

MATIENZO CAVES PROJECT

# LOGBOOK

Year: 1995  
Season: summer

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*Juan Corrin, January 2015*



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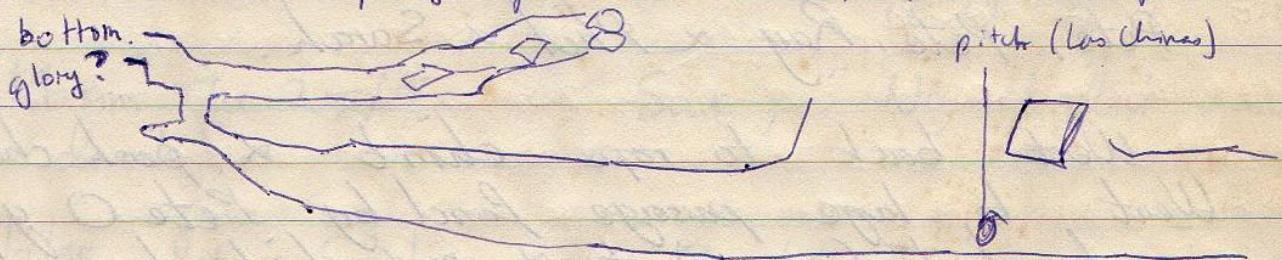
21/7/95

Juan, Pei and Jennifer to Cuerona to look at JC's dig  
the day before its 20th birthday. Squeeze up into small "chamber"  
and then a tight hole which requires a small person or further  
digging. No draught detected.

Then to Caracoles, but only Jenny could get in. (Perry could  
have but didn't today.)

22/7/95 Codisera Phil, Pete S.

Surveying trip from the entrance to Sima de las Chinas, at  
the bottom the upstream passage was pushed up a squeeze, to  
a second climb. Passage visible at the top, but an artificial aid  
is needed. Another passage goes over the top of the passage at  
the bottom.



Carried on surveying downstream, halting near the famous bear  
skeleton. (This is another cave not passed for 20 years.) (Apart from last year)

23/7/95 Continuing yesterdays resurvey. Pete (Snell), Pete (Hall)  
Pete (O'Neill), Ray and Juan up to Codisera. To top  
of Sima de las Chinas where Pete and Pete rehung the rope  
and Ray went out with a non-working carbide.

Down to -500ft at the bottom where Pete inserted  
himself into choke to no avail. Started surveying out. At  
top of one scree slope, a side passage continues to climbs up

O'Neill

to avens w/ a possible hole 15m up, discovered by Pete, Containing surveying out. Pete <sup>O'Neill</sup> climbed up just beyond steel chamber on right and entered a chamber with a number of avens and inlets. Pete Hall explored one ~~new~~ inlet while Pete <sup>O'Neill</sup> climbed a vertical mud wall to a chamber above. A short traverse over the climb allowed Pete <sup>O'Neill</sup> to climb up a "popcorn wall" into the NEW PASSAGE. Pete, Pete and Pete surveyed some 50m up here and Pete O'Neill carried on into 100m of tunnel ending at a choke. Possibilities exist up here which should lead to glory.

Continued will survey to tie up will bear skeleton station.

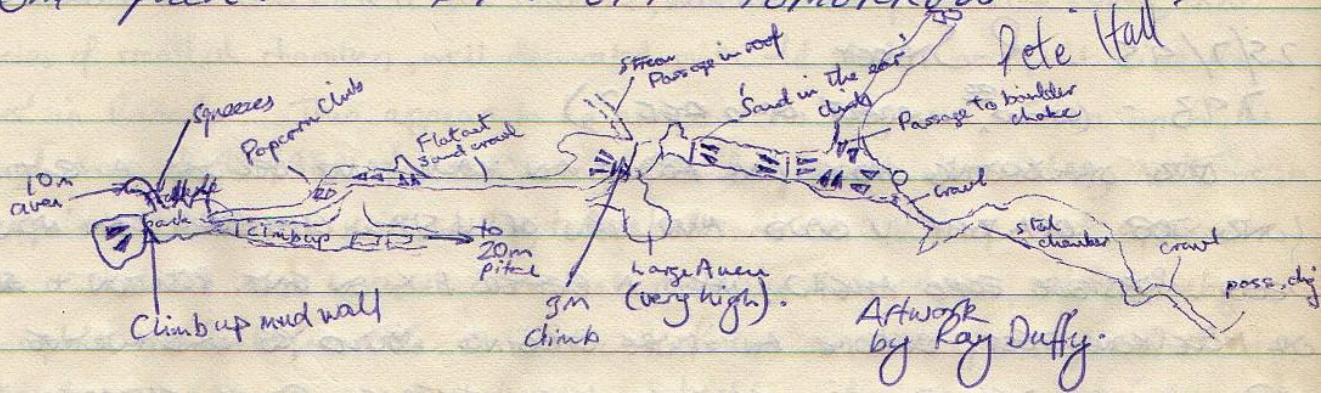
24/7/95

Pete, Pete, Ray & Phil & Sarah.

Went back to rope climb & push choke. Went to large passage panel by. Pete O yesterday rigged climb (popcorn) to & next climb down with rope & pot handline to aid climb up. Left went room tof large passage to solid powder choke. Right through stat. crawl led to 60m more of large sandy passage leading to 30ft crawl which closed down to a possible dry Opposite "and in the ear climb a bolt route up in roof requiring 4 bolts fed was a climb to abandoned steamway - very promising ← Back at popcorn climb - we climbed 30ft up into an avens (Quality time Avon) needs a rope

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to enter passage seen going up.  
 Finally Pete H & Pete O squeezed up to the base of a 40ft Aven & climbed up 15ft still going up & dripping. Took some photos on way out (Ray "shag me <sup>please</sup> Pappy"). Degrigged 20m pitch. DAY OFF tomorrow!



2:19 pm Tue 25/7

Sue, "No, I don't want  
a drink"

25/7/95 Pete & Sarah — Quality Time

25/7/95 Ras Phil Pete with Pete and Codivera

Return to, with scaling pole, phil went to pitch decrease in cave to see if it may connect to pitch aven found yesterday both parties shouting at arranged times but no connection (as survey had suggested). Pole route didn't go 10m at most, then returned to aven just climbed by Pete & Pete near start of extension, this aven went for about 20m to further pitch up becoming too tight. On way out he went to ~~aven~~ choir found by Phil & Pete

Pedro, Pete "O" & Ray returning tomorrow with scaling pole.

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on 22/7/95, used poles again. Pete & Pete up to another pitch down on slippery calcite used poles to scale down this pitch. only 20 mtrs total in old ADIT with passage. Dugged cave pity because some of the leads looked like they should have gone.

25/7/95 - P. Street

793 - (was <sup>BE</sup> INCORRECT GRID REF?)

OUR DRAUGHTING HOLE FOR ABOUT AN HOUR AND DECIDED A CUT OF LONG TUG. DRAUGHT V. GOOD AND VIEW OF U.SMALL CHAMBER CAN NOW BE SEEN. POSSIBLE ECHO AMED. NEED A BETTER FIX ON ENT. POSITION + SMOKE OR MOULPONE TEST BEFORE ANY MORE DIGGING WOULD BE CONSTRUCTIVE

N.B. WHILST DIGGING I UNCOVERED SNAIL SHELLS + BONES ENCASED IN CLIFF CALCITE. BECAUSE THE ENT. IS NOW 20ft UP, AND SHELLS ET AL ARE 'DOWNSTREAM' OF ENT. THEY MUST OF BEEN DEPOSITED WHEN CAVE WAS ACTIVE. A SECTION OF POTTERY (PUT TO ONE SIDE) WTS ALSO FOUND.

BARRANDAS - ENTERED FROM TOP (VIA EXPOSED CHIMNEY) - DRAUGHT INCUT BUT UNABLE TO LOCATE SOURCE. CLIMBED PREVIOUSLY UNENTERED HIGH LEVEL IN 'JULIES RIFT' - NO WAY ON THIS.



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26/7/95. JOE & JIMMY RAT. Surface walk / poke about

As Jim wanted to look at the area of Cuelo, this rang a bell with Joe as a place where some finds of long ago had never been followed up, so back up the track from the col at the top of Lluera, then on foot along the line of obvious enhances / rock shelters (273, 274). Joe rediscovered Cueva Linda (380), then the various holes listed as 187 were looked at.

Close nearby Joe discovered a low enhance, with an area of old stal above, into a series of smallish chambers, well decorated with old stal, some of it like the 'flowers' in Renada. This appears to be new, but no way on. Then up to the general area of 381/382 for rediscovery of a large rift descending north-west but requiring tackle, and, close by, twin shafts about 30' deep that appear to join in a chamber and a short care that probably closes down, also nearby.

Then uphill to look for 186. Instead found a short passage in the clints that goes through an eye-hole into a hading rift, perhaps 50' deep. Contains at least one bat and a <sup>strong</sup> appulsating draught outwards that seemed to vary with the wind, but no other entrances nearby. Then up onto Cuelo itself. Found a blind(?) shaft in the clints about 25m from the NE summit in the direction of FLV. If this is 597 (which description fits) it is out of posh on map. Close by found a very small hole which appears to be at least 5m deep and opens out. On way back found interesting rift down in shakehole, by track, full of mature pine trees that may be 858.

26/7/95 Cofresnedo Ray, Andy, Ian, Jane  
A quality trip

In which Maestro Duffy teaches A Pringle the gentle art of cave photography. Jane posed, Andy & Ian flashed & Ray snapped. A pleasant & uneventful little trip.

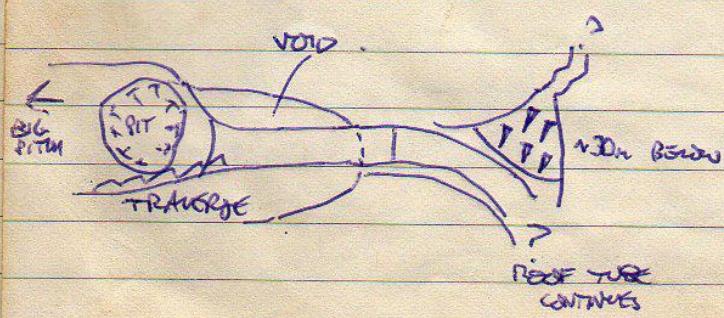
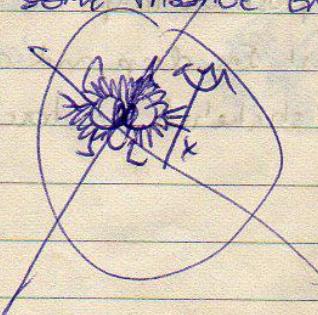
Jane

26/7/95 - AZPILICUETA (333) P. RAPPARD, P. STREET, P. O'NEILL

USUAL SWEAT. HAD UP HILL A ENT RIGGED TO HORIZONTAL LEVEL. (SEVERAL BOLTS NEED REPLACING). STOMPED ACROSS MUDDY TRAVERSE TO FAR SIDE AND TWO BOLTS PLACED BUT OVER BIG DROP BY PETE - PAUL THEN 'VOLUNTEERED' TO AG'DOWN TO HAVE A LOOK WITH FXS. TUBE APPEARS TO CARRY ON & ALTHO' MAIN PITCH CAN BE SEEN A BIG LEDGE COMES IN WITH AN INLET PASSAGE PRESENT. BEST THING NEXT WOULD BE TO BOLT ACROSS AT ROOF LEVEL & THEN DIVE FROM TRAVERSE FURTHER OUT. GOOD INLET DRAUGHT PRESENT.

HAD A QUICK LOOK 'UPSTREAM' OF PITCH - SOME PASSAGE ENTERED NOT ON SURVEY. NEEDS ANOTHER LOOK.

TJ = ~5M



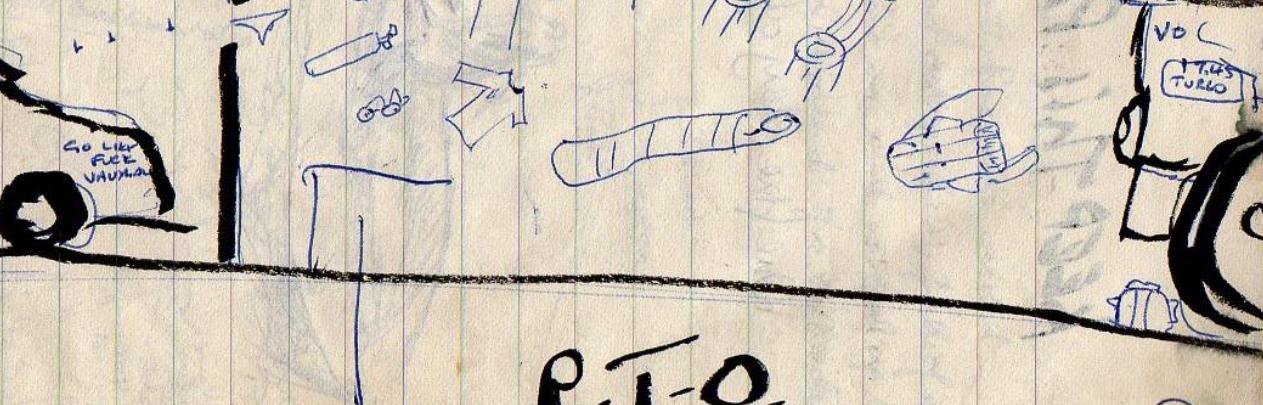
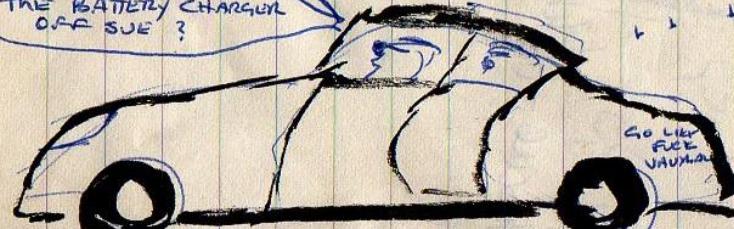
BUT TWATS  
ABOUT BIG NOSE

Breaker 19-  
SOME TWATS LOST  
THEIR ROOF BOX

I WONDER WHAT DISASTER  
WILL HAPPEN TO BIG BOY  
THIS YEAR?

MATLAWO 1390 CLAYTON 10

DID YOU TURN  
THE BATTERY CHARGER  
OFF SUE?



P.T.O.

KEEP THIS PAGE FREE FOR THE BOAT SKETCH.

One fine day at the beach .

The Kicker  
(Pete O'Neil)



the motor (fucked)

the swimmer  
(Big Steve)



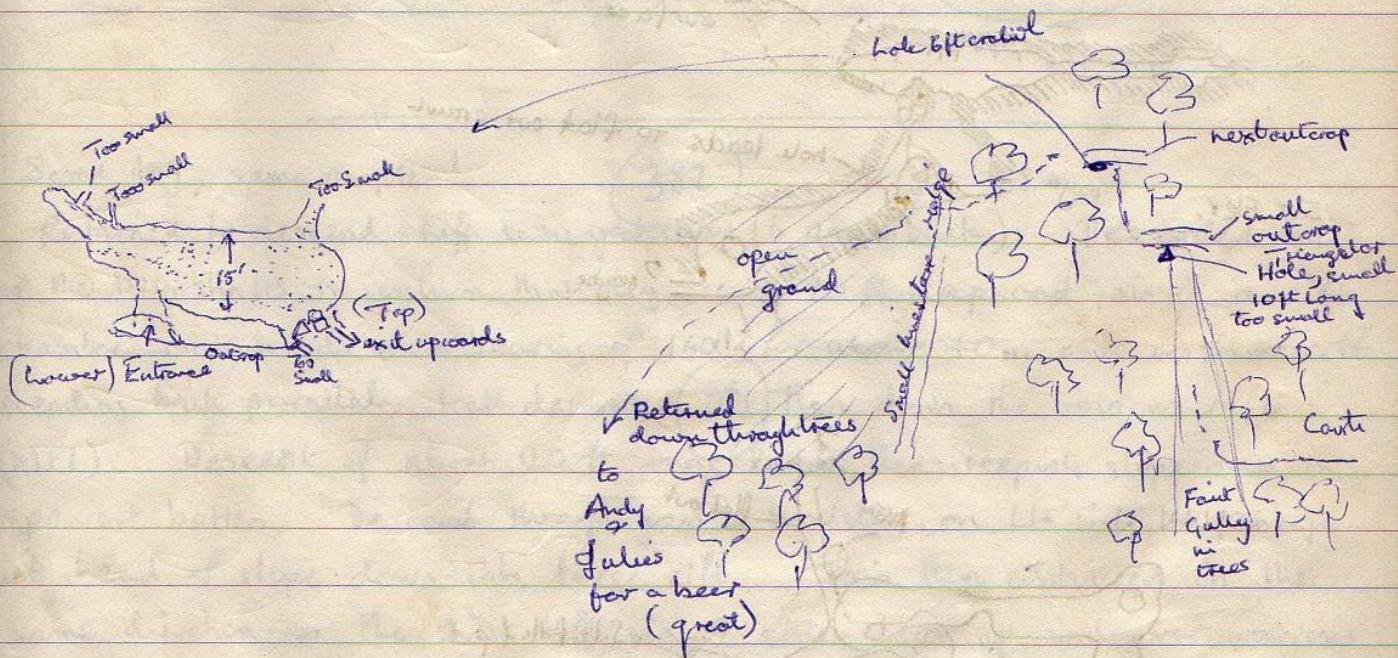
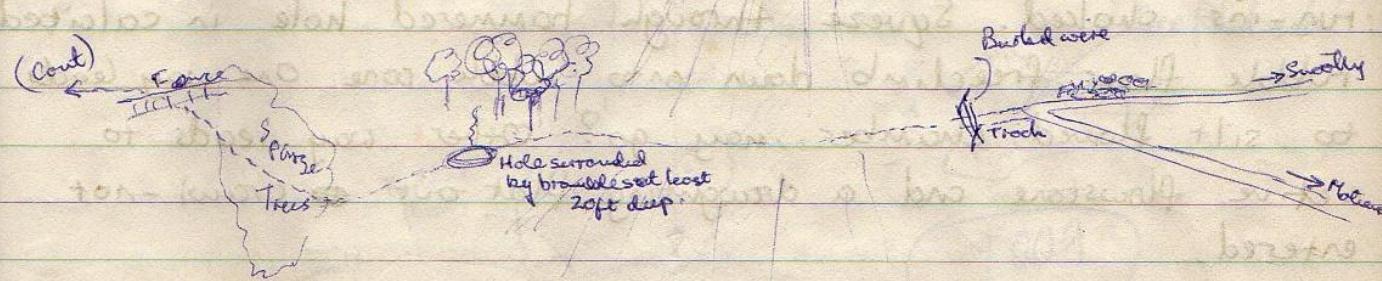
The rescue 1 hrs later.

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TCH.

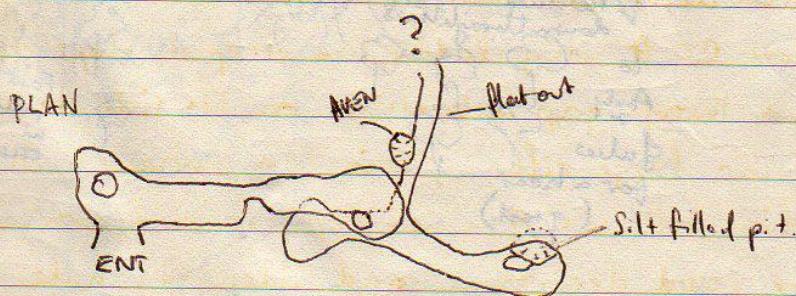
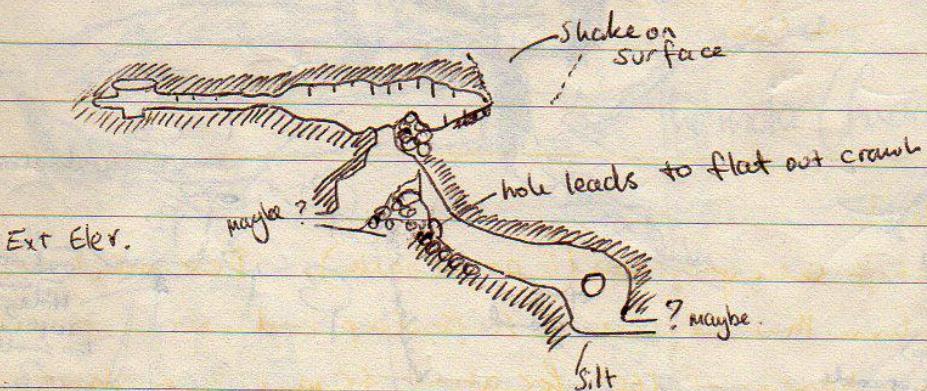
Thursday 27th July - Ray, Andy P., Tom Ch.

No 826 hole near road up to Smoothy Bar was visited with a hope to digging it out further. It had collapsed in, full of mud, no draft. So we put our jungle bashing gear on and walked up to the first sharp bend in the road and traversed around the hillside looking for holes



Thursday 27th IAN L, JOE, JIM, CHRIS B, SARAH P.

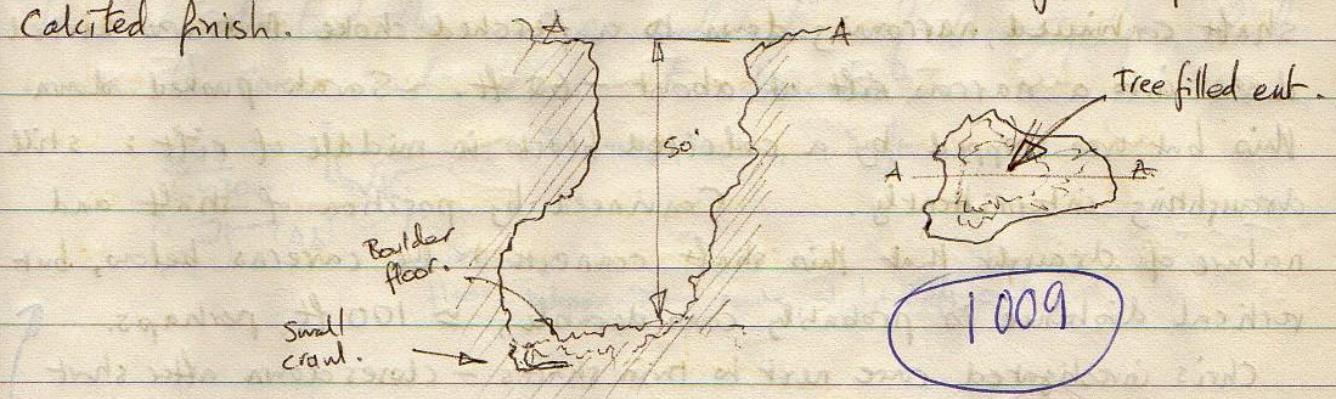
IAN + CHRIS went into N° 1008 hole, no sign of previous exploration. Tight entrance needs enlarging, hole in floor, thru ~~under~~ false floor goes nowhere. Squeeze through rubble and a tight flowstone constriction to chamber on right. All run-ins choked. Squeeze through hammered hole in calcited rubble floor, freeclimb down onto rubble cone. One way leads to silt floored chamber, may go? Other way leads to active flowstone and a draughting flat out ~~crawl~~ crawl - not entered.



Entrance is  $\approx$  2m uphill of path midway between 380 and col (area of 187).

Thursday 27th. Ian, Joe, Jim, Chris B., Sarah P.

Chris descended shaft No \_\_\_\_\_, previously unrecorded - soft to boulder floor - shaft approx 6-7m diameter at surface, 10m x 5m at floor - small crawl at lowest point through sheep carcasses. Calcite finish.



Same day, same people!

