

LOGBOOK

Year: 2008

Season: summer

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Juan Corrin, January 2015



15th July 2008

Jenny and Juan into **Cow Pot 2889** with instructions from Pete to stick the stal back together and put a sign up indicating the preferred route through to the main part of the cave.

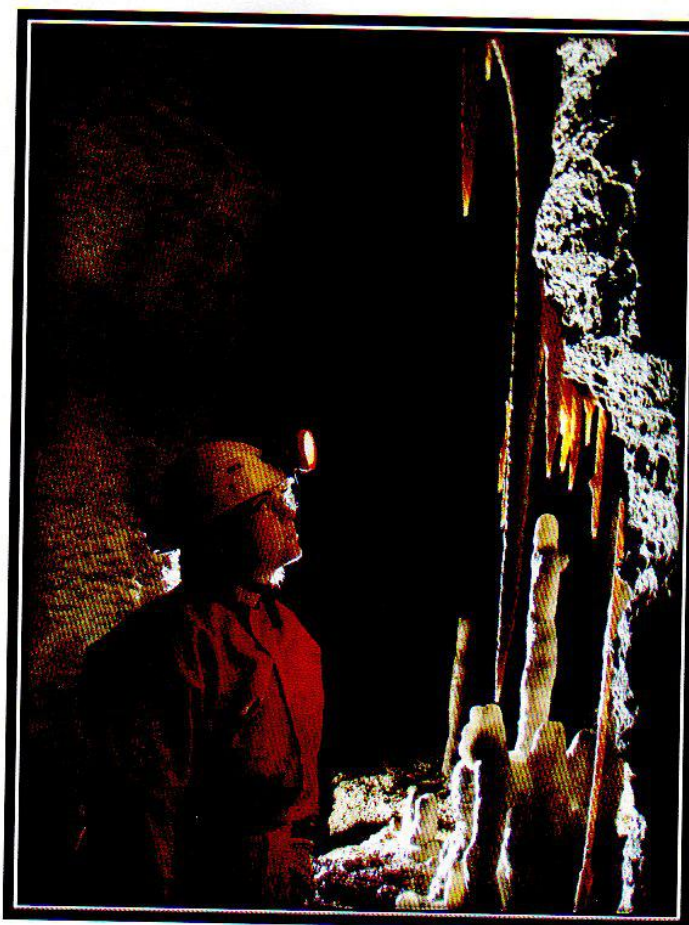
Started off by parking lower down at the junction, as we didn't want to ruin a hay crop by parking on the field.

When we reached the stal it fell apart at the joints. It really needs alcohol to wipe the joints dry and proper araldite or similar to stick the bits together. We brought out the spray glue tin.

Then spent an hour or so taking photos in the upper end. When we returned we took the back route to the traverse over the "12m pitch to the lower level" with the intention of carrying on over the top and coming back out. However, there

was no way that Jenny or I would be doing that traverse without some sort of protection. We decided that the original Penguin Passage route in to the far high levels past the still broken stal was much preferable, so we didn't tape off the route or put the sign up! However, we did get some nice photos, so not a complete failure.

There was a noticeable draught blowing out the cave. Also the complex just before entering the western high level needs a good look at – there seems to be passage at higher level.



926

From: Chris Camm <Chris.Camm@datong.co.uk>

To: uzueka@aol.com

Date: Tue, 15 Jul 2008 18:50

Hi Juan,

I have been looking around the area of 1815.

Site 926 info needs updating as it is pre GPS etc.

From a combination of looking at the entrance photo I took some time ago and studying Sigpac the data is:-

30T 447849 4797515 alt 325m (Possibly a few m less than this) as the 325m contour goes round the depression it is in.

The entrance is above the fence and to the SE of the cabana rather than the SW position currently shown.

The wide V in the fence shows up well on the photo and Sigpac. May allow us to move the location with confidence.

The track in the shot is more recent than the Sigpac data.

10 days and counting....

Chris



6" doesn't seem that far to fall...

June 08 Pete Smith

149 = 0452010 4796946 ✓

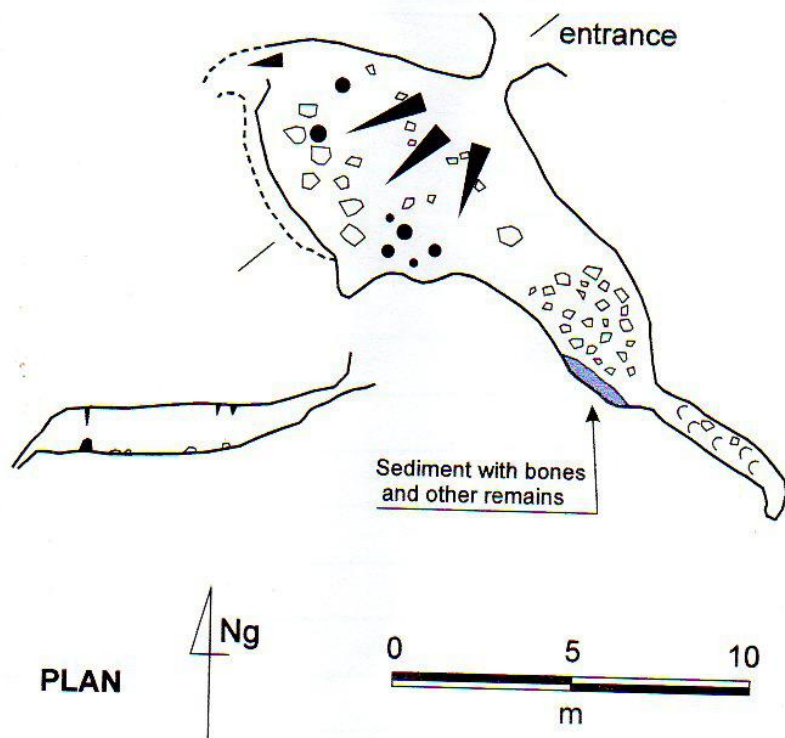
859 = 0451624 4796909 ✓

540? = 0452158 4796590 ✓

262: photo of 541 entrance on web site is in fact 262 entrance ✓

541 was not located

247 Caracoles surveyed + photos



Site 247 Cueva de los Caracoles

El Naso VN52379662 Altitude 170m

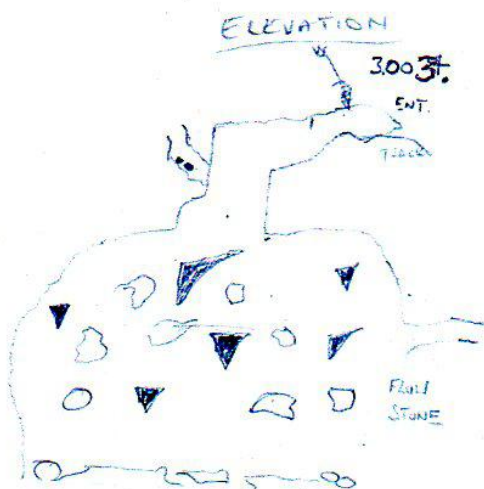
Sketch survey with compass bearings, June 2008

Length 20m

Drawn by PS

19th July H.L. Chris Smith, John Clarke + Harry Brisland
Went back to Site 2824 (which has now got 4 posts around it). C.S. down 6 metres in a rift about 8 metres long. A further 5 metre drop was too tight to get down. We replaced the pallet cover and went for a walkabout. Walked along track above the road down to The White House and on the top side of the track we found an entrance under a small outcrop (0453422-4798157 Alt, 349). This was very close to S12 but doesn't match description. A 3m slope leads to a 3m vertical (ladder) into a circular chamber 5m x 4m x 2m high with lots of flowstone but no way out.

3003

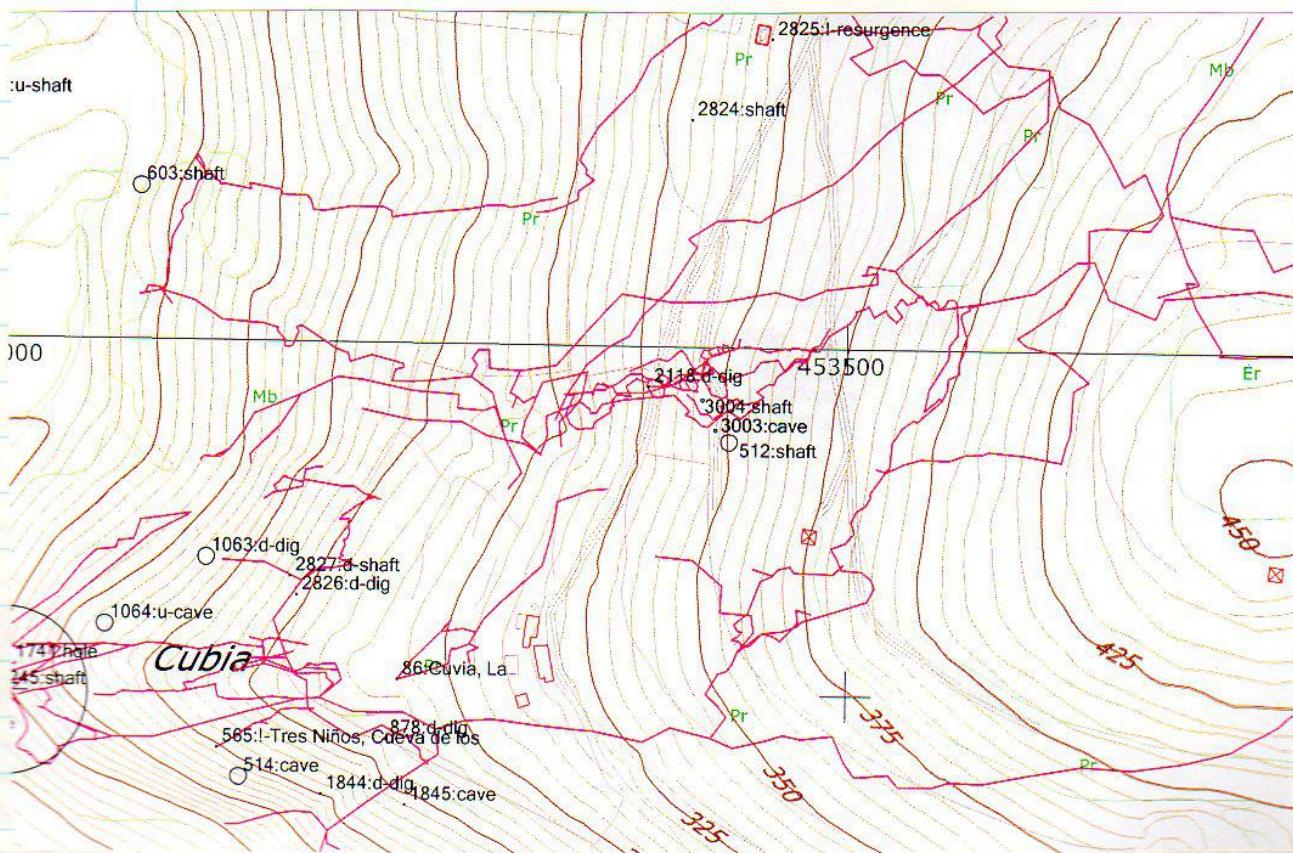
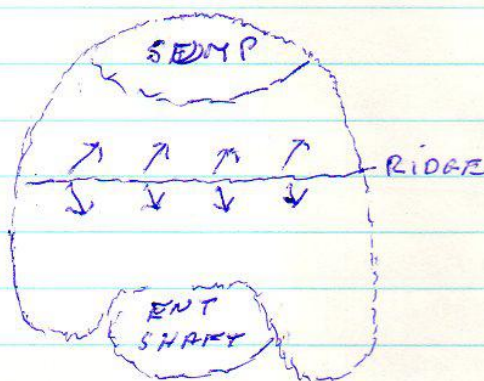


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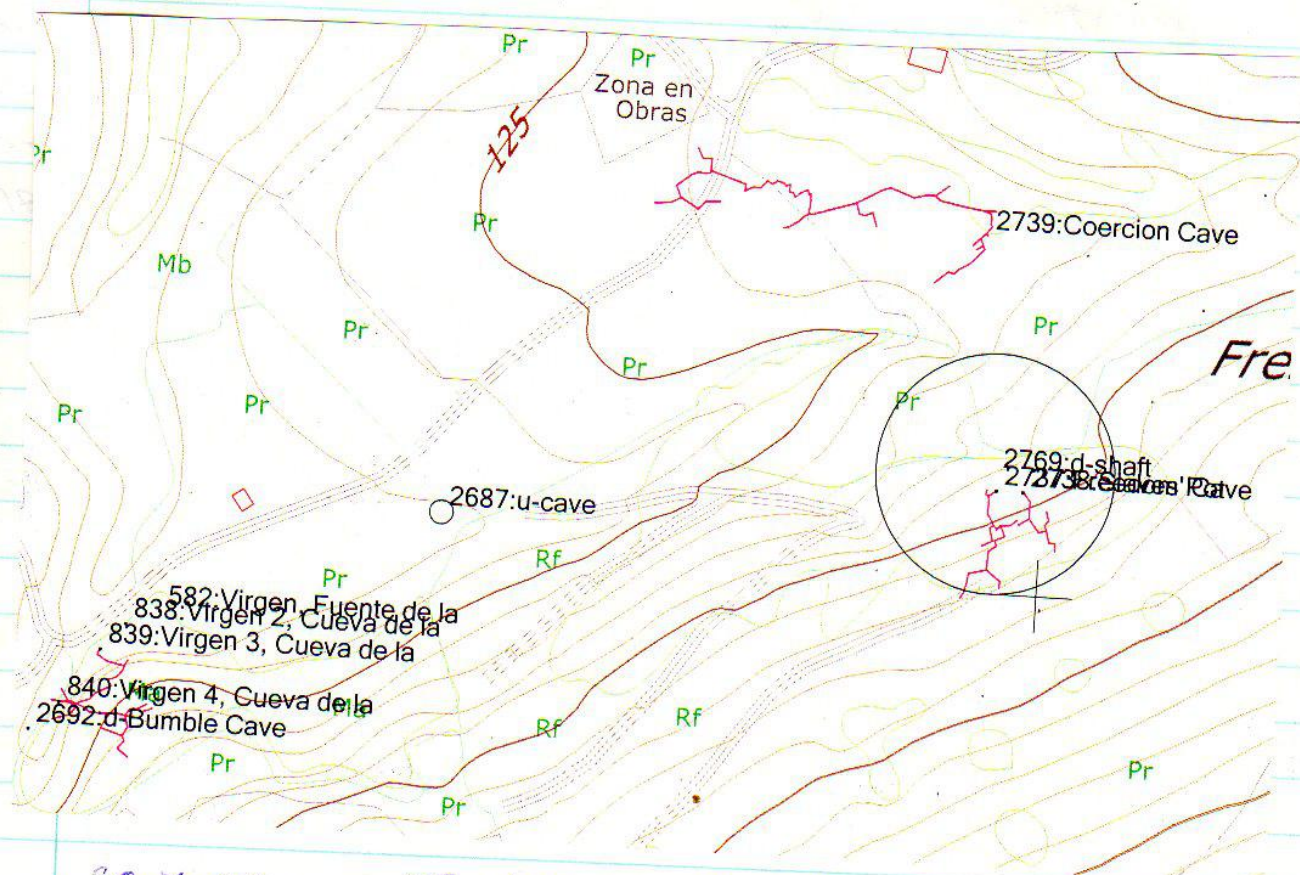
Below track opposite green bath at
0453414-4798175 Alt. 348 $\frac{1}{2}$ m.

3004

BROKE THROUGH INTO 13M SHAFT DESCENDING
AND OPENING UP INTO FINE DECORATED CHAMBER
20M - 15M WITH A RIDGE ACROSS CENTER
ONE SIDE GOING DOWN TO A SUMP APPROX
5M x 4M AND VERY DEEP.



COERCION CAVE



20-7-08 J. CLARKE C SMITH

BACK TO COERCION CAVE TO SEE IF THERE WAS CAVE BEYOND THE 'SUNING SLAB'. PASSING OVER THE SLAB WE THEN HAD TO KNOCK OFF SOME PROTRUSIONS AND THEN ENTERED TIGHT PASSAGE BUT THIS QUICKLY OPENED OUT INTO BIGGER WALKING PASSAGE GOING OFF IN SEVERAL DIRECTIONS, NOT MANY PRETTIES THOUGH. I SEEMED TO GO FROM TIGHTISH UPRIGHT RIFT TO BIG CHAMBERS AND CROSS RIFTS. AT THE END WAS A FINE WALKING PASSAGE BUT IN THE END IT SUMPPED OFF. WE SOLVEYED OUT AND AFTER A 4 HR TRIP FOUND THE TWO HARRYS WAITING FOR US AFTER THEY HAD GOT VERY COLD IN THE CAVE 'THANKS'. A TOTAL OF 130 EXTRA MTS GAINED.

Monday
20-7-08 H. Brisland + H. Long - Coercio- Cave.

Whilst Chris + John were into 'glory' we looked at all of the 'possible' side passages - nothing! The only possibility left is the climb into the roof and a possible continuation as per the survey and original log book entry.

Sst. Antonio - 21/07/08 H.B., J.C., C.S. + H.L.



(3011)

3m deep slot on side of depression, blowing out - not descended as needed ladder.

0446868, 4801497 Alt. 102m (GPS), ↑108

(3012)

3 entrances close together in rock outcrop round side of depression. The lefthand two choke almost immediately, but the righthand one starts as a low crawl changing quickly to hands + knees and then walking in a 1m wide x 2m tall passage before ending

in a chamber. Estimated length 20 metres.

0446841.4801447 Alt ??

(3013)

Slot in big, deep depression with slight out draught. It needs a block snapping to get into a narrow passage.

0447207.4801176 Alt 122m

(This GPS position is on the "downvalley" edge of the depression).

(3014)

Flat out crawl entrance under rock face part way up side of depression leads to drop into standing height 'chamber' almost immediately. Two holes off to right choke, or does one to left, but straight ahead is slope up into sideways crawl to formations blocking the way on towards a strong echo! There is a good draught coming out of entrance - needs checking where it comes from in cave.



Total length
approx 15m

0447232.4801326 Alt 117m (GPS).

(Photos of 2374)

Monday 21st July 2008



(See previous map for the positions) Pete and Juan went to visit the 70 year-old German woman (Lea) from Hornedo who has been corresponding with Andy Quin about holes in the area. Met up at her house in San Antonio (no. 10) and were invited in to inspect the back garden.

Drove up the hill to the right at the sondeo notice where Harry and co. were looking at the largest set of depressions down to the left. Carried on to Barrio Juan Pedroso and parked outside the farm. First stop was **site 3005**, a draughting hole in the grassy field opposite the farm which has been partly filled in. (30T 0446612 4801442). Then down into the eucalyptus jungle where Lea with machete failed to find the holes she'd seen in the winter. So off she went back to San Antonio to try and bring back a man who would know - but he was taking his sister with a bad heart to hospital. Meanwhile Pete and I tried to explore a deep depression to the northeast of the farm but got beaten back by the jungle. (Harry's team had been there earlier in the day).

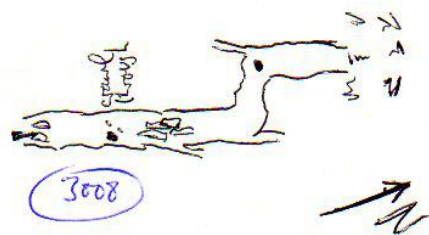
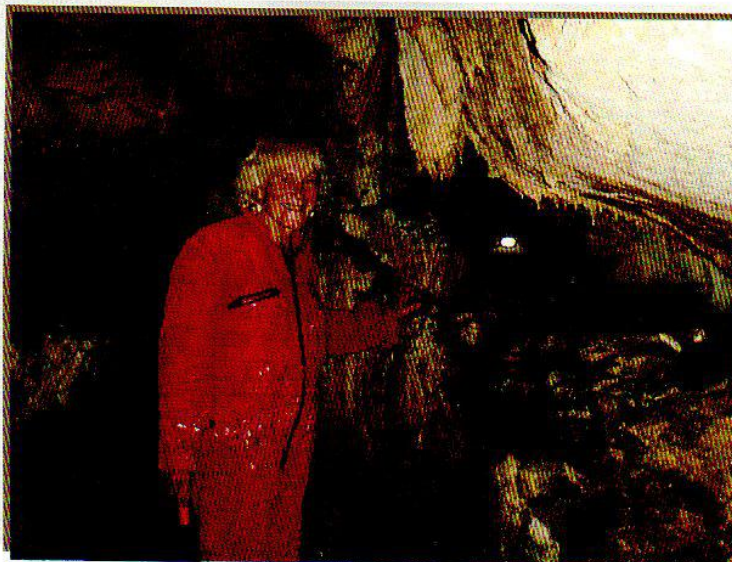
On Leah's return, we re-entered

the jungle down to the north and this time appeared to find the lost holes and more:

3006 30T 0446776,4801581 A 2m climb down into a cross rift and a further 4m drop through a narrow rift to where the joint becomes too tight.

3007 30T 0446759,4801608 "Fox hole". A 2m drop down onto a block with a further undescended 3m drop which is apparently choked.

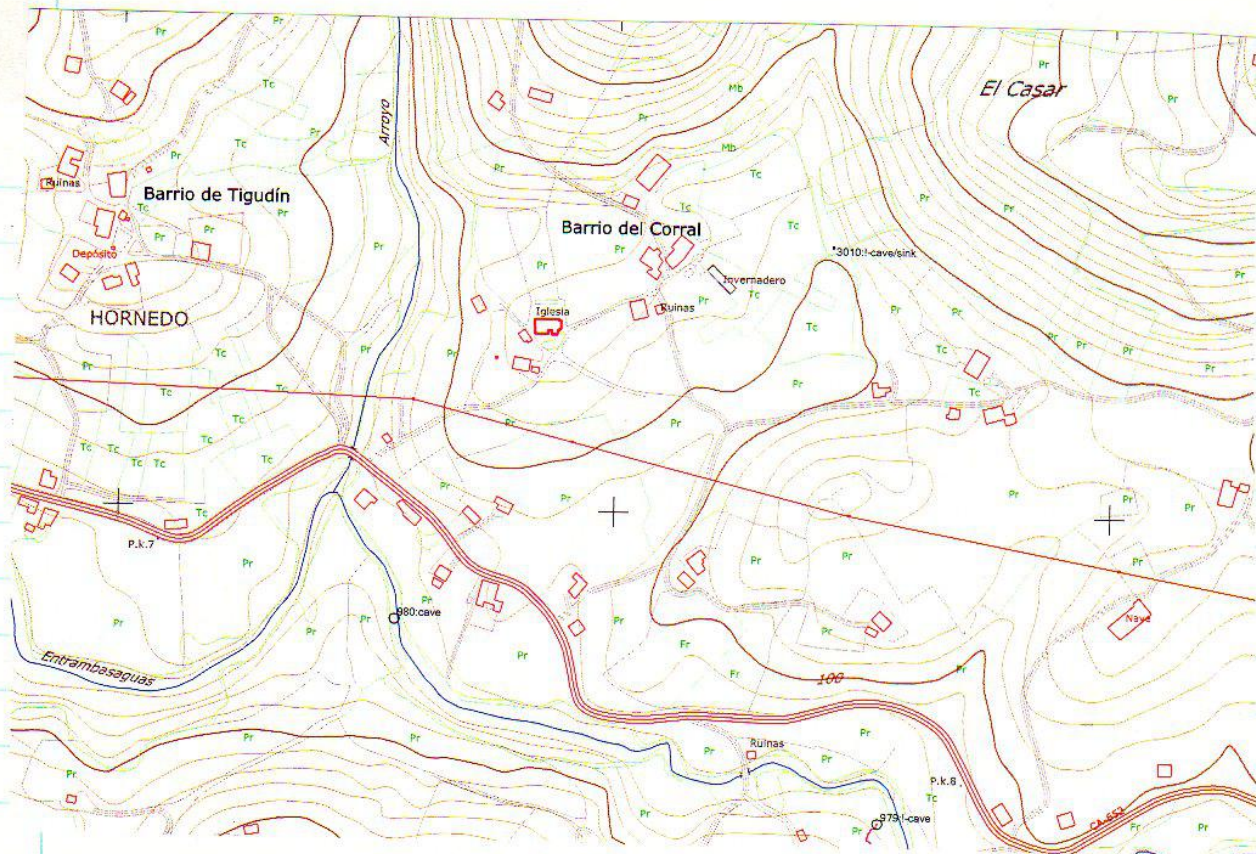
3008 30T 0446728,4801578 An open cave entrance at the top of a depression in the woods. Fifteen metres of stooping passage heading SSW turns left and then right increasing to walking height+ with a tall narrow rift in the roof. Beyond blocks on the floor, the passage is partly blocked by formations and at the end, the cave chokes at a run-in. Total length about 45m.



We then said "Auf weidersehn" to Lea.

3009 30T 0446843,4801366 A draughting resurgence right next to the road with a concrete water tank at the entrance. The passage is small but can be pushed. The sink down below has not been looked for. On the way back we turned up at Santa Juliana, talked to locals at the church then drove to the end of the road at Barrio del Corral. Walking down to the east a stream is seen sinking against the hillside in a cave with various rifts. (site **3010** 30T 0449718,4801770).

The water sinks in the floor and the rifts are too small underground. However, the jungle above needs a proper inspection - there is at least one rift that hasn't been investigated. Following the water upstream leads to a valley which was not followed up to a conclusion. (Map over)



22nd July - Cow Pot, Bob Toogood, Dan, Dingle, Andy Pringle, Jenny Corrin, James Carlisle, Pete S.

