

LOGBOOK

Year: 2001

Season: summer

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Juan Corrin, January 2015

Summer 2001

(1)

- July 18 Bobby, Lloyd, Rosie. Agua to deep water
 July 19 Bobby, Lloyd, Rosie, 3 Arenal entrance passages.
 July 20 Bobby, Lloyd, Rosie. Cabernayo
 July 21 Bobby, Lloyd, Rosie, Patata locked so 993 revisited
 9th estate log entry needs updating - there are 3 entrances

a 2-3 metre oven
 was missed by
 not looking up.



to surface

- July 22 Bobby Lloyd, Rosie : Revisited 151 need to check survey.
 July 23 Bobby + Lloyd. Main passage of Comedianta. Spotted
 entrance nearby. (This is No 2 mentioned below but found 1st)
 July 24 Bobby + Rosie. 151 Looking forward to seeing survey.
 July 25 Bobby + Rosie Comedianta. Checked entrance nearby
 (1664) Sm plus still going but Rosie cannot handle a cell.
 2nd cave 10 m from 1st Sm choked. (1663)
 Main passage of Comedianta
 July 26 Bobby + Rosie checked area around 1502 - nada!
 July 27 Bobby Rosie Juan Penny Jenny
 Checked 1663 + 1664. 1664 went 2 more metres
 Strolled in Comedianta to duck + rabbit cave paintings + photos.
 July 28 Bobby Rosie + Patrick
 Visited 880 on return noted Sm cave near track.

- July 29 Bobby + Rosie
 Returned to cave visited yesterday. Site is 25m from gate to
 Mushroom fields 4m E of track. Wandered through to 1502
 but found nothing

1664	5081	9575
1665 3	5082	95786
1675	5068	9570

Fri 20th July

The MNRL arrived early consisting of Dave Tuffery, Jane McCorquodale, Tony Huttler, Val Mintram, Paul Gladman, Dave Bell and Walt and Lyn Pirie from the VPI (Virginia Polytechnic Institute).

Sunday 23

First ^{Reñada} trip was down ~~the~~ ^{to} sluffed bank. Much less water than our trip in '96 when we nearly got flooded in it when the duck nearly jumped.

Monday 23th

1080 — 48232 94025 641m

1079 — 48246 94015 645m

1078 — 48201 94014 645m

1081 — 48282 94024 644m

1085 — 48402 94084 634m

1084 — 48401 94071 641m

1086 — 48416 94051 653m

1083 — 48376 94075 646m

1169 — 48105 93959 646m

C10 — 47924 94081 663m (1665)

The photo which is recorded from Easter as 636 is not 636 — it is 1665!!

The locations of 636, 637 ~~and 638~~ are correct by GPS — note this is the "original" location of 636 prior to it being incorrectly corrected at Easter

638 47965 94000 675m

The location grid ref for 194 is wrong — but 1

1080

Entrance leads to 17' pitch.

Cross rift approx 5' from bottom of shaft at 270 deg leads to parallel shaft approx another 15'. No obvious ways on.

1079

Open shaft with hawthorn and hornbeam/Whitebeam growing in entrance. Situated below path under rocky promontory/knob. Much undergrowth 8' deep. No way on.

1081

Rift 095 deg

Open shaft next to large tree. Smaller opening 20' downhill.

Rift leading off at base of hole, but needs dug. Possible?

1085

Open hole on woodland side of path on edge of rocky limit. Steep slope into hole. Rift about 6-8" wide leads off at 240 deg for about 20' plus distance and descending. No way on.

1084

Small shaft to right of path (up hill side) 10' deep. No way on.

1086

220 deg 25' open rift with large tree overhanging SW end up from path. 32' pitch sloping down approx 6' to each end of rift.

Low arch at SW end extends for about 10' into 20' high rift which closes down.

NE end extends about 15' into a 6' high 2'6" wide rift covered in moon milky stuff.

Ends.

1083

Small hole in shallow depression below path 20 deg - 200 deg. 2M by 1M eye shaped rift. 28' deep smooth shaft choked at bottom. Ends.

1169

Open shaft, small hornbeam/whitebeam growing out of south side.

10' slot about 20' deep on low side of path. Ends.

C10 1665

Small hole below rock outcrop 10m above path. Single spit of unknown origin in rock above hole. Hole opens up into large fluted shaft (24M bolt to floor) with floor of rocks and boulders. Shaft is 4.2m East to West and 2.8M North south at its widest point. Halfway along the North side is a low sloping passage (70cm wide 25cm high, floor of loose rocks) which goes for about 2M at an angle of -45deg on a bearing of 010 deg. Vain hope of a dig - could head towards 636.

1676 C11 (Photo 633)

Small hole on SE side of access road directly south of viewing platform. Narrow shaft trending SE / NW approx 10M deep. Is this 1076? If so it is on the wrong side of the track on the map!

Undescended

1677 C12

Tiny access hole in open ground like a large rabbit hole. Narrow access approx 40cm estimate 3M onto sloping floor SSE of tower.

Undescended

1678 c13

Small hole in the woods. Probably about 5m deep.

Undescended

637 (Photo 636)

Location correct.

636

Small hole, leaf filled, under rock arch by two small trees.

637 & 638 Photos. "Original" position is correct.

638

Location is correct - but still undescended by us.

28/07/2001

TonyL, Dave Tuffery, Dave Bell (MNRC)

Short surveying trip down Uzuaka(sp)

DaveB had an area he knew existed but had not been surveyed so we went on a quick 2 hour surveying trip. Pretty area but fairly low and muddy.

Surveyed back to the station DaveB marked at easter and took a few photos, then back out after 4 hours.

29/07/2001

Cueva de Jivero 1,2,3

TonyL, Val Mintram, Dave Bell, Walt Pirie, Dave Tuffery, Jane McCorquodale (MNRC)

Tourist trip down the 3 parts of Jivero, starting at the top and working our way down. Main interest was the crawfish, some up to 3" long. Nice easy trip, just right for a Sunday afternoon. A couple of beers in the Bakers on the way back.

think the map point is probably ok.

1087 and 1073 could not be located - but then perhaps this isn't important !!

The area around 650 and 651 is complex. It was not immediately obvious which was which. Perhaps a return visit when the grass is not so high would help.

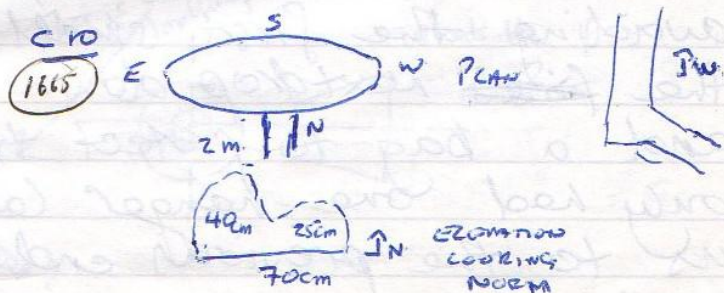
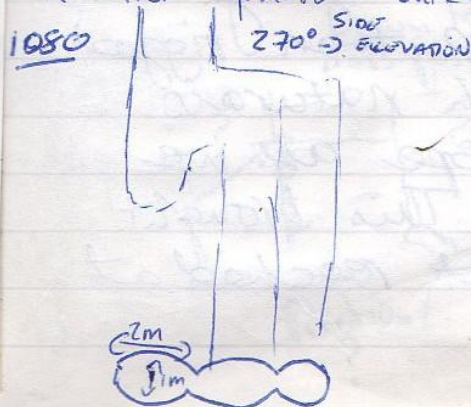
Photos

w/2001 Summer / drb - misc. entrances

<u>Photo</u>	<u>Cave</u>	<u>Photo</u>	<u>Cave</u>
633	C11 - (1676)	637	636
634	C12 (1677)	638	
635			
636	637	643	638

C11 (1676)	47359	94551	675m	} Undescended
C12 (1677)	47479	94476	694m	
C13 (1678)	47593	94243	670m	

There is a description of all these on a notepad file in the photo directory listed above called murenotes.txt



Sarah, Pete E., Pete H.

26/7/01

Hole hunting to left of Cruz Uzano. Took all the technical Gizmos but only managed to find one man-made cheese store. Managed to log route to Ramales + bas on GPS cos we couldn't work out how to turn it off.

24/7/01 858 - Pete Egan, Phil P, Tufty + Tony L.

Aim to "cap" rock that dropped people bigger than Pete Egan last time (10 yrs ago) - moved rock with bar, but not too tight for rest of party - cone out - very loose due to fallen tree moving with rock at end.

25/7/01

1338

Pete Hall, Pete Eagan, Jane, ~~Phil~~

MCC, Tufty + Tony L.

Set off with 4 bags of rope to get the hole rigged. Bolts on the 2nd pitch were worn and so we put another one in half way down.

We tried the traverse over "Dogs Bollocks" pitch but it was too wide. Another bolt or two could do it and provide a possible bypass to the awkward section ~~below~~ below. Some better rigging on pitch into Sentinel chamber would avoid a rub better.

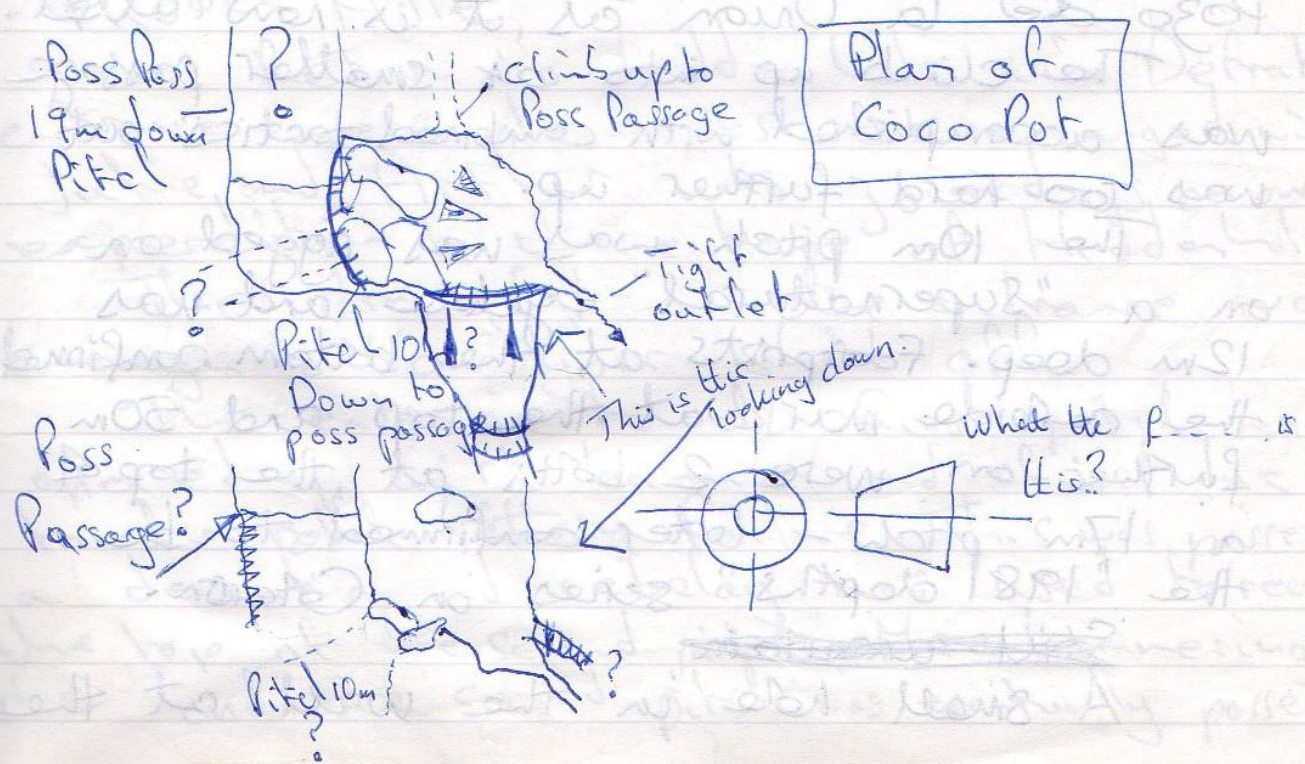
At Sentinel chr we found an easy climb avoiding the first small drop then rigged the ~~first~~ next drop down with naturals and a bag to protect the rope as we only had one hanger left. This brought us to the previous end point reached at easter.

