

LOGBOOK

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Sent from the Internet (Details)

Hi Juan

The Danish Television is going to make an evening program about caves, and they contacted me. They would like to make about 20 min total of film where they present the different films in the program and interview us. At each presentation we will move to a new place and at the last presentaion, we have reached some kind of goal, a nice decorated chamber or something like that. Maybe we will just use different caves, and make the illision that it is the same cave. The journalist and 1-2 camera men, will go with Louise, Jonas and I (and maybe Kristine).

We would like to do it in Matienzo and probably 2-3 days in the week August 30th until Sept 3rd.

Would that be all right?

How long will you be there?

You probably have good ideas for easy accessible caves with nice formations.

Best Regards

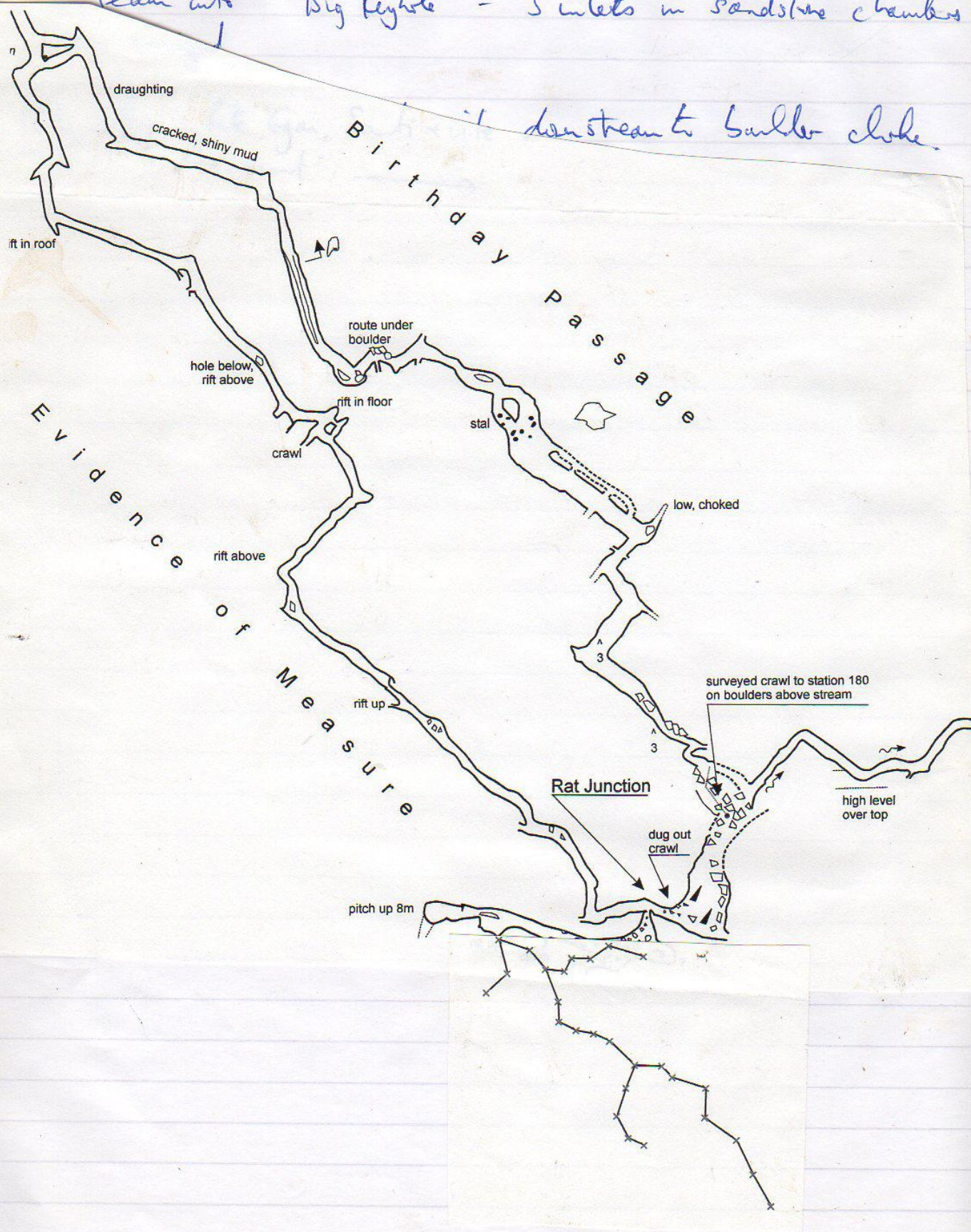
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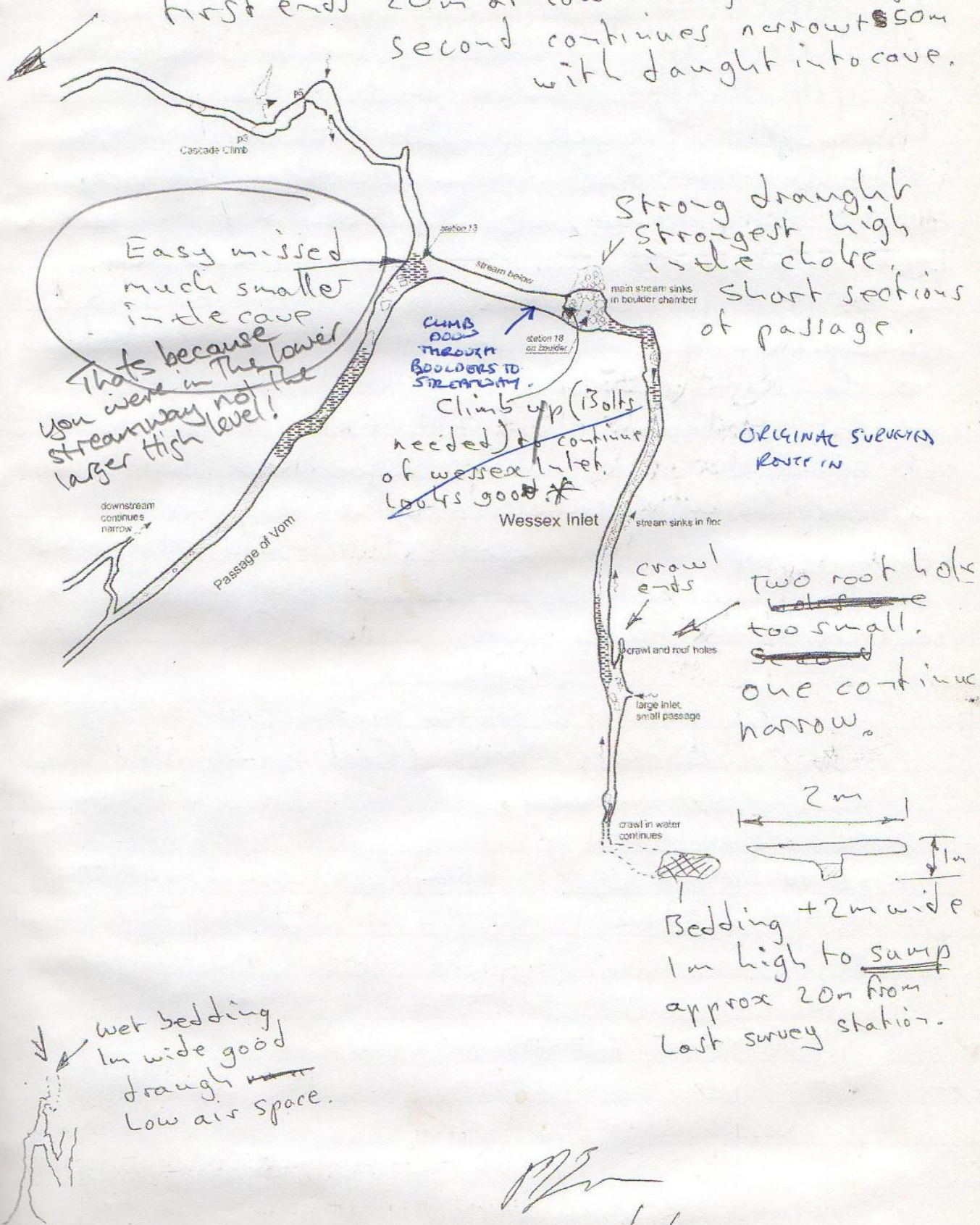
26 July Pete S, Ian C, Sambi & wife, Pete Egan

downstream to Boulder choke



two inlets on the way in

first ends 20m at low bedding needs dig
second continues narrow to 50m
with daught into cave.



Strong draught
Strongest high
is the choke.
main stream sinks
in boulder chamber
Short sections
of passage.

ORIGINAL SUBURBAN
ROUTE IN

~~Climb up (13 bolts
needed) to continue
of wessell lake.
looks good.~~

Wessex Inlet

crawl
ends

crawl and roof holes

large inlet.
small passage

crawl in water

Two root holes
~~holes are~~
too small.
~~Small~~
one continuous
narrow.

A hand-drawn diagram of a T-beam cross-section. Above the beam, a horizontal dimension line with arrows at both ends is labeled "2m", indicating the width of the flange.

Bedding + 2m wide
1m high to ~~sample~~
approx 20m from
last survey station.

wet bedding
In wide good
draught ~~room~~
Low air space.

France

18/7/04

23/7/04 After Ian decided house painting was more important than grabbing, Ali, Carmen + Juan went into Cobadal with the intention of surveying the downstream out of the sandstone chambers beyond "Big Keyhole". Carmen + Ali - crested of ~~at~~ 150ft of passage to be rewarded with huge booming echoing awens, stomping of unto the distance.....

Well 25ft round the corner it ended in a 60ft high Circular Awen, possibilities of high level passage being climbed (bolted) to the right. Scurged back through crabs, + at to station 13 + 10. (17.07.04) We seemed to spend a lot of time in passages that looped around 2 little inlets + ultimately kept ending up in the same place via different routes. (Thank god Tom stayed put for 2 1/2 hrs waiting or id have been v. lost!!).

24/7 Juan + Perry prospecting in gorse + on sandstone to the south of Cobadal. Sites 2085 + 2086 (Fenced depressions filled with Ferns) appear most promising.

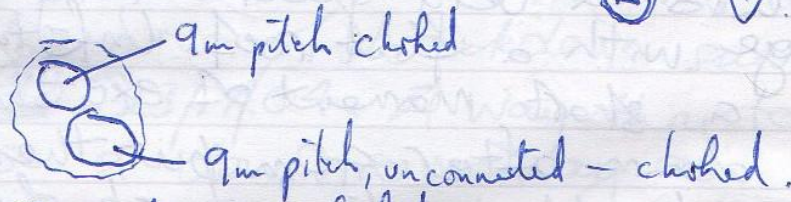
2085 @ VN 4841(0) 9719(7)

2086 @ VN 5208(0) 9719(7)

25/7 Ian C, Jenny C, Kenny C + Juan C to Alices to look off some 'shifts'. First few in lead below Alices

2035 - 20m long shift with 20m high limestone face @ N end. Laddered at S end: 5m drop into soil and boulders with holes down on W side. Waterfall at N end sinks in a mess of boulders + sediment. All holes down seem to choke with the same rubbish.

