MATIENZO CAVES PROJECT

LOGBOOK

Year: 2008
Season: Easter

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Juan Corrin, January 2015

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Matienzo 2008

Pick list for Easter 08 (incomplete - very few digs here)

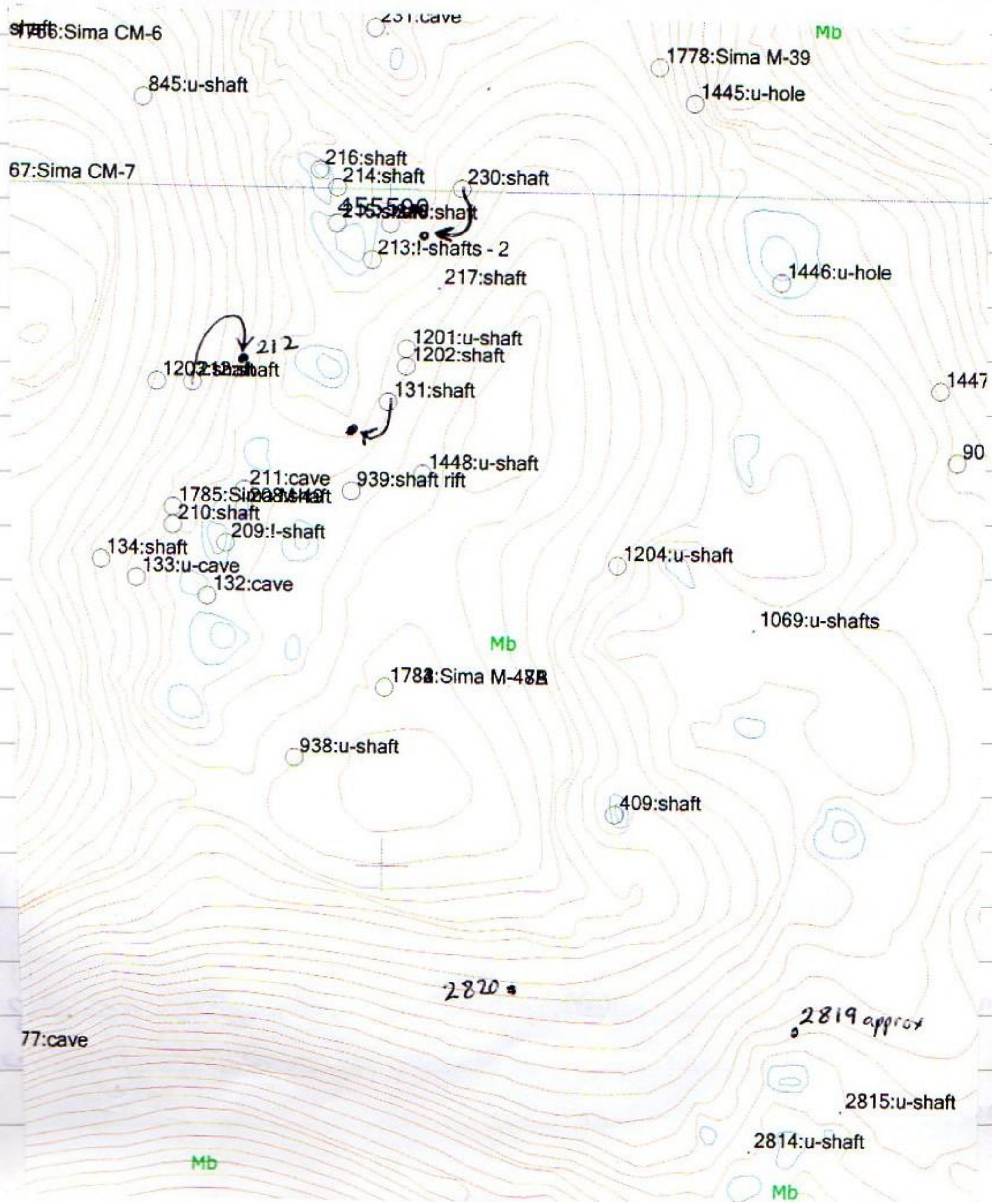
Alisas 2002-cave; 1075-shaft; 1979-shaft; 1980-shaft; 2003-shaft; 2007-shaft; 2038-shaft; 2042-shaft; 2046-shaft; 2049-shaft; 2051-shaft; 2052-shaft; 2053-shaft; 2055-shaft; 2263-shaft; 2267-shaft; 2269-shaft; 2275-shaft; 2277-shaft; 2279-shaft; 2299-shaft; 2000-shafts;
Arredondo 0733-Vallina, Cueva;
Bosmartín 2411-Nesting Chough Pot; 1893-shaft; 2077-shaft;
Camposdelante 2435-cave; 2441-cave; 2433-shaft;
Cobadal 2410-caves; 0626-Cepo, Torca del; 2076-shaft;
Cruz Llorada 0906-shaft; 0907-shaft; 1473-shaft;
Cubija 2134-shaft;
El Naso 2484-cave; 2324-shaft; 2375-shaft; 2379-shaft; 2380-shaft;
Fresnedo 2687-cave; 2760-dig; 2477-shaft;
Ideopuerta 1970-cave;
La Colina 1023-cave; 1024-cave; 1025-cave; 1029-cave; 1030-cave; 1034-cave; 1028-shaft;
La Gatuna 2236-shaft; 2326-shaft; 2486-shaft; 2672-shaft;
La Secada 0098-Bollón, Cueva de;
Llueva 0109-Cellaron, Torca de; 0114-Llueva, Cueva; 1193-shaft;
Moncobe 2498-shaft; 2499-shaft; 2500-shaft;
Muela 1949-cave; 2731-dig; 0174-shaft; 0810-shaft; 0903-shaft; 0904-shaft; 1065-shaft; 1448-shaft; 1449-shaft; 1451-shaft; 1798-shaft; 1954-shaft; 2063-shaft; 2337-shaft; 2338-shaft; 2571-shaft; 2797-shaft; 1069-shafts;
Mullir 2465-cave; 2798-shaft; 2807-shaft;
N Vega 0373-Bosque, Cueva del; 2579-cave; 0427-Lastrilla, Torca de; 0833-shaft; 1155-shaft;
Ozana 0025-Risco, Sima-Cueva del; 2813-shaft; 0029-Subterránea, Cueva;
Riaño 0107-Hoyuca, Cueva; 0105-Riaño, Cueva de;
S Vega 0333-Azpilicueta, Torca de; 1390-dig; 2081-dig; 2593-dig; 2594-dig; 2437-Kunka, Torca; 0413-Mega Mujer, Torca de la; 0048-Reñada, Cueva-Cubío de la; 1139-shaft; 1336-shaft; 1441-shaft; 1657-shaft; 1888-shaft; 2260-shaft; 2306-shaft; 2541-shaft; 2550-shaft; 2591-shaft; 2654-shaft;
San Miguel 2463-cave;
Secadura 0689-Andando, Torca; 0996-cave; 2390-cave; 2391-cave; 2653-cave;
Seldesuto 1095-cave; 1096-cave; 1140-cave; 1149-cave; 1150-cave; 1152-cave; 1153-cave; 1900-cave; 1097-shaft; 1098-shaft; 1660-shaft;
Solórzano 2476-Carcass Cave;
Trillos 1180-shaft;

EASTER.

Mullir-side, 15th March 2008

Phil, Pete, Juan & Penny drove up into the field at the top of the left hand track at Cruz Uzano. Walked through the wood, marking the track with red plastic strips, then more or less did the walk of 23rd February in reverse. A couple of new sites found; GPSed and photographed some others.

Site 2819 is about 6m deep with a small tree growing out of it. Location is very approximate: 30T 0455730 4795400 Alt 640m.
Site 230 was (probably) found and relocated. It has a rusty stud on the entrance pitch. 30T 0455513 4795849 Alt 685m.
Site 131 was relocated, a slab-covered shaft. 30T 0455475 4795745 Alt 693m
Site 212 (152m or possibly 164m pitch) was visited and relocated. 30T 0455415 4795785 Alt 705m. (Site 1785 needs removing, as it's the same as 212).
Pete investigated the impressive depressions around sites **209**, **208** and **211**; Phil entered site **132**, a short cave.
On the way back down, **site 2820** was discovered. A drop down under a boulder onto a soil slope to a vertical drop where stones rattle for perhaps 5m. 30T 0455577 4795431 Alt 677m.



16 March 2008 – Lank, Harry Long, Phil Papard – Moncobe area

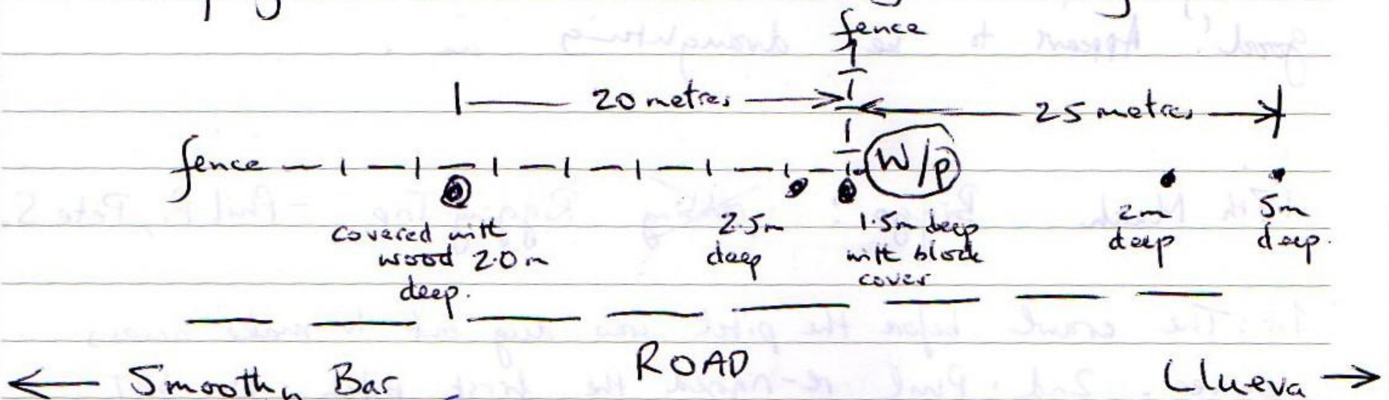
145m 0444763;479839 site 2821

Large collapse feature next to the road and fenced off to, I assume, stop fly tipping. Not clear how much of feature has been filled. Slope of debris down to meet the back limestone wall, possible sink at base, but fill makes it difficult to tell. Cave in middle of back wall is 3m to old calcite blockage, but hole under some flowstone draughts out quite strongly – a days digging would establish if it is a worthwhile site for more work. To the SW are two further collapse features, the first is full of brambles and was not entered the third (behind barn) has a soil filled base with one sink-away in the sediment – not worth a dig.

⊗ A In small depression near impressive double gate. 2m drop to a partial floor and a further drop of about 2m. Undescended
100m 0444995.4798227 Site 2822

17th March, 2008. Lank + Harry.

Site 2823 – A row of small holes between 2m and 5m deep just above the Llueva road by the wire fence.



W/p 0453575.4798921 Alt. 411m

Site 2824 Below road down to The White House. A fenced shaft (3 posts as a triangle) approx. 8 to 10 metres deep with good echo. No further information as everything recently sprayed by farmer doing his muck spreading. 0453407.4798341 Alt. ~~325~~ 330

Site 2825 In corner of same field as 2824 is a large water tank (marked on map) which is fead by a stream from a resurgence cave. Entrance is 1'2 metres tall but lowers to a crawl beneath a false floor 'bridge'. Could see about 5 or 6 metres, but needs gear to go further.

0453454.4798389 Alt. ~~340~~ 345m.

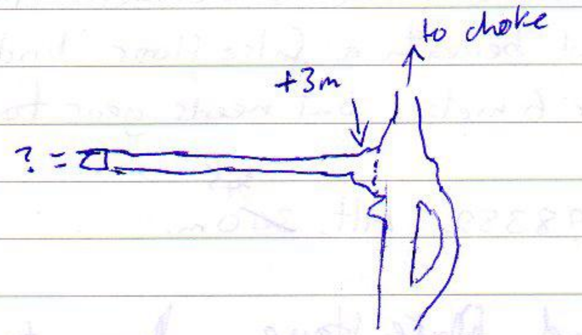
Site 2826 Below La Cuvia and White House. Down to wall (Sandstone) group of hazel bushes below wall surround a rift full of sandstone blocks. Appears to be draughting in. Highly diggable. This is the hole we thought we heard knocking at when molephoned in 91.

Site 0453174 4798058

Site 2827. To one side of 2826 looking downhill 20 m to the right marked with white tissue knotted on small oak tree. This is a 2 metre deep shaft easily diggable with black hole at back looks good! Appears to be draughting in.

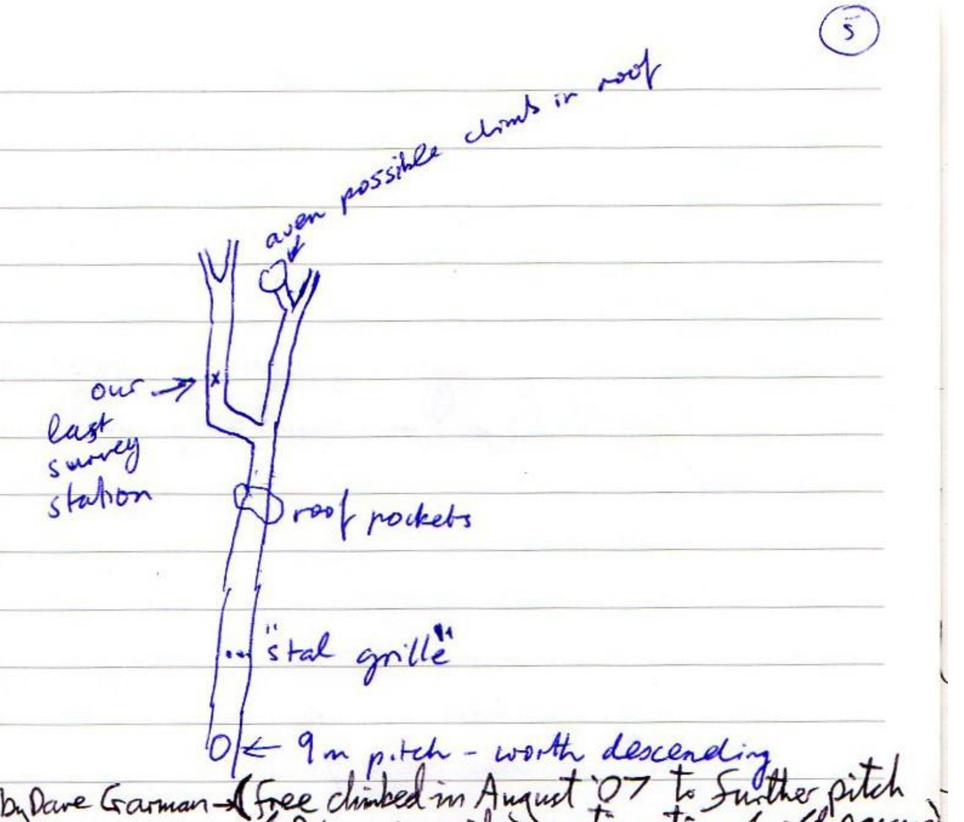
17th March Bygo: ~~Grabbing~~ Rigging Trip - Phil P., Pete S.

1st: The crawl before the pitch was dug out to make access easier. 2nd: Phil re-rigged the first pitch for SRT, and it is now very easy with a deviation at the lip before it goes vertical.
3rd. We then continued to the upper level in the 2007 finds. A stream was coming down, making the pitches fairly wet. We then went past the pitches to the lower series to the choke at the end of the main passage, and confirmed it is a choke. On the way back, where this passage splits in two we noticed a passage ~~in~~ the roof. This ended about 40 or 50 m later where some of the roof has dropped out. It can be seen to continue beyond, but capping is needed



4th We went to the end of the side passage marked as ending at a 'stal grille'. This turned out not to be an obstacle. The passage went on in similar style with a narrow trench in the floor, and divided up and got smaller.

Diagram:



17TH MARCH - TITWASH. - DINGLE 3+2 / BILL S / ANDY P / TONY B.

REMOVED ROOF OF TIGHT BIT. PASSAGE GOES ON FOR 6-7 METRES THEN CLOSES DOWN. MUD FLOOR - NO DRAUGHT.

18TH March - Harry L. Fresnedo (2841)

1). At top of field (above church) is small depression with ivy covered rock wall on up-hill side. At foot of rock is obvious dig removing boulders placed by farmer. May possibly drop into an open crawl. 0453821. 4801559 Alt. ~~219~~m 225

2). Fenced (2840) shaft up-hill from what I take to be 987. The presence of the farmer stopped a close look, but appears to be a vertical drop into a large rift. Managed to grab a few photos, but no GPS reading. 0453975. 4801519

18TH March. Lank Mills (2364) Fuente Aranke. behind Church. Good flow down the main river which was very brown coloured. The water coming out of 2364 was distinctly clearer coloured so probably is not coming from sinks in the main stream up towards Cobadal/Alisas

18th March 2008

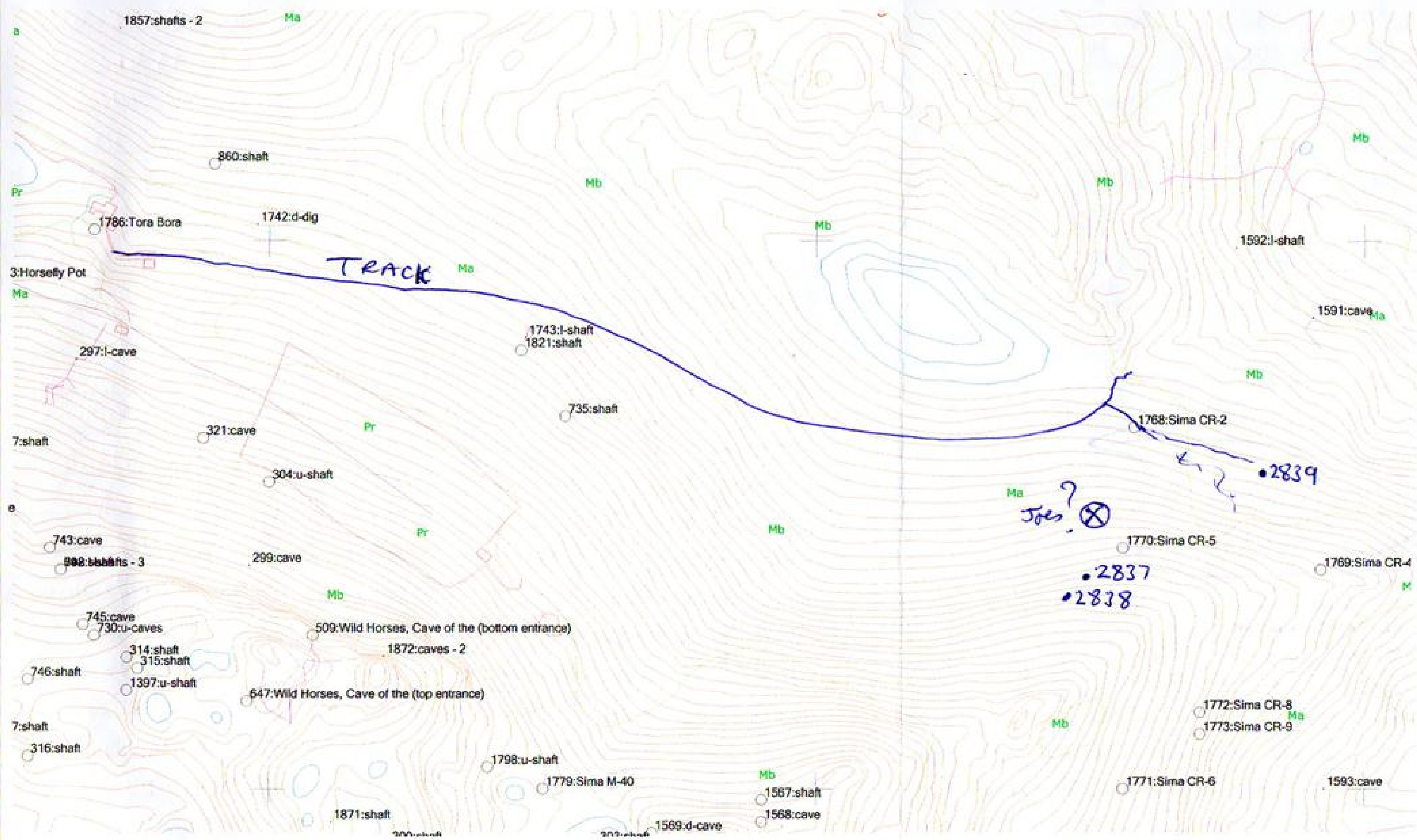
Juan and Phil spent the afternoon looking for Joe's lost cave on a large hillside in the rain. Didn't find it in any shallow depressions with a large tree. Wasn't a complete waste of time as we found and GPSed some others.

Site 1768 is marked CR-2 with green paint. 30T 0456299 4796849 Alt 325m

Site 2837 is a 2m deep cave under a small scar. 30T 0456243 4796693 Alt 405m

Site 2838 is a 2m deep and 2m long rift. 30T 0456220 4796673 Alt 415m

Site 2839 is about 9m deep and needs exploring when someone is next in the area. 30T 0456409 4796788 Alt 335m



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17th Biggo (Eldon) D. Hibberts, M. Salt
D. Gledhill, Bob Toogood, Barny.

Had a good look around the water was doing interesesting things.
The dig on the left hand passage above the sump ~~A~~ was drafting well and water could be heard making a lot of noise barney and dave connected the oxbow passage to the bolder choke above where it ends. found a new passage with a stream just along from where the flash buld was found in the sunner. about 20m honey. verry dangerous.

17/3/08 (see above) The Lardometer - Bit of a squeeze + throttling passage - write up to follow.

~~13~~th March 2008 19th

TORNO (ELDON) D. HIBBERTS, M SALT, D GLEDHILL, BOB TOOGOOD + BARNY

AIM OF TRIP WAS TO CLIMB "ORGAN PIPES" AVEN, DUE TO KIT BEING IN WRONG PLACE & SLIGHT ROUTE FINDING DIFFICULTIES (by some) ALTERNATIVE LEADS WERE LOOKED AT.

DG, BT + BARNY PUSHED LOW CRAWL AT RHS OF HIGH LEVEL ROPED TRAVERSE. CONTINUATION FOUND WITH STRAW STAL. BT TO CONFIRM :- (R) hand passage @ end of traverse - in by hands + knees crawl (length tbc) round 2 bend, under slabs & straws above. Continued to open into wider low chamber, mud + calcite floor, lots of small stals + straws. Flat out crawl following (R) hand wall - needs a bit of digging. Total approx 50m* but survey notes in car. (Draughting out slightly). *33m

#2 MS + DH CLIMBED ≈ 15M AVEN OFF CRAWL LHS OF END OF HIGH LEVEL ROPED TRAVERSE. SILT BANKS AT TOP OF AVEN LEAD TO A 6M HORIZONTAL PASSAGE WITH SMALL INLETS AND STAL ENDS BLIND. PITCH DE-RIGGED & GEAR LEFT FOR RETURN TO ORGAN PIPES 19TH OR 20TH.

19
~~18~~/03 LLUEVA VALLEY (FAR END) PAUL STACEY + NICK POULSON

#1	30T	0458849	UTM	4799217	ALT. ~~54~~ 62 m	2842
2		0458812		4798815	140 ~~136~~ m	2843
3		0458165		4798656	245 m	422
4		0458194		4798499	237 ~~234~~ m	2844

#1 SMALL MUDDY COLLAPSE IN OVERGROWN DEPRESSION - 1½ DROP INTO WIDENING

#2 STOOPING WIDE ENTRANCE ON EDGE OF FIELD - APPROX 8m LONG × 4m WIDE WITH SKYLIGHT IN ROOF. CHOKED WITH MUD AND BOTTLES AT END. STAL IN ALCOVE ON RHS WALL.

#3 422? IN WRONG POSITION?

VERY LARGE PASSAGE REACHED BY CLIMB DOWN SLOPE. POOLS OF WATER WITH CONTINUATION AT BACK WALL. FELT VERY WARM AT ENT. POSS DRAUGHTING OUT.?