We used the last hanger to rig a 20m sloping pitch to a 15m vertical drop into a 6m x 3m chamber. A swing across with a bolt or two would reach a ledge and a large passage on the far side. At the bottom was a further 10m pitch and a climb up into a smaller passage. Lack of tackle due to the bolt miscalculation forced an early finish. Some more bolts were placed to complete the rigging and the pitch was surveyed.

The pitch was named Coco Pot after the clown who rigged it, who drilled the bolt in too far!

Jane, Tuffy and Tony set off out ~~and~~ ~~the~~ when the exploring started and Pete & Pete caught them up at the entrance.

Pete H.



27th July. Bob, Juan, Ben, Jimmy, Rosie. Comediate - holes before

1663 Sun choked.

1664 Ben to R choked L 7m

Comediate needs recovery

1/2 time for bed, 1m knuckered, night night God bless.

Love poof xxx

27th July Pete Egan & Pete Hall

1338 - The Connection.

Reached the bottom of the pitch from Wednesday (previous page); Coco pot. or "Pozo de la Union" as it is now called.

The climb up into a smaller passage was accomplished with combined tactics but was too hard further up.

The 10m pitch was rigged on on a "Supernatural" eyebolt and was 12m deep. Footprints at the bottom confirmed the carbide mark at the top and 50m further on were 2 bolts at the top of a 17m pitch - later confirmed to be the "1981 depths" series in Coteron.

~~Still uncertain~~

A small hole in the wall at the



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top of the 10/12m pitch was a small
Oxbow leading to a 20m pitch back into
the "1981 depths" series.

Still uncertain of our whereabouts, Pete E
pushed past ~~Pete H~~ to rig the "Sizing
across with a bolt or four" bearing ~~Pete H~~
to comiserate, swept aside and crying into
his sausages.

On the far side, the large passage
was the Renada arm of Coteron. The
Coteron-Renada connection pitch was only
20m away. ~~##~~

After Mutual congratulations and a bit of
survey, a sharp exit was made with
overstuffed tackle bags.

Pete E moaned incessantly.

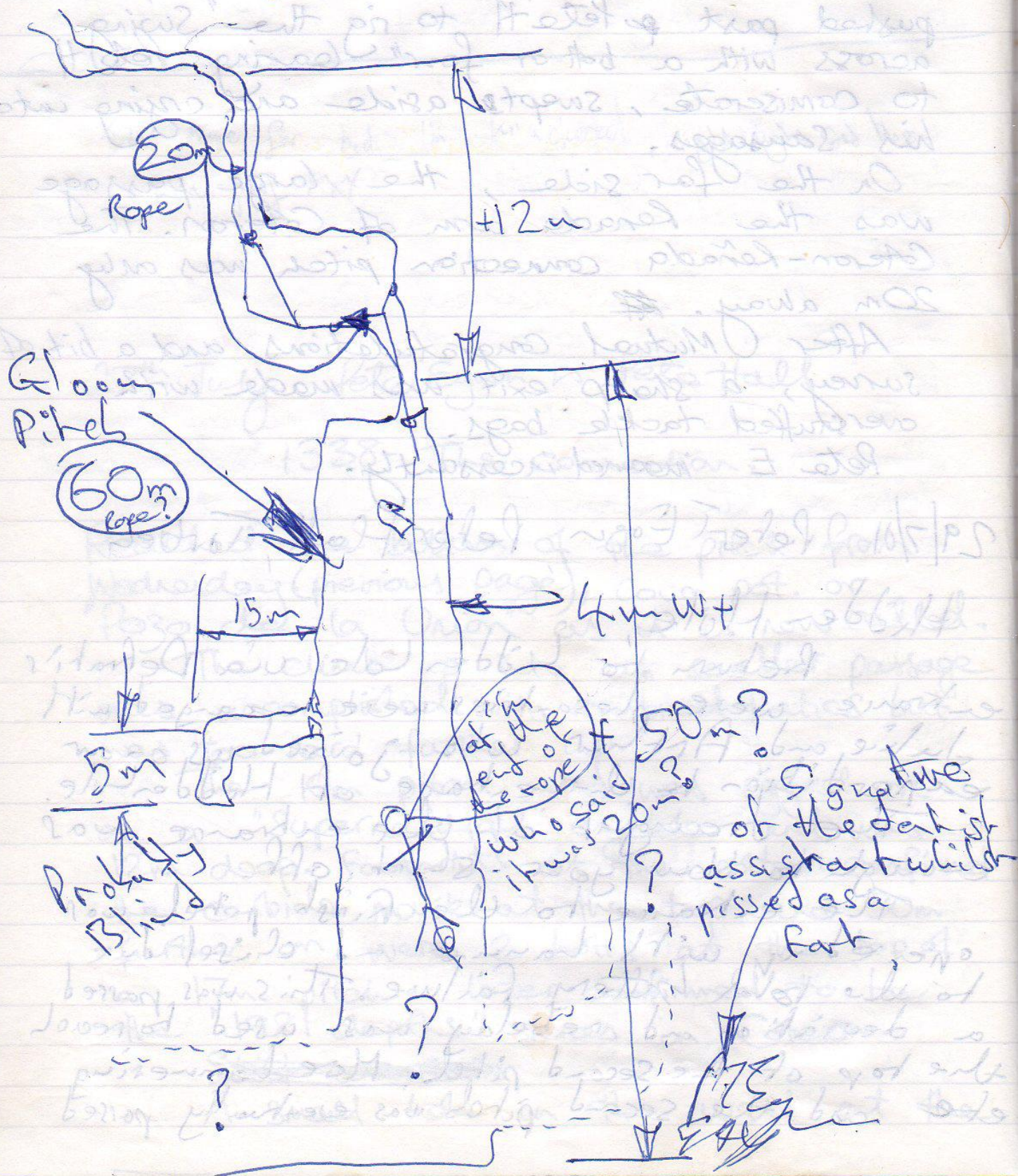
29/7/01 Peter Eogen, Peter Hall, Torben

Hidden Mole

Return to Hidden Hole via Defrati's
entrance were pleasanties were exchanged with
Julie and Arthur who joined us on our
expedition to the entrance of Hidden Hole.
The draught at the entrance was
enough to blow your shirt off.

The entrance to the Irish pitch was
opened up with hammer and chisel due
to the total battery failure. This was passed
a deviation and rebelay was used to reach
the top of the second pitch. More hammering
etc and the second pitch was eventually passed

the rope ran out about halfway down
 a 50m + pitel (Gloom pitel) 20m down at
 small ~~pitel~~ passage enters 15m long with
 a possibly pitel down of about 5m
 which looks like it closes.



25, 26 + 27 858

~~27/27~~ July - Phil Papard took me, a chainsaw and 30' of sealing pole to 858. I will not go there again - Millington NPC see our, age →

28/July - Looking for 880 - see Pat + Pete Smith for proper location. Found 872 with tag on floor inside. Draughting out well, with a sandstone roof. All the holes need a GPS fix in this area as dots on map don't match things on the ground. H. Long + Helen Perry + Jenny. What a chaotic mix!

29 July - Riano with Juan to look at several places. After a trip into 1617* (which needs a bar/trencher to proceed) Juan located the 2nd streambed into the sink + by following the cold draught upstream arrived at an entrance (1666). A feet first entry quickly reached a 1.5m drop into a pit with a climb up into h+k crawl. Alternating stooping + crawling followed for next 30m, to where passage side steps left a metre or so. Exploration stopped here with the next 10m open - more h+k crawl + stooping - and good steady draught blowing towards me.

Later in the day going back to the car found a strangely out-draughting shakehole right next to the road at map ref. 5262(5) 9987(9) Site No. 1667.

Started the day at 1615, the stream sink for the resurgence for FLV lot. Juan described 8m pitch to rift that needs to be pushed and dug. Needs dry weather otherwise digging will be under a waterfall.

* 1617 Needs an extending tool at x to proceed.



Dug out the stream's sink (1617). Ten minutes spent removing blocks to gain entry to real passage 6m high 3m wide. Southern end needs flake removing to see the possibilities. →

Then to sites 1668, 1669, 1670, 1667 - Descriptions to follow

1668 Shallow valley ends at small limestone face - LH side has narrow drop, unexplored. Other holes on face may prove a better digging bet.

1669 Small unexplored resurgence.

1670 One of the old sinks for a shallow valley above Hayca. Strong cold draught emerges between 3 blocks.

1667 Another old sink which has many blocks and covered in brambles.

! Don't forget to take photos + samples, etc.!!

Back to 858 25, 26 + 27, 28 NPC - Bib Makin, Fiske + Kar plus Phil P - support from Hilary, Sara, Katriona + Hannah bringing up supplies of beer.

Arrive day 1 - cap ref - Result too risky - go to Sontender for more gear.

Arrive day 2 - remove tree - attach chain saw to pole + dig in from top
" saw tree - not as easy as it looks - after 5 hrs tree in half, but stuck up in air - even more dangerous

Arrive day 3 - remove rest of tree - Result after 4 hrs work remains
start dig tree - now with a complete mess - ~~some~~ started dig + drank beer.

Arrive day 4 - Glory - Result - 5 hrs digging - hit bed rock - Very small hole + draught need explosives "Copo no go" - Gft of 2002!!

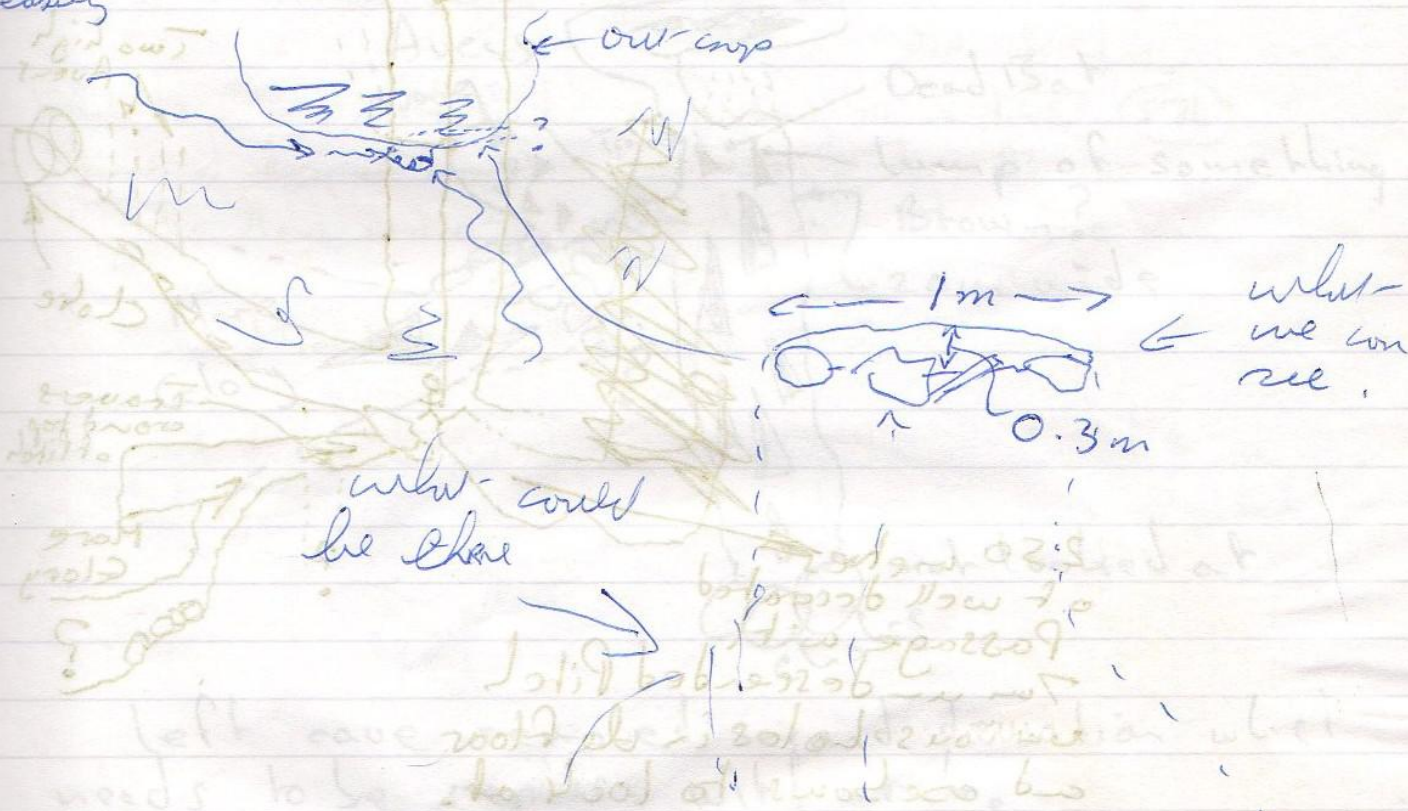
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1390 + ~~391~~ 1391