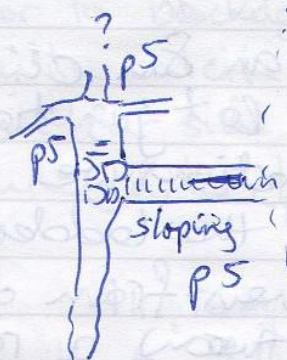
2036 - 15m to the W. Another rubbish dump



2037 - 3m drop - choked.

Then walked over to site 2042.

Down entrance slope to meet cross rift. Down to N, ladder over boulders into "chamber" with 2 "inlets". Underscended pitch to the N is tighter and about 5-6m deep to a bouldery floor.



shakelob

25/7/04 Cobadal Pete Hall, Tim Allen, Pete O'Neill

Made our way in to Pinnacle Passage and started to check side passages. At the first T-junction, only one leg from the station 228, was a passage on the left. Surveyed through a complex maze back to the ladder at the start of Pinnacle passage.

At a climb close to the T-junction we climbed up past a dubious flake 12m into a very good looking high-level passage with a flat roof. Unfortunately, after a short moment of excitement it closed down after 40m but there was another bouldery climb back down to the small chamber at Stn 228.

Then we proceeded to Rat junction via Birthday Passage, with some confusion at Stn 180.

Our objective was an 8m climb at the end of a branch a Rat junction. After some preliminary investigations we managed to get the top rung of the ladder over a small stal half way up. Then from a ledge half way, managed to throw a rope through a thread at the top. A rift passage started well but after a 5m climb degenerated to a narrow rift, closing down after 50m.

The Third Objective was to have a look at passages checked by Pete Eagan + Ali last week on 17/7/04.

Pete and Pete went left passing into a

bouldery chamber with an inlet up on the right.
~~Narrow~~ after 10m needs digging. Stream
 sinks under the wall ~~down~~ down on the left.
 In a further chamber ~~the~~ a stream inlet on
 the right end at a dig - not draught.

Just beyond, straight on a rift splits in two after
~~After~~ 15m. R/H chokes, L/H continues 5m to
 a further split left is low and wet, too small
 right a boulder bars access to open passage
 with a draught.

Following the second stream down, leads to
 a complex area of breakdown surveyed by
 Ali and ^{Carmen} 23/7/04. A way thru to stn 180
 and also a downstream way on.

Right hand branch of Big Keyhole. Followed footmarks
 as Pete E + Pedro crap survey. Near their end point
 climbed down and found cairns. Beyond 2 cairns
 unexplored hole lead into virgin passage. 2 ways -
 flat calcite floor to blockage to right. Left up into
 big chamber with calcite inlets flowing across floor
 Continuation on far side not entered. Returning
 Tomorrow. Surveyed to choke at end.

25/7/04 Cobadal Ali, Torben, Carmen & Andy.

This note is only to detail progress made in choke at the
 end. Ali & write up rest of the trip. From large boulder in
 chamber with survey station there is a slot into the
 choke. A cairn in this slot marked the end of Pete Egan's
 progress. Two small boulders were removed from the slot to
 make entry pleasant. Inside a mud floor runs to the
 left & right. Left leads to climbs up between
 boulders following the draft. After a climb up

Andy P could not fit through horizontal gap in boulders. Carmen went through this to move up slope over mud to a blockage above. Below the horizontal squeeze on the L.H.S. on our return. (ie going into the cracks.) is a mud floored chamber. At far end of this is a flowstone wall, above this are many boulders. Enough of these were removed to allow me to see a solid wall beyond. This can be seen to rise, with draft coming down. More boulders will have to be removed before access is gained. A further game of "Kliplunch" is planned. It is estimated that we have gone up 30-40 feet from the slot at Pete Ogata's cairn.

Andy P.

P.S. Do not bother with right hand side just a side to slot has been shown to and below the "Kliplunch" dig.

26/7/04 Juan, Penny + Andy Pringle - surface grabbing in Cobadal. Parked at end farmhouse on S side of depression and climbed up to fenced shaft 917, quite close to the Sandstone Chambers in the cave below. Andy descended into a 12m choked shaft. Just below this on a downhill side of track is site 2026. This was attacked, opened up and then filled in as the roof collapsed. Needs stronger measures to remove 2 large lumps over the top of the entrance slope. 80m NNW, just down from a burnt tree is 2 sandstone blocks covering a 3m tight drop (site 2087 - not descended, but appears choked).

Then decided to go to the usual farmhouse car park to visit sink beyond. On downhill route, found

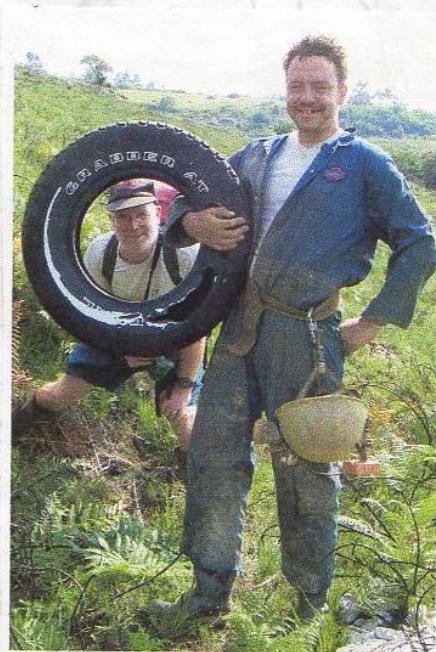
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site 2088 obviously named "Grabber Shaft" as the one of the types apparently filling the rift was labelled "Grabber".



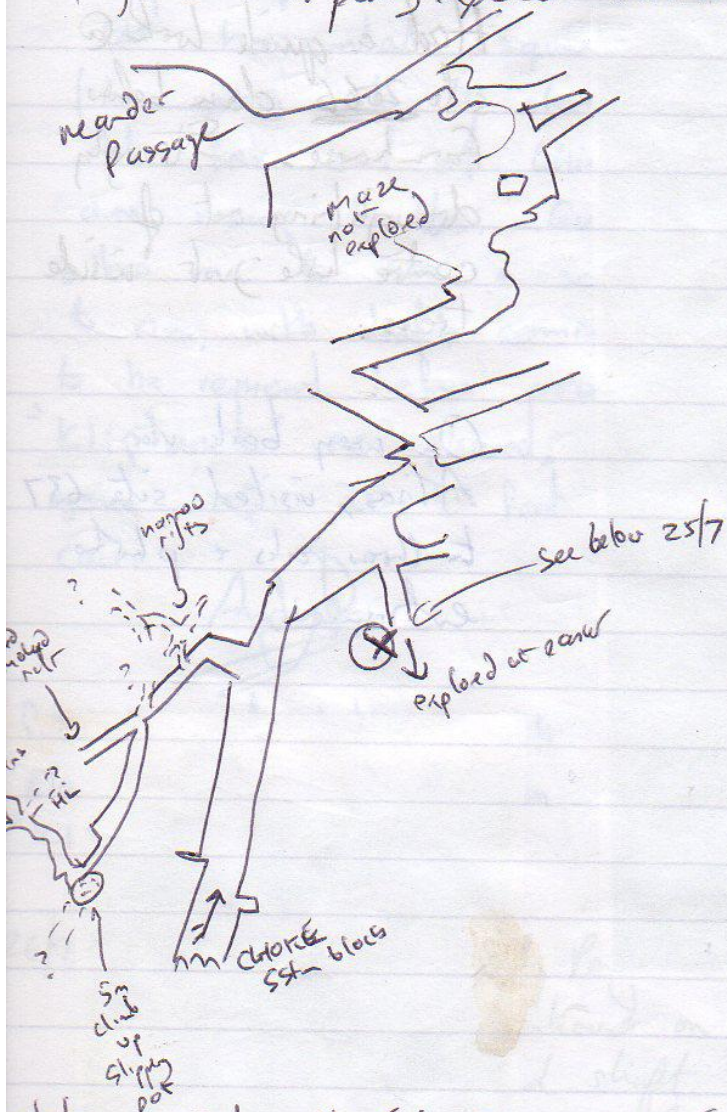
Had a quick look @ site 2086 down below farmhouse. Strongly draughting out of centre hole just inside trees.

On way back via Alias, visited site 637 to throw rocks & photo entrance.



24/7/06 Cobadul - Ali, Camer, Jerry.

To More area - several passages on L.H. Inland road on - didn't go
wide passage on right passed to chain of ss+ blocks, good dragonfly series
of rifts on R.H. partly explored - still some leads.



25/7/06 Cobadul. Ali Torken Camer Agy (see above for AP's bit).

Surveyed stream down from patch to choke - found a frog & a large
black & yellow dragon-fly.

Rift on R.H. part way down - trough over stream leads to connection with
high level north.

Surveyed Aven xris/Ocboa near start of river passage - Torken climbed
up into More area possibly at point (X) on sketch above

Tim
bush
Tim
Torken
upstream
A ten
enter
Tim
left

ALL
PASSAGE
ON
R.H.
SIDE
CHECK

pitch up 8m

20/2/04

2089 slightly drought
boulder heap in wooded
shale hole. 20/2/04

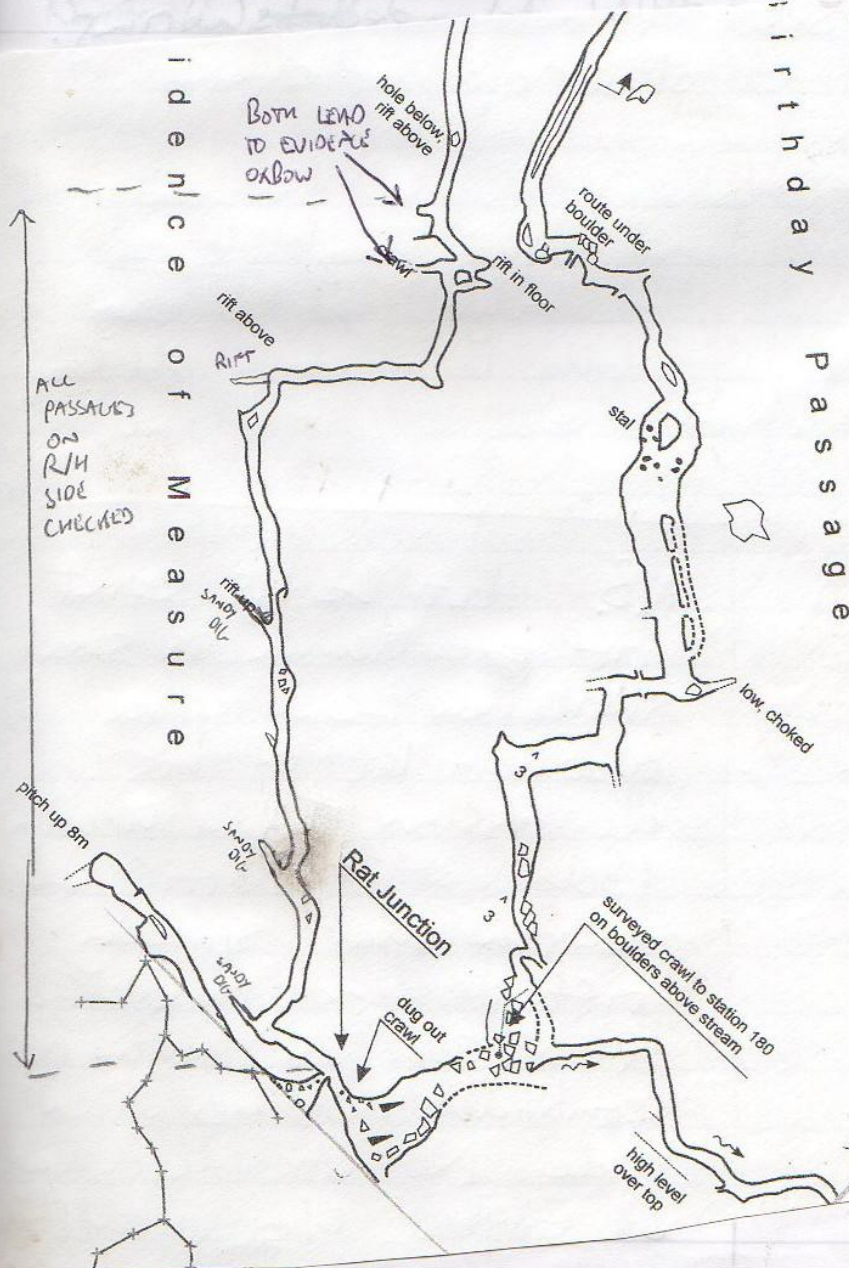
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27-7-04 COBERDAL - TORBAN, PETE HALL, TIM ALLEN, PETE O'NEIL
Tim & Pete H to RH branch of Keyhole passage, Torban & Pete O' to hill cap
boulders above stream beyond 2nd chamber in LH branch of Keyhole passage.
Tim & Pete H surveyed 95m beyond previous limit, ended at wet caverns.
Torban & Pete O' capped boulders and joined by the other 2 eventually entered
upward trending passage for 15m approx (TOP TIP PASSAGE) blocked with breakdown.
A ten foot climb in TOP TIP to open passage on LH side as you
enter has not been climbed.

