

LOGBOOK

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Season: Easter

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Juan Corrin, January 2015

31/3/07 Return to Riano (0105)

EASTER
2007

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Footley, Paul Dold, Chris Agnew, Dave Garman, Barney Cott

Arrived late last night and after hearing about the lads previous 2 days digging tales, easily persuaded them that a day underground was in order. We had a few loose ends to tie up in the Torno Inlet extensions after our December trip. Dave & Chris set to digging at the end of the roof passage above the crabwalk while the rest of us continued on to School Boy Error aven where we had made our break-through last year. Up the aven we took the passage heading back towards where Dave & Chris were digging and looked up the unpushed passage heading South where the known passage breaks out into larger phreatic passage. This was a flat-out crawl on cracked mud about 3m wide and got progressively lower until it was so flat out it was hard work. Then it unexpectedly got higher again and became a more circular ~ 1m diameter crawl with a fine cluster of straws which required flat-out belly crawling to pass. Beyond this a steep slope up alongside stone emerged in a tall rift. The rift led to an awkward traverse when the floor dropped away and beyond here a more open area with an active inlet on the right. Just beyond there was another opening on the left and a second stream flowed into this from the rift beyond. There was a possible side passage up a chimney here, but we went straight on in the rift to a 4m waterfall. The rift narrowed to about 6 inches wide above.

Having reached an end we started to survey out. Dave & Chris appeared, reporting that their dig had connected into our December extensions with no side passages. So that was one loose end concluded. Dave described the connection as like a tight squeeze through broken glass due to the digging out, a caliche floor with a chisel. We sent Dave up the possible side passage to see if there was a continuation worth exploring on a later trip and

continued the survey out. Our compass was pretty crap and proved hard work to read. After the awkward traverse there was no sign of Dave returning. We were beginning to worry as he had been gone a good hour. Then he reappeared but took a while to get back to us from down the bottom of the rift below the traverse. It turned out that Dave & Chris had entered the rift from the bottom via a tortuous crawl which we had not finished pushing last December, so that concluded another loose end. When Dave rejoined us in the roof of the rift he recounted tales of ascending walking size passage he had to run along to check out and get back in an hour! Clearly something to return to.

The survey on through the crabs was made difficult as the floor had turned liquid. Barney sank up to his knees while I had to lie flat out on the surface to keep my hands and the notepad clean. Eventually the compass became completely unreadable and we left the survey unfinished to return to another day. Also lost the photography kit underground to ensure we returned! No point dragging it out and back in through all the water in the sporting streamways.

Footleg

EPC - 1/4/07.

Near Portia / Maria's House



MUSTACO VALLEY. LEFT TO RIGHT Down VALLEY

- 2631 ① Made to chamber small drop (nogan) to calcited choke.
2632 ② Rift 25-30 foot pitch. dig in bottom
2633 ③ Rift Horizontal first then 10 ft drop to calcited dig.
2634 ④ Hole (10 foot deep) choked.
2635 ⑤ Hole with boulder wall 10 ft deep with dig
2636 ⑥ Rift dig but filled in.

New Liam's Glen from Footly.

2/4 (72) 30T 0450448 4796449. 9276
Phil, Pete S + Steve M re-explore. Photos of skeletons (animal)

03/04/07 H. Lang Riamio area.

- 1). Shaft, with sandstone slabs forming roof, next to wire fence round eucalyptus stand at a corner. Looks + sounds to be at least 6 metres deep. PRIZE COCK POT (2637) ~~X~~
GPS 0452275.4800514 Alt. 283 metres. 2595 ✓
- 2). Shaft covered with slabs near small rock outcrop - possibly 12 metres deep. Blowing out well.
GPS 0452147.4800844 Alt. 230 metres. (2638) ✓
- 3). Cave entrance on shelf 2 metres above track, on beyond site No. 581. Passage at least 3 metres to ?? Will need a bit of digging at start. Slight draught.
GPS 0452021.4800398 Alt. 189 metres. (2639) ✓

~~No G.P.~~ Violent Violet

2640

- 4). At ground level on up-hill side (East) of track between 3) above and site No 581. Needs digging but has a good echo + slight draught. No GPS as reading fluctuating badly.

3/4/01 Juan, Andy P, Tony Brackbank - one of the teams in Torno at the Kings Dig trying to get a connection to the skull. Awkward digging which was made worse by possible bad air. No sign or sound of any group at the skull. Came out at about 4pm to join Les, Pete S and Ian on the surface, molephoning the Skull Chamber

Les, Pete S and Ian - molephone + Radio location of triggers + skull. High confidence of locations but still need formula to decide on depth.

Attempted to dig into Area @ Skull but after several abortive attempts we gave up - did have audible contact + voice. also walkie talkies would through to skull. Cookie discovered VOX.

Ali, Cookie, Andy M. Trip to skull with molephone.

Radios located skull and best guess for new entrance. Lots of rock tapping and sifting, but no immediate breakthrough.

3/4/07 Phil P, Mad Phil, FMs

Volcano

Late store with batt drill, Snappers + caps + 2 ladders. at Dig moved a few blocks + 15' pitch was seen to be only a 9' climb! Mad Phil dug through at bottom to top of 5m wide rift - needing a ladder. Opened up hole so normal people (i.e. Phil P) could get through using 2 Snappers + caps. 20' ladder climb down into chamber at base of

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rift - about 15m x 5m floor of big blocks. Hole down dug by Mod Phil who could see into Space (chamber) below floor - needs snapping to move blocks & some props to hold up sides.

The 9' climb & the 20' pit go through about 4 beds of Sand stone, one about 1.2m thick. Limestone on one ~~side~~ has a lot of cross bedding & fragments of sandstone & is very sandy.

2539 Move position 30T 0452978 4800993 ↑220. (A) ✓

2386 Move to 30T 0456727 4800678 ↑55.

0117 Move 117 Bayman. to 0455814 4799512 50 ✓
Move 1270 to 0455802 4799525 46 ✓

4/07 Rivers area - Paul Dold, Fortley etc

2641 ≡ SN1

2642 ≡ SN2 → 2643-2647 SN3 - SN7

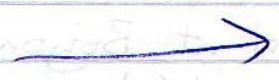
SN01 30T 452504 4800124 243m

(2641) ✓

In field above/North of site 0102

Small vertical hole which Dave was inserted into head first (see video clip) with second hole along horizontal level just below surface. First hole about 2.5m deep with no visible way on. Second hole drops down a similar amount, about 0.5m in diameter with 7cm diameter stalagmite in bottom. Again no obvious way on.

Explored by Paul Dold and Dave Garman.



2642 SN02 30T 452515 4800141 246m ✓
 2643 SN03 30T 452519 4800143 242m ✓
 2644 SN04 30T 452520 4800143 243m ✓
 2645 SN05 30T 452525 4800143 246m ✓
 2646 SN06 30T 452528 4800143 243m ✓
 2647 SN07 30T 452533 4800146 247m ✓

In field and trees above/North of site 0102

Series of horizontal beddings along bottom of low scar numbered from left to right. Sites 2 and 6 look most promising. Site 2 pushed about 10m to obstruction. Site 6 would require digging as too low, but colder air felt compared to other sites here.

Found/pushed by Paul Dold and Dave Garman.

3/4/07?

Above Riano Road to Torno extensions

2648 SN08 30T 452264 4800865 289m
 Depression in woods. Rocks and soft plant matter in bottom. No actual hole but potential easy digging. ✓

2649 SN09 30T 452220 4800904 276m
 Mareserection Hole
 Small draughting hole under boulder in young plantation, dug open by Dave and Paul to enter a vertical hole 3m down, and rift passage beyond leading to a chamber after some distance. Needs to be surveyed. ✓

2650 SN10 30T 452255 4800905 288m
 DEAD GOAT HOLE
 Dead goat in bag under large rock undercut in hole. ✓

2651 SN11 30T 452183 4800984 240m
 STREAM SINK
 Point in the valley bottom where the stream mostly disappears. No visible holes. ✓

Found by Paul Dold, Dave Garman, Footleg, Badger & Gary Cullen.

04/04/07 Lank, Paul Gelling + H. Long - Secadura area (roughly)

- 1). Cave in low level limestone hump between gravel road and main road. 5 metres stooping passage to L angle bend to the left and further 5 metres to a flat-out crawl with echo from ahead.

GPS 0457436.4800294 Alt. 30m.

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~~2388~~

2653

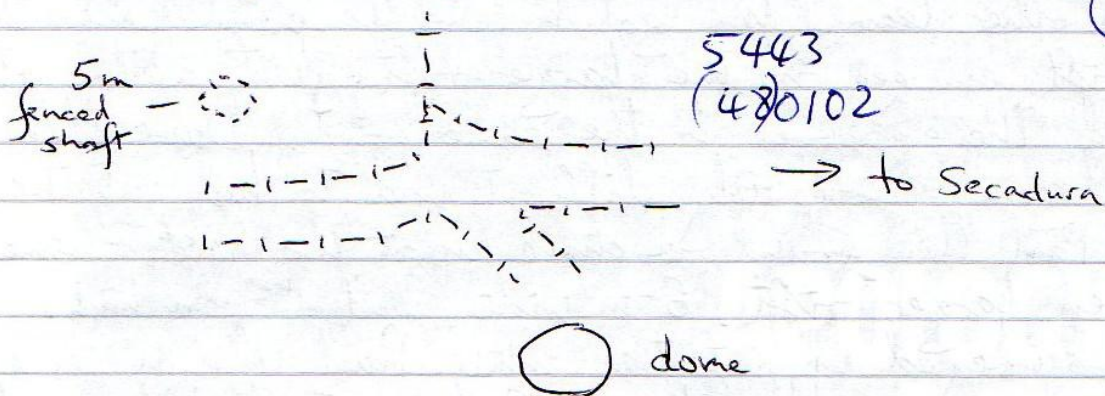
- 2). Slot down into a space (??) 10 metres from east edge of pool at Boyonnes. One way looked to drop to water (down to the left), other way at higher level continued open out of sight. No GPS position, but GPS at east edge of pool is 0455823.4799507 with an 8 metre accuracy.

5583 4952

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- 3) In field across road from the radio dome on road to Secadura,
5 metre deep fenced shaft.

