

LOGBOOK

Year: 1997

Season: summer

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Juan Corrin, January 2015

CUEVA MOLINO DIVING LOG BOOK

SUMMER 1997

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(AND A BIT OF CAVING AS WELL)

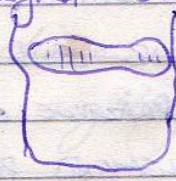
21st July Rupe + Jules - carried in 2 x tanks and 2 x bags. Vis crap from last weeks floods.

22nd July Rupe + Jules - carried in 2 more x tanks and more assorted bags.

23rd July Rupe + Jules - went to look at water levels, no room left to carry in any more gear.

25th July Rupe + Jules - water is beginning to clear but a bit chilly at 11°C, should have stayed in Yorkshire.

26th July Diving at last, with Swedish film crew to make a caving video. This is the 1st time the Swedish have made a caving film + they enjoyed it more than making the porno films. Went to - 54m and repaired line, staged 2 x decompression tanks + line reel. Connected main sump pool to little upstream sump pool to make carrying easier. Video with leaky drop-out.

25th July Pete + Ivan into Molino (with R+J above) to look at light high level left going and daughting at Foster. Pushed on beyond station 17 but bottled out when uphill rift became  boot-wide near floor and narrower above. Apparently the Catalans have pushed it to a large chamber. (Don't mention this tight open lead to Paul Stacey).

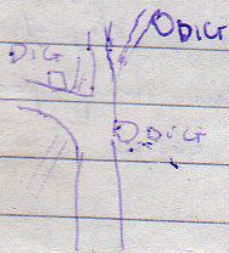
Then to Sebo (1099) above the end of Molino to see the possibilities. Big entrance in large wooded depression leads to big passage with bouldery floor. Steep slope down leads to climb / pitch 12m dip on right and an apparent choke - but the cane survey from the Catalans doesn't seem to agree with reality. If the survey is vaguely correct then the base of the pitch is just above the passage at the top of the boulder slope next to the

sump chamber. Sebo is called ^{Torcón del} Cásafo.

28/July 197

PS + AQ

Went to look at shafts ^{this one} noted on a previous walk (OCTOBER 96?, FEB 97?, EASTER 97?, JUST AFTER EASTER 97?, WHIT 97?) AT THE ~~THE~~ END OF CAVEA. GRID REFS TO FOLLOW. FOUR SHAFTS INVESTIGATED AND FOUR SHAFTS CHOKED WITH NO ~~S&S~~ DRAUGHTS OR OTHER ~~SIGNS~~ OF ENCOURAGEMENT.



THREE

TWO DRAUGHTING DIGS UP SELDESOTO TRACK

1216 ?? SHAFT 1 - 8.5m DEEP GR: 0450426 / 4794343

1272 " 2 - 4.0m DEEP GR: 0450522 / 4794217

1219 " 3 - 9.5m DEEP GR: 0450749 / 4794170

by lam? ← " 4 - 12.0m DEEP GR: 0450518 / 4794546

25/7/97. 774.

P. STACEY, JULIA ROBINSON

into Mosby

ARRIVED AT ENT. WITH EVERYTHING REQUIRED TO RIG CAVE & PUSH/DESCEND TRAVERSES AT FAR END OF PERENUEA/MOSBY EXCEPT RT. SRT KIT! CONTINUED NEVER THE LESS WITH SHUTTLE OF KIT BETWEEN PICKER ENABLING JULIA SOME MUCH NEEDED PRACTICE ON PUTTING HER SRT GEAR ON. DRAGGED BAG THRU TO MOSBY LEAVING PERMANENT HANDLINE ON CONNECTION. VISITED TRAVERSE SEEN IN 95' BY PETE/STACEY/LIZ. LOOKS GOOD WITH DRAUGHT + VISIBLE WAT SW. SURVEYED ~75m TO LHS OF STATION 'V20' AT END OF MEOGEHOG (ENTERED BUT NOT ON SURFACE). THIS PIT ~15m TO THE LHS OF V20 IN FIRST CHAMBER HAS GOOD DRAUGHT A LEADS TO A VIEW (REQUIRING LADDER) TO A CHAMBER BELOW + OBSERVING INST. NEEDS WORKING AT AS HAS GOOD DRAUGHT + NOT ABOVE ANYTHING KNOWN LEFT ~80m OF ROPE IN CHAMBER BETWEEN 'V20' & ITALIAN TOWER



25/7/97 "Toad"

Ali Neill, Tania Davies, Simon Davies, Lloyd Davies

Nearly arrived, but were required to return for 'Cris's Tails' more ~~available~~ in field en-route !! After a slow spirit up the hill the

lovely cool drift of the estone was appreciated by all. This rigging trip involved an amount of slipping and sliding down various slopes. After unscathed rigging down and fast and

efficient descending, we turned right from the ledge at the base of the third pitch toward the Misty Series. The group descended into the ~~area~~ and began to look for ways to ascend the walls to a higher level. Tania grumbled at the

bottom and moved some rocks in the right hand wall opposite the estone overhang. This then yielded a low tube with a drop hole on the left hand side where there was no floor. Past

this the passage continued for another six or so feet and then turned about 120° back on itself, possibly to run parallel to another way on, but lower. The passage was

dark and narrow, requiring probing by a smaller team. The way out progressed slowly, belays going down first once knees as you climb up were remedied before the last of the team came up by Ali !! Much more practice required. A few holes & cracks were looked at on the way out but didn't yield anything worth following.



26/7/97 'AGUA'

TANIA DAVIES, LLOYD DAVIES, PAUL STACEY

PAUL DECIDED IT WAS HIS DAY OFF, AND SUGGESTED WE TAKE 10 MINS TO CHECK OUT THE SWIM AT THE FIRST POOL BEFORE MOVING ON TO THE NEXT CAVE. FOUR HOURS LATER, AFTER SQUEEZING PAST NUMEROUS SQUEEZES, ENDURING COMPLAINTS FROM MEMBER(S) OF THE PARTY WITHOUT GLOVES AND REMARKING ON THE SPKINNESS OF THE WALLS, WE PUSHED ~~AND~~ THE INLET A FEW MORE METERS AND DISCOVERED THAT IT WAS NOT QUITE SO

RIO TUGTO MUST APPEAR TO BE LONGER THAN WHAT'S IN THE COMPUTER. ANKBOOS WANT TO DO A SURVEY IN A LONG VERSION OF COLEMAN'S ENT. SERIES.

IMPENETRABLE. NEEDS MORE WORK WITH A WIMPHAMMER AND CHISEL. RETRACED STEPS, EXPLORING ONE OR TWO DEAD END LEADS AND RETURNED TO THE ENTRANCE VIA THE FRIDGE.

Head.

26.7.97.1211 Cueva de Fanny (a hole in a bush)

A friendly farmer let us drive over his field & supplied surface support. A narrow pitch onto pile of dead things. Me-dip by passage (slightly comfortable six occasionally) run down dip via rope climb & lots of fallen floors to area where tight rifts run on - one prob. passable by a nidget, (slight shift), one down & to left dug into - cont. but needs trip hammer & digging. Reasonable doubt into cave. Passage up-dip at entrance not investigated due to exploding bags of dead things. "Not bloody all" !!

A well, Julia Philp, Simon Davies

27.7.97.1211 Cueva de Necrophilia (a hole in a bush stuffed with dead dogs)

- BAR GERMAN EVENING ENTERTAINMENT NO. 37

PABLO CHASING LARGE DOG AROUND BAR THRICE WIELDING A LARGE STICK AND A PARASOL. PABLO - 1 DOG - 0

TANIA TO SIMON: "I WAS GOING TO BLEED OVER YOUR HEAD LATER THIS WEEK ANYWAY". (?)

27/7/97 - VACA LOCA (763) - P. STACOT, T. DAVIS (+ 764)

ATTEMPTED TO PLACE SUB IN OBSTRUCTIVE BLOCK AT BUT FAILED DUE TO ORICE BUT BEING TOO SMALL. SHOT HOLE TOO SMALL TO ALLOW STAKING ROD + WIRE TOGETHER. SPENT SHORT WHILE CHANGING TO SITE - NOW MUCH BIGGER. GRABUNT STILL GOOD.

VISITED WET DREAM STREAM GAVE - BUT ALSO NOT A COMPLETE ZOO AS IT APPEARED TO BE 1/2 FULL OF WATER. GRABUNT EMERGING 27/7.

28.7.97.1211 Cueva de Necrophilia (a hole in a bush stuffed with dead dogs)

FOUND IN VALINE!

27 July 97
Dear Al; Mariano

I hope this finds you well. After a couple attempts we found I lived in up in the big area (Chapman's) we did a little singing and had fun. Unfortunately we couldn't find the other band, and the second new the canyon got rather tight.

Consequently Lloyd and I have decided

to go out with Phil et al who we caught up with on the way out.

No doubt we will see you soon. Hope the weather is good with you. It has been gloomy with us!

See you later

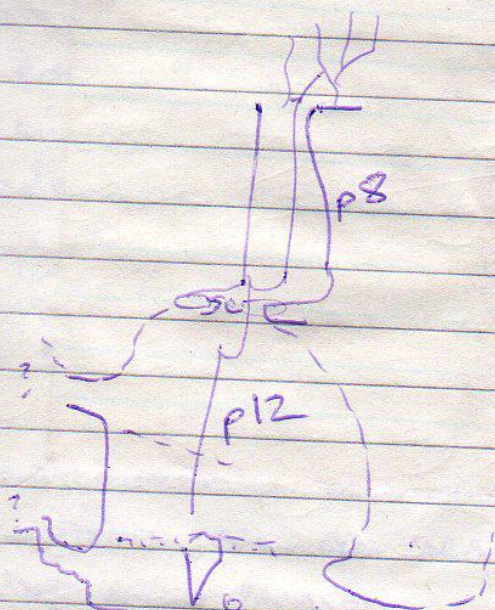
Simon & Lloyd.

27/7/97. Juan + Pete took the long way round to the Vega Bas and climbed up Enaso to site 1235 just below Rascarija. Pete came across this cave a couple of weeks ago. A metre square entrance is a stoop down into 100m of walking passage with stal, columns, gours, bones and charcoal deposits and black wall markings. Surveyed and photographed. [Length = 108m] Then dropped down to the best blanco in La Vega.

27/7. Cuera Molino - Kyrre + Jules. Yet more carrying! Replaced 2 x yesterday's tanks with trimix + nitrox for pushing dive. Now have 7 tanks ready for a deep dive. Vis now even better, temp still a chilly 11.2.

29.7.97 1212 Torca de Neocrophilia. Phil P. Ansell.

Good start - left battery left behind, while Phil went back to get it. Ali started rigging + discovered he'd left his hand saw at the camp site. Rigged for 50T - entrance shaft off tree/bush, 2nd p ideally needs 2nd bolt for Y-hang 2m down.



30/7/97
27.7.97

29/7/97 Cueva Molino Ruy, Julia, Pete, Liz, Tanya.

This was supposed to have been a line-laying dive, but I was a bit over-ambitious on the amount of gear I could carry into the camp for decompression purposes.

Set off with 2x15l tanks and 1x1l of trimix, 1x9l outbox, 1x3l argon, 1 heater battery and 3x decompression leads. This led to an uncontrolled plummet down steeper part of the slope, dumping bits of tackle here + there on route. At about -25m a small tangle in the old line took a bit longer than usual to sort out, but this and other small fiddly bits had led to me using most of my 12 minute descent time before I was anywhere near the required level. If I had ~~reached~~ continued to the -53m level, I would have lost several minutes of valuable bottom time + thereby wasted far more gas than has the case with turning around. Complicated isn't it?

The result was I only used one little tank of trimix, and set off out of the cave with "Das Boot", my deprim which is like a torpedod submarine. This tank was later removed by the Totty Carrying Team, with much buffing, puffing and adjustments to make up. This is sound in principle, but tank-carrying totty would look better if dressed like backing group of Mark Morrison i.e. policemen uniforms with 6" stiletos, black stockings, etc.

30/7/97 Molino Ruyet replaced stage tank used yesterday with a full one.
27.7.97 Valline. To camp passage leading off from the canyon via interesting "Meandre" Passage. Low water wet passage with no noticeable drift beds to restriction - with 1cm airspace - in dry gas so don't push it. Much flood cum on the reef for some way back. P. Edge said camp drifts - angle in lower water beds. Passage on left just before camp passage - tight inlet, could be pushed further.
AWeill, Julia.

30.7.97 Noddena 774. Asell, Hugh & Trish Browning.

Sad dig in side passage at foot of Bad Bolt pitch.

Pushed prob. a body length, can see a couple of body lengths to
? head to the right. No sign of immediate gain in height. Worth
perhaps another trip. Draft not strong today.

30.7.97 (1212) Tarica de Neceopemua Phil, Tania, Julie, starting

Stretch at entrance not quite as bad as before!!

After a quick lesson on SRT all descended the first
pitch into the rotting carcasses. The next pitch had a
beautifully short re-belay (easy if you 6ft+ not so
easy for those less than 5ft 5"!!).

Uneventful now until the blockage was reached.
The boulder was bashed & batted, then an hour of
endless fun was had by all, playing with ropes
& pulleys. 6 pulleys, 2 bolts, 1 rope & 4 people
were not enough. Another bolt was placed and a
massive hoare released the boulder from its fun
position. Mather descended the virgin passage
only to reach another pitch of about 30 ft. All
day until he tried to reverse out. Tania

settled to the rescue. Laying on the right she
removes the SRT, Gear, to make easy of exit.
Along with a hammer which remained a corner,
frantically with much noise & banging, he managed
for the rifty carl in one piece. Not for long,
the climb up yielded a loose boulder that
squashed his finger and caused an interesting
amount of blood.

The cave was left rigged for further bashing
and exploitation.

OR

31-7-97. Aweell, Hot Brooming. Walk above TV mast area.

5194 9458 - 8 m pitch capped by blocks, blocked at bottom.

5209 9446 ~~5194~~ - Deep shaft in small depression, this is prob. OSI in that
(51) case later is located wrongly. Would prob. need stakes for belays at surface.

5207 9435 - 1' diameter hole no chamber - need to dig out a bit to get in.

5185 9432 - Shaft c 8 m, further short drop would need digging to reach.

5168 9433 - 3 m drop over boulder to further short drop, unexplored.

5170 9432 Side 0.8 m x 0.5 m at top, prob. c 2 m drop to
? further drop. Unexplored.

Aweell.

Praying Mantis

Visit (1) 29/7/97 Andy P & Darlek.

Returned to squeeze left 2 years ago. Intension was to remind myself of it with a view to hill capping it. Hill caps not required by Darlek. He pushed the squeeze & got to a 30ish foot pitch to a chamber. A small hole in the wall of this chamber has a very good draft coming out of it & needs enlarging.

Visit (2) 30/7/97 Andy P & Darlek & Toby.

Called in Toby to advise. Here is what he said with Topo. 1st squeeze wants to be left as it is because it may be holding back a substantial amount of fill. The pitch is a free climb but the second half would be better with a ladder or handline on it (too much risk of dislodging looseish pitch head to rig from top). The slot at the bottom has a good breeze but requires a lot of work - Hill caps would do it but it would take several days. Slot is up to 4" wide and 18" high, opens out to 12-14" inside, and drops several feet before a mud floor goes boomman when you look rocks at it. Promising site but are there easier options in the same area?

SPACE FOR TOPO Preying Mantis

12' shaft

Squeeze 2 25' P.C. Pitch

Squeeze 1

enlarged
cave

Kayhole
Shaft

circulation
to fissure

Floor Plan

10' 5'

31/7. Joe, Tim up through the woods behind the water supply to look for no. 84. Instead found a draughting area of loose boulders which Tim attacked. Nearby was spotted an entrance which was investigated by Joe. Dropped down through 2 nice white chambers to head of pitch descended by Tim to discover that it had already been entered (subsequently revealed to be by Phil & Terry in 1983)⁷⁶ by a lower entrance, and was in fact no. 616. Tim climbed up past some very nice curtains in the roof of the lowest chamber and also investigated the hole in the floor. A considerable draught emerges from the lower entrance but interestingly does not comprise a simple flow in at the top. Some draught comes through a low stalled-up crawl that Pat had dug out in '83, which was not passed but more chambers lie through it. A considerable draught comes into the cave just below the top entrance - Tim pulled a few rocks out of a crawl, which may go with some work. This lies about 10m from the original draughting area which Tim first found. The weather was overcast and cool at the time - probably in hot weather the draughts would be stronger. Worth further investigation.

29/7 James & Toby REGATO

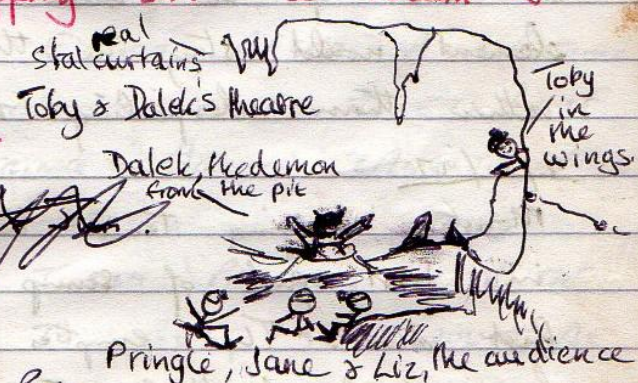
intended to survey the maps but found the large passage that is on the Spanish survey but not on yours. About 100m of large, boring rift surveyed. All leads pushed to conclusions.

