rover jokes Joe was relieved to get to the top. The short cave near the track was revisited, and found to be only about 30m long. Next, a small shaft adjacent to the large one descended last time, was investigated by Steve, and found to be only about 10m deep, with no continuation. We were all under the impression that the area was littered with shafts, but all the inviting-looking shakeholes dotted about were found to be just flooded with bracken, etc. Some were very deceptive, having very vertical walls and earth floors maybe 10m down, so they appeared to be shafts. After considerable searching, another shaft was found some distance from the first and descended by Steve — The shaft went down to a ledge about 30' down and then into a tube about 90' deep at the bottom it joins with a parallel shaft but ended in a completely blocked boulder floor.

We then all made our way back down the track, and to Bar Tomas for a mega-meal of sopa, chuletas patatas fritas and then a fruit salad made up by Mrs Tomas complete with Cointreau. Several bottles of tinto washed it all down plus the usual copas. It was then realised that time was getting on, and a retreat was made back to Bar German to find it shut. Disaster! However the snous was open, so back there we went. Our Great Leader then proceeded to buy a big round then kept asking whose round it was thereafter, with the result that everyone drank twice as fast, and of course, got pissed. Some very drunken pool playing took place with the locals and our only recollection of events is from Shug who was ill and wasn't drinking. Woke up next morning fully clothed in pit with screaming hangover and no idea how I had got back (in fact drove back whilst others tried to kill Phil by pushing him out of back of Land Rover but can't remember it) — blame it all on Phil.

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Wed 16<sup>th</sup> July. All very ill - and no wonder. Day spent in going to beach and/or Santander. Beach and sea very nice. Found a cave in headland by Noja beach, but entrance shaft full of turds and bog paper so not investigated.

AZPEITIEN II 18/7/86

TRIP TO SURVEY SAILOR WELL IN POMPILL 27/7/86 BOSTON

116, 166, Mr. BOSS, DICK & STEVEY. out, down, into, out

so has to go term of night, good made off now nothing more at all

any perspective, but already about 2000 ft up, so I think

pitch too bad and lots of flat tops everywhere, so probably

also noted (it's grubbed off himed top) according to one of

Sugars, he's been working day and night and has

had a lot of trouble with his father

but still he's been working day and night and has

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AZPILICUETA 17/7/86

Phil, Steve, Jane & Richard

Trip to tackle to cave and check ladders etc. left in last year on the route through to Renada. Late start & late exit! All rope paths are now OK & way through to Renada has life-lines on both pitches.

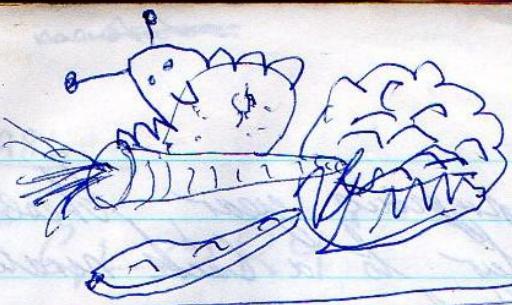
REÑADA 17/7/86

Slug, Colin, Carol, Joe.

In conjunction with the above trip, trip in to meet up at end of Sanatogen. Minor route-finding problems in Sanatogen plus failure of Colin's lamp slowed things down but even so, got to end of Sanatogen (just beyond the hading rift) before the Azpilicueta team. [Can by-pass the pitch in hading rift by going down to RHS then doubling back to ledge] Tried to find way up into Azpilicueta, and Slug found original way up via roof tube. He had just decided it was too tight at the 'pipe cleaner' and returned when Phil's whistle was heard. Having met up with the others, the correct way up was shown, and all ascended up to the Main Chamber of Azpilicueta, replacing the lower of the two ladders, whose wires had gone black, with one of the "new" ex-CRO ones, although the new ladder was too short so the replaced ladder was added to the bottom of it.

Having realised the time, a hasty exit was made, and the various ~~parties~~ parties arrived at the Daughter's Bar late by an hour and an hour and a half respectively. Mrs Daughter's was not too pleased! Liz had spent an embarrassing time waiting for us, trying to explain where we all were. Suggest it's not a good idea booking meals for after caving trips that aren't very short.

Margaret del Rio



Today the Great God  
of Lentils Arrived.  
Greetings  
to OUR LORD

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## D.H.S.S. EUROPEAN TOUR '86 VEG.

AZPILICUETA II

18/7/86.

TRIPTO SURVEY & SCALE WALL IN POMPEII CHAMBER.

SLUG, VEG, BIG BALLS, DICKY, STEVEY.

Dear Sir I wish to protest  
about the climbing bullshit that  
is creeping into this log book.  
Yours faithfully, Norbert Castorate.

Super fast drop to end of ropes. Hang dogged last  
pitch to really dig that exposure. Nice hang big  
balls

Slug & Veg pushed on to Wef Willy Wall. A 5000'  
foot slope of mud & calcite spotted by Slug  
& T.T. when area was originally explored in '85.

Slug lead first hairy pitch to bolt belay. They  
brought Veg up who followed through into  
his underpants they led next pitch in a very  
mellow manner. Another bolt belay. Slug  
then very coolly with now assembled audience  
took coax in an exacting manner and discovered  
niles of nothing. Mud. Mud and more mud right  
up to the roof. And mud on the other side.

Bollocks

Slug first ~~on pitch~~, with everyone else hanging  
on rebelay's waiting for him to get off  
rope, (possibly due to extra weight of forces-  
laden underpants from earlier climb) then  
went out.

Big balls, Dicky and Stevey re-surveyed a loop  
round the main chamber and inspected some

footprints found the previous year, these are very old and look similar to a back scratching-wobble breasted mammoth actual size →

P.S. - the animal was one footed.

18/7 Spent good part of afternoon emptying tent of several hundred ants - mostly dead after good zapping with spray bought from Ram-ales. Anybody fancy an ant butt?

18/7 Cdn - Card. - Cova de Conejo. - Had a look at this cave.

- the obvious "railway tunnel" on Mule above organo to see if there was any hope of a good digging location.

Went to the limits of "comportable" exploration (meaning "best" shit). The whole place seemed very still and dead and full of goat shit. We tried to find draughts in various alcoves without success. The cave didn't really justify the walk up the hill to it.

"O.K. SO I DO A BIT OF THATCHERISM"

"BUT I CAN HANDLE IT."

YOU LOSE YOUR JOB YOUR FRIENDS, YOUR HEALTH

- **FORCES** -

REALLY SCREW YOU UP!

(Why, I've always voted Tony - Jane)

~~nest~~ ~~nest~~ ~~Cave & Caves~~ 19th July 86

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19TH JULY 1986

## "GLORY"

We now have the 4th longest cave in Spain

Phil (Big Balls), Pete (Pedro), Veg (Lentil-God) and Big Jane (? \*a\*!) in to Rianó.  
Slug (Sausage Breath), Richard (Dick), Steve (Apprentice No 1) in to Uzuka.

After two hours met at connecting crawl, at agreed time of 4.30pm

A bit of digging at each side saw Veg thru' into Uzuka, along the passage now named "The Mastabator Manipulator".

Then everyone from Uzuka went into Rianó, including Slug who spent 3/4 hour digging out the squeeze/crawl ~~area~~ (~~MAS~~TABATOR MANIPULATOR) to articulated ~~body~~ size (fat git). Then everyone went out of Rianó, and we are now in the bar !!. —

Veg - Dos Tinto Blaborada.

Pablo - Dos Mil Pesetas.

Veg - D.H.S.S.

Dabb - Yes sir, that'll do nicely!

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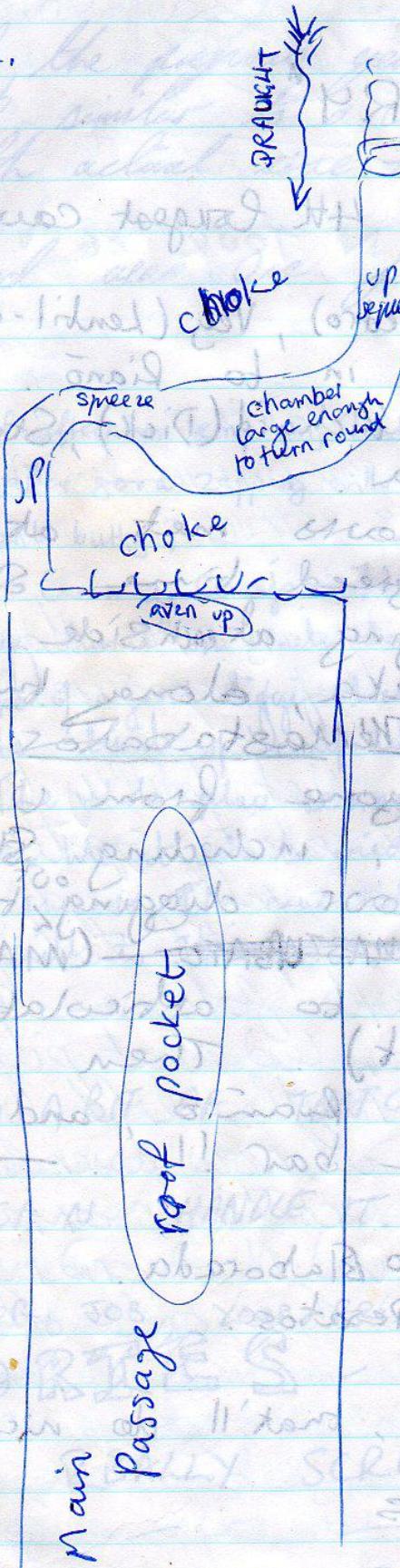
Spot ON

H3 Return of the Ants. Part 2  
Kamikaze ants removed to tent to die for a noble cause - b righten Liz

19/1 EMBOSCADOS

Joe, Liz, Colin, Carol.

18PI MINT AT PI



↑ shift graft to mixed up  
not mixed & some older not all of last of mixed the sediment

Joe, Liz, Carol + Colin. 19th. Sept. 86.

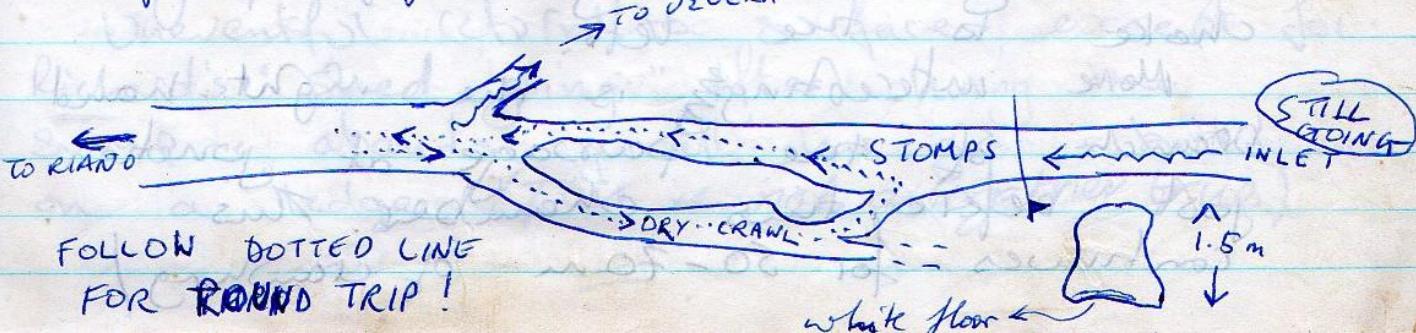
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Went into Emboscados to show Carol the cave drawings and bear scratchings and bear pits. Looked up into all roof pockets, on Sluggo's suggestion, but no further leads on roof extensions. Could only find one cave drawing. At terminal choke, Colin disappeared up steep, disgustingly filthy crawl at LH side, although he could be heard from end of crawl. After quite a considerable amount of poking about, he re-emerged to say that it might go. [Lugger did some work in here and it may well be that we were just repeating that]. With the aid of a crowbar, Colin + Joe returned to the job, with Joe confined to the chamber because of the tightness of the next squeeze. The crawl up to this chamber is very grody, and the LH wall is a mixture of dossers and raked, as Joe found when one rolled out and tried to pin him. Colin squeezed through the squeeze after the chamber and attacked a boulder that was in the way, with the crowbar. After a lot of effort he got it moved part way - The boulder blocks a clear view and access to what appears to be a very tight triangular squeeze beyond, however if <sup>the boulder</sup> it can be passed the squeeze can be looked at more thoroughly and possibly enlarged with the aid of a hammer and chisel. Progress will require plenty of work but the draught is encouraging -

Noticed that choke is fairly open, but not open enough for human access, upwards. Rocks consist of sandstone. Small debris rounded (no surface debris at all) - must be an inlet, up in

Vzeka - Riano tip. sandstone bed above

While others made sure of glory - at the "Masterbator Manipulator" Pete went up the dry crawl to the right, finding an inlet passage - exploring some 50m. - and still going. And in fact connects straight on from Riano passage.



20<sup>th</sup> July 1986 (UBA & LUBA (BIGGO)).

Phil, Steve, Richard + Veg.

Intended to go into large stuff in Biggo with beyond two samp to complete survey. Uneventful trip to samp; Phil + Steve free - due Veg + Richard with a bottle. As we progress thru' ~~samp~~ chose on far side of the samp I ask Phil if he has got the Surveying gear. "Yes it's here in this B.D.H container" he said "Oh I've left the tape" He suddenly exclaimed his face a mixture of disappointment and glee! "Well, we'll just have to go exploring" — everyone shouted. (This is a genuine and honest account).

We went up the main drag examining the inlets, most notable were:-

- 1.) Inlet on left approx. 100 m before the Rhinoceros. Veg + Richard enter phreatic tunnel, with moist muddy floor. Passage  $\approx$  1m high on average, interspersed with crawling and walking. A no of side passages uncharted. Obvious way on leads to large chamber, with way continuing through precarious choke to the left.

More interestingly is the right-hand branch of the passage at junction just before this chamber. This continues for 50-70 m of crawling.

walking to further junction. BOTH WAYS  
STILL GOING.

In places the passage draughts (inwards) very strongly, combined with the moist mud, and small insects in the mud suggest a possible surface connect.

Although unsurveyed, the passage felt to be heading away from the main drag.  $\approx 300\text{--}400\text{m}$  of passage - still going. MUST RETURN.

Phil + Steve spotted large tube coming in 2½ way up the right hand side dell this was thought to be an elbow back to the main drag so using the 3 man hungarian lift method Steve got in and walked down. Phil went down the main drag and we met near the Rhinoceros. There was a junction in the dolly and we followed it for a fair way to two low mud ledges. Paced the passage out at around 400m and a compass heading ~~of~~ north. Possible push at the end.

Inlets beyond Rhinoceros have not been investigated.

Uneventful return to surface, except for Richard's "shed-going" after diving the swamp abandoning all his gear + bottle on a ledge. (This is not altogether true)

19/7. whilst Biggo party off underground, Pedro, Colin, Carol, Tre, Jane, Sley, Liz up to Cacarrueso. Spent all afternoon digging out entrance, totally choked with timber from tree trunks down to twigs and leaf mould. Colin did sterling work in bottom of hole digging out festering mess with bare hands, interspersed with bones (of dog?). Gave up at 6 pm with entrance not yet completely open — needs another go at it — problem is shifting bulky twigs & leaf-mould — suggest next diggers take a big plastic bag or old dustbin, etc.

## 20/7 The English Abroad or Sunday Night In Ramales

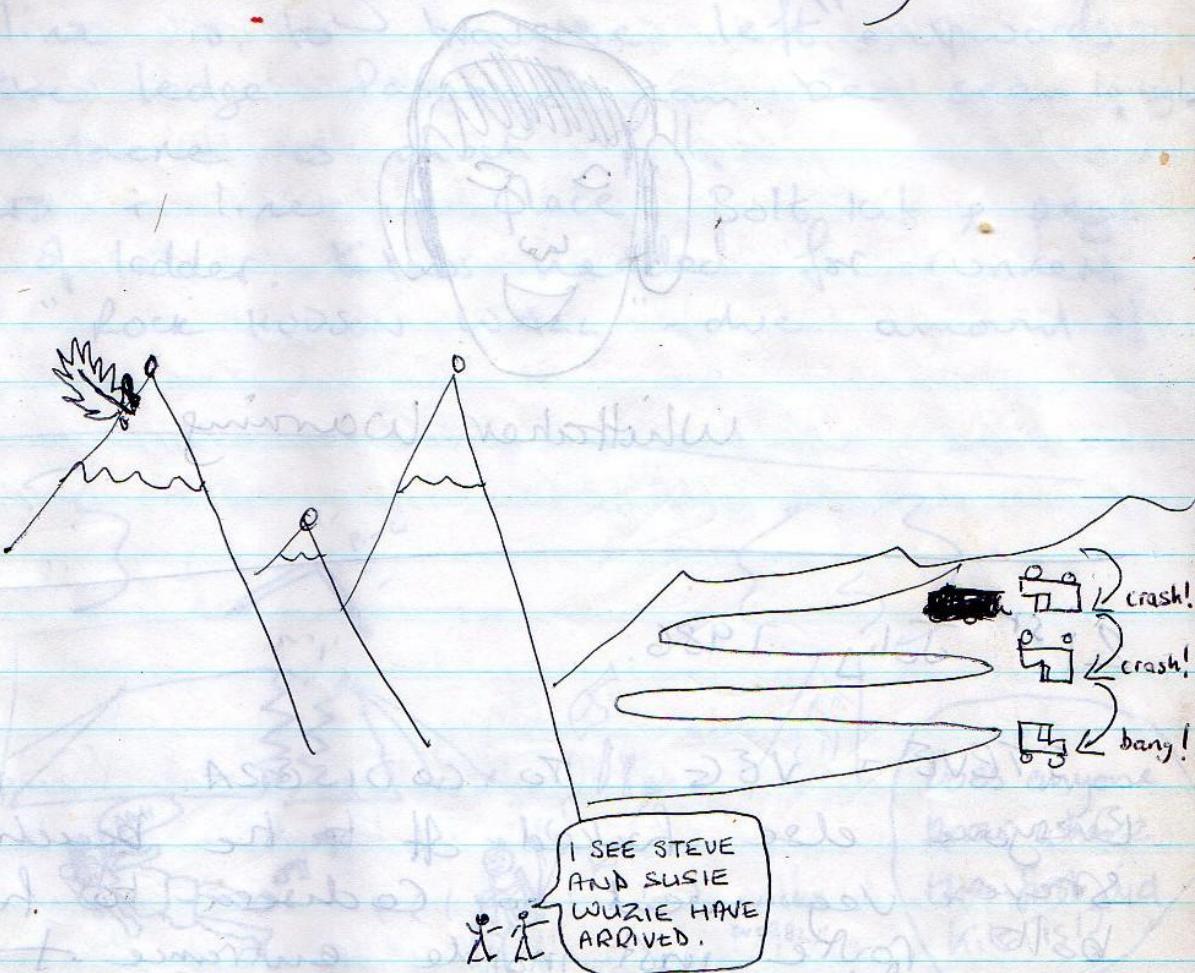
Whilst the intrepid Biggo Team were getting more passage, the mere mortals left over, decided to go to Ramales for a night out. Colin, Carol, Tre, Liz, Sley, Jane (Nice couples night out) over to Canary Bar for meal. (Have to re-name the place as no canary now for 2 years) Pleasant meal, interrupted by distinct orange glow seen reflected on ceiling, plus slightly concerned look on diner's face, however, no sign of any reaction from rest of bar / restaurant. When the chef / waiter had not appeared for a while, and our order for cafe's & copas could not be taken, decided to look for him in kitchen. Looked rather harassed, and explained that had just had a fire in kitchen, ~~had~~ pointing to blackened wall and ceiling. Eventually completed meal, then went to bar across road from phone box. Decided to do bar crawl, so down to the cervièceria in new bar block. Slightly expensive presian San Miguel, went outside and made first mistake — sat in chairs outside next bar. Colin & Carol came down from first bar, and pulled across chairs from bar where had purchased beer. Next thing, bar owner appeared and demanded his chairs back. By now,

had got beers in from the bar to whom the chairs belonged that we were sitting ~~on~~ on - Then the owner from the cerveceria came across (again) and wanted to know where the beers we were drinking sitting at his rival's table, had come from. Having smothered all that over, Carol thought (quite rightly) that the whole sketch was ridiculous so started scrapping the chairs over from ~~one~~ one bar to the other until the bar owner saw us, whereupon we moved to the next bar. It was then decided that we should make a try for the Discoteca Los Tilos. Slug being his usually well-dressed self, it was decided to send him in first:-



We reckoned he had no chance whatsoever, well, he wouldn't get through the door of any town centre pub in Bolton. However, in he walked, free, so the rest of us followed. The disco was pretty average, like one anywhere — low ceiling, noisy, smoky. The similarity with discos back home was reinforced when the bar was approached and a bottle of San Miguel (costing 50 pta in Germans) cost 200 pta!!!! SHOCK! HORROR! The only consolation being that it hadn't cost anything to get in — plus they weren't exactly huffy over who they let in. After an expensive sup (glass of vino was 100 pta !!!) a few dances were had — Slug showing the locals how to Break Dance. Still we weren't thrown out. The local lads were gettin' a bit steamed-up over Carol's thighs (she still had her shorts on) but no bother ensued. After yet another drink paid a visit to bog. Rather seedy room next to bog, at back of disco, with lights off and writhin' couples obviously brewing up for a bonk, if not actually havin' one. Jane went outside for a breather, so rest of us followed after a while, expecting that to be the end of the night, it being 2-20 am. Amazed to find bars open outside disco, so back in one (Mike's Pub? - can't remember) Got in boozy conversation with locals over pinball machine. Then harassed chef/waiter from Canary Bar appeared and bought us all a drink. Got chattin' and he has another job in day time gets only about 4 hours sleep a night, no siesta at lunch time. Then after he disappeared, someone else bought us a drink. Finally, after Tre went to get Land Rover, popped-up local bought ~~slug~~<sup>tre</sup> Carol a drink then pissed himself (literally) at bar. A boozy drive back to Matienzo ensued, leavin' bar about 4-30 am (still ~~serning~~ serning), giving Spanish lad a lift to Snars. Slug was going to show him his willie or something on way back. Eventual touchdown at La Secada for 5 pm — everyone else in bed. Thinking since, the only thing we didn't do that they do in Torremolinos is to have sapped Sangria — Pablo! Dos Litros de Sangria!!!

WR4  
COMMENT (by the Tomo from Newcastle) (17)



Matthews

GET IT NOW !!

Only for those with the most exclusive tastes —

The international passport to the better things in life :-



As seen  
on T.V.  
(Channel 4)

Exist Now !!  
Pay Later !!  
(and before)

HAVE YOU GOT YOURS ???  
Apply now at any recruiting office of Thatcher's Private Army.



## Whittaker Warning

21<sup>st</sup> July 1986.

STEVE + VEG TO CODISERA. <sup>they're</sup> ~~code were~~  
Everyone else fucked off to the beach <sup>1 or more</sup>  
Steve + Veg went to Codisera to finish <sup>1 or less</sup>  
bolt route just inside entrance + failed  
numerically <sup>cos</sup>. They ate too  
many blitos ice-creams above they  
went.

Quote from Slug: "I'd rather have a frontal lobotomy than Jane's  
bum shaved in front of me"

STEVE + VEG CODISERA. ("Rock Hudson Walk")

Everyone else fucked off to the beach, S+V  
went to finish bolt-route inside entrance  
of Codisera.

Followed bolts up to previous finish,  
although one bolt started slipping out +  
others were rusted to fuck.

bolted to just beneath ledge, before  
enthusiasm waned. Rock beyond

v. loose + mossy, it would appear that best line is to traverse left + upwards onto the ledge. Passage can be seen to right though there is much fill.

Ladders + line in place. Bolt kit + pegs at top of ladder. Knobs needed for runners. Named "Rock Hudson Wall" - due amount of aid.



## MR TACT + DIPLOMACY

22) PHIL, SLUG, AZ PILEQUATA.

NEW

SURVEYED MAIN DRAG AGAIN AND SIDE PASSAGE  
FOR ON ~~POMPEII~~ LEFT JUST DOWN SLOPE FROM  
~~VESUVIUS~~ CHAMBER. COFFIN LEVELS NOT VERY  
INTERESTING. CALCED IT. WOBBLER PASSAGE

INTERESTING: IN COFFIN LEVELS NEAR GIGA

HALL TRIED SMOKE TEST (SET FIRE TO WELDING)  
TO SEE IF THERE WAS A DRAUGHT. AT FIRST  
NO DRAUGHT SEEN (SMOKE JUST HUNG THERE AND  
MAKING EYES SMART) THEN AFTER A FEW MINUTES  
A DRAUGHT PICKED UP AND BLOWED SMOKE AWAY.  
THEN IT DIED DOWN AGAIN.

