

LOGBOOK

Year: 2004

Season: Easter

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Juan Corrin, January 2015

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EASTER

Saturday 3rd April H. Hesketh, D. Milner + H. Long.

Head of Llueva valley. Went to 1464 first - there is nothing under the slabs, but up to the left is a climb into a small chamber - no prospects. 50m east along track from barn + tower is a hole covered by a square steel plate - 5m deep choked shaft (marked A on map). Looked at site 166 and found a slot down to the right at entrance to chamber (where a bat was seen). Slight outward draught + slot may be passable with some work with hammer + chisel. It drops about 4ft and goes away under the wall to? Following track round to right

1981

passer a ~~20~~ 6m deep shaft, with slope below, under the small outcrop along top side of track (marked B on map). Would need top enlarging to get down.

1982

On the road, about 20m back up from start of track, is a "letter box" entry to a 2m drop to a choked floor (marked C on map). Downhill along road from junction

1983

with track about 60m is rift entrance concealed behind trees (marked D on map). 2 metre crawl leads to 3m climb down and 4 metres of passage to a choke of clean rocks up from floor level with strong outward draught (weather warm + sunny). Should dig OK with plenty of stacking space

1984

Harry Long

Sunday 4th April D. Milner + H. Long. Llueva valley.

Walked up track past site 564 and just thro' gate on main track (about 8 metres) on left is estimated 4m shaft in small scar on left side (marked 1 on map)

1985

GPS 0455⁴²¹~~281~~ x 4798⁷⁵⁵~~559~~, alt. 220m approx. 24 metres

1986

further along track (marked 2 on map) is phreatic tube 1m dia to tight bit with slope dropping away beyond to?

Back down on road is narrow slot in scar with large slab

1987

visible. This is possibly 6m deep with good echo (marked 3 on map). Top would need removing along right side to be able to see on beyond a buttress. GPS position on opposite of road is 0454817 x 4798555 alt. 200m.

1988

Further down road round bend is entrance hidden behind a small tree (marked 4 on map). This goes into passage running back to the right parallel to the road. A 1.5m drop gives a walk along an undulating floor for 6m to a junction. To right chokes immediately whilst to left narrows and is blocked with mud - total length c. 10m GPS position on opposite side of road 0454957 x 4798552 alt. 170m.

1989

Going back up the road (much nearer the top) is a depression next to road GPS position 0454203 x 4798259 alt. 329m. This appears choked at bottom but 2m up on a ledge is a rift partly blocked by hammerable flaker. Rocks dropped can be heard bouncing down a series of steps with an encouraging echo (marked 5 on map).

1990

Further up the road is "set back" into the scar with an entrance at right side (marked 6 on map). 5 minute digging away clay + earth should give entrance to a small chamber with a sloping floor. There was a noticeable inward draught at 1900 hrs. GPS position on opposite side of road is 0453985 x 4798479 alt. 340m.

Harry Long

4 April. Tim W. Ben S. Mark H. + Swede, whose name I can't remember.
ZIS regged to bottom. surveyed passages found lat spear (summer 2003)
off traverse. also surveyed 20m row passage @ bottom

5 April Tim W. Brandon S. re regged ZIS to recover bucket lat
left @ bottom.

Sunday 4th April

Phil Etkie, Mad Phil down 1975, Mortiro continuing
what Phil + Steve started in February

→ Juan + Penny walked to 2 valleys 100m to south. Nothing found.

Sunday 4th April Keith, Annabel, Françoise, Andy, Jason, Stumpy, Jerry
and Pete, Andy, BoB.

Ulline top entrance tourist trip. No interesting incidents
but pitches with 10 people is fun.

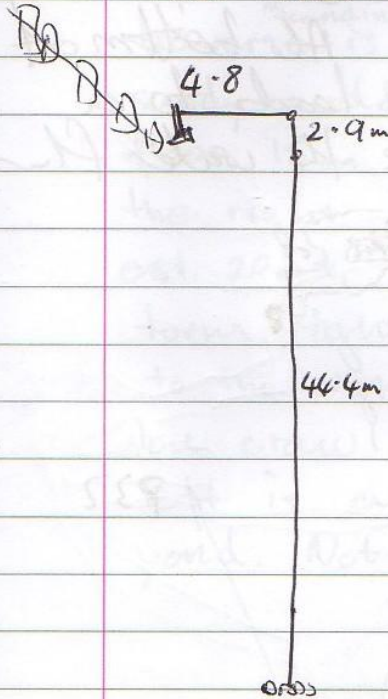
Top entrance, to Swirl Chamber, back at bottom entrance.

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Monday 5th April

John Fowler, Miranda, Terry + Joan.

Two journeys to Alice and site 1969 where eventually 6 ladders, SRT rope, etc were assembled in one place. John down on ladders to find shaft too deep. Then down on rope to find water swirling in floor



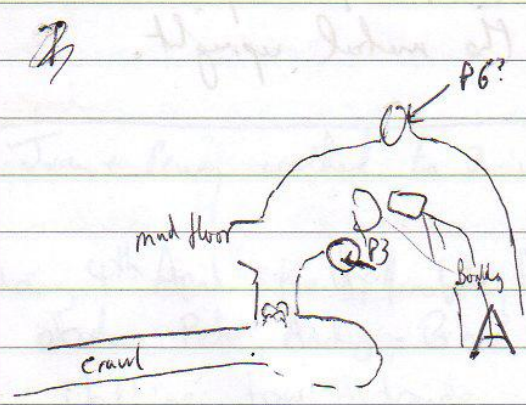
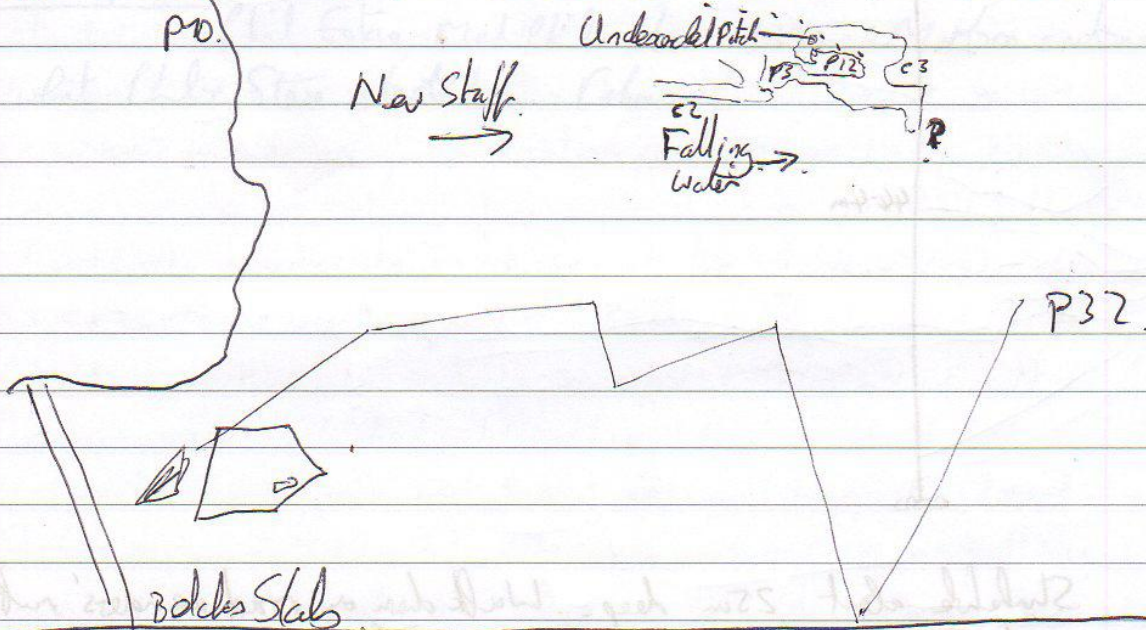
Shakehole about 25m deep. Walk down on road menders' rubble + used Pampers to slot in Fault. Belay is uprooted road sign post with convenient knot hole in the metal upright.

Mon 5th PAWS - Jim + Andy P. - Reassessment of next move. Draft goes up into roof!

6/04/04. Papa Noel. Twells, Ben S, Brendan S.

(1471)

In Plaza de Concorde between Balchup
slabs + where P.N. top pitch comes in near to wall not
marked on survey. Near falling water a crawl was
pushed to a pitch down of 3m to a fitter
pitch of 12m (water reappears). At bottom of
P12 a 3m climb over moonmilk leads to a
8m? hole to a chamber where the water flows.



P6? also dropped - no
leads at base.

At A, climb up calcite/
moonmilk shale ledges. Continuing
round to @ and up leads past
2 cairns to moonmilk / calcite
floor. This is just below large

boulder that Papa Noel pitch lands on. While it has been
investigated before (2 cairns), this was probably from above.

6/4-04

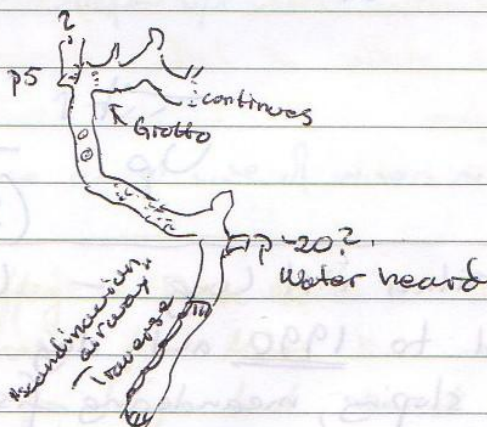
PAPA NOEL TOROJAN DAS STEVE JONES

(5)

(1471)

BBA at Saucapan street. N ending

The phreatic passage is interrupted by a pitch in the floor. To get across, we placed 14 bolts with the Hilti. Total length of traverse is 23 meters. Beyond is a 2x2.5 passage, sandy-muddy floor and a small trench in the floor. 15m from the traverse is a junction, to the right is a clean pitch with water heard est. 20m+. To the left is a wide crawl which turns right and goes to a decorated junction, to the right a fragile passage goes to a low crawl (continues) and a dead end. To the left is a 5m pitch with visible passage beyond. Not descended. Survey markers left at junctions.



