

LOGBOOK

Year: 2013

Season: summer

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Juan Corrin, January 2015

SUMMER 2013

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19.7.13 Corcovado.

Spent $\frac{1}{2}$ hr clearing entrance - totally buried under flood debris.

Resurveyed to first chamber or some side klt, from entrance (65m)

A. Neill.

20.7.13 Corcovado again.

Cleared some more entrance.

Surveyed passage to right & down slippery rift from first chamber, + ~~down~~ to top of route down to river - 165m. Some possible confirmations with a return??

A. Neill.

21/7/13 Ali + Juan to Frenedo. First spent a couple of hours digging out the entrance to Frenedo 2 (841)

Very strong draught coming out. Went in to hole / squeeze to the right of p10.

Then into Frenedo 1 (126) to check out reports back from 1990 that the hole was closed. Found the way or open - crawl to left at the plastic drum. Slide up at a small pile of cow bones into the base of the ~~entrance~~ alternative entrance shaft (not investigated). A rift then continues into the rest of the cave.

Ali found that the streamway seemed to continue after it turned sharply to the left.

GPS for 841 is 30T 0453263 4801416.

GPS for 126 seemed about right.

Matienzo Diary Summer 2012 (Badger, Paul Wilman, Tacklebury)

Thursday 2nd August, 3721 Lenny's Cave Unable to get our DistoX calibrated we decided to head over with the hoards to Lenny's cave, went in the original entrance and made our way through to the main cave, being careful to miss the parts of the floor we ended up at the end where Paul Dold and Dan Hibberts had been working in a floor level passage, decide to have a look up in the wall and roof, and found a passage blocked by mud and pebbles, digging through Tacklebury was able to enter to a small decorated chamber, but no way on. Meanwhile Paul Wilman was helping out Di Arthurs and Simon Cornhill on the surveying of the cave. I then left the cave with Tony Brocklebank via the other entrance, much nicer crawl. We then had a good look around the local area seeing if we could locate any further blowing, prospective entrances.

2012

Friday 3rd August, 114 Cueva Lluva Last Night at Casa Tomas, Mr Eddie Sharp Pencil volunteered me for a guide for Chris Jewel to el Biggo, it was on our list of things to look at anyways, Six of us set off to Lluva with the aim for Chris to dive the downstream sump, an area I have not looked in before, after rigging the pitch (no route finding difficulties here) and even finding the path not to overgrown only by the road itself, we set off down the slope, not being an expert on the water levels in this cave I would say they seemed to be very low, and head right into the downstream part of the system, here found a little route finding issues, Phil Papard and Chris eventually finding the way on in a mainly out of depth swim I guess about 150 metres, climbing up between boulders before finding el Biggo passage size again. At the end of this passage another climb over boulders and an interesting climb back down to the streamway reached the Sump pool. Where Chris kitted up and went for a little dive laying 120 metres of line in what he said was poor visibility. We then made our way back to the main chamber, and after a discussion and due to being wet only wearing furies we decide not to go looking at other parts of the cave but to exit the cave and back to the bar.

2012

Sunday 5th August, Relaxing Day went into Ramales, had lunch at one of the bars and then went for a walk up the valley found the Via Ferrata and climbing routes, went back and drove up to the ason gorge and found another bar in Arredondo before heading back to Matienzo, we then went up the new Via Ferrata route in the valley, Paul Dold, Paul Wilman, Tacklebury, Tom, and Badger. An excellent route with a couple of very interesting manoeuvres in the system. At the top it looks like they still have some work to complete but a very enjoyable hour.

2012

Monday 6th August, 713 Cueva Vallina. Badger, Paul W, Tacklebury, Jon Bevan & Paul Nichols. We took the opportunity to join Ali, Si Cornhill & Di Arthurs on a trip into Vallina, Ali group going on into the streamway, whilst our group went to the pitch said our goodbyes and headed out hopefully remembering all the twist and turns. On the way out Paul W took some photo's. A very nice tourist trip in a complex system.

2012

Tuesday 7th August, 105 Cueva de Riaño. Badger, Paul W, Tacklebury, Si Cornhill & Di Arthurs
The main objective of the trip was to head to the Acid Bath and look and survey the passage of to the right, which was looked into last year. Paul W, & Tacklebury looked in the passage to the left of the Acid Bath but found no new passage than has already been shown on the survey. Back at the right hand passage we went along the passage over the stal blockage and to the pitch, free climbing down some very sharp rock to the bottom where we set about to start the survey. On checking the Disto it was found to be out and needed re calibrating. We left Simon to this task Di and myself pushing on to see if the passage which on the survey had only been surveyed a short distance but had previously been explored, We went along to the extent of my exploration last year, where the passage tightens, di went through and carried on, after a very short distance she found the passage veering around to the right, this kept going till it headed on a parallel passage back closing to a stal and rocks blockage, on the return I went down the passage to the right, whilst Di found a passage going up in the roof, Di would need to report on what she found here.
Following the passage down came to a choice of up a mud bank or under at floor level in a damp very stoney/gravelly passage, guess about 500mm in height and over 1 metre width, (my guess here this passage would be the one to link back to the main passage. I followed the mud bank passage which after a short distance started to close down, did not go to the end to confirm this.
By this time Simon had finished the calibration of the DistoX, so we started surveying the passages, as the initial passage which Di & I originally looked went to a dead end we decide to leave this passage for the time being, and concentrate on the passages I had looked in. We got as far as the mud bank passage before running out of time, and also by this time, Paul W & Tacklebury were back trying to find us, this also was interesting because they came in to point on a different passage not marked on the survey, yet another passage found and to survey.

2012

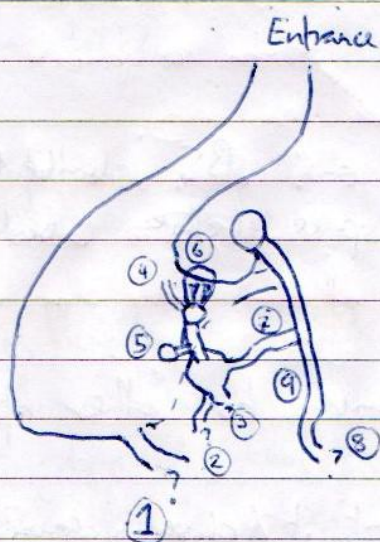
Wednesday 8th August, Paul W & Tacklebury back to 114 Biggo for some photography and to de rig, whilst Badger did some packing of kit as our last day, and a trip to the river with Big Steve

July
22 ~~August~~ 2013 Ali and Pete S.

Carcavuzo - surveyed route from top of rift to the rope climb / boulder choke and to start of rift up to the ~~start of rift~~ Afternoon Stroll. A few unimportant cracks, squeezes etc were looked at, which Ali will mark on his survey.

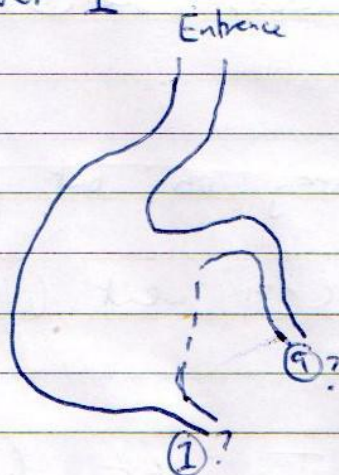
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22nd July 2013: Fresno 1-Brenden Sloan, Tim Webber, Larix O'Hare, Edd Willetts (Jen + Emily Sloan on surface)

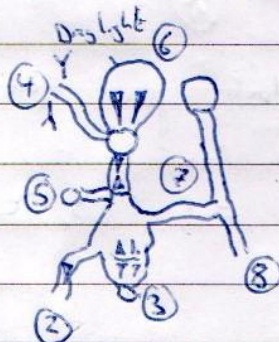


- ① EW poked down a small continuation and found it blocked with sticks and yellow plastic sacks. Two found a similar situation at ⑨ but they were different ~~on~~ locations but there was an aerial connection.

Level 1



Level 2



② EW pushed a crawl (Head first) and it closed-down but EW tried to dig a trench to make room to turn his head. More digging required (easy sand scallaps) but it ~~could~~ goes on (at least a little bit further.)

③ From the chamber, over a little sandbank to a small hole in the floor blocked with rocks. Probably nothing.

④ Next to the ~~exit~~ daylight connection EW pushed a crawl and found stal at high level. Turned back to find rest of team.

⑤ Easy climb up into Level 2.

⑥ Daylight connection. EW spotted it and BS climbed up with EW spotting. BS decided that the space between boulders was too small to fit through.

⑦ Connection from junction chamber to other rift.

⑧ BS dug out a higher section but it closed down. TW dug below to no effect.

⑨ TW the found slides and yellow sacks (see ①)

We went in and couldn't find the way on but found other bits.

EW headed straight on and BS, TW + LOH went left and to explore the rift.

Also - ^{(2+9) above} slither up @ cave bones to rift. Where Juan got to yesterday closes down. Possible "fresh" collapse blocks route on.

22nd July 2013

994

Brandon Sloan (Sea and Emily Sloan)
End as cheerleaders

(5)

A diversion from Fresno 1. There is a fairly serious fence running just above Fresno 1 and cutting across the dry valley which feeds Fresno 1. This can be climbed under with difficulty. The entrance to 994 is easily found, but still checked. There was a draft out, but pushing to the far end showed it closing down with mud and gravel - no obvious passage to follow but all should be easy to dig. Passage in videoed, and a short video of the far end (floor on L of screen).

23rd July 2013

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Encaramada

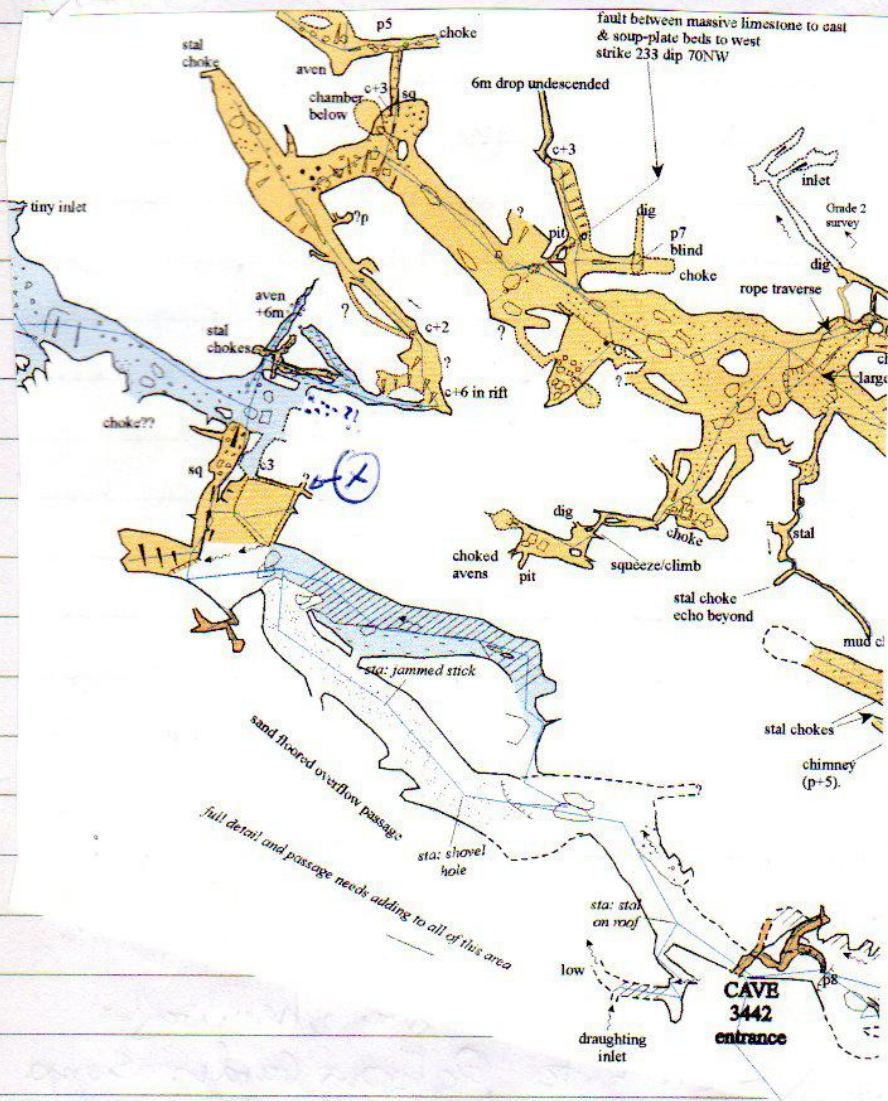
BS TWB

havin O'Hara, Ed Wettels

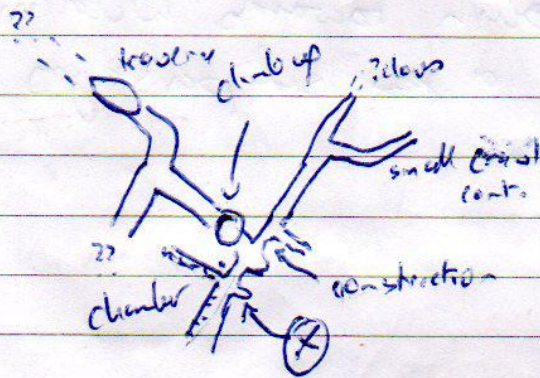
Go down entrance to Encaramada. Surprised to find it rejected

Down the ladder pitch (also rigged) down to streamway.
go down stream. Took Dive boat to Octopus Garden Sump
for planned dive path towards wetland more.
on way back noted a few side passages. Sketch surveys
to come.

23-7-13 EXPENDITURE - Al, bank & road m. fills.

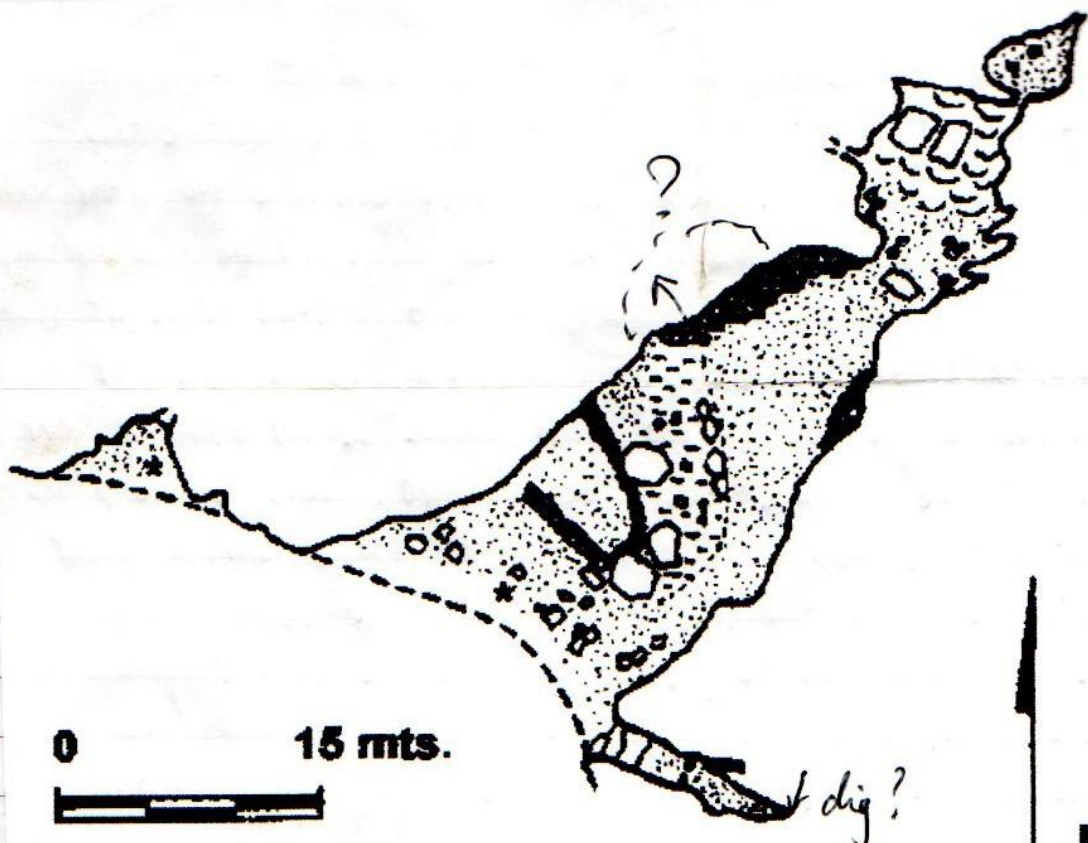


looked at "X":
construction leads to
~10m passage, with
small ~~excavation~~ body off-
right angle.
Lennie found a chub
up to some phreatic
tubes containing old
carbide canisters, 6/11
at a travers - may need
a rope. Needs a
return to push &
survey.
"X" is in corner
chamber, 2m below floor
of chamber & c 3m above
water level.



Also surveyed 32 m
bank beds, entrance -
stream passage.

24/2/13 Site 975. Joan spent a couple of hours in and around Cuervo Marcos. Second chamber much cooler than first! On left of first chamber is a low walled-up alcove(?) that needs opening up and entering. The shot came up a ~~the~~ step to the right of the entrance seems to daylight out. The end way dig. Photos taken →



0 15 mts.



* Shell midden

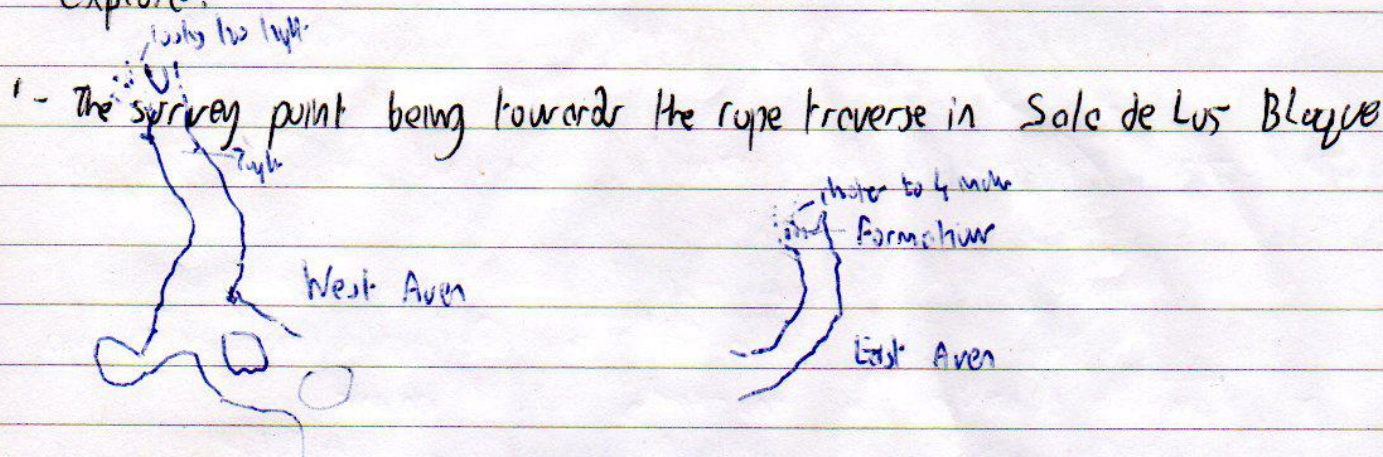
N.M.

dig?

24/07/2013 Picon (OTS) Ali, Alex ^{Ritchie}, Chriss Scaife

Travelled to 20m pitch to leave gear there for a future trip. We then resurveyed from the slope leading down to the pitch back towards last good survey point. We ^{also} inspected a side passage to the left facing away from the pitch and climbed averts at both ends. The first avert to the east ended 10m up a decorated mud slope with the way on being too tight. The second avert at the west end of the passage stays also scoled. This is about 15m in height and is found above two short climbs. Ahead, west is a short passage that ended in a small chamber.