CLIMBED UP LOOSE SLOPE AT END OF LOFTS  
INTO LARGE CHAMBER. NO WATERS ON

22/7

### Rosada - Short Trip.

Colin + Carol followed 'A' team to start of Santogen  
passage then spent awhile taking photographs in Stuffed Monk Passage  
and Blood Alley.

Towards the end of the trip Colin had the usual problem  
of a defective carbids light but managed to get out on the last  
glimmer of the spare electric torches

Tuesday 22/7 3rd Azpilicueta - Renada Connection

Steve, Richard, Veg, Joe.

In through Renada, taking Colin & Carol as far as start of Sanatogen. Noticed Blowhole much drier than on the 17th. Quick trip to Azpilicueta Main Chamber - usual syndrome noticed of cave getting much shorter each time it is done. Then, after removing old traverse line, up into stuff found last year that trends over Renada in the Sanatogen area. Lot of dry sandy hands-and-knees crawls and rifts. Eventually arrived at area with lots of holes in floors, soon after ridiculous ladder pitch (25' ladder for 10' climb). After following passage to its termination (too low / too small) returned to first shaft encountered.

Veg went down on 40m rope through windows onto pitch - after number of rebelaying ran out of rope with further pitch ( $\approx 40''$ ) underscended. This is not really a pitch but drop through collapse. down hole on RHS, back under passage, just after obvious chamber.

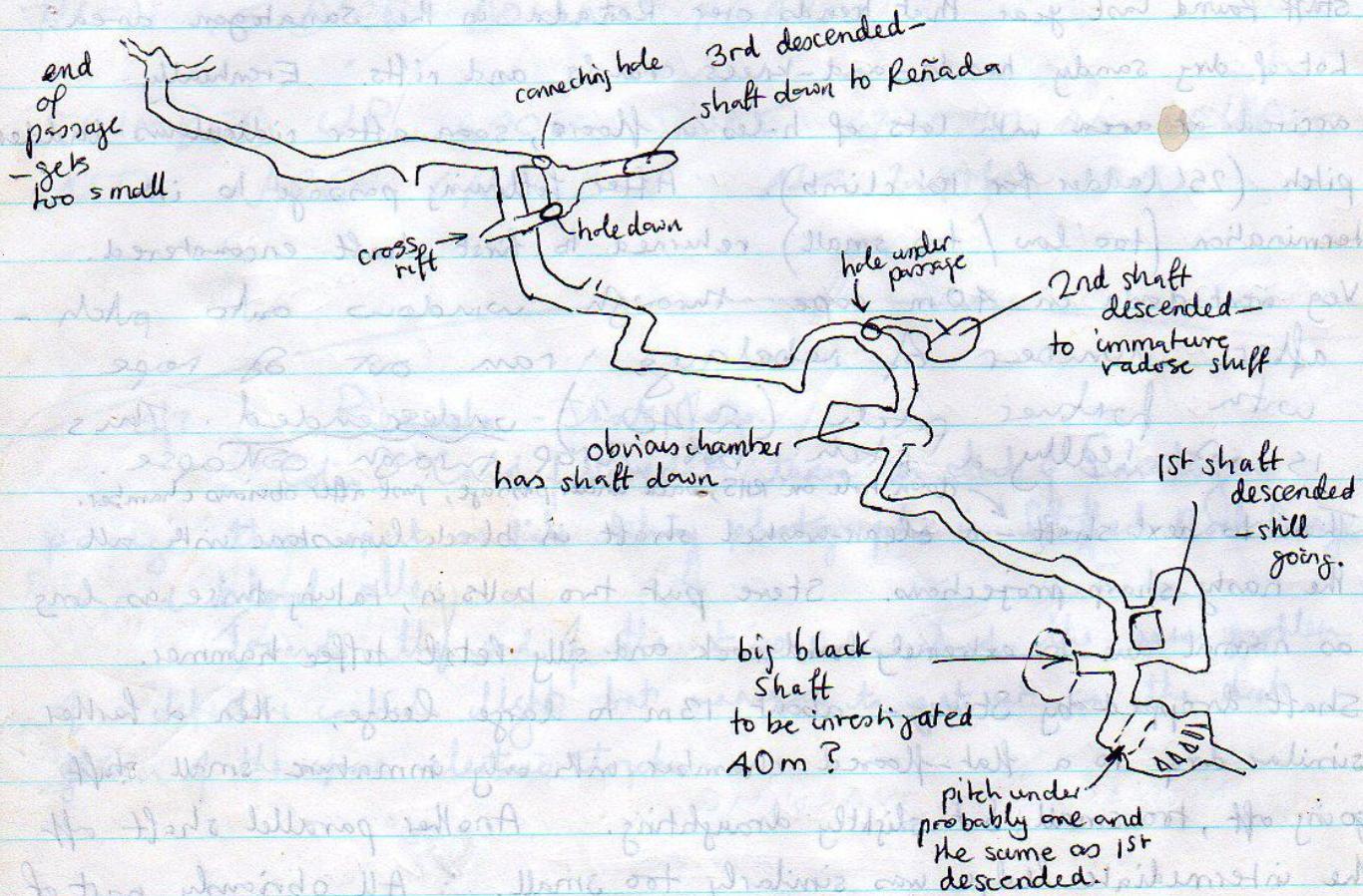
Then to next shaft - a clean-washed shaft in black limestone with all the nasty sharp projections. Steve put two bolts in, taking twice as long as normal due to extremely hard rock and silly Petzl toffee hammer.

Shaft dropped by Steve - about 13m to large ledge. Then a further similar drop to a flat-floored chamber with only immature small stuff going off, too small, but slightly draughting. Another parallel shaft off the intermediate ledge was similarly too small. All obviously part of the modern vadose stuff. Next to hole going down off to RHS of bottom of cross rift reached near end of passage. Hole coated with the usual candy-floss calcite (parts of passage quite pretty) which is lethally slippery, having clay underneath. Hole rigged, it being expected to be a long ramp below. Steve went down,

rebelaying to eyehole, and "ramp" turned into a shaft down about 30m into chamber with several footprints visible. Breakdown chamber, with passage leading to another, similar, chamber. Other way a passage led to area Steve recognised as looked at last year, near area of "Zeppelin hangers" off further reaches of Shuffed Monk Passage. Rope left rigged to enable definite tie-up to be made another day. (Rope extremely abrasive - chews racks up a treat) Looked at another

shaft just near the first one descended - huge black shaft going both up and down, very vertical walls, fluted, reminiscent of a mine shaft. Dossers dropped whirr down very satisfactorily. Supposed 40m <sup>deep</sup>. Other shafts also noted for another visit. A fairly rapid exit was then made, hitting Bar German for 11-30 pm.

Extract from survey:-



Wed. 23rd? July 1986

Richard & Jane. Codicera

Up bblt ladder to previous high point placed peg & bolt to gain chossy ledge. Another peg & tape sling to place another fairly good bolt and leave 2-3 more. bolts to passage going off to left. Not too promising.

Very good lead.

Dissapointed first section did not go free. This section was obviously CRUX. NS, N2. (lifeline rubbing badly)

## Mega trip to Cueva Del Agua.

on  
exp.

Colin managed to lose his carbide jet before trip even began so we were reduced to one carbide light plus failing bicycle-lamp. Carbide light flickered like a disco-light and then plunged into darkness every 60secs. Hence it took 1 hour to reach a point where it only took us 10mins. to return from (Colin lost his way in darkness). Carol enjoyed her swim but then I found that Colin had managed to soak all her dry gear with a bottle of water. Being chased by dogs was an apt ending to a very successful trip!! \* Guess who's not going caving with Colin anymore?? slow-worm is a mere understatement.

P.S. Colin also took a ladder - not for pitchers - but to act as a picker. <sup>2</sup> \*  
Ladders

P.D. Colin is donating his carbide-lamp to Petrieno expedition - but please can someone exchange it for a white stick.

Azpilicueta to Benada II wed 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1986.

Shaggy Steve + Veg.

Quick trip down Azpilicueta; a small amount of route finding difficulty just before Giga Hall. Drop down Giga Hall on extremely mangy rope into Benada II. V. enjoyable trip thru' R II up to terminal chokes. No apparent way on down left hand side choke or passage up on RHS. before terminal zone.

Up to R.H.S. choke seemed extremely promising.

1) At top of choke is small hole thru' boulders where chamber is visible. Probably possible to pull boulders out on rope. (Steve)

2) On L.H.S. half-way up choke is climb down into chamber, with a no. 2 alcoves. Directly opp. way in is a large boulder standing at  $70^\circ$ , with small wreath passage behind. This leads to a maze of passages in clean limestone with "cocaine" on the floor. There are a number of 3-way junctions which all look the same - some of these have been pushed to a conclusion, but others have not. The maze straightens in a number of places and NEEDS LOOKING AT AGAIN. (~~not possible~~ (Veg))

Quick trip out from end this A.R.P. & Steve was ~~empty~~ I have late for his meal of slaughtered veal.

23/7/86. MOSTAGO, Jimmy, Slug,  
Geordie, Big Nose.

Trip into Mostago to rig cave  
and push and survey ~~the~~ end of  
Hedgehog crawl. However we should  
have known better than to trust  
Slugs 'tackle' organising. After bashing  
our last ladder daughter 25' above  
foot of the ~~second~~ third pitch, we  
decided to have a look at  
choke at the end of the upper  
dag. Wasted a while up here to  
no avail then on way out noticed  
an ascending hole above the  
choke which will require bolting.

24/7/86. MOSTAGO, Geordie, Howard, Dave  
Big Nose.

Trip to bolt to passage above  
choke - That was the intention  
but reality (as usual) proved different.  
The wall up to the passage ( $\approx 30'$   
above) is composed mainly of thick  
slightly tougher than moonmilk stuff  
(to give it its geological name) which  
wouldn't have made bolt tricks  
very safe. Hence will need scaling  
poles (This opinion is held by the  
author anyone who disagrees can  
~~pass off~~ bolt it if they want)  
Very disappointingly, however  
we looked around a few holes in doublets  
confirmed in 2 pages.

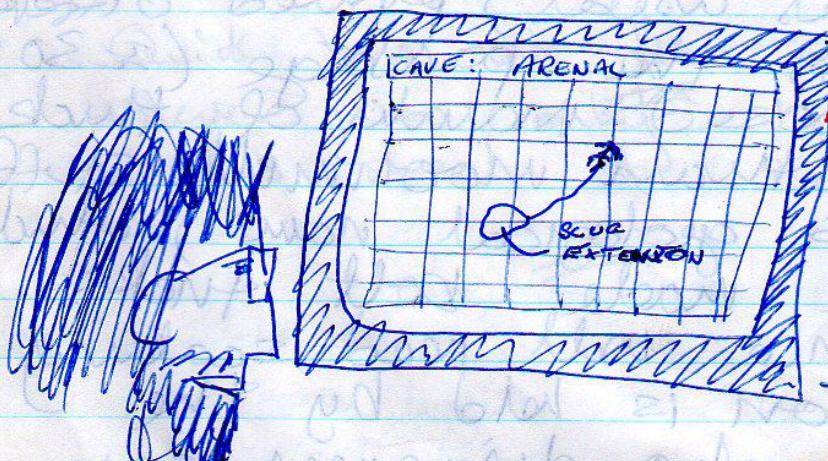
(3) THERE NOW FOLLOWS A SHORT  
INTERLUDE

(If you're interested in Mostajo and  
glory, turn over the next page.)

24 July : Cueva Arenal  
(Slug, Jane and Pete)

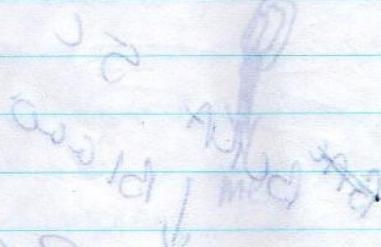
We surveyed through the nice parts of the cave first, while Slug found an interesting dig - at a 4" slot in the lower right-hand passage. Then through the liquid mud crawl to Barry Davies' dig. This was thought to be unstable. Also surveyed the other entrances on left and right of cave.

Back at German's Tuan calculated and printed the survey on his computer - first time "anger."

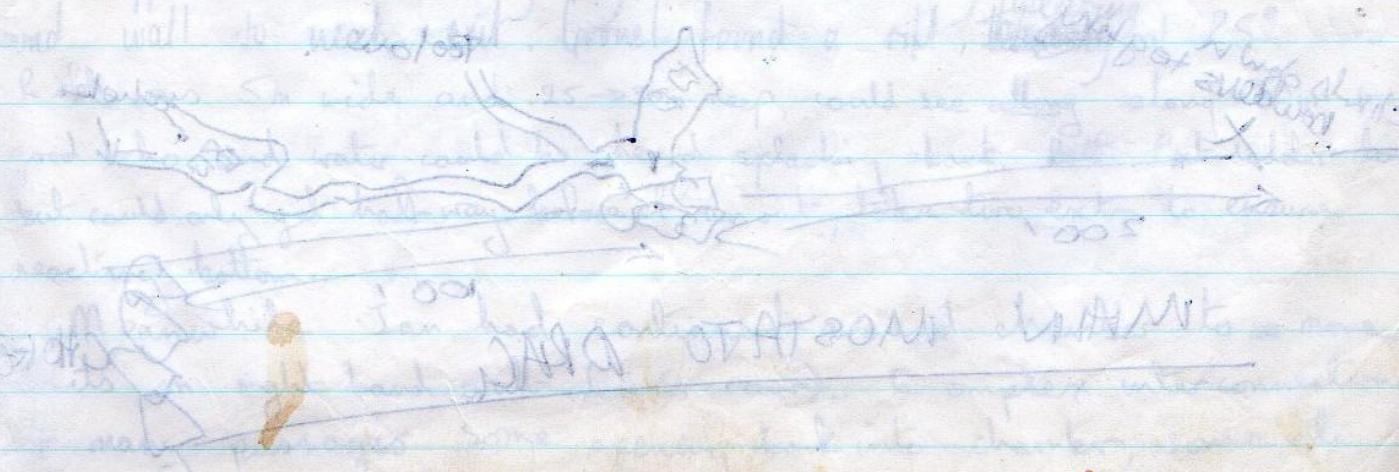


SO WE WENT  
THROUGH ALL THAT  
MUD FOR THAT!

adventures got over. We were no  
 (down to the) subsal speeded out to  
 Rock Island - about six miles  
 down river. The river bottom was  
 a ledge, which was covered with  
 sandstone rock (the river bottom)  
 with a  
 bottom of gravel and sand.  
 The water of the river was  
 very shallow & rocky.  
 A person  
 sprang from the side of the  
 top of the bank and ran across  
 the river - and the water  
 was very shallow.



Went to end of river bank and took passage from  
 long chamber took left hand end of a sandy bank the water then  
 descended into a smaller chamber with the left hand bank returning  
 to passage way. Same station on right hand but about double at  
 this appeared to be a drainage channel to right chamber moved  
 and will be used later.



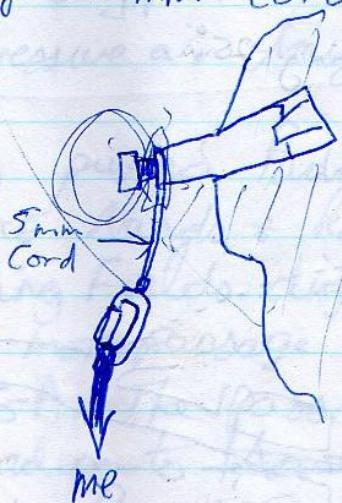
on way out - ~~the~~ One led to 300' of dry passage heading (at a guess) under the choke - This ends in various sandy and/or bouldery chokes and still needs surveying. The other, more promising lead was a 10' climb down a wriggle past a boulder to a black hole above what seems to be a large passage. As yet this is not big enough to get through - But will be - everlasting glory awaits the brave.



24th July 1986 (25th now)

Richard & Sarah

Finished bolt route in Codisera with 1 bolt driver & wedge, + a chossy peg. Gained phreatic tube/passage which went (for 30ft to sandy choke) I was very frightened on the way down as Sarah lowered me of a piece of 5mm cord & v. chossy bolt.



July 25th 1986

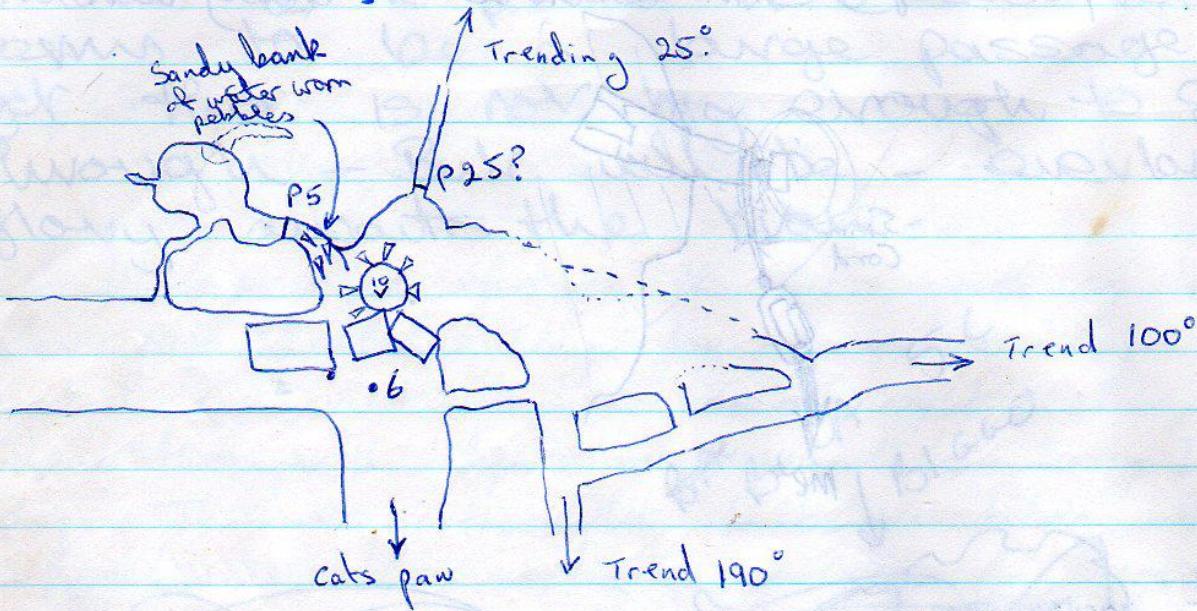
RANO 1 Grovel, Jane, Ian, Simon, Sarah

Went to end of northern branch of last year's extension. From large chamber took left hand exit up a sandy bank. This was then descended into a smaller chamber with two exits. Left hand hole returned to passage near Sorrey station six. Right hand hole closed down but at times appeared to be draughting. Returned to large chamber, moved round wall to next exit. Grovel found a rift, ~~clearing~~ at  $25^\circ$

Rift was 5m wide and  $25 \rightarrow 30$ m deep, could see along along 30m. Good echo, and water could be heard splashing about. ~~Put~~ Put ladder down, but could only get half way before it ran out, take two extra to ensure reaching bottom.

Meanwhile Ian had continued around chamber to no more exits on right hand wall (S.E. corner). Complex interconnections of many passages some opening back into chamber, some into

other passages. Cross section was typically 10m wide by 15 $\rightarrow$ 20m high, with larger bits now and then. As we were running down on carbide walked around these passages for 15 minutes then turned for home. Warning to surveyors will be many interconnections, so mark and number stations with cone.



When wandering about in chamber noticed a large 10m diameter tube heading off from above station six. Did not attempt to enter it, scaling poles may be required.

Ian went down to bottom of hole in chamber (accompanied by much crashing of boulders) said no way on. Floor would be of comparable depth to rift floor.

Come back here and bind us a pleasant entrance series and all will be forgiven!!!

20m 25/7/88 Biggo trip

PHIL PAPPARD B.B., JOHN BIGNOSE, STEVIE, DICKY, SLUG.

SURVEYING TRIP TO SURVEY SIDE PASSAGES IN ~~BIGGO~~ FIRST CHOKES AFTER SUMP, SIDE PASSAGES AND PASSAGE AT END OF MAIN DRAO.

Quick journey in. Only problem in sump was one bottle was blasting out high pressure air straight into gag. Deconverting!

Steve, Slugs and Dicky pushed Riddings Passage which went for 400m of nice hands & knees crawling and stooping to the ~~new~~ Killing Fields dig. Steve squeezed and dug through to more passage and a nice chamber. The draught is MEGA. The passage is south of the known system and is heading to ~~the~~ Nowhere land.

#### PUPPING PASSAGE

Phil was boring and only surveyed known passage and ~~winged~~ complained at us drinking all the cup-a-soups and coffee and refused to let Slugs have a bottle through the sump.

1 hour 10 minutes out from brev station to entrance.

Sump is an easy free Dive!!!

Only 3 people are members of the exclusive Biggo Free Divers Club.

Biggo Trip !!!

25/7/86 Molajo dig. Pet & Jimmy

Removed rock to triangular squeeze through boulders need hammer and chisel. Could see large chamber other side of squeeze.

26/7/86

Steve, Sluggo

This trip was psychotherapeutic to do something down and came back with not much effort as we were feeling lousy. We went down the main right-hand branch to the end where Sluggo had been digging before. He then started work on this quick crack in the floor and I could see that it was bringing back fond memories for him. He then realised that I was there and pointed to a boulder choke under an arch and asked me to look there. After removing a bigish boulder it began to look promising and he joined me in the dig after a time he volunteered to have a go because I had just made a quick cut through being a little over zealous eventually after Sluggo filling his pants we got into a chamber with two very small chokes doorway and no easy way on. At that moment Sluggo left me in the chamber and went back to his crack for some moral comfort and soon after we retired to the bar.



### ROCK DANCER

I saw a sun etched figure  
Hanging in the sky,  
A glimpse of brilliant yellow  
And a flash of sequined thigh

The torso and the bicep  
Arched against the rock,  
The surge into the heavens  
As the fingers interlock

Jamming up the overhang  
In a huge aerobic burn,  
With a rainbow for a harness  
And a neatly powdered stern

A fireball is unfolding  
Reaching for the crest,  
A stream of molten movements  
In a gossamistic vest

Plié in the zenith,  
Dextrose in the guts,  
Finger tipping Megastar  
Popping speedy nuts.

Chas. Perrett.

AGED 37

WOBBLING IN DEPTHS  
SAN MIGUEL IN GUTS  
BULL-SHITTING MEGASTAR  
DESERVES STRINGING UP BY NUTS

### CAVE STUMBLER

ISAW A MUD STAINED FIGURE  
HANGING FROM A LADDER  
A GLIMPSE OF GASHED SUIT  
A FLASH OF BOLLOCKS

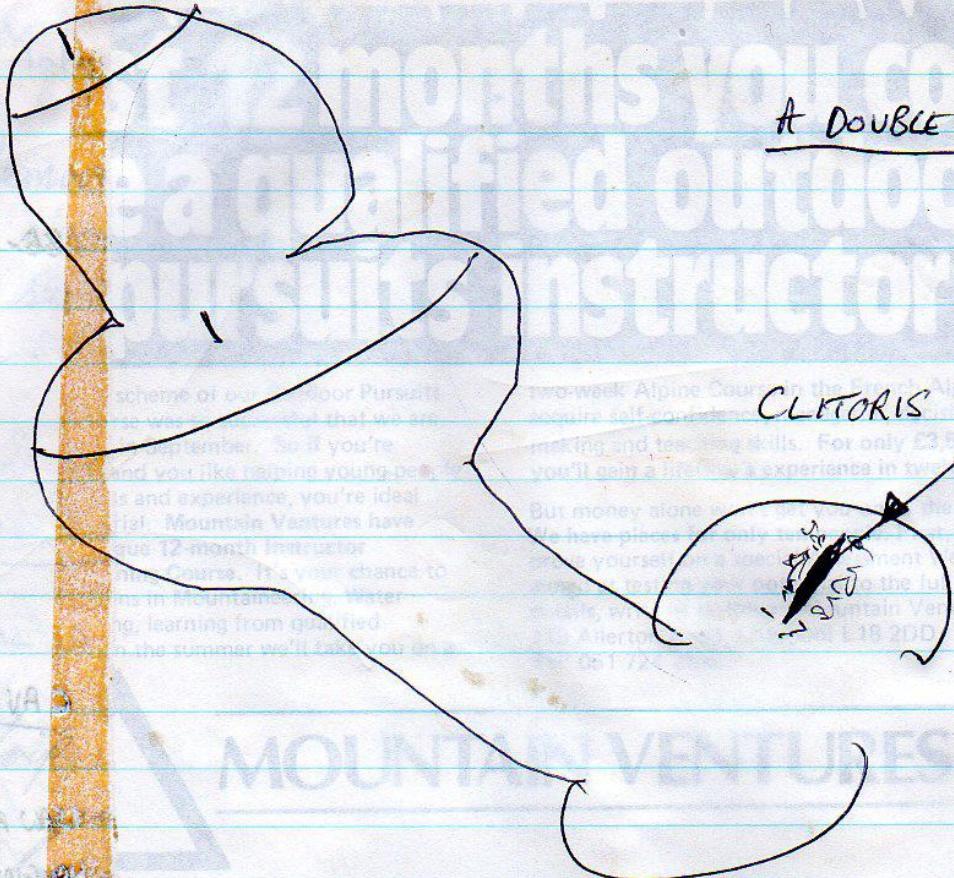
THE GUT AND THE FLAG  
JAMMED INTO SQUEESES  
THE SURGE INTO THE PANTS  
IN HIS ARSEHOLE EASES

STREAMING UP THE EDELRIID  
THE SWEAT BEGINS TO RUN  
WITH A TAPE SLING FOR A  
HARNESSE  
AND THE MILLION'S BEEN LEFT  
UNDONE

A FIREBALL IS UNFOLDING  
FROM OUR HERO'S HAT  
A STREAM OF MOLTEN CARBIDE  
WHAT A STUPID PRATT

Draggy Star + SLUGGO  
29 3/4 X THE TRULY  
ILLITERATE!