To the right (inboard) of the 10m pitch just before the traverse is a steep muddy slope. One bolt placed for a traverse. On top of the slope is one tight tube going down, and 3 wider tubes (ca 0.5x1m) going up. No progress

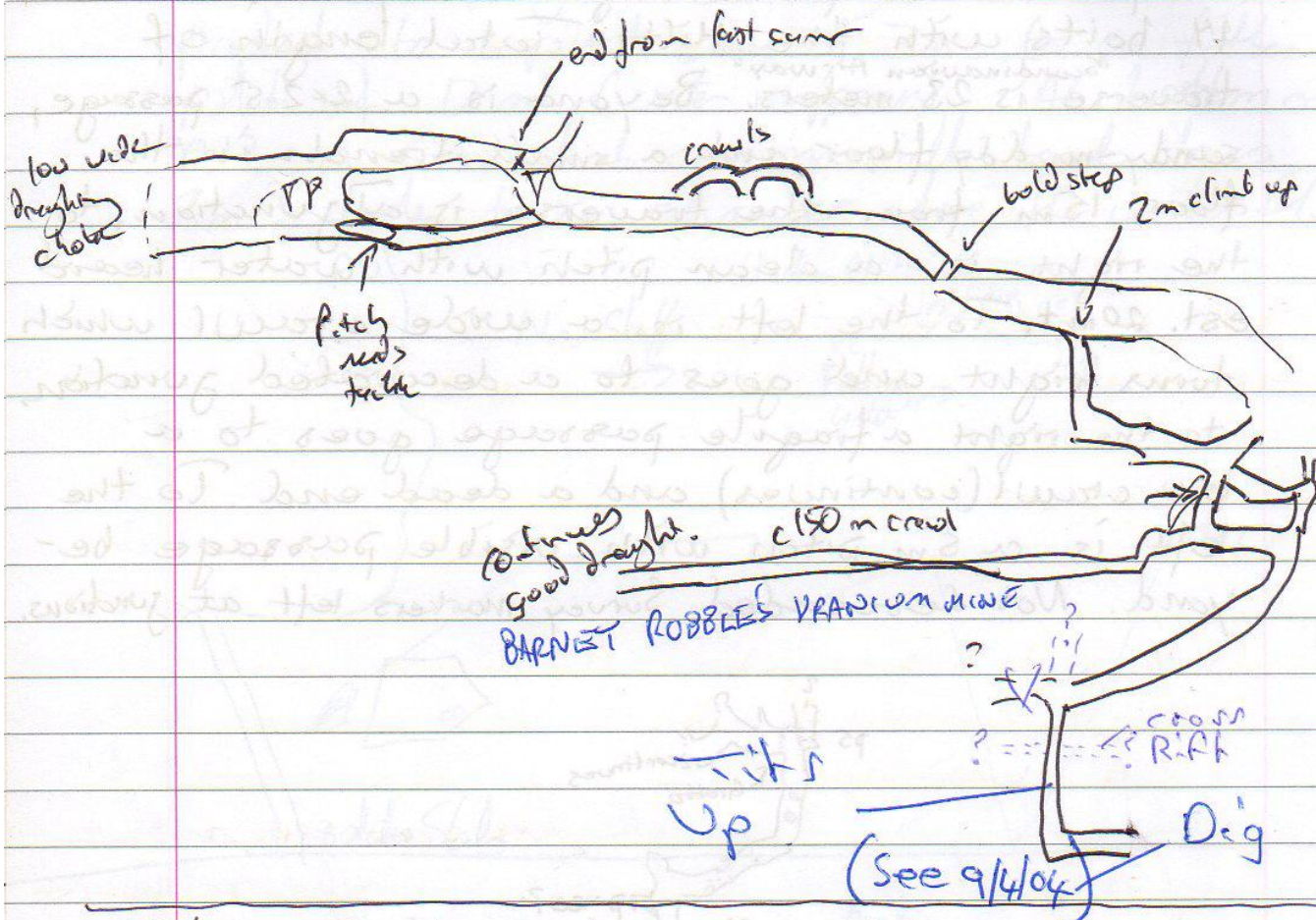
6/4/04 PNTS - Jim Andy +

Decided digging up into not back to surface was unnecessarily dangerous. Started new dig 5m higher.

6.4.04 Vallée - Ali, Petit Eya, Argos & Topy.

Met a South Wales Caving Club bud at campsite.

Shelter passage - surmounted end & side bits towards end -
approx 350 m new passage.



6th April D. Milner + H. Long - Llueva area

Returned to 1990 and dug for the stated 5 minutes.

Inside is sloping, meandering fissure which was only passable for 3 metres before getting too tight.

Went to 166 and looked at slot in floor - both thought that hammering at flake to gain access wasn't a good idea as it was holding up roof!

1984 - no draught to chase thro' choke so gave up.

7th April D. Milner + H. Long - Sel de Suta area

Went to 548 and did the "easy dig". Beyond, the rift narrowed to an impassable upward slot and through it may just be wide enough but we couldn't see anything

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really worth working for.

Came back down the hill and went to 1900 armed with hammer + chisel. Dave removed the rock rib, but passage beyond is only about 200 mm tall + very rough rock. Ahead slopes down into a chamber where it may be almost walking height, with an echo. Pete Eagan's length estimate is suspect - more like 2.5m passable and another 2 or 3 visible.

Harry Long

7/4/04 Ali Lank & Egan,

Recently killed Eucalyptus Plantation - above Riñón. (All wrapped)

(1991)

5253 9964 - several rifts in beds of depressions & collapses in forestry tracks.

(1992)

5257 9968 - depression - at end of track, rift at one end...

(1993)

~~5258~~ 5260 9960 - Shaft u/x

No numbers

Near Fuent Aguanaz

Several wrapped caves on W. side of minor road approx. 473 018.

7/4/04 Dave Tuffery & Dave Bell

Wander round "new area" from Alisas.

(1994)

1. ~~Spring~~ ^{Sink} few metres from Languin bend. 8m at base of 3m cliff. There had recently been a lot of farm slurry tipped into it.

4716(1) 9482(5) ~~Photo~~

(1995)

2. 50 cm wide vertical slot at rock face. 5m? Photo

4708(2) 9495(4) Photo

(1996)

3. Small surface rift 1 1/2 m long with right angle, 5m above hole 2 above. 4710(4) 9490(7)

1997

4. On slope above hairpin bend. Narrow draughting slot. 3 m deep
No pile of rubbish. Photo 4708(1) 9480(6)

1998

5. 50 cm x 20 cm slot choked with wood with space beneath.
Possible dig. 4708(3) 9489(1) Photo

1999

6. Limestone above in cliff. Slot with no draught. Boggly
ground. Photo. 4704(1) 9486(8)

7. Pile of stones created by farmer just below track. Not
apparent if it is covering anything. Photo 4700(8) 9490(3)

2001

8. 3 m inclined hole. Draughting. Slight echo from stone throw.
4700(5) 9490(4)

2002

9. Large depression below drinking trough on track. Boulder
filled rock shelter at bottom. Probably does not go but needs
work to confirm. No echo but possible draught. Photo.
4684(9) 9504(4)

2003

10. 1 m wide 5 m free climb. Possible continuation. Above
the depression with hole 9. Photo 4683(5) 9504(7)

2000

11. Shaft. Possibly 2 shafts surrounded by fence. 1 second
stone drop with further rumble. 30 m?
Photo 4690(7) 9514(9)

2000

12. Further up valley from 11. 2 m wide shaft at base
of small cliff. 15-20 m? to rock floor. Photo
4689(1) 9514(6)

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(2005)

13. Closed depression at bottom of wooded valley. 3 holes choked with leaf mould & mud. Photo view up valley
4713(6) 9505(8)

(2006)

14. Narrow slot at base of 3m cliff. 15cm wide drop approx 5m stone rattle. Very slight draught but smell of cave. Needs work. Photo
4701(5) 9499(8)

(2007)

15. 4m shaft to stoney floor then breaching along joint to W. Needs a look. Photo
4704(3) 9497(9)

08/04/07 Tim W, Brendan S, Ben S. "New area"

(2007)

47091 94675. South side of free filled shale hole Ben discarded. 6m drop onto leafy slope bisecting rft @ right angle. Slight eddy. slight draft out of cave. 4sec rattle from bottom of entrance shaft. Different rock drop location to give free fall 0.75 sec + 3sec rattle.

~~(2008)~~

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(2008)

47193 94948 Rft 0.75 sec drop onto leaves choked @ 3m

(2009)

47266 95060 Excavated top of 11m deep shaft. 2m x 3m rounded walls with evidence of some water flow. choked bottom.

img_2662.JPG - img_2678.JPG

2010

47169 95049 almost choked by leaves which were pulled out to reveal a 4ft crawl into a chamber. 9ft ↑ 8ft Ø. Daylight entering from above. floor ~~choked~~ choked with leaves

img 2679.JPG (Bottom right) + 2682.JPG

2011

47175 95076. S. side of shake hole above previous site. 5m down slight rift passage continues on blocked by a boulder that would succumb to sledge hammer. 1/2 sand drop beyond.

img - 2679.JPG (Top left) + img 2688.JPG.

06/04/04

Tim w, brendan s, ben s.

Trip into Papa Noel from Coteron entrance, looking for more cave: in 'plaza da concorde' between belcher's slab and where papa Noel top pitch comes in, near to wall. Near falling water a crawl was pushed to a pitch of 3m to a further pitch of 12m (water reappears). At bottom of p12 a 3m climb over moonmilk leads to a ?8m? Hole to a chamber where the water flows.

08/04/04 15:00

30 T 0447091 4794675 south side of tree filled shake

GR wrong.

Ben s descended. 6m drop onto leafy slope bisecting rift at right angle. Slight echo. slight draft out. 4 sec rattle from bottom of entrance shaft.

Different rock drop location to give free fall then rattle.

15:24

30 T 0447193 4794940

Ridt 0.75 sec drop onto leaves. Choke 3m

16:30

30 T 0447266 4795060

Excavated top of 11m shaft. rounded walls with evidence of some water flow. Choked bottom.

16:46

3rd site

A 30 T 0447169 4795049

Bottom right of photo. almost choked with leaves which were pulled out to 4ft crawl then chamber. 9ft high 8ft across ?boulder choke. Daylight entering from above. floor choked with leaves.