On the way out just before the calcite squeeze leading into Solo De Los Bloques, a large passage was entered at the top of the calcite slope but due to time constraints it was not explored.



25/7/13

Brendan, Ben + Emily Sloom

Attempted to find 1970 but GPS coordinates in different script so made to use GPS. Undeterred we crashed up the hill and found a small hole under a limestone block, with a flatter area of grass in front of some limestone clint above - with a way in on the far right which has a hole in the (R) wall down which rocks rumbled for 5-6 sec.

Assuming one of these to be 1970 BS tilted up.

The lower hole is ~ 1.5m deep, and leads into a chamber ~ 3m x 2m x 0.75m. Cool but no way on. (3892)
Elevation: 292m GPS: Y0447048, 4796283
30T

The higher hole starts with a snug 45° slant. I sensibly put a rope to assist this - as once through the floor disappears! I exited for kit and rigged down. The rope stopped ~10 m off the floor in a 2 x 4 m shaft with clean walls. The floor is clean washed with boulders / cobbles and may continue along / down.

Survey done with tape / compass / clinometer. BS close so of debatable accuracy. But will be returned to and surveyed properly.

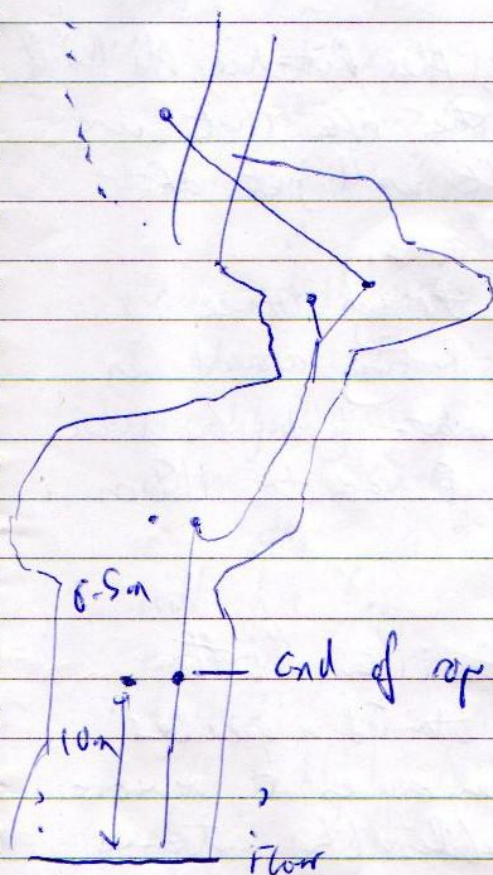
Turns out this was a new find as was the hole lower down

This one is named Silent Scream (unhappy lady and what happens when you climb onto a pitch head)

No. 3890

Pictures ✓

BS



Went to explore 2091. Parked at farm near greenhouses. An unimpressed farmer came to speak to us and after we explained who we were, he clearly said, 'not here' and we left. Probably best approached from elsewhere. JS

25/7

Tim W., Ed W., Louis O'H.

Dive trip from the downstream end of Encaramade 14m to cross rift blocking sumps with sandstone blocks. possible way on.

End of dive line in cross rift with "Encaramade" written on it

Spent 5m on + at 3m from surface Jammed in Munkie, I was going to dream.

Removed 1 cylinder + Helium and managed to force way out in

25/7 Sinas del Picon (75) Chris Scife, Alex Ritchie, Ali Neill

We returned for a second day, to explore the rift that we had briefly entered yesterday, on the left wall just after the calcite squeeze from Sala de los Bloques.

We entered Coral Rift Passage and found, through three triangular squeezes, Loose Boulder Choke. Rooting around in here, we found a very nice flowstone chamber - Wish You Were Here Chamber. We surveyed these sections of cave to 118m in total.

26/7/2013 Juan, Lark, David Mills + Ali to "Bottom entrance Mostajo" to start the dig. Hoisted a number of boulders out but needs stronger measures to remove a couple of big dogs then stabilise the entrance slope. Looks good! (Site 3802)

Then went to Cueva Marcos (975). Inspected alcove behind wall. Just a low, walled-off alcove with stones and a couple of very old bones.

Walked up hill from entrance to find a hole which may be worth digging as stones drop a metre or so beyond a blockage 1m down. (Site 3891 - No GPS guaranteed position @ 0450454 4796784 + 2280

26/7/13

Brendan Sloan, Ter Sloan, Emily Sloan,
Tim Webber, Edd Willatts + Louise O'Hara

(11)

Return to 3890 to continue to push the cave/
prospects in the surrounding area. Ter, Edd, Emily
+ Louise walked into the upper hillside with the hope
of finding 1970. After c. 3 hours, 1970 was located in
the dense bracken and Edd had a look and found the
6m pitch from the description after a short free climb.
He returned with the drill to bolt the pitch but
unfortunately the battery died before the 6m pitch was
bolted. Located a small hole to the left of 1970 during
the search (3893) which closed down after c. 1m in.

* GPS: 30T0447006, 4796305 Elevation: 391m

Brendan and Tim went back down 3890. Rerigged the
larger drop with rope of the right length, and bottomed
down washed slabs to bouldy floor. Trending down over
boulders led to same drops in the floor - and
investigating one led to the top of a further pitch
down. Back to the surface for drill and rope, then
a rather loose pitchhead involving Tim boulder blocking
with his leg while Brendan dropped the hole (cobble floor,
no wag on, no real draught). Succeeded out, and
looked up off at the bottom of the longer pitch.

Very high off leads towards 1970, and seems
to draught in. - 10m along there are 2 holes on
the right - disto 9.5m to a floor which looks
to open out and possibly continue. Drill out of juice
so we retreated for another day. Succeeded out

* NOTE: Difference in elevation between A 3892 + 3893 is not
c. 10m as per GPS but close to 30m.

TRIP REPORT	Date	26/7/13	Cave/No	2538 EL GUBBLEDON
GPS	WHO	BADGER - DAN - BIG STEVE		
Description				
AM TO BOLT AVON (SNAILAVON) FOUND BY DAN IN SUMMER EASTER 2012. SPEEDY TRIP IN NO FAULT FINDING PROBLEMS. AVON PINCHED IN. BOWLED DOWN SHAFT TO BOULDER CHOKER & ACTIVE STREAM WAY. RETURNING TO FINISH SURVEY (MONDAY) APPROX 100M.				
Entrance Photo				
Yes/No				

28/7/13 - Edd, Louise, Jen (+ Brendan + Emily spectating). Went to investigate 2290 ready to survey + perhaps push the end. Turns out to be a horrible stagnant entrance ~~see~~ with many flies, spiders, tiny leeches etc in the first crawls. After a false start, surveyed to the end - too small for a helmet to be pushed through. Draughts well but would need chemical persuasion to be continued. Wasn't 70m or big enough to stand as suggested in previous description. Nice toad in the now named 'Toad Hall'.

Wandered up the hill a little to find some known undescended shafts. Found some new ones instead:

B01: Fenced 6m shaft, large boulder at bottom blocking 1m rift that closes to 15cm. No draught. Descended. (2893)

B02: Tight rift. Entrance blocked with large boulder. Stones thrown rattle a short way. Undescended. NOT worth pursuing. (3934)

B03 + B04: Fenced holes. Not deep. Undescended. NOT worth pursuing. (2892 + ?) (3935)

B05: Fenced hole. Rifty. Sloping mud + boulder floor. 1-3m goes nowhere. Descended. (2894)
B06: Larger fenced hole with tree. 3x5m open shaft. 4m drop at deepest point. Descended. (2890)
Continued up hill to explore what is almost certainly (2891)
5m pitch to sloping mud + stone floor. fenced hole. Tight rift at bottom end ~20cm wide. Leads to a 1m drop. Could not enter. Not worth pursuing. Descended.

GPS coordinates:

2290 (Survey Startpoint): 30T 04525031 4796298x

B01: 30T 0452515 4795092 2893

B02: 30T 0452528 4795092 ? 3934

B03: 0452509 4795077 2892

B04: 0452498 4795081 289? 3933

B05: 0452495 4795069 2894

B06: 0452532 4795060 2890

?2891?: 0452473 4795076 2891

Don H, Chris H, Alex, Chris, Dan (BACC) 28/7/13
Cubillon 2538

Descended shaft that we looked @ on Friday. Surveyed all passage inbetween. Shaft approximately 30m deep. Leading to walking size passage @ the bottom. Very strong draft can be felt whilst walking along the passage. A steep muddy slope leads into boulder choke to where a stream can be heard. Above the stream is a huge boulder choke chamber. The stream resurges from 50m of unsurveyed passage with very strong draft. Ends in an oven which is about 15m high and the passage can be seen continuing. This probably goes to surface.

3679:u-shaft

2892:u-shaft

2893 2891 B02

B01

?2891?

2891:u-shaft

B04

2892 B03

2894 B05

1190:Mad Muppet

2893:shaft

2890 B06

2890:shaft

2895:d-shaft

not found.

Ally Dell / Carmo. 28/7/13 CARLUERO.

CONTINUING, A RESURGEON FROM DORE PETS + A.N. LEFT
OF AT BEGINNING OF BOULDER CHOKER. SURVEYED THROUGH TO
STRAIGHT LOGS SECTION WITH SHARP LEFT HAND BRANCH + DOWN
BRANCH. APPEARS TO BE IN WELL WITH OLD SURVEY.
SDE PASSAGE EXPLORED ALONG THIS SECTION BUT NOTHING NEW
TO NOTE.

Adam Sharples / Darren Jarvis + Onlookers 28/7/13 MOSTASO
Plan was to fully resin bolt the entrance pitch but after time
taken to install first bolt, half of the required bolts were
installed. Should finish tomorrow.

L. Cawthorne, B. Smith, S. Libby. Picón, 28/7/13

Rigged into Megabat and the drop zone.

Had a more thorough explore of the area
at the bottom of the muddy slope ^{around "the bowl"} post the
break through last year. Nothing new.

Cave is now rigged for our return to explore
the drop-zone area.

Libby

Simon Cornhill, Di Arthurs, Neil Runney, Arthur Vause & Iain Holland
 Shaft 1180 28/7/13

Cleared top of shaft 1180 of debris and vegetation. Descended known cave to an undescended shaft. Top of entrance shaft was quite loose. This is also the base with the top of the second pitch. At the base of the second pitch an over tight meander was met. Wider passage could be seen beyond. Simon capped the top of the passage and widened it far enough to gain access beyond. Squeeze was named "Passport Control". Beyond squeeze the passage leads immediately to a second third pitch and then a fourth (hung from a stal boss). Below, a fifth pitch is met with a tight squeeze over calcite. At the base, the shaft degenerates to a thrutchy drop through breakdown. At the base, a long term dig would be on the cards! No major draft.

Same team 28/7/13

Near Shaft 1123 - another shaft found approx 5m north of 1123 : tight entrance of approx 7m pitch, 3894

27/7/13 Simon del Picon, 75, Chris Scife, Alex Ritchie, Dan Jackson, Ali Neill
 We re-surveyed ~~the~~ part of the main chamber, then descended the 20m pitch below the High Level Traverse, placing several bolts to ~~desc~~ rig this pitch, backed up from a large boulder, with a Y-hang at the top and a single bolt re-belay part way down. We surveyed two ways on from here - to the right, a magnificent formation - Eight Girls, One Octopus - just up a sandy slope and then a ^{short} network of small passages. Left from the bottom of the ~~top~~ pitch a passage leads downhill fairly steeply. Immediately on the right, a fairly deep hole was seen but not descended - lots of loose rocks and no major draught - but we followed the passage down, via several squeezes and two chambers - The Full Monty and The Dull Monty - to

a sand blockage, at which the passage became too tight, with only a very slight draught.

28/7/2013 Badger & entourage.

In the morning went to Ramales to the Via ferrata. 7 went up, 4 came down 3 learnt a 2 mile walk as did not know Saluda (Exit) into thick overgrown bush was the way down. Then took an hours tourist trip into Agua, and having looked at the Survey afterwards realised we were wt to far from the seump. On the way wt admired the wildlife in the stream.

29/7/2013 Lloyd C. Mike P. Picón & Frank's hole
took Dan H. & Chris to an oven to bolt
(log to follow)

Explored beyond though the low crawl.

Went up a precarious climb & squeeze down to a small chamber just below. All appear to end.

locked up a climb just before Ken's box,

Ken ends.

Re-discovered a shaggy drifting
Frank's hole.

Lloyd

29/7/2013 - ORSON JARVIS / MARGO - 071

Had a look to the left of the entire pitch for possible conch to dig, just under this or maybe a few more to the left before there is a small flat out area behind which leads into a white bell, no rays on it.
Looked at other possibilities but no rays, maybe in floor scrolls.

PEAKS - FRENCH AVENUE

DAN + CHRIS

Climbed up 20 to 25 MHS. HAD a look at boulder choke up slope no draft or way on. ANOTHER 20 MHS above to climb plan to go back.

29/7/13 Chris Scarfe, Dan Jackson, Alex Ritchie
Cueva del Molino

We had an excellent trip to the sump, exploring up all 3 calcite slopes off to the right. We saw the Stone Age wall at the end of the cave, plus lots of crayfish, a few spiders and centipedes.

29/7/13 CAEMAS/ALI CARCADES - ALONG DOCK PASSAGE RESERVEN, CHECKED OUT SOME SIDE PASSAGES + HIGH LEVEL CLIMBS - NO THIPS NAO

29/7/13 Simon Cornhill, Arthur Vause, Di Arthurs, Neil Roney, Iain Holland, Derek Freeman & Amy Freeman.

Tourist trip in Vallina to Swirl Chamber to see the big passages. Great trip and magnificent draft.

29/07/13 Adam Shaples, Bill Smith, Jez Wong. - Mostajo

After finishing bolting the entrance, the others joined me for a trip to the new sections we found last year. An easy trip to the start of the new stuff left us deciding to check some of the leads close to the breakthrough point. An obvious passage to the left leads to a rifty climb that could use a rope for proper exploration. Slightly further on the left, an obvious right starts as a crawl, but quickly gets higher, staying narrow. Possible climbing up may lead to more, but straight on gets larger and wider. After short wide right, a large pit, $\sim 7\text{m}$ diameter and $\sim 10\text{m}$ down is the ground that needs rigging. Climbs to the right lead into more passage, and there seems to be more at the bottom of the pit. This was all surveyed but more needs exploring. - Adam

29.07.13 Steph Libby, Fran MacDonald, Roxanne Ramsay, Ben W

We went in Volvo C098, and had a look at the tight passage on the right before sump 1 however it narrowed after the first pool and Fran and Ben went to have a look at the other end of the cave.

Roxy and Steph then continued on. It got very narrow and tight at the end of the crawl about $\sim 20\text{cm}$ before opening up into $\sim 30\text{m}$ of very maddy passage. It reached a small chamber at the end where it closed down into an ~~im~~ impassable section that could possibly be dug, and it had a noticeable draft.

At the far end of the ~~cave~~ cave Ben and I followed the Squeazy section that is indicated on the survey. We were

just having a reccy as we did not have a survey with station marked on or another survey kit.

It appears that the tight passages will continue. Not sure for how long and it may require some stone digging. Will hopefully return and push properly and get very muddy again ready for a good hosing down!

30th July Phil, Ivan + Jez. Caps + snappers in site 3802 - the bottom entrance to Mostajo.

Further progress made. It is now possible to slide down into a tiny enlargement to the right. The way appears to be straight down, but shoring and lots of rock removal will be required.

30/7/13 Retiader, Zlegd C, Baldy McS, Darren J, David R, Sarah R, Archie R, Isabel R, Carol S, Alba N.

Bumble up to Blood Alley to show new people Matienzo pretties.

30/7/13 Mostajo Llegd C, Baldy McS, Alba N, David R.

Went up to 'the squeeze', was deemed too small for normal sized people. Requires some explosive action.

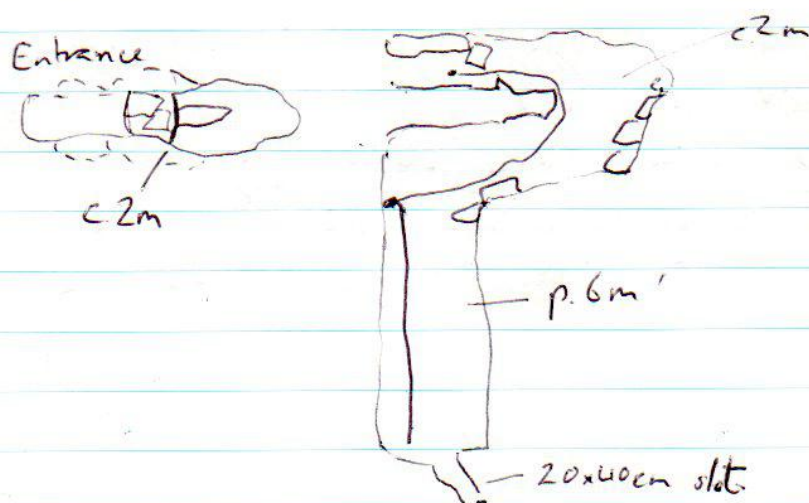
looked at passage to the left of entrance towards 3802 (above) can't see anything obvious.

30th July, 2013

1970 - EW (Edd Willetts) + Riched Sore

EW descended shaft and it didn't go.

Shaft ended in a 20x40cm downward slot
(not pushed due to loose surrounding rock) with animal
bones. Rock thrown down but didn't progress further.
~~There is more floor~~ - just rolled out of sight.



Jen Sloan + Louise O'Hara

Wandered around the area near 1970. Tried to
check 3821 for draught, but inaccessible in
summer due to > head height brambles +
bracken.

30/7/2017

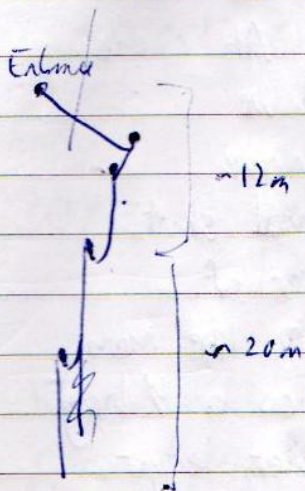
3890 "Silent scream"

TWB/BS

Side pitch dropped 10m to choked rift.
Drowned.

Survey data from dusk x copied to 3890's folder
drawing to follow
saved as "SS2" 1.4 on SS2 = 1.9 on other data ✓

Description for Schemb Screen



Akward sidetracks squeeze down onto head of pit - ball on surface for traverse line. Bedding plane just below pithead full of fill with rifts connecting back to main shaft. Main drop of 4m + 17m (split will reSeal to avoid rub).

Floor can be followed down to holes between boulders - one can be followed down to another. Son pitch to blind pit. Rift off base of main pit can be followed to 2 pitches down on the (R)

- only 1st one dropped as they connect. Drop 10m to floor - rifts continue to small, but taking draught.