2652



2/4/07 Riano Exenters Go Large

Footley, Paul Dold, Dave Gorman, Chris Agner, John & Simon from Earby.

After Dave's account of 'running around for an hour' in the passage beyond our last surveyed point from 2 days ago we needed a second team to survey. So we recruited John & Simon from the Earby Pot-hole Club in the bar to expand our surveying capacity. Good job because Barney was not fit to cave today. So the 6 of us headed in with 2 survey kits.

Project A was to complete the survey legs which connected the new passage to the known survey after our compass became unreadable in the squalor of the last trip. Dave & Chris had only been taught to survey yesterday, so were excused this task. The Earby lads were perfectly at home in the squalor and seemed happy to help me complete this task. Meanwhile team B set off to the start of the new passage. We completed the flat out in liquid mud section of survey and caught up with the others, who were starting the survey up the rift climbs which Dave had pushed 2 days ago. This was razor sharp and pretty torturous, so we left them to survey it and climbed up to where it broke out into a larger rift. We set off in the larger direction and reached a point

where we could hear a good size stream down a rift in the floor. So we started to survey back from there to meet up with the other team. We got back to the point where the razor rift emerged in the larger rift just as the others completed their survey to the same point. Dave then said we had gone a completely different way to him at the larger rift. Paul then found a climb up in the rift to emerge in an even larger rift, 6+m wide and 15+m high.

We surveyed up into this while Paul, Dave & Chris explored beyond to survey back to us. But the Farby lads smelt more cave and headed off beyond where the big stuff was found along a nicely decorated passage in the opposite direction.

Surveying along this we eventually found a cañon, which it turned out was left by Dave 2 days ago at the furthest point he reached. So he had emerged into this big passage from a smaller rift and turned back just before it got really big. Beyond this passage ended after a fine canyon section at a roof fall. The huge rift the other way ended at a big hole which a stream could be heard below. More loose ends than conclusions remain for further investigation.

Footleg

WE HUMANS have been guilty of discrimination – and towards an extinct species too. It is time to welcome Neanderthals, our sister species, back into the family.

Key to this shift in attitude is the sequencing of a million base pairs of the Neanderthal genome. A few years ago it was unthinkable that ancient DNA could be extracted from a cell nucleus and sequenced, but thanks to two exceptionally preserved fossils and an advanced sequencing method, the genome of

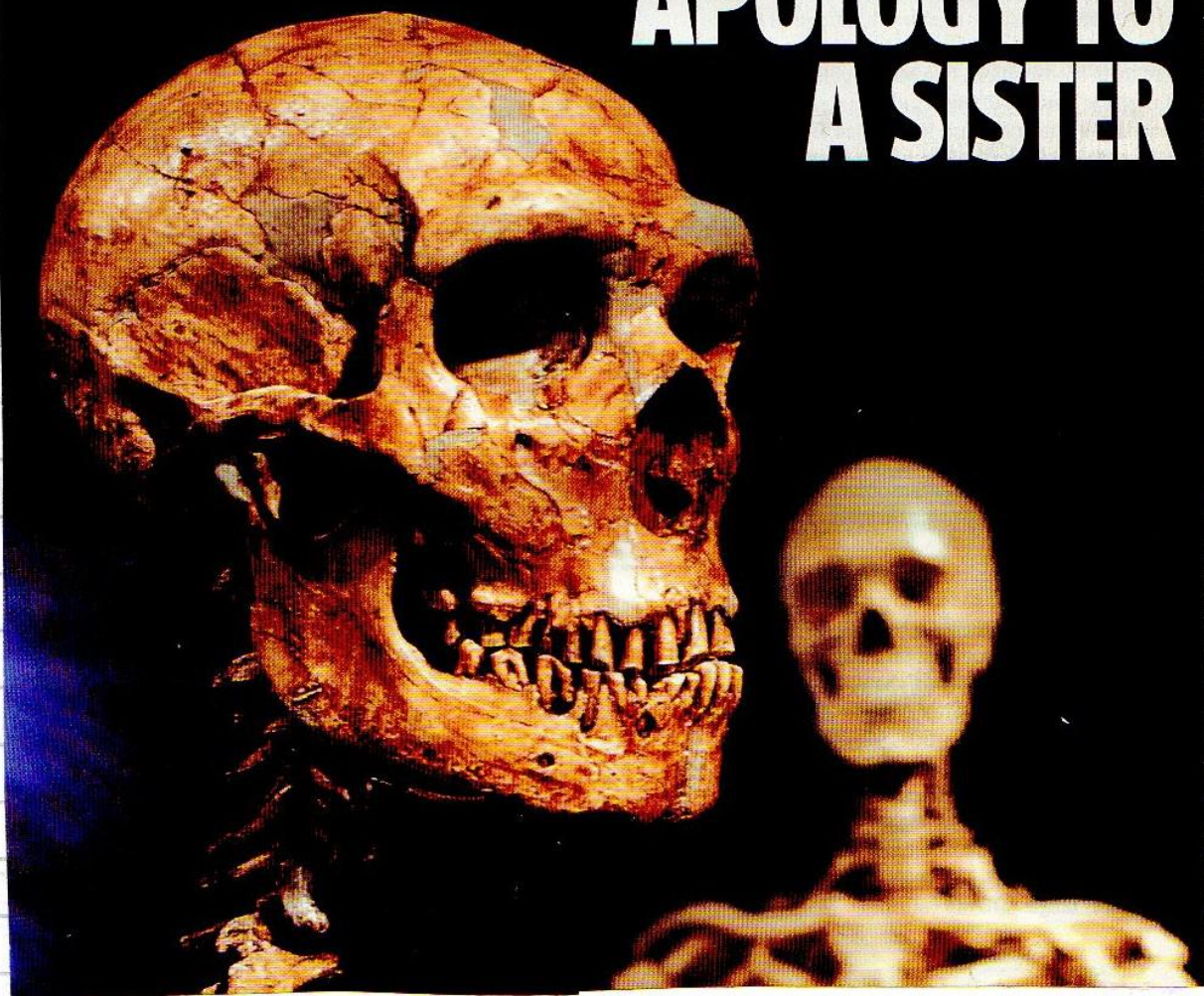
Homo neanderthalis is being revealed.

We now know that our common ancestor lived in a population of just 3000 individuals, and the split between us and Neanderthals began about 600,000 years ago. Compare that to the six million years since humans diverged from chimps. We are far more closely related to Neanderthals, yet we begrudge them the abilities – such as tool use, sophisticated hunting methods and culture – that we celebrate in chimps. Neanderthals at times even buried

their dead – something unheard of in other non-human apes.

Artefacts discovered in Gibraltar showed that Neanderthals survived until about 28,000 years ago, meaning we lived side by side for millennia. Neanderthals probably became extinct because they were unable to adapt to a changing environment. Another study showed that some had endured starvation conditions and had probably cannibalised their dead. That's no excuse for speciesism, though. ROWAN HOOPER

APOLOGY TO A SISTER



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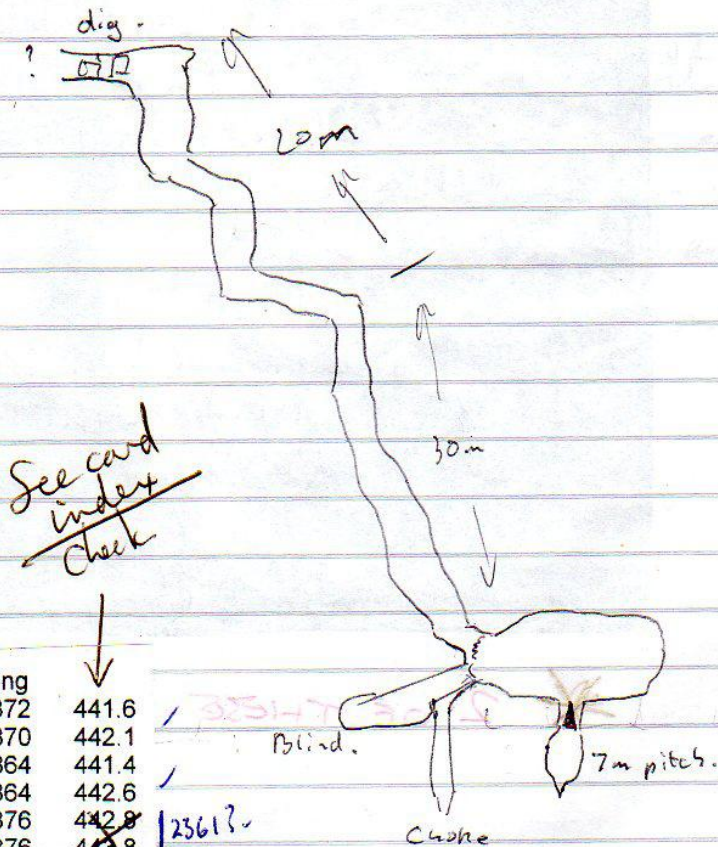
5/4/07. Riano Area - Tidying up various H. Long finds

Harry Long, Lank Mills, Paul Gelling.

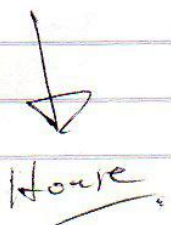
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1st hole 50 metres straight up from the last white house on the left as you descend the smaller Riano road. 7m ladder to a 2m slope into a chamber - usually animal bones, paint tins and detritus. Muddy rift off one end goes for 50m's or so to a digable collapse on a corner, possible lower route at the bottom of the rift. No obvious draft but a poor day for that sort of thing.

Bloody Old Gits Hole
i.e. Boghole!!



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2654	001	30T	452352	4794872	441.6
"	002	30T	452352	4794870	442.1
2655	003	30T	452339	4794864	441.4
"	004	30T	452339	4794864	442.6
2656	005	30T	452272	4794876	442.8
"	006	30T	452272	4794876	443.8
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470?2656	013	30T	452321	4794712	471.2
2660	014	30T	451915	4794353	521.4
"	015	30T	451913	4794352	521.4



4.4.07 Cobad. ANell Torken Bjarn 553/1930 ✓

Found continuation of Birlikung Passage - squeeze up through boulders into wide passage leading to slope down to streamway, previously explored. Beyond top of slope squeeze up in chole led to continuing passage with numerous ~~choles~~ junctions, only one route explored. Entered chossy chambers with footprints + lots of holes in floor. Ended at top of drop into stream. 144 m surveyed.