(A) Numbers on survey -

PS1 - Dan lifelined Pete down a shaft about 100 ft deep. At the base a rift went through to a parallel shaft coming from above. No way on. Half way down, a landing on boulders had a second drop on the right, with rifts leading off part way down. This drop was not descended.

PS2 Carried on along the traverse. Most of this part of the cave lacks a floor, so it involves wedging across the top of the rift. It went about 15m to a small chamber with a continuation on the right which started to get small after about 10m.

PS3 Side passage in roof of Zoom Passage. After only 5m, stal blocks the way on. For once, the end doesn't seem to justify the means of ~~the~~ smashing them to make a continuation.

(B) Deep pitch(es) @ NW high level

(C) "30m" pitch descended to water + sumps (big) - p36

23rd - Cow Pot again

Among other things -

PS4 - ~~A~~ ramp up from the chamber goes over a lip and drops down about 20 feet on the left to a small chamber with a rock floor with a rift about 15' long and 2 or 3' wide, a straight drop about 70 feet deep with a pool of water at the bottom. It looks inviting (but will probably not go, like all the others!). On the right, a crawl soon chokes.

PSS - In fact this was resolved at Easter, the rifts go to a passage in the roof that goes south-west and connects with the main passage near the "30m" pitch (where the survey has 2 slope arrows)

Also "loose shaft" ends in a choke @ -40m.

22/07/08 Jiverra II Tony Brocklebank, Sue,
Law Chandler.

Tourist trip - looking for cray fish.
15 no. sightings. - 12 no. individuals
from 50cm. to 2cm long. In
various pools, no more than 3 in a
pool - commencing from entrance.

22/23/07/08. 3011 SCHAPKE HLONG CSMITH H/BRELAND.
DROPPING DOWN 3.3M PITCH INTO 4m RIFT
WAY ON THROUGH TIGHT CHICANE WHERE
BLOCKED BY ROCK, COULD SEE INTO LARGER
PASSAGE, THIS WAS HAMMERED OUT TO GET
INTO 7.2M CHAMBER, AT ONE END A
PITCH OF 11.7M, A ROUND SHAFT WHICH
WHEN BOTTOMED ENDED IN A TIGHT
RIFT WITH STRONG DRAUGHT AND GOOD ECHO
BUT WOULD NEED A LOT OF WORK WITH
SNAPPERS AT LEAST. J.C.

22/07/08 H.B., J.C., C.S. + H.L. - San Antonio.
Played in 3011 and 3014, but both needed more work.
In a depression adjacent to 3011 we found an
open entrance under a wide undercut. This led
into a low (1.2m tall) 6m dia. chamber - choked,
(GPS 0446910, 4801519 - taken on lip of depression)

3015

23/07/08 As above

See J.C.'s report for 3011. When we had finished
there J.C. + H.L. went to 3012 to do survey. It
was draughting out well, but this came from a
low passage at the end (17.3m from entrance)
that needs digging for at least 2 metres. We looked
at one of the other nearby holes and split a big rock
to drop 3 metres into a choked rift.

Thursday 24th July

COW POT

Streamway reached @ S end.

23rd July Tora La Vaca Andy P, Johnny Dingle, Jimmy
Penrith + Ivan into Vaca. Ladder put in bolts for pt2
into lower level. Dingle & Johnny Penrith entered* past formations
to sandstone choke after 66m. Off to the 7-way junction passing a
choked crawl on the right. Surveyed "50m rift" for 69m.

Noted that "tight
rift" on S side of
final choke was
draughting.

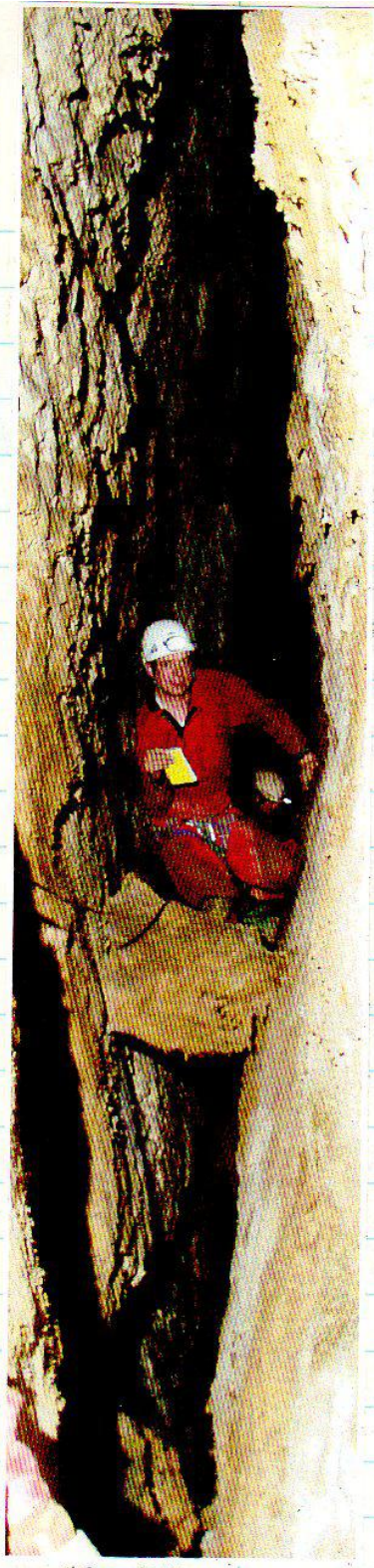
Bottle of butty splashed
around the DPPP after
meeting up with Dan,
Pete and Bob.

(See 2 pages back)



* after cutting the tape.

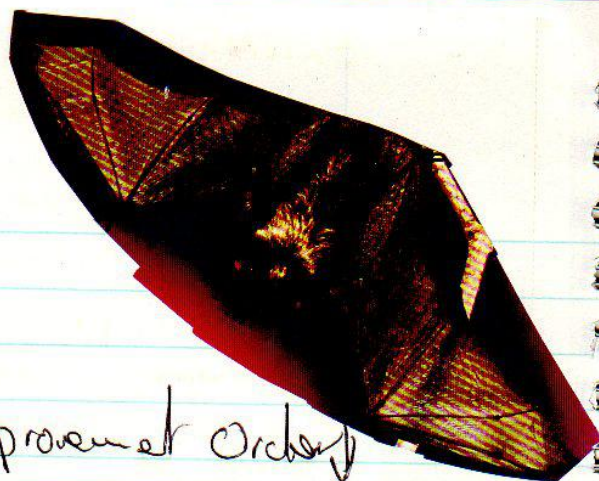
Had a quick visit to 2916 and there
was no draught on v hot day.



"50m rift"

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24.7.02
RIANO - CALF HOLE LOCATION APPROX 0451087-4799919 - 195m



"Les Protagonistas"

3016

Rescue Calf fallen down
shaft - approx 5m deep - narrow.
Pete Smith down first - calf still
alive after being at the bottom for
more than a day. First attempt to
get rope round unsuccessful. Calf
is jammed, feet first, into mud at
bottom - taking up all the room.
Peter Egan - smaller - manages
to get rope round calf's head.
Pete Smith, Ian Chandler - pull calf up
halfway. Great sacrifice - Pete
Egan takes off safety line to tie
round calf's stomach - then Ali
Neil helps to haul out the
morning calf. The women breath
into its nostrils and slowly the
calf revives - staggers off, one



back leg not quite right. But
 its alive
 Reward - 3 doz eggs.

Pete Smyth, Pete Egan, Phil Neil, Ian
 Chandler.

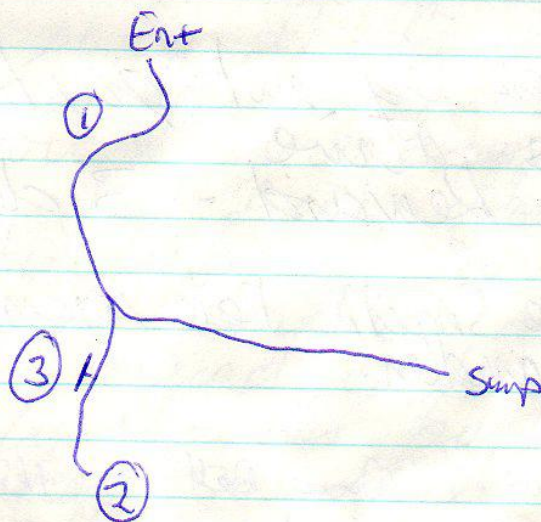
25/1/08 Dave Bell Phil Neil Phil Egan

Wold More Cave - 767

Quick trip to check cave for leads, survey things not
 done before and check new camera for correct position.
 Leads found, resurvey needed - started, camera setting
 not right. To be continued....

- ① There are extra passages on the right near the entrance that are not surveyed or explored.
- ② The "side passage" before the sump contains well beyond the survey and need pushing - strong draught.
- ③ The "side rift" off the "side passage" that is shown on the survey has a climb up and a passage that was followed for 20+ m with strong draught.

Resurvey started and taken out past the entrance to the river - whole cave really needs redone.



25th July 2008. Cow lot, Torca Vakar

The Lake District Pringletour Excursion.

(21)

²⁰ Andy & John Latimer.
Dingle 3, Pringle, Mick, Mandy, Dan, Bob [he's not done a right lot] [Joogal]
Dave Gledhill, Bill Sherington

Interesting day in human resources department spent successfully re-acquainting Dan and Andy with each other. Harmony found, with Dave G. We snappered rift which brought well at a point beyond 7 wavy chambers. "Down South Down Stairs"

6 snappers set off with good effect to open up 2 small pitches and enter a lake area [district]

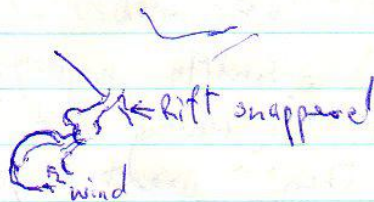
Mandy Solid the pitches prior to baring this open and confirmed project seemed worthwhile.

Bill Sherington, Dan Dane investigated lake.

Bill swam across and was blown across the lake by a terrible wind emanating from a low airspace "Duck". This wind also blew on Johnny Dingle later... [what a mess]

Later on our resident lakelander from "Barrow" Mr Pringle declared that

Pringletour was proud to announce to-days and possibly tomorrow's day 1 excursion to Lake Bassenthwaite.



All in all a windy day on Lake Bassenthwaite.

26/7/08 Pringle Tours weekend fly grab excursion.

Day 2 ^{The} Lake District Mystery Tour.
Lake Bassenthwaite → Po beyond Bassenthwaite lake

Day started well an angry wasp had found its way into Dan Hibberts ^{hedge} who at lightening speed had ~~prepared~~ ^{prepared} himself for today's excursion.

Only to be thwarted by a 2 hour delay whilst me and Mr Pringle went to the bar. ^{Mr} Sidra's "Pringle / the MD / entrusted me that to-day's trip should not include human remains and that he would hold me personally accountable as the director of M.R for any mishap en-route.

Eventually ^{the} Team assembled at the Cow Pot lay by for quick ~~the~~ briefing session on to-day's Excursion
Lake Bassenthwaite and beyond.

"Staying Alive! Staying Alive" Mr Pringle sang to us ^{echoed} his words of wisdom and so off we went to the shores of lake Bassenthwaite with bags of floatation ^{gear} ~~the gear~~ and underwater breathing devices to enjoy pushing at the ^{the duck} ~~wind~~ gust that blows across the lake.

Thanks
Mr.
Pappard
for sorting
this.

J. Penrith entered ^{first} supported closely by Bill and quickly Dan & Andy Latimer.
The Duck It was not as long as first speed and quite snifty myself [Bill] and James were sat ^{gawping} at bigness.

We then went scampering into 230 m of going came each enjoying our mystery tour.
First stop - Donald Campbell memorial bend to stare up at going leads ^{up} +28 m leg sort up a ramp to continuing mystery tour. [Perhaps the A590
vindication Highway]

following stream level.
Then ^{up} a few big boulders into
some more gawping at the lakeland scenery.
Satterthwaite Tarn inlet was taken in
however we all found a large dose of guilt
at our scampering behaviour at Cockermouth [what a
chamber cock up]
Perhaps beyond is Silloth but many glimpses
of upstairs enjoyment and perhaps tomorrow's
Excursion following fat freddies rule
[stay high man.]

Customer	Enjoyment	Survey
rate	between	1 — 5 you idiots
1	being not right good	→ 5 being fuck me!
1	→ 3	I'm being awkward and stupid I'm from Buxton
1	→ 6	shagging
		→ 5.43
		→ 5 ✓
		→ 7

Dan
Andy C
Jimmy P
Bill
Bob T

→ comments!
Bob T. I've not bin but 3 puffs and we should be!

GOOD ~~BETTER~~ CONSIDER YOURSELVES
VINDICATED.

Regards
AP
MP
PT.
L & K.

25/7/08 2999 - Big Stone & Phil P.

Aim was to open up entrance slot to a pitch of what we thought was 50ft. Used snappers (4 shots with 5 snappers in all) to get to pitch head - looked like chamber below. But needed one more shot & no elec power left & main 12mm Hilti drill bit was "worn out" by matorgo limestone - no tips left at all! - ~~a good~~ ~~left~~ left - for another day.

26/7/08 2999 - Big Stone, Phil P & Pedro.

No problem this time - plenty of elec, 2x12mm drill bits, snappers & 75' ladder & 45m of life line - nothing could go wrong. 2x5 snappers on one shot opened up pitch, bolts put in & ladder hung. Pedro went down, could not see bottom (smoke not cleared - not a good sign!) But ladder seemed too short by 10' (so Pedro said!) - re-hung ladder to give 10' more foot - still 10-15' too short! Pitch is in a rift - NO chamber seen. left for yet another day!

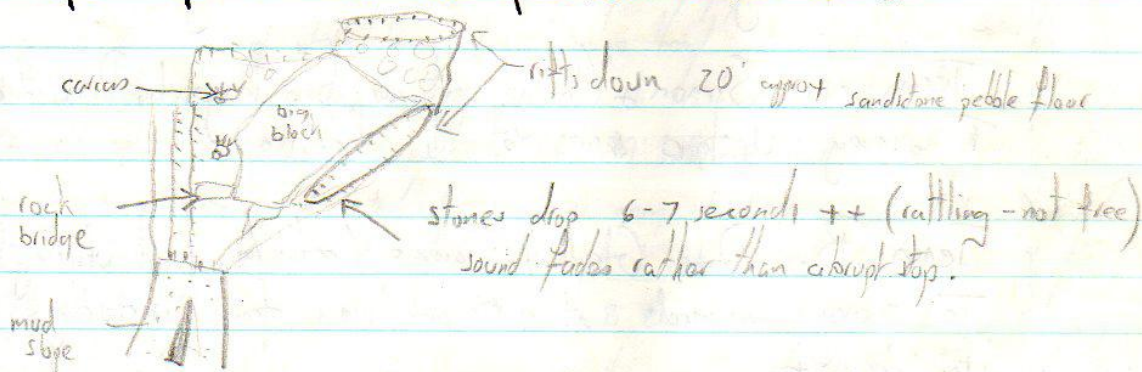
On way back looked at Pithy Fox 2998 & put stone down - did not seem happy for some reason, mainly due to the rotting leaves & other crap - did not go, small rift - that pinched out in all directions - ent - looked like it would have taken a hell of a lot of wood land rubbish (leaves etc) over the years & a lot of fill in cave. No drought.

27/1/08 Ali N Ian C P Andy P.

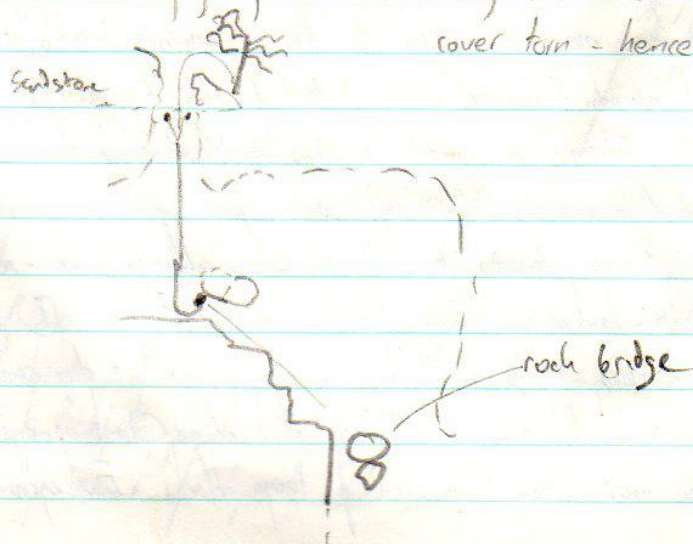
Returned ⁽²⁹¹⁶⁾ to "Need another ladder" now known as "Needs Bolting". Ali set about hand bolting but
 * was repelled by Rias. Andy went for a walk in the haydals. These are in the shale hole on left hand side of track. There are many draughting holes in the floor. These could be dug if "Needs another ladder / bolting" does not do the trick.
 Thought of the boys below in O.D.C.
 Went to Arkwright to look for a copy of Wainwright Guide to Cumbria. ***

AP

* Rope left in return planned with drill.



*** Copy of this on e-bay last week - £34.75 - first edition but cover torn - hence price.



Johnny D. Grave Deadhill. Den Dave. Bob Too putts of dust good.
Bill for comfort Sherrington, Jimmy Widdle Pennith - Simon - LATIMER -
Andrew Latimer. 2 Teams A & B

Excursion → 27th July 2008: PRINGLE TOURS ANNOUNCES
by Bill S.

LAKELANDS LADS RAMBLE ACROSS "T" FELS:

TO INCLUDE WAINWRIGHTS GUIDE TO CANTABRIA & LAND OF THE WAZZOCKS.
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£15 per person.

A quick sprint to Lake Bassenthwaite to indulge
Dan in lakeside antics, NO DIVE BOMBING OR HEAVY PETTING ALLOWED.
Dan needed to move quickly and so he threw himself into
the lake like a furious wasp bolting a much tighter and
secure dive line [perhaps this may be needed if the lake comes up]

All enjoyed floating and diving through the wind blown
duck to assemble to form a coherent plan.

Right then lets go → All of us on a 5 min grab up
the ramp spied yesterday - ~~more~~

Sense eventually returned after less than 2 mins
and the group formed 2 survey Teams.

Team A Simon & Andy Latimer, Bob Toogood, Dan Hibberts.
To survey Upstairs series of the Ram(p)

Team B. Dave Gledhill, James Carlisle, Bill Sherrington, John Latimer
To survey onwards at stream level from yesterdays starting point
in chamber.


Team D. - From yesterday's limit - Continued surveying up water-filled gorge - negligible flow.
Sharp-fined rock with numerous meenites in floor to trap the unwary. Working size with gophers
of darkness above. Climb up into higher section (3m) led to dry by-pass (overpass?) of wet
braided bit. Bill is noted/finger, Johnny D on canyon edge, DG on Mr. Pagnards climb + Spelling/scumpay
by Minder Pennith. Gorge opened up with "phuff" in roof - water falling made precise climb difficult. Every
going south + descending +++, Passage intended by rifts etc. but difficult heights - none given more
than cursory glance at this point - marked on survey. Passage came to T-junction. (R) - open to close, downy
silted floor comes up to meet closing rift/jaw (Possibly on over top?). (R) = deep canal in high rift - definite
water for this. Unable to survey at this point + still keep climb dry. Climb up on steep fumes/rocks
then traverse over thin ledges above canal to area of large blocks. Everything going off ↗
everywhere.

Bob
07-24

6

27 July 08.
Pringle bus
Team B
(cont)

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Large (v. large) passage with a distant sound of buzzing (no - really, there was definitely a high pitch buzzing). 5 minutes of scampering/peace led to onward progress @ left, up slope with holes in floor & widened out into big square ~~large~~ passage - sand floor - strong draught blowing in face. Short walking section led to taking overbody measure passage heading off into distance (180°!). Climb down slope into chamber/passage had a walking size passage entering from behind (way-heg!), which was emitting a draught (needs looking at). Back down in main passage, formation on left wall - curved ramp to meet of pass passage coming in from below. - Cross at this point - passages going everywhere. Draught followed along rift passage to @ left. Scrambles up/down over fallen boulders along v. high clay rift passage. Rift changed into slightly lower/wider section →  until main way on was over bedding plane with mormites in floor - v. similar to lower section of magnetometer, but with mud covered pretties. Climb up from bedding plane re-entered rift passage & draught. Climb up on @ right - good jump, traverse over huge fallen block to emerge below at large boulder choke - big boulders with plenty of loose slabs/slime sat on top of them. Various ways through - easiest, easiest at mid height following @ left wall, although difficult to survey. Careful climb to summit of choke enabled to survey up from heading of choke & over the top, right down to far end of choke, then retreat to go through at mid-height. Twinkle-toes B team descended the end-end of the choke to re-emerge in high rift passage - mud/cobble floor. Spined at this point by team A who had returned from upstairs. Frank & meaningful discussion led to team A going ahead to a yet to be determined position, whereupon they would survey back to team B - meeting at halfway. After re-joining team A at 'halfway', team B then scampered ahead to get the going established a forward survey reference point, then survey back to team A. All passages from choke onwards were of big, wide 'rifty' type with orobars of various sizes, confusing matters at times. Various x-rifts led off, but all seemed to re-connect to each other either visually or by the sound of 'buzzing'. Surveying stopped at point at base of big rift with v. large boulders wedged in to very great height. General 'irresist' coming from above (chirzle like mist). Way on appears to be through the choke - from which an incredibly strong draught is emitting. Choke looks very do-able (with care & not too many people). Retreat decided in view of many factors - including - lackness of the hour, tiredness, need of food, vanishing survey notes, blunt pencils. This is not a place to be if you're not ~~happy~~ thinking clearly. Swift retreat of steps to exit cave - Pringle in-house certainly greatly received. *

Team B Debrief.

Our surveying ended in total chaos as a wazzock nearly rubbed 2 pages of previous numbers out. Hence Land of the WAZZOCKS.

CUSTOMER SATISFACTION SURVEY TEAM

FISTICUFFS IN BOULDER CHOKER.

RIGHT CHUFFED

Team B

①

⑤

Bill S

Dave G

J. PENRITH

J. DINGLE

Pass for now - judgement reserved - probably 8 - not for buzzing.

Better than yesterday

② FISTICUFFS IN BUTCHERSGATE FIGHT CAPITAL OF CARLISLE

going my way

⑦

25* July San Antonio area H.L.

3017

2 metre diggable hole next to tape + wire fence - no draught. 0447419. 4801604

27* July Fresno area H.B., C.S., J.C. + H.L.

3018

1) Up in top corner of wood near Slaves + Freedom is a narrow shaft about 4 m deep.

0454001. 4802045

3019

There is another very small (no draught) hole a few metres down slope. - 2m. to a possible dig.

3020

2). Hole down in field above 2687 with good, strong out draught. Needs earth + boulders removing but will need permission first a requires reasonable excavation.

0453739. 4802000.

John, Chris + Harry B. were working down Slaves
- see separate report.

2738

28th July Fresno Area, H.L., C.S. + J.O.

Went back to continue work at Slaver (snapping) 2738 and after that we checked 2687 which chokes completely after 6 or 7 metres. From there went to look at 2841, which may dig but looks very low, and 2773 which chokes after 2 metres.

28th JULY. JOHNNY DINELA + BOB TOOLWOOD + OTHERS.

A DRIVE UP TO LA LATINA! FOLLOWED BY "HAYTIME IN HORNADO", FOLLOWED BY "EXPLODING ²⁹¹⁷ FREEDOMS", FOLLOWED BY HELIX SPIN "ESCAPE TO ARKWRIGHTS", FOLLOWED BY "FLUSHING POWDER DOWN THE TOILET". FULL REPORT PLUS PICTURES WHEN I'VE CHANGED MY UNDERWEAR. JD

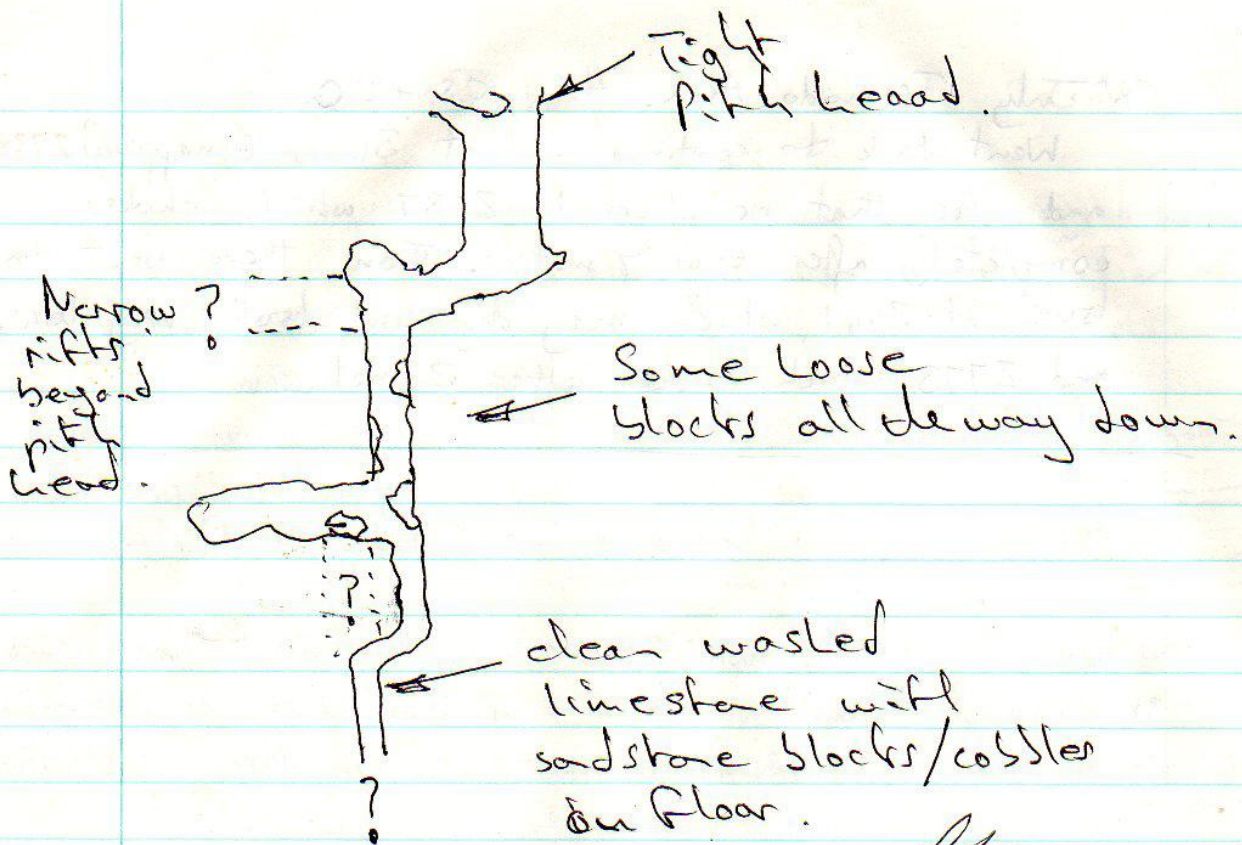
28/7/08 (2916) Peter T Egan, Saki, Ali

Returned to head of narrow pitel down seen on 27/7/08.