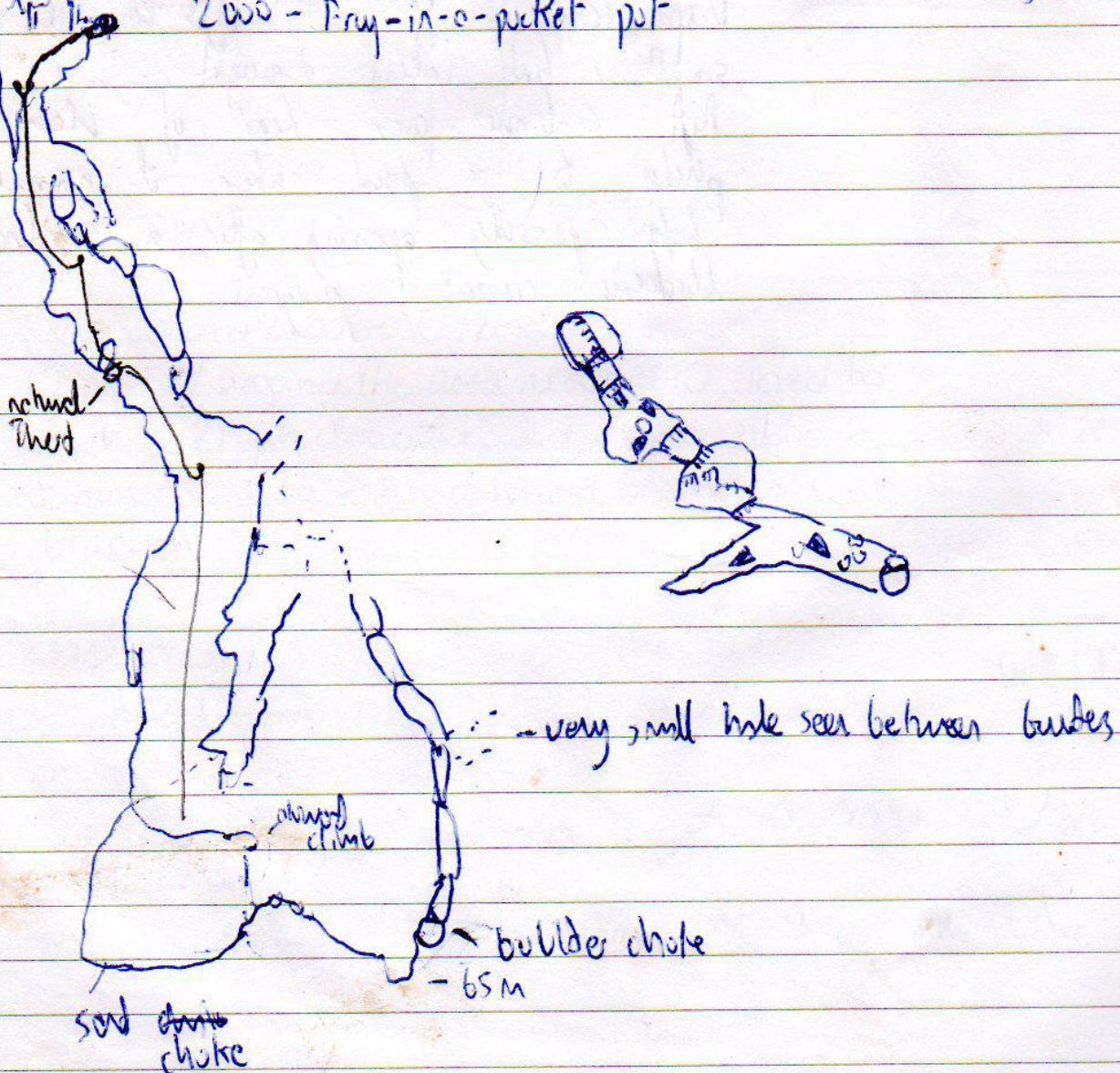
Rift continues over head of these pitches to a point where it narrows before possibly opening after a constriction blocking current progress.

2000 - Alex R, Don J & Chris S

A hot carry saw us to the entrance of this rather uninspiring hole. Don set about rigging the drop. At first we rigged things properly but soon we realised we would run out of bolts so improvisation was the name of the game. After a short drop down the hole, a small short drop 10-15m onto a sloping muddy ledge. A series of further short and very loose drops bring you into the main hang that we would have liked to have rigged as a Y-hang.

The cave then drops 25-30m past a series of smaller ledges landing in a rift, shortly a 4m climb drops into a large rift with a high over, where both ends choke after 10m each way. I (Mer) found a live frog at the bottom that was duly rescued.

2000 - Frog-in-a-pocket put



30/7/13. CARMA + ALI CARCAVEUSO - RESURGEON CONTAINED INCLUDED SOME MARKED BUT PREVIOUSLY UNSEENED SIDE PASSAGES STOPPED WHEN IT GOT TOO SQUALLY WIMPS! BAH. (HOPESUM PREVIOUS SURGEON EXP POINT)

30/7/13 Adam Sharples, Roxy Ramsay, Steph Libby, Bill Smith
Fran Macdonald - Mostajo.

Went in to look at the large passage found ^{last} year, a few more leads were found and a pitch was dropped next to the last chamber - from last year - and survey data taken through new passage to another pitch into a large chamber. Other leads were followed to more down pitches that would require rope. More passage below a lot of this new passage can be seen.

From: o1col <o1col@yahoo.co.uk>
To: Juan Corrin <juancorrin@matienzo.org.uk>
Subject: Wild Mare 30-7
Date: Tue, 30 Jul 2013 17:42

Hi Juan,

767

JPL and CPH moved dive gear into Wild Mare and up to far dive base. The ladder through the boulder choke into AGM bypass was rigged in preparation for a push tomorrow.

Colin and Jim.
DUE: Under Derbyshire no-one can see you fin.

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31/7/13 Tim Webber
Dengged En caremado - rope + ladders to wash

31/7/13 RISCO - 0025 - Dyeline passage + Fault Passage
DARREN JARVIS, PETE SMITH, PHIL in ~~And~~ Gerris
Pinto

Went in to re-survey, high level area of cross section is strong

To the left a scramble up a slope leads to walking loose stone,
~~not~~ Possible my own lower requires rope to get up even to left
& right VERY loose ATM resurged about 30m of stony passage.
The right way leads to 100+ metres of very sketchy tunnels. Air
inlet was obstructed by Phil was supping ground and passage may be
dry. At the 'end' of the passage, (100) met a boulder and
ground continuing, around 40m to be resurged!!! - leads to walking passy
and just boulder choke, area was resurged on the way out.

N.B. The crew is VERY loose, possible exploration is stony below
tunnels but I would not record it.

FIG 1. Possible my under boulder choke to left.



31/7/03 CARMAS/ALI CARCAVASSO RESERVEN STRATUMATA
NORTH ENTRANCE + NEW SIDE PASSAGE. V. DRAUGHT + COLD

31/7/13 PICON DAN + CHRIS

Returned to French AVEN TO CLIMB REMAINING
15m. off aven nothing found no draught.
de-rigged. on the way ~~round~~ down the hillside
stopped at draughting hole. franks came. 2167.
V. strong draught. went down to bottom off ch rift.
will return to follow draught

31/7/2013 3066 Neil Runney, Simon Cornhill, Arthur Vause, Diane Arthurs, Fain Holland, Steve Martin & Neil McCallum

Visited the depression of site 3066. Excavated an area above the main dig. There was a slight draft in the dig (v. hot day). Not sure if the draft is from the cracks above — couldn't tell if it was drafting in or out. We'd prefer it do draft in. Dug for about two hours — solid roof above should be followed down.

31/7/2013 Molina ~ Same team as above.

Checked out the crayfish — took photographs.

31/7/13 98 Ben Wilman, Kieran

Followed the survey to the right hand side to where you need a hammer. We dug through the hole and you crawl up and round to the left and it opens up. you then follow a crawl round to the left and then to the right. we then spent 30 minutes digging to fit through a very tight squeeze. there's about 10m of crawling and crouching and then it's too tight to crawl through. Probably needs a cap.

From: o1col <o1col@yahoo.co.uk>

To: Juan Corrin <juancorin@matienzo.org.uk>

Subject: Wild mare day 2

Date: Wed, 31 Jul 2013 21:32

Attachments: ElephantSump.svx (1K)

Hi Juan,

JPL and CPH into Buttermere via Wild Mare. JPL continued upstream as far as Lake Bassenthwaite surveying Elephant sump. CPH searched underwater in the damn bypass (east wall only), along Buttermere and around the downstream end of Eely Mud Eye chamber finding only alcoves. There are only two leads left (we think); one on the west wall of the damn bypass and on the east side at the start of Elephant sump.

Colin and Jim.

DUE: Under Derbyshire no-one can see you fin.

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Darren "which numbers on the scale do I read?"

Pedro "the big numbers"

Darren "190° Mag"

Phil "Are you certain?" let me look, it's 10° Mag."

Darren "but 190° is bigger!"

31/7/13 Dig below Lenny's SITE! 3841

Chris, H, DAN, BADGER
STEVE, PAUL. (2385)

ON THE WAY TO DIG STOPPED 30M BEFORE SIGN FOR SECADURA TO LOOK AT POSSIBLE ENTRANCE UP STEPS ON RHS OF ROAD (LOOKING @ SIGN) GPS NOT WORKING, SMALL HUT POSSIBLY COLD STORE AT ENTRANCE CRAWLED FOR APPROX 15M GETS TOO NARROW BUT CAN SEE ABOUT SAME AGAIN AND LOOKS TO OPEN UP GOOD DRAUGHT OUT RED'S DEAG TRAY. MAY RETURN, WENT UP TO DIG WITH CAPPING GEAR CONTINUED DOWN ANOTHER 3M STILL THROUGH LARGE BOULDERS, STILL DEAGHTING, NEEDS RTN VISIT.

1/8/13. Volvo 0098.

Jez, Rory Ben.

Followed the cave to the new section discovered by Ben the day before.

Approx 1 hr into the cave we came upon the new unsurveyed section discovered by Ben. after crawling through a squeeze with a muddy puddle at the Eastern extent of Volvo.

The cave progressed on hands and knees crawling for the most part with sandy/muddy floor which continued for 30-40 m or so before opening out into a small chamber just before a tight rifty squeeze, which required taking off helmets.

The squeeze sloped gently down before opening up slightly but the way on is blocked by a boulder approx 1 m^3 with the way on to the right of the boulder which requires removing. A good draft could be felt at the end and definitely continues. The boulder ~~and riffs~~ requires removing and rifty squeeze requires widening for larger sized cavers. From new section surveyed seems to be 40m away from western series of Carcuera.

1/8/2013

0025 - RUSCO

DIELING PASSAGE

DAQREN DAQEN

FRANCHESCA MUDANNO

ALBA CORTICATO

Went back to survey the entrance discovered yesterday, surveyed around 95 m of passage, all easily hauled just into the left was climbed to blunty after 5 m, daylight & chamber can be seen however needs blasting. The entrance ends in an area with a slight daylight and two tight passages. All leading up, possible back is getting, full length of Dielin = 213 m (approx)

* Jungin followed by a bubble upstream
N.B. Traverse is still very loose.

1/8/13 Carcavalso

Chris Scaife, Dan Jackson, Alex Ritchie, Ali Akeil, Cameron Smith

We went through the entrance together and separated just after entering the main passage. ~~Start~~ (Afternoon Stoll).


Chris, Dan & Alex headed up an inlet past 3rd Fanny (2nd inlet on left) into a boulder choke and, after much fiddling about, some unstable slopes, slippery climbs and narrow squeezes, connected with a separate boulder choke, leading back to the 1st inlet on the left of the main passage.

Next, we headed in the direction of the rather unpleasantly named Tart's Twat. Along the way, we slipped through a squeeze on the left and explored and surveyed a short section, which we have named, in keeping with this cave's rather gauche names, Double Dildo Diggerdoo Passage.

We then made it all the way to the gloopy Tart's Twat but were unable to penetrate it sufficiently. Rhaps it has filled in with mud since it was first entered, as it was extremely tight, but possible provided one does not need to return that way due to the incline.

Near the entrance a route was reformed by Alex straight up through a vertical squeeze between boulders to enter a 60 x 20 x 15 m chamber.

Aden Sharples - 1/08/13 Mostajo.
Solo trip to finish bolting first traverse. Completed with one natural thread still required where flowstone obscured any good rock. Entrance moved over so now rigged on resin p-bolts.

0075 Pico 

Bill Smith, Steen 2, Baldy, New David, Lloyd
1/8/13 - 13:00 to 19:56

We went into Megabat, through the tube, down the slope to the drop zone. From there we went to Safe Haven. The only other exit from this chamber is a small squeeze under one wall which we dug then posted Steen through. It went so we followed. A triangular squeeze led into a boulder choke. We spent some time wandering through this before emerging into a ~10m by 10m chamber. There was a large passage coming off to a big ~~big~~ chamber. We followed a lead to a pit, then Bill's breasts began to milk and it got very messy. After this we dropped the pit and surveyed the shake before heading out. Batch 13-12

1/8/13 The Bridge Si, Neil, Slim, Arthur, Iain, Dily draught coming out. Si made the 90° bend easier to pass. Iain started as liquid paper but didn't manage to get round the aforementioned corner. Neil Runney on distox but also retreated at the corner point!

Si, Slim and myself continued. At bone junction we followed the draught, taking the left passage. The bone had been ravaged to one third

of it's original size. The phreatic tube passage meanders with soft, sandy undulating floor which was scattered with poo (mostly not fresh). We surveyed 50 metres of passage before came across larger chambers. The excitement hit but we were reluctant explorers - passing the crowbar to each other - swapping the lead - bone remains and poo all around who knows what the monster is that lives there ???

1 August - Pete S. - documenting the resurgence(s) for Risco -
Fuente la Lisa, Cueva del Transformador, Cueva de Gonzalo (14)

01 Aug 13 Chris Camm, Phil Parker Visit Washing machine 3420 to check out the crawl and see what if any digging will be required to get back in. Phil P had quick look, The underground dam we had built has been destroyed by a flood. With bags and rocks spread along the crawl to the lowest point. There does not seem to be as much digging to be done to get back to the low point. It was not possible to get through though to see what effect, if any our removal of rocks at the end of the flat out section will have had. We are hoping that the removal of these chockstones will have allowed the floods to take out a lot of this passage.

Next plan was to visit 3106 last seen in 2008.

The area is really overgrown and required a lot of work to get anywhere near. We ended up working into the bottom of a depression where a draughting hole (new site 3896) was found and examined. This is blocked by sandstone boulders. From map we were at 445551 4800983. At this point we had another depression about 10-15m away to our West. Our GPs reading for 3106 was showing that was just to our North. One very large sandstone boulder capped, now needs clearing on next visit, along with a return to 3106!

Hi Juan,

767/2889

1/8/13

We had a play with the Elephant sump survey data last night after the meal and added it to the upper whitworth data. As you say something is very wrong.

After going over how the readings were taken we think there may be a fault with the compass (we cannot check as it is still in the cave) and the data is therefore best ignored. We will resurvey the sump using a different compass.

Colin.

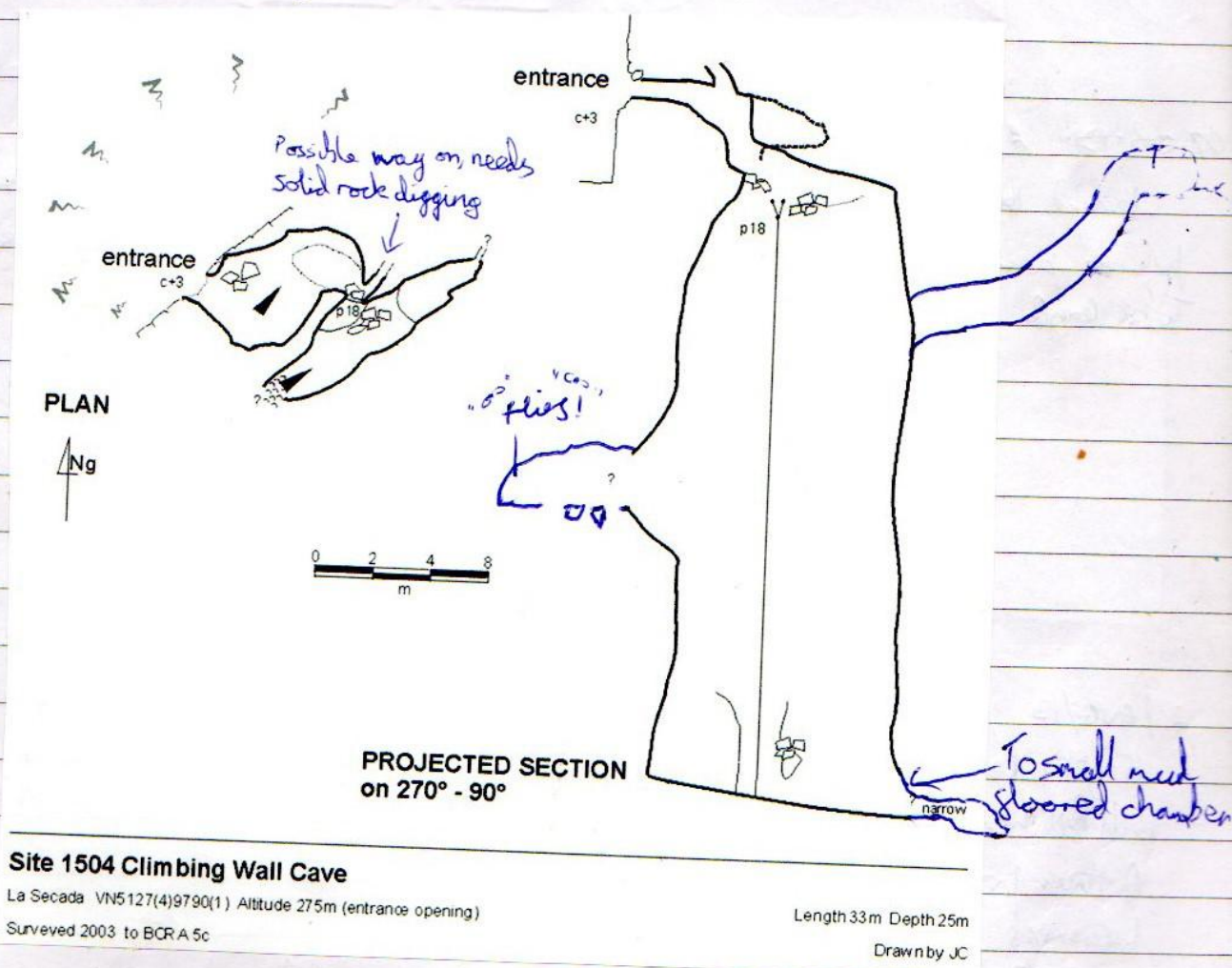
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1/8/13 CARCAVEDOS - Caernarfon + Ari.
Resurvey continued Loop from
Red crown chamber, Loop chasing the dragon +
Some of Argoemont passage, stopped just before
Keep right for smac.

Climbing Wall - Adam Sharples, Bill Smith, Fran Macdon
Carol Smith, 2/8/13
1504

Went in to check possible leads from previous visit.
Small crawl at bottom was opened and followed
to small mud floored chamber with no way on.
Leads higher up the pitch were checked with no
easy way on found. Opening opposite pitch head
could go with effort but not easy to see where.
Not much dirt at bottom. - Adam.



116 - 02/08/2013 - Alex Ritchie, Daniel Jackson & Chris Scaife

We took our hire car as far as we could which was not very far and walked/scrambled 2 hrs with heavy packs containing a drill, metal work, our SRT kits and 144m of rope.

Chris, was feeling ill from food poisoning so it was a wonder that he made it with us to the hole. Because of this and cold temperatures we were not prepared for, we only rigged the first Y-hang before slinging our gear and heading back.

2nd August Chris Camm Phil Parker Explored site 3853 - approx 40m deep. Holes at base still to investigate.

See → →

02.08.13 A Neil Caracouzo

looked beyond club down towards river in entrance area - into choke, furthest point surveyed is about 40m from choke at end of Afternoon Shovel. Total length in cave surveyed & new passage 2688m, this summer.

Hi Juan,

~~267~~ 767

JPL and CPH into Wild Mare after JPL came over all David Bailey to take happy snaps at the end of Sump of the Wild Eels and the breakthrough window.

Colin.