5/4/07 Area between TV Mast & Codisara

- 685 001/002. $1 \times \frac{1}{2}$ m ^{shaft} ~~hole~~, covered by blocks, c 5 m unexplored. Photo PE 172 2654
- " 003/004 0.8 m dia shaft, rock jammed in top. ? c 5 m deep unexplored 2655
- " 005/006 3×1 m rift into possible passage (unexplored) 2361? (2656)
- " 007/008 10 cm dia. draughting hole in grassy depression 2657
- " 009/010 0.5 m dia. hole, covered by blocks, ? 3 m deep to ^{possible} chole (unexplored) 2658
- " 011/012 0.4 m dia. hole ditto. ? approx 2 m deep 2659
- " 013/014 shaft c 3×2 m ? 10 m deep unexplored, in clint. may be 470.-2656
- " 015 2 m long cholead rift. [Some of these will be repeated with Torken's] 2660 ✓

5/4/07 Juan + Penny Lasbrillas track

- 2661 Pt 1 Narrow shale hole with 2 m deep, too narrow rift @ S side and 2 m v/d drop at N. To east is an v/x shale hole
- 2662 3 4 m deep rift in shale hole that should dig out to descend
- 2663 4 Main feature is 6 m deep shale hole with trees and an v/d 5 m drop to pans etc in a rift. Other small shale holes appear to like. A smaller shale hole to the NE needs investigating.
- 2664 5 Dig near shale hole with trees. Passage can be seen beyond block that needs removing. 5 m to the east is a ~~small hole~~ into a small hole which continues towards the dig.
- 2665 6 Large blocks need removing from p of about 7 m. Probably narrow
- 2666 8 Small hole opens up inside on a 3 m pitch. Appears to continue down a rift @ back.
- 2667 9 Open 2 m diam. shaft just up from track. About 6 m deep, v/d.

① 0449635 4796494 1347

③ 0449637 4796456 1344

④ 0449614 4796410 1360

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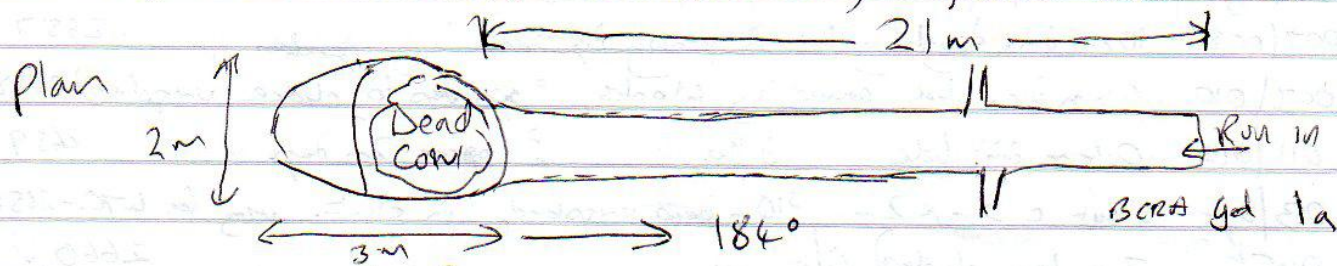
Los W, Anym, cookie + Ian Chandler
La Gatuna. (NORTH)

5/4/07

Bumble around some depressions in north La Gatuna.
Checked some sites + discovered some more.

Sites :-

Goat 2486 — 3m deep to dead cow with
passage @ ground level opposite — passage
extends for 21m on bearing 184° as g
hands + knees crawl to start ending as 1½ m
high at run in. Occasionally you can see to



lower level (cow level). *Via dead cow still to be explored.*

Dig 1 (2668) Small hole in w. of depression
grid on gps file. + (photo's) X

Dig 2 (2669) Sink hole with water worn rock, sides
closed with mud, trees, etc,
grid on gps file + photo's

Dig 3 0449261, 4800281. photos on
2670

Descending Rft, too bright to follow
but continues. Takes water?

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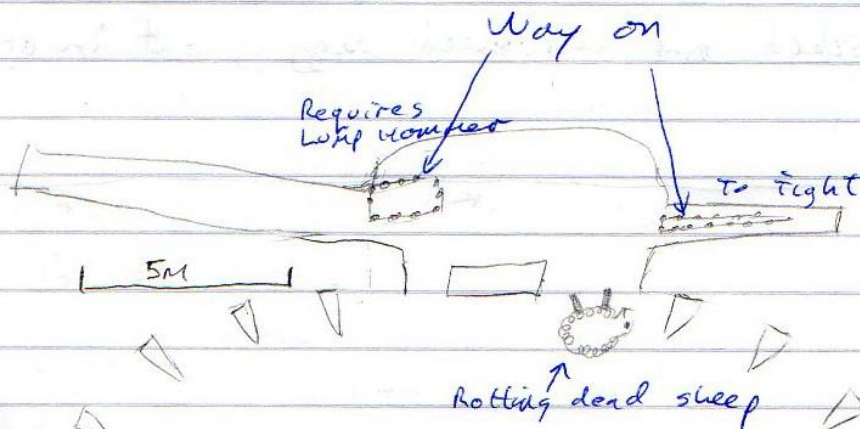
Dig 4 — Hose pipe cave. — small passage in bottom of sink hole. ~~too~~ continues but too tight. blocked by stones + mud.

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SHEEP — This is the former Chancel Hole plenty of Sheep Carcasses so take a nose peg + make sure you're up to date on your Jabs!!

Large depression with Hore at the foot of the W. side leads to small chamber over bodies of dead Sheep — passage to right leads to possible descent also left passage with possible descent to lower chamber — needs Gump Hammer. (GPS data over)

Explored by Cochie, no one else seemed to want to follow.



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2673

Hole 1. Shaft in field with post
fencing. 3 m deep + covered with shels
No way on - dig?

photos + grid (GPS file).

5/4/07 Riano area. Hank, Paul G + H. Long.

Looked at site 4) from 03/04 [2640] and after
some digging got into start of passage, but impossible
to proceed because of large lump of stal. Beyond was
passable size, with a stal. floor which may be the reason
for the big echo. This site is 50 metres along track
beyond Site 581.

Went on to the cave 2 metres up on shelf. Choked
3 metres in - no draught. Site 2639.

After this drove across to Fresno and found a good
sized stream flowing into 994 which had obviously
been completely full of water not long before. The
way thro into the chamber seen last summer was
partially blocked and will need digging out in drier
weather.

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2673	W	HOLE01	30T	4495604800334	Flag		E	94.2		
2672	W	SHEEP	30T	4492724800404	Flag		E	66.5		

6/04/07 Riano - Lank, Paul + Harry - Violent Violet Cave
 Returned to 2640 with small generator + drill to deal with the stal. obstruction. This took quite a well but, finally, we removed enough to get in despite Lank trying to remove his right eye when the drill went from just hammer, to rotate + hammer. Not far in the passage got to walking size down a slope of gours and went for a length of 15 metres to a stal. slope up to the roof - end of our hopes.

6/04/07 LOS TRILLOS (SUZI, BIL STEVE, JUNE, PETE SMITH, AMOY QUIN)
 TRIP TO LOOK AT SHAFTS FOUND IN FEBRUARY.

2623 - 8m LADDER CLIMB FOLLOWED BY SECOND 8m DROP TO T-JUNCTION. CHOKED BOTH WAYS SECOND WAY ON.

NEW SITE IMMEDIATELY NORTH OF SITE 2624.
 2674 4m LONG CAVE AT BOTTOM OF LARGE OPEN BLT. CLOSERS DOWN AND STONES THROWN THROUGH HOLE DON'T GO ANYWHERE.

2624 - 6.2m SHAFT CHOKED WITH Boulders & Bones. STONES DROP FORMER METALOR SO THROUGH JUNGLE SMALL HOLE.

2626. 7.1m DEEP SHAFT OF UNBIM PROPORTIONS BOB WOOLMERED BY STONES.

2627 6.3m SHAFT NOW DESCENDED BUT BOB WOOLMERED. ~~W~~ 'POSSIBLE ROUTE' NOT!

NEW SITE 100M NORTH ~~W~~ EAST of 2626. 8.5m

2675

LARGE CHOKED SHAFT.

NEW SITE 10M PITCH TO ~~SLOPE~~ IN LARGE OPEN

2676

SHAFT TO SLOPE IN TWO DIRECTIONS BOTH OF WHICH CLOSE DOWN IMMEDIATELY.

ALT. 727m.

COORDS - N $43^{\circ}17'43.89''$

W $3^{\circ}38'36.47''$

(0447801
4793921)

but see later
Grid ref.

TWO OTHER SITES WERE NOTED CLOSE

2677

TO MARKED PATH FROM SITE ABOVE
DOWN BACK TOWARDS ALISAS, FAIRLY CLOSE

2678

TO SITE 2623. BOTH SITES HAD GOOD
OUTWARD DRAUGHTS.

1/4/07

Survey Lessons

0581, 2596

Footleg, Dave Garman, Chris Agnew.

Chris & Dave wanted to learn to survey, so took them to tick off the sites above Riano which needed surveying. Started at site 0581 which was an ideal first survey site. Saw a bat, which woke up and flew around while we were surveying. Paul had told us his daughter had recently said that when bats disappear in the winter they go to Flappies World, so we called the cave this as it has no name.

Took some photos inside. Straight on in the entrance a wide bedding crosses 2 pits and ends. Bottom of both pits have narrow rifts heading back towards entrance area. No obvious way on into the hill here. Just inside entrance a slope down to

the left leads to a passage 1m high by 1.5m wide which is completely filled to roof with wall of mud.

Moved on to site 2596 which we found in December. Impressive canyon passage 4+m high and 2m wide but quickly ends at narrow vertical slot after a bend. Slot filled with boulders 2m down. Entrance has become a bit of a death trap with steep slippery muddy slope leading to 4m drop. Free-climbable but hairy! Looks like a major digging project.