Bolted pitel "Y hang" narrow pitel head (needs opening) quickly opens out landing on saddle blocks and near head of next pitel. Rigged with Y hang lands at head of further pitel and entrance to passage which quickly chokes. Re delay to corner of rift which needs more bolts to get around two 90° corners.

It may be possible to rig from passage straight down but pitel head looks loose.

PTO



[Signature]

C Camm has numbers for sites 3021 → 3024

BP 3025

CC 3026, 3027

2738
SLAVES CAVE 27/28/29-7. J.C. CSMITH.

SNAPPING OUT THE RIFT FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR WE FINALLY BROKE INTO WALKING PASSAGE THIS THEN WENT TO TYPICAL YORKS CAVE I.E. RIFTS, SMALL CHAMBERS SOME STALL TIGHT CRAWLS ALL DRAUGHTING WELL. NOT YET SURVEYED BUT ESTIMATE 80-100 MTS. THIS WAS ALL UPSTREAM PASSAGE CHOKING IN SEPERATE LEADS SOME LEADS STILL TO LOOK AT BUT NOTHING MAJOR.

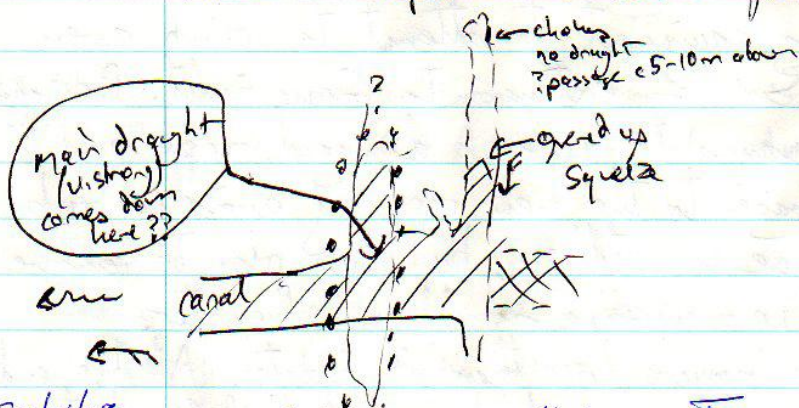
J.C.

29/9/08 Wild Mare Cave - Angus, Santi, Ali.

Surveyed passages on west side in entrance area - all choke, but possible h.l. passages need climbing to.

Then to sump - main draught seems to come down by rift just passed under in sump pool. AN swam across pool to narrow rift on north side, squeeze hammered out (drayling), but passage beyond choke - draught evidently ~~very~~ from roof.

Sump pool area water v. muddy - ? washed through from Torca Vaca exploration. Couldn't find live lie till I dived over it.



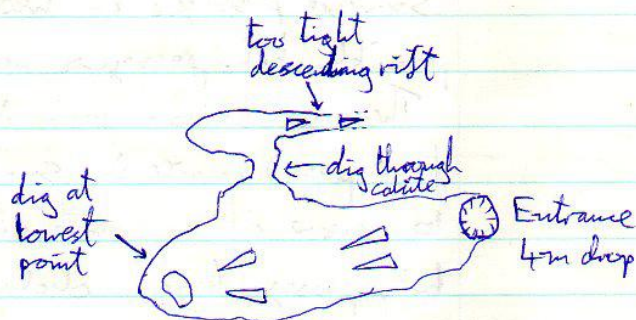
30/7/08 SLAVES CAVE H. LONG J. CLARKE. CSMITH
 SURVEYED DOWNSTREAM ENDED IN TIGHT RIFT 5000 MTRS.

27/7/08

Site 2938 - Footley, Paul Dold, Caroline & Natalie Footley

Returned to this site we found while surface prospecting at Easter. This is the lower of 3 sites in a stand of trees. A 4m vertical drop lands at the top of a small chamber which slopes down to a mud and boulder choked sink. We dug this for a while but a lot more effort is needed to make progress here. The skeletons of several small animals are around this lower end of the chamber.

A 2inch wide slot in soft flowstone on the righthand wall looked interesting, and feverish digging opened this up to a body size hole. Squeezing through into a rift running parallel to the chamber, a descending slot can be seen dropping ~ 6m down at 45 degrees, but needs enlarging to make passable. Slight draught.



28/7/08

Ureka Gaur Inlet Extensions - Footley, Paul Dold, Pete Smith

Returned with bolting equipment to attempt to climb aven found at Easter at end of extension to Gaur inlet. Rerigged Giant Panda on the way in to replace damaged rope and prevent future damage to the new rope by avoiding rub points. The old rope is still in, but we plan to remove it next trip in. The new rope is 11mm bluewater.

The whole trip was much drier than at Easter. At the end we discovered the aven was much bigger and difficult to bolt up than expected now we could see up it. (At Easter too much water was coming down to see anything). We measured 25m height with a laser measure. Looked for

high level passages along rift approaching aren but nothing leads off. Unable to traverse back to the aren at a higher level we started botting up to a balcony on the left side at the aren end of the rift passage. Paul reached this balcony and reported a slope up away from the aren which may open up into larger passage. We left Big Steves drill in the cave to return later in the week to continue work.

21/7/08 Little Hull Pot by the side of the road - th Andy P, th Johnny L,
Bob T, Dan M, Tony Biddlebank,
Sue Biddlebank,
James Carhile.

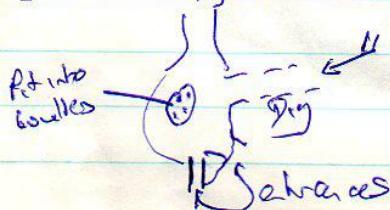
2907 -

^{150m vertically}
 Dropped hole above Car Pot into cess pit with dinner plate size spiders. Crawl through a human effluent bottle to blockage. Similar crawl in opposite direction looks to be proper way on, but necessitates flat out ~~crawl~~ on gravel in liquid sludge. th Annoying, since it is ^{very} close to long Sutherland wind-tunnel passage found in Car Pot.

Unpleasant! ☹️

30.7.08. While others were looking at 2916 returned to Langdales
I-IV (see 27.7.08 Ringletsours). Location approx 448550 4800460
 (10 GPS/Map)

Langdales I - slot at W. end of large sandstone boulders a rift into a 3m dia chamber entered on 30.7.08. Intermittent good draught from low sandy bedding on RH side, needs further work, 35m drop beyond. th Riffraff.



3034

3035

From Easter 2008 site seen from road at ~~448~~ 447861 ^{C.} 4801340 taking stream
from road & Linn's farm area.

Revisited 27.7.02 Anella A. Fyfe. Overhang cave at W end of depression
seems to be short but needs digging into. Draughting dig at bottom of W
part of depression. Rest of depression too overgrown to enter.

pp1 29/7/08 **SITE 3025**

Small hole out draught in hollow by tree/track - dig - photo gps 445m 0449167/4794417

pp2 could be **1152 or 1151**

Sloping arch cave 2x1m pic gps 637m 449273/4793918

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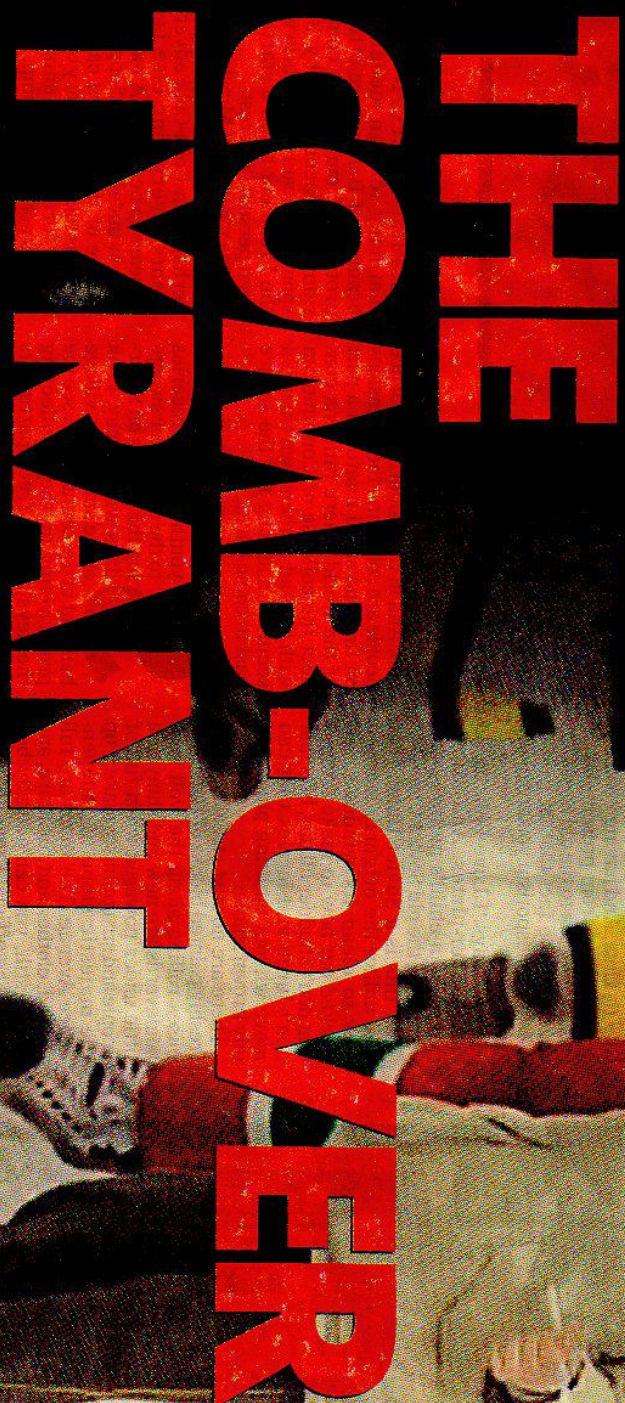
30/7/08 - J. DINGLE, S + S. SHIPMAN, P. SMITH, A. PRENDER, A. THE SUPERMAN'S FOLLOWED BY A WOMAN

A. Lovett Mack
At the Supreme's, followed by a Waffle Party. I was
un-armed, Mary's had a knife!

A FAB NIGHT OUT!!

Johnnie Davis

sinister leader is being courted by British grandees – and may be asked to join the EU



THE COMB-OVER TYRANT

From Peter Hitchens in Minsk

SON AN
Lukashenk
young son
hockey:
left: The Pr
comb-over

Normal Service is Now Resumed --

30/7/08 Mandy, Mike, Dan, Bob

Prospecting + getting stung by nettles, brambles + bitten by ticks on Mullin

3036 Cave A 455485 4794721

tight rift with no draft. V/X

3037 Cave B 455783 4795179

50cm square hole that leads nowhere

Cave C (2969) 455816 4795114

Shaft dropped + found to lead to a boulder choke.

d = 5

3038 Shaft 1 456098 4795144

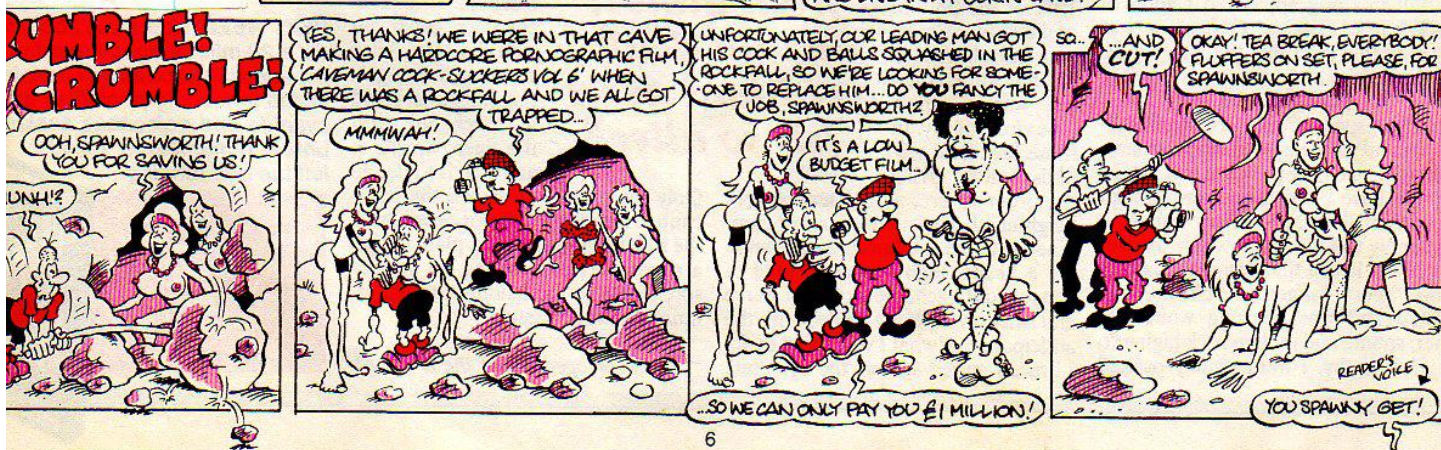
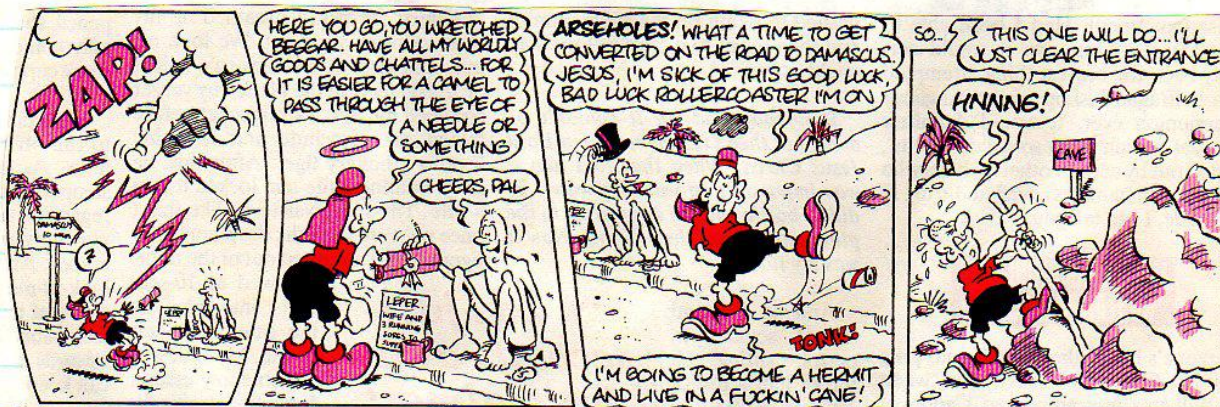
Approx 50 foot shaft, deep blind pot that leads nowhere base 3x1m @

3039 Shaft 2 456144 4795113

Very deep shaft (~30-40m) that requires widening
Hidden under a fallen slab.

3040 Cave D 455974 4795131

~~Amateur~~ short cave that leads 1 metre in, and filled
with stones.



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Cow Cave, Survey Tidying-up trip.

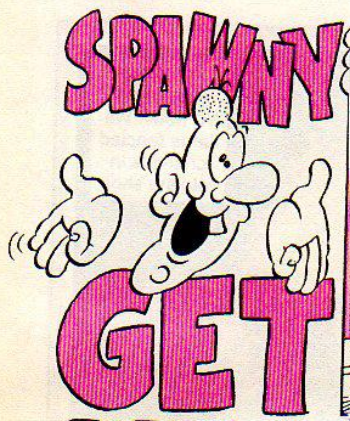
Johnny Labrier, Eddie Sharp, Pencil, Fattley,
James Carlisle.

1. Surveyed Connection from top-level to middle-level via 15m pitch at South end of top-level. Btlh 08-30
 2. JL & JC resurveyed 'Whitworth World' (down sharp rft opposite ladders down to duck in to new stuff). Btlh 22A
 3. ES & Fattley began ^{*methodically*} surveying side mls to main streamway ^{after} Jan for side of duck. JL & JC joined them and ~~continued~~ also surveyed mls, moving upstream. Btlh 08-28
08-29
- ES & Fattley ~~water map~~ found continuing mls that is continuing (they will return to finish survey).
4. JL & JC then ~~also~~ surveyed up final section of streamway, upstream of where the big passages come in. Ends in draughting dog but for better things to go at... Btlh 32

WHAT A MESS!

JC

James Carlisle
 Jimmy Pencil
 Leyland Dapt
 Spawny Aet.



30/7/08

Phil + Hilary - walk up new track at back of Muela from
for and near Tona Bora - Track now goes a lot further
a round on back of Mullin, across the line of closed
depressions running down from Hoyo de Hueso. The track
seems to have covered 1780 (M-41) or 1583

31.7.08 TERCA VALA - SANTI, ALI, ANAUS, PETE E.

Upper Series - Photo'd 150 m. Passage.

Designed Jan's shaft to middle series & used ladders to check shafts at NW end of
"Upper Series". Shafts marked on survey:

PE.1 - 8 m ramp then approx 20 m to choker - ladders not long enough.

PE.2 - p77m (approx) to flat floor? ladders not long enough.

PE.3 & 4 - depths Distol'd, not descended - not enough tackle

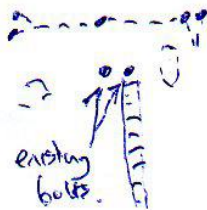
PE.3 - large shaft depth 34m, prob. need to traverse out to rig.

PE.4 - 6 m climb down the shaft 32 m, narrow top, ? pool of water at bottom.

bolts placed for descent.

PE.5 - deep rift under Goulthies, needs much gardening.

Then went to p17 to lower series, drilled hole for better rigging



Ali

WP388 Site 2995 acc 5m alt 253m 0447540 4797341

3 June 08 Entrances below road in mass of thorn bushes with tree.

Photos taken CC.

Facing uphill there is a possible cave entrance to left(photo b) may just be large boulder covering rift.

Site 2995 (photo a) is a rift entrance which goes to t junction after a couple of m.

Left rises and is almost certainly going to the other feature.

Right can be followed down over boulders in a narrowing rift where we were stopped.

A thinner person would get further. The site draughts well. Depth approx 6m.

27 July 08.

Pete Clewes beyond point reached previously. Rift narrows in even more to only approx 10cm wide.

Draught not felt at end here, but passage at this point approx 2m high. Can be seen to drop a further 4m very narrow.

Back towards entrance there are small holes under boulders in rift.

WP390 Torca de Michelin Site 3021 acc 6m alt 118m 0446307 4798576

27 July 08 Entrance is a dig in tyres against bedrock. In depression with trees.

Photos taken CC a,b,c,g and h rest P Clewes. Good Draught out return planned with shovel.

a) John Southworth at entrance as we arrived. b) Pete Clewes and John having a quick look see.

c) View from road across site 3022 in foreground, shake with dead tree has no hole visible.

Shake behind that with trees is Torca de Michelin.

28th July 08. Team as above plus Harry Brisland.

Tyres and mud removed. A short dig just had one rock stopping access. Once this was out Pete and John were able to get down. Digging in the floor took us to a depth of approx 6m but the main draught was from the uphill side (closest to 3022). To get along here will probably require a couple of days work. More tyres are visible in the fill here. A little bit of work was done here with the spoil being put back down the bottom of the shaft (which had no draught). Entrance recovered with tyres. Note milking herd in this field so needs to be left stockproof.

d) John describing the way on? e) John digging f) Chris, John and Harry with spoil, eg tyres.

g) Almost in. h) Hole prior to removal of last rock barring entry. i) Hole ready to descend.

j) Bottom of hole k) bottom of hole l) way to right m) bottom of hole n) bottom of hole

o) bottom of hole p) bottom of hole q) boulder removal bottom of hole

r) way to right s) above bottom of hole t) bottom of hole now back filled

u) Way to right before final dig v) way to right.

WP391 Site 3022 acc 5m alt 150m 0446383 4798509

27 July 08 Hole in shake below road. Filled with farmers bags no draught.

Photo taken CC. Pete C at ent.

For distance shot see 3021 (e)

WP392 Site 3023 acc 4m alt 229m 0447468 4797890

27 July 08 Small draughting dig over debris put in by farmer?.

Photo taken CC. Would really need permission to dig this.

1/8/08 AP + Ian Blackburn, Goat etc. — Return 3/8 to GRS
Photos. (See +10 pages on)

AGENCIAS WASHINGTON

Hay agua en el Marte. Lo que hasta hora constituían razonables suposiciones o pruebas indirectas se han confirmado plenamente. La NASA lo anunció oficialmente: las pruebas de laboratorio realizadas en el vehículo explorador 'Phoenix' han confirmado, sin lugar a dudas, la existencia de agua en el 'planeta rojo'. Una gran noticia no sólo para el mundo científico, sino para toda la humanidad.

El comunicado emitido por la agencia espacial estadounidense indicó que el pasado miércoles el brazo robótico de 'Phoenix' depositó una muestra en un instrumento que identificó vapores de agua. «Tenemos agua en Marte», señaló William Boynton, científico del analizador termal de Phoenix en la Universidad de Arizona. Según Boynton, esta es la pri-

mera vez concreta y segura de la presencia del líquido elemento en el 'planeta rojo'.

«Tocada y probada»

El científico añadió que ya se habían detectado indicios de agua congelada en observaciones hechas por la nave 'Mars Odyssey' y en otros que se diluyeron al ser observadas por 'Phoenix' el mes pasado. «Pero esta es la primera vez que el agua marciana es tocada y probada», significó.

La muestra donde se confirmó la presencia de agua fue extraída de una perforación de alrededor de cinco centímetros en el suelo marciano y donde el brazo robótico tropezó con una dura capa de material congelado.

El pasado miércoles la muestra había estado dos días expuesta al ambiente marciano «y el agua que contenía comenzó a evaporarse lo que facilitó su observación», dijo el comunicado.

«Marte nos está dando algunas

sorpresas», señaló por su parte Peter Smith, investigador principal de la misión, al referirse al comportamiento diferente del material marciano.

La misión exploratoria de Phoenix que descendió el 25 de mayo en un sector del polo norte marciano debía durar tres meses y terminaba en agosto. Sin embargo, en vista de los éxitos conseguidos ha sido extendida hasta el 30 de septiembre, indicó el comunicado de la NASA.



Zona de Marte donde la sonda ha encontrado agua. / NASA

THREE

to ne of is on at y :
two nut shuffle n. Action of a man going commando, gently manoeuvring his hips from side to side so that his clockweights rock between his thighs, giving him a pleasant, swinging sensation. Normally practised whilst leaning on a counter of some sort; awaiting medicines, dry cleaning, a pint etc.

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01/08/2008 "ENGLISH HAMMERING"
Report of guardia civil visit to the campsite

The first day of my staying in Matienzo we went to explore a new shaft in Hornedo, full of animal skeletons and pliers. Some carers went to explore others pots around. I was peacefully in the surface, waiting the command of Peter and Alf, they were struggling in the pitcher inside the shaft. Then, I heard a clear "bang" in the surrounding area, so, I thought "this could be English hammering." The day followed quietly and we were coming back in the car, and near the junction with the main road of Hornedo I realised that one vehicle of guardia civil went full speed in direction to Entrambasaguas. It seemed that they were looking for something, but I felt happy because they didn't see my van with the licence plate from Bilbao. Like everybody knows the guardia civil suspect about all the cars with licence plates from Basque country, specially this summer with bombs of ETA in the beaches of Cantabria.

But my happiness didn't last for long time. Back in Matienzo I was peacefully boiling spaghetti, when I saw four or five people coming to the

campsite with the particular green clothes I recognized: they were some "numbers" of the guardia civil. They looked interested in the "yellow Smart car" of Dave - later Pablo told us that the guardia civil phoned him asking for one "yellow Smart". My van was on the side of Dave's car and immediately one of the guardias asked, "Who's this car?"

I thought "What the devil would be they looking for?" and said, "It's mine". "Can you open the car?" "Of course!" I opened the back door of the van and the guardia removed the muddy clothes and bags. He asked, "Have you explosives?" I said, "Nooooo..." but I began to realize what was happening, the "bang" I heard in the morning.

They removed Dave's car as well and found a licence plate from the island of Man. It costed a little bit to convince the guardia it was some kind of souvenir of the island.