10/5/02

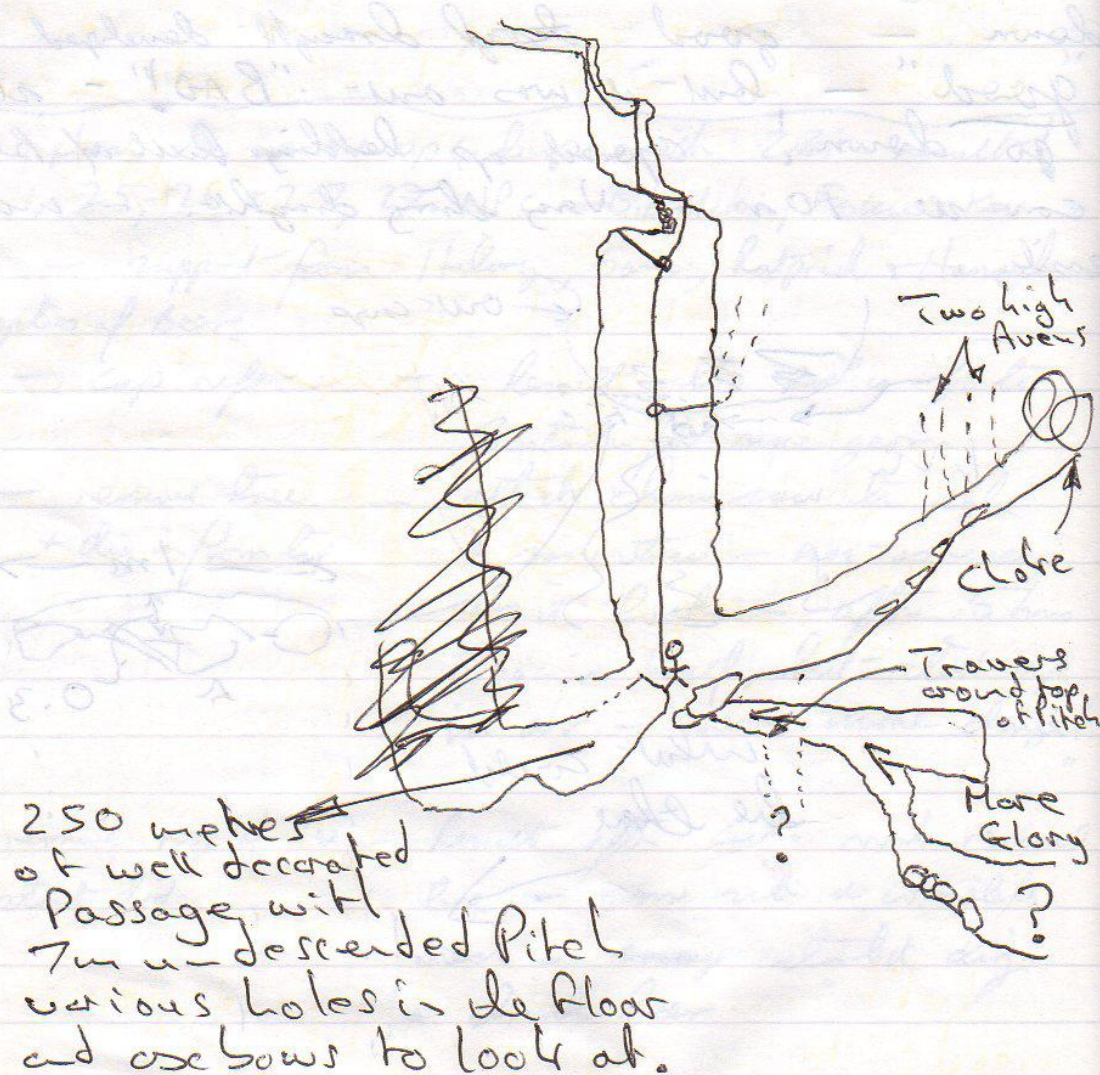
KEN; ESKIE; BOB M; Phil P; Joe; Steve "O" - History in
support -

NPC not yet into Matengo time zone, so sent off to
get gear up hill - 2nd team arrived at 1.45 in 36°C
heat - just as NPC had done first run - lot of sweat!
Moved gear set, drill, bar, etc etc up to 1391 + left for
next day - even more sweat. Went to 1390 - dug
down - good ~~drought~~ drought developed as we dug
"good" - but it was out - "BAD!" - still water must
go down! opened up bedding full of blocks + wood
can see 10m - Very strong drought - will dig very
easily



30/7/01 Hidden Hole Peter Eagan Peter Hall
Torbjörn Redder

Returned to second pitel head, this was dug out and chiseled to give a narrow slot on to pitel head, two deviations near the top and one 30m down enabled the bottom to be reached (60m pitel)

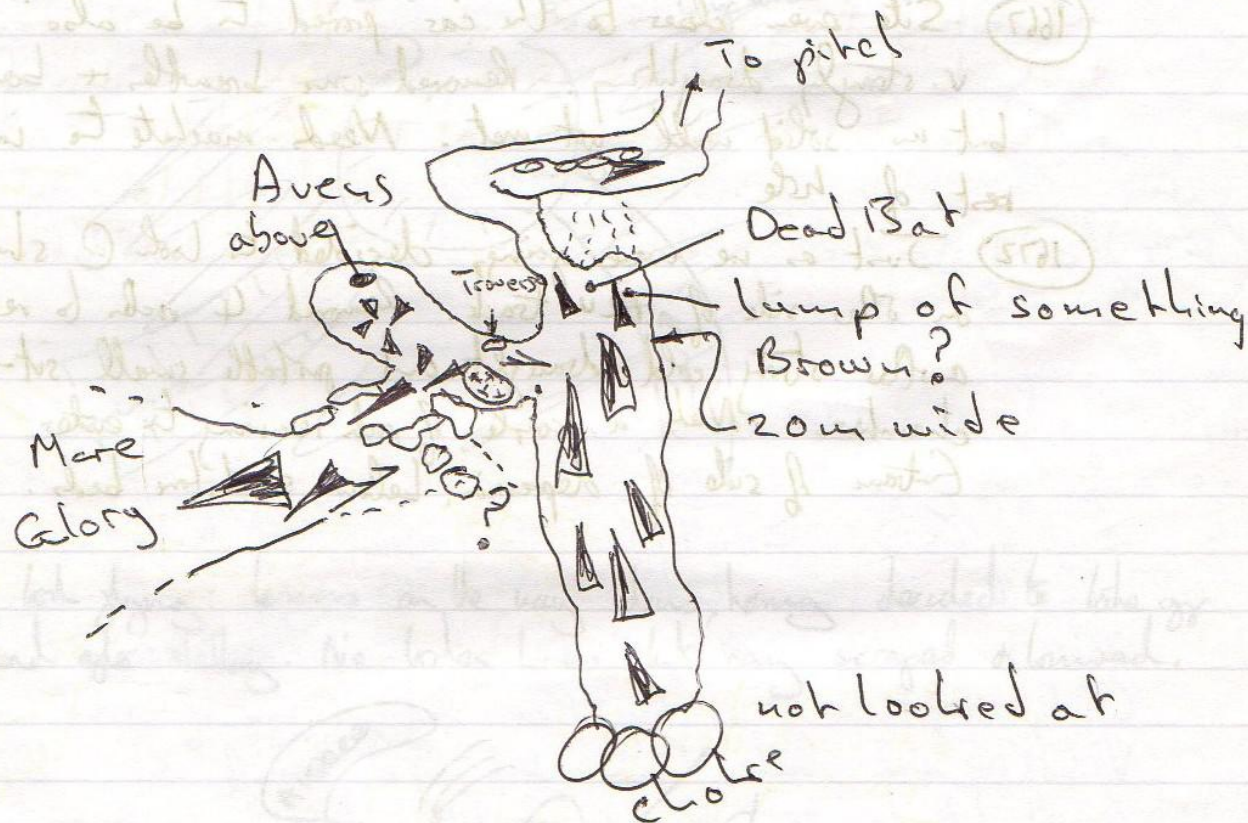


Down ram under an arch entered large well decorated passage with various oxbows holes in the floor, passage floor crumbly cauliflower stuff all over floor walls etc

(17m)

A pitel down into rift leads into 50m of rift and a further 7m pitch with draught needs to be dropped.

Surveyed out to bottom of 60m pitel and noticed a strong draught from wide low passage which lead straight to a pitel 110m? a traverse around the top leads to short passage but a climb down rift with boulders enters large passage on right and further close to left. This needs pushing and surveying



left cave removed second deviation which needs to be explore with crab.

[Signature]

1670
1667
1672

31/7/01

Harry, Helen + Juan to site in the corner below Tres Niños where Harry had noticed a draughting hole the day before. The small passage is just before the truck finish at a collapsed barn, on the right. A strong draught comes from ~~an~~ passage which requires a small amount of digging to enter. (1671) 5324(0) 9771(4)
Then drove to Miami to revisit a couple of sites seen two days ago.

(1670) Spent a couple of hours digging out a strongly draughting v. cold hole. Looks promising - needs heavier digging gear

(1667) Site even closer to the car proved to be also v. strongly draughting. Removed some branches + boulders but no solid wall yet met. Needs machete to investigate rest of hole.

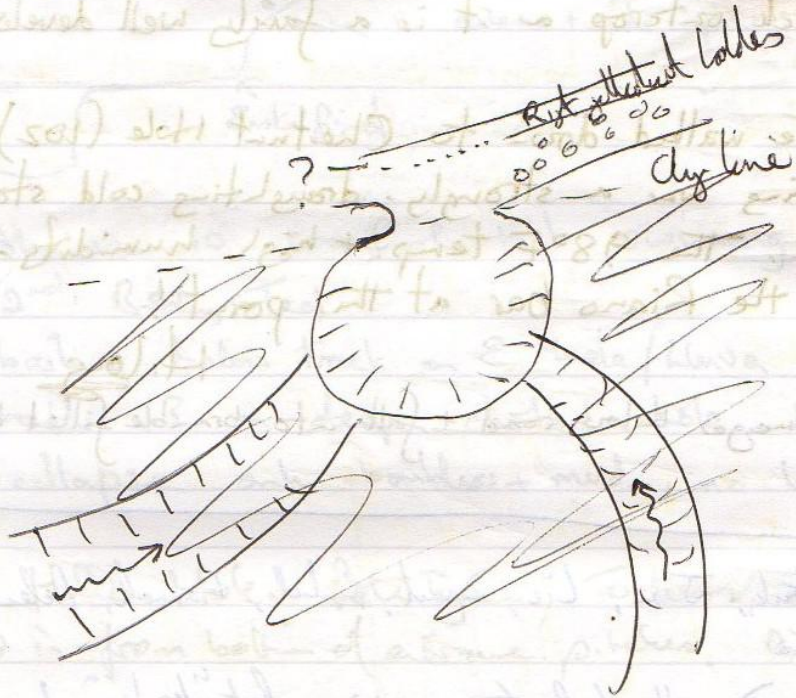
(1672) Just as we were going, decided to look @ shakuhole on other side of FCV track. Removed 4 rocks to reveal another strong cold draught and probable small sit-up chamber. Needs a couple of rocks removing to enter. Entrance of site of depression, below sandstone beds.

Volcano Hole x 1390

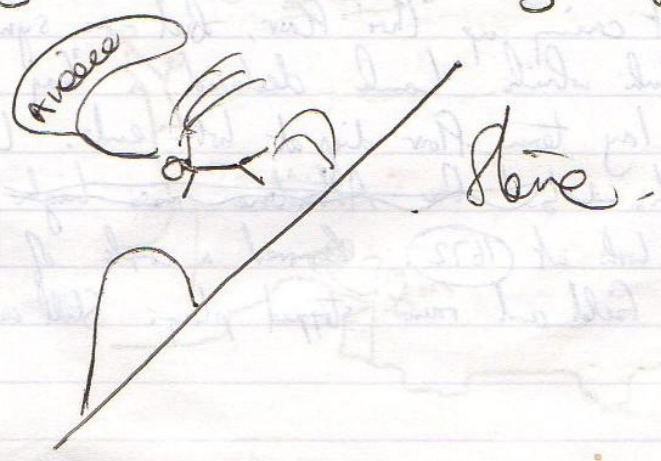
Phil, Steve 'O', Kev, Marley, Bobbie.