3/4/07 Surface Search for Entrances above Riano-Tomo Footleg Inlet Extensions

A pleasant afternoon bashing through the undergrowth revealed 3 new sites. One of these was dug by Dave Garman & Paul Dold to enter a significant length of passage. Named Maresurrection Cave. (See printout posted into logbook a couple of pages back) (2649)

6/4/07. Cobad. Ali P. Eugen Carolina Torben Bjorn. (553/1930)
Back to ~~entry~~ ^{entry} passage extension - all bords closed or leaved back to known passage. Shift at ed continues very tight (over track above stream). Found climb down to stream & went downstream, found climb into crawling passage which connected back to stream in both directions.

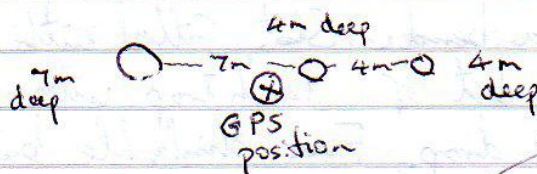
6/4/07 Cobad / Atiras Shift P4060046 307 (2679)
10m closed, tight shift 0447604 4797590 ↑317m
323m

Stream sink, still going flat out in water P4060050
0446767 4799903 ↑206m (2680)

07/04 Paul G. + H. Long - Mushroom Field area

- 1) GPS'd what is, presumably, 261 - shafts (3) which are shown in the wrong position

GPS (8m accuracy) 0452825.4798041 Alt. 183m



2709

- 2) GPS'd a 5m shaft at 0452973.4798351 Alt. 208m which is in a largish depression to north west of channel through wood. It may be site 1553?

07/04 Peter Eagan, Ali, Paul G + H.L. to Solorzano to meet Juanito who was going to show us a cave (outside expo. area!).

Finally got to it and found a steeply sloping entrance down into 'Cueva Roca'. Poked around + P.E. found a crawl thro' to a ramp which needed a line, and there was enough to 'justify' a proper survey. They got in with it and I got lead to another area where after some digging the top of a 9m drop was uncovered at one end with a 2m drop onto a steep slope at other end. Unfortunately, a big boulder dropped neatly into the top of the hole preventing entry. No draught + not over promising.

Phil P. Jon, Penny, Lesly, Andy Moore, Badger

8/4/07 Molybdenum started above Windy Inlet (depression near site 253) @ 3.40 pm ~~was~~ was interrupted by phone call from Footleg to say that they hadn't progressed beyond the wet crawl at Pigs Trollers.

Phil dug in site at western side of depression. Draughting phreatic rift now needs tray and a days digging. 2681

8th April 2007   Pete Smith, Big Steve + Andy Quinn

BACK TO SITES AT AZISTAS (LOS TRIUNOS)

GPS for SITE 2676

N 479 4042

E 044 7870

Alt: 695m.

SITE 2677

GPS

N 479 4030

E 044 7842

Alt: 705m.

SMALL BOY OVER RECORDED ~~THE~~ FIELD DESCRIPTION !!??

4m CLIMB DOWN. Follow into RIFT followed by LOW PITCH INTO LARGER CONTINUATION OF THE RIFT 20m LONG 8m WIDE. Slope from bottom of LADDER TO CALC. TROUGH & IMPOSSIBLE RIFT ASSURES.

SITE 2678

GPS

N 479 4058

E 044 7756

Alt 711m.

^{OUT} DRAUGHTING PIC BODY LENGTH IN TO ~~THE~~ LARGE BLOCK STOPPING PROGRESS. SMALL CHANNEL CAN BE SEEN DIST. FRONT.

REVISIT TO SITE 1678

GPS

N 479 4204

E 044 7589

Alt. 673m.

NOW ~~8~~ 1 1/2m DEEP CHOKED SHAFT.

SITE

1013

~~1013~~

SMALL CAVE BEHIND HORSE TROUGH.
NO DRAUGHT TODAY. SMALL AMOUNT of
WATER EXITS FROM MODIFIED ENTRANCE VERY
LOW (AS IN) CONTINUATION WITH WATER COMING OUT.

NEW SITE

N 4793701

E 0446871

(2683)

3M SHARP TO RUBBER LUGGED FROM
SMALL RIFT TO WEST BUT NO DRAUGHT.

(2684)

OTHER ENTRANCE IN VIEW
NORTH TO (1013)

See previous entries Term.

3/4/07 Peter, Paul, Ali + others

Shall location was molephoned; - meanwhile
Peter + Paul entered Ali's back passage
and pushed to previous limit. Surveyed back
to junction and pushed on to narrow rift
part filled with Galle floor.

Paul bridged a way through back to
rope traverse near entrance.

This was surveyed, then left cave with
others who had been digging in Terno
chamber.

Trip to collect Skull

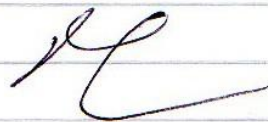
4/4/07 Peter, Paul, Pedro, Clo Chi.

Returned to skull via new route
 Found (3/4/07) Capped out Audi back
 passage to make it easier. Reached
 Skull quickly, Clo Chi made sketches
 and examined area, took pictures then
 lifted head which was in very good
 condition.

Head was encased in expanded foam
 and capped in paper before removal.

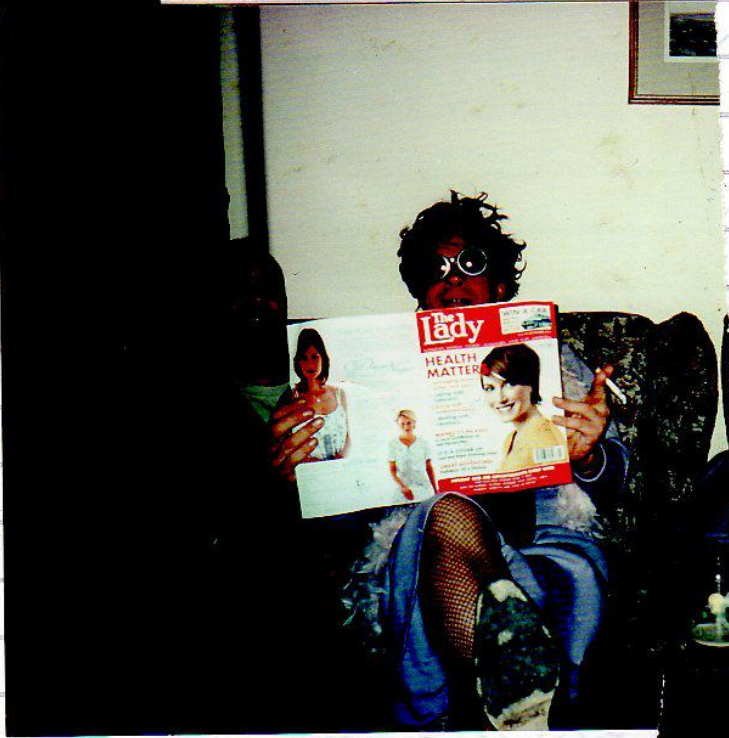
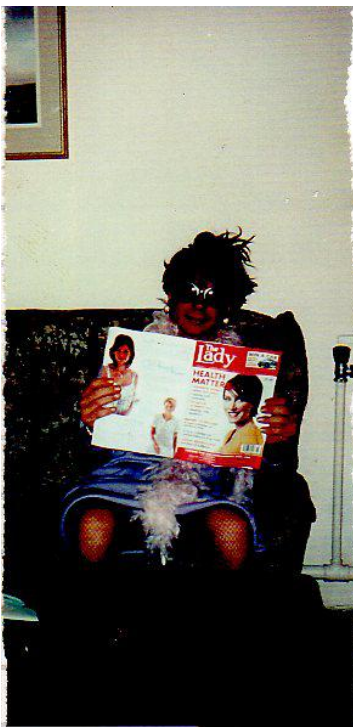
Trip out was good, visited Lagerst
 areas with Clo Chi before exiting via
 Audi back passage.

Clo Chi very pleased with Skull
 (see pictures with Juan).



CARTION COMPETITION I

Can I stroke the white pussy?



CAPTION COMPEITION II

23



"After the 6th
SMEG, Pringle
developed tunnel
vision"

"Shit my Ass
is stuck!"

Hah Hah Hah
it's larks
prick!

Tablones - Sunday 8 April. (242)
Ian Chaveller

Started to clean & garden the top of vertical dig - trying to reduce risk of collapse - ha ha! A bloody great boulder fell over the shaft top - effectively blocking it; but enough room to get down. There are 2/3 large boulders which need "dispersal" to give some security to the top of the shaft. Then it will need strutting/shoring. Ladder left in.

08/04 H. Long Rianio area

Went for a stumble around whilst the Molephoning wasn't happening!

- 1). Active small sink into a bedding with a sandstone roof. Water sounds to be dropping to a lower level somewhere just inside.

GPS. 0452887.4799949 Alt. 269 metres.

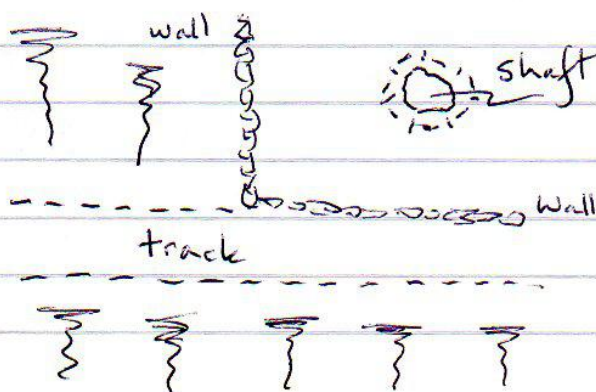
(2685)

(just on uphill side of a broken down wall)

- 2). Fenced shaft about 10m deep x 4m diameter with echo and steady dripping noise.

GPS. 0453012.4800111 Alt. 324 metres.

(2686)



6th April ELDON

IN TO H.D.C. Chamber in papa NOEE
Went to the Bottom NO WAY ON!

7th April ELDON

??

Went along the LUEVA VALLEY found a
few new sites Explored a shaft found
some cave. (site 2693)

8th ELDON

walked the hill above?

8th April Badger, Gary Cullen, Les W, Penny, Juan, Phil P.