31/7. Jane, big, Dalek, Andy Pringle. Toby. REGATO.

Toby bolted up 7.8m pitch while rest surveyed the way. Found 2 ways to top of pitch that involved no bolting - but they were not found before the bolting was completed! A traverse over a blind 15.5m pitch led to a 4m climb up solid (ish) blocks of mud to a previously unexplored passage. After a short distance (50m?) this broke out into the side of the large rift that goes off to the left just inside the lower entrance. Having surveyed everything ~~left~~ we went to the slot at the lower end of the cave. It is tight but wide enough to get through but not high enough to get through (it's a vertical slot going along a rift). Drafts and eddies. Probably worth hammering / Hilti capping but a return is not imminent.

Good fun day.

~~Surveyed 2m pitch~~
~~Surveyed 2m pitch~~



31/7/97 Moline - Ryan, Julie, Phil + Pete

Dived using 2x15l and 1x12l of 10% Trimix. Reached Easter end point (260m/-70.5) without incident after about 18 mins. The visibility was still a bit disappointing, 6 or 7m is normally great but the passage is so big it makes route-finding harder. The slope upward noted at Easter seemed to be a big sand-bank, which had been piled up at the top of another section of descent. This dropped quickly past -70m, Today's max. operating depth, so I followed the L.H. wall outwards over a deepening rift, obviously fault controlled + massive. This was not in any hurry to turn back upwards, so at 300m/-70, I jammed the reel behind a convenient flake and turned for home. I also surveyed from 240m back to 200m, which is

that
00m
was.

very time consuming at 60m air depth as the mind wanders a lot. The ascent from -55 was begun after 36 minutes, the first stop at 40 mins. and surfaced after 128 minutes. Very warm decompression thanks to Argon + suit heater, even though Dos Boot has sprung another leak. Decompressed first on 36% O_2 from -27 to -9m, then 100% O_2 to surface.

Consulting geological maps has shown the depth so far reached is but a trifling fraction of the monstrous abyss that this sump may become. Only time and faith in Spanish helium will tell.

On the way out, it was unfortunate to note that vandals had destroyed the only squeeze of note in the cave. It would be better if this bum boil on the arse of speleology element would stay in the gay bars and public conveniences rather than despoiling this enchanted subterranean paradise.

2/8/97

Monster carrying team helped me replace 2 x stage bottles in first part of sump, using the $\frac{1}{3}$ rds left from the last dive. The empties were then carried out, whilst Pedro tried fruitlessly to create Spain's Grandest Traversia by grotting around in Sebo, sending his down anything vaguely unpleasant that he could find.

01/07/97. Jim, Jane, Dalek Hoyuca to Zoological Gardens off Gorilla (or according to Dalek, the Godzilla) walk.

Went to look for a survey shuff bank told us about at Easter off the phreatic zone at the end of the Gorilla walk. Found the passage which starts as a wide, muddy crawl. Continues as a rocky rift with some very impressive coral fossils in the floor & one calcite formation, or fossil, that looks just like a vertebrae of an animal about 30cm long. The passage ends at a calcite blockage. We surveyed this ^{passage} & then came out of the cave.
Jane

JUANS (A?) PROBLEM

PAGE:

Dear Juan,

I was recently visited by 2 older men who I have noticed hanging around a dark corner of our local pub in the small hours. They asked me to go for a walk in the mushroom field and follow the smell of incense to where I would see some white puffs. Please help me as I am living in fear of my bottom being assaulted.

yours etc.

Paul Yeandle

Dear Juan,

WELL WHAT DO YOU EXPECT AFTER A LIFETIME OF COTTAGING AROUND KIRKBY - CONSDALE TOWERS? IF YOU SPENT LESS TIME WANDERING AROUND LANGSTROTTHDALE IN STEEL-TOE CAPS AND G-STRING, AND MORE TIME TRANSFORMING YOUR TUBBY PHYSIQUE INTO THE BRONZED ADONIS YOU CLAIM TO BE, YOU WOULD BE LESS LIKELY TO BE ACCOSTED BY MESSRS. YEADON + CROSSLLEY, WHO YOU ARE OBVIOUSLY REFERRING TO IN YOUR THINLY DISGUISED STORY ABOVE.

Yours,

JUAN.

After the ~~B~~ success of the blockbusting "Pride & Prejudice" BBC 2 proudly present their new extravaganza "Incense and Insensibility".

Cast includes:

Sir Philip the dark and enigmatic owner of a large mansion in Matienzo "La Casa Ingles".

Squire Davis the bluff owner of Borrens Manor

and their faithful retainer, Bob.
Episode 1: The Picnic.

Squire Davis has promised his wife, Lady Helen and Sir Philip's wife Lady Hilary a pastoral idyll in the mushroom field, where, at great expense, plumes of perfumed smoke will appear, as if by magic, from the ground.

Toby, the gardener, and Jane, the maid of all work set off early to prepare the ground for the arrival of the ladies. Lady Helen arrives with the bright young heirs to the Davis estate, William, Samuel and Benjamin. Soon the dazzling array of company is gathered. Lady Hilary languishes on the arm of the debonair Mr. Smith. Lady Liz ~~and~~ arrives to complete the group.

Sadly the picnic is a complete debacle as the promised perfumes of Arabia never arrive to soothe the fevered brows of the assembled company. They retire discomfited to their casas andriendas.

28/7/97 MARGUJA 774 - P. STREET A. NEIL, L. CHAMBERLAIN, J. ROBINSON
(INTO MARGUJA)

BT-PASS TO MUDDY PITCH INTO SHAGLI-LA NOW OUT TO ALLOW ALL CORNERS (FAT BESTARDS) INTO FURTHER REACHES. ALI & JULIA DEPOSITED AT JUNCTION NR. MARGUJA WITH FOOT PASS INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO FIND TRANSVERSE TO BE BOLDED - PAUL & LLOYD TO 'VZU' AT END OF MARGUJA HOG TO SURVEY / PUSH PASSAGE FOUND ON 25/7/97 INLET PUSHED TO 1100M IN TO DRAUGHTING CLIMB A WATER FLOWING DOWNSTREAM VIA 130FT CLIMB TO 30FT PITCH. NEED TACKLE.

RETURNED TO ALI & JULIA WHO WERE FOUND 130YDS FURTHER UP SAME PASSAGE BOLTING THE WRONG PIT - MUCH GRAPING OF TEEH! TRANSVERSE RIGGED TO ABOUT HALF WAY WHEN FREE CLIMB ^{DOWN} ENABLED ALI TO GET TO BOTTOM & EVENTUALLY OTHER SIDE OF PASSAGE. WHATS OFF SEEN BEFORE TIME DICTATED A RETURN WOULD BE NECESSARY.

29/7/97 - MUSTATO (GOLDEN VOID TO HEDDERIDGE)

P. STACEY, A. WAREHAM, S. DAVIES, L. DAINES

QUICK TRIP TO STATE OF HEDDERIDGE TO SHOW OFF 'NICE CAVE' TO NEW CAMERAS + REHEARSE HISTORY OF USAGES ON ROUTE FINDING THRU' GOLDEN VOID. (LEFT RIGGED)

30/7/97 - FORENUCA (774) → MUSTATO

P. STACEY, A. WAREHAM, P. SAGEN, L. LOWEN

VISITED PASSAGE ON LHS ON ROUTE OUT OF SPANDRI-CA TO MUSTATO CONNECTION CONTAINING BIG STAL. CARLITE SLOPE BIGGER THAN EXPECTED SO LEFT FOR NEXT TRIP. (TRANSVERSE NR. PITON BT-PASS CRAWL ^{ALSO} 50% RIGGED, ONE/TWO MORE BOLTS NEEDED.) PETE + LIZ SURVEYED ~50m OF SIDE PASSAGE WHILST PAUL + ANNIE PERFORMED TRANSVERSE RIGGED ON 28/7/97. ~60m OF PASSAGE ENDS IN SEVERAL INLETS ENTERING VIA CHOKED AVENS. AT LOW LEVEL A SMALL STREAM CANYON COULD BE FOLLOWED UNTIL IT GOT TOO SMALL AFTER A SHORT DISTANCE.

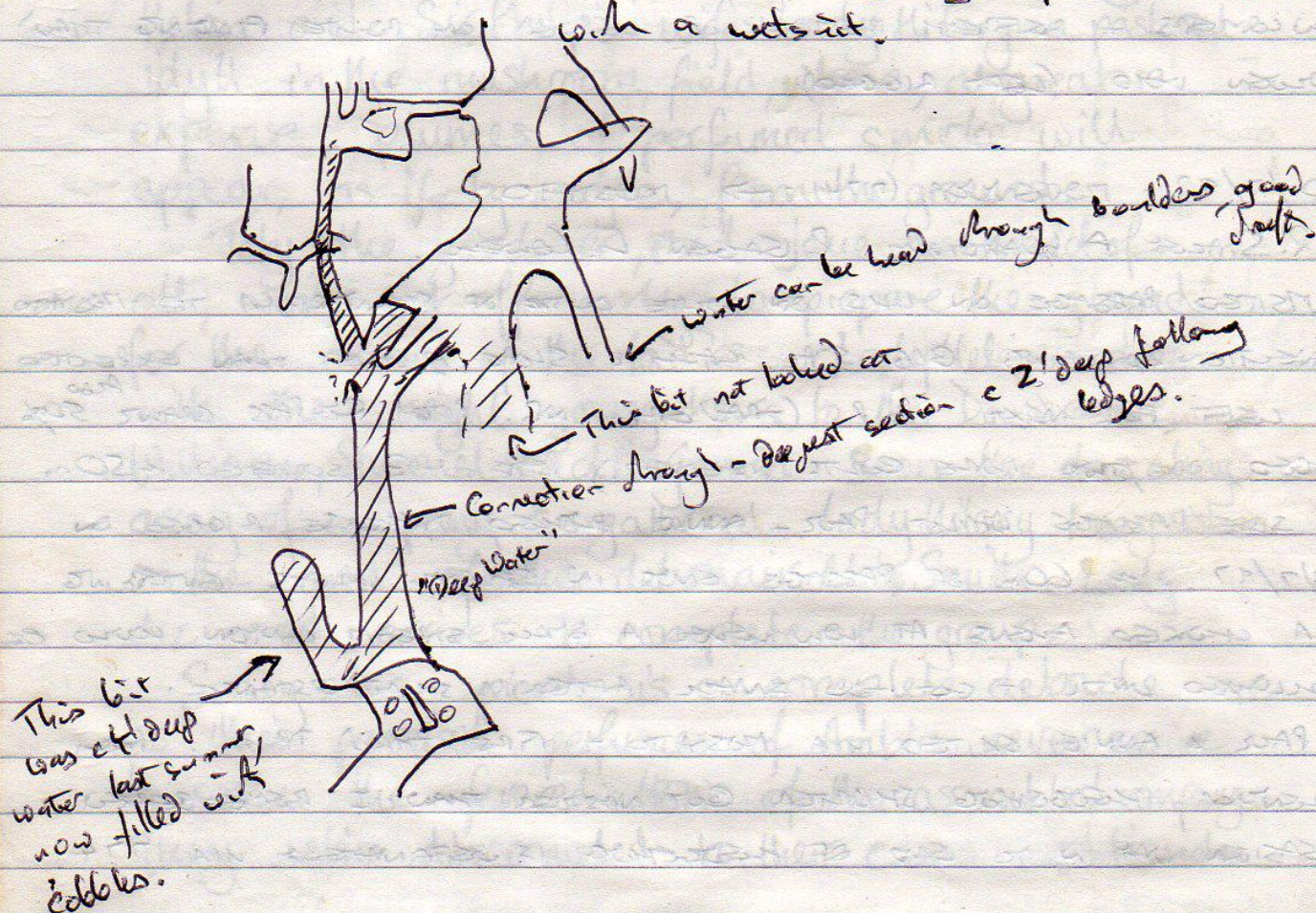
PAUL & ANNIE EXITED VIA MUSTATO - FIRST THRU' TRIP!! FROM FORENUCA. HEDDERIDGE SHORTER BUT NASTIER THAN I REMEMBERED - EASIER WAY IN TO END OF HEDDERIDGE IS DEFINITELY VIA 774.

ROBINSON 31/7/97 - VALA LORA (763) - P. STACEY, P. UPFOLD, L. DAINES

RETURNED TO PREVIOUS SCENE OF FASCIO ARMED WITH AN APPROPRIATELY SHAPED WOODEN DOWEL TO FIT TOO SMALL HOLE. THIS WAS OK UNTIL STEERING CAUSED DOWEL TO JAM IN HOLE AFTER A FEW INCHES. DEPRESSION SET IN & SO I ^{SNAPPED} ~~POUNDED~~ THE DOWEL IN HALF & JAMMED IT IN AGAINST OPPOSITE WALL WITH THE AID OF TWO SMALL ROCKS. MUTTERING 'IF THIS WORKS IT BE A BLOODY MIRACLE'. A VERY SATISFYING 'BOOM' ENDED FROM THE DEPTHS. FIRST ROCK REMOVED DESPATELY A SECOND ONE WAS A BANGED IN ENCORE DEMANDS BY TWO SAGER NEWBERS. NOBLE + GERT LEFT FOR 10 AND THEN RAY. GOOD DRAUGHT + JIG ENLARGED TO NOW REASONABLE SIZE.

~~1/8/97 - P. STACEY, A. WATKINS, J. ROBINSON TV/Mag interview~~

2.8.97 A Well. Cueva TTA. - investigating deep water bats
with a net/sit.



Incense and Insensibility: Episode Two
The Count of Carcavieso

The Count of Carcasses

Lured into danger by the stories of the Treasures of Trident by the sinister Don Juan Corrin, Sir Philip, Squire Davis and their husky retainer, Bob, become ensnared in the dungeons of the Chateau d'If (alias the Sowers of Doom). They recall the legend of the Mad Friar Terrence who is said to have dug an escape tunnel deep under the walls of the Chateau d'If and en route discovered the Treasures of Trident. Unfortunately his unerring sense of direction has taken him deeper into the hell which is Draintester. The whereabouts of the unfortunate friar are

now lost in the annals of history.

As luck would have it, the bold threesome manage to extricate themselves from the subterranean mazes of the Chateau d'If. Sadly, Sir Philip is a changed man, doomed to roam the world in search of devious revenge on his incarcerator. ~~Squire~~ Squire Davis retires to a quiet life in the bosom of his family, whilst the faithful retainer, Bob ~~retire~~ goes back to the servants' quarters of the campsite to polish his carving gear for the next time a sturdy and stalwart retainer is required by the Squirearchy of Malienzo.

3/8/97 HUGH, TRISH, PRINGLE, JANE, TONY

BODYGONE (NR. BONEIES) (237) LOVES LABOURS LOST.

Bolting up open looked at during Easter Hols.
Aven climbed & bolted for 50/60'. Shitty placements in stal our mud. Aven closes down (it is a rift) with drought going up 2" wide cracks. There are possible leads left in this cave but no wide stompies.

Cave was blowing out at the end but in at the entrance.

Darlek - "You can get 16 of orange for 35p at NETO"
- 12:40 AM information given to Pete Egan as he mined his cellar.
This is what the Bats in Malienzo have come to!!

3/8/97 - Tim - mushroom field To check out 603 etc.
found shaft at ? 352 location.

4/8/97 - Tim J, HENRY, TRISH NINES & PETE EGAN. TO
Mushroom field. Borrowed 3 SHAPES - ① ~~8.5m~~ 8.5m open
hole to choke (10.5m deep) ② 7.6m pitch to chocked flat floor
③ 11m deep to choke, bones, a frog lizard & salamander. Possible
dig here. (352)

The alternative campsite opened up by Uncle Pepe



NICE
PARKING
ROY

PEPE FACING BANKRUPTCY 'COS BIG BOY HAS NOT COME OUT THIS YEAR OPENS NEW PROFIT MAKING VENTURE

Why has Lin just asked Joe if they are going back to the tent to take Jule's lunches off

HEARD WHIST HEARDING COWS IN LUGWA VARIETY

"THIS COWS A RIGHT PIG"! - ANNIE (AN MESSIAH FATHERS DAUGHTER)

02/08/97. Annie, Paul, Ann
Los ~~Bogones~~ Bogones

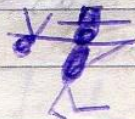
After hearing extraordinary cows a haul could get the car with 2 feet of the ore entrance ^{up} went down Los Bogones, well we thought so?

The description of the cave was a complex series of boulders with a small pitch - we found the boulders but not pitch - Wrong cave. On checking back at camp this was a cavernous entrance ~ 50m

1270

Then we started to force through the cave growth & finally found it. Boulders & pitch were as described & the pitch was unstable but not as unstable as stated. The cave was a complex mass of boulders & chambers. After much wriggling through small holes the end point of the survey was found.

Of interest we found a pool of standing water & a way on going up stream. Following ~~up~~ ~~the~~ stream V.B.V. deep water was found & a way on could not be seen as the passage turned sharp right - pass ramp as further passage? - too deep to follow (well I wanted to get, Paul helped it! Poor it). Small hole above leads to a squeeze which needs some work - both not pushed on survey? lower water level this year.