Tim went out at this point and the rest looked at all leads in
left wall of evidence of measure (see survey below). Evidence oxbow went,

originally entered by P. S. m. m.
& P. E. m. m. to boulder
breakdown, we pushed
beyond in a series of
passages with several
leads still open and
droughty. Approx 100m
needs a return.

Pete O'

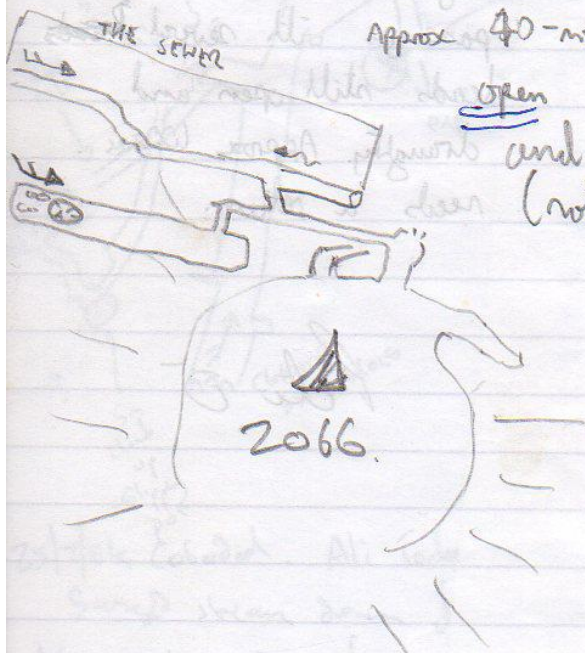


27/7/04

2066 Main Depression opp farm at Cabadal.

Tim A, Pete O, A. Pringle 27/7/04.

Dig in central hole at bottom of shakehole. (Tim + Martin had pulled rubbish out at Easter) Went with in 1/2 hour, would have been sooner but Pete O's enthusiasm got the better of him and he blocked the dig, crawl with side passage went soft to larger passage. Soft further choke. dug hole down until reached solid floor. with low way on strong draught. Sides of hole need shoring. Possible alternative at other end of choke. Looks good.



Sewer entered by Pete, pushed down stream for approx 40-meters, small confined passage left with open with good draught, needs a return and will probably by-pass dig in other passage. (note; not a passage to push it raining)

N.B. Harry Long's secret rift ~~the~~ entrance is small shakehole 40m approx above + left of big depression. Tim + Martin looked at it Easter. Very narrow sharp, spiky rift descends to cluttered floor (20m? ish) narrow rift continued back up other side. No noticeable draught at Easter. 2/10 verdict.

28/7/04

2089 slightly draughting
boulders heap in wooded
shale hole.

(13)

2089 + 2090

COBADALE AREA (NEAR SNOTITE)

JUAN, A PRINCE, PETE O', IAN CHANDLER

GPs on several entrances in area, then set about hilti capping/
digging draughting spot, progressed 3m in needs more work,
good spot worth some effort. ✓ 7/10.

2090 - above "stream"
sink.

1976 - No water in sink.
No sign of any draughting
holes.

28/7/2004 COBADALE AREA

PETE HALL, TORBEN REDDER

We walked from #1930 towards #1931:

New dig, ~~for~~ draughting: #2091? FIRESTONE DIG

The dig is located about between 1930 & 1931 on ~~the~~ the
south side of the fence and a firestone type is put
at the dig. Needs GPS locating.

Walked up the valley 100m south of #1931 towards
#920 and #921 (No progress, did not look promising)

From #921 walked 100m south to the powerline and
walked about 650m east along the powerline. We should
have used a bush knife! From there about 400m
north and back across the field to Cobadale farm/
car park.

Torben

1930 Cueva Obbadal-Downstream Choke 28/7/04
Pete Hall + Tim Allen.

Having reached the entrance, Tim went back to the farm and fetched his tobacco.

Reached the final choke in 50 mins and started to investigate the upper part according to Andy P's recommendation. We weren't impressed. Tim stuck his head through where Andy had been digging on 25/7 but it was choked overhead and too difficult to dig further.

Back at the final station Tim did a circular tour of the choke emerging back at the final station.

Meanwhile Pete re-examined the low level where the water goes. Having got stuck Tim took over and passed an awkward W bend while Pete fetched the digging tools. After 20 mins Tim had passed the choke and on his return, Pete had bypassed the W-bend.

We started again surveying forward. There's only one squeeze left but it would be difficult to widen out. Beyond the stream descends steeply to the head of an 11m pitch. To the right, ~~the~~ a passage leads to the top of an alternative 8.5m pitch and another 4m pitch, both in a chamber ~~apparently~~ near the bottom of the 11m pitch.

Back at the 11m pitch, Pete attempted to climb down a wet chimney and got to within 10 feet of the bottom before it went overhanging.

Made our way out in about an hour to be greeted by a shower of rain.

Pete Hall.

28/7/04

Vallina - Barry Ruddle

29/7/04
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(15)

TORBER, ALI, CARMAS, (JOHN, CAROLINA, ANDY. P.)

ALI DOG THROUGH CHOKER AT END OF BARPEN ROBBLE (A)
TO ENTER INTO LARGE CHAMBER WITH DEEP POB
FORFALLING INTO FLOOR (B) CARMAS CLIMBED DOWN &
TRAVERSED RMS LOOKING FOR A CONTINUATION
WHICH WAS ACROSS THE BRIDGE AND BACK UP THE
FAR SIDE CONTINUING AT THE SAME LEVEL AS WE
ENTERED THE CHAMBER. THE PASSAGE WAS
CONTINUED THROUGH ANOTHER BOULDER CHOKER TO
A WIDE LOW SAND FLOORED PASSAGE WITH
MEANDERS IN THE SAND, TO OPEN UP IN ANOTHER
CHAMBER WITH ANOTHER DEEP HOLE IN THE FLOOR
THIS WAS TRAVERSED ON THE ^{LEFT} ~~RIGHT~~, AVOIDING MANY
DEEP HOLES IN THE FLOOR TO CONTINUE TO THE
CANYON AT THE END, WITH A 30-40' DROP -
IMPASSABLE WITHOUT FURTHER RIGGING. TORBER & ALI
SOUNDING OUT WITH CARMAS CHECKING ALL HOLES
FOR A POSSIBLE FINE CLIMABLE ROUTE DOWN TO
CANYON -

A TEAM OF 6 RETURNED THE NEXT DAY WITH LADDERS
& ROPE TO PUSH THE CANYON & DO PHOTOS -
(SEE TORBER'S PICS) TORBER POSTED DOWN A
LADDER RIGGED IN THROUGH ONE OF THE MANY
HOLES IN THE FLOOR THAT TOOK US TO WITHIN
15 FT OF FLOOR OF CANYON TO A CONTINUATION AT
A LOWER LEVELS WITH..... MORE IMPASSABLE
HOLES IN THE FLOOR REQUIRING MORE TACKLE -
WE WILL RETURN WHEN THE TEAM HAS RECOVERED
FROM THE BRIGGS & SCRAPES FROM 250m OF
BARPEN ROBBLE.

CARMAS

ADDRESS + DISCOUNT
BY COMMENT MY HOPIK TO
REACH APPROX PASSAGE
PO LINK...!!

excavated ~~SHALE~~ RIFT.
(STONES MEAN) 160' DEEP.
BARGE.

6205E.

A hand-drawn map of a river section. The river is depicted as a winding channel. On the left side, there is a label 'draughting choke' with a dashed line indicating a narrowing of the river. In the center, there is a label 'pe:5m blind' with a small rectangular box. On the right side, there is a label 'draughting digs' with a dashed line indicating a series of small excavations. The river is filled with small circles and dots, representing rocks or debris. The map is drawn on a piece of paper with a grid pattern.

BARNEY RUBBLE'S URANIUM

CUEVA VALLINA
Barney Rubble's Uranium Mine extensions 28.7.2004

229.704

avens &
?choked shafts

p20 to crawls
not fully explored
(29-7-04)

?p15

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p10

big canyon passage continues c50m to pitch/traverse
(29.7.04)

orientation
operation.

SMALL  SHAPED.