Whilst Molephoning started above windy under
site 253. Started some surface GPSing. Data
entered on computer, Way point 2 (2681) started digging
by Phil P, from 253 into depression, 2 metres up other side
Rifty Passage. Waypoint 3. Fork & Spoon Cave, into meadow
down to barn entrance built blockhouse, drafting wall.
Waypoint 4. go left from barn over wall built between
two banks, straight over wall on left drafting hole. ^{Prob. 1793}
Waypoint 5 back towards 253 into meadow ^{Cave}
obvious limestone outcrop, where kick out flat out Prob 1793
entrance. Waypoint 6 other side of Kink below tree
under rocks drafting drop. (1793)

Badger.

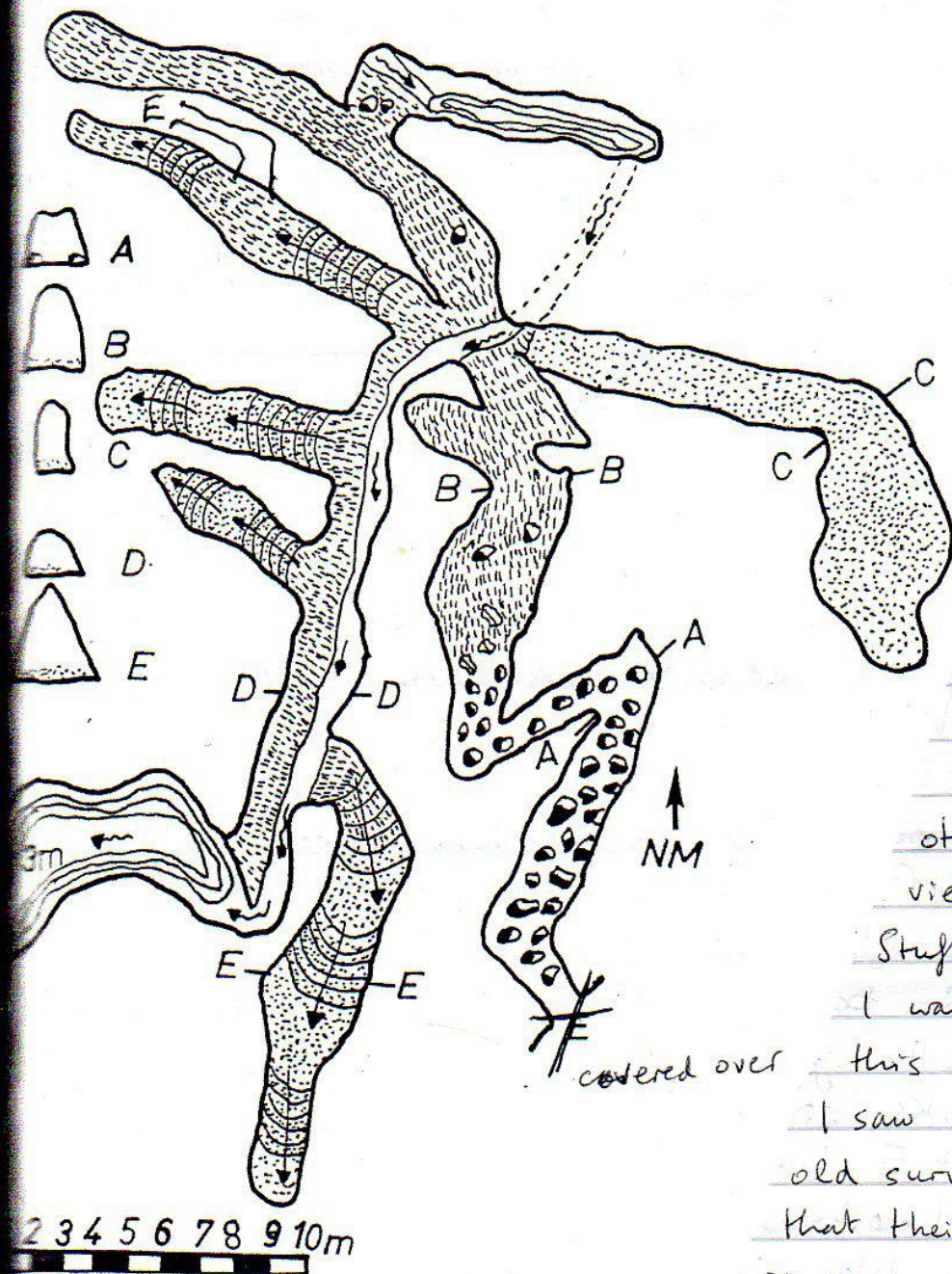
(Footleg also GPSed Ukueka. Data left on computer for these points).

See over
for GPS list

Saturday 7th

Solórzano

CUEVA DEL EMBALSE



While the others were viewing the Stuffed Monk etc.

I was shown this cave. What I saw matches this old survey except that their entrance is now covered over and I got in from the opposite side of

the stream passage. If anyone fancies having a look at the sumps, the cave is reached from the road from Solórzano to Secadura, turn left onto the track near the "Solórzano" sign. The entrance is in shaleholes to the left of the house at the end of the track

09/04/07.

Above Urueka. Above Windy Aren.
Andy Morse, Les Williams, Phil Papand. Lem & Chandler.
Mole phone connection with underground
group. They had climbed/felt up the
Windy Aren. Made contact - and located
their position via Molephone. Also made
infrequent contact with them via radio.
Audible contact when they were placing
balls.

Location in large depression - filled with boulders etc. Snapper not heard underground. Keel smoke test and one small hole under bed rock buttress on West wall of depression took in smoke - identified by underground party. Started chipping around in-ward draughting hole below buttress. Requires large spades and more labour. Estimated position of top of oven below to surface above $\pm 3m$. No doubt that a new entrance can be made with persuasion of hard graft and pops.

BADGER

8/4/07

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New sites and some existing sites GPSed by Badger (Tony Radmall) with Lank on the day we tried to get a molephone fix for the Windy Inlet avens but failed due to high water levels in Ukuoka. Also includes GPS fix for Ukuoka entrance zapped by Footleg.

9/4/07
7/4/07

W SN12 30T 4547904798439 Waypoint I E 77.6
W LLUEVA 30T 4546574798397 Waypoint I E

83.6 TOP OF SCAR

DAY 1 with Caroline +
Badger
DAY 2 with Gary +
Badger

EL Braggo (Llueva 0114)

Had a trip in a couple of days ago to see the sights.
Found a new site on walk in, a 6m x 4m cave below road. (GPS & photo on computer). Easy approach from where barrier ends on bend below the hairpin bend at meadow above entrance. Someone appears to have cut a path down here.

First task was to try to find "obvious passage opposite lallo" but this does not appear to exist. Solid rock wall all around chamber at level of top of lallo, shown using my "LED Braggo" a 48 LED 12V spotlight.

Next we surveyed the chamber up slope from the bottom of the lallo. 139m of survey. The only lead found is a passage above the slope up into this chamber. This is mentioned on website, but is smaller than described. 2m high by 1m wide is my estimate.

Next on to left hand bypass where we surveyed up the sandstone floored inlet heading off at the most southerly point in the passage. Inlet ends at a sump which could easily be siphoned or perched and not active. Climbed having rifts but all choked with sand (possibly diggable), located near sump in inlet.

Finally swam across lake to explore passage heading NE on 1977 survey. Found some really impressive Stals here, with 4m tall columns only as thick as my arm. Appears to have been all surveyed, but worth pushing as climbs up are obscure and more passage must be here. An inlet here needs to be scaled too.

Found it possible to bypass the exposed 4m traverse into passage which links back to main passage in roof, via a Footleg size squeeze up 2m not-exposed climb up to left of passage. Went to 30m pitch which looked interesting and not above main entrance.

chamber as shown on 1977 survey. Appeared to be right North of fault chamber with active inlet on opposite wall (water coming from above) and main river down right to left.

Footlog

2519

9-4-07, Huerto Rey HI: PEuger.

Surveyed side passages in extreme series, PE descended pits around extreme pit - cont. checked.

Exposed chamber at end of upper level - PE dug through to short passage, pit on left 4m deep needs ladder to descend.

10/4 07 Write up from last week

1/4 and 3/4 : #1932, TORBEN REIDER, BJARNE BOCHARDT
Went up to Petro's Pot (CS) and surveyed. Found two shafts. Entrance to the shafts is to the right just after CS. Strong draught leading to the shafts. Draught disappears in shafts.

3/4 2007 : Surface, TORBEN REIDER, BJARNE BOCHARDT

#2553: 2m deep shaft. Floor checked.

#2552: Needs capping

#2554:

#1605 : 5 shells at entrance removed. 6m horizontal progress to end.

#2549: Descended. Floor checked. P13.

New dig : 0450810 4795427 302m

0.2m x 0.2m dig in hill side

Sinkhole nr. tree. Need checking : 0453216 4794446 408m

2694

2695

9/4 2007 : #2554. TORBEN, BJARNE, PAUL S.

Descended P9. About 8m of horizontal passage (crawled) ends in chise. 2m into horizontal hole in floor dropped into small chamber.

2696 New: 0452806 4794458 490m
3m x 5m depression, 3m deep. Tree at
southern side rim. 5m deep, $\phi 0.8m$, shaft.
the canals are too narrow.

New sites, see pictures 2007 Forbes \ Bjorne Buckard

Complete
with
notes

AI:

2697

TB4: 0452179 4794943 485m

0.3m x 0.3m, 2m(?) deep, not descended

2698

TB5: 0452296 4794899 500m

Rift in wall, needs capping

2699

TB9: 0452409 4794963 492m

2m depression, narrow rift at bottom

2700

TB10: 0452427 4794954 497m

3x3m at bottom.

low blind shaft, covered by wood. Rift in D and E corner. Under heard in D corner

2701

TB11: 0452439 4794956 499m

Fenced shaft

2702

TB12: 0452994 4794919 472m

shaft

2703

TB13: 0452372 4794919 475m

shaft

2704

TB14: 0452944 4794790 532m

shaft

2705

TB15: 0451921 4794353 592m

shaft.

Torben

See GPS 06070411 - Ali - Virgin

027 = stn 1 surface - wrong side of road
31 = Virgin resurgence
344 = new entrance to 839 on Virgin 2 (31)

10.4.07 Lank, Ali, Pete E.

Fuente de la Virgen 582' - water seems to flow from narrow? surped rifts on right.