B 30 T 0447175 4795076

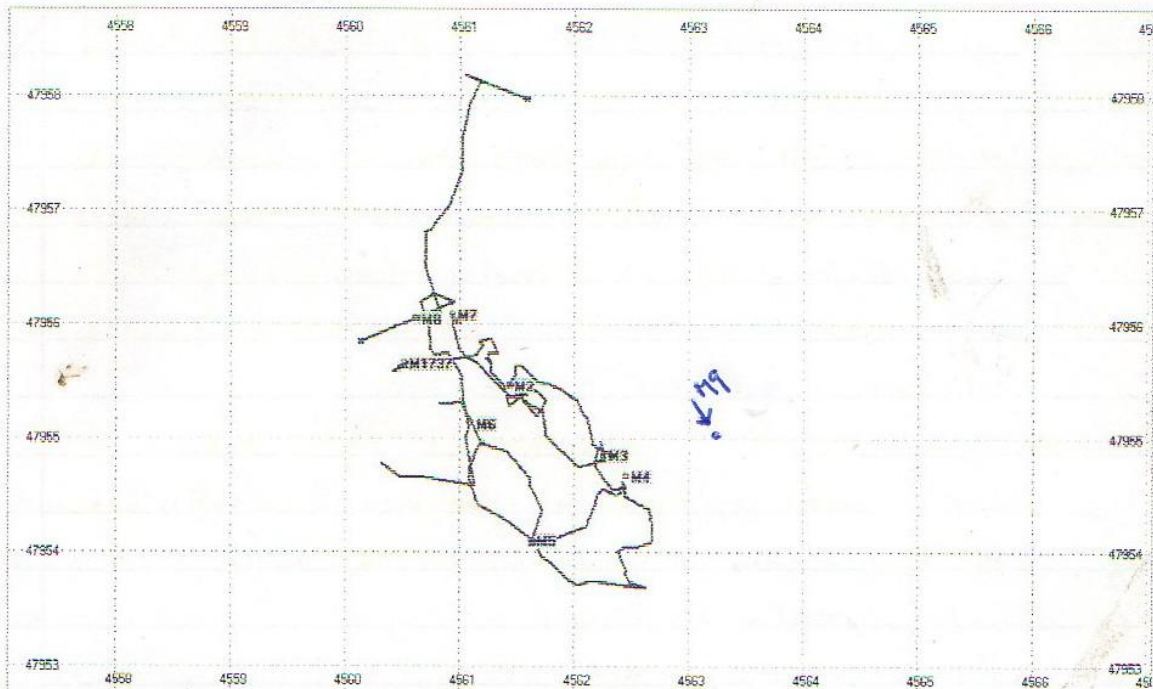
S side of shake hole near top.

5m down slight rift passage, continues on blocked by sledge hammerable rock half second drop beyond

6/4/04 Dave Cooke, Carmen Hashel
Prospecting in Cubillos de la Muela Liang

(11)

Plot of 040406-carmen-Mullir.txt 07/04/2004 22:40:25



Scale 1:6250

H R DATUM

M E European 1979 029 -2.5100000E+02 -1.4192700E-05 -86 -98 -119

H COORDINATE SYSTEM

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M9 TRITACULAR
SHAPED LATE IN
CAVE, ON STEEP
HILLSIDE.

F ID	Zne	Easting	Northing	Symbol	T O	Comment
✓ (419)	W M1	30T 456062	4795605	Waypoint	IE 06-APR-04 13:01	same as M8
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✓ 2058	W M2	30T 456144	4795545	Waypoint	IE 06-APR-04 13:57	
✓ 2059	W M3	30T 456227	4795486	Waypoint	IE 06-APR-04 14:08	
✓ 2059	W M4	30T 456246	4795467	Waypoint	IE 06-APR-04 14:14	
(418)	W M5	30T 456164	4795410	Waypoint	IE 06-APR-04 14:22	
✓ 2060	W M6	30T 456111	4795512	Waypoint	IE 06-APR-04 14:30	
✓ (420)	W M7	30T 456094	4795608	Waypoint	IE 06-APR-04 17:25	
✓ 2061	W M8	30T 456063	4795604	Waypoint	IE 06-APR-04 17:51	same as M1
	M9	456327	4795501			

Confirm coordinates of 1737. Located seven shafts that I GPS'd as M1-M7. Tried, but so far failed, to relate to the existing known shafts 417, 418, 419 + 420.

(2m p) M1 Nice entrance at base of small depression. Many (20m p) young trees growing in entrance. Not descended. Approx to 20m

7/4/04

Jenny, Bill, Ian, Keith, Derek, Cookie

Valline tourist through trip (again). Spotted over above 2nd pit, with passage appearing to go off back over the passage.

8/4/04

Jenny, Juan, Bill, Angus & Tully

'New Area'

A short walk from Road near farm in the area a small depression with possible collapse yield a line of open or soon opened holes. Two Holes ~~so~~ close together were explored the second smaller hole was descended deeper than the bigger hole and was descended to a depth of 40mtrs to a ledge where the rope ran out!

outside of the depression ~~was~~ two other holes in the same line where noticed.

5 Holes were descended in total (four on Rope and 1 on ladder). Various other smaller holes have been spotted in the area. None of the shafts descended where going anywhere.

7/4/04

DAVIS. Jim, Andy, + LES WILLIAMS + GAILING TEAMER IAN

HILL. CAPPING Large Boulder + Removing m³ of very pure clay. TERRACE STARTED.

8/04/04 Secadura - Back of Francisco Walk, Neil Pacey, Tanya Savage

2014

SP1 - Follow line of depression down to small hole with chopped down tree trunks. Hole blocked by ^{large} small boulder. Stones rattle down slope. Slight draft. Note not a very drafty day. worth checking out on a hot day.
ELEV: 160M 0455473 4800377

2025

SP2 Found 121 - 0455454 4800460 (Simon I.)
The Fox's Hat

SP3 ELEV 151M 0455391 4800172 - 'The Fox Hat'

10 M off muddy track below flat, grass roaped building with no windows, water reservoir. Dry valley leads through dense brambles to a low wide entrance. Short crawl leads into chamber with stal formation and tree roots. Low crawl leads off into slope down into large open passage. Draft noticed at the entrance.

8/04/04 PARTS.

Audrey P. June, Phil P + Phil? + Kew. M. + Brad, Shift - Les W, Ian G.H.

Phil + Kew Snapped more boulder and then left instructions re tidying up! good progress - No boulder, No clay + Terrace wall, cover for diggers. Now has clean walls + inward draft + 1 stal. Hibernating snake was relocated.

8/04/04 807 - 4 m shaft closes down

808 - 3 m climb down opens into a small chamber 5m² or so small hole with lots of loose rocks, looks like a small ongoing tunnel, but will require some excavation. Big warm draft coming out of hole.

760 - 6 m shaft closes down



810 - 6 m shaft. 3 ways on. one tunnel closes down after 3-4 metres, one too tight to proceed 3rd a very tight downward squeeze approx 3m long. opens out onto a pitch head. lift about 1 foot wide and 4 feet long by 3 feet deep. 2 bolts placed. abseiled down ~~12m~~ lift opens up into a big shaft approx 8 ~~10~~ 10m across. Abseiled down ^{10m} but ran out of rope. looks like another 10-15m below. Can hear water. looks very promising

R. Renew, P. Love, S. Wadsworth.

939 - Lift @ North end of north hole. No way on.

8th April 2004 - LANK MILLS, HARRY LONG, HARRY HOSKETH, JANE MILNER.

- A. RETURNED TO HOLE 1982 WITH TACKLE. SMALL ENTRANCE OVER TOP OF DESCENDING RIFT. ESTIMATED DEPTH 7m, BUT NARROWING AS IT GOT DEEPER. POSSIBLE TO TRAVERSE ALONG RIFT AT ROOF LEVEL, OVER JAMMED SANDSTONE BLOCKS, TO END OF RIFT. DISTANCE TO CALCULATED END 4m.
- B. LADDERED HOLE 1989, WHICH HAS TIGHT START, OPENING OUT INTO LARGE WELL DECORATED CHAMBER. PITCH DEPTH 12m. CHAMBER DIMENSIONS, (ESTIMATED) 30m LONG x 20m WIDE x 6m HIGH. CHAMBER FLOOR CONTAINED A NUMBER OF LARGE DROPPED BLOCKS, WITH NO OBVIOUS ROUTE THROUGH. TWO FLOWSTONE INLETS CLOSED DOWN AFTER A COUPLE OF BOTH ~~LENGTH~~ LENGTHS.

- C. NEW SITE. (LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED) Above Aguanaaz. 0445811 x 480132
Alt. 101m
(end of road.)
- (2015) SMALL DRAUGHTING HOLE ON SIDE OF DEPRESSION SHOWN TO TEAM BY LOCAL FARMER. BELIEVED TO BE UNDESCENDED. AFTER ~~SOME~~ SOME ENLARGEMENT ~~OF ENTRANCE~~ THE ENTRANCE PITCH OF 3.5m WAS LADDERED. BASE OF PITCH WAS ON JAMMED BLOCKS ON CROSS RIFT. ALL THREE RIFTS WERE DRAUGHTING, ONE TOO NARROW TO DESCEND, SECOND APPROX 3m TO FLOOR, AND THIRD 4m TO DESCENDING FLOOR, WITH NARROW, PASSABLE, PASSAGE AT BASE. RIFT NOT DESCENDED AS ^{TWO} BLOCKS ~~AT INITIAL LANDING~~ AT INITIAL LANDING REQUIRE WORK TO STABILISE. BLOCKS COULD BE ~~SMASHED~~ ^{SMASHED} WITH BIG LUMP HAMMER.

- (2016)
- D. NEW SITE (ADJACENT TO C. ABOVE)

HORIZONTAL CAVE, WITH TWO ROUTES WHICH COMBINE AT SAND CHOKE. NO DRAUGHT. LENGTH 5m.

short easy climb

8/4/4

Torben, Louise, Becca Lanson, Andy Arkison, Juliet, Steve Jones, Torleif Dö, Papa Noel - Scandinavian Airways.

'p20' on right across traverse dropped. Series of 3 attractive pitches (23+ ~9, ~20, ~20) with water ended at too-tight meander going off. No survey below '23' (no tape) but probably 70-80m total depth; used 58, 20, 22 ropes...

Climb on left just before steel grille dropped blind.

'Continuing crawl' pushed. Good draught but too tight (low) after 10-15m. Caliche on mud floor, could be dug - seems to get higher in a few metres. Good prospect but caliche shell looks quite thick.

Drizzled traverse as all leads dead.

Andy, Becca, Juliet steeper climb on R. just past Becher's - see later entry i

Steve Later Entry ! - one bolt placed, ✓

9/6/4 Andrew A, Becca, Juliet, Papa Noel.
Climb on RHS below Becher's

Very loose climb, lots of rocks falling down. 22m rope gained slopy sandy ledge. Put in 2 bolts to get Becca up. 14m rope just made top. Ropes rigged for safer SRT now. Pulling the rope down would cause a rock fall.

Climb lead to ~180m passage, ^{3 breath} none with short easy climb, but needs rope for safe decent, one harder climb, one choiced, couple of other climbs to tubes may be worth checking out.

9th April Cobadal area - D. Milner + H. Long

① Round slump hole 2.5m deep, just above road, with sound of flowing water. Alt. 230m GPS 0448242 x 4797849.

② Uphill + slightly right from ① is rock edged depression with an undercut full of bags (!) and further up is possible hole thro' blocks. Alt. 238m GPS 0448153 x 4797822.

③ To left of ② is 4m deep hole with water falling + noise of larger flow somewhere below. Top covered with bits of plank. Alt. 253m GPS 0448180 x 4797765 (taken at top of gully).

④ Between ② + ③ up by fence is 5 or 6m deep drop into 2m wide "passage" going up + downhill. Alt 257m. GPS 0448168 x 4797790 (taken just above fence).