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2/AUG/13

Nigel, Pete O'Neil,
Bill Booth, Jane

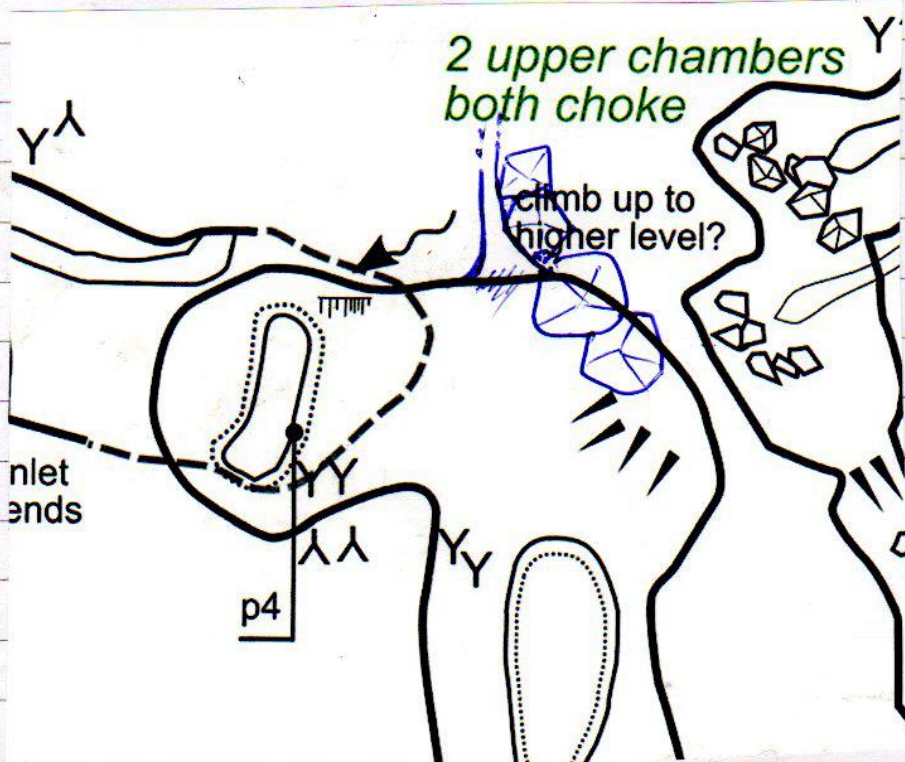
Arthur Warrick

LENNY'S CAVE

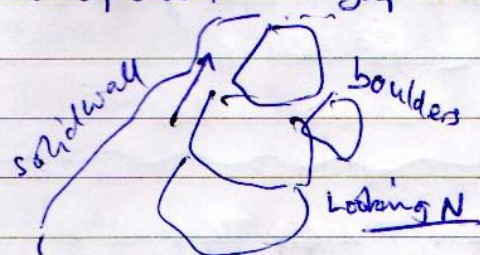
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Tourist trip to
introduce Bill, Jane
and Arthur to cave.

Examined a
number of passages



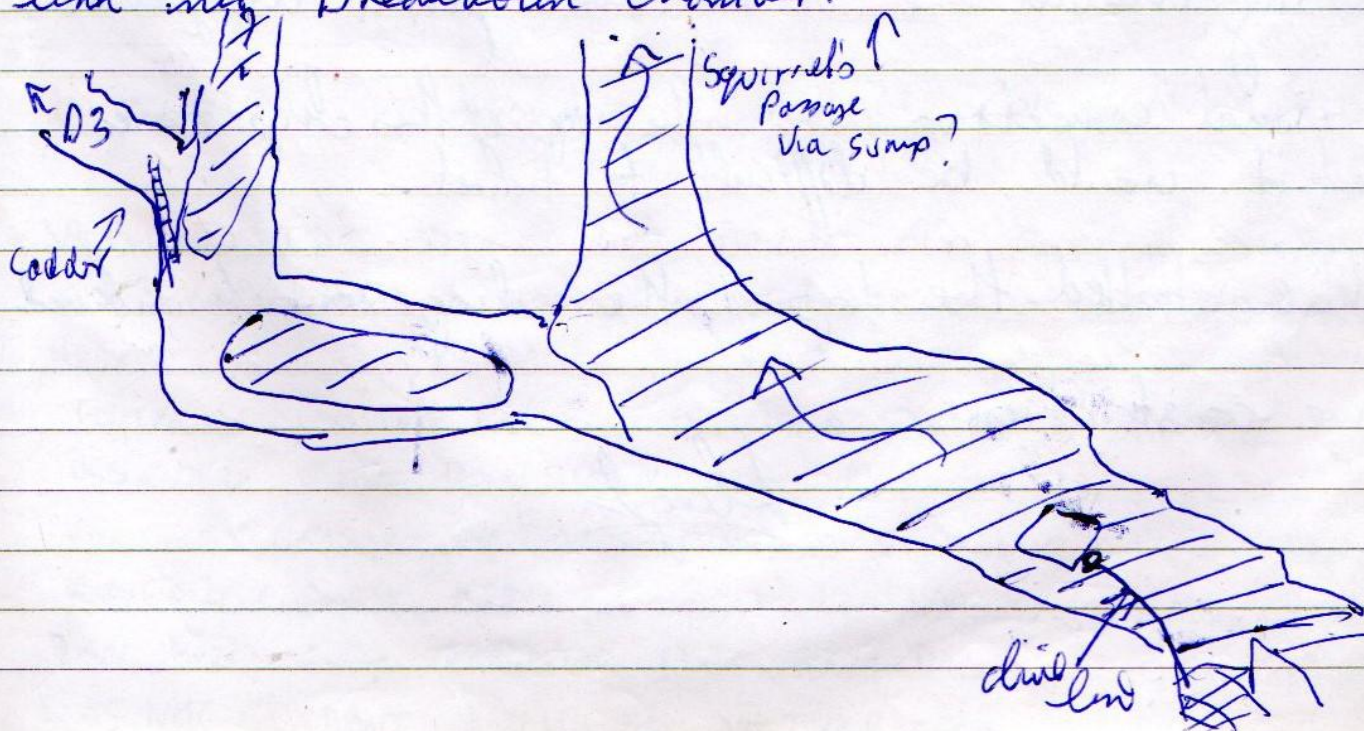
on way through using Pete as a sort of endoscope. One area not on survey (see attachment) at end of main passage (~~between~~ northern end before pitch) climb up that way leads to gap between rock wall (left side) and boulders



on right. Might deserve a bit of snappering.

2/8/2013 Reñada 48, Pedro & Phil P.
Late start (1:30) with aim to link the D3 series found by Dingle III last year to station in Breakdown Chamber and to drop pit into water & survey.

Pitch was found to be only about 35m, but ladder & rope was useful to avoid out-of-depth water. Up stream was a static pool in the dry conditions of today. Then passage met an active flooded area & a ramp with a ~~static~~ diel line. This seems to be the second ramp climbed by Rupert upstream of Squirrel's Passage, down stream was out-of-depth & we did not want a swim. Dike legs take along these passages. Surveyed this area then surveyed the link into Breakdown Chamber.



2/8/2013

RISC 0625

Agner J. R. W.

Amik solo trip to deny entrance. Took only a couple of min. No issues.

2/8/2013

Picón - 0075, Lloyd C, Jez W, Alba C,
Bulky M.S.

Team Keen descended first into the cave to survey new big stuff beyond the dropzone below Megahat.

2180m surveyed, looks to connect to some higher parts of the cave if you venture up the "steep-slope of doom".

Looking around the boulder choke further we found a visual connection to the top of the drop-zone but it would be difficult to travel.

Mike hotted the top of the drop-zone & widened some constrictions.

Lloyd

02/08/2013

Picon

15478
64
198
15740
69
15809

After placing some spits at the top of the drop-zone I went through to meet the others in the new passage. David pointed out a hole between some boulders, I explored it down to an area blocked by boulders but with a view to continuations further down the slope. Roxy, Darren and I surveyed the slope and Darren looked over a possible pitch.

Mike Topsom

2/8/13 FRANKS CAVE + PICON CHRIS + BEN.

WENT TO FRANKS CAVE WITH CAPPING GEAR TO ENLARGE A RIFT AT THE BOTTOM OF THE RIGHT HAND RIFT MANAGED TO ENLARGE FOR ABOUT 1.5m. COULD HAVE DONE WITH SNAPPERS. CAN SEE DOWN APROX 7-8m. OPENING UP GOOD STRONG DRAUGHT. THIS WILL RETURN TOMORROW WITH SNAPPERS. WENT UP TO PICON TO TEACH BEN A BIT OF ORT AND HAVE A LOOK ROUND.

CHRIS HIBBERTS

1/8/13

CANDY'S DIG NEB ~~SECTION~~

1379

Simanc, ININ, NEIL RUMBLE

VE FOUND THE SITE UNDER PABLO'S OLD GETTING SIGN WITH A LARGE BOUNDER HOLDING IT DOWN - IT TOOK 5 PEOPLE & A PULLEY TO REMOVE THIS.

INITIALLY THE DIG LOOKED GOOD WITH A SOLID ROOF, BUT AS IT DESCENDED ~~THE~~ DOWN AN UNSTABLE DIRT OUT SHAFT FOR APPROX 6m TO A NECKY ~~SP-DIRT WADDER~~ SLIDE UNDER A ROCK INTO A REFRIGERANT CHAMBER APPROX 3m HIGH BY 4m WIDE BY 6m LONG A WINDY DIRT HERE ENDS ABRUPTLY. THE STRONG DRAUGHT AT THE ENTRANCE WAS NOT EVIDENT ANYWHERE AT THE BOTTOM.

2-8-13 2917- THE FRIDGE -
DI, SI, IAIN, NEIL (SLIM), NEIL (RUMNEY)

DI, SLIM & NEIL RUMNEY STARTED SURVEYING FROM THE POINT
FIVE DAYS BEFORE, ~~THAT~~ IAIN TAKING PHOTOS & FGD RITING.
MEAN WHILE SIMON DISPATCHED THE CORNER IN THE
ENTRANCE THAT WAS CAUSING CONCERN.

REGROWING LATER SIMON AND IAIN TRIED TO FIND A
WDY THROUGH THE WESTERN END OF THE DISCOVERY WITH NO LUCK.
AROUND 315m SURVEYED SO FAR IN THIS COMPLEX MAZE SYSTEM.
NOTE IT SEEMS TO BE DRAINED 80m ABOVE THE LEVEL OF
VACA AND IS PROBABLY UNRELATED ☹️ — but there's a
really pretty chamber at the end → LOST Chamber

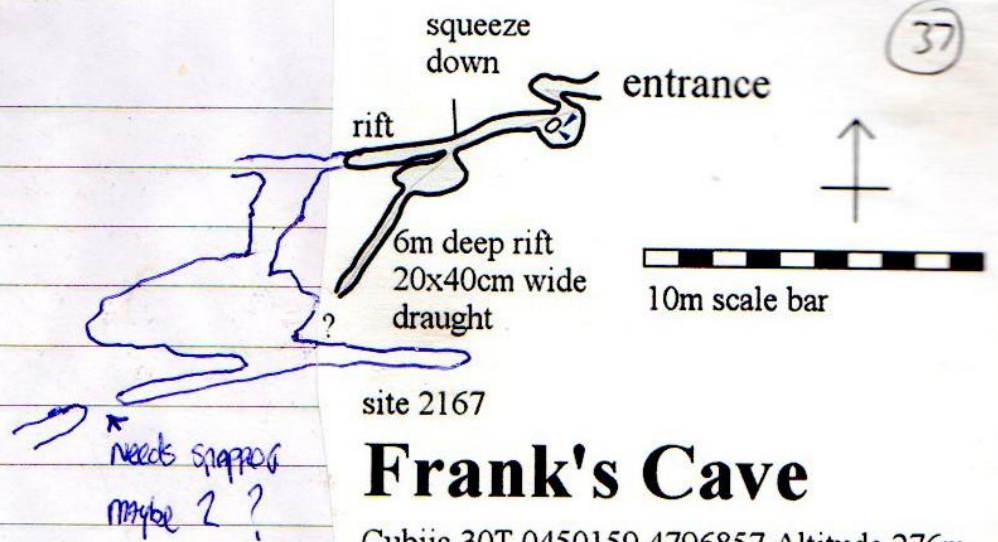
02 Aug 13 Chris Camm Phil Parker

Visit site 3853. Ladder descent for 9m off trees to floor of jammed blocks. Hole in NE corner of floor descended
down large shaft on rope past jammed blocks and several rebelay to a sloping floor of debris and blocks.

This point is about 40m below surface. There are still a couple of smaller holes down through the blocks to examine.

3/8/13 2167 FRANKS CAVE. DAN + CHRIS

The 2nd chamber in Franks Cave had a small rift
hading vertically down. We spent 4 snappers and
some Hilti caps enlarging the rift. Chris had
to go back to the car for some rope, bolts and
hangers. Descended into a chamber with
several ways on. The main draft appeared
to be coming from the continuation of the
rift below. This would now be easily dug
and is much bigger. The draft is still very
strong. Do not climb without a ladder.



site 2167

Frank's Cave

Cubija 30T 0450159 4796857 Altitude 276m

Length 17m Depth 12m

Surveyed: Bjarne Buchardt, Torben Redder

Drawn in Tunnel: Juan Corrin

BCRA 5c May 2006

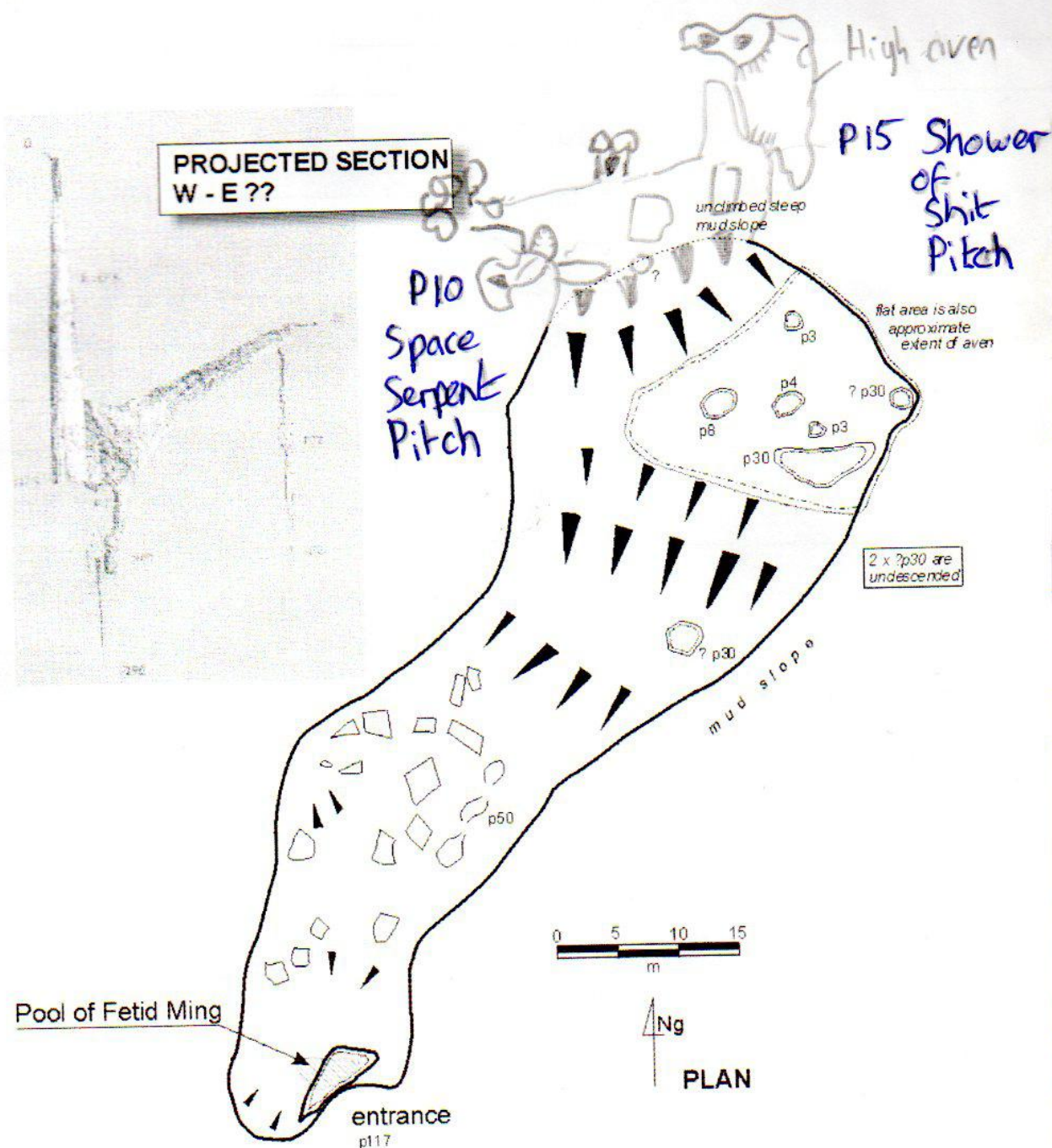
3.8.13 Carcavoso - Romy Steph & Al:

to Light Frigit, re-merged route towards Western Series to chamber at start of rifts. Approx. 20m unentered crawl on right needs surveying. Then to old river passage - trying to find rift climbs to Western Series, area v. complex so need more info.

3/8/13 Torca de Yusa 113 Chris Scaife, Dan Jackson, Alex Ritchie

We descended the awesome 117m entrance shaft via several re-belays. We saw an alpine chough nest about 50m down and found a snake at the foot of the pitch, still alive. We then climbed up the steep mud slope, which was fairly straightforward, keeping to the left hand side. At the top of the slope, we found and explored two previously undescended pitches. On the left wall, NW end of the slope, we dropped about 10m down Space Serpent Pitch; and on the right wall, NE end of the slope, we descended a very loose and muddy 15m pitch, Shower of Shit Pitch.

Space Serpent Pitch landed just above a slippery climb into a small, well decorated chamber. The Shower of Shit landed at the floor of a large aven. There was no continuation from the floor of either pitch. We headed out and de-rigged, saving the snake's life in the process.



Site 116: Torca de Yusa

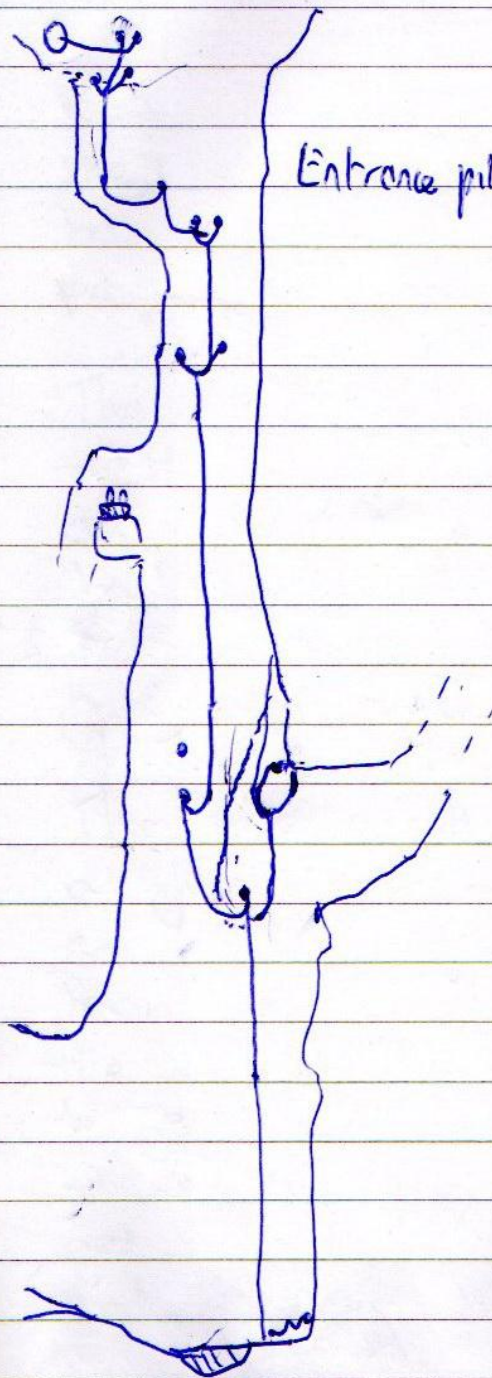
Muela VN5461(7)9638(4) Altitude 750m

Plansurveyed 2003 to BCRA 5c; projected section(SimaM-11)from SEAD website

Surveyed / estimated length 352m Depth 190m

Drawn by TWe and JC

116 pitch rigging



Entrance pitch - Note 1 though bolt is missing the nut.

