

LOGBOOK

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Season: Christmas : New Year

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Juan Corrin, January 2015

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From: barni <m@barnicott.com>
To: Juan Corrin <uzueka@aol.com>
Subject: Re: Matienzo
Date: Sun, Dec 16, 2012 5:22 pm

Hi Juan

We had quite a pleasant trip, but nothing outstanding. Visited a lead Bob wanted to look at in Lenny's Cave but to no avail.

Water spouting out of things all over the show.

Weather was pretty lousy but did have a good day prospecting in Seldosuto. Did you not get my email re forwarding a photo waypoint from Orux? Will get off the few things we found/did to you over the next week hopefully. Had one quite interesting dig, not far from Toad in the Hole, that broke through several times before we got to the last blockage which may take a bit more effort. Have got a busy time over the next few days. Finished off with a trip into Vallina from Lost pot.

Merry Christmas

Barny

From: Torben Redder <torbenredder@hotmail.com>
To: Juan Corrin <uzueka@aol.com>
Subject: RE: Matienzo site 1220
Date: Fri, Dec 14, 2012 8:12 pm

re: 13/11/12

Hi Juan

At the first bottom (about 6m) it was possible to squeeze down where Phil capped, about 10m drop: The bottom was blind, but 3m up there was a draughting slot, about 15 cm wide and 50 cm high, I could see maybe 15m down into another drop. It would need capping, but nothing major.

Best Regards
Torben

XMAS 2012

From: Lea Ziebold <lea.ziebold@ono.com>
To: Juan Corrin <uzueka@aol.com>
Cc: Penny Corrin <pennycorin@yahoo.co.uk>
Subject: Re: Weather in bacup
Date: Wed, Dec 26, 2012 11:35 am

3008

Hello, thank you for your wishes. We still have good weather here. I saw Peter and Terry on 24th and delivered spare Kiwis. Terry has problems to communicate via his cell phone and perhaps Internet since they seem to have changed something. I did not understand it at all.

Did the calendar arrive safely?

One of the archaeologists (Alis Sema) is interested to see cave No. 3008. I will accompany him.

Cheers

Lea

26/12/12

Hola, I told Alis Serna of the blackness of the cave and the stalagmite near the entrance and as there is no photo of this in the Internet I offered him to make one. Then he told me he would like to accompany me when taking the photo. I do not know more. I do hope to find the cave but of course I am not sure.

3008

The attached photo shows the new stable-door.

I hope you enjoy the calendar as I enjoyed your help. I looked up your address and saw a cup there not knowing really what it meant but as the post code was clear I was not afraid that it perhaps would not be delivered correctly.

I must leave now for my building site.

Cheers

Lea

Hi,
I found the cave though it was difficult since they had slashed all the eucalyptus leaving a badland and had bulldozed a new way. I went up because we expect rain to come and it will be slipperier and dirtier.

Cheers

Lea

— Original Message —

From: [Lea Ziebold](#)

To: [alis serna](#)

Sent: Thursday, December 27, 2012 2:07 AM

Subject: Re: 12-12-26

3008

Hola,
he sacado esta tarde unas fotos de la cueva pero estas libre de acompañarme a verla tu mismo.
Una abrazo
Lea

Matienzo notes, Christmas 2012

Simon Cornhill, Diane Arthurs, Tony & Sue Brocklebank, Steve and Sue Martin (also Dan Hibberts and Colette)
Account below is combination of various documents.

Site 3741 Day 2 22nd December
Sue n tony. Made a lot wider, no deeper because bucket carrier failed to turn up!

Site 3741 Day 4 24-12-12
Tony and Steve later joined by Si and Di. A lot wider, 5 metres depth. No draught. "Midge infested draught-less no hopper of a dig."
Di scrambled up the hillside looking for a walk-in entrance. Nothing found except an animal track leading to the new roadway. Brambles not as subsided as expected. A birthday gift of a machete requested rather than a slow cooker.