⑤ 3m deep hole in bank on upslope side of track. Alt. 265m GPS 0448288 x 4797757.

⑥ Hole in bank above track with branches wedged in top. 5 or 6m deep with echo. Alt. 264m GPS 0448355 x 4797767.

Between ⑥ + ⑦ is wet weather flow across track into brambles below with a noise of falling water.

⑦ Hole in bank topside of track - 4m deep with echo. Alt. 249m GPS 0448477 x 4797803.

⑧ Hole near foot of side valley - with rock outcrop round the "uphill" side - 4m deep. Alt. 266m GPS 0448664 x 4797760.

All the above un-descended - weather conditions very wet.

(19)

Joined at this point by Lank Mills.

(2026) (9) Sloping rift under scar edge 20 metres out from track into the freshly burnt area. 6 or 7m deep needs rocks at entrance clearing to gain access. Alt. 291 m. GPS 0448810 x 4797753.

(2027) (10) Small 3m deep circular shaft above track - appears choked. Alt. 296 m GPS 0448749 x 4797695.

(2028) (11) Known fenced shaft (probably ~~455~~ 917) above track, 10m deep un-descended. Alt. 311 m. GPS 0448851 x 4797750.

(2029) (12) Shaft in burnt-off area with lots of wire from burnt tyres - see Lank for further details. Alt. 308 m. GPS 0448926 x 4797917.

(2030) (13) Low bedding under scar right at wire fence between Main Sink and cave. Draughting in strongly and looks passable beyond a body's length of diggable stuff. Alt. 196 m. GPS 0448806 x 4798135. 1201

Harry Long

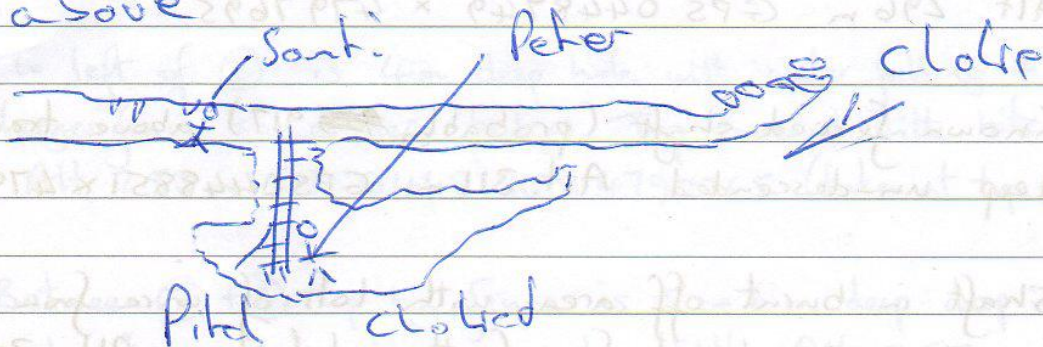
9th April Cobadul - Kofillington, A. Pringle, 4/4/2020
1930 (rift above main sink). 'Snapped' two sections to ease access to main constriction - now passable but still needs a little more widening.

Good stream sinking in main depression re-appears in cave on right. All holes draughting in v. strongly

(PI) 9/4/04 Titi's Up Passage Vallina

P. Egan, Sant, Ali, Steve Jones

Dropped pitel at end of Slatter passage
one ladder length to blind Pot + 2m wide
+ 5m long closed both ends, good draught
above



closed out ~~B~~ side passage from
Slatter (now lit up) small roof
tubes full of titi, very interesting
but too small (306).

Dug through end of passage
from previous trip 6/4/04.

Large tubes 2m dia still going but
needs good look to find way on.

Ali + Steve pushed on 150m crawl
* (to be continued Ali) * (Boney Rubbles Uranium Mine)

* Continued crawl with ~~sharp~~ sharp rubble on floor. After junction
to right (not pushed), opened into larger passage, to right & easily diggable
choke, to left choke taking draught - needs some stabilisation - to get
into confined water passage / chamber beyond.

? Possibly French sites?

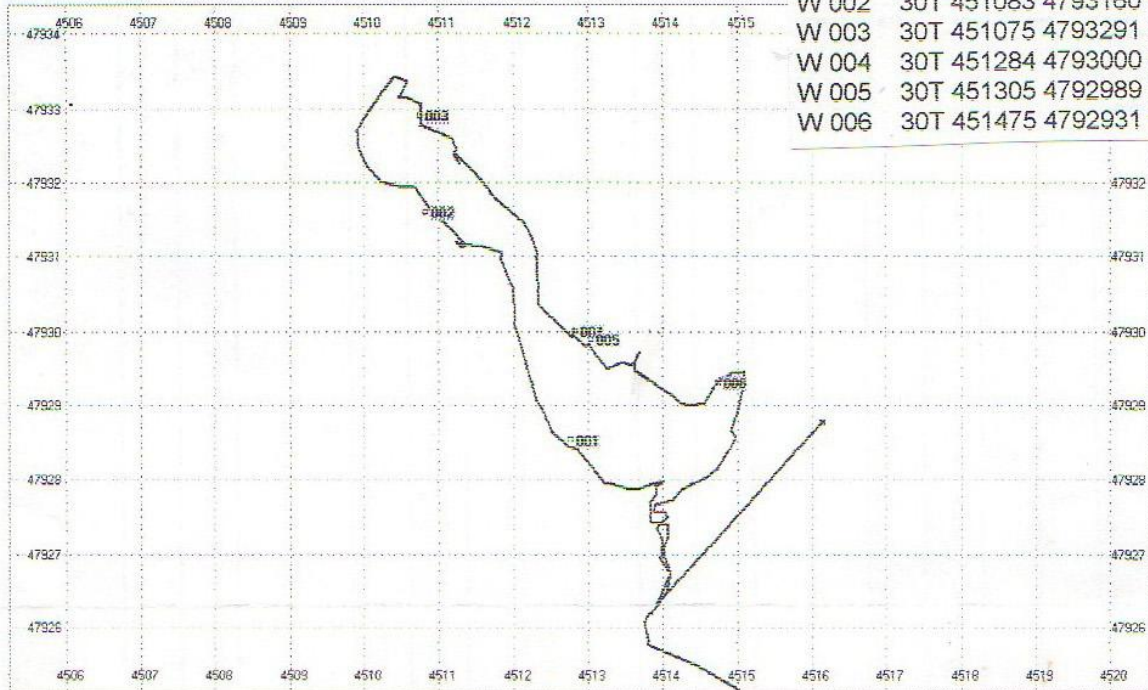
9/4/04 Hillside above phone masts, opposite Vallina Lost Pot Entrance. Catalan Area Nr Aredando. Terry W, Penny Corrine, Pete Smith.

2030 001 - Bedding cave walled off at base of cliff line, looks like a short rock shelter ↑452m

[002 - 2.5m deep blocked shaft (no interest)]

(2031) 003 wooded doline down to the base of a sandstone cliff 10m high grounds under cliff face ↑459m

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W 003	30T	451075	4793291	Waypoint	IE	09
W 004	30T	451284	4793000	Waypoint	IE	09
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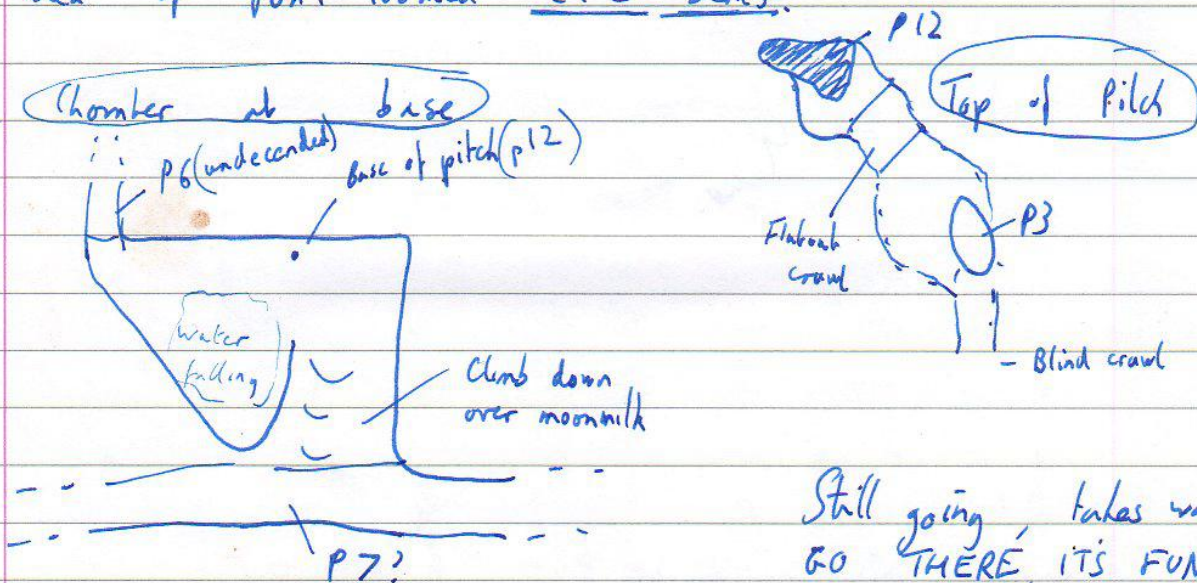
(2032) 004 Big open wooded shaft almost certainly in the SE Dijon report needs about 6m tackle to get to bottom, cave goes off? ↑443

(2033) 005 narrow shaft circa 15m? deep. In small shakehole on sloping hillside, no belays at surface will need stake or bolt. easily missed. Down from Dog Rescue Pot ↑495

(2034) 006 1.5m diam fluted shaft in cliff line where obvious bushes are. 15m Deep? ↑492

10/4/04 Brandon + Tim W TC=110.4m

Papa Noel via Cateron. Went back to survey pitches found on 6/4/04 in Place de la Concorde. Much more rain since previous trip so much wetter at ~~bottom~~ of pitches. Logged a P10? (still undescended, taking water, colonies below), part of the wall of Place de la Concorde, and surveyed to chamber at base of p12. Taking water ++. As was much wetter (3 not done as climbing over wet moonmilk in a boulder choke above a ?P8 is not our idea of fun. Named CIC series.