3.8.13 Di. Arthurs, Si Cornhill, & Neil Rumney (Lenny's Cave)

Tourist trip into the cave - looked at chokes on either end of the cave. Then went to help Big Steve look for the continuation in a dig above the system.

3/8/13

Hi Juan,

Logbook report time.

JPL and CPH into T la V via Wild Mare. CPH finishing inspecting side passages in the damn bypass; all closed down. JPL connected Upper Whitwoth with Elephant sump bypassing the muddy chamber. New line was surveyed and start of Elephant sump line looked at for bearings. All gear removed from cave as it looks like the much sort branch off to the west is elsewhere. We have finish with this site. Survey data to follow.

Colin and Jim.

DUE: Under Derbyshire no-one can see you fin.

TRIP REPORT		Date	3/8/13	Cave/No	3841
GPS	CORRECT.	WHO Big Steve, Nigel, Simon D,			
		New + Susie			
Description					
CONTINUING SURFACE DIG, STEVE + NIGEL					
DIGGING + CAPPING FLOOR REMOVE 4 LARGE					
BOULDERS, LATER JOINED BY NIEL, SIMON + DI					
AFTER TRIP TO LENNY'S. BOUNDER FLOOR REMOVED					
STRONGLY DRAFTING OUT. HOLES APPEARING IN					
FLOOR, WE WILL BE BACK					
NIGEL CONFIRMED GPS.					
Entrance Photo					
		Yes/ No	NIGEL - SIMON - SUSIE		

Mostajo - Jez W, Phil P, Bill S
 Fran M, Adam S

3/8/13.

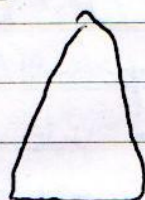
Next down Mostajo to widen the squeeze to the new extensions found last year with bang - to allow cavers of more generous proportions to be able to get through.

The two sandy crawls were dug to make getting through easier. Once at the squeeze at the end of the upper level below the boulder choke Phil snapped the squeeze to remove an awkward flake and widen the gap.

The result is the squeeze is now approx a foot wide and a foot and a half tall so now it is not just the midgets and beanpoles that can get through, although the squeeze will still require some thrutching to get through. Rescue through the squeeze is now possible and we should be able to get more cavers down to help push the leads and survey beyond.

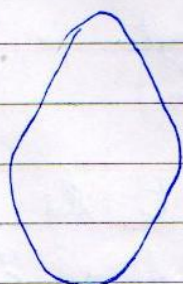


Squeeze before



Squeeze after

Jez.



Squeeze after good clear out - Adam

4/8/13 2889 Torca la Vaca

Chris Sciffe, Alex Ritchie, Dan Jackson

We had a quick trip into this cave today to take some photographs. We left ladders in place for the team going there tomorrow and spent most of our time taking photos in the upper series and the area around Gaur Chamber.

This cave is currently rigged for SRT, though we did not use it.

4/8/13 ACC walk round Bosmartin track then down Cubijo. On way, looked at various dgs. Looked at layby - probably 3722/3723 but found small tube draughting slightly at least 2m long (20cm diam) not been dug (cf. 3723 description). Took photo and GPS: 30T 0450300 479 6848. Worth a poke some time. (NJD)

4/8/2013 - PICON (0075)

BICC + Dares
(MUSC)

We went in with two objectives A) to photograph the route to the new chamber B) Push below the main chalk boulder slope. Taking a slow way is with lots of photos we arrived at the lower end of the new chamber, we then pushed a small right on the right to a steep slope, to the left leading to a dead end choke which may be pushed, the right led to a TM pitch, after retreating to retrieval rope + SRT from safe level, we descended and found a large new chamber with a small way onto a smaller new chamber with excellent examples, another drop led to a final chamber with no way on. (However this is currently the deepest part of the cave) More photos and a slow exit after a 9 hour trip. (Returning to sunny and push other leads soon)

N.B. Lloyd, Ali, Mike + Fran were also trying to dig through the roof of the main chamber to the base of the extensive chimney location, found using Molepoc and ongoing.

4/8/13 Tran into Tiers 2 to check out the population of European crayfish - seemed OK. Photo + video taken. No sign of Signal Crayfish. Then into Cueva Molina to see the Signal Crayfish. Plenty seen; photo'd + video'd. No sign of the European natives.

4/8/13 Mostajo 071 Adam S.

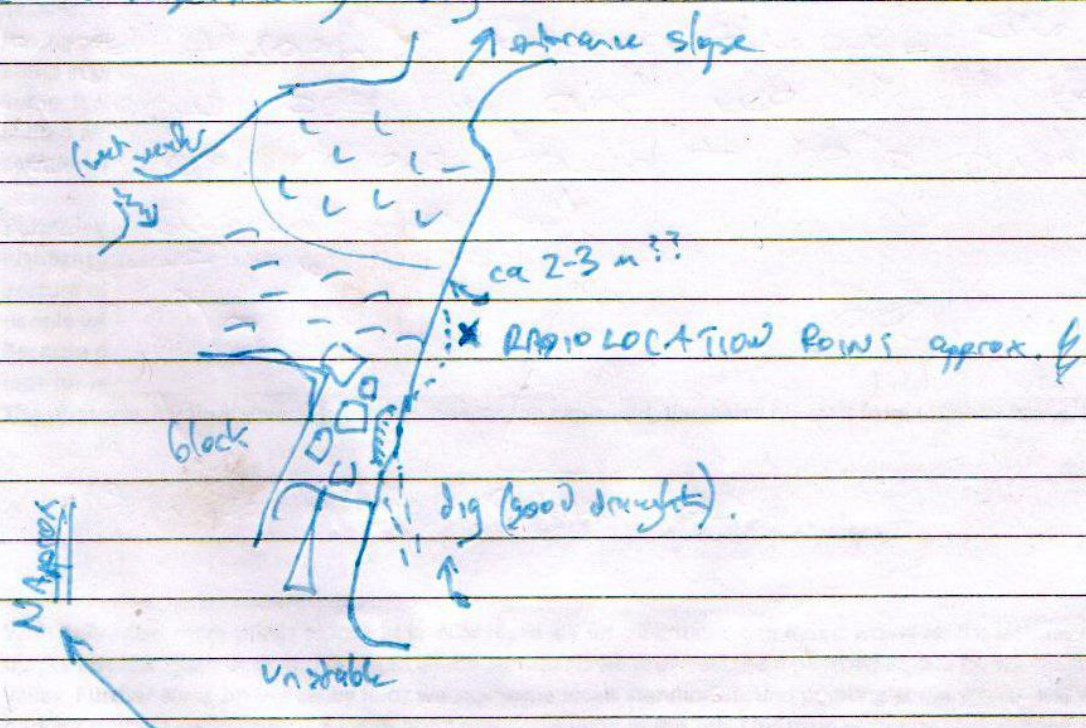
Cleared up the blasted breakthrough, continued to the main trunk passage and surveyed north. Although initially looking un-inspiring, a smaller passage to the left lead to a large pit, probably ~20m deep with passage clearly continuing on the opposite side. Needs rope.

4.8.13 Picon - Mike + Ali

Reoriented Megabat to top of pitches.

Re-located ~~the~~ roughly location of team at end of extension in Megabat, able to clearly hear digging & joint voice connection.

Dug out lots round top of drenching dig (previously surveyed, & dug by Pedro & Nigel (Pibber) - dry but takes stream in wet weather.



03 Aug 13 Chris Camm Phil Parker

Visit 3856 "holes" There are 3 separate rifts here, the Western one SigPac ED50 448211 4796168 is approx 4m deep 1m long at the western end of a shallow limestone outcrop. (this is where we took the GPS reading at Easter) continues but much too thin for further progress. Middle one by a small ash and oak tree SigPac ED50 448224 4796166 estimated 6m deep. Very narrow rift would need capping. No draught 2m long, stones fall/roll further. 3 to 4m to the East is another rift 3.5m deep. 1m long onto a choked floor. All the above rifts are aligned very roughly North.

Just down the hill from here is 3897 (NEW) a fenced off rift with small beech trees at the top. SigPac ED50 448238 4796197 GPS 30T 448234 4796206. Rift runs roughly East West with openings at both ends. Eastern end descends down earth slope to calcite blockage which was opened up to be able to see into 3m deep pit. (Eastern end roughly 5m long and 5m deep). Needs hammer and chisel work to check out further.

At the other end a wriggle past a block leads to an enlargement and a very sharp climb down. Bolt placed here. Small hole in floor to slope below needs opening up but not promising. Western end roughly 7m long and 7m deep.

Moving on eastwards towards 3855 we noted 3898 (NEW) a hole covered with branches under a beech tree. Entrance slopes down under tree. Unexplored. SigPac ED50 448268 4796210. *EW 79 = 30T 0448259 4796208*

Site 3855 was then explored. SigPac ED50 448289 4796191 There are 2 holes here dropping into the same chamber. Initially a bolt was placed for a ladder descent down the obvious entrance. Going down the ladder allowed a better view of the lower part of the pitch which is freehanging under an enormous block. The ladder was rehung off a tree to give an easier exit. The pitch is about 8m from the lip of the open hole, so ladder needs to be belayed well down the entrance slope. The landing is in a large rift chamber with the skeleton of a cow and a horse. What appeared to be 2 rusting tin cans were the remains of the horses shod hooves. At the Northern end of the rift part way back up the ladder and then down again is the deepest point and a possible way on. Back in the main rift-cum-chamber, above the horse remains, daylight enters through the second small hole in the surface depression. Estimated 13m deep, 20m length.

From: o1col <o1col@yahoo.co.uk>

To: Juan Corrin <juancorrin@matienzo.org.uk>

Subject: Logbook 4th August

Date: Sun, 4 Aug 2013 18:31

Site 575

Hi Juan,

We found the site first go, thanks for the map and directions. Sorry about the mix up with the call out. My fault, I shouldn't really on answer phone messages.

Logbook.

CPH climbed down the pot behind the pool and dived down to the slot wearing 7's. In this configuration the slot was impassable it would have been okay with one seven sidemount and one hand held. Back on the surface the slot out to the pool at the base of the cliff provided an easy exit. A void in the bottom of the pool which had been noted before the dive was then investigated and found to be a gap in the boulder floor of the pool leading down to the top of a solid sided rift. After a couple of minutes digging the entrance was enlarged sufficiently for the top of the rift to be tested for size which showed that it was big enough to take a fully kited diver. More boulders would need moving to make access safer but this rift may provide a bypass to the slot reached from the surface pot. Several boulders were placed over the enlarged hole to prevent people/animals falling in and the site marked with a stick.

Colin.

DUE: Under Derbyshire no-one can see you fin.

www.sterling-adventures.co.uk/blog/

4th August John Southworth, Dave Milner, Phil Goodwin Caves 189 191 192 193

A thorough search below the scar failed to discover any of these caves despite the easy terrain of short pasture. Most of the area above the scar was also searched without success. *WRONG GRID REFERENCE FROM 1980.*

Site 3899 New cave 0448086 4796657 height 438 A rift 1m by 5m drops 5m to a soil floor. Down slope for 1m leads to a small 2m shaft. Several small cracks descend further but there is no prospect of more progress.

04 Aug 13 Chris Camm Phil Parker

Parked up at site 2989. There are a number of small holes up the hill along the road edge, none big enough to enter.

2989 was draughting slightly. Walking up the hill a small hole (NEW site 3900) was noted in a small shakehole around 6m east of 3897. Later it was possible to hear hammering in 3897 from here. The hole is covered with slabs and looks to be a narrow rift about 2 or 3m deep. Not examined further.

Back to 3855 with an extra ladder the bottom of the hole was reached at the northern end. All ways on appear to be choked. Total depth around 15m. From just above the deepest point you can go west under a massive boulder to a slope up, which must get back near the surface. 3898 was checked out 3m deep and 3m long hading rift choked with farm debris.

3897 Phil hammered off an obstruction at the Eastern end and got down another 2.5m. Eastern side is 6m long to 2.5m deep pit 2x1.5m at widest point height 5m. Way on Eastwards is too narrow to follow further due to calcite choke. Old calcite, everywhere here.

CAVE OF THE WILD MARE BLOG – Colin Hayward

After not achieving what we wanted on our last visit the two of us are back for more, firm in our belief that we will make progress, hopefully. With unusually hot weather in the UK we are a bit worried about how hot it will get here, in fact we have already seen our first bush fire. It was a small fire but such things can turn into big fires.

Having arrived at midday on Sunday we went around saying hello to various people and somehow ended up in the same bar that served us such interesting soup at the end of our last visit. We didn't eat.

Today we shifted all the dive kit into Wild Mare cave. Water levels are unsurprising low, both out and in the cave, so we are able to use the far dive base. Diving through sump of the wild eels in clear viz was a pleasure. Spread across the floor of the sump, on top of the silt layer, was some sort of growth pattern with small tendrils standing up between 5 and 10 mm high. After surfacing and clambering around in the rifts the ladder was rigged down through the breakthrough window. We recovered the kit that had been left behind last time and all was well. We then went on to look at the water in AGM bypass. It was clear, crystal clear. Prospects look good for tomorrow.

Over a late breakfast we noticed another brush fire, maybe they are quite common out here at this time of year? Anyway it wasn't between us and the cave so off we went. Today's journey in was easy after doing all the carrying yesterday. We arrived at dive base in good time kitted up and got on with it. The plan was for Jim to go into Elephant sump and survey as much of the line as possible. I was going to look for more passage in the dam bypass area, along Buttermere and around the downstream end of Eely Mud Eye chamber.

With the viz not fully recovered from the previous day the journey through to AGM Bypass was pleasant but not as picturesque as the previous day. Unfortunately things did not improve in Buttermere suggesting that the poor viz may have been caused by some other factor. Luckily at the dam bypass things improved and as Jim swam off to survey Elephant Sump I got on with searching for ongoing passage. We have always hoped that we would find a lead off to the west where there is a large blank area on the survey. Underwater all the good leads seemed to go off to the east so that is where I looked. Every single one went to an alcove so I reeled my line back in. While doing so the viz (which I had totally trashed rummaging around in silt banks) improved – perhaps indicating flow. Continuing to reel in the line the silt cloud was again met; maybe there is an active inlet on the west wall at that point? Both sides and the floor of Buttermere were then searched as well as the end wall of Eely Mud Eye chamber but everywhere went to alcoves.

Having completed most of my plan I headed out. Jim caught up with me at the AGM Bypass having completed the survey of Elephant Sump in one go. He also noted that a passage previously spotted in Upstream Whitworth sump most likely links through to Elephant Sump. It should also be noted that a considerable amount of water was flowing over the cascade in Whitworth stream passage. We shifted all the dive gear through the breakthrough window and swam out. We have used most of our air so we had to remove cylinders for filling. Thankfully that didn't slow us down too much. Back at the van we bumped into Tim W which was very sociable.

Yesterday had turned into an unplanned rest day. We got lots of paper research done and even some ground was covered but the highlight of the day was the expedition meal. The starter was yellow soup, the main was meat with potatoes and meat plus a token gesture of salad (with meat), pudding was a sponge sandwich with arty chocolate dribble. More importantly we got to talk to a few people who helped us make more sense of what we had looked at on paper and on the ground.

Because of the meal we opted for an easy day today. Pete will be glad to know that instead of going off into the wild dark yonder to look for more cave we dragged a load of camera gear underground and got all David Bailey.

The photography took several hours because, as Jim explained, Jim learnt his craft from Clive Westlake. I was starting to doubt that claim as the instructions were not quite up to the level of precision of Westlake instructions until Jim said, "that's perfect, don't move and turn out your light". I then recognised the hand of Westlake at work and from that point on I was happy that there was a good chance that something useful would come of the day. Eventually after about 4 hours of picture taking (did I mention Jim was taught by Clive?) we made an exit. Light rain was falling and the temperature had dropped to a chilly 20 degrees C. We will see what the weather brings tomorrow.

With only a few more things to look at in Wild Mare we set off anticipating that it would be the last day in the cave as we mopped up the last few loose ends and dragged all the kit out. As we drove off the main road smoke from a bush fire was visible down in the valley. Further along on the valley floor we saw some locals standing around pointing at the smoke and when we arrived at our usual parking spot we could smell it despite not being down wind of the fire. Our main worry up to that point had been the weather forecast which had predicted rain (it had rain last night a little). We shrugged and got on with it knowing we would have a full day ahead.

We carried our full 7 litre cylinders into the cave and followed the familiar routine for moving everything through to the AGM bypass chamber to where the easy swimming starts. From that point we split up to perform our planned duties - pegs clipped on the line were used to indicate where each of us was. Jim went off to investigate a possible connecting between Upstream Whitworth sump and Elephant sump which proved successful. Using only 9 m of line this link gives us a loop this may help improve the accuracy of our survey in the area. I went to investigate the one remaining lead in the Dam Bypass sump which resulted in another disappointment. After that we started out this time removing the ladder and rigging from the breakthrough window as we went. Moving all the kit out was a slog but we did have the prospect of a rest day ahead of us. On the surface the promised rain had not appeared and the smoke from the fire was no longer visible.

In conclusion.

We have made some useful finds but failed to discover the link between Fuente Aguanaz and Torca la Vaca (the hoped for connection at the start of the project). We have shown that the link, if it exists, probably lies beyond Lake Bassenthwaite which we have proved links to the resurgence at Wild Mare via the Whitworth series and Buttermere. We have also seen that Wild Mare takes water from other caves in the area besides Torca la Vaca and a recent dive by Tim Webber showed promise of a connection with Torca de Pena Encaramada

In our searches we have looked at the underwater passage in Buttermere and Whitworth along with Eely Mud Eye and AGM Bypass finding only alcoves. There are several avens and boulder chokes in the dry passages in these areas that still need exploring but the prospects of a link with the surface seem limited by a sandstone cap that can be reached by climbing the boulder slope above the breakthrough window.

There is also the possible link through to Squality Street which would allow non-divers access to the AGM Bypass area and the rifts beyond the Sump of the Wild Eels if a suitably enthusiastic caver can be found to push the connection.

05.08.13 Phil Goodwin..Dave Milner..John Southworth.

Walk in Moncobe area , found 4 digs , all draughting.

1 : NEW SITE 3901 0445863 4796564 alt 314, Very narrow rift with a drop of 3m.

2 : NEW SITE 3902 0445960 4796518 alt 271. In a shakehole a dig in earth and boulders.

3 : NEW SITE 3903 position 4m up slope from 4. Narrow crack in small rock face.

4 : NEW SITE 3904 0445966 4796540 alt 271. Small undercut at base of rock face. photo JS.

Date: Mon, 5 Aug 2013 20:17

Hi Juan,

I think we have cleared the fog of confusion. There are three entrances to Aguanaz not two and we went in the second not the third.

Also; we have an invite to go down El Cubillon tomorrow. We are to meet the team outside their hotel at 10:30 a.m. (Horror of horrors). We are to take a 50m rope with us. Can we pick one up tomorrow morning as well as directions to the hotel that John Southworth is staying at - because he doesn't know.

Logbook entry.