#4 LOW WIDE ENT. UNDER OVERHANGING SLAB BELOW WIRE FENCING AND NEXT TO HOLLY TREE(?) ABOVE ~~EUCALYPTUS~~ PLANTATION ~~TAO~~
EUCALYPTUS

18/03/2008. South Vega * Clapham Boat peoples association. * Bill (The other Bill) + Steve (G.)
Walking up to ~~a~~ look for Site 2541 ~~wh~~ during which enroute we found around 12?approx shafts on the lower Slopes to the right of Site 2290! which has water issuing forthwith, over a built wall in the entrance.
One of the sites discovered covered in Brambles, ~~to~~ had water flowing (only heard not seen) into a small pool. GPS cooridnates were taken but GPS was being akward or operator error ??! A return visit is planned.
~~Some~~ one ~~shaft~~ was a cave had a climb down into small pot with potential dig @ the end in cave? - Mud floor, plenty of room to put mud. No Drafts in any. 08.

19th March <u>Llueva Life, Universe & Everything Tour</u>
Footleg, Paul Dold, Nick Fincham

Went in to see the 'Edge of Darkness' area which Paul found the day after Footleg went home last year. Entered via holes down through boulders in Fault passage. Choke appeared very stable apart from one wobbly block which we wedged with chock stones. Took a look at the terminal chokes at the West ends of each passage, working North. Choke 1 was entered via sandy crawl along left wall to where water came down clean washed boulders. Paul climbed up some way but everything closed down. Approached same choke from back in main passage along upper level and into rift at roof level. This led up into choke to "the scaryest place I've ever been" with all ways on being squeezes under boulders which moved when Paul touched them. Moved on to choke 2 where a route up into boulders was pushed until unstable boulders were found higher up in the choke. No air flow was apparent in either choke. Moved on to choke 3 where there was a definite draught. But did not have time to explore due to other objectives.

On to the Edge of Darkness passage where fine 3+ m straws were admired. The NW trending passage ends at complete sediment (sandy) fill. The NE trending passage ends with clinker (flakes of rock off roof) fill to ceiling all round. Returned to route up into Big Red Knob room where hole up into chamber was found to be solid and stable (original surveyed link apparently collapsed) Found end of survey of link and tied it into know survey stations in chamber to give accurate survey connection.

Found some superb gypsum crystals in hole down along wall in passage leading to Edge of Darkness. Plan to return for photography.

20th March <u>Uzeka → Riano Through Trip</u>
Paul Dold, Footleg, Nick Fincham

Exploratory trip to learn route into Uzeka. Planned to survey Far Stomps and look at mysterious sump with dramatic shown on old survey. Got a bit confused in Gorilla Walk and followed passages on right hand side where stream sumps and found inlet which is not on old survey. Oxbow also followed back into Gorilla Walk. Continued on through 'Phreatic Zone' where 2 large avens were seen off on left side of passage. Continued to 2nd river inlet and noted that another larger stream enters just beyond it on left of passage. This is a seperate inlet emerging from a low airspace passage which needs pushing. Carried on along Near Stomps to Gour Inlet which we followed to impressive large chamber at end where a bolting project remains partly completed. This is a significant vertical devepment. Substantial stream which flows down Gour Inlet emerges from duck which Nick pushed until airspace became unusable. Paul Dold entered passage part way up wall which led ~200m to 6m pitch into 'a fair size river'. Not clear whether this was the main Uzueka water or the continuation of the inlet. No time to survey as we had a dinner booking and double birthday celebration to get to. So headed back to 2nd river inlet where we pushed through some tight squeezes to emerge in Riano. Completed through trip out of Riano entrance. Plan to return to Uzeka to complete survey and push to Glory heading North!

19/03 Lank + Harry Riano area.
2849

Looked around the 1799 area for possible entrance to the new passage in Riano Cave:- Nothing new. Went on to the hill between the Trackside Cave track and the Violent Violet track and found a 3 or 4 metre deep shaft that wants looking down - ladder needed
0452073. 4800294 Alt. 184 m

20/03 John Southworth, Pete Morgan, Chris Camm, Lank + Harry
Secadura area

Went to finish off site 2390. John + Harry down hole and rigged ladder on the previously undescended route. John down 9 m (vertical + slope) and into a chamber 8 m x 3 m. Only way out was a tight crawl which he dug to an enlargement, and a dead end. Total depth below entrance = 15 metres.

From 2390 came back to go down site 2386. John down an impressive shaft to a choke at a depth of 11 metres. The last bit is very steep slope needing tackle.

~~2849~~ 2885

Went across to Bosquemedio and wandered on the hill. I came back down and under rock outcrop near top of small field before going thro' waterworks gate is a dig into a mud-filled cave which you could see along for 5 metres. 0455697. 4799585 Alt. 56 m.

20/3/08 2786 Big Steve + Phil P. - 3 idiots - tried to drive to site - Mad Woman in farm would not move car! Had to carry all the digging gear to cave. 4hrs of Snapping etc made route to Pitch possible for normal people - good draught out.

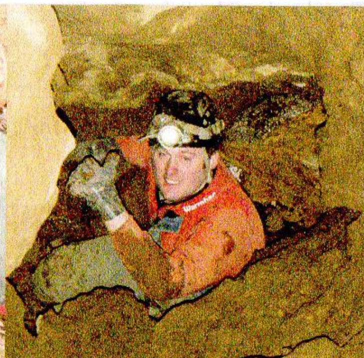
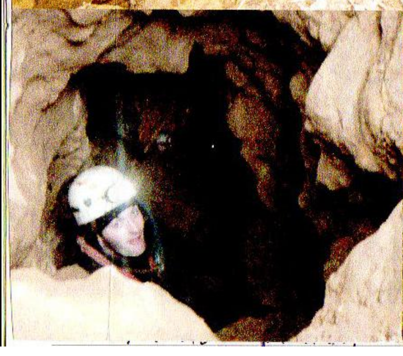
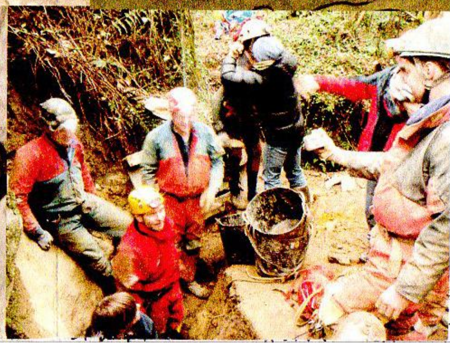
20 MARCH THE DANES : TORBEN, LOUISE, PETER, KÅRE, BJARNE
IN : LLUEVA
The danes familiarized themselves with the cave (Llueva)

20.3.08 Coteron. A Neill, A. Sparrow, Sarah, Tom, Rachel, Ken.
To Edge of the Universe – Tom traversed over pitch & round to left (good naturals) to passage which looked good but closed down after 15m. Not previously entered.

19.3.08 Wednesday dig
Big Steve, Pedro, Ali, Bill, Phil, Dugh H.
Dug at bottom & found holes dropping down, draught seems to be above there. Large block demolished allowing easy digging on next trip.

~~20~~ 21.03.08 GIANT PANDA BREAKTHROUGH

After a full day of digging prior to today we returned to continue and hopefully finish off the dig that 'should' have broken through every other time it has been attempted in the last five or six days of digging at this site. A year on from the original smoke test and radio location we had toiled sweat and blood and were a good 7 meters down the side of solid rock in what was rapidly becoming a deep shaft. with dirt no longer on the menu the dish of choice was becoming ever enlarging boulders – many which were in need of chemical persausion. Six charges in total were let off and countless buckets were hauled and tipped on to the now rather impressive spoil heap/Rockery. Forward planning arrived in the form of Tom Chapman, –

- and Ken Passant who had been be-guiled into caving their way to us and hopefully making a voice connection.
The voice connection was made and one hand shake - (Cookie & Tom), one Snapper and one mutual agreement between myself and Tom later ("Stay away from the right wall and we both get to live")
and we had broken through, with Andy 'Spielberg' Sparrow filming the final rock roll away and myself and Tom meeting face to face - it was all over. Fantastic.
CAST, (DIG) Cookie, ~~Fea~~ Les W, Phil Pappard, Paul Stacey, Nick , Gnome, HatStand, Andy Sparrow, Pedro, Chris W, Rachel Payne, Sarah Payne (not related) Ian Chandler, Ali Neill.
(Exploration lemmings), Tom Chapman, Ken Passant.

21 March 08 : THE DANES : TORBEN, LOUISE, PETER, KÅRE, BJARNE
Went walking on El Naso. Relocated ~~two~~ are holes found by Kåre on 19 March. ~~None of them~~ It did not ~~going~~. Found two other new holes - still no luck - choked. Went back to camp-rain-mud...

New cave 1: Entrance pic (KÅRE) 4396.JPG
0451478 Boulder removed at entrance. ~10m horizontal
4796784 cave heading SW. Passage 1x1m. Animal
Alt 465 bones in entrance. Chokes. 2850

New cave 2: Entrance pic (KÅRE) 4408.JPG
0451326 Crawl under sandstone roof into 2x2m
~~4796859~~ 4796859 chamber. Rift heading 2m into hill,
Alt 467m but is too narrow. 2851

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New cave 3: Entrance pic 4410.JPG, 4411.JPG

0451327 Hole in side of shake hole. The
4796879 hole was dug out to a 2m crawl.
Alt 462 leading into a rift. 2m into rift
there is a drop in the floor, leading
(2852) to a 4m shaft (1m wide). The floor
is choked. slight draught.

Pictures in 2008 Easter folder "Pictures from Kase", Toleen

2st MARCH. ZORRO - SITE 345
ANDY DINGLE & TONY BROCKLEBANK

Big Steves dig at end of cave armed with sharpened bamboo prodding rod. Stabbed & removed hanging death stuff and advanced a few feet.

Heading up and left past small arch which is very loose & needs dealing with. Draughting inward. Worth another go.

March 21 Paul Stacey and Nick Moulton. ~~Lueva~~ Secadura Valley.

SEARCH FOR POTENTIAL DIG SITES, INCLUDED SEARCH OF LENGTH OF CLIFF FACE (VERY LITTLE FOUND).

1 (2873)	30T 0457454	UTM 4799889	AG	~~48~~ 42
2 (2874)	0457467	4799910		~~27~~ 39
3. (2875)	0457503	4799871		~~36~~ 45
4 (2876)	0457329	4799503		~~25~~ 242
5. (2877)	0456757	4799764		~~23~~ 38
6. (2878)	0456820	4799733		~~44~~ 45

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7. 2879	30T 0456 899	UTM	4799 761	ALT ~~246~~ 48.
8. 2880	0 457 036		4799 810	~~33~~ 46.
~~[illegible]~~	~~[illegible]~~			

NOTES:

1. SMALL TUBE IN EXPOSED LIMESTONE WALL. NEEDS DIG TO ENTER. CONTINUATION SEEN BEHIND.

2. SMALL ENTRANCE UNDER LIMESTONE OUTCROP IN FIELD. 3M LENGTH AND THEN ENDS?

3. SEVERAL SMALL RESURGENCES EMERGE FROM LIMESTONE ROCK FACE. MOST ARE TOO SMALL TO ENTER. BUT THE LOWEST HAS A DESCENDING TUBE TO WATER - NEEDS PUSHING.

4. RIFT PASSAGE IN LIMESTONE CLIFF APROX 10M UP. NEEDS ABSEIL FROM TOP, BOLTING OR RIGID LADDER FOR ACCESS. CLIFF EXPLORED END-TO-END (WHERE POSSIBLE - MUCH UNDERGROWTH). GPS MAY HAVE UP TO 50M ERROR.

5. RESURGENCE FROM TOO-TIGHT BEDDING.

6. TOO SMALL CRAWL UNDER OVERHANGING LIMESTONE. POSSIBLE FILLED-IN HOLE BELOW. BY SIDE OF TRACK.

7. LONG EXPOSED RIFT CONTAINING WOOD, ASBESTOS SHEETING AND OIL DRUMS. 1 RIFT NEEDING KIT. MAY DIG IN OTHER PLACES TOO.

8. LOW ENTRANCE UNDER OVERHANGING ROCKS. CONTAINS SMALL, MAN-MADE CEMENTED WALL. MAY CONTINUE BEYOND IT. ODD.

2314

21st March 2008. Shaft Probation! Bill (N) + Dave Gardner + Steve G.

A return visit to explore Shafts discovered on Tuesday. Passing two known sites we returned to the Shafts. One was descended on the 18th, So the others were looked at:- the Several below T.V Mast track in a line with 2701.(area).
To be continued.
~~Det~~ A Brief third visit has been made to all sites below the track with Ent Pics taken + GPS (Although) already done. Rain plus duff Batteries in GPS + Flat camera battery meant only some sites were visited.
Continued under (24/3/2008).

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21st MARCH 2008 Cobadal - Wounded Knee Series
Peter S. Carol S.

Went back to the Wounded Knee Series, explored this summer. Downstream it linked with the meander Passage. Upstream it ended in a sump.
About 30m surveyed.

21st March H.L. 'White Horse' area
Returned to 2825 and demolished the 'bridge'. Beyond lowered to flat out crawl in water, so gave up with about 6m visible up front.

21st March LM PM JS CC GP
Site 2826 Dig cold windy day, no obvious draught
Dug out floor for about 1m in boulders (sandstone

the sandy/muddy fill. No obvious way on down but good solid walled dig. Parallel shaft appears to go down to same level no obvious echo. Easy site to dig but needs looking at in summer.

19/03/08 prospecting Above Secadura.

GPS Locations for 205 0454077/4799528
photos Les W 4028 + 4029
206 0454176/4799517
photos Les W 4026 + 4027

~~[illegible]~~ ~~New Shaft~~ ~~[illegible]~~ fenced GPS ~~0453994~~ 0454316
2881 6m Deep to blocked rift ~~4799725~~ 4799694
photos Les W ~~4030~~ – ~~4035~~ 4038
4039

~~New Shaft~~
~~Gnomes Hole~~ 2882 - Hole against low fenced cliff. Entrace: 2m deep sloping at 40° through local narrows to 10m High Aven with low passage leaving – Too Tight

GPS 0453989 / 4799715
photos 4030 – 4035

2883
Hole 2m deep full of Brambles
GPS 454286/4799691
photos Les W 4037

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~~Also 2792 resurgence~~

Hole 0454109/4799770 Lees photos 2888

2794 images 4040 → 4043

20th March 2008
Juan & Penny to Cruz Usano, walking out to the west, more or less following the permit boundary.
Site 2845 30T 0453912 4794352 is a 2m climb down in a rift to a final depth of about 4m.
Site 2846 30T 0453627 4794310 is an 8m? deep rift in an area of joints requiring more investigation.
Site 2847 30T 0453429 4794311 is a wide hole up to 5m? deep at the head of a line of large depressions.
Site 2848 30T 0453438 4794295 is about 15m deep – a rift with a ledge about 5m down.
The whole line of depressions should be properly looked at.
Ended up at **site 2813** where a 4m pitch on the left rear of the shakehole drops to an eyehole and a walkdown into a sets of enlarged joints. At the current base (about -10m) the mud/calcite floor is blocking entry to a slope where rocks appear to trundle 5 – 10m with an echo. Cold air was blowing into the hole but that could have been entrance circulation effect.

2926
80m To the east. ~~Sign~~ 5 x 2m shaft top @ c. 30T 0453464 4794254
Out of area

21st March 2008
Steve and Juan returned to **site 2813** (Good Friday Pot) where the dig was excavated of fairly soft mud/calcite and, 90 minutes later, through a muddy crawl, we were perched at the top of a 6 to 8m drop, requiring tackle. The rift at this point is 1.5m wide, >10m high and stretches away into the distance.

22 March 2008 #114, Llueva - the Danes: Torben, Louise, Kåre, Peter, Bjarne
The Danes went back to Llueva and rigged a ~~t~~ traverse line just after the entrance pitch to enable access to / escape from ~~e~~ the cave during high water level. We then ~~w~~ went to the pitch leading directly up to the upper level - but ~~[illegible]~~ the cascade was too strong (too much water !!). ~~[illegible]~~

22 March. Bob + Ted N. Enaso
Walked along second track Similar to Jan 8th
Above 188 (0451347 4797223) found Site B (2884). A dig with a draught (0451294 4797182) and a fair stone rolling rattle.
S.R.(C) Then a small hole probably 2377 ? did not look visited (0451389 4797044)
S.R.(D) A deep shaft G.Ref match 2378 but seemed much (0451381 4797050) deeper than reported. All GPS'd but not photo.

very wet

Lank's writing. 22/3/08 Sink C (2853) Is down track from Riaño bar in direction of Torca de los Cares (100). A turn right takes you towards ~~onto~~ the middle track on the hump between Riaño entrances & Uzueka entrances. The sink is 60m from the ~~p~~ turn right on the left. A decent sink even in dry weather falls down a small series of climbable cascades to a vertical rock face. Stream turns left & sinks. echo? Sink D (2854) road from Riaño entrance towards ~~Aius~~ Hoznayo depression on right has Sink E, on left is Sink D in field with trees round it. Water disappears into slots in solid not accessible. Sink E (2855) ~~above~~ is on west side of grassy depression with branches covering it just below sandstone wall. Good amount sinking on this day. Dig (2856) is in rock face at bottom of shakehole it is now covered in branches but has been seen to be a triangular vertical slot with boulder run in. Seemed distinctly diggable on previous visit with strong draught in summer. Farmer was amenable to us looking at it.

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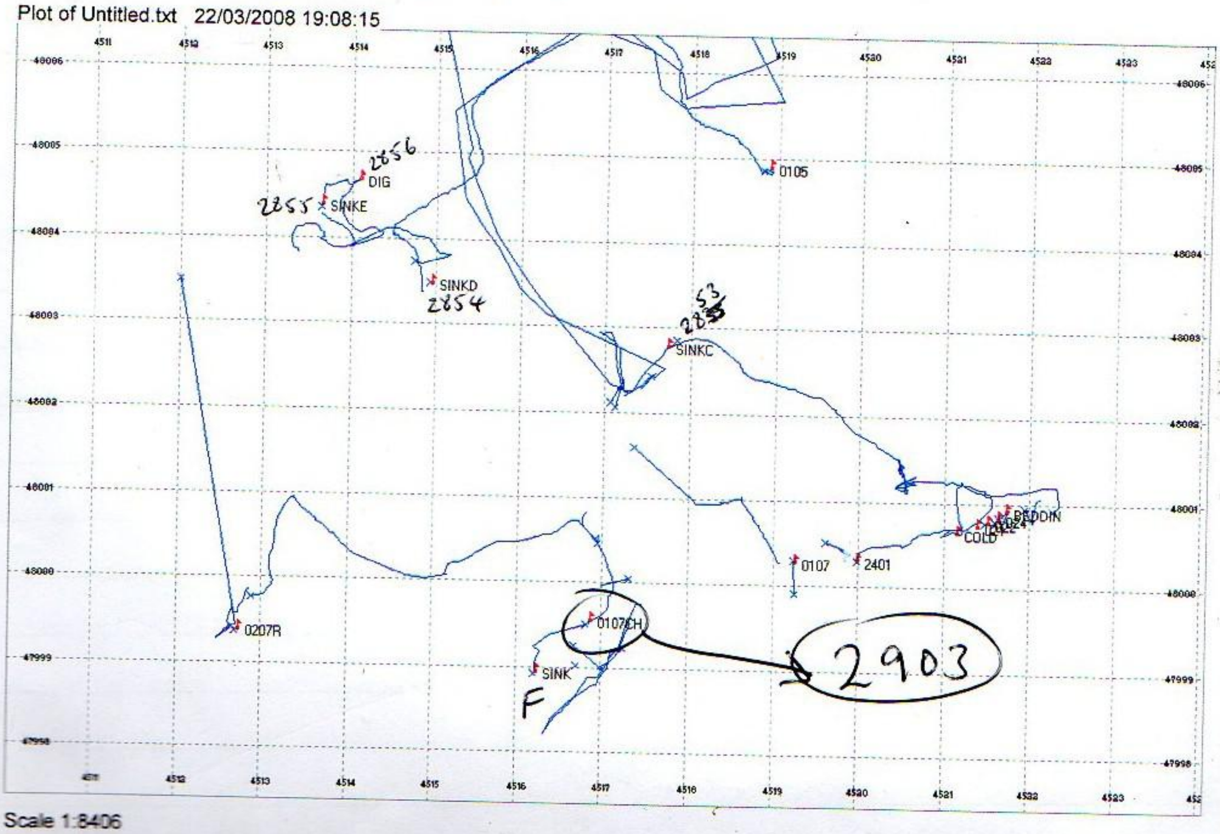

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Sink C → Sink D could be connected easy dye test could prove it.

22 March   Hypocritical Cave, (2887)   Johnny Doyle, Andy Pringle, Lloyd Cawthorne, James Carlisle

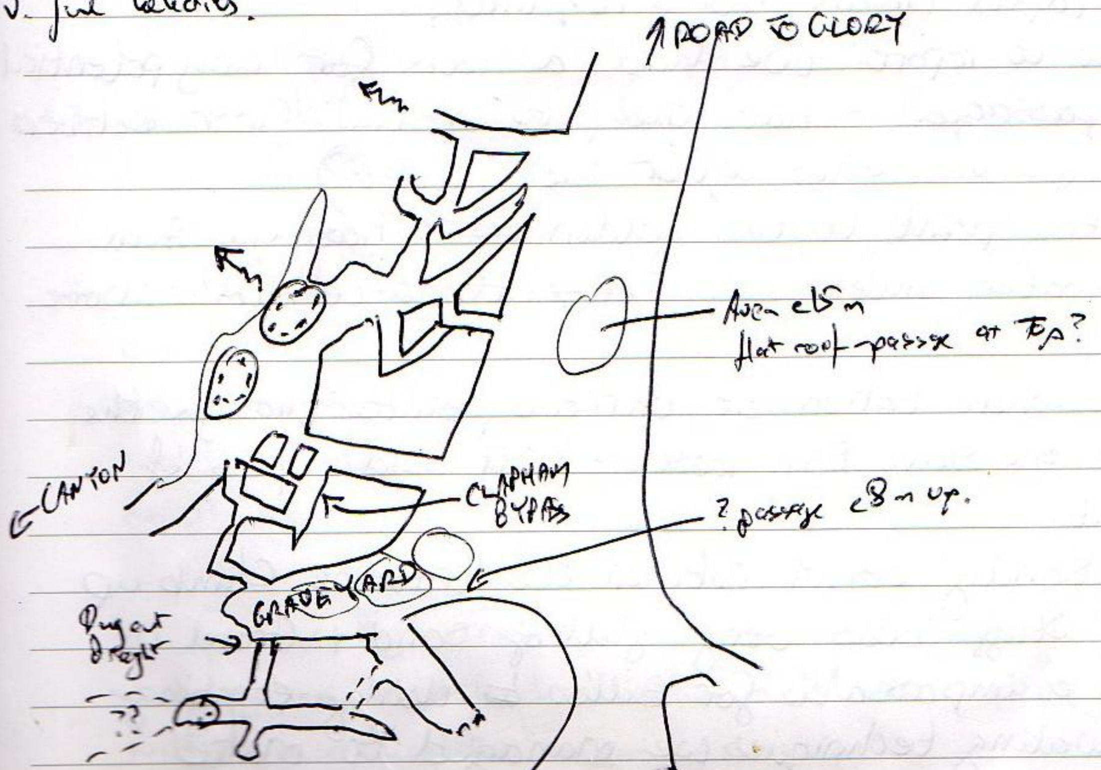
Spotted water pissing out of hillside after torrential rain. Found a stooping size draughting 5m from road. ~~Talkin~~ Back at Pablo's we realised that it was hadn't been looked at before. Chris Gone in short distance (80m ish) and will return tomorrow morning to survey

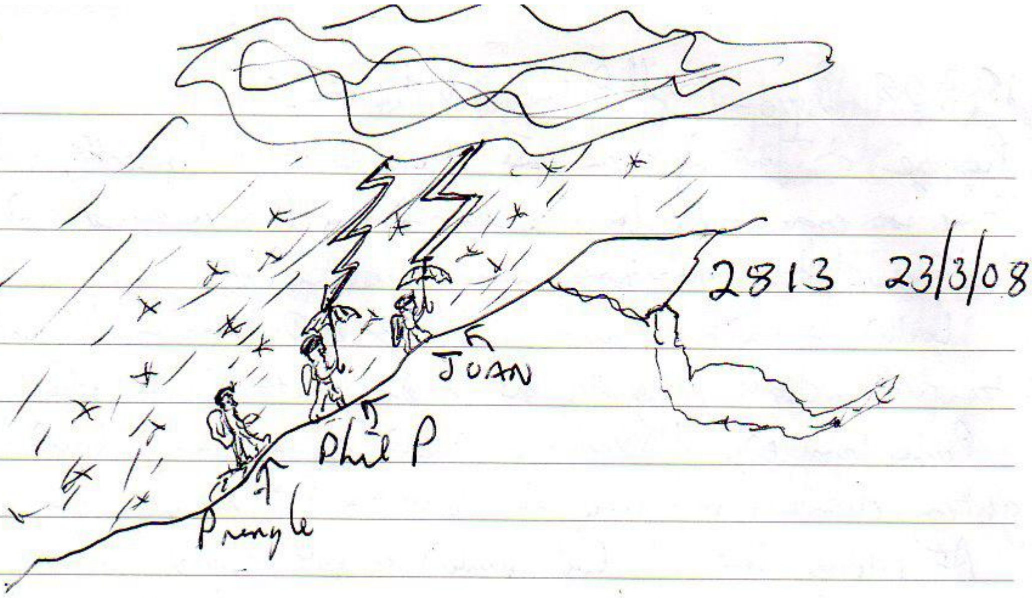
Sink F over page (2857) is water resurging from Fuente de la Curia (207) and flowing across base of valley towards Church entrance of Uzueka. & (718) Water sinks into small choked passage, good flow today. Into lower entrance passages of Uzueka? Lower Quadrophenia, "Tilers Way" lots of surface stuff tiles sticks pottery seen in (   )
Cold (2858) over page is in area at the end of the Riaño valley ~~???~~ where the Riaño & Uzueka caves come together in the corner. At the moment there are two scrap cars & ½ a white van there. With Riaño behind you "cold" is on right at bottom of slope it looks like a small structure with walls either side & a possible collapsed roof on floor (only about 1 m wide). Has it a draught in summer used for wine/? cooling.
Beddin (2859) is almost in corner above Paul Fretwells 2014/6 which is a muddy set of sinks Beddin is above these just below a sandstone wall which is just at side / on top of sandstone bands. It is a low smooth roofed bedding a few inches high with mud on floor. Seems to turn right and increase in height to 30 cms. Appears to draught.