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Returned to descend stuff seen yesterday (6 pages back). Descended one of the twin shafts to confirm that they are  $\approx$  20 ft deep and join in a rift chamber which trends on a bearing of  $160^\circ$  for about 40 m with a short rift trending back parallel, well decorated. (381) Then down the obvious rift (M17). Descent of about 20 ft using ladder, then steepish slope down to apparent bottom. Descend through gap in boulders on LH side to emerge at head of slope down into large rift. This then continued in the same direction as the first rift, via 2 side-steps, up and over various obstacles and past some good decorations and interesting holes up in roof, to a  $90^\circ$  RT turn and an end in some chambers again with lots of stal. Loads of calcite 'flowers' a la Renada etc, and floors largely decorated and undisturbed. (Subsequently found that this been explored by Squirrel & Pedro, early 80's.) Worth a visit,

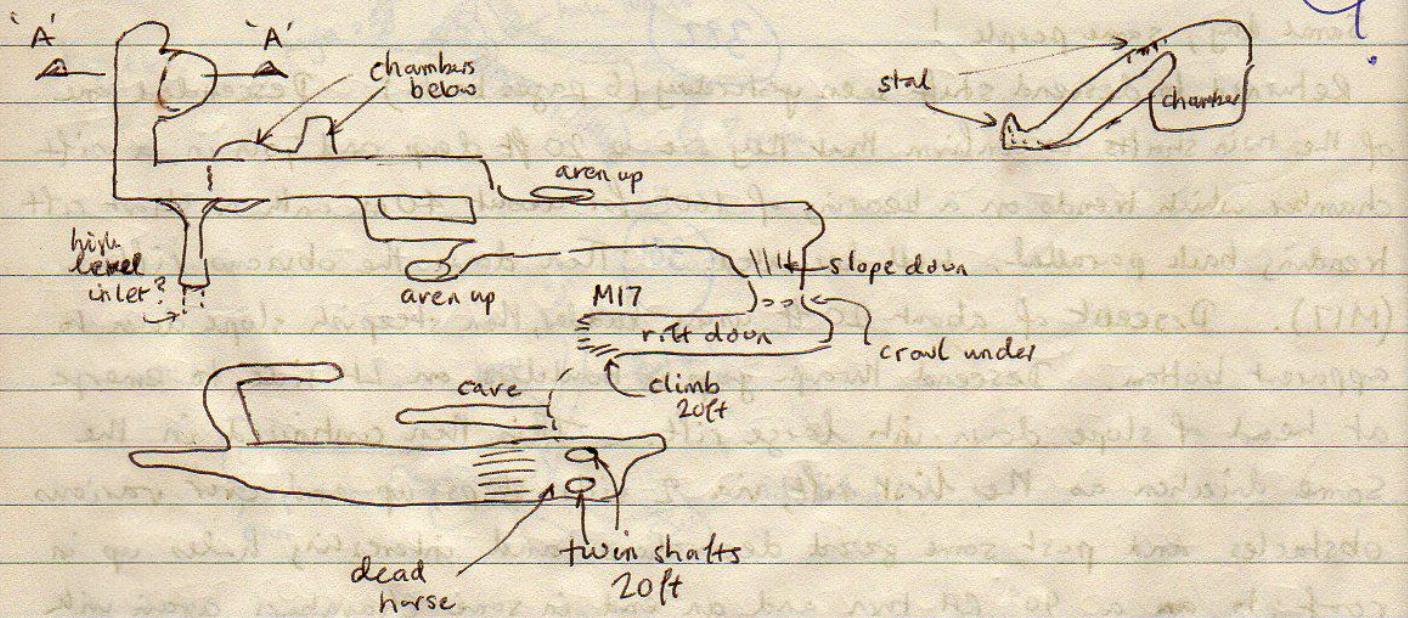
preferably with a camera. Total length 250 m plus. Draughts.

Next up hill to the shaft that draughts. Dropped one ladder down and passed through eyehole to look down vertical pitch in curving rift, very dry and clean limestone: ladder short so put 2 more on. Descent to boulder ledge at 2 ladder's depth: shaft continued, narrowing down to a perched choke that was kicked down into a narrow rift at about -60 ft. Sarah pushed down this but was stopped by a calcited block in middle of rift: still draughting intermittently. Convinced by position of shaft and nature of draught that this shaft connects to the caverns below, but vertical distance is probably considerable,  $\approx$  100 ft perhaps.

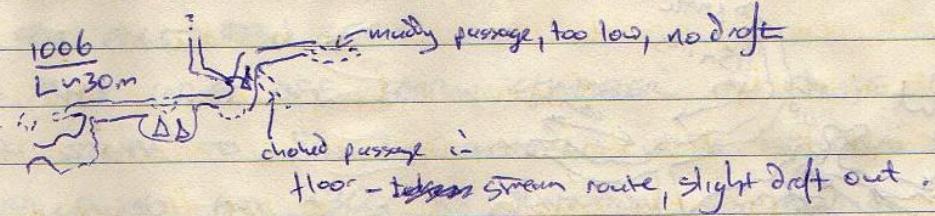
Chris investigated cave next to twin shafts - closes down after short distance. 1092

Section 'AA'

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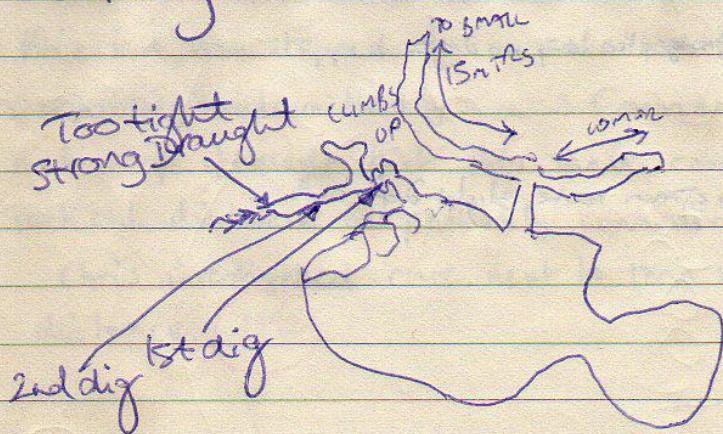
27/7/95. Paul Stacey, Ali, Juan and Juan Carlos to  
 fisturas chasing the wild goose. Drilled well head  
 looked down to water 40m deep<sup>(1)</sup>. A couple of caravans and a  
 10m shaft in vicinity<sup>(1007)</sup>. Ali pushed into no. 1006, a stream sink  
 with slight draught. These sites out of area but goose could  
 be chased to the eastern ~~south~~ side of the police which  
 is in the area and closer to Seeadua.



Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July Horse Trough Pot (S. Vega).

Pete Hall, Pete O'Neil, Pete Smith, Ali Neill

Rigged the 21m pitch and found the two leads left by Ali at Easter. The R/H one went 25m



partly explored in 2 directions but closed down. The left hand lead was draughting strongly and after a 6ft climb up the draught was all coming out through a tiny hole through calcite in the roof. An hour or so of digging and chipping out soft calcite and we got ~~up~~ into a 3ft wide passage full of calcite. Right choked almost immediately after 5m. The draught came from the left through a five-inch-wide passage over calcite. Another hours digging and Pete "O" popped through into 5m more passage which closed down again. A climb up into the roof also closed down. No more ways on.

Pete Hall.

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28/7 (cont) P. Hull A.Neill.  
Surface Survey between Cabana + 388.

28/7/95 (363) Cormanas - P. Snarey, C. Beale, S. Reece, I. Hawton  
SCREWED STUFF IN ENT. SERIES INCLUDING 13m OFF LEG (WHICH  
JUAN THANKED ME PERSONALLY FOR) + H. LEVEL OXBOB USED AS MAIN  
ROUTE IN (~50m). Closure error can probably be put down to  
SURVEY TRAINEES READING INSTRUMENTS TO NEAREST 10 INCLUDING  
COMPASS! FOR FIRST FEW LEGS.

PUSHED RHS INLET OFF 'CAIRN CHAMBER' IN WHATE MISCHIEF. 80m  
OF LOWISH STUFF TO 5m x 3m chamber with several ways off.  
DRAUGHT FOLLOWED FOR ~30m to junction containing two insets  
WITH RHS DRAUGHTING (NOT SURVEYED).



PS: IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT SOME OF THE TEAM EVEN SAID THEY  
MIGHT GO BACK IN!

Time Underground 25 hrs  
20m surveyed.

N 10

PAN EAR

IT @



BIG  
NOSE.

BIKE

THE BOLTON - W HOOPS GOT IT  
WRONG ~~IT~~. A GAIN

9/  
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SEE ME

with an E (17)  
not I /  
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28/7/95 Renada Ray D., Jane C., Andy P.

Photoring in Blood Alley. (Oversuits off, wellies washed)  
Jane & Andy ~~had~~ also had a look at a site  
Jane was interested in, off crowbar passage.  
This was a rift on the right hand side  
(going in). Deep holes in floor Jane assumed to  
join known passage.

29/7/95 P. Hall A. Neill

(1013)

Small cave behind horse trough - good drift out, 4770 9430  
4773 9410 - lajish open pit with drop at lower end into  
<sup>1014</sup> continuing passage - may need ladder to get into it. (on E-side of valley)

29/7/95. P. Stacey, P. Fagan, Lank, Candy, Liz, <sup>previously</sup> (67)  
Torcon - cubica. Back to dig in lower series, visited Easter  
94', dug through pebbles + shingles into a hading rift -  
light - ended in a sump pool. Then visited upper series  
to a small draughting passage, near the top of the calcite  
climb up. This was enlarged but very muddy + became  
to light. ~~114 meters surveyed~~.

PASSAGE ON LHS ~30m w PASSAGE FROM SUMP PUSHED - CONTINUES  
LOW FOR ~10M STILL GOING BUT V.SMALL - MAY NEED BAR TO DIG  
FLOOR OUT.

1011

② ~~Finders~~  
I am

Fri 28 Jul 95. Jim, Joe, Roy, Elvis. Lee Callinan  
GPS VN 52889724 actual: 52959729

Found a draughting hole in bushes at VN 52959729 and returned to the car for help. Joe, Ray & Elvis ~~helped~~ helped clear the bushes to reveal a small draughting opening with daylight in the roof. Climbing around the scar we found a 1m shaft. Joe went back for a ladder. Descending the ladder to the small opening mentioned above lead to 50' of passage Joe to describe. Fin.

30/7/95. Pete Smith, Juan, Billy visited 793, finding 2 types of pottery and thousands of shrew/vole skeletons. Dig may be a goer but needs smoke test first.

29/7/95 Codicera Pete Smith Pete O'Neill

Rebotted/braided bawase above main down pitch into passage previously explored by Spanish/posterzo & resurveyed all passage most had been poorly entered one possible bolt route 30-40ft in main passage continuation looks worth a try will drop going down, after descending went to pit in floor near entrance 7 into pitch down into passage previously explored by spanish but needed surveying. approx 40' down not surveyed. excited to C.B. our dance from hell Juan. P.O'Neill

Phil & Steve M Caves. (19)

Fri 28th July Phil P, Steve O, Steve M a Today. Fuente Aguarez.

Aim to dive sump 1 to certain glory. Certain glory was interrupted by the night's darkness beforehand. Entered cave at 2:00pm and with the idea of donning cylinders through the entrance squares boldly went on. First square required removal of all diving gear and placing it in mud. Perfect! Phil and Steve O eventually end up at sump 1 after mixture of running, crawling and climbing. We waited for 40-50 mins for others to arrive but gave up leaving gear at sump. Caught up with Today a Steve who had had back bother and camp. Steve also forgot his weight belt, but I'm not supposed to mention that!

Sat 28th July. Fuente Aguarez.

Steve O Caves

Steve O a Phil P

Return to diving gear at sump 1. Uneventfully dive through sump with 5-6 m vis leads to large sump pool on other side. Re-bit on mud/boulders bank on left. Passage continues much the same vein as before (15-20 ft wide) and a mixture of running and wading to another large sump pool. Before sump pool passage climbs several cascades so this sump? is not really expected. Surveyed back to sump 1 (300 m or so we thought). Exit one view screens in record time at 6:30pm after a 5½ hr trip. Turned out we may have swum 500 m - no wonder it took so long!



30-7-95 Mostar Heddlelog Crawl <sup>SO</sup>

Easynriter Passage Steve 'D', Liz Covell  
P & Eager.

Returned to the end of Heddlelog crawl  
to push leads left. Summer 94.  
Pit in the floor was free climbed  
down and up the other side but did  
not go.

Small passage previously entered  
was pushed 10m to a pit in the  
floor of a rift. ~~and~~ The rift carries on  
with good draught freeclimable halfway  
along. The roof ~~here~~ however above  
the pit requires a bit of protection  
as it may be possible with a ladder to  
climb down rift and up the opposite end.  
checked out leads back towards  
V20 and Heddlelog crawl, a short pitch  
was found but not descended.

Hagan

Traverse re-rigged - need cowstails not just knobs.

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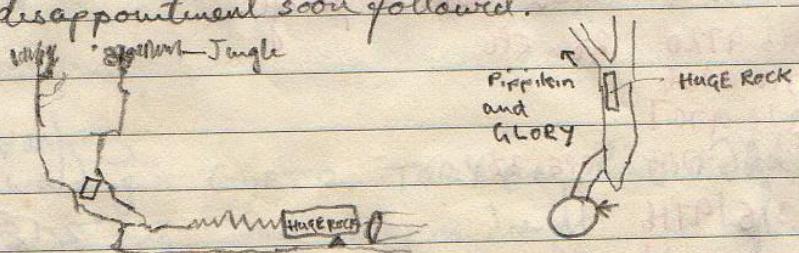
30-7-95 Toed. Rigged to Misty Series. Choke at end draughting well but suicidal. Pete climbed over Joann in 193 near big over to balcony & small passage which connects to big over but is impassable. Then continues above.  
A Neill & Hald Chars.

30-07-95 1012 Praying Mantis Pot (Sarah Precece/Andy Pringle/Ray Duffy)

Trip 1 - See Thurs. 27th July

Trip 2 - Abseiled into hole in vegetation and found draughting hole, damnation, so decided to check if anybody had been down it. Took some bearings to position it.

Today's Trip. - Thought we might need a ladder to get down & back up from step down into chamber so Ray put bolt in while Andy dug in floor of sloping tube. Sarah had a dig then Ray tried to get down and got his balls stuck. Came back up and went into digging and rock removal mode. By then it was big enough to get down vertical step there was such a pile of rubble no ladder was needed. Facilitated a passage, disappointment soon followed.



Packed up and walk roughly Mag 330 through more jungle and found draughting holes 1015/1016/1017/1017  
↑ very digable

30/7/95 Montako Hedgehog crawl  
Petary Pete O'Neill Candy 'O' see easy side passage  
work up Peagan

descended pit in floor at end of best summer passage  
climbed up other side no go. Then passed passages  
on right on way back to V20 chamber whilst  
Peagan Liz Cagan & Steve Openhan passed right hand  
side passages.

Pushed up over 150mtrs some previously explored.  
Smart trip down memory lane 11 years since

POWELL

31/7/95 Jim on Caves.

1019 Bearing 104.5° 80cm high ent. Δ section open unplanned

629 Has a nearby 2m through trip.

1020 1m high entrance to 2 passages with chamber beyond.

1021 rift 1m wide to small chamber + passage.

1022 5313 9720 38m EPE

5312 9706

5314 9707

5314 9714 EPE 38m.

5316 9716

2m bear pit with possible cave at base.

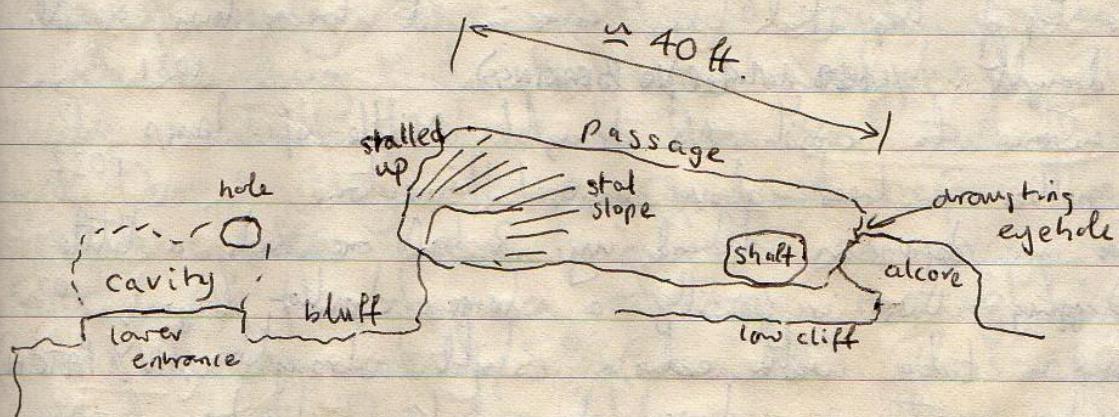
1023 ~2m x .3m ↑ slopes down into black hole

1024 2m high ent. w/ vegetation. Next to tree stump.

1025. ✓ low entrance to a sloping passage leading NE to wall  
boulders roll 10m. No draught.

Fri 28/1/95 [Continued from 5 pages previous.] Joe, Jim, Roy, Elvis

4m shaft drops into large passage, ending at stal blockage which corresponds to a 'caveish' area on the hillside. Draught lost. Bad smell in this area inside, not explicable. Newby is obvious feature where large boulder-filled cavity cuts up into small bluff. Looking up into this revealed daylight coming in through small hole. Climbed up to find hole <sup>draughting</sup> but a bit tight / loose, so had some fun hurling boulders out from below with a big stick until it was possible to climb up into the cavity and see that there was no other way on except the hole - the draught appears to be generated by the short vertical section.



1011

Wankung  
Sunny walking. CUETO. TOBY on Radio 2nd! AUG 95.

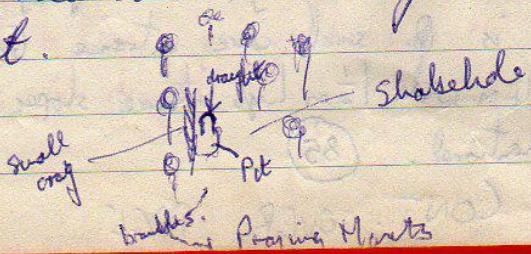
- ① 131.5° mag. Small cave, no draught. 1½ m high. to small chamber, could go further? 1026
- ② Small chamber + small rising passage. 149° mag. 1027
- ③ Capped shaft about 20' 146° mag. On side of gully? 1028
- ④ 10m E of shaft is a small cave entrance. Goes atleast 4m in 1029
- ⑤ Rock shelter - 4m wide 1½ m high entrance slopes down to a choke. In gully previously mentioned. (85)

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30 & 31 July 95      C, Toby, Jane      Rainada  
Stuffed Monk Gallery - 30 m before entrance to Sonatzen  
Bottoming up aven in l hand wall. 50 m up  
after passage visible on both sides. Looks like it  
will drop straight back down to Stuffed Monk. Still need  
to bolt another 10 m to top of aven & a possible  
passage.

- JIN & TOBY CONTD. 1 AUG 95. THONAR
- ⑥ Climbs up of 6' to entrance with fig tree. Goes in about 6m then too dark to see anyone. No draught. 1030
  - ⑦ Entrance near top of lump which has caves in it lower down. Small shaft - no draught. (1031 NO PORTALS NO BEARINGS) 1031
  - ⑧ Small, low entrance to crawl. No draught Middle of lumps bordered by gullies - in trees above exposed limestone 1032
  - ⑨ 2 entrances in depression behind ivy. R hand one needs a little bit of digging - there is possibly a large chamber beyond. L hand one is tube with echo & slight draught. (IVY PATCH) 1033
  - ⑩ Triangular entrance slopes down to chamber. 1034.

1/8/95 Ray, Roy & Chris digging at 1015 - lefted some very large boulders about and found a passage after digging 2m down that went for 2m with soil and boulder roof, good solid left wall and reasonable right wall. Draughts really well and look as if straight ahead could be dug but right side looks a better bet.



1 AUG 95 Oliver and Joe went down Renada.  
 It was my first trip down a cave and I  
 really enjoyed it but it was very muddy but  
 good fun.

Strigham. No punctuation  
 See me!!

### 30<sup>th</sup> July - Tim + Jane - Arenal

Trip to check out the main leads. There are 3 main routes. Straight ahead ends in overhanging choke of small ~~est~~ boulders and looks very difficult to dig without bang. The righthand route is smaller and could be dug but its heavily choked. The left route wasn't pushed to the end but this is where Bez Davis dug. However, just before the straight ahead choke there is a 25' climb up on the right. At the top a strongly draughting tube heads down at  $45^\circ$  for 15'. This choke is ahead but the draught comes from a tight upwards rift. This continues to the right very tight.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Aug Tim + Big Nose. - Arenal

Returned to push tight rift. A fully committed thrush only gained a further 4".

2<sup>nd</sup> Aug. Tim, Big Nose, Sarah - Arenal  
Returned to tight rift and  
drilled and chiseled off a bulge. This  
allowed 1½ body lengths of progress to be  
made but still mega tight. Continues in  
front slightly larger. Return planned with  
Toby.

2<sup>nd</sup> Aug - Tim + Jane. Mouse hole dig.  
dug draughting mouse hole which  
lies next to draughting tree. Revealed  
small rift going off. Too tight to enter.  
Maybe passable lower down or behind the  
tree. Location. At the side of the path  
heading up to Azpilaqueta in Vega Valley.  
15mins up from car. Where track crosses  
dry stream bed below our barn. 10m  
from other well known draughting dig (879.)

26 JUL 95 - 2 AUG 95

Jimmy PAT. CUETO.

Because of a broken chest bone I've been unfit to cave so Juan suggested spotting new entrances on Queto. Above the doline on the east side of Queto a couple of new entrances were found and descended by Joe and Co. (see previous notes). For the rest of my short time here I swept ~~the~~ an area around Queto from the western edge of the Woods in the valley, to a line from the triangulation point on Queto to the entrance of 85. Found around 17 new entrances none draughting except the left hand entrance in the ivy patch depression. There was also a good echo. (See previous notes)

Transport Pillar

Cubio/Regaton "GT" Series

1-8-95 Pillar Liz Cowell, Jane Clinton One Party  
Sarah P., Candy, Paul Sloevey. Party two

Rigged Cubio entrance ad returned to Four Ducts passed the previous year to a short climb left going.

The four ducts were dry, not a drop of water in sight.

The climb was easy and entered a section of passage about 100m ending at a large area. But two side passages were pushed on left going at 90m (Male Member of party could not cope with the female dominance) Second was pushed about 280m to a draughting boulder clocker (Male member of party could cope with the female dominance)

There are probably ways on in the spot and other possible outlets in this area.

Exited cave on one light ad a flickering carbide

Second party started re survey of main route from big shaft through cave.

Megan

31/7/95 AZPIGUETA - P.P., S.O., & P. O'Neil

Aim to finish butt route across top of Big Pitch to the big passage + 10% of new stuff:-

1st problem - got drill, but no drill bit!

2nd problem - mud.

3rd " - mud

4, 5, ... 9th " - mud

10th " " No passage

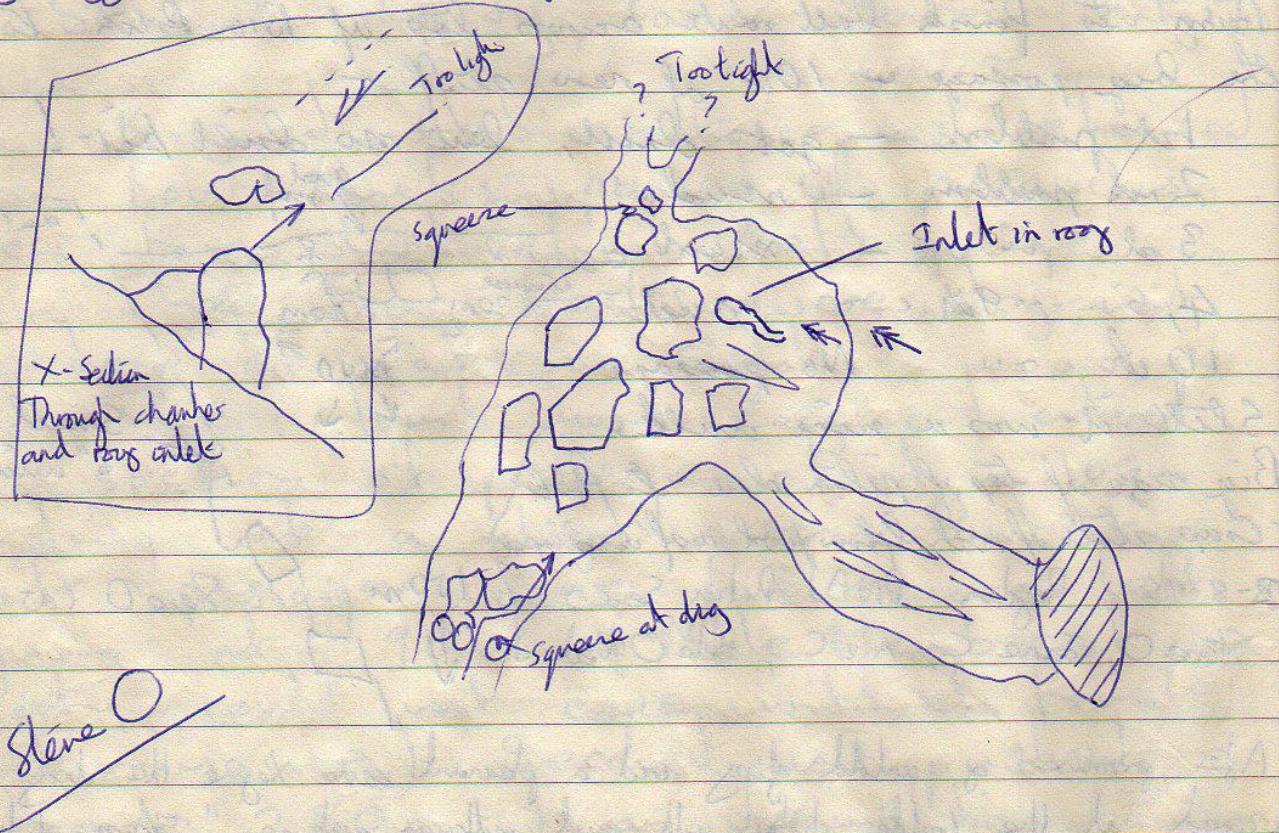
Still it was a nice walk.

Big size of top of pitch due to faults  
+ Cusp slope of rock below your roof collapsed

2-8-95 Repten DNA Pitch Series 100m Stone D Cas  
Stone O, Jane C, Liz C, Pete O'Neil.