At DOUBLE BELLENDER



NOW THE PROPER SURVEY.

FUTURE DIGS?!!\*

REACTIONS OF A SHELL DIG

ANOTHER CHOC

HOWLING DRAUGHT

WAS NICE CLEAN  
WASHED PHREATIC  
TUBE IN BLACK  
LIME STONE.

PHIL-YR-PANTS CHAMBER

2" SLOT IN FLOOR  
BEDDING VISIBLE BELOW

END OF RIGHT HAND  
BRANCH OF ARENAL

26 TH July Jane, Grouel, Sarah

- 583 Draughting (circular) hole. Small rift, 10ft deep. Requires crowbar.  
 $D=3$
- 584 Circular collapse. Small hole entered, <sup>left</sup> ~~right~~ blocked by boulders. No draught.  $d=5m$
- 585 Small chamber. Short tube to small chamber 10ft wide. Very old stal.  $L=6m$
- 586 Shaft approx 100ft needs to be descended
- 587 12ft deep choked rift. No draught. Small hole further 10ft deeper.  
 $D=4m$ .
- 588 20ft shaft choked at bottom. No draught.
- 589 Rift at edge of depression. 2ft wide. 30ft deep. Boulder filled. No draught.
- $\uparrow$   
 BOARING!!! \*
- 590 TIGHT RIFT WITH CONCEALED ENTRANCE DUE TO  
 HEAVY SHRUB GROWTH, JUST BELOW Navel DEPRESSION.  
 THIS CAN ALSO BE FOUND IN THE TWO TITTY REGION.  
 Downstream leads to clo-genital crawl. Upstream to Ovary Aven. Becomes too tight with funny round boulders falling out of roof every month.  
 THIS WHOLE SYSTEM BECOMES INFILLED WITH WHAT LOOKS LIKE TREE DEADS AT IRREGULAR INTERVALS.

HE MEANS WICKLES

2

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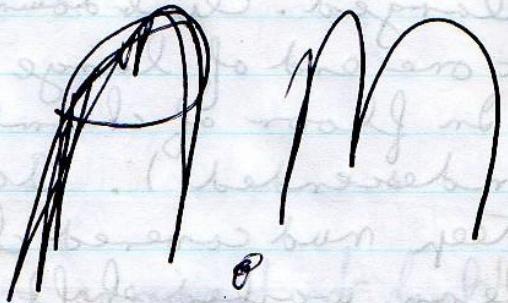
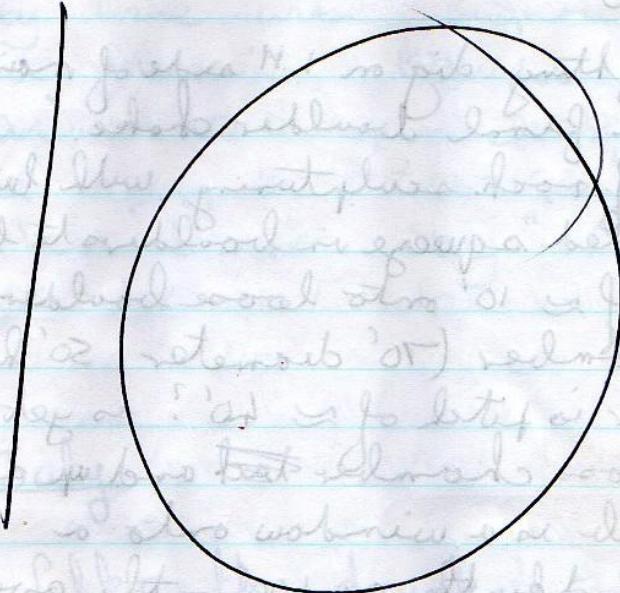
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BIG BALLS - STEVE KN  
ONLY, PEG

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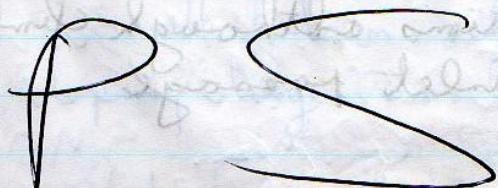


IN BAR

DB OFF - SCUGGO

ME IN BAR

ME DRINKERS GONE?



26th July Mostajo J Palmer, Gavaldine, Geordie, Howard Brook

Tried to open up draughting dig on L.H side of main passage  $\approx$  100m from final boulder choke.

A couple of hours of rock sculpturing with lump hammer + chisel enabled squeeze in boulders to be enlarged. Climb down of  $\approx$  10' onto loose boulders at one end of large chamber (70' diameter 50' high)

In floor of chamber is pit of  $\approx$  40' (as yet undescended). Across chamber took and up a steep mud covered climb is a window onto a clean washed shaft of depth  $\approx$  100' - the over above the window being a least 100' high - good Juniper Gulf stuff! Pit not yet descended but very promising.

At lowest point of chamber slope leads to T junction of phreatic tube (20' diameter at smallest point), well decorated. Turning left (up slope) at T leads after 100' to large X rift chamber which eventually closes down in well decorated alcove. Some holes in floor in small ante chamber appear to drop to cleanwashed canyon passage. (Need to be descended)

Right at T junction crosses another hole in floor, <sup>dropping</sup> to clean canyon (?). Water running in here - a possible wet pit?? (the first in Mostajo!!!). Across the hole for 40' to mud encrusted ledge - climb down a 12' (rope necessary) to complex chamber which appears to close down in several directions although climb up at far end may lead to inlet passage

26th July Big Sister, Sugie Moose, Miss June, Neil and Monty arrive with surprise, different multi colored bear skins. Brought with us Pictures from Marion to Sing. Quaker, when many Sing, no birds seen. De Beaufort "is required. Square 20 "not been to many Sing, "etc with rock the Crans. Hideron for him to do, until "now" pictures?

27 July

Yes folks the drunkards have arrived at last! Return after a hard day tramping the hills to find last Inglesis nines absolutely flat on their backs and only 7 in the evening!

A advance ~~black~~ warning Terry is on his way, last sighted on Channel Berry!

27th July

Cruz Uronada area. - shaft digging. Juan, Sarah, Crov, Jane, Jimmy later.

494. 6m deep choked shaft, Belay required.

586. 50' Pitch, 25 calate/gravel slope 10' climb down in bottom. Boulders choke floor; no draught. Second shaft to left in some entrance, 20 ft down to boulders ramp blocks in floor. Stones can be thrown through slot into previous shaft.

590. Small hole on side of tree filled depression 9m by sloping ledge 3m to choked floor. No draught.

591. Shake hole behind 586, 2 small holes top one 15 ft continuous roof but one

27th July Malijo trip. - Richard & John.

Went to new stuff, down a pitch, rope not long enough. 50mt. Down another about 25m through immature limestone to calcite floor, way an 3" x 6". Surveyed rest of passages found on 26th about 250m. Wondering why such a big space has been left for such an insignificant little trip, when the REAL MEN were on this  $\frac{2}{3}$  of a page trip. Blah, Blah, Blah, ... found another 50' pitch on way out. 3 pitches still to descend plus a bigger rope (50' big) on the main pitch. This doesn't look so good now - seems

27th July Biggo - Caravano Trip.

to be getting into

the Matienzo black limestone, immature, active fuck-off cover, passage still needs attention - ladder still on squeeze in there to new stuff.

Phil, Steve, Slug - surveying 'Caravano' area and set off some boulders which is not seen in Caravano by Pete, Ian and Steve Simon.

REAL, REAL MAN'S TRIP. WIMPS - KEEP OUT 27 JULY 86

Fast trip man! to SMACK boulder choke. ABSOLUTELY

HORROROUS. SERIOUS WARNING: BE VERY CAREFUL IN BOULDER CHOKES. BOULDERS ~~ARE~~ NAMED ELSIE, JIM, & FRED ~~ARE~~ ARE O.K. BOULDERS. REST ARE BASTARDS.

OVER VERY NICE PASSAGES - THE COKE RUN - TO ANOTHER CHOKE: THE POSHER. AN O.K. CHOKE.

DOWN SLOPE ON LEFT TO THE SWEET SHOP FULL OF SURPRISES, DRAFTS EVERYWHERE AND STRONG CLOUDS EVERYWHERE. HALFWAY DOWN SLOPE ON RIGHT, SURVEY STATION. DOWN TO CRAWL THRU ROCKS DRAIN TESTER INTO DRAIN TESTER CRAWL. SMOKE WAS WHISKED AWAY AT ONE MELL OF A LICK.

591 continued deep sloping rift choked with boulders.  
 Lower hole is slot entrance 6 ft drop, small chamber turns right going below other hole, light contact.  
 Lump hammered obstruction but couldn't get further can see 6' diggable. Draughts inwards.

592 3m deep Choked.

593 3m climb down onto boulders with ~~the~~ tight rift down the side. 10 m deep undesended.

594 Steep sided depression. Boulder bridge. 4 m down into boulder floored chamber

595 3m pitch to floor with choke 3m deep rift going at for 3m. No way on. Length 5m.

596 Actually shaft no. 66 but numbered 596.

Steve went to bed at 1:48 pm, he said the trip down Biggs was too much for him.

FEELING VERY SMUG. WE WENT AND FILLED OUR PANTS AGAIN IN SMACK BOULDERS CHOKES.

1 HOUR 45 MINS OUT FROM DRAIN TESTER CRAWL.

O.K. SO, I DO A BOULDER CHOKE,  
 BUT I CAN HANDLE IT.

YOU LOSE YOUR FRIENDS, YOUR LEGS, YOUR LIFE.

BOULDER CHOKES REALLY SQUASH YOU FLAT!

## SIETE ERRORES



N.H.S.

INSTANCIO

N.H.S.  
THAT WILL  
DO NICE!  
SIR!

28th July Penny's Cave

Big Steve, Monty, JJ, Neil

Hot carry to sump pool with 3 sets of gear. Neil into sump with twin sets to find that dive is only 10m to rift. Have to dekitt in sump pool and climb up narrow rift to reach small eyehole. This drops into strongly draughting passage back in line with main passage.

Way on could be seen beyond a diggable constriction but time was running short so with steaks waiting at the tents we bugged off out. Gear left in for an early return to certain GLORY!

415 Steve, ~~the~~ Jimmy, Ian, Simon.

Went for a good ~~poke~~ poke around in 415 to find the way on. Found a second shaft up tube which ~~is~~ was called Liz's kit. Approx 100', clean washed, with good draught emitting. Has to be gone down, as can't confirm that is same shaft as descended last year. Also near end found howling gale coming out of 6" by 1 ft from dubious looking boulder pile. Only diggable by Bolton expendable. Also had dig in and around end, but after much work nothing.

Look out it's the  
Fist from Blackburn.

Steve (Big) set fire to his hand as it seemed like a good idea.

STEVE DOES A GOOD DOG IMPRESSION - HE GOES WOOF



WHERE

does not know where he is. He is the E. His body is very good for H  
game or thickets. He is not afraid of people or animals. He is  
afraid of people who are not friendly.

MIS

VEARS

RESCUE

P!

boop ooh boooop boop boop

## VENUE

## INJURY

## Rescue TEAM (45)

Coventosa

Severe Death &amp; the rest Not many left.

Terry's Tent

Dislocated jaw

Didnt turn up

Steve's Tent.

Napalm burns

Had a good laugh

DIPSTICKS TENT

DIPSTICK - Brain?

HAD A PARTY  
ALL FELL ABOUT  
Giggling

Concussions

A BPC knee

Elsewhere

Foot-Ball MATCH

2x BPC KNEES

~~fisted b'furious.~~  
knife - welding  
berserker!

Campsite

1 broken collar bone  
+ 1 dislocated finger &  
various stab injuries.  
several deflated Egos

NO DEFACING, COMMENTS ONCE

MAGISTERIUM

UNIVERSITY

Margaret Thatcher podría entrevistarse con el presidente Botha, según un diario londinense

OR YOU'RE A  
WANKER.



"There's nothing wrong with her, I'd give her one" Sluggy  
"My hero" Jane  
THERE'S NOTHING TO THIS UNDERGROUND STUFF  
A QTHUR Steve T.

You're all to young to remember what happens before her govern

"Oh, hush! It looks like a willy, wacky Smaller"  
Big Steve

Fuck off Muggers,  
Wogs, Coons, Chinkies  
Pakis etc. Now  
that wasn't too  
racist was  
it!??

WHY ARE  
THEY TAKING  
A DAY OFF  
THESE FREE  
DIVERS

McGhee

1001 Good Excuses for not Caving

Volume 1.  
Chapter 1.

Number 1. "I have a slug in my carbide lamp." (Simon)

Nº 2. I have a shrimp in my carbide lamp (Monty)

Nº 3 What is a carbide lamp? (Mark)

Nº 4 What's a cave.

Nº 5 Fuck off I'm going to be sick (TRAD)

Nº 6 THE CAR BOOT WON'T UNLOCK AND ALL THE CAVING GEAR'S IN THERE,

Nº 7. Terry's going down the same hole <sup>to</sup> <sup>to</sup> J.D.

Nº 8. Monty got sunstroke — Monty.

Nº 9. Sunday service calls early in the morning.

Nº 10 Terry's going down a hole that may ~~connect~~ connect!

Nº 11. I've washed my gear in a biologically unsound river.

Nº 12 I'm too old (R.O.S.)

Nº 12a " " young

Nº 13 I've got a cleg bite on my thumb. Jane.  
What I actually said was 'I'm not going caving till my fanny's healed up!' (sic). Jane.

Nº 14 I've got Bradford Knee / BEC shoulder.

Nº 15 I COULDN'T CARRY MY CAVING GEAR — DEREK.

Nº 16 I can't be bothered see PROG 453 SLAINE

Nº 17 Can't find the entrance - Mark.

Nº 18 Derrigging with Terry takes forever - Phil.

Nº 19 I've lost my ~~overcoat~~ to number Alan

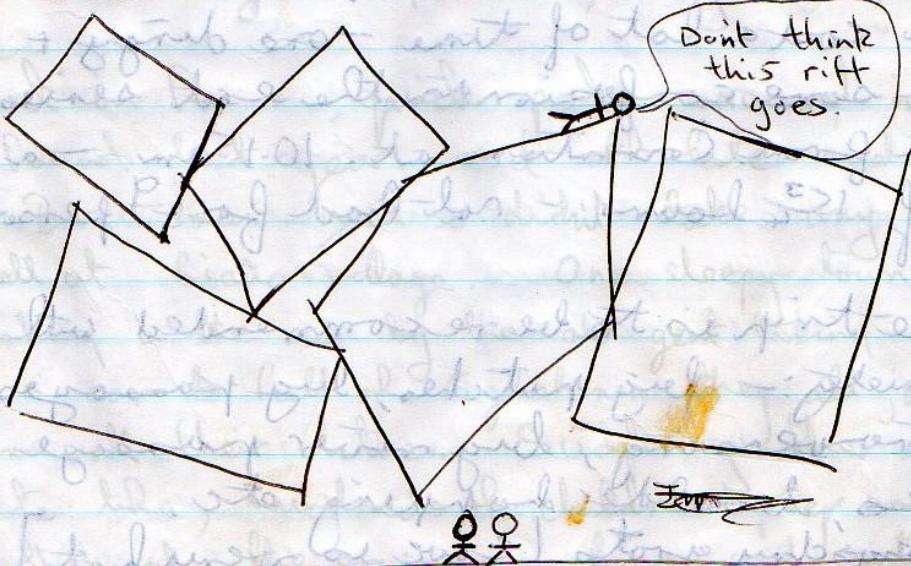
Nº 20 I'm wearing my best walking boots - Nat. N. 21. I've got a hole in my leg - Zenda.

Tuesday 29th July

(4)

Riaño One Juan, Grovel, Jane, Jimmy, Ian, Simon  
Six people set off to push and survey miles/kilometers of passage. Took in extra gear, Hissing Sids mate! Got to the end in a sweaty heat and had big discussion as to who would care with whom. Juan, knowing that glory lay to the north, ordered his minions to go west. We all dutifully obeyed (mumble mumble mumble!). Jane, Juan and Jimmy went to descend a 100' pitch which was eventually too tight at floor level. Water came in from roof, but wouldn't require scaling poles. Then surveyed around wall of chamber. Ian, Simon + Grovel surveyed passage found on ~~previous~~ previous trip. Found two 25m pitches ~~with~~ which have to be descended. Kept around until came back into same ~~chamber~~ than chamber as Juan was in. Nothing exiting found, but even more confused about other area of Riaño.

Saw big passage in roof of chamber, but couldn't climb into it. Send for Bolton expendable!!



I'm glad we are back in stable passag again!!

Tuesday 20th July

Cueto - Coventosa Through Trip

Phil Pappard, Geordie, Big nose (S Palmer), Tess Whittaker  
Richard, JJ (Beavan), Sluggo, Steve Thomas, Howard  
Brook, (3rd Deepest)

Super-cool trip - the deepest through trip in the world! The trip was made possible by courtesy of a Dutch Group of Speleos who mapped the cave and allowed us to use their notes. The team walked up to Cueto ( $\approx$  2 hours) in the humid wet afternoon and started down the main shaft at  $\approx$  6.30 p.m. The first section of the big pitch was 200m with a ~~set~~ knot close to the ledge at - 200m. Steady progress was made: - 4 hours to bottom the pitches, & + 2 hours to reach Puits Noël. Route finding was simple - well trodden paths, useful markers + arrows guided the team to the Gouffre Soffleur and we dropped through the "Moulin" into Coventosa. The lakes in Coventosa cost a lot of time - one dugout + I airbed, and some confusion in the last series meant an exit from Coventosa at 10.15am - a total time of  $15\frac{3}{4}$  hours - not bad for a 9 person team.

The whole trip is to be recommended with a complete variety: - big patches, big passageways lots of traversing, big river passage - meanders, boulder hopping etc.

Best clothing: dry goats [cave is very hot]. Water only available at Oasis (Gallerry de Chicaon) at Junction Pitch, before getting to the lakes in Coventosa.

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July Pennig's Cave - Neil, Monty.

Another hot carry to sump pool. Monty dived through first reasonable viz. then Neil. The Edigable constriction found by Neil the day before was attacked with a lump hammer and Neil ~~then~~ passed through to passage this was followed for about 30m in. Progress was halted by Monty's lag end aquafather. Both divers passed sump with no problems in visibility. Thanks to Rhys, Mike, and Mark for surveying to the sump and carrying some gear out.

Monty.

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>.

~~Highland~~ Uzeika. Grovel, Tandy, Julio, Sarah, ~~Mark~~, Simon,

Went in for a quick poke around in the stuff I sank down last year. Set off late and had to get out for a Bar Tomas meal so didn't take any gear in. All went well at Riano village. One sleepy town square, a lone dog barking in the sun by the old gent taking a siesta. Up drives a car full of Englishmen they all jump out and start to remove all their clothes. Suddenly the whole village comes to life, hundreds of children peep over walls, farmers drive through the square on horse and carts. Bed ridden invalids even manage to walk twice around the ~~square~~ square just to see the spectacle of Big Tante charging!

Off down to cave and set off to ~~town~~ towards Quadruphenia. Grovel wanders through the

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>

Montajo

Rhys, Mike, Mark,

continuing exploration from end of upper main passage

Squeeze, ~~up~~ no problems. Jane has a look at it and rehuses ~~it~~ on the first try. Simon walks through followed by Julie, no problems. Jane has a second try, much problems but does progress. She then retreats and lets Ian through. CONTINUED 2 PAGES HENCE

Decended unbottomed pitch via ~~near~~ window from

new chamber off boulder choke ~~at~~ just before

end of Main Drag THE BOLT AT THE TOP OF THIS PITCH IS UNSAFE - THERE IS NO WEDGE IN IT - IT SHOULD ONLY BE USED TO ASSIST PEOPLE UP THE MUDDY SLOPE JUST BEFORE THE PITCH HEAD.

Used 68m rope which was just long enough! Depth to bottom is 200ft. Diameter about 40ft.

At about 120ft depth main part of shaft continues to SW side of a ridge. At this level passages lead off trending  $208^\circ$  (requiring traverse around shaft) and at  $100^\circ$ . Passage trending  $208^\circ$  enters the bottom of a parallel deep shaft (height approx. 100ft).

Hole in floor of this too tight. Extremely muddy and tight passage trends south starting just before entrance to bottom of shaft - explored about 4m to constriction. Passage trending  $101^\circ$  similarly muddy and tight continued for 10 or 12m.

Continuing down the pitch leads to facist names of immature rock which is free climbable back up to the mid level. (Diameter about 20ft at this level).

Shaft divides into 2 rifts trending  $170^\circ$ , at about 160ft depth. Eastern rift divides into two pits.

Western rift contains some water and continues down 30ft through constriction then down another 25ft fight rift to stream. Rift also drops from eastern side of bridge at 120' level. Water.

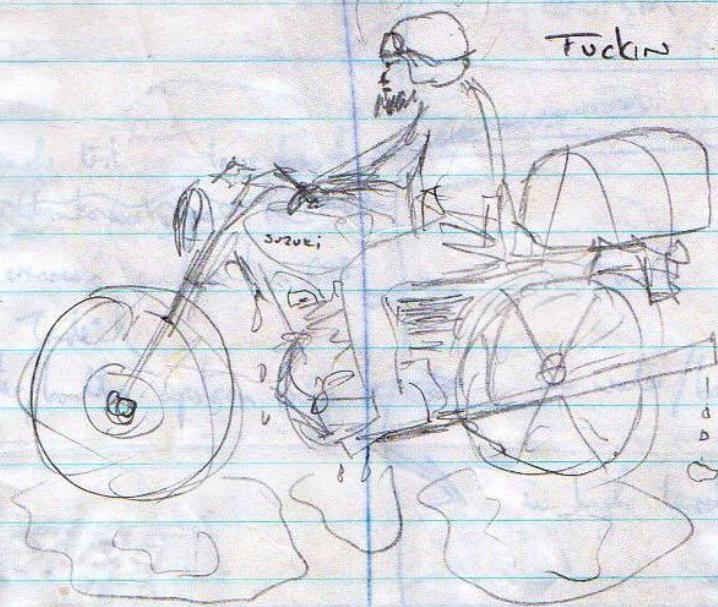
SATURDAY  
2nd

Wednesday 30 Pennys Cave

Neil and Monty. We went in. We dived the sump (after route finding problems in zero viz) We surveyed (110m) We got pissed off. We buggered off out.

Neil.

Tight, sharp, miserable passage but ~~the~~ strong draught - passage continues open with no end in sight as yet.



FUCKIN WEVA, WHERE'S 2000AD COMICS  
GIZZA BERR.

Yes Folks Roy's HERC

Where's dollie's leg?

Mrs. Dolley's Anse

TIMES.

Biggs

to

be Venezuela

Cocarumo. Ap. 14,

spacings - about miles of bed spacings showing quartz cherts  
top of slope in base are often very sandy

bottom is 200 ft. deep and has  
about 1200 ft. depth and has

at end of a slope  
off leading to sea  
and at 100°. Passes

Shore bank off  
for Cocarumo.  
@ 5pm.

continued for about 1000 ft.  
continuing north which is predominately (incl. up to  
the last section) sandstone 300 ft. or less (cont.)

Gravelly surface  
100 ft. of this  
Wilson said

SATURDAY

2nd day

BIGGO - UZUEKA.

Ham from Camp.

(55)

BIGGO

10am

(Juan).		
P. Hill	s ✓	
Terry Whittaker	s ✓	
Sly.	s ✓	
John Palmer.	s	
Qui Davis Vortman	s ✓	ggy
Monty.	✓ ?	ggz
+1 Mike.	?	s
+1 Rhys.	?	s.