0207R is ostrich entrance — (2978) site.
2652GPS 454428 4801000
SINKA is 2886

18.3.08 Biggo – A Neill P Stacey Nick Moulton –.
Passage at foot of slope from entrance pitch just passable, water rose slightly by time we came out. Large stream flowing from cave at end of big ledge on entrance cliff + sinking below entrance to Biggo.
Looked at ends of passages off Edge of Darkness – all just ~~totally~~ close down to rubble choke, diggable but no draught to indicate where to go for.
Back from Edge of Darkness climbed down through boulders on RH side to glittery chambers with some nice helictites but no way on.
AF pitches from high level pushed a side passage with connection to the pitches + back to main route, + previously unentered but not surveyed side passages off the pitch base.

22.3.08 Vallina. AI: P. Stacey Nick.
Looked at Clapham Bypass area – sketched routes through. Several substantial streams (very wet weather) go into low outlets, possibly pushable.
Then looked at chambers to right after Clapham Bypass. Previously unsurveyed chamber on right leads to draughty slot, enlarged into passage where way on appears to be traverse on right. Passage to left of this to stalled choke, some v. fine helictites.





071. Mostjao - Photographic + Prospecting. 23/3/2008.
Bill (The other) + The other Bill.

~~Br~~ Brief Rigging Guide which maybe of Benefit.
One the Surface theare are at least two new spits to use, Plus. at least one stud on pitch head. Rebelay depending where you hang the rope there are 2 studs. (Probally all spainish.) But in a good place.

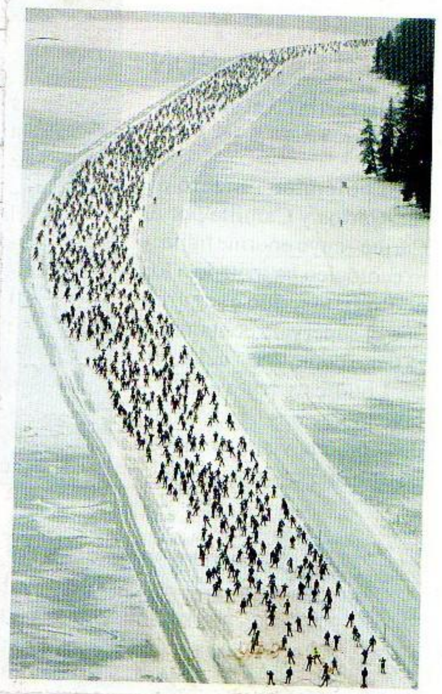
Some Snow + Plus thunder in the air, not quite above us so ~~raid~~ rapid rigging was required.

Nothing new to report. we had a look for any potential digging or passages. - Have the pits in the floor between descended? (ie the ones after the traverse?)

At the Entry point to the golden ~~rift~~ void? has the Aven where the water enters been ~~descent~~ ascended - above the pitch?

Photographs where taken at various points though the batteries in one slave Been loose. - Will Send copies if they come out.

The tight sandy crawl between the ~~traverse~~ Climb up and the big Stuff was very full of sand + Gravel. to the point of impassable for Bill's. ~~to~~ Using combing Bill ~~ex~~ excavating techniques we managed to make the route passable. I think it would be worthwhile going to excavate with equipment to remove a good amount of spoil and deposit it elsewhere so to allow for easier pushing + re-surveying. (I am willing!) Extent of trip was to the pit after the golden [illegible] - 23/3/2008. Void.



Matienzo team off to Torno to look at new stuff.

23/03 Nick Moulton, Lank + Harry - Riano area
Went to Site 2859 and dug (mostly Nick) thro' to open passage. Floor stepped down + passage briefly got to a comfortable size before a step up again led to a lowering crawl to a complete choke. The inward draught went down a hole in the floor thro' loose debris and could be worth a dig. Two other holes in the right wall don't do anything.

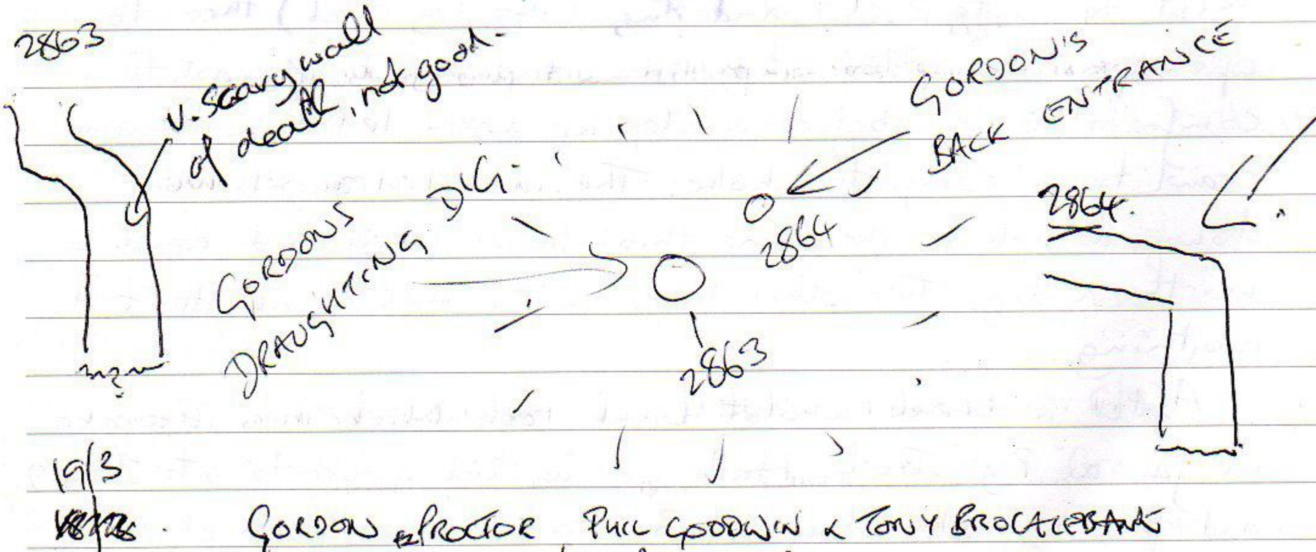
After a break, whilst Lank took Nick into Euzaka as far as Pig's Trotter Hall, we walked across to site 2849 and put a ladder down - 3 metres to a complete choke with no draught.

Lank & Nick looked for the 'pitch' entrance to Uzueka

found in position shown on survey. This has previously only been seen from inside (2872). Looks about 12-15m deep. ~~Needs GPS and then given numbers.~~
~~On trip into Vrucka various amounts of~~ streams seen ~~same bigger~~

In the entrance series on this wet day there was no stream in Quadraphenia or in the "cobbled crossover". up Tilers Way a big stream was heard but not seen. Water from main Sink (2857)? Main water first seen after (ladder on right up to higher series) coming out of low passage on left. flows across passage and sinks on right. Seen next in Glooming Chamber flowing right to left going in emerges from low passage goes into low passage on left. Next seen on left after Punk in the Gutter. Then on into Gorilla Walk. Other water inputs were water falling down aven on left just before Glooming Chamber and up on right just towards Flashbulb Hall out of Pigs Trotter - good flow cascading down onto gours from 15m aven normally very little flow. Looks a good bolting possibility.

2863



19/3 ~~18/3~~. GORDON PROCTOR PHIL GOODWIN & TONY BROCKLEBANK

2864. Snappered 4m ~~down~~ along rift to visible drop. 4m drop to choked floor, would dig easily

Sunday 16 Mar 08

John Southworth(JS),Pete Morgan(PM), Phil Goodwin(PG), Gordon Proctor(GP), Chris Camm(CC).

Pallet Hole, Site 2834. Ladder off convenient tree drop through boulders onto steep mud slope down into large chamber and boulder ruckle complex. Total depth 25-30m estimate length 50m? at one point a small phreatic tube was followed for some distance. (Only a single ladder is required to get down onto mud slope). Needs survey and further digging. This site was draughting in strongly when we first visited in Oct 07. VISITED AGAIN 23 MARCH. PHIL + TONY GOT FURTHER THROUGH LOOSE BOULDERS RETURN PLANNED

PM explored the small cave, Site 2836. Found to be about 3m long to small chamber with 2 impossibly small tubes leading off. Finished.

Went to unexplored resurgence cave Site 2831. Found to be approx 8m long, to where it became impassable. Finished. However digging at the entrance, where the water sinks, produced holes down between boulders to a depth of 3m with rocks falling down further. A serious dig would be required to make progress. Same gps as for 2831 see Oct 07 report. Lower entrance now walled up.

Monday 17 Mar 08

2 sites in gully either side of WP353 alt ~~389~~ 392m 0447018 4796283. Picture 01 narrow shaft Site 2860 4m deep, 02 looking back towards phone mast from gully containing the holes. 03 Phil Goodwin looking into lower of the 2 holes Site 2861.

Dig Site 2862 WP354 alt 314m 0447706 4797330 Js descended 4m deep, to dig at bottom of angled slope. 2 shots of Gordon at the entrance. Above this by side of road is fresh collapse 1.5m deep not dug due to location.

WP355 Site 2863 "Gordons draughting dig" original visit in Easter 07 unrecorded? Alt ~~324~~ 328m 0447644 4797667. Dug 19 Mar 08, Dangerously loose shaft would require much work to make any further progress safe. Entrance wall erected. Photo 01 shake as we arrived, entrance to left of spoil in shake. 02 looking down the shaft. 03 Entrance wall. 04 entrance to other site 2864 in same shake, just to the right and higher up.

Close to this dig beyond a Cabana is an obvious cave entrance 926? This is in the wrong place on the database. We didn't ping the entrance. Wp356 by Cabana looking across towards cave entrance 926? Altitude 323m 0447766 4797551, Photo from WP looking towards cave.

WP368 Site 2865 Alt 383m 0447975 4797389. Small cave entrance with animal bedding inside. Found by PM. Photo PM at entrance.

18 Mar 08

Heavy rain, went to look at end of Site 2121 Cueva del Campizo Pitch JS descended pitch at end this is quite immature, main way on at top of pitch, which may have had slight draught blocked by stal choke. Dug at side of this making little progress. Photo 01 PM with GP digging choke.

* and may connect below nasty bits in 2863. Needs bendy person as assembled team couldn't bend down far enough.

19 Mar 08

Wp358 Site 2866 alt 422 0447853 4797081 Fenced shaft found on 17th by Phil Goodwin. Depth 12m to mud floor with small 1m deep hole to side, not promising. Photos 1 to 4 entrance views.

Wp359 Site 2867 alt 428 0447893 4797028 4m deep choked shaft to choked rift. In line of shakes with trees. Photo 1,2 JS descending 3, looking past shakes.

Wp360 Site 2868 alt 349 0447869 4797419 Tight resurgence cave used as local water supply, found by PG. Unexplored. Photo 01 from entrance. Photo 02 entrance.

20 Mar 08

Wp363 Site 2869 alt343 0447719 4797544 Found by PG. Cave, 1m high low arch stops after 2m.

Wp 365 Site 2870 alt 394 0447948 4797283. Found by PG. Cave, 2m arch at bottom of steep sided shakehole. Hands and knees crawl goes for 10m to small chamber. Continuation on opposite side becomes too small at a bend.

Work around Secadura written up by Harry. Site 2871 One new shaft 8m deep? found with rock blocking top, off path East beyond depressions containing 1105. After leaving 1105 depression go along past fence across path then on right after maybe 200m. No GPS. Return planned with snapper.

21 Mar 08

Wp 367 alt 266 0453188 4798104 Lanks site 2826, below white house, dig now covered with boulders and branches. I m drop down onto mud and boulders where 1.5m forward(into the hill) another drop of approx 1.5m onto floor that is being dug. Forward into the hill is a climb up over a flake into a larger gap which drops onto a mud and boulder floor at a similar depth to that originally gained. Photo Gordon, Lank and Phil planning the attack.

22-3-08

TORNO. CARMEN/TOM/SARAH.
SMITH CHAPMAN PAYNE

CHECKING OUT A FEW PREVIOUSLY LEFT ? IN THE ENTRANCE SERIES IN PARTICULAR,
TWO WAYS ON TOM UP ONE CARMEN UP THE OTHER.
TOM FOLLOWS THE DRAFT. DOG LEG IN PASSAGE (PREVIOUSLY MISSED BY C) LEADS TO DRAFTING DIG, TOM DIGS MUCH TO CARMEN'S UTMOST HORROR ! DIG!
1 HOUR LATER TEAM PUSHES INTO CONTINUATION

TO BAG 265M OF DRY SANDY SCALLOPPED PASSAGES (PHREATIC OR VADOSE DEPENDING ON WHETHER YOU BELIEVE LES OR TOM)
TOM CONTINUES DIGGING AT END WHERE THE PASSAGE DISAPPEARS UNDER A WALL WITH A STONKING DRAFT. SARAH / CARMEN SURVEY OUT.

23-03-08 CAST OF A THOUSAND. 11 STRONG TEAM TO CHECK OUT TOMS SACHI'al dig THAT ONLY HAS 1 FOOT OF DIGGING TO GO.
4 FELL BY THE WAYSIDE BEFORE THE BREAKTHROUGH, COOKIE, ANDY SPARROD, MATSTAND, TOM continue digging. Sarah, Carmen, Rachel continue pushing a few other side passage to no avail.
Tom Dig breaks through, Matstand in the pole position enters 10 feet into new virgin passage + generously hands the lead over to cookie / carmen.
More of the same Maze of passages getting bigger the further into the system.
Another 228m surveyed, with approx 200m more of unsurveyed side passages.
Some ongoing leads still continuing.
We need to pick up the main draft again + check out whether the streamway is of any potential.
We will return.

23rd March 2008
Phil P, Andy P and Juan braved the hail, snow and lightning (with umbrellas down) walking to **site 2813 (Torca de Viernes Santo)** west from Cruz Usano. Laddered the 5m pitch down into a nicely decorated, calcite floored chamber. At the far side was a low wet crawl to a small boulder run-in with a further excavated crawl at the top of the slope to where the rocks meet a white wall. Photos and survey. L=52m. d=13m. Returned to car through wind and snow, etc.

24/3/2008 (~~Explored~~ / GPS on 21/3/2008) Bill. (+ Dave)
(Suspect GPS ∴ use map to right) Nix Garner.

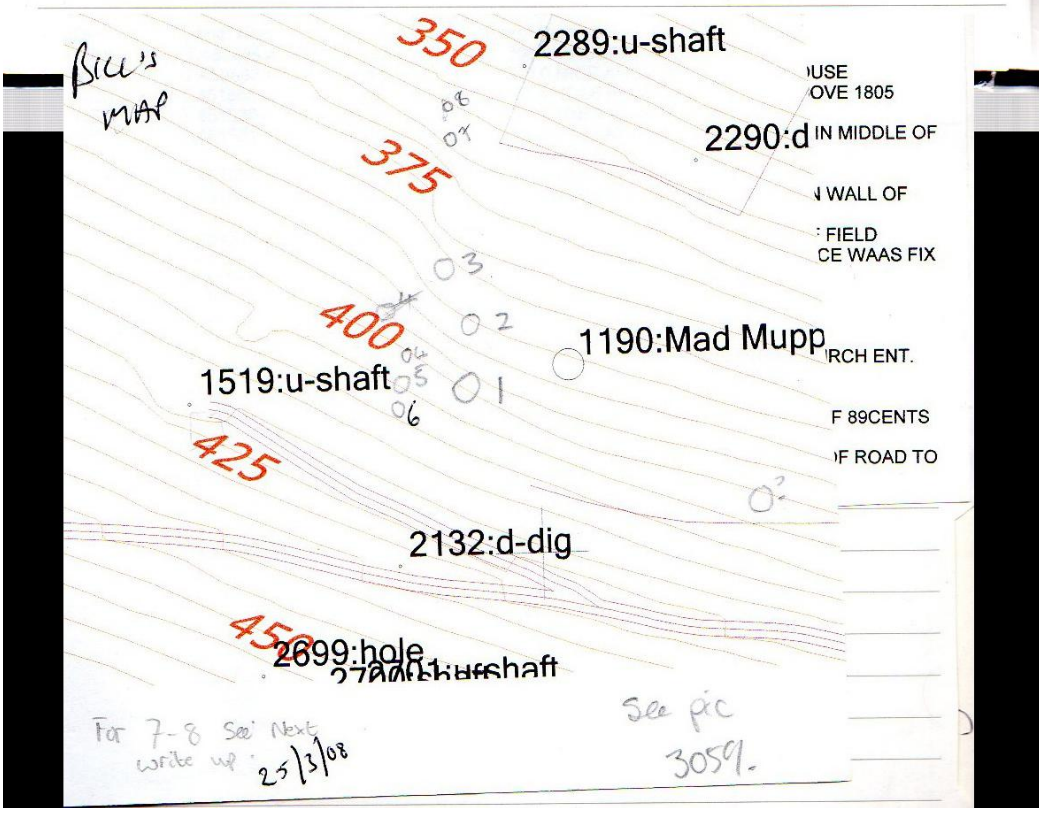
2890
1) Open ~~shafts~~. Surronded by vegation + small tree for belaying in corner. Descend to a depth of about ~~8~~'
Pic + video taken - Surrouned by fence. IMG — 3060 -2967 -2968
-2965
-2966
GPS:

2891
2) open shaft Approx 30' deep covered with wood.
Not descended. GPS: IMG_3061, 3062
3.) Small shaft covered with wood + Rocks. IMG_3063
2892

2893
4.) Small Blind shaft (at bottom) though formed on a joint thus small rift seen at bottom.
No obvious way on. ~~To~~ Tree ~~with~~ more bush like ~~due~~ to number of trunks ~~a~~ directly above.
Rocks cover ent. IMG_2962 IMG_3064

2894
5.) Open shaft covered with brambles. After hacking away it was possible to descend ~~to a~~ ~~a~~ An ~~awk~~ awkward climb on to slopping mud floor. Possible dig.
IMG_2963 2964

2895
6) Closed shaft with water flowing down shaft from small inlet ~~p~~ seen just above. ~~as~~ ~~Not~~ only flows in wet weather. No Pic taken as battery gone. - May have on ~~film~~. film. Possible small chamber at bottom where water heard falling. Good sound ~~wen~~ when rock dropped. Approx 30'. Needs Digging.
* All shafts 1-6 are below T.V mast track.



22/3/08 Surface Prospecting over Downstream Riano, and around ~~Uzueka~~ Uzueka Church Entrance:
– Footleg, Paul Dold, Nick Fincham, Gary Cullen, Sheila Cullen
Several new sites found while going to get GPS fixes for a few known sites.

Data and photos on main computer in Easter '08/Footleg New Sites...

H R DATUM
-2967 M E European 1979 029 -2.5100000E+02 -1.4192700E-05 -86 -98 -119
-2968

H COORDINATE SYSTEM
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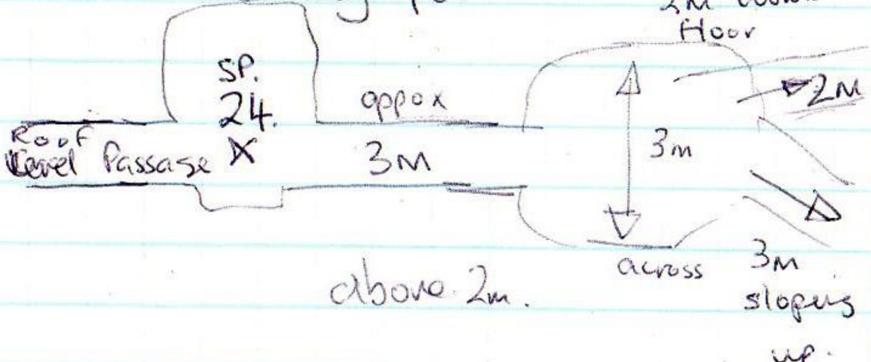
W GPS0085 30T 452825 4796966 Waypoint I 206.0 PROBABLY SITE 0085 X
W WPT003 30T 452893 4796899 Waypoint I 270.0 NICE ARCH BEHIND IANS HOUSE
W NEW01 30T 451553 4800790 Waypoint 2898 I 130 136.0 HOLE IN UNDERGROWTH ABOVE 1805
W NEW02 30T 451599 4800903 Waypoint 2899 I 161 159.0 THE 3 A-TREE-GOES
W NEW03 30T 451581 4800892 Waypoint 2900 I 157 156.0 PHREATIC ROOF ENTRANCE IN MIDDLE OF FIELD
W NEW04 30T 451556 4800901 Waypoint 2901 I 154 153.0 SLOT IN PAVEMENT IN FIELD
W NEW05 30T 451641 4799892 Waypoint 2902 I 175 180.0 KEYHOLE SHAPE PASSAGE IN WALL OF GORGE
W NEW06 30T 451615 4799896 Waypoint *2857 I 178.0 STREAM SINK AT BOTTOM OF FIELD
W UZCHURCH 30T 451701 4799962 Waypoint 2903 I 175.0 UZUEKA CHURCH ENTRANCE WAAS FIX
W GPS1805 30T 451548 4800775 Waypoint 1805 I 120.0 SITE 1805
W GPS1809 30T 451753 4800694 Waypoint 1809 I 140.0 SITE 1809
W GPS0255 30T 451747 4799896 Waypoint 255 I 191 ~~184.0~~ SITE 0255
W GPS0718 30T 451662 4799940 Waypoint 718 I 174.0 SITE 0718
W WPT010 30T 451697 4799951 Waypoint-IGNORE! 168.0 POOR FIX IN BOTTOM OF CHURCH ENT. SHAKEHOLE
W GPS0090 30T 452793 4797048 Waypoint ? on card I 190.0 PROBABLY SITE 0090
W RIANTINT 30T 452263 4800202 Waypoint-New I ~~206.0~~ 198 NEW SITE OVER END POINT OF 89CENTS TINTO PASSAGE IN RIANO 2904
W TREEHOLE 30T 451717 4799853 Waypoint-New I 193.0 197 ABOVE ROAD (OTHER SIDE OF ROAD TO NEAR CHURCH ENTRANCE OF UZUEKA) 2905

Wed 19th March.
Badger, Carl, Dave, Emma.
Ricano, objective to finish bolting ~~[illegible]~~ pray aven, started Dec 07, and push to the end of the passage from ~~[illegible]~~ where we had got to Dec 07.
The entrance small puddle with very little water, very quickly romped through to 89 cents Tinto chamber. Climbed up the mud climb and rigged traverse, although this now seems uneccesary, once been over a few times, but definately would not trust the mud floor as we think this would drop into a chamber underneath, accessed from 89 cents Tinto chamber.
Proceeded to pray aven then into the crawl along the passage to flow stone climb upto a roof level passage and on through to the last survey point



~~[illegible]~~ continued along the slot to another chamber approx measurements 4m high by 3m wide filled with various sized bolders
Badger moved some bolders to an up slope passage approx 3 metres to bolder filled choked roof section, filled by 1 big bolder approx 1 metre x 0·75m, with smaller rocks surrounding, back at the chamber a climb down between bolders brings us to a pebbled floor. and a low passage, approx

Stone climb upto a roof level

floor. and a passage, approx
1/low

·60 - ·70 cm high &
2 metres long, the passage can
be seen to continue but has
2 restriction points where the wall
intrudes into the passage from
the right hand side. Fray aven
was bolted approx 10m still going up.