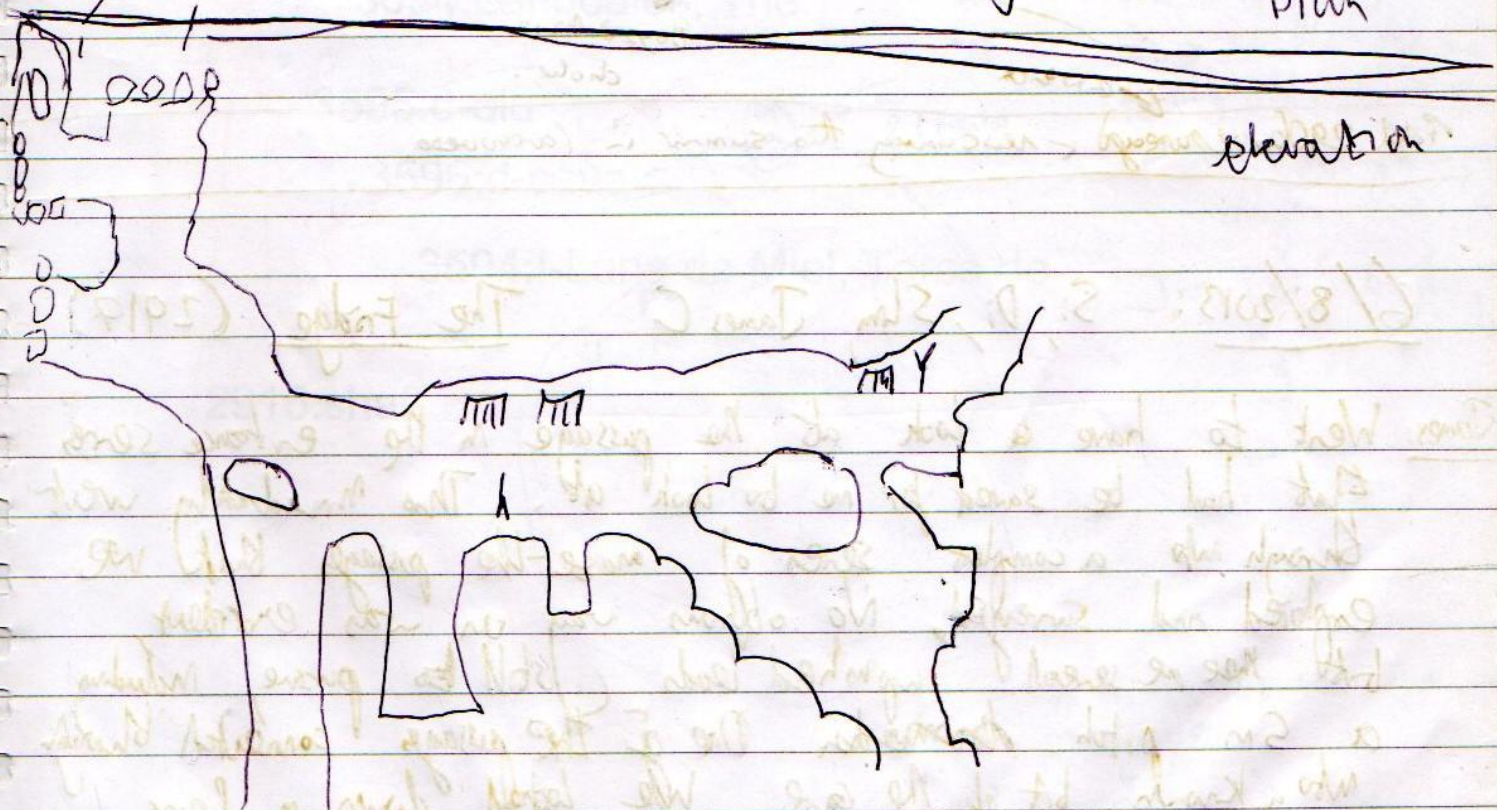
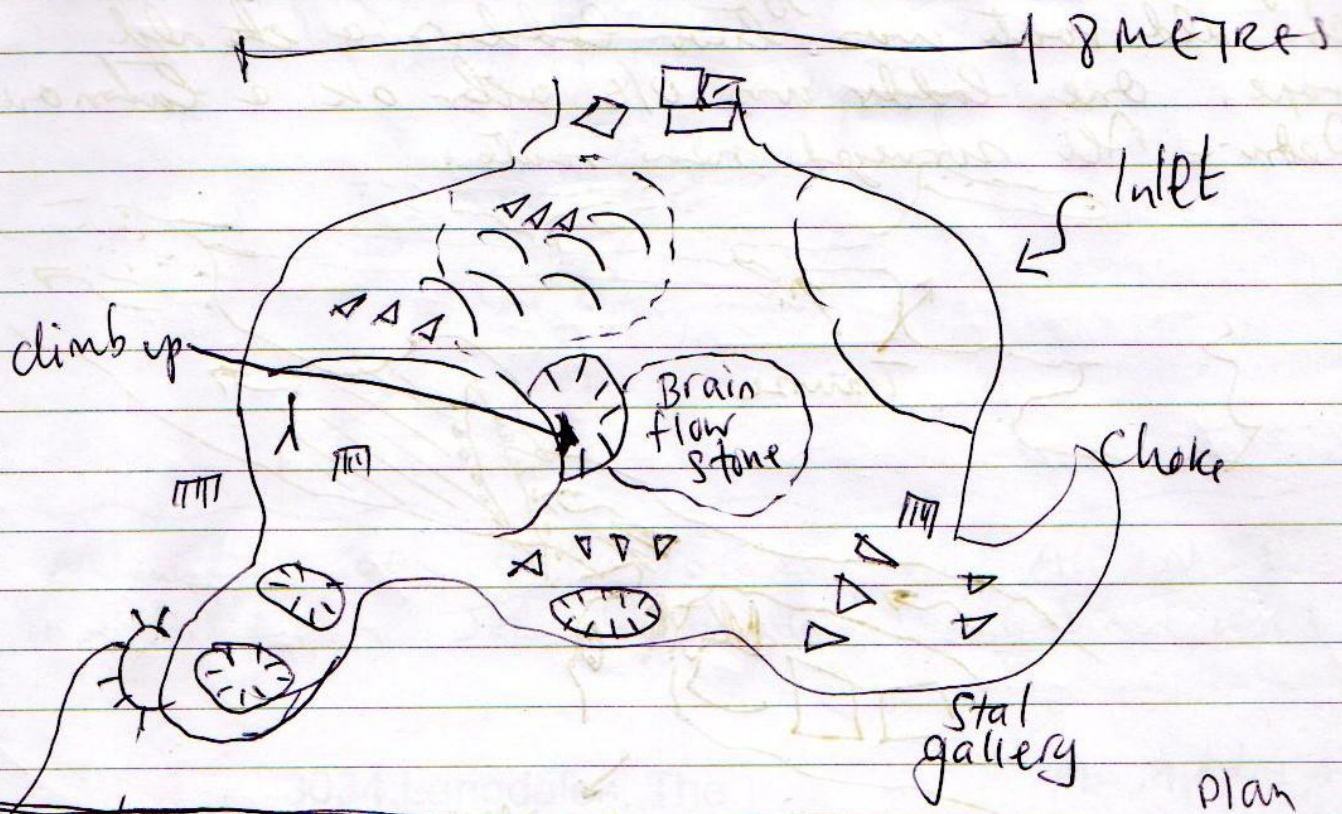
JPL and CPH into Aguanaz by what is suspected to be one of the wrong entrances for a few hour pointless playing in a boulder choke and sumps.

Colin and Jim.

MONDAY 5TH 2013 VALLINA - SLIM, SI, DI, IAN, ARTHUR.

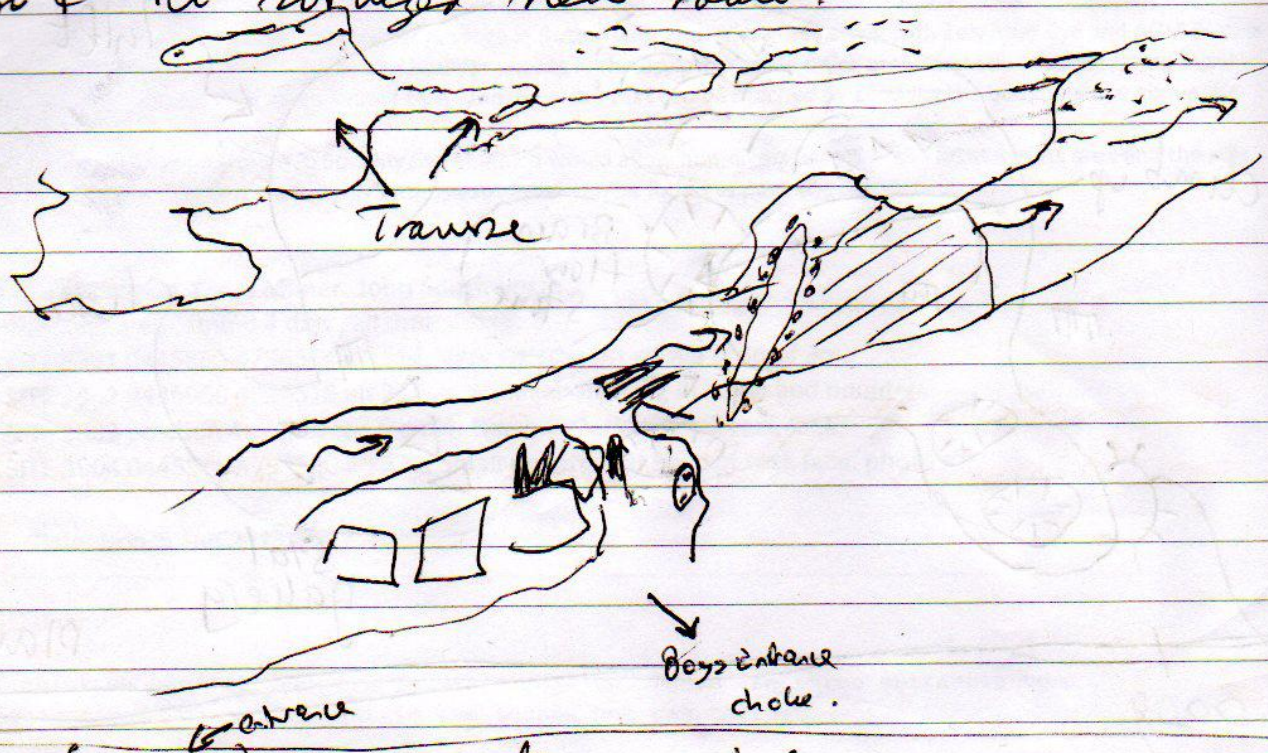
VISITED PAMALE RUNNING NORTH OF BATHUB PAMALE TO EXPLORE
AVENS UNCLIMBED & PITCHES UNDESCENDED. I CLIMBED AN HORRIFIC
AVEN COVERED IN 2ND OF MUD THE CONSISTENCY OF NUTELLA.
THE "NUTELLA NIGHTMARE" - NEEDLESS TO SAY IT DID NOWT!
PUSHED THRU THE NORTHERN BOULDER CHOKER, DROPPED A

15m PITCH IN A NICK WATER WORN SHAFT BUT
 BUTTET MIDEOS MID WALLED IMMATURE STREAMWAY
 ACROSS TOP OF THIS WE PUSHED THRU BOULDERS &
 LOOSE STUFF TO A SMALL AVEN & MIDEOS MID
 WALLED IMMATURE INLET!



5/8/2013 Carcoveso ali, Pedro, Phil P.

Aim to find route into Western series and improve access with aids. Started to bait the traverse but after about half way Pedro & Ali found a better way up, so we de-rigged & baited this new route. On old route was two ladders & the old rope. One ladder was v/s after ok a lab on out. Pedro & Ali surveyed new route.



Total 2906m surveyed & resurveying this summer in Carcoveso.

6/8/2013: Si, Di, Slim, James C The Fridge (2917)

James: Went to have a look at the passage in the entrance series that had be saved for me to look at. This immediately went through into a complex series of maze-like passages that we explored and surveyed. No obvious way on was evident but there are several upished leads still to pursue, including a 5m pitch down. One of the passages connected through into a known bit of the cave. We looked down a few passages but and managed to find a route through to a series of very well decorated chambers.

A hand-drawn map of a hillside, likely a topographic map, with various features and labels. The map is oriented with the hillside rising towards the top right. The labels and features include:

- 3034:Langdales, The**: Located at the top left, near a pink line.
- 3595:d-dig**: Located below 3034, near a pink line.
- 3596:d-cave**: Located below 3595, near a pink line.
- 3594:!!-Luna de Miel, Torca de**: Located in the center, near a blue line.
- 2916:shaft**: Located on the left side, near a pink line.
- tree with 2 trunks**: A handwritten note pointing to a small tree symbol on the right side.
- FRIDGE 2917**: A handwritten note at the bottom left, with an arrow pointing to a small blue circle.
- P=3** and **J=3**: Handwritten notes at the bottom right, near a small blue circle.

The map also features several contour lines (brown and green) and a large blue area representing a body of water or a specific terrain feature.

M = Molephone point
D = Shallow depression
possibly old rubbish tip
P = Phil's draughting
digs.
J = Joan's draughting
dig.

ADJUSTED POSITION FOR
M: 0448650
4800473
P = 3905 @ 0448620 4800445
J = 3906 @ 0448606 4800439

Paul Dold hitting rock about 10m above the underground station.

Molephone point is on track next to twin-trunk tree. No obvious places to dig but there are draughting holes some distance away - see site P+J on map.

6/8/2013 : MIKE ^{TOPSON} ~~TOPSON~~ / DARREN JARVIS PICON 002

Looked at the dig and increased it in size, at the bottom of the entrance though some small cracks; spent 6 hours digging and stabilizing. Hole is now bigger and well connection needs to be checked ongoing.

6/8/2013 Adam Sharples, Bill Smith, Fran Macdonald, Lloyd Cawthorne
- Mostajo

Continued looking in the new areas I found a couple of days ago. The pitch was dropped and found to contain lots of sharp boulders in a choke. The gaps seem too small to be worth pushing. After this, we crossed the pit and carried on down the passage on the other side. Lots of maze like passage that needs properly surveyed.

5th August Cave 3830 Harry Long, John Clark, Phil Ryder, John Southworth, Dave Milner, Phil Goodwin

Narrow 3m entrance leads to vertical rift 9m across at this point. A descent of 19m ends on a floor covered in rusty tin cans. The floor slopes down for a further 2m. At 6m down the pitch an inlet passage can be seen at the far side of the rift. At the bottom the rift narrows to 5m long but is now 3m wide. There is no prospect of further progress.

6th August John Southworth, Dave Milner, Phil Goodwin, Phil Parker, Chris Camm

Digging in draughting holes, 3901 and 3904, modest progress made.

Rope on top pitch in El Cubillion replaced.

Note: the short rope seen at the top before the y-hang is a back-up for a bolt and should be left tight. The y-hang should be approached from the small chamber at the other side.

Aug 6th 2538

Logbook entry.

JPL and CPH into El Cubillion to look at the sump at the bottom of the pick and recy for moving dive kit. Thanks to the mature cavers who helped us in our endeavours.

Jim and Colin.

3907.

6-8-13

GR. 448657 4793 317

HARRY LONG JOHN CLARKE.

EXCAVATED SMALL PASSAGE UNDER SANDSTONE BED.

APPROX 6M LENGTH EXTREMELY TIGHT NO WAY ON.

J.C.

3908

6-8-13

GR.

HARRY LONG, PHILL RYDER, JOHN CLARKE.

5M SHAFT INTO 4-2m CHAMBER, DUG-THROUGH
 UNDER LEFT WALL INTO 4M - 1M CHAMBER
 DROPPING INTO 5-3m CHAMBER WHERE DROPS
 INTO TIGHT SOLUTION TUBE FILLED WITH
 BOULDERS, WOULD REQUIRE LOT OF WORK.
 APPROX 10M DEEP OVERALL. DRAUGHTS WELL.

J.C. VARIOUS SHAFTS DRAUGHTING
 IN SAME LOCATION

3909

6-8-13

GR

PHILL RYDER, JOHN CLARKE, HARRY LONG.

PHILL DUG OUT ENTRANCE TO REVEAL 5M SHAFT
 INTO 4m - 4m CHAMBER WITH DRAUGHT
 COMING OUT OF BOULDERS IN FLOOR, WOULD
 NEED LOTS OF WORK TO CONTINUE.

J.C.

3910 FRESNEDO AREA

7-8-13.

HARRY LONG JOHN CLARKE

BIG ENTRANCE IN BIG STAND OF TREES, DROPS
 DOWN DODGY SLOPE INTO BIG SUMP WITH PASSAGE
 GOING OFF QUITE VISIBLE. TWO OTHER SHAFTS
 ONE DESCENDED IN SAME SANDSTONE. 3911
 NEEDS DIVING J.C.

3825.

8-8-13

PHILL RYDER, HARRY LONG, J. CLARKE.

DESCENDED SHAFT INTO CHOKED CHAMBER
SC

3412 3018 NEW G.R. 454025 480205/8-8-13

DESCENDED VERY VERY TIGHT RIFT INTO
5m - 4m CHAMBER DROPPING INTO PASSAGE
WHICH GOES ON APPROX 20m REASONABLE
FORMATIONS BUT UNFORTUNATELY FINISHES
IN TIGHT RIFT. JC.

3019 ^{NEW G.R.} AT 4540 23 4802061

3824 HL, JC - P.R. 8-8-13

CRAWL TO CHOKER 2m.

3827 FRESNEDO AREA

TOO TIGHT WITHOUT WORK 8-8-13

3828 SC, HL, P.R.

GETS TOO TIGHT SC, HL, P.R. 8-8-13

3826

NEED WORK DOES DRAUGHT

SC - HL - P.R.

8-8-13

PHOTOS 582 PHILL RYDER

7-8-13.

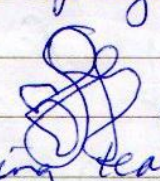
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7/8/13: The Fridge: Si, Di, Slim, Tony, Duke, Carlos, James

Slim & James dropped yesterday's new San pitch, which crapped out straightaway. Tony, Duke and Carol we spent some time searching for the way on in side passages off the main dog, but with no luck. Si and Di continued adding detail to the survey and took some photos. They surveyed the grotto area that Slim and James explored into yesterday. The cave looks like it's getting dead now - most of the decent leads have been well looked at!

(Duke writing) → our first caving trip in Matanzo! Woohoo!!! There were lots of fuzzy, fungal rock, slightly pungent animal bones!! We then went on a magical mystery tour of the fridge that went round and round and round like this  - everything going back to where we'd only just been, our commendations to the surveying team! If I remembered a sensible way to describe this cave I would, but I don't. So I suggest you imagine a swiss cheese...

Si, Di, Slim surveyed the interlinking passages of the Swiss Cheese of...

* El Zorro, Los gatos y el frigo *

Total: 635 M of fun maze.

7/8/13 3841 Dig @ Seradna — Billy + Steve.