Still going, takes water
GO THERE, IT'S FUN

ps beware scary climbs of death in
Place de la Concorde - looser than a badger bottom

10-4-04

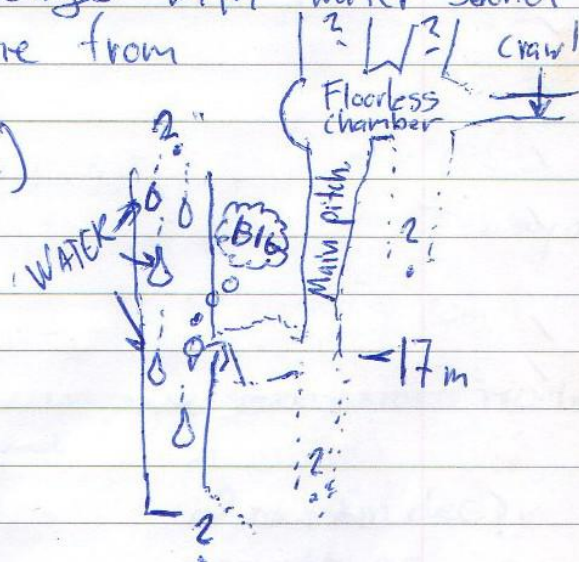
COVADALE SIX (NAME D)

HARRY LONG, LANC, Dave MURDER, HESKIN, Pich O'Jail
Went to dig just above sink, but on A Pringles advice
Hesky showed me rift dig above which had been snapped
day or so before. Confined rift dropped 40 feet approx
into open passage going first back towards sink
for 30 mtrs to blockage then in other direction from
base of embankment climb went for 70 mtrs in average
passage with great draft till returning for others.

Dave & Heskay came down & we covered over 550 mtr in varied going mostly big before calling it a day (we had no survey gear) ~~at~~ Cave passage at this point 5 mtr wide 4 mtr high with river / large stream, very strong drought & wide open, we'd passed several side passages mostly walking & 3 stream inlets before re-tracing. This cave will go for ~~km~~ a good distance. Passed over 550 mtr + inlets well over 600 mtr & wide open. Pete O'Neil

10/4/04 Papa Noel, Louise, Jens, Kristine, Torben, Jonas
1471 Went to floorless chamber (@ B16) (more void than floor). Dropped main pitch to ~17m (main pitch still going) where a side passage with water sound was found. Water sound came from a B16 pitch that can be reached via small (body size) holes in the wall.

JONAS



264. Torca del Coterón; John Forder, Miranda, Senny & Bill.
A reasonable grip to the edge of the world! What a fantastic entrance Pitch. Reaching Edge of the world we found the route to Marvin's Marvels (what a mouth full!) which was followed to a conclusion. A very

well decorated passage, where John took some photographs. On return Bill & Miranda went to an area heading towards Renda Arm/ 92mtr Ramp. This is known cave but a un-surveyed maze of passages inter-connecting but ending in an area of a short (6m?) pitch possibly undescended!

10/4/04.

Joan & Penny in new area just below Alisas ridge.

040410 Alisas

A1: 20m long cliff-lined complex shaft that takes a good trickle from a higher built-over resurgence. Photo. Video.

A2: 3 or 4 holes with a water trickle sinking in the upper one. Sticks seem to fall about 8m. Photo, video.

A3: hole nearest the road bend. About 5m deep, with a small trickle. Photo, video.

A4: 6m long rift fenced off with another hole & 2 closed depressions. Seems to be about 5m deep to a earth floor. Photo, video.

A5: stream sink in sand stone block collapse. Can see down into small chamber. Photo, video.

A6: shaft just below fence on side of large depression. Rift covered by 2 large blocks. About 12m deep. Photo, video.

A7: dig at base of depression with A6. Can see into 2-3m deep rift. It may be worth a dig. Photo, video.

A8: on side of same depression as 7 & 8. Seven m deep rift sloping steeply down to where stones bounce down to the right for another 5m. Photo, video.

A9: volcano 2. 12m deep? Hidden at head of depression / valley.

A10: c3m into an alcove?

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A9	30T 446785	4795241	Flag	IE	605.3	608
A8	30T 446774	4795169	Flag	IE	630.3	630
A7	30T 446776	4795170	Flag	IE	634.8	624
A6	30T 446785	4795147	Flag	IE	636.0	638
A5	30T 446786	4795044	Flag	IE	650.5	654
A4	30T 446890	4794881	Flag	IE	687.2	690
A3	30T 447241	4794782	Flag	IE	636.5	637
A2	30T 447291	4794790	Flag	IE	626.7	635
A10	30T 446798	4795279	Flag	IE	600.7	600
A1	30T 447314	4794804	Flag	IE	630.0	630

Report

10/4/04 COBADAL L.M.L.S., J. Long, J.M. Lee, P. O'Neill, H/Hesketh.
 Previous pinch point passed. Rift drops into hands + knees
 passage. Sound connection made to surface dig above sink.
 Approx. 500m passage traversed containing stream (weather & wet)

10th April Cobadal - party as above

Sound connection referred to wants trying again possibly
 with a smoke test at the same time. Had a look at (13)²⁰²⁹
 from 9th April, but found a better spot 2 metres to left and
 dug for a few feet - will go further with more work - left
 it until surface + underground surveys carried out to pinpoint
 the best place/s to dig for an easier entrance.

Harry Long

Farmer's name for sink/cave is Humidero Sillaverio.

Abisás 10/4-04 Toesgren Dø

Surface walks on the north sloping karst
 below (1978). Sites as follows:

(2045)

(3) 46465/94980 657m ↑675

Two small shafts rifts. 2m deep. No way on

(2046)

??

(4)

~~Shallow as 1978~~ 46468/94961 alt 658m ↑657

(5)

46435/94964 659m ↑658

(2047)

Shakehole w. rift in southern side. 1x0.7m,
 2m deep. Not entered.

(1978)

(6)

46419/94954 655m Rift. 1x2m, 5m deep.
 Probably blocked in the bottom. No go.

204

(7)

25m diameter doline. Recent movement and
 alt 655 cave in at the bottom. No way on. 46498/95255

??

(8)

Pitch near small valley bottom. 1x1m. 6m deep.
 Not entered. Possible way on

(2048)

(9)

46399/95281 562m Shakehole in valley floor.
 ↑560

Rift 1x5m in bottom, 2m deep. Choked.

2049

⑩ 46559/95351 558m Pitch 4^{1x1m} in a valley bottom.
Bones visible on floor. Should be dropped. ↑560

2050

⑪ 46512/95216 599m High rift^(4m) in a cliffside.
Entrance blocked by thorns and ivy. Behind is
a small passage w spiders. Blocked after 4 meters.
No way on. ↑605

2051

⑫ 46756/95305 587m. Rift in side of small shake
hole. Chockstone inside of rift. P8 below. Passage
can be seen sloping downwards. Not entered.
Should be dropped. ↑592m

Alisis 11/4-04

Jenny, Bill, Torben and Louise (& Torbjorn)

New Area.

2055
2036
2057

Various Holes/shafts to inspect, some which
were between a hairpin in the road (A1-A4?)

These were briefly looked at but all contain
rubbish & looked very unpleasant. 3 Holes/
Shafts were inspected in an area of Karot

pavement. After a small amount of Rock

gardening a nice warm shaft was descended
to a narrow rift leading down but not

doing alot. Another shaft above a big

depression was descended to a ledge with
a small chamber leading off and upwards

to a few formations but no draught or passage.
Down slope via a rebby the shaft descend

to a solid floor choke. Both Holes had

warm air draughts emitting but from where was
not obvious. The 3rd Hole ~~event~~ see other page

A9
vulcan 102
2043

A6
d=?
2040

REPEAT.

(27)

4/11/04 - Juliet, Andrew A, Becca

Papa Noel - Continuation of climb below Boulders slab.

Climb up to next ledge in series then bolt traverse ~~along~~ across to sandy ledge, passage continues in rift passage back in direction of lower part (we think) rift continues and side passages loop around with continuation up on part of loop.

A8? 2042 The 3rd Hole investigated was a mud slope leading to a rift dropping down to the right, down through Boulders. This was not pushed due to small (size of Hole) and possibly a pitch ??? To the left more boulders and end of rift.

Shaft inspectors note: why is 5 fence posts all roped ~~to~~ together + friction of ground not enough to descend narrow pitch ??

A10 2044 A small climbable Hole with a tree near entrance. Climb down to 2 small chambers with small formations and the skeleton of a goat - No way on sound.

easyJet

passenger **BINLADEN/JONAS MR**

to **BILBAO**

date **09APR**
flight **EZY3773**
boarding pass no. **051**

Boarding Pass - Carte d'embarquement -
Einsteigkarte - Tarajeta de embarque

gate number

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boarding time

0630

Warning! This man
does not bring wet
weather gear to
Matienzo, but may
have his face on
playing cards????

FRENESO 10th April.

Not Worthwhile (3) Passage

See after What

11/4/04 Cobadal, Sumidero,
 Ali, Peter E, Comer. A team
 Pedro, Peter O, Mesky B team
 Digging team.

After the B team opened the Squeeze a bit more the A team surveyed in and made radio and vocal connection with the surface.

A team surveyed into cave passed one 2m high 1m wide roof passage, ~~to~~ to main stream passage. Upstream appears to be large meandering passage.

Surveyed down stream via various dry levels avoiding the water mark of the way, a few short climbs and a false floor leads back to the main water. Finished surveying at cavern left previous day.

Took photos out.

Various side passages were seen but not entered.

B team meet on the way out, with cut hand and duff compass.

Entrance is narrow and awkward to get out off.

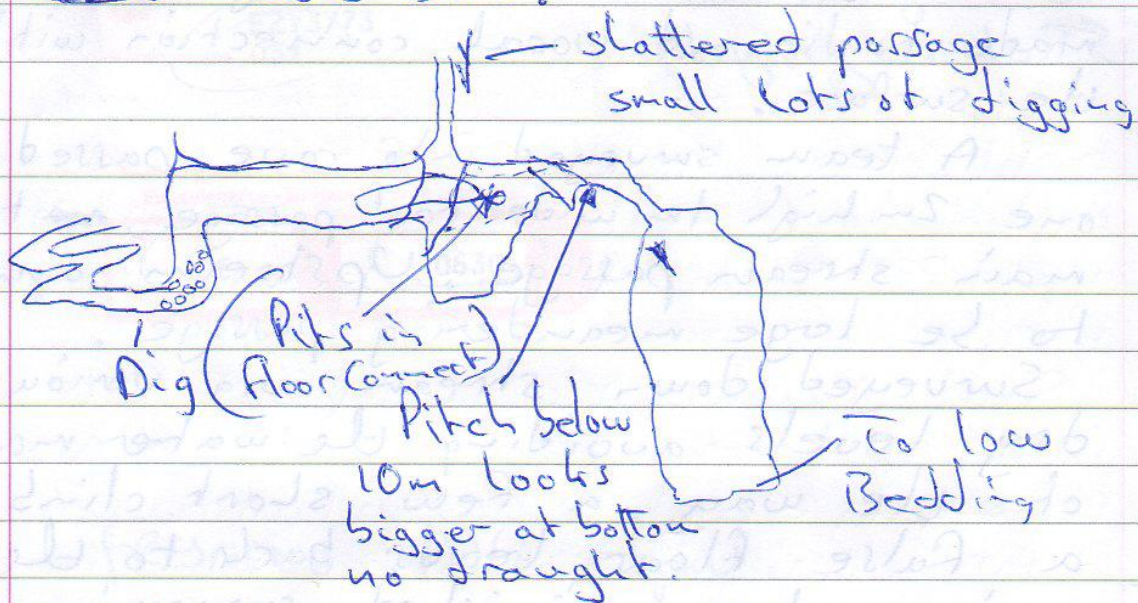
Dig is very close 2-3m in
 Fairly flattered rock.