Thurs 20th. Unable to find
a way out of our Riano
passage and knowing we
are very near to the surface
we set out to surface
prospecting. With the GPS
co-ordinates we started searching
an area where we expect
the passage is heading the area
along the track from the Riano
entrance comes to an area
where the upslope of Grass, at
the top Gorse, to the right a
gully mostly mud and covered

with brambles about half way
up Moss covered bolders of
which several where moved,
the right hand side of the
gully is fairly straight sided
and limestone. Did not find
any thing obvious looking which
could possible be an entrance.
no draughting holes, and
it must be noted the inside
does not seem to draught.
The best possible next step
is to Mole phone end
passages to see how near
we are to the surface,

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Badger, Carl, Dave Emma.

Friday 21st March. Rcano objective to bolt up to passage just over the other side of the Acid Bath. where?
Entrance with no water but very muddy. Then made our way to our objective fairly quickly. Once at our objective site we discussed a plan of attack at a wall which clearly would not be a simple straight up bolt. We decided to start at a chimney approx 4 metres to the left, the next discussion took us across the face to a mud slope under our objective passage, a route up and over an over hanging bolder brought us to the top of the climb.

A strong word of caution must be noted, due to the lack of solid rock, the wall made up of, mud, bolders & thin calcite, the placement of some of the spits & hangers are of a dubious quality, although the top three spits are in solid rock. The rope has been left in situ. The top is very muddy and should also treated with caution as the area overhangs and is very hard to tell what is good rock and that which is held together with mud & air.
We then went to have a look round. At the first junction the passage down to the right appears to head back to the main Rcano passage

the top of the climb.

The main [illegible] passage

hopefully the survey data
will confirm this, this
was a low passage with
pebbly mud banks.
Going straight on the
passage passes either side
of a very large bolder
to the right under & over
to the left up a over.
here the passage continued
up to end in a mud filled
choke with an animal
skelton to the left. (SP22)
approx 150mm x 200mm in length.
Just before the end point there
was a passage going under
and round ~~the~~ to the left
this also ended in a mud
filled choke with a short
up climb, also mud choked.

back along the passage
at a boulder we observed
on the left hand wall a
slot which we climbed
up, through the slot the
passage glistened with
we think are gypsm
crystals, with a very steep
slope up to again a
mud filled choke over head
in the passage is a hole
which is also mud filled.
Back in the main passage
at the bolder in the roof
is another hole which
has a water drip and
a possible way on.

Saturday 22nd March.

After a night of very heavy rain, ~~the~~ many fields round Matienzo being flooded, we set back to Riano to survey passage found yesterday. Water was flowing down the track and into the Riano entrance, the entrance had a fair bit of a puddle but enough air space to comfortable push through. Water was running through the whole of the entrance series and would estimate the stream way to be 100 mm deeper than normal. By the time we arrived at the survey site, we where very wet from the entrance series and quickly began cooling down. By the time we had finished surveying and also ~~where~~ wearing balacavas we where all quite cold. So decided not to explore any of the possible leads but to make a retreat - we did however have a quick reccie over the passage which we take to be the main passage in Riano ~~dow~~ 10 m below. This appeared to be a deep balcony with no obvious ways on, not surveyed. The water in the stream on the way out had considerable lowered probably most of the 100 mm on the way in.

Pringle's hole above Toraida – 30m? Bus stop.
(See Lank GPS 24/3/08)

24/3/08. Lank Pringle James.
Drove around above Cave of Wild ~~Horses~~ Mare above road from Riano to Hornedo. Pringle got us lots lost but eventually arrived at sink (2906) Decent stream emerges and sinks on right of road looking up. Big depression on left this appears to have site 1164 in it way below. Went for mega drive around trying to find James's hole of a few days ago. After about 10 miles of driving we ended up just above previous hole!
James's hole (2907) is a sink right next to the road this is fed from a fuente resurgance just above. 5m higher & 50m away. On this day (very wet) a decent flow of water was sinking in the entrance 30cms x 50cms X section. The water sinks in a body size slot, bigger below approx 6m deep – unexplored. Carried on to Pallet Pot – Round House area and eventually to area above La Carada. There is a depression there approx 500m + diameter. There is a large resurgence (on a wet day) at the top end, furthest from the road covered by a blockhouse with a inscrie saying "vehicles of any kind cannot be washed". Just above this on the road is a small entrance bedding with the sound of flowing water. The large flow of water goes across the depression & sinks in a cave which we surveyed many years ago. Named (= 542?). The interesting bit in all

this drive is that this resurgence & sink were ~~fed~~ producing about 3-4 times as much water as that in the streambed flowing down the main valley past Barrio de Arriba from the valley up to Alisas. This seems to clearly indicate that the water from the area to the right of the Alisas road, Marcobre / etc area, does sink / enter caves rather than resurge or flow on the surface. A dye test / trace for the future would sort this out. Juan

Carried on to Cobadal back towards Matienzo. Pringle demanded a stop above FBGT (613) and asked for a GPS of a hole they had looked at a few days ago. This was GPS'd and is called Leaking Bus Stop Shelter or something similar. number (2908). Pringle to write this up →

24/3/08 2691 Giant Panda – Leo, Cookie, Phil P. ~~[illegible]~~ GNOME
Took 6 acro props + wood to stabilise the dig as best we could prior to a more permanent job later when dry! A lot of water sinking, but not affecting the dig. In end we used 5 Acro's & site is now secure until at least August,

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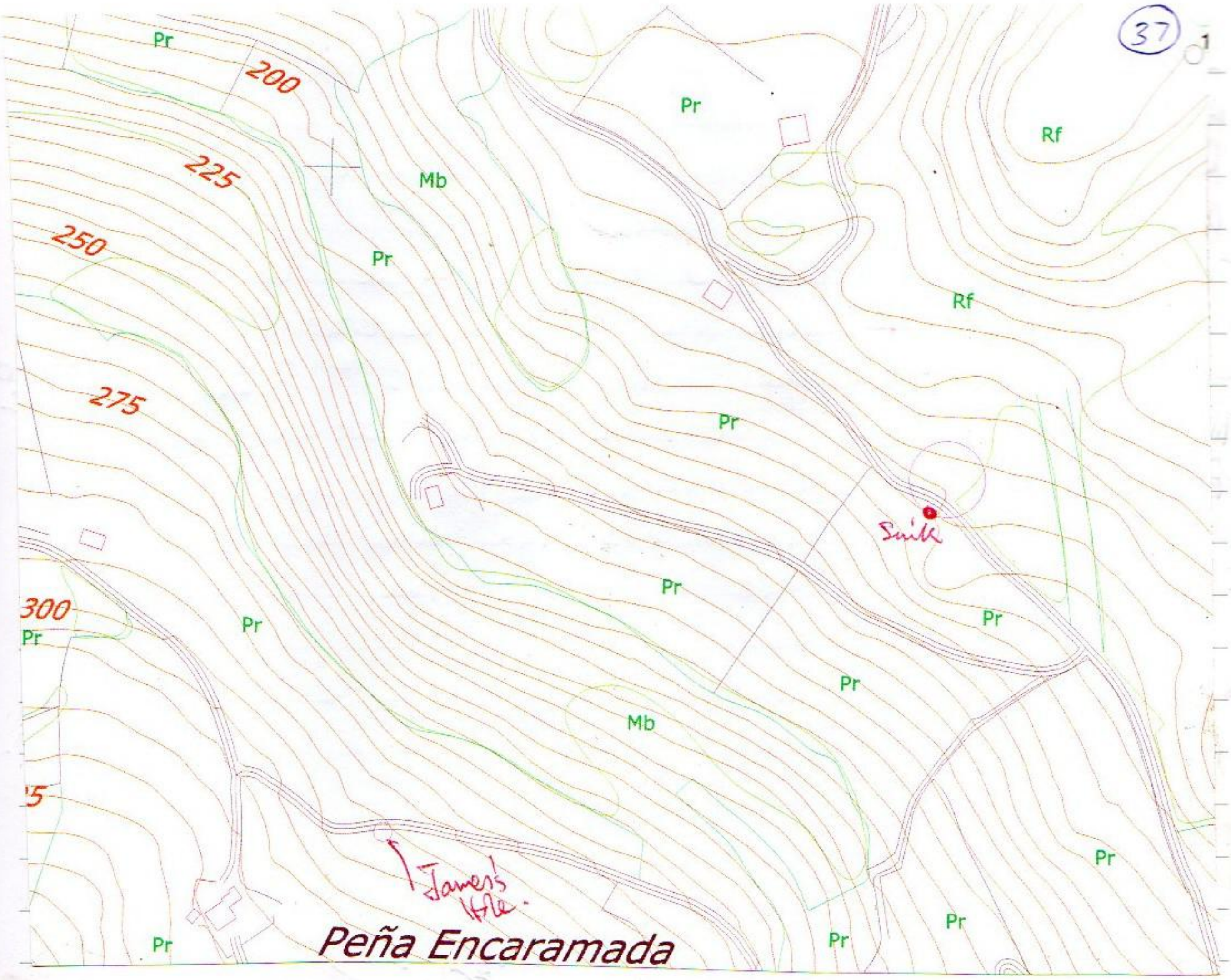

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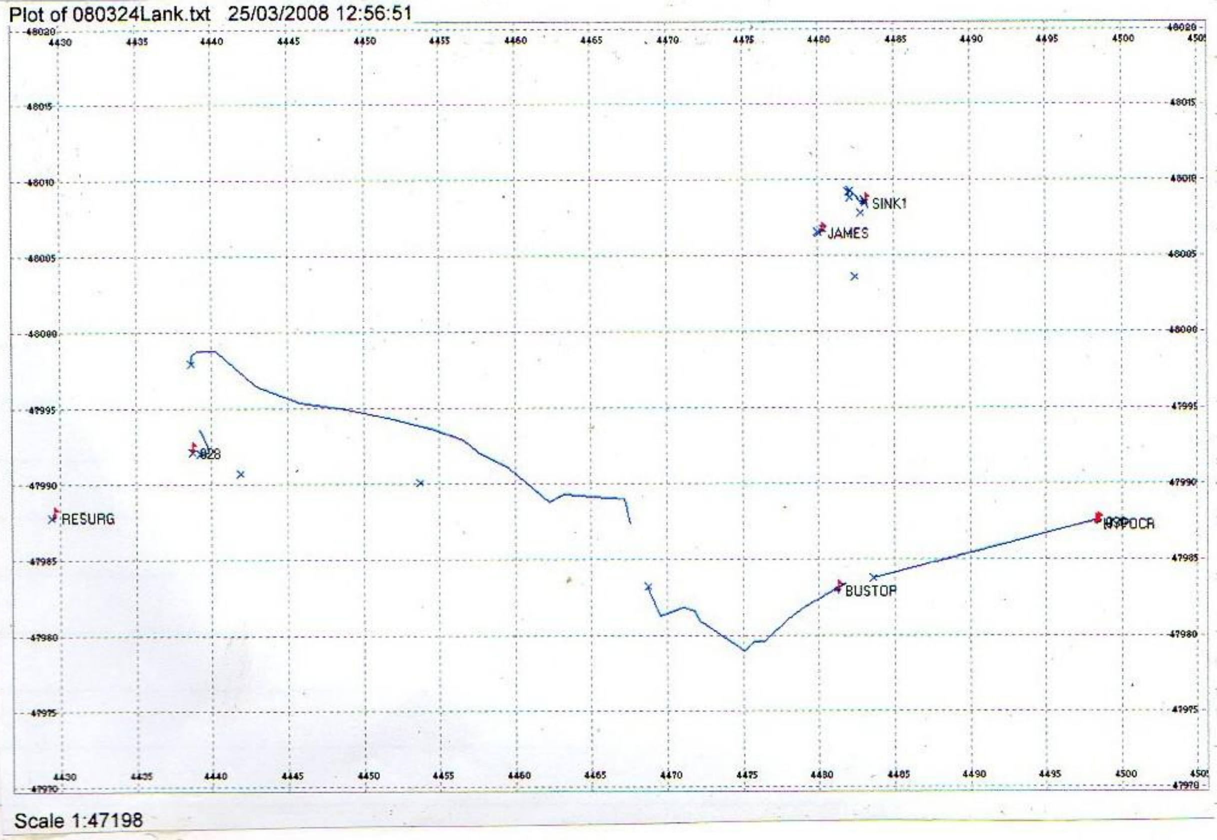

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25th March 2008. A Bill on a hill.

A return to try and enlargen entrance to number ~~Seven~~ Six.
Result - a large rock (Gritstone) Blocking top of Shaft.
Unable to lever out as Jammed in. 2895

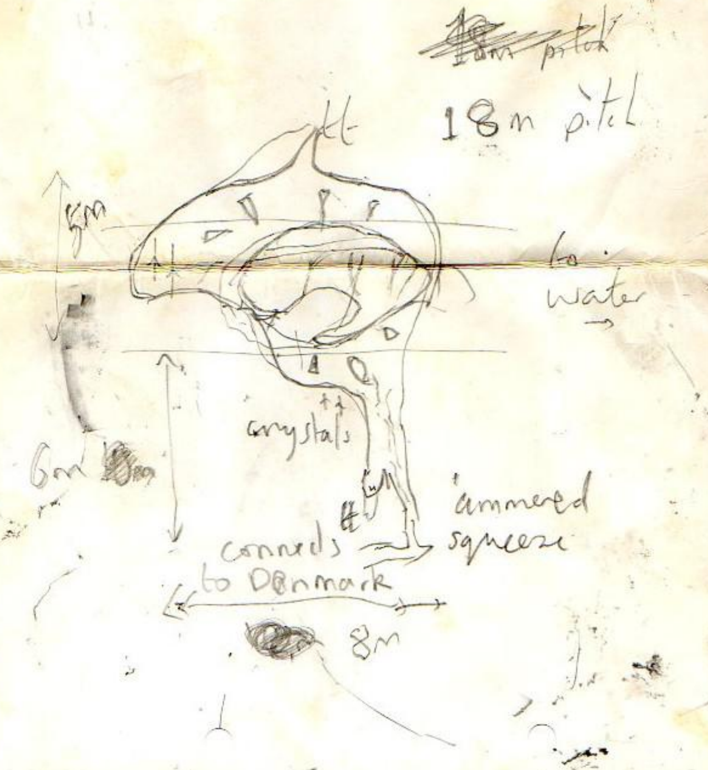
7 On way up to No 6. ~~a~~ to caves were found. one 2896
is a small rift cave with stone covered floor. possible
dig to gain possible chamber below? Aprox 6' long. ~~call~~ Named Badgers cave

2897 No 8. Small climb in to cave with possible way on
But Entrances needs enlarging to allow access.
water enters in below entrance marked by
Bed Rock above, not far from fence with tree
Pics taken (- to follow.)

* (No 7 has rocks in a semi ~~8~~ circle in front ~~3~~) *
(Will Go back and GPS these when have batteries!) Mike.

23 March Bobby Ted Julie Penny + Dog 2+3. N. Enaso
Walked along upper track as 22nd
A hole 2m+ deep has been exposed by the excavation of
the track. 0451578 4797089 2910

Tuesday 25/3/08
Vallire, Smelly Hat Aven
Patrick + Tom + Hatstand + Pete Eggan



25 March 2008

Valline

Tom + Hatstand + Patrick

Climbed 18m aven above passage, next to Smelly Hat. Indian rope trick to start.
At top, ~~in~~ 8m to constriction with voice connexion to Danish stuff, ~~Ramr~~ enlarged (hammer) & passed by Pete Eagan.

~~Opposite~~ All other ways off top of aven close down or are too tight.
~~Rope~~ Pitch was fully derigged, as can now reach this point from the Danish stuff. Patrick

Tuesday 17th March - MadPhil, James Carlisle

Toad in the Hole - Hoiked kit up hill. Quick trip to rig the 1st 2 ladders.

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2897

Wednesday 18th March. - MadPhil, James Carlisle, Si Flower

Toad in the Hole

Trip to rig all 3 remaining pitches required to reach far end

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Thursday 19th March - Emma Heron, MadPhil, James Carlisle, Si Flower, Steve Domery.

Toad in the Hole.

Trip to far end of 'Move it' Extension (Bill turned around at chocolate slice)

Emma, James + Steve explored remaining question marks. Boulder at far end could be snappered + dig remains undug but other Q's pushed to conclusion. ~~[illegible]~~ 30 m of passage heading on bearing 300° found ending in boulder choke. Mostly sand floor, ~1-2m tall. Drop down into sandy floored chamber possible. Small descending tube at the bottom of this required a rope for the return. Small ascending tube climbed - no way on. In terminal choke, a boulder could be

Snappered to gain space above. Draught felt in 1st part of passage, less noticable at end.

Si + Madphil descended ~20m shaft. Several passages entering at bottom. Lots of mud suggesting its pretty Terminal area. All passages bar-one too steeply ascending to explore. This one passage explored a few metres to 2 climbups. No way on. No draught.

Saturday 21st March – Emma Heron, Madphil, Si Flower

~~Att~~ Toad in the Hole.

Attempted to follow draught in Move-it. Clear draught felt prior to bifurcation to Man-Down. Lesser draught felt in both passages beyond. Unclear where draught is headed. ~~[illegible]~~ Attempted to decipher with smoke testing. Appeared to be rising into avens, though it wasn't clear whether body heat contributed to the smoke rising upwards. ~~Draught testing~~ ~~[illegible]~~ Draught-testing in Man-Down more fruitful. Followed it through boulder choke in roof at the far end – to new passage. Boulder choke here is unstable and should be passed at the far end away from the dodgy perched keystone. Short section of passage (large aven in roof) to terminal chamber. A climb down here ~~[illegible]~~ (bold step – handline useful) leads to a ~~[illegible]~~ ~25m pitch split ~~at~~ by 2 rebelays. ~~[illegible]~~ ~~on~~ Lands in very muddy chamber (found to be at least partially sumped in very wet weather – see entry for 25th March)

Aven seen in roof. Further ~~p~~ short pitch down into very muddy passage. Small stream here, with mudbanks. Not followed. No draught. All very terminal-looking.

Back in chamber, a climb up where water emerges leads to low muddy passage. 5m drop to passage that appears to be heading for pitch so not descended. (voice/light connection)

~~Monday~~ 23rd March - Emma Heron, Madphil, Si Flower, Paul Stacey.

Toad in the Hole

Si + Phil bolt climb. Phil climbs ~12m up aven just beyond Bifurcation with Man-down. Blind - no way on. Si climbs ~12m up aven in Man Down extension found yesterday. Mud + breakdown at the top - no way on.

Em + Paul survey upstream end of 'Move-it' = How bad is it". - 50m of muddy rift to a chamber. Boulder crawl on (L) - no way on. Possible dig in the straight ahead - slight draught. Also draught tested in passage ~~beyond Move-It extension~~ heading towards "Mad-Hatters..." - big boulder chamber. Draught seen to rise up to roof at a point beneath Helictite Heaven. Small climb-up also found - probably leads to Helictite Heaven but needs looking at.

25th March - Becka Lawson, Carmen Smith, Emma Heron, Mad Phil, Si Flower, John

Si, John, Phil go to end of Man down. Phil

~~Si~~ + John redescend pitch to push stream. Terminal chamber found to be sumped, Ems + Carmen survey rift in More-it which oxbows back into main passage.

Becca, Carmen & Ems began survey of passage which heads off north ~~of~~ of narrow passage between "Cloud Nine" & "Cargo Rift". It is found by following obvious on climb down where the main passage continues over. It had been partly pushed by others but never surveyed. Entered a phreatic maze with tubes interconnecting at several levels (quite complex). Quickly located sound of water & surveyed in, to enter a large aven at a point approx. 10 m above floor with big waterfall coming in from above. V. impressive! Rest of group arrived. Si & John dropped pitch to find water disappearing down tight rift passage. Roof of aven not seen! Aven looks interesting & there may be a possible route upwards through the phreatic maze. Good lead for next time.

Phil & Becca continued survey of phreatic maze (now called "Girly Day Out"). This was linked back in to known passage at a point further back towards "Cloud Nine" (on survey). Whole cave de-rigged. 12 hrs.

26/3/08 Les W @ Secadura Small resurgence @ 0456227 4880309 2911

18th March Bill Sherrington / A. Pringle Fat boy G.T. 613

Took a drill and capping set to the draughting boulder choke at far end of Fat boy. Too wet for drilling the choke seemed to have some possibility for a dryer day. Made exit, to meet up with comrades who had been enjoying wet weather at Snottite 1874 Digging @ base?

20th March: Bill Sherrington & Andrew Latimer.

Snappering trip into Torno chamber to follow streamway. Used 4 snappers in draughtless stream sink area: progress seemed ~~OK~~ sound of loud stream passage beyond. Final snapper of the day caused slump~~ed~~ into streamway causing it to block and sump up: A pleasant draughtless no hoper thus turned into neck deep, aqueous digging ~~[illegible]~~

Bob + Ted Ozana 26/3/08

A (657) 2912 04 53140 4794504 ↑415

Hole in far side of shakehole opposite trees.

B (658) 4m shaft undescended.

2913 4x2m 0453075 4794473 ↑440

C (659) narrow shaft

2914 uninspected due to thunderstorm

0453202 4794564 ↑401

D 2915 0453202 94582 ↑401

narrow shaft uninspected

21st march 2008: Bill Sherrington / Simon latimer.

Return visit to Fat Boy G.T.: Note cave seemed infested with "Ticks" obvious signs of recent use by animals: lots of Bats in roof. Went into surveyed extensions for a look see & returned to Casa German to look at where we had been and surveys, notes from 1986:

21st March 2008: The Sewer. made 40 m of progress into a the obvious sewer. Passage lives up to its name. Have made it a little bigger by moving the cobbles about. Decided on a daily basis not to return due to excessive rain and tight flood prone nature of the sewer.

(45)

25/3/08 Clare Dallimore, BJ, Matt Traver
19~~75~~67 Ushaft possibly the same as 901
3x2m shaft ~~100m pitch~~ (only Joking!) 3m deep ends in boulders & slime. Re 23rd feb 08, looked in depression Nothing there.