CRAWL LEADS TO MOLE

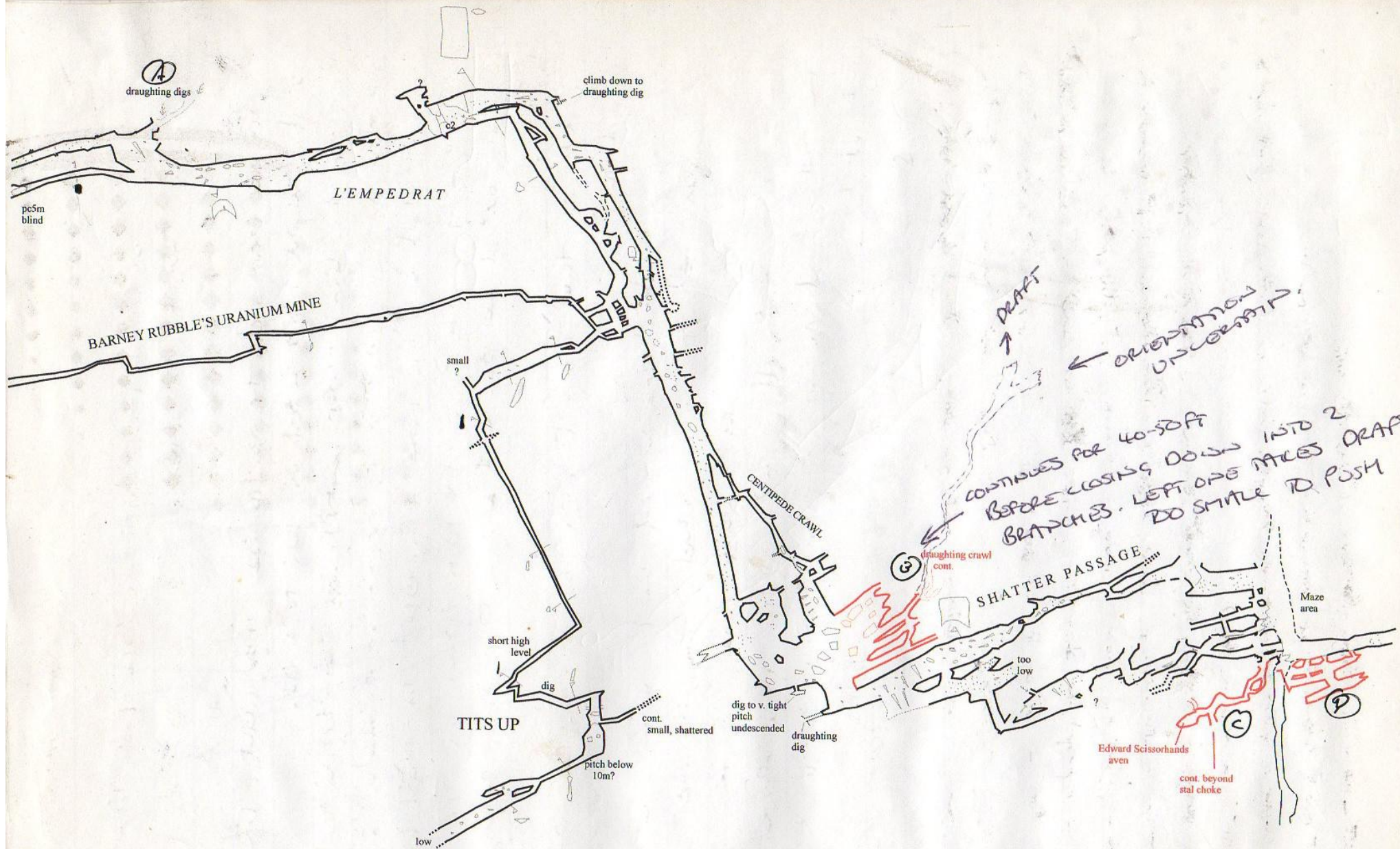
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Narrating AT
TOP.

Matiengo caption competition → ?



PH — L'addition si vous plaît



27.7.04 VALLINA - Ali, Jenny, Carmen. L'Empedrat area.

Choke at end of L'Empedrat - no obvious lead, little draught found.

(A) on survey opposite - several small draughting holes on L.H. wall, first dug - small but may open up beyond.

End of passage - continuing dig, cannot see far for amount of stalactite.

(B) - Pinnacle chamber surveyed. Crawl entered by Irish Browning last summer to constriction - passed by Carmen, passage continues beyond, draughting in.

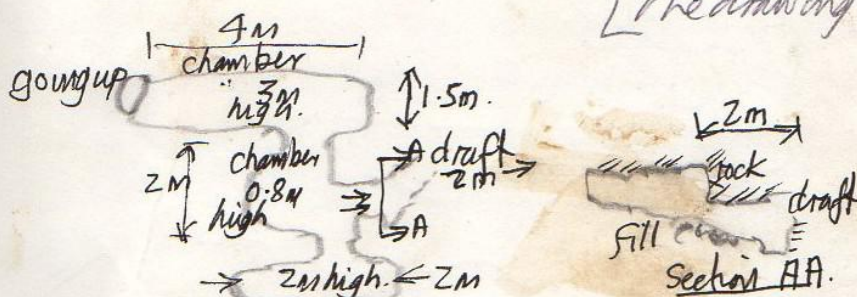
(C) - Passage surveyed up slope to junction, ^{L.H.} steel choker but can see continuation beyond, R.H. - climb up to nice steel & climb down into Edward Scissorhands area, small streamway followed downstream toward end, becomes too tight.

(D) - roof passages surveyed, windows into known passage, end - total steel choke.

(E) DOO POSTED (28.7.04) CHOKES AFTER SOFT APPROX UNSTRENGTHENED

31/7/04 Two "artists" in pants. Ian C.E. & Andy P
Returned to upper Pants & removed clay & boulders to allow entry 2m high x 2m wide void. This led to extension shown below. Draft comes from section AA. A hour was spent removing mud & rocks to allow us to look along ^{newly} mud filled passage with draft coming towards us. More work is required but it should be easy digging.

Ellis [artist for the drawing]



Andy P.

Artist (Piss)

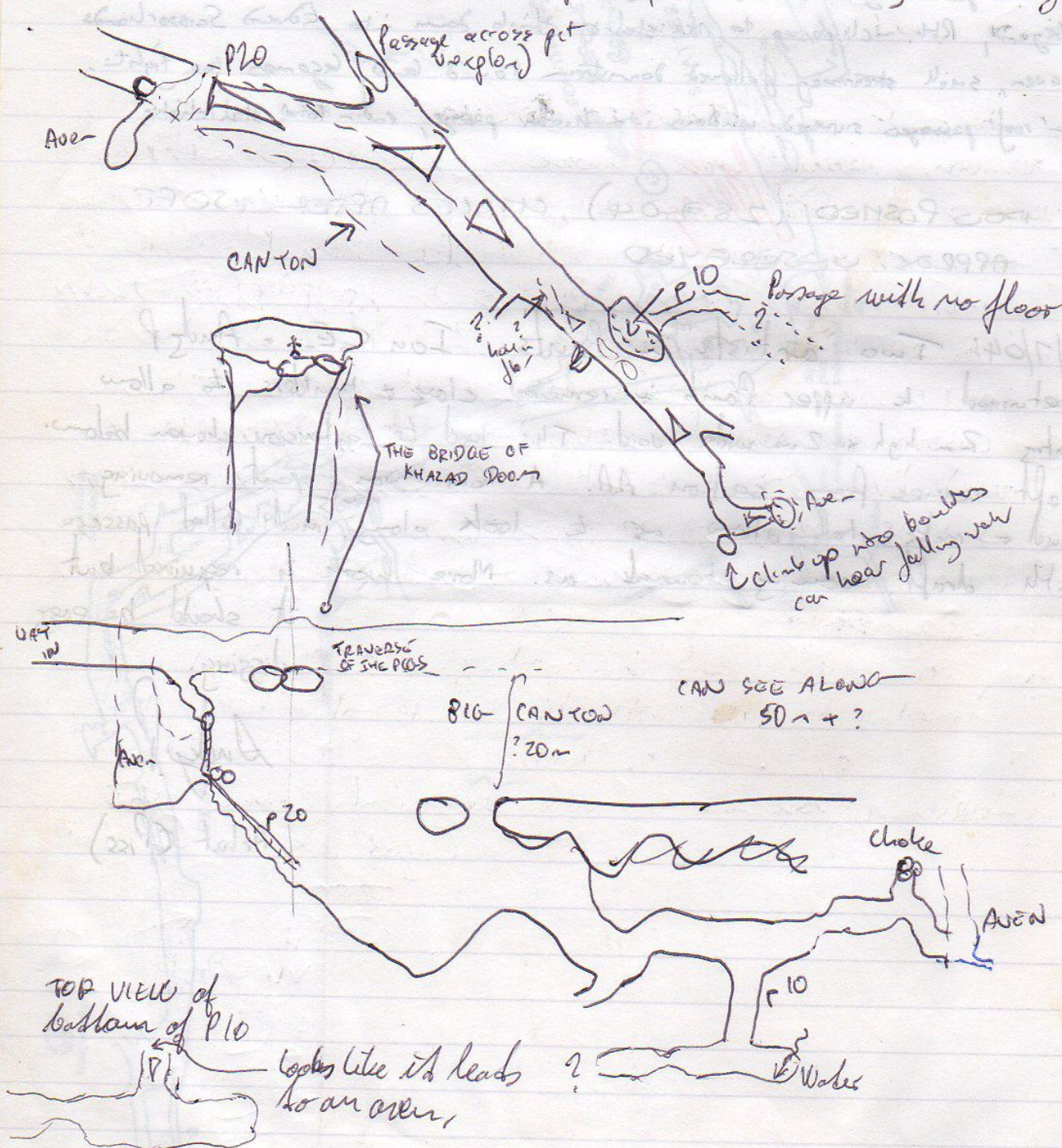
Pants Dig

31 July 2004

Andy Proule Ian Chandler.

31.7.04 Vallina - Barney Rubble Extension. Ali, Carmen, Pedro, Torken.
 Curved passage entered by Torken on 29th - this is a separate lower passage from
 the big cango - 10 m pitch at end dropped to small choked passage. One
 passage on left unexplored - may need rope to cross holes in floor.

The floor of the big cango can be seen from slope down into passage.
 (crossed the bridge) Khazad-Doom made some progress with the Traverse
 of the Pigs along ledge on R.H. side of roof of the cango. Probably
 have to traverse c15 m then descend pitch of c15-20 m to gain the floor.



31/7/04 1930 Cuervo Cobadal - PP; Steve O; Kev; Jerry & Carol
 Aim - to find some cave grabbers may have left.
 Down "main" stream route & looked at orobars entrance side of Grabbers
 orbar - No high level passages found going downstream past grabbers
 orbar - seems to be single passage, no roof or high level until you
 get to pitch. Two miles Cobadal - one surveyed a hill.

29/7/04 COBADAL Tim A, Pete H, Pete O.

A "key" day in Matienzo turned out not to be. Survey had shown downstream choke to be deeper than Regaton and 4.5km to Agua Naz. High expectations led us quickly back to the choke and the top of the undescended pitch. Pete Hall was first to descend into the shower along side the wet pitch. At the bottom the way on was under the deluge and down a boulder slope. The bottom leveled out and the water sank in a small hole. Along side was a dryhole cutting under the wall. Unfortunately it choked completely with no draught. Back the other way towards the dry pitch Pete Hall pushed a narrow rift & slippery climb up into the base of the dry pitch and again no way on. Surveyed and returned through the chalte. All then went "upstairs" to look at the source of the draught climbed up to highest point where the draught comes from large gaps between blocks and the roof, which is best location for dig. surveyed down and out.

30/7/04. Tim A, Pete O, Pete H, A Pringle

draughting hole near Valline bottom entrance. Dug out sandy crawl for 10m. Probably located far too close to Valline 2 to really be Valline 3.

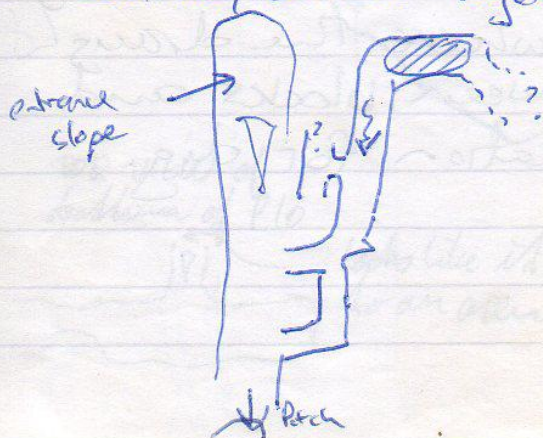
31/7/04. Coteron - Franks passage.
Tim A, Pete O, Dave Foxton.