After surface survey alter 915 Progression to
 48922 98252 1204.

10/4/04 Valline Dig at end of Tiber Up
Peter + Santi

Ali + others ? - Mushroom, Angus - checked further side passages
in Shaker passage / L'ayradet. Some loops around. 2 dig on N. side in chamber, one to
small place, other digging reds was 2

Returned to dig from 9/4/04 opened
up dig for Santi then pushed all
~~the~~ side bits.



A low wide bedding was reached with
no draught. A Side passage very narrow
which was dug through seems to be
the source of the draught.

A pit in the floor of the passage
has a short section at the top
which is climbable, but opens out
below & needs ladder. Surveyed out
(76m) and joined Ali's team who
had surveyed the Catalans connection
to shatter passage plus a narrow section.

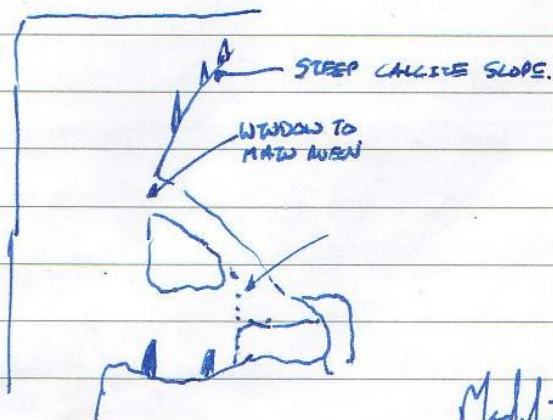
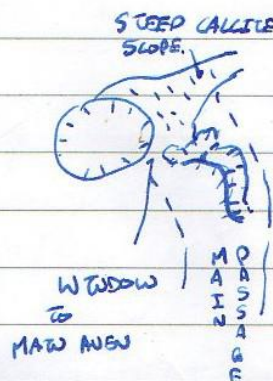
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8/4/04 Coteron - Ali, Peter E, Conner, Santi

Entered Coteron via natural entrance pushed area around Papa Noel connecting a soft series of tunnels and climbs were entered explored and surveyed, but seen to end at the bottom of a narrow pitch. Paper Plane series was looked at closely for a connection with Ramp in Renada but nothing was found. Visited Plaza de Courcade and then did through trip from Edge of the universe via ramp and out of Renada which was open at this point but flooded on the 9/4/04.

MS -

13/4/04 VILLIVA MADONIC, COOKIE, CARMEN. at end of FN Passage?
TRIP TO BOLT UP AVEN. CHOSE TO BOLT OUT OF
SERPENTINE WINDOW AROUND + UP INTO SERPENTINE RIFT WHICH
LIGHT CONNECTION TO MAIN AVEN COULD BE SEEN. REACHED FALSE FLOOR
IN RIFT + FREE CLIMBED TO CONNECTION OF MAIN AVEN. NO
PASSAGE HEADING OFF. CALCITE SLOPE HEADING UP AT VERY STEEP
ANGLE. COULD SEE ROOF @ TOP. BELIEVE NO PASSAGE HEADING OFF.
DE RIGGED.



Site 1975: Torca de Mortiro

Position

Significance

Description

Small vertical cave of approximately 100m. A short entrance pitch series of 8m and 15m drops into a large chamber with several ways on; 1) Back under the pitch a small climb leads to a possible chamber (not pushed); 2) Heading down slope and right leads an obvious pitch of 10m. A climb over leads to two blind avens with water dripping in. The water sinks through a small hole through which a possible chamber can be seen. 3) Heading down slope to the left series of holes are found in the floor, but these connect to the blind avens described above. A low crawl in the left hand wall near holes leads to a large rift system. A 35m pitch gains the floor of the rift.

To the right of the pitch, climbing down through boulders, yields a 4m ladder pitch with the passage becoming very muddy. A breakdown chamber is shortly reached. Following the water course down to the right, leads to a tight drafting rift, too tight to push. A climb through a window above this rift, leads to big aven, with a tight rift heading down. Not pushed, very tight and committing. Many routes exist in the breakdown, including one back to the 35m pitch. No continuation of the main rift was found in this area.

To the left of the pitch, a traverse across reaches the floor. A small hole leads to a short passage heading down to a blind aven. A climb to the left above this was also blind. Heading along the rift a climb up over boulders, yields a small squeeze to the left into phreatic passage. A 15m pitch is shortly encountered. Across the pitch a small window can be seen - Not pushed.

At the base a dig through a window yielded another small aven with a tight muddy rift heading off, dropping 4m to a floor. Not pushed, Very tight and committing.

Leads

- 1) Small aven climb at base of the first pitch
- 2) Possible dig into chamber following water course in blind aven series
- 3) Bolt traverse in both directions may yield high level passage?? — See 18/4 email *
- 4) Tight rift in aven near muddy break down chamber
- 5) Tight drafting rift near muddy break down chamber. Needs hilling.
- 6) Route finding through breakdown may gain open passage.
- 7) Window across phreatic tube pitch, not pushed
- 8) Tight rift dropping 4m to floor not pushed.

17th April - Juan + Penny to Aliso.

040413 Aliso

B01: Sloping rift with 3 or 4 rocks covering the widest part. About 4m deep. Photo.

B02: marked CA-10 in red paint. 3m wide shaft appears to be about 12m deep. Photo.

B03: Appears to be a 3m deep enlarged joint covered with large blocks. Photo.

B05: marked CA-12. Appears to be 5m deep with a slot to a deeper section at one end. Photo.

B06: Currently capped with a beehive of rocks that may be difficult to remove. Appears to be a 13m deep shaft. Photo.

B07: Covered with barbed wire. 8m deep and marked CA-13.

✓ B01	30T 446951 4794943	653.6	2052	647 ↑ 647
✓ B02	30T 446425 4795017	645.9	2053	649
✓ B03	30T 446436 4795045	640.4	2054	638
✓ B05	30T 446382 4795027	643.0	2055	645
✓ B06	30T 446250 4794985	651.4	2056	655
✓ B07	30T 446234 4794989	648.8	1979	

12th/13th April ✓

Somidero de Cobadal - A digging odyssey

Reference write-up for 11th April, A & B Team. The hip is now of a length that an easier entrance is required, the "1930" entrance is very awkward to get out of.

So a concerted effort was made to locate the surface end of the dig described by the A team. Initial efforts by Les, Santi, Ian et al were declared very dodgy, with the roof threatening to collapse at any time. The A team had also noted a passage to an area that was also expected to be very near the surface.

on the 12th the team decided to locate the area entrance, starting with a surface survey. This located the likely spot in a very obvious rift. Digging team consisted of Tony L, Dave T, Simon, Ian (Wessex) and Les & Biff. A lot of work later just revealed the rift undercut to the scar outside, resulting in a rather nice through hip but little else. With the area entrance blown away, attention focussed on the dig. The roof was observed to be of the hanging death variety so it was decided to clear the slope above the dig back to solid rock. 4 hours later we had backfilled the original dig, cleared the slope & re-opened the dig passage to the position of the original dig. Back to square one. Diggers included Ian (Wessex), Les, Dave B, Dave T, Tony L, Terry W, Harry, and Biff.

Egan told us to dig on the right when we got in it was a load of shit!

So back into the fray on the 13th with high hopes. Diggers were Terry W, Phil P, Tony L, Dave T and Ian (Matienzo). Pete Egan ventured down "1930" and to the inside of the dig. With a voice connection Tony L poked around with a bar & had a visual connection within minutes. A few hours of moving rocks followed, and the final breakthrough was made by Phil Pat around 14h00. After a little tidying-up the entrance was declared serviceable & everyone except me descended into Somidero de Cobadal. This made life very easy for the A & B teams who could now emerge from the new entrance. Indeed, Pedro remarked to us "Thanks, you saved my life!!".

Alfred

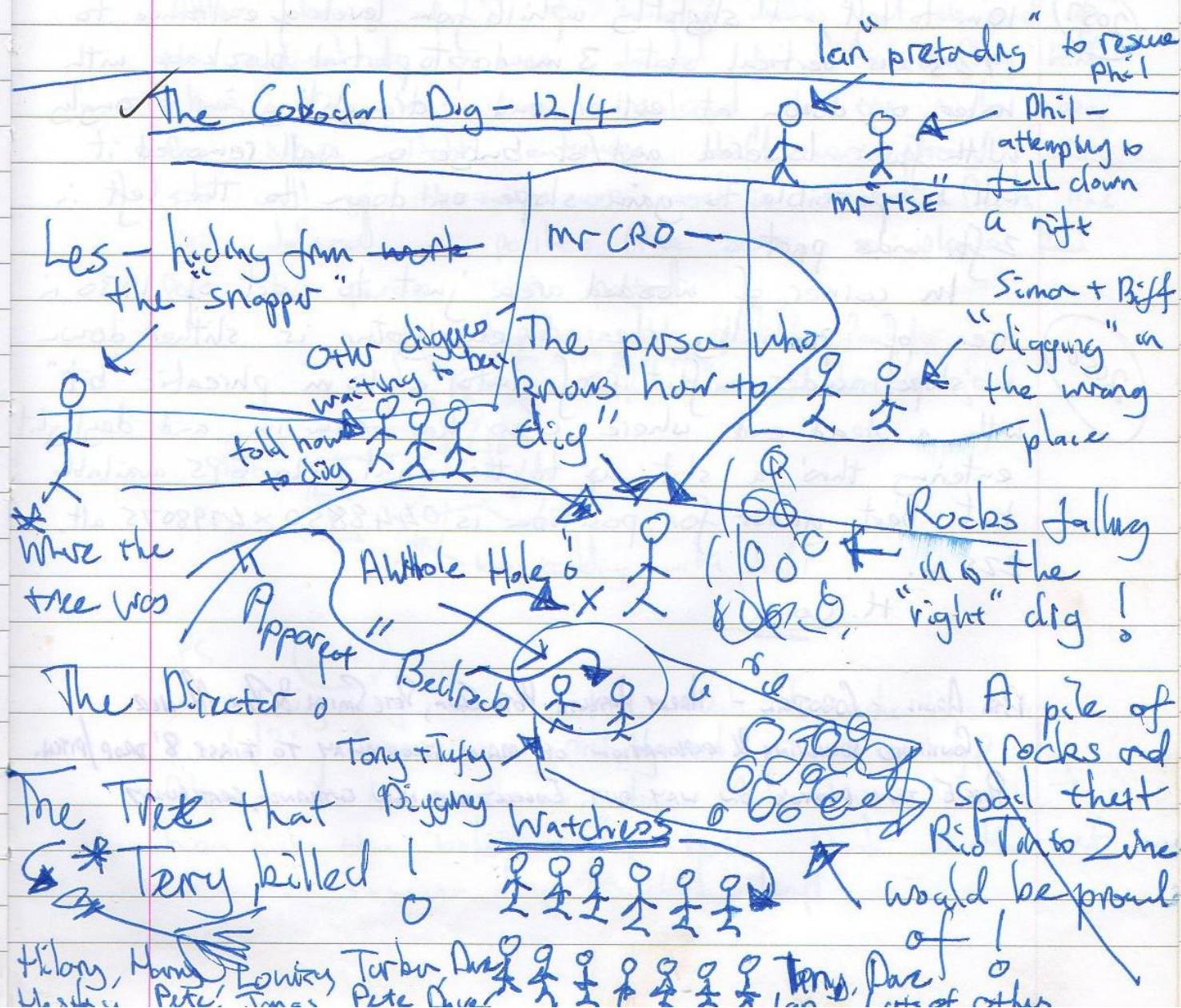
There seems to be a new unit of currency in Mexico this year - a Pabla.