Cave 839 surveyed - this is Cueva de la Virgen 3 explored by G.E.S.
2 small choked, diggable, tubes just above Fuente de la Virgen (not properly located). 2 Pigs with good draft boats - will return in 839 & possible new site between 839 & 840. or $\frac{1}{2}$ SW of 840 (2692)

07+08/04/2007 #2437

1) TORBEN, BJARNE

TORCH KUNRA

2) TORBEN, PETE, ALI + PAUL

1) ENT. RITCH DROPPED TO TIGHT DRAUGHTING SLOT WHICH REQUIRED CARPING BUT LOOKED BIGGER BEYOND.

2) RETURNED MINUS BJARN BUT WITH ~~DRILL~~ DRILL + SNAPPERS AFTER SEVERAL FALSE STARTS (NEEDING BREAKING ROD SCOT ENLARGED ENOUGH TO ALLOW ALL THRU'. SMALL ASCENDING STREAMWAY GAINED BUT SOON CHOKED WITH COBBLES. 30 MINS+ OF CLEARANCE PERMITTED PROGRESS AGAIN TO SMALL STREAMWAY CONT. BUT SOON CHOKED AS WATER DISAPPEARED UNDER WASH. SAND/CALCITE CHOKES ON FLOOR DUE TO SMALL RIFT ON RHS & PAUL + ALI ENTERED WHILE PETE + TORBEN SURVEYED. SPENT RIFT WITH MUDDY AVEN GUIDED QUICKLY AT TIGHT SQUEEZE (NEW ENLARGED) TO CONT. OF WATER PASSAGE. CAVE LEFT AT V. NARROW RIFT WITH STREAM + DRAUGHT BUT REQUIRES DIGGING.

PAUL

09

10/04/07 Paul G., Lank + H. Long - Torno/Fresneda area.

Walked from near Torno around hillside towards Cueva de Tejar. Found:-

1) Crawl entrance in small scar - went 2 metres to a cross joint and a low arch. Could see another 3 or 4 metres but needed digging. GPS 0453611, 4801106 Alt. 233m. (2706)

Side
2) On opposite¹ of valley from Tejas up in scar - entrance
into 3 metre diameter x 1 m high chamber no way out.
GPS 0453779.4801116 Alt. 250. (2707)

Poked our noses into Tejas before ~~doing~~ walking back on
the road. (0163)

10/04/07 Paul G. + H. Long - Bughole at Rianio. (2638)

Went to end point of Paul's solo trip on 05/04.
Will dig ok. Surveyed out towards entrance, and then
decided to look at floor level instead of the upper level
we had been on. This took us an estimated 110 metres in
a passage that seemed to deviate from the upper level. We
passed 2 skeletons, with dessicated fur, - possibly mountain
harcer + then met a small active inlet which disappeared in
the floor. The farthest point that Paul reached requires
a hammer to reach a larger part ahead. Not much of a
draught (inwards) today. This cave shows a new level
of development in the Rianio area.

09/04/07 Lank, Paul + Harry - Virgin Cave area

Some 100 - 120 metres to North East of the picnic area is
cave entrance with debris. Needed gear to look properly.

(2689) ?
= 2687

10/04/07 Paul + Harry - La Sacada

30 or 40 metres up road from 1506 - 2 metres up bank is 4 metre (?)
shaft. No GPS

(2688)

Descended 12/4/07, 4.5 m
deep - choked.

11/2/07

10/4/07 Ali, Peter E. Vigners.

Very strongly daylighting bedding passage on left under entrance. PE got through to emerge at hole in bank by resurgence. This may be Vign II.

Alto de la Collada area (photos + description to come)

Not any more have been there, it was a bit tight.

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→ see 3 pages on.

Martin Barnett.

11/4 2007 TORBEW REDDER, PETER SMITH

413 2 spits put ab bag on 10/4 (TORBEW, BIRARAE)

Rigging

XX 2007 SPITS

about 6m

2003 SPIT

MAYBE REPLACE (RUSTY)

surveyed around the bottom of P52. Draftable from main passage seems to split up the shaft and into "Rifts and Avenues". Need capping and rope for the drop (P10?)

Torben

~~9/10~~ 9-11 April

Hoyuca surface dig. A Matienzo team effort to locate the top of windy inlet then smoke out some caverns. Dig constructed with disabled access ramp.

12/04/07 Boghole @ Riano (2638) Paul G + Harry Long
Surveyed lower passage 100m approx. Checked bearings on upper passage and took photos.
Lower passage ends in a breakdown chamber, low crawl from the bottom could be pushed. Top side of chamber could be dug. No significant draft but again a poor day for that sort of thing.

6/4/07 Cueva Subterránea (29), Digging. Les Williams, Chris Williams, Andy Morse, Dave Bell (Angus), Dave Cooke (Cookie). Support crew: Tony Brocklebank plus two.

Trip to continue pushing our dig. Thanks to the support crew for carrying gear including the legendary Ireby Sump Pumping Kit on loan from the Ireby Pothole Club. The pump made short work of the flooded dig – an impressive big of kit. The support crew watch in awe and then left to catch their flight home. The dig wasn't full to the brim and was lower than yesterday, encouragingly suggesting the dig does drain from a lower point. Les possessed by dig fever was at the sharp end the whole time. Some cubic metre of spoil, easy going through calcarious mud, was removed. The dig is now being forced downwards by the chamber roof.

7/4/07 Three Pits Investigation. Juan, Penny, Pappard, Angus, Morse, Cookie.

A trip designed by Juan to prevent me from festering in camp all day. These pits had been spotted surprisingly close to a popular track by Penny when walking.

Pit 1. Depth 6m. Simple shaft. Choked. Contains large (cow?) bones.

Pit 2. Depth 8m. Choked Shaft. Some attractive speleothems. Near the bottom there was a hole through to a parallel shaft that choked 2m deeper.

Pit 3. Depth 17m. Attractive shaft that bells out from tight entrance capped by a slab. Laddered down to a floor at 12m. A spiralling passage can be followed that is choked 5m below where many goat bones are seen.

Depths by Phil. GPS by ?, Belays by Juan and Angus, Photos & Exploration by Cookie

8/4/07 Cueva de la Hoyuca (107), Aborted Radio Location Trip to Windy Inlet. Dave Otterman (?), Marcus, Angus, Footleg, Cookie.

The idea was to radio locate the top of Windy Inlet for a possible new entrance into Hoyuca. The new entrance would reduce trip times to the bitter end and thus encourage exploration. All was going well until the flat out crawl beyond Pigs Trotters Chamber. Conditions were wetter than those who had been there before had experienced. Reports that this section sumped and doubts about the waterproofness of the molephone meant that the trip was abandoned. Thus giving the old lags the opportunity to mercilessly take the piss. Apparently these conditions aren't unusual.

8/4/07 Cueva de la Hoyuca (107), Radio Location Trip to Windy Inlet. Dave Otterman (?), Marcus, Angus, Cookie.

Groundhog Day. With assurances given that the crawl is truly miserable yet safe, the party returned for a second attempt. This time all went according to plan and we made it to Windy Inlet with the molephone. Communication was established at the base of the 30m pitch and then relocated to the highest possible point at the top of the pitch. The surface crew reported that they had identified our location and that we were a mere 7m below ground level. They then proceeded to gas us with smoke as a further confirmation of the best dig sight. Digging out from the inside was not a practical possibility because of the general precariousness of the boulders that formed the pitch head. We all remained connected to the rope throughout for the same reason. Once it became clear that an instant breakthrough was not going to occur we left by the way we had come. Good sporting trip, objective achieved.

10/4/07 Digging New Entrance to Hoyuca. Cast of thousands.

Wonderful weather, just right for a surface day. Dig A opened. Dig B also started to keep more of the cast of thousand occupied. I started Dig C as my best guess but soon gave it up as I felt it to be too high. Mr Pappard entertained us by repeatedly failing to destroy a bolder that wasn't an obstruction anyway. No breakthrough, but late in the day encouraging drafts and gaps convinced everyone that success was imminent.

11/4/07 Digging New Entrance to Hoyuca. Les, Morse, Emma, Dave O, Marcus, Cookie. Guest appearances by Alli, Pete Egan, Angus.

Beautiful weather again. More encouraging drafts and gaps but success still eluded us. A large bolder eventually stopped play since we didn't have the means to reduce it to small pieces. Mr Pappard had returned to England just when we needed him most. Much good work was done and all looks good for imminent success.

All the following are rather close together + GPS +/- accuracy can vary day to day.

'Charlie Dimmock series' - You need a couple of big hls & sickle + secateurs to get near the holes.

Re - Alto de Collada 11+12/04/07.

2714 ¹⁰A01 - Small depression in limestone outcrop - 60 cm wide rift - no draft pos. dig Sandstone boulder cap.

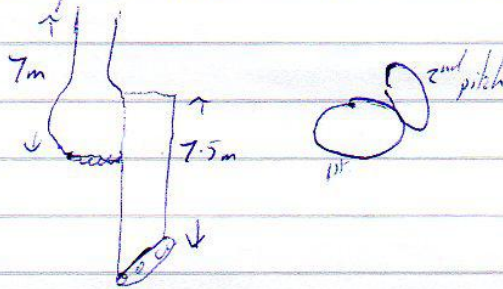
2715 A02 - Small depression in clump of trees near to concrete water-butth. Possibly covered over by fennel +- years ago.

2716 A03 Rift in limestone - part fluted 1.5 m wide ~~approx~~ 5.5 m depth, clay/boulder floor - fell from surface. Rift continues down - needs dig - no draft. Contained small white snake 'thing' - 8cm.

A04 - couldn't find again! GPS wobbly or alien conspiracy.

2717 A05 - Found this on though - Rift in limestone 1m wide x 10m long. 4m depth. Just below overgrown path. Rift widens at base - slight undercut - faint draft out. Contains 1 x small orange frog (or toad) approx 1.5 cm long. More sculpted walls near floor - slight gap - small stones gave 5 second 'rattle' down.

2718 A06 Fluted shaft in limestone, oval 1.5 x 2m. 7m to base, ^(ladder) window/stat into tube 1.5 m x 1m oval tube descended 7.5 m - free climb & lifeline. Tube constricted at base, rocks (dig?), opened out again - cold air - no draft.



A07 - see A04.

A08 - ditto.