Capped out hole at bottom of P20 at end of Franks passage. Soon into small chamber with hole into larger solution pocket. crawl at floor level led in circle round to join next shaft (P8) as a window. Pete + Tim went down the final pitched to the other hole mentioned in Easter log. This was not draughting so didn't bother capping. High level route explored at Easter was not entered but still has rope on. 2 leads remain up there + surveying.

Adios.

1/8/04 Torben, Ali, Juan to Toron de Riass. Ali + Torben rigged 1st pitch + top of next 90m drop ready for another afternoon out and re-exploration. Video.

Inlet passage off entrance explored to low pool, which could easily be drained, continues beyond



30-7-04 S. face of Cresso.

A 5150 9651 entrance 1m x 0.5m part covered by slab just below goat path.

2m drop into ? small passage, unexplored.

(2092)

B 5147 9652 opening at foot of scar 1m x 0.5m above goat path

c3m deep unexplored.

(2093)

Ali.

2/8/2004 Peter Smith, Ali, Costello, Torben

#2091 GPS: 044867(2), 479795(6)

The draught was good, and helped cooling us down as we removed about 2m³ of rock and build a nice wall around the entrance.

The draught comes from down to the right.

Torben

2/8/2004 ^{et al (Jen, Combs)}

KEV, Phil P, Steve O + (MAX, TOWNIE + Hilary in support)

Valerius dig.

Took 4x4 up to top with small gen set & 650W drill. Good inward draught, & much dryer than at Easter! Problem with drill, needs looking at - prob (brush problem) - used 5 snappers & about half way through to chamber at end of loose route - one more day should see us through (if drill works!)

3/8/2004 Steve "O", Phil P, Nickie & MAX 2066

Went to dig choke at end - but entrance crawl is tightish in one place, just past "The Seam" spent time & opened it up with one snapper after two Cops (in one hit) did not go (prob due to rft-wch). Dig looks good, but needs good churning on rocks & roof is a cage, as all this sort of choke is loose, but will not be a problem. If dug a few hours with drag tray on internal crawl floor (loose mud etc) will make life easy. —

3/8/04. Pauts 1655.

Fan, Ali + Juan digging in Pauts. Some digging was carried out @ the first draught on the night.

A second draught was detected coming up a rift in the final "chamber" and this was excavated for a couple of hours.

Material needs stacking and floor digging out. Good prospect.

3-4/8 2004 #1471

Simon Cornhill, Derek Freeman, Rob Harrison, Carmen Haskell, Torben Redder

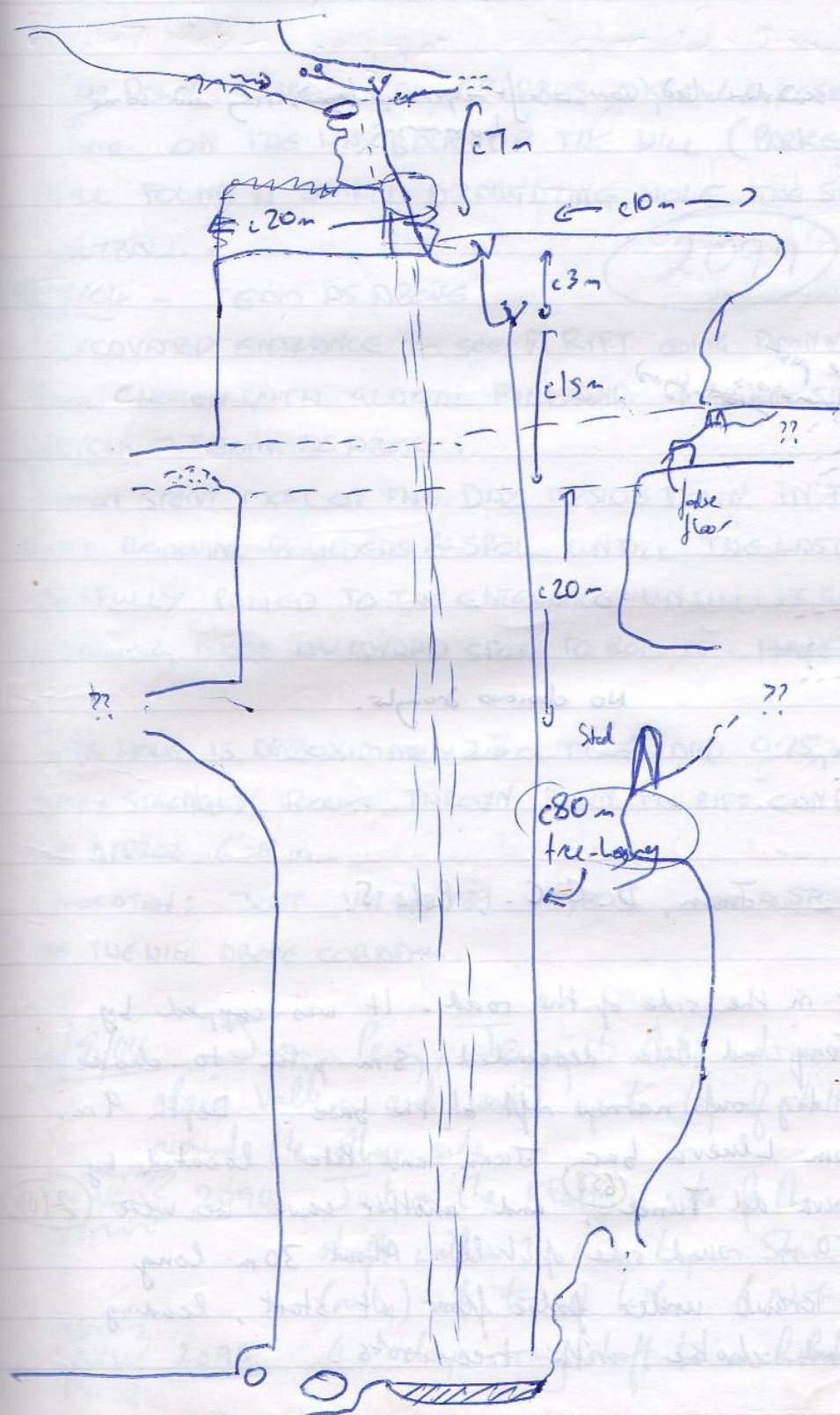
Via Cokeran into Plaza de Concorde and from there to Hole in the Wall Chamber. The only way on seemed to be into Hall of Tubes, but P10? was still not been dropped. In Hall of Tubes, one tube leads via a squeeze at the end to At the Opera in #0333. The other tube off Hall of Tubes leads north into a chamber with big boulders and. This chamber is not searched for continuations and is not fully surveyed.

We spend 14.5h underground and were back at the camp at 5.30 in the morning.

Torben

5/8/06 Torcon de Ruño - Ali + Torben

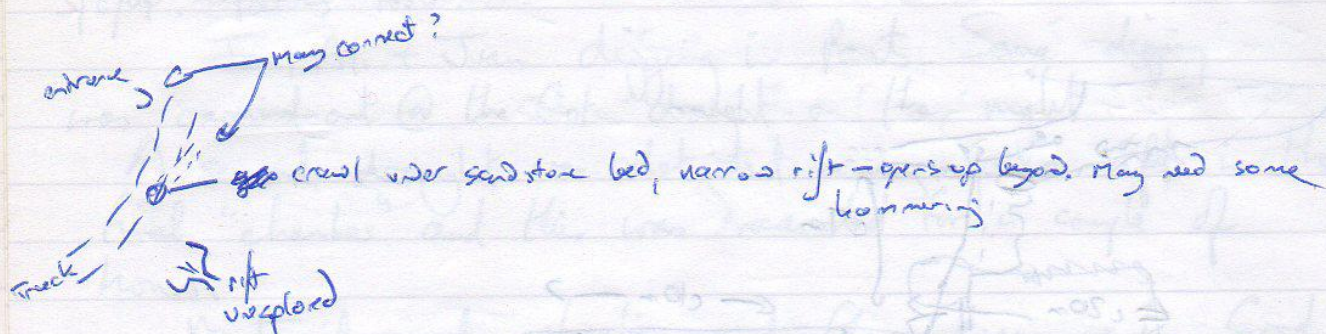
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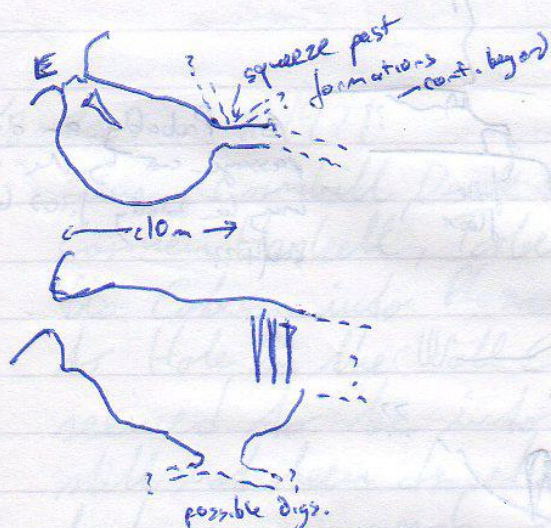
Probably an older passage cut by the slope may be totally J. (w) beyond shed+??

can narrow meadow passage to definite snip. No drought. floods to 100 in wet weather.

1991



1992



No obvious triangles.

5/8/04 - Llueva - Juan, D.C.C., Pete S.

1987

First site was rift in the side of the road. It was capped by Lenny and Juan. Tony and Pete descended 8m pitch to choke despite Tony trying to dig out narrow rift at the base. Depth 9m.

On way back from Llueva bar, Juan and Pete located by GPS and videoed Cueva del Tunnel (658), and another cave we were (2100) told about, about 50m round side of hill. About 30m long with hands and knees crawl under false floor at start, leading to stooping passage and choke with tree-roots.

2/8/04 - Cobadol - Simon Cornhill, Will Scallan, Terry Scallan.
DEREK FREEMAN, ROB HARRISON.

TRIP DOWN COBADOL TO GRABBAS OXBOW & RETURNED DUE TO LACK OF TIME. ON THE WAY BACK UP THE HILL (PARKED IN THE WRONG PLACE), WILL FOUND A SMALL DRAUGHTING HOLE THE SIZE OF A SMALL FOOTBALL.

2099

4/8/04 - TEAM AS ABOVE

EXCAVATED ENTRANCE TO SEE A RIFT GOING DOWNWARDS DRAUGHTING STRONGLY, ~~FULL~~ CHOKED WITH GLACIAL FILL AND MEDIUM SIZED BOULDERS.

5/8/04 - TEAM AS ABOVE.

SIMON SPENT MOST OF THE DAY UPSIDE DOWN IN THIS SLOWLY DEEPENING RIFT REMOVING BOULDERS & SPOIL UNTILL THE LAST(?) ~~ROCK~~ ROCK WAS CAREFULLY PULLED TO THE ENTRANCE UNTILL IT GOT AWAY AND FELL TO A LOWER, MORE AWKWARD SPOT TO REMOVE. ~~HOWEVER THIS HOLE~~

THIS HOLE IS APPROXIMATELY 2.5m DEEP AND 0.75m x 0.75m DRAUGHTING VERY STRONGLY. ROCKS THROWN DOWN THE RIFT CAN BE HEARD TO FALL FOR APPROX 6-8m.