5'

10am

UZUEKA

Pete.	Smith - bats ✓
T. J. M.	✓
Neil Rod	✓ s ✓
T. Bay Stein	✓
Little Steve	✓
Rilord	✓ x ✓
Andy Hall	✓ s ✓
John	✓ 7.30 ✓

4.30 pm R/T travel  
5.00 pm T 8.00  
400AM Piss UP

CARCAREUSO  
+ hillside.

Juan.  
big boy

Gone

2 BUSS.

Simon, Julie.

Sue, Penny.

Germaine.

Sarah

Errol

NO ONE HERE  
HAS BEEN  
CARCAREUSO!  
DENADA

- ① Biggo → Carrera Sache trib - large boulders. → ~~CARCAREUSO~~ CARRAREUSO
- ② Fault and Carrareuso end out on R/H's. to connect with Trabed.
- ③ Fault in water/boulders upstream Biggo. → in Fault Passage.

in Fault Passage.

in water/boulders R/H river.

in high level passage.

Personal bottles

Surveying gear. 2 sets

Survey gear. 1 or 2.

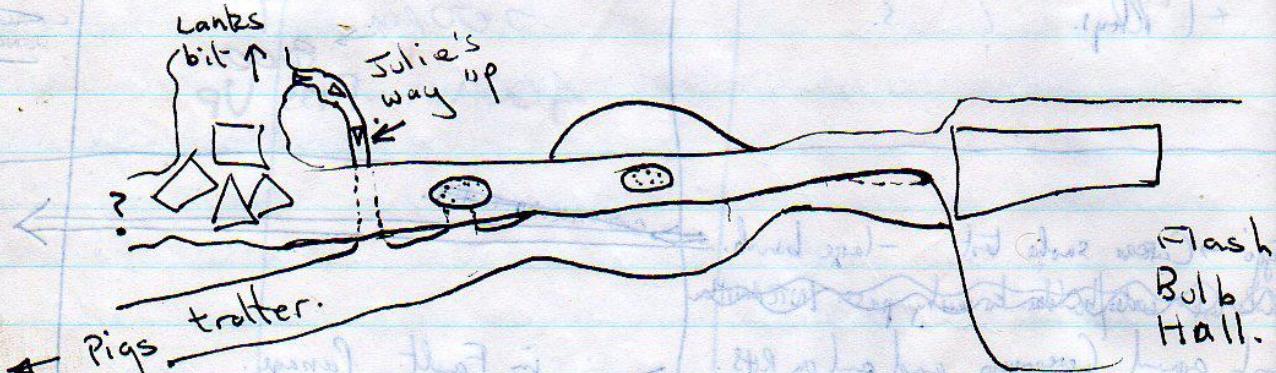
Ladder for climb.

## Uzueka continued.

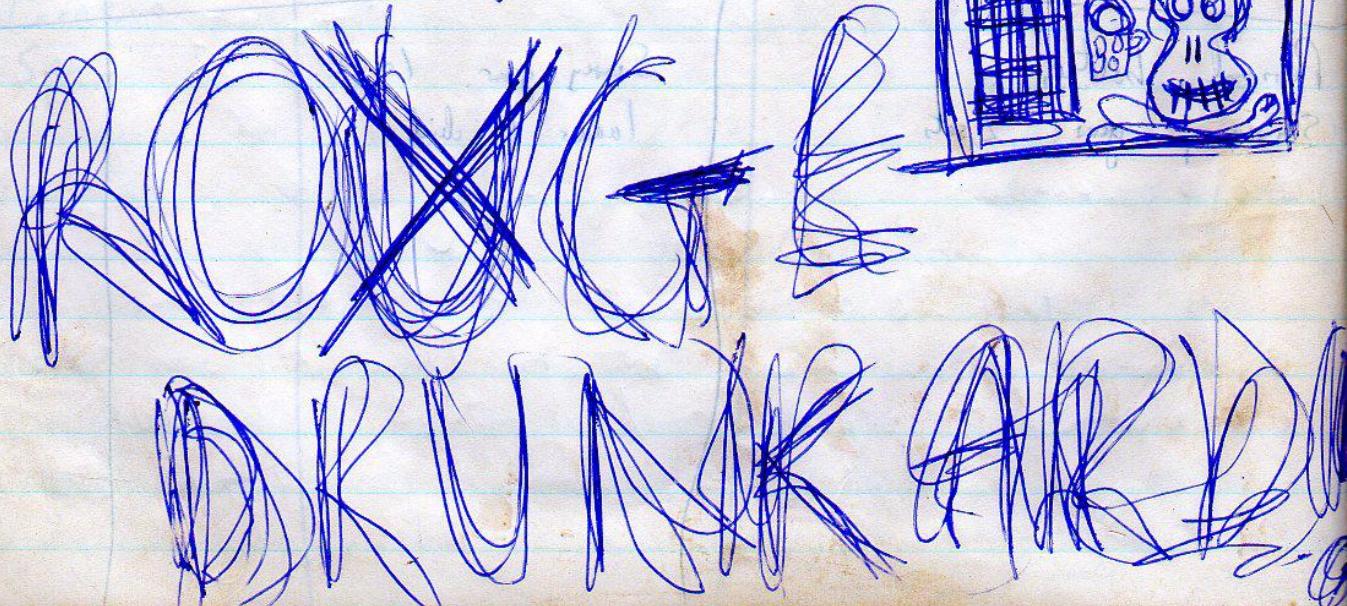
After much huking and pushing Big Jane was finally persuaded by a large lump of rock that she was not going to hit through into Quadruphenia!

UZUEKA 1      BIG JANE 0

Took Jane back to entrance and abandoned her to go to bar. Rest of us went to stuff found by Lank last year. Had a look around and found some new bits of passage but linked back into known stuff.



I've been drinking with



THURSDAY 31st July

AZPILICUETA → RENADA II (8 III)

little Steve, and the Noce brothers. only a cm in it.  
LATE START AT 6:00PM DOWN HOLE AND THE TROUBLE  
FREE QUICK TRIP TO GIGA HALL AND RENADA 2. GOOD  
BIT OF PASSAGE THROUGH THE RUBA - AND dubs, then  
up into terminal boulder choke. HERE JOHN LOOKED  
AT THE TOP FOR A POSSIBLE WAY THROUGH AND FOUND  
IT SO I WENT THROUGH THEM HIM THEN J.J. I  
WENT ONE WAY AND JOHN WENT THE OTHER AFTER  
FIVE MINUTES HE SHOUTED ME BECAUSE HE SAID  
HE MIGHT HAVE FOUND SOMETHING.

Beyond the choke is a bit of scrubbing  
over slabs into 15' diameter sandy floor  
tire ending at large chamber with  
very small stream entering - and one  
possible way on - a crawl - which was  
left in favour of Glory which was  
found 50' down another 15' diameter  
passage ending abruptly at Renada III  
in the form of a deep lake  
and swamp (maybe). Col wet up to our  
necks in this then decided on a boat  
for the crossing (getting soft after the  
Cuebo - Carenosa trip) lake extends as far  
as our glowworm penetrated but flowing  
water can be heard ahead and draught  
flows over the water. From HERE took man  
on ENTS TO A Back towards the entrance into the new stuff  
on ascending bolder slope on the left enters a large chamber with  
a couple of possible ways on but to the right a phreatic rift more  
leads to a second large chamber with good draught and formations. With  
another large well decorated chamber chip above but with ~~one~~ visible  
~~but hard to get out. STICK TO COPING UP (P.P. 19/3/86)~~  
ways on. Back at the bottom of the chamber however a slot down leads

Nov 12 1951

To a passage which draughts and leads to the left to a choke  
that the way on can be seen but was left for another day. From  
here a speedy exit from the cave was made putting a debonair  
traverse line on the rub-dub-a-tubs which really needs bolting. The climb  
out was too quick and knocking the bar ding reached by midnight  
when the darkness began.

Above Arenal. Aim to find way into back Arenal  
boulders choke, Abject Failure. 3 small caves noted on  
same escarpment as A. ① Right hand corner to small draughty  
hole would repay visit small person square, ② 10' deep stuff mobbed  
unfilled 2' Small shaft, ③ narrow 100' with 20' 20' long horizontal +  
vertical because of rocky突出. By this time our man is pissed  
off with Salazar spiders & horseflies so head up valley called  
Sierra Cantar. Break out into field, close to tree line a  
wide shaft approx 60' deep with small shaft next to it. Both  
have good draughts well worth visit but fading abysmal  
walks, save for cool day or gloaming. ④ Rained  
III observed to follow this number approach  
red soil gets to moist out in  
two of 30'. TOAD: Vol. (30') goes 6m  
Vol. 20' no boulders - scutt with no other  
erstwhile 60' shafts. Arenal  
Shots 20' 30' 60' 10' 20' 30' 40' 50' 60' 70' 80' 90' 100'  
No 20' boulders at 30' (3 small caves) also  
Tree line goes but 60' pitch 10' unbolled 0/8 sec 10'  
Tupelo tree 60' pitch 10' unbolled 0/10 sec 10'

Mosasco Teng, Flgs, Maine. 42 hrs. 1/8/50

The first attempt to survey & push bits of the  
200' pitch at the end of the main drag. Aborted  
after placing 1 bolt board drilling another hole due  
to bolt bullet.

1-8-86

Mr. Williams & spouse arrived

1-8-86. Cercavesso.

Jim Davis, Andy Hale.

Tried entering cave at stream sink, but soon realized our folly! found correct entrance and followed draught to where ~~susp~~ climb down to sump begins. Didn't realize that was the way on and ~~susp~~ carried on <sup>Now marked by fertilizer bag</sup> 5 metres to impressive draft down from above. Climbed up through boulders <sup>+10m</sup> into impressive breakdown chamber approx 60 m long 15 m wide and 15 m high. Investigated periphery of chamber which is formed due to total collapse into active cave underneath. Only one small tube running for 12 m towards entrance but pinching out. Then continued down to sumps and went on through boulders to climb down again to streamway. Found ladder in roof and bedding plane at foot entered draught; followed draft down rift (2.5m) and on into bedding plane  $5m \times 0.6m \uparrow$  with cobble floor. Obviously flood overflow in this cave. 15 m crawling to squeeze between fallen blocks. Then passage narrows to 2.5 m and meets breakdown with easy rift climb to ? Continue to right in rift at bedding plane level and drop down slot (-2 m) to rejoin bedding plane. Then continue for 20 m to ? open for you light went out. Proper survey will be done later. Survey available is distance estimated, but bearings with compass. Also visited <sup>draught</sup> hole on surface 350 m up valley with barn on the track next to Cercavesso entrance. T. Whitaker had noted hole, but had no ladder. Climb down 5 m and crawl along 5 m lead to slot in floor with hanging boulders, but little draught. <sup>good</sup> draught units from v. narrow slot 6" in containing rift. Hole is numbered 503 but it will be renumbered 603 on 2-8-86.

It is now / renumbered

3/8/86

Uzucha 1/8/86

350m surveyed near Plaskett Hall

the plot was situated on a south facing slope and roughly half  
was ticked by vegetated thorn scrub but another third  
of the ground was open short grass which was given a  
few gentle rakes. The rest was made up mostly of  
scrub with some short grass margin at either end.  
The plot was roughly rectangular in shape. This reflected  
the plot boundaries rather than the plot itself. I did however  
try to give it a more or less rectangular shape so that there  
would be no bias in the data from the corners.

Uzucha 3 3/8/86

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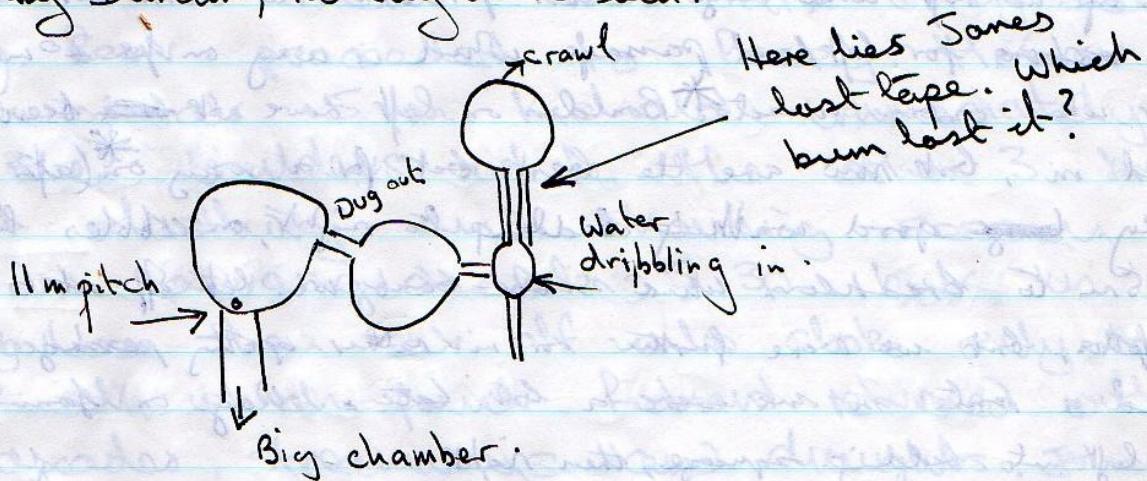
60m core surveyed in cover of maize field. Quon + Mark

The maize plants had been fully pollinated so  
most of the ears had been filled and given a (m.s.)  
yellow tinge. The ears of this former crop were very stiff  
and required the use of a sharp knife to remove them. The  
ear of maize had, however, been cut off and the maize  
had been put into a following of 828 maize as well. This  
ear had, however, been cut off, leaving a bare stem at the end  
and had no seeds. This was a short and slender ear  
which had been pollinated by the wind. The maize  
had been sown with a mixture of 828 maize and  
var. 222 no. 893. The latter had

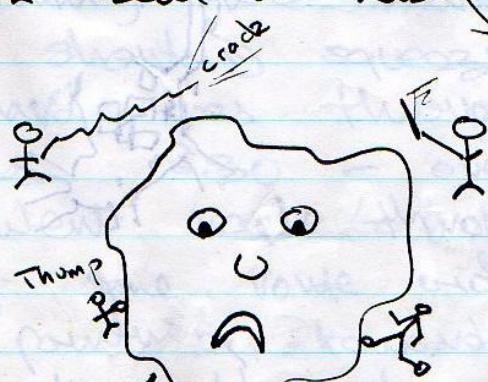
1/8/86. Riaño 1.

Jane, Sarah (Mary!), Duncan, Mike, Grovel

Set off to drop two pitches found by Ian, Simon & Grovel, on 29/7/86. Also to survey down to bottom of big chamber. Wizzed into end, no problems. Surveyed down Thole, but peastered out in sandy tubes, most of which interconnect. At lowest point found muddy bedding ~~which~~ which takes water occasionally. Went to drop pitches. First looked at was 11m deep pitch with only one way out. Dug through this to parallel shaft way on at back had small pitch to chamber 3m dia. Low crawl at bottom entered by Duncan, no way on he said.



Other pitch was dropped, but only entered the passage previously found. There is an error in the survey as they don't agree. Pitch was 20m deep. Got out safely without any problems except for the loss of Jane's tape. We then beat a hasty retreat.



Why does everyone  
treat me, just because  
I'm a hasty retreat?

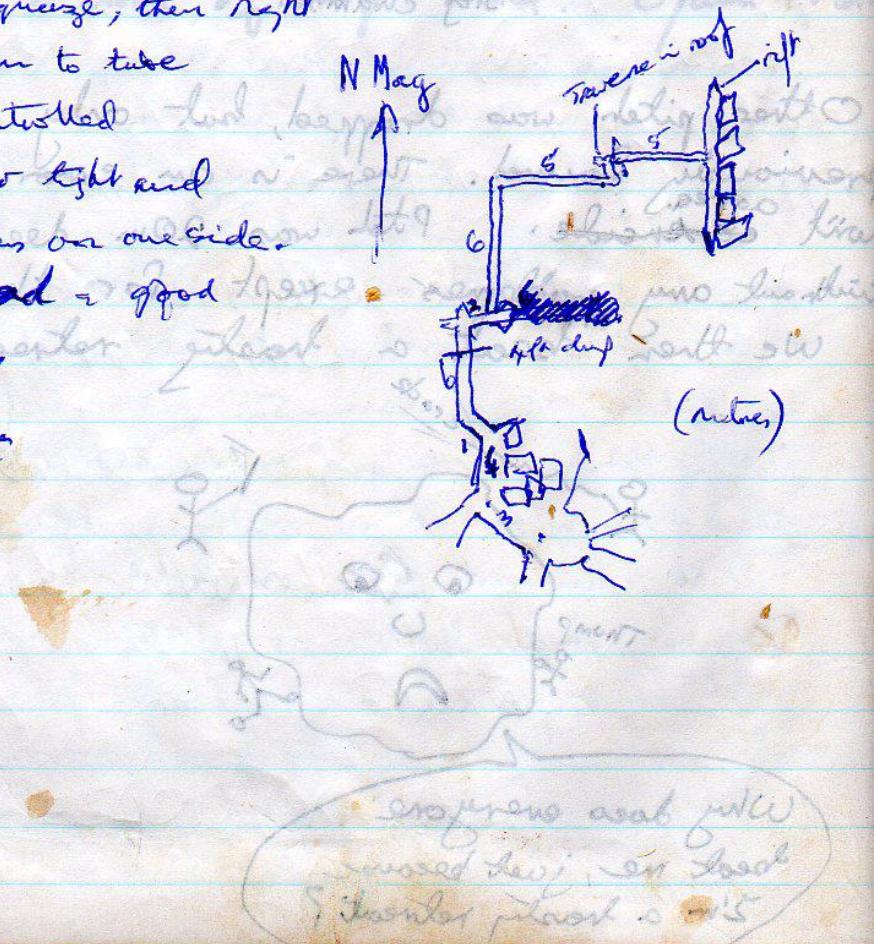
Jan 2/8/86 Llana (P.P., Slug, I.D.)

1070ft

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Quick trip through entrance series and swing to Uzulea boulder choke where we left Terry, Mike & Phys to park about. Then on to Rhinoceros passage and Snack choke (not inspiring!). From high level passage beyond Snack, we descended into sandy bedding, hand taces for 33m to <sup>\* boulders left.</sup> light bedding on R.H.S for 5m and left down narrowing bedding for 31m to squeeze (dug out). Then up into boulders and keeping to the right cross slot in floor to standing passage ~~with~~ for 9m to inclined slot over boulders. Then passage opens up in rift with large boulders for 60m to crossroads. Straight on is ~~no~~ boulders for left hand passage which is way on for 20m to corner where on/off connects. Boulders on left have not ~~been~~ been looked in, but now are the best bet for a way on (after drawing mostly). Large good walking bedding, to right, on cobbles leads after 85m to breakdown where smoke bomb was let off at 6.13pm. Sorry folks, but we were further on in rather grody passage trying to find a route so we were a bit late. Way on from collapse is on left into bedding squeeze, then right with boulders on right for 4m to tube descending to joint controlled by <sup>N Mag</sup> passage which is rather tight and ends in rift with boulders on one side. All passage in groove had a good draught in right direction.

Places to look marked



2/8/86. UZERKA - Pedro, J.J., Richard, Big Steve  
little Steve, Andy Hall, Neil,  
Big Nose.

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Trip organised to get to Rocky Horror for 4.30 for the mega push, set off at 11.30am but delayed slightly for an hour, by Big Steve getting lost after using the gorilla walk as a toilet. Got to start of Trident series at 4.45pm at which point, JJ set off to push boulders at the end of Trident with Little & Big Steve, and Andy. Rest proceeded to Rocky Horror choke arriving at 5pm. Richard immediately dove into the boulders while the other 3 cheered up. A pushing and shouting session was had as arranged at 5.30 but in vain. ~~Big~~ Big Nose then set off into choke only to get stuck at which point Richard returned with bags of cascades, streamways and disruptions. John became unstuck and followed Richard through a tight and complex bit of choke to small section of streamway, leading went able to move boulders used disruptor as direction indicator as much as possible. Just as we were talking of returning, we heard Terry talking!!! A few minutes shouting squeezing and digging later and Richard was through. ~~over 2 hours~~ Time was 8.30 - over 3½ hours spent in choke. Went back through with Terry, Phil + Mike marking the route with orange tape and arrows pointing towards Uzeka: Took an hour coming back through choke.

COMING SOON TO A CAVE NEAR YOU

# THE MELLOW CONNECTION

DON'T MISS

Can someone show  
me where Terry's  
tent is?

APPEARS WITH (Bilboed - by the way, who

GOODY ARMAGEDDON

AND ROCKY HORROR III)

PLUS THE GORILLA WALKS AGAIN

STARRING, TERRY WHITTAKER (As himself)

BIG STEVE (as the phantom)

ANNE HALL (Sleeping beauty) (Casper)

And a cast of thousands of Muddy drunks.

DIRECTOR - Salford Bull

PRODUCER - J. T. Gault

SOUND - Terry Whittaker

Flood lights - Pete & Snuffles

Remember - STAY MELLOW MAI!!!

EXT 15, FIRE & RHYM

5 GEGOS 21  
LEGGERS)

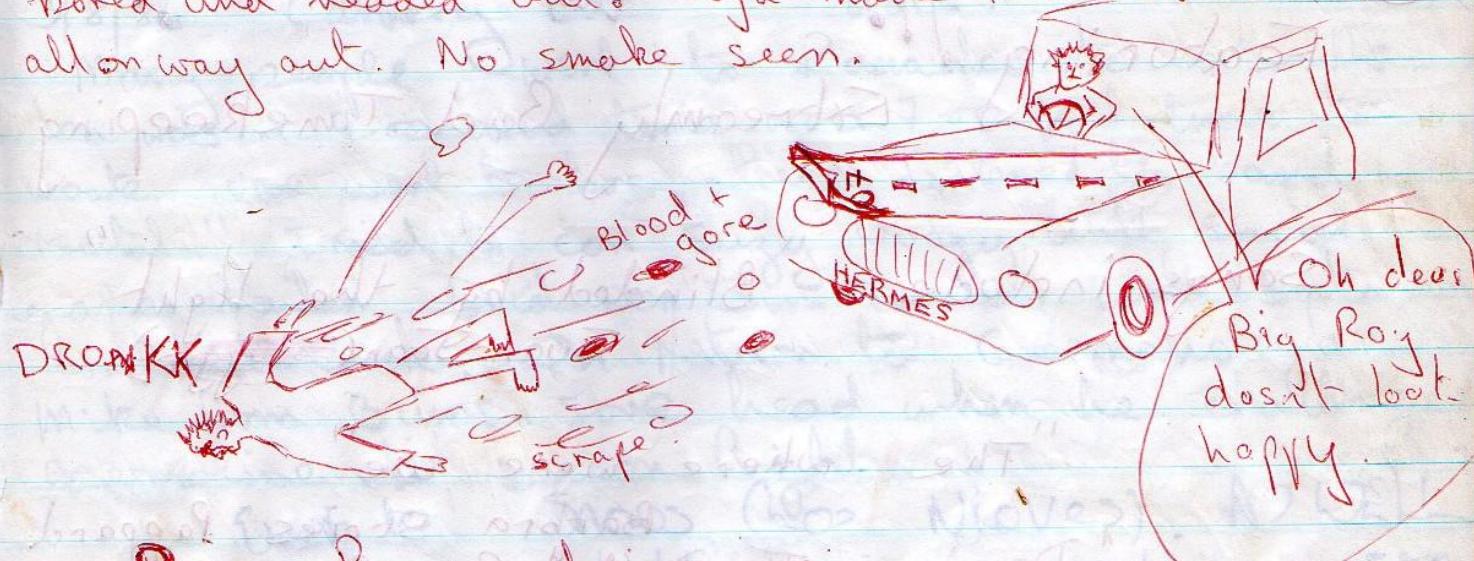
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2/8/86. Carcavueso

Juju, Jane, Sarah, Duncan,  
Mark, Gemaline, Mike & Grovel

Mithins descended upon Carcavueso to sit and spot the smoke let off by Phil. Due to incompatibility of size of entrance and Jane were slightly delayed at entrance. Then positioned ourselves all along the cane and sat down to await the great event. Grovel decided to enliven proceedings by banging his rocks together. This ~~one~~ excited Jane so much that she was goaded into doing E7 climbs. After sitting around until 7-00 got bored and headed out. Juju made film star out of us all on way out. No smoke seen.



**Big Roy** doing a  
wheels up landing outside  
**Germans Bar.**

2/8/86 LLUEVA. T. TERRY, RAYS, MIKE. 14 hr traps.

Went in with Phil, Jim and Senggo. Spent time in the sump and boulder choke were. crawled around rearranging it until boredom set in several (6) hours later. Whilst returning to smoky heard John (big nose) shouting and the connection was made. The three of us returned through the crawl to Rocky Haven, and then back. Despite a boulder attaching Miles foot we returned through the choke in 3/4 hr. A slow trip out as Terry couldn't remember the route.

