

# LOGBOOK

Year: 2011

Season: Christmas : New Year

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*Juan Corrin, January 2015*



XMAS 2011

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Hello Juan,

Becka here (hope you're having a good Xmas!).

Patrick Warren, Julian and I have been talking about doing a project looking at patterns in survey data sets to try to see things like whether there are systematic patterns in the leg orientations or in the overall length of survey trips. We're hoping to run the analyses on several large data sets. I've got over 100km of CUCC Austria data and a similar amount of data from Easegill/Leck Fell and also a large data set from the Hong Megui surveying in China. We wondered if we'd be able to also use the Matienzo data set.

It's important that we get not just lots of data but data from different areas as there may be systematic differences between them (geologically but also in the more anthropocentric aspects of the data so, for example, the Easegill data set is a re-survey of known passage whereas Matienzo is largely original exploration and this may result in important differences.

If we can use it we'd need to work out how to get hold of it but we should have the IT skills between us to sort that out! Hope it wouldn't be too much work ....

cheers, Becka

Hi Becka

Hope you had a good Xmas.

As you'll know Patrick has already analysed " systematic patterns in the leg orientations " to produce the rose diagrams on the web site. By " the overall length of survey trips " do you mean in time or length of passage surveyed? If the first option then the length of the survey trip is not recorded. So, I'm not at all sure what it is you want to do with the svx files that can't already be done with the 3d files already on the web site.

However, I'm very happy to see some results from other data set analyses and then possibly provide Matienzo data. It would involve some work to gather the files.

Cheers

Juan

**From:** Philip & Hilary Papard <papard@easynet.co.uk>

**To:** 'Juan Corrin' <uzueka@aol.com>

**Subject:** Some small finds

**Date:** Fri, 23 Dec 2011 19:25

**Attachments:** 23\_Dec\_2011.doc (365K), PC230431.JPG (66K), PC230424.JPG (71K), PC230425.JPG (68K), PC230426.JPG (76K), PC230428.JPG (69K), PC230430.JPG (85K)

Juan

Went for a walk near Moncobe, split up with me and Terry going on hillside above 2538. Little of interest, 3 new caves identified, and what I thought was 2758 visited, (did not have photo of description with me) and found at exact location on my pda. But on getting home I realised the picture and description does not fit, so this cave needs visiting as it may be new and undescended? See attached and pics. 3607

I forgot to say Tony and Steve looked at valley floor level, Tony found a sink next to Moncobe, must have been seen by others? I think they may have found some other small finds, but do not have details, I will ask them to send.

Phil



Juan

Not a lot – we spent some time digging at Duck Sink Dig, as a passage seemed look big past flake and with a strong draught it looked a good prospect, it was not big and needs a small person to help dig further, but with draughts still worth while. Apart from that we have been on walks and doing jobs in house and garden (tree blew over prior to us getting here, so had to cut up etc, took some time. Apart from tree all seems ok. Pathway on my phone works well and better than the PDA except screen is a bit small..

Below is logbook write up of above and attached are pics, incl one of three deer at back of your house, note frost on the ground.

At Ason side of South Vega are some new roads that go up to field just above wood where 1340 is, looks like it may be an easy way up to this area, not yet found out where road comes from ie must be near or at Arredondo.

I will leave 10 snappers with Tony when I leave tomorrow, so they can open up tight section in Moncobe etc.

Phil

Juan

The new road we saw from the top of S.Vega is the one that goes past Vallina and used to end at a farm/barn, I knew it had been extended further but not looked at it. Today I followed it a little way in my hire car. It is made of a good but loose chipping surface, but goes down a steep hill some 100m or so past the farm and I did not want to risk not getting the grip to get back (I was by myself). The road from here would be an easy route to the hill above Volcano for a 4x4 and would give good access.

I have a little more info re the report I gave you about 2758. Terry found a site some 5m to West of the site I found, it was some 2.5m deep and he said it had a flat floor and was not of much interest, I assume this is 2758 and the one I found was new. ← 3607

Phil

#### **Duck Sink Dig 3215 2538**

I note in the description this hole is said to be at Camposdelante and not, like the duck sink, at Ideopuerta. X

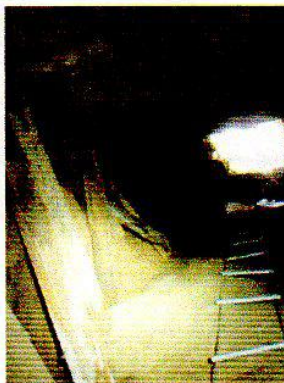
**27 December, John S and**

**Tony B** – drilled three holes and snappered the entrance to the rift dig

going back towards the stream/road. Good inward draught took all fumes, but made cave very cold. Not able to get to flake blocking progress.