After promises of untold glory and a pleasant cave before the day we arrived at the boulder choke with mud matting and as "It's a shit hole!" dug through boulder choke fairly easily since it was only mud and a few pebbles. Squeezed through to second square - dug through in minutes. A few boulders were then pushed past to a large sloping formed chamber. Followed for to steep ( $40^\circ$ ) ramp in right hand corner. Slope ends up as a ramp. Back at top of slope a dug in the back until ~~the~~ bed to a few tiny squares but no draught. Return to chamber to start survey led to discovering outlet on roof. Steve managed to get up into this with assistance from Pete. In the right a 75cm opening ascends to a running of the risk to 3 inches ~~grate~~ at least as you can see. The draught coming from this is as strong as the draught in the cubic entrance. Is there a room above?? Not practical to get in your home. Searched out (not a nice experience). Trip out took a little time since we were all

totally bunged. Both tackle loops disintegrated on way out!

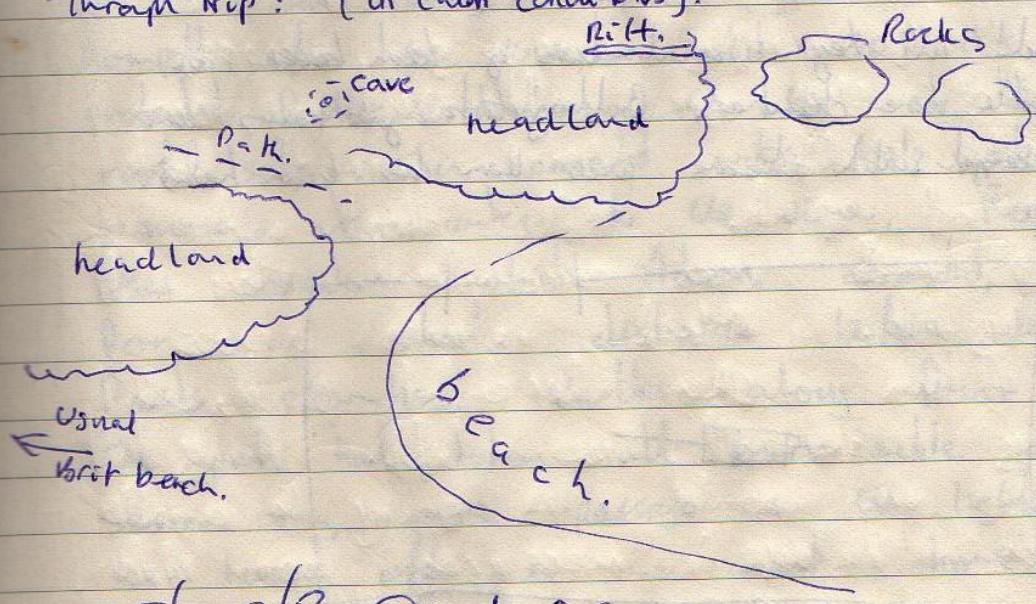


1/8/95. Renada : (see 5 pages previous)

Whilst exiting Renada from the top entrance and descending to the usual changing spot, passed a cave very near the latter, just up hillside from the 'ford' over the little stream. Tubular passage drops down into bone-filled chamber with low passage (not investigated) leading into the hillside over boulders. No great draught, but felt cold. Worth checking out by another Renada party. — Joe.

28/95. Coming on the beach! Joe.

Rained off / pissed off, drove to Noja to find it grey, cool and damp there. Walked onto Playa Ris Non across to obvious headland. Found rift into headland with sea pounding impressively into it 20 odd feet below. A little later found a 'proper' (as opposed to sea cave) cave in a shakehole some distance away. Metre diameter passage descends at about  $20^\circ$ , with drought, with sound of sea crashing into bowels of the earth in the distance. Could just see daylight faintly in distance. Through trip! (in calm conditions).



~~28~~ 3/8 @ 1.00 pm

JOE IS SICK!! More than normal??  
All night.

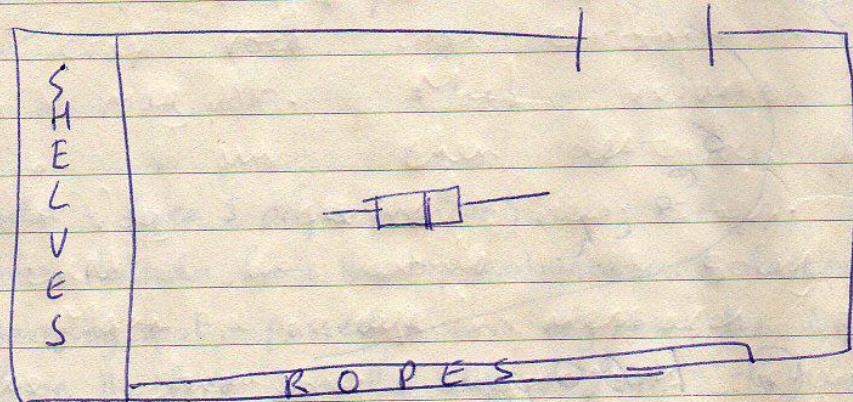


31/8/95 Trip to Ramale to buy tackle store building materials

Phil, Hilary, Steve O, Juan

Enter car and drive to DIY centre in Ramale. Huge passage leads to area with 2x4", and toilet bowls leading off on all sides. Enter Wooden area and select 8 pieces of suitable timber and sheets of plywood. Repack in Juans car only to be told that we can't have it because they have already sold it!!

Back at the ranch we began construction of bunk beds at southern end of tackle store chamber. Building took few hours and was apparently successful until someone mis-uses them as bunk beds.



Will someone decide what to call the bloody river!!

TRANSPORT WITH MARK2/7/95 FRESNO II ADAMS ~~RAT D~~ MARK W ANDY P

Returned to knotted rope and went to end of previous exploration (top of Paul's chamber). Mark descended 20ft-ish to get to descent rock for bolting round to left. Then he bolted along left wall. (looking out from knotted rope), then up again into first passage he came to. (The Vine). Rope rigged to others present route in. Roped up the vine, until 30ft-ish hole in floor prevented further exploration. On the way back passage in roof seen. This connected with hole above end of traverse at entry to the vine. Rope thrown through this connection which Adam ascended, passage continued for a short distance before breaking out into Paul's chamber. Farther along from the vine. The pub had taken all our tackle & would not serve any more passage & the lights were about to be turned off so we went home.

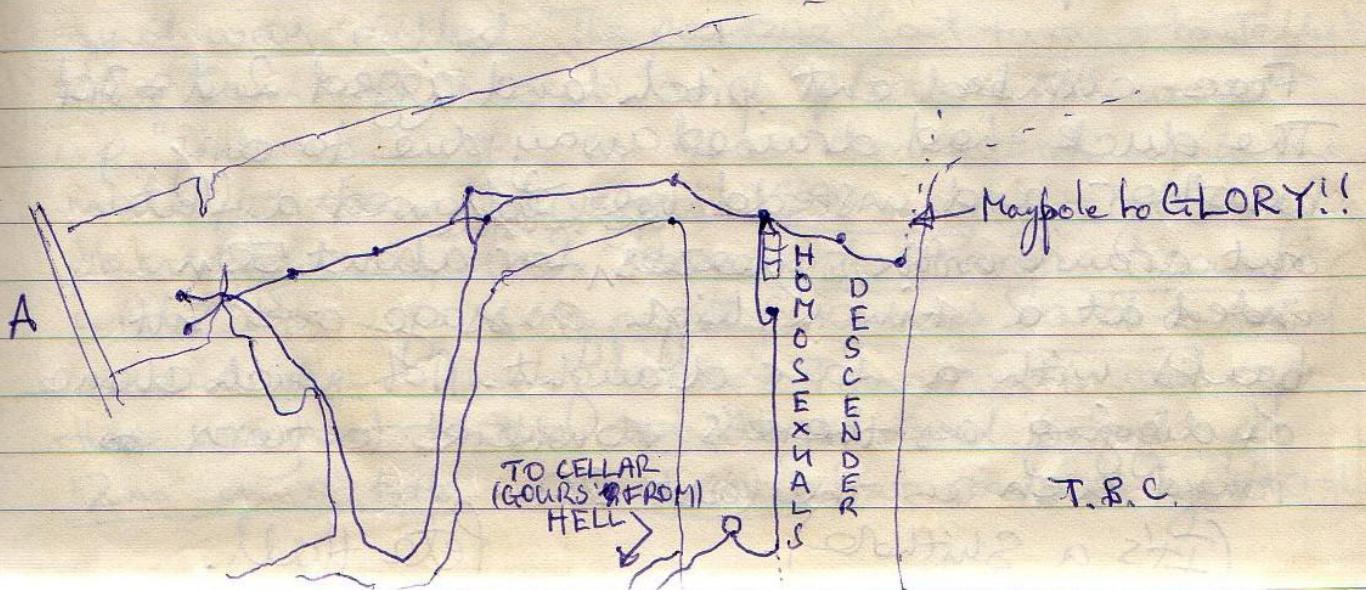
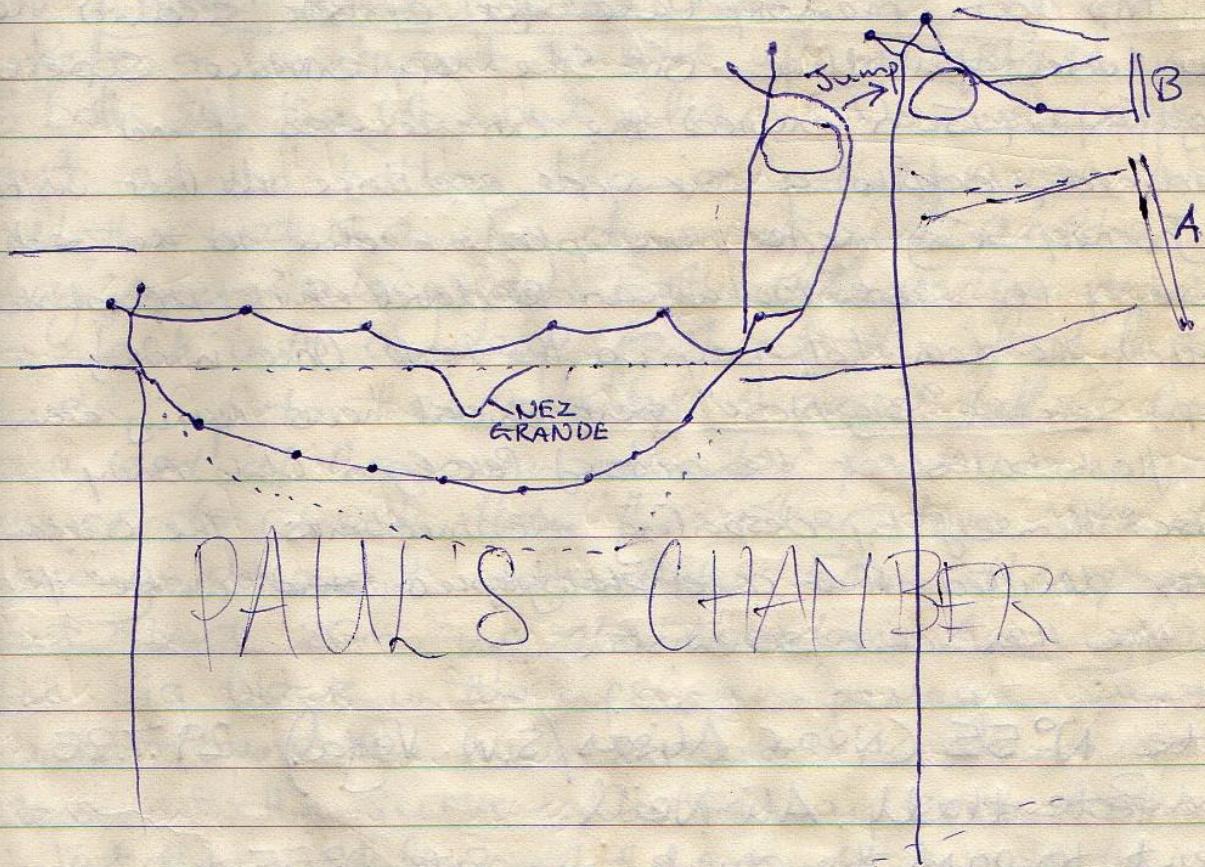
TRANSPORT WITH MARK

2/8/95 FRESNO II ADAMS RAT D MARK W ANDY P.

Returned to the 30ft-ish hole in the floor of the vine. Mark bolted over this and suggested that the best way for the rest of us to follow would be for us to descend or half way down one side change over & go up other side, using the same rope. [not from the Elliot book, more like.

a 3 Eye cartoon. I short crawl at bottom of this pit push to total end. Draughting hole on left was noted. Dig back into Paul's chamber. Keen to follow way on into romping glory - we went round next bend ~~out~~ in the main drag, just round this a 100ish ft hole in the floor was encountered. Mark wondered whether he should progress across pitch or drop it. Andy's reply was go across, if we drop this we will end up down in Shillesville USA. Hence mark bobbed along top of pitch. 10ft short off glory crap rock was encountered. This will require a may pole. Mark returned across traverse. Adam then descended pitch, while Andy & Roy surveyed new stuff. Andy told Roy that we would be going to another pit. Mark relayed messages from Adam. Passage, streamway, your pools chambers COIN IT!! Hence we all followed Adam down "Homosexual Descender" pitch. Roy & Andy went off to survey streamway of the "your pools from hell" forced back at small air space & no draft. Come on down Neil P. Mark & Adam surveyed the "cellar" (full of naff beer). Derrigged to Paul's chambers & went home.

Sheffield Pubs to date, The Rigging Topo (35)



④ ~~ogot-got-got~~ ant, state of id. P. bluffed

2/8/95 Valline - top entrance

Transport P. Egan.

Candy, Sarah H, Pete E, Andy Q, John P.

A trip down memory lane for a look around the upper level of Valline via the top entrance. Superb navigation by John ensured the entrance was found immediately despite a six-year gap since the last visit; the journey being made more pleasant due to the sad demise of the sabre-toothed canine devil which previously inhabited the barn half-way up the track. Once inside, Candy, Sarah + "Big Nose" spent several hours running around with flash bulbs at the orders of Pete Egan while Andy amused himself by despoiling the mudbanks. The outcome; it was decided that cave photographs ~~spend~~ "waste" far more time than cave scientists.

Site N° 55 (Near Alisas/S.W. Vega.) 29.7.95

Pete Hall, Ali Neill

Went to push the duck in Site N° 55.

Free-climbed ent. pitch and rigged 2nd + 3rd. The duck had drained away due to dry weather and instead we followed a flat out crawl with <sup>over sandstone</sup> squeezes for about 50m ended at a 4 inch high passage over silt banks with a fair draught. Not much chance of digging as there's nowhere to turn round even in the last 20m.

(It's a shithole).

Pete Hall.

31.7.95 Cueva de Valline

Pete Hall, Ali Neill, Tim Allen, Ian

(New stuff Underlined)

Pete & Tim went to bolt up waterfall inlet  
3 bolts did the job, but after 50m we popped  
out at the bottom of a very tall aven with  
all the water coming down it and another  
dry aven alongside. Both Pete & Tim managed  
to fall into a deep pool at the foot of the  
aven up to their necks. A crawl off from  
one end of the aven chamber past a dry aven,  
easier to climb than the other two with draught  
coming down it too. After 50m this popped  
out about 20m up the Novadome Aven opposite  
the big block in the upstream passage. Ian & Ali  
went round the main stream & Rio Blanco to  
connect the survey. On the way back to waterfall  
inlet the mud floor of the crawl turned to liquid  
and was called "The passage that turned to Jelly".  
Ali & Ian went out and Pete & Tim went  
up "Simeon's Loop" to the connection with the  
main stream. Surveyed 150m up a high level  
passage going downstream to "Berger Chamber"  
with three or 13 type # formations and a solid  
mud choke. Then Pete & Tim continued up  
the way on to the 1st Abyss and bolted up  
12m in a hole in the roof but couldn't get to the

top due to lack of tackle + battery power  
Pete went up through a boulder slope  
opposite into a big chamber near the  
top of Tim's climb. (15 hour trip)  
Pete Hall.

Cueva De Vaseline 2.8.95

Pete Hall, Ali Neill, Chris & Sarah (from Sheffield)  
late entry: Paul Stacey,  
All (New Stuff Underlined)

After a few photos and a tourist trip to the Walkie Talkies we split up. Ali, Chris & Sarah went to look at some boulders near the 1st Abyss. (See below)

Pete & Paul went to the upstream end of the ~~the~~ main stream at the far western end of the system. Surveyed up through the boulder choke in the R/H side of the choke up a 10m climb and 2m and 3m climbs to a 5m x 3m chamber with a run in from the choke on the left. A further 4m climb led to a solid yet draughting choke. 2 passages led off from the top of the 10m climb. The right one went to a narrow ~~the~~ crawl two' stalls the L/H one ~~the~~ led to Crumble Crawl

past a 4m climb <sup>down</sup> on the left. ~~to~~ Dust coated walls in a 1.5m x 0.5m wide passage went 40m \*still going\* North-East.

Back at the main stream, the middle inlet went up through the boulders 50m to a 10m climb to a total choke with water inlets and holes between boulders all the way up. At the top we appeared to be almost all the way up thro the choke (who knows?). The air was blowing down though the choke.

Downstream at Big Nose Stn 3 the inlet on the left led round the L/H side of the choke with a stream but choked solidly. 12 hour trip.

Pete Hall.

FROG PASSAGE

Began in passage for side of first abyss, - surveying past Big Nose's limit (14/8/94) - into what we thought was Nova dome, but more likely is a 'new' even, pendash found by Pete Hall + co - (yesterday) - 150-200 m of passage? - Pitd riggable into even via bolting only - can left or right - 5 sec' boulder drop! - returned to main passage - now ~~the~~ Galleria Elephants, a definite zoological experience - to move into surveying 3-dimensional maze - some previously recorded by PAUL STACET + BIG NOSE (1°) - all now computered.

Chris Blakeley. - 28.95

This Log Book is far far far far  
far too sensible far far far far  
far too much politeness far far far  
far too little talk about drinking.  
Here is Martin Fair Fair Ray has  
many drinking gasses in his head. In  
which far far far country  
trying to get out into the far far far  
far wateries. Do we have far far far  
too close to here for comfort.

Fucking Mikes,

PS Laffer did it. !

3/8/95. M. WRIGHT. A. SPILLANE. D. HASSALL. FREEDOM II.

TRANSPORT WITH MARK

Returned to start of "The Jive", and ascended ropes previously  
rigged by Adam into roof of Paul's Chamber. Dave did a bold  
TRaverse across roof of chamber and entered passage noted  
by Toby last year. It wasn't in fact a passage, just a mud  
slope. But there was a passage leading off upwards for 5m  
breaking out into a large chamber. 25m x 20m x 15m. 3 passage  
led off from this but are closed in. Back in the passage (not)  
which Toby had seen a rising passage was spotted in the  
roof. Not free climbable it will need bolting. A rope was  
rigged from the new chamber (which still needs surveying Andy!)  
to the bottom of Paul's Chamber so according us to de-rig  
Dave's traverse, Mark's traverse of 31/7/95 and the new ropes  
placed on knotted rope pitch. The rub being on the old knotted

← Don't lower yourselves guys out! (41)

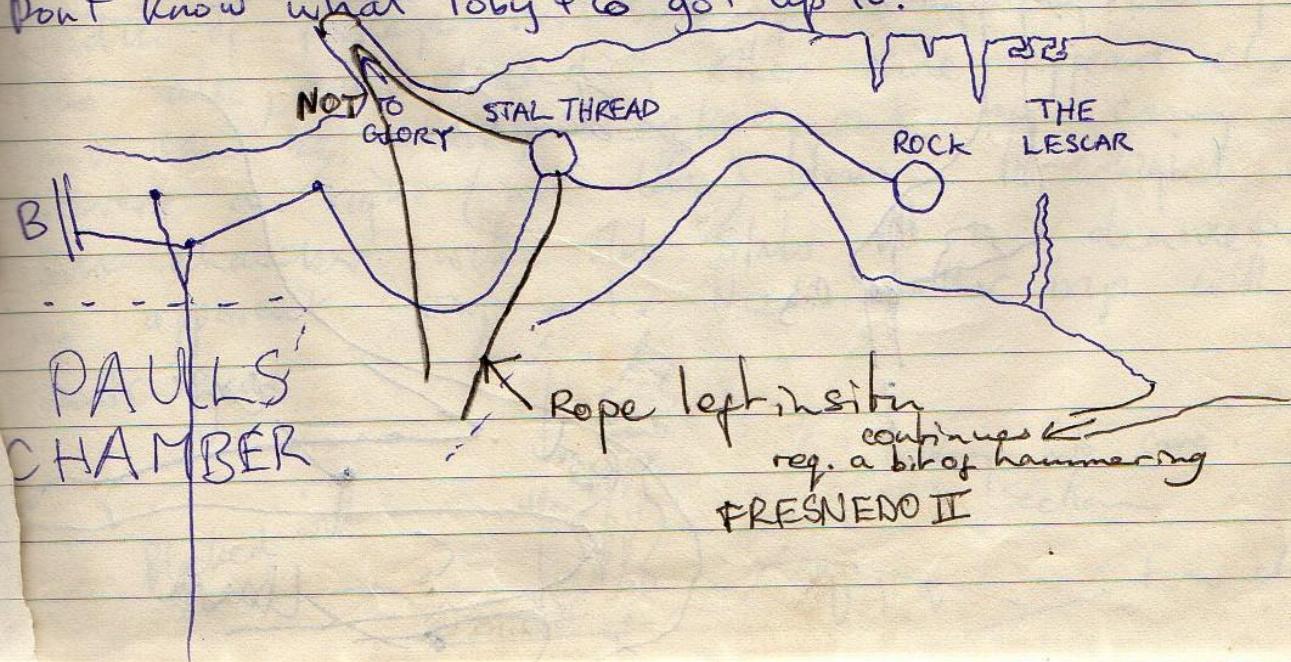
ROPE PITCH HAS BEEN REMOVED (WITH A KNOT). THIS ROPE WAS LEFT IN PLACE AS I COULDN'T GET THE HANHORN UNDONE. A 26M ROPE HAS BEEN LEFT AT THE 2ND BARRIER CHOKE FOR WHOEVER IS GOING TO CONTINUE WITH THE EXPLORATION.

Good Climbing

MHJ

3/8/95 - Renada <sup>stuffed Monk</sup> - Big Nose, Tim, Toby, Jane, Martin.

L + Tim entered first and headed 60m + up to John's limit. John continued bolting upwards while Tim bolted out to side leads left + right. Both soon headed back down the "into cave side" leading to a pitch back down into stuffed monk. John's route went 15m to a parting of the ways. "Up cave" went to short draughting aven and "down cave" led to either a traverse over a pit or a possible route up. Rigged back to the parting of the ways and left the rope rigged. Don't know what Toby + co got up to.



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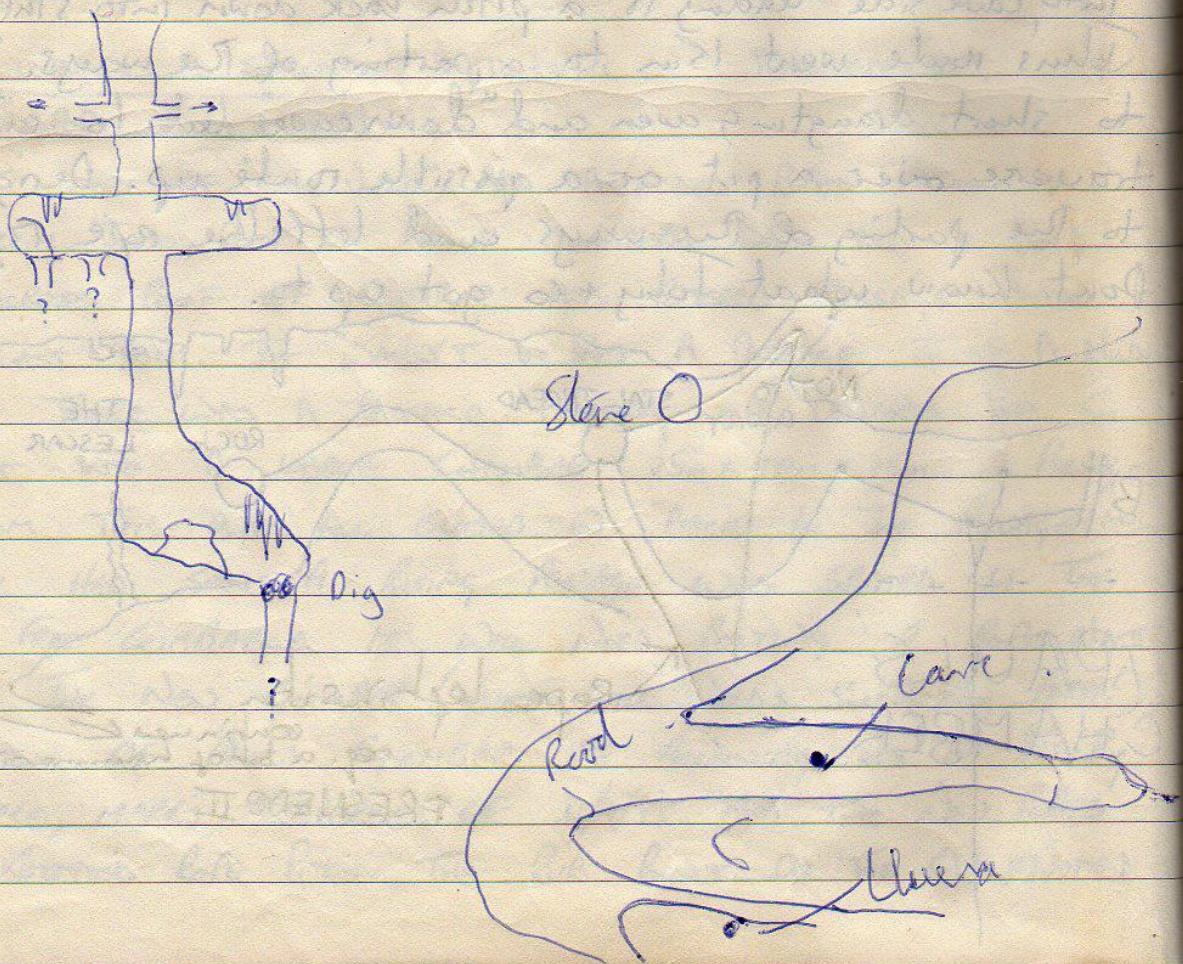
## The upper corbeling and the Ch.