2719

A09 Pot/Grave with dead brown cow. 2m ϕ in limestone, depth ~~8m~~ 5.7m + 3m visible but too 'rotting' to descend - rift tightened - rocks need pulling at. No draft.

2720 A08 - found it! Pot/shaft 2m sq. 4m depth. Blocked & rocks + surface clay. Bobs gardening adventure.

2721-2726

A10,11,12,13,14,15 - Not enough time to descend. All open shafts in same area. Nothing with obvious draft.

2727 A16. "30T044888Z 4799506" Limestone outcrop - rift choked & mud - could just see part mud for 2m

2728

A20 + A20B. "30T0448464, 4799502" A20 Fluted shaft in limestone 2m deep + 1m 'squeeze' ^{oval} 2x1m.

2729
2m 20cm rifts going off

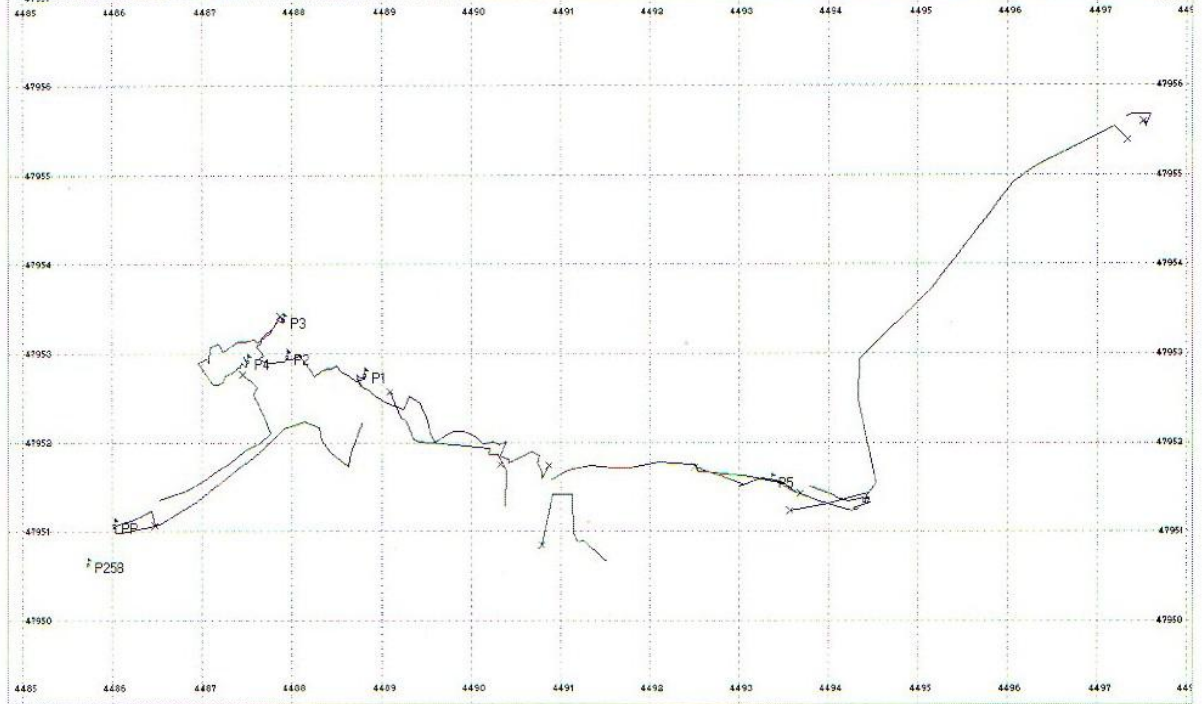
20'B'. 'Capped' shaft 1m from A20. Ladder descent in 2m ϕ fluted limestone rocks blocking at 4-6m. Rift continues down through tight rift, looking down rift - opens out onto rock floor 8.3m from surface. Draft out +. Rift to be persuaded to enlarge. ~~Hammer~~ Hammer not big enough today.

6/4/07 Phil R + Emma walk Toad area

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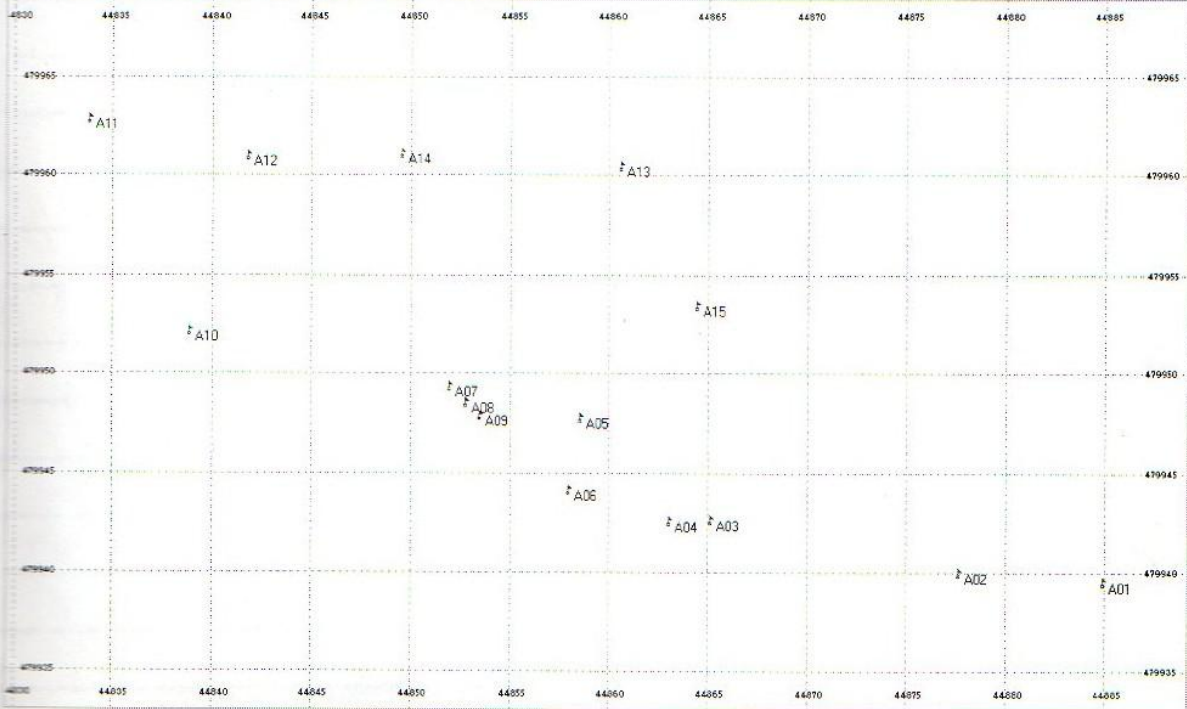
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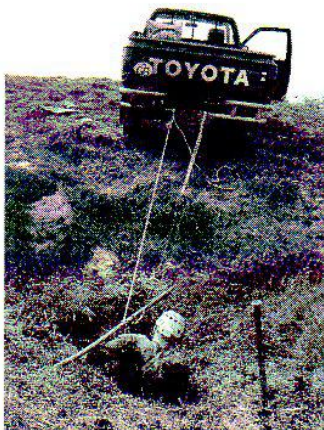
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Dave Gledhill exiting Puit du Taliban

Martin Barnicott
Dave Gledhill

16m shaft.

Body sized entry leading
immediately to oval tube 1m x 2m
at top widening progressively to
4m diameter round at bottom.
Promising dig



Subj: **Matienzo caving**
Date: 25/04/2007 14:08:50 GMT Daylight Time
From: martin.barnicott@wanadoo.fr
To: Uzueka@aol.com

Juan

Here is a find that we made after your departure.

I really enjoyed the time spent in Matienzo and I am sure that I will return. Thanks for all the effort that you and others put in to make it possible. The time spent there has made me realise that just doing sporting trips is not what caving is all about and I will now try to learn some of the techniques and discipline that is needed to contribute more fully. The bug hit so I went prospecting on my return to the Felix Trombe and after one day of looking and 20 minutes of cleaning loose rock at the pitch head, I have made a significant discovery which is now looking extremely promising. It has also opened the doors for me into the local caving community as they have been looking for this lead for the last 20 years they say.

Once again many thanks

Best Regards

Barny

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Easter 07 Lengths Surveyed Summary

site	name	new survey	total length	depth
258	Toad	855	7386	95
105	Riaño	605	45306	
2713	Cueva Toca	266	266	19
1930	Cobadal	264	6531	
2366	Torno	221	3022	
114	Biggo	221	45306	
2638	Boghole	205	205	15
1332	Juan Lombrero	115	1533	195
2693	San Miguel cave	114	114	12
2649	Mareserection	110	110	11
2437	Torca Kunka	99	>99	44
1491	Papá Noel	92	31451	
839	Virgin 3	79	79	
2519	Huerto Rey	57	578	
413	Meja Mujer	42	442	80
1391	Volcano	36	70	28
581	Flappies World	31	31	5
2596	Petirrojo	20	20	14
2595	Prize Cock Pot	17	17	13
2640	Violent Violet	15	15	
2461	cave	14	14	

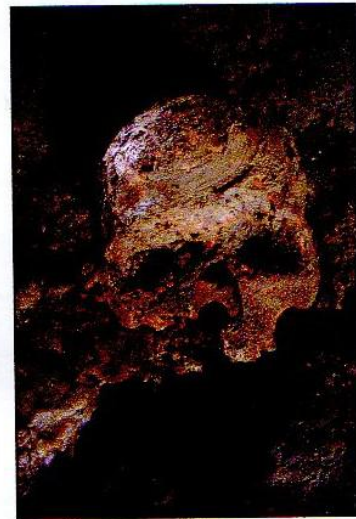
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The Skull by P T Eagan

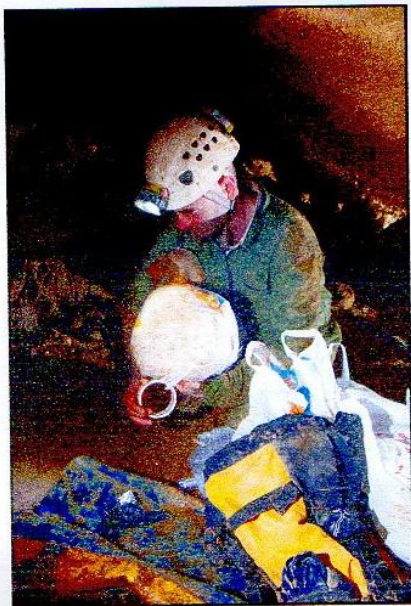
The cave is found in El Torno area about 1km WSW of the church at Fresno. The cave was first explored by the Matienzo Expedition in April 2006 and has been extended over the last year to give a length of 3022m. The skull was discovered on 3rd August 2006 while Ali Neil, Andy Pringle and Peter T Eagan were exploring a newly found area of the cave. Peter T Eagan noticed an unusual shaped mud covered rock on the floor, at a turn in the passage. It was quickly realized that it was in fact a human skull face down in the dry mud. It was lucky that it was not damaged as the first explorer in the passage nearly stepped on it. The skull was removed on the 5th April 2007 by Chuchi, Peter T Eagan, Peter Smith and Paul Stacy. Between finding and removing the Skull an easier route was found to the location of the Skull to ensure it was removed without damage.