**28 December – Steve, John S and Phil –**

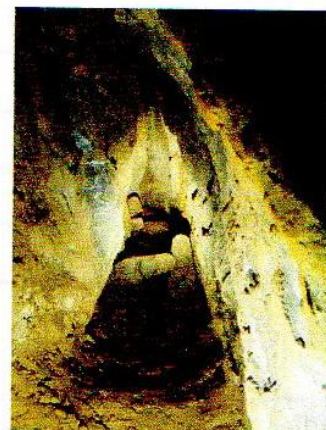
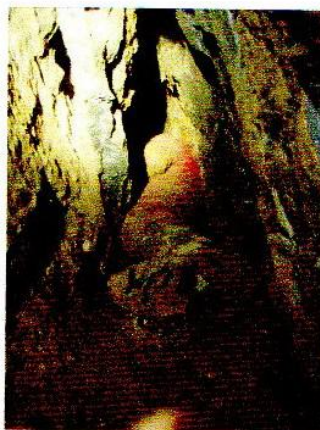
Removed rock split day previous, and used four snappers to open up rift and remove part of the flake, Steve tried to get past flake but still too tight. Floor was dug and if removed past flake progress should be possible.





**29 December – Phil and Tony** (3215)

Removed rock broken day before and managed to remove more of the flake, spent some hours removing floor giving access past flake for Tony, who got some 3 m along rift to where it gets small again and will need some digging. Need a small caver who will have more room to move around and look at prospects of next section. Good inward draught suggests this section cannot go to the stream and must link to passage going into the hill and to a higher entrance.



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**26 December- Seldesuto - 2563 dig- Steve, Pedro, Phil and Tony**

Some time spent digging and capping tight climb at bottom to give room to move, and so bend over and look at floor and dig any possible way on under wall on uphill side. There does seem to some prospect due to draught and the fact Pedro lost Steve's best chisel under this wall!

**30 December – Walk above TV mast S.Vega - Phil, Hilary, Sue, Tony, Susie, Steve, and John**

- (782)
1. Dig to west of (792) in field, between it and the wood. Alt 647m  
0450930/4794191 Easy dig in boulders but no draught today (11 deg outside temp) may be worth checking in summer, but better prospect is 2 below.



(3611)

- (1340)
2. (1340) looked at, this hole is at top east of wood near big water trough. Very good outward warm draught and rocks thrown down narrow entrance slot seemed to bounce around and drop some 20m maybe more. A meter to east of slot is an easy dig (where john in looking in top left pic and where walking sticks are in bottom pic) into the cave. We only removed one rock so we could see down, it looks like some capping may be needed, but generally looks plenty big enough in a rift shaft. The best and easiest dig in this area of the hill/wood – a must for Easter. Cave/Dig (2594) also looked at and also had a good warm outward draught.





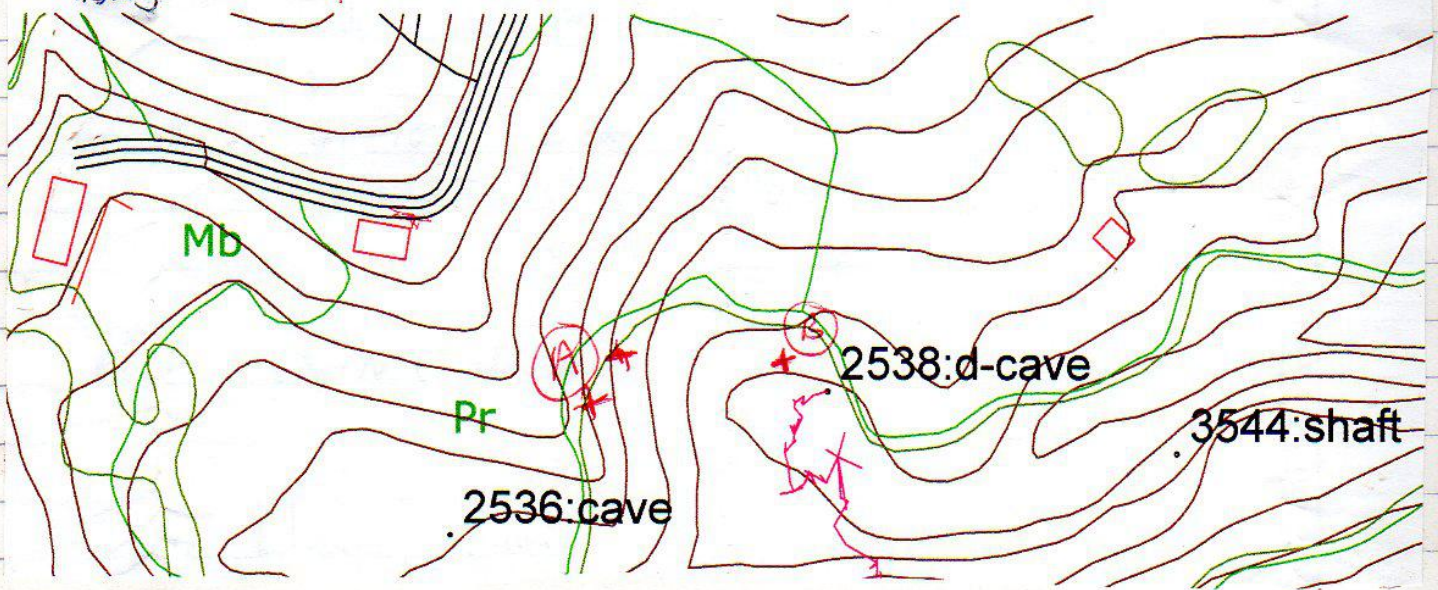
23/12/11

Tony + Steve

(A) 3612

(B) 3613

2 x 10m THROUGHOUT TRAIL REMAINS  
5m SHAFT TO CHAMBER IN CHOKED RIFT.