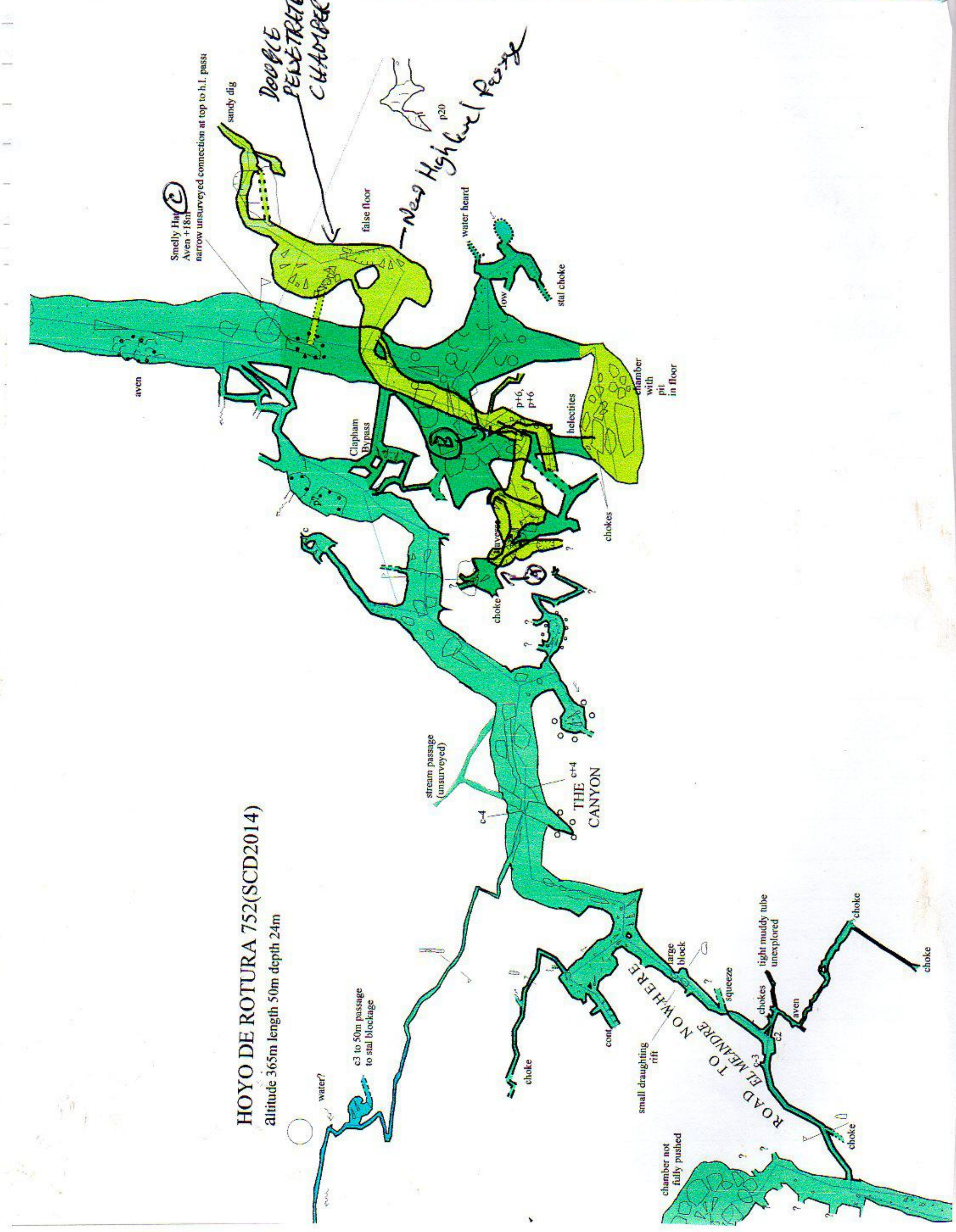
26/3/08. Toad in a hole. (Yes I know it was de-rigged y'day!) Bill + Dave Gardner

A Photograpic/Reconaisonce trip. We Entered as far as Baz's chamber and had a Scout around at Drafting digs. Not Bad except its in Toad!. Nothing personal Phil! Took various photo's ~~&~~ and Sirrca OBcared. - Pics to follow. Bye Bye until next time ...
26/3/08.

25th March Torno: Paul Stacey, Nick, Dave Cooke, Pedro.
Trip to check and survey leads found on 23rd.
1 - Small passages the survey had shown to be near Granny's Slippers. Cookie pushed on to a tight end. A small opening on the right just before end seems to open up. But no real lead towards G's S.
2 - Crawls continuing from surveyed end of "Stal Passage". On the left the passage ends in a small chamber immediately after very low section. Right hand passage is longer, ends at tight section where Paul continued a short distance.
3. Paul looked at low bedding at western end on 23rd March. Again a little more progress was made. First passage from end on northern side was surveyed.
4. Second passage back from end had previously been dug and explored by Tom. We continued where he had turned back in small passages. Paul dug through another crawl to break out in larger stuff. The main passage sloped down to a sandy crawl on left (not surveyed or pushed until 28th). Opposite on right a rift continued up and down calcite slopes to a small hole at top of last slope. Passage seen to continue beyond. A passage at a lower level off this rift connects back to main passage. The largest passage is on the right in main passage, about 4m wide and 3m high. It ends at choke where narrow rifts under boulder ~~have~~ ~~[illegible]~~ a draught.

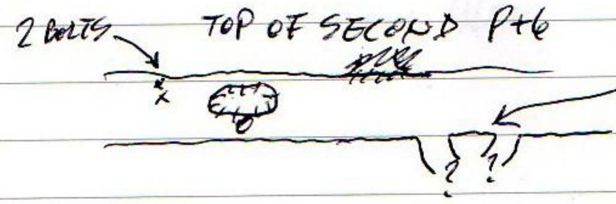
23.3.08 Vallina – Dennis + Ali. Ran away due to heavy driving snow!

24.3.08 Vallina – Ali, Torben, Louise, Bjarn, Peter.
Resurveyed main passage around Clapham Bypass exit.



Ground traverse into short passage to choke (A), climb down into draughting rift descending – needs further digging, may connect to known cave.
Torben bolted up into passage about 30m to traverse (at B), left for next day.

25.3.08. Vallina – Pete Eagan, Ali, Sarah Payne, Tom Chapman, Hatstand, Torben, Louisa, Peter, Bjørn, Kåre, Padrick Weaver.
Padrick climbed Smelly Hat Aven (~~already~~ see earlier entry) – C.
Torben climbed further 6m pitch into large well decorated passage, with sandy dig at NE end & stal choke to SW.



2 x Ø1m holes 4m off the floor. Possibly an oxbow, but not checked.

26/03/08 Carcass Cave – Dave Bell, PT Eagan.
Passed dig to continuation (3m approx) passage continues small, needs digging is floor looks like mud. Water disappears under RH wall

Further down hill near track water disappears down Hole/Shaft with tree next to it.
PE

26/3/08 Noah Moulton, Paul Staley, Andy Pringle, John Dingle, Simon Dingle, James Carlisle.

#1 Elevation ~~306~~ 168m 2916
044 85 29
4800 406

Deep pot-hole. Depth estimated 20m+ (3 ladders required - at least - 2 were insufficient). Belayed ladders to nearby tree. Prominent draught.

#2 Located entrance to man-made ~~rock~~ bridge in ~~rock~~ rocks (using normal underground temperature). Leads to a small tube with constrictions. Requires dig and small caver.

E ~~166~~ 044 8513 ↑168 2917
4800 166

#3 E ~~200~~ ↑218
044 ~~8~~8 405 2918
4800 110

3m pitch to mud slope. Enter chamber 8m(l) X 5m(w) with flat roof 2½m high.
3 inlets on back wall (small), one with enlargement that could be worked. Water sinks in floor.

#4
Elevation ~~185~~

2919

044	83	78	↑197
48	00	301	

Possible dig site to void in side of hill.

#5
Elevation ~~116~~

2920

044	79	53	↑120
480	14	71	

Cave entrance in long scar in hill - leads to possible drop.

26/3/08

2 ladders left on entrance in 2889, 392m Surveyed
Survey Notes with Pringle/Dingle?

Torca JR needs detackling.

DAN / BOB,

HELLO, WE HAVE GONE.

I NEED A FAVOUR. THERE ARE 3 LADDERS IN 'TORCA DE JR' WHICH NEED TO COME OUT.

JUAN WILL TELL YOU WHERE IT IS.

PLEASE RETRIEVE SAID LADDERS AND TAKE HOME.

SEE YOU BACK IN BLIGHTY!

DINGLES

27 March Bobby + Tod.
Walked along same track 2/3 way up
Practice GPS for Bob !!

Remarked hole exposed by track excavation 0451574 4797088 2910
Looked in a shake hole and spotted a very orderly pile of stones against a rock face? Could this be covering ~~and~~ an entrance? 0451630 4797032
GPS for 1556 0451737 4796987
& 68 0451755 4796963

Located a hole in the bottom of a small cliff with went down 2-3 metres by rock test

0451787 4796931 2810

Then it rained!

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Prospecting – Las Calzadillas
24.3.2008, Emma Heron, Madphil Rowsell

2922 001 – Small sinkhole under sandstone lip. Tight, possibly worth looking at. Slight draught seen on spiders web in entrance. Next to larger sinkhole (choked). Located in field next to cottage, (signed as no. 12 or 15). 30T 448490 4795799 ↑502

2923 002 – Large doline adjacent to track. Good warm draught in hole at cliff edge. Short, passable drop (stones rattle down). 30T 448534 4796097 ↑493

2924 003 – Sinkhole – possible dig. 30T 448460 4796123 ↑472

2925 004 – Stream sinks immediately adjacent to track. 30T 448506 4796155 ↑488

2927 005 – Big doline. Walled-up? Below limestone outcrop. 30T 448515 4795657 ↑477

2928 006 – Road drains to a sink on left of track. 30T 448465 4795402 ↑478

2929 007 – Easy dig. Open chamber where stream sinks adjacent to track (lower down same track as 006). 30T 448325 4795197 ↑448

2930 008 Doline where stream sinks. 30T 448264 4795138

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30T 448138 4794961
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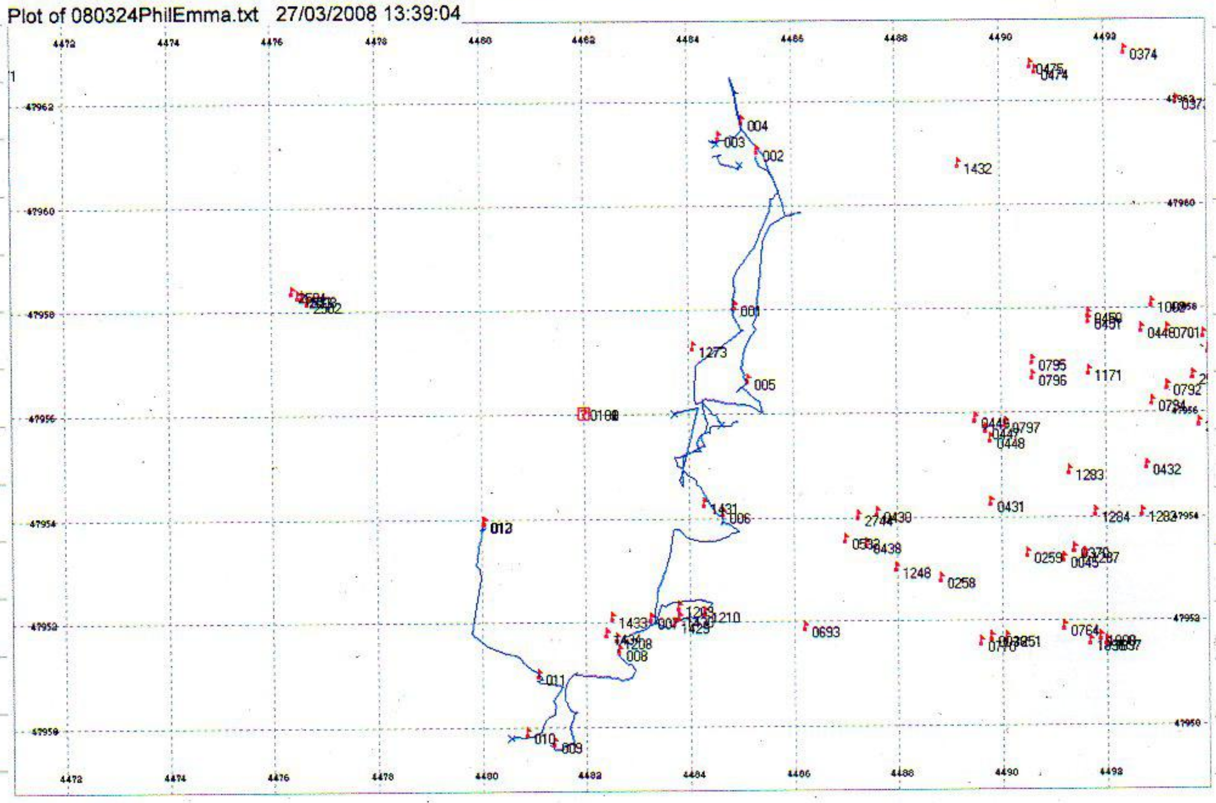

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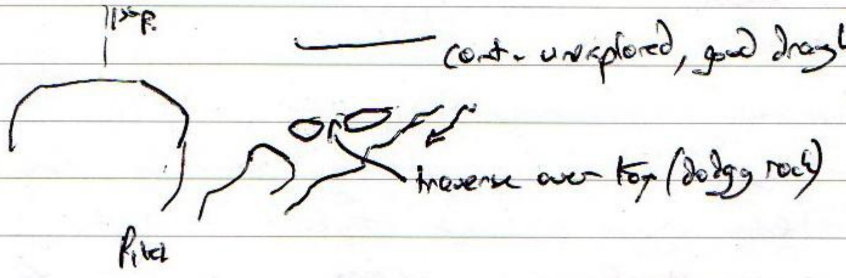
~~25~~ 28/3/08 Torno – Easter 08 extensions – all pushed to a finish or to digs. – Pete + Larry + Becka + Patrick
except "upstream" passage found by Pedro + Paul on Tuesday, ends in boulders with a tight continuation, good draught out (ie into the face as it were) thus likely(?) to be heading back towards the entrance.
The farthest point explored is a good stream in a body sized crawl, would need lump-hammering to make progress. This seems to be where all the draught is going through, and there may be a distant echo, so this is a reasonably good prospect, for drier conditions. *Written up again (!) on next page.

27.3.08 Biggo. top level.
While others descended into new chamber, had a look at upstream passage from top of 2d pitch.

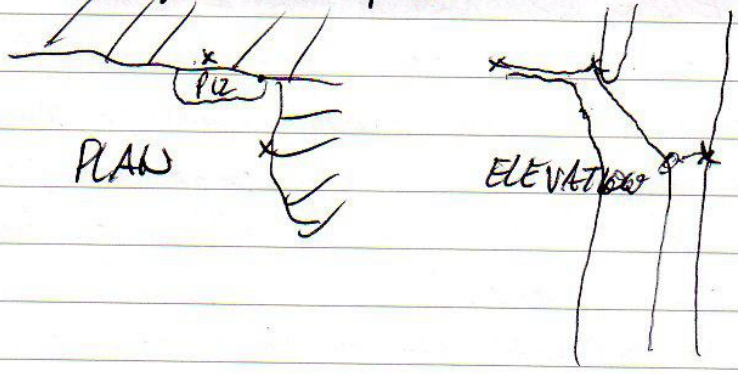


Back in main passage at pretty chamber further north sound of water heard through too-tight crack in rift on R.H. side.

Ali

27/3.08 Biggo
PETE Eagan and Torben Redder surveyed the southerly east heading chamber (chamber about 80m long and 17m wide). At the south-eastern end the chamber bends towards east and goes to a higher level. ~~From the rope~~ In the northern chamber, about 20m along the eastern wall a pitch was dropped (10m). At the bottom a narrow stream is heading east. →

Bolts put in PR



Torben

26/3/08 Footleg, Paul Dold - Extn in Gour Inlet, Uzueka
Survey data and trip report to be sent by email

27/3/08 Footleg, Paul Dold, Torben, Dave Garman
New chamber survey in Lluera. Survey and trip report to be sent by email.

28/3/08 Becka Lawson, Carmen Smith, Pete Smith, ~~[illegible]~~ + Patrick Warren - Torno.
Into upper series. Pete dug a low section + Patrick + Becka surveyed through to small chamber with an inlet + a further chamber. Then caught up others ~~and~~ + kept ticking off the remaining leads on the way out to leave nothing much left in this top section. * Written up again on previous page!

27/3/08 Becka Lawson, Julian Todd, Carmen Smith + Patrick Warren dropped ~4 shafts on South Vegas near TV mast.
None went so went to the bar... * SEE LATER DESCRIPTION WITH CAVE NUMBERS

26/3/08 Becka Lawson, Carmen Smith, Julian Todd, Patrick Warren, Tom Chapman, Sarah Payne, David Cook, "Cookie"
Descended Giant Panda to Guerilla Walk + intended going to Astrodome but went wrong at Obscure Junction and ended up going to the sump at Four Stomps then out. A fine jolly.

New sites somewhere due South of Aguanaz (around site 2680)

Footleg, Paul Dold, Dave Garman

GPS file left on computer 28/3/08

+ PHOTOS

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W NEW-03 30T 446820 4799900 Waypoint 204 I ~~130.5~~ RESURGENCE ABOVE STONE WATER TROUGH ABOVE SITE 2680 2933
W NEW-04 30T 446623 4799924 Waypoint 208 I ~~138.5~~ ROCK FILLED SHAKEHOLE POSSIBLE DIG. 2934
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W NEW-06 30T 446645 4800090 Waypoint 248 I ~~180.5~~ 4M DEEP SHAFT CHOKED WITH MUD PLUG. NO DRAUGHT. 2936
W NEW-07 30T 446661 4800112 Waypoint 256 I ~~195.5~~ SMALL HOLE AT BASE OF LIMESTONE SIDE WALL OF FLAT MUD FLOORED SIGNIFICANT DEPRESSION WITH IVY COVERED TREES. 2937
W NEW-08 30T 446761 4800089 Waypoint 263 I ~~187.5~~ SHAFT IN DEPRESSION WITH COOL SLIGHT DRAUGHT, DESCENDED BY DAVE GARMAN AND PAUL DOLD 2938
W NEW-09 30T 446765 4800091 Waypoint 264 I ~~192.5~~ SECOND HOLE IN DEPRESSION 2939
W NEW-10 30T 446766 4800093 Waypoint 264 I 192.5 THIRD HOLE IN DEPRESSION 2940
W NEW-11 30T 446694 4800266 Waypoint 293 I ~~220.5~~ BOTTLE BANK. SINK FULL OF GLASS BOTTLES AND RUBBISH. 2941
W NEW-12 30T 446548 4800445 Waypoint I ~~190.5~~ PAIR OF OBVIOUS DEPRESSIONS. NO CAVES APPARENT
W NEW-14 30T 446493 4800534 Waypoint 263 I ~~195.5~~ SHAKEHOLE WITH RIFT SLOT. NEEDS DIGGING 2942
W NEW-16 30T 446365 4800104 Waypoint 239 I ~~174.5~~ SHAFT IN OVERGROWN SHAKEHOLE. DESCENDED 5M UNTIL BOULDER CHOKED. 2943
W NEW-18 30T 446303 4800021 Waypoint 244 I ~~171.5~~ CAVE UNDER TREE ROOTS ON SIDE OF GULLY. ON SPRING BED ACROSS ENTRANCE. 2944 BLOCKED WITH RUBBISH.
W NEW-20 30T 446456 4799940 Waypoint 205 I ~~130.5~~ SLOT BETWEEN BOULDERS AND SINK IN MUD WITH SLUMPED HOLE. 2945
W NEW-21 30T 446463 4799929 Waypoint 210 I ~~143.5~~ HOLE BEHIND TREE HALF WAY UP SIDE OF DEPRESSION. 2M LONG. ENDS 2946
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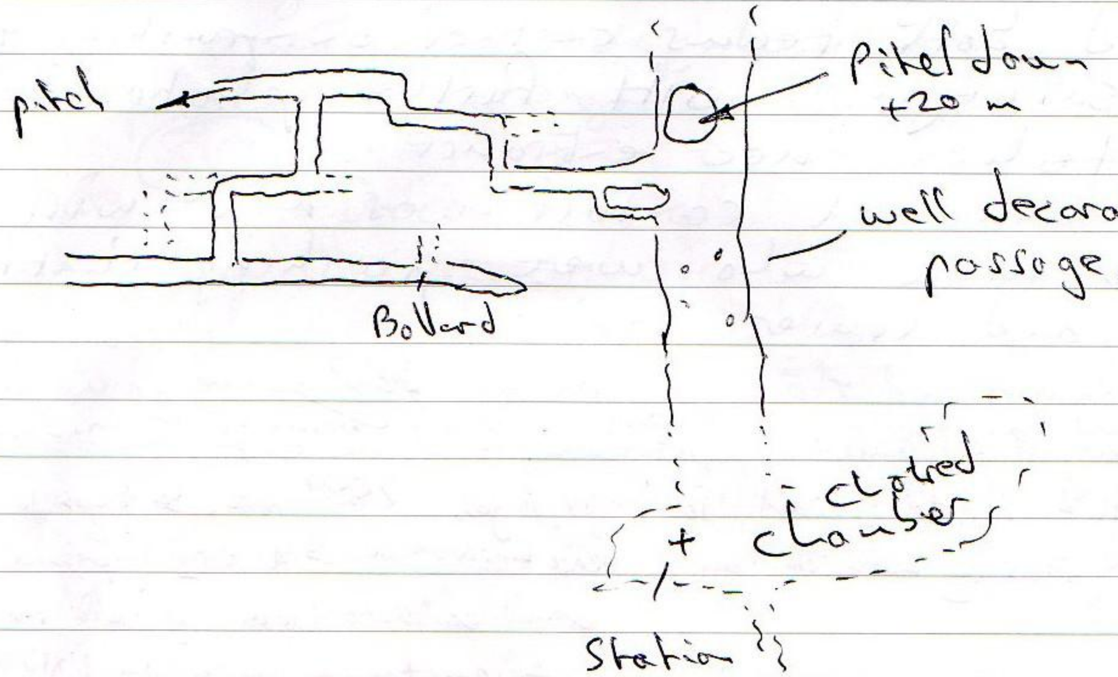
28/3/08 Peter, Sarah, Ali, Angus 2889

Visit to check out possible dry level above climb down to squality st.
A few short blind crawls all ended very quickly but at base of ladder a stoop under wall over broken glass and rubbish ~~[illegible]~~ an easy scramble down enters a section of passage running left + Right (looking in) the RH branch is easy going with a few blocks in the way past a number of corners and short oxbows until stal blocks the way (draught) these can be passed then more stal would need removing to get further.
LH branch is short climb up into bedding, over a few blocks past Left larger blind passage before a slot ~~[illegible]~~ or ~~[illegible]~~ SQ over blocks enters the top of a rift (way on below not entered). A crawl along left side of rift meets junction Left side climb dow enters large easy going rift, Right appears to close?,
LH 200 meters of well decorated easy rift has various side passages unentered, end still needs pushing.
left had Junction before bollard looking rock was entered. This is narrow rift with stall ~~[illegible]~~ various junctions untill a larger Tee junction is meet.
LH leads to pitch and traverse (to be checked)

RH via arched crawl meets larger passage
well decorated with traverse on right
or narrow passage with leeds to tee
junction in large easy walking passage



Both ways were looked at briefly but
left for further visit as Disto was tired.

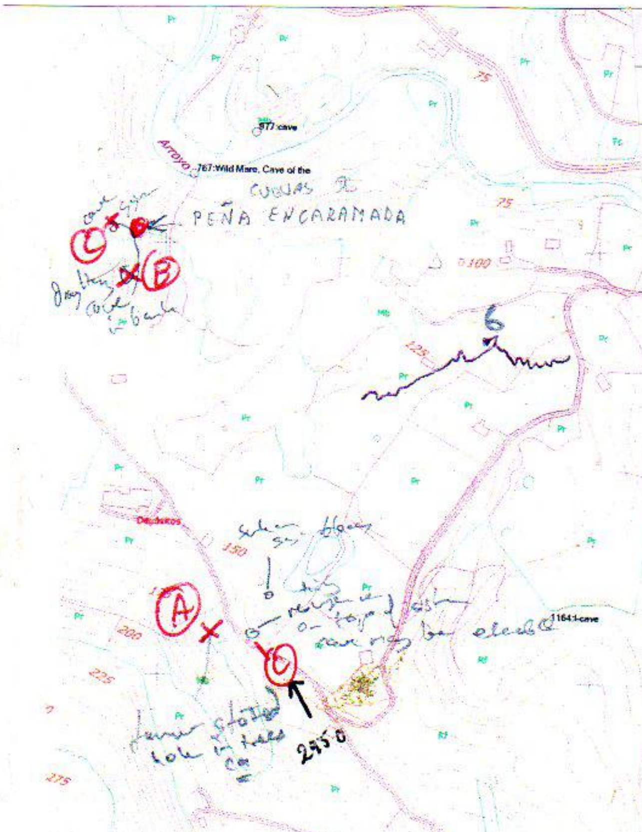
[signature]

29/3/08 Peter, Santi, Ali, Angus, Loyd, Juan (A) team
↑ (B) team Pedro, Patric, Carmen
2889. (C) team Becca, Julian

A team account:- Entered cave and began
to take photo's Ali, Angus, Santi continued
into cave to complete survey and push on
Juan, Loyd, Peter took photos up to previous
days exploration and checked out Chamber
(choked with Sandstone. Some tree roots seen.
A narrow rift was looked at which

meet a cross rift, steeply sloping down to left and pitch on Right.
Further visit required to check out possible way on above pitch.
Angus + Peter switched teams and both teams carried on pushing + surveying with further photo's taken near entrance.
Vocal contact was made with
(B) team who were pushing shaft and lower series.
(C) Team: rigged second pitch on 14m rope. Went to downstream sump + surveyed up inlet until too low. Got lost for 90 minutes trying to get back upstream. Short survey into chamber upstream + back out

30/3/08 Ali, Pete E, Santi, Ian Chandler, Angus, 2889 Area. See Angus for GPS.
Shown sites by Luis' the farmer: Peña Encaramada is a very impressive huge perched sandstone block, he said the caves in the area (presumably including Wild Mare) he called Cuevas de Peña Encaramada.