5th-7th August 2013 - Torca La Vaca - D3, Mrs D, ESP, Chris Hibbert
Eddie H & Tom Howard

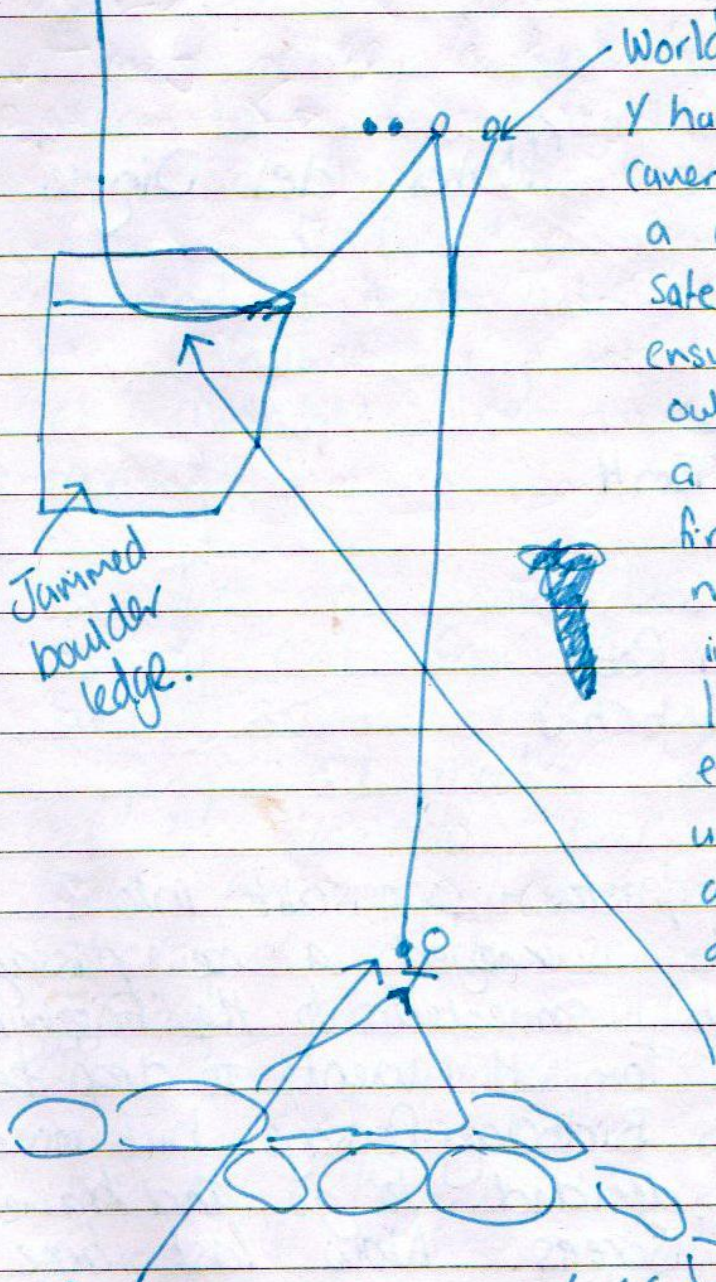
On Sunday 4th we spent the day gathering supplies, having a swim in the Aguanoz resurgence (swamp preparation) & packing tacklebags. Despite another expedition member attempting to sabotage our trip by plying our younger & ginger members (Tom, Eddie, Paul + Chris) with copious amounts of tinto til Sam we were all up & ready

& ready to go go go by noon with us going underground at 12:30pm. We had 9 tackle bags on the way in. The entrance series saw a good & enthusiastic rugby scrum of caners & tackle bags rolling over climbs, gently past formations, over drops & along traverses. ~~The~~ We were very grateful to the Black Rose CC boys for rigging the cave as far as Bassenthwaite for us. The pitches were passed with ease by all & Bassenthwaite reached by approx 3pm.

I was eager to get moving through the Sump & adopted my former 'minimalist' approach to quickly get through & keep my caving gear dry in a tacklebag/dry sack. I was pleased to see that Tom H & Eddie adopted the same technique & dined through with no problems at all. Johnny & Paul donned wetsuit / neofleece & dined the gear through for us.

The next section saw Chris, Eddie & Tom & I continue to Scafell Aven whilst DB + ESP re-surveyed Dan's previous Sump survey (which to be fair was 'cock on'). The advance party positioned themselves at various stations of the Split pitch to assist in the hauling of the bags on a separate line. This pitch is one of the worst rigged I have ever come across, if it was possible to have a potential fall factor of 3 then here it would be. We have made a note to take in a rope to re-rig the pitch completely on our next trip in. Chris Hibberts did a fantastic job of humping bags up the pitches. See diagram opposite for diagram of Scafell Aven before & after ESP re-jugged.

Yhang -
no traverse
line to protect delicate
progress over shallow
false floor.
By the time you're
close enough to clip
cowstails in you're
hanging over impending
doom!

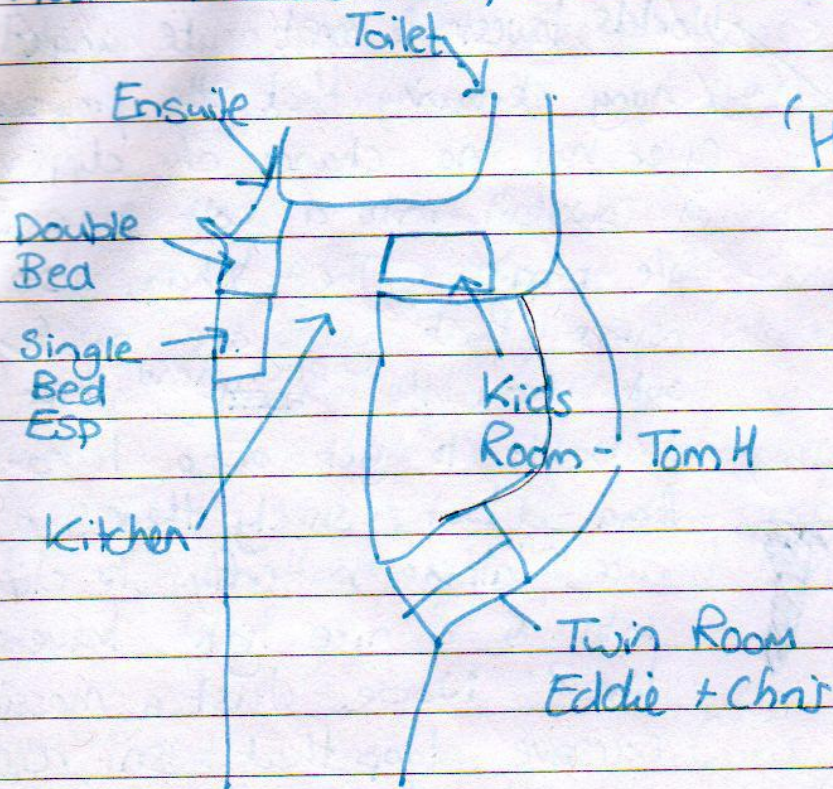


World's lowest & most acute angled
Yhang ensuring that the progressing
caver has no chance of clipping
a cowstail into a bolt to assist
safe progress. The Yhang also
ensures that you are so far
out from the ~~pitch~~ head that it's
a battle to get onto terra-sen
Ama - but surely there's a
nice low alpine butterfly to clip
into & a nice high traverse
line? Nope. Just a massive,
excessive loop that isn't rebelay
until the pitch head. So the options
are I caver at a time up it
all - way too slow - or
everyone piling onto the
slack from the ascending
rope. Nice.

On progression on/off the rope one has to teeter
precariously on top of a spiky rock as the
rope isn't long enough but hey ho I'm sure a
twisted ankle would be hilarious on entry/exit
of the rope! Thanks Dan! xxx

The traverse of Scafell Aven passed with ease & after a long & awkward trip down the boulder choke & into the large boulder chamber just around the corner from Jack's Rake.

Camp was a cracking little spot on a sandy floor and with a high roof & sandstone false floor in the roof.



After a bite to eat - pasta - we split into 2 teams - D3, Chris + Eddie surveyed a new passage near the campsite which connected to the 'Frizzington Extensions'. ESP, Jude & Tom H went to drop the 32m pitch off 'Ed's Birthday Passage' but missed the turning initially so decided to go and have a trip to Wasdale Screes. Now last time (D3, Jude + Ed Jones) were here we were tired, on dimming lamps & feeling very far from home. This time rejuvenated from our long trip by Homepride pasta bake ~~the~~ the area looked

even more promising than previously thought. ESP climbed up some hanging death & disappeared for 5-10 minutes. All of a sudden, Tom & I heard "Oooooooooohhh!" ~~and~~ exclaimed in a most excitable manner. On his return, ESP told us he'd climbed above tree roots & seen a spider! Very exciting. We then scuttled back to camp.

5 mins after arrival we were joined by the other team & enjoyed rice pudding mixed with Cola Cao & broken biscuits all melted in - yum! Then a brief discussion resulting in the decision to send a team out for the Mole Phone & supplies was followed by a lovely long sleep. Lights out at midnight. We woke up at 9.20 am next morning!

So... Tues am saw D3, Mrs D & Chris make a speedy exit from the cane. We were out at 11:30am and by 11:53am we were sipping €1 medias ~~a~~ from Señor Granisto at the Hornedo bar. We had to call in there for supplies - honest! We drained their stocks of chicken soup. Poor old Señora Granisto was currently recovering from her 2nd knee replacement.

We then bezzed over to Pablo's to meet Juan & we refuelled on patatas alioli & bravas & a queso bocadillo. Phil soon arrived too and after some more supplies packed up for the team we had a quick Mole Phone lesson from Phil. The excitement

was definitely building!

Our return trip through the cave with 5 tackle bags progressed without event & in 1hr 45 we were back at camp. We quickly packed some gear, left the other team a note and headed for Wasdale Screes. We arrived at 1830 so had 30mins to set up the mole phone in the rift passage above & right of the top of Wasdale Screes.

At 7pm we were set up & ready to go. The following events occurred between 7pm & 10pm but we were so excited and it all occurred so fast it's difficult to pinpoint what happened at what precise time. The other team met us at 7.30 - 8pm ish.

- 7pm - Mole phone set up
- Interference heard
- Phil came over loud & clear on radio asking us to press tone button in harder
- Jude heard the first banging noises
- Banging gets clearer
- Est climbs up further + bangs back
- Bangs + radio very clear - We can all hear ^{each} other
- We are informed that we are under a track directly under a large, steaming pile of donkey shit!
- Phil + Juan^{+ Ali}, after searching area conclude that nothing more can be done tonight & are there any further messages we want to convey? He's off for hot meal, shower & bed.
- Johnny says: tell him to 'fuck off'!

- JUDE: "Phil, Johnny says 'f**k off'"
- PHIL: "F**king off - over & out."
- Silence.... back to camp & feeling all alone again!

Back at camp we enjoyed falafal wraps, poppadoms, curry, naan & Kitkats (donated kindly by Hilary) ^{with gratitude}.

We fell asleep at 1am and woke up at... 9.20am AGAIN. There's a study to be had here! We packed up & made for Jack's Rake & through Kendal Mint Cake passage to High Street where there were many leads scurried but almost no evidence of any surveying / tags / cairns at all - many thanks again to our mutual friend! We looked at a couple of leads + surveyed them but it was noted by all that we were 'p**king in the wind' as we had pretty much naft all to tie the surveys into. Hence the conception of the Torca la Vaca re-survey project!

We returned to camp, had some more of last night's curry & Jude, Chns, Eddie & Tom H proceeded out with 14 tackle bags while D3 + ESP surveyed the new 60m passage and pitch found by ESP, Eddie + Tom H in deep rifts area the day before.

ESP + D3 caught us up by the sump & assisted in humping bags & de-

tackling. The sunlight made us squint but we were soon at the Hornedo bar sipping €1 medias - all buzzing.

On reflection I can personally conclude I've had one of the best caring trips I've ever had. The team made it. Without a great set of folks, all team players, great senses of humour and sensitive enough to the ups & downs of their team to look each other through our personal highs & lows. Despite the tiring nature of the trip, the neckiness of some of the obstacles & the remoteness of our site we all kept upbeat as a unit.

Highlights included, naked swamp diving, Chris' hairy arse crack, butterbean farts, Johnny's damp & grotty budgie smugglers, Jude's been pink bra brightening up the camp walls, Hilary's M&Ms + kit kats, Phil fooking off, Ed's tennis gear 'camp' attire, Paul's ginger, curly pube on Johnny's make-shift pillow, our mutual disdain for Dan Hibberts surveying/exploration ethic, the 2 bottles of Rig's Chris carried in for night 2 and the general pushing of all social, moral and appropriate boundaries.

D3, ESP, Eddie, Tom & Chris - thanks, that was a good caring trip that was!

Jude Latimer AKA D7
☺ XXX ♡

Valley Overnight (2 nights) Trip - Main Points of Interest

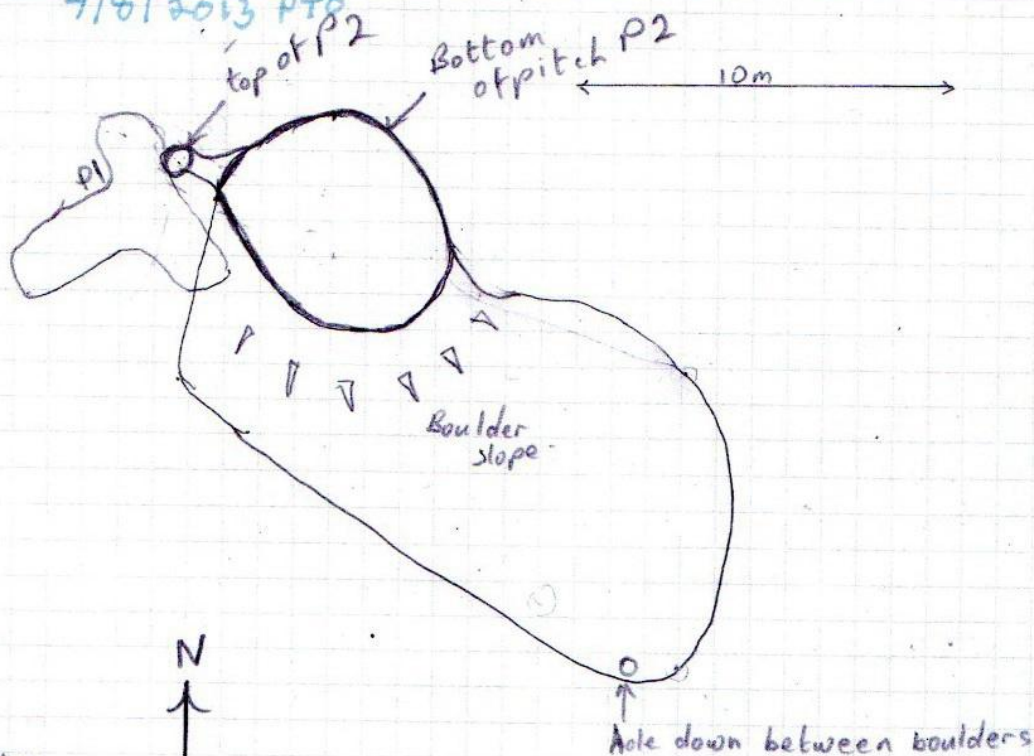
- ① Molehatched Wasp-like Senses - Spoke to Phil & Juan - Located Passage to Surrage. - Wasome Area Re-surveyed with Molehatched Area.
- ② ESP, Tom H + Ed H found Draughty Areas At end of Drip Ribs Area - Surveyed too.
- ③ Surveyed 2 Areas off 'High Street': 1st Passage Tied into SW 49, 2nd Passage Guesses where it joins But Looks OK. High Street Needs A Re-survey (Only A Back Door is Open)
- ④ 35 m Pot in Drip Ribs Area Dropped & Surveyed by ESP, Tom H & Ed H.
- ⑤ Passage found & Surveyed from 'Ed's Birthday' to 'Fazington' Problems ??? Batch 13-09 don't connect Survey error?

Johnny Dingle.

Cave 3853

7/8/2013 PTD

Plan



(PG)

Survey 7/8/13

Total depth 44m

Length 26m

Explored by John Southworth, Phil Parker

Surveyed P.G., D.M. & J.S

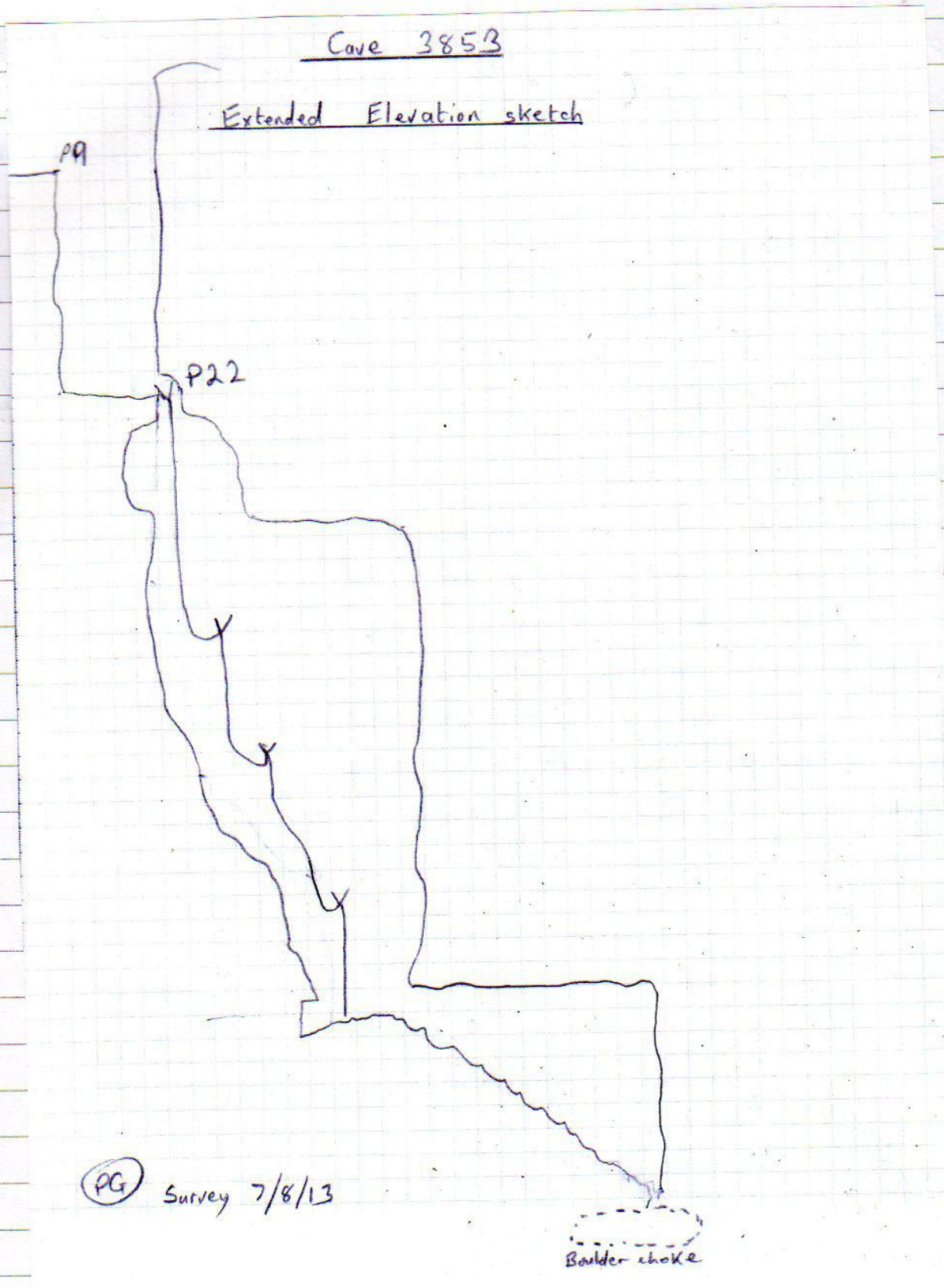
Dave Milner, Phil Goodwin

Chris Camm

07.08.13 Dave Milner . Phil Goodwin . John Southworth . Cave 1970.
Found to be 9m total depth at which point becomes to tight .

3853 depth 44m length 26m.

First pitch of 9m to floor of sloping boulders to a second pitch of 22m into large chamber which is choked in all directions . No possible way on at base of final chamber without some serious digging .



05 Aug 13 Chris Camm Phil Parker

Site 3897 Western end, hole opened up into 1m long sitting size chamber no draught and no way on.

Noted that rift at base of ladder in South wall draughts gently out. Noted at high level there may be a passage going off to the West. Access requires good climber, maypole or bolts.

Traversing west along the hillside from 3897 another small bush is seen. SigPac ED50 448172 4796214, GPS 30T 448169 4796221 Here a hole drops into an East West rift approx 10m long (underground). It is possible to climb down past loose material to a depth of around 11m.