Pena Jorao 3/8/95 Steve O and Ian? Stone Transport

Shayk Above main cave descended by Spanish on 1/8/95.  
Stones of passage at bottom leading to who knows where targeted  
us onwards. However we were also told other guys went blind out  
Is he not quite true.

- i) 100m free-hanging shayk → 100m with 7 rebelling and edges
- 2) Passage at bottom with water → Dig in boulders.
- 3) Needs surveying → All surveyed.

Dig draughting in at base is in rocks over 40-50ft right and  
Easy dig but needs corbels and boulders whilst digging



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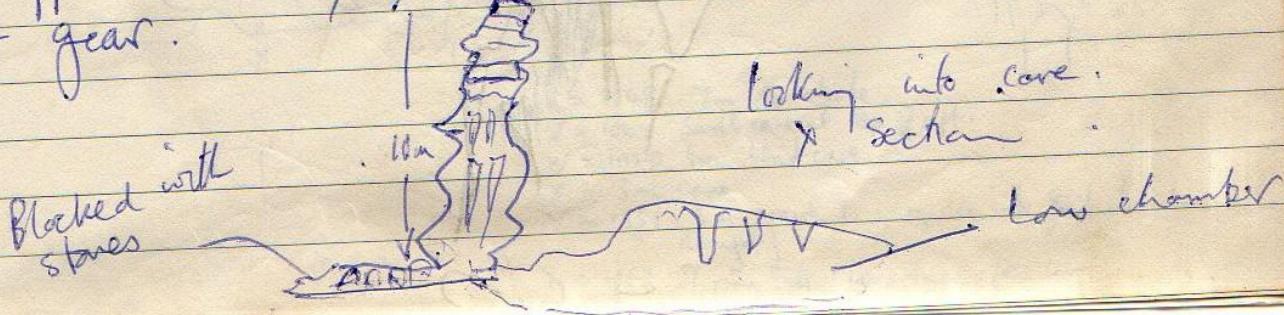
Renada L, Tim 3.8.75

Aren above Stuffed Monk L

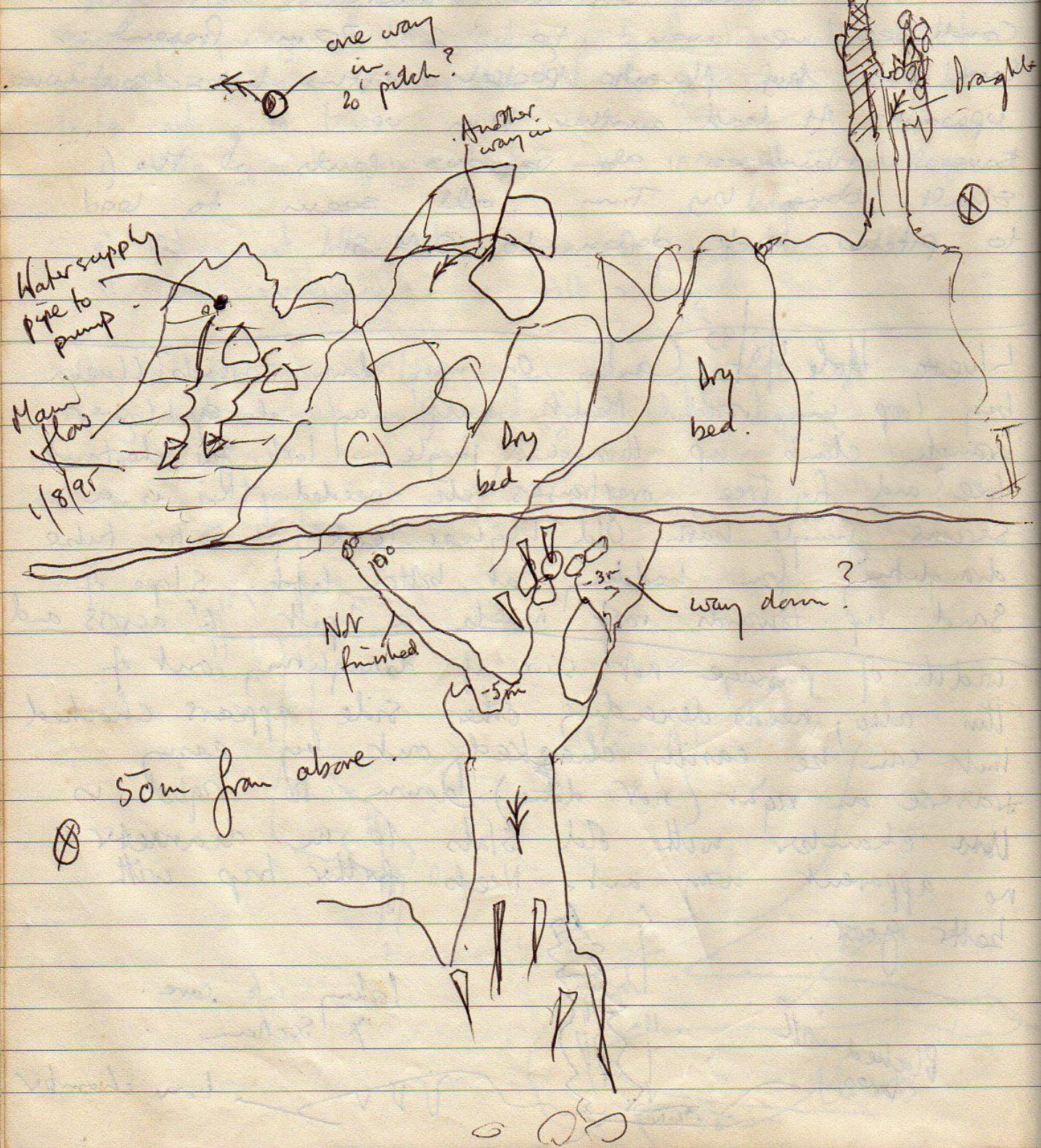
Continued up aren to  $\approx$  70 m. Present level is big phreatic pocket with holes continuing upwards. At least another 10 m up.

Several traverses at various points of the shaft done by Tim, all seem to lead to pitches back down to S.M. 9.

Llueva Hole 1/8/95 Went on way down towards Llueva big loop in road. About half way along lower branch climb up through jungle - look for chestnut tree? and fig tree, overtraverses etc needed this is a serious jungle bash. Old higher level phreatic tube draughting from bedding at bottom left; slope of sand up towards roof meets a 'pit' 6' across and width of passage not sure if draughting out of this also, needs descending other side appears choked but can be easily checked out by easy traverse on right (not done) Down to right is low chamber with old stabs 10 m diameter no apparent way out. Needs further trip with better gear.



Los Boyones - Cork, P Stacey. 1/8/15. Sun.

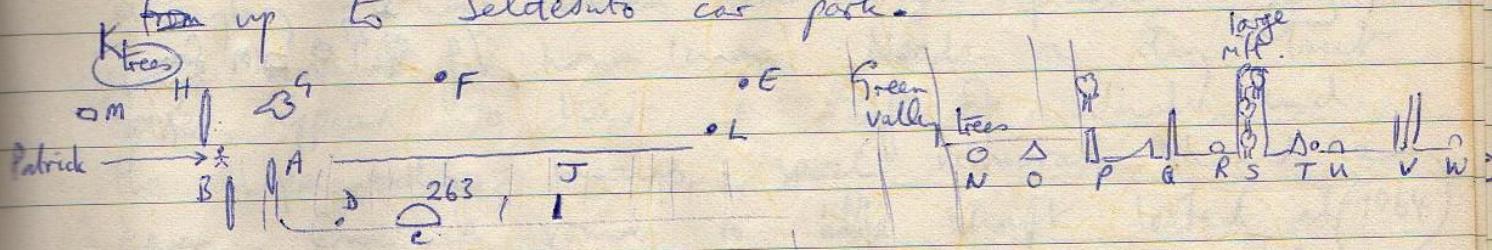


## South Vega hole tickling off.

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3/8/95. Patrick and Paul Seling, Paul Stacey and Ali radio controlled from Re road by Lank and Ivan. The intrepid four zoomed up the hill to the rift left of 263 but Patrick zoomed too far and spent 1½ hours trying to get down again.

Despite this diversion, all holes looked at from up to Seldesuto car park.



A = 1035 5m high rift in 5m to choke. Small cave on bottom left is 4m long.

B = 1036 4m long cave. No draught.

C = 226 263

D = 1037 Descends to a goat skeleton with a small crawl.

E = 12m crawl to choke 1038

F = 1039. 5m low crawl to choke

G = 1040 12m to branch 24 10m choke RH rockhole

H = 1041 remains unexplored

J = 1042 2m crawl to 3m diam chamber

K = 1043 Above trees. Interconnecting entrances

L = 1044 Walking size passage 12m to choke.

M = Rock shelter below 1043.

N = 1045 5m long cave.

O = 1046 5m long to low continuation

P 2m blind rift.

Q = 1047 3m to a slot to small chamber

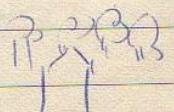
R = small 2m oxbow

S = large rift arching with boulders.

T = 3m through trip.

DZ

around corner.



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U = 1048 7m to choke.

V = 1049 Small cave at top of rift.

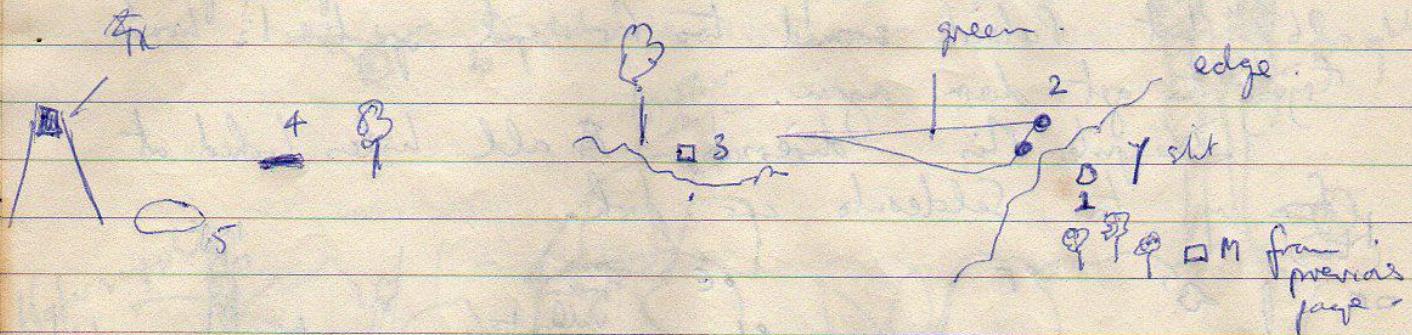
W = 1050 4m blind cave

X = 3m cave

Y = 1051 5m crawl to a squeeze into 2nd chamber draught?

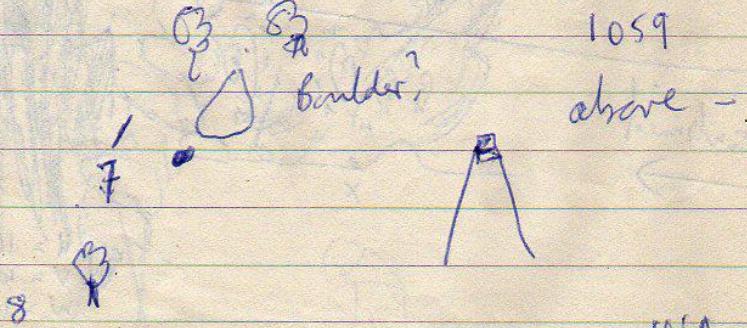
Z = 1052 Sloping tube closes down after 4m.

2 = 2m choked



- 1 Fallen block 10 m very small alternating draught . 1054  
 2 Twin entrances 30 m choked . 1055  
 3 Hazel tree 4 m choked . 1056  
 + obvious black slit , crawl soon walking 20 m 3 m climb !  
 further drop choked 1057  
 5 Rehears . (+7)

- 326? 6 Top of blank valley square hole 16 m walk  
 climb down 10 m (?) chamber no way out . 1058  
 7 Small entrance 3 m to small chamber 3 goat skeletons  
 draught ? 1059



- 8 Low bedding 5 m to chamber chokes , lone single tree 1060.

1063 (47)

4/8/95. Lank Billy (DCC.)

Visited 880. No draught with fog at any of holes in excavation.

Contoured round to holes looked at Farter 95 found draughting hole in gentle valley below La Curie white house. This was draughting in quite strongly - now marked with white plastic bag on gorse bush - for how long! Needs a dig but does appear to have a roof of soil and the slope below means spoil removal should be easy. Contoured round to little shaft looked at Farter 95 this was not draughting and looked smaller than memory indicated. 6m deep but sands as if bigger below. Above and 15m away is a dig now covered over no draught no interest.

4/8/95 D.C.C. COLIN GRANVILLE, LEN, TASHA

VISITED 879 WITH BARS AND TURFER

EXCAVATED BOULDERS TO REVEAL RIFT VERY NARROW (3'-4")  
STILL DRAUGHTING STRONGLY BUT IT SEEMS TO BE AN  
IMMATURE SINK FOR STREAM. THERE ARE SEVERAL MORE  
DRAUGHTING FISSURES OF SIMILAR PROPORTIONS IN THE VICINITY

Transport Phil

Pena Jorao

3-8-95,

P.T. Eagan, Phil Papad, Pete Hall, Candy  
Carlos.

Visited cave to resurvey Nochino passage  
pushed near the entrance to see if there  
might be connection with Nochino, which  
may be possible.

Phil + Candy resurveyed Nochino while  
rest of party tried in vain to catch geels  
for Carlos we then pushed end of  
Nochino but failed to connect entrance.  
Needs more people to sort both  
ends out.

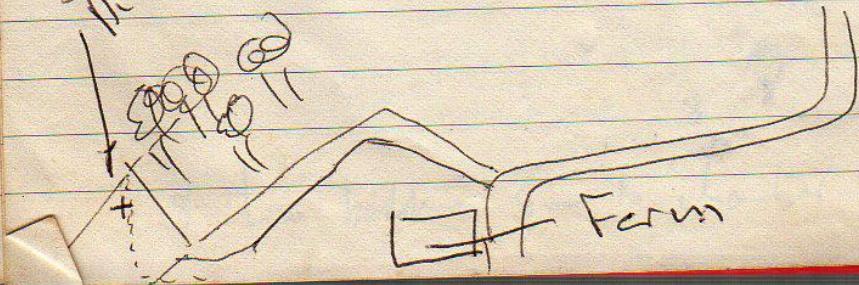
P.T. Eagan

(CHASING WILD GEES AND THE HILL FROM HELL)

4-8-95 Muela Shaft SEAD & S Transport  
Steve 'O', Liz, P.T. Eagan, Candy, Ali  
P.T. Eagan

Located Shaft Steve 'O' descended  
100m blind shaft no way on  
GPS's entrance plus a few other's  
Noted a fenced off entrance in  
a field behind Sherman or road to  
Cerro Arhanio

See Ali!



P.T. Eagan

5<sup>th</sup> Aug. 1995. ASTADOME UZUCAKA.

1<sup>st</sup> PART. MARK, Tim, Pete O, DAVE H, COLIN, MIKE.

2<sup>nd</sup> PART. JANE & TOBY, JANE, ADAM, DAVE, ARTHUR, MIKE, ANDY.

1<sup>st</sup> Team M,D,Pet returned to chamber descended last year and rigged scaling pole to enter passage seen about 8m up. Dave ascended rope and followed passage leading off in both directions along the fault line. The first route soon split ending in a low bedding 0.3m high, one with a dry dig and one with a lost. In the other direction a choke was soon encountered blocking the route completely.

The pole was split into three sections and brought down together with a collection of rusty bolting gear and a climbing rope.

No sooner had they arrived at the floor when the second team arrived. The Astrodome saga is now finally at rest and a celebratory zonko was had in remembrance of Alan Cox. The pitch has now been accurately surveyed 102.5m to the chamber at the top. Ropes and rigging have been left in place.

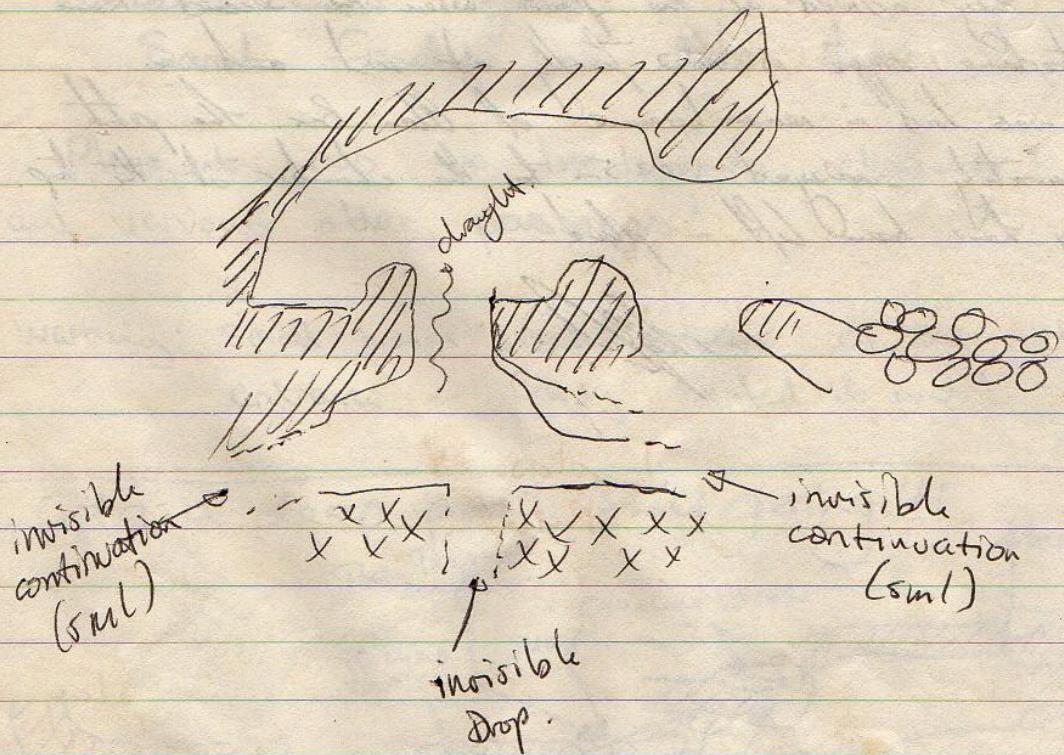
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7th Aug. IAN L - PETE H. HALF HOUR MOLE.

Fan dug out draughting hole to allow person to pass through.

Returned with Pete Hall in evening. Pete descended ~~to~~ into small chamber beneath hole up to chest, could not feel any way or big enough with feet so we left. However, if you stick your head in and watch a stone rolled in it will seem to disappear down a hole a few (3+4) feet deep. Further digging here would be to enlarge hole and remove rubble slope to make room to get into small chamber. Digging out the first hole at entrance may provide entry to passage under road, this does not draught though.



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4/8/95 - P Street

NOT A PARTICULARLY INSPIRING DAY. REVISITED 364 + 365 & 701, 701 CONTINUED  
 TO THE UPDATE CAN BE FREE-Climbed EASILY IF ATTACKED FROM THE NORTHERN END,  
 SIN PRETTY TERMINAL TWO. DESCENDED 700 - ~~REMOVED~~ FLOOR AT BOTTOM  
 CLIMBED. ALSO RIGGED 446 FOR A REVISIT - DESCRIPTION AS IN THE UPDATE  
 NO DRAWHOLE OR LIDENH SIC. QUICK THRASH THREW UNDERGROWTH IN VALLEY  
 ALSO REVEALED NOTHING. BACK DOWN INTO COLEMENAS STUCK EASILY.

~~REMOVED~~

4/8/95 Muela (C.W.G. A.T. H.F.H CONTINUED) NEW SITES LOCATED

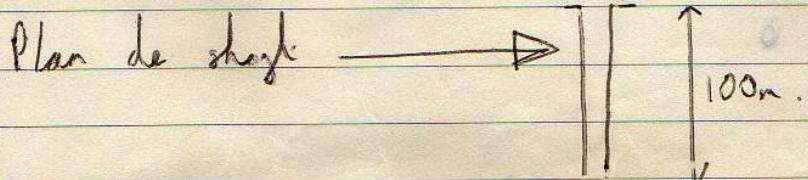
5589 9514 / A. 605 c. 5m. Shaft to passage, unexplored	1065
5586 9532 / 615 large shaft c 30 m. Undescended. Marked M 42	1066
5597 9545 / 590 Small shaft 20-30 m. Undescended. Above West end of wooded depression. c 1 m square. location needs checking.	1067
562957 Big with good draft - approx. location.	1068
5578 9562100 shaft adjoining, marked "M 44", c 10m deep. Undescended.	1069
5685 9497. Fenced dig shaft in field (see previous page).	1070
5602 9525 - Triangular pit. sloping at 40° to blockage 10ft. from entrance	1071

~~AC~~

4/8/95 Slope O, Pit E, Candy, Liz &amp; Al.

409

Have just realized that this trip has been  
 cuttin' up already.



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Patrick and Paul

Aren't allowed to play out

in Matienzo!

Wah.

Rubbish!

They don't even

ask!

Phil Papard OFF Road <sup>in</sup> Camargo. (53)

3/8/95

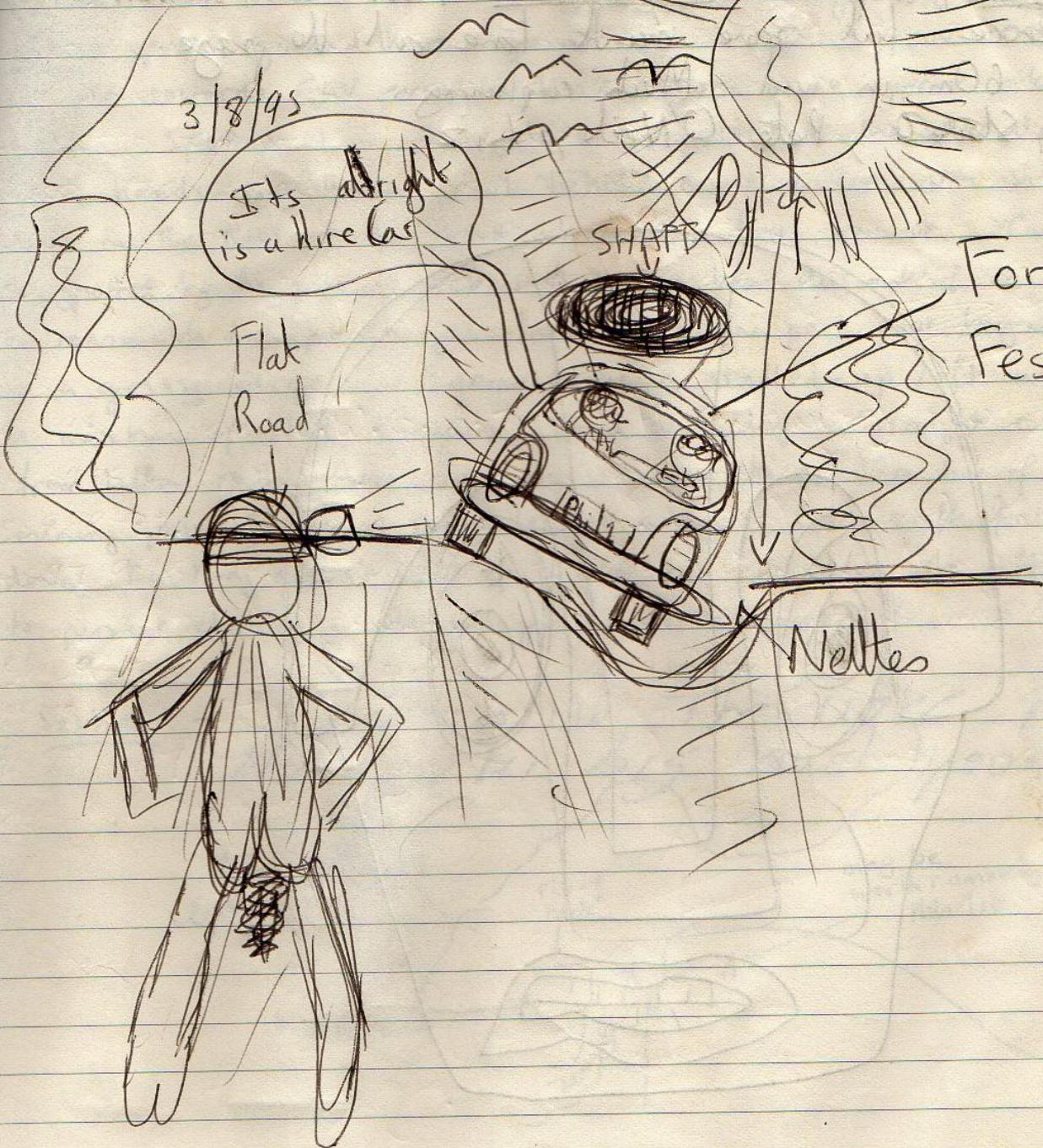
It's bright  
is a hire car

Flat  
Road

SHAFT

Ford  
Festa.