B (2947) is a draughty low entrance ~~on~~ on a bank, seems to lead to a short pitch.
(2948)
C - cave under sandstone, possible dig in floor.
(2949)
A - cave reported about here, we didn't look for it.
Then went to Torca de Hondo (1167), saw substantial streams sink in area to E + NE. Small unexplored caves in depression to NE of Hondo (not located properly).

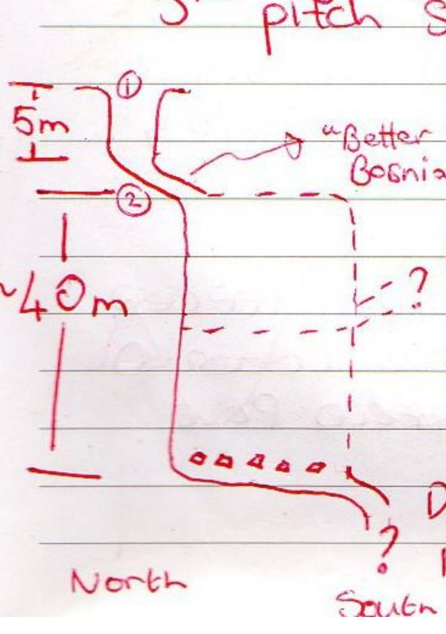
Then returned to 2889 area. 2951

(5) Depression below road below (A) - small stream sinking into sandstone blocks on NW side, and unexplored cave over sandstone at SW end just under road.
(C) 2950

30/3/08 Becka Lawson, Julian Todd, Patrick Warren 2889
finished surveying odds + ends that connected through to yesterday's surveys + took photos + videos, + Patrick tidied up yesterday's drawings. Derigged ladders.

810 = AKA "CRETINS OF THE ROUND TABLE".

29/3/08 Clare Dallimore, Matt Traver, Alex B-J
Walked up the mountain in the sun!
Sunbathed then dropped 810.
↳ Placed back-up bolt to 1st pitch Y-hang
↳ Dropped 19m and drilled 2 spits for Y-hang out of the way from the top pitch.
↳ 2nd pitch was a 15m drop to the floor
↳ Multiple pots and inlets leading in to main rift/chamber - likely from the surrounding sinkholes
↳ All possible ways checked and the supposed way leads on South 15m on ~~to~~ from the end of the 2nd pitch. ~~to the~~ Stones thrown down a very tight rift (currently unpassable) leading to 3rd pitch suggest a 20m pitch.



"Better than Bosnia" Pitch

Loads of loose shit flying down from poor gardening. Matt T stuck in an inlet with all the crap raining down like bomb shells.
↳ Totally fantastic!

lots of inlets

Drafting well, 20m pitch? beyond needs enlarging Crowbar + hammer mud & Calcite.

30/3/08 MATT T, ~~CLR~~ CLARE D, ALEX B-J, JON W

- Trip to Bear Cave. 0013
  - Interesting but uneventful
  - Idiots (B-J & Jon) stuck on free climb @ end of rift (that leads to the 5m blind pot).
- Found the remains of bears but no cave art on the Stals!! ☹
  - We missed the FIFTY cave paintings...

LOL... TEAM GAY xxx

Carmen +

27-03-08. SUZZA - TICK OFF A FEW UNDESCENDED SHAFTS/SITES

2654 - 9M BLIND POT, STANDING ROOM ONLY - (~~5844~~ ~~5845~~ ~~photos~~ 5849).

2655 - BLIND POT. NOTHING FOUND

~~2656~~. 3x2 ENTRANCE - [OLD GPS CO-ORD INACCURATE]
[RESITED TO 0452332~~1~~ 47947~~12~~ 547E.]
18M DEEP. CALCITED ROCKS AT BASE WITH NARROW SLOT NO DRAFT. — This is 2424

~~2657~~ 2655 - NOTHING FOUND.

2658 BOULDER COVERED 6M DROP APPROX 0.5M x 0.5M WIDE BLOCKED SHAFT - FREECLIMABLE.

2541 22M PREVIOUSLY DESCENDED WITH IN SITU SPIT, NEEDED RE-CHECKING FOR DRAFTS/DIG POTENTIAL - NOTHING FOUND

2701 - UPDATE - SHAFT NOT FENCED. FENCED WALK IN CAVES EITHER SIDE OF WOOD COVERED HOLE IN GROUND. NEEDS SCAFFOLD POLE FOR DESCENT.

LOG EXTRA - REFERRING TO COMPUTER STUFF

2699 FENCED - WALK IN CAVE - NO CONTINUATION
2700 UNDESCENDED WITH PLANKS - NEEDS SCAFFOLD POLE
2701 FENCED WALK IN SHAFT - NO CONTINUATION.

1512 - 23rd + 24th March - Dingles 1 + 2, Pedro

An attempt to push narrow passage at bottom of this hole. It was taking a moderate stream (in very wet weather). Snappers were used to enlarge passage and reach a right hand bend, then this was passed to reach next left-hand bend, about another 3m further on. Excellent work by the Dingles under quite severe (wet and draughty) conditions. Looking forward to returning when it's drier.

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Martin 'Barny' Barnicott (MB)
Dave Gledhill (DG)
Dan Hibberts (DH)
Mike Salt (MS)

March 17th
Day 1
BT, DG, MB, DH, MS

Short recce around Cuevo de Lleuvo (Biggo) area.
Possible dig, previously found by MB in January 2008, on the edge of a solid fluted wall in the base of a small doline approximately 200m South of Biggo main entrance. A brief excavation exposed small limestone boulders, sandstone boulders and vegetation/debris. Boulder choke continuation and faint draft.
Site GPS Grid Reference: 30T 454678 4798193 ↑21 2959
New Site No: TBC by Juan Corrin
Other similar sites were found in the vicinity, amongst dense vegetation, further investigation may be worthwhile.

March 18th
Day 2
BT, DG, DH, MS, MB.

Site #114: Cuevo de Lluevo (Biggo)
5-6 Hours
The aim was to look at leads off the extensions made during the 2007 Expedition.
Near to the point of the previous years extensions into the passage leading to 'The edge of darkness' a small letter-box squeeze (Lardometer) was pushed, revealing approximately (25m – check survey notes for direction) of dry low passage. At the end, the floor drops away into tight slippery mud-coated rift approximately 3m deep with small stream at the bottom. The same stream was discovered in a small passage downstream of here. This area would require further work for potential progress, however it is not deemed to be a worthwhile prospect at present.
The stream in the large passage between the 'Edge of Darkness' and 'The Big Red Knob Room' was looked at. The stream runs down the main passage, disappears between boulders into solid hands and knees crawl. During the previous years extensions, DH and John Latimar (Dingle 3) crawled some way down the passage, but had not pushed it to a conclusion due to time constraints and sharp flakes of rock protruding from the walls and floor. Passage is named 'The Eel-trap'.
Our intention was to push this further, breaking off the rock flakes where necessary. Due to unsettled weather conditions, it was agreed that this would have to wait until a later date.

The group split off to look at separate leads:
DG & MB successfully developed a way through the boulder choke in the breakdown chamber at the end of the passage, connecting it to the main passage below. This is currently at the limit of surveyed exploration in this part of the system.
BT, DH, MS Went to look at three leads identified during the previous year's extensions:

Lead #1
End of passage off 'Big Red Knob Room' above sump. Hole in floor of walking sized vadose stream passage. A small stream drops approximately 0.9m in a 0.3m diameter water washed hole in the floor. The hole enlarges and a second void can be seen. No significant draft is noticeable but the water can be heard to drop down into a pool of water. Echoes can be heard. The inaccessible void may be an air bell or upstream passage to the existing sump To conclude, the solid wall needs to be enlarged to allow continuation.

Lead #2
End of passage off 'Big Red Knob Room' above sump. Stooping sized passage closes up slightly then terminates in breakdown. Some rock was removed revealing small void and continuation beyond. A small outward draught was present. To make progress here, two slabs of rock would need to be removed.

Lead #3
End of passage off 'Big Red Knob Room' above sump. A crawl up flowstone to stalagmites and 2 horizontal squeezes in water, leading to a boulder choke. The lead was not fully looked at due to the volume of water dropping down and running along the flowstone. A big draught flows out of the passage. This is a very promising prospect and return trip is planned in drier conditions.
All 3 leads are off a sizeable passage heading west into unknown an area (To be double-checked)

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Returning to Oxbow Passage, a small stream was found running from the previously perched sump down the passage leading to 'The Big Red Knob Room'
Whilst exiting the system, the letterbox squeeze (lardometer) was surveyed. Refer to Survey.
Returning to the main entrance passage, below the entrance pitch, the stream had risen dramatically submersing the route used to get in. An alternate exit was used via an easy high-level slab traverse. A few bolts and hand line here would be a good idea. (Note: others installed this at a later date)

March 19th Batch 08_01
Day 3
BT, DG, MB, DH, MS
Site #2366: Cueva del Torno
5 Hours
The aims were to climb the Organ Pipes (climb over flowstone between stal to possible high level extensions) located in the passage below Granny's Slippers, look at the boulder choke dig at end of the north-west Canyon Passage (Previously pushed by BT&DG in 2007) and investigate other potential leads.

BT, DG and MB.
Investigation of crawl in right-hand wall at the far end of rope traverse in main rift, opposite crawl leading to 'Andy's back passage'. This had been previously noted on earlier trips, but appears largely ignored. Hands & knees crawl in dry sandy passage round right/left bend to a fallen slab of roof with a grille of straws. Squeezing under the slab gained further dry crawling passage, emerging in a low chamber. Many straws & stals down to sand / calcified floor. Excavation of floor allowed progression along left side of chamber to a low opening into what appeared to be a low bedding plane with collapsed sections of roof. Too low to progress at this point. Slight outward cool draught present at all times in this passage. This was surveyed on the way out.
MS & DH went to climb Organ Pipes, but were unable to descend handline climb between The Posture of Progression and Granny's Slippers due to lack of hand line!
Instead, a promising looking aven was aid-climbed between Andy's Back Passage and the hand-line traverse. At approximately 10m, an upward-sloping mud filled passage terminates after 4m, another after 3m. Both ways on contained stall and stall bosses but were found to be blind. A number of water washed pockets were found in the ceiling, and there was evidence of small inlets these were deemed to be insignificant.
BT, DG & MB Went on to look at an area between skull chamber and Postures of progression. This is marked on the survey as 'too tight in black limestone'. Progression by jamming along the top of a rift passage led to a left turn, enlarging into a descending and widening rift. This changed from dry smooth limestone into gnarly wet black limestone. Water was descending from the roof and flowing down the walls. The rift swung right and then left before closing down too tight. A small slot in the floor revealed a space below. A short climb up at the end of the rift led to a window overlooking a drop down into the space seen through the rift floor. No descent attempted, it requiring hand-line or ladder due to the walls being undercut.

March 20th
Day 4
BT, DG, MB, MS
Site #2366: Cueva del Torno
7 Hours

Return trip to look at previous days leads and boulder choke dig at end of Canyon Passage.
DG continued bedding plane dig RHS of hand line traverse.
MS, BT &MB descended a pitch found at the end of a rift passage on the previous days caving. A squeeze into a decorated shaft gave access to an approximately 5M deep pitch. A thread around a boss was used and the pitch descended by ladder. At the bottom of the pitch, a continuation over flowstone dropped an additional 1.5M to a draughting hole in the floor. The way on comprised glacial fill with small limestone and sandstone boulders glued together with flowstone 'icing'. A short time breaking the flowstone away revealed a small void continuation. An unsuccessful voice connection was attempted with inlet in small chamber off crawl near to Andy's back passage.
A hand line was placed at the end of The Posture of Progression to allow access to Granny's Slippers. DG & MB dug a mud filled solid passage at the top of hand line climb off the crawl leading to a ledge overlooking Granny's Slippers. Here, an inclined tube enters the passage, this however was found to pinch up to a small horizontal tube in solid bedrock approximately 0.3m diameter. Refer to survey.
MS & BT continued through Granny's Slippers to Canyon Passage and investigated possible ways on. Inclined stream sink running approximately eastwards (left-hand side of passage) was looked at. This is found near to the bolder choke at the end of the Canyon Passage. No significant draft was identified, but open passage sloped off - further excavation required.
The Canyon passage runs in an approximate Northwest direction, The end of the passage terminates in a fallen block-chamber. The whole of this area was looked at. Two high level tubes were followed, but appeared to close down with no noticeable draught. A low-level crawl in the base of the boulder choke was looked at. The crawl was previously pushed by BT & DG in 2007. The entrance to the crawl is unstable, and care should be taken here. The crawl itself is more stable and continues

approximately 15m to a squeeze under a large boulder here, the way on is inaccessible. Small voids between boulders could be seen here and falling water could be heard. An encouraging draft was present.
The way on was assessed and plans were made to return to push this lead further.
On the way out, DG & MB looked at a side passage off the high level traverse near to Andy's back passage, removal of mud blockage led to a cobbled passage approximately 6m long with apparent continuation beyond.

March 21st
Day 5
BT, DG, MB, DH, MS
Site #2366: Cueva del Torno
5 Hours

Return trip to push boulder choke dig at end of Canyon.
BT, MS & DH went down to the boulder choke dig whilst DG & MB had a quick digging session at high level traverse passage found on previous days trip.
DG & MB then descended a hole in the floor of the chamber behind the aven climbed earlier by DH & MS, this led via a tight low passage to a 'T' junction. The left branch was followed in a descending rift passage that joined after about 20m the stream level below the hand-line. At the 'T' junction a possible cairn was seen indicating that this loop had probably been done before.
Whilst continuing down to the boulder choke dig, several high level tubes were explored in the side-walls of Canyon Passage, one of which was dug out allowing a small oxbow to be joined up.
The draft coming through the crawl at the end of Canyon Passage was much stronger than the previous days visit.
The floor under the boulder comprised moon-milk, sediment and clay and was dug out to allow easier and safer access to the dig face.
2xNo. 'Snappers' were used in the left-hand boulder and debris dragged back and placed in the crawl side passages.
Fumes from the snappers cleared instantly from the crawl but surprisingly, lingered in the canyon passage.
Once rock debris had been removed from the dig-face, a void between boulders looked encouraging, but still too small to fit through. To maintain stability of the choke, the floor was lowered at this point.
DG dug the inclined stream sink looked at on the previous day for about 25m. The end of the passage continues, but requires further excavation.

March 22nd
Day 6
DG, MB
Walk around the Eucalyptus plantation where 3 shafts were GPS'd and the larger of the three (No 3) surveyed.

#1 30T 0452875 4801219 ↑213 2960
Hole/Shaft 3.9m deep
#2 30T 0452831 4801114 ↑250
Shaft belling out with tight passage off at bottom, warm air. 2961
#3 30T 045~~2~~2886 4801185 ↑222 2962

A shaft leading to a squeeze under a block into a small chamber with a possible digs in the corner. A further crawl led into a larger rift passage with a pot at the bottom that dropped 4m into too tight fissures
MB and DG then traversed the hill side above Torno and in the Eucalyptus plantation below Regolfo they stumbled into site 2414, shafts above were noted and the two previously entered underground sections were looked at. see later
A small fist sized tube was noted due to the sound of roaring water emanating from it. The tube was excavated to a comfortable hands and knees crawl. After 3m a small alcove was reached with the noise of water coming through a narrow crack in the wall about 2m up. At floor level more cobbles were excavated and an even louder sound of water was followed. 2414

March 23rd
Day 7
BT, MS & DH
Site #2366: Cueva del Torno
5 Hours

Return trip to push boulder choke dig.
The floor at the dig face was further lowered and tight squeeze pushed into open passage continuation. The squeeze through was then enlarged and made more stable. (Note: still loose in places, care should be taken). Initially, 3 ways on were identified. From a small chamber, a climb down into a small stream pot approximately 1m diameter and 1.5m deep leads to low level stream

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passage. This was followed for approximately 50M then left for Surveying and return visit, LHS tube followed to 20M walking sandy passage (still going). Straight on lead to 1.5m high walking passage in phreatic tube (TBC). Floor comprised small boulders and streambed calcited together. The floor here is false in places and the lower stream runs under it intermittently. The passage then runs into tall solid stream rift passage. Here, a strong draft rises up into roof passage continuation. The main passage was followed down stream where the walls became more broken, silt covered and the rock appeared crumbly poorer quality. The passage continues with climbs over fallen wall slabs and areas of break down. Small low level stream is met intermittently - this was not pushed. The main passage varies between 1.5 – 3.5M diameter with the roof approaching 20m in places. A shaft in the floor is met after approximately 250-300m with a loose, slippery and exposed climb up and over breakdown (hand line needs to be placed). At the top of the climb, the passage continued meeting a drop down into a void. The break through was not surveyed, as the surveying gear had not been taken underground.
DG, MB

2976

Return trip to site #2414
Two pots were descended above the cliff. The first taking the stream, this continued too tight at 14m, the other choked at about 18m. Attention was then focussed at the dig of the previous day where the excavations continued successfully with the flat out crawl in liquid mud emerging in the roof of a chamber with the stream that had alerted DG to the dig entering on the left

2977

March 24th
Day 8
BT, DH, JL (John Latimar), BS (Bill Sherrington)
Site #2366: Cueva del Torno
7 Hours

Batch 08-04

Aim of trip was to start surveying newly found extensions and investigate leads.
Survey station near to boulder choke breakthrough could not be located, so the bottom of the Canyon Passage was re-surveyed from Station 7.
Main breakthrough passage was surveyed for approximately 280m to the breakdown area (station 44). Further exploration past stn. 44 revealed climb down into decorated chamber with further pitch down into continuation. DH carefully free climbed down to a chamber where a loud stream could be heard under boulder choke. This area was left for further exploration and surveying. On the way out, a number of squalid inlets were looked at and a climb up near to the breakthrough revealed approximately 50m of high level rift passage terminating in collapse.
Survey data was imported into survex and the main passage was found to head in a S/W direction heading for The road to Torno in Rianio.

DG, MB
Site #2414
4 Hours
The aim of the trip was continue excavation to access the chamber
Bolts were placed at the top of the pitch, but descent not made due to being severely chilled by the strong draught and the soaking in the now liquid mud flat out crawl.

March 25th
Day 9
DG, MB, JL (John Latimer)
Site #2414: Un-named

The aim of the trip was descend the pitch rigged previous day.
MB, DG with John Latimer descended the pitch into the sizeable chamber. Two ways on were noted but not pushed due to the volume of water spraying the chamber.

March 26th
Day 10
BT, DG, MB, DH, MS
Site #2366: Cueva del Torno
7 Hours

Batch 08–14 ?

The aim of the trip was to explore and survey the new extensions.
DG & MB surveyed from start of hand-line in Torno down to stream level into a passage that led into the floor of the second chamber in Andy's back passage. This had evidence of having been done before in the form of a cairn found at the 'T' junction. The clino smashed in one of the tight squeezes making it impractical to continue the survey to the known station adjacent to the curtains at the entrance into Andy's back passage as intended.
DG and MB explored the stream inlet that emerges from the left in the main passage shortly after the boulder choke break-through. The stream was followed for approximately 150m by hand and knees crawling until it became necessary to lay flat out in the water to make further progress.

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BT, DH, & MS surveyed high level passage above previously surveyed station: (station No Req) Refer to survey.
MB and DG then joined BT, DH and MS in the furthest point
Ways on at end of main passage (Station 44) were looked at. A bolt and knotted handline were placed on the slippery climb up over the pot in floor and climb over breakdown. Bolts were placed in a boulder in the decorated chamber the pitch descended via ladder.
The lower level continuation comprises collapse and main passage continuation. At the far end of the passage, a squeeze over a slab reveals smaller horizontal continuation. At the end of this, an unstable boulder choke floor draughts strongly. A climb up from here, between loose boulders reveals a chamber approximately $4m^3$with sloping boulder floor. At the top of the chamber is a well decorated pocket of stal. The chamber, named Retreat, Retreat!, is very unstable! walls, ceiling and floor are in a state of collapse and there are no leads off. It should be avoided!
Approximately 8m horizontally from the base of the ladder pitch, progress was made by dropping down and squeezing under boulders to a short sandy crawl leading to lower level continuation at stream level in solid rock. Here, a strong draught was followed into a chamber. The chamber has an inlet dropping down approximately 4m to pool of water, here, it meets the low-level stream and continues along rift passage terminating in bolder choke collapse. On the other wall, a climb up an old, now dry, inlet revealed approximately 15 m of well defined passage with three legs, each of which being boulder and flowstone choked at each end. The floor of the higher level walking passage comprises a number of silt beds forming voids up to 0.5m deep.
A survey of the higher level passage was started, but abandoned due to faulty clino.
On the way out MB and DG followed the rift that joins the main passage at the end of the boulder choke. John Latimer had previously entered this the day before. Progress was halted by squeezes that require enlarging.

March 27th
Day 11
MS, DH
Site 891: Cueva Verdura (Jane's Cave)
3.5 Hours
Trip to look at possible leads left during 2006 extensions.
2No 8m pitches descended to 30m pitch in floor. DH made short descent and traverse along pitch head. Approximate 4m aid-climb led to small shelf and squeeze under flake to access a continuation found in 2006 (This was not the previous route in). Extent of previous exploration terminates at pot in well decorated passage containing Helectites and stal. Un-explored ways on require protection to traverse across.
Nearby doline in dense vegetation looked at, pulsating draught in base and easy looking progress however this may lead to the roof of Jane's cave.

March 28th
Day 12
BT, DG, MB, DH, MS, (Ian +1 both from Cardiff) Matt St Clair
Site #2366: Cueva del Torno
6 Hours

BT and MB went up the rift passage, previously entered by MB and DG 2 days before, just after the boulder choke. After about 90m the way on at water level becomes too tight, possible dig. Climbed up rift 3m and traversed above stream to a tight squeeze between rock and a calcite flow into a calcited floor with a stal restriction; enlarged with hammer to pass into a continuation that did not connect into the stream below as expected. After a hands and knees crawl a right turn led to a much larger passage. It was from this point that the survey back to the boulder choke started. In this area a number of leads were available. A right turn lead to an extremely tight 'tube' with an eroded floor that could be broken through into an enlarging rift 3m? deep, with water.
A climb up led to a rift that could be followed into a chamber where several passages were seen to emerge high up. A further climb at the back of the chamber led to a much larger chamber with a cascade issuing from the roof on the left (is this the water from 2414?), on the right side of the chamber the roof height was estimated to be about 20m.
Another way with more climbing in a wider passage ended in a well decorated chamber where no ways on were immediately visible.
Climbing up a wide chimney in the start of the previous passage led to a complicated area with several leads heading off in all directions, similar in character to the roof passages in the canyon leading to the boulder choke. Survey notes given to Juan Corrin
The Cardiff pair went off to survey the wet inlet near to the original breakthrough previously looked at by MB & DG. Here low stream passage terminates in low flat out crawl after 150-200m could not complete survey due to faulty Clino.
MS & DH surveyed the new extensions and investigated possible ways on. High level inlet still to be climbed, the boulder choke above the stream was pushed but found to be long and unstable, high level dry passage chokes could be dug, one end appears to head for Retreat, Retreat! the other end is infilled but appears to run above the stream passage boulder choke. To conclude, the high level inlet

needs climbing, and a trip in Rianio to the road to Torno needs to be done to establish a possible smoke/voice/dye connection. The connection between Torno and Rianio is thought to be in the region of 50M +/- survey error.