Back up the hill AGAIN although this time the generator was missing. Split into two parties; Kev & Bob in Volcano Hole, Steve, Phil, Marley at the dig in the woods.

Digger Woods (1390) dug floor out and increased depth by around 3ft into low bedding. Two ways a, one to left (downhill), one to right uphill and the way that the water flows, Diagon explains most →



Marley took flying lemons on the way down, having decided to take eggs and food after stalling. No broken lines but many scraped & bruised.



1/8/01 Harry + Helen to Riano and parked at same place as yesterday.
Walked on along to end of surfaced road and then up into
small gully that comes down beside barn. Part way up
streambed is entrance on right (looking up) below a waterfall.
(1673) 3m of hand + knee crawling lead to sharp bend to right.
Needs decent gear. Slight outward draught + stronger one
from an over-narrow rift off on right just in for entrance.
This gully would be worth looking at higher up near the
prominent rock outcrop as it is a fairly well developed
streambed.

From there walked down to Chestnut Hole (102) - only
interesting thing was a strongly draughting cold store by
track to barn. The 98°F temp. + high humidity forced
a return to the Riano bar at this point!

H. Long

(1674) Small stream - emerges below road + falls into bramble filled hollow.

2/8/01 Lark, Harry, Patrick, Joan, Liz, David, Rachel, Hannah, Helen to
same spot in Riano

Dug in (1670). Doesn't look too promising but "hooking" draught
may entice the DEC back.

Clear brambles from part of (1667) and removed some more boulders.
Cold draught coming up this floor, but no sign of solid rock yet.
Visited (1618) sink which Lark declared a "bag of shit". Slight
draught but long term floor dips at both ends. Lark also reckons it
is too high. ~~but the Afterdune rises higher~~

Had a quick look at (1672). Removed a couple of boulders but
bull in the field and rain stopped play. Still needs cutting.

July 30 Bobby + Lloyd. could not believe missing sight of 1506/104 from road for so long!

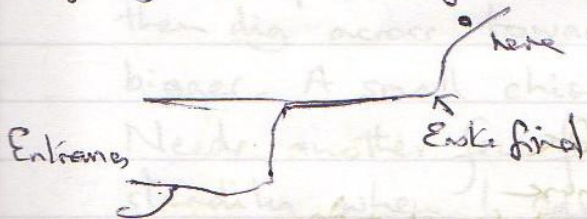
July 31 Bobby, John, Ted, Lloyd. Comedianti again. Note end section seems to go further than survey shows.

Found open cave on hill above measured small chamber 2m x 3m.

August 1st Bobby, Lloyd, Ted.

Jivaro II through trip. - Another side passage spotted. Also possibility of high level passages in vicinity of bit Lloyd found at cave

here is access + side passage.



Also saw 10 crayfish + 1 swimming snake.

August 2nd. Bobby + Ted

Jungle bashing below track on E Muela / Hlwa.

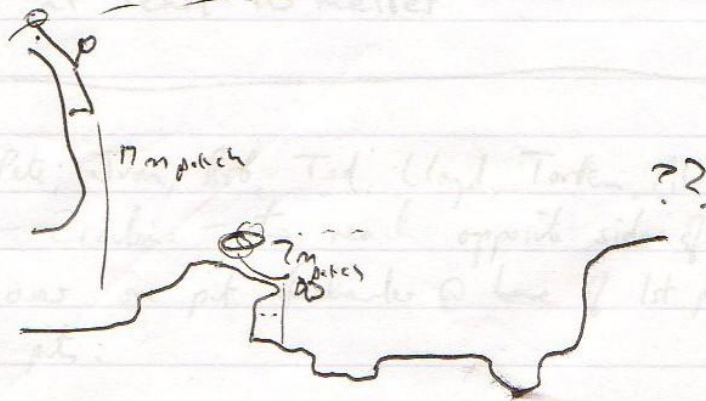
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1 miserable 3 m deep choked hole. Look a fairly fresh collapse only boulders + mud, no leaves etc.

1/8/01 Hidden Hole. Pete Egan, Torben, A Neel.

Photo'd in from bottom of above pitches. Enlarged top of second pitch.

Surveyed down pitch descended by PHE on 30/7, + dropped 7m pitch - into continuation of 1st back under way in.



3/8/01 408 Aky. Pete

7m pitch

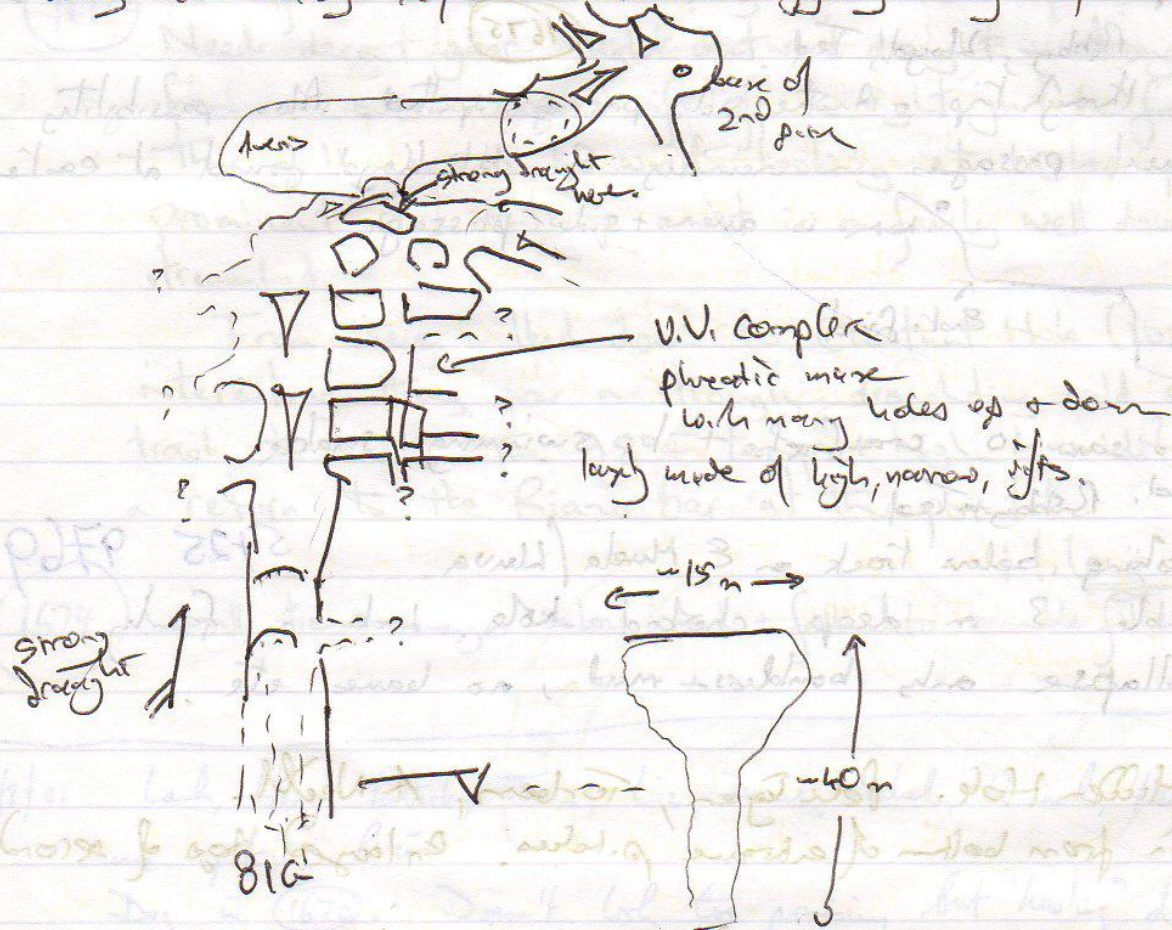
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Andy + Lloyd. Spotted hole. ... 2m pitch ...

Ted spotted hole nearby.

Way to glory - main passage - big rift in floor descended by P.E. to flat floor & climb using gear to get back up. Phreatic were real lots of pits in floor to lift before this ~~was the way on~~, need fully pushing / ? surveying - v. complex.

Way on may require traversing rigging along b/t had see



2.8.01 1671 — A. Neill.

Dug out roof of passage but could not see whether it is possible to ~~get~~ enter negotiable passage. Need to dig further — pickaxe & shovel would be useful. ~~Good~~
Reasonable outwards draught.

3/8/01 1496 — H. Long.

Solo trip to see what Paul Gelling had done last year, and then dig across towards the right side where the place gets bigger. A small chisel isn't the best digging implement! Needs another few feet doing to get through. Blowing out steadily when I came out, but reversing every 4 mins. 1 1/2 hrs earlier. External temp. 23°C — temp inside 15.2°C.

Photo taken of possible stone knife — T.M. Whitaker. Found a surface south side of entrance July 1994
Cipresado.

4/8/01 1496 — P. Smith + H. Long

Back to dig thro' into next bit. Successful, but no easy way on without a lot more digging — mud + stal. layers. Could see another 7-8 metres, but couldn't tell what came after that. Surveyed out — approx. 30 metres. Passage width is at least 10 metres.

3/8/01 408 Andy, Pete, Ivan, Bob, Ted, Lloyd, Torben, Ali

Andy Used scaling pole — Zwickis — to reach opposite side of pit from ledge. Traversed over one pit (anchored @ base of 1st pit) then walking passage to more pits.

Ted spotted holes nearby.

4/8/01 Penada Extravaganza

Phil Pappad, Pete Eger, Joe Kerner, Ali Neill, Torben D., Terry W.

Surveyed from Ghost Lake to Sump I in 2 years. Gross 1000 ft
Passage on left just after Rega Hall - clean washed tube leading to Sump,
branch on left to deep water running under Rega Hall.

3/8/01 H. Long
Solo trip to see what had happened but don't know
then his access towards the right side where the place got
digger. A small channel isn't the best digging place
Needs another few feet digging to get through. Blowing out
standing water I came out but everything was
it's too early. External temp. 53°C temp inside 12.5°C

4/8/01 H. Long
Back to dig this into next bit. Successful but no
any way on without a lot more digging - mud + stal.
larger. Could see another 7-8 meters but couldn't tell
what came after that. Surveyed out - approx. 30 meters
Passage width is at least 10 meters.

3/8/01 408 Ali, Pete, Torben, Ali
First look at the site - to reach opposite side of lake
for water. Found one in pit (between 2 bars of pit) the
width passage is more like 10 ft.

Top spotted like road.

4/2/01 Ted, Bobby, John D Lloyd.

Holes near 408.

- (A) 3 1/2 m deep hole under a rock by side of track. 1692 5126 9507
- (B) 2 1/2 m deep hole. Partly blocked by a rock + needs a thin person. 1691 5185 9504
- (C) 10' deep fluted shaft to easily diggable continuation visible at floor level. 1690 5133, 9503
- (D) Dig in shakehole leads to 30' slope. At bottom hole in floor needs digging. Draughts in, chamber / passage visible below. 1679 ← "408b" 5136 9502

5/8/01 Ted, Bobby, Rosie.

Track on e-side of Mudea - Below track found 1695

10' deep shaft with boulder over top. - Choked 54859729

(50m away) 15-20' deep light shaft near cliff edge 1696

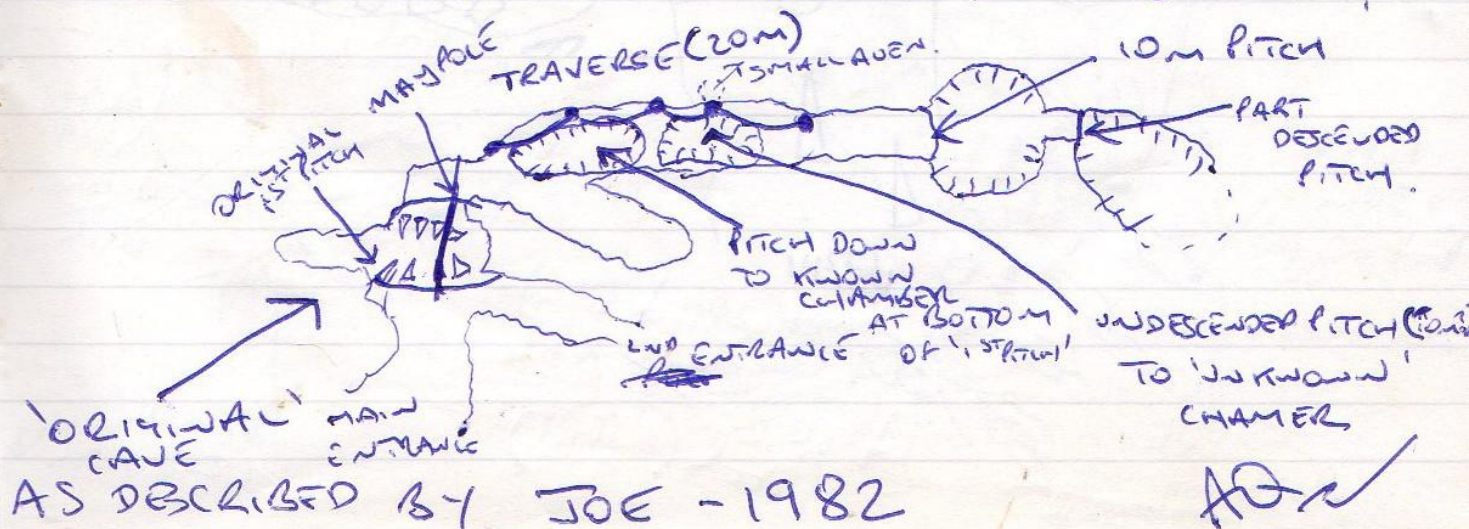
Needs a thin person - why did you not use Rosie?

