

LOGBOOK

Year: 1997

Season: Easter

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Juan Corrin, January 2015

EASTER '97

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23/3/97 Juan, Penny & Jennifer to Cuatibim.
Eventually found it in the place where
Nigel suggested it really was 2 years ago.
(Needs GPSing for accurate entrance position).
Took a couple of photos and found nothing while
metal detecting.

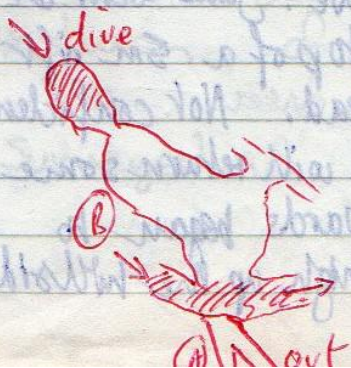
25/3/97

Toby, Jane, Ramon, Olga & Juan to Hoyuca.
Dropped pitch at end of Wardrobe Passage. Slipping
climbs led to open chamber with a survey
station in it from 01/08/86 (No 15).
Juan remembers having been here before!

26/3/97

Toby, Jane, Ramon, Olga.
Walking on Enoso. Found nothing new. Got
sunburnt.

27/3/97. Rupert, Pete O'Neill, Pete Smith, Steve M, Andy Q, Juan into
Molino with bottles. Water very low. Pete O'Neill climbed
up to holes at (B) ending at a dig
with no draught. Passage at
(A) which dropped down to a
muddy swamp at Xmas was wide
open and dry for an extra 20m to
a mud slope and pool, still
going.



28/3/97 John Palmer, Jane, Ramon, Olga - rigging Azpilicueta.

Pleasant trip from Azpilicueta out of Renada. Parked at TV mast - walk to Azpilicueta about 20 min easy going. Someone (Paco from Santander, possibly) has put in ring & wrist hangers on the pitches for a pull through, so very few expedition hangers were used. Went as far as the Ruba Dub Dubs. The wagon rope on the Giga Hall traverse could do with replacing with Bluewater. Came out of Renada, trip took about 5 1/2 hrs.

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30/3/97

Germ, Toby, Jane - Lluera. (1223-1228)

Walked up to look for a hole Toby & Jane had seen at Easter a few years ago. Didn't find it but beat 3 shafts (not descended) of about 10m each. Also a rock shelter which was small & dry with no way on (1225) and a cave (1223b) with a lens shaped chamber with a cobbly floor. At the back of the chamber was a rift about 8m long but too high in the floor. One or two dagger like bits on the wall of the rift.

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(yes this is a survey sketch not wishful thinking!)

Higher up the hill in a more obvious shakehole with a hazel tree was a rift cave (1228). Jane went in through a calcity squeeze to the top of a 5m rift which seemed to be getting larger ahead. Not confident enough to free climb down this, so will return some time with a rope. A draught outwards began to blow as exiting the cave (as it is high up the hillside

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This might not be a good sign. Lovely day - easy going
walk & probably lots more potential on this hillside.

28/3/97 - TOBY, Roy, BIG STEVE, Pete O', LO.

TORCA XL

Went to open up tight pitch head from last
year using tittie caps.

Loads of misfires, bent bars, cock ups & occasional
impressive destruction. Left it requiring that
even elusive last bang to get things thru. Toby got thru 60' ^{Pete} down to next.

Noticed tight draughting (inwards) passage above.
tittie vlt. up 4 m. Climb. Inserted Pete O' into
a passage & he was soon stopped at stal choke.

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30/3/97. Pete O', LO. Torca XL.

That elusive last bang did it. fab got up thru
to where Toby + Pete were yesterday. Further
of 40' dropped to --- choke. Dug it
til it was too dangerous to continue.
Easy digging of wet cobbles + gravel - dreadful
in.

On way out went up to stal blockage
in tight passage above tittie vlt. Bashed
thru' 2 stal barriers - stopped at 3rd -
worth a revisit due to good draught but
fab out bashing of stal difficult.