1/8/97 - P. S. S. A. W. J. Robinson M. T. V. Mast with

SEE MAP IN WORKING FILE.

54 - LOCATED

881 - LOCATED - NOTICEABLY GRAVENTING OUT - NOT MENTIONED IN LOG

(1242) A WIDE CAVE ENT. UNDER LIMESTONE SHELF LEADS TO A SHAPE
REQUIRING FURTHER INVESTIGATION

(1243) STAIR TUBE IN ROCK ALTH. LEADS IMMEDIATELY TO 3m BLIND PIT

497 - LOCATED

498 - LOCATED

(1244) NEAR BY 498 A 10m PIT IN UNITS DESCENDS TO ??

(1245) A BLIND 10m PIT NEAR A TREE AT THE EDGE OF A LIMESTONE HILL

(1246) A CLIMB DOWN A LOOSE SANDY RUBBLE SLOPE IN A HOLLOW CONTAINING
A STUNTED HAZEL TREE (W/ AN OAK TREE) LEADS TO SEVERAL CHANGES
WHICH NEED FURTHER A GOOD INWARD GRABENT 130m LONG

3-8-97 P. T. Koga. G. Couel, Derek

(052) 774 Traverse over large shaft end of
magic carpet series.

Entered cave after two other parties
and finished traverse into open passage (Sick-
in-side) two constrictions were dug out through
orbicellina beds to easy well decorated passage
which leads to the head of a 15m wide shaft
a side passage leads past big pitch with a
few side bifs to a climb 5m and more
above a boulder chocke. Surveyed out 260m
back to known station. Also tied up unfinished
sections of previously survey passage (30-7-97).

Spent just over 30min to cover crawl
exited cave on two lights after only 8 1/2 hrs

NG

4/8/97 Andy P & JCT.

Walk up to prospect area above JR site 386 + top end of prairie winds gully. Liz C came looking for draft hole lower down found at Easter. (-----) This was unsuccessful due to under/over growth. So on up to target area. Just over fence from top end of PM gully 3 drafting holes were found. (1) C-----) on side of small shake hole is rift which would be easy digging to take out soil floor. (2) Under skt (G) which should yield to lamp hammer or hilt caps. (3) Less interesting small take/rift which can be seen into for 10 feet ish.

Next site visited fits description of site 1229. Marked with red spot of paint. Need dropping 30ft ladder + bolt required (tomorrow). After this we went to shake hole with trees in a reports a sink. Andy found two further sites. First blocked by mud plug 4-5 feet down. Could be dug through mud + bits of dead cow. Second was ⁽¹²⁴¹⁾ rich area. Floor was dug out to give access to start crawling passage in soft powder stal/hole. small hole at end was enlarged up through roof to chamber way on (if there is one is down to the right) return planned for tomorrow.

The weather was damp miz. Hence draft interesting. Last hole dig site was drifting very slightly OUT.

3.8.97 Monreuca. A Neill, Martin Upfold.

Down "stair" road to town "Pitches descended in 1995 - not easy to rig on SRT. Good look in chamber at bottom - climb up to ledge on right where ~~the~~ hole down was enlarged slightly to climb down to room with good draft ending at a boulder blockage. Opened up way to right of boulder - 4m drop immediately beyond needs ladder to descend.

Then to sand dig beyond stair road pitch - further progress made, reasonable inward draft.

AC

ladder at the bottom (---)

(12)

4-8-97 Monrovia. A well, Mupfold, H+T Brann.

Slightly improved rigging in Stirred Patch.



Descended patch. reached on 3rd - 4th ladder + long wire delay. Dropped into large passage where a cabin was noticed - GT series in delegation

Alc

PRINGLE HAS A DREAM ABOUT
LICKING ROCKIES WILLY

Surge has a goldie on, Sandra has a wobbler.
Just good friends?

5-8-97

Andy pringle + Jane looking for shafte

Andy was heard to say!

"I'm at it".?

At what?

BOB NORTH APPLIES TO JAN MOUND. TOTTIE SHERPES CLUB.



Report tells
Jules its too
wet to dive
Molino - Jules
says "what comes
next?"
Suggs.

← Jules demonstrates a
new bottle carrying
technique.

... Spend less time
working and try and
find my KNICKERS!!!
This is an order. S

18.97 Azpilicueta - derada - Añak Hot Browing Tania Davies
Martin Upfold

Checking out - improving rigging.

58.8 97

Julia Robinson / Martin UPFOLD

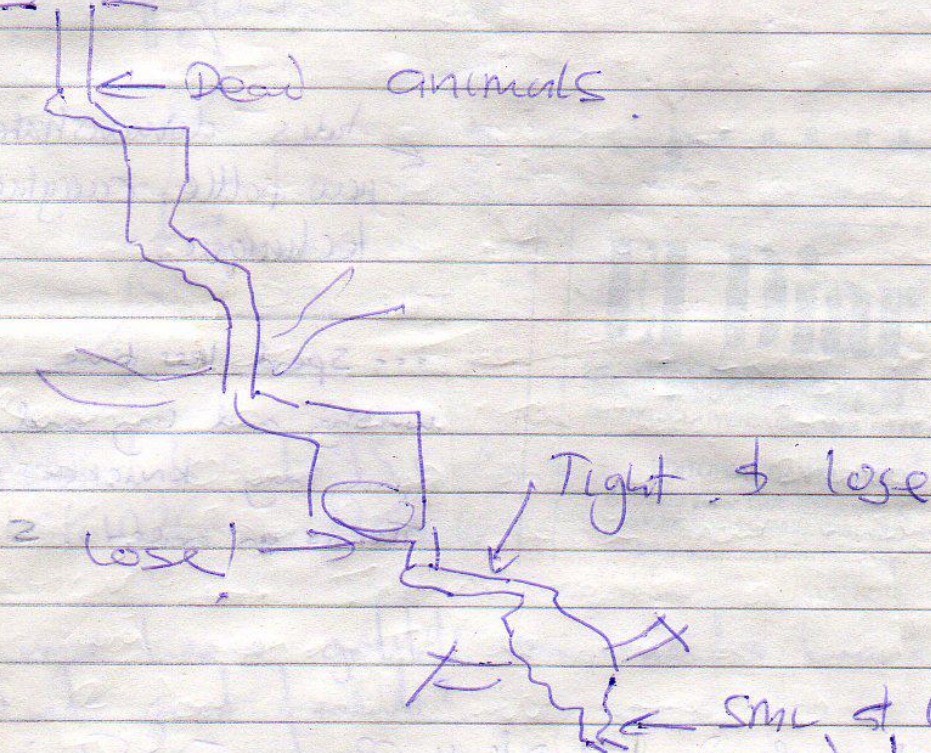
7th Oct 21 116 Oct

NECrophilia - The concluding episode...

Armed with a lump hammer, bolting kit, shovel and Peter's
magic chisel (we forgot the clothes pegs again.) Our two
intrepid explorers braved the rotting carcasses
to get to the bottom of the shaft known as Necrophilia.
The tight hole beneath the 3RD pitch yielded to marshing
gentle persuasion with lump hammer & chisel to reveal
a 9m pitch into a small chamber. Two small pneumatic
channels at around 4m to N & NE. Closes down to

Small loose rift. No draught. Beingged the bigger!

IT & Sq AWFUL



could be dug
by undernourished midgets
impevious to nasty smells /
germs looking for a very
hard time

W

/Julia R

→ Tea Pan Stacey!

No He is too fat.

Dorlok after a 4.00 am TINTO night in Bar (Graham)

Jane late Toly home after another late night

5/8/97 Jane, Andy P, Ivan to site 1241. Into chamber
+ photo "elephant tusk" formation. Floor route
closes in. Some digging carried out at end of
chamber - where continuation can be seen - until
Jane broke the lunghammer.

Needs more digging or a small person to
continue. No draught on a dull day.

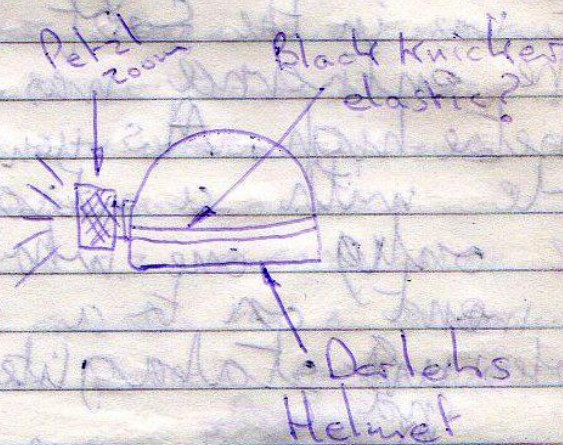
DCC Digging

7/8/97 (Sherree, TASH Billy Lenny) Andy P.

Returned to 1241. (The Tunks) continued digging at
chamber. Opened up slot until Sherree could fit
through. (Her first time in new shift.) Cave was
drafting in. Through squeeze a pitch down on the
left was seen. To the right a small passage goes
off 2 foot tall with some thick columns in
it. To the left a passage of similar size comes in
with a forest of smaller stals. Drafts join the
one from the entrance from the passage on the left
& from up the pitch, and flow up ramp above
pitch. This gets small but could be dug.

After return to camp site for ladder Sherree descends
pitch followed by Andy & Billy. (Who agreed it was
a collection piece.) At bottom was chamber with draft
coming out of boulders, mud, dry calcite & shale in floor.
Above was bolder roof which connects to floor before
squeeze. To get all the DCC digging to ramp & floor
of chamber this floor was dug for a while. So
needs Hilti capping. (Tommy's first job.)

Squeeze & Pitch named the shrew. In keeping with Jane
liking Hemen (its be named.) also after stall formation



Spotted in Dig
refitting head back
to helmet.

PLEASE REPORT ANY SIGHTING BELOW.
HOTLINE 0890 696942

3:1 CROSS SCRATCH

EVANS SANDRA 1 hand.

5:1 Sales 1 hand

33:100 SANDRA 2 hands

25:10 Rupert 2 WAY GIRLIE CROSS SCRATCH.



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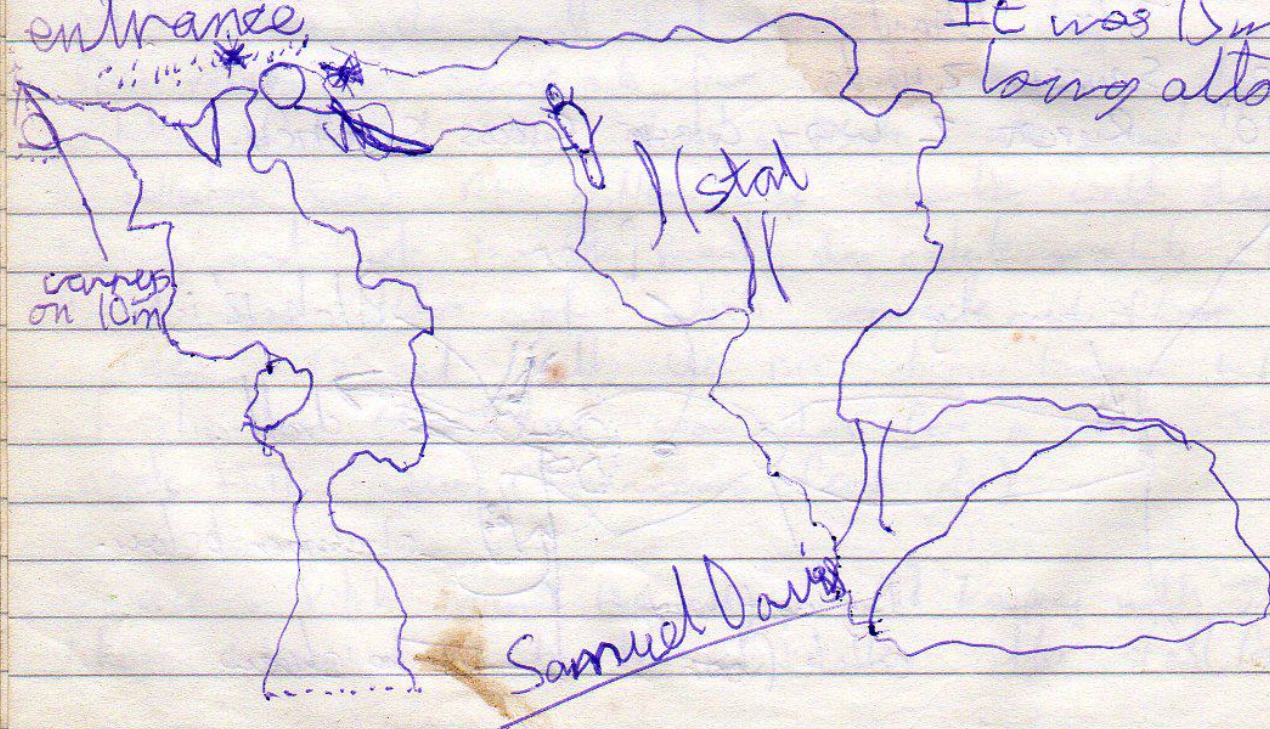
The Samirah House

See other account (Zorro 16m) next to 616.

IX On August the 5th 1997 a cave was found in the edge of the wood on La Colina. It was in the foot of a big rock. The entrance was 1.8 metres wide and 1 metre high. As you went on there was a hole with a diameter of 30 cm. I was the only one who could sit through it. I went on to a chamber with lots of holes ~~and~~ stalagmites.

A squirrel shot out of a small hole and went ~~off~~ of another entrance. The entrance was too small for me to sit through. Everybody could see me from outside. It went along a 10 metre tube with a diameter of 40 cm which went slightly down. I did not go down it because there was a big spider in the way with a diameter of 10 cm. I went out of the big entrance.

It was 15m long altogether.



3/8/97 P. Stacey, ANNIE, JULIA Marenica, NID 71

BSH AT END OF INLET PASSAGE FOUND ^{IN} CHAMBER FLOOR
 OFF 'V20' AT THE END OF HEDGEHOG, PAUL + JULIA SURVEYED
 INLET, WHILST ANNIE RIGGED PIT IN FLOOR FOLLOWING INLET
 NET FOUNDING FOR ~ 50M TO AVEN WITH DRAUGHT ENTERING FROM
 ABOVE. C6' ISH PROBABLY LIVABLE WITH PROTECTION.

PIT IN FLOOR (P7) LED TO P4 + C3. SEVERAL LARGE
 CHAMBERS FOUND WITH ONE LOW LEVEL ENTERED VIA A ODDLY CHOKED
 THE WATER EXITS VIA A V. SMALL STREAM PASSAGE, MAY BE RISHABLE.



06/08/97. P. Stacey + A. Wakeham.

Toad in the Hole

The aim of this trip was to survey a connection into Saville
 Pass + to survey the Lost Lost series (Well to try + find it!).
 We achieved the first easily, but the connection was not simple straight
 connection. so it went to the Saville Pass chamber, the area is
 a cascade of loops.

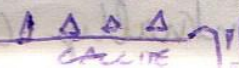
Now off to the Lost Lost Series, stepping on the way to survey
 several unmarked large passages + to chambers up several holes. Nothing
 quite intact. Finally find the lost lost series, well the unknown
 Upper version + series of parallel tubes. Several are getting lost
 - finding new passage (Well un-surveyed!) Then home. We need
 to go back + survey it.

Points of interest - We found Toad of Toad in the hole
 + a Mantis on the way home.



4/8/97 P. Stacey, A. Wakeham (well almost)

VACA LOCA 763

ENTERED TO FIND SLB MARGE HAD RIPPED SECOND PENDANT ASUNDER
 AFTER CUSALING DEBRIS + STUCK STG IN FLOOR SQUEEZED THRU' TO
 STALL CHAMBER. DRAUGHT COMING THRU' STALL RIFT IN FLOOR. NEEDS
 HAMMER / CHISEL. ROCKS WHEN ^{DEBRIS}  ^{DO} THROWN THRU' SEEM TO OPEN
 TRAVELER LEFT RIGGED.  ^{CALLITE}  ^{THROWN THRU' SEEM TO OPEN}
 ~ 5M??

5/3/97 P. Sauer, Ali

TOAD

RE-RIGGED 8m & 5m climbs & 4m CLIMB INTO 2 OWLS WITH
PSEUDO SRT RIG (BLUWATER) TO FACILITATE EASY & SAFE ACCESS
INTO INNER REACHES. THE LIGHTEST (A MOST EXPENDABLE) ^{TEAM} MEMBER
WAS SOMEWHAT ALARMED TO FIND ~~BLUWATER~~ ^{RIG} INTO 2 OWLS CONSISTED
OF 1 KNAUFSESS HAUSSERLATO & A SMALL ROCK JAMMED INTO A CRACK!