~~Don't follow me,  
I'm lost too.~~

Not this week.

A musical extravaganza,

# THE MISSING

## LINK

CANCER

Featuring

Extremely Bad Timekeeping

Songs include

"Blinded by the light"  
Sian-Sian (~~slug~~)

"The where were we"

Barbra Streisand Pappard

"Dancing in the Dark" Slug Springsteen

"Smoke gets in your eyes"  
The invisible man

"Dark side of the moon" Pink Slug.

"I got stung" tie Markus Preslicus

"Silence is golden" Special arrangement Grovel + Terry

"on the spot" Germoline

"Nowhere man" Sgt Pappards Lonely Hearts  
club Band.

3/8/86 Carrasco M&R Mike W, Duncan P, Simon

Surveyed big loose chunk found by egg  
Jen and Andy, had to send Simon out as if  
was so loose is climb up. chunk is large  
 $\approx 150\text{m}$  long  $\times 50\text{m}$ . Survey shows it to be  
very like sketch survey by Tins.

went on down to investigate bedding plane  
couplets near ladder. Right branch goes part to  
stream but left may be promising geo (Boulders)  
Hutter  
ay

3/8/86 Cannery Bar Lots.

Many people went to Ramadas to eat. De  
lta was at 9:00 and time was 7:00 had time to  
waste. Some went to bar, others listened to band  
recital!!! Tried to con Suzy Woosy with spoon  
game, failed. Did con ~~Sim~~ <sup>Sim</sup> Daniels with Splat on  
Farkle trick. On return to Germans game  
Mike from Burns. sore head when he challenged  
Germoline to Spoon fight.

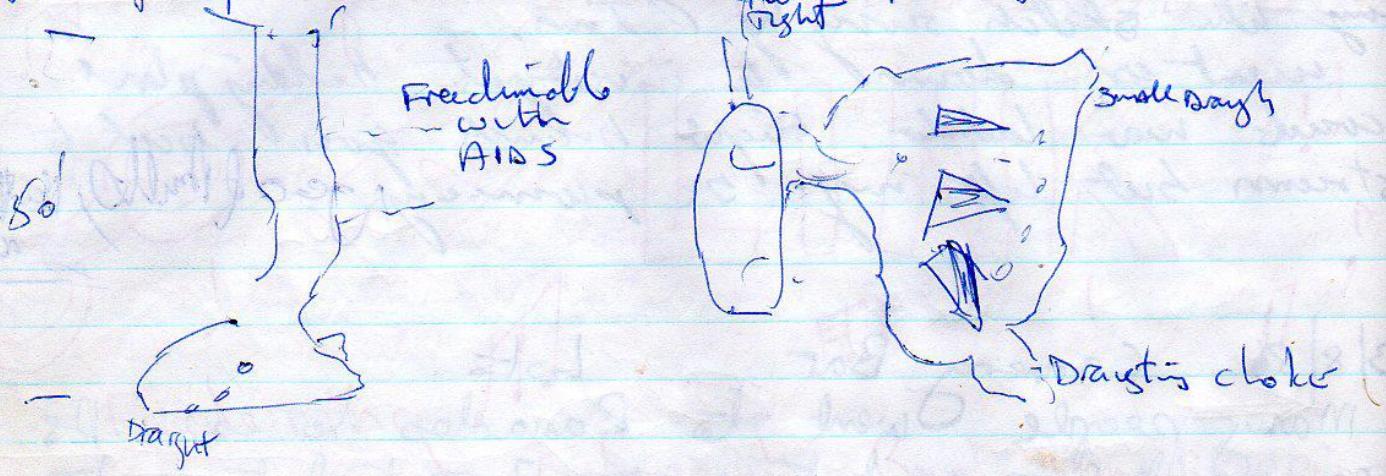
Went to Shows (Los Nieves). A) WELL

GOOD GAME OF POOL!!!! WITH 13 BALLS!! CAME BACK  
WITH BOTTLE OF TINTO. QUICKLY DRANK,

RHYS, MARK, + MIKE

4/8/86

Knackered old shits up the hill says.  
Force del Big fat Sweating Bastard - 45' ro chamber Draughting  
in One corner worth nowt. Small rift  $8' \times 2' \times 15'$  Deep  
full of crap worth nowt. walked round up hell found nowt.



4/8/86 Caveaverso,

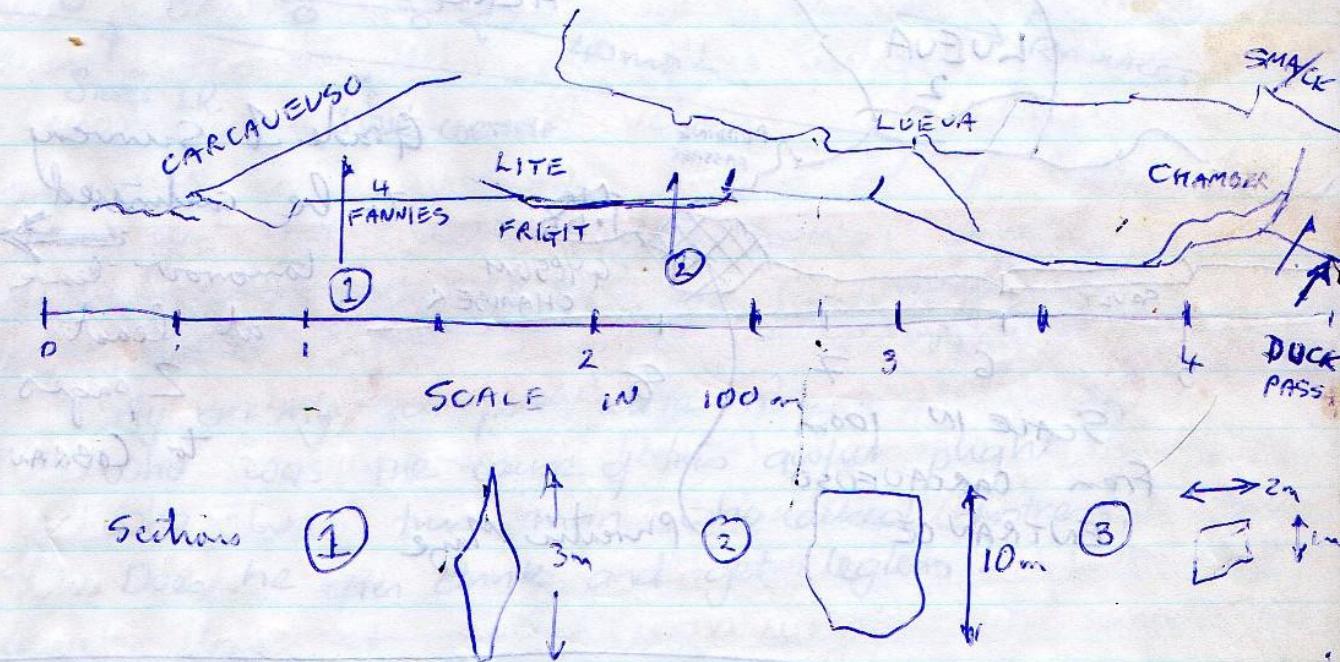
Party Tim, Terry, Simon,  
Bill, Jane

Got bored with the superstars and the Agipietre top so invented a fancy tail. Went back to the cobble crawl flood overflow

found by Tim & Andy on the 1/8/86. A disgusting series of muddy squeezes led through to a up-hill crawl over gravel into a tall fissure climb up leads to a large passage of this section (fancy passage) This leads straight East for about 200m to Light Fright Hall. Passage continues large and straight to another large hall with a long column 3m high. Passage leads North not explored. Straight on leads into a small-muddy passage and passes a muddy pool to Dark Passage after the rock. (don't touch it or!) this passage continues past huge fallen boulders still almost due east. Eventually becomes

smaller, crawling or stooping on earthy calcite to a phreatic zone area. This emerged to a chamber with lots of gypsum crystals and a big boulder breakdown cavern where we turned back. Total cave traversed about 1km lots of leads.

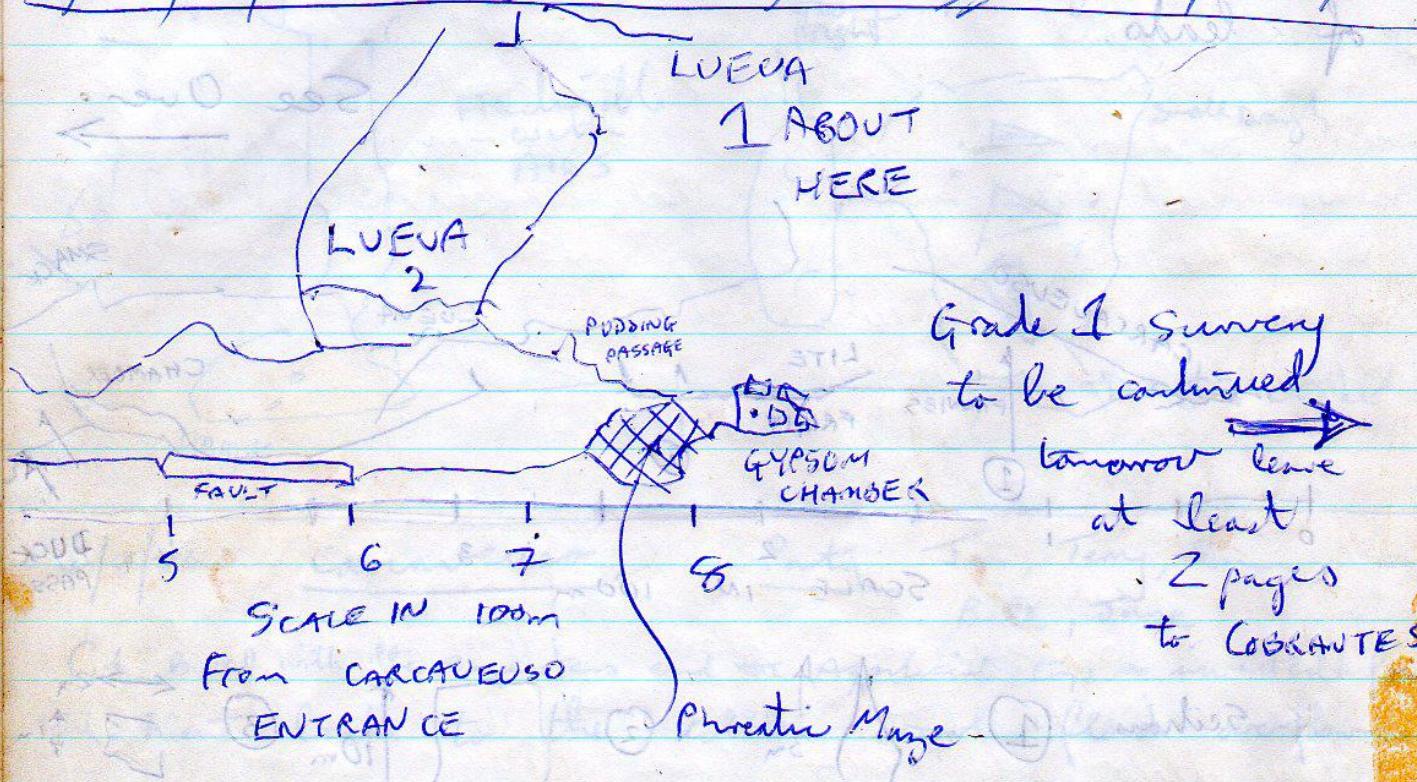
See Over 



SOME SPACE LEFT FOR  
THE TROPICAL CACTA GLORY. YOU  
CAN MAKE IT SMALLER IF you want!

OK if you didn't find out just note that the last Duck is on a side passage (see over) we only went there becos we happened to see it the ~~end~~ enhanced by a snake to the side passage becos of the hole coming out of it which wasn't as strong as the gale through the big chamber what we didn't look at the end of which was

wear the main draft can from. So going to gypsum chamber is probably a waste of time tho' it's still going because its a side passage you should maybe go left at H.M.S. lost for choice because it mite lead you into biggo if that I think going left at Chamber mite lead ya to biggo I b'm probably slay



Grade 1 Survey  
to be continued

tomorrow leave  
at least

2 pages  
to COBANTEES

4/8/86 UZUKA. TONY GERMOLINI MARKS. (To Green van passage)  
Eventfull trip to the Gorillas walk. Green van  
must have been towed away looked at other  
side passages too small to even come out  
A Villars

wrong anyway but it were a good trip tho' smell of shit at  
first.

Today I saw a millipede,  
Meandering upon its way.  
Which way to man Terrys tent?  
I heard him weakly say:

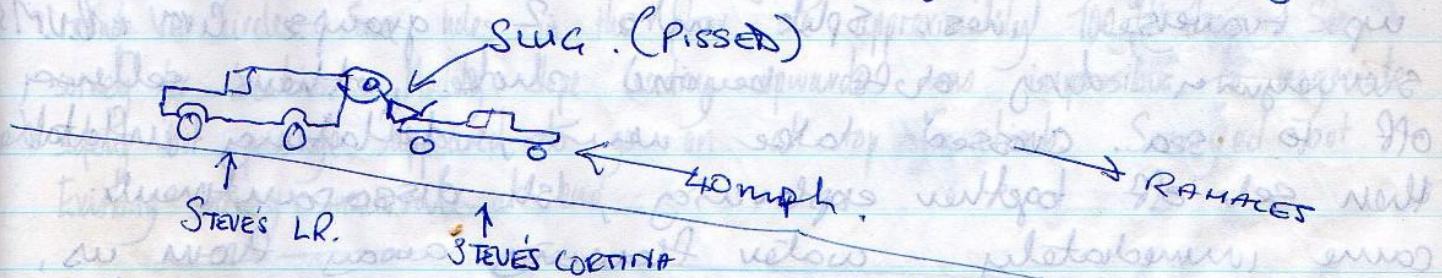


3rd Aug. Sunday

(at M's house). 2 M.V.S. v.v.

The return of the  
Magnificent Slug.

MATENZO



My oh my you poor little mite.  
Who was the cause of this awful plight?  
Who was this man who caused distress?  
Does he often drink and get legless?  
Could it be who know this man  
who dispelled you fiercely from his water can?  
Without a thought, without a tear,  
He set you free to roam far + near.  
Your heart is torn, torn off in two  
Your shoes are worn out + so are your  
But do not drown, you're not the clown.  
You're not the clown.

To have you in a little jar,  
Would diminish time in Herman's Bar!  
So go on your way, wander free.  
Captured millipedes shall never be!

AZPILUQUATA /

LENADA - Little Steve, SS, Neil, Big Nose - 4/8/86.  
Crov, B.V.M.S. (Duncan + Mike)

KNACKERED

Set off late due to failing Contura. Met Phil and Richard in RIO-a-dub-dubs, completing line survey from Sugar Hall to choke and setting up traverse lines. Split into 2 groups Crov + B.V.M.S. Surveyed dry stuff beyond choke, others setting off to sea. Crossed lake several deflating inflatable then set off together exploring, 1st disappointment came immediately - water flowing away from us, we'd hoped to be going upstream, 2nd disappointment came immediately after 1st one in the form of a Sump. Sump chamber very unimpressive 20m x 30m - ~~slope~~ slope up leading to breakdown chamber and 200m of phreatic passages (small) unsurveyed as yet and not fully pushed including undercorder  $\approx$  50' pitch - Only other passage found was small inlet, Yorkshire size streamway leading to small chamber where water enters through boulders - small tube leads to head of a 50' pitch which may have large passage ( $\approx$  15' high + wide) leading off - Could be some pitch has found in previously mentioned phreatic passages found by SS and Neil. Overall a very disappointing day. However leads in the dry stuff before lake are promising and deserve a thorough look. Crov, Duncan and Mike surveyed from choke to big chamber at end of dry passages in the new stuff. Uneventful trip out.

REÑANA

Jane, Andy, Sarah

4th August 1986

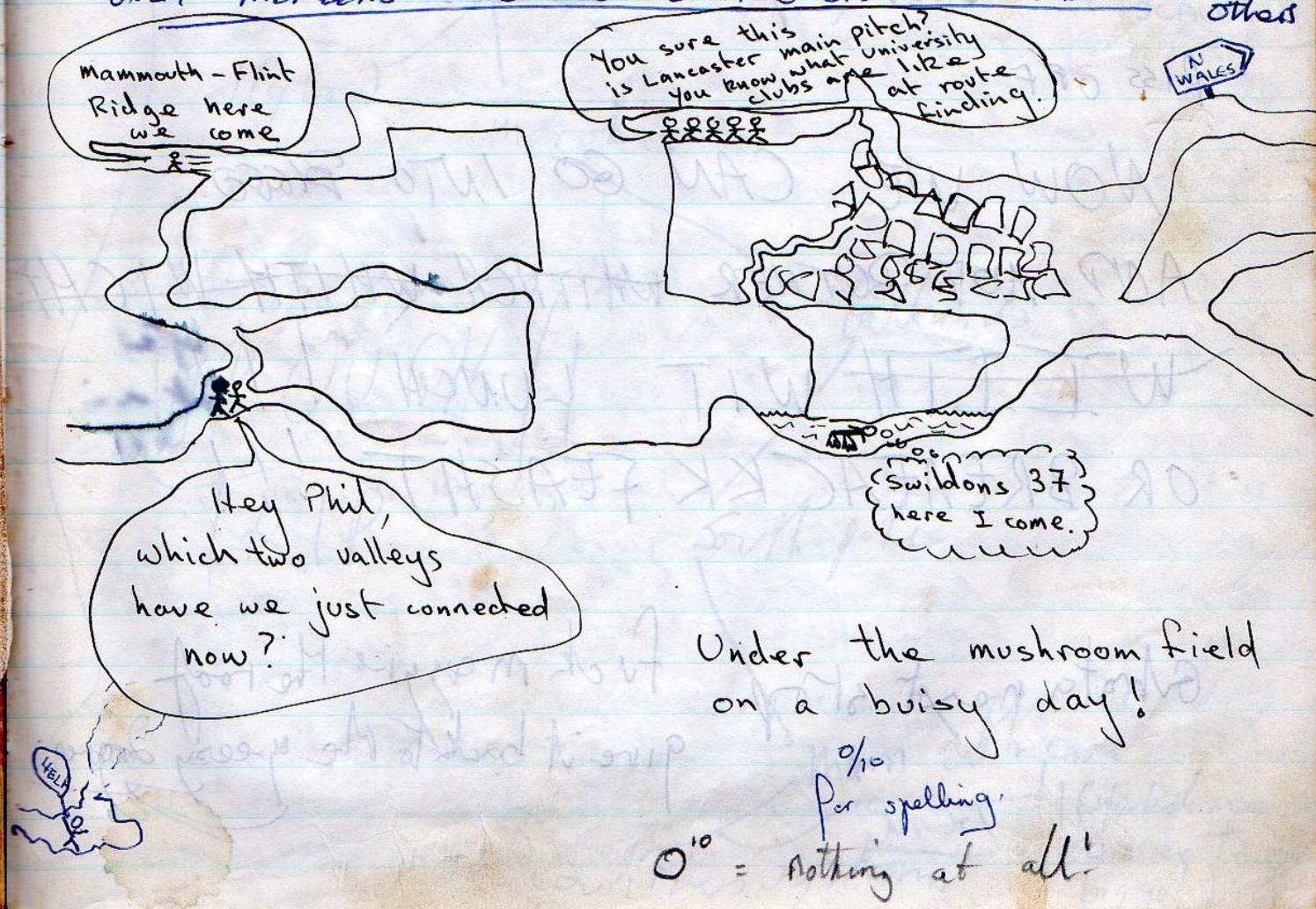
Went to "Zeppelin Hanger" avens at end of Stuffed Monk Gallery to look at / survey some passage visited by Jane, Steve et al last year. Found rope left by Veg and Steve and used this as a point from which to locate survey. Passage found was damp, bouldery and apparently going round and round in circles. Some holes in the floor, one approximately 100 ft deep. See survey for location. Muddy slope leading upwards was impossible to negotiate safely but passage appeared to go on at top of climb. Surveyed out. Existing survey inaccurate at end.

5TH AUGUST 1986

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ONLY MEMBERS SCUGGO - LITTLE STEVE - BIG BACCS + 300Z OTHERS



The Boys Entrance / Biggo Connection 5/8/86

How come 12 people can't field three fully functioning survey teams when underground? Two went about their appointed tasks whilst the third disintegrated. One half found "tram shed passages" the other half found the pop up into the Huerva passage, giving a short walk to the Rhinoceros. The day's events need no further summing up than this, about 1½ K of new cave surveyed, one going passage still unsurveyed and finished. Ettor found, probably not present surveys but old ones.

Now we can go into Biggo and come out for lunch.

Piss off

NOW WE CAN GO INTO BIGGO

AND NOT BOTHER WITH WHICH

WITH WIT LUNCH !!!

OR BREAKKK FEASTT !!!

Guitar next stop. fuck maggie the roff give it back to the greeny dogs.

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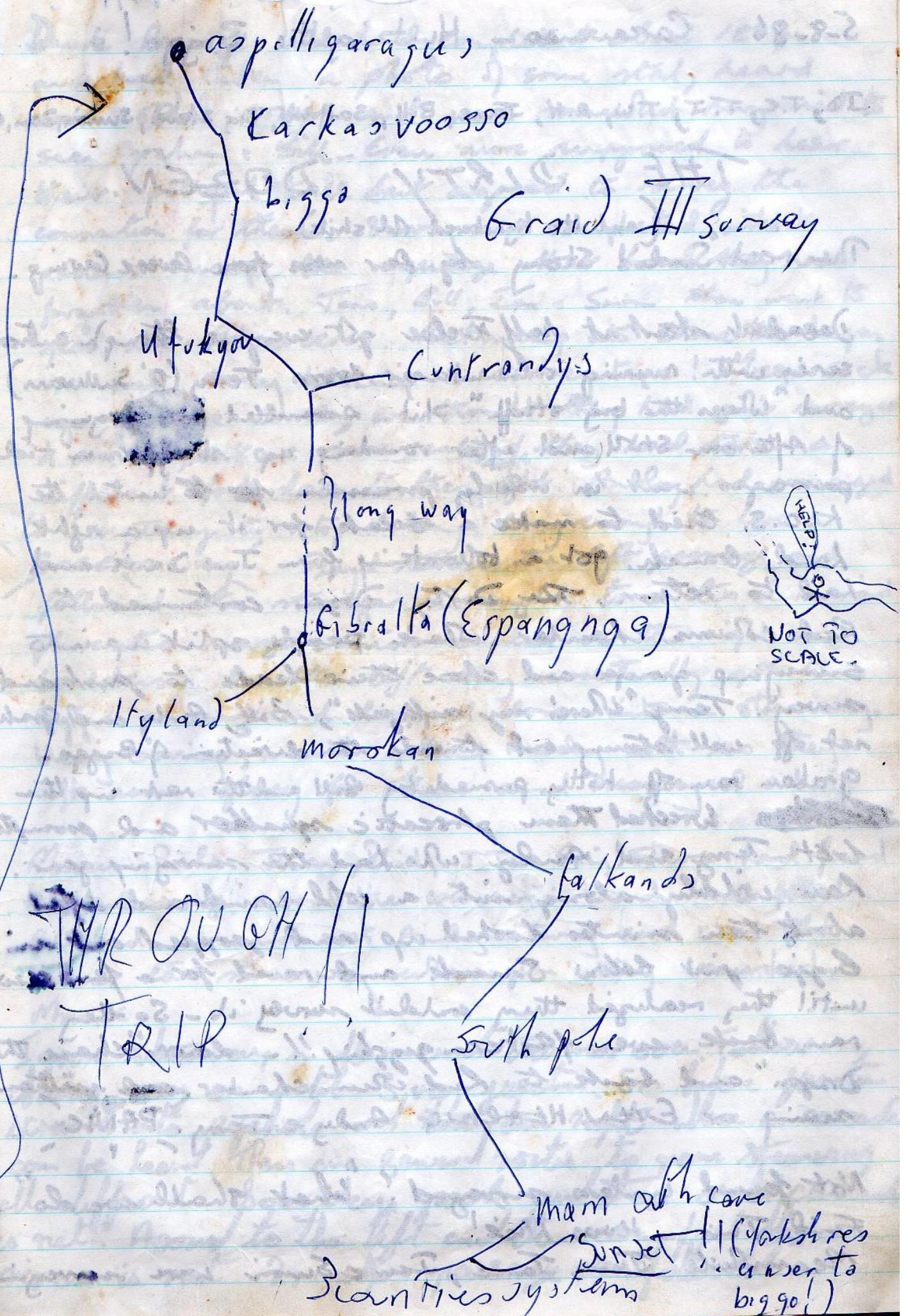
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# THE K.O.S. TRIP.

5-8-86 Caravans - Hunting the Biggo!