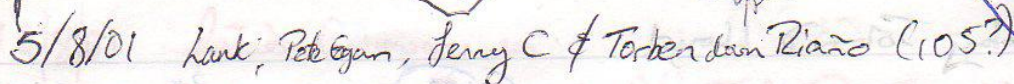
5424 9734

5/8/01 PETE SMITH, ALI, BIL STEVE, TERRY, ANDY Q.
408.

TRIP BACK TO PITCHES FOUND ON LAST TRIP IN (3/8/01)

ALSO ~~21420~~ THE TRAVERSE. DROPPED THE SECOND OF THE UNDESCENDED PITCHES (10m) WHICH THEN WENT STRAIGHT ONTO ANOTHER PITCH PART DESCENDED BY ALI. & CAVE RETURN BY TERRY AND STILL HAVE THE IN DRAUGHT.





57) who's got me wellies

Dug out entrance (1 hr) - v. dusty & draughty - followed entrance series to a climb down at junction. Followed the draught to maze area (Grey Boulder Chamber). After much confusion, we found a continuing draught + which continued in a narrow, well decorated, rift too tight to follow with a strong outward draught. We lit the joss sticks & exited the cave via a different route then followed the entrance series which was draughting strongly. We checked Mad Axe Woman & Dormouse for signs of joss sticks but all we found were moths.

Quote, we could hang
glide back on the
draught.

It smells like a
tent's bedroom



Hardy



Joss sticks



Lavace

om, om, om, om!



guess who (trainee monks)

Members of Riano Monastery

6/18/01

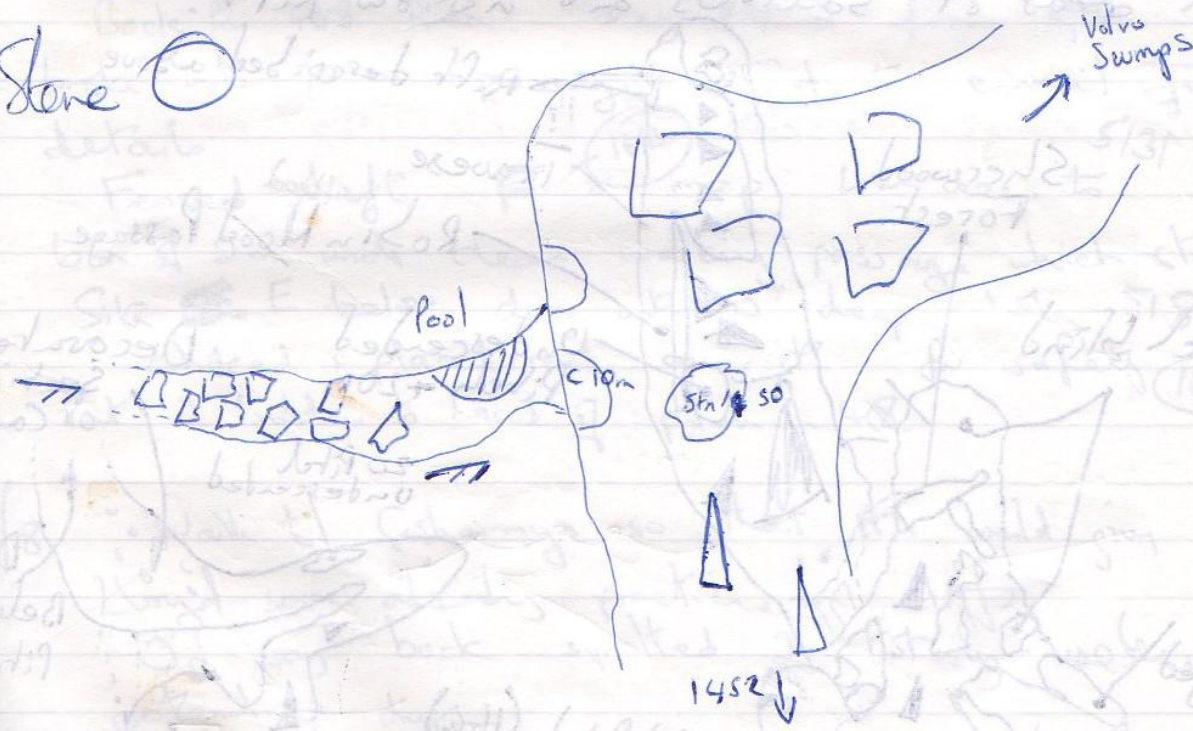
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98-1452 Volvo

Stone O, Phil, Steve M & TT

Crack team sets off at a suitable time of 1pm after brown bottles in creases & basalt hills. Dropped to low point in Volvo where the connection with the old entrance was made. Holes on left ^{north} wall have a good draught and this was noted during previous trips (Corman & Ian Easter 2000 & Stone O & Mark when the sumps were dined prior to construction of 1452). This area is very flood prone and more importantly very loose. A descent of around 30ft from the upper chamber lands on the edge of a shallow pool and solid passage can be jellied for around 10m to where ladders join the passage. Around 50m of progress can be made wearing in and over ladders before a stop requiring a rope & dig in encountered. The draught is excellent at this point but the area is unstable hence rope required for "remote" digging. This area was named Shite Passage or the Romanian Series, I forget what.

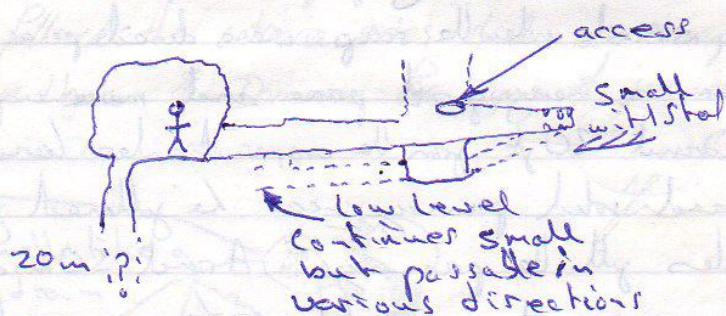
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11.000 - 11.000

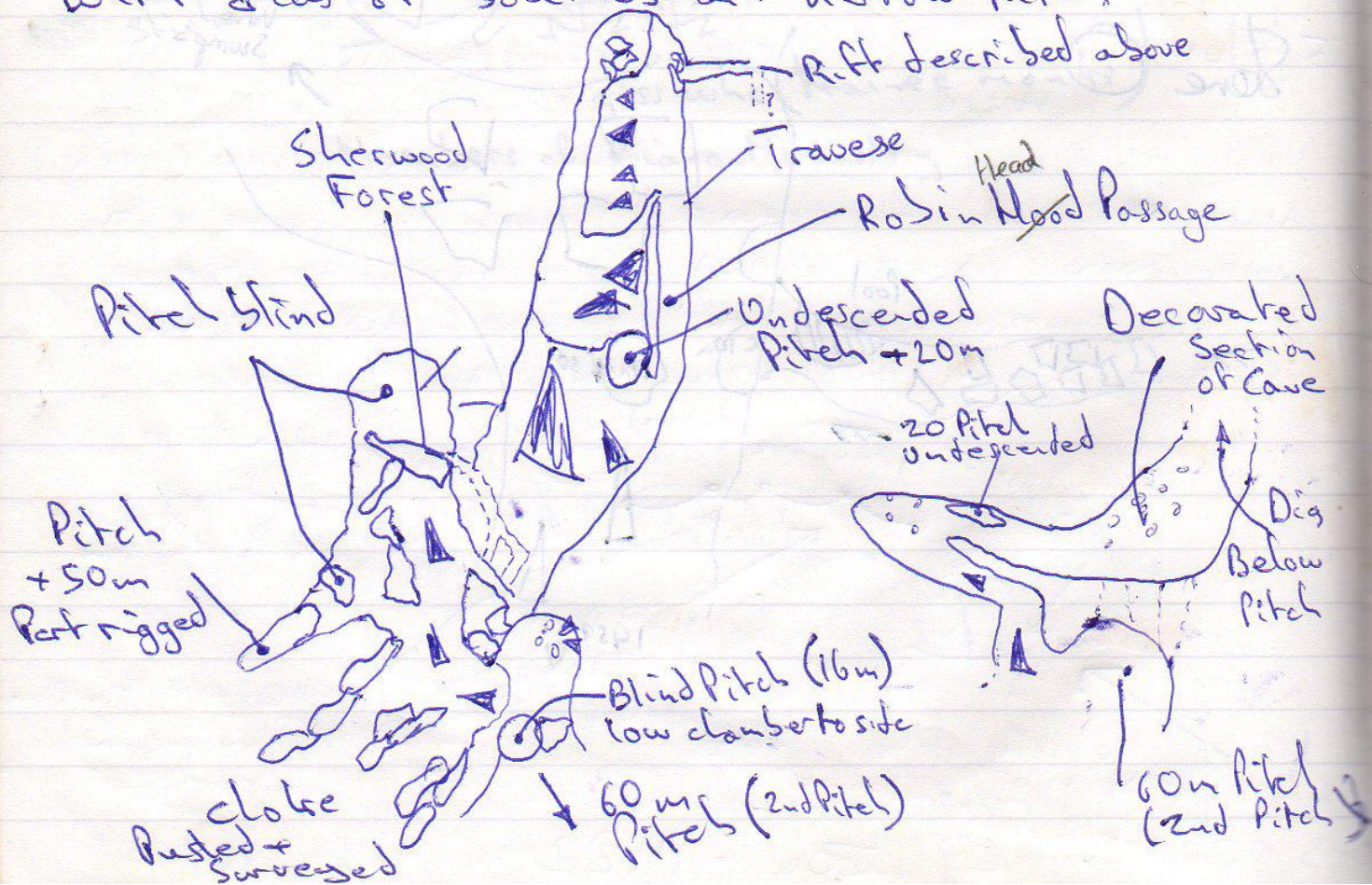
6/8/01 Peter T Egan, Ali Ouel, Candy Ouelow, Terben R
Trip to traverse passage, check clove and
other shafts.

Traverse of large passage led to cloved (mud)
tube with narrow rift to right and rift below (pitel)
the narrow rift was pushed to an over plus small
continuation plus draught.



the pitch is still to be dropped to the continuation
of the rift seen from below.

The boulder clove was pushed and surveyed
in many directions but basically it is a passage
with areas of boulders and narrow rift.



At the end of Sherwood Forest a +50m pitel was put descended and needs to be dropped, other pitel in the area appear so far to be blind.

A further pitel before traver is Robin Hood Passage still needs to be descended 20m deep 2/3 in entrance.

A pitel in the well decorated section below 60m. Second pitel also needs dropping and a dig plus various other side bits need looking at, the main draught still needs to be re-located.

The cave was defaced with deviations being left on 60m pitel which could do with a re-belay if sound rock can be located.

PS

6/8 Bobby Ted Lloyd Peter

Back to 408 Area. Dig site D from 4/8 broke into 70m passage Ted to e-mail Juan details

Fenced shaft 1693 on map 4m deep to 6m of 2m wide clean walking passage which stops!

Site ~~E~~ below dug into 10' deep note 5134 9506 chaced + placed rock over it for safety 1694
Put 2 ladders to head of pitch - 408

7/8 Walk to Caverns so that Al could give Lloyd some abseiling practice on cliff
On way back spotted 2 totally useless potential digs

Have a nice rest of summer
everyone Bobby Lloyd
+ Rosie

Terry W, Pete Smith, Jenny Corrin 8/8/01

To 1553? ⁽¹⁶⁸⁰⁾ in La Secunda above the mushroom field
GPS'd the Entrance. 5m down rift to chamber under boulder. Draught
emerges from small boulders & rocks in floor. On to 252?
which area didn't fit the description (or of 873). In the
side of a large stakehole with rocky walls upto 8m
high two draughting digs were found. The floor of the
depression in trees has a very narrow fissure on the
West side and may be digable on the East end.