25-12-12 Si checked GPS points for **Lenny's 3721** various entrances plus **3741** and **288**
Sue, Tony, Si & Di. **Lenny's cave 3721** to sip mulled wine...Happy Christmas! After Sue's tour guide of Lenny's Cave Di n Si surveyed Luggers' Lair in Lenny's. Homework almost done ;)

26-12-12 Llavea valley. Found **Cueva de Verdura, site 891**. Shaft Si n Di descended
Tony, Sue, Susie, Big Steve, Si & Di

6 sites located, 5 caves entered, 4 caves gone faulty, 3 undescended drops dropped, 2 caves surveyed and a dig dug...oh yes and Terry has come apart just above the knee!

Secadura-Llavea valley:

Refound **vege cave 891** correct GPS made at entrance: 30t N 4798844 E 0455299 elevation 248.7

NEW site 3782 Under the Barrel Photos and sketch to follow. Close to 1707. 30t N 4798782 E 0455343 elev. 223.2 next to large sandstone boulder, under oil drum, muddy slope descended for 2m. Flowstone into low calcified area dug through to blind chamber big enough to turn around in.

3778 (Big Steve's shaft) Correct ref is 30T 0456195 4798720 Descended and surveyed. 7-8 m pitch down to decorated shaft with muddy floor. 4m assisted climb up to eyehole, no way on.

1985 Enlarged the entrance, a steep slope leads to short 8m long walking rift which closes up.
 1986 capped boulder in entrance. Blind enlargement just big enough to turn around in. Ended.
 1707 looked at. Appears to be blocked up after 1m. Large loose boulder restricting access.
 Beautiful sunny day! Perfect for bramble bashing.
 Terry cut his leg with his angle grinder, but not too bad. Pete brought him back from hospital.

?27-12-12 **NEW site 3785** located: 30T N:4798842 E:0455599 Elevation:241.6m

28-12-12 Llueva valley. Gorgeous hot day. Picked chestnuts.
 Simon, Tony & Big Steve.

Site 3785 Simon descended the 15m shaft found the previous day. Located in a wooded depression near a farm building. Entrance excavated for 3m to a tight pitch head, leading to 15m drop down a fine shaft. Unfortunately blocked at the bottom. Several windows and a parallel shaft were entered on the way back up, all ending too tight. Blind at the bottom. On returning up the ladder I swung into various holes and half way down squeezed through to a parallel shaft but no way on. A visit back at another time to see if it is strongly draughting would encourage a return to dig. *Simon*

NEW site 3783 Conker Hole 30T 455656 4798769 alt 260m A small hole that Sue Bottlebank found - no discernable draught, but not a day for it. The conkers fell in a metre or so.

Site 3547 Wafting hole 30T 455361 4799125 alt 230m??? Small hole with a slight draught. Re-found by Sue Bottlebank.

29-12-12 **Risco site 25** Di, Si, Big Steve & Pete Smith. Sediment in big bank photographed. We did the trip upwards - from the middle to the top entrance, because Steve's knee hurt most when going downhill!

30-12-12 Convoy drive to La Collada, top of Cow Pot. Eventually finding our way there!

Steve, Susie, Si and Di wandered up the top of the hill. Used the plug n feathers on a boulder down a small sink, no way on. **Site 2725**

Site 2717 Current location and description accurate.

Site 2725 Two holes in a depression; both in sand stone and both around 4m long, needing digging to progress further. (Originally described as unexplored open shaft.)

Site 2726 Definitely not an open shaft!! An interesting rabbit hole that will need digging though. Tony, Sue, Dan and Colette took the lower path.

31st December 2012 Si and Di: Surveyed overland from **Lenny's 2 3721** into **La Bodega 288** to Lenny's 1 and across to **3741**. We surveyed into La Bodega as far as comfortably possible. The stooping entrance has a passage off to the right that leads to the pot, found in the summer. The main passage leads to a tight boulder bridge which once squeezed over leads to the crawling section in soft mud and water. A good flow of water coming down the passage. This continues and gets unpleasantly low, Tom and I pushed it further in the summer.