Id, T.C, T.I, T.W, P.H, Jane, Bill, Salford, Big Steve, Simon, Ian, Graham

## THE DIRTY DOZEN.

(and the knackered old shirts).

The real "Sordid Story" by our man from Cover Caving.

Decadent start at half twelve got everyone through entrance series with running commentaries from Terry (O'Sullivan) and "Where's the big stuff" Phil. Assembled at beginning of Afternoon Stroll and after rounding up stragglers in side passages went in orderly procession for it until the K.O.S. tried to make a break for it up a right hand branch. got a bollocking from Tim Davis and had to return. The Dirty Dozen continued to Red Column chamber where people split up into surveying groups and chose their leads to push and survey. Terry "Where's my milkfield", Bill, Andy and Graham set off well surveying out towards the direction of Biggo. Graham ran off hotly pursued by Bill and the rest up the ~~other~~ wretched them phocatic squallor and promptly left Terry and Andy who had the surveying gear. Ran wildly along into a cold wind and after about ten minutes looked up and popped out on Biggo just below Snack and raved for a few seconds until they realized they couldn't survey it - So they ran back even faster - giggling!! - down "Chase the Dragon" and back to Red column chamber ~~and~~, without seeing or EVEN HEARING Andy & Terry. PANIC

Not found unless surveyed! "What shall we do".

Frid Tim - How Nice!

Meanwhile Tim, Jane, Ian & Simon were surveying

Dusk Passage and had completed about 150 m and had taken a photo of some stal, heard old voices and were somewhat surprised to see Graham & Bill - Even more surprised to hear their pitiful tale but agreed to survey the connection for them. Survey was completed without problems except the squeeze that had they had forgotten about. Tom, Bill, Ian & Sam then went to feed the Rhinoceros. Returning into Choke the dragon we met Andy holding a survey tape! Mega-cock-ups ~~we~~ come; we thought they had just surveyed it as ~~us~~, but we soon realized they had taken a different fork down to the left: Andy had managed to get Teeny to stop talking long enough to leave a Streamway. They'd taken the left passage and followed the stronger draught to a two dimensioned phreatic maze which ended on the right in boulders. On the left they eventually got to a bigger passage and dropped down into a streamway. Very boring, wasn't getting Andy out so they left some glory for others and surveyed out.

Meanwhile Tom, Bill, JJ & Big Steve had found the passage about the connection and had followed in and met Andy & Teeny and were told about the streamway - whereupon they vanished - MAGIC.

I ignore streamers in floor and traverse over. Follow obvious way on until 3 way junction. 5 m before junction scramble into cyclone and turn right where a cascade can be heard. There are several routes to more streamers all different. Down deep pools and the small cascade is met. A route to the left on the main fast flowing river is met 2 m x 4 m passage was followed

to it a fallen block with water coming out from underneath. 20 m before block obvious 3m, 1m passage was noted for memory bank on L/H wall. I shall return. Big Stein *← after I have recovered from bad back* (moon bitch grip and a big start, Tuan, Tj - this returned to Red Column chamber to meet up with Tuan's team.

Meanwhile the highlight of the trip and first of the billed side shows unfolded at Argument Passage. Before the trip Terry had been seen stuffing his pockets with red marker tape which he'd been using as litter at [redacted] intervals along his survey legs. ~~Terry~~ Tuan had surveyed the Engjo connection, ~~but~~ ~~[redacted]~~ <sup>any</sup> red marking tape so there were no stations to tie Terry's survey into. Tuan managed to get away with it by picking up the Seahorse in chase the Dragon. Everyone then set off back towards Red Column chamber to where Terry and Andy had seen another large passage and wanted a survey station off Tuan.

Sig: J. Davis.

O/H for writing Sig

It went Terry "Where's the survey station?"

Tuan "If you don't want it, I'll find you another"

Exit both parties R/R different directions

Andy and Terry to survey. Andy stopped and

Tuan, Bill, Steve etc

Tuan "By the Rock Bridge" - Terry "Why isn't there a red marker"

Tuan "you've got them" - Terry "Well you should have if you were surveying". Tuan "OK sod off! I'll find you the station"

Tuan starts walking towards his station - Terry "Oh! I'm fed up with you buggering off into new stuff, I'd left for myself on the way in"

Tuan "If you don't shut up I'll kick you!"

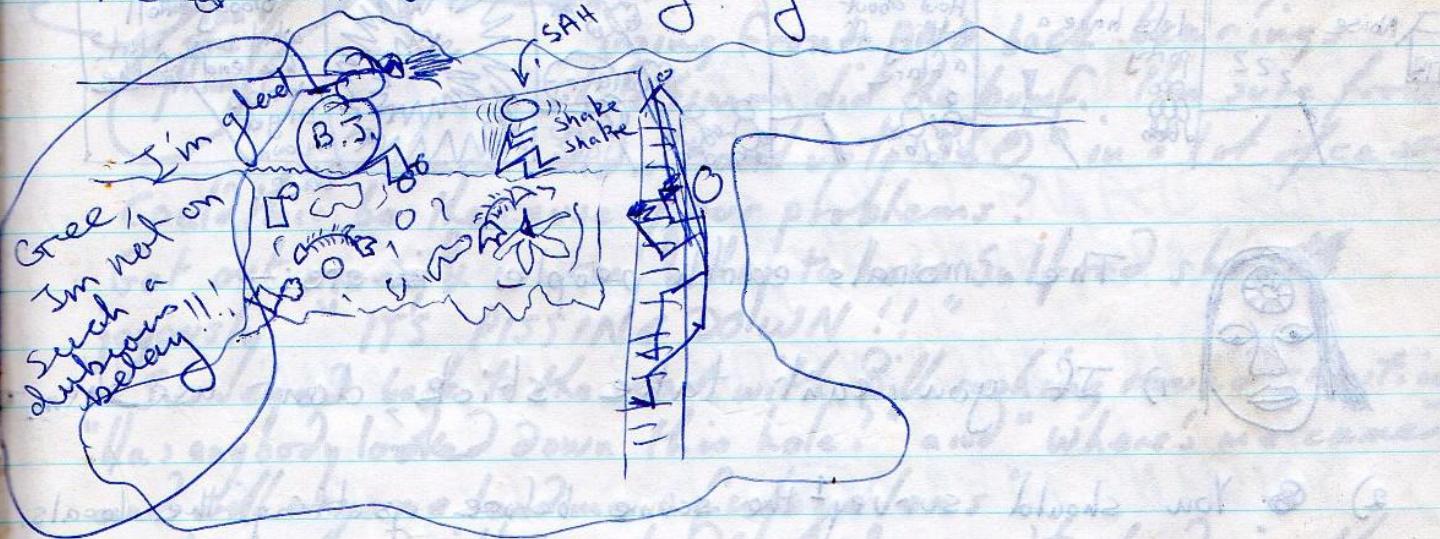
Fortunately they were separated by a 20 ft drop!!

More next week

Don't miss the next episode

6/8/86. Canada. Jan, Sarah, Grrr, and Me.  
"me" went on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

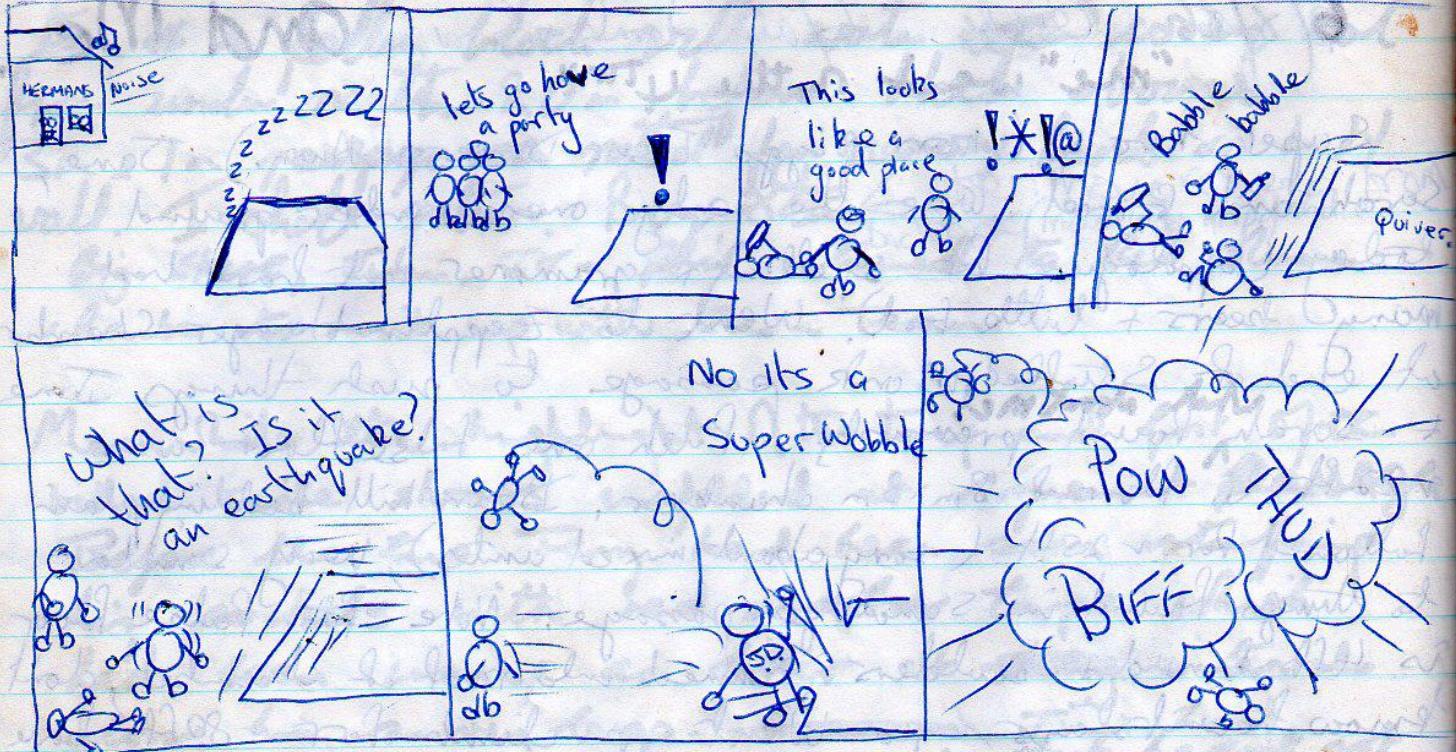
Super hero's (non Biggs Free Divers Anon.) Jane, Sarah and Grovel were the only ones under ground today (Apologise for spelling + grammar but have had many beers + little food). Went to Zeppelin Hanger Chamber at end of ~~stuffed~~<sup>What about me!</sup> Monk passage to push things Jane + Sarah found previously. Pitch over false floor was ~22 ft to floor of 8m x 3m chamber. Down hill bedding plain followed for ~25ft (sorry about mixed units), very similar to things found in Sandoggen passage. Note the false floor is 4ft off mud + boulders jammed into roof of chamber, don't know how it stays up. Went up climb for ~80ft above known passage. Checked out ~~out~~ about going over 25ft of shadow ledges to reach black hole above. Way on may be there, but couldn't reach it. Had a general problem about then came ~~out~~ out to be met by big stone.



Continued. Steve a study rat at back on way out Phil money was being done and shorted comments such as "OLD fat gits shouldn't come in here" and other standard wind-ups while Phil was stuck in squeeze. Tony "whatever you do don't wet the climb" Its impossible if you get it wet. Then pours water on it.

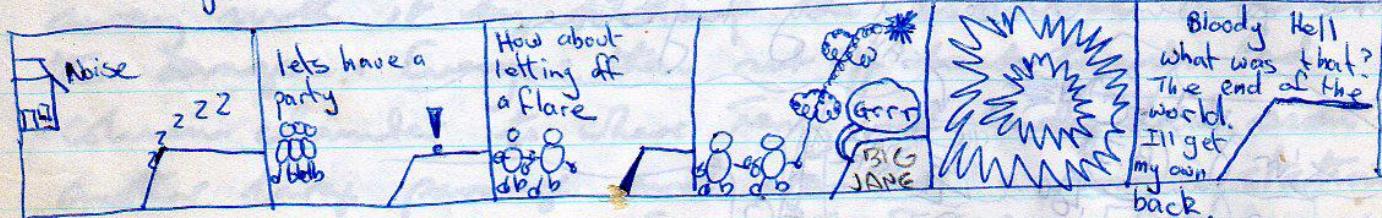
Jui, Jane & I then surveyed the squashed entrance series, ~~area~~. So someone else will have to write the rest.

# THE DIPSTICK FROM SIDECELL



THARG TIME WARP.

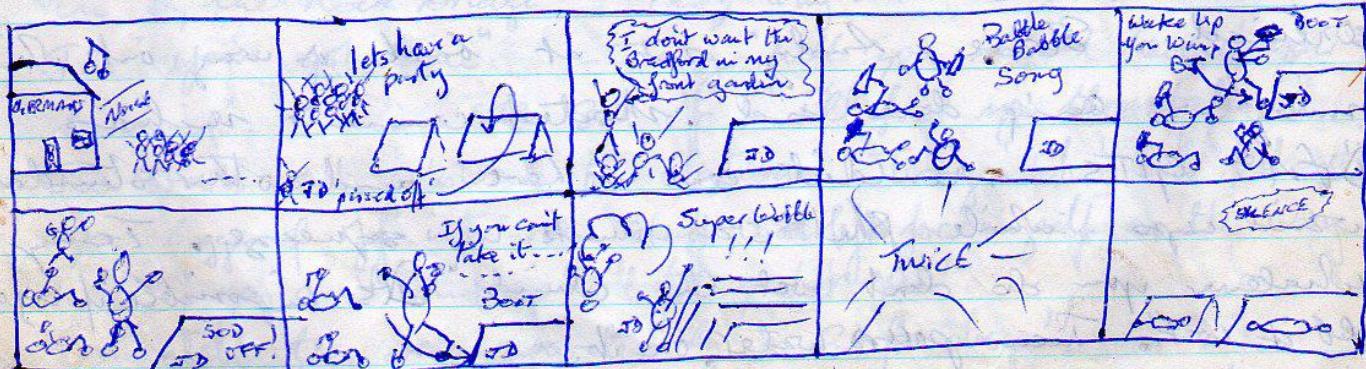
The night before.



The morals earth people are:-

1) If you can't take stick, don't use them.

2) You should survey<sup>1</sup> the scene before upsetting the locals.

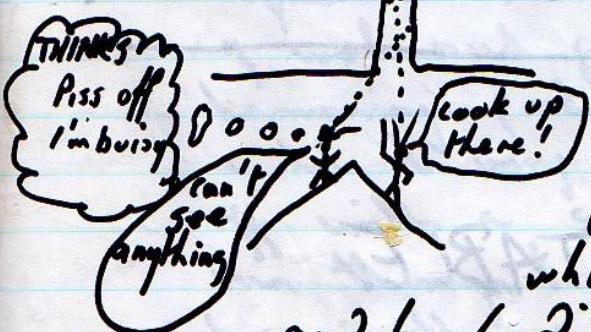


1 Ref MUSS Journal No 10. Notes on surveying instruments. A FIELDS + S FORER

7.9.86 Biggo I Resurvey - Juan, Salford, Simon, Bill.

Usual supine start. Into Biggo. Swedish Man and woman. Wet bit! Salford set off in the only visible inner tube muttering about T.T. and where was the other one? Eventually returned after free-diving the jump to get surveying gear (He still can't use the boy's entrance to Biggo II because of the squeezer - Pass the lump hammer someone.)

Surveyed out while Bill made himself useful by rushing round & getting in the way and shouting "Not bad, eh?" and "Has anybody been up/down (Delete whichever does not apply) here?" and, from the top of the mountain roared the pitch "<sup>(BLACK)</sup>Look up there" about an even through the sandstone of the roof with black at the top. Job for a thin man with a scaling pole.



Meanwhile Juan & Phil surveyed using front AND back bearings while Simon did the bump. I'm sure front and back didn't add up to  $360^\circ$  in a lot of cases. Could this be the cause of our problems?

Got out nice & warm & dry to here Salford shouted joyously "IT'S PISSING DOWN!!"

Surveyed back to the road with Bill rushing round shouting "Has anybody looked down this hole?" and "Where's my camera and will anyone lend me a Leofoto lens?"

Got plastered with jungle debris dropped to shreds in the interest of getting ~~some~~ 30 metre legs back to the road. As to the results of the survey?

Is Biggo really where they say it is?  
Does it go where they say it does?  
Is there a space warp at the Biggo / Carrevezzo link?  
At present only Juan knows the answer to these questions & he ain't saying.

5/8/86 BrainRhodes Rick Big Ray  
check for entrances above area of Below Alis,  
WE HAVE BEEN Pirates!  
G.D. Bastards with a tin of Red paint  
all over our lovely new shafts  
They want fucking & drowning

7/8/86 Mark and Neil. Cruz Uzano Area.

Up hill with tackle to drop holes found previous day. Low cloud caused severe route finding problems (we got lost!). Loads of other holes found and investigated by all boulder choked.

Final Score Mist 1 The Rest Of The World - 0.

EIGHT PEOPLE

SITTING ROUND A TABLE

(LITTLE) JANE (I'll go caving when my funny heals up)  
SAYS SHE'S DISGUSTED

THEY'RE CRACKING THEIR NUTS AND

SPILLING THEIR SEED

7 PILLOCKS!

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Carcavenss 8/8/86

Andy Hall, Jim Davis, Tony Whitaker, Keith Lewis  
Dunnon, Mike (K.O.S.). (BOLOCS)

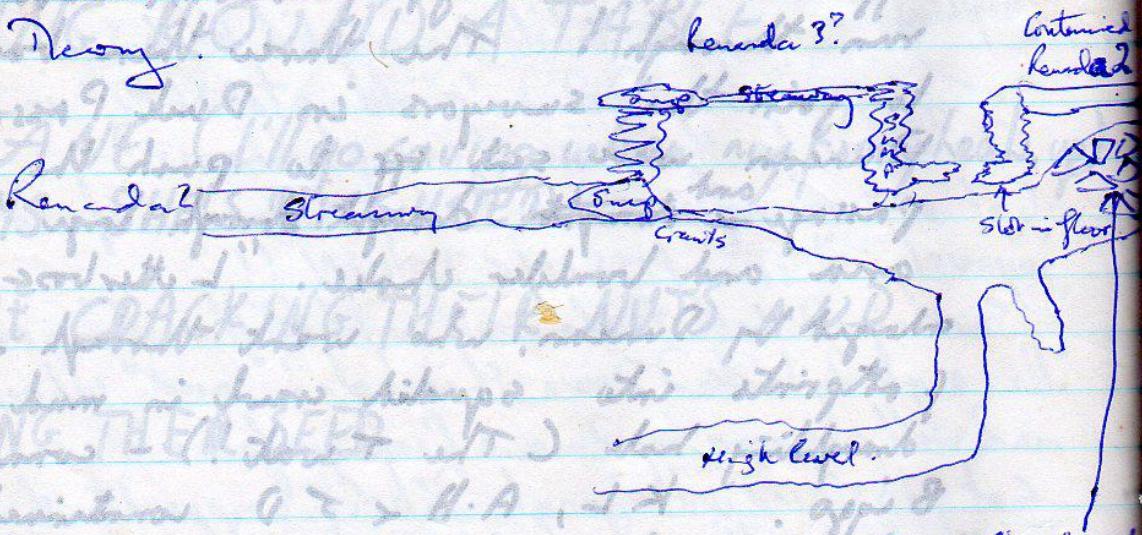
Smooth trip through entire series of connections after ~~the~~ J.D enlarged the squeezes with lump hammer & chisel for the 40 yr old K.O.S (KL) to get through. At Red Column Chamber Andy, Tony & Jim continued survey along Duck Passage for several hundred metres, while KL, ~~and Dunnon~~ Dunnon & Mike set off for the connection to Biggs via Smack, with the intention of getting KL through the ~~squeezes~~ squeeze. KL looked at squeeze & said "A lot of work need for me to get through". Lots of hammering produced little result. KL got fed up & hit it very hard & a large lump peeled off with a satisfying boom. You can now run through! The three then back tracked to join the surveyors in Duck Passage. KL, Dunnon were sent off to push the continuing passage ~~and~~ through large breakdown area and boulder choke. "Litterbox squeeze" enlarged by Dunnon, who went through & found footprints into squalid crawl in mud to tight draughting hole (The Twat!) - connection to Biggs. KL, A.H & J.D continued survey to this point. While Tony ~~winged~~ winged out & left the cave!

Smooth progress at including ~~squeezes~~ survey of Argent Passage back to the Post. The 40 yr old K.O.S had some problems in the connections but was eventually runned through - But he must be the largest and oldest through the squeezes yet!

8/8/86 Azpilcueta. Phil, TT, AH, JD, Big Jane, Gravel, Duncan, Mik,  
11 o'clock Start.

Climbed up wall and Big Jane's first big pitches. Did it by the book and all set off for Renada extension. Big Jane still impressive, not a place to hang about. Too dense and rope descent well rigged. Then on to Renada at streamway, beautiful and spotting. Ran through crawl and into new stuff. Here we split; Gravel BT. Runs to high level stuff and Phil TT and JD to Sump pool and then round comes to choke. Prodded down sump slot and "rained about rubble" so climbed down a found sump, but no wet suit - so wriggled out - but beware 2" air space so wet suit might be a good idea. Went back to choke and found another slot which we dug, but no go. Also phacter ~~tube~~ tube which will do for tube into really big rubble int. Could be dug, but a small person could go straight in! Then went off to survey high level stuff and go about; Gravel found a few leads but they all choked.

### Projected Theory



From a low dipper this starts to rise  
to a shallow depth it is at high level.

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to a shallow depth it is at high level.

If you stand and  
keep quiet the  
whole chamber  
reverberates.

Moral - too much noise does

THE SENSES

Leaves the top with the air tight  
Takes the top with the air tight front off.  
Takes the top with the air tight front off.  
Takes the top with the air tight front off.

From: Bill Ryker I <bill@ryker.ca>  
To: luiscoconi <luiscoconi@usitnet.org.tr>

Subject: MRPC dinner  
Date: Sun, 6 Jun 2015 20:06

Hi Luis,

If you are in the country on Friday I wonder if you would be free that evening to have dinner at the Middle Rose Pottery Club dinner, Friday June 5th 2015.

I am sure it will be nice to have a good meal with friends and family.

We are having a meal at 7pm followed by a short presentation.

Please let me know if you can make it. I will send you an email with more details.

Thanks,

Bill Ryker, President

## MOSTASO

8/8/86 Pete Seed, Teny, John ~~Gillot~~, Cathrine.

Pete and Teny went on at the end of the big high level passage and started to swing the 200' pitch ~~shop's~~ cut bolt gave a good freehang of 19 m to a ledge with spike belay. A tape on this spike leads down a 12.5 m pitch to a rock bridge where the shaft divides. Surveyed the Eastern trending passage through to a series of ~~calcareous~~ flowstone choked rifts. Surveyed the shaft and dengged it. Show trips. Shaft needs about 80m of rope for a safe descent.

Pitches +4m / -5.5m / -19m / -12.5m / -10m / -5.5m / climb-13m / -10m /  
/ -10m

John & Cathrine on a tourist trip in the upper level.

8/8/86. Mark,

Mike Little Julie and Neil up to Guz Uzuno area of previous day. Dropped shaft to 25 ft with small ~~hole~~ loose way on. No draught (N° 604).

2<sup>nd</sup> shaft descended to tight rifty way on but no draught (605) Walked around hillside towards start of La Vega. Largeish cave entrance found but is either choked with clay or degenerates into small phreatic stuff (606)

Dropped down hill towards cattle sheds and came across 4 fenced off shafts. Not descended but didn't look good. 20-30ft deep No draught (N° 607)

9.8.86 (Little) Jane, Graham, Bill - Biggo

Lugged a scaling pole into Biggo (see 7.8.86) Sent Graham up to GLORY! (I well, 20 vertical feet of it to another (solid) limestone bed. Went out. DETACKLED. Went to bar.

9/8/86 Jane Steve downstream. Nothing found.

The last will and testament of Richard Kendall (Erico)

I wish my body to be dressed in pink underwear (Miniette) and to be licked to the bone by the prettiest boy in the locale.

At Bar Tama - GRIP + PROPS

Keith " Where are we going from here ",  
Phil -

Phil " We'll just have another one here  
+ then we'll go back to the Craven "

Big sleeve " Its like wandering round  
Trafalgar Square in a ~~on~~ 8/8  
kind of way Saturday afternoon 15/8  
looked more like a bar in a ~~buddy~~ just beginning to  
open (803 in) diamond back now

(203) followed by after half of the day  
was standing straight down below  
strongly yet facing no one, a black bird, the nose  
was no other than the bird was bigger &  
had been this fell like the grie the leaves  
Mark sleep (black & white) (weary  
or not weary (pink went like flying)  
that (R. Sleep) and the others were  
no 5 MA Gusted ~~Gracian~~ Golden Galle

9-8-86.