Above the Eastern corner which was GPS'd the higher dig ¹⁶⁸¹
entered a short length of stal encrusted passage upto
2m wide and high. This ends in a stal encrusted
fissure from which all the draught emerges strongly. L.R.D-3m

The lower dig ⁽¹⁶⁸²⁾ appears to be a low earth
filled arch but could not be entered because of a large
lump of rock in the middle of the entrance.
Both digs draughting out. The higher quite strongly with
cold air.

Lugger says "Where the Puck's Tobj"

0452772
4798281

~~351~~ extr (352?)

w/p 24 X

0452918

~~pass new~~ 1553 (61)

4798460

w/p 25 new ⁽¹⁶⁸⁰⁾

5m deep
rocky dig with draught

0452977

1554? 543?

4798544

down cliff (very)

w/p 26 ⁽¹⁶⁸¹⁾

w/p 27

hole in hill w/p
carn ⁽¹⁶⁸²⁾

w/p 28

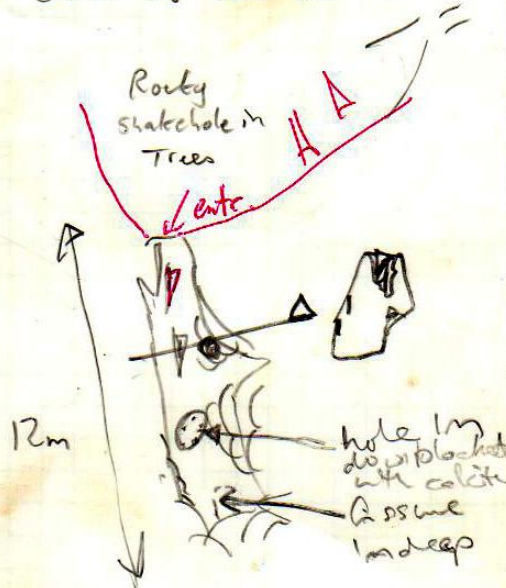
parts ⁽¹⁶⁵⁵⁾

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w/p 29 715?

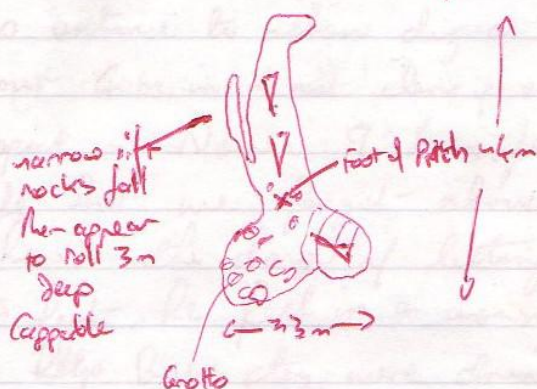
tw & 3ms
hole

Cave at WP 26



12m long 3m deep
stal encrusted passage to small hole in
calcite dropping 1m in a fissure
40cm wide. Cool draught enters
through fissure

8/8/01 Ali, P. Eager, Taken the Dene. (Bad day for droughts)
 1625 Laddered 12-5m entrance pitch.



A 1683 - 5m deep rift, diggable choke at foot

B 1684 - Dig

C Covered shaft, (recently explored?) 8.3m deep pitch to floor. Many dead goats
 2m drop to leading rift - choked. Much old rotten stool.

Steve O. says this is 1651, in which case location of latter marked on map is incorrect - site is outside wood. Nothing found at 1651 site as shown on map.

D Hole under boulder in collapse in wood by corner of field. Full of leaves

1386 Ants in yer pants. Dug down 6' to boulders. Long term dig.
 Filled in with rocks, 6' from fence corner.

E 1685 Depression between prominent outcrops, fair drought in.
 Dug down 3m, needs digging on down.

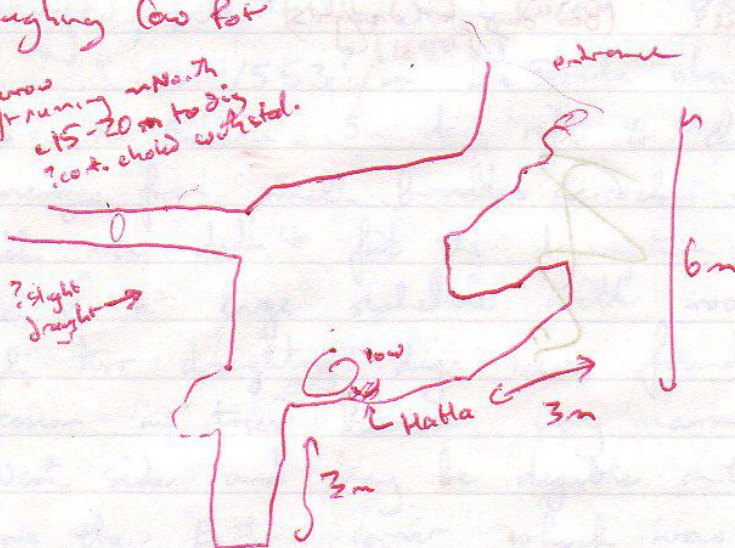
F 1686 short rift

G 1687 - 3m climb covered by large block then 2m down slope to 2m choked
 pot. All free climbable.

H 1688 3m choked pot by prominent tree

Laughing Cow Pot

narrow
right running north
c15-20m to dig
? cont. choid w/ metal.



Salon La Barqueria
(terraza musical)
Presenta

Strip-boys

Viernes
10 Agosto
Pasos 12,30
y 1,30

Entrada:
1.000 pts con
consumicion Pasoa

Punto de venta: La Barqueria
MARINA DE PEDREÑA

Big Steve finds a JOB in
Spain at last!

10/8/01

1766 (LANKEAR)

Pete Egon + Phil Poyford
Lank in support.

Early start at dig, PP needed to go for more tools & water
flush equipment, after 1/2 hr main blockage was removed &
air flow went back to normal.

~~Good~~
~~Good~~

PLAN
View
Long way!"

Blockage seemed to consist of soft white paper - how did it
get there?

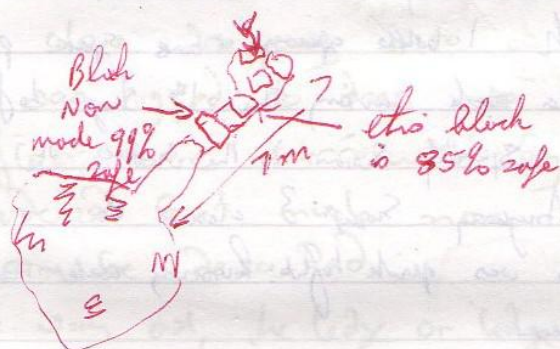
8/8/01 +

9/8/01

PANTS New 415 bend.

PP, SO, AP + on 9/8 P.E. + Joe

Full bit of toys to dig a gun set, drill, caps etc. On 8/8 went up entrance to allow dig at far end, - got to big block in roof about 4m in - not clear if safe. Next day put re" bar in to support - Now 95% safe, at first we thought it was 99% safe but we forgot about the entrance drop of 1.5m - Joe showed the danger of letting OAP's near drops, being unstable on his feet he fell in & down to dig. Reel of pants would have gone to help but they were drinking beer & it was too much trouble! Cone left at next choke - lot of loose blocks that need making secure - cone safety factor has now dropped to 88.5% safe.



9/8/01 Bypassing the pants team, Terry + Joan roamed the slopes around 415. Objectives: to photo + GPS some entrances. Succeeded.

1689 - Santorini pirate hole. 3m deep dig against bluff. Clay plug. (Filled with dead animal and covered with metal slab).

5121(5) 9775(3).

1241 - 5118(2) 9777(5)

415 - 5130(2) 9772(1)

1379 Cany's Dig 5139(1) 9743(6).

1018 - top dig - 5137(6) 9776(9)

~~715~~ GPS

715 GPS 5127(4) 9779(1)

7/8/01 And, Julie, John, Linda, Joan, Penny, Jenny. Walk from
FLV to Alisa then onto Cruz Viano. Rough ground at
Tullas negotiated by following red markers through karst. Took
8½ hrs. 21km [GPS 20m from top edge of Cado (41) is 4912(6)9367(2)]

Fueta Aguanez - Mark + Prof. 9/8/01

Trip to try and dive 3rd Sump complete with hammer to back
away at any passage too small for diver.

Started badly when fish shops (Kron cover) decided that this
wasn't for him and set other forms of entertainment. Such foresight
was clearly lacking in the remaining two divers.

Diving through 1st Sump with 1 bottle open + one spare p.d.
managed to lay the regulator on a rock causing the 1st stage to flood.
The remaining dive consisted of a speedy swim to the surface on the side
of the sump before turning off bottle. Anyway Sump 3 flows down about
5m from previous launch and this was quite tight. Running water could be
heard from the rockfall above however

OVLOV
Western Series - Mark + Prof. - Sump dive 11/8/01

done through to rift which is not 25m as outrageously stated
in previous report but ~15m. Virtually zero water flow but obviously
takes a lot of water at times - Descended gravel + silt banks to opening in
left hand wall of rift chamber. Squeezed past with one cylinder presuming
it would ascend like uvo + previous OVLOV sump but it didn't
and carried on ~~going~~ heading west. Wide passageway with smooth walls and
silt bottom with zero belay points. After ~25m - 30m turned round due
to only having one bottle - Sump still going west.

Sorry, time wamp

4.8.01 A. Weell, A. Quin, P. Smith, Big Steve. (408)

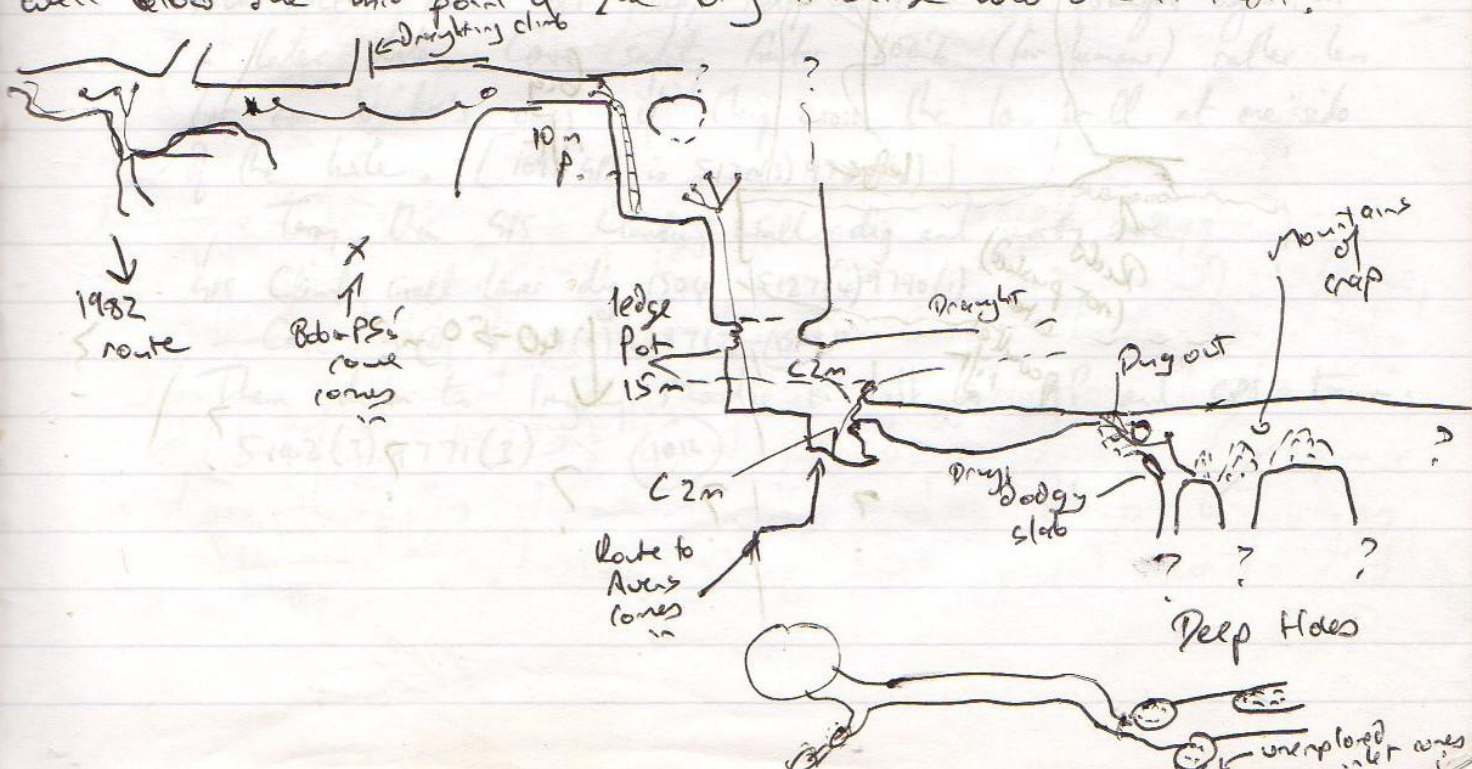
Desanded and pitch (Ledge Pot) (15m). At bottom climb down following stream chokes. To right over mud ledges leads to 2 arias. Climb up wall of ledge pitch opposite descent for 2m (combined tactics) leads to canyon (muddy) followed for ~30m to low pt. A fuller climb above the 2m climb leads to wide passage, draughting, ending in rifts.