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knew it had  
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Volcano for

I have a little  
it was some  
one I found

Phil

Duck Sink

I note in the  
hole is said  
Campo de  
like the duck  
Ide. quartz

27 December

Tony B - dr  
notes and in  
entrance to  
going back  
very cold

28 December

Phil -  
Removed rot  
and used for  
rift and remo  
Steve tried it  
too tight. Flo  
removed par  
be possible

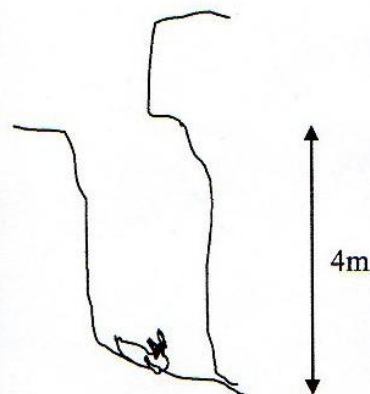


**Christmas 2011 – 23 December - Terry and Phil looking at hillside above El Cubillón at Moncobe 2538**

1. (2758 pic and depth do not seem to fit.) Cave at location was 5.38m (disto) deep to floor (mud small rocks) does not look like it will go, no draught – undescended.  
Site 3607 @ 30T 0446030 4796454

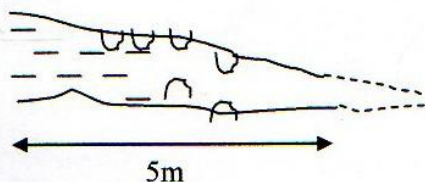


2. **Site 3608** Goat cave – 0446216/4796551 alt 316m – 4m deep to floor with dead black goat, possible dig if desperate! but small no draught – undescended.



0446030

3. **Site 3609** Cave – 5m long to dig. 0446349/479608 alt 247 – in wood to east and above 2538. Home of animal as grass bedding on floor,



4. **Site 3610** Dig a little below 3 above 0446333/4796703 alt 231m – 30cm x 15cm hole opens out a little and is some 2.5m deep (disto) to where it may turn to right – no draught





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17/01/2012

Xmas

**From:** Tony Brocklebank <tony@laptopbits.co.uk>  
**To:** uzueka <uzueka@aol.com>  
**Subject:** Xmas  
**Date:** Mon, 16 Jan 2012 19:07  
**Attachments:** IMGP0152.JPG (3799K)

Hi Juan,

Piccy attached of the end of duck pond sink, 3215, beyond the short extension Phil and I got at Xmas. To get this in the correct order it should be just in front of the last two photo's of Phils of mud covered wellies from Xmas.

Total extension was about two body lengths and the draught whistles off through a triangular hole with a few small boulders in it, black space and a bit of wall can be seen beyond.

**From:** Tony Brocklebank <tony@laptopbits.co.uk>  
**To:** uzueka <uzueka@aol.com>  
**Subject:** Draughting slot above duck pond sink  
**Date:** Mon, 16 Jan 2012 19:31  
**Attachments:** IMGP0128.JPG (6347K)

In woods above duck pond sink, just above track. Narrow draughting slot may enlarge. Certainly worth a look if Duck Pond doesn't go.

N. 43.33399

W. 3.65673

6579 307 0446864  
4798323

↑157

3614

Three new holes near down valley from Moncobe. None draughting at Xmas but worth checking again on better day.

Entrance 1, scramble up bank to entrance which appears to have been deliberately blocked and could be roof of reasonable sized passage. May be worth a quick dig.

N. 43.32297

W. 3.66093

W4S 6579 307 0446513  
4797102 ↑203

3615

Entrance 2, a dig above and to the right of entrance 1, 10m long cave slopes down to a blockage below which it appears to continue.

N. 43.32276

W. 3.66089

W4S 6579 307 0446516  
4797079 ↑206

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Entrance 3, is an obvious hole seen from the path above 1 and 2, lots of thrashing to get to but is just a foxhole, no potential.

N. 43.32271

W. 3.66062

W4S 6579 307 0446538  
4797073 ↑219

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Couple more to follow.

Thanks,

Tony



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**From:** Phil Papard <papard@easynet.co.uk>

**To:** 'Juan Corrin' <uzueka@aol.com>

**Subject:** RE: Matienzo Xmas

**Date:** Sun, 22 Jan 2012 11:10

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Juan

Site 3609

Hilary did remind me about this, but I forgot to check. I have done so now and grid ref should be:-  
0446349/4796708

I have booked myself, Bob and Kev for a long week-end in Matienzo for 24 to 28 Feb. Apart from our did at 1438, we plan to remove the moving block at Torca de Luna de Miel.

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## **MATIENZO CAVES PROJECT**