LOCATION: 30T VN 48789 97805 ON A STEEP PATH BY BARBED WIRE FENCE ON THE HILL ABOVE COBADOL.

6/8/04 Juan, Perry, Jenny + Ali drive to end of track above Vallina and walked up to top of hill and wandered around the other side.

NEW 2094 Just on the Matienza side of the col. A 20m deep shaft with a 3 x 1.5m top. Stones rattle down. Bolt (crusly) at top of hole. (Not descended).

NEW 2095 4m deep roomy shaft to a choked floor.

shaft 1139 in the valley below stage depression. Ali descended on 2 ladders but found the end dangling about 8m

2100

Off the Floor.

NEW

2096 Ali down to a chobed floor 10m down in a ~~sh~~ 5x5m shaft.

NEW

2097 About 10m deep to a ledge with stones rolling further down. Shaft top has rock bridge half way along 4m length. Not descended.

NEW

2098 Cave climb down into a chobed floor. $d=4m$ $L=5m$

6/8/2004. Site 489 - DCC, ADCC.
Large team (17) walked up to 489 to say goodbye to Roy. Six underground (Simon C., Gareth, Ash, Chris, Peter C. and Tony).

First dig in hole below blowhole was descended by Simon, a couple of boulders removed. Ongoing dig is too much like hard work.

Ash, Gareth & Tony ascended climb above canal hallway through last years extension. Still blockage remained to form two squeezes, leading to 4.3m new passage. Ramp above (3m?) leads to blocked passage - diggable. - draughting.

Dig at end of 489 re-engineered (we were going the wrong way) and looks promising - also draughting.

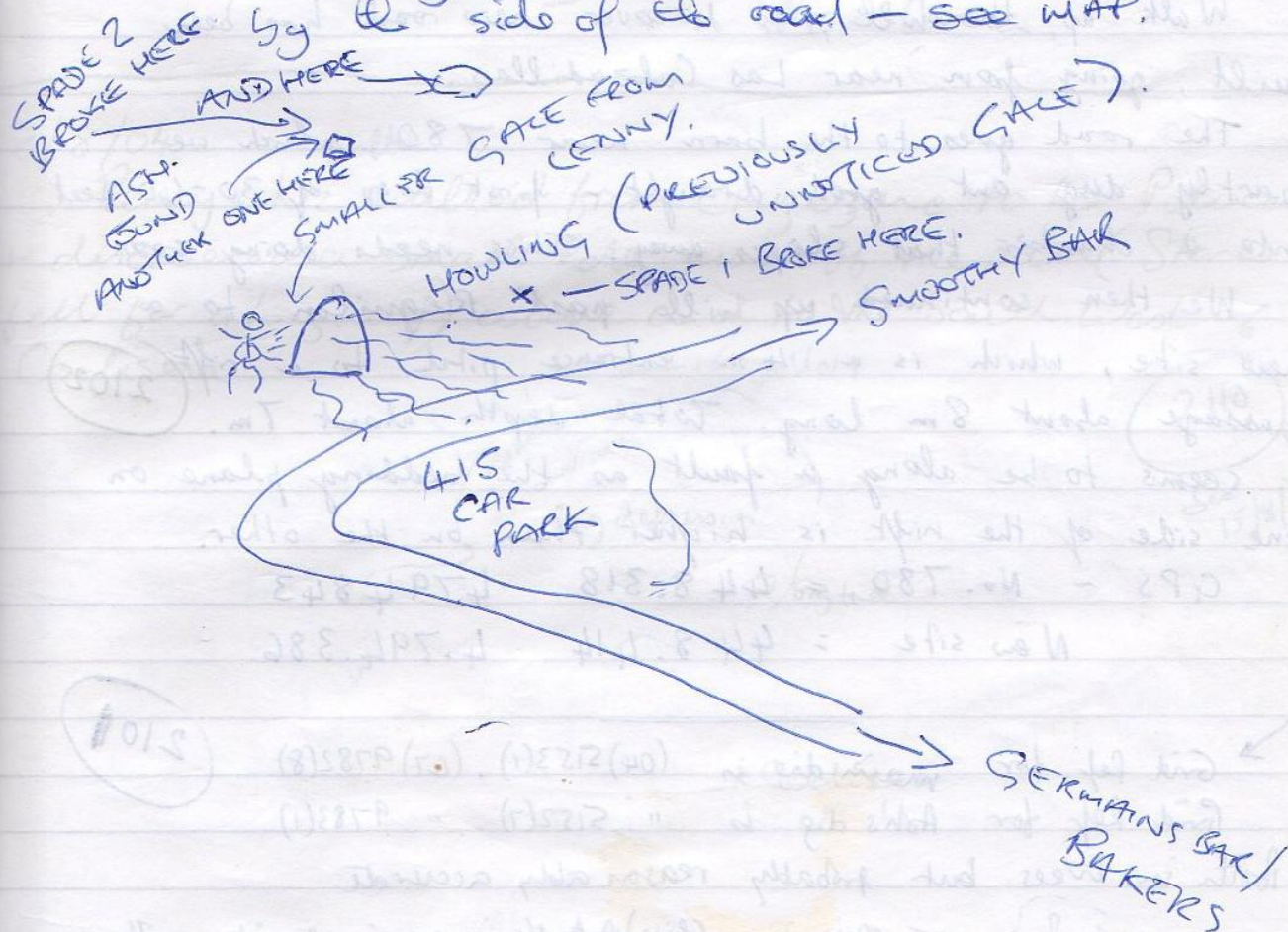
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7/8/4. DCC - Billy, Henny, Gareth, Ash, Nigel, Tony.

Broke Jennys Spade - and another. We're really, really sorry. Have you got any more?

Went to 415 corner to dig in Parts, and also tourist trip to 415. As we got out of the car we felt a strong draught emitting from the obvious cave entrance by the side of the road - see map.



Dug a lot, got very hot, cooled off in howling gale (not Henny's - we used the one from the cave). Blew things up.

Hole is now an impressive 2m deep, blowing strongly. For those who missed

10/5

it for the last forty or so years it is at the top of the spoil heap.

Nigel has the technical details - feel free to ask him if you need directions.
(Boring bit by Nigel at bottom of page)

7 August - Seldesuto - Squirrel, Big Steve, Pete S.

Walk up the hill, to discover new road has been built, going from near Las Calzadillas.

The road goes to the barn near 780, which we partly dug out, good draught - first drop of 30-40 feet into a chamber that slopes away. This needs doing soon.

We then continued up hill past Requirion to a new site, which is a 4m entrance pit to a rift passage about 8m long. Total depth about 7m. It seems to be along a fault as the bedding plane on one side of the rift is higher than on the other.

GPS - No. 780 = 44 8.318 4.794.843

New site = 44 8.414 4.794.386

2102

Grid Ref for main dig is (04) 5153(1). (47) 9782(8)

Grid Ref for Ash's dig is " 5152(7). " 9783(1)

2101

Both in trees but probably reasonably accurate.



← this is a (Piss) Artist's impression of site. There is a small 'cutting' up the hill with the draught emerging from two points on the left (west) side. Current dig (lower draughting hole) has draught coming up from floor and rift going back into hill towards 415/Pants direction.

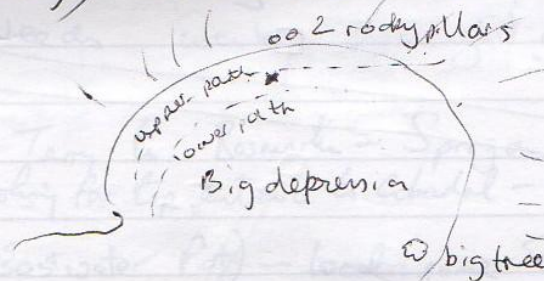
7/8/04 Azpilicueta in rough Nevada. Got a bit lost on way in rough Sanatzen. Ropes on pitches up into Azpilicueta in fair condition. Found way on into At the Gern after some time trying to find the climb up. Surveyed passage "50 m to choke" on right, only to find later it had been done before but not drawn up - now on the survey - Selenite Crunch passage.

Climb up on right at start of Selenite Crunch connects to Cone Hall - this might be an easier route towards Giga Hall from Fire Censer area than by going by foot of Azpilicueta extreme series - but is a bit crumbly.

Ali + Carter.

8/8/04 Walton

Penny + Liz walked from Cruz Ozaro to La Piluca + discovered a small hole just off the path. (Stones fell for a long way) above and to the South West of Codisera.



2110

See 15/8/04

x Codisera

$$2109 + 2108$$

the Klon
Ability!!
~~Ability!!~~ ..



9/8/04 Cobadal - more snappers in upstairs choke. ~~Mod~~ Boulders held in ⁽⁵³⁾
place by mud. (Phil, Comer, Steve C).

9/8/04 Video down main streamway and down p5 in Suidero
de Cobadal. Team of 10 on a 5 hour trip.

13/8/04 Video in right hand rift to Birthday Passage with
the Slovacs.

13/8/04 DCC - Apprentice Dig 2 (415 corner area).

Abandoned Dig 1 as insufficient draught, either
or whatever. (2109)

(2108)
Dig 2 enlarged and deepened over a couple of
days. using Hilti caps and Snappers. Comer
after about 3m has been enlarged and tube
continues descending, stones falling down holes in
floor. Needs work, draught good.

11/8/04 Perry Joan + Terry to Basmatin - Sprogon Rock (710) area.
~~See~~ ~~the~~ Looking for top entrance to Cobadal - see 706, 710, 711 + 2107 (Photos; GPS)
and 786, 2077, 2105, 2106, 2104, 2103

8/8/04 Cove 780 (Eastwater Pot) - local name Torca de la Corcada.
Phil Pappard, Big Sam, Terry W., Pedro, Ali.

Cove explored to tight narrow following stream - probably probable by
"thin" team, dragging.

Fossil route explored to top of pitch estimated at >10m - not enough
tackle.

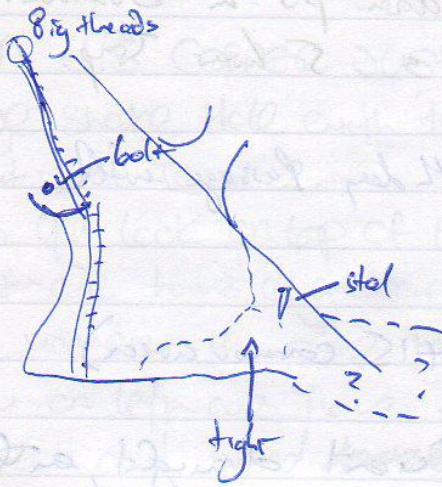
13/8/04 780 - Phil, Terry, Ali

~~Left~~ Second pitch needed enlarging at the top.

Undersized pitch from 8/8/04 eventually bottomed by leaving Terry at the
top & a bolt placing for a second belay position on ledge half
way down.