Almost all the drinks now cost €1.10

Is this the Spanish equivalent of a Gumball

So next time you buy drinks, remember - it will be a random number of Pablo's. &

✓ The Colonial Dig - 12/4



Tuesday 13th April. Valline.

Surveying in area near canyon. Known passage ok. some horrible Grouvelly bits explored by residents probing Specialist. otherwise Sweep F.A to report. Ps More Cañada required Adios - Amigos. I will be BACK 12.

Antlers found in 'main' passage near one entrance to the maze (surveyed). Small wall built around to protect them. Just off main route & possibly not seen / paid attention to before. JGC

Mon. 12th April Cobadal D. Milner + H. L.

(2057) 10m to left, and slightly uphill from level of entrance to 1725 is vertical slot. 3m drop to partial blockage with holes on down at either end - draughting in strongly. With floor lowered and/or bulge on wall removed it will be possible to gain slope on down to the left i.e. 2 ft. wide part.

(2058) In corner of wooded area just to east of 1930 is area of partially cleared eucalyptus is slither down a slope under a flat roof into a 10m phreatic "bit" with a dead end where crap has run in, and daylight entering thro' a slot up to the right. No GPS available but best guess for position is 0448850 x 4798075 alt. 225m.

H. Long

13th April - COBADAL - HARRY HOSKETH, PETE EGAN, PETE SMITH & JAKE MILNER

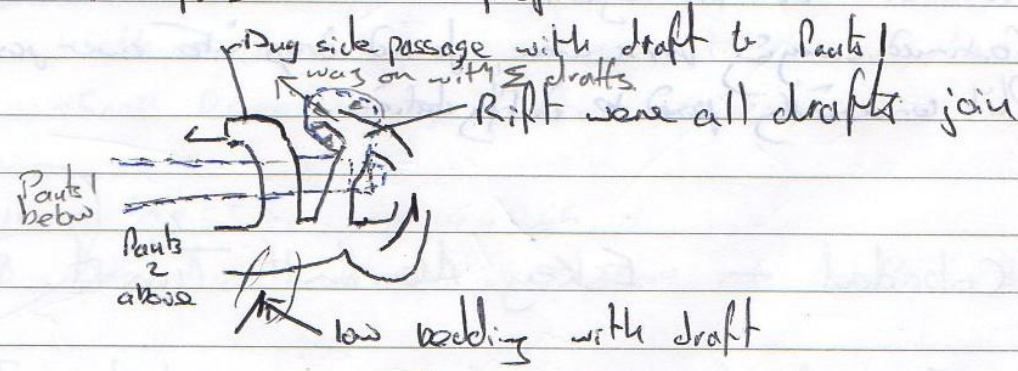
CONTINUED SURVEYING & EXPLORATION OF MAIN STREAMWAY TO FIRST 8' DROP/PITCH.

PETE E. TOOK PHOTO'S ON WAY OUT. EMERGED VIA NEW ENTRANCE, GRATEFULLY.

13 April. Papa Noel. Torben, Louise & Jonas.
Surveyed floorless chamber, dropped 'peek hole' pitch (14m)
very wet. It goes into a 1m wide rift with a
good echo. Rope and spitzs needed to push it.
2 passages found (tail-wind ^{with} good draft and ?)
both are still going with several side-passages....
Jonas

Easter '04 in Pants.

After looking up 2 the hanging 'death' at the end of
the original dig it was decided to follow a drafting hole
above. This has been enlarged to the point seen
from below. Both entrances draft very strongly. This
site will go. However more work is required. Pants has
been declared a politics free zone, so please feel
free to pursue this project.



PS. (1189)
Dairy dig was visited. Web site asks "Is this
finished?" Answer is probably not. Find a Andy dug
floor out to small chamber. Andy thinks he has
been into this before with ACC. Needs another visit
on hot summer day to check draft.

10/4/04

Big Stone's

= left

50m NE of Big Tragle Block
on corner as you go into water
Pass valley above 1st-5th

12m deep - choke No go

Steve has photo of 2nd-~~3rd~~ ho

Elev 517m

045 3604

4796 716

2067

11/4/04 Papa Noel - Peter Becker AI:

Up rope climb series after Belcher's Stab - 20m in big cave & one dragging
unmanaged road on right.

13/4/04 Cobadal - Tim AI, Tunga....

Continued surveying near area, found drop into river passage which
Phil conveniently fixed to deflagration.

15/4/04 Cobadal - Eskey, Martin H, Tim A.

To end of known cave area, below The
2nd pitch (ladder pitch). Began survey of
Upstream passage from St 13. This leads off on The
right 30m before The end boulder choke where
The main water sinks. Passage begins dry
for 50m to a side passage on right which
leads down to stream. Continuing straight
on leads to climb and continuation to

(29)

emerge as pitch down to stream (not descended)
Streamway gets bigger as you progress
upstream. Part of water comes from low
calcite crawl on the left. Continues to
low wide breakdown chamber. Streamway
gets low (bedding) on left but way on is
up mud bank at end of chamber. At
a pitch back down (5m) streamway can
clearly be heard again. Will return tomorrow.
Passage named "Passage of Vom" after
deposits left by diving member of team
who overindulged last night. 387m

13/4/04 Carmen, Phil R., Cookie
Went to photo the entrances we spotted on
6/4/04 cos we forgot the camera.

(419) M1 Now descended Blind shaft 17m. 5505

M9 0456327, 4795501

(206) Walk in 2m high entrance to triangular chamber
15m. Decomposing stal. No way on.

(1958) M10 0455993, 4796066
2m ^{deep} mud filled at bottom of shallow depression

(2062) M11 0456269, 4795643 1500
3m chamber, No continuation, No draught.

(2063) M12 0456341, 4795685
Rift 7m deep with small rift continuing. In
open woodland above valley floor. Not descended.

(2064) M13 0456183, 4795933
3m deep sink hole, Undescended. Improbable.

15/4/04 Simon Richardson, Lou Biffin, Louise,
very enjoyable walk up Muela in the sunshine
if only we had had this weather all trip!
Spotted

M14 0454356, 4796416

2065

2m deep hole apparently choked. But stones
can be dropped for a further 1 7M. No draught.

15th April D. Milner + H. L. Cobadal Area

Went to 2017 - total depth 3.5m - outlet passage
is narrow meandering rift too narrow to follow.

Site 2019 was 6 metres deep to where it was too
narrow, or filled with debris. Down 2020 narrowed
in at either end to impassable dimensions at a
depth of 7 metres. Site 2021 was a 3m deep
choked hole. We didn't get down sites 2022 and
2023 as there was a "neck" at the top of 2022 which
would need widening, and 2023 would need a large
part of the bank excavating to gain access.

Strolled across (in the hot sun) to have another
look at 2057. Dave got thro' the constriction +
down a slope to an evil looking static pool. Into
the pool could be pushed - perhaps - via a flat out
crawl in the water - ugh! Depth to water is 5m.
Main draught (outward) was coming from a too
narrow slot.

2066

Finally, went for a look at depression below road
where we park at farm. The centre opening was blowing
out extremely strongly, and is a descending passage
with a boulder floor. Some of these could be moved to
go further.

H. Long

Rift above

Friday 16th Tim + Martin in Catedral. Vorn + and Inlet from
boulder chamber.

Sat

Sun

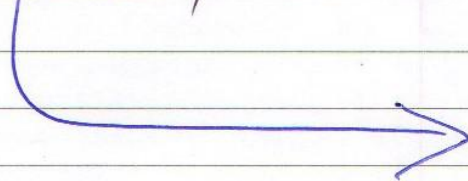
Mon

Tuesday

2066 - Martin + Tim removed some boulders. Now needs
capping.

Also looked at rift - Martin to floor - what
was found?

(see 27/7/04 summer /



Matienzo Log – Tim Allen & Martin Holroyd

15th April 2004 – COBADAL with Heskey - already written up in log.

16th April 2004 – COBADAL

Surveyed the 'Wessex Inlet' as far as a low wet bedding (144m). This goes off in the roof above the main downstream choke and had already been explored. A wide stooping height tube leads off until the inlet stream is met coming towards you and sinking in the floor. Shortly after the inlet splits with a good portion of the water coming from a small passage on the left. A dry side passage goes off here to a crawl with several echoey pocket avens overhead. Continuing on the inlet gets smaller over the next 100m until a low wet bedding is met which appears to enlarge after 10m. Well worth pursuing.

Back to the 'Passage of Vom', 368m was surveyed beyond the 3m pitch which had stopped us yesterday. This pitch is rigged with a knotted rope but needs replacing with a short ladder. Immediately beyond the pitch the streamway is regained, which continues as a low wide bedding on sandstone. By keeping to the left most of this section can be passed by crawling. Soon the passage increases in size to a tall narrow rift with a roof tube occasionally visible (the 'Lows and Highs'). There are a number of places where it is necessary to climb up over jammed muddy boulders. Eventually the stream issues from an immature passage on the right, with the way on up and down several muddy ramps, before returning to the main stream passage. We stopped just beyond here.

NB. 'Passage of Vom' now classed as the dry passage leading to the inlet stream. The whole stream way is now called 'Just an Inlet'.

17th April 2004 – COBADAL

Looking for high levels in the main stream today. Surveyed 'Grabba's Oxbow' for 90m. This rejoined the mainstream just beyond the sumpy section. This is much smaller than the previous oxbows but has many small inlets entering along its length. The largest, at the beginning, becomes very tight. However, the next inlet is the route to a dry bypass to this section and continues unexplored beyond a few blocks.