Mark, Tony, Brian (BPC) Neil. Derrigging and  
pushing in Most-a-joe. Mark descended pitch left  
by trip of previous day. No go! Removed all ladders  
and ropes except:- Main traverse line, gash ladder up  
just before the squeeze and traverse line and hand line  
on pit. Hangers also left in situ at entrance. Neil

9/8/86. U2E UKA

- Donc, muck. Simon, an

- PHOTO TRIP - V. MCCRAN

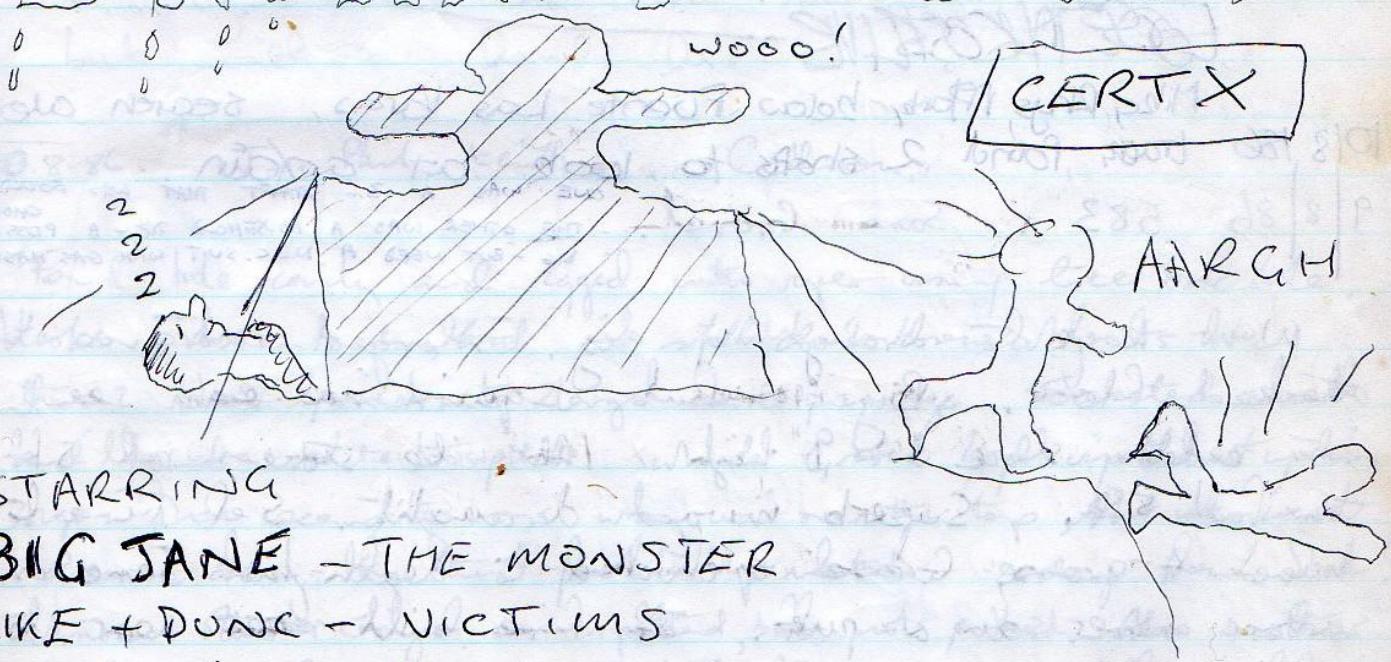
FUCK OFF ROZ - I'M PISSED.

A TINTO PRODUCTION:

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NOW SHOWING  
AT A CAMP SITE NEAR YOU  
\* \* \* EV'RY NIGHT \* \* \*  
**NIGHT OF THE**

# **DRUNKEN CAVER**



STARRING

**BIG JANE** - THE MONSTER

MIKE + DUNC - VICTIMS

ANDY HALL - STUNTMAN

GROVEL + SARAH - GRIP + PROPS

DIRECTED BY THE WILLIAMS FAMILY

\*WITH SUPPORT\*

"BANK MILLS - RAZOR KILLER"

BUZZ  
new

EXCLUSIVE TO MATIENZO, INGLETON, PRIDDY...

# Football Match ENGLAND ✓ SPAIN

ENGLAND 4+<sup>wait</sup> SPAIN 9

Is the reason that the English don't score that they shoot too soon?

As always Spain were on goal but England were on injury will too damaged knees as by which went to hospital.

England had a full age range from 20 to about 37 and much more time than Spain A good for time.

## LOOT KOSHTIB

Mike, Rhys, Mark, below Fuente Las Vivas, search alone  
 10/8/86 track, found 2 shafts to look at again  
 9/8/86 583 same Grovel.

ONE WAS A 13m SHAFT THAT WAS BOULDER CHOPPED  
 THE OTHER WAS A HOUSEHOLD TIP - A POSSIBLE  
 DIG - BUT NEED A N.B.C. SUIT WITH GAS MASK.

Went back to draughting dig. Enlarged entrance then stacked floor. By candlelight squirming can see into bedding slope 9" high x 1ft wide stones roll 5ft then fall 5ft. Superb inward draught. Self built boulders & grass, Grovel & choked to death but Jane on surface never saw a puff. If mine built ~~near~~ to bedding planes go sideways.



9.8.86 Pedro, Julie, Hank + Liz to Secadura

Set off to Secadura to investigate a hole which Peter had been told about. Several Spanish archaeologists find who, should be previously mentioned hole which needs revisiting. Before this we had visited a cave of archaeological significance in which Hank ruined his reputation by questioning the validity of marks on the walls.

Following this we went to Cueva Chica via a jungle bank and were stopped by a traverse and 3 generations of a family and a dog. This also needs revisiting probably back with a hand line.

10.8.86. J.D. Phil, Keith, Cellarion.

Found hole fairly and rugged with rope using tree over hole, looks substantial, but we still don't know why its still there. Nice descent to large cave passage. Fleeted about and found route to pitch which Gavel had visited 5 years ago. This seems to be a way on over the top, but we were drawn away by the football match - orders from Sime! Knows other ways on spotted, but not pushed. Also another surface @ hole which needs looking at.

10/8/86 415 ft. (Gavel.)

Went in to put bolt in and rig traverse line around pit in crawl. Line rigged, ledges still greasy, now safe. Came out and got mosaiced at football!

R.R.C.P.C.

2.7 KM.

10% fat effort  
10% for fast. What's fast?  
The Matraus Caving Club. 180.

# Fuck Off Dick Head

Previous Expeditions approx 100 km.  
So 2.7 is fuck ALL

FIGHT  
BTT  
(KL'S NIGHTMARE)

VILLAGE  
SEWER

WHAT A LOAD OF BIS

CROSS SECTION

FUCKING  
BOLLOCKS

GONE  
OFF  
TO  
BIGGO

CROSS  
SECTION

q q q RUM

SEVERAL KM.

ALSO TO  
BIGGO.

Red Rose Mings out 12/8/86. Last seen heading for  
a "hard" trip to the Ardèche in a red Ford Escort!!!

B.P.C.

3 BAD KNEES

BRADFORD CAVING TECHNOLOGY.

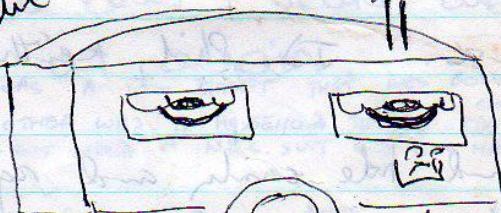


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envy!



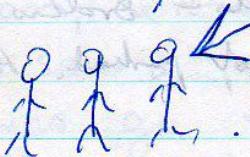
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Surly Wuzie  
has a plastic shower too!



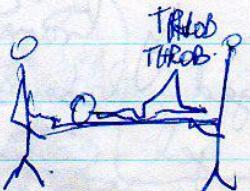
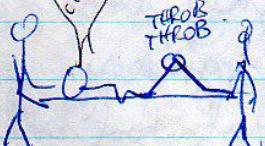
CLARABELL.

(THEIR PRESIDENT'S  
COMING TO INSPECT THEM).



LATER. ....

(ONE CAVING TRIP + 1 FOOTBALL MATCH)



AND THEN THE CARAVAN ARRIVED.

act got to do with a mind up?

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HAVE THE BRADFORD GOT

A/ 3,000,000,000 pta

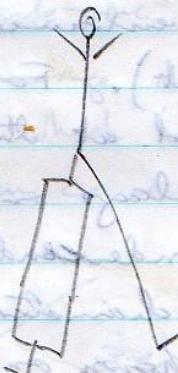
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B/ E III

C/ KNEES.

Comment: Some people got worse injuries  
from a night on the piss! ~~not as far to walk or fall!~~ So shump!

BRADFORD LFB



GET PCA STERED ON THE

CHEAP??

Silly Quotes Vol. III

"Where's the pony trekking, then?" B.P.C.

"What do you do here all day?" B.P.C. "Go to the hospital"

"Where's the Hyper Market?" B.P.C. "The Hen Run"

Q4) "There seem to be a lot of B.P.C. here."

"Yes, they're coming out of the woodwork"

11/8/86

415 area Andy Hall, Peter sent. Had trouble locating  
(366) entrance. Found another hole in shackhole with tree below 415  
14 m shaft to strongly dampening crowd - too tight. Could  
be dry. 415 needs re-making properly - holes bargains

Monday 11/8/86

## Kava Koovleyso

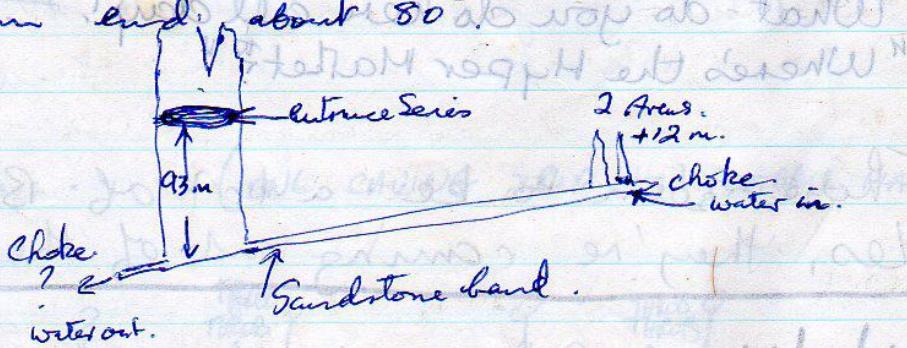
Dunc + Mike (Boloc 5)

- A quick (slow) dash to the stream for a quick look at the water level after the rain (up 2") and a complete wimp out by Dunc + Mike + Petzl Products Pielzo ignition. Return to surface in under an hour.

11/8/86. Phil, Jim, Rhys & Mike Codewra.

Easy to find hole and very impressive entrance with good (15m deep) garden prospects (plenty of goatshit). Found 93 m pitch<sup>(15m deep)</sup> with no problem and were surprised at the size of passage. Rugged pitch with Y hang and 2 rebelay's on right hand side of shaft and by consensus condescended we had got a bit old. Bottom of pitch 15 m diameter. Stream comes floor in opposite direction to that shown on Survey!

Had good rope about upstream and climbed 2 leading over to impassable shots. The stream passage is formed on a sandstone bedding and runs down dip  $8^{\circ}$ - $10^{\circ}$  at  $110^{\circ}$  Bearing. Rock seems to be a fault at the upstream end, about  $80^{\circ}$  dip ab-tan  $10^{\circ}$  and west art. 2.9.8



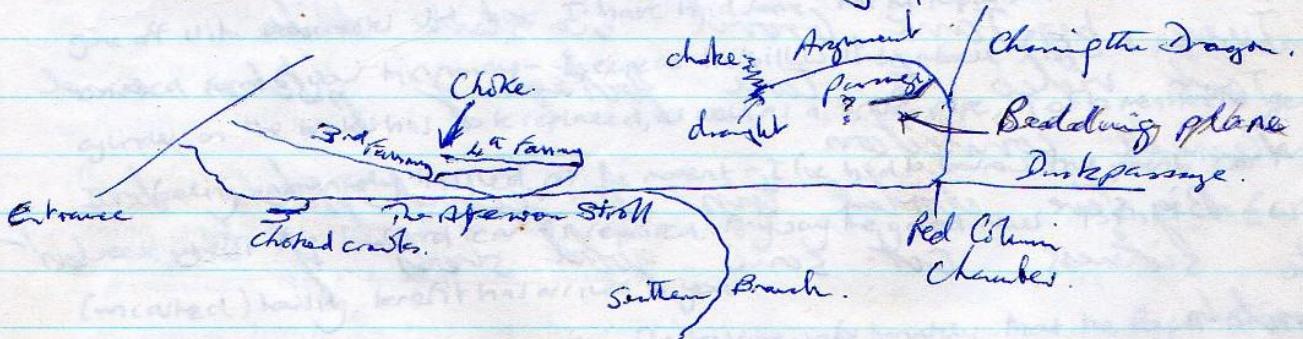
Also 3 pitches from surface at point where meanders are marked on survey - Could connect to top of 93 m pitch, along bedding. Didn't see higher pitch work opposite at dip  $10^{\circ}$  or  $11^{\circ}$ . Several other ledges found above 2nd pitch and

Caveverso 12/8/86. Jim, Tom, Bill, Surveying lone Eds.

went to beginning of Afternoon stroll and checked out passage on ~~the~~ right on way in. Chokes off after 25m. Then surveyed the ~~the~~ 3rd Farry for 120m back towards Carcavero on  $280^{\circ}$ . One possible lead in floor bedding near end. Then found side passage which ended in choked ~~and~~ corripts. Continued on to look at the southern passage which is interesting because it gets larger rather than smaller. Why? Jim visited Argment passage where Bill found route under flowstone into phreatic rift maze which has ~~the~~ good draught. Jim ~~had~~ climbed up flowstone into impressively decorated chamber above which a "min-smack" beckoned - Someone else can try their luck.

On way back we looked at 4<sup>th</sup> Farry which opened up into a large passage running west after a short choked section. Ends at choke which has not been looked at.

Exited from cave, picking up sundry pieces of drift gear!!



The choke at the end of Argment Passage is fairly complex nicely decorated, and solid enough to lumber about in. Follow the draught - it's still hasn't been pushed to any conclusion. Hint - try 1st right when you reach the rift - you turn left again immediately catch the draught again - still going.

12/8/86 Mine, Rleys, Julie, & Carcavero

Poked our noses down a couple of entrances we found a couple of days ago. One is 14M depth. No go.

2000 AD ARRIVES THANK GRUD

CARCAVEUSO / BIGGO / UZEUKA 12/5/86 TERRY / BOB / MARK / NEIL

Sho carrying or sitting Thos in Rock Harbor!

A trip spent surveying the connecting boulder choke between Lueva and Uzeukha. No route finding problems and we were at the sump chamber by 2½ hrs. Three hours of looking around and route finding saw us at the 'flare spot' in Uzeukha. Took 4 hours to survey back, and had a few nasty moments at the point of the original breakthrough with moving boulders. Left the choke speedily as it began to move probably to a fourth valley. Several big scrambles from it as we cleared up in the swampy chamber. Another two hours to the entrance of Carcavuso. Does the connection now exist?

Aspernaceta - Rendae 12/8/86

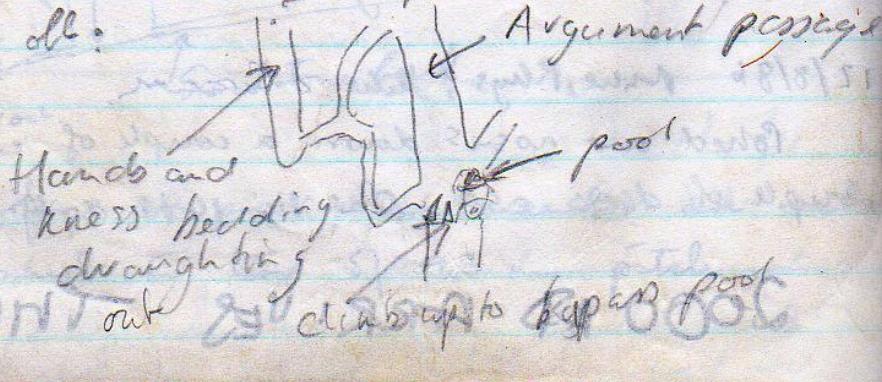
Tuan, by Jane, gravel big Steve Mike  
Took video to take footage of pitchers and  
Rendae connection.

Big Steve aborted trip at second pitch due  
to sickness. Got some good shots of the last  
pitch.

Carcavuso 12/8/86. Andy H., Icar, Dave & Pete  
& Zeena (for a while)

Photographic trip to Biggo - photos of Rinocerous + passage  
Argument passage end clothes and pool at start  
- found a bit going off:  
Continued up climb

passage, photos of  
lizard etc, photos in  
H. sunries & Red Sol Ch.  
Much trouble with YOGA! Took  
climb up to top of pool



From: Bill Rydger <bill@rydger.com>  
To: Janice Coulthard <janicecoulthard@usitnet.co.uk>  
Subject: WRPC dinner  
Date: Sun, 5 Jun 2012 20:58

Hi Janice

If you are up the country on Friday night I wonder if you would be free that  
Wednesday at the WPRC Rose Petal Club dinner, tickets £15.00 on sale  
Tupper Mispick, 2012.

I am sure our members do not mind each other so it would be nice to have a  
gathering of our members due to the work of (members) \ guests \ spouses \ spouses  
(ladies) and children members who are missing from our society club, especially  
those who have moved away.

We are a small pub society club, there's usually 20-30 people there.  
Any questions or difficulties let me know as I am still in the process of getting things  
sorted out.

Thanks,

Bill Rydger, President

3/8/86 - Search for Rhys' follies! ~~Not much~~ (Abdige read Mart, Mike, Rhys  
13/8/86 Not much (1/6) July 23rd pot hole

Tony Went for a walk in the woods on the Eastern side of La Secada. Located a cave entrance which can't be far from cueva de las cosas (84) but definitely isn't it. Low triangular opening opens out into a sizeable passage but a 3m drop prevented exploration of the 6m high by 3m wide passage. Goes at least 15m with a strong draught out. 100m further east is another ~~cave~~ sloping steeply down to a flat out crawl, no draught. Also visited the probable source of the water supply to this end of the valley, under the pumping station is a triangular swamp at least 2m high and wide with very clear water.

13/8/86 Celleron. Phil, Jim, Mike, Grovel.

Revisited passage of 10/8/86. Turned out to be same as Gravel 5yrs ago, but we managed to extend it (on principle) up <sup>green</sup> ~~an~~ flowstone climb to a short continuation on same joint. Poked in every hole there was and found it going up for 15m. Probably near farmyard because of Bat shit and water - where else would it come from! Hole No. 244 could be the source. How about trying it? Also look at 610. The area deserves a good look at, and the rest of the cave needs checking again. Look at survey in folder to see what we've written off.

13/8/86 Celleron. Andy, Ian, Mike, Dunson.

Photo trip - No problems with gear unlike yesterday B/W & color shots taken in S.W. tracking passage with false floor, plus entrance area & entrance pitch. Spent far too long getting hung up bottom entrance pitch in mobile animal mortuary!

14.8.86 Visited hole found last year (611 on orange tape). As remembered went in loaded for bear with hammers & chisel. Problem. Rock & calcite nice & friable but sites for smashing bloody night, inaccessible - both of them. Spent the afternoon getting knackered going tap tap shit, tap tap shit, tap tap shit. .... Need a small amount of rock solvent. Still dragging Jane, Bob & Bill

Rhys,  
Skel.

15 Aug 86

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Pak & Dave to "Fat boy getting thinner" to survey & look at pitches. Dropped one of the pitches to some big (but short) stuff - could be a maypole back up the other side. SKU one pitch to look at. Draft is from boulder choke at far end - not from pitches.

15/8 Phil Hilary & Terry. Pushed and Surveyed 616 to a caluted squeeze. Consist of a chamber with climb to upper entrance and a squeeze to a small lower chamber.

Barry <sup>9</sup> was ~~worried~~ about drawing a small circle because Dereck's complaint that <sup>the</sup> ~~circle~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~so~~ <sup>small</sup> it's up ~~assured~~.

Julie "Complaining about Peoples block! cos it is 2 small or even 4 small. Julie is <sup>1000</sup>1 small to anyway".

14th August 1986

Carcavuso / Biggo

Terry, Grouel, Sarah

Went through Carcavuso to Biggo and down towards the Uzeka connection in order to push a side passage to the right of the bottom of the ladder. Passage soon closed down into a boulder choke into which both Terry and Grouel disappeared. Sarah had no problems working out where they were as neither stopped talking. Grouel found a stream but was unable to follow it. Began surveying but when Terry clined off down a side passage. This went for approx 50m before meeting same boulder choke. Grouel went to investigate, ended up where he had been earlier and got lost on his return. Sarah and Terry were both cold and cross because Grouel's five-minute priddle had taken half an hour. Continued to survey out and Terry fell in a grot pool. Dropped ladder and removed emergency brew kit from Biggo, which contained, amongst other things, a bottle of Tabasco.

PP search for pigs taken away by men  
Elton  
15/8/86. # Gran, Jane, Ian + Tony, Neil, Simon + friends 29  
to 21 and one additional + some support members.  
Quick trip to Blood Alley - video out. - Hobbit (mostly)  
15.8.86. 415 R.C. B.C. + Zenith not do work required

Went to work at 1 shaft <sup>down worked</sup> Gravel noted & at  
top, round to left of tube to pitches. Pretty <sup>up</sup> <sup>2nd</sup> sure  
that it must connect with series of pitches I discovered  
last year but didn't descend. Might be worth descending  
if pitches <sup>up</sup> are to be looked at again (and surveyed!).  
Looked around in choke at bottom of tube - looked at  
at draughting boulder pile/aven again - not much hope.  
Light failure prompted exit. 415 R.I.P.?

"Where's Coton?" Mark.

"Where's Rabbit's head?"  
"In the ALUBIAS."

Quick Trangway to 14/8/86. Lark + Paul.

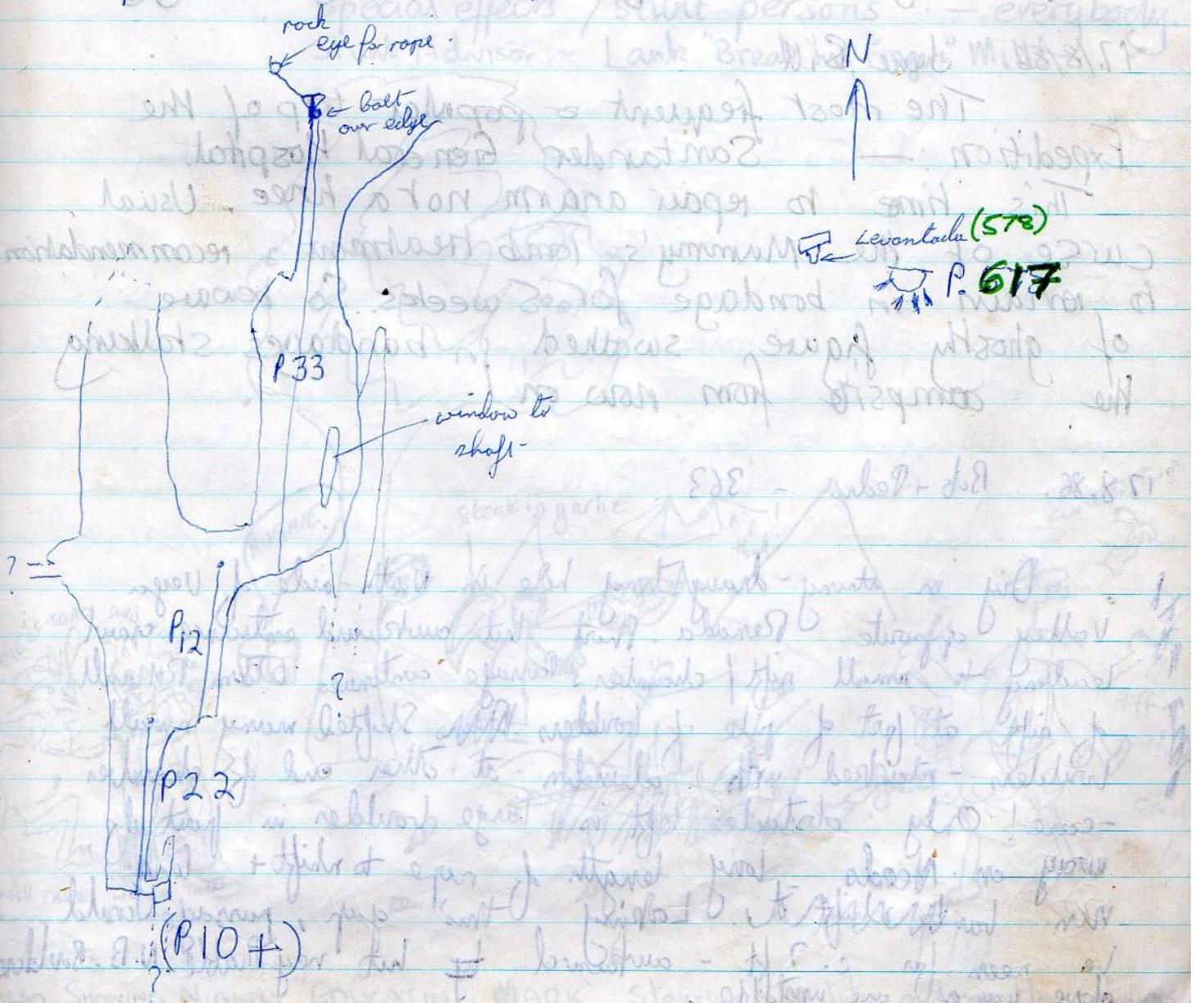
Campo Delante area. Ugartera type set up at the end  
of the valley - i.e. line of strongly draughting holes  
bottom hole investigated - went through and for 3 m's then  
float through ducts for 2 m's climb out into larger  
passage. To the left is gently rising bedding plane  
crown ending in draughting chocks - (digitable), after  
50 m's approx. To the right lowing rooms for 10 m's.  
A real sink hole - but no draft!