At foot a tight slot doesn't seem to have been descended by the
Catalans, could be entered by knocking out some stal, Stos

before this would be v. difficult to get back up again



Rigging:



Entrance - 5 m ladder, 2 m belay round block



9 m ladder, 2 m wire

20 m lifeline - slings for double lifeline
(belays - not too good, not brilliant)

Out route



5 m ladder, 1 m belay

tight

Fossil ROUTE

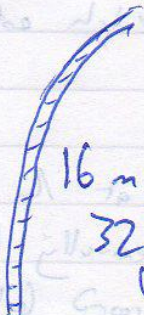


7 m ladder, 2 m belay



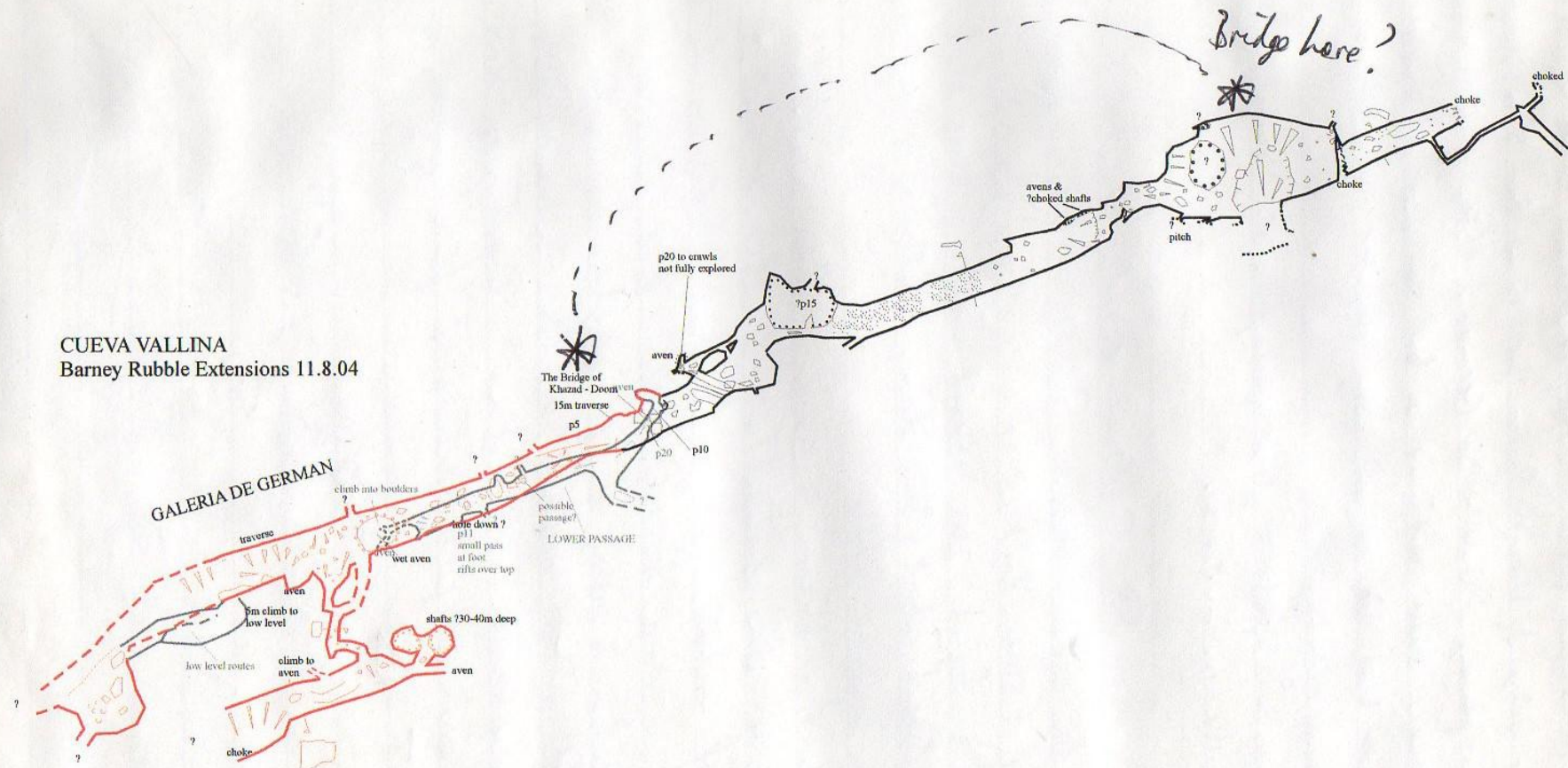
8 m ladder

- This runs over dodgy stal blocks, needs better rigging & lifeline



16 m ladder, 3 m wire belay,
32 m lifeline, 5 m rope for lifeline belay.

CUEVA VALLINA
Barney Rubble Extensions 11.8.04



11.8.04 Vallina - Phil Popped, Pedro, Carmen, Nigel Diller, Steve O, A Neill.
 Phil traversed on Jan Bridge of Khazad-Doom for 15m then 5m descent
 into continuing large passage - Galeria de Berman. Step and slopes
 entailed one rope traverse, then continued ~~to~~ but ran out of tackle.
 5m descent into lower level led to an even chamber where main
 passage can be seen continuing.

Further back, passages on left led to larger passage ending each way in
 ascents, shafts, & possible continuations.

15/8/04 Ivan & Kenny walk from C-Urens to path above Cothran to
 check out Per & Liz walk 8/8/04. Site 2110, hole in grass, seems
 about 4m deep (stones don't drop a "long way").
 On way back found 2111 covered with a large slab and
 seems to be choked about 3m down - better light required.

16/8/04 Ali, Phil P & Hilary so far above Vallina
 Walk to area above BR crawl & chamber at end. Took
 GPS & Pics of entrances - prob most known to Catalina's
 but 3 were not known to us. also took photo of 1721
 Red markings of Catalina's is very faint now!

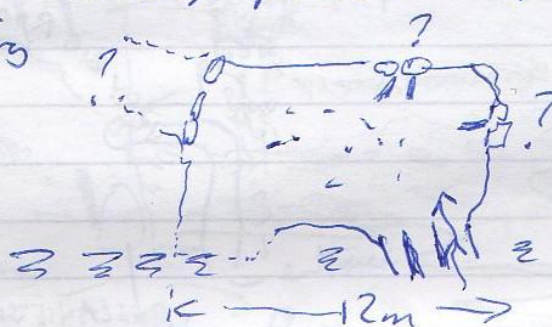
10 11350 - new GPS in correct place
 bottom of chert depression in wood - 3 entrances, two low
 in bore of cliff one a pitch entrance a few meters up cliff.
 marked



2. 2112 in same wood as 1350 in cliff
small rift - choked with stal, but - small hole $10" \times 5"$
drought out - prob not - worth a dig.

3. 2113 Top Rts corner of field next to wood
that has 1350 + 2112 in it - ~~not~~ Rock covers a dig, inward
drought - a few hours work would tell if it is worth any
more work.

4. 2114 Cave top of next field up & under
small 1.5m high cliff, crawl entrance to sloping
cave with BATS, possible wasp on in 3 crevices, need a
little digging



drought in, if diggins
would help if you had
candle to see which of
the 3 crevices takes the
drought.

5 2115 - Cave marked SCD at - ent, cave
next to creek in wood.

walk in ent - to crawl - very strong drought out -



12/8/04 Jenny C, Lloyd, Tony & Ash, Peter C, Gaz & Linda
Valline tourist / through trip. Looked at possible
passage 1/2 way down & at top of second pitch - would require
bolting.

14/8/04 Jenny C, Lloyd, Tony & Ash, Peter C
Aqua tourist trip.

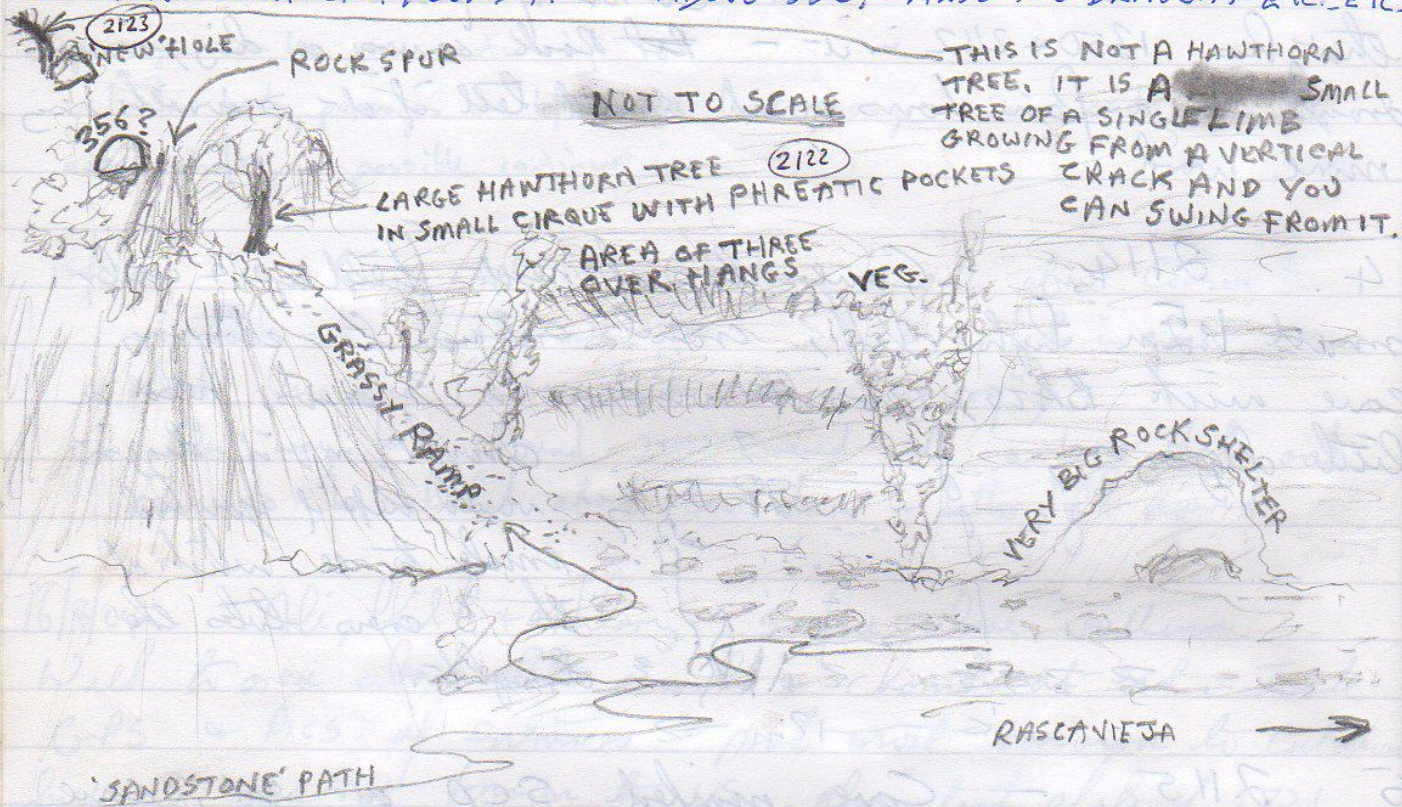
13/8/04 - ENASO, (SELDESOTO SIDE.)

'RE-DISCOVERED' CAVE 356? NO DRAUGHT.

17/8/04

WENT BACK TO ENASO TO CONFIRM POSITION OF 356? NO GPS, NO DIGITAL

CAMERA. NO CAVER. FOUND HOLE ABOVE 356? ALSO NO DRAUGHT ETC. ETC.