Climbed into various holes on way out -
- now. Surveyed.

31/5/97 - High St. L. - La Secada.

Wander around 415 area, three new sites located:

1229 - in side valley above & right of 1017/1018. First sized hole enlarged to see into descending r/r with floor, approx length 10m, no draught.

1230 - hole in side of vegetated depression, below and E of 1229. short choked cave, length 5m. No draught.

1231 - hole in field above barn and 20m below road. Grassy hole to r/r, stones fall down 5-10m. Might be worth de-netting for closer look.

Also may have relocated site 1100 - a less than man-size hole just above road, can look down sloping earth floor, slight outward draught

1/4/97 MOLINO

CO - DALEK - Pupok ? - High.

Botting in the terminal Swamp chamber finished botting the solution tube started by Dalek a couple of days ago! (Blind) $\approx$ 10m.

Botted obvious big hole in ceiling. Traversed out & up from ~~obscure~~ ledge reached by Pete O' 27/3/97 (B).

9 spots reached draughting out boulder choke - desult look reasonable to dig. Sharra helped carry out big bottles for mildly famous cave diver.

Crawl on right carrying out pushed to descending bedding plane & looking r/r onto (obscure) to pop out in side of large passage. NR followed as had to needed to descend into passage. HBL.

1/4/97 Pushed up hill above Volvo behind Pablo as Pied Piper and 6 kids. Cuera de German is a cow shed with a draughting dig. Will return. Ivan & Pete.

1232

1.4.97 Phil Papard, Jane C.

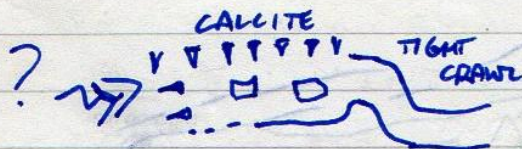
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Went back to holes above Hueva valley. First three shafts drop down about 15 to 20 foot's choice.

The more promising entrance higher up the valley (1228) was a rift about 30' long & 50' deep which nipped in & closed down.

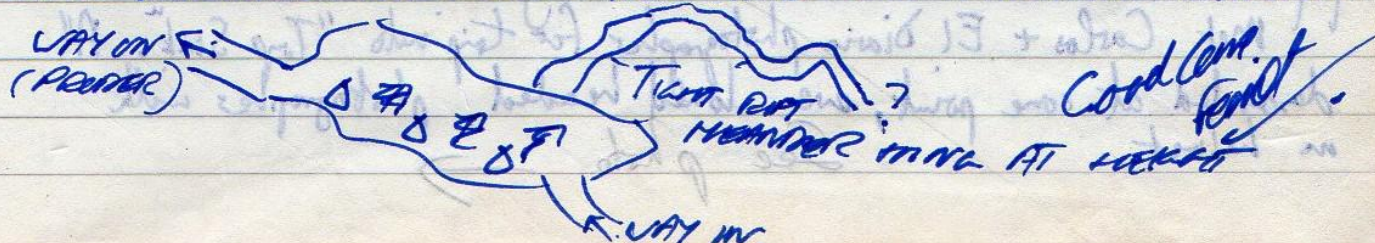
2/4/97 Paul, Pete, Liz + Lane.

WALKED UP TOAD VALLEY & EXAMINED SEVERAL SMALL SITES IN LHS WHICH ALL APPEAR TO BE FLOOD OVERFLOWS FOR ARENAL?? ONE OR TWO DRAUGHT BUT NONE PUSHABLE WITHOUT CHEMICALS. VISITED 763 & DESCENDED 7m PIT - ALL PASSAGES AT LOWER LEVEL APPEAR TO CLOG WITH SAND/TWO OR ARE TOO SMALL. DIG BEYOND PIT STW V. DRAUGHTY & AFTER A BIT OF WORK TWO PENDENTS BLEW WAY ON TO OBVIOUS CONTINUATION - SAND OR OTHER MEANS NEEDED FOR PROGRESS (HILT LARS??) NOT MUCH THO'