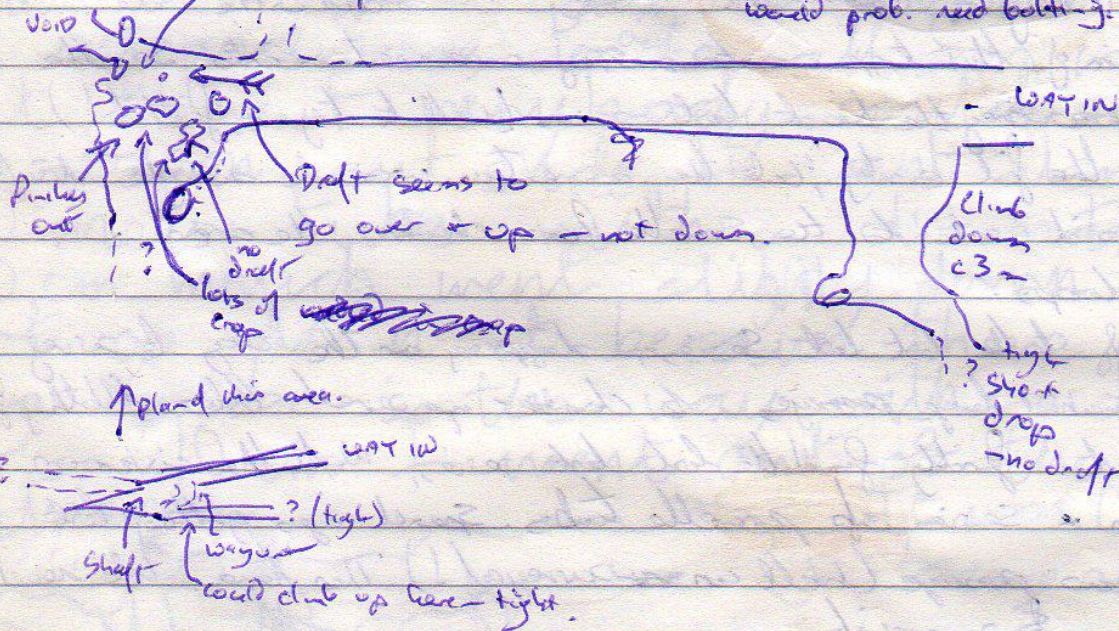


6-8-97 Toad - Ali + Jan.

Checked out Cocco series.

"P 12 Undersanded" on Survey:

Best bet prob. to traverse across here - preferably by someone short.
Worst prob. need bolting.



Choke at main e.d of Cocco series - v. strong drift, some goes into
bits at foot of choke - may be worth digging into. Dead broken
in the choke.

6.8.97. Hugh & Tricia

(1240) A 3m. deep hole intersected a narrow open joint
which led to a muddy floor.

(1239) A 9m. shaft, which led on one side to a small
narrow crawl about 2m. long, which ended, and the
other side led to an earthy, rubbly slope about
3.5m long which eventually closed down

1248

7/2/97 - Hugh & Jina

Small hole in grass slope ~~above road~~. Approx 95

above road. Boulder across edge of hole.

Isolated rounded rock

Rock 1 - 200m - to Rock 2 - 200m

approx 70m

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TUESDAY 5th AUGUST

Cueva Morino

Heavy rain the day before almost resulted in the diver getting pinned, but optimism was rewarded as the sump was only up by 6 to 8 inches. Previous limit at -70m / 300m in was soon reached, carrying 11,250 litres of trimix for those interested in statistics. The way on was clearly downwards, and immediately reached -75m after I dropped off the plate to floor level, a gravel slope continuing on down. The passage enlarged to where no walls were visible in 5 or 6 metres vis. Within minutes, -80m clocked up on both computers and the line was belayed to a handy place. A relaxed ascent began with lots of spare gas, to the first stop at 30 metres, after 43 minutes.

A further 2 hours 2 mins. of stops and I was able to surface to be met by Dalek, Julie and Phil, who had taken some endemata photos in the sump pool. This period was quite pleasant due to my heated suit, and many Lucozade drinks pouches, which are now floating about in the sump at various levels, and give it the feel of being on the space-shuttle.

6 bottles of 4 different gas mixes were used. Dalek has been good enough to allow me a day off before the next push, so there was no need for him to carry all 6 out single-handed (in one go).

Friday 8th August. Toby, Jane, Tricia, Sylvia: Hornedo area.

Went to look at various known sites around Hornedo. 977 - This was seen from the opposite river bank by cavers & visiting the cave of the wild Mares some ~~years~~^{time} ago. We couldn't find any entrances except a very small choked tube which might have looked better from a distance.

980 - This is a resurgence about 3m long which then splits into 2 very narrow tubes (impassable)

~~981~~ - A nice but only short (26m) piece of cave passage in a resurgence. The right hand wall appears to be ^{have} a big sandstone choke ^{behind it}. The water deepens rapidly now

979 A nice but short stream passage with several sandstone choked inlets on the right. Oxbow on L is very tight and is 15m (ish) of unsurveyed passage. At end of streamway is rapidly deepening water to a deep rift sump. Big enough for diving but does the potential warrant it?

(1251) We also noted a resurgence under an obvious bedding just after the bridge north of Komodo. This was a small passage with a rock wall & roof on the left & the right wall made of mud & rocks. Jane went in about 3 body lengths & could see it appearing to get smaller & as she was only wearing an undersuit decided not to get totally wet through crawling back out and came out again.

Thurs 7/8 Jan D, Phil P, P. O'Neil, Helen D + S. O'Neil

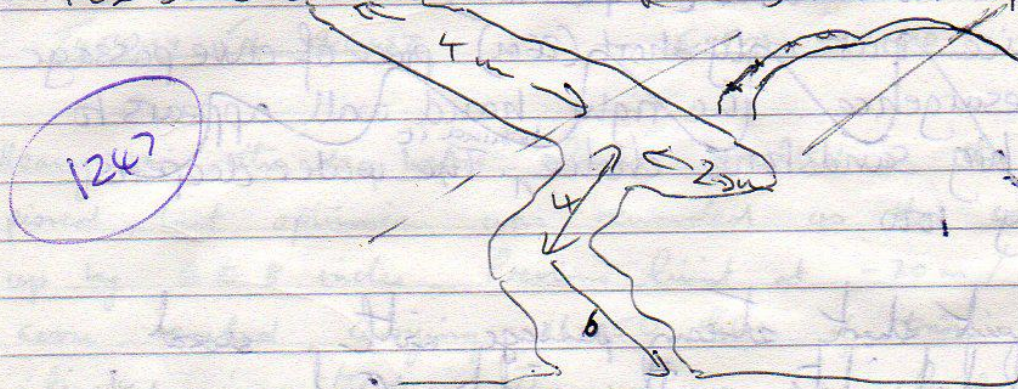
walk up to 12 + 29 to look for dips etc. - Sounded then up before getting to 12. Little drought, but some out wad air flows. At end (crawl to LHS downward) 3" hole next to box gave good echo, spent 2 hrs removing box & part of hole - needed more technology.

Looked for 29 - in event it seems to be some level as 12 - very big cave used for a goat pen, with wall part way in to contain goats. Impressive cave with pool in bottom - No go 3,000 yrs of goat shit & sediments block any sign of a way on.

PTO for digim

(BORA)
grade 1.

6/8/97 (Zorro's) hole.
Hole was 616 10m higher and 30m South.
Fox seen to leave. Crawl (lit out) to stalled passage



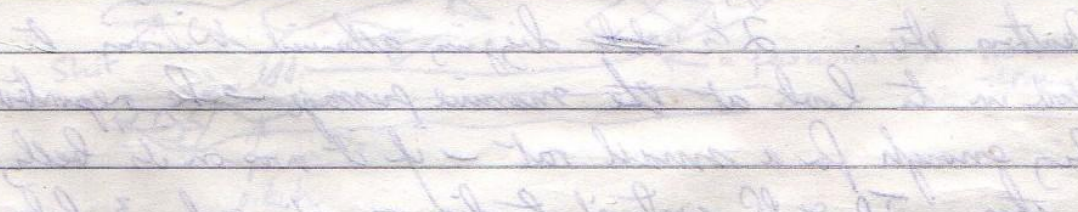
Did not find Cueva de los Agui.

Returned to cave - about 11:45 on 25th
We found the way on the steep slope of sand and
at end of first chamber - 100 yds over top of
down under ground into passage. The passage began
just a few yards of stable sand just before the end. The
pit is underneath some lower boulders and at
bottom, there there's a tunnel and the actual passage (2
ft. deep - one a rough hole in the floor of the pit) there's
another climb down - immediately dropping into second chamber.
At the far end of the chamber there's a steep slope or
with boulders at angle of about 45°. The only possible way to
the lower is over the boulders - this slope, where there are a
few holes between the boulders and against the right hand
wall.

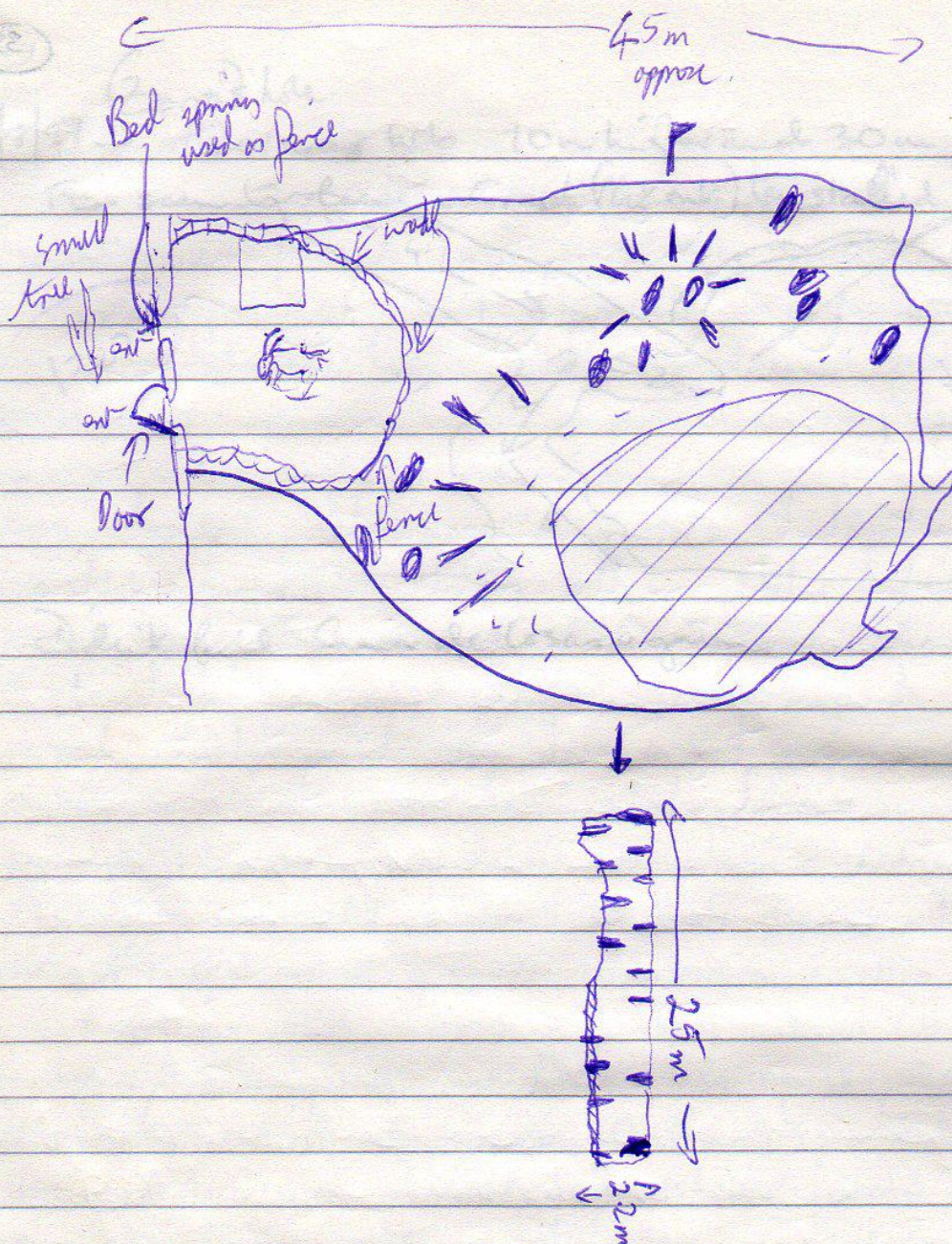
The only place we explored the Catalans' survey was at the entry to the second chamber. A short passage on the left leads in that direction. It contains a lot of animal skulls.

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The connection could be broken by cutting off one of the
 wires when it comes to the junction.

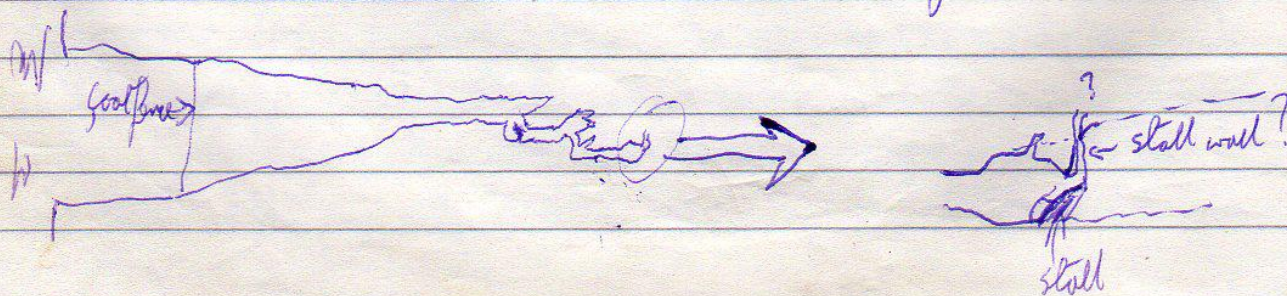


The diagram shows a horizontal wire with an arrow pointing to the left. A vertical wire crosses it, with an arrow pointing upwards. The junction is labeled "Junction".



8/3/97 J.D., P.P. & William Lewis CONCEPTO

Trip to use technology to remove wall at Cove 12, used drill plugs & feathers etc. 2 1/2 ~~days~~ digging allowed Wilson to get his head in to look at the massive passage - he reported it was big enough for a small rat - if it was on its belly! Despite this JD & PP continued to dig - at end 3 holes were drilled for future use (40 gm det cord). Still a good echo & a small drought.

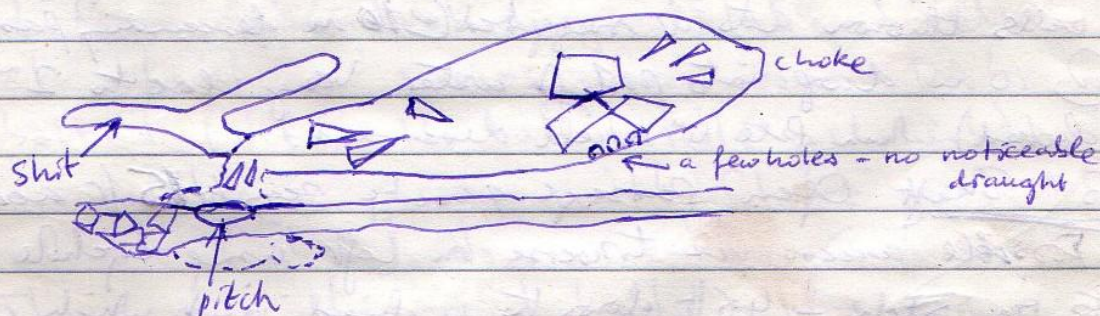


2 August Cueva de Sebo Liz Cowell, Pete Smith

Returned to cave first visited on 25th July.

We found the way on, up a slope of sand and boulders at end of first chamber. This goes over to a slope down and small climb down into passage. The passage goes past a few groups of stal, and just before the end, the pitch is underneath some large boulders. Climb down the boulders, then there's a slope, and then a vertical drop (2 ladders are enough). At the base of the pitch there's another climb down, immediately dropping into second chamber. At the far end of the chamber there's a steep slope up, with boulders at angle of rest. The only possible way to Molino is near the base of this slope, where there are a few holes between the boulders and against the right hand wall.

The only place we got off the Catalans' survey was at the entry to the second chamber. A short passage on the left heads in the opposite direction. It contains a lot of animal shit.



No voice contact could be made with Peter Eagan and Andy Pringle in Molino. Perhaps the only way to attempt the connection could be by setting off smoke in Molino in winter when it draughts in, and seeing where/if it comes into Sebo.

9/8/97

Jim D, Juan, Ben, Samuel, Helen.

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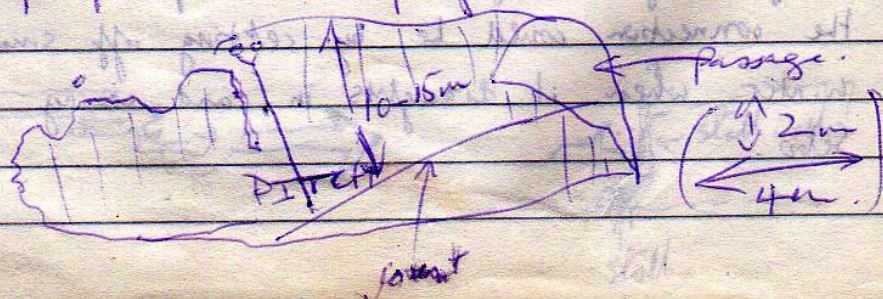
Prodding about to find 685 and the source of the Elsan ditched over a T shirt in Toad yesterday. Failed to detect smell but did confirm 685 as a draughting hole. Others to east & higher in small "valley" also draught.