Meanwhile the comments the guardias were doing gave me the idea that some farmer told them people were using explosives in his land. The point is that the guardias were saying they were told that people were using explosives. The only thing I could imagine to answer was "perhaps they heard the sound of the hammering to break a narrow entrance". Philip was on the side and said "yes" as well, "could be the sound of the hammer."

Finally, Juan brought the Expedition's permit, and the official read it paying much attention, and when he saw that the Hornedo area was included in the permit, he seemed easier.

Nevertheless he had to find something wrong, so he read the pull paper and said "you have to notify the Cantabrian government every time you start one exploration and when is it finished. Are you doing this? He was answered that the expedition don't do more papers, and he reaffirmed is important send all this information so the rescue team could be warned. And they left the campsite.

The problem seemed to be finished, but today morning two of the same "numbers" were back helping other two men in normal clothes. These were members of the Justice section of the guardia civil charged with the reports they have to present to the Justice administration when there is some accusation. They asked for me, and I was wondering once more what the devil they wanted, and I realised I had translation work. I hope to be translator in other situations than this.

They said me directly they wanted to see the snaps. They had been in the pot, they saw the holes made with the drill and also one unexploded snap.

I realised there wasn't any possibility of explanation with the "English hammering" so I told Juan and Philip what were they looking for. Philip gave them one of the snaps and Pedro Smith photocopied the papers which show the stuff is absolutely legal in British Islands and Europe as well.

My impression is they knew quite well cavern use this kind of stuff in their work. But,

with the accusation of "use of explosives" they opened one expedient they have to follow until the end, filling all the gaps.

I asked one of them "it could be interesting with the partners in the area about the snags?" He said: "Of course, it is necessary to take care with these things, because people is very sensitive now".

SANTI

Uzueka Gour Inlet Sorted (Sort of!)

1/8/08 Footleg, Eddie Sharp-pencil, Mandy Fu, Mike Topsom

Returned to the aren at the end of our extension from last Easter. "The Thunderdome" (now silent). Cleaned up the bolt ladder put in on previous trip and adjusted rigging up to balcony to make safer. All kit moved up to balcony from where the bolting effort needs to continue.

Away from aren at level of balcony a substantial passage developed along same fault as stream passage below leads to boulder heap which can be passed either down to left or up steep slope/climb to right to enter on going passage trending downhill back towards big aren at end of old limit of Gour Inlet.

Surveyed 280 m to junction where lower canyon passage (\rightarrow 16m) departs from phreatic above (\rightarrow 13m). Followed phreatic upper route to black void where canyon passage is met (most likely rejoining other canyon passage but need to confirm). Chucked some rocks down void to hear crash after a few seconds. Left one side passage further back still to push, plus some survey to complete next trip in. On way out we confirmed the void to be the top of the aren at the old end of Gour

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inlet, as impact marks and rocks we had thrown down were obvious on the floor. So we now have the passage at the top of the old aren sussed, but unfortunately it leads to a balcony only 10m up the big aren at the new end of Crow Inlet.

A more challenging bolting project awaits there to try and gain the upstream continuation. Left Big Steve's drill in again for our next trip in.

TORCA LA VACA & THE MANCUNIAN CANDIDATE Batch 08-35

03/08/08, MANDY FU, MIKE TOPSON, WILL STEWART

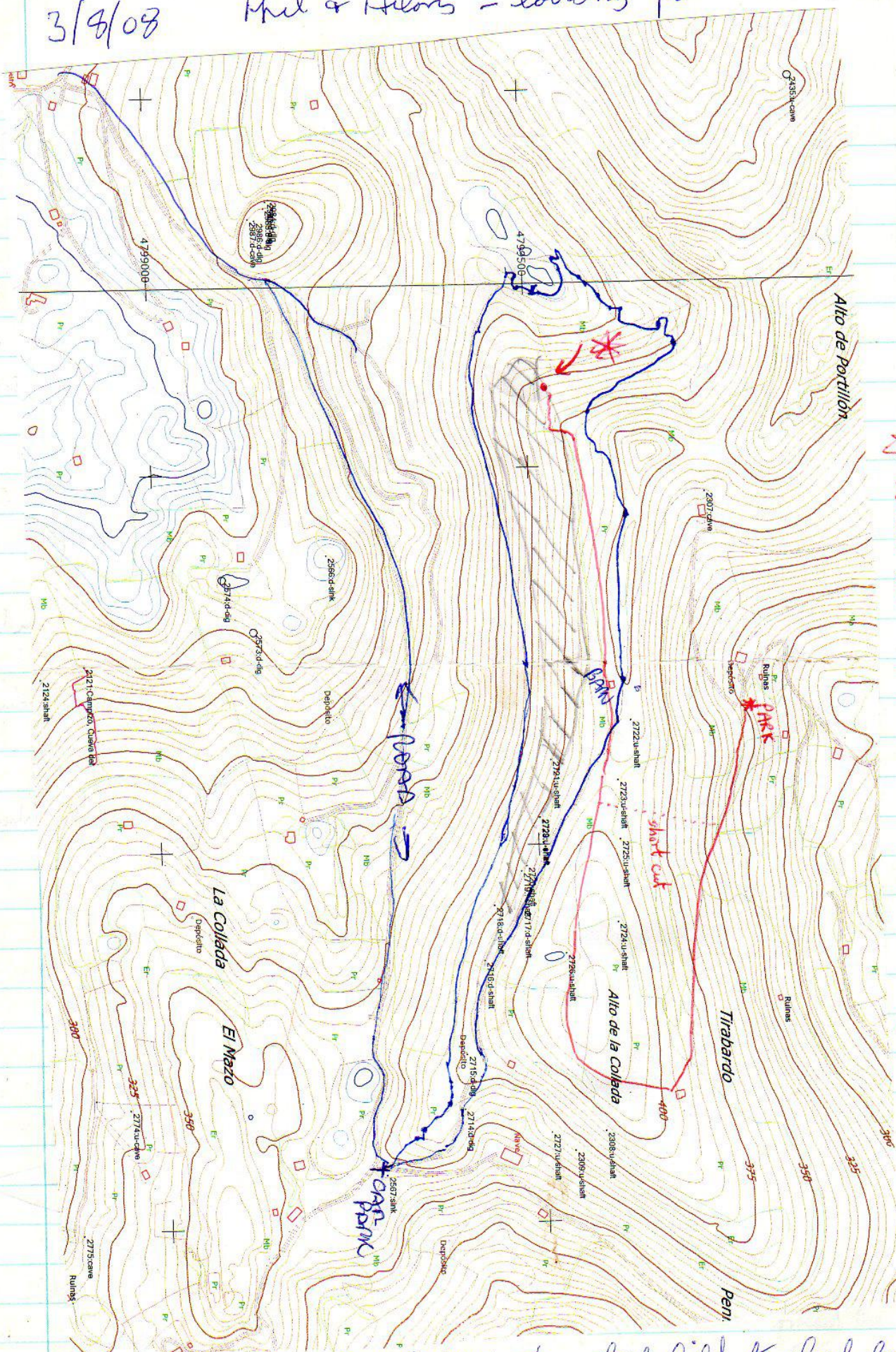
We went through lake Basenthwaite to take a few photos beyond the duck.

We made it to the boulderchoke at the end and spent some time looking for a way beyond it but no luck.

On the way back we investigated various side passageways and found a passage off the air chamber which lead to a canal/streamway. Will return at some point to investigate further.



Phil & Hilary - looking for TORCA HOMER



* Picked out 6/11/08 See Autumn Log.

From car park, took track to barn, then through field to cleared depression at West of Collyado - Very hard going - needs cutting suit + hds in winter!

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Gave up getting to bottom of the 3 depressions & then took track through middle of wood. From track could see ^{100m AND} 50m of hole either side of track, may be 200m to low side. There is a Band of limestone out-crop some 80m to N of track at East/Middle point & I assume hole must be between field edge & about 100m/80m north of track (area shaded on map).



2nd August – Ian and Andy P

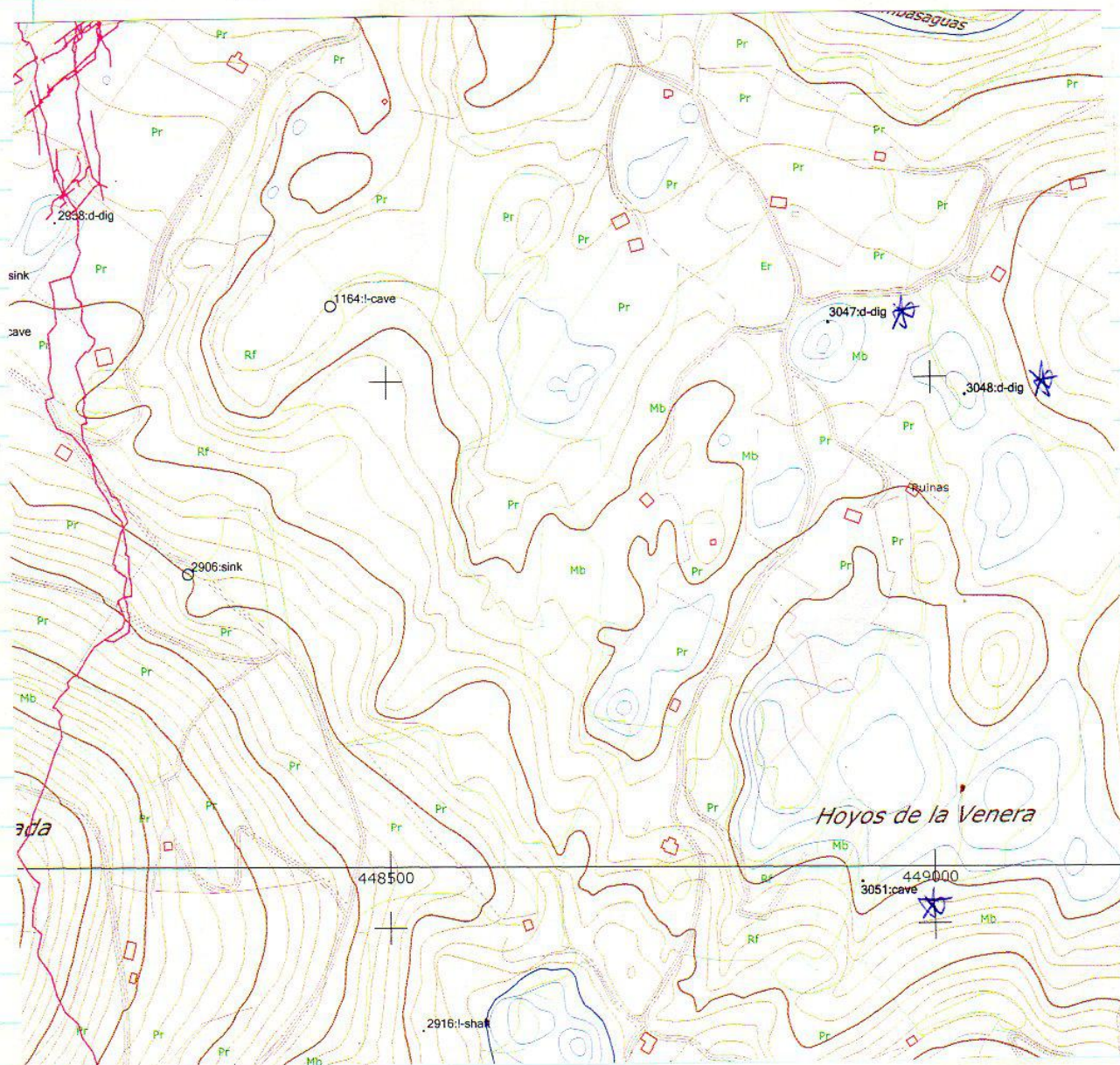
3rd August – Ian, Andy P and Juan

Turn left at the first junction after the bridge to Torca La Vaca. Partial investigation of the deep closed depressions to the east of Torca La Vaca.

1. **Site 3047** Goats: A slight draught emerges from between blocks over a wide area. There is a small blind cave at the top of the mess. 30T 0448907,4801051
2. n/a
3. **Site 3048** Blackberry: Cliff face with a strong draught emerging from between boulders. Some of these were removed on day 2 and the site needs capping. 30T 0449032,4800984
4. **Site 3049** Ferns: A sink with a 1.5m climb down to a sloping passage which continues for 7m but is too tight to enter.
5. **Site 3050** Holly: 10m up from Ferns. A 2m climb down into a blind pit. An undercut in the limestone wall is filled with mud and could be dug.
6. **Site 3051** Moss: 12m above Holly. A 2m climb down to an excavated body-sized slot which Andy cleared and Juan dropped through. Sloping floor ends immediately at a tiny rift choked with mud and rubble. There was no apparent draught on day 2. 30T 0448934,4800539

Checked out the position of Cueva Verde – the resurgence near La Cavada with "14km" of passage behind it. Met up with PP and Hilary for drinks at the Hanging Bar.

30T 0444490 4798941



03 Aug 08 Site 2834 Pallet Pot

John S and Pete C.

Pete got into passage mentioned above which was blind. No draught noted today. No other leads went anywhere. Not likely to return, way on would seem to be down in the floor which is blocked by massive collapse. 3 photos here by Pete Clewes.

WP 373 (Site 2981) 6m acc alt 219m 0446200 4799683.Dig.

03 Aug 08

Tony B, John S, Pete C, Tiny(Steve Calvert), Chris C.

Hole enlarged till Tony, Chris and Pete could get in. Strong draught but way on too narrow.

Floor could dig out but would need to be started back close to entrance. Once inside you are in a rift feature the western end has a large number of bottles and rubbish which has entered from a now obscured surface depression? The Eastern end is where the draught emerges see photos g&h.

Entrance now walled up and covered with wood from pallet. Photos d-f&i-k taken Tony B.g&h Pete Clewes.

WP385 Site 2992 acc 6m alt 435m 0447846 4795605

02 Aug 08

Pete Clewes, John S, Chris C. Opened up to point where one large block bars way in.

03 Aug 08 Pete Clewes, Tony Brocklebank.

Boulder removed descended to approx 3m depth length approx 4m. Way on down too small see h). slight draught. Photos b-e Tony Brocklebank. Photos f-h Pete Clewes. b) offending boulder.c)Pete in squeeze.d) Does it go? e) It is tight! f) Western end. g)to North West.h)Eastern end with unidentified skull.

27 July 08. Site 2995

See previous entry

Pete Clewes beyond point reached previously. Rift narrows in even more to only approx 10cm wide. Draught not felt at end here, but passage at this point approx 2m high. Can be seen to drop a further 4m very narrow. Back towards entrance there are small holes under boulders in rift.

WP396 Site 3027 acc 10m alt 79m 0445853 4802056

Would be better taken off map.

30 July 08 2 entrances on east side of large depression. Both are on side of shake opposite the barn, first is choked after 2m with no draught. The other has been used by an animal. Photos a-d Pete Clewes. Lower entrance photo b, no draught. Other draughts well, photo a. c&d)Depression containing entrances, to right of barn as seen from close to road. Passage leading off has boulder and mud floor would need digging to progress further.

WP397 Site 3028 acc 11m alt 128m 0445556 4798383 (GPS location on ledge at Western side of shake). Altitude roughly corrected for bottom of shake.

31 July 08 Collapse feature in bottom of shake. Slight draught. Photo John S.

WP397 Site 3030 acc 11m alt 134m 0445556 4798383

31 July 08 This and site 3031 are on a ledge above the bottom of the shakehole containing 3029 and 3028. Photo taken John S. Slight draught.

WP397 Site 3031 acc 11m alt 134m 0445556 4798383

31 July 08 This and site 3030 are on a ledge above the bottom of the shakehole containing 3029 and 3028. Photo taken John S. Slight draught.

WP398 Site 3032 acc 6m alt 135m 0445563 4798322

31 July 08 Photo by John S of Pete Clewes in entrance. Entrance drops in under large boulder. Slight draught only, not a good prospect.

WP400 Site 3041 acc 12m alt 105m 0446045 4801177

1 Aug 08 Into wood on track, shakehole on left. Tight entrance under boulder, leads almost vertically down to a choked streamway. Hole descended for 10.8m to a point approx 1.5m off bottom?

Would need boulders breaking to progress. Photos a-e by John S.a) Looking up the track towards the road(the shake is on the right in this shot). b) Path cut to shake. c) Entrance. d&e) Pete Clewes in entrance. Underground photos f-k

Pete Clewes. f) squeeze. g) Undercut calcite floor. h) looking down. i) same level as h. j) Righthand side was excavated and descended. k) Boulders blocking progress at limit. Reasonable draught from choke at bottom.

WP401 Site 3042 acc 8m alt 101m 0445938 4801063.

1 Aug 08 Into wood on track, shakehole on left. Photos John Southworth. a) View down track from road Pete Clewes pointing to shake. b&c) Entrance.

Small choked rift no draught.

WP402 Site 3043 acc 8m alt 118m 0445937 4801100

1 Aug 08 Into wood on track, down to T junction turn left, depression on left. Track goes round 2 sides of this large feature. Short path cut to 4m climb down gully. There is a very narrow slot approx 10cm wide in the bottom of the depression. Elsewhere in the bottom is a body length crawl to small hole in boulders where stones will fall 3m? Slight draught. Photos rigging the gully before we found out how shallow it was photos a-c Pete Clewes.

Entrance shots d-f John Southworth.

Site 3044 alt 435m 0447826 4795605 02 Aug 08

Entrance situated approx 20m to the West of 2992 at base of same scar. In a corner with large slipped block above, Entrance now recovered with 3 boulders.

Pete Clewes, John S, Chris C. Dug through boulders to allow Pete to drop 2m into passage approx 6m long.

North side is all boulders with daylight entering part way along the eastern side. Floor of stalagmited boulders.

Photos Pete clewes. a) Small hole down at eastern end. b) Same hole. c) floor. d) Western end. e) Entrance during excavation. Little or no draught.

Site 3045 alt ?m 0445998 4801995 from SigPac

2 Aug 08 In same depression as 3046 this is the lower of the 2 caves. Length approx 1.5m to small drop no draught. Photo John Southworth.

Site 3046 alt ?m 0445960 4801959 location from SigPac

2 Aug 08 In same depression as 3045 this is the higher of the 2 caves. Length approx 1.5m, no draught. Photo John Southworth.

3/8/08

Uzueka - Beyond the Thunder Dome

(51)

Footley, Paul Dold.

Following up our trip on 1/8/08 we returned to survey all the passage found and tie up the loose ends. As predicted all the loose ends connected up to each other. No new leads emerged, but in total we have added 816m of new passage to the cave. Some interesting sandstone joint controlled passages, the odd curious formation, a map of Australia, some superb black fossil coral and a large set of vertically stacked fault chambers where huge blocks have dropped of sandstone beds to create a 30m high series of voids which we called "Barter Town".

Finished off bolting and rigging the pitch down into the old end of Gow Inlet to provide a faster route out. Surfaced after 12½ hours underground.

4/8/08

Walk from Bakers Bar up Cubija Valley over top and down to the Bar for beers. Five new sites found en route. Details on computer with pictures in Summer 08 folder.

New Sites Summer08.txt

(3052)

450519 4797241 398m
Drafting hole in bottom of shakehole, needs enlarging
IMG_4132 + IMG_4133

(3053)

450571 4797261 410m
Hole in shakehole. No draught
IMG_4136

(3054)

450698 4797298 443m
Long entrance slot with open hole visible below prickly undergrowth. ^{Probably} Possibly site 0876 or new?
IMG_4137

451665 4797737 191m
Possible dig at base of undercut limestone face next to path

451638 4797600 176m
Obvious dig next to path, appears to have been dug by someone/something ^{is site} 2770

2.8.08 Vaca - ~~Ali, Phil P., Andy P., Santi~~ Ali, Phil P., Andy P., Santi;

To slot down to Lake District after T-way Inlet? - partly widened, needs more work

Then ^{P.P.} bolted along 50 m ^{Rift} ~~to~~ pitch at end c 6 m descended - blind then through eyehole at end to our look further shaft/over on ~~passage~~ beyond.

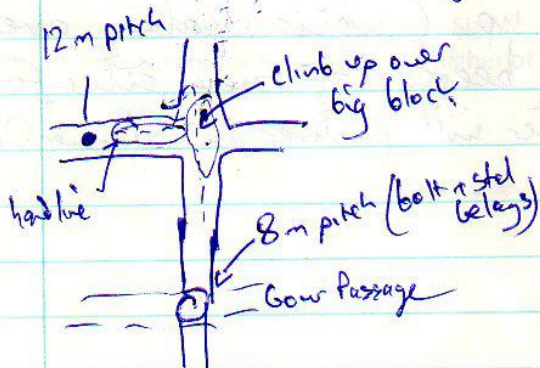
3.8.08 Vaca - Ali, Torben.

Rigged pitch at end of 50 m ~~passage~~ Rift - 18 m blind. Aided drill to continue traverse. Surveyed - previous survey is crap (of this passage).

Then looked at passage leading towards it from 12 m pitch - bolted 5 m traverse which turned out to be "bold step" or survey.

4.8.08 Vaca - Ali, Pek E., Carolina.

Rigged 8 m drop from pitch bypass to gow passage - shorter route to end avoiding pretty's. Put 2nd bolt on last pitch down to Lake District. Photos. Carolina's light borrowed from her dad jailed again.



Collected bags of rubbish from dig area.

5.8.08 Uzueka, Pete E, Lark, Santi, Andy Fryke, Torben, Ali.

Rebolted climb into Rogers' way off Quadryphoria & surveyed it as Lark said it wasn't located properly - we should have known not to believe him, as checking on computer it was correct.

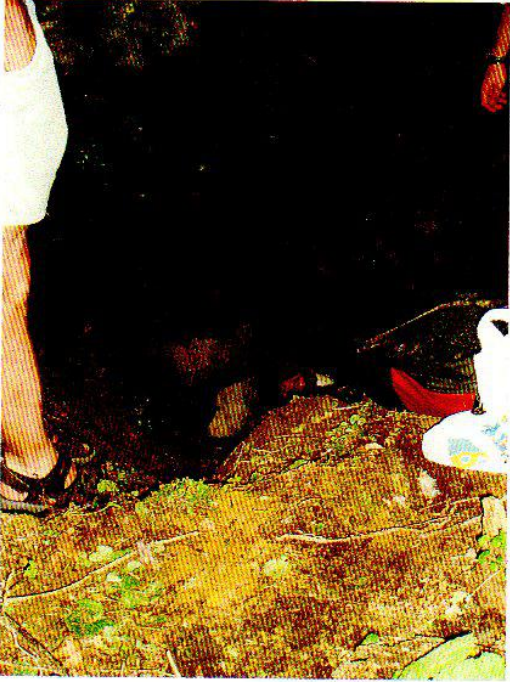
Surveyed downstream Filer's Way to snip, & another ~~passage~~ passage, a rift or left just beyond also to a snip with a possible way on in the water as the passage dries slightly. 57 m new

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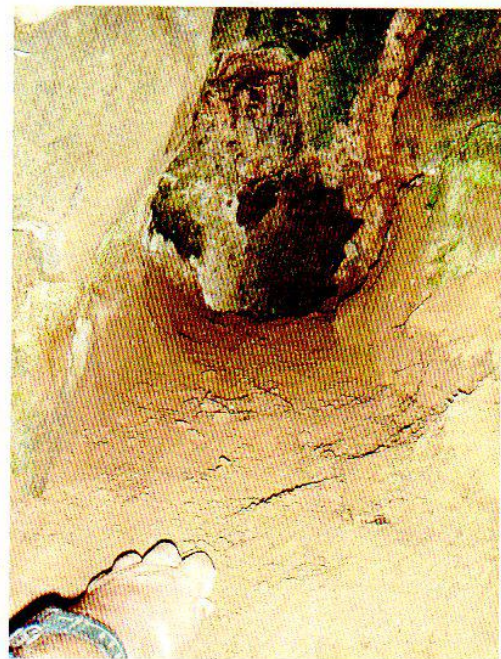
4 August 08 Pringle, Mandy, Mike, Phil, Hilary - Hoznayo Area *Hoznayo*

Parked near "blackberry hole" with aim of capping our slot - instead we used Mandy, who easily slid down hole to tell us there were more boulders and the draught was coming out between them. A good dig site but needing heavy engineering to pull boulders out - but draught shows it must be an excellent prospect, needing probably one or two days digging by a small team.



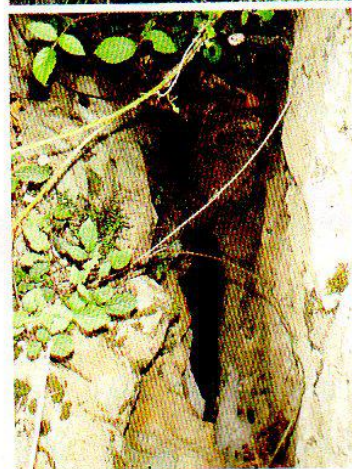
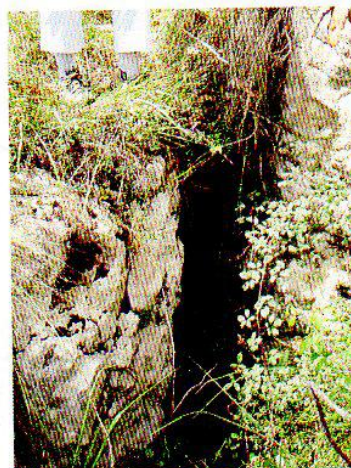
Looked in holes below farm to south of blackberry hole but undergrowth defeated us! Holes next to lane on way to hole below, were looked at but most seemed to have been used to dump farm slurry into - One small cave was opened up and dug Mandy size, for 1m to rift 3m x 1m - 3m long with small continuation above but too small, also small hole in floor. Slight draught out. Pic with Mandy.
Gps 120m-0448696/4800701

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6 August 08 Phil and Hilary – Torca Hombre area (if it exists!) Parked up at last house above Hoznayo just to north of ridge near 2307. Walked to ridge near line of electric poles that go to barn just to South of Ridge, and then down into wood – a few small holes seen on line of limestone/sandstone outcrop, but no 50m wide pit! We need better description of location. One cave found at Gps 384m 0448232/4799572 – in small depression at end of a line of similar depressions running NW/SE on down hill side is a small rift some 5m to drop of up to about 10– good draught out (summer) but given height this is not that good a sign, but air was quite cold indicating a longish residence time underground.