2/4/97 Lank, Toby, Jane, Peter,

EL BODECON :- THE FARMER DID US ALL A FAVOUR THIS YEAR, CUTTING DOWN TREES/BUSHES & ASSORTED CRAP BUT HAD LUCKY LEFT THE UPPER ENTRANCE OPEN. WE WERE TRYING TO LOCATE THE WAY ON AT THE END OF THE SURVEY BUT A NUMBER OF TIGHTISH PASSAGES LEFT THE 'LANK' PERSON WHO HAD BEEN THERE BEFORE THE WIDENING OF TUNNELS. TOBY & PETER SET CONTINUED FOR A WHILE BUT DUE TO LACK OF SURVEY/DRAWING NOT PAID TO PUSH. 'FIRST TUNNEL' CHAMBER HAS ANOTHER POTENTIAL WAY ON.



2/4/97 Peña 3
Ali, Dalek, 40

Went to look at the chamber at the
end, found last summer. Surveyed
easier route into the final chamber. Nice
stal.

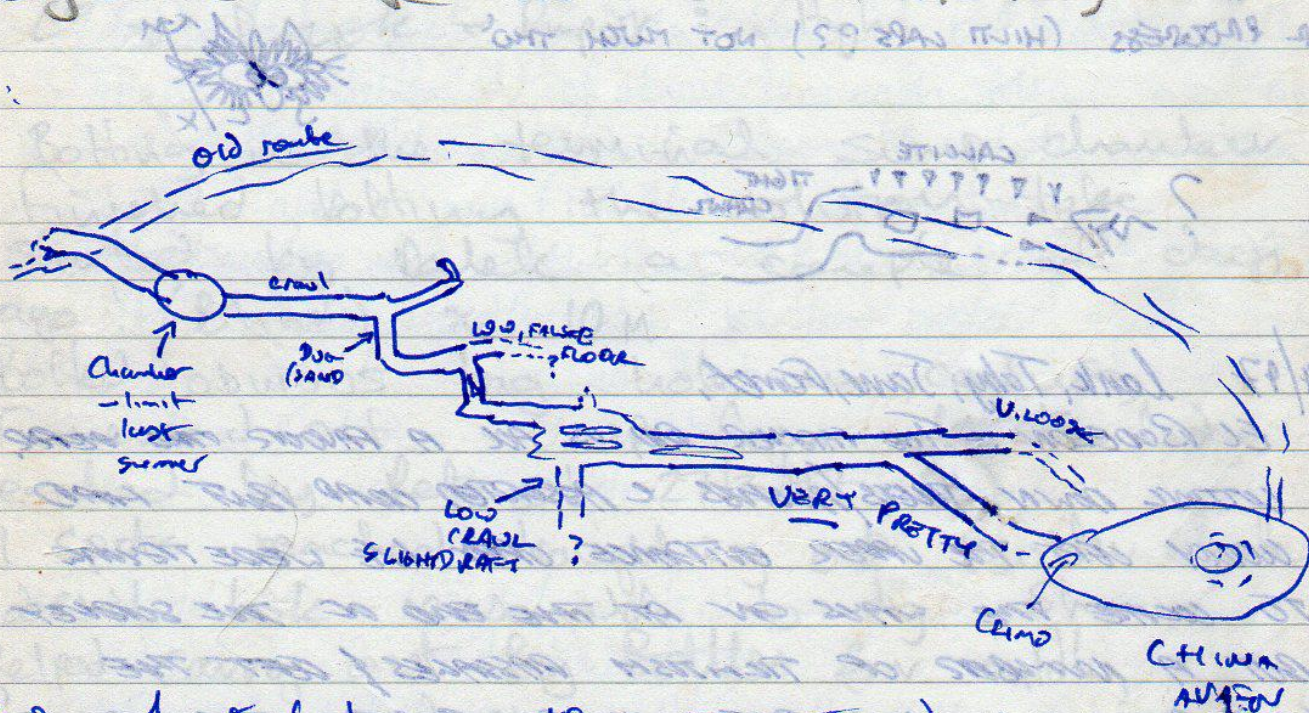
Aven in chamber looks a serious bolt
route - one for the future.