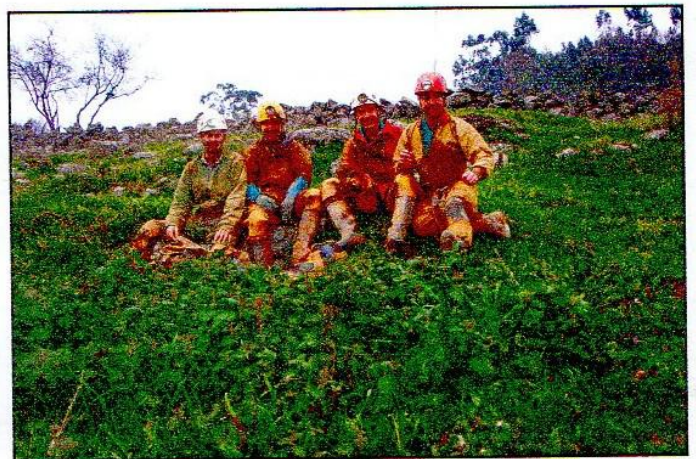
The Skull as first seen.



The Skull before removal and cleaning.



Preparing the Skull for removal.



Removal team Chuchi, Stacey, Smith and Eagan.

Subj: **Torno: Andy's Back Passage Connection**
Date: 08/05/2007 23:34:55 GMT Daylight Time
From: paul.paloma@btinternet.com
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CC: PEagan@carlisle.ac.uk

Juan,

Find attached the scan of the drawing (I'll mail the original to you)....

Description (Posture of Progression to Granny's Head + Hysteria 69)

Replace "Andy's Back Passage is a narrow passage around two tight corners to a climb down with two ways on, both to be pushed and surveyed."

"At an obvious stal. boss Andy's Back Passage is a small opening on the left which leads to a tight S-bend that has been enlarged. Past this, a climb down quickly gains two possible ways on. Straight ahead passes through two small bouldery chambers and at the back of the second, a hole in the rear wall leads to a short maze of passages that contains some interesting fossils but all passages here appear to end in mud digs or are too tight. At the initial climbdown a slope down to the right leads soon gains a small drippy chamber with a narrow rift exiting containing a good draught. Both this rift and the initial tight S-bend were dug at Easter 2007 to make a connection with the roped traverse earlier in the cave and this now provides a much quicker route to the area near Skull Chamber. (It was by this (new) route that the archiologist was escorted into the cave and the skull successfully removed)."

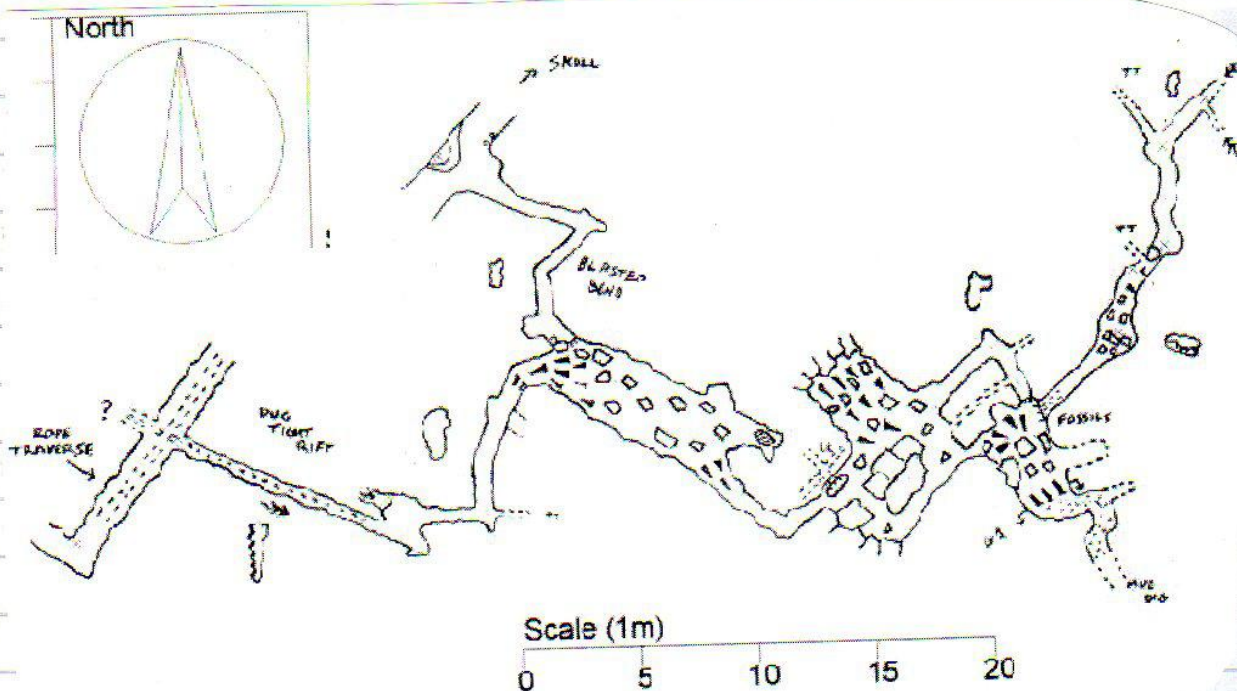
NB: Need to add this "short cut" into any description of the roped traverse (but I couldn't find the bit with it in).

Let me know if you need anything else,

Hope to see you for (at least) a few days in the Summer,

Regards,

Paul



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Prize Cock Pot (The Dig) 29/03/07

Paul Dold, Dave Garman, Chris Agnew

Chris lead the way filled with excitement brought on by 3 months of stories of the draughting hole that may have a possibility of a high level entrance into Riano? Dave had great plans to sit on the surface and soak up the sun whilst sipping cold beer but the Matienzo weather had other plans for him and forced Dave underground by pissing down with rain all day. So the digging began and the mud filled rift soon opened up to reveal a second chamber about 2 meters by 1 meter and 2 meters deep Chris squeezed through and gave a description of what he saw. We spent half an hour making the squeeze big enough to get Big Steve's Big Bucket through then with myself and Chris in the chamber we had a listen and we could here a reasonable size stream and the draught was blowing from a small slot near floor level. Before we started digging we shoved Dave up in to the rift to see if the passage went up and over but this proved to not be the case so we began digging down in the direction of the draught. The digging is in silt, mud and small stones this was best removed with driving the spiked chisel in and leaning on it, then shovelling the spoil out. As we had started late in the day we only day for about 5 hours then decided to exit the cave and have a look up the field at 'Soup in a bag' as we are sure that the water entering this is the water herd in Cock pot.

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Soup in a Bag (The Clearout) 29/03/07

Paul Dold, Dave Garman, Chris Agnew

Volunteers were not queuing up for the task of removing the suspicious bags of soupy bones so we got Dave to go in and get to work. After an hour the hole was a lot cleaner and ready for a full days digging.

Prize Cock Pot/ Soup in a Bag (What a Shower) 30/03/07

Paul Dold, Chris Agnew, Barney (Danger Man) Cott, Oh and Dave

Day 2 and myself (the Digger), Chris (the Bucket man) and Barney (the landscaper) got to work on the Cock whilst Dave got stuck in with digging 'Soup in a bag'. We made good progress and the dig is now another 2 meters down and the slot is starting to widen. Digging was suspended when Dave and by this time assessed by Barney had redirected the stream entering Soup in a bag to run down the field, this made there digging easier but gave myself and Chris in Cock Pot a good soaking. The good thing was that the water was sinking at the edge if the dig very easily. Soup in a Bag is now another 1.5meters deeper and there is now a start of a craw of about 1m heading north east. The water was redirected back into the hole and is sinking at the same rate as the water is entering even when the levels were high.

Riano inlet expedition (Quake Connection) 04/04/07

Paul Dold, Dave Garman, Barney (Danger Man) Cott

Mud, mud, mud, mud, mud, oh and sharp rock with more slippery mud. After looking at the survey data the night before we decided that the 10meter pitch with the sound of water was almost defiantly going to enter at some point into Quake rift and at last after 3 trips in muddy squalor would give us an alternative root into the 'Big Stuff' we began by surveying Dave's Passages that he saw 2 days before, this was described as running around passage????? If crawling, stooping and climbing is running around then Davis's a dwarf. This passage did not take long to tie-in to the high southerly passage that Footleg and the Dingle brothers found. Once this was done we headed to the top of the 10m pitch and found an alternative pitch head from the one we thought

was good. Whilst Danger man Barney started placing the bolts for the decent myself and Dave surveyed up the pitch and had a nose around the passage opposites the pitch, this seems to be a continuation of the right hand wall of the Big Stuff, the passage becomes filled with boulders supported but silt and can be a bit hairy points as the rift below drops down a good 15 meters or more (possibly into Quake rift?). When we returned back to the pitch head Dander Man Barney had decided that the single bolt was bomb proof enough to ab on and had made his way to the bottom then had a look down the rift to find that it joined an sizable rift with the sound of running water!!! once we were all at the bottom of the pitch we surveyed down the rift. (Quake connection) On average the passage is about 0.6m wide and descends quickly down a number of steep calcit steeps. It was clear when we entered the intersecting rift that this was Quake rift that we found on the December.

Paul Dold March 2007

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