The ~~top~~ end of the passage from the first 2m climb was dug through a low bedding following good inward draught & sound of falling water to where debris could be heard falling a long way under the floor. Digging down revealed a cavity where a chamber could be seen ahead. This was eventually dug out to a steep slope dropping onto a shaft of considerable depth (?30-50m). A rope was rigged to drop into the chamber, where various holes in the floor were surrounded by banks of loose debris which was gathered but much more needs doing before any of the pitches can be desanded.

On the way out, the ledge or ledge pot is a bad rub point - needs sorting out.

BdbC & P.S.'s new route (?6/8) was proved to connect to a point well below the mid point of the long traverse near the entrance.

(1679)

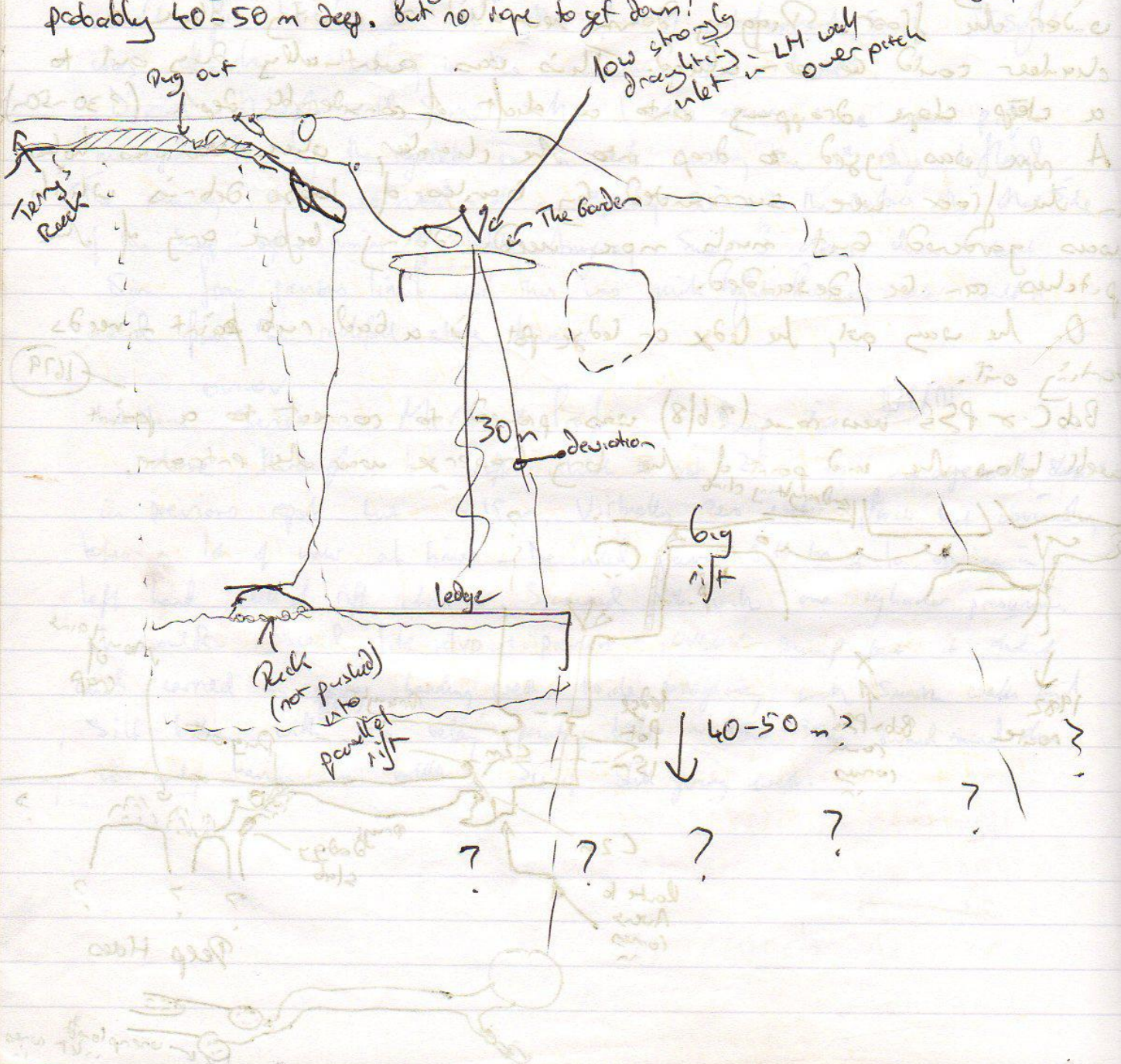


- heavy rebar on left hand end (looking down) on the ledge of window

climb from the bottom avoiding the rope climb (the rope climb is a good way to get into the water but it's not a good way to get out of the water)

Another dug a motorway through the bedding to top of the big pitch reached yesterday.
PE cleared a large amount of debris from the top of the pitch.

PE then descended ^(30') to a big ledge which anything going down the pitch ends up on. Beyond is a huge ~~deep~~ deep black ~~cleared~~ washed rift, probably 40-50 m deep. But no rope to get down!



On way out PE traversed out over top of 10m pitch - looks into top of ledge pit, small passage can be seen coming in on opposite side.

10/8/01 PANTS¹⁶⁵⁵ & 1012 - PP & AP & Joe & Pete S.

Pinned Block in 1655 & used frame to secure blocks & get ~~gas~~ cave safety factor up to 97.5% safe. Left to harden - only slight problem was that block we thought was safe had moved a few mm's !!

At 1012 we made cave bigger & pinned 100+ block with a 10+ (SWC) pin - to remove tight-section we need to move pit's wall - this may hold up big block - decided to use bang so can be done remotely - cave safety factor 94.35%.

11/8/01 Pete, Juan & Terry up to Victor's ⁽¹⁶⁹⁷⁾ Dig just below his barn in a braunly depression. Spent a couple of hours removing soil and boulders and splitting a number with hammer & chisel - not h.t.c.'s. Left hole still full of rocks, but against a substantial rock face. Now 6ft deep; Pete to check for draught again at a later date. Cave safety factor 100% (for humans) rather less for ~~can~~ Victor's cows if they cross the low wall at one side of the hole. [1697 GPS is 5120(3) 9787(2)]

Terry Ben GPS Climbing Wall dig and nearby cave

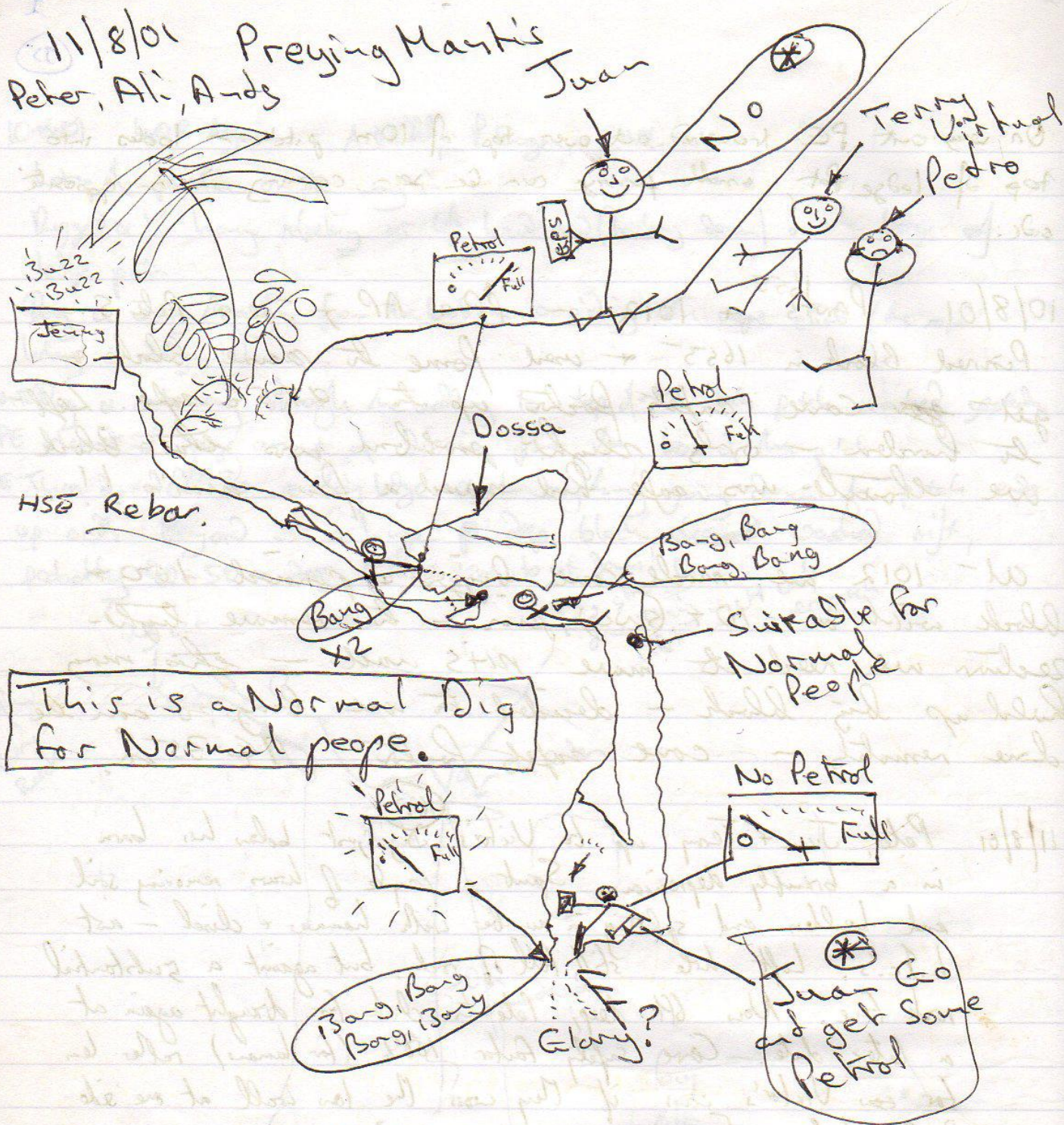
GPS Climbing wall lower dig 1504 5127(4) 9790(1)

Cave 3 @ 5127(4) 9787(2) (1504)

Then down to Paying Martin to talk to AP and GPS entrance.