TRIP to check Thru - Jim were taking same holes - 685 - resulted in finding 4 new draughting holes.

8/8/97 - before trip above - Jim D on bike to shift "Excuse" Found draughting holes + 2 other sites but no smell and none the worse - need to consult Thru.

6/8/97 - went into Pete Egan. Short chimney climb (up) after stab grill in helixite passage revealed draught from bedding fault which needs enlarging. Mud balls thrown into it suggested @ 10 in descending passage to @ 10 in drop into pool of water. Very close to 2nd pitch (checked) which Pete D. Niell descended.

3rd Shaft Open passage can be seen to 15 ft across pitch. Possible access via traverse on left unip. edge hole as a lay to rig pitch - 40 ft down to inclined joint which could be used as peg route to below rubble passage. Probably needs 2 bolts for pitch and 3 pegs to deviate below.



8-97 # 774 Shaft ~~trip~~ dropping trip
2nd + 3rd photo trip.

P. Eagan, C. Cowel, P. O'Neil, Tim Davis, Darla, Jane
Cliff.

Entered cave in two parties. First shaft
was nearly connected before second party
arrived. quick photo trip towards ledge log
crawl on return shaft had been connected
to St 45. Regatan.

Both parties visited end of new
passage (sick in side) 2nd + 3rd shafts
dropped but choked (see Pete O'Neil)

Photos were taken in new shaft
and some pushing possible climb in
roof with draught (see ~~Jim~~) and viewed
continuation of main passage which will
need bolting.

Visited 4th shaft which quickly
connected to G.T. Series regatan.

Brief Description

24m sloping shaft can be
rigged from abundant large shat at the
base of shaft a series of narrow climbs
are bolted (difficult but possible as climb)
enters a larger passage with flake across
a scramble (shat) down enters G.T. series.

There are other good leads in this area.

This connection will be easier and shake
than the Italian's pitel.

P. Eagan

Alpine Chough Pit 8-8-97
P. Eagan, Ali, Hugh Browning, Dorley + 5 poles.

Maypole trip to bottom of shaft.

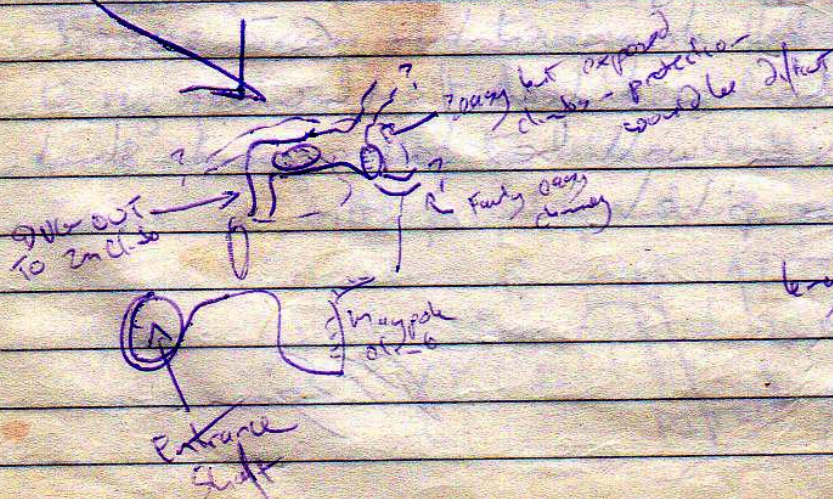
Some new bolts were located at top of shaft, which is a difficult take off.

All reached maypole climb which was easy. At top of climb a short descent is sand leads to clove (no way on) but a climb on large block aids entry to a short climb into rift, a further climb (after narrow section of rift) gives access to a draughting passage with false floors and small chambers, with nice formations. This passage leads to a collapse with pitel down (underground) with a continuing passage above (unentered). There are still leads in this area.

Back is main passage near maypole climb a further set of climbs were found which require tackle (see Ali).

A good trip was had by all

P. Eagan



length of this is close to (not surveyed)

Ali

Delia Smith's Summer Recipes

Casserole of Caver.

This is a good recipe for the slightly older, less tender caver that you may come across in Sainsbury's or the Baker's (delete as appropriate).

Take one Toby and the juice from a bottle of anis. Marinade for 8 hours or overnight.

Beat briskly, then pour into a sleeping bag and leave to set.

Stir well then simmer in an oversuit for 1 hour.

Bring to the boil at the top of the hill, then flash fry.

Scramble to the car with the possibility of microwaving.

Serve at ~~the~~ Bar German with coffees and copas & déjà vu.

Translation: 10/8/97 Toby, Jane, Andy Pringle S. Vega

1249

After the fiesta A.P. & T.C. were feeling very fragile. Jane persuaded them to go up to a known site near Defrades on the S. Vega. We didn't find this, but Jane stumbled across a rift with a 15 foot pitch & a rumble after it just as the afternoon thunderstorm was really brewing up. The shaft was ladder as a loud clap of thunder was heard & Jane descended to find another pitch going from an eyehole near the base of the climb. The storm had really got going by now & the next pitch needs gardening so the ladder was left & we retreated hastily as the storm crashed round our ears. Unfinished business! Jane

Quote of the day from Toby: "That's Defrades over there, the upper enhance is the higher one." !!

14
2 Sumps Chamber Reñada 090897

Julia?

Ali, Juliette, Darlic and Fred

This chamber is mud covered until about 4m above the floor where it is clean washed.

This indicates the sump backs up due to underwater constriction. With this in mind it was decided to dive the sump at the end of the flood overflow passage.

At the start of the sump the passage slopes down over rubble and at a depth of 7m enters a rift passage. This continued for approximately 60m, to a junction. At this point the first line was run out, and a return to base was made to collect the second one.

Continuing back into the sump at the junction it was decided to turn left into the more inviting passage. After about 10m the sump starts to rise and with only 7m left it surfaced.

Full of excitement Fred detitted and set off to explore. After 60m a rough passage was entered going in both directions. A carbide dump indicated this was not virgin cave passage. Further exploration found the reflector at the start of beetle passage, some twenty metres from the new passage.

A further junction was found on the way back and back at 60m the right hand passage was looked at and looks like the main way on.

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Total length of camp is 180m and has been named "Barman's Holiday"

Anyone contemplating diving this camp would find it easier to attack it from the main chamber rather than having to tackle up the two camps chamber pitch.

The other camp wasn't looked at due to lack of live.

TORCA LORCA or MR. DRANGHTRY. (N. 1250)

6/8/96. Mr. D. Helen

First recovery. Dig inspection of holes found on 8th & 9th August.

Went to Seldemto and started off at Vaca loco. Ascended 100 ft. to start checking other holes. First 2 cool, but no draught. Then to Torca Lorca.

Same cool draught. Phil actually smiled! Extricated 2 large rocks to make entrance bright and then Phil got stuck in. Major spoil heap appeared over 2-3 hours digging. Draught didn't disappear with debris dropped down hole. A large flake appeared to be solid, but transpired to be broken in half and suspended over way on, so we retreated for a means of reinforcement with encouragement from a thunder storm. Strong draught & winged air, crowbars and alumin-framed rockers don't go together with lightning. Helen refused to return to the van with us unless we were 50m away!

(Continuing the literary theme - Torca Lorca - well known homosexual spanish playwright shot by Franco's Army in Granada)

11/8/96 - Tim, P. Helen, Ivan, DAREK, SAMUEL. (1250) - MR. DRANGHTRY.

Continued dig. TOOK REBAR AND wood wedges and STAPLED FLARE TO WALL. MEN DUG UNDER AND REMOVED MORE STUFF. GOT TO where we could climb down and see underneath to descending tube - too tight. (Phil then piling a feathered rock off) Darek dug to reveal more of tube and then needs more work, but draught seemed colder (hotter day).

Then Darek who had gone hole hunting said he had found a new one, but it was 690, had an ear tag on - originally red, but now brown.

Decided to return to bar on news of overdue spanish trip to Valline.

Calaveras St

Jim D, Phil, & Dorteck.

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Excuse & History - The true story.

2/8/97

Now way back in 199 - Talking Terry and I accompanied Jim D. to Drankster to check out possible ~~leads~~ leads to Tredor. Much looking about ended with TT returning from a passage which he reckoned was 300m (1000 ft) long and was heading for Tredor?, but he declined to survey it on some excuse. Many years have passed and TT did not return, so after checking up on the description of the passage (which varied from crawling in water to walking in a 3 ft high rift) it was decided to go & do it.

We equipped ourselves with a Dorteck and after extracting a few offhanding logs from the entrance to Coradennan, we reached the streamway and ~~put~~ put a rope hand line on to climb up to the western series. (The ladder was not rigid). We arrived at Drankster in 2 1/2 hours via the series of down and the 100 ft of passage was found and entered at 4 pm. Speedy progress in a less than hands & knees crawl followed by sideways walking at best and horizontal ventilation at worst found us at a head first downwards dive to the lower level of a 7m rift. The passage continued until it was possible to turn round - which is where the survey started. Dorteck got excited and disappeared in what he assumed was a sandy walking passage (but was actually none of the same). Eventually he reappeared and ^{loc} started surveying out. Tim legged it to light the fires of eternal smoke and lost puker jingles à la maison Corrin (who had been trying to impress Terry with Nostalgia every night!). Meanwhile Sniffers ~~scented~~ the Mushroom Field particularly 603 area and two independent sniffs suggested 603 as source of "odd" odour. However, no smoke was seen. The snake was only let off at the end of Drankster and went

Pro

who knows where? while the ~~insticks~~ were used at the ~~chick~~,
at the corner of the tent where the telephone bank was.
After taking for sounds of drilling & Hilti capping (courtesy
Toby & Jane) Tim rejoined ~~the~~ HP & Derek although HP was
LTH. Set off for exit at 2.30 pm (more than 3 hours of
Puzosony, but it's a lovely passage!) Out at 10. Tim all
250m surveyed with 60m continuing and more.

No 1248 Above Toad - (Another Way In?) - 11.8.97

It was on Hugh & Trish's Travels up thro the Under-
growth Jungle of Toad that this entrance was found.
Of course they would be gone down the day after
to do it right because they'd no lights & enough no
but for Derek doing the Peninsula Conny for Fred.
So 2 days later it was Derek Hugh Trish & Tim
(Sherpa) that committed themselves to do it on bare
3-10' drop from a black & jammed across the way. Loose,
soft & shattered rock on walls & 2 or 3 drops to head or
v. loose & dodgy floor. Much Gendening & 2 balls later
I had a nice 'X' hang from moon milky walls below.
A deviation from a rock pinnacle gave a straight
drop down to a flat floor of 2.5m x 4m in area.
Big Passage loomed ahead but in fact was an arch
of calcified boulders above a greasy / slippery calcite
slope. Narrow aven here with a crack line all
the way up connected to another longer aven 5m
in dia & 15m high. This was of course reached
by stepping gingerly over yet another calcite slope.
The very bottom of this needed a snuggest (slightly)
hole. Tim was wide by foot on so high. A widening was
seen but ~~the~~ of the calcified boulders preceding it &
lack of tools (ie crow bar) it was left, sadly on this
occasion. But we will be back with our Paul!!

Yours Ever Lavin
Cave Dwellers

31.6.97. Investigating evidence of short-trunked Foraminiferal Elephant (a Platanus relic) in the Matruha depression.

All evidence indicates the extinction of this species was due to its inability to extract orbitolite beds more than 2m back from surface due to the length of its trunk. This is very obvious from coprolite remains in sand deposits below orbitolite outcrops. However it is possible that cave development in Orbitolite beds is due to S-TFE - however we have not yet witnessed such cave development in section. If anyone sees a Short-trunked Foraminiferal Elephant feeding underground please report it so proper scientific recording can be made.

8/8/97 Sherree Tash Billy Lanning Andyl.

Returned to site 1241. Hilts capped small hole in boulder floor to allow all beam members to get to chamber below. Floor of chamber is also boulders small passage can be seen. This would take several days (at least) digging. The draft was again coming up out of floor. The area above the ditch was also revisited, This does not look promising.

? Sherree Tash Billy Lanning Andyl. Site 1189.

Daisy Dig.

Dug hole at the top of the ramp. A wider space could be seen beyond run in of boulders sand & mud. The uphill digging became dangerous. Banging on limestone outcrops on the surface could be heard through the dig.

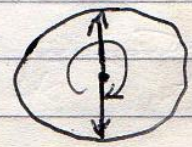
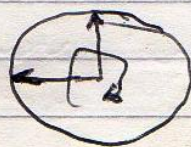
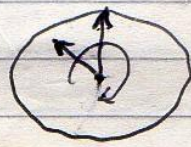
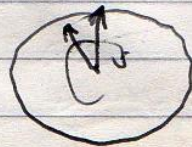
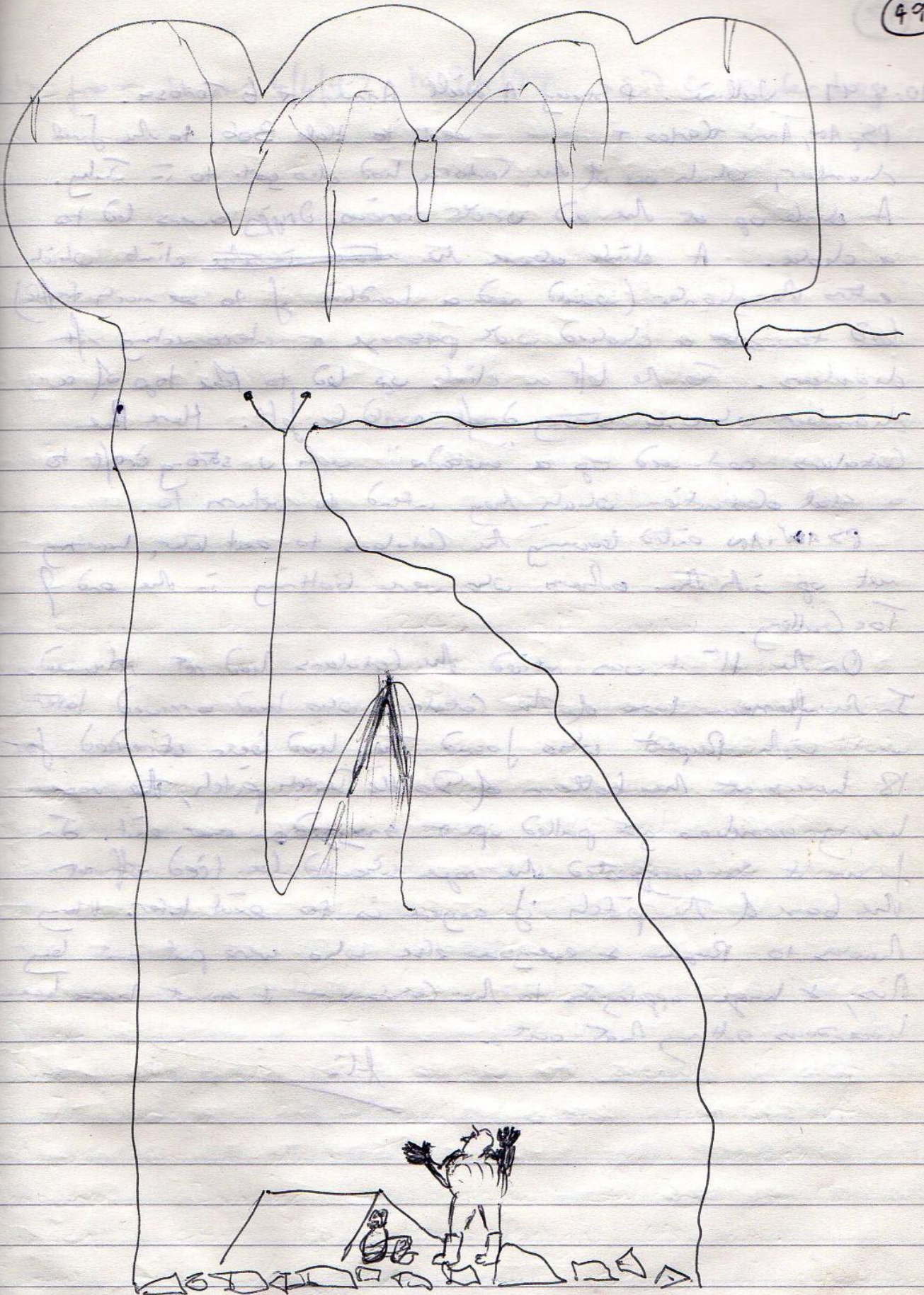
Below one of these outcrops a drafting hole was found. This would be a more feasible place to dig. It was left awaiting permission to rip out another part of the hillside.

11/8/97

License Indiscreetly Part 4.

The scene has changed setting from the mushroom field to the Renda - Valline dig at Mr Doughtie. Squire Davis and Mr Darg are testing the faithful Bob on their new venture. A promising source of odorless air suitable for perfuming has been located just across from Toad's seat. Minor Mining techniques have to be employed and the new man Ian has to be encouraged to get his "AFFIRE" on before Mr. Collins who had been diverted from his estate. Much encouragement resulted in a successful disappearance of Ian to assist Mr. Darg. Meanwhile Mr Collins & Retume were advised of potential air sources which might be beneficial to their estate. However, all explorations were entailed on the news that a visiting Spanish entourage had been inexplicably delayed on a neighbouring estate at Valline. Much silly and pointless chatter on their possible plight was ^{found to be} all nonsense when it was revealed that one of Mrs Bennett's daughters had - as Mr Bennett would say - lived up to being ~~the~~ "One of five of the silliest girls in the County".