March 29th
Day 13
MS, DH
Site 891: Cueva Verdura (Jane's Cave)
4 Hours

The aim of the trip was to aid-climb the traverse and look at possible leads not yet looked at.
The two 8m pitches were bolted. On the first pitch, 2No 10mm self-tapping bolts were placed to provide a 'Y' hang for SRT or ladder. On the second pitch, a 10mm self-tapping bolt was placed and used in conjunction with a thread around large stal. Boss.
A higher, previously used traverse was found above the 30M pitch, but it was not possible to use all the way across due to not finding all of the spits. Instead, a second bolt was placed and 'y' hang installed to provide an abseil to the lower level shelf.
The extensions were again looked at (lots of bat shit in this area). The pot was descended but found to be blind, the high level traverse entered small horizontal mud filled passage and 'T' Junction which closed down and did not appear to draught.

BT & MB
Surface prospecting above Cruz Usano.

#1	30T 0455279 479444 (7m accuracy) Draughting out hole in middle of doline, tree horizontal across entrance,	2963
#2	30T 0455267 4794451 (6m accuracy) Ridge between the doline of #1 and the one behind. Shaft of 18m (disto), stones with a lucky bounce carry on.	2964 2965
#3	30T 0455314 479632 (8m accuracy) 8.6m deep rift	

Note, Refer to M Barnicott Report and surveys (to be appended) See end of Easter Log.

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Bob Toogood, Dave Gledhill and Martin Barnicott.

Investigation of crawl in right-hand wall at the far end of rope traverse in main rift, opposite crawl leading to 'Andy's back passage'. This had been previously noted on earlier trips, but appears largely ignored. Hands & knees crawl in dry sandy passage round right/left bend to a fallen slab of roof with a grille of straws. Squeezing under the slab gained further dry crawling passage, emerging in a low chamber. Many straws & stals grow down to sand / calcified floor. Excavation of floor allowed progression along left side of chamber to a low opening into what appeared to be a low bedding plane with collapsed sections of roof. Passage is too low for further progress at this point. Slight outward cool draught present at all times in this passage. Surveyed on way out:
(photo)

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; Dave Gledhill, Martin Barnicott
; Passage opposite the way from the hand-line via Andy's back passage to Skull Chamber.
01 00   04.74   335   +06;   digging stopped because of condition of roof
01 02   16.95   133   +02;   straw columns part way along
02 03   01.18   210   +00;
03 04   05.11   114   +00;
04 05   04.80   150   +05;
05 06   02.43   138   +22;   surveyed across main passage, hand-line, arrow etched in entry to ABP

*data passage station left right up down ignoreall
00      00.20   01.50   00.30   00.00;
01      00.52   00.67   00.10   00.35;
02      00.00   00.74   00.32   00.56;
03      00.97   00.00   00.35   00.55;
04      00.00   00.39   00.34   00.41;
05      00.58   00.00   00.70   00.10;
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Batch _08_01

Dave Gledhill & Martin Barnicott dug clay filled passage at top of hand line climb where crawl leads to ledge overlooking Granny's Slippers. Here, an inclined tube enters the passage, this however was found to pinch up to a small horizontal tube in solid bedrock approximately 300mm. diameter.

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; Dave Gledhill, Martin Barnicott
; Passage in Gallery left of climb up into Posture of Progression

00 01   07.20   285   +45;   0 = Ali – 0 3/8/06
01 02   04.30   300   +05;
02 03   04.40   042   +35;   Start of new passage
03 04   02.45   040   +15;
04 05   01.80   010   +14;
05 06   02.53   044   +12;
06 07   02.02   012   +23;   Ascending tube

*data passage station left right up down ignoreall
00;     previously surveyed passage
01;     previously surveyed passage
02      00.88   00.75   02.30   00.10;
03      00.24   00.84   00.90   00.80;
04      00.20   00.20   01.89   00.00;
05      00.20   00.15   01.28   00.00;
06      00.15   00.15   00.30   00.60;
07      00.15   00.15   00.15   00.15;   Estimated
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Batch _08-15

DG, MB

Walk around the Eucalyptus plantation where 3 shafts were GPS'd and the larger of the three surveyed.

#1 30T 0452875 4801219
Hole/Shaft 3.9m deep

(photo)

#2 30T 0452831 4801114
shaft belling out with tight passage off at bottom, warm air.

(photo)

#3 30T 04522886 4801185
A shaft leading to a squeeze under a block into a small chamber with a possible dig in the corner. A further crawl led into a larger rift passage with a pot at the bottom that dropped 4m into too tight fissures

(photo)

; Dave Gledhill, Martin Barnicott
; shaft in eucalyptus plantation the other side of the stream left, when looking up, of Torno

00 01	04.50	000	-90;
01 02	01.70	040	-40;
02 03	02.20	240	-48;
03 04	01.86	245	-06;
04 05	03.78	000	-90;

2962

*data passage station left right up down ignoreall

00	00.66	00.70	00.00	04.50;
01	01.43	00.45	00.61	00.00;
02	01.43	00.40	;	data missing
03	00.64	02.60	;	data missing
04	00.23	00.00	04.23	03.78;
05	00.20	00.27	03.78	00.00;

MB and DG then traversed the hill side above Torno and in the Eucalyptus plantation below Regolfo they stumbled into site 2414, shafts above were noted and the two previously entered underground sections were entered.

A small fist sized tube was noted due to the sound of roaring water emanating from it. The tube was excavated to a comfortable hands and knees crawl. After 3m a small alcove was reached with the noise of water coming through a narrow crack in the wall about 2m up. At floor level more cobbles were excavated and an even louder sound of water was followed.

MB, DG with John Latimer returned to 2414 and descended the pitch into the sizeable chamber. Two ways on were noted but not pushed due to the volume of water spraying the chamber.

3 metres left along cliff face from the capped way in. Not tied in to any existing survey station

; Dave Gledhill, Martin Barnicott
; site 2414
; sound of water heard through small tube

2414

00 01	03.22	132	+00;
01 02	07.06	355	+00;
02 03	14.00	000	+90;
03 04	01.28	330	+02;
04 05	02.05	060	+02;

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05 06 01.76 284 +02;
06 07 02.50 020 +02;
07 08 02.10 290 +02;

*data passage station left right up down ignoreall

00	00.52	00.71	04.60	00.57;	tight squeeze
01	01.22	00.35	04.60	00.57;	water falling from roof
02	01.40	01.20	17.00	01.37;	one deviation
03	00.25	00.25	00.35	14.00;	awkward pitch head
04	00.25	00.25	00.35	00.15;	
05	00.25	00.25	00.35	00.15;	
06	00.25	00.25	00.35	00.15;	liquid mud flat out crawl
07	00.25	00.25	00.35	00.15;	small alcove with small tube going to daylight
08	00.25	00.25	01.30	00.15;	excavated entrance 3 metres left of capped entrance

March 29th

Day 13

BT & MB

Surface prospecting above Cruz Usano.

#1 30T 0455279 479444 ? (7m accuracy)
Draughting out hole in middle of doline, tree horizontal across entrance,
(photo)

#2 30T 0455267 4794451 (6m accuracy)
Ridge between the doline of #1 and the one behind.
Shaft of 18m (disto), stones with lucky bounce carry on.
(Photo)

#3 30T 0455314 479632 ? (8m accuracy)
8.6m deep rift. Glasses at base!! Martin B.
(photo)

ID----	Zne	Easting	Northing	Symbol------------
~~006~~	~~30T~~	~~448370.01~~	~~4801389.99~~	~~Flag~~
A01	30T	447953.71	4801471.27	Flag 2947
A02	30T	447953.19	4801522.59	Flag 2952
A03	30T	447947.39	4801507.12	Flag 2948
A04	30T	447509.47	4801034.44	Flag 2953
A05	30T	447494.98	4800739.92	Flag 2954
sinks A06	30T	447414.51	4800619.48	Flag 2955
A07	30T	447230.70	4800539.36	Flag 2956
A08	30T	447181.34	4800530.82	Flag 2957
A09	30T	447030.38	4800623.81	Flag 1167
B01	30T	448192.60	4801156.84	Flag
B02	30T	448197.80	4801148.71	Flag

Further to 30/3 walk around 2887 area

B 2947 is GPS point A01 0447954 4801471 ↑120
and photo's 100_0413 0414 and 0415 in PEs Easter '08
2952 A02 on GPS is a sink point in the valley bottom
under to "Climbing Rock" that could be dug
C 2948 is GPS point A03 0447947 4801507
and photo's 100_0418 0419 and 0420 in PEs Easter '08
2953 A04/5 is a water resurgence and immediate sink running
across a track at the farm-house Photo 0421 and 0422
A4 2954

Juan,
Yes – Pete said that I wouldn't remember them correctly !
A4 is a small non-drafting 1m long "cave" in a shallow depression
A5 is the farmhouse spring and sink
A6 is a small rising and sink (3m apart) to the south of the path up against a rock-face
A7 and A8 are small risings and sinks (3m apart) which cross the track from South to North
The position change for A9 looks correct as you have to cross the stream in the valley bottom then walk some distance to El Hondo.
Dave.

~~2954~~ 2955 2956 2957

~~A05~~, A06, A07 and A08 are all similar (but smaller) risings and immediate sinks on either side of the track
A09 is 1167 Torca El Hondo with entrance photo's 0423 0424 and 0425

B01 is the lowest point in the bottom of the depression - but both B01 and B02 altitude is suspect!
2958 B02 is the side of the depression undercut where ~~there~~ is a dig site down through cobbles to a void about 2m long, but too small

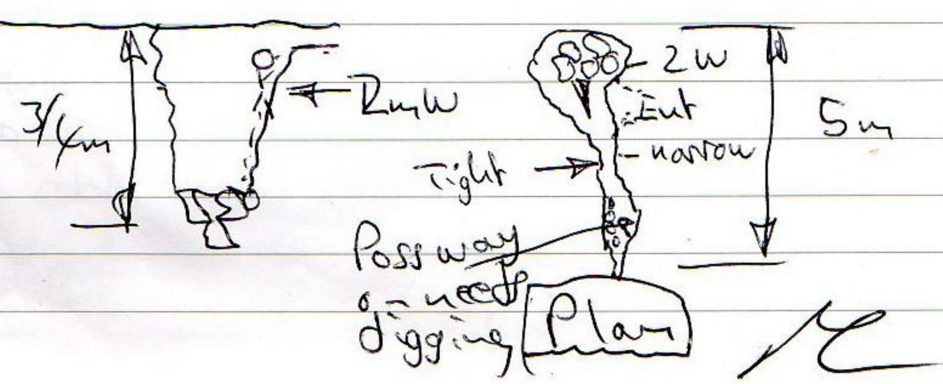
DRS

A05 – sinks apparently under wall on N. side of track by farm.

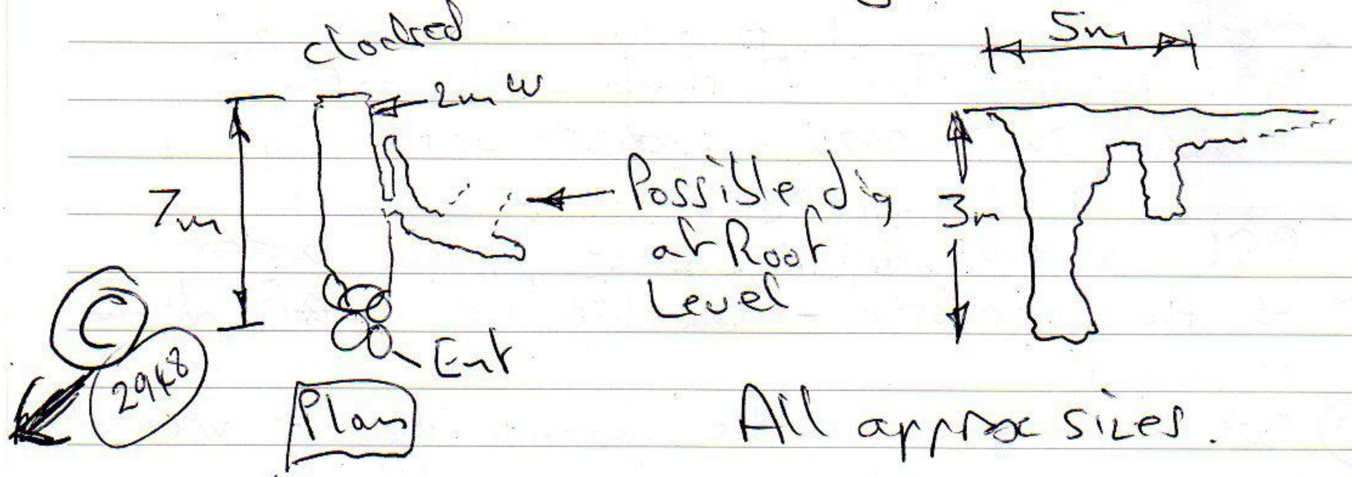
1/4/08 Peter, Ali, Angus, Ian

Revisited sites near climbing rock. Used ladder to descend rift with sand stone roof. Floor choked with sandstone narrow rift can be passed at high level then climb down on to hanging floor, possible way on below. Need hot day to check for draught.

B 2947



second site seen near climbing rock also needs visit on hot day to check for draught



All approx sizes.

1/4/08

GPS for Cow Pot and Wild Mare

Cow pot location is the corner on the wall around the depression – Batch 3 Station 53

Wild Mare Cave was GPS'ed to a point 5m due North of the entrance (due to GPS reception) so the last 6 is really a 1

	Cow Pot		Wild Mare	
GPS1	448350	4801412	448061	4801541
GPS2	448365	4801413	448061	4801547
GPS3	448354	4801408	448069	4801551
Average	448356	4801411	448064	4801546 → 1
	112m		72m	

GPS altitude was calibrated to 100m at the road junction before and after the walk.

1/4/08. Footleg email 1.txt

Hi Juan,

Here are the totals for new passage surveyed at Easter by the group of us staying at Ian's:

Riano 21st Passage: 154.73m
Uzueka Gour Inlet: 369.27m
Llueva new chamber: 280.59m

804.6m with Giant Panda adjustment

TL = 5014.9m

The Riano stuff was surveyed by Tony Radmall, Carl Clark, Dave Garman and Emma Moyse.
Uzueka by myself, Paul Dold and assisted by Nick Fincham
Llueva by myself, Paul Dold and Dave Garman + Paul Stacey, Ali Pete Eagan + Torben + Nick Moulton

I've attached the latest survey files. I've still got to sort out some of the 3D passages in these, but the leg lengths are correct.

Footleg

31/3/08 - 1/4/08 Torno
Alex B-J, Clare Dallimore, Jon Witchell

Trip to explore inlet at the end of the new stuff.

Entered the cave at 5.30pm found our way through the entrance and to the traverse. Through Andys back passage to Grannys slippers. Down the ladder (in situ) The Gour pools were dry dispite the wet weather. found our way to the end of the main survey. Spent alittle while checking the first boulder choke. went down in to the stream after the first choke but on the way out noticed a large hole into the main passage wich we didnt notice on the way in. The way on is straight along the passage with some turn offs. the passage is low stooping with some false floor then large blue rifts. went to the end of the rifting passage that ended into a large choke, the way on was back up the passage about 30m down the stream that goes off on the left (going in). Crawled for abit until more rift then up the handline, ~~the~~ ~~tha~~ we were told that the rock it is attached to is cracked so not to rely on it. from the handline drop down into a chamber over a boulder then left and down into a small pritty chamber with the ladder in it. At the base of the ladder go under the low roof there is some sand on the floor ~~which goes into a crawl~~ drop down through some boulders on the right ~~continue through a rift~~ further down the chamber to a small open area and drop down to a crawl beneath the boulders on the left to a decorated streamway. Continue to the chamber. The inlet enters 8m off the ground on the right (west)

The next 7hrs according to Clare:
I went to sleep, woke up to move my 'bed' to a higher sandy passage and ~~to~~ wash spits out!

The next 7hrs according to B-J
~~W~~ Planned where to put the traverse to the inlet and free climbed up the boulders till parallel with the inlet and bolted a Y-hang. Only then did I discover how ~~th~~ incredibly hard the rock was. Jon took the next 3 bolts and, after giving myself a hernea squashing in to his SRT harness, placed another 2 spits and climbed in to the inlet.
Unfortunately it was found that ~~the~~ 10m up the inlet the water was coming out of a 10cm x 10cm hole ~~the~~ 2m off the ground with a boulder choke further up. A small hole on the left also leads to an impenetrable choke after 3m with a few pretties.
Bugger

THE NEXT 7 HRS ACCORDING TO JON
AFTER READING PREVIOUS LOGS ON THE TRIP, I FEEL WE WERE ON A VERY DRY TRIP AS COULD STAY WARM BY THE WATERFALL - EVEN THOUGH THERE WERE NO NOTICEABLE DANGERS OF FLOODING I IMAGINE THE DRAFT WOULD BE VERY COLD

IN HIGH WATER SO TAKE HEADGEAR / STORM BAG.

THERE ARE 2 WAYS TO GET UP TO THE Y-HANG BOLTS (≈ 12m FROM THE WATERFALL, 8m UP ON THE ~~EAST~~ WEST WALL).. YOU CAN EITHER (AS BJ DID) CLIMB UP THE OBVIOUS ROUTE UP A NARROW CORNER, THIS WILL BE A FREE CLIMB, OR AS YOU START THE CLIMB YOU'LL SEE A CHAMBER AHEAD OF YOU WITH A "DOUBLE FALSE FLOOR" WHICH IS LESS EXPOSED TO CLIMB. AFTER GETTING ONTO THE FALSE FLOOR THERE ARE VERY LOOSE BOULDERS TO THE LEFT, DOWN THE PRECARIOUS BOULDERS IS THE TOP OF THE FIRST BOLT, THIS IS A GOOD PLACE FOR A BACK-UP.

CAUTION: HAVE PEOPLE WELL OUT OF WATERFALL CHAMBER WHEN BY BOULDERS ABOVE Y-HANG.

THE 4th SPIT WAS PLACED WRONGLY & SHOULD NOT BE RELIED ON, NOT PROPERLY PLACED OR POSITIONED. TRY NOT TO USE - IT WILL BE OBVIOUSLY STICKING OUT FROM THE ROCK.

WHILE BJ PLACED 1st 2 BOLTS, I LOOKED AT THE OBVIOUS BOULDER CHOKE ON THE OPPOSITE SIDE TO THE CLIMB. IN MY 20min RESTING AWAY FROM THE WIND - THERE WERE 3 BOULDERS (SMALL) THAT FELL/SHIFTED WITHOUT DISTURBANCE. WITH SUCH A STRONG DRAFT IT SEEMS A CERTAIN WINNER BUT PROTECTION IS NEEDED BEFORE EVEN CONSIDERING.

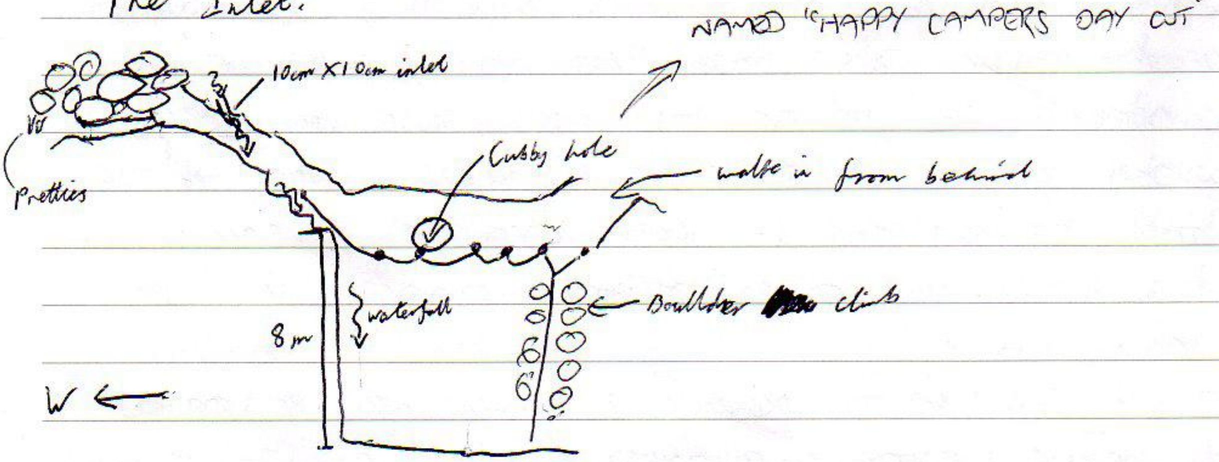
BY THE 4th/5th SPIT THERE'S AN OBVIOUS CUBBY HOLE (SEEN FROM BOTTOM) AT TRAVERSE HEIGHT - I USED THIS AS A SEAT TO BOLT, AND DID ~~HAD A~~ HAVE A QUICK PEAK BUT DID NOT FEEL CONFIDENT ENOUGH TO SQUEEZE THROUGH TO SEE IF THERE IS A WAY ON... IT LOOKS UNLIKELY BUT IS WORTH A LOOK IF BORED, NO DRAFT BUT WET MUD.

CONCLUSION: BOULDER CHOKE NEEDS TO BE ASSESSED FOR PROTECTION.

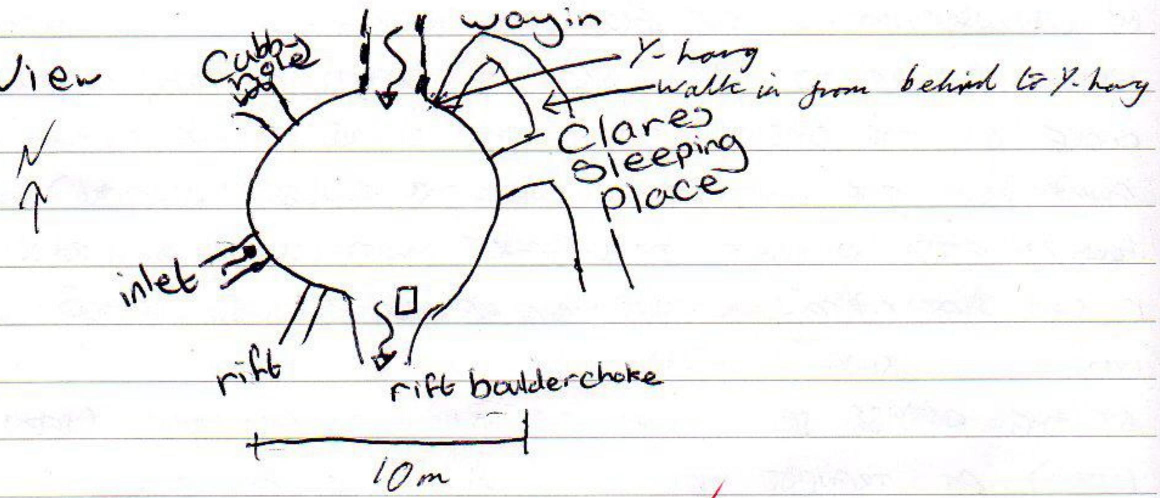
left the Chamber to go back out at about 8pm found our way out ok apart from one minor navigation error, had slight light issues with contacts pulling off and lights randomly not working.

Finaly exited the cave at 12.00 pm exactly on callout time to be greeted by Juan et al come to look for us!
18hr trip

The Inlet:



Plan View



BIGGO
Survey correction
2008-03-18 diz ~~2~~-3 to 4 leg is reversed.
(stns 4-3 not 3-4)
Ali

Invited → footly ✓

2889

31/3/08 Cow Pot: Ali, Angus, Pete E.
End of main r/t at the Bollard – squeezed passage to cross r/t with pitch undescended to left, beyond stal grill into bigger passage, upper left hand later seen from big passage north end.
Lloyd's passage well decorated, stopped where totally full of stal.
Side bits in Penguin passage checked & surveyed.
Chamber before Big Passage – undescended deep pitches on left & right of way through.
Passage at N end of big passage pushed to draughting choke with roots. Slippery traverse reached to left, passage continues beyond, needs rope.