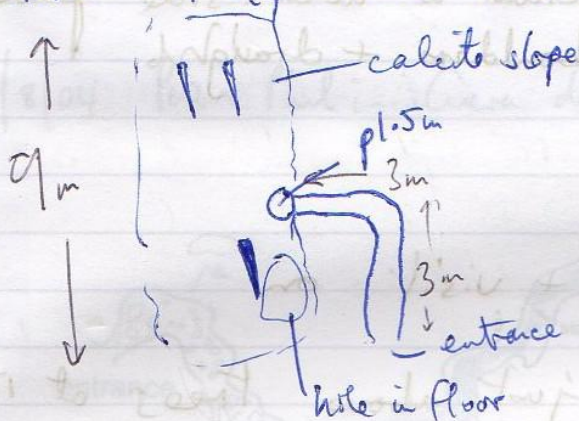
THE 'NEW' HOLE WAS NOT EXPLORED. 356? WAS ENTERED FOR MAYBE 2 METERS AND A PASSAGE ENTERS ON LEFT. *Squinted.*

17/8 + 18/8/04 Tuesday + Wednesday.

Opening up the Apprentices Dig - site 2108.

Ian, Bill, Len, Dakstreet, Joan on the 17th. Some opening up.

On the 18th, team as above minus Ian + Phil. Lots of snapping then Pete arrived. More snapping, then at about 7.30pm Bill finally slid down the slope + dropped into a low chamber. Phil, Joan + Pete followed with camera + video. Hole in floor covered with boulders should dig and pushing up a calcite slope may enter another chamber. A step ladder would be useful to get back up to hole in the roof. A hand-line is very useful. A 5-rung ladder could be very useful as well.



15.8.04 Valline - Jerry, Pedro, Ali, Ted Lowhorn.

Patch dropped in passage off end of spiral chamber, to Heskis route, Pedro pushed tight squeeze to connect to Treading series.

Low passage of spiral chamber surged to choke.

A new low passage near last pushed to connect with a series explored by the Catalans.

18.8.04 Cobadal - Ali + Jerry

Surveyed 300m of oxbow - stream passage in higher part of streamway.

13-8 Bobby Ted Lloyd La Colina
 Walked from parking for E Muller track to
 271-274 group. Did not find 271?



272 Cow barn with gate + aven in roof

272 b 5 m cave

273 Cave with draft + crawl to aven + side passage

274 low entrance with boulders + draft

Nothing else found.

16-8 Bobby + Ted

Went to 177 gps + visit on

hill above

(A) One (1351) small cave just above trees at 177

(B) ⁰¹⁰ One 3 m cave with Δ entrance 10-15m from summit. (1915)

19-8 Bobby + Ted

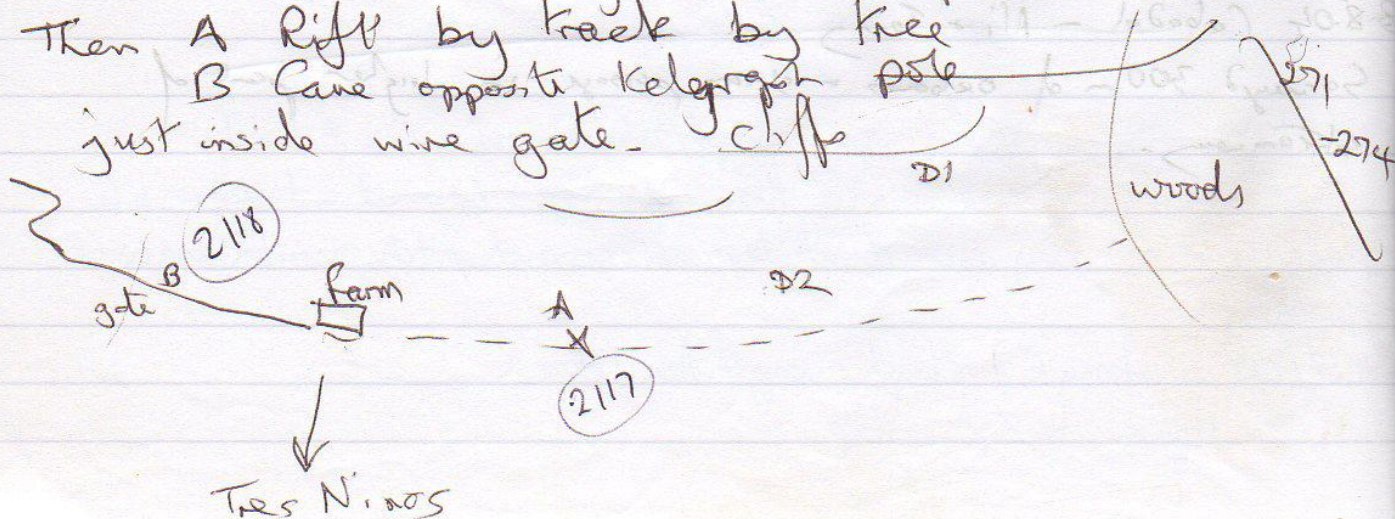
Similar walk to 13-8 Back via woods looking for 89 (failed). Found 2 useless

holes as potential digs for deparati

Then A Rift by track by tree

B Cave opposite Kellogg pole

just inside wire gate. cliffs



14/8

14/04 See 0408 13 file

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2119 5 Rift 3m in small outcrop

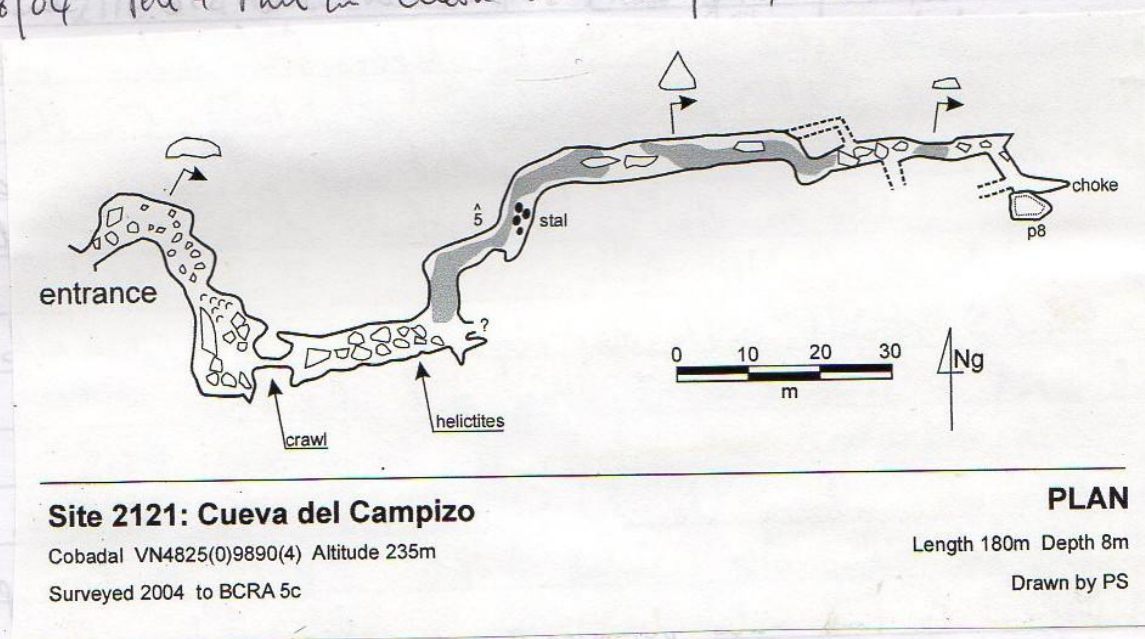
2120 6 Shaft/Rift in wooded depression
30' at 60° from GPS

2048? 7 Small shaft/Cave possible passages no draught

18-8

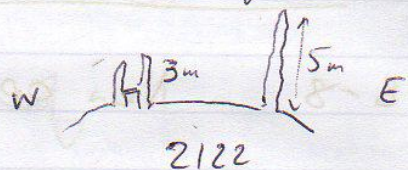
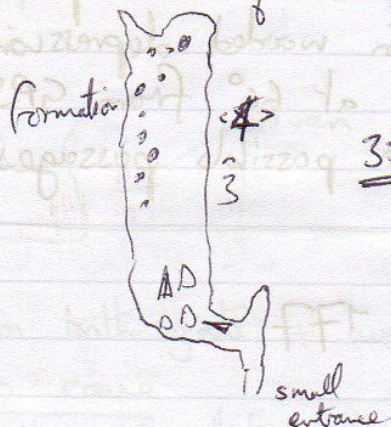
New GPS for 177

20/8/04 Pete + Phil in Cueva del Campizo, Cobadal



22/8/04

Squirrel guided Juan + Penny up the hill to 356 area up to the west of Cobernyo. Visited 2122 first a set of 3 small pleats tubes at the top of the grassy slope in vegetated small cirque.



Then around the corner to the west to site 356. Small entrance onto a slope down to the left which enters walking size, well decorated passage about 25m long. On the left at the end is a clay choked rift that may dig. This has a hole over the top but stones don't go any distance and there is no draught.

Climbing straight up the steep slope to a single tree reveals site 2123 a small tube, 3m long and choked.

23/8/04 After a compulsory Blanco, Squirrel, Pete + Juan drove to Cueva del Campiro @ Cobadal. Pete went down the 8m pitch at the end to find water draining away and a ledge with a choked passage.

Video out. + photoed some helictites missed by the last team. On the way to the cave, Pete pointed out a fenced shaft (2124) which had been dug by him + Andy P. Nearby to the SW is another fenced hole. (2116)

24/8/04 Penny, Ivan + Jenny on Gnaso. Just before the summit came across a 2m deep hole with a rift at the back that needs investigation (site 2125).

Also noticed an "unknown" cave entrance on S Vega about 300m east of Abono 33.

25/8/04 Ivan, Penny, Jenny + Squirrel walk up from the vineyard to just before the Secroco area to find what we saw yesterday.

2116 The cave seen from Gnaso yesterday. About 8m wide 2m high and goes in about 5m to blocked off gravel @ the back. It may be worthwhile spending some time digging in a number of points. No daylight - but a dull day. A big sediment-filled tube.

2126 Possibly 4m deep shaft. Not descended.

2127 At base of small scar, squeeze down into small chamber with immediate pitch up to 50m? deep. Not descended.

2129 Open, roomy rift about 12m deep - not descended.

2129 2m deep, possibly holes in floor. Needs descending.

2130 Resurgence with a couple of tiny holes in scar behind vegetation.

2131 A sandstone block covers a 4m shaft near a number of stone piles

2132 Hole at side of track that should be dug out.

Subj: **Re: Matienzo**
Date: 22/09/2004 12:34:12 GMT Standard Time
From: smith_peter2004@yahoo.es
To: Uzueka@aol.com

Hi,

While since I've been in touch. Anyway, see you soon I expect.

Did Ian send you the survey details, photos and GPS location of our (very minor) exploration? 2133

I also went pirating the last Derbyshire dig. The hole down below the entrance went up again into a continuation of the chamber, about another 8 metres long. I also started digging upwards to the stal chamber at the top of the slope. It isn't too difficult and I think it'd be worth doing. You can't see if it continues or not for sure.

2108

Anyway, that's about all I've done worth mentioning.

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