However, Mr Bennett (being the wise father that he is) did the gentlemanly thing and offered open house at the nearest Park House to his Spanish visitors who ~~accepted~~ accepted the offer in the spirit it was given.



10.8.97 Vallée. P Strong A Dill Annie + 6 Tortosa.

PS, An, Annie Carlos + ... sent to Hake Bob to the final chamber, which one of the Tortosa had also got to in July. A climb up at the end under various dripping caves led to a choke. A climb above the ~~choke~~ ~~in the~~ climb which enters the chamber (would need a handline if to see much traffic) led to ~~the~~ a choked wide passage or interconnecting rift chambers. To the left a climb up led to the top of a chamber where a strong draft could be felt. Here the Catalans continued up a "meade" with v. strong draft to a final obstruction which they intend to return to.

PS ~~AW~~ + An exited leaving the Catalans to exit later, having met up with the others who were bolting in the end of Toc Gallery.

On the 11th it was noticed the Catalans had not returned. In the afternoon two of the Catalans who had arrived later went with Rupert who found they had been stranded for 18 hours at the bottom of Double Dutch pitch, the rope having somehow got pulled up & snagged on our exit. In future it is suggested the rope should be tied off at the base of the pitch if anyone is to exit later. Many thanks to Rupert & everyone else who were put out by this, & huge apologies to the Catalans — it must have been horrendous sitting that out.

HL:

Bits from Easter 4/4/97 to 9/4/97 added in Easter Log.

9/10/8/47 Joe T. Pete E. + Andy P.
 (later supported by Toby Jane + Liz C.)
 Site 868 in field on RHS of road before the
 415 bend. Andy took Joe & Pete to attach
 this strongly drafting site & introduce them to the
 use of hill caps. Joe + Pete were both
 impressed with the method. The rift was enlarged
 to allow Pete to descend to an area full
 of small boulders. This would be a longer term
 project, but the draft warrants a return.
 Come on down the DCC we have finished
 at the day.

8/8/97 - TOTO P. Smeat. A. Warden, J. Robinson, N. Upson
 MARTIN & JULIA DELIVERED AT 12M UNDESCENDED PITCH AT END
 OF COCOA SERIES. PAUL + ANNIE CHECKED OUT ALL SIDE PASSAGES
 WITHIN SERIES. NOTHING MUCH FOUND OF INTEREST APART FROM
 A DRAUGHTING (OUT) V. SMALL PASSAGE IN LHS WALL NOT FAR IN.
 EXAMINED END CHUTE. V. DRAUGHTY & A SMALL SLIVER FOUND
 CRAWLING AROUND. DEPOSIT T-SHIRT COVERED WITH ELKAN BLUE
 AT TERMINAL CHUTE FOR INSENSE & INSENSIBILITY PART-5. I'M
 NOT SURE HOW THIS RUNS WITH CAVE CONSERVATION! RETURNED TO
 MARTIN & JULIA WHO HAD DESCENDED ~15M TO WHERE THE PITCH
 WAS BECOMING HIDEOUS. AM EXITED AFTER A MEETING LOOK-UP
 WHICH RESULTED IN BOTH GROUPS WAITING FOR EACH OTHER AT
 DIFFERENT PLACES FOR ~40 mins. "SANDY JUNCTION" COULD BE AT
 SEVERAL LOCATIONS RESULT!

9/8/97 - 491

P. SART, A. WAREHAM

DESCENDED CAVE AFTER PLACING TWO BOATS (+ NATURAL BELAY).
 GOOD SCRABBLE ABOUT AT THE BOTTOM. CAVE WAS DRAUGHTING BUT
 NOT ALOT CONSIDERING HOW HOT IT WAS OUTSIDE. MOST DRAUGHT
 APPEARS OUT OF 8" x 3" HOLE IN SIDE OF RIFT AT BOTTOM.



HOLES ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE PITCH SEEM ONLY LEAD TO
 MENS ALSO OBSERVED STOPPING INTO THE GAZE OF 491.

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11/8/97 - TUD (258) & CAUETA REBOLLO (38) - P. SART & Ali

DE-RIGGED ROAD & STROUGED ACROSS VALLEY TO TIM ET
 AL. JUST IN CASE 6 LADDERS WERE SUDDENLY NEEDED.
 VISITED CAUETA REBOLLO & FORCED ABOUT - DRAUGHT V. UNFED IN
 DUE TO LARGE NUMBER OF ENTS.

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ENT. FOUND JUST DOWN SLOPE & TO THE LHS OF 38. AFTER
 DIGGING FOR ~30 MINS SMALL TUBE ENTERED WITH GOOD OUTWARD
 DRAUGHT EMERGING FROM PARTIALLY BLOWED TUBE, DAYLIGHT
 ENTERING FROM ROOF THRU' BLOCKS.

12/8/97 - VALINE - P. SART, Ali, ANNE WAREHAM, N. VERNON & JULIA REBOLLO

GROVE ABOUT IN MID & BOUNCERS JUST AFTER BREAK THRU' POINT
 INTO 'VALINE 2' - NOT MUCH FOUND BUT DRAUGHT FOLLOWED INTO
 V. SMALL & MEANWHILE ROOF PASSAGE. ~ SOM ON, THE WAY SPLIT -
 ONE TOO SMALL & THE OTHER TAKES THE DRAUGHT & WATER CAN
 BE HEARD. V. SMALL TWO' MAY BE PUSHABLE. NO LOSS IF ANYTHING WE
 SUSPECTED WAS NEW BUT AT LEAST MORE DETAIL CAN BE ADDED TO
 VALINE SKETCH AROUND AREA OF BREAK THRU' "BIG NOSEY GEAR"
 THANKS TO THE CATALANS FOR REMOVING AND WASHING
 THE ROPE LEFT BY THE BRITS ON THIS TRIP!!!



Last stages of
sorry ~~onset~~ of old age, I've already
written this up.

10/7/97 Jane, Toby, Andy Pingle

Walked up to the depression near Dofrades to look at some undescended shafts. Couldn't find them, but found a new site. Jane descended about 3m to a ledge where gardening would be needed to continue descending. At this point, the heavens opening opened & a thunderstorm began to rage. Jane rapidly ascended the mobile lightning conductor (ladder) & we beat a hasty retreat.

11/7/97 Jane, Trish, Hugh.

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Surley! We returned to the shaft mentioned above. Hugh went down the ladder & gardened the ledge. He then went down another 7m pitch. There were two stalled up parallel rifts about 4m long here and that was all. Just as we came out we saw & heard Toby in the van in the valley hooting & calling us to come down because the Catalans were overdue. We didn't look for any more sites, therefore, but this area would repay another visit.

14/Aug/97

Martin Upford volunteers to become

~~Expo trustee~~ office.

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~~FUCK OFF WHAT
IS THIS SHIT~~

~~GANT CAVE DID
FUCK ALL CAN'T
EVERY WANK.~~

AGUA M. UPFAD, A WARRIUM J. ROUSA

TOURIST TRIP BEAUTY, BUT WHAT A
CAVE WOW!!

Today went down Agua! Martin, Julia & me!
Martin went for a wee & not in his wetsuit,
He took ages! We swam lots & Julia got cold!
She was happy because ~~it~~ her over suit was
down. Anne had to wear her best sweat shirt
under Ali's wetsuit, & talked all the way, because
it got wet!

Martin made lots of nice comments about
the stalagmites. Julia looked confused!

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← Jim is advanced of rest of trip!!

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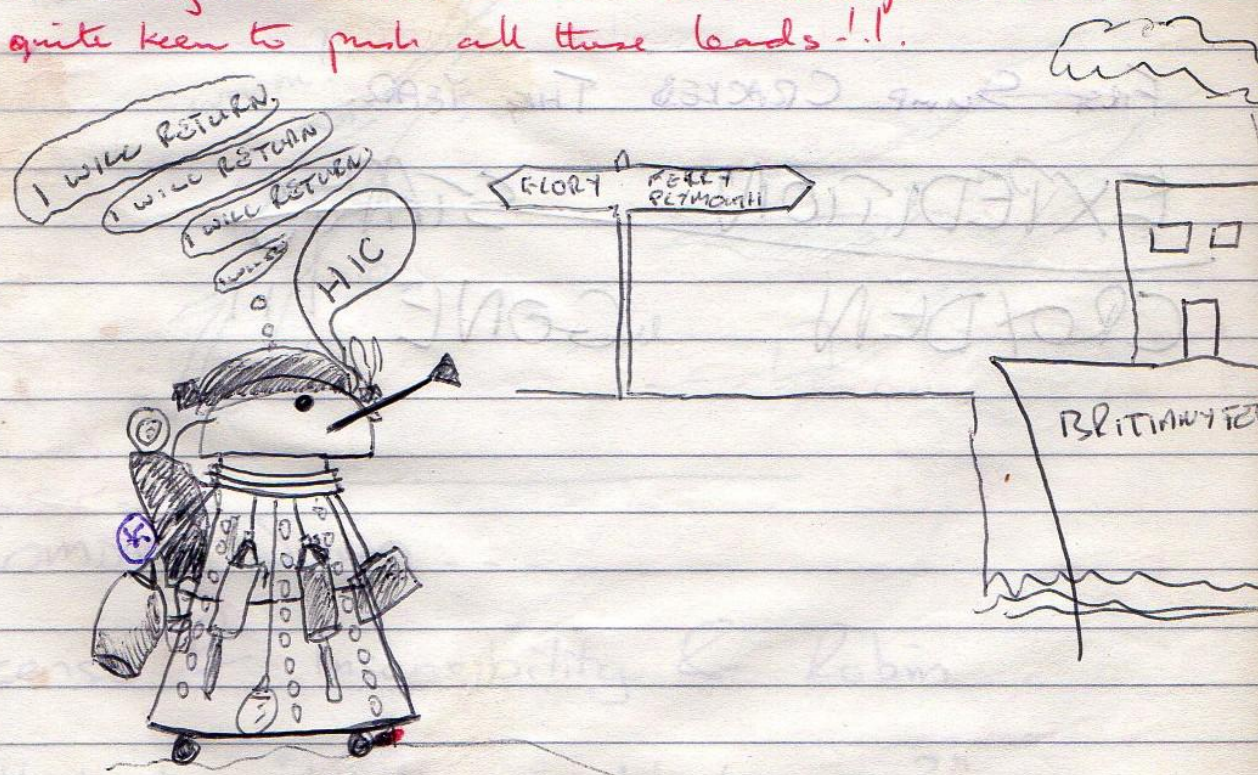
WARRING - 6mm bolts used.

RENADA - BREAKDOWN CHAMBER. - JANE, JIM, DARCEK.

After an abortive attempt to go to do a bolt route in Des Niños, Jane suggested a look at a boulder chiseled in Renada. Darcele-benpa star - looked disdainfully at the small amount of tackle we had collected and almost complained at the short piece of rope - so we threw in a ladder, lifeline/S&T rope (40m) drill, Battery, bolts, ladders etc. Not put out at all he forced it all in one bag saying it wouldn't get muddy if he packed it properly in a poly bag - We didn't object and he carried it all the way there and back. What a hero! So Jane & I had a nice trip. We looked at the easier chits first, but they were chiseled with non-stated rock. ~~The~~ Darcele then free climbed the bolt route (that Jim?? Nangleton had started) to a head sized hole to a ?Chamber above. Darcele was all for hammering off a bit so he could get through, but we luckily persuaded him that it didn't look too stable and maybe we should look for a safer alternative. We did and saw a rift in the hanging wall of this chamber. The route to this was not straight forward and consisted of some unconventional tactics climbing ^{up} a "Carliplace star" rock to where Jim could put a bolt in. Having started off the route he then remembered to put his harness on and then continued to ascend crossing to the hanging wall and then diagonally up and towards the entrance to the rift. At some pt, Jane & Darcele went to investigate an area previously seen and to warm up, leaving Jim to continue. More bolts led to where chimneying techniques could be used to climb another 6m to a well decorated hanging chamber with floor at 60". ~~Traversing~~ Traversing along the rift led to more of same with roof up to 10m above. Left rigged for more protection (ships etc) and surveying. Seems to be below Exit Windows in Cabana, but maybe it's beyond the end. Darcele's a star. Today, he admitted two badly ingrowing toenails and the tackle bag was used as pain relief!

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6/8/97.

TRATTLOW - DAVIS, DARREK & JAW in bits.
Set off to find Green door in hillside at Calzadillas.
found it - the doorway - ruins door. A 5 ft high doorway with
cub stone joints and head to a 6 ft cube room. No apparent
draught but has all the mechanisms of a old stove for the fan
100 m away. Suggest someone re-vents this site in winter
when it might draught out strongly. If so speak nicely to the
owner who has electricity now and doesn't use it.
Then went back to Porto Ahras where we unloaded mountain
bikes for descent to Riva via bar at Anedondo. Met Naksha
writing out proof for an excuse to go swimming where
Samuel they obeyed.
Then by MB to Cruz Uthra and Herman's.
All changed to go cany - Tivero (pronounced H-dithese)
found it easily and it's a nice walk through cave. Uthra
was quite keen to push all these loads!!.

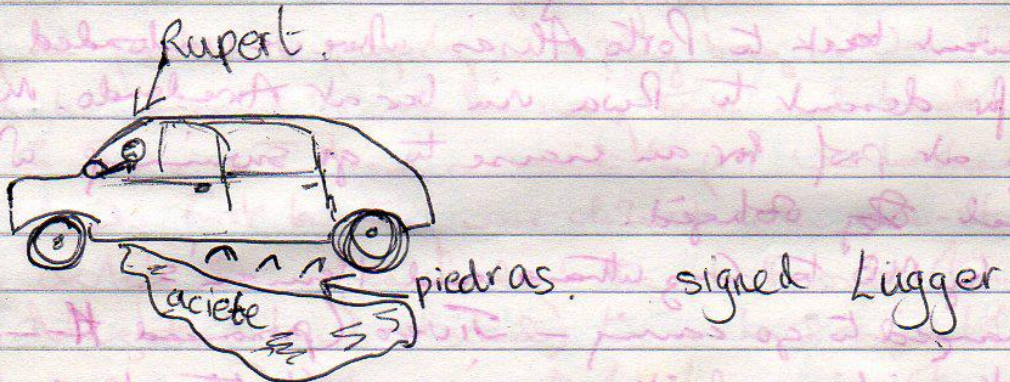


Q1. When does a driver's car become a diver's car?

A1. When it has the 'R's' knocked out of it.

Q2. Why do divers always have large garage bills?

A2. Because they're always cracking sumps.



First Sump CRACKED THIS YEAR.

~~EXPEDITION STARTS~~

CROXDEN

GONE !!!



NOTHING!