Nettles



Steve O'Toole

Regatta trip on 2/8/95 has been written  
up once but some count torn out the page.  
Found 60m in mud. Much complaining.  
(Jane, Steve O., Pete O'Neil, Liz.)

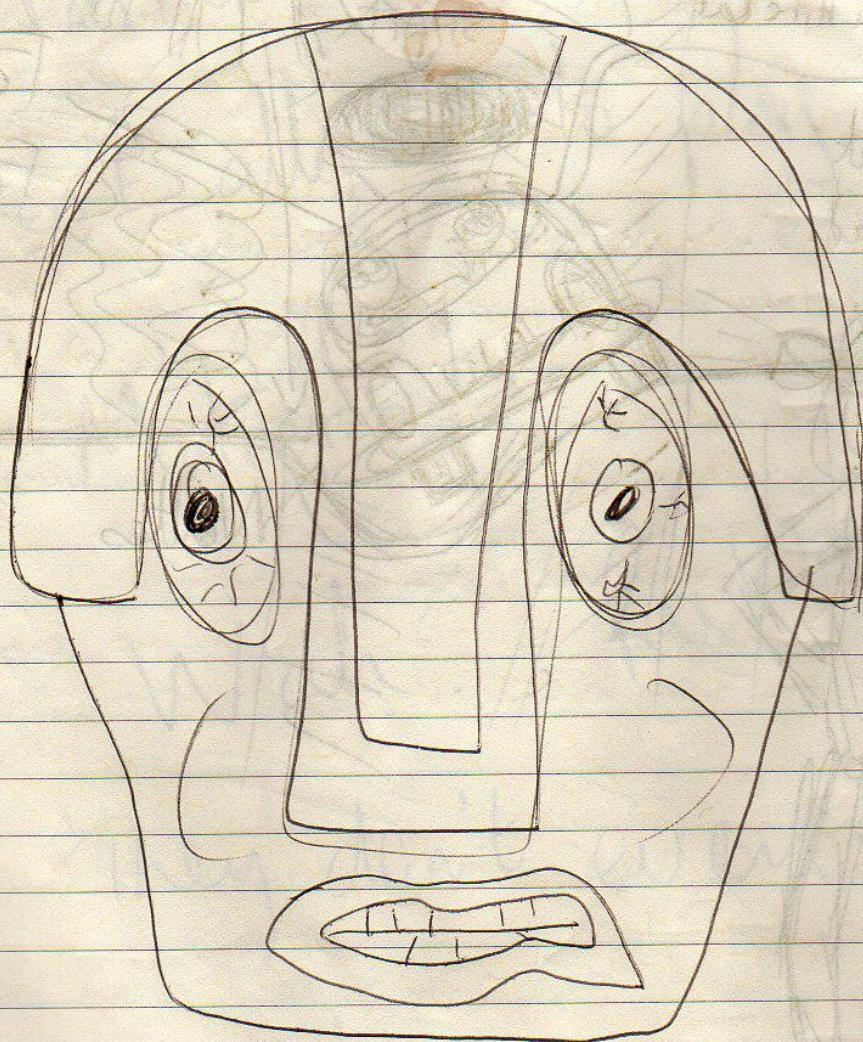


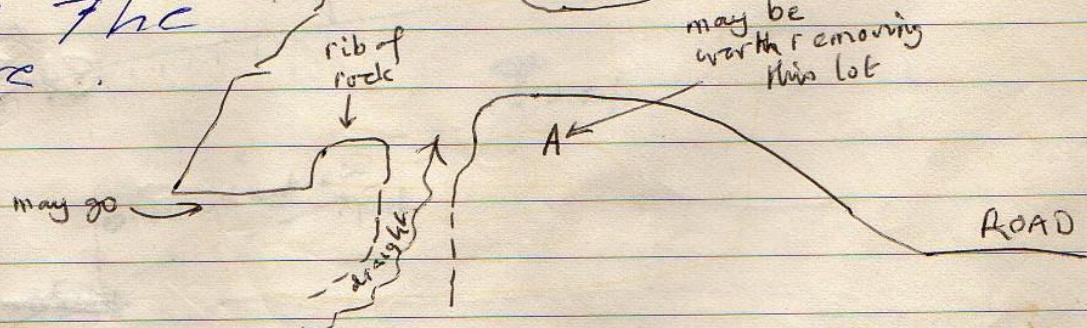
Photo copy of Aguanez to Martin Holroyd

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18/95. HALF HOUR HOLE :— so called because if you're just half an hour to spare, go and have a go at it! Is approx 100m up road towards PLV past the Km 21 stone, ie approx above Volvo. Spotted it on the cycle ride up to PLV the other day. Is a hands-and-knees crawl behind some undergrowth in an alcove on the RHS of the road about 3m back from it. Can now be spotted by the pile of debris that has been dug out of it. Quite a reasonable draught emerges from it. Can park just beyond it on a grassy verge. Seems to be a stalled-up rift with a mixture of stal, boulders, sand and clay. Draught comes from below rather than in front. Seems to need a bit of a mining job. Noticed that despite a lot of loose stuff falling down, the thing doesn't fill up. If you reach down, the rift seems to open up slightly. Anyone got a CCTV camera?

Section :— I drew in the ~~use~~ People  
the ~~use~~ big and your mother

IS THE  
WORK.



Joe

5 Aug 1995.

WB10 - REGATOR

Sarah P - Paul Stacey, Candy, Ian Lanton

B-Cubio - Regator through Resista to push GT series.  
Pushed on up twisty passage. This went too small, however,  
a climb up into a void in top of passage revealed ~~big~~(ish)  
chamber with ~~big~~ aven in roof and draughting small  
hole in corner. Ian dug at easy mud but didn't get  
enough out - we'll be back, we must be near something.  
On way out through new bit a climb up big boulder pile revealed  
large chamber with big dry phreatic passage coming in, lead in  
over breakdown to end at muddy climb and an active inlet  
that would be easy to climb up but a rope will be needed  
to retreat unless you're a rock jock. Enjoyed an uneventful  
journey out.

Ian 

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Stn Aug. 95.

Mostajo

Ray Duffy, Chris Blakeley, Angelo Hale, Pedro Pete.

Photographic trip to top of Golden Void - Superb helictites + long straws. Carbon deposits and crystal floors need care to conserve. Cave remains rigged for further trips on Monday into lower series. Great trip and, hopefully, some good photos.

6<sup>th</sup> Aug.

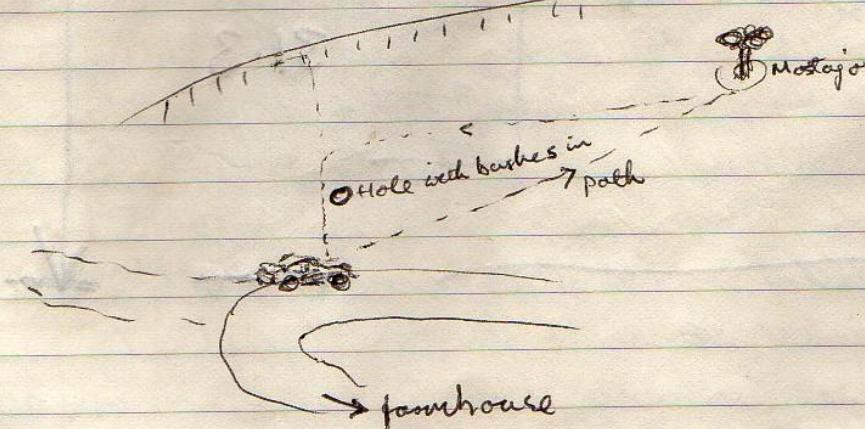
TOD

If Stacey Ali Neill

PS had a fine start by forgetting his cell - borrowed Ali's dodgy zoom. Completed digging out tight stretch in Chocolate Slice so the fattys can get through more easily. Looked at Bear's choke, Cave 763 - bat drifting well.

AC

→ PS. On walk back to car noticed an interesting depression, needs a little looking at.

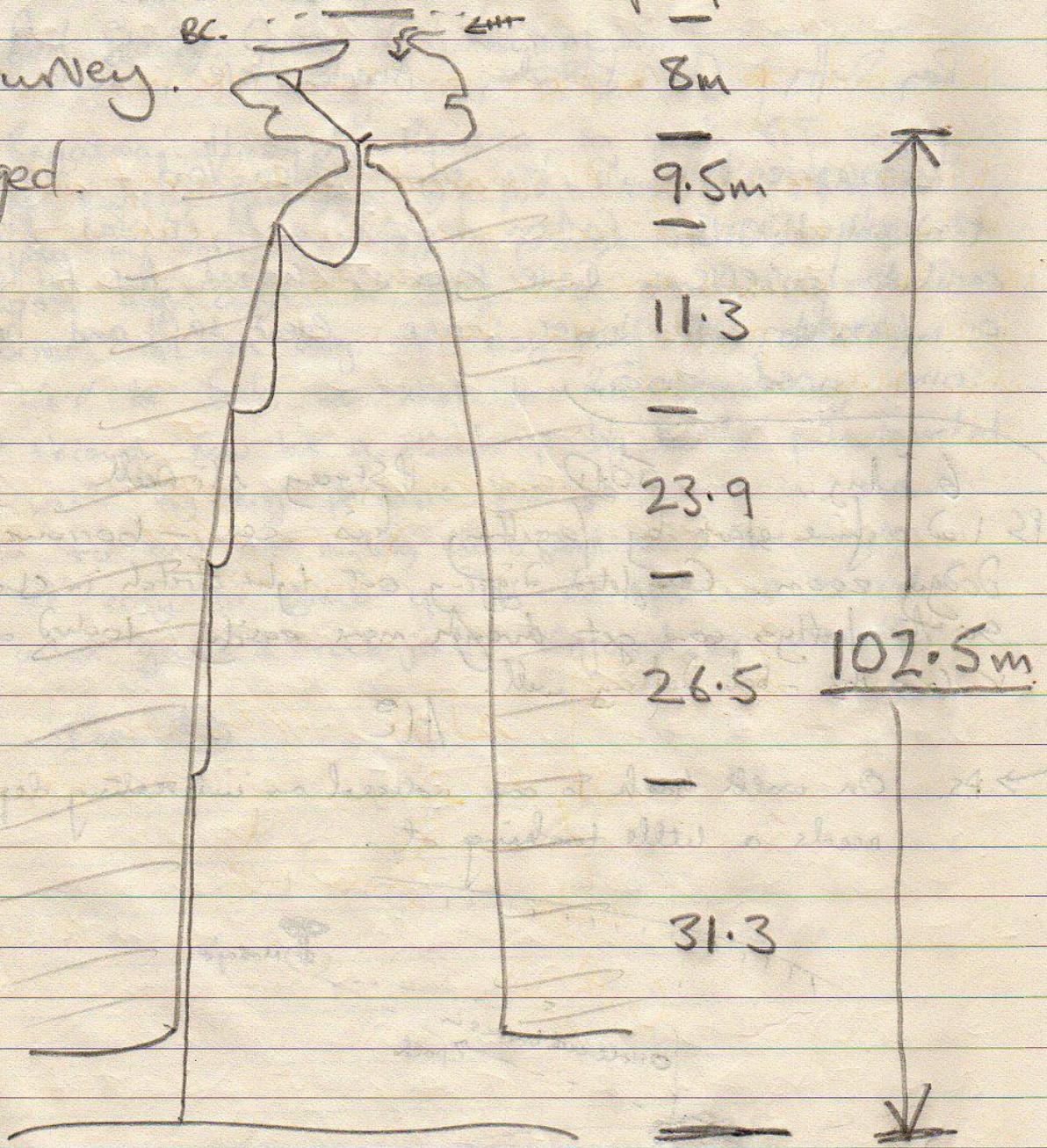


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5<sup>th</sup> Aug. AstraDome, 14 people.

Pitch survey.

still rigged.



Spelthorn to granite

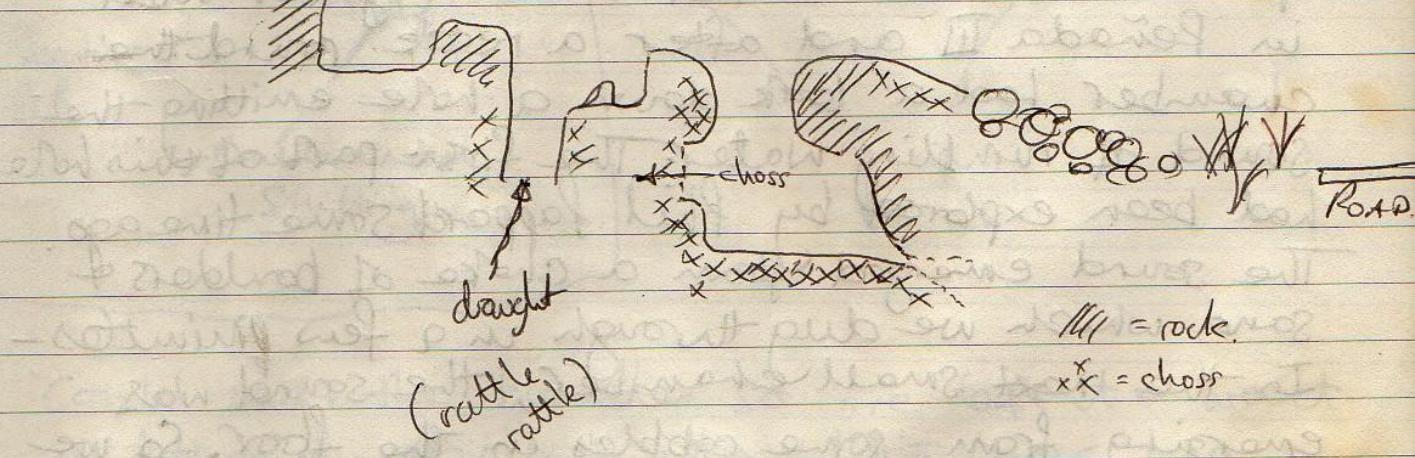
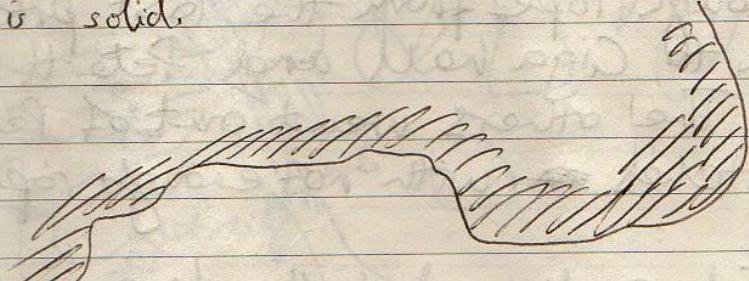
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N°?

6st Aug 1/2 hr Hole Chris + Ian

Ref. back to 4 pages to Joe's reference to this cave on 4/8/75.

Whilst removing 'A' uncovered body size/length tube with v. low airspace at road side. dug towards draughting hole approx 1 ft. Removed more from around draughting hole, removing LHM wall will provide the key in this area of dig as rock above Hole is solid.



5m Transport PT (Eggy)

Azpilacueta - Peñada III      Sat 6<sup>th</sup> August  
Pete Hall, Neil Pacey, Pete Eagan, Liz  
Cowell, Ali Neil.

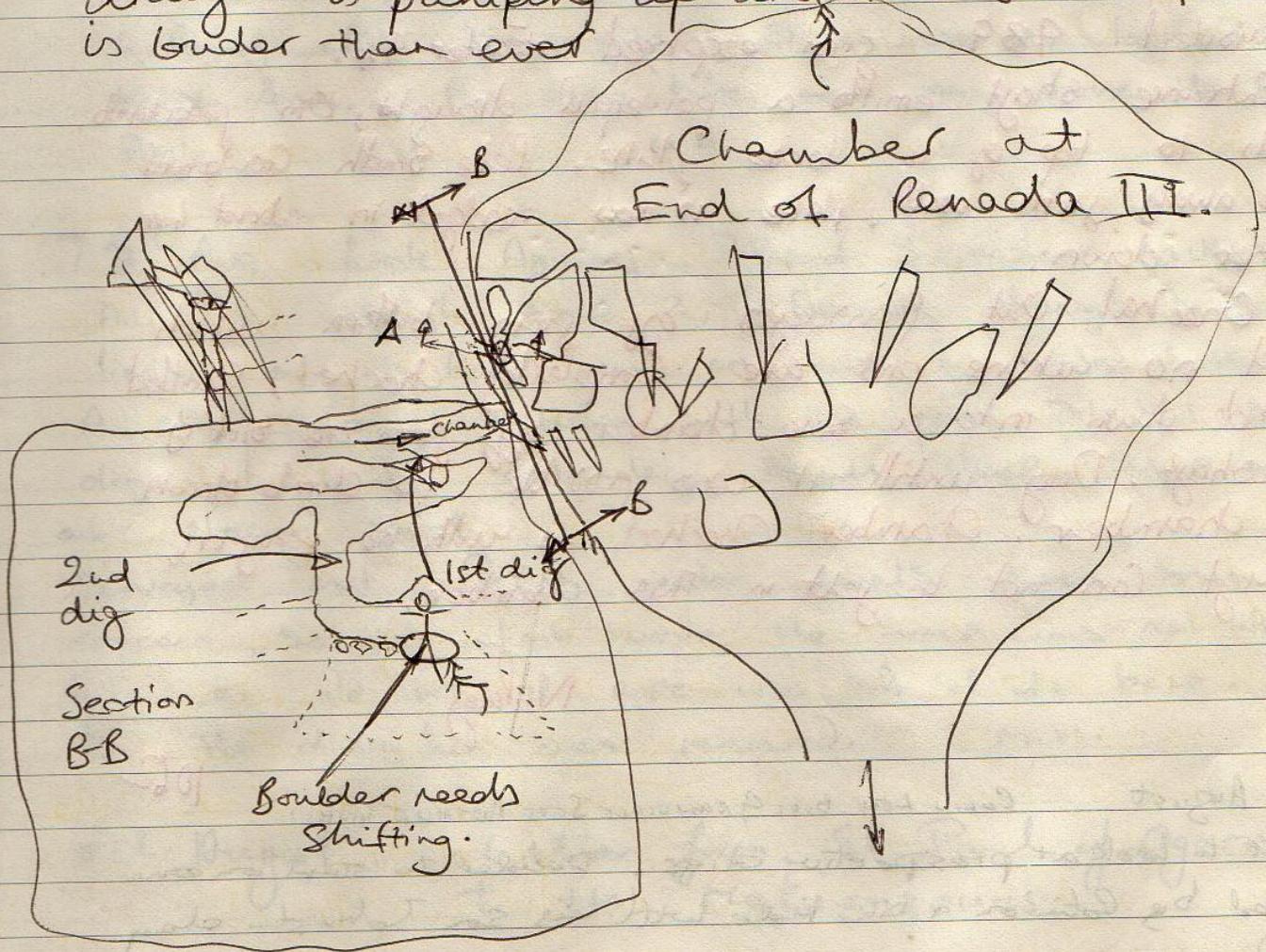
Went in through Azpilacueta and rigged the last 3 pitches, not using the inadequate rope left by the previous team. Luckily Peter & Ali & Liz had some spare rope. Removed a frayed 8mm ~~pull~~ pull through rope from the last pitch.

Went through to Ciga hall and Pete H & Neil went down. The others went out of Peñada rigging the pitches ~~&~~ with not enough rope on the way.

Pete 'n' Neil continued to the large chamber in Peñada III and after a recce round the chamber had a look down a hole emitting the sound of rumbling water. The first part of this hole had been explored by Phil Happord some time ago. The sound emerged from a choke of boulders & sand which we dug through in a few minutes - In the next small chamber, the sound was emerging from some cobbles in the floor. So we set to fetching them out and in 4 or 5 hours we had dug down six foot and chiselled out the sides to emerge in a further smaller opening. The way on was down and we managed to remove most of the shingle/cobbles. But one big awkward bastard was too heavy to lift. It is

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wedged in a body-sized shaft going down. The draught is pumping up and the sound of water is louder than ever



could shift the boulder so we left & went out through Arpilacueta.  $13\frac{1}{2}$  hour trip.

7<sup>th</sup> August Neil Pacey, Pete Smith, Pete Hall.

Revisited 989 first explored Easter 94.

Entrance shaft emits a powerful draught, On climbing leads to top of a loose slate. Pete Smith gathered slate away from wall, slate is now wedged in about him further down.

Checked out passages off from bottom which lead nowhere and are completely choked, Spotted a hole down into a small chamber off from one side of the shaft. Dug until it was possible to climb down into chamber. Chamber choked off with no way on, draught can not be felt in this chamber.

N. Pacey.

7<sup>th</sup> August Colin Len B. & Granville Jeff Arthur Tash.

1052

Went to look at prospective digs. Decided to start on one spotted by Colin on a bike ride with his son John the day before.

Draught issues from base of small rock face located at 525953. This may be a known site but as I ~~can't~~ cannot make this damned computer work I will have to wait for an older and wiser man to tell me!

One hour later on computer - it may be 607?

POSITION VERY CLOSE TO 465 466?

But DESCRIPTION TOTALY DIFFERENT Most likely → 485?

± 28 + 40

but I don't think it's any of these.

Send A4 photo copy of Aguanes to Martin Holroyd  
c/o 20 Manor Close Burton in Lonsdale via Carnforth  
Lancs LA6 3AS + copy of survey of 1072 dived by Steve & wild Mares. (63)

5th Aug Fuente ~~Aguan~~ Aguanes, P. Papard S. Openshaw M. Holroyd.

All 3 to Sump 2. MU dived Sump, surfacing after 25m into Stream Passage, followed for approx 30m. An oven 'tube' was seen above the Sump Pool. ( M.M.

7<sup>th</sup> Aug Fuente Aguanes. P. Papard - S. Openshaw. M. Holroyd.

All 3 through Sump 2, followed through to previous limit, only to find was or was a major Boulder choke. A slight drought detected, with one good potential site to dig at. An extremely small 'sharp' Sump continues at stream level.

Surveyed out, rising water levels gave some concern, so the climb above the Sump was not attempted but an old bit of rope was left at its base. All the diving kit was removed. M.M.

8th August. Letter from St. Paul of Ogario to the Matienzoans -

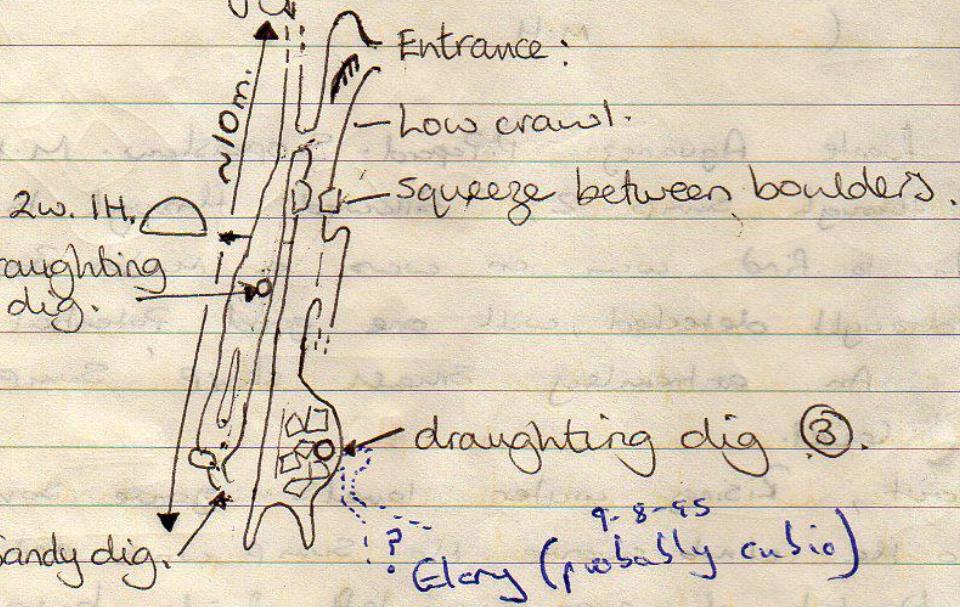
Get the bleeding track to Cueva Huera (Biggo) slashed, burnt + taped so that Paul + Patrick don't waste half a day trying to find the place when they are allowed a day off from marital / parental duties to play.

Bless you all.

~~8.8.95. Pete, Liz, (transport ditto)~~

Walk above Cubio entrance in Cubija valley. Worked at ~~8.8.95.~~ - Entrance on right hand side of stream bed.