Chairs up stal at opposite end of
chamber attempted. Gained $\approx 12m$.

looks like it needs a bolt or 3 to get
past traverse then a short climb to alcove

over passage or whatever left rigged with

Bg Noses rope - well worth finishing ASH.



Evidence of water backing up c 10m at upstream end

A dead end Dub Dub & Lake in Peña III

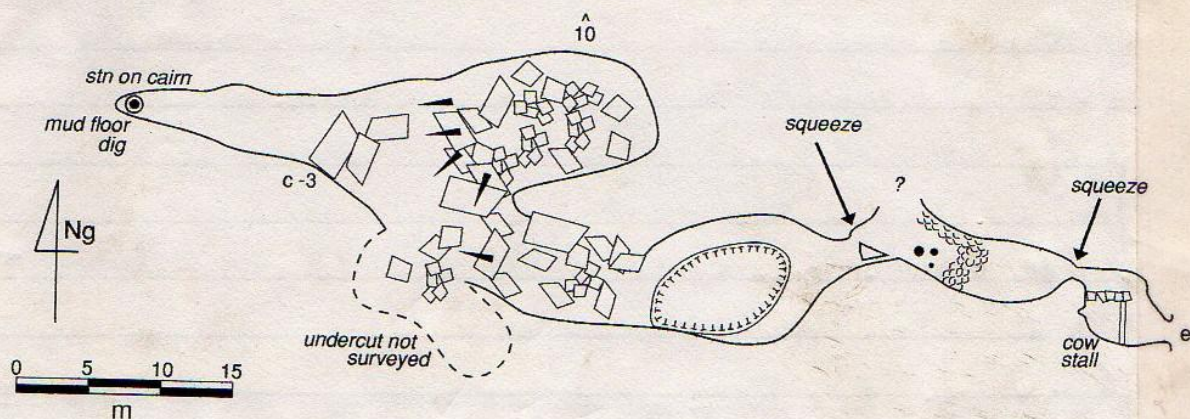
2/4/97 Peña Torao. PP JC Pete Hugh Pete Liz Paul St.

Met Carlos + El Diario photographer for trip into "Top Sink". All
descended at some point, even bald headed photographer with
no helmet.

See photo →

3/4/97 Cueva de German (1232)

After the burning hillside episode, Pete and Ivan returned to Cueva de German with Luke and Pete Eagan. Dig took just over an hour and then into new, big passage! Nicely decorated room to start with. A crawl at the rear enters a chamber with a pit in the floor. A walk round to the right enters a bouldery area. Walking under and over the blocks leads to a chamber where a large alcove up to the right is full of boulders and the passage appears to choke at a possible dig. Other areas of interest shown below. Drought is soon lost in cave. Pottery found next to dig.



Site 1232: Cueva de German

La Secada VN52029801 Alt: 223m

~~Surveyed 1975 to CBG 4b, 1988 to BCRA 5c; others details from ref. AZ~~

PLAN

Length: 109m

Drawn by JC

Sat - 29 March - Phil, Hugh, Dalek and Pete S.

1st - Went to Phil's Dig (Bar View)¹²³³ and got past the obstruction, but it didn't go. All returned to bar, except Dalek who carried on up the hill.

2nd - Phil, Hugh and Dalek went to Codisera shaft entrance while Pete went through cave to blow the whistle. At last, this entrance and its connection with the cave has been surveyed.

3rd - Dalek and Pete surveyed Cueva del Pino. It heads west, and so is probably not related with Codisera.

Sun 30 March: Juan, Andy, Bobby, Penny, Julie and Julie, Pete S.