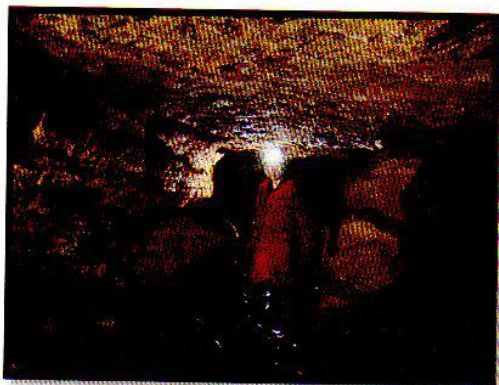
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Dear Peter, dear Juan,
as foreseeable I had the possibility to enter in another cave named Covarón in Navajeda. Navajeda is a "barrio" of Entrambasaguas. The Covarón-cave lies just on the other side of the same hill from which the Aguanaz springs out. A small stream named Borga, an affluent of the Aguanaz, comes out of the cave and a lot of cold air. I went into the huge cave some meters but had to stop when it bent to the left leaving me without sight. The cave was formerly used as a place where the people stored milk and butter before having fridges. I did not see any signs of sand washed out and deposited on either sides like the Aguanaz has. Therefore I suppose that the Borga did not have high water levels after local rainfall like the Aguanaz. I do not know if the cave is already known and investigated but I would like to show it to you at any time. Please contact me.
Saludos
Lea

1072 photos

Hi Juan,
The cave looks like the Famous Five cave, I think the actual name of the stream/cave is Bocarón.
Pete

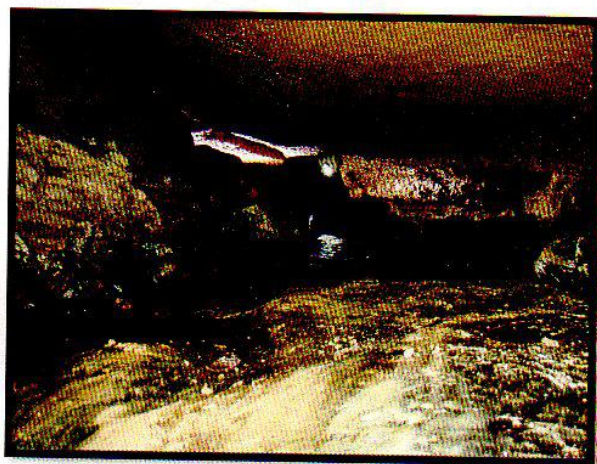
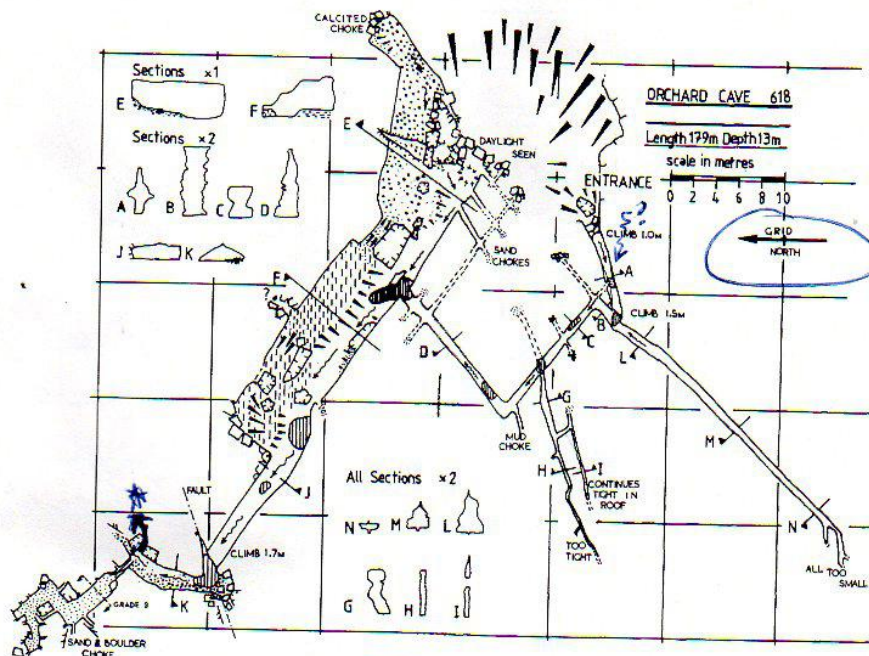
Thursday 6th August



Andy P and Juan to Terry's "There is little prospect of extension" hole - Orchard Cave (site 618), the possible top sink for Torca La Vaca on the other side of the hill, 1.5km away. Good draughts throughout the cave and lots of wildlife in the pools. Had a few minutes of digging just where the water sinks away at the tight squeeze, then Juan found a contortion under a large boulder to a short crawl and a boulder blocking the way. We can see through the draughting hole into a more open bouldery prospect. Removing the nose of the boulder

blockage will probably be safest with a snapper as the offending rock may be supporting the large block crawled under. It's a bit low for hammer and chisel.

All in all, "Excellent prospects for extension". We only looked at one small area and didn't investigate the sandiness beyond the squeeze.



A ROUTE DOWN THE HILL

5/8/08

Uzueka Bolting Spectacular - Footleg, Paul Dold +
MUSC Photo documentary team (Mandy, Mike, Will, Jason)

Having exhausted all the obvious leads below the top of the thunderdome aren on our last trip, today's plan was to attempt to bolt up the aren to regain the stream entering higher up. We approached via a very muddy traverse finding good rock to take the bolts once the thick coating of chocolate fondant mud was scooped off the wall. Once the ledge ran out progress was made diagonally up an overhanging wall until the edge of the flowstone was reached. Good rock continued alongside this and the flowstone provided footholds to enable us to gain the stream passage faster than expected. A walking streamway was found with the same cream flowstone deposits on the floor as seen most of the way downstream to the Uzueka Near Stumps streamway.

A surveying marathon followed, surveying as we went for 550 metres trending due NE at walking passage ~ 2m wide at the bottom and up to 20+ m high canyon. Only around 3m elevation was gained over this $\frac{1}{2}$ km. The passage continues much the same for an estimated 350m past some nice pretty stal grotto sections until the character changes at some $\frac{1}{2}$ m cascades. Shortly beyond the passage becomes a hands and knees crawl before the water emerges from a choke of large rounded cobbles.

The cream flowstone floor is present the entire way. The gradient is even more level upstream of the point we surveyed to, with knee deep wading most of the way. We only investigated the roof of the passage near our final survey station and there appears to be

a phreatic original passage running along the top of the canyon which needs further investigation next trip out here.

The current route in is via the now rigged aren at the old end of Gour Inlet. Then the righthand oxbow provides the easiest route, but a 4-m climb down needs protecting with a ladder or hand line. Before the Thunder Dome aren is reached a couple of traverses also need protecting as the ledge is crumbling away. Beyond these at the foot of a steep boulder slope an oxbow on the right avoids a climb down an unstable slope to reach the balcony where the muddy traverse leads to an ascending rope with a free hanging rebelay before a short free climb into the passage protected by the rope belayed into the passage.

The MUSC team photographed up to the start of this traverse. Many fine fossils (coral and clams) are found throughout these passages at this level.

4/8/08 #2889

Trip on 4/8/08 Torben Sauti
connected Continued work from 3/8/08.
Drilled across P18 into rift. Up on false floor
and over big shells to P11, blind. Sawing ~~up~~
across into rift to find SW 26. Narrow high
level in Dorben side of P11 involves climbing
and probably capping. All was drilled.

Torben

967

7/8/08 Pete E, Ali; Torran & Phil P.

Wild More Cove -

Team of crack covers split into two super groups, Pete & Ali to push some crabs & climbs & Torran & Phil to butt the cross rift in the sump pool, where a lot of the draught seems to come into the cave. Phil butted with Torran up to his neck in water in charge of the rope - top of cross rift gained by 7 buets (some 11m) & a "Y" hang put in. Passage seen going to the S. west - & back to the N. East with the rift going up, but smaller. Torran then took over - draught found not to be coming from the passages (there closed down) but from rift above but after a few metres this was too small to follow & continued small for at least 2+ m - it seems there should be a passage above that should link to Vaca, may need to get people in both coves at some time with radios.

While Phil & Torran were butting, Ali & Pete -

7/7/08 JONES RMTB, & ~~WATER~~ PETE E.C. AND CUMMIS C.

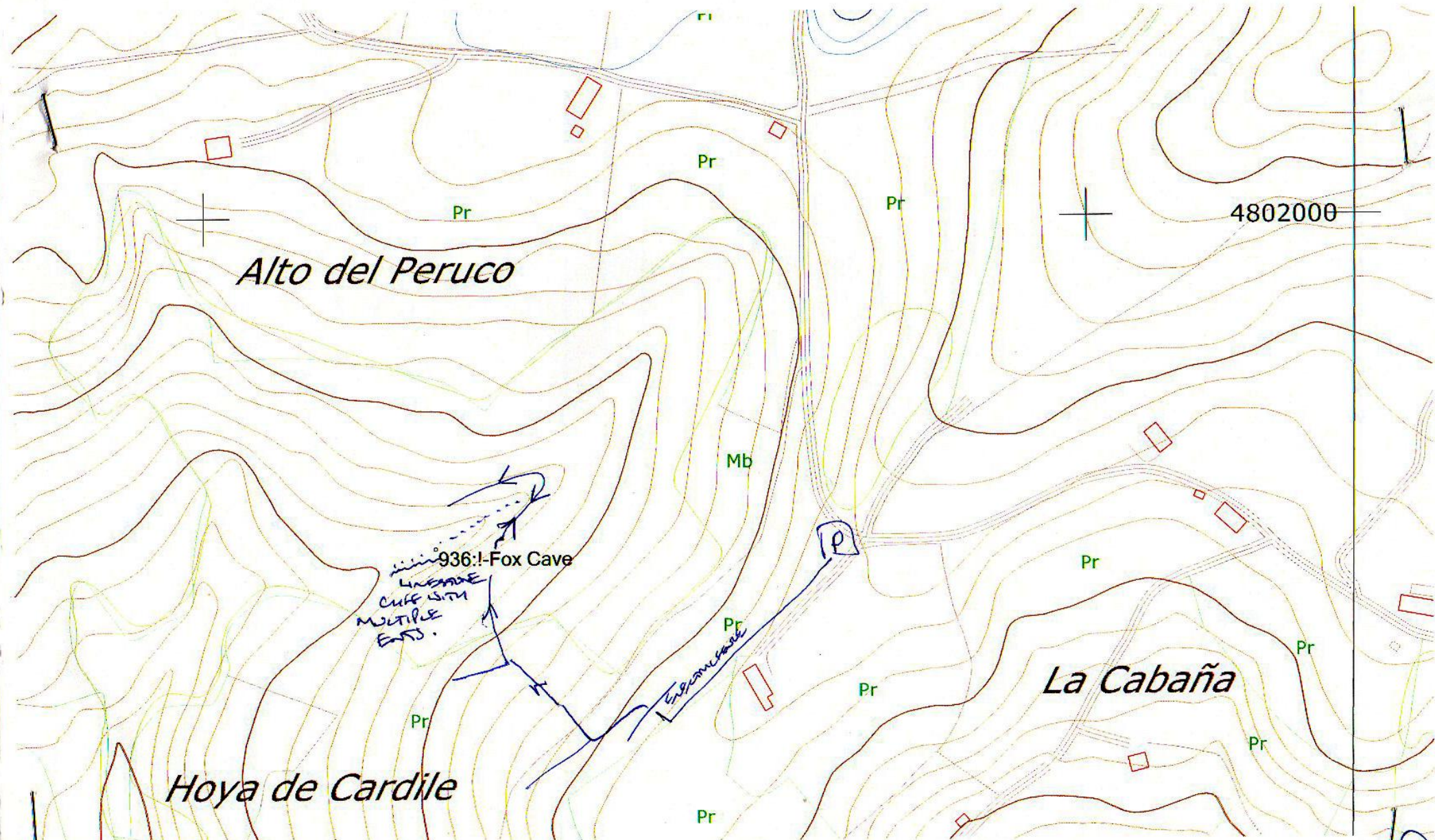
LOANED POSITION OF 936 FOX CAVE. 1 VACUUM AWAY FROM NAT POSITION. MANY ENTRANCES BUT NONE APPEARING SEE MAP WITH CORRECTED POSITION AND EASY ROUTE?

→ RH passage through sandy dig under wall climbed rift and pushed up over to look into shaft seen from below. Over the top of two pits RH branch was dug good draught but needs blowing up. Stream outlet before sump RHS floor was dug water lowered by 4" past previous limit and

Continued

EASY ROUTE TO 936 AREA.

7 AUG 08.



PART FARM TRAIL DOWN FIELD OVER FENCIBLE FENCE

AND ONTO TRACK. THIS CAN BE FOLLOWED DOWN INTO BOTTOM OF VALLEY.

WHERE TRACK BEGINS TO RISE. BEFORE CROSSING VALLEY TRAIL OFF AND CUT A ROUTE DOWN VALLEY.

07 Aug 08 John S and Tony B. Search in a different area for **the elusive 936**. Found in extremely thick jungle. None of these sites had any detectable draught.

Wp 407 acc 14m 0450603 4801812

Wp 405 acc 14m alt 146m 0450630 4801812

Wp 404 acc 14m alt 147m 0450632 4801812

Wp 404&5 are the first cave found going down LHS of valley.

Call it 0450631 4801812 ← **936**

Photo a) 1st entrance. 9 entrances or features photographed. Note there are others that were not recorded.

WP407 is photo f) Lower down the valley was a cave entrance and a choked shaft in bottom of valley.

These are probably only 8-10m below last cave photographed. Above the last cave photographed was a shaft, too tight to get down but could see into larger passage below. This area is no good for GPS at all, so both a surface and underground survey would be beneficial. All the above sites with the exception of a) will be given numbers following a detailed survey.

Site 1815 5 Aug 08 Pete C, Tiny, Chris c and John S.

Visit to try and find sources of draught. The tiny draughting hole mentioned on the survey was not identified on this visit. A draught was found at the top of the greasy calcite slope beyond the above marked hole. The strongest draught was found to be coming from the area of the small passage marked on survey. This passage was forced by pete:- At the start this is about 50cm wide by 80cm high for about 3.5 m dipping down steeply. Clean washed. At the end of the 3.5m a boulder in the floor has to be crossed. Going to the right here you can step into a parallel rift. The main draught comes from here we think. This is about 25 cm wide and runs for several m in both directions before closing down. You can see up several m here, you may be able to get to this higher level by climbing up back in the main passage. Back at the boulder the small passage continues for approx 2 to 3m before closing down to less than 20cm wide. Would need serious work to progress here (The less than 20cm rift).

Photos taken Pete Clewes. Chris in entrance passage, rest of shots in rifts that lead back towards road.

None in passages described above! Next time...

WP381 Site 2988 Dos Perros acc 7m alt 199 0446896 4799229

4 Aug 08 Tiny, John S and Chris C. Set up blue tub filled with rock attached with a long strop to try and drop top boulder. The failure of the first attempt with the tub ending up jammed at 45 deg over the pitch head had John S back in to sort things out. The next attempt worked in so far as the tub went down the hole but is now suspended off one of the dodgy boulders. See k. Retired to Matienzo to discuss tactics.

5 Aug 08 Pete and John. John in to try to get round big boulder at pitch head. Pete followed and not seeing John stepped down onto dodgy? rock. Traversed over other boulders to far wall and found a climb down to floor below. This allowed Pete to see underneath and confirm the boulders that had given concern were not too bad after all. Looking around at the floor, the main way on was below a wedge shaped boulder. This drops down about 2m to a streamway running on sandstone? Looking down water flowing to the right, followed streamway 2-3m (as upstream chokes) to T junction. At T junction water goes right and low for 3m approx to sump. Needs rechecking during survey. Photos k-t Pete Clewes. l, m looking up pitch. n) bottom of climb. o) way down. p&q) looking upstream, the passage reduces in size. r) looking downstream towards T junction. s) upstream (left) at T junction too narrow to enter. t) looking downstream beyond the boulders is a probable sump.

WP393 Site 3024 acc 9m alt 123m 0445573 4798458 best to position this on pdf with 5m contours it is the middle of the west side of the depression marked in blue.

28 July 08 Multiple entrances. Photos 3024A, a, b, c 3024B, a, b, c CcA. Rest PCI

WP395 Site 3026 acc 6m alt 158m 0451088 4801555

30 July 08 Entrance below cabana in field, at top of a shallow gully feature.

Entrance closes to dig over fill with strong draught. Photos a-d taken PCI. a) Chris Camm in entrance gully. b) Looking down field from gully. c&d) Entrance.

4 Aug 08 Pete Clewes, Tony B, Jason and Will. Dug at 2 points in entrance, one of which broke through under sandstone bed, into a reasonable chamber. The draught was coming out of floor at several points. Photos taken by Tony B and Pete C e-aa.

6 Aug 08 Pete Clewes, Chris Camm, Phil, Jason and Will. With surface support from several others.

Attacked likely looking draughting slot in floor. After digging through a shale bed we decided to take out a large boulder we had been avoiding. This allowed a view down of 2-3 m through a small gap in boulders. Whilst trying to remove some of these an overzealous prod resulted in a bit of a collapse. The hole is now calming down overnight. Photos taken PC ab,ac&ad) Will working on shale bed.ae&af)the hole down and the boulder for removal. ag)Jason pointing to way on?ah,ai&aj)taken by holding camera through small hole under now removed boulder. ak) the slightly larger hole following application of crowbar. This area draughts out strongly.

WP397 Site 3029 acc 11m alt 130m 0445556 4798383 GPS location on ledge above this entrance.

Altitude is roughly corrected for height below ledge.

31 July 08 Photo taken JS of Pete Clewes digging boulders out. We entered a short cave with a good draught.3.5m crawl into 8x6m chamber.

WP393 Site 3033 acc 9m alt 123m 0445573 4798458 best to position this on pdf with 5m contours

it is the middle of the west side of the depression marked in blue. 28 July 08 A short way above the entrance is another hole through which light enters the chamber reached inside this cave. 3033,a,b,c CCa. Rest PCI



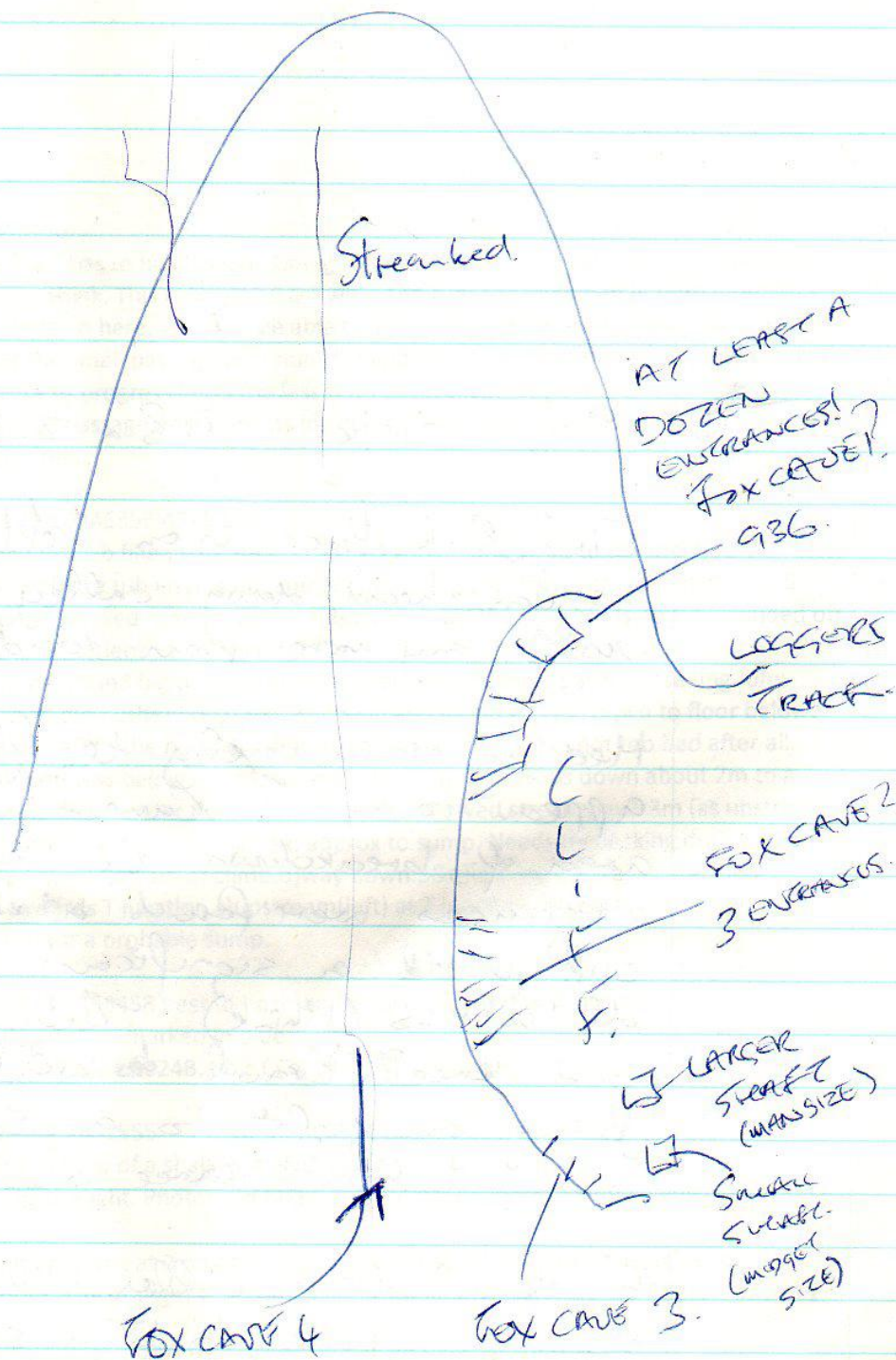
936 - 7/8/8. T.B & J.S Fox Cave.

Cliff/Rock face is on left hand side of gully as you head down valley - not really visible any more from road.

Heading down valley the first few entrances appear to be Fox Caves - as they are in an area of breakdown. Continuing down various entrances were found at all levels on the cliff until a significant entrance was found at WP405 (I think). This is an easy hands and knees ^{sandy} crawl to with several entrances joining on right to a 5m diameter chamber with at least three ways off. Fox shit everywhere!

Further down valley several more entrances to what appears to be a separate cave were found. Above these was a small shaft. A second small shaft nearby may also connect.

Finally another entrance was found in
the ~~gully~~ ~~bottom of the~~ bottom of the gully.



Approx 4m CRASH.

CHOKED SHAFT
& CAVE
← ARMS WAY.

FOX CAVE 1. IS LARGEST CHAMBER WITH MANY
WAYS OFF, MAINLY THROUGH BREAKDOWN.

FOX CAVE 2.

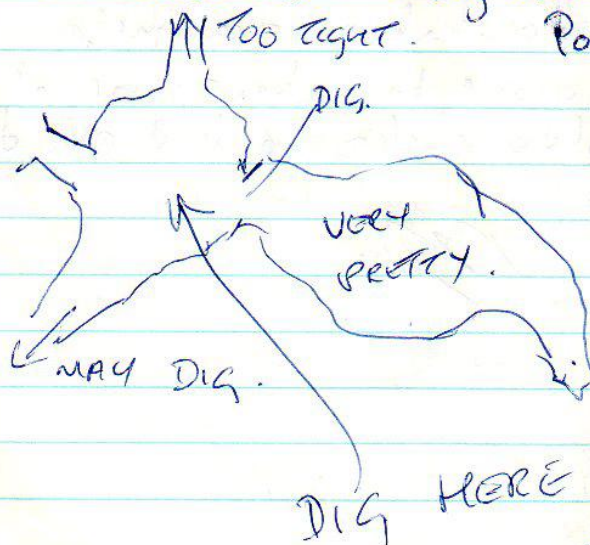


N.B

Cave entrance and choked shaft mentioned are
further down valley - unconnected - where
a stream comes in from the right.

8/8/08 2836. TB, CC & JS.

Drop into chamber 4.5m x 6m. Old description
is bollocks. Dug through to second chamber.
Too tight. Possible dig in floor drafts.