774 can see daylight.



Cave extremely draughty. Cave has previously been entered + dug at ③ which is a hole in the floor, strongly draughting ~~out~~ towards entrance, climb down between a boulder into a tight draughting rift, may be possible to dig at base to make wider.

On return dug down into a parallel passage, bigger, can see daylight on right hand side, left hand side leads to a small sandy dig (2) at end, can't feel much of a draught but can hear roaring. - looks tight. Best site to dig seems to be a dig in floor half way along this passage ① strongly draughting - loose fill.

8.14 dug one body length needs more work <sup>More work</sup> <sup>liz</sup>.  
bottom of tree filled hole two further draughting holes need looking at.

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8.8.95 D.C.C. Hole

CASE OF GRANVILLE LEN BRI ANTHONY TASH GEOFF VERA COLIN

EXCAVATED FINE STAIRCASE WITH MARBLE TREADS AND NATURAL LIMESTONE  
BALUSTRADE TO SMALL CHAMBER. DRAUGHTING SAND FILLED TUBE  
EMPTIED TO INLET CHAMBER. 3" WIDE RIFT CONTINUES WITH DRAUGHT

8/8/95 Tues.

SO, Martin Holroyd, Phil P & Hilary.

### Case of the Wild Mares.

The next "winnes dene site" after Aguanez. Dive through into sump 1 under far wall of pool chamber. Nice sump (max 3m depth) for approx 50m to small and low pool on other side. Leave water and enter an area of cross-rigs (S-N) with 5m spacing. Draughty areas are encountered by climbing up rigs but no easy or inspiring way on at this level. Back at floor level there are rigs of just two small sumps which may be the way on although not particularly inspiring. Sump called "Sump of the Wild Eels" because Martin was attacked by particularly vicious Highlions on the way through. Phil P surge support a sherpa and Hilary translation expert.

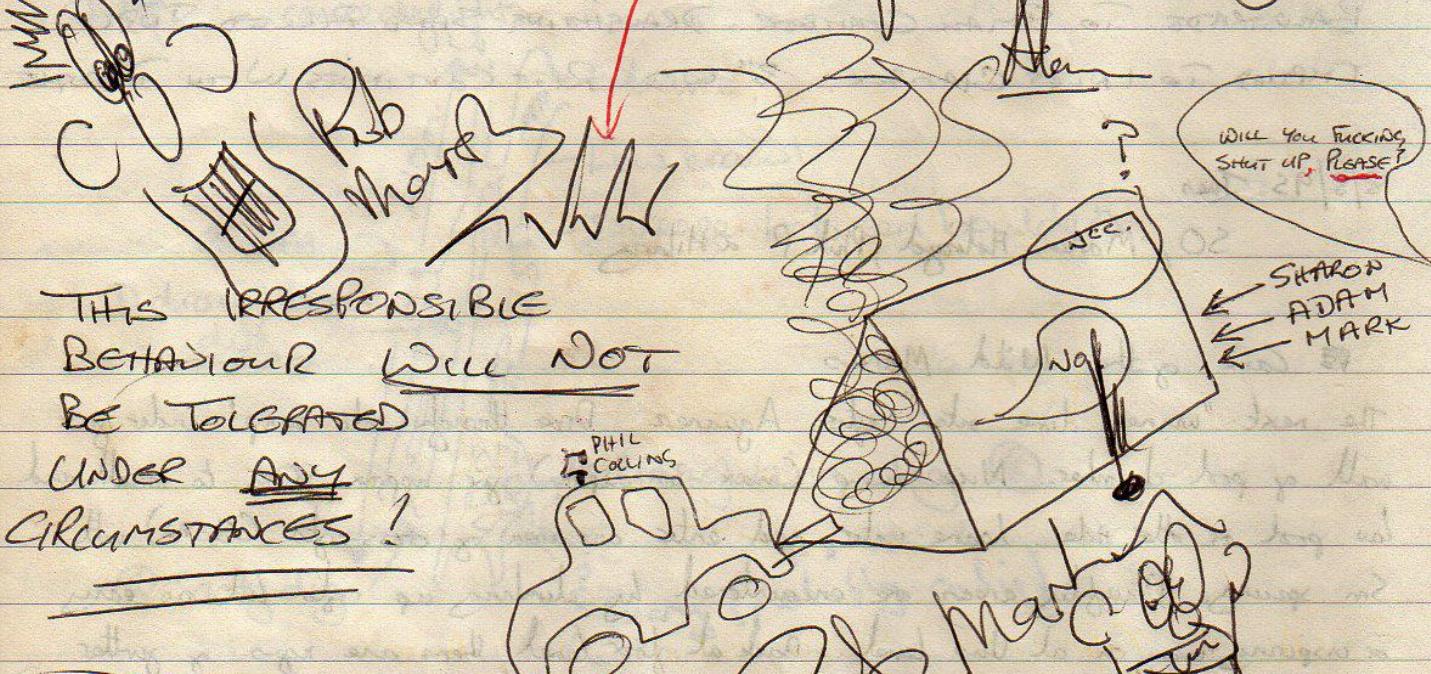
Steve O.

8.8.95 Tues Mark U., A. Spillane  
*do pheasants swim?*

Aguanez, Pleasant swim to Sump 1 and return looking for leads on way out. Passage on right dry way out oxbones back into main stream after 100ft (Steve O. entered on 7th). Inlets not explored due to cold.

Ding Dong!  
Angry fucker came  
calling!

Aren't in roof noted approx. half way up 4ft & 2ft  
away with a small amount of water entering.



NOT noise

Luger (Alias A. Pinge) Smith Jowls  
Mark - Danny Bradshaw  
Hagan - Ballocks!!  
Red Lambert Danny Bradshaw  
Uli Rothkopf Ballocks!!

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"Make as much noise as you like  
but not near our tent.

Toby + Jane. ex.  
Lugger. AD.

Pete O'Neil.

Irish Bastard!!

6th Aug. Cofresnedo Sarah, Sarah, Jane, Angela  
Photo trip & general look round - Angela Hare is  
now called Angela Sheep as she found a sheep's skull  
accessory to wear! Jane

7th Aug.

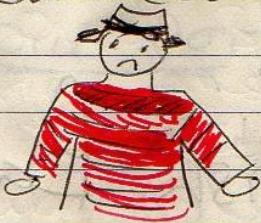
8th Aug.

Paul & Patrick set off to find  
the entrance to 'Biggo' but after  
3 hours of sweat, thorns, swearing, shit  
falling over & getting lost they failed  
miserably in their attempt. (They were  
too knackered when they got there in  
the end & returned to their wives)

for fun & sympathy? (But they  
didn't get any!)

So what's the point in letting them  
out to play? They can't cope without  
~~up~~ their minders.

(By the way, did you like  
Patrick's churro impression?)



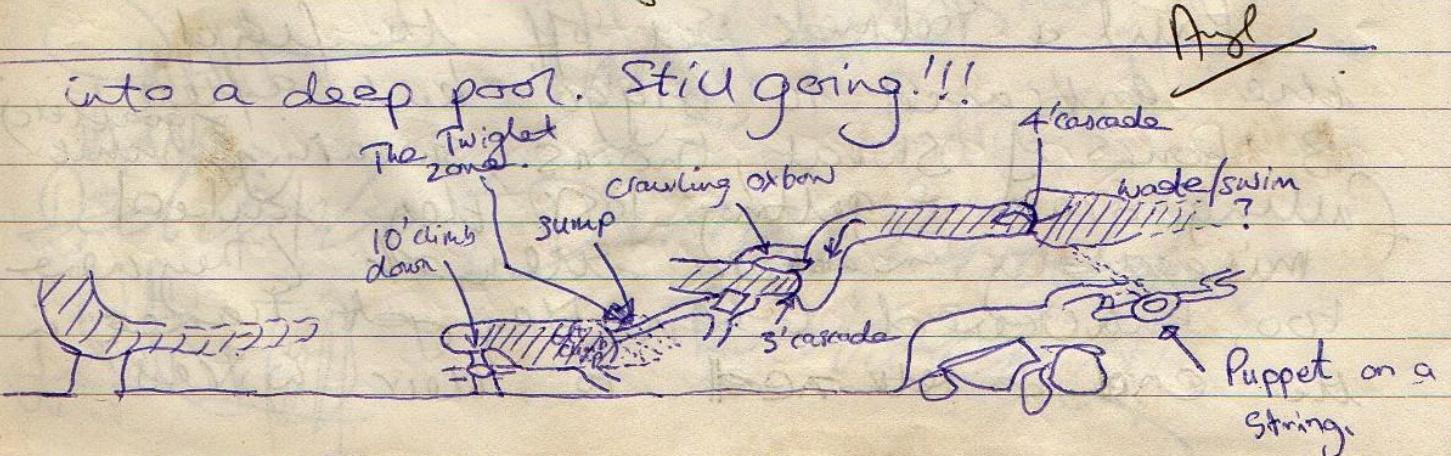
Ranada . 8<sup>th</sup> August 95 .

Sarah, Candy, Dave, Mike, Ange.

Pleasant trip to breakdown chamber via stuffed Monk  
and various other passages!

Warning: small brown snake seen on the path to the  
entrance - Candy sorted it out!

into a deep pool. Still going!!!



3<sup>rd</sup>-Aug Berada III Pete Hall, Paul Stacey, Ali, Neil, Neil Pacey.

Went back to the boulder chamber at the end of Berada. Removed the jammed boulder which was stopping up (last time (5 pages back) with a rope and sling. After a few attempts Paul Managed to squeeze 10 foot down a narrow rift to a small opening below. The noise of the stream was emerging from a 4 inch wide rift enlarging to 8" after a foot or two. Opposite, a squeeze along an oval tube led past two tight corners which Paul dug out and got too tight. Meanwhile Pete spent a couple of hours trying to widen the roaring rift with a hammer and chisel but to no avail. The ten foot squeeze back up on the way ~~out~~<sup>out</sup> was desperate and was only possible with a foot loop belayed to an Italian hitch at the top. (~~Puppet on a string~~ dig). ~~He~~

Meanwhile Neil & Ali had looked at a climb down to water. Pete re-examined this and found a roomy scup with twilit like Chert on the walls. Above was the "Twilight Zone" a narrow crawl went over the top after removing a boulder with rope & sling with the sound of the main stream getting louder this led after 30ft to an above in the side of the main steamway 8' wide 10' high. A crawling shoxbow led past a deep plunge pool and a 3' cascade. 50' of walking and wading led to a 4' cascade and a wade

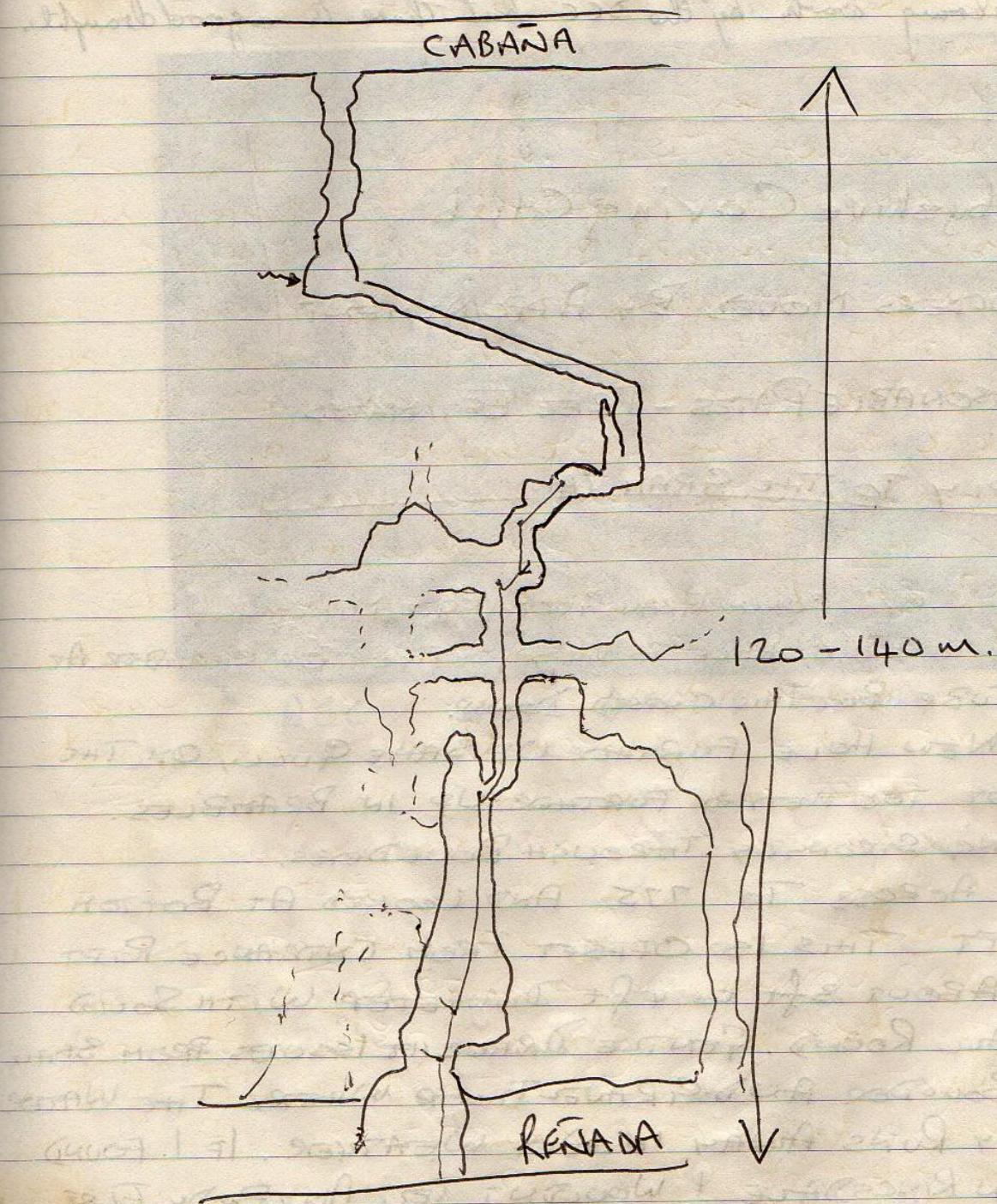
7<sup>th</sup> Aug - Renada - Tim A, Dave O, Colin W.

To continue the work of Big Nose and Toby on the over in Stuffed Monk.

All three of us ascended to the top of the rope where a ledge that had been dry on the last visit was now splashed by a small inlet. Dave + Colin traversed to another ledge on the left to keep dry while Tim bolted up alongside the water. Only 3 bolts were needed to gain a rock bridge where the rope was tied off. From here a rump ascended a short way to a <sup>small</sup> chamber and this in turn led to a twin over with the inlet water falling down one of them. A 10m free climb gained the top where a steeply ascending tube with a narrow trench in the floor led off. The keyhole passage led for 30m or so to a further over, with the inlet issuing from a tiny crack at the bottom. The 25m over was free climbed although not recommended. At the top a flat roof could be seen which continued into passage both ways. Footprints were immediately spotted and it was no ~~surprise~~ surprise to find Cabana as expected. But as Toby said "think of it as extending Cabana by 40km" however he had forgotten that Vattine was still to be connected into the equation.

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Sketch of connection -



Wed 9/8/95 Ray, Neil & Ange went to 1017 for a bit  
of a dig, unfortunately, the boulders need some serious  
engineering work by the D.C.C. but there is a good draught.

### Derbyshire Caving Club

BOULDERS MOVED BY APPOINTMENT

REASONABLE RATES - FREE ESTIMATES

APPLY TO THE GRAN VAN

9/8/95 D.C.C. COLIN GRAN GEOFF KATE MIKE  
RETURNED TO D.C.C. HOLE TO DIS SANDY FLOOR OF CHAMBER AT  
END OF TUBE BUT THIS CLOSED DOWN.

FOUND NEW HOLE FURTHER UP SAME GULLY ON THE  
LEFT ABOUT 100 METRES FURTHER UP IN BRAMBLES.

DRAUGHTING STRONGLY THROUGH BOULDERS.

WALKED ACROSS TO 775 AND LOOKED AT BOTTOM  
OF SHAFT. THIS IS OFFSET FROM ENTRANCE RIFT  
AND IS ABOUT 3ft TO 4ft DIAMETER WITH SOLID  
WALLS ALL ROUND. GENTLE DRAUGHT ISSUES FROM SMALL  
HOLE IN BOULDER AND GRANITE FLOOR WHERE THE WATER  
OBVIOUSLY RUNS AWAY IN WET WEATHER. IF I FOUND  
THIS HOLE IN KINGSDALE I WOULDN'T TELL ANY BODY ELSE  
ABOUT IT - 2-3 PERSON EASY DIG (AND SAFE)

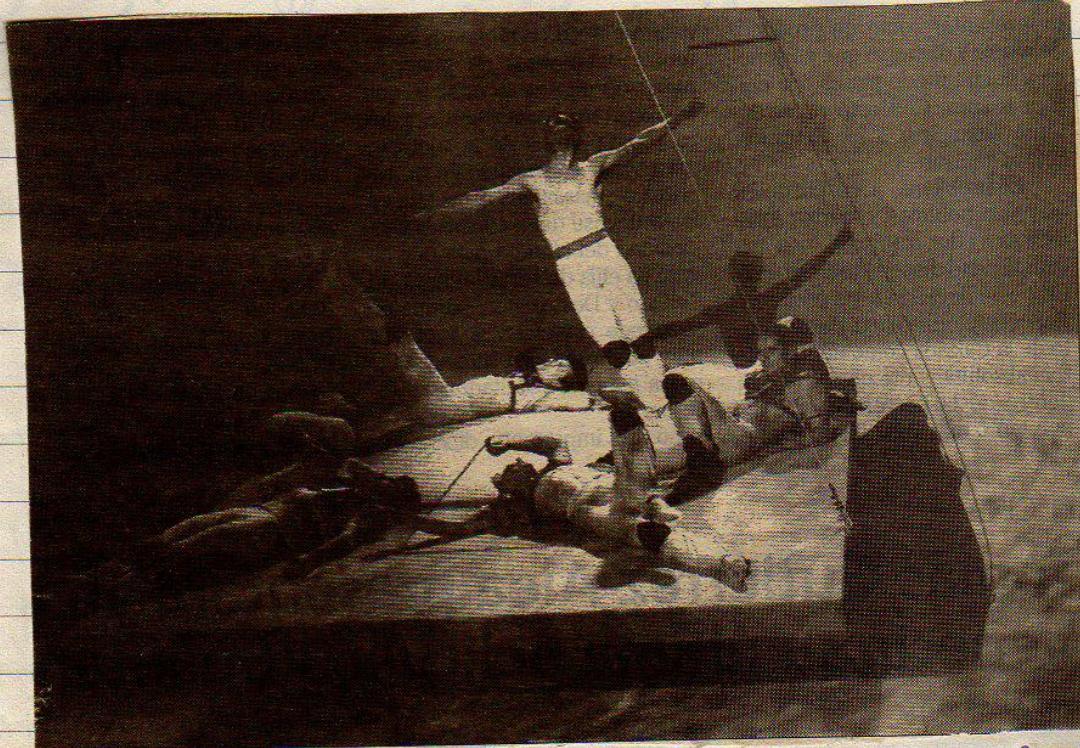
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485 - Slight ~~DEFINITE~~ DEFINITE DRAUGHT - SANDY DIG



D.C.C SANDY DIGGING TEAM

WE'S AVIN WUN O' THEM NEKST  
YEAR!



Renada III bouldering exercise prior to Giga Hall climb

Montijo 10/8/15

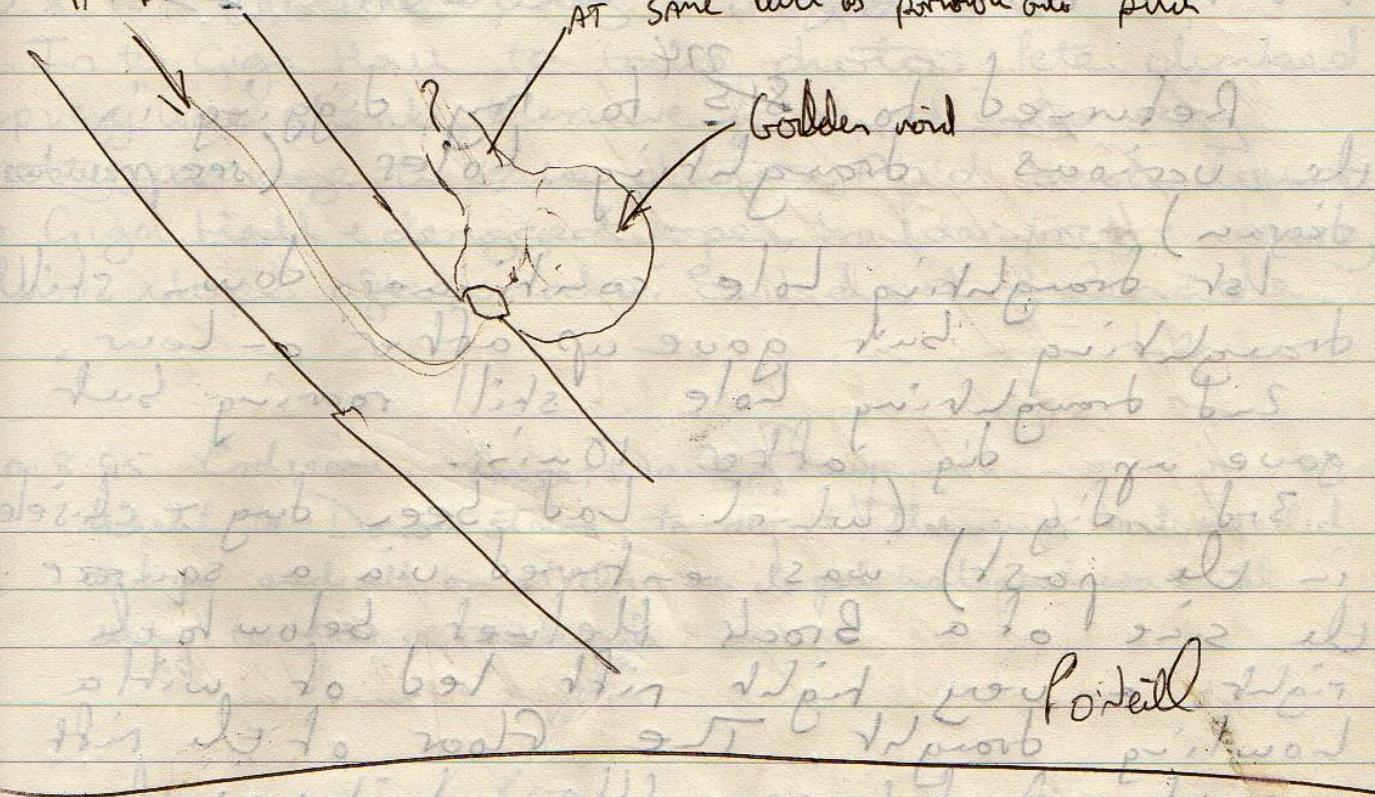
Ian, Dave, Dick, Mark Wright, Adam, Pete O'Neill  
tourist trip too wonderland, well worth a trip  
superb formations yellow trip. However on way out  
at top of Golden void pitch a passage was seen at  
same level as window onto G,V pitch a traverse  
on flakes / ledges probably easy see diagram, thus  
possibility is well worth following up bearing in mind  
that upper levels drought out e lower levels drought in  
so where is drought coming from?

Last Report

W Direction

AT same level of port hole onto pitch

Golden wind



1.30 AM. GRANVILLE D.C.C.

Asked for a plate of smoked ham and bread  
UNFORTUNATELY PLATINOS (HAMOS) MEANS 3 BANANAS  
AND THE CHAIRMAN WAS NOT IMPRESSED

SO MUCH FOR ONE YEAR SPANISH LANGUAGE CLASSES  
TRUE CULPABLES

U FAT BAST-L-?

9-8-95 Peter T Egan, Liz Cowell

774

~~815~~

Returned to ~~815~~<sup>774</sup> to try digging in  
the various draughting holes. (see previous  
diary)

1st draughting hole continued down still  
draughting but gave up after a low.  
2nd draughting hole still rooming but  
gave up dig after 10 min.

3rd dig (which had been dug + chiseled  
in the past) was entered via a squeeze  
the size of a Brock Helmet below to the  
right a very tight rift led off with a  
howling draught. The floor of the rift  
was cleared of loose rubble and it was then  
possible to squeeze through and drop about  
3ft & onto a false floor at the  
top of a rift, after just a few metres  
the top of a 16m pitch is reached  
dropping into a chamber/passage?.

Having only one ladder and no  
bolting lict the pitch wasn't dropped.

The next two hours were spent  
opening the rift to a more reasonable  
size (but still tight).

Surveyed out 80ish metres. To be  
continued

Peter T Egan.