Inside Lenny's Si and I surveyed into the draughting boulder choke off the main chamber, where the frenzy grabbed everyone during the summer. The draught coming out of Lenny's is not significant at the moment, but the draught out of The Frenzy passage is still very strong. The end of the passage leads to the chamber where Doldy spent his last day in the summer chasing the draught. Once again we couldn't identify the source of the draught. We spent a long time with joss sticks in the summer without success. The Doldy Last Day chamber is full of fresh cool air and we surveyed in three directions clambering around the boulders. This chamber still needs investigating further as the draft is so strong in the break through dig and there are possible ways on but the boulders may be unstable.

NEW Site 3787 (from TB) 30T N4799589 E0455468 Elevation 83.3m Holes above Lenny's. They're all very close together, Si and Di only GPS'd one of them (the largest) then shot off to survey Lenny's. There's a track heading across and up the hill which starts in the woods near the corner of the field below 3741. All of the shafts are just below this track, some are really digs. It's as though there's a joint on which several shafts have developed, which could even be the back end of the boulder chokes in Lenny's and the archaeological cave next to it. We've only been down one, Dan and I had a look in it, it's the one you have the GPS for. This drops a couple of metres in a slot to some trapped boulders which need removing, you can see down perhaps three or four metres more. The rest need work before they could be descended.

1st January 2013 : A late start ;) We decided to get our caving gear on rather than walk the hillside in walking boots. A rainy day. We looked around the area of Barrio de Los Urros. Visiting **sites 3069**, having a brief dig sheltered from the rain. The unstable block is still in the way.

NEW Site 3786 At the top of the slope down to 3069, just to the left round the corner, there's a strong joint in the cliff where Simon dug for a while finding a 20cm high broken off stal near the top of the rubble.

We moved onto **site 3067** which was drafting inwards. A 5m climb down into an enlargement, we dug in various locations, no obvious way on. The 2 entrances are joined. We may have found one of Lugger's missing pairs of glasses!

2/1/2013 Parked near Riaño bridge. Tony, Sue, Si, Di. Walked through gate, up sloping hill to left of road. Found large 8l wine bottle. Bashed through bramble. Lots of sandstone slots which we dug large enough to enter, no way on. Across hillside then down to bridge, found a large phreatic tube filled with sand, on the right side of bank as you stand on the bridge (**site 3661**). Attempted to dig for a short while, no draft, slow progress.

Tony n Sue retired, Si n I walked up the road into the no-brambles wooded area on the right. Simon descended down a body sized chute, **Alice Hole** (site **3524**) 30T N: 4801820 E:0447748 Elevation: 136.5m Near 3090, a vertical rabbit hole drops to a steep mud slope which chokes up. Around 6m long.

site 3090 We visited the dig and found the most amazing forest of mushrooms growing from the rotten wood laying across the pitch. Had a look around but didn't dig.

Site 3089 clambered down to the bottom, removed a few boulders but we're not small enough to continue. Pete had introduced me to his breakfast drink, vino dulce, before we set off today and coincidentally I found an old glass vino dulce bottle near the entrance.

NEW Site 3780 30T N:4802026 E:0447768 Elevation: 87.4m

Three short holes under a sandstone bed overlooking the road

3/1/2013 Parked near Riaño bridge. Tony, Pete, Si, Di, Sue in car. Went to the horse bone hole that Tony found the previous day. Photo's of lots of laid out bones. **NEW Site 3784** 30T N:4801806 E:0447879 Elevation: 105.1m Tony has additional photos. A very steep 4m descent down a muddy slope to a small stooping chamber. Containing nearly a full skeleton of a horse and another small animal, perhaps a foal or a calf. There is small slot beneath the pitch which was forced through two tight squeezes and ended in a choke. Si n I drove up above Cow Pot. Parked at farm at end of track beyond the car sump ripper! Spoke to farmers who said the caves were lower down (Vaca!)