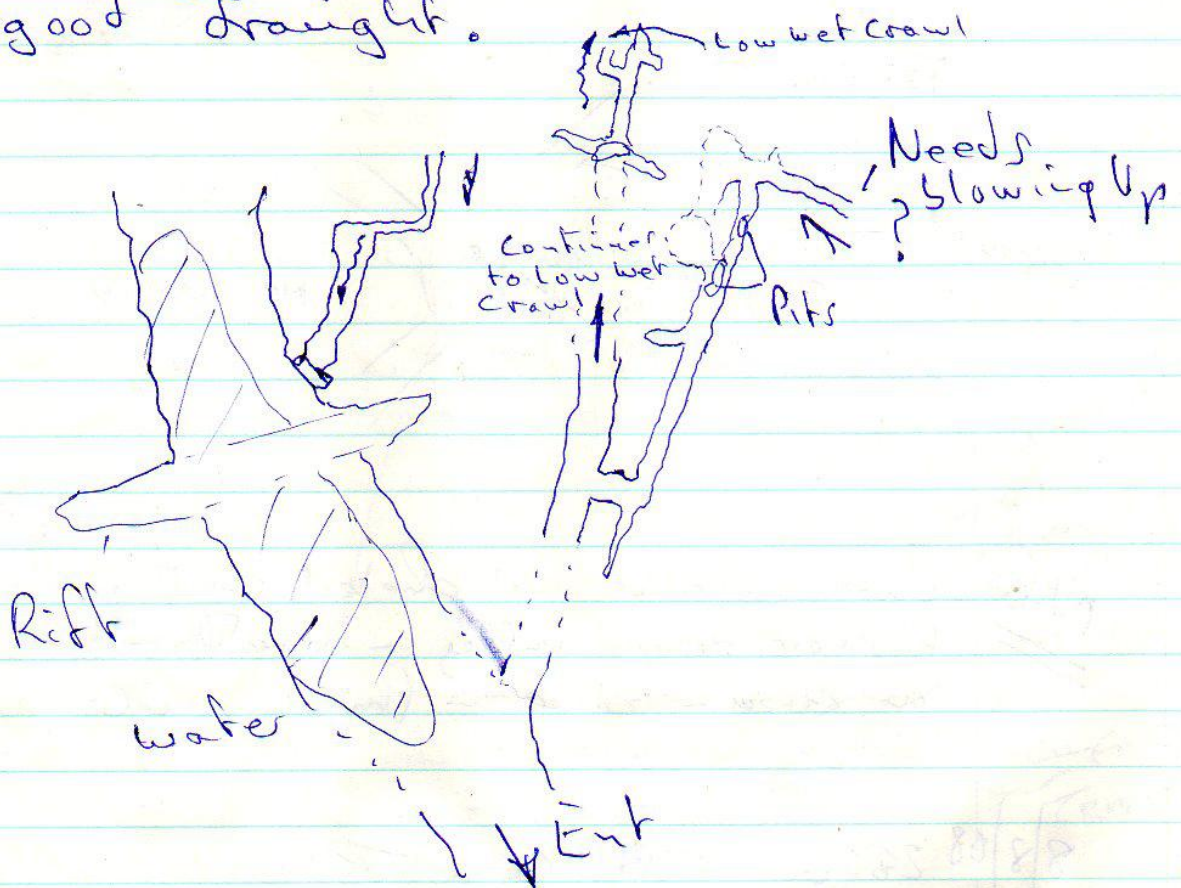


Length now 12m.

DIG HERE IN ROCK.

Wild More Coo

Continued from 7/7/08 Pete, Ali
past 90° corner to see continuation
more digging needed to lower water further
good draught.



A rift previous to one bolted by phil was climbed with a section of traversing in the rock to start passage good echo but no draught.

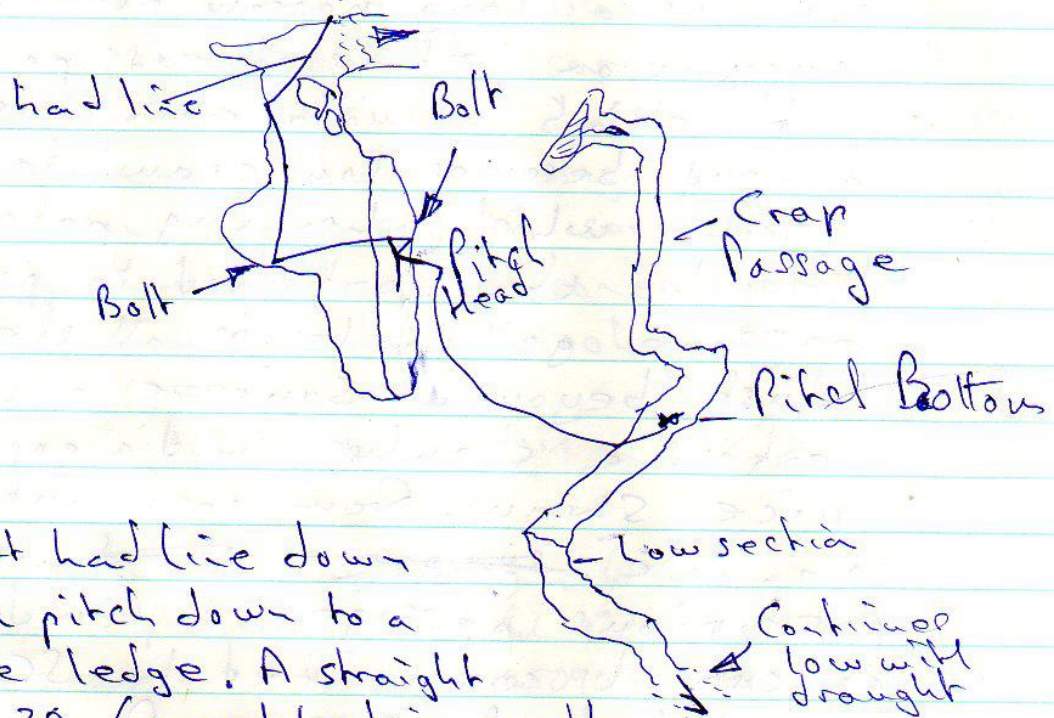
A rift previous to above was also climbed to a sandstone bolder close looked OK dig it close to cow.

MJ.

2/8/08 Vaca Peter + Santi [Part of other team]

Rigged pitel to the right of large collapse area (See Ali notes) which was drilled previous day. natural.

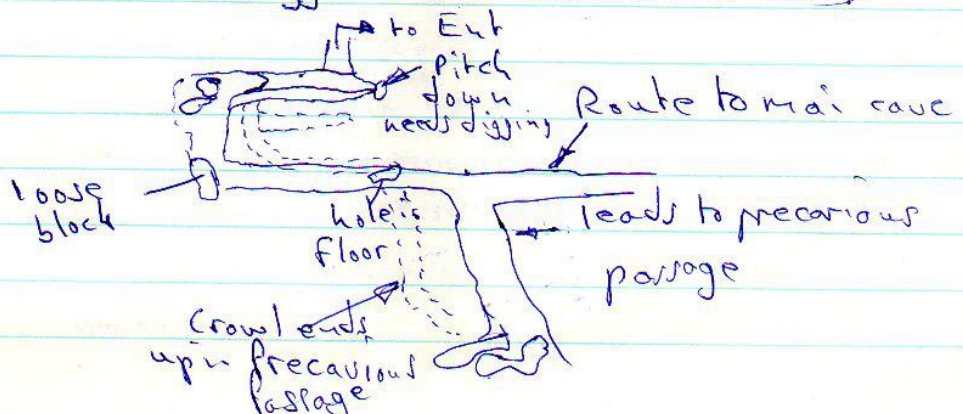
3/8/08 Ent



Shot had line down to a pitel down to a large ledge. A straight line 30m (approx) leads in muddy passage (100m ish) up stream easy walking to shot crawl to sump, down stream a low section continues to 150m high muddy wet draughting continuation.

3/8/08 Peter Santi Vaca

Dropped down - rift crossed on the way into main cave. Rigged from natural in rock



At the base of ladder a short section of passage leads back towards entrance a short section to the left leads (see Sketch) looks into pitel, which will need a lot of work. Along the rift a left hand turn is a long narrow rift no way on, carrying on left is an easy passage with climb up into main cave straight a head becomes low crawl to a tight second which when dug peter got through. this continued to precarious passage getting larger all the way.

Just beyond Squeeze a climb up enters a chamber 3m dia approx with nice straws from roof but no way on. We ~~swayed~~ ~~went~~ went to precarious passage and found the end of crawl connected to SQ and completed the survey. A possible passage was seen below connection area which may have been entered before.

We then continued into main cave a rigged traverse to ladder to avoid penguin passage and further stal damage.

RJ.

8/8/08 Peter, Pedro, Ali, Torben, Jason, Phil
Resurveying in Risco. (25)

Peter, Ali, + Pedro surveyed passage in
Dam buster series. A small ~~new~~ section
of tubes leads to a Auaa but this
would complicate the survey so was left
for next resurvey in 2028. → SEE SKETCH →

At the end of large passage a climb up
to continuation could be seen. Parties needed
at both ends to prove connection.

Phil, Torben + Jason took lots of
pictures.

120m new passage surveyed



(42)

Now
Used
in
SVX
file.

9/8/08 Peter, Jason, Ali, Torben + Phil.

Digging in cefrales. + checked GPS of the 2 ent-

Bottom ent- 243m 0450902/4796603

~~273m 0450853/4795516~~

Top ent- 283m 0450850/4796523

Torben + Jason to mud dig - very muddy & no draught -
looks like a long dig! Pete found a crawl at start of
Climb up to dig, moved a few blocks & got into a
chamber with a climb up to a rift, that is the
Western part of the top ent rift - needs a rope &
a few buets to check if it continues to west?

JASON:

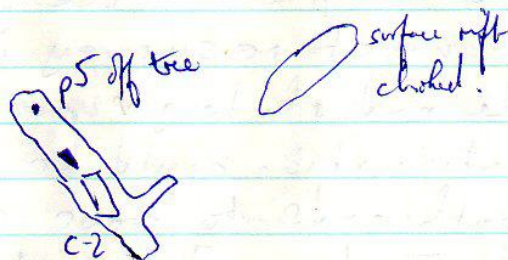


TO THE LEFT OF THE BLOWHOLE; OVER AN OLD BLOWHOLE AND INTO A TIGHT BIT OF
CRAWL, TORBEN FOUND A POSSIBLE SMALL TIGHT PASSAGE WITH A SMALL
DRAFT COMING OUT; AFTER KNOCKING SOME BITS OFF; THE
DRAFT CHANGES DIRECTION; THROUGH THE MIXTURE OF STAL & ROCK, ANOTHER
3 TO 4m OF PASSAGE CAN BE SEEN; NEEDS EXPLOSIVES. JASON THINKS THAT
IT IS BETTER THAN THE 2 OTHER MISERABLE DIGS TORBEN FIRST
SHOWED HIM

10/8/08

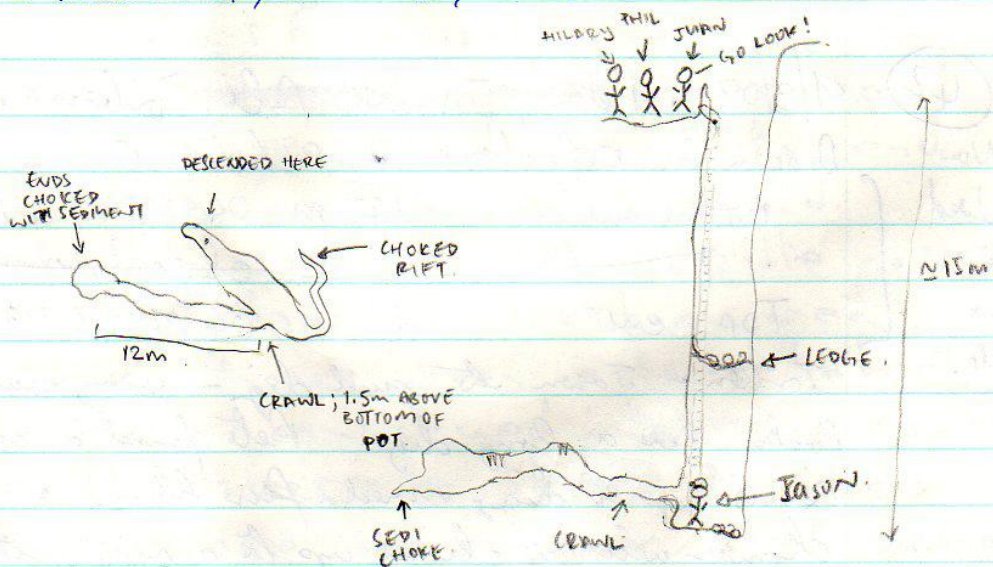
Phil, Pete, Juan, Hilary + Jason - west of Cruz Uraño to do some 'biding up' of known sites.

Juan down site 2846 - p5 to bouldery slope + 2m climb down to rifts + choke. All just about in daylight.



3059

Site 'A' is 3m deep v/v shift with tight entrance. 0453495 4794291 7422
Then to the 'main event', site 2848, which Jason descended:



Pete climbed down into site 2847. All likely looking holes were blind. Pete also checked out the valley down to the east finding a couple of rock shelters.

Juan investigated the vertical-walled depression using a 5m ladder. Wandering around @ the base, all likely spots were choked.

to the N of site 2813

Everyone then walked west across the inhospitable terrain until just before the red/white track Phil found site B which he described

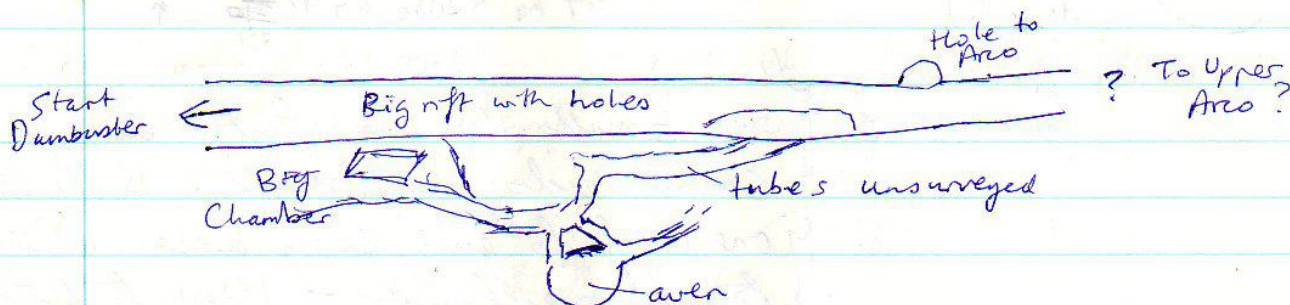
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Small hole in clints, with moss covered sides, no drought. Brake off one rock to give easy access. Needed to add one ladder - 10m to bottom of vertical section then 3.5m down steep ledges to chert - all rocks seems fresh as if thrown in, no cement or mud. Slab is old & eroded.

8/8/08 Arco - Dambuster

Passage heading south-east



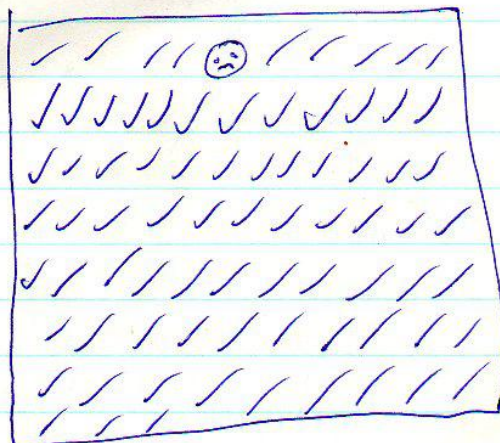
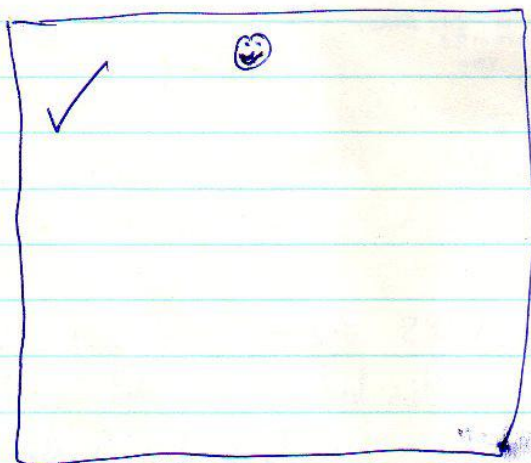
The tubes that weren't surveyed off to the side of the south-east passage went first to an aven and then came out half-way up the big chamber that is the main junction for the Arco and Pinto Passages as well as the climb up to the Dambuster Series.

It seems this chamber was never named by the Spanish in the 1960s or by Buddha in the 70s.

- Also we have a caver who often mutters about no caves or passages being named after him.

- I suggest we have a vote on this.

Should we name this chamber "Sala Lank"? Tick the boxes



Any other suggestions? Eldon pushing passage?

Site number required

From: Chris Camm <Chris.Camm@datong.co.uk>

To: uzueka@aol.com

Date: Mon, 11 Aug 2008 15:13

Juan,

Hope things are going well.

Whilst over at Cueva de Corporales area on the **8th Aug** we came across a site we thought was 2069 (going by the description and location). However after seeing the photo of 2069 it is definitely something new, or at least unrecorded. Nothing too exciting though!

Location 0446103, 4800031 from SigPac.

The site is a dig a few metres below the farm track and clearly visible from the track. **(SITE 3061)**

It is next to a single tree and is covered by a small concrete slab with 2 rebar handles, together with a large rock. Under these a rubbish littered slope descends a couple of metres. Thinking this had already been recorded and in sight of the farm we moved on.

Should have the last info to you in a day or two.

Any chance of you asking about a wire for boulder hauling?

It's one of the things that we didn't get done and would be useful in Oct.

Cheers

Chris

Site 3057 30T0446005 4800112 alt 251.15m location from P Clewes PDA GPS

8 Aug 08 Collapse seen on opposite hillside from entrance to site 2836.

Dig depth 2m length 3m needs rock removal to get on.

Photos Chris Camm. Pete Clewes in entrance.

Site 3058 30T0446093 4800045 alt 250.1m location Pete Clewes PDA GPS

8 Aug 08 Dig. A tight slot that would need enlarging.

Found by Pete Clewes about 10m away to the right of the entrance to Cueva de Corporales site 2086

Photo Chris Camm, Tony Brocklebank at entrance.

10.8.08 Vallina - Torben, Pete E., Jason, Al:

Torben bolted ^{along} right to right of Easter climb in Grangard Chamber, & in wall at end of chamber - nothing found. (More details on next page)

Surveyed passage on RH side of east trending big passage after roads to Clony - difficult to find way off from big stuff. 2 x 1 - passage ends at crawl (low) - not pushed.

Aven at E side of canyon - dragging, climb up to passage needs some protection.

Climb noted in extreme passage - window area.

12.8.08 Vaca - Phil P., Torben, Pete E., Al:

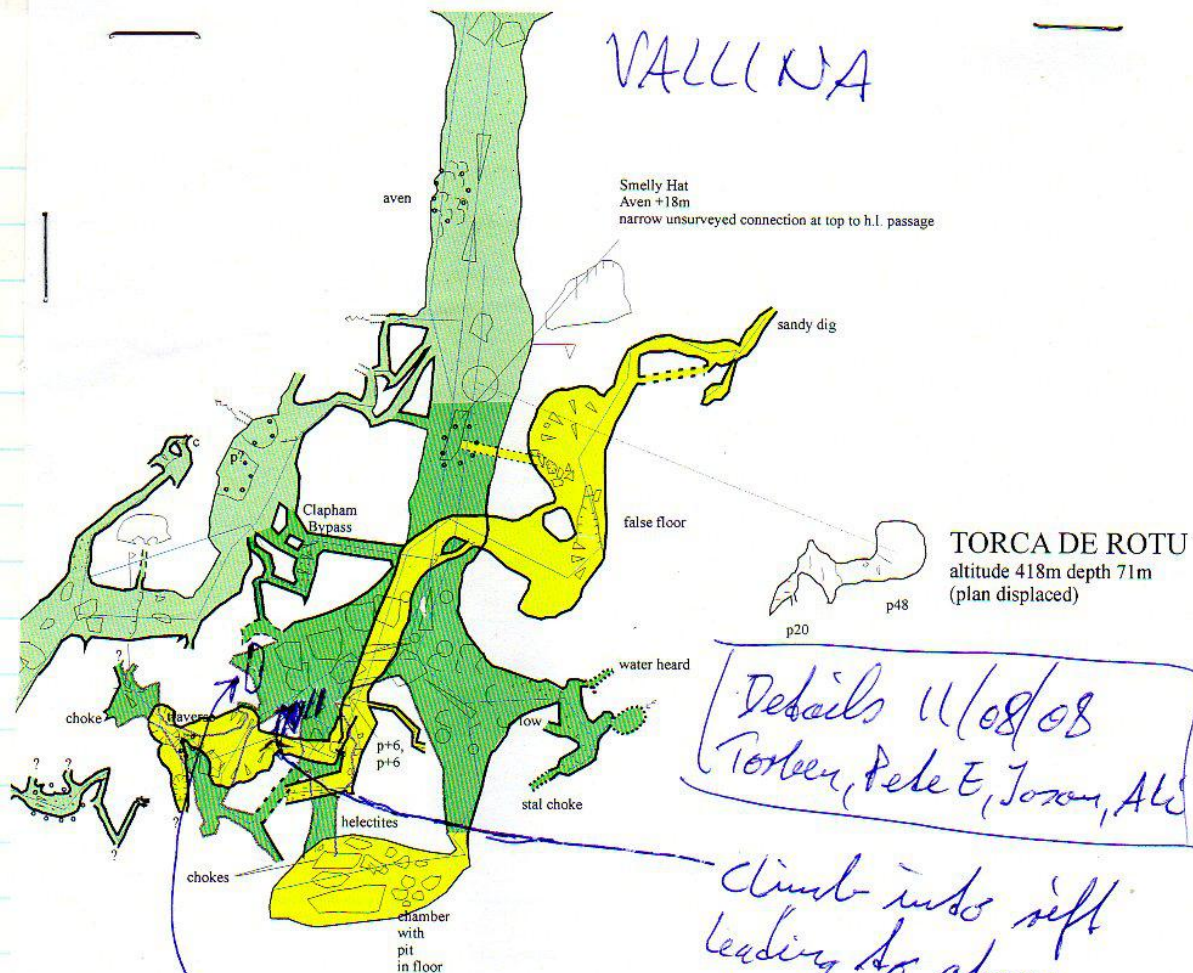
Opened up tight pitch down to river, now Phil-sixed

Surveyed passage linking extreme right to north to P12.

Surveyed slope up on right after second pitch down to lake, now connection to door of first (tight) pitch.

Tidied up rope at lake (cut off excess) & removed ABTS & general rubbish left would dig.

VALLINA

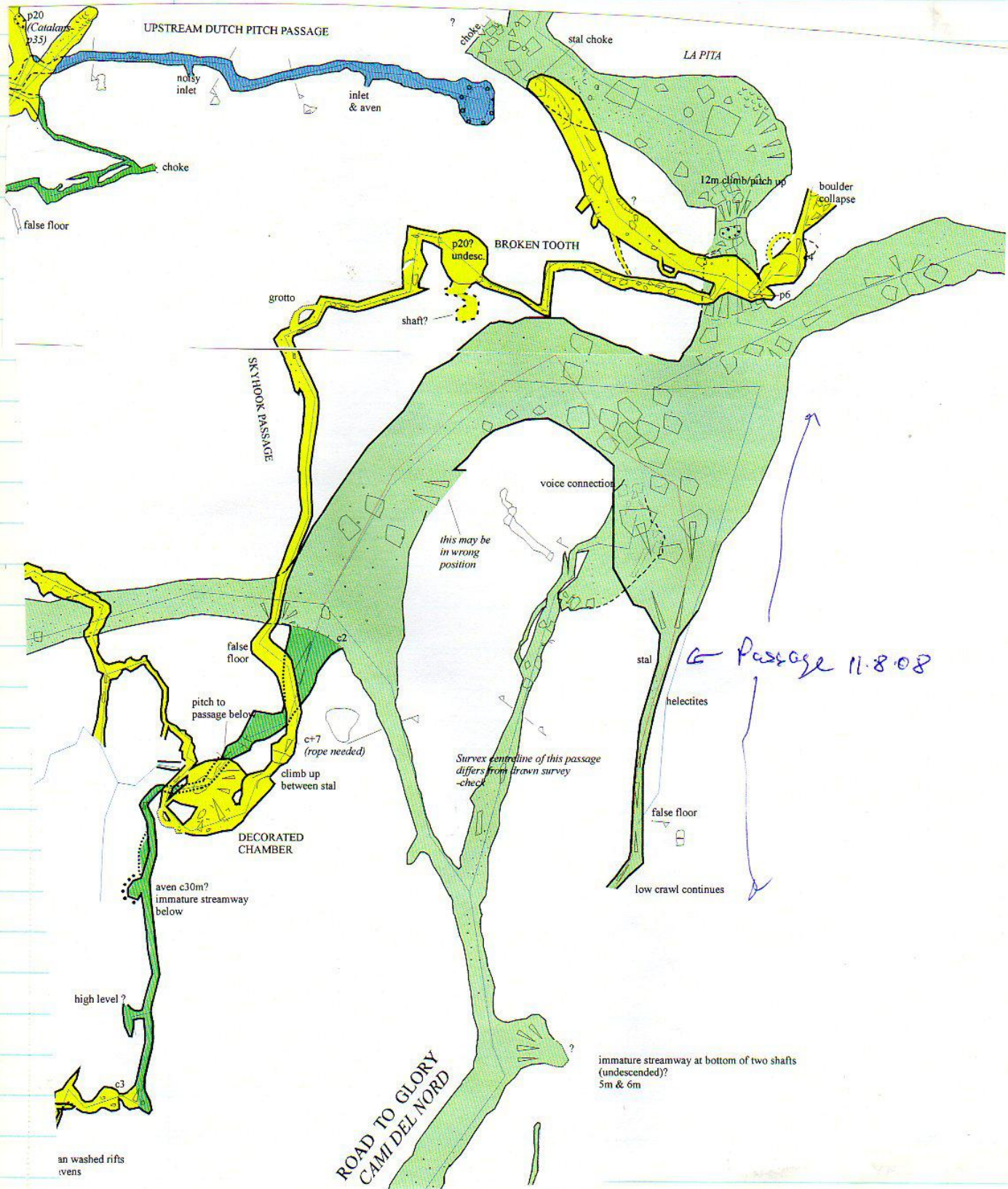


Details 11/08/08
Torber, Pete E, Joxon, Al

Climbed about
6m up wall
(3 bolts). Does not
look as leading
to passage

Climb into rift
leading to above
chamber. Only
leads to rift in
roof of chamber.