Transport Petri

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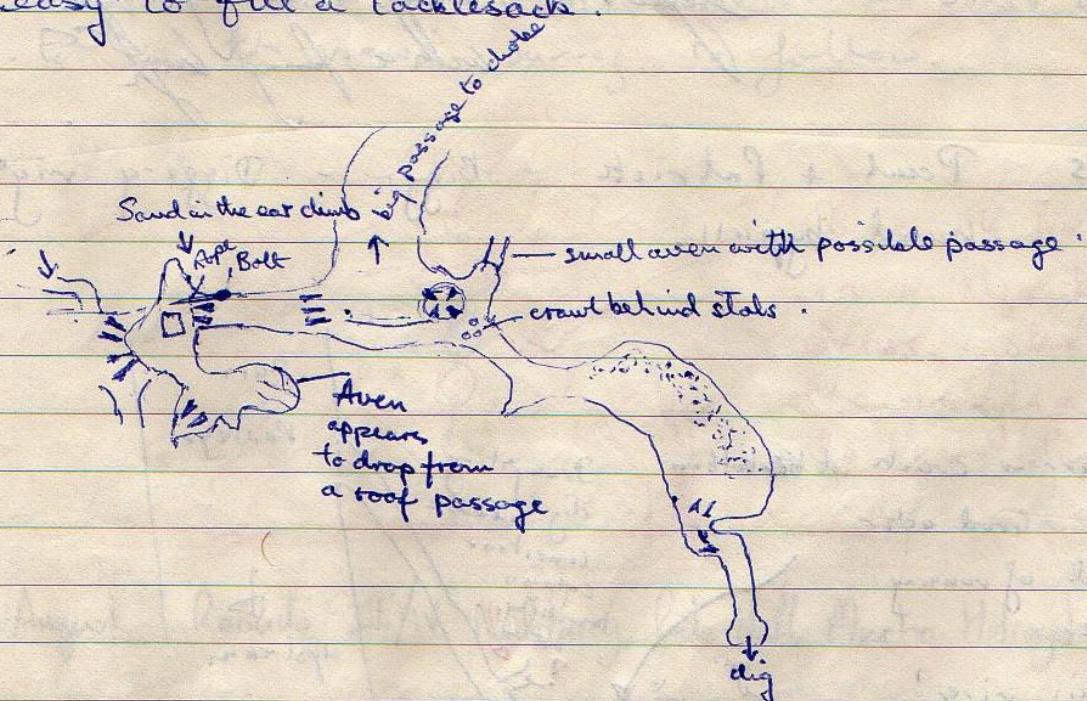
10.8.95. Ali, Pete & Liz. Arpilicueta

Arpilicueta

In to Giga Hall to take photos, Pete climbed up very long climb, then we followed into very pretty passage to take photos. Ab'd back down to Giga Hall + denigged rope, boulders/rocks coming down slope afterwards. Exited out of Renâde Liz.

10.8.95 Codicera Ange, Dave, Day.

Went to Dawn stairs, to dig at the end but needed a tray and all on electric as it got hot and was not easy to fill a tacklesack.



10-AUG-95 763 - P. Stacer, T. Aran, A. Range

DIG DRAUGHTING U.WELL. HOLE IN FLOOR LOCATED BUT MOST OF WINDS EMERGING FROM ELSEWHERE. DIG RIFT OVER TOP OF 'HOLE' WITH GOOD PROGRESS AFTER ONLY AN HOUR. NEEDS A RETURN



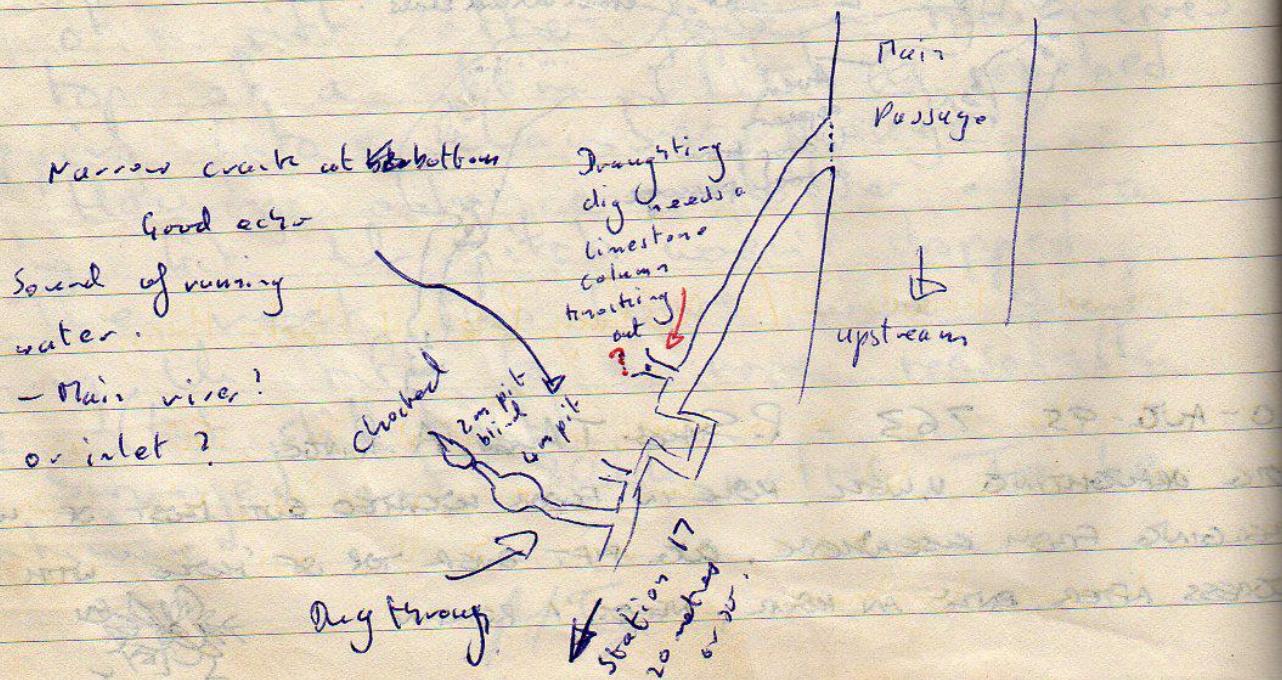
# NOT READING A COMPLAINT!

THE NIGHT/FRI MORNING BUT AN OBSERVATION

It has been noted by members of the DCC ("The people who grubbed the fucking shower garden") that that Geordie Lake has been noticed by a number of members that to her back typically in a shower curtain with a young girl with medium length blonde hair and glasses and they scowled at ~~her~~ on they out saying "the shower is free." (giving away)

Sept. 1. Reddish earth soil  
with a few large

11-8-95 Paul + Patrick - Biggo - Digging right hand bypass.



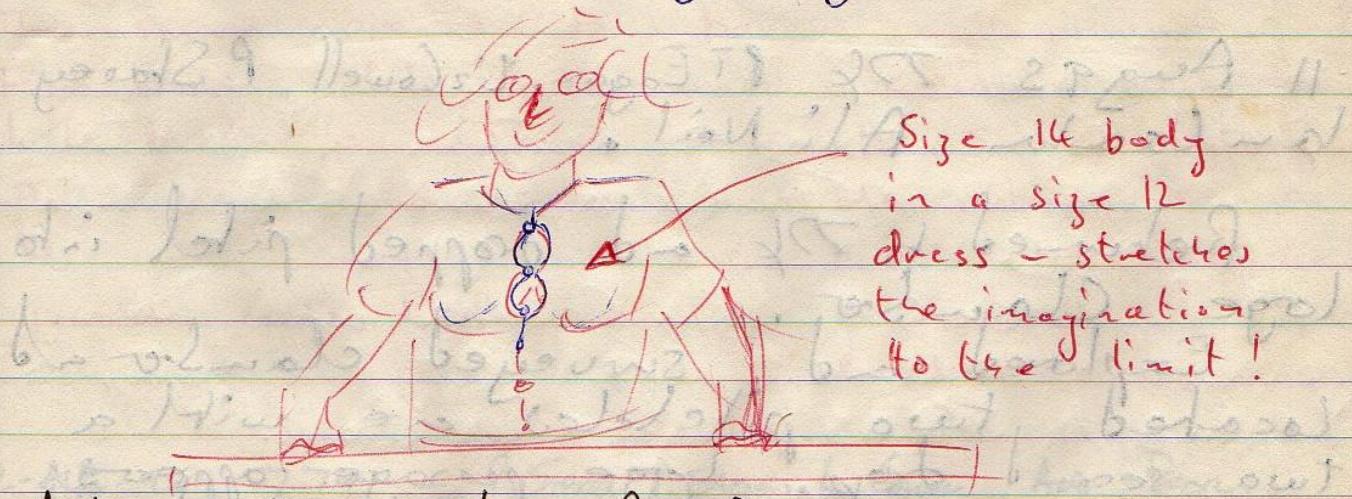
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TONIGHT

11/95 sum month,

PABLO JOINED THE  
NCC.  
~~But didn't buy a room).~~

Lluvia bar - Bar Rosario - worth visiting  
to see the views. Survey to follow.



Size 14 body  
in a size 12  
dress - stretches  
the imagination  
to the limit!

10<sup>th</sup> August Renada III/IV Neil Pacey, Pete Hall, Martin Holroyd.

Continued exploration of Stream passage in Renada IV. 150m of  
Sparkling passage led to two areas of boulder choke. Main water  
appears to well up out of a sump. Small inlet through boulder  
choke. Requires lump hammer for further progress.

N. Pacey

11 August 1995.

Michael Heard of the Plymouth Caving Group  
who visited Matengo in 1989 and  
1994 expeditions died of cancer  
aged 38 today.

Bobby Catherine,  
President PCG

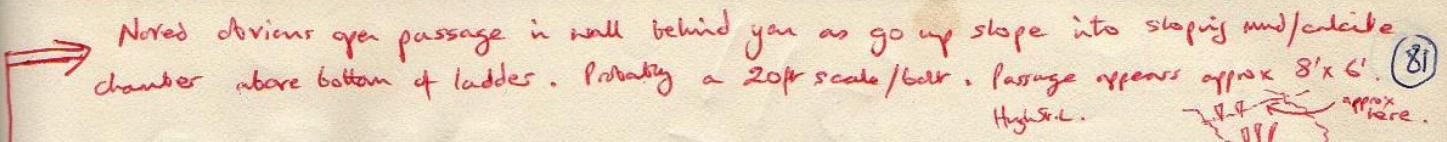
A very good friend and a competent  
+ helpful caver

11 Aug 95 77x PT Egan, Liz Cowell, P Stacey  
in caver Ali Neil.

Returned to 77x and dropped pitch into  
large chamber.

Explored and surveyed chamber and  
located two pitchches one with a  
two secnd drop. Large passage appears  
to go to a boulder choke and other  
short passages close down quickly.

As 77x was in progress (months)  
and with the return of Liz Cowell, porting  
the front half went to go to the rear of  
the caving with us until fresh camped with  
Garden

→ Noted obvious open passage in wall behind you as go up slope into sloping mud/calcite chamber above bottom of ladder. Probably a 20ft scale/bed. Passage appears approx 8'x6'.  
High S.L. 

12<sup>th</sup> August Quevau Huéva Big O' [888] [882] shown

Neil, Angela, Ian, Hugh, Tim, Adam, Martin.

Aim to dive downstream Sump,

Drysuit was worn needing additional layers.

all gear was taken to dive site efficiently

Dive followed down shaft! through Boulders  
into a number of dead ends, surfaced and  
attempted another approach in the far right  
hand corner of Sump pool - P. Pounds  
original line was found floating loose  
against a number of alcoves - dead ends  
were found -

Max depth 15m visibility 1/2 metre max -

The sump appears to be a continuation of  
the boulder choke and would require either good  
luck to find a way on or for superior lighting -

An eel was seen in the stream course on  
the way out, and we tried to sink Tim.  
- present Martin, Neil.

M. McLeod.

12-AUG-95 774 - P. Street, P. Etienne, L. Cowan, Ari, Pedro

PHOTO + BUSHING TRIP TO BOTTOM SHAFTS FRIED DAY BEFORE. 30m  
SHAFT DROPPED VIA DESCENDING TUBE IN WALL OF CHAMBER LED TO  
A LARGE AVEN WITH DESCENDING RUBBLE SLOPE. A SQUEEZE INTO  
A LITTLE CHAMBER THEN LED TO A <sup>26"</sup> PITCH. OUT OF HERE THE  
DRAUGHT SEEMED TO BE COMING FROM A BIGGABLE CALCITE  
RIFT WITH SPACE BEYOND. RETURNING TO THE TOP OF THE MAIN

CHAMBER A SPLIT 18m PITCH CAVESO IN ANOTHER SMALL CHAMBER WITH SEVERAL WAYS OFF WHICH NEED PUSHING MOST OF WHICH AREN'T VERY BIG. PETE FOUND A FLAT OUT CRANE FOR ABOUT 100m TO A RIFT FLOOR AND A 10m PITCH WHICH SEEMED TO BE BENEATH OUT MOST OF THE DRAUGHT. CAVE DERIGGED.



7-Aug-95 885 - P. Stacer, Ali, Pete Eagen

SWUNG INTO WINDOW PART WAY DOWN FIRST PITCH INTO PARALLEL RIFT AND A TIGHT LOOSE PITCH AT THE BOTTOM WAS FOUND. THIS DOESN'T APPEAR TO CONNECT TO THE MAIN CHAMBER AND NEEDS TO BE DROPPED. A DUG AT THE BOTTOM, LED THAT TO A LARGISH CHAMBER COMPLETELY CLOSED. THE DRAUGHT APPEARS TO COME FROM THE FLOOR. MOST OF THE ROOM IS A LARGE PASSAGE PARTLY CLOSED WITH FILL, BUT PARTLY YASDED OUT BY SMALL STREAM. THE LAYERS IN FILL - MAY BE WORKING FOR DRAFT (TOP 15' PITCH). IT'S ALL.

11th Aug 95. Cabana → Renada 1<sup>st</sup> pull through  
Tim Allen, Mark Wright, Dave Ormond

All the pitches of both Cabana and the connection were left rigged for pull thru, ie. Y hangs, traw lines, slings + maillons.

Pull thru description.

1st pitch (27m) - climb down gully and rig around large tree above head light.

2nd pitch (21m) tight take off. thread + bolt belay.

3rd pitch (8m) traverse line down to lower ledge 2 bolts.

~~11d~~

4<sup>th</sup> pitch 6m - sling around thread (probably counted as part of the 38m pitch originally.)

5<sup>th</sup> pitch 35m - thread + bolt Y hang. slight rub point 1/2 way down not serious for pull tho.

Approx 150m up the West Wanders is a pit in the floor off to the right of the main route. An (Ren →) in carbide on the roof and a cairn at the edge mark the spot.

6<sup>th</sup> pitch 29m - two slings on rock pinnacle.  
 — scramble 20m down small steep keyhole passage.  
7<sup>th</sup> pitch 10m - sling thru thread in floor of keyhole.  
 — climb up + down into small chamber. free  
 — climb down 4m ramp to rock bridge and  
 — next pitch.

8<sup>th</sup> pitch 28m - thread + bolt belay. — descend more open side of rock bridge (by thread) to moonmilk coated slot. Pass slot to find bolts for next pitch below.

9<sup>th</sup> pitch 39m - 2+ bolts. This is a hanging belay with only enough room for 2 people with toes on nubbles on wall. Therefore advise both pitches rigged with pull thru ropes. 1st down riggs both - last down deriggs both.

Tackle requirements - double 35m rope (60m)  
 double 40m rope (80m)

Tim Allen.

14/8/95

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311 (C THREE BANANAS IF IT GOES).

Return to Drawbridge Hole after allowing  
a few years & see - post amateur  
digging effects.

Several days of concentrated assault  
by DCC & friends has resulted in significant  
horizontal ~~street~~ development.

At the time of writing this  
is restricted to enlargement of shaft  
diameter.

Many large boulders have been  
removed.

This is now a prime

SITE

TO BE

DERIVED

NEXT

YEAR

1995!!

LUGGER

Good effort!

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TOBY

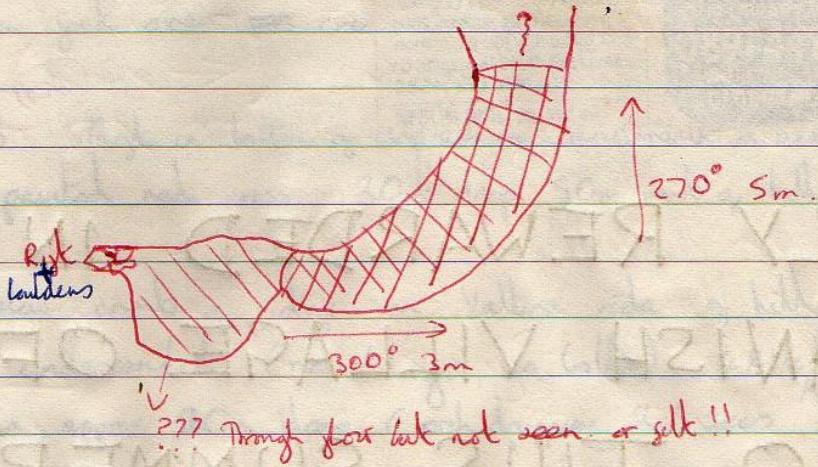
13  
14/8/95 Famous Fire Cave.  
Reconnaissance at Entramtasagueas

1072

SO, Phil Transp.

SO, PP, CC, H St. L, Ian.

Return to end sump to look in rog tube above the sump. However this place failed miserably so sump was dried by SO. Short  $\frac{3 \times 2 \text{ m dia}}{8 \text{ m long}} \text{ long}$  to flooded right with  $2 \text{ m}$  air space. Reefs ahead is blocked with boulders and no way on below water was seen, taking into account the bad vis.



14/8/95 D.C.C. CAVES LBN GRANVILLE TASH

311 TIDYING UP OPERATION. BUILT LOW WALL AND COVERED SHAFF WITH BEAMS AS BEST WE COULD

DEPTH APPROX 5 MTR; DIAMETER 2 MTR - SOLID WALLS ARE ROUND, CLAY & POWDER FLOOR  
MEASURED FOR SCAFFOLDING FRAME TO ACCOMMODATE WINDSCREEN  
NEXT YEAR.

STILL DRAUGHTS VERY STRONGLY

ANNUAL NTH

DAILY SPORT

# FIVE YEARS FOR KINKY CAVEMAN

# SEARCH

FINALLY REWARDED IN THE  
SMALL SPANISH VILLAGE OF  
MATIENZO THIS SUMMER!!

NO NAMES! NO PACK-DRILL!

13/8/95 SO, CC & IAN

Walk from Alisias to Arpilacela area.  
Didnt quite make it to Arpic due to severe rock formation. But, however, GPS'd several sites on or near ridgeline (mostly on the Valtine side incidentally!)

Wpt A (1073) 1x 2/3m shaft covered by boulders ~ 30ft deep. 20m east of fence just over ~~the~~ crest of hill on ridge. 4758 9414 (690m)

Wpt B (1074) Rest on bottom of depression underneath a head shaped rock. Marked by a painted red cross. 20ft deep 50m west of hill top. 4775 9394 (600m!)

~~150~~m below crest of ridge on Valtine side of hill!! Found on walk back looks undescended (no ledges, no bolts) 4814/9351 Circular hole 2m dia, approx 30m deep (rock dropping 2.5 secs.) (1075)

14/8/95 P: Egan, P: Stacey, L: Cowell, Ian Lawton.

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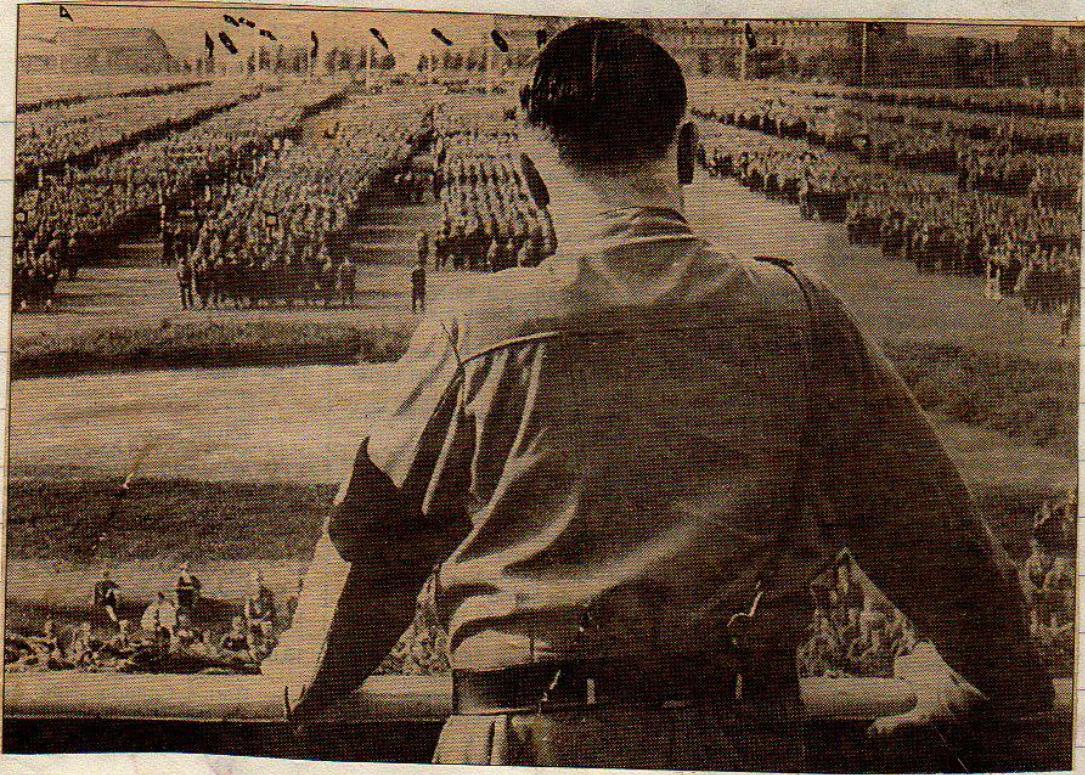
Returned to flat out crawl visited 13/8/95 (added two Spits to second + third pitch)  
Note / Head of second pitch needs care.  
Pitch seen previously was descended but appears tight but a short traverse right gains a passage leading to a juxta left hand branch is two metre deep climb down tight RH branch continue crawling in sandy/pebbly crawl for ~~the~~ 200 metres with a chamber of both right with possible dig, and a rift with a climb down which

becomes tight. The end of the passage  
is a crawl up sand ad easy climb up  
 $45^{\circ}$  to the head of a pitch (25ft approx)  
in to a larger area of black washed  
limestone and a good draft. Before the  
climb up there is also a good dig  
in the floor.

On returning to the bottom of the  
second pitch the flat out crawl was  
found to carry on near the bottom of  
the pitch. Peter.



- 1) Tortosa Valline team knocks down Andy P returning from bar.
- 2) Pope John Paul's security teams gals yet again.
- 3) Tomorrows World team tests ~~the~~ prototype P.T.F.E. coated car for reducing injuries to pedestrians



- 1) Paul Stacey informs the expedition members of the rise in expedition fees, and if you're under 14 you can pay double!
  - 2) Juan addresses the expedition members.
  - 3) Pablo contemplates serving the whole expedition with Sd y Sombras.
- 4) Pablo - "Oh gods... the Bloody English have arrived again"
  - 5) Pablo contemplates the queue forming outside the restaurant
  - 6) DCC digging team briefing.
- Adolfo briefs troops before blitzing Arenal.

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(SEE LOCATION ON MAP Pg 88 BY WILCOX  
BOAT IS LOCATED IN CUEVA HENRY.)

14th August.

Valline, Grotto 100m long, 20m wide.

All - Martin - Hugh - Neil. mostly unreal. R drift  
Photography trip to passage before Snail  
Chamber, Cueva de los elefantes.

Pulled survey leads off Crystal River passage.  
"Bottle flask passage" ends at 42 passage  
and then Coba passage will one lead  
+ left open. This included an interesting  
looking cavern approx 15m high 5m diameter  
draught + could be felt.

15 AUG - 95 TAD

P. STREET, I. LINDEN, J. CHANDLER

DE-RIGGED FROM SECONDO TRAVERSE. SURPRISED TO FIND A PIECE OF "GOOD" ST  
ROPE ON TRAVERSE (P-31m). OUR LOWER BIT OF GAZ'S BROKE A ONE EASY  
LENGTH OF PROGRESS MADE INTO SMALL RIFT - MORE WORK REQUIRED.

15/8/95. 489.

AQ & PETE SMITH.

VISITED CAVE & COLLECTED SEDIMENT SAMPLES. NOTHING  
NEW TO REPORT. VISITED ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE BEHIND LA COUINA  
ON THE WAY BACK & AGAIN NOTHING NEW TO REPORT.

AQ.

15/8/95 (cueva de Gonzalo (14)).

M Holroyd Pedro A. Neill.

Quick trip to check sump for diving prospects.  
Sump constricted but probably shallow & divisible with small gear.  
Used for water supply.

AN.

16-895. Walk from Puerto de Alcasas.

Hugh St. Lawrence N Percy Argie

(Need to check with Tortosa for sites in this area).

New sites: 4736 9456.

- (A) c 10 m shaft & undescended. (capped with blocks. By road) → Mirador. 1076.  
~~(B) 18 m shaft~~ Hanks first discovery (apparently) but not recorded.  
(B) 10 m shaft, overgrown/trees in field. 15m x 5m x 10 m deep. Several small passages at west end, c. 5 m long. 4756 9437  
(Site 637 is near here ~~but~~ & may be same site - but descriptor does not agree. Nothing else seems to exist in this area).