Down bush found a forest track which led to the first hole Simon dropped into. (**Site 2328**). 3m down to a too tight rift. Still finding sandstone non-draughting holes as it got dark... The track ended and we scrambled up the bramble slopes to find our way out of the forest, creating a passage under the brambles as it was easier than going over them!

Site 2369: A 10m long cave containing many formations and a bat. No visible way on without some concerted digging. The current location is accurate.

NEW Site 3781 Location: 30T E:0449296 N:4799757 Elevation:248.3m

A 20m long cave above 2326 and below a sandstone bed. A series of tight cross rifts with a second entrance. Concerted digging needed to make any further progress.

Site 2326 Entered after hammering a lump off. A short cave around 6m long and 2m high no draught and no visible way on.

4/1/2013 Parked at sump-ripper farm. Using phone map record from the previous day we followed the same track in (avoiding the bramble passage).

Site 2319 draughting-out rift, Simon entered but needs bolt and capping. To return.

Site 2317 boulder climb down. Dug the sand at bottom and got into a rift passage with twitching bat. No clear way on. Surveyed out. Got out as the sun was setting...to Bilbao ferry.

	Pete Smith	01/08/2012	Nigel Dibben	Si n Di GPS	Xmas 2012 survey	FINAL
Lenny's 1 W			455388,4799668	455376,4799648	455385,4799658	455384,4799655
Lenny's 2 E			455481,4799602	455440,4799627	455443,4799633	455442,4799632
La Bodega	455416,4799636		455411,4799651	455422,4799639	455410,4799652	455410,4799652
3741		455293,4799663		455295,4799659	455294,4799661 (avg)	455294,4799661

Easter 2012:

Cow muck pot 2907 6/4/2012 Jenny, James, Neil, Simon & Diane

The visible pitch is at the foot of the cow meadow and slurry obviously slops into the pot. After much musing it was decided that Simon and I would descend the stinky pot and Neil, Jenny and James would be the surface support. We prepared for potential passing out due to the methane fumes. Whilst Simon took his time getting changed I hid in the opposite field and Jenny and James peered down the shaft, pretending I had fearlessly gone down first! Simon descended the ladder in the belief that I was down there I listened out for Simon's moans of muck and when I didn't hear any I descended the 5 metre ladder, dropping into ankle depth mud/ slurry. The stench of cow muck wasn't as bad as I expected (cows weren't in the hold and it was raining). Crouching without crawling in the mud, the passage continues under a boulder. It then opens up and is sandy underfoot and continues for a further 7 metres. The fauna was of particular interest and unsurprisingly consisted of many extremely fat spiders, an enormous toad and a portly looking salamander. Passage ends with farm debris under foot, finger sized sink hole where water drains. Tempting to dig?!

At the bottom of the pitch; in the opposite direction there appeared to be a duck in shit..you would be up to your eyes in it! Could be a job for young Tom...

site 3741

The dig is forty to fifty metres in a straight line beyond boulder chole at one end of Lenny's cave.

The hole was found by Tom Howard in Summer 2012 and dug by myself and Steve Martin with help from Sue, Susie, Si and Di on several days over Xmas and New Year 2012.

It's now about five or six metres deep against a solid wall with a narrow open slot at the bottom.

At times it has draughted reasonably well especially considering that there was little or no draught in Lenny's at around the same time but debris falling down keeps blocking off the draught. TBrocklebank.

2/1/13 ?

site 3788: There's a GPS reading attached to the photo -- 43 22 0.0299 and 3 38 41.688 alt 76.8

This site is a slide down into a small chamber. In the floor is a narrow slot which needs a small person to empty boulders out of and would probably need enlargement. Good draught.

site 3789: A possible dig - again GPS on photo - 43 21 56.238 and 3 38 40.224 alt 114.4

TB.

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