VALLINA



13/8/08 Carcavezo - Ali & Torken

Entrance open, went in 100m or so but don't know way from there so came out.

14/08/08

Area around Adondo of 3 idiots - Jason & Mandy.

- PROSPECTING AROUND THE AREA LAME UP WITH 2 CAVES, OR LARGE HOLES IN THE GROUND;

(1) 307 (0454105 4798940)

(3062) - PARK UP AT FARMHOUSE ALONG TRACK WITH RIVER ... WALK ALONG PATH FOR 50 to 60m; CAVE ALONG PATH ON THE LEFT HAND SIDE; CAVE ENTRANCE BLOCKED BY FORMER WITH PLANKS; CAVE OPENING ≈ 2 by 3m; CAVE CAN BE SEEN TO GO DEEPER AWAY FROM SOIL SCARP INTO SOLID BEDROCK; DEPTH PERCEIVED TO BE ≈ 5 m ± 1 .

(2) 307 (0454373 4799160)

(3063) - DEPRESSION IN THE GROUND SURROUNDED BY TREES AND VINES; ON THE PARK SIDE OF THE DEPRESSION WHERE THE OUTCROP OF BICCHASTILIMMIXED LIMESTONE CAN BE SEEN; A CRACK NO LARGER THAN 1 by 2m, GOING DOWN VISIBLY FOR ≈ 3 m WITH SIFTED SEDIMENT AT THE END.

~ AREA HAS POTENTIAL (?) FOR OTHER CAVES? B/C DEPRESSIONS ARE NUMEROUS AND SEVERAL EPHEMERAL OR FLOWING STREAMS HAVE LEFT THEIR MARK IN THE QUATERNARY SEDIMENTS IMBRICATING TOWARDS THE AREA VALLEY; THIS SUGGESTS THAT THE PRESENCE OF PREVIOUS WATER SYSTEMS CUTTING THROUGH THE VALLEY WALLS THUS THE POSSIBILITY OF CAVES; TOWARDS OUTCROPS OF LIMESTONE; WALKING BECOMES HARDWORK WITH THICK AND TALL GORSE AND TALL THORNY BUSHES; MACHETE SUGGESTED.

8/8/08

FATOWN GETTING THINNER

(613)

- 11/8/08

PHIL, LOCCAINE, WILL, MIKE, JEZ, MANDY

SPENT A FEW DAYS RESURVEYING AND LOOKING AT A FEW LEADS.

DESCENDED A PITCH BEHIND THE SANDY CRAWL WHICH ~~LEADS~~ LED TO A ~10m CHAMBER WHEN A CLIMB DOWN TO THE BASE OF A PITCH + A LOWER LEVEL COULD BE SEEN WHICH REQUIRES BOULDER SHIFTING. OVER 600m IN TOTAL SURVEYED.

12/08/08

THREE IDOTS (2786)

- 13/08/08

MANDY WILL (DAY 1)

WILL JEZ MIKE (DAY 2)

RIGGED TRAVERSE OVER PITCH + WILL DESCENDED.

TOP OF TRAVERSE VERY LOOSE + DIFFICULT TO FIND DESCENT ROCK TO PUT BOLTS IN.

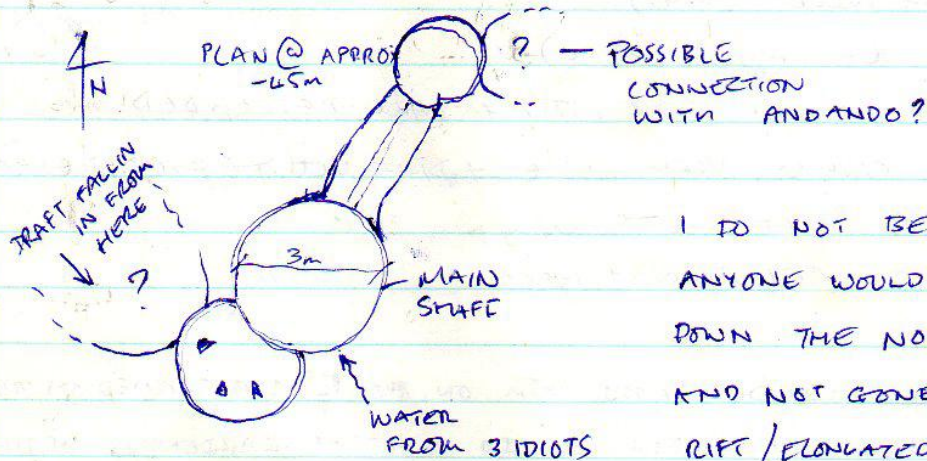
WILL TO WRITE ACCOUNT HERE!

HAVING DESCENDED ABOUT 45m ON THE 12TH I RETURNED ON THE 13TH WITH MIKE + JEZ TO DO A BIT OF GARDENING OF THE PITCH HEAD + SURVEY BEFORE I CONTINUED THE REST OF THE DESCENT.

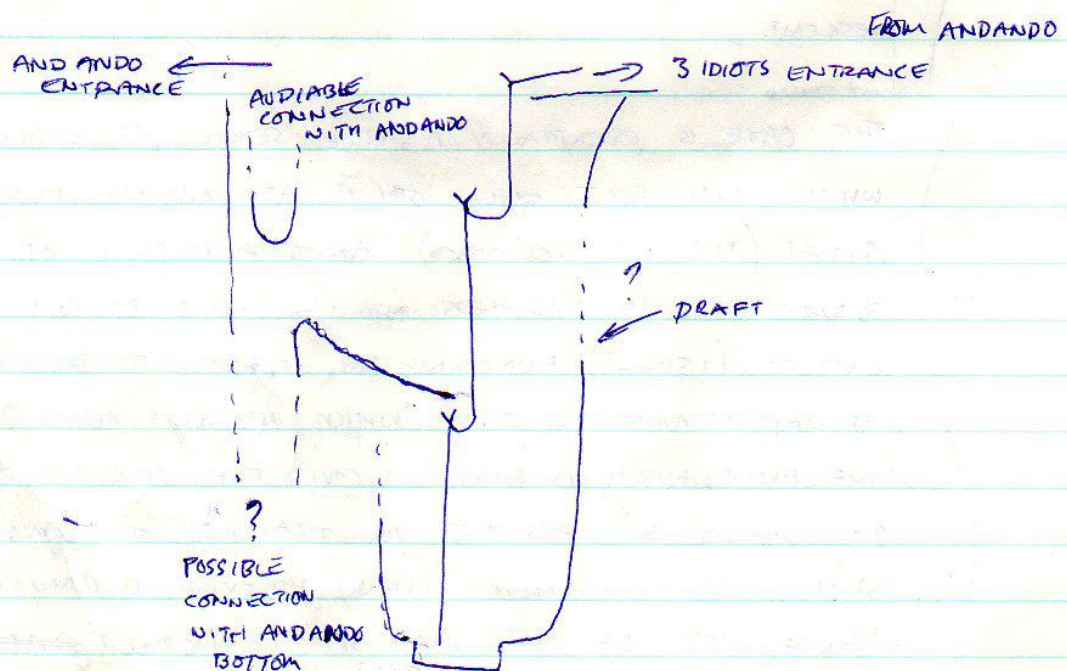
THE CAVE IS ESSENTIALLY A LARGE SERIES OF VERTICAL SHAFTS WHICH INTERSECT EACH OTHER AT VARYING HEIGHTS. THE MAIN SHAFT (THE ONE DESCENDED) TAKES A TRICKLE OF WATER FROM 3 IDOTS AND DESCENDS INTO A BLIND PIT, WITH A SMALL OUTLET (150m²) HEADING DUE EAST. TO THE SOUTH EAST OF THIS IS ANOTHER SHAFT, WHICH INTERSECTS ABOUT 20m ABOVE THE FLOOR, WHICH IS WHERE I COULD FEEL COLD AIR DROPPING IN FROM, IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO TRAVERSE OR SWING INTO THIS SHAFT AT A HIGHER LEVEL, HOWEVER I RAN OUT OF TIME. NORTH EAST OF THE MAIN SHAFT ANOTHER ~~SHAFT~~ ELONGATED (NE) SHAFT ~~ends~~ ^{TIGHT @ 45m} ENDS IN A RIFT, WHICH CONNECTS TO YET ANOTHER SHAFT. THIS ONE APPEARS TO HAVE AN INLET FROM ANOTHER

SHAFT, DUE EAST. THIS COULD POSSIBLY BE THE CONNECTION WITH ANDANDO (689) AS THIS IS WHERE I RELIEVED AN AUDIBLE CONNECTION WITH MANDY ON THE SURFACE.

MIKE + JEZ'S SURVEY, CONNECTED WITH THE '91 SURVEY OF ANDANDO PLACES THE BOTTOM OF THE NORTH EASTERLY SHAFT WITHIN 1.5m OF THE ~~THE~~ BOTTOM OF ANDANDO, HOWEVER NOTHING I SAW RESEMBLED THE SURVEY OF THE CAVE.



I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT ANYONE WOULD HAVE GONE DOWN THE NORTH EAST SHAFT AND NOT GONE DOWN THE RIFT / ELONGATED SHAFT + CONNECTED THIS POT.

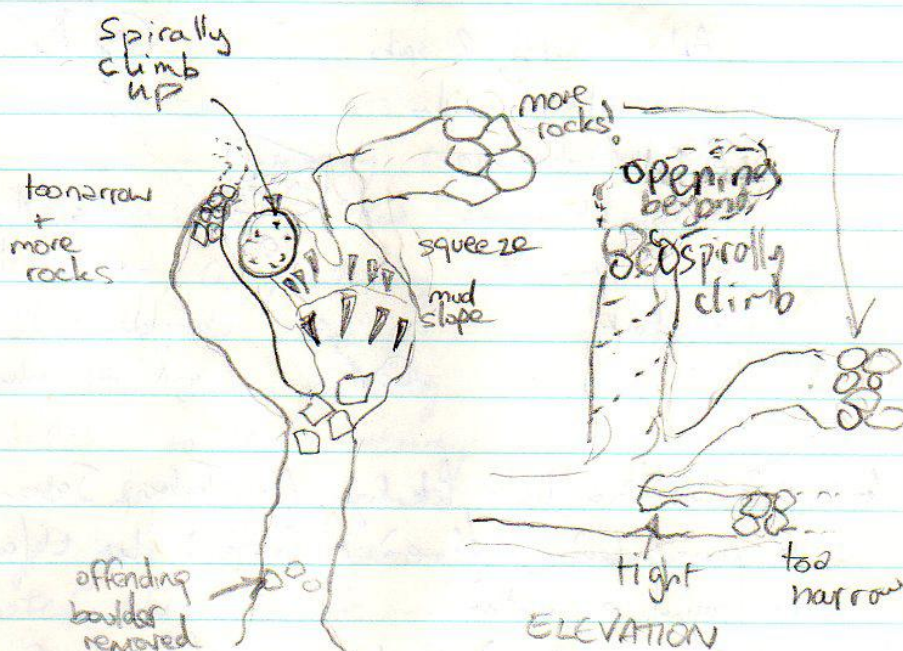


WILL STEWART

15/8/08.

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Juan, Phil, Terry, Mandy, Mike + Jez into Oveland Cave to remove the offending nose of the boulder (see 6th August a/c). Phil removed the rock + more enabling Jez and Mandy to explore beyond



PLAN

the crawl gets too tight + is full of rocks, but there is a mud climb up in two directions: One up a vertical body sized spiralling climb which ends in mud + boulders above your head. Gaps between rocks show opening beyond, which needs to be removed (easily) with caution (rope/crowbar?) Another way up beyond a helmet sized squeeze leads to ~~an opening~~ another small opening before ending in more boulders.

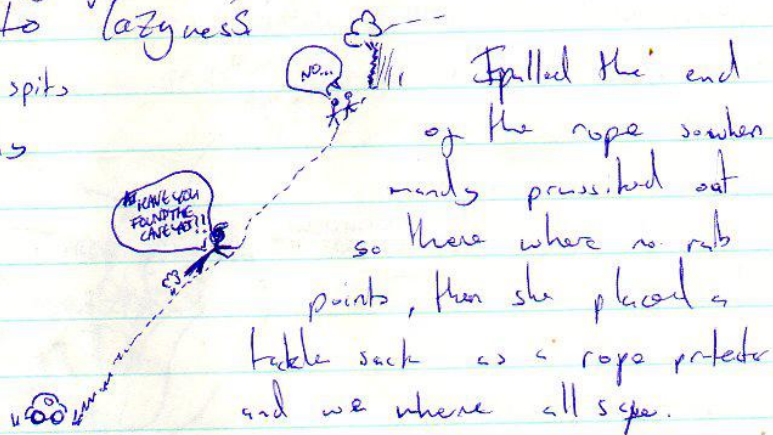
Way on down to the left through a squeeze continues to a short, narrowing passage that becomes too narrow and blocked with rocks - appears to possibly connect back to main passage leading to sand and boulder choke - as on the same level and heading in the general direction.

16/Aug/08 Torca del Mostajó.

Lloyd Cantorine, Mandy Fu, Mike Topson

After a while of stumbling around went on a very touristy trip until new bit found in April. Big took photos of many pretties, didn't bother with Golden Void due to laziness.

After missing 2 spits in the entrance nearly spit the whole trip wondering how we would manage to get out...

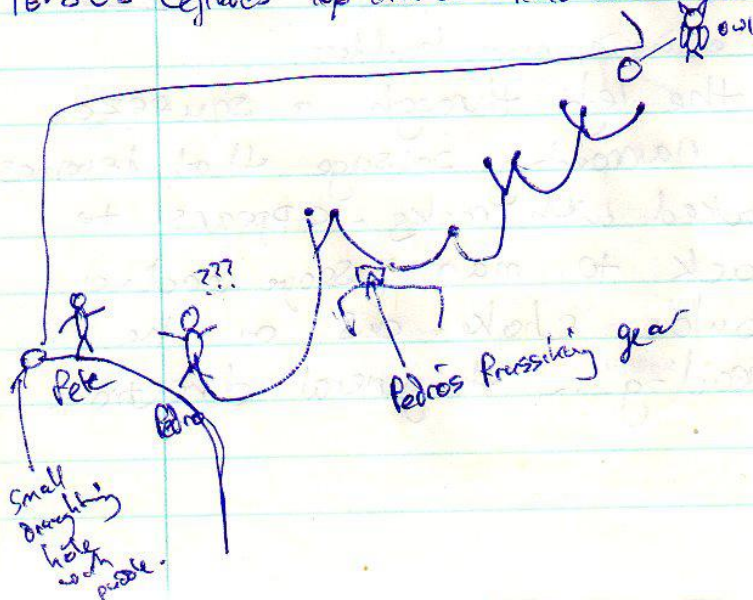


16.8.08 Vallina II - Pete Egan, Al, Torden, Jason.

To passage leading off end of Galería de los Elefantes / Walkie Talkie left gully (?) in original exploration.

End is an awkward climb up over/through Gorters (3m), way on into chamber seen by Sineon. Need to put a ladder up the climb to push Al. Potential connection pitch to top of Thorton Force is ~~was~~ by climbing down through boulders under large boulder at bottom of First Abyss. 10 hr trip.

16.8.08 Cefrades Top entrance - Pedro Pete E, Jason, Al.



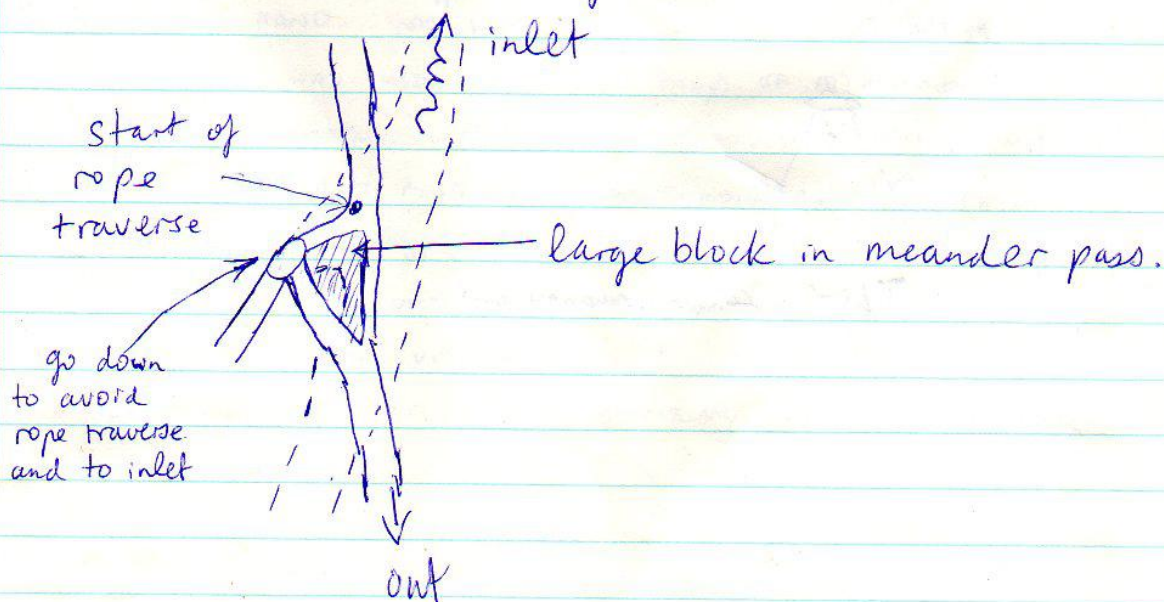
Peter abseiled across to slope seen by them and Phil a couple of days before. It went to a 2m climb up to a tiny hole with a small draught and a puddle on the other side. Another rift on

the right was also too small. Then we went down to the passage heading off at the top of the last 5m drop to the main passage. It followed in the roof of the passage until connecting with it at the top of the caliche ^{flowstone} slope on the left.

(Thanks to "my mates" for bringing down my bag of prussiking gear). P.S.

14-8-08 - Tomo - Mandy, Mike, Pedro.

A fun round trip (Andy's Back Passage, P. of P., Cranney's Skippers, Tomo Chamber, Original way out) for all of us to get to know the cave or see parts we hadn't been in before. The only novelty seems to have been in the 'major inlet' to the streamway down to the chamber. A climb up on the left led immediately to the Meander passage just before the rope traverse. Apparently no one has noted this before.



19.8.08 Put some notes on p. 78 of Matienzo Underground - Uzueka.

18.8.08 Uzueka - Pedro, Peti E., A. Well.

Resurveyed Quadrophonia & some side passages.

Surveyed casts in Quadrophonia Oxbores before Marathon Junction - streamway below. PE dug through choke to connect to previously entered passage - perhaps Flashbulb Hall series.

Resurveyed Marathon passage up to start of M. extensions.

17.8.08 Torca la Vaca

Cloyd Cawthorne, Jason Lin, Mandy Fu, Mike Topson

Went down to beginning of Whitworth series, Mandy and Mike surveyed around 30m of the freshly named "Whitworth Challenge". Cloyd didn't like the tight rift with no floor so both him and Jason explored parts of the lower series and played wrights and crosses and sculpted Tim the cave walter in the far end of Gour passage (see picture), then went off to explore the upper series along penultimate passage.



TIM (CHANGE 1: MUDMAN TIM)

16.08.08

CERRALES VIA THE TOP ENTRANCE.

ALY, PETE-E, PEDRO, JASON.

WE WENT UP THE LIMESTONE PAVEMENT TO THE BUNHOLE ABOVE, THE AIM OF THE DAY WAS TO BOLT THE TOP ENTRANCE SO THAT IT DROPS INTO THE CHAMBER AND WHEN PETE SMASHED INTO ... ALY DID MOST OF THE BOLTING, AND DROPPED DOWN THE RIFT SHIRT WHILE PETE AND PEDRO ~~WENT~~ WENT TO THE FURTHER END OF THE RIFT TO INVESTIGATE A LEAD ... AFTER A WHILE THEY DECIDED THAT IT WAS A 'BUN OF SHITE', WHEN WE WERE ABOUT TO DROP DOWN INTO THE MEN ... PEDRO ANNOUNCES THAT HE 'FORGET' TO PUT ON HIS PRUSSIAN GEAR! OH DEAR ... AFTER A BIT OF MAKING FUN OF HIM WE DROPPED INTO THE SAID CHAMBER AND PETE-E WENT ON BOLTING THE TRAVERSHE HE THOUGHT MIGHT HAVE BEEN A LEAD ... PEDRO MANAGED TO CLIMB UP VIA THE MAIN PASSAGE WAY WITH NO TIME DISAPPOINTMENT OF PETE ... SO WHILE PEDRO & ALY WENT TO RESURVEY THE BIT WE JUST DROPPED DOWN, PETE TAUGHT ME (JASON) TO BOLT BY HAND ... NOT WHAT I CAN SAY ANY FUN! ~~AFTER~~ THE BOLT I PUT IN WAS USED AS A 2nd POINT OF ATTACHMENT FOR THE HANDLINE LEADING UP TO THE 2nd DUN. AFTER A WHILE WE WENT BACK OUT AND HAD BLACKBERRIES BY THE PATH DOWN. OH YEAH ... IAN JOINED US FOR A BIT AND TOOK A COUPLE OF PICTURES WHILE WE WERE GOING DOWN THE PIT ...

OH ... I AM A BIT STUCK CLIMBING UP SOME HORRIBLE BN.

17.8.08 Torca la Vaca - Ali, P. Bay

Cave needed on entrance, a large block had become loose at the top prob. with rain since previous trip.

Batch
08-43

Surveyed leg-over passage (previously entered), Jan climb up opposite inner end of Penguin Passage, extending left to roof of route to P12 & right to ~~are~~ above start of Pitch By-pass.

Batch
08-44

Then resurveyed down through pitches to Bassinets, where we fortunately met Kiler & Dave Foster who continued the survey through the Tuck. This proved the idea that quality of original surveying in this section was not brilliant!!

Ali

18/8/08 Mark Smith, Dave Foster + Mike Topson.

VACA

Mike guided M+D to start of Mancunian Candidate and was Ben left for 7 hours while they poked upstream into high bowl and stream level passage. The wet-sited pair were probably beyond boulder choke but surveyed passage (batch 08-45) is not tied back to the start.

16/8/08 Mark Smith, Dave Foster + Jez Wong - Hole in Road.

To climb into visible passage, but sumped off.

24/08/08 - Mark Smith & A. Probit (Prof)

- Objective to Survey the Section of passage left by D. Foster + M. Smith on 18th Aug and to find out what happens for continuation

- Prof had motorbiked non-stop for 600 miles from the Alps to get here and was rewarded by a 14 hr epic trip most of which was sat surveying in a wet rift. Surveyed from Manchester point (13) to M+DF pt (23) leading up to high level continuation of passage. Once up AP+MS looked to right expecting boulder choke which was found after 30-50m which is consistent with survey difference of some 60m going Reeturning and taking left hand passage we traversed over rift "Don't make me laugh". Looks to be a continuation at the base of the rift leading South. Looked around for

Objective for the trip was to find a bypass to the boulder choke, at the end of the known cave, and continue towards the supposed sinks into the big blank space under the hill.

Swift progress was made past the duck. Just where you leave the stream into the high level continuation at station 08_25.0 - Mark & I explored the watery cross rifts below, these ended at a squeeze through into a muddy crawl- this ended 5m further, at an immature, too tight mud coated rift (0.20x0.5m). Just 10m back from the end, we saw another climb out of the water- this was a rift passage connecting to the higher level. Summary: small loop not interesting, with the only result Mark breaking a rib in the tight bit.

Further quick progress, thanks to Mike's able route finding, through the high level continuation saw us at the "**Mancunian Candidate**"...in the rush to the boulder choke at the end this had not been explored by the original team. However Mike and Mandy previously pushed a complexed area of several cross-jointed rifts stopping at an out of depth swimming section with a tiny cascade. Mike wearing "dry" gear nicely pointed us in the direction of the lovely water and then Mark & I clad in wet suits gladly immersed ourselves in.

At each cross rift, we expected to be met by a sump or a narrowing rift but each corner proved more inviting with no end in sight. We shouted to Mike the swimming continued and so did the passage "**Bathtime**". We discussed surveying in but decided that we would favour high octane grabbing and then survey out. The big kids rushed off up the rift passage at break neck speed.

After seemingly not too long (250-300m? Smith too confirm) the passage character changed, to low stooping/crawling (3m wide x 1m high) in friable rock, "**Ankle Breaker Passage**" (similar to Aguanaz), with only a small amount of flow. This continued, finally relief arrived at a mini chamber, "**Snack time**", where we could climb up 2m out of the water to tuck into the delights of soggy, wet, white chocolate croissants- seemingly a taste we have not acquired. The upstream passage continued, through a little hole (**Spare Rib**), on LHS, back into the stream. After a further 40-50m the passage started to become taller and then once again smaller, was this going to end as with Aguanaz???? Further wriggling in the stream I could see the roof change into boulder run in, our excitement mounted, hoping to break into "proper" limestone. Some careful climbing up (5m) through the boulders I arrived at a squeeze, beyond I could see black space....this spurred me on, squeezing through and impatiently wait for Mark. Several minutes and protestations later Mark was at my side, having negotiated "**The Rib tickler**".