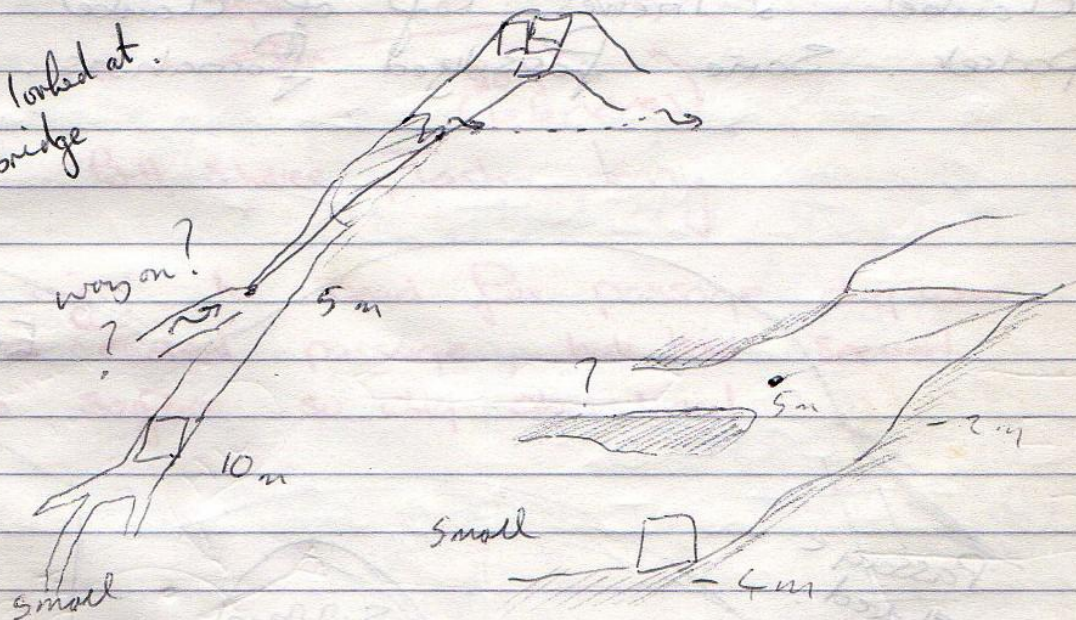
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13/8/97 Phil P. Jane + Toby to 979 to dive sump after
cables 20m in. Slow start following Rossa trip. V little flow
out of sump. Sump in rift - drops to 2m & then splits with straight
in rift down to 4m 10m in where it splits into small rifts about
55m wide - viz low at this stage. At 5m point passage
on RHS (looking into sump) & this is probable way on. Line
up in to this point. If dived again - it would be best done
in wet weather when there is a flow to clear viz. This cone
looks like a flood outlet for a larger system - very clear water
suggests not a newly sink & shows it is different to Wild Horses cone

Also 1254
Hornedo looked at.
near bridge



Coming Soon

Incense & Insensibility & Robin

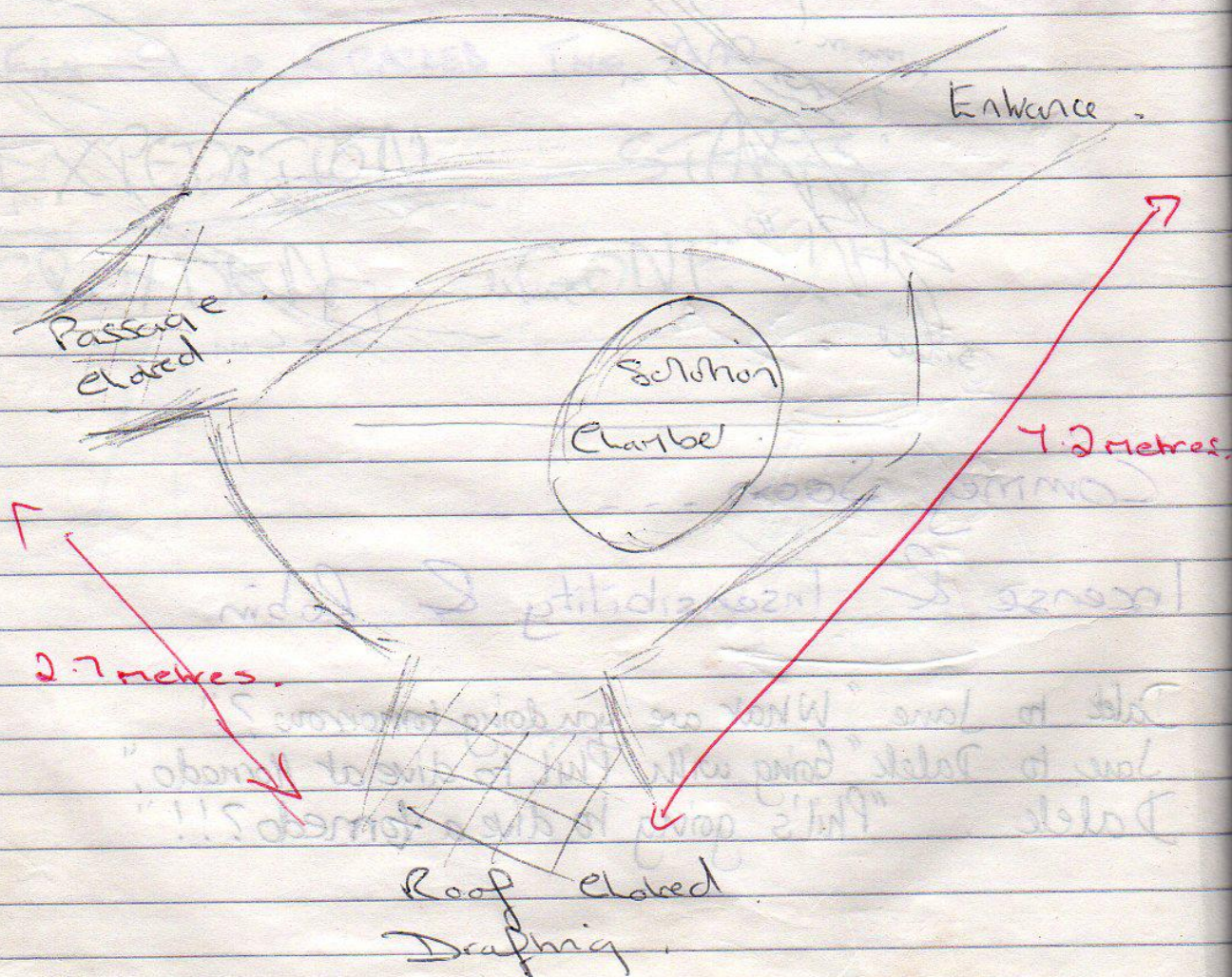
Dalek to Jane "What are you doing tomorrow?"

Jane to Dalek "Going with Phil to dive at Hornedo."

Dalek : "Phil's going to dive a tornado?!!"

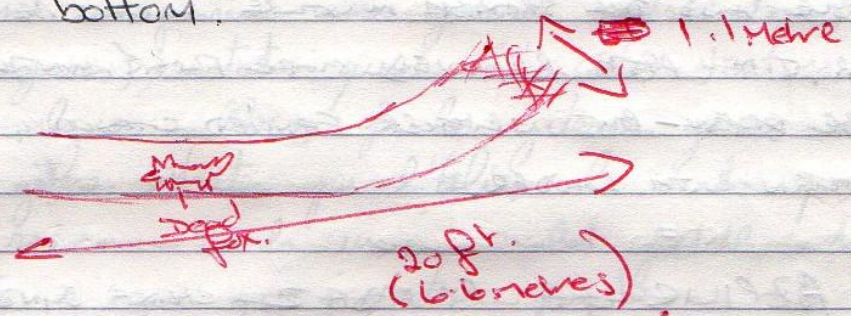
16/8/97 - Bill, Sheree, Tash, Jenny.

Daily Dig Mark II. Drafting slot
higher up hill to left of 1189 dig.
Boulders removed slot enlarged to allow
entry. Sheree enter to find small chamber
with block roof, choked with boulders at
back left hand side. Small passage opposite
entrance also choked. Choke in roof
drafting. length from entrance to roof
boulder choked area 7.2 metres. width of
chamber 2.7 metres. Roof of chamber solution
podrel. Some fossilized formations.



16/8/97. Bill, Steve, Tash, Lenny

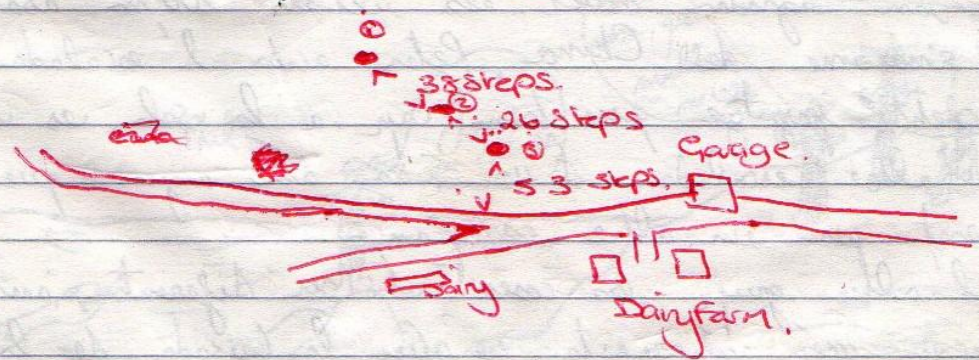
From Dairy dig Mark II lefthand-side, Vertically up 20ft. Walking passage for 11metre length, 1.1metre width. Named dead fox passage (due to decreased fox in passage) height approx 6ft (2metres). Slight bend towards left hand side. Chaired passage. Drafting at bottom.



17/8/97. Bill, Steve, Tash, Lenny.

Second visit to Dead fox passage dig was advanced at the choked passage, but this seemed to go to surface so dig abandoned.

Location of Dairy Dig, Dairy Dig II and Dead Fox Passage.



- ① Dead fox passage.

② Dairy dig II

③ Dairy Dig.

14/8/97.

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MR. DRUMMOND.

PHIL, JIM, WILLIAM, PETE (O'Neill)
STANDER.

Continued dig to bottom of climb. Jim drilled & plugged & feathered off a large flake in the centre of passage and sent it up in 2 bits. Then cleared further loose flakes and small bits and then swapped with Pete and Phil. Phil squeezed down passage to further dig where he & Phil hit a large flake, but decided everything was too unstable and the "Spanish mixture" might be useful. However, Jim & Pete removed more floor until way down could be seen - but neither fancied changing it!! Decided to return with ladder.

15/8/97. AZPILICUETA - RENADA 2 - CHINA SYNDROME - RENADA 1

MEGA MEGA TRIP

With

CATALANS.

Phil, Jim, Jane, Ian, Pete O, Jordi, Carlos, Elies, Xarli, Xavier, Sergi.

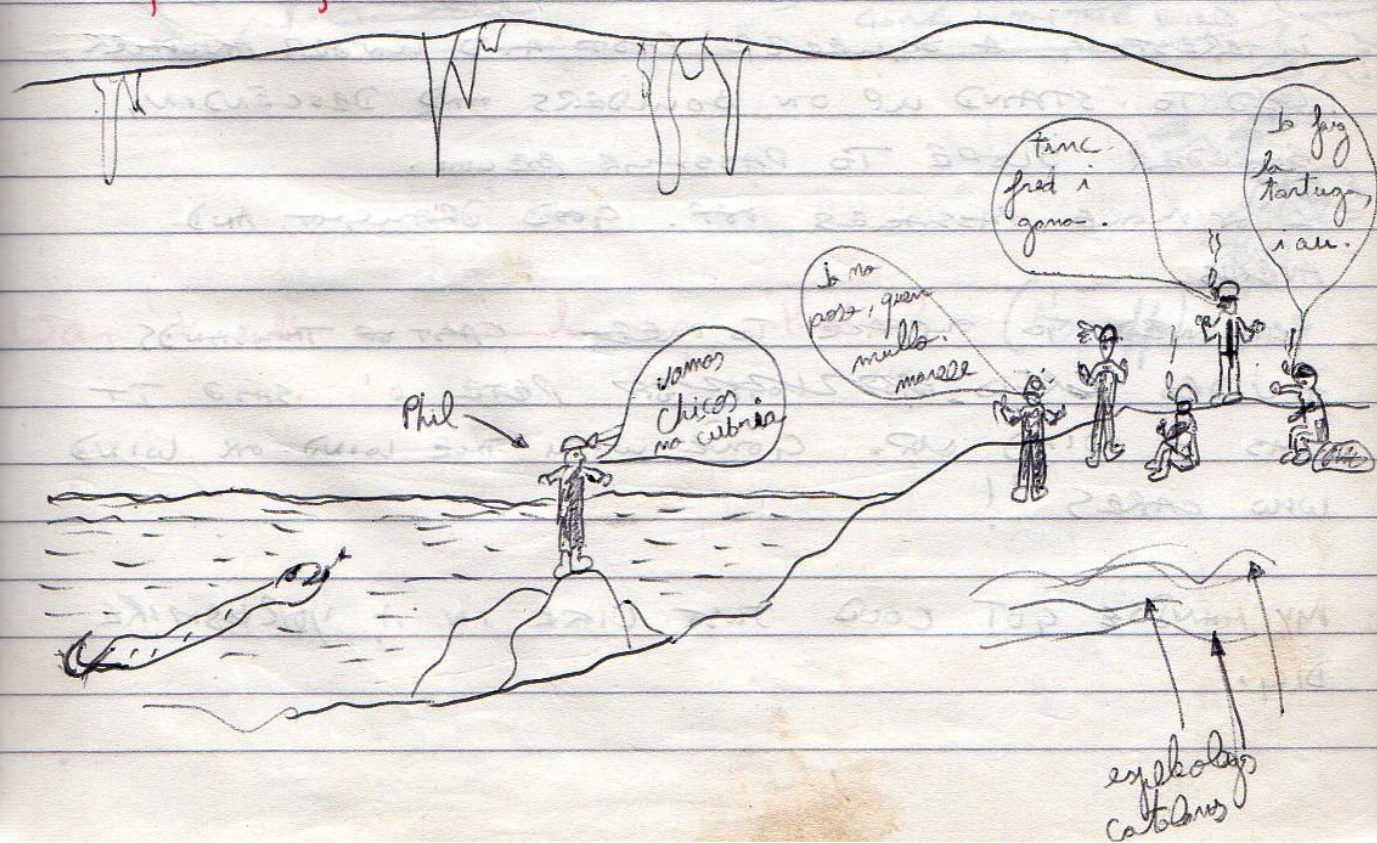
El Jordi acompanya a la Jane i al Pedro al síndrome de China en busca de deixar una escalada pendent al verticall.

Li van agradar molt els últims 200 m abans d'arribar al síndrome de China. Peter acaba l'escalada, i troba un petit passatge que porta cap a la sala, es veu un altre escalada d'un 5 m. amb aigua que queda pendent per un altre campanya.

Per l'altre grup les coses van ser diferents, anaven arrencant més endavant, perquè la baixada de la rampa amb blocs inestables, va ens la retrocedir molt. Amb Philip, Ian i Jim arribem al llac, i no ho

verem gaire clar, l'aigua sembla que fàcilment arriba al coll, i sen'ls emplina la pantanera, i si això passa, caput. A més, els anglesos ens han envolat, (de gust ratlla), nosaltres feiem una primera entrada per conèixer Reneda, i ara ens tocarem recar i remenar. Després de pensar-ho durant un quart d'hora, passem el llac, passem sense mullar-nos més del necessari, i l'altre costat de llac ens passem a remenar unes ~~glaciers~~ galeries amb Jim. Sergi, Elías i Xavier passem i explorem unes galeries laberíntiques, i molt estretes (cloacals), i totes queden tancades. Jim se les mira totes i en algunes llacs, fa les galeries grans a cops de pedra i les galeries estretes per l'Elías, les acaba passant. no trobem res nou, i la única eralada fètil, hi trobem una parabol, a veure que ja estava guijada. A les 8:00 ens trobem amb els que retornen del Síndrome de Xana i sortim cap a Reneda. La sortida està molt bé, el tram ~~de~~ central molt atractiu, l'únic problema és la part final, que hi ha molt fang.

See further english article.



16/8/97 - (1250) MR. DRAGNY.

CAST OF THOUSANDS - CASTLEANS + PEDRO + PHIL, HILARY, PETER
SANDRA, JIM + HELEN.

TYPICAL COMMUNICATIONS RESULTED IN LOSING EVERYONE
EXCEPT HELEN FOR DIGGING. A BETTER SHOW WAS
ON OFFER FROM CASTLEANS.

PUT LADDER DOWN DODGY RIFT (CHICKEN-LICKIN') AND
LANDED AT TOP OF FURTHER DITCH SLING. JIM DUG +
ENLARGED TOP AND CLIMBED DOWN (CHIMNEYED) TO FLOOR
AND FURTHER DIG + STARTED. HOWEVER GOT COLD DRAUGHT
IN RIGHT EAR FROM FOOTBALL SIZED HOLE WITH MORE
INTERESTING VIEW. ENLARGED BY REMOVING CONVENIENTLY
DEPOSITED CLAY AND ENTERED PARALLEL RIFT ASCENDING
TO ? HOURS IN ROOF. RETURNED TO TELL HELEN OF
PROGRESS AND THEN GARDENED CHICKEN-LICKIN' TO MAKE
IT SAFER.

RETURNED TO TUBE (GONE WITH THE WIND) AND SEARCHED
PARALLEL RIFT FOR DRAUGHT, NO GO AT TOP, BUT ON ONE
SIDE A FALLEN BLOCK (WITH GRAVEL / STONES BEHIND) LOOKED
INTERESTING. A SQUIBBE PAST AND UNDER ANOTHER
LED TO STAND UP ON BOULDERS AND DESCENDING
BOULDER SLOPE TO PASSAGE BELOW.

2 or MORE PASSAGES OFF. GOOD DRAUGHT AND
AVENS.