5142(3) 9771(3) (1012)

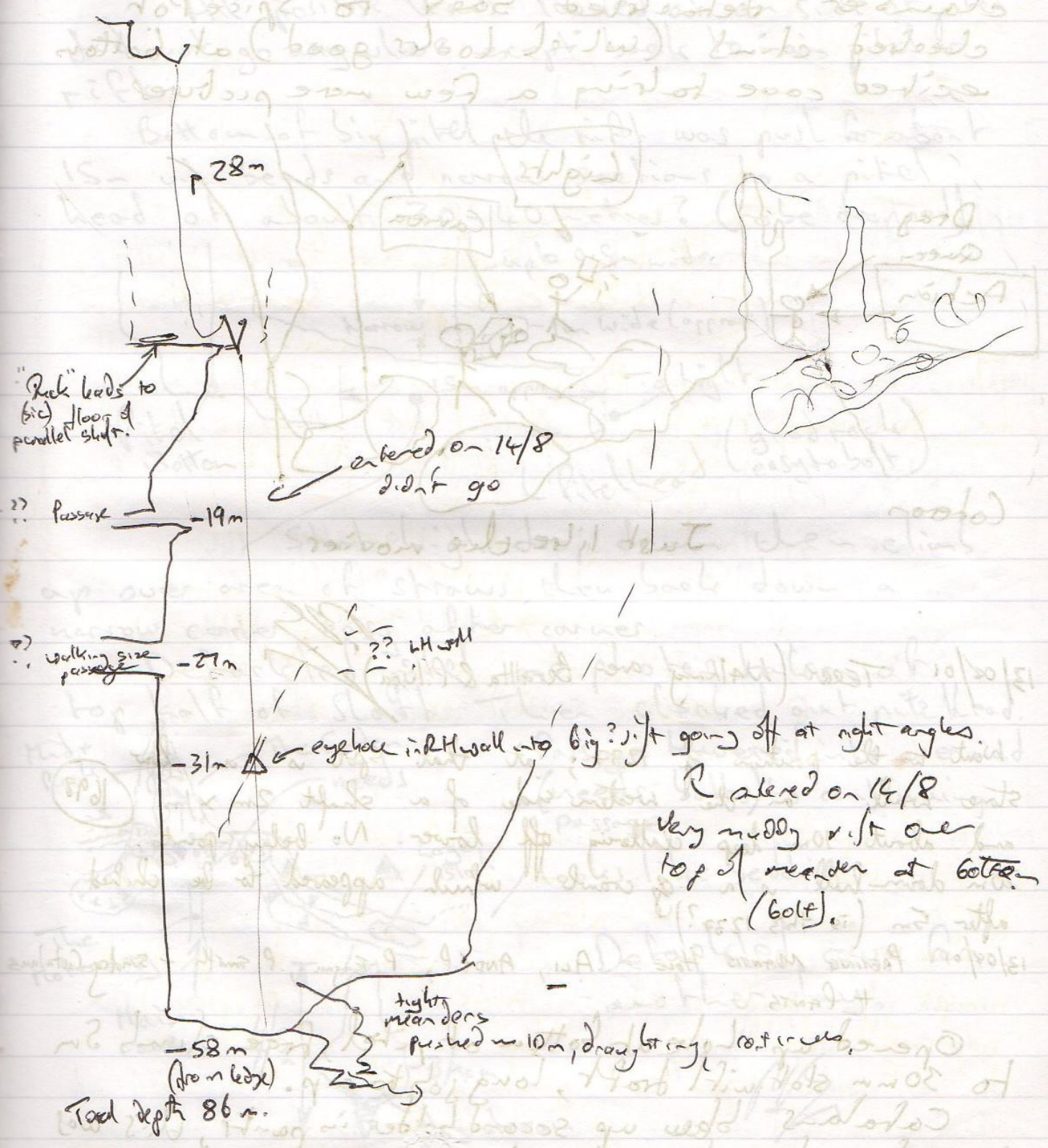
11/8/01 Preying Martin's
 Peter, Ali, Andy



Capped Jesser, and opened up SQ for normal people. Removed rocks and flake from top of pitel (petrol running low). Rigged pitel and started capping second pitel head (petrol empty) continued by hand (shift system) removed drill cable but left rigged, not a lot of work required just petrol.

[Signature]

12/8/01 408 Again - A Neill, Big Stone.
 Bottomed Hoe-Dam P.tch - 58 m' from ledge reached by
 P.E. on 10/7.



12/8/01 1338 Photo Trip + Check Climb
Peter, Albert, Sergei

Photo's taken all the way to Central
clamber detached back to Spice Pot
checked climb (which looks good) at bottom
exited cave taking a few more pictures



Just like the movies

13/08/01 TERRY (Walking over Berallta & P. Luca)

Went to the position of 1237; at that spot is a low
stone wall on the western side of a shaft 2m x 1m
and about 10m deep cluttering off lower. No belay points.
20m down hill is a gully which appeared to be choked
after 5m (is this 1237?)

13/08/01 PREYING MANTIS HOLE Ali, Andy P, P. Engan, P. Smith + Sunday Catalans
+ PANTS

Opened up hole at bottom of pitel, free climb 5m
to 30mm slot with draft, long job to cap.

Catalans blew up second bolder is pants, this was
then cleared, needs another bang.

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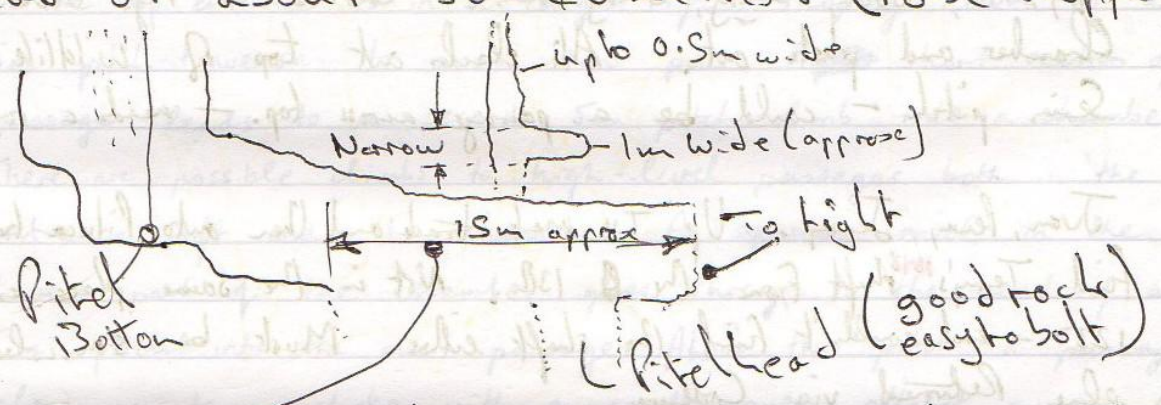
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PtE, Ali, Terry, Steve

14/8/01

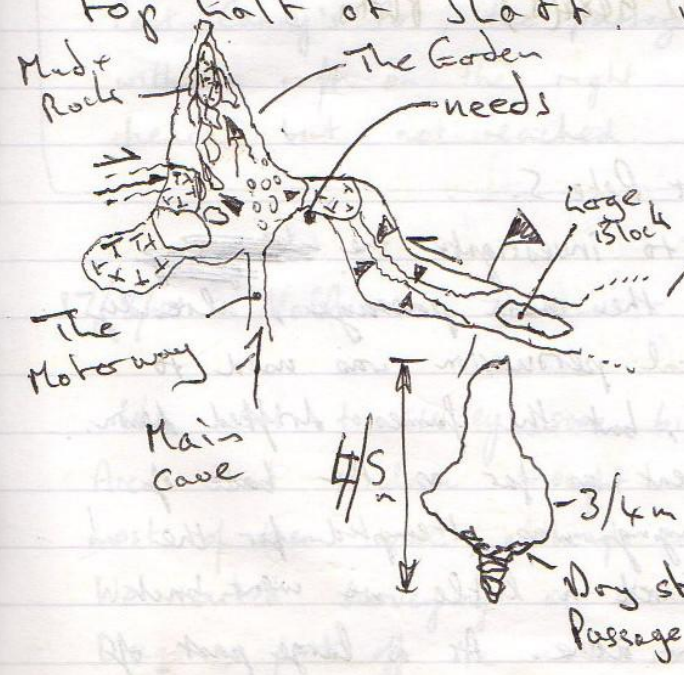
Returned to base of Big pitel to push rift
~~at~~ photo pitel and check out other leads.
 All possible leads looked at on side of pitel
 did not go anywhere, except back to main pitel &
 rift.

Bottom of big pitel the rift was pushed for about
 15m via bends and narrow sections to a pitel
 head of about 30-40 metres? (to be dropped)



Start high drop down then climb
 up over area of straws, then back down a
 narrow corner, easy after corner.

Detackled pitel and photo's taken of
 top half of shaft. Then checked out pitelhead.



Passage traversed into over mud
 (needs bolts) to continuing
 passage.

looks like bedding

Detackled cave for
 another day.

RS

15/8/01 Guide 1st for 408 (Cueva de los Helechales)

20 m rope + 3 hangers (Judds) for crossing old series

40 m traverse line + 3 hangers (left rigged with blue water)

15 m rope + 2 hangers + 2 ladders - could do with rigging for 80T, 325 m rope

45 m + 6 hangers

15 m + 3 " - to the Garden

33 m + 2 " - top part of Hoodon

78 m + 2 " - bottom " " "

15/8/01 Terry, Ali, Juan, Jerry, Jerry Walsh + Caroline to Pigs Trotters Chamber and photo out. Ali checks out top of Wildlife Series pitch - could be a passage across top. - need a rope.

19/8/01 Juan, Penny, Jerry - Up TV mat track and then onto Piluca to find Terry's ¹⁶⁹⁸ shaft from the 13th. Not in the same place as 1237 - and couldn't find the shaft either. Must be somewhere else. Returned via Collera.

GPS - 51 Torca de Bualta 5207(2) 9443(7) Photo

1237 Hole in ground 5207(6) 9433(4) Photo

39 Collera 5266(1) 9456(4) Photos

Obvious steeping height cave entrance goes to 5 m of steeping passage @ - 1699 @ 5213(5) 9484(5) Photos

15/8/01 Los Cefrales - Catalans + Pete S.

The aim of the trip was to investigate the ~~blowhole~~ blowhole at the western end of the main passage, already noted by Lank in 1977. Chemical persuasion was used to remove part of the left-hand wall, but the fumes drifted down into the passage forcing us to retreat as far as the base of the top entrance pitches. No more banging was attempted for the same reason but when the fumes cleared a little we went back to see how much damage had been done. As a large part of

the wall had gone, the boulder in the middle could now be pulled back. The passage can be seen to continue very small in front, rising upwards. It isn't the greatest of leads, but still very intriguing. It seems the blowhole is in a separate passage very near the one we're in, so although it can be heard, very little draught comes down into the passage.

New description of top entrance for 'Matienzo Underground'

The top entrance is in a large rift sloping down to a 5m pitch-traverse to avoid two pits. A ~~short~~ short section of passage leads to a second 5m pitch-climb into a chamber. There are possible climbs to high-level passages both in the entrance rift and the chamber. A ~~square~~ crawl in the lowest part of the chamber goes through to the head of another 5m pitch into the main passage. Above this pitch a passage slopes up to a choke with a small aven off-set on the left.

In the main passage, the western passage slopes down to a pit in the floor, the start of Candy's Pot. This gets very small at the bottom, and has an inlet passage probably coming from the pits that are traversed round in the entrance. Past Candy's Pot, the passage slopes up to a calcite choke, with a rift on the right where a blow-hole can be heard but not reached.

17/8/01 Vallina Andrew + Pete S.

We went to survey some bits of passage around the Maze Area that Andrew thought were not on the survey. In fact most of them were, although some of it was not drawn up.

We started surveying at the formation they call the Drac, or Dragon, just off the main route in the Maze, and eventually²

ended up in Who Knows Where Chamber. Andrea went up the slope on the right, and we went up to the large aven, taking a strong draught, and then through to a smaller aven with a very noticeable skeleton of a small animal (squirrel?) in the middle of the floor. All this had been explored before, at Easter 96. But we were able to survey a little more, going up a slope and climb to a chamber above Skeleton Aven. More interestingly, continuing more-or-less straight ahead, we went up through boulders to a well-decorated chamber. This slopes up, finally getting vertical, but it looks as if it continues above.

After having a sandwich, we went to survey a chamber on the right in the big passage just after Clapham Bypass. Andrea said this wasn't on the 'pencil Vallina survey'. When we checked this back at German's we found that the line survey is on the computer, but the chamber is not drawn up for whatever odd reason. The chamber is well-decorated like the rest of this part of the cave.

25/8/01 Pete, Ivan, Carol + Jenny resurvey Conellants. With Jenny + Carol as ferrets we managed to increase the length from 300m to 532^{above water}m. There appears to have been an extension made by "Antonio and _____" in 2001 by smashing a flake in the old final chamber near to Peña. Pretty section but is worth photographing but heads out to the surface ending at a clean, stony choke.

By ascending the ~~left~~ north wall near the slope to the inside sump, pottery was found at the top and in ~~an~~ an eroded crack nearer the entrance.

Copresnedo Various things by Church's group with Rets.
Finding human teeth.
Other bones, plants.

Also to 360 to recover pottery 27th Aug. Supposed pottery
at back of cave doesn't exist but plenty of charcoal.

Low bits down to right ① at entrance and down to left
could do with investigating.

① Appears to go into the hill.

MATIENZO CAVES PROJECT