He soon forgot the pain, as we were now in a chamber 10m wide and above all the boulders in nice proper limestone!!! The way out of the chamber was by climbing up into a short rift, which popped out in a railway tunnel, "**It only hurts when I laugh**", continuing both to the right (north) and to the left (south), we left the north and headed south into the hill. Now we were very excited! Proper caving romping down (8 x 8m) passage but soon this changed into a big rift (2.5 x 9m), "**Don't make me laugh**", where we needed to traverse about 5m above the floor. The exploration fever helped overcome my fear and we were soon across into the continuation a boulder floored tunnel for more easy romping over boulders. It was dawning on us that we had done quite a lot of grabbing and would need to survey a lot. We were now in a boulder chamber 25m in diameter with several promising holes in the floor and large car size hanging boulders above. This seemed a good point to beat a retreat- "**Shoulder of Mutton**" chamber. Then the work started in earnest but the legs were long and all was well with life, Mark found a different bigger route through "**The rib tickler**" to the stream and we were well chuffed.

Many survey legs later, we were once again in another particular sharp narrow rift section, "**Arse Biter**", which we did not recognise and severe doubts had surfaced, concerning our location relative to the exit. Further along we were swimming in a rift ("**Mard arse**"), which we definitely did not come through. Oh dear we are lost! (Or words to that effect were uttered) we then contemplated our options and how stupid we are....deciding that it was probably a good idea to eat a half our emergency rations, as this was an emergency, and then find our way out quick smart....we returned to the "**rib tickler**" boulder climb. Promptly discovering that we are really, really stupid, (having turned left not right) and surveyed further upstream into the hill instead of back to beer and glory! Bugger!

We made our weary way back to the start of the new stuff, praying that we could find the correct place to climb out from "**bathtime**". As we passed the tiny cascade at the end of "**bathtime**", I saw Mike's light and was very please to see him. We asked the time and found we had been gone quite some time about 7 hours and he waited! Thanks to Mike's route finding we exited the cave in a wave of euphoria and relief in time for beer and food- what a guy.

D Foxton

then beat a retreat. Then got completely lost (2nd time in the week) and finally got out of cave to be met by Ivan on the way back to Rianingo. Tried to outman this car but couldn't only to find it was Ivan coming to see if we were okay and to bring crisps which were appreciated

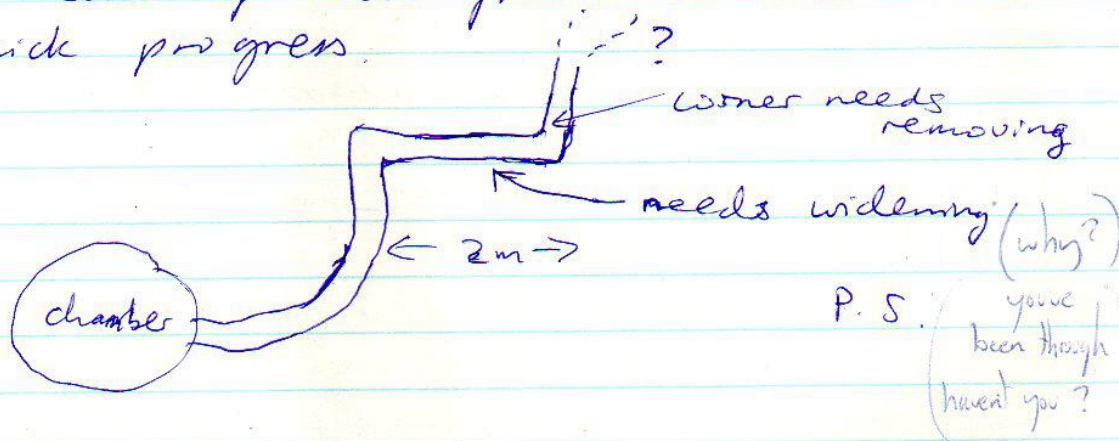
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A short visit to this site, dug at Easter, to see it again under drier conditions.

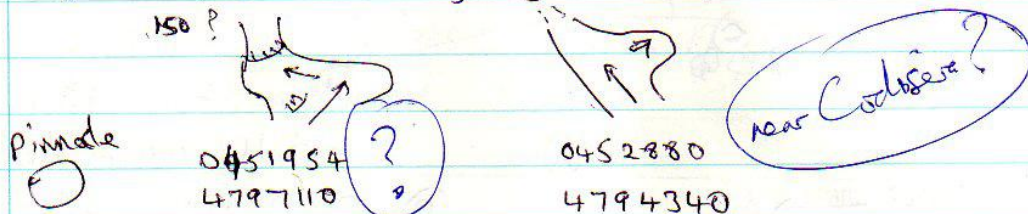
The passage on the other side of the left-hand corner is tight for about 1.5m after which (with a bit of luck) it gets larger.

The idea of widening the rift with a hammer and chisel was a bit optimistic, but some of those fireworks will make quick progress.



From earlier walks along N Erase track. 29 March
Bob Julie + Dogs.

Went to hole by track 2910, 68, ¹⁵⁵⁶ and on to
Rock pinnacle noted two sites probably
150 and another slightly west



20 Aug Walked along same track
2910 has been blocked by half dozen rocks
Bobby

26/8/01 Cloud Coatlone, Erie, M.Y.

Walking dogs down the track in La Secada

at the end of the track went across a field then
along a path in the hill and came across
a horizontal rift with two holes certainly
connected. Needs digging to get a better
view to see if it goes through is probably a
hole to a badger or fox.

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A 4 E
NOT DOCUMENTED

21 August Bobby
Walking in area of SVega ↔ Cruz Llano
(Visited by Phil 13.8.06).

The obvious common description is 2548,
Top of hill



(A) is a shaft in clints
probably ~4 m deep.

2548 →

(B) Cave in cliff hole into passage
running parallel with cliff face? 2559

(C) cave with tight entrance — position description
matches 2558 — good draft.



(D) Ash tree unmistakable

S (E)

(E) ~~large~~ pair of shafts in clints 4m ~ deep
probably connect.

Promise to return with GPS !!!

B+C confirmed at 2558/9 after discussion
and photo check with Phil P

Bobby

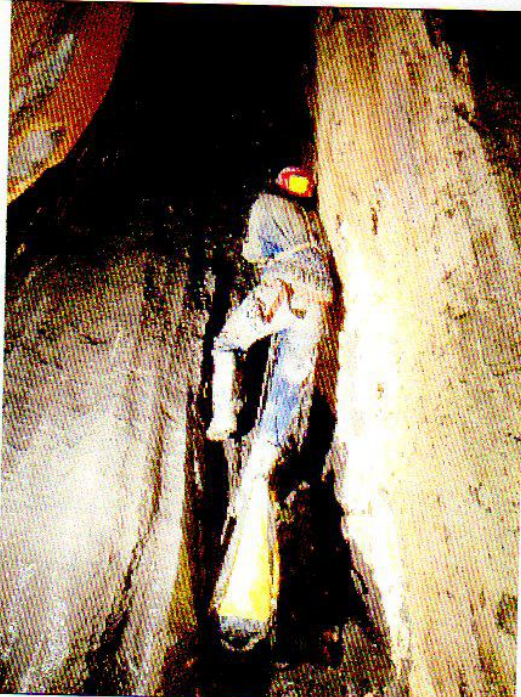
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is now filled


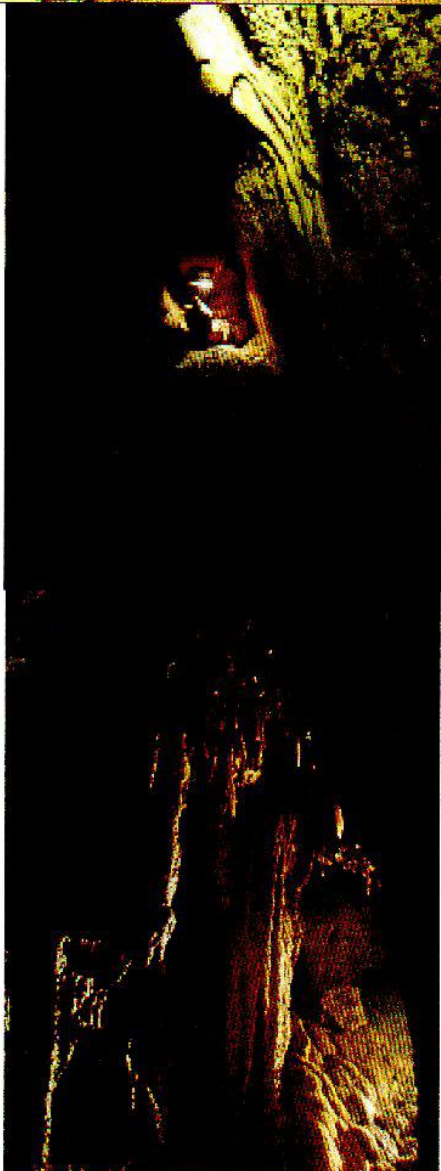
Bobby

31/8/08.

Joan, Betty, Lloyd + Terry - quick trip into HL of Torca la Vaca. Noted that closed p40 at NW corner is on a large fault that may be worth investigating @ higher levels. Can see for a good distance along it.

Also reformed 'PS3' S.W. of passage that is better left closed with stal. Photo.

<p>22nd August</p> <p>2964</p> <p>Martin Barnicott</p> <p>30T 0455365 4794667 (European 1979)</p>		<p>19m shaft.</p> <p>Went to verify position of shaft spotted with Bob Toogood during Easter visit.</p> <p>Bolted and descended shaft. Continues downward in a tight rift. Possible to pass with the removal of a few rocks.</p>
<p>23rd August</p> <p>2964</p> <p>Martin Barnicott Terry Whittaker Lloyd Cawthorne</p> <p>30T 0455365 4794667 (European 1979)</p>		<p>Returned to shaft.</p> <p>Removed obstacle and reached pitch of about 5m in rift. Down-climbed to clean water washed floor. Continued to head of further pitch of about 8m. Way on clearly open. Stopped due to shortage of rope. Rift opening up. Further pitch visible bottom not seen but could be about 35m deep. Good echo</p>
<p>24th August</p> <p>Martin Barnicott Terry Whittaker Lloyd Cawthorne</p> <p>2964</p> <p>30T 0455365 4794667 (European 1979)</p>		<p>Returned to same shaft. Descended pitch, turned out to be about 24 metres. Further pitch of 4 metres followed by a small ascent and a squeeze down of 3 metres to a meander that stopped at a further pitch head, too tight. Increases in size beyond the constriction. Draught evident, Terry took survey notes.</p>

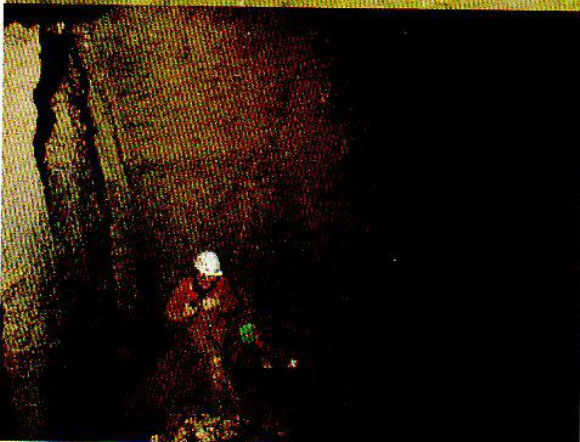
<p>25th August</p> <p>Martin Barnicott Dave Gledhill</p> <p>2414</p>		<p>Spent the day digging and removing the cobbles in the two leads found at Easter. Succeeded in getting about a body length of progress in each. They will meet up with each other after a few metres more. Both are too tight for further progress without a little enlargement. Draughting inward. Water can be heard when pulsed dropping down further.</p>
<p>26th August</p> <p>Martin Barnicott Dave Gledhill</p> <p>3056</p>		<p>Revisited the site that we first descended at Easter 2007 but did not record (and refound by PP). Climb down about 10m into a chamber and pass through boulder floor into chamber below. This had been previously excavated. Further obstructions were passed continuing down until unstable boulders prevented further progress. A tight slot in the second chamber was also passed into another small room with decorations</p>

27th AugustMartin Barnicott
Dave Gledhill

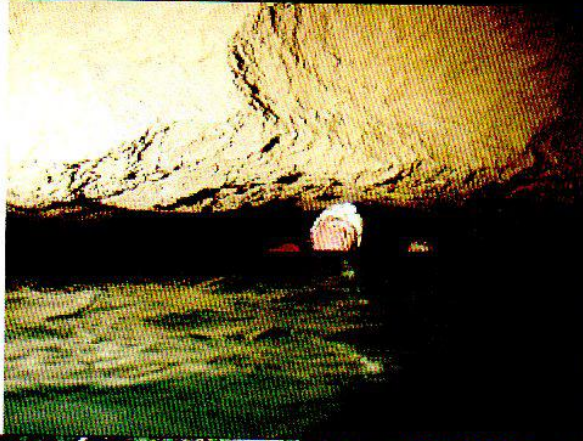
Torno 2366



Went in to survey the further reaches of the inlet that joins the main passage just beyond the choke. A fairly complex system of passage on a number of levels. Several passages too tight to continue draught inwards

28th AugustMartin Barnicott
Dave Gledhill

Cow Pot 2889



Very pleasant trip down to beyond the duck. Looked at the higher series.

29th AugustProspecting
Above Riano /
Cow PotMartin Barnicott
Dave Gledhill

30T 0447021
4800402

Small hole right by side of road.

3065

29th August

Prospecting
Above Riano /
Cow Pot

Martin Barnicott
Dave Gledhill



30T 0448296
4800266

Two holes, one in the
centre of the doline, other
on edge by small rock
outcrop. Both draughting
inward. GPS reading taken
in clearing between road
and doline

3066

0448264
4800266
is centre of
doline.

29th August

Prospecting
Above Riano /
Cow Pot

Martin Barnicott
Dave Gledhill



30T 0448687
4799805

Small rock escarpment
above the road.
Two draughting entrances
excavated.

3067

29th August

Prospecting
Above Riano /
Cow Pot

Martin Barnicott
Dave Gledhill



More or less directly below
the above. 7m /8m Cliff.
No GPS cover. Icy cold
draught from fissure in
rock. Started digging below
to locate entrance.

3068

30th August

Prospecting
Above Riano

Martin Barnicott
Dave Gledhill



Continued to dig the above
but without any success at
finding a human size
access to the draught.

3068

Further along the foot of
the cliff face to the right
whilst facing the cliff a large
depression led to a steeply
descending shaft that was
excavated for about 2m
before a unstable boulder
prevented further access.
Way on clearly visible

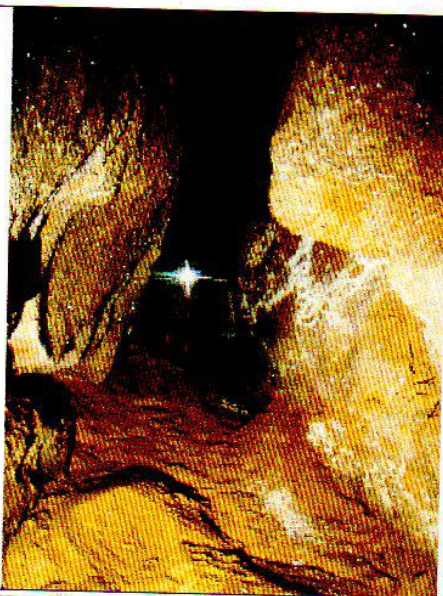
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31st August

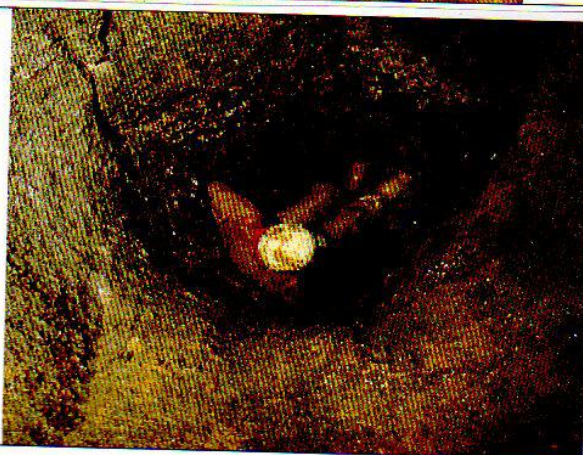
Cow Pot

Martin Barnicott
Dave Gledhill



Visit to the far boulder
choke. General potter
about. Surveyed a few
metres of a parallel rift –
batch 48, 240m.

132m



From: JasonfromMusc <jasonlinjunhan@gmail.com>
To: Matienzo Caves <MatienzoCaves@googlegroups.com>
Subject: Re: Preliminary Findings about Fossils Robbed from Caves.
Date: Wed, 3 Sep 2008 11:42 am

Another meeting between me and Dr Nudds was held today, to further discuss what this strange fossil is.

Our trace fossil specialist, Dr Pollard, has confirmed that it is not a trace fossil. This has greatly perplexed us.

The fossil has been passed around to various invertebrate palaeontologists in Manchester for their opinions, and now many people are on the case.

There are 2 schools of thought,

One is that it could be a very odd stalactite, which I dispute, as the fossil seems to have a large amount of sediment infill, and lacks the usual morphology (hollow stem, calcite crystals etc), and plus, the ornamentations resembling coral septa on the sides of the fossil kind of proves it is a fossil (in my opinion).

The other is that it is something very rare, possibly a coral.

So it seems to be more difficult then flipping through the treatises, but we're on the case, and hopefully, we can get an answer!

J

On 21 Aug, 14:54, JasonfromMusc <jasonlinjun...@gmail.com> wrote:

> 2 Specimens were passed to me for identification, 1 from Sharp pencil
> (broken off by Mandy's bum in Uzueka) and 1 from Mandy/Pedro from
> Torno.
>
> Specimen 1 (uzueka), is a 8cm long, J shaped dark sediment replaced
> thingybob with adornments on the sides and visible septa on each
> fitting circular pattern on the side of the fossil: According to Dr
> J.Nudds, he believes that it is a burrowing fossil, but the patterns
> on the sides of the fossil seem to disagree. After some discussion..
> we decided it was strange and unusual, and warrant a deeper study. The
> fossil will be passed on to Dr Pollard of Manchester University (Rt.
> specialist in trace fossils) for identification and study. Results/
> report will be ready in 3 weeks.
>
> Specimen 2 (torca del torno), 6cm long top facing valve of a Bivalve
> Oyster. It is a complete valve, with hinges and all the necessary
> moolah for identification, Dr Nudds has passed that on to me, as he
> thinks it should be easy enough for me to identify it. However, as we
> speak, the Palaeontology lab is occupied by the head of school and his
> mates, which i walked in on absent mindedly. Not cool. Preliminary
> identification: Liostrea Oyster from cretaceous.
>
> How very bloody exciting!!!!!! i can't wait!! :)
>
> P.S The Manchester University Speleology Club crew (Mandy (our Dear
> Leader) Mike, Me, Will, Jez, Dr. Phil, Lorraine, Kirsty, Laura and
> John.) would like to thank EVERYBODY (including Pablo) for the bloody
> excellent time we had and for taking care of us and bringing us down
> caves and teaching us new stuff and bobs. There never was a dull
> moment as promised and we had a smashing time. So much so we're going
> to encourage more people from Musc end to come. See u all either in
> Hidden Earth, up in dales, or down some hole in Britain!!! Or in
> easter..
>
> we'll be back, the 5 am nights continue. . .
>
> Jason

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The entrance, which had to be widened, slopes down for a few feet to the head of a 100-foot pitch. This clean-washed shaft, broken half way by a ledge, has a floor of rocks. The almost perfectly cylindrical shape of the shaft is probably the reason for the encouraging echo it produces.

Pete Smith

4/9/08
Hi Juan,

Can't help too much with (3014) detail at the moment. I didn't go down the 15m pitch found on 23/7 or, 24/7 as I was walking over another part of San Antonio while John and Chris went down. It was the only place we didn't get to survey out of all the bits we found. My memory of what they said is that it was approx. 30m total depth with about 100m of passage - quite complex, with a number of inlets going up to avens (presumed to all be under the edges of the same depression as the entrance) and finally ending in a scratty too tight tube which was where the strong draught was coming from. Pity we didn't get it surveyed as it would have boosted the total for the year even more. Never mind, it will give us a good start next year! I will try and get John or Chris on the phone tonight and, hopefully, will be able to give you some better info within the next day or so. The location is NOT a secret.

Cheers,
Harry

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<http://webmail.aol.com/38575/aol/en-gb/Lite/PrintMessage>.

From: harry long <strans@hotmail.co.uk>

To: uzueka@aol.com

Subject: RE: Matienzo

Date: Fri, 5 Sep 2008 11:05 am

Right Juan, a conversation with John Clarke suggests the following for 3014 (if I have got things correctly), with bits added from what I saw of the place. A low entry leads straight onto a 2m drop and climb down an excavated section to the head of a 15m pitch. Landing is in a large rift with several routes radiating, some of which sub-divide. Most lead to avens, after short lengths of varying size passage, probably all lying under the sides of the depression containing the entrance. However, one passage leads to the head of a 9m pitch with passages out at the bottom. One chokes, whilst the passage from which the strong draught emerges ends at a ridiculous small tube. The guestimated depth is c30m with a guestimated total length of c100m.

Hope you can pick enough 'flesh' out of that lot. No doubt Chris will say that it is nothing like that!

Cheers,

Harry

6/9/08 Pete S into Tona Lomca. Little new seen.

6/9/08 Took GPS to Fuente Aguanaar to confirm cave is in wrong place.

Purphage is about 04 46605 4801758 ↑55.

So the entrance (based on the original surface survey) is likely to be @ 307 0446580 4801629 ↑67m

This places it on the map where the altitude is about 80m. It should perhaps be further down in the depression.

Easiest to do a 55 from the apparent track to the west or GPS the actual entrance (trees!)

15/09/2008

Hold that power...

From: Peter Smith <smith_peter2004@yahoo.es>

To: uzueka@aol.com

Subject: Hold that power...

Date: Mon, 15 Sep 2008 11:33

Attachments: capping.wmv (611K)

Hi Juan,

Here's a bit of video for you (with Sue's camera). But I don't suppose you'd want to use it. It was a big job and I had to edit it in Movie Maker. Look out for the dust. (3001)

Still no reply from Paco Etxeberria. I'll have to write again and this time I'll suggest dates at the end of October. (2741)

Yesterday we were with Lloyd, surveying the Pinto Gallery. (25) Quite a leap forward for the Risco survey, but we can only claim about 40m new. Still it was surprising there were side passages nobody had bothered to look at.

Cheers

Pete

17/9/08 Pete S

Hello,

At last we've had a reply from the forensic and he's quite happy with the dates at the end of October. So now it's up to you. Let us know when you know when you'll be here and we can make more arrangements. He also said we may be able to do DNA tests in his department - for example to see if they are twins or siblings. Do you believe they're the remains of two babies? As far as I know we've only got Chuchi's word for it - and I'm starting to have panic attacks about it! (2741)

Do you remember about the Basque biologists who were in touch before the summer and then never showed up. They're interested in sampling resurgences and springs. The woman has called today and they're coming on Thursday.

Now -

"Venturi effect" indeed! Is that the new name for a "howling draught"? Get the photo off Andy of his beard being blown about. But very astute of you. It is (3001). Steve says he is going to Hidden Earth, so you might like to add that we got in. We've surveyed 55m with a depth of 23m. But the draught is coming out of a hole just inside the entrance and more digging is needed. Here's another photo for you.

Cheers

Some good news. Chuchi's got the date for the cereal grains in Cofresnedo. It's around the 1st century BC. Which I think is brilliant, remembering the agricultural implements from Reyes, which we said were Iron Age too.

Hello,

It's possible that the basket is the same age. That the cereal grains were taken into the cave inside the basket.

This morning I was with the biologist. You'd have been impressed that she'd printed out a big copy of your area map, at least a square metre. It looked great - when you think of all the information on it.

She wanted resurgences with water which has never flowed on the surface i.e. Cuevona is no good, or Boyones. One we looked at was Ramera (the memorial for Antonio), I hadn't been for a long time and was surprised how much water comes out there. She's looking for oligochaeta (worms to you and me), microscopic varieties she gets from the silt. She didn't do any sampling today and we just went round looking at possible sites.

Cheers

Hello,

I'm attaching the 3001 survey plus the survey file if you want to check that it's all right. We took some LRUD's but I haven't added them yet. At the moment the plan is to survey more of Risco tomorrow, so I don't think there'll be any surprises there.

Cheers

Pete

Gmails from Pete : 18/19 Sept '08.

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3070 - Cueva Chirpas See survey
3071 - Small hole d=3m

Chir Camm starts @ 3071, 3072

See PS with 3071

CC finish with site 3114

Later.

email.txt

Hi Juan

Slight modifications to survey for cow cave.

The passage at the start of the upper series in the west wall was climbed to a small too-tight passage and a wide but impossibly tight bedding plane. No discernable draught. Passage seen heading off for approx 30m. Would need Mandy or similar and a long pointy persuading stick for further progress. Rift at bottom of passage going off west was not descended and not know how far this goes. Would benefit from a handline to get back out.

The 'tall rift' also in the west wall at the start of the upper series was climbed by Barny. Very tight and awkward. The tube in the roof at the end looks climbable but would require placing a few bits of protection.

The 4m 'pot' at the draughting boulder choke area was descended by Barny (picture attached). Led to an area of interconnecting hands & knees crawls in glutinous mud which obviously backs up with water. Needs checking and drawing up properly. There is also a 2m climb up the wall above the 'pot' which appears to head into a narrow rift going west. Again, all this area needs proper documentation.

cheers

Dave

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