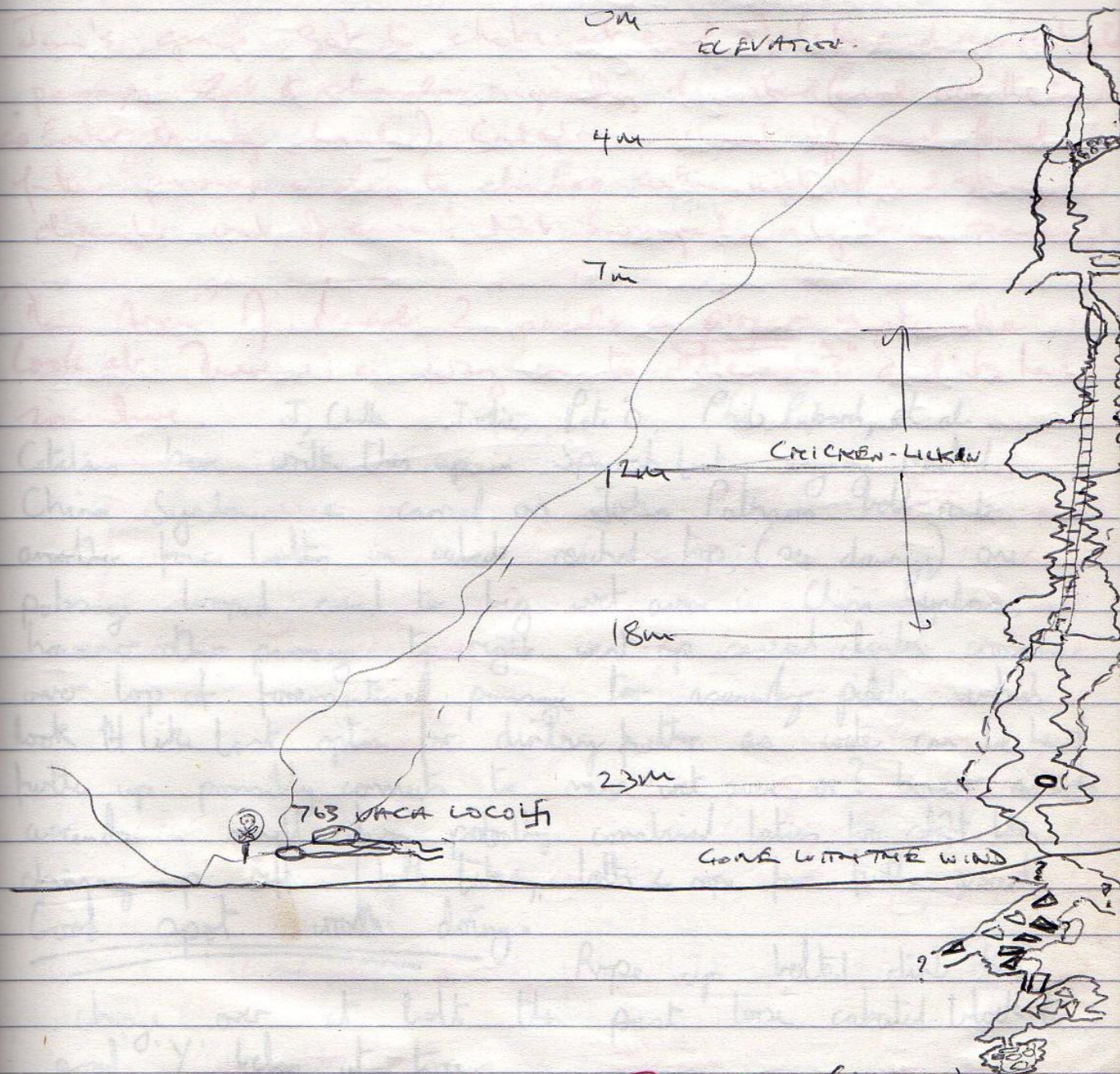
RETURNED TO SURFACE TO MEET CAST OF THOUSANDS
+ VIDEO CREW. ~~AND LATER BY~~ PETER O' SAID IT
WAS A WIND UP. GONE WITH THE WIND OR WIND
WHO CARES !!

MY HANDS GOT COLD JUST LIKE IN A YORKSHIRE
DIG.

17/8/97 Explored + Surveyed

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GUESSIMATE. CR.I. WIND UP!!



Was 'it all a wind-up' Pete? (Piss off) I quar

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Legend + sketch 11/8/71

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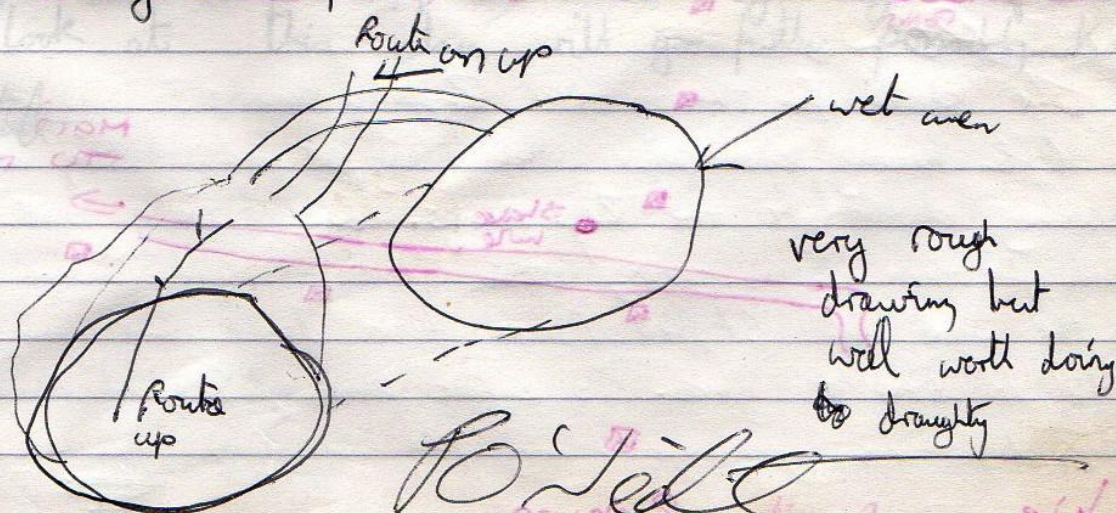
15/8/97 - Aspilcueta / Renada 2 trip Continued.

Jim's group. Got to choke at end of lake and river. Hoped passages. Got to chamber originally described (and not the same as Enter Burning chamber). Catalans went off and found further passage & dig to chamber with tight rift and strong draught out of cave! Not surveyed - only 30m passage

This Area of Renada 2 needs a proper systematic look at. There is a way on to "Renada 2" and its here somewhere.

J, Chilla Jordie, Peti O, Phil Papard, et al. Catalans have written this up in Spanish but, anyway reached Chirn Syndrome & carried on John Palmers bolt route another four bolts in caliche reached top, (see drawings) one passage looped round to big wet area in Chirn Syndrome, however other passage to right went up several climbs crossing over top of forementioned passage too ascending pitches, which look to like best option for climbing further as water can be heard further up possibly connects to main wet area or? however sounds ascends in small steps probably combined later too shift then chimney up rift. Worth taking bolts & rope for further ascent. Good spot worth doing.

change over at bolt then past loose cabated block to good "Y" belay at top.



17/8/97. (Bill Shree) 19/8/97

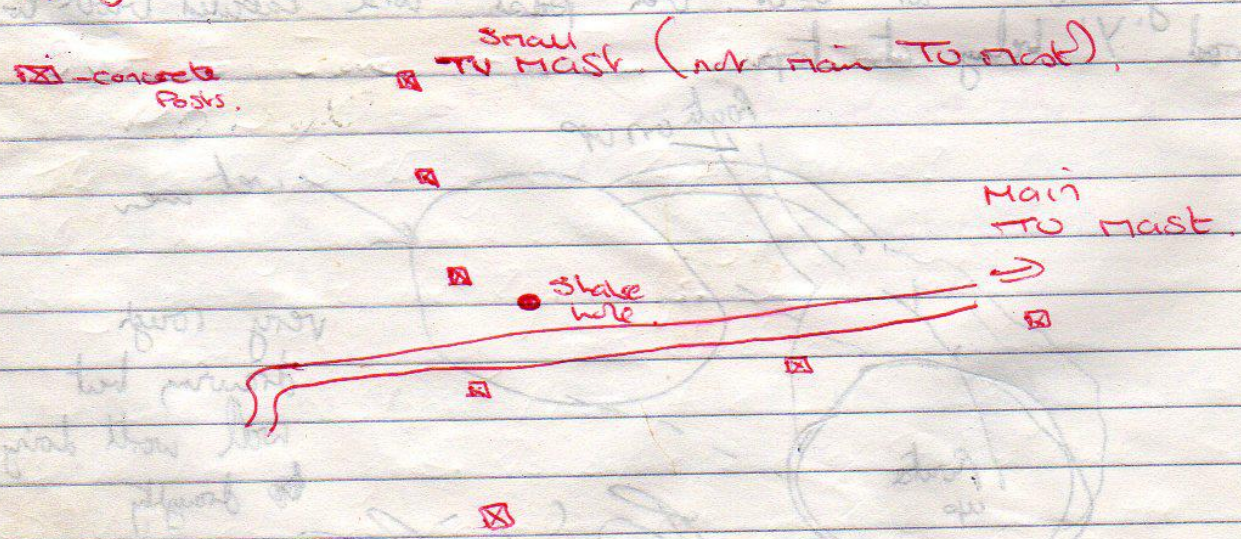
Prospecting by the To Mast, followed outcrop of limestones back towards Dairy Dig. Retraced our steps back towards Dairy Dig. In limestone outcrop firstly came across a 12ft high rift, passage 30ft long, located diagonally across from the To Mast above a barn. Walking on a tube was found 8ft above ground, approximately 25ft long, boulder blocked passage which went on. This was directly above 242, again in the limestone outcrop.

Left limestone outcrop to travel back to ~~Terrace~~ Roadside. Just before reaching the roadside on left hand side of hill, found a Stakehole in a mass of tree's brambles and ferns. Bashing through a drafting stick was found in the bottom of the Stakehole by Shree.

Refer to enclosed sheet for locations.

- ① - 12ft high rift passage
- ② - Tube - 8ft above ground
- ③ - Drafting stick in Stakehole.

Drafting stick in relationship to roadside



We will Return.

18/8/97.

Jane + Ivan to Far Stomps in Uzveka with
FX5 to check roof and inlets. Surveyed 38m in grotty inlet
on second bend to where false floor blocks slightly draughting
passage. High area with ledges near here seems to have
sandstone roof. Apparent interesting bits on walls are
just walls peeling in.

18/8/97 Andy, John & Arthur.

Cameo in at the smooth bar and spoke to
the plumber from LUEVA who told us about
a cave that he has found above his house.
The entrance needs digging (soil) and stones
roll down a slope then drop down a ditch.
We will go over later in the week to have a
look.

17/8/97 (1250) MR Draughty Toru Loria (Goes well slightly)
Pete Oried, Tim Davis, Ian Reeves
to carry on beyond Tim's 'wind up' anywhere I must
admit it did go, (for a distance) 178 mtrs of varied going
plenty of loose stuff care needed especially in entrance series
very strong draughts at two points see survey copy and plenty
left to look at this place will go further possibly K's

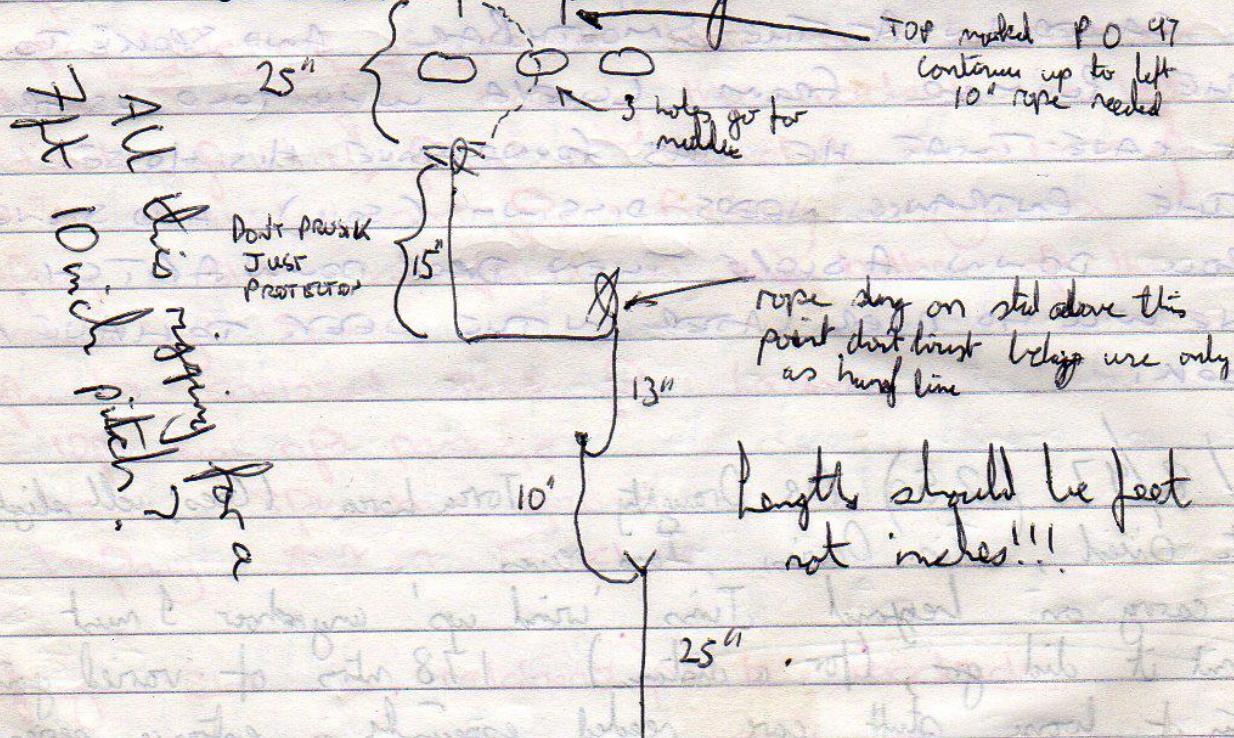
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19/8/97

Renada (Breakdown Chamber)

Toby & Jane, Ian Greaves & Pete O

Trip to look for Zep hangers & finish off Jim & Dole's
bolt route (see 8 pages back dated 12/8/97) rechecked
Jim's ropes and carried on up see survey drawing below (Toby & Pete)
climbed pass 50" to 60" with no protection to 10" then lower
up which probably needs rope. Climbed back down this area druggs
well & is worth punting, two bolts where Toby came up &
we released as much rope as possible, we rigged as far
up as poss with rope however section marked on drawing
should not be trusted for punting.



Over to Jane & Ian for their half of trip.
P.O. Left

2) The search for the mythical Zeppelin Hangers?

After hearing about people either finding/not finding/getting lost/not
knowing about/etc the Zep. Hangs. Decided to go and have a
look for them. From survey looks dead straight forward to
the end of Stuffed Mark turn left and you get to them.
This is how it goes. As before end of Stuffed Mark
then left as you go along the passage ignore the

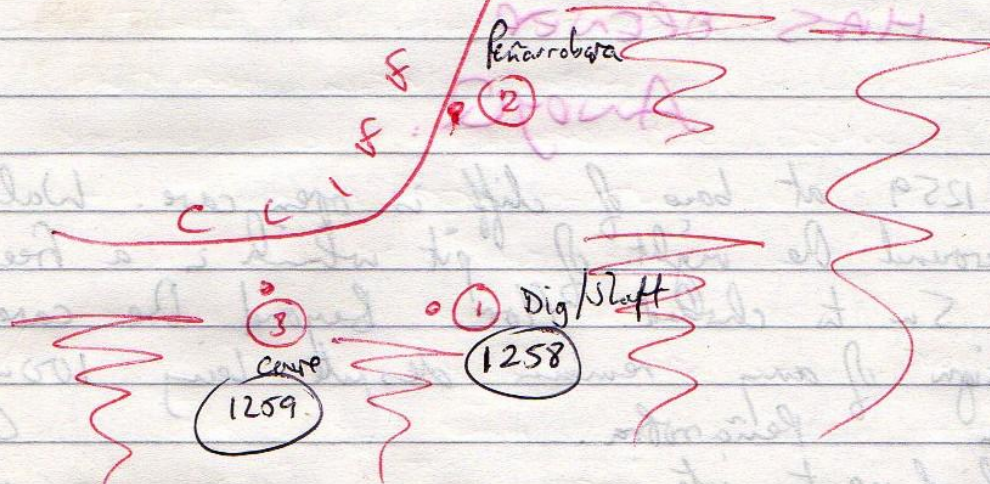
JOHN BOYS A ROUND (IT WAS ALSO A BLUE MOON)

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various low level routes/passages. After about {5mins} you get to some boulders climbing up then you get to the 1st ZH. drop back down to floor level. And go straight on. You get to a point where the passage ends. On the right is a small climb up to a passage. On the left a 5'-6' climb to a hole about 2'x3' is (90% sure) the entrance to the Zep Hangs Sling useful. At the moment you will see ZH scrawled in the mud by the climb. So basically remember the survey and just follow the obvious passage keeping high.

IAN G.

23/8/97 AD JUAN, PENNY, P.S. PUMBER & DAVIDSON.
JULIE & ARTHUR.



VISIT TO THE CAVE THAT THE PUMBER HAD TOLD US ABOUT ON THE 18/8/97. THE SHAFT WAS LOCATED BELOW AND JUST TO THE RIGHT OF THE PROMINANT CLIFF ON THE LEFT OF THE CUWA VALLEY GOING DOWN TOWARDS SAN MIGUEL. THE TIGHT ENTRANCE WAS ENLARGED BY DIGGING & HAMMERING ALLOWING A PITCH OF 18M TO BE DROPPED

John Buys yet another round!
y othe luna azul

TO A CHOICE OF SMALL SHELS & MUD
No trace fossils of any continuation or sign
of a DRAWING

Then visited An Archaeological Site of the
cliff with lots of bones many of them human.
P.S. Juan, Pumbera daughter then visited another
CAVE. (1259)

WE ALL THEN WANT TO SAN MIGUEL FOR
A BEER ONLY TO FIND THAT THE BAR IS
NOW CLOSED BUT WANT TO PAUL A NEW

ONE HAS OPENED

Away!

Site 1259 at base of cliff is open cave. Walk in
and around the right of pit which is a free climb
down 5m to choked floor. Beyond the cave chokes.
No sign of any remains despite being 100m or
so from Peña-robra.

Steep climb up to site

502 Peña-robra has human remains on the floor.

MATIENZO CAVES PROJECT