We checked the main stream for other high levels but found none. We also climbed across the head of the 20ft pitch to an alcove with no way on. Had a quick look in the main downstream choke. Made a little progress through some boulders but it needs a much closer look.

We were going to survey one of the oxbows near the entrance, which had a note on it saying it was 100m unsurveyed, but then found a survey station four legs down it. All this area needs sorting as to what has and hasn't been done. The notes are very confusing.

18th April 2004 – COTERON

After heavy rain all night we decided on a dry option. Went down 'Frank's Passage' in Coteron to check out leads at the end. The passage is as described but a little more complex. After the 7m pitch the 'Choosy Climb' up now has a rope on it. The climb up just before 'Tampax Chamber' also has a rope now along side the old rusty ladder. There is also some vintage graffiti here. Up the climbs is the 20m (SRT) pitch. At the back of the large ledge at the bottom is a small capable hole into something bigger. Below the ledge are three more short pitches which can be free-climbed with care. At the bottom is a large rift chamber and by climbing up the ramp on the far side you reach a crawl going off on the right. After 8m, this is restricted by a flake, which needs capping, as immediately beyond is a window into a much larger echoey rift. This is the 'hammer and chisel' lead described in the write up. A good study of the survey is needed before any effort is put in here as these leads could just be routes into 'Bootlace passage'.

Back at the top of the 20m pitch a steep ramp leads up on the right. This was climbed (rope left on) to about 50m of new passage ending in a mud choke. Two downwards ramps were passed where tackle is needed to check out the bottoms.

19th April 2004 – COBADAL

Continued the survey up 'Just an Inlet'. The passage widens and there is more breakdown blocks. At one blockage it is necessary to crawl with the stream. At a second large blockfall the streamway soon becomes too small and the way on is up balanced blocks to the much larger roof area. A dug out crawl to the right at roof level leads to 'Rat Junction'. Old fossil passage leads in both directions. Right was followed for approximately 500m ('The Evidence of Measure') in passage 2x1m but enlarging to 4x2m near the end. After about 300m a junction was met with the righthand route left unexplored. The end station is on the top of a small block fall with the passage continuing beyond. Along this whole length of passage there were several minor side passages, holes in the floor and rifts in the roof. None were entered.

Back at Rat Junction going left enters a chamber. The obvious route leads over breakdown to a pitch up after 50m. This could be free climbed (7m) and has a small passage at the top. Back in the chamber a duck under the left wall leads to a large keyhole rift passage which was not explored but could be continuation of the streamway. Approx 750m surveyed.

20th April 2004 – Walk up Mullir in fine weather.

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Subj: **Caves to go on system**
Date: 18/04/2004 18:46:07 GMT Daylight Time
From: papard@easynet.co.uk
To: Uzueka@aol.com
File: **DignrCuevaCorporales.zip** (776819 bytes) DL Time (32000 bps): < 7 minutes
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Juan

How did things go since I left on Wed midday?

- 2069
1. Dig near Cueva Corporales in shake hole near road at junction. At back is slot behind bolder. Full of rubbish (metal etc) little draught in Oct some 2m deep to dig, no serious attempt at digging has been made. Photo of ent.

elev 257m (GPS will be wrong as had to go out of shake hole to get signal)
0446065
4800025

2. 2nd dig near Cueva Corporales in depression under small cliff – photo of ent and close up. No draught but weather poor for draughts in Oct 03. Drop down some 2m to dig in fill etc – no attempt at digging has been made.

2070

elev 246 m
a. 0445926
b. 4800175

- 2068
3. Cueva Corporales – hard to find cave marked on map. Take right fork in road near where marked and park up. On left is depression with dig in bottom (1 above) to east is field and cave is at over fence at back and above field in big bramble bush and tree hiding entrance – photo of ent from inside and out. Cave is high on hill and is remnant no prospects. Marked as it seems to have been used as a stable for cows etc, and so was well known to locals etc. Consists of one chamber 13m by 5m with rift to east and choked tube at back. Mud (prob old shit also) floor.

ele – 230 (gps) this elev must be wrong as it should be a little above 1 and 2 say at about 265m – may need to check GPS in field, but position relative to other two caves looks ok

0446075
4800088

Survey

From ent – all forward bearings – copy of notes are attached.

0-1 6/4:311:-30 :ent east side
0-2 8/6:315:0 : back wall nr choked tube
0-3 5/8:068:0 : rift/aven no go

Phil

confusing

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Subj: **RE: Caves to go on system**
Date: 18/04/2004 21:20:10 GMT Daylight Time
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To: Uzueka@aol.com
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Juan

I take it about 6K in total to date? How near Regaton did cave end up?

Attached are some photo's of Volcano, Campsite and Cobadal dig on the Tuesday – others (Wessex) will have video of using snapper on rift etc. I did not see log book but Volcano was surveyed accurately between unstable route and possible bypass straight down from entrance by me and Phil Rowsell on Wed first week, later that week Phil, with Biff with ??? (Wessex member with the 4 wheel drive pick-up (Scotty or similar) rode up in 4x4 to dig going lead on unstable side but found it too unsafe. On Easter Saturday and Sunday team again got lift up in 4x4 to entrance and was joined by myself and Kev. After digging a hole was drilled using the survey to pinpoint correct place and with a snapper it blew hole through to join two sides – but only with 14mm drill hole connection. Dig muddy (see photos) due to outward draught – will continue dig in summer when it will dry up.

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1975 Re Mortiro – there is still a possible going traverse at top of 30m pitch into deepest section into what looks like it could be a big passage, then again it may be only to an inlet aven? Will do in summer etc.

See descrip 5 pages back

Phil

Subj: **Matienzo**
Date: 19/04/2004 10:25:07 GMT Daylight Time
From: smith_peter2004@yahoo.es
To: uzueka@aol.com
Sent from the Internet (Details)

Hi,

This is my new address, the best that Yahoo could offer me.

You've spoken to Ian.

The other news is that Ramon Quintana turned up again on Saturday. He was in Mostajo with some friends. He says that it is obviously getting visited a lot, with cairns and marks on the wall everywhere. But he also said that he got lost on the way to Dwarf chamber and went off on the left into a series of passages, including a stream, They were in that part for three hours(!) looking round. I can only think of Going Home series, but I thought that involved pitches.

Subj: **Papa Noel**
Date: 19/04/2004 15:14:28 GMT Daylight Time
From: steve.jones@sheffield.ac.uk
To: juan.corrin@matienzo.org.uk
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Hope this is of some use - a description of Papa Noel from the junction in BBQ at Saucepan Street. Rather verbose I know, so feel free to edit it, but I think all salient points are included!

Near the end of BBQ at Saucepan Street, where there is a deep trench in the floor, is an obvious junction with a large sandy passage on the right. This immediately leads to a sandy pitch/pit. Traversing right above the pitch closes down. Although not pushed to a definite conclusion it does not look promising.

At the foot of the sand pitch, before the obvious rocky pitch, is a smaller, hidden hole in the floor - this has not been dropped to my knowledge (JUAN - ask Pete E about this?)

Traverse around the obvious pitch and up to the top of a sand slope where a climb leads to the continuation of the passage (derigged Easter '04) (1 bolt for aid, rebelay on left wall for further climbers, 20m rope to hangers at start of traverse). The floor soon disappears - the pitch has been descended 30m+ with no bottom being found but it doesn't look promising.

There is a 22m bolt traverse (Scandinavian Airways) across the pitch - 38m rope, 18 hangers - to the continuation of the passage. 20m along is a junction. Straight on is an alcove, and to the right is a series of 3 attractive, damp pitches in clean-washed black limestone dropping an estimated 70m or so to where everything gets too tight - no side passages were noticed on the way down. The traverse is rigged with spits and the pitches with thru-bolts.

To the left the passage goes about 40-50m or so. A pit on the left just before a beautiful stal grille is blind. Past the stal grille is another alcove on the left and the passage gets too low after another 15m past a tight squeeze under the left wall. There is a definite draught here (outwards at Easter '04), the passage appears to enlarge in a few metres but the calcite-on-mud floor was too thick to break with a bolting hammer - capping or maybe a lump hammer should work. All other obvious ways on here have been looked at by thin people and don't go....

Cheers

Steve

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Subj: **Cobadal**
Date: 19/04/2004 20:49:23 GMT Daylight Time
From: harryhesketh@hotmail.com
To: Uzueka@aol.com
File: **cobadal.xls** (14848 bytes) DL Time (32000 bps): < 1 minute
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16th April.

Juan

Attached for the log – notes of some points around Cobadal. Let me know if you want the original notes too.

The reference to 'may be 922' is because 922 appears on the map we used but not on my copy of the web site.

It's possible that the same may apply to some of the others so you might want to cross check.

The last entry ('opposite farm') is a hole found by Harry Long. I've a feeling that it's been looked at before but Harry seemed greatly excited by it and insisted that I went down. I climbed down the rift but was too knackered to push it. I asked Martin and Tim to take a look hence their comment. Dave Milner thinks that Harry may have forgotten to log the place so include / exclude my comment as necessary.

cheers

eski

				16/4/04 - D Milner, H Hesketh investigating area above and east of Cobadal main sink. Weather cool / showery - main sink only draughting slightly
			Alt.	
921 complete	0449084	4797394	384m	Large depression with stongly draughting slot approx. 5m from obvious sink point
2071	0449096	4797000	474m 482	Undercut under small cliff. Slight draught. 2m deep to mud floor thru' boulders.
11				Same location - Large undercut apparently deliberately blocked by rocks.
2072	0449244	4797167	473m 475	Large depression. 2 holes apparently deliberately blocked by rocks.
2073	0449329	4797343	458m 468	Fenced off shaft 3m dia. Approx. 5m deep. Not descended. Rift at bottom appears blocked. May be known shaft 922?
2074	0449198	4797594	415m 425	Shaft fenced with rebar. Approx 8m deep.
2075	0449213	4797625	419m	Shaft fenced with rebar. Approx 3m deep.
2076	0449375	4797621	443m 445	Open shaft approx. 2m dia. & 8m deep. <u>Deserves attention.</u>
2077	0449522	4797650	441m 465	3 fenced off shafts. 1 x 8m. 1 x 3m. 1 blocked
2066	?	?	?	Immediately opposite 'Cobadal' farm is a large depression above and left of which can be seen a limestone outcrop aprox. 1 x 2m. Beneath this is an opening which drops into a rift, initially man-sized, about 10m high. Tried by Martin & Tim 17/4/04 - currently no obvious way through but could connect to the sink. Farmer says that the hole draughts well.

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I've done a sketch of the bit round st 51-50. What was the description of the last bit 017.227

The passage changes near 1930.1930.007.2 and 016.145 are similar

Jim

1/5/04
Waiting for
CDR file

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