Started dig in dry hole just above it.

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# "I WAS A STAOS SYMBLE" JULY.

16/8/86. Pedro, Ratprih & Phil P. MUELA  
 Went to Bar to ~~the~~ wait for the sun to get a bit  
 hotter, then went for a walk up Muela to shaft P. 617  
~~455 530~~, (455 265, 40795 995) next to  
 Sima Levantada. Phil went down 3 pitches, 4th needs a few  
 rocks moving, about 60'? 3 Bolts in for pitches, 1st pitch  
 rigged from eye on South of hole.



16/8/86

Campodelante

Terry, Paul. - Orchard Cave.

T & P lose all their bonnie points!

Want to survey orchard cave, unfortunately left my light & helmet in Matiengo, unfortunately Terry had a spare carbide.

Halfway through survey discovered that Terry's carbide reflector was negative! The whole survey probably out by  $10^{\circ}$  -  $20^{\circ}$ . One of those days you would rather forget.

Cave goes Yorkshire style for 200 mts, or so then has a big fault with impenetrable choke and a very strong draught coming down fissures on the left.

17/8/86. Jane, Bill

The most frequent & popular trip of the Expedition: — Santander General Hospital.

This time to repair a arm not a knee. Usual curse of the Mummy's Tomb Treatment & recommendation to remain in bondage for 5 weeks. So beware of ghostly figure swathed in bandages stalking the campsite from now on!

17.8.86. Bob + Pedro - '363'.

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Dig in strong-draughting hole in North-side of Vega Valley opposite Renada. Short but awkward entrance crawl leading to small rift / chamber. Passage continues between RM wall of rift at foot of pile of boulders. Shifted many small boulders - stacked with abandon at other end of chamber - care! Only obstacle left is large boulder in front of way on. Needs long length of rope to shift + long run bar to shift it. Looking thru gap, passage could be seen for c. 7 ft - awkward by but negotiable. N.B. Boulders above way on are unstable.

PPS. No war in Net, alone, at last 2 hours  
before the disaster! A3  
AFTER FRIDAY 13TH, HALLOWEEN E.T.C. Now  
IT'S

# BARBECUE!

PPS Starring

This is the barbecue,  
The whole barbecue,  
& nothing but the  
barbecue.  
Time warps don't  
count.

Roz as Dracula's daughter  
Roy as the Marquis de Sade.

Jane as Josephine

Bill as Mac the Knife

Terry as Half Nelson's Column

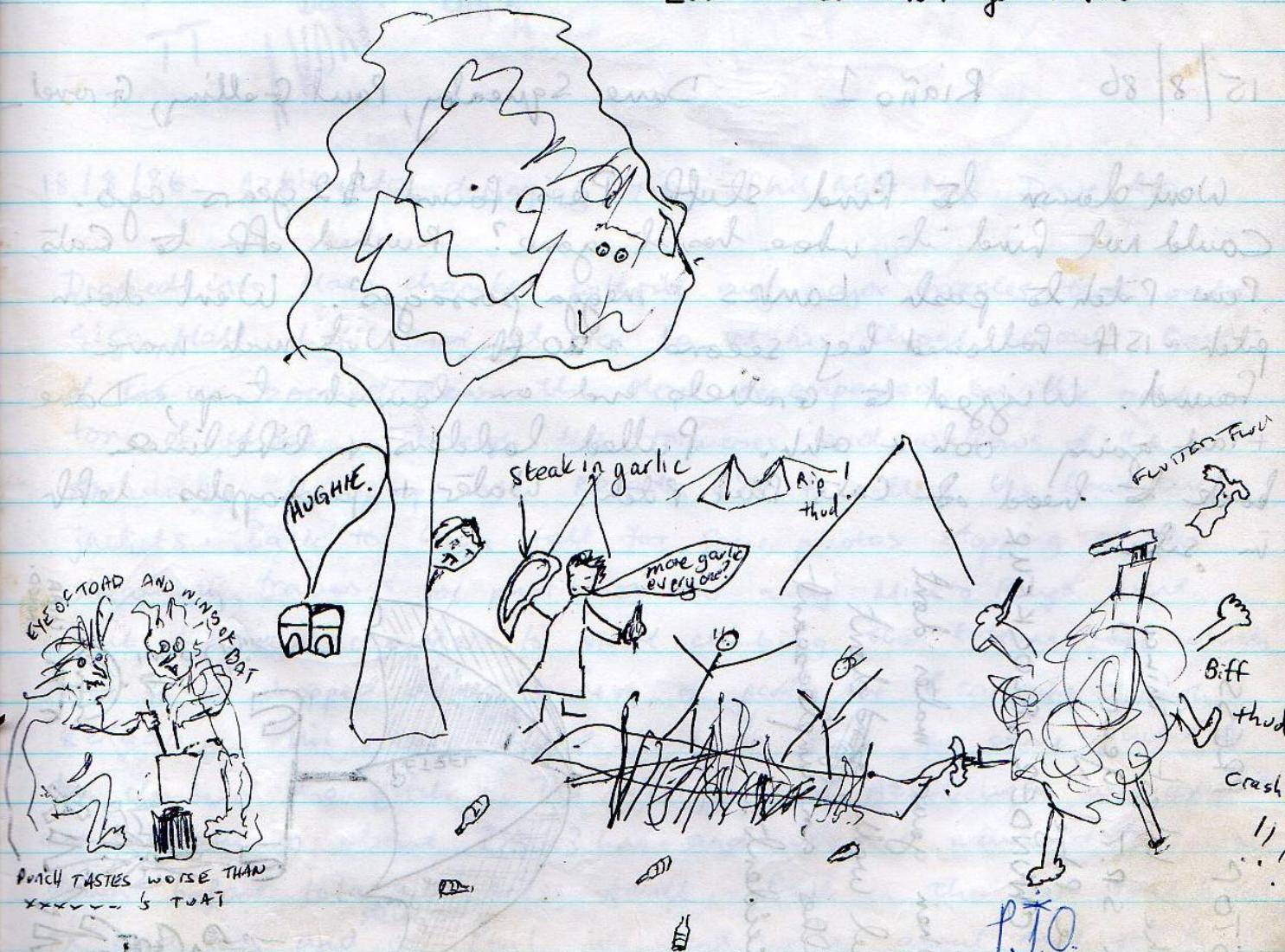
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Gaffer Juan

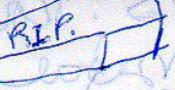
Special effects / stunt persons : - everybody.

Stunt Advisor : - Lark "Break his Fingers" Mills



ALSO SHOWING NIGHTLY "EDUCATING MARK" starring Little Julie and countless advisors

"IT WAS JUST ONE OF THOSE THINGS"



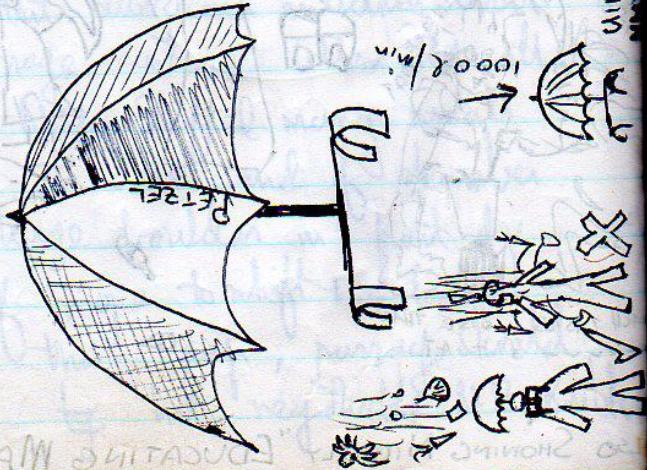
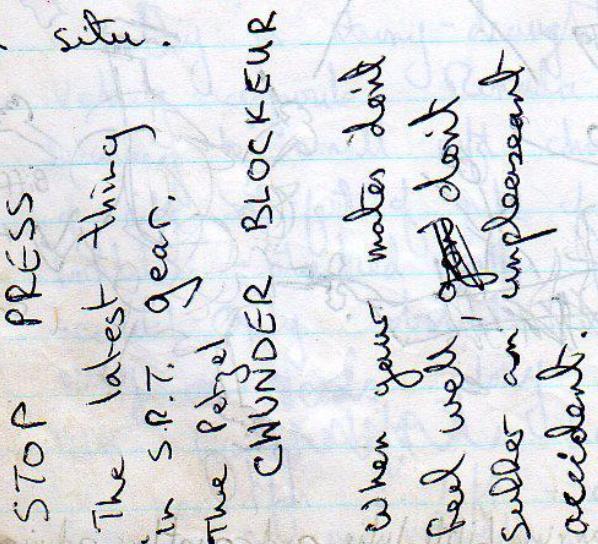
16/8/86 RHY'S, MIKE, LANK, PAUL, QUINN VACATION  
CAMPOS DELANTE AREA - LOOKING DOWN HOLES PREVIOUSLY FOUND  
BY LANK. DUG OUT A COUPLE OF HOLES. ONE HOLE CONNECTED  
WITH THE MOLE EXPLORER BY PAUL - HOWEVER WE DID FIND ANOTHER  
BEDDING PLANE ABOVE THE FORMER, BUT NEEDS DIGGING.  
THE OTHER HOLE ENDED IN A <sup>2nd</sup> CHOKE, THE DRAUGHT IS VERY  
STRONG. THERE IS GREAT POTENTIAL IN THIS AREA

17/8/86 TERRY, RHY'S

WENT TO TERRY'S CAVE. HAMMERED OUR WAY INTO A 2ND  
PASSAGE - HOWEVER THE DRAUGHT DISAPPEARS INTO THE AVENS THROUGH  
A BOULDER CHOKES. THE SIDE PASSAGES SEEM TO HAVE MORE  
POTENTIAL - BUT NEED HAMMER.

15/8/86 Rioño 1. Dave Squeaky, Paul Gelling, Grovel

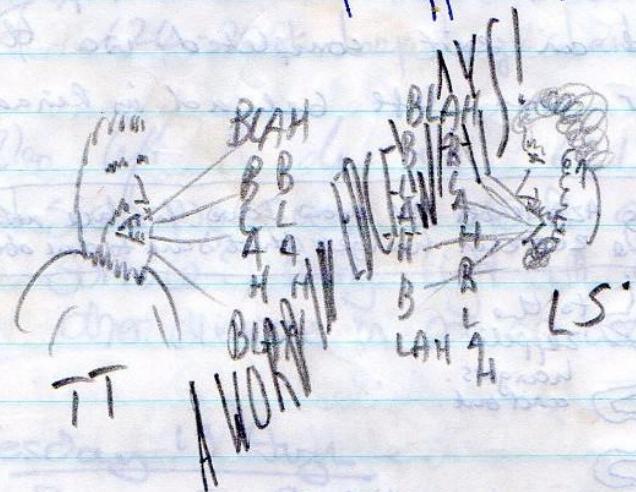
Went down to find stuff Piers found 2 years ago.  
Could not find it, where has it gone? Rushed off to Cat's  
Paw Pitch to push Lank's "megga passages". Went down  
pitch ~15ft followed by second ~20ft. Not much more  
found. Wigged to Grabels end on tourist trip, Dave  
+ Paul going ooh + ahh. Pulled ladders + like lunc  
back to head of Cat's Paw Pitch. Water + pineapples left  
in situ.



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18/8/86. Riaño 1. Paul, Pat, Bob, Grovel.

Went in to de-tackle and perhaps have a look around. Had no guide to 2nd River Intet so dropped all holes in floor between pitch in Cats Print Passage and calcite barrier near Organ Pipes. Nothing went. Looked at all black shadows in roof. Nothing went. Had a general prowl around. We went. All tackle has been removed (except the water and tin of pineapples).

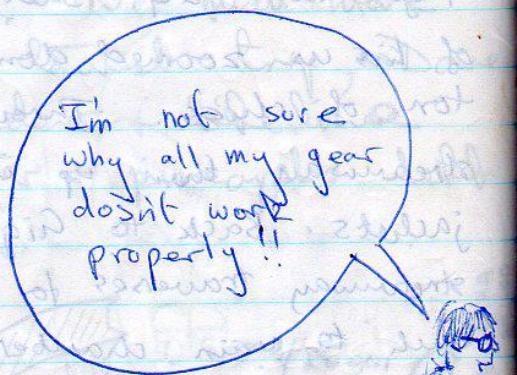
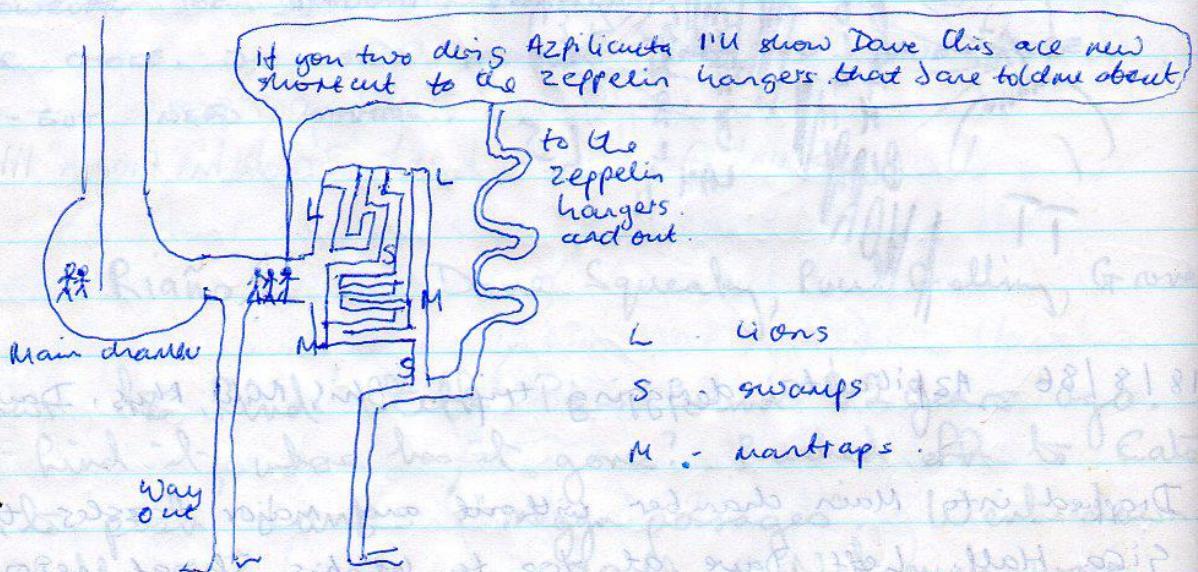


18/8/86 Arpilicueta derigging trip. Phil, Mike, Rhys, Dave, Alan.

Dropped into Main chamber without any major hassles then onto Giga Hall. Left Dave at top to let his throat recover. Rest of us zoomed down the slope accompanied by the odd ton of choss. Through the traverses and wallows of the streamway then up into Renada 2½ to collect the boat and jackets. Back to Giga Hall for some photos stopping at the streamway traverses for photos on the way. Mike & Rhys went back to main chamber to start climbing the bottom rope which was to be dropped down to rest of party for carrying through Renada. Phil & co. arrived just in time for some photos of the climbing the pitch. The derigging of Arpilicueta was completed uneventfully in about 2½-3 hrs and we just managed the walk down before total darkness struck. Back in the bar time went on and on and "no Phil". We went up at about midnight to

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move the car to Renada for them and check for lights.  
Still no sign. Finally arrived back in car something after  
1:00 am. Apparently Phil had decided from (Jane's account)  
that the quickest route out would be through the new short  
connection through to the Zeppelin hangars. The only real  
problem with this fab shortcut is that it traverses back  
and forth through a maze of passage and doesn't actually end in the zeppelin  
hangars in any case. The result was that the rope below  
had to be reaccended and an exit completed via the  
usual route. Some gear was left behind in Renada.



19/7/82

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Neil, Mark (+ Jean Paul).

Below RIV shift dropping due to forest fire recently.

Bottleneck

598 - 25 ft to boulders. Small way on to E. choked with boulders. No draught

599 - <sup>fair size</sup> entrance, climb down ladder at 40 ft ends in choked chamber. No draught

600 - shaft in rift 170 ft deep, ends in water, too tight no draught

624 - 20 ft deep large chamber with bouldery floor. No draught. Not descended

Others left to do are 601 + 602 (see card)

Side passage ~ 140 ft goat's skulls, slight draft (too surface?) fairly tight till covered with boulders. Other divisions in pit on way down appear blocked.

Tuesday 19 Aug

Susan & Ratnwick walking - up Mastacks (j) onto ridge for Or... to refine No 66 = No 896. Back to field of shake holes IX-29 (488.488.5) x (479.5-476.7)

Two (new) holes. ~ field - many of which have CFD.  
- one with hazel nut tree in entrance - possible passage at base of 20 foot pitch.  
- Second at Vega end of ridge where shake holes end - small hole in field above ~~thin~~ limestone cherts - (20' sound of rock) into rift at top of bedding.

We will have another look!

Cave date

20 August 1986.

Captain Smirks log.

Am currently stranded in alien ~~bar~~ environment, GERMANS BAR! Strange white (with distinctly muddy edges) <sup>people</sup> wander around me ~~me~~ with a dazed expression on their face. They go to the bar and order strange foods in ~~a~~ a foreign tongue, "B Dazzled boka dildo's way was fritay". They are then given strange yellow phlegm spilling sandwiches, which they proceed to cover themselves with. Just as the day reaches its hottest they put on thick skins of fur and plastic, pick up big sacks of strange coiled metal snakes, and jog up the steepest hillsides.

I shall try out some of the local food to see if it's fit for human consumption. "Porkana grande por favor Pablo". Oh NO!! every thing is getting rosey, and fuzzy rot the edges. Quick beam me up se Scotty before I go caning. Help they are taking me down Renada NO NO HELPS CREAM!!

20<sup>th</sup> August '86 Carreveso. Neil, Joan, Mark, Bob, Patrick, Alan, Lawrence Mills (Rocky 3½ to get do this job for us) - that

Simple film trip through to rhino screen in Biggs and film out to top of rift climb down in Carreveso (+ 1<sup>st</sup> mbdy gravel) hence) 3 gold stars and life <sup>time</sup> ~~honorary~~ membership of R.O.s goes to patrick!

Fernando is well and happy. Party  
the boat on Santander "to Poco".  
Bueno el. solo poniente (tramo) good.  
apart from after the caves and  
it is in general to see articles in the  
"Alentado" (Colombia's principal news paper - 1000  
s. Melchorino's boat at Rio de las  
Rozas.

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\* Dede & Barry Cueva del aguia - West in till heads were  
completely covered by limestone & came out. (most of the rock)  
and in the most places with bedrock as no gully

YUTIWEKA 21st August 1986 02 minutes start of

Dave, Lark, Liz, Paul, Bethan, Pat, Sue, Rob, Zena  
Smoke Spotting - ~~Mark~~, Juan.

Nail Dave, Lark, Liz on trip to set off smoke bomb at end of Marathon (400m  
unsurveyed passage), remainder on tourist trip to Pigs Trotter.

Lark decided to survey entrance series via Uzeke 1 (original entrance), Liz  
followed, entrance square not enough of a challenge for Dave so he went in  
by normal entrance (Uzeke 2). Everyone else in via Uzeke 2 for  
tourist trips. Dave met up with Lark & Liz just beyond mud  
wallows upstream of Quadrophenia (Shrieking Sowie !!) and assisted ??  
with survey to Uzeke 3 (undescended, unfaired, unknown pot from  
surface). Returned to Uzeke 1 to continue surveying unentered  
passage upstream to emerge at Uzeke 4 (Main sink??). - Sm  $\times$   
3m open cave entrance - Why has it not been found before ??.

Dave, Lark and Liz ambled slowly (about 5 minutes) back to  
Quadrophenia and then to end of marathon where they met the tourist  
party (minus Paul and Bethan - Paul was afraid of the dark and  
Bethan had to assist him out). No obvious routes out to surface or  
River 1 so smoke bomb set off - No signs on surface despite good  
draught. All out via easy entrance (Uzeke 4).

This was Bethan's first real caving trip & although she found the entrance somewhat daunting she found the rest of the trip (almost) enjoyable. We arrived at Pig's Trotter + decided this was as far as a novice could be expected to go. - Only injury a gashed thumb! ! Zean-BB went to look for 2<sup>nd</sup> river inlet + connection to Riaño, (really looking for Squeaky but we got there before him!!) found a squeeze but cut the top of an anker and climb up into top passage (left went to tree roots + egg shells) right but although BB went through squeeze no really obvious way on so decided that it needed some air in Riaño to make connection so went out.

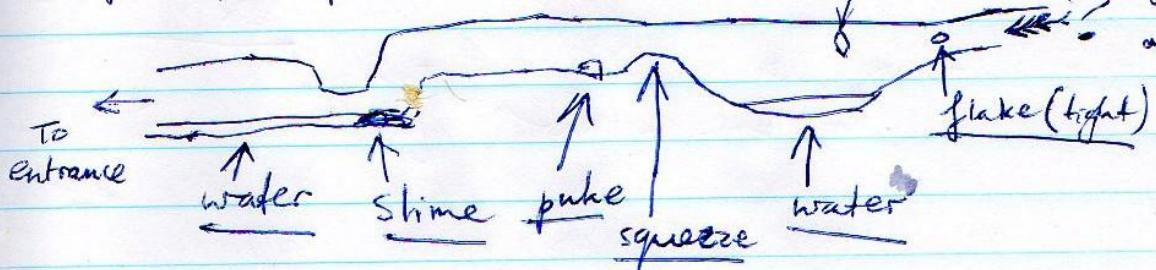
222 and 8-18 be hatched about 20% of eggs were laid, dead, sick  
Quoted of this week from (Perry) "It's harder being a one patient than  
is the family". Witnessed by Mr. Ethan Erast etc., walls  
of S. desk in the hospital. (S. desk) about 10 men  
had dropped their sick and they are too sick). - first term  
of between 100 (11 sick patients) picked up and 70 nests of swallows  
and house martins, barn swallows, kestrels) & about 100 birds  
had dropped wings? wings of 1 adult at least. (adult  
X 100 - (100 sick)) & adult + 2 species of nestling species  
of 100 birds and two third plus - another was no go and  
other (exterior? birds) were told me and know that such  
things add to the sick and others to the sick and the sick  
birds that to him to now had - added last night (which)  
as number of the other winds all (two and three of had winds  
keep disease and we prop up - He had about 100 or 1000  
(+) adults another was six to 11A. (most

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23 August

Lank, Bob and Pete - Trip to the Slime Pits and Rubbish Tips of Cobadal - alias Compostelante.

1st to the cave where Julie puked. (Sumidero de Cobadal). Crawled over puke, part squeeze - to another squeeze which could be improved with hammer. Still draughting and still tight. N.R. Slime at bottom is quite deep & tenuous. Best way to drop back into it from higher level is feet on rock bridge. Can turn around just after squeeze



Next to the rubbish tip - appears to have a slope into something bigger - but needs a dig to clear out rubbish and roles. Failed to locate + explore crypt.

Farmer told us of cave and shaft above these caves, but not visited.

Located Torca del Capo at end of track from Las Calzadillas - take left-fork. Probably less than 100'.

Juan walking on N side of depression - nada. Road up to Casa Blanca taken - depression need a better look next year.

# **MATIENZO CAVES PROJECT**