(D) Site 1014. 4 pm. pit at W end of surface rift to S. long leaf-floored pitch, trending  $280^\circ$  (G).

- (C) 3 m. long descending slit on edge of trees. Digable. Slight drift out. Also entrance on same line 5 m O/D from (C), wider opening out. 1077  
(D) 3 m shaft, small tree, undescended. 1078  
(E) 1.8 m. diameter shaft, Poco Toad Grande (See Argie for description). 7 m deep. 1079  
10 way on.

- (F) Shaft c. 5 m deep in cliff, not descended. 1080  
(G) 4 m deep pit by tree just below path. Short rift. 15 m deep into cliff. 1081  
(H) 2 m. shaft, tiny hole at foot. 1082  
(I) Shaft c 8 m. Undescended. In meadow below ~~pitch~~ path 1083  
(J) Shaft c 10 m. " 1084  
(K) Cave 1 m x 2 m. Overgrown " 1085  
(L) 5 m. long rift b m deep in line of outcrops. Choked, diggable. 1086  
(M) Shaft c 5 m deep, below path in meadow. Undescended. 1087  
(N) Big shaft (c 30 m) just above path. ~ 30 m deep. (ECT Site).  
Marked V2 172 (?Exploded by ECT). 1088

CUEO LOCATION ON MAP PROBABLY INCORRECT,  
BUT IS LOCATED IN GPS MEMORY. (93)

(O) Shaft on side of gallery 4 m. square. Undescended. Quite deep  
(~30 m deep). 1089

(P) Shaft c 20 m. deep. Undescended. NOT OUR AREA! 1090

(Q) Pit 4 m. deep by tree just below path. Shaft n/r, 45 m. deep  
into chamber, no draft.

(R) 2 m. shaft, tiny hole at foot.

(I) Shaft c 8 m deep. Undescended. In wood. before path

(J) n ~10m deep. " " "

(K) Cave 1m x 2 m. Unexplored " "

(L) Rift 5 m. long. " "

Q. Shaft, complex, in deep lapiaz, contains trees. Parts  
shallow, but one (under trees) ~30 m deep. Undescended.  
NOT OUR AREA!. 1091

R. Big shaft. <sup>marked</sup> VR 169. Undescended (? explored by ECT) 1092  
SITE 667. c 30 m +. Trees in top. Undescended.

S. Shaft. Tree in top. 3 m x 1.5 m at top. Descended 15 m  
deep ~~descended~~ <sup>surveyed</sup>. Possible hole in one side - couldn't reach  
it with rig used. 1093

T. Cave, 1.5 m x 0.5 m. Unexplored. Possibly Drafting. 1094

U. Cave 10 m wide x 4 m high. c 15 m long. Unexplored  
crawl on right hand side in entrance. 1095

V. Cave, 5 m slope. Unexplored. Cool. In pit below track. 1096

W. Shaft, <sup>12 m</sup> ~~10 ft~~ deep. In small grassy opening 3 m. s. of  
path. Undescended 1097

X. Shaft c 15 m deep, covered with pile of rocks, by track, Undescended. 1098

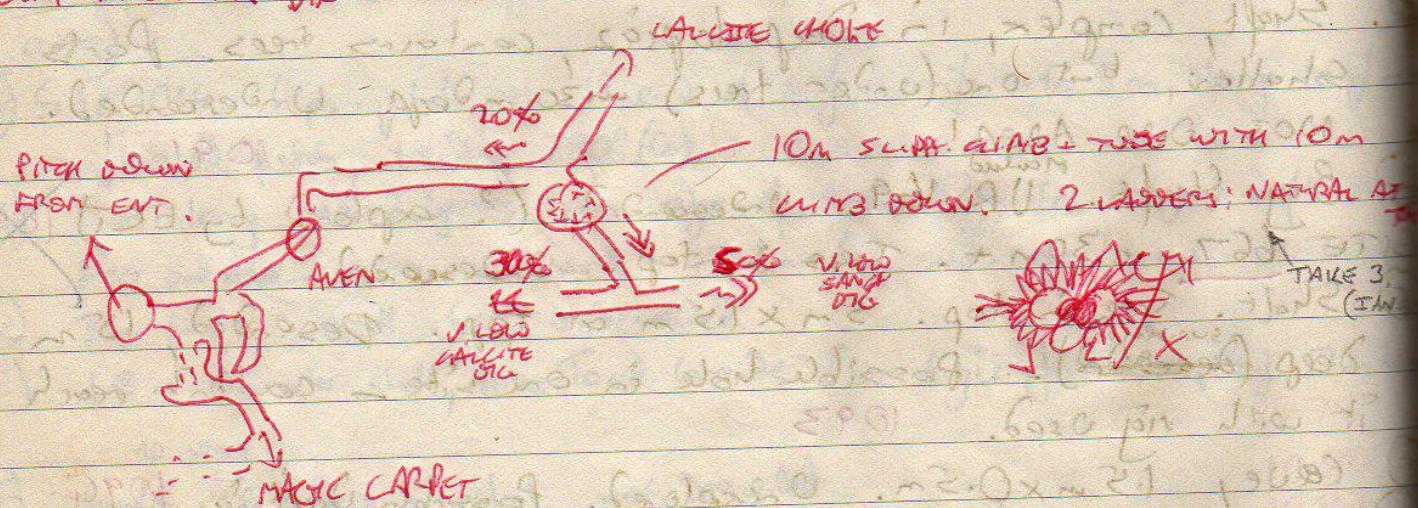
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Steve O'address

37 Ferndale Rd, Wavertree, L17 0QH  
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16-AUG-95 774 - P. Street, Candy, I. Lawton.  
Push up tube on LHS before 'magic carpet'. ~90m of bits & pieces.  
Main way on R/H/S to be v. draughty pit in front ~~west~~ after  
20m away from town. Needs several ladders to reach floor below  
below from top via natural.



P.S. Bottom of ZM (Se. 15A) best rigged with SRF + sharp lead.

(1100) 18.8.95 New entrance (unexplored). Past first hairpin on road to Smoothie. Follow up to where road bears right. Fields on left. Entrance on slope ~~at~~ left of field next to fence in small grassy depression. Thick ref. is 5170 4797.9 (May IX-30). Hayw. L.

10/18/95 Torca del Rayo del Sol. Hugh, Pedro, Jane Andy, Ian C.  
Went to look at dig in bulldozed crawl down meadow. Appear  
to have been dug already (by Spanish?). Goes to (Jane says)  
"There's not much point in you writing this because I haven't been there."

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~~15/7/95~~ Uvetea tip?

→ Crawl container to enlargement with hand-hammered hole in floor to descending tube and mud choke. Crawl over hole in floor to climb down to gravel choke. Small passage back underneath to mud choke. Larger area and rift above final gravel choke may be accessible with climbing/bolting gear, but no noticeable draught. Basically, a bit of a shit hole and no obvious way on. Far far from far, far from far, far too unimportant to bother with again (Sandbagged by Mr. T.C. Corri).

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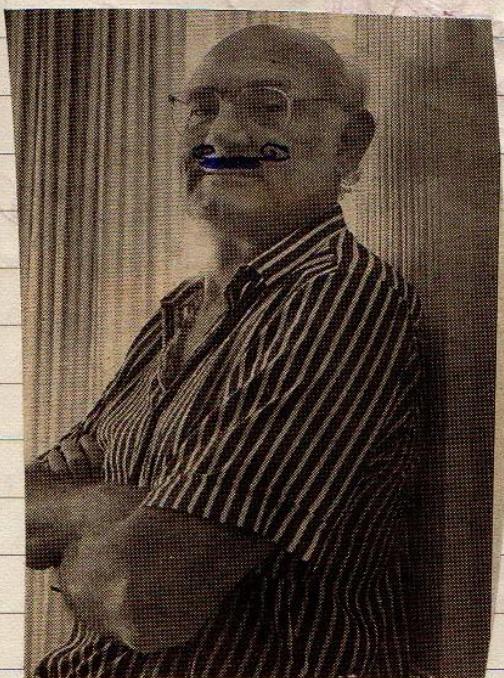
~~Friday~~

much as I did because of the thoughts & emotions that  
were along with this all week. I don't know what has been the real  
and only for the moment - steady toward abortion had gone down  
again though on Sat, was still feeling the stress of your estate being  
in my way of it - so you made another attempt (it's planned  
as biological) into the office of Washington on my part  
(and) I am

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Here O survivors. Ho damage to the tackle store after yet another  
late night party



← A smug cunt.



HIGH DISCOVERS

200 KILOMETRES

BUNGEE

PHEN, MANAGED  
TO GET OUT OF  
THAT FRESHED  
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TO GRAB

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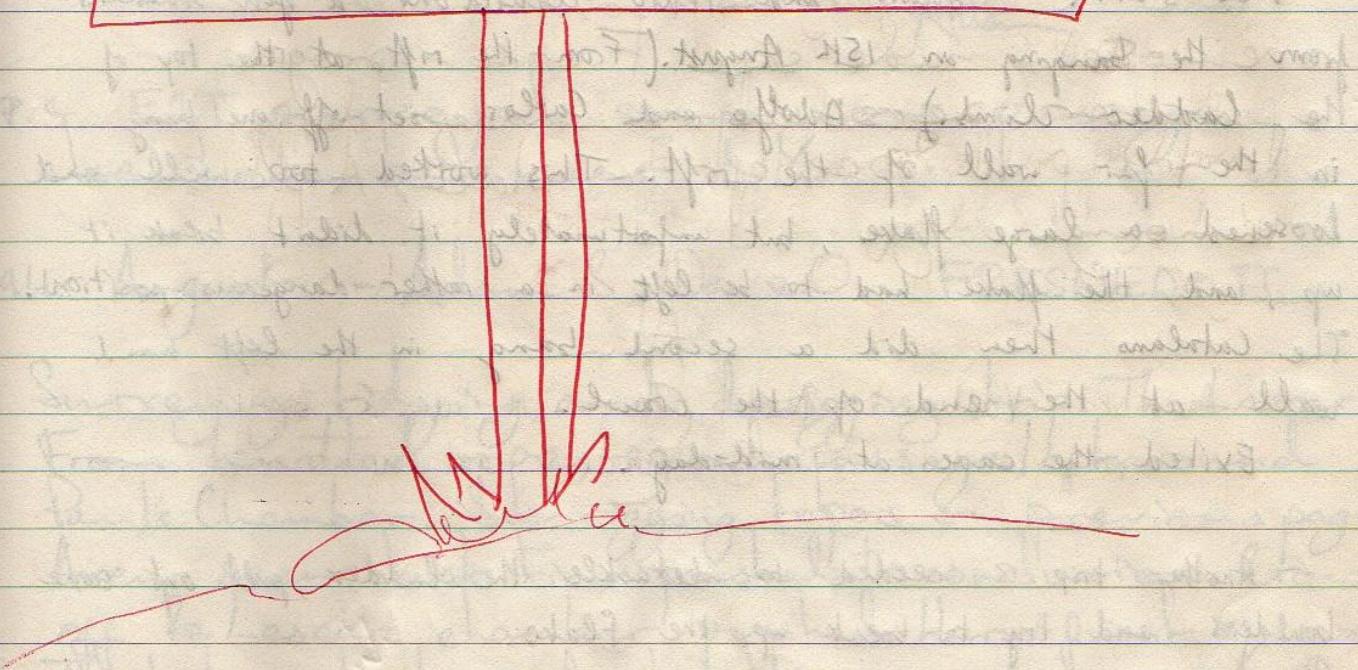
AND RETURN TO



MATICENO.

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WOT NO BEC!?!?



OA

19th August Arenal - Adolfo, Carlos, Juan, P. Smith

9.00 start. Juan and Pedro cleared out a few boulders from the banging on 15th August. (From the rift at the top of the ladder climb.) Adolfo and Carlos set off one bang in the far wall of the rift. This worked too well and loosened a large flake, but unfortunately it didn't break it up, and the flake had to be left in a rather dangerous position. The Catalans then did a second bang in the left hand wall at the end of the crawl.

Exited the cave at mid-day.

Another trip is needed to detackle the ladder, pull out some boulders and try to break up the flake.

The Catalans promise to continue blasting at future dates.

16th August Valentine - Adam S, Dave O, + SECT

High start after fiesta in Hazas, very steady trips with full body condom stops (on+off), and a long food shop and waiting for parties to reunite. A+D acted as ferrets pointed in any direction with Espeleo Club Tortosa Topographia backup. In NY 25m pitch dropped to mud choke, off NY much interconnecting sandy crawling with no way out that we found, unsurveyed choke in continuation of NY pushed to vertical squeeze requiring combined

(OB)

tactix or a bolt and sling. Very pleasant trip.

Adam

P.S. ECT surveyed some more passage elsewhere but near NY.

19th August - Adam S, Dave O FRESNEDO II

Surveying, tidying, and derigging trip. The Lescar. From knotted rope, second passage left, round Paul's Chamber. See rigging photos on previous pages. Even seen last time pushed to conclusion. Crawled off La Lescar chamber pushed from first squeeze, to hole which needs, jumphammer persuading. Passage seen to enlarge beyond, good echo, draught not noticeable.

Adam sees tops  
P.S. One rope left in situ, also two hangers at top of Paul's chamber pitch.

All to send Valline photos to Tortosa.

20.8.95 Tarca de la Rosa Boca. (989). Neil + Hugh. Started dig in sand sand with draught. Good going until rock & calcite boulders - needs big chisel or drill & counter. Small continuation seen beyond. Hard light, sharp, loose place but may be worth pursuing the good draught.

20th August - Arenal Adam S, Pedro, Jane C.

Flake in dangerous position, has been mostly removed, made safe. Further progress requires further persuasion, ladder derigged, bolt and pull rope left in place. A pleasant enough dig.

Adam

21st August Valline Neil P, Angela H, Jane C, Andy P, Ian L.

Tourist trip to Thornton Force - got very lost in the maze on the way in but a brilliant cave. It helped us to get to know about route finding in the cave.

22nd August James Toby walking on mostajo side of Cubija Valley. Walked where the gorse has been recently burnt. Looked at the cliff level but all yawning holes turned out to be minuscule rock shelters. Found one cave near the mostajo track which was a muddy chamber about 2m round & 1m high no draught - no obvious ways out.

# Goodbye to Tortosa Speleo Club!



Psst Steve O's gone  
lets party in the backshed.

washing machine  
man.

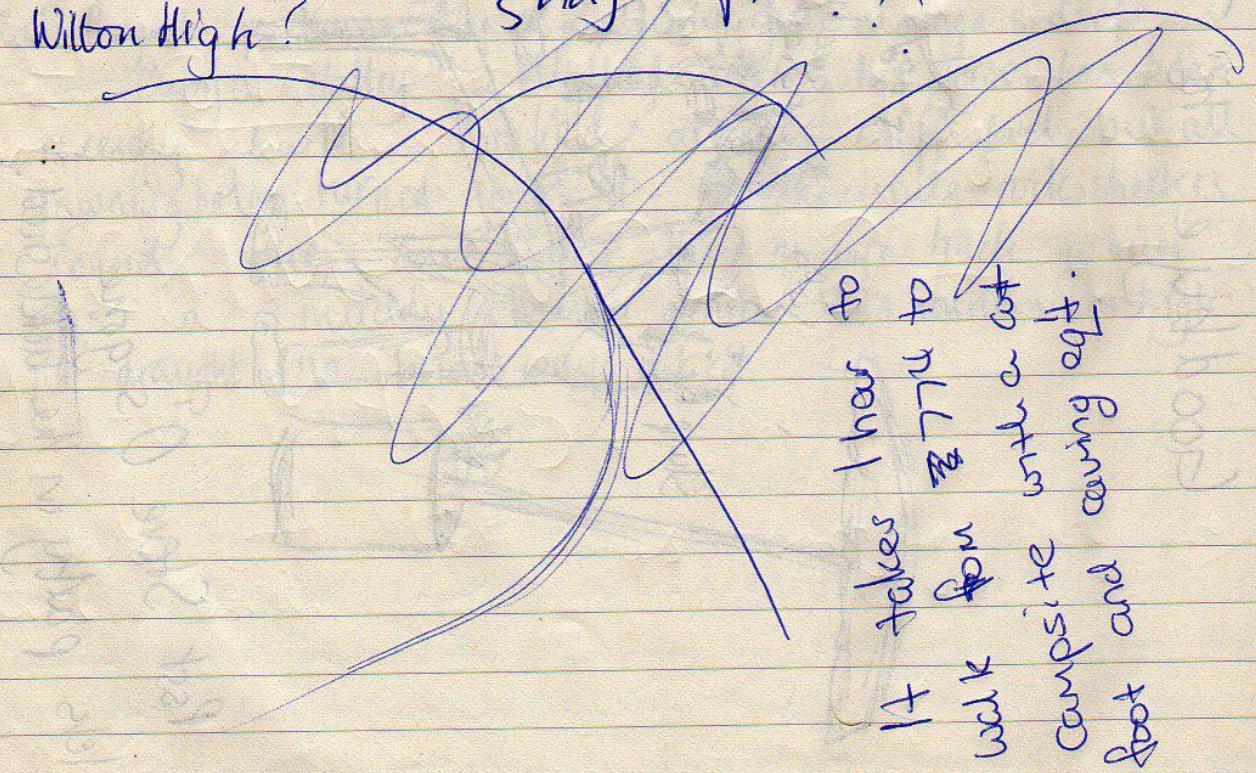
Wednesday 23rd. 774 TANL + ADAMS Dropped Pitch  
at Junction in Flying Carpet Passage. Used 37m rope. To  
from top off ~~\$~~ the big thread, down 6m (freedinked on  
previous trip). Sling round shitty thread, down ramp to bolt,  
drop <sup>1m</sup> to top of chamber; sling - drop to bottom 6m. Rock  
changes to that identical to end of GT series in Regaton -  
interesting. Drought at top of pitch took  $\frac{1}{2}$  way down ~~#~~ into  
small holes (!). Rope in roof of chamber.  
and mud sump too small

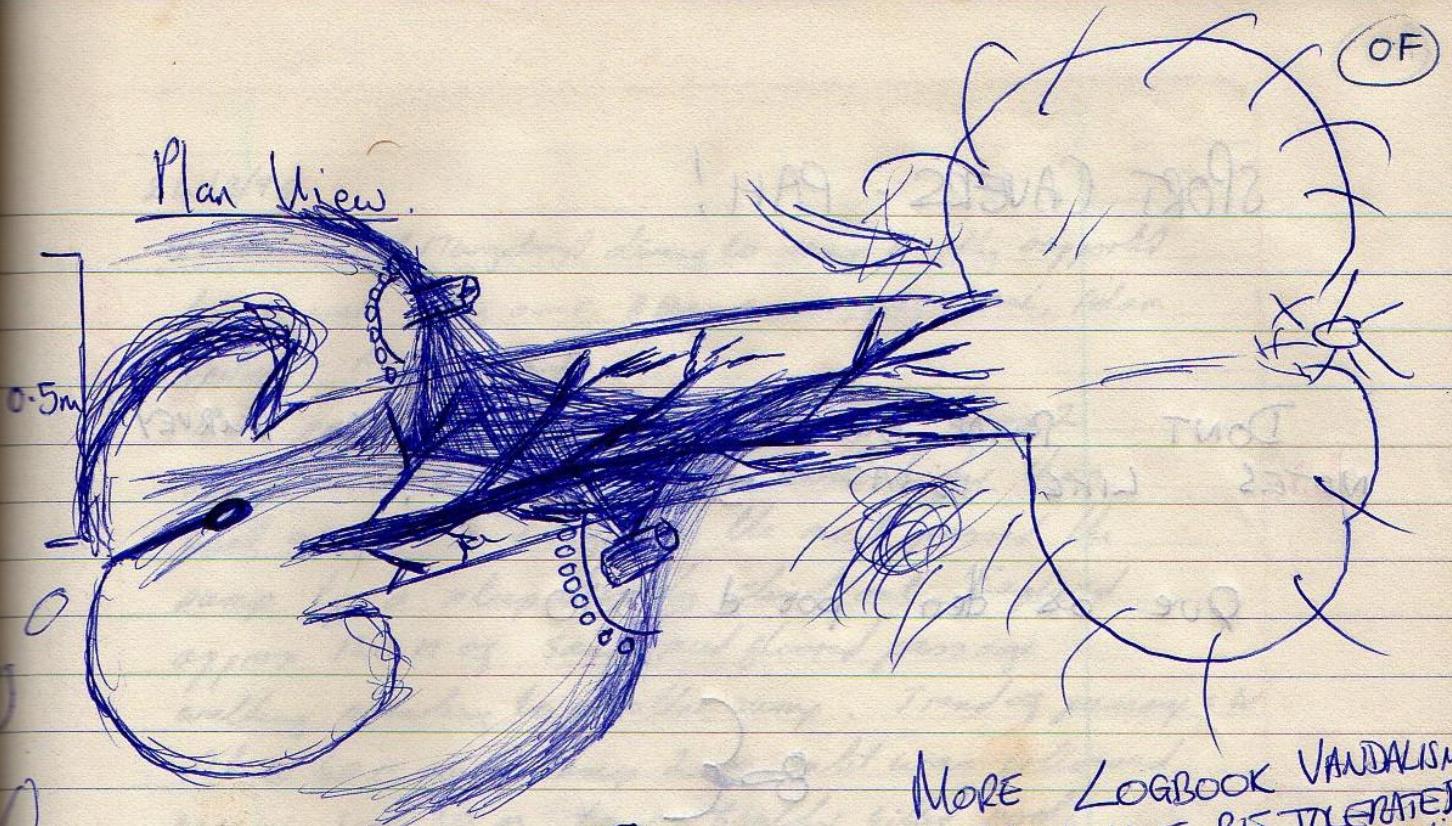
Top of chamber made of soft sticky calcite - Bubblegum Chalk  
anybody know what this stuff is called?

This pitch is called 'Stair-rod to Heaven' to continue the carpet theme? chag Pile? /?

Wilton High?

shag pile?!





Rigging guide.



MORE LOGBOOK VANDALISM  
WILL NOT BE TOLERATED!  
SIGNED Ian

Pitch 1 5m + 18m rope 3 bolts

2 At least 30m rope 3 bolts 1 ladder

Stair rod 2 slings + 1 bolt + approx 35-39m rope

2nd Pitch

one step pins and 10ft 30mm bolt  
digs

IAN C<sup>60</sup>

70

SPORT CAVERS - PAH!

DONT RUN OVER YOUR FUCKING SURVEY  
NOTES LIKE WHAT SANE DID!!!

Que as den por el culo

8-

Twas a nice laid back day walking up  
the Vega. Called at Snows for more mellowing  
out BUT -- not to be. The (non boulder  
choose finding diver) was there talking about

FUCKING VOLVO - AH AH  
NIGHTMARES!!!!

Thanks God that his carrying party are  
still SOBER.

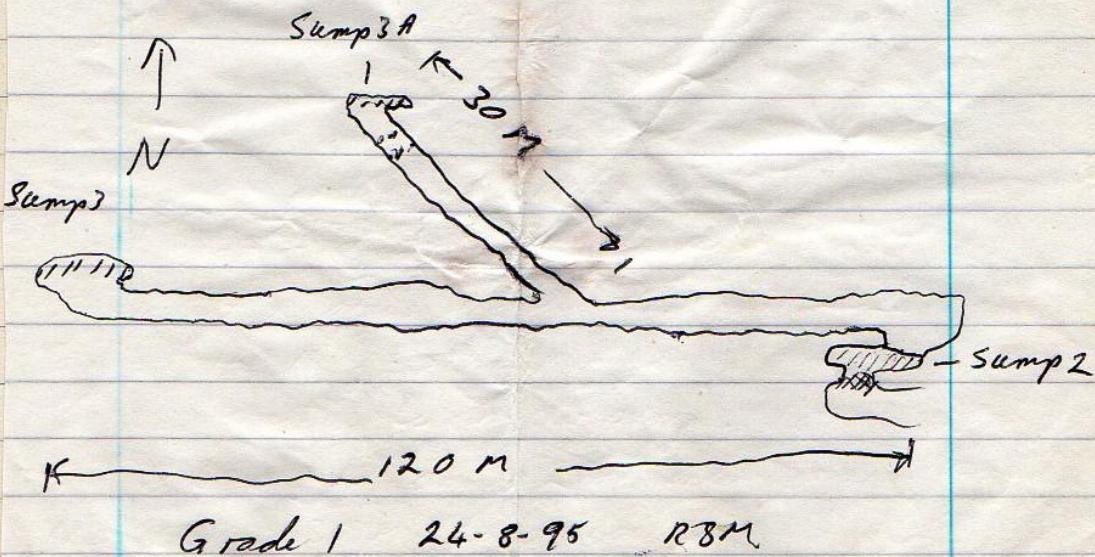
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24/8/95

Volvo. Rob Mungaboy driving to sump 2 ably supported  
D by a well haag our 3 man corin, Toby & Jane, Adam  
Co Spilane, Andy Pringle.

R.M. passed sump 1 and solo away to sump 2. Water levels lower and mud levels higher than last year - a wriggle in the mud passed the sump to a steep muddy climb out. Explored approx 120 m of sand/mud floored passage walking crawling to another sump. Trend of passage = W. At ~ 60 m from sump 2 an inlet was followed NNW for 30 m to a boulder filled pool. let

### Volvo - Persistence of Mud series,



# **MATIENZO CAVES PROJECT**