All went to Entrambasaguas to see the Mayor and ask if he knew of caves or shafts above Fuente Agnazar. He wasn't very knowledgeable, but we were taken to see a man who might know. This man promptly took us to Torca de Fuentecil - really called Sima El Hondo. So it wasn't a very useful exercise, but the man did point out a shaft further up the hill, and mentioned two others on the other side - Torca del Avellano and Torca del Hombre. So the area needs returning to.

Not catalogued

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Mon 31 March: Juan, Bobby, Pete S.

Motino surveying side passages. 1 - Passage to downstream sump from near end chamber 2 - passage leading back to perched sump from top of climb down 3 - loop from top of rope climb. Here Bobby spotted a draughting rift which Juan and Pete followed until it got a little tight - someone had been through before. Needs pushing 4 - stream passage near entrance, until it involved swimming.

3/4/97

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SHOCK HORROR WILDLIFE WIRED OUT IN CANTABRIA AS ECENTRIC, QUATRIC CAVER SETS FIRE TO FOREST

MR. MULLS SAID: "I WAS ONLY TRYING TO SEE IF THERE WAS
A DRAUGHT. I LIT SOME LEAVES AND IT ALL WENT WOSH AROUND
ME."



WEATHER FORECAST SAYS. "SCORCHIO".

3rd April Paul Smey, Ali, Ferret, Hugh, Rupert. MOLINO - FOOL'S PARADISE

Went & put the diver in the downstream snmp and then returned to Hugh's
passage of 1st April. Rope tied off to handy fluke and all descended into
handsome sized passages, pursued in various directions for 150m or so.
Regrettably, no stamping off into the distance though still one or two leads
to look at, notably both route to what looks like passage at top of main passage.
Two further ways in to extension discovered, one of which had been looked at
from main route but not pursued. Surveyed. Got out to find diver had
'gone for a lie down',

4.4.97 P. Stacey, P. Eager, Ali, Lauer.

14c - tight heading right leads to small border dig.

707 - dead cows & drums in it.

New sites:

- A 0.5 m diameter tube in roadside. (3526) 5178 9779
- B 10' deep collapse, border over it, ? faint draft out (3527) 5168 9782
- C Unexplored rift in bottom end of elongated depression with trees (3528) 5146 9770
- D Dig - good draft in. (3529) 5137 9764
- E Dig (3530) 5141 9761
- F Spekeoerson Hole. Tight tube drafting in, fire lit in it to try to shatter rock - all sucked into hole. (3531) 5146 9765
- G Steeply dipping 0.8 x 0.5 m tube to phreatic rift, length c 20 m. (3532) 5145 9760
- H Shaft 10 m+ deep not fully descended. (3533) 5147 9760
- I Shaft c 8 m, tight, unexplored (3534) 5150 9758
- J Small entrance above depression unexplored. (3535) 5147 9757
- K Roadside tube - needs checking (3536) 5207 9786
- L Tube 1.5 m diameter, 5 m to earth choke, slight draft out. (3537) 5232 9785
- M Very obvious roadside entrance, 10 m x 3 m chamber, digs to right & at back - v. slight draft at back. (1292)? 5233 9787

Ali

5.4.97. Ali, Ferret. Came 415.

Found dig in final chamber - fair draft.

6.4.97 Valline. Ali, P. Stacey, K. Jackson.

Explored Hole Bop Trail - right off Top Gallery. Passed tight steel squeeze - limit of exploration by end of the tunnel on original exploration by British/Spanish team. Succeeded to junction, explored to chamber - not entered.

7.4.97 415 - Ali, Kay, P. Stacey.

Dig found on 5.4.97 found to link back into known passage so not pursued.

8.4.97 La Cueva de San Desato 370. Ali, P. Stacey, P. Eager.

(see Paul)

1770 9.4.97 Shovel in top of Orbitoline beds above Codisera —
length 15m depth 15m. 7 m party to slow down in
winding rift, back up to dried rift with Goat skull.
5266 9648 (3558)

(Not catalogued?) July 2011

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