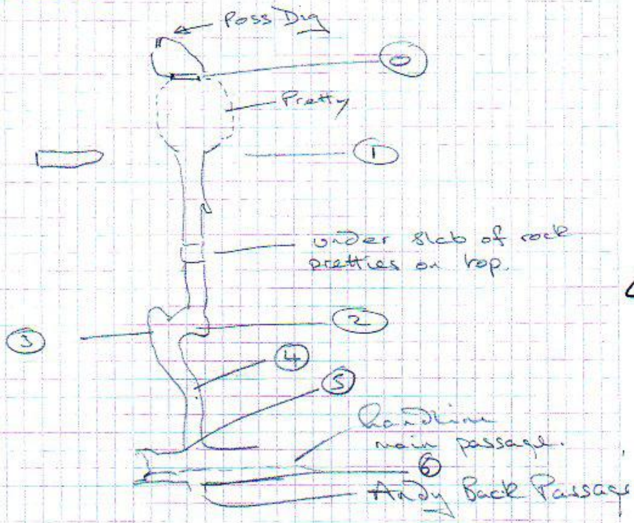
1.4.08 767 Cave of the Wild Mare Ali: Ian Angus.
Huge amount of water resurging after 1 days continuous rain, probably equal to river at Matienzo in moderate flood. Can hear the water from top of the hill above.

2.4.08 SE side of Mullir – Ali & Pete E.
(A) (could be 1065?) PE GPS 009 PE Photo 27
AN GPS 1
Slot under boulder, c 5 m deep, unexplored.
1065 – not found at site or map.
(B) PE GPS 10, Photo 28 short unexplored shaft. 2966
(C) ~~PE~~ AN GPS 002/003 Shaft c 10 x 3 m, ? 10 m deep, rocks seem then to go down slope. Unexplored. Several trees in entrance. 2967
(D) PE GPS 11, AN GPS 4/5, PE Photo 29 2968
Shaft about 10 m unexplored
(E) ~~PE GPS~~ AN GPS 6/7 PE Photos 31/32 2969
Shaft c 2 x 1 m in rock amphitheatre, c 5 m deep, unexplored.
1977 – PE Photos 37, 38, 39, 40 AN GPS 8/9. ✓

2/4/08 Juan, Ian + John A video trip into Torca La Vaca. (2889)

On the last photo trip (Team A 29/3/08) someone wondered how long the 2m long stal ~~would last~~ in the narrow rift would last. Well, there's no need to worry about it any longer.

Otherwise - a good trip!



Ali 25
Just after survey station
Low arch in right wall led in 3m
to small chamber, no way on visible

Barry
Dave

MATIENZO
LLUEVA 18TH March

Connection between

LLUEVA. PART 1. LIFEUANDE. LOWERLEVELS. 2007-08-13.27
.2007-08-09psth.28

Through choke

Continuation from 28 - through choke at lower level into chamber with mud banks & pool bedding in several directions - stream - not pushed
- tube not pushed
- choke not pushed.

Barry
Dave
Bob

TORNO 15TH March

Opposite entrance to Andy's Back Passage.

Surveyed from end back to Back Passage
Slight movement of Air / Passed Stal barrier into small bedding chambers way on choked with mud possible dig on left side.

Batch ~~2008~~ 2366_08_01

01 - 00	4.74,	325°,	+6,	0.52,	0.67,	0.10,	0.35	
Reverse direction								
01 - 02	16.95,	135°,	+2,	0.52,	0.67,	0.10,	0.35	
02 - 03	01.18,	210°,	0,	0,	0.74,	0.32,	0.5	
03 - 04	05.11,	114°,	0,	0.97,	0,	0.35,	0.5	
04 - 05	04.80,	150°,	+5°,	0,	0.39,	0.34,	0.4	
End of Passage								
05 - 06	02.43,	138,	+22,	0.58,	0,	0.70,	0.10	

Arrow on Way into Andy Bag Passage

6 ≡ 2366_07_01.24

3/4/08 Clare, B-J, Jon (Cardiff)
Giant Panda Surveying trip. NEW ROPE NEEDED!!
GPSed and surveyed from the entrance shaft to an unknown slab of rock in the streamway (pictures available to identify it!)
~~Strear~~ Water was 30cm from roof so did not venture very far into the stream.
New longer rope needed on the final pitch, needs re rigging with a better backup, we left a rope protector on it.

THE WAY ON AND THROUGH THE CAVE IS OBVIOUS, YOU STAY ON ONE ROPE RE-BELAYED FOR THE MAJORITY OF DESCENT, THEN AFTER THE SECOND SMALLER (5m) PITCH THERE IS ROUGHLY 70m OF PASSAGE & BEFORE YOU DROP INTO THE STREAMWAY. YOU CAN (I RECOMMEND) TAKING OFF SRT AFTER 2nd SMALL PITCH.
THERE IS LOOSE ROCK AT TOP OF BIG PITCH SO WOULD ADVISE DESCENDING 1 BY 1 RATHER THEN FOLLOWING AT ~~3~~ RE-BELAYS.
& PASSAGE IS COMFORTABLY TIGHT (≈ 30-40cm) IN SECTIONS BUT NOT FOR ANY LENGTH OF TIME. ARE YOU NEEDED TO CRAWL.

4/4/08 Clare
Random wanderings, revision + sleeping in the sun.
Walked from Usano pass west up track to do some revision. Fell asleep got sunburnt & went looking for cave instead!!!
Cave 1 0453828 4794010 517?
depression 10×10 rift c5m high at bottom hanger on wall.
Cave 2 0453786 4793912 521?
Continuation of rift in previous cave (1) ?

2970 OOA

Cave 5 0453942 4793827

Depression with cliff on one side, hole at base of cliff, ~~a~~ pitch undescended ~10m?
part of a series of depressions others covered in Jungle.

Cave 4 0454002 4793932 2971 OOA

Hole at base of 1m quarried crag at side of cow track looking in can see rift like continuing
Stones drop for 3 elephants (seconds)

Pictures available of all entrances.

5th April 2008

Juan and Penny walking from TV mast to above Tiano's old house then round the back of the hill to pick up the higher track.

Poked camera down **site 1888** to see the "continuing passage". This site needs descending.

Photos 030 → 033

New open hole at 30T 0450216 4795092 altitude 455m on the side of hill above the valley that holds site 386. At least 3m deep but had no light... 2972

Photos of **Horsetrough Pot** entrance. 875

Photos 036 → 038

Another new hole at the back of the hill containing Serruco. This is a low, sloping tube that goes at least 3m, again no light... 30T 0450572 4794768 2973

Met Tiano in his landrover on the way back to the car.

6th April 2008

Juan and Pete detackle Torca JR. The useful ledge 11m down was jamming both the ladder and line, so Juan went down to free the gear.

GPS puts the entrance to **366** at 30T 0451356 4797736

Looked at **site 989 (properly called Torca de la Rosa Roja)** which appears to be filled in with blocks on plastic bags and sheets. GPS is 30T 0451352 4797690

Then drove up the hill to park at the valley down from Cruz Llorada and climbed up to undescended sites 2816 and 2817. **Site 2816** is a wide 5m drop to a boulder and soil floor (it looks as if the roof to the hole has recently collapsed). On the western side there is a small alcove and aven. On the east side a 2m climb down shows a narrow bend to the right. A camera shows continuing passage around the corner and it would be a straightforward job to remove the obstructing flake.

Looked at **site 2817**. This is now a dig to remove a large block in the floor of a rift. Beyond it appears to be a free climb down to a sloping floor 4m below. Both sites could do with a repeat visit on a hot day. Temperature today was 10°C

05/04/2008 - TONIO: Jon W, Alex SJ, Clare Dallimore

3 of us planned a tourist trip to Tonio pull-through, parking in Bustablado (after dropping SJ & gear off at cueva...) myself & Clare walked in furries to the base of the path that snakes up the mountain to find SJ asleep at a 'bus stop' where all our gear could have been easily pinched! It's a 45min fast walk from the exit car park to the entrance parking space.
GPS CO-ORDINATE FOR TONIO ARE VERY WRONG in '40 best pull through trips of Spain'.
Hence, after a steep 2 hour walk in PVC, furries & all caving kit we failed to reach our destination. We did wander around for 4 hours at the top & by the time we found our bearings it was decided to head back the way we came - burnt, bemused & disappointed. (*It was still a great walk)

04/04/2008 - Prospecting / walk : Jon W

When exiting Casa German, head left up road, over the river & snaking up to 'Fuente Las Varas 450m' (CA-266 13km) the local peak is a very obvious crag (limestone square outcrop) protruding a good 12m off the ground with a painted Spanish flag. Following a track up the left of this (passing same side as flag) there are a series of waterfalls - discovered to come from a marsh up top, gradually disappearing & re-appearing in short drops every 20-30m. The waterfalls are only a few metres high but when followed down onto the lower car road you arrive at a huge depression (where CA-266 road sign lies) with thick forest & the trickle of water disappearing down an obvious route on the road.
In the depression, from the right angle, a much larger waterfall can be heard. ~~As~~ A small attempt was made to reach it but was impossible with time restrictions.

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6/4/08 Pilgrimage to the Big Red Knob! (Biggo)
Clare, B.J (Cardiff)
Trip to derig the first pitch of Biggo to stop the Spanish getting in! Went for an explore to find the big red knob, took lots of photos but needed more light to do it justice. Lost BJ in the boulder choke on the way out, I was tempted to leave him there. A great last trip in Spain.
Took out 1 × 25m rope, 1 × 2m sling, ~~3 × ...~~
& 3 × hangers from through bolts, 1x Screwgate

Hi Juan
On our last day Julie and I went for a walk along the upper Enaso track as previously past Sima Fiesta. Went as far as limestone pinnacle and just above checked out 150 - GPS 0451954 4796822
On our return and no distance away we came across a slightly smaller but very similar cave. Walked down entrance slope into typical medium size fossil chamberGPS 0452880 4794340.
Have not foumd any reference to this up to Feb 2007.
Too obvious not to be known !
Can you send my the site numbers for Hypocritical and the large new find.
See you at the dinner
Bobby

Hi Juan
Checked GPS, read previous site to 150, not the one after! 2975
These things are new to me after all!!
Correct position is 0451942 4796836
Am I right in thing the last figure is to the meter, the penultimate to 10 metres etc?
Do you have site numbers to Hypocritical & Pringles Squality find.
Bob

From: harry long <strans@hotmail.co.uk>
To: uzueka@aol.com
Subject: RE: Matienzo
Date: Sat, 12 Apr 2008 15:33

Hi Juan,
Site 2859 was 15m long. I have got a rough sketch that I will tart up a bit and let you have for inclusion in the log book or where ever. I hope my written entry said that it was draughting, and that there was a hole in the floor that would be diggable, altho' possibly needing some shoring. From the position of it, and passage size (which Lank says is similar) it may go to Marathon Passage in Uzueka.
Cheers,
Harry

From: andy pringle <andy@pringle.fsworld.co.uk>
To: Uzueka@aol.com
CC: Dingle 1 <simon@limaenvec.co.uk>; Dingle3 <johnny.latimer@googlemail.com>; James Carlisle <bcmcxiv@yahoo.co.uk>; Bill Sherrington <bill.sherrington@btinternet.com>
Subject: Re: Matienzo - you know what and where
Date: Fri, 11 Apr 2008 21:06

Juan,

I believe that John (Dingle 3) kept the notes & centreline printout to draw up the passage that we surveyed in 'you know where'. Can John / other Ccs of this note please confirm.

My comments, on the phone, concerning another site were about one which I found when out with the Dingle Bus Crew. It was GPSed by Paul Stacey the day we found 'you know where' In fact I texted John to bring more ladders, longer rope, bolting kit & bog roll! Then we found 'you know where' & 'needs more ladders' remains unfinished business. It is the nearest to the road of that day's GPSs. It is interesting as it has a good draft & 'you know where' has not, as I understand, gone towards it. Also much further up the road, literally in the roadside, is an open shaft that takes a lot of water. These two sites are high on our list of things for us to do in the summer. I hope that makes sense / clears that up / fuels more beery bullshit.

Thanks for all you have done, & continue to do, to make the expedition work. Hope we can repay you with late nights at the PC.

If you are going to visit the Dingle Factory re plotter etc would it be possible to view the survey on PC to get a better understand of where it has gone, levels of development, where DPPPP is / heading etc. (or maybe at MUSS dinner)

Am I correct in understanding that those who went to the lower level could hear a large river within the cave?

Regards,

Andy.

From: Martin BARNICOTT <martin.barnicott@wanadoo.fr>
To: uzueka@aol.com
Subject: re: Matienzo ...2
Date: Fri, 11 Apr 2008 7:37

Hi Juan
I have no idea what could have happened to the figures. I have just copied this directly from the file I gave to you (only deleting the pictures).
It was with Bob T that I was up there and not Mike Salt

#2 was only a handful of metres away from #1,
From the pasture at the end of the track the first two are only a few metres down into the woodland as you descend towards Matienzo. I cannot check the GPS at the moment as I am now in Libya and it is in France but am pretty sure the datum was WGS84.

BT & MB
Surface prospecting above Cruz Usano. Ew79
#1 2963 30T 0455279 479444 (7m accuracy) = 0455381 47
Draughting out hole in middle of doline, tree horizontal across entrance,
#2 2964 30T 0455267 4794451 (6m accuracy) = 0455369 4794660
Ridge between the doline of #1 and the one behind.
Shaft of 18m (disto), stones with lucky bounce carry on.
#3 2965 30T 0455314 479632 (8m accuracy)
8.6m deep rift
Regards
Barny

> Message du 07/04/08 23:03
> De : uzueka@aol.com
> A : martin.barnicott@wanadoo.fr
> Copie à :
> Objet : Matienzo ...2
>
>
... and is #2 wrong?? I thought you were down in the woods below the track? The GPS for #2 puts you nearly on top of the hill and green pasture.
> Cheers
> Juan

Subj: **re: Matienzo**
Date: 09/05/2008 21:10:38 Romance Daylight Time
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Hi Juan

Sorry to have been so long getting back to you but we have only just come back on line since a storm just over two weeks ago put out our satellite dish

The coordinates seem to work relative to each other. As soon as I return home I will check the user datum. If it is as I suspect I will change it and send the new readings. I have a sneaking feeling it is not even WGS 84 but a user datum (a variation on a Lambert) that I had had entered when I was searching for old drilling sites on the last job. I had loaned the unit to the surveyor to enter the sites and he may have changed it.

I don't think we did GPS the top holes but they were very close and are now very visible. I have drawn a sketch that should allow anyone to find them without a problem. However the only bit actually to scale is the part with the centre line that we surveyed. Those first few metres were very satisfying

Hope this helps

All sorts of exciting developments in Cantabria going on at the moment.

The offer is still on if you want that 200m of rope I mentioned at Easter, I read that you were thinking of buying some for the stores it is too heavy for me to use but would be fine for ladder life lines. It is static that was bought for a rope access job I did a few years ago and never used.

Regards

Barny

> Message du 13/04/08 11:38
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Hi Barny
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> I'm hoping that your GPS was set to UTM/UPS and European 1979. When you get the chance let me know so that, if necessary, I can change the coordinates for your readings. I presume that it was on the same settings for the whole time you were in Matienzo so that the same same corrections can be applied to all the sites you GPSed. Readings in WGS84 put the sites 102m west and 209m south of the map position - so that could explain what I wasn't understanding about the Cruz Usano readings.
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> Another point: Do you have GPS for the two shafts (14m and 18m deep) "above the cliff" near site 2414 - or at least an indication of their positions?
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> Cheers
> Juan

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CONSEJO DE GOBIERNO

Decreto 148/2005, de 1 de diciembre, por el que se delimita el entorno de protección del Bien de Interés Cultural declarado, la «Cueva del Risco», en Matienzo, término municipal de Ruesga.

Mediante Resolución de la Consejería de Cultura, Turismo y Deporte, de 26 de julio de 2004, se incoó expediente para la delimitación del entorno de protección del Bien de Interés Cultural declarado, la «Cueva del Risco», en Matienzo, término municipal de Ruesga.

Cumplido el trámite establecido en el artículo 18 de la Ley 11/1998, de 13 de octubre, de Patrimonio Cultural de Cantabria.

Mediante Acuerdo del Consejero de Cultura, Turismo y Deporte, en virtud del artículo 49.1 de la Ley 30/1992, de 26 de noviembre, de Régimen Jurídico de las Administraciones Públicas y del Procedimiento Administrativo Común, se concedió la ampliación del plazo para resolver el expediente hasta un periodo que no excediera de la mitad del legalmente previsto.

Desestimadas, a la vista del informe arqueológico y del acuerdo de la Comisión Técnica de Patrimonio arqueológico y paleontológico, las alegaciones que solicitaban la exclusión de dos parcelas del entorno de protección delimitado porque una de ellas se halla encima de la cueva del Jivero, que aporta una corriente de agua que pasa muy cerca de los grabados de la cueva del Risco y en la otra hay una dolina con gran riesgo de contaminación para la cueva del Risco, si no se controla.

La Consejería de Cultura, Turismo y Deporte ha propuesto la delimitación del entorno de protección del Bien de Interés Cultural declarado, la «Cueva del Risco», en Matienzo, término municipal de Ruesga y, a tal efecto, insta al Consejo de Gobierno de Cantabria dicha declaración, haciéndole constar que se han cumplimentado todos los trámites preceptivos en la incoación e instrucción del expediente.

En su virtud y, de acuerdo con lo establecido en el artículo 24.17 de la Ley Orgánica 8/1981, de 30 de diciembre, del Estatuto de Autonomía para Cantabria, reformada por Ley Orgánica 11/1998, de 30 de diciembre, y en el artículo 19 de la Ley 11/1998, de 13 de octubre, de Patrimonio Cultural de Cantabria, a propuesta del Consejero de Cultura, Turismo y Deporte, previa deliberación del Consejo de Gobierno de Cantabria en su reunión del día 1 de diciembre de 2005, dispongo,

Artículo Único.- Se delimita el entorno de protección del Bien de interés Cultural declarado, la «Cueva del Risco», en Matienzo, término municipal de Ruesga, cuya delimitación figura en el anexo, junto con su justificación y se encuentra representada en el plano que se publica con este Decreto.

DISPOSICIÓN ADICIONAL ÚNICA

Se faculta al excelentísimo señor consejero de Cultura, Turismo y Deporte para la realización de cuantos actos sean necesarios para la efectividad de este Decreto.

DISPOSICIÓN FINAL ÚNICA

El presente Decreto entrará en vigor al día siguiente de su publicación.

Santander, 1 de diciembre de 2005.

EL PRESIDENTE DEL GOBIERNO DE CANTABRIA,
Miguel Ángel Revilla Roiz

EL CONSEJERO DE CULTURA,
TURISMO Y DEPORTE,
Francisco Javier López Marcano

ANEXO
DELIMITACIÓN DEL ENTORNO DE PROTECCIÓN

La Cueva del Risco se localiza entre los barrios de Cubillas, El Sedo y Hozana, en Matienzo, término municipal de Ruesga.

El entorno de protección abarca dos zonas kársticas. Por un lado, está la ladera de la sierra de Mullir, una zona de caliza con lapiaz, dolinas, acantilados y la cascada de El Risco. Por otro se incluye, una serie de dolinas y montes bajos, donde nacen los cursos de agua que alimentan el río que corre por la galería de Pintó, ya en el sistema del Risco, donde se hallan los paneles de grabados prehistóricos. Se trata de las cuevas de Jivero I, II y III, y las cuevas de Anderal I y II.

Coordenadas

1. Alto de la Colina:	453.468	4.796.525
2. La cueva de Tiva:	452.920	4.796.200
3. La torca del Sedo:	453.305	4.796.055
4. Alto del monte (278 m):	453.910	4.795.190
5. Alto del monte (293 m):	453.680	4.975.200
6. Alto del monte (320 m):	453.520	4.795.070

7. Desde aquí, el perímetro toma dirección sur hasta el camino local. Se sigue dicho camino hacia el este, hasta la curva situada en las coordenadas:
453.770 4.794.890

8. El perímetro sigue hasta el alto del monte (291 m):
453.860 4.794.970

9. Cruce del camino con la carretera general:
454.200 4.794.980

10. Se sigue la carretera hacia el norte y el cruce con un camino:
454.030 4.795.370

11. Toma dirección nor-este hasta las coordenadas:
454.110 4.795.440

12. Se gira hacia el sur-este, hasta la sima de Oñite:
454.410 4.795.110

13. Alto de Mullir:
455.025 4.795.691

JUSTIFICACIÓN

La Cueva del Risco es un sistema Karstico con tres bocas, grandes redes fósiles y galerías activas concursos de agua. Es importante proteger todos estos elementos para garantizar la conservación del conjunto de arte rupestre y su marco físico.

GOBIERNO de CANTABRIA	Servicio de Patrimonio Cultural
CONSEJERÍA DE CULTURA, TURISMO Y DEPORTE. Dirección General de Cultura	EXPEDIENTE DE DELIMITACIÓN DE ENTORNO DE PROTECCIÓN DE BIEN DE INTERES CULTURAL
	CUEVA DEL RISCO, EN MATIENZO
	PLANO DE DELIMITACIÓN

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Subj: **Re: Matienzo**
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Good Morning Juan

I will fetch the rope back over next time I'm across, I certainly do not want anything for it. I have had far more in return from the group.

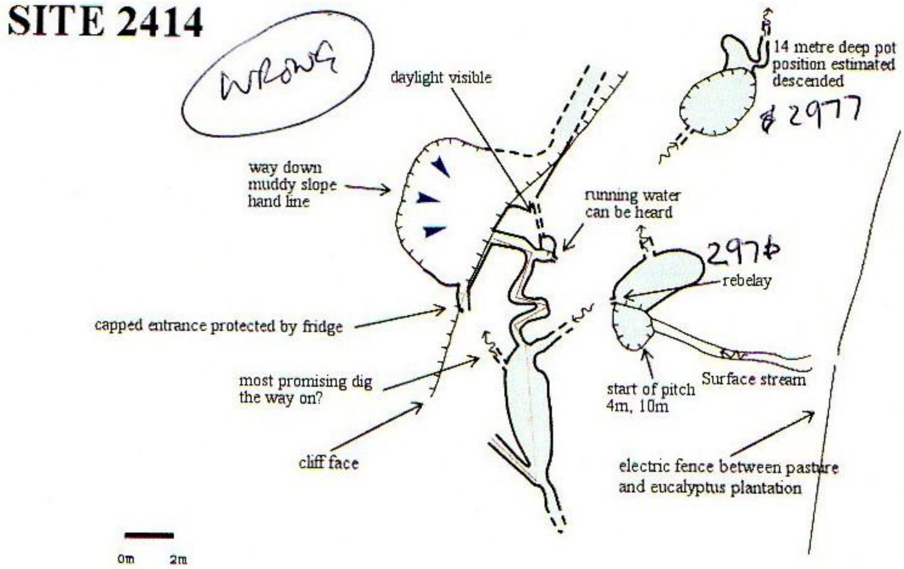
I am not sure though when I might manage to get across. Dave is coming out to mine on the 19th when I get back on leave but as it is only for a short week it is unlikely that we will get much further than Cotiella. The following week Bob T is supposed to be coming but he is dithering at the minute so I may get there for a few days at Whit if he doesn't show.

I also have a couple of ladders back in the UK, that never get used, which if I can get them to anybody again you are more than welcome to them.

I plan to fly back there for a few days on the 10th June and hope to get up to Yorkshire that week if time permits. Can you give me a place that I could leave them if I do manage to get up there for onward transport to Spain. If that doesn't work I will try and get them out to France with me if I have room and get them over to Matienzo some other time.

Regards

Barny



Subj: **Cueva Tali 2**
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Hi Juan
It's a long time since Tali 2 has been in the news!
The entrance has been covered over as they've been filling in the shakehole it's in. This has caused a bit of a stir, as it's inside the protection area around Cueva del Risco. The entrance would have been further to the left in the rockface that's still just visible near the middle of the photo.
A project for the summer could be to try to conect with the cave either from Anderal 2 or Risco?
Hope the weekend was good.
See you soon. And you're in plenty of demand. Last week I met Martin Gonzalez the leader of the rescue team. He'd like a database with just the coordinates of the entrances that he can download directly into a GIS he's got. Again, I said he should get in touch with you when you're here. Any word from the Colindres lot?
Pete

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