Here a calcited slope goes back up but needs a thinny to ascend. Draughts out and caveable beyond.

Below here a track leads NE through the trees past the Western end of some rock outcrops.

At the western end a hole under what may be a large boulder? drops down a earthy slope with a gentle draught. Would need digging out. SigPac ED50 448181 4796233 GPS no good here due to trees.

Back at the van a few rocks were pulled out of Site 2998. Would need more work to proceed was draughting slightly.

06 Aug 13 Chris Camm Phil Parker

Site 3901 dug out what appears to be an old stream sink. Slight draught probably needs another day to see if its worth pursuing.

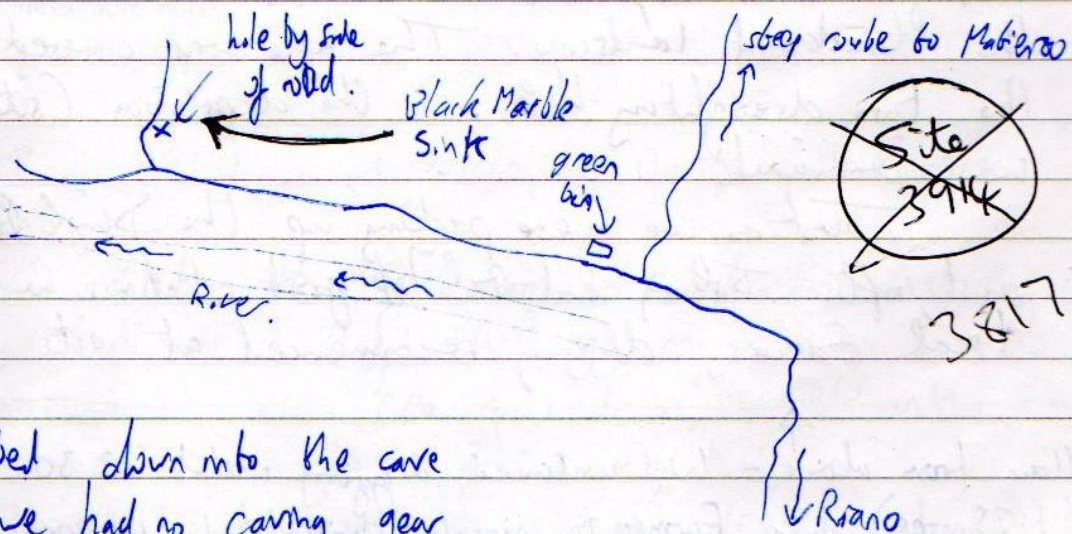
07 Aug 13 Chris Camm Phil Parker

site 3029 Entrance passage enters bottom lefthand corner of chamber. The chamber is quite low and slopes upwards. To the right along bottom wall enters antechamber, signs of animal activity and ending at narrow gently draughting continuation, possible dig. At top left corner of main chamber, way off to left leads horizontally to 45 deg slope downwards 3m forward and down. Round the corner is small chamber, diggable hole in floor with draught.

Looked at hillside below Alisas road between a point opposite 2998 and as far up as km post 8. There are a number of shallow rifts to look at and record.

08/08/13: Tony Roske, Dyke Veldhuis, James Carhole.

Went for a walk in the Moncobe area. On the way we found a hole by the side of the road in the Rano valley that is unmarked.



Tony climbed down into the cave but ~~there~~ we had no carrying gear so we couldn't get very far. Needs a bit of digging to determine if it will go.

8/8/13. Johnny Dingle + Juan D.

After 4 years of drinking at Bar Erasisto (Medias for 1€ Bar) in Hornedo, the Proprietor has finally realised that we are here to look for caves!

We agreed to meet at 17.30 and were shown a good spot. Mr. Erasisto is very nimble for his age, skipping over the electric fence no problemo!

The new (to us) cave is known locally as Cueva la Gama (Cave in/on the cliff) and draughts very well.

Site 3915

Returning tomorrow to GPS & (hypothetically) survey it. It is between 2 known & recorded sites. 15m or so South of 3261 - It's Ace.

Johnny Dingle.

8/8/13 Phil + Juan return to the telephone point above the Warden's Screen in Torca la Vaca. At the rift crossing the track (on a 210-220° bearing) we dug on the track and downhill of the track. Centrally, over the wall to the north and down into a depression we found a tiny piece of water-worn limestone which was the only piece of solid bed rock in the area. This was excavated (site 3916) down the side of the rock until an annoyed local expressed some concern about the changes to the track and landscape. The hole was covered over and the two draughting holes in the depression (site 3905 + 3906) were examined.

WJ

Just as we were packing up the Dingle Bus arrived and, after Johnny established good relations with the local farmer, digging recommenced at site 3916.

↑
To follow from above - We continued digging until 22.30. Hole now 5'9" (1.75m or so) deep. Farmer is simply thrilled! We've organised a 'Pozo Fiestas' for him & his family. Phil Papard agreed to supply Gervais & Capas for the party! What a nice gesture! Top Bloke! Looking forward to a great Fiesta! Cheers Phil!

Johnny Dingle.

Hi Juan,

8th August.

(65)

JPL and CPH into Aguanaz to look for side passages in sump 1. Line repaired and side passages noted on the way in. On the way out the side passages were looked at and found to be undercuts or ending in blind airbells.

JPL and CPH

8/8/13 Site 2917 - Explorations - No survey, Si + Di.

8/8/13 - 0071 MOSTATO - Adam Sharples, Bill Smith, Fran Macdonald
Mike Topson, Roxy Ramsay, Darren Jarvis

Returned to over the pit from 6/8, two teams surveyed two different leads. One way lead past a few wet sounding ~15m deep holes to a larger chamber with the same, black mud covering sand floors as the main trunk passage. To one side, a slope leads to a ledge, over which, a rift can be seen with sounds of a lot of water. Rocks fall a long way. Needs rope. Across the chamber a small delicate climb up leads to a slow stream. Upstream gets too low but large echoing can be heard beyond. Downstream seems to head toward the wet rift from before.

08.08.13 Dave Milner Phil Goodwin John Southworth

Drove to top of Alisas then onto side road for 1km with intention of walking down to hole 2051, weather crap so went to hole 3029 lower down in the main valley. Dug down a vertical hole in floor of small chamber at the bottom of left hand rift, requires more work.

8/8/13 2917 El Zorro, Los Gatos y El Frigo
Si + Di

Si and I went into the Fridge to continue surveying but realised we'd left the PPA on charge in the apartment !! We scamped around with liquid paper - in preparation for next trip.

Found new passage at a high level - leading off close to magic pony - which eventually led to a survey point we could see below

W.D.

9/8/2013

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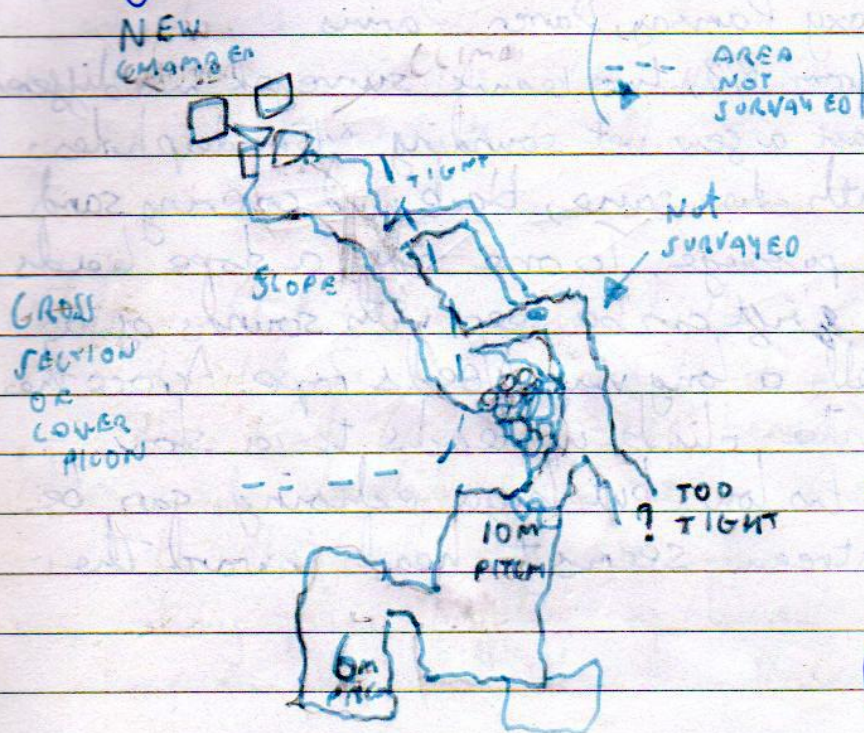
CAWTHORNE

DARREN

JARVIS

Quick de-rigging trip to the bottom of new's chamber, de-rigging on way out, due to time, equipment + MVSC bag broken by ~~stone~~ there was no time to survey bottom section.

Mastajo



In de-rigging
nuts for through-bolts
also got removed!!

(In & out in 3 hours)

MVSC will be back in 2014!!!

From: o1col <o1col@yahoo.co.uk>

To: Juan Corrin <juancorrin@matienzo.org.uk>

Subject: Logbook 9th August

Date: Fri, 9 Aug 2013 20:53

Attachments: Aguanaz_Part_One_V2.3d (2K), Aguanaz_Part_One_V2.err (2K), Aguanaz_Part_One_V2.svx (3K)

Hi Juan,

Logbook entry below with attached files. You will see that this is V2 of the data. The first lot didn't look anything like so I took several loops out and things improved.

Logbook.

JPL and CPH into Aguanaz ent 2 to the boulder choke for photos and surveying. Exit via ent 1.

Jim and Colin.

9/3/13 3916 Vaca "top entrance" dig - "Torca de Carlos"
 excavated. Phil, Johnny, Jude, Col, Tom, Paul and Joan
 for the afternoon. Carlos + family turned up at various times
 to enjoy the hospitality and view the works.
 By late evening the depth had increased to 4.5m
 following the 215° joint with clay and boulders in the
 floor.

9/8/13 2889 The Wrong Transvers.

James, Tony, Djuka, Si, Di
 A dead dog and mouse greeted us at the
 entrance to vaca! (not yet decayed)
 I was really pleased to discover the
 duck was dry! Simon climbed the
 draughting avon to find there was no way on.
 He then traversed across at high level (bolting)
 to look at the opposite wall but the
 way on hit sandstone and muddy walls
 so he didn't continue.

James, Tony & Djuka surveyed sections
 missed on last visit → They were super super muddy
 sections, with slipper climbs up small rifts and down boulder choked
 passages

10/8/13 Big Steve, Si, Di : 3 cave day!

391~~5~~⁶ Had a look at Johnny's Hornedo Bar head.
 It was draughting - needs digging.

391~~5~~⁶ Assisted the dingle excavation.

— ? Big Steve and I dug the draughting
 hole that Phil showed us. A body sized tube
 with a good draught. Approx 8m. easy digging
 in soft sandy soil.



09.08.13 Dave Milner..John Southworth...Phil Goodwin.

A walk off side road near the Alisas view point. Shaft 2051, descended a 13m pitch to the middle of a large rift passage which chokes at both ends. depth 16m length 9m.

shaft 2049, descended a 6m pitch to boulder slope which chokes. depth 9m length 5m.

Some time spent in woods near 2049, nothing found.

10.08.13 Phil Goodwin...John Southworth

3543 Dug at end of high level passage at 2 sites, r/h dig ends in a boulder filled passage, L/h dig needs capping to gain any further progress.

3817 Found to be a 45 degree descent over boulders for 5m to a horizontal very low crawl which needs digging.

Just inside entrance on r/h side is upward draughting slot to a small passage which would require a lot of work for any further progress. $L=12$ $d=5$

3026 Quick look at this dig confirms its a major project.

09 Aug 13 Chris Camm Phil Parker

Dug at Site 3901, Still needs more work.

08 and 10 Aug 13 Chris Camm Phil Parker

Examination of woods around Site 641. Major jungle bashing led to discovery of SixFourOne which might have been 641 had we not found it later! (Spoke with Jimmy who didnt remember any big tree in the entrance of 641). But he confirmed the entrance as being under a scar/outcrop. There is a prominent sandstone outcrop which forms the boundary between the woods and the field edge. The holes 640, 641 and 1423 are all at the level of this feature. The log book report from the time of 639 says this is also at the same level. We have not searched this out though.

Major features such as SixFourOne, 641 and 640 can be seen as deep drops off the field edge.

By jungle bashing along the outcrop a number of other features have been noted. All have been measured along the field edge using the middle of the track/gate, at the south east corner of the field as a survey station. All distances are West along the edge of field from this gate. The distance to the outcrop from the edge of the field is typically less than 2m.

At 38m CuevaSixFourOne Site 3917 is a prominent entrance with a mature tree growing right outside.

A wide low slot goes down an earth bank into walking passage. This quickly becomes a narrow rift generally of walking height, but occasionally requires crawling. One squeeze opened up a little. Passage finishes abruptly with 2m high wall of mud and mud covered old stal columns. At roof level continues as far as can be seen as a less than 10cm high as a bedding. Approx length 20m'ish.

At 56.6 and 60m twin entrances Site 3918 into a bedding have been visually linked together. Bedding would be accessible by removing some floor a further 4-5m can be seen.

At 66.2 Site 3919 is an entrance under the overhang which goes back 2m to a small pit. Very low bedding over the top floor of pit is stones and debris that might be diggable to possible lower level widening.

At 76.5 Site 3920 in the field is a patch of nettles and rocks. This seems to be a filled in collapse of the underlying sandstone bed. A black space into this area can be seen from down the bank and may be diggable.

At 92.8 is Site 641 a real proper cave entrance heading back under the field on approx 45deg. Walking in and down the entrance slope the cave is 5m high, 1m wide at floor level maybe 6m wide at roof level. The passage narrows quickly and you are forced to climb back up to roof level. Below this climb a draught was coming out of the floor, over a descending gap over small rocks. As previous reported in logbook notes the cave ends at a pit, probably 5-6m deep. Last 10m of passage to pit was well decorated. A draught was noted at high level.

At 101.8 Site 3921 is a 3m long cave to a diggable pit less than 1m deep. It may get wider lower down. A very narrow rift continues on.

At 128.9 is a climb down of around 8m which is probably Site 1423.

At 140.5 is site 640, Prominent entrance similar to 641 but slightly smaller. 6.7m long to dug squeeze. Beyond the squeeze is a pit maybe 4m deep floor to roof. Far side of pit is 2.8m from squeeze. A very low bedding can be seen to continue at roof level for at least 4m beyond the pit.

At 155 Site 3922 is a small 1m long cave cum dig floored by rubbish.

11/8/13 Si, Di, Big Steve + Susie

Returned to Back Door to Vaea

Simon capped and chiselled the offending boulders 3915
Steve, Di + Susie dug draught tube (3915) to make it
normal person size. more work required, draught strongly.
possible Andro connection with Si + Big Steve.

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10.08.13 John Clark...Dave Milner...Phil Goodwin...John Southworth.

Site 3543 Cave surveyed from top of 1st pitch to the end. A very tight vertical slot at lower end of lowest chamber was passed with some difficulty to wider section but all ways on are choked. A small window looking onto a pitch at the highest part of the final chamber was enlarged but the whole r/h side wall of loose boulders above the window started moving, resulting in a rather speedy exit of the diggers. Might warrant a return visit.

Site 3566 Had a second look at this sink with the intension of a future dig. Will require capping or snappers.

—Original Message—

From: nigel@dibben.org.uk

To: 'Juan Corrin'

Sent: Sun, Aug 11, 2013 3:44 pm

Subject: Cantabria Underground

Juan,

Just downloaded the whole of Cantabria Subterranea (1997) from this site:

http://www.speleoclubcantabro.com/biblio/CANTABRIA_SUBTERRANEA.pdf

Got the new one too now.

<http://www.tic.udc.es/~nino/blog/documentos/cantasub2010-vol1.pdf>

<http://www.tic.udc.es/~nino/blog/documentos/cantasub2010-vol2.pdf>

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Much better copy, too.

12th August Phil and Juan to 3916 area with the usual tools and toys. First, surface surveyed from the shaft to the two holes in the wooded depression, **sites 3905 and 3906**. (Details below). Then spent some time digging at the base of the shaft, following down in the line of the rift to the left of the buttress. Eventually opened up a tiny hole down to the right (towards the mud and crap wall with the large perched boulder). This has a draught (on a cool, damp day). The rubble up the rift part way down the shaft was also cleared to the surface.

12.08.13 Phil Ryder...Phil Goodwin...John Southworth

Went to **3904** to make a stock proof barrier then started dig at **3902**. Excavated through soil for 1.5m then lost the draught. Rain stopped play.

12/8/13 Si + Di 2017 El zorro, los Gatos y el Frigo.
 Surveyed missing loops. The picture is coming together.
 More to do. a newly discovered pitch to drop.
 An early departure to join the gentlemen of La Cavada for dinner

11 Aug 13 Chris Camm Phil Parker Day off, pulled the odd tray out of Vaca back door (maybe) **3905**.

12 Aug 13 Chris Camm Phil Parker Back to reality with an 8 hour dig at **3901**. Gaps are starting to appear. So maybe its worth some more time. Nice cool dig and out of the rain too.

12 Aug 13 - Risco (Orite) - Pete S. and Carol S.

Trip to check "loose ends" in the area below the Carballo Chamber.

Surveyed the stream-passage as far as the sump, and the ox-bow passage from the chamber to the bedding-plane in the roof of the "Meander" passage. Had a look round the area but found nothing new.

Thurs / Fri / Sat / Mon Aug. La Gatuna area
8th 9th 10th 12th Site 3496

Variously, John, Phil, Dave + Harry carried on working and broke thru' into small extension with a pit to one side which had 2 draughting slots which produced one drop. Capping + snapping got down about 12m to where it needs more work.

→ NB: FOR NEW RIGGING GUIDE SEE 2ND PAGE OF EXTENDED LOG BOOK ~~(transfer)~~ i.e. turnover a few PGS.

Monday 12/08/13: Duke, Tony, James (841) Fresno 2

Rigged the cave all the way to Peridulum Ptch, so that next time we can go in with much less trouble.

All the pitches are now rigged for SRT and the up pitch is much safer.

→ To be continued!

13/8/13 2917 El Zorro, Los Gatos y el Frigo.
Di + Si.

Surveyed to missing walls and found new passage with a draught at the end (beyond the bed) ... Climb over the beast head, drop off the end of the passage into a low crawl... but it goes to tight.
Now: 110.5 Metres !!! Wahoo.

Exiting the cave at 23:00 hours we wondered if the animal that once lived there now only returns at night !?!*!

9/8/13: Duke, Tony, James. Hole by side of road in Rancho

(3914) * Went to look at the hole at 30T 450354 4801276 ^{rather} but further investigation confirmed that it was filled with soil run in (presumably from the road construction). Could be dry but not very promising. This is Black Marble Hole 3817 (Track not shown on AutoCad map)

13/08/13: Jenny, James, Carol. Went for a walk East from the church in Fresno Village, along the Northern area boundary. ~~Towards the~~ Along the way we were intercepted by a cute kitten that delayed Jenny and Carol by ten minutes, and a playful puppy, that followed us for about a mile into thick undergrowth. We decided that we should ~~return~~ retrace our steps and return the puppy to the farm it started from, since it was starting to look bored and lost. We then decided that the area didn't look too promising and abandoned for the pleasant surroundings of El Arcon bar in Solano. Walk was ultimately of NO SPELIOLOGICAL INTEREST.

13/8/13 Phil + Joan put another 6 ~~to~~ hours digging in @ site 3916. A second draughting hole has appeared; large boulder in floor hammered + chiseled out of existence.

14/8/13: Fresno 2: Sr, Dr, Abra, Tony, Duke, James.

Went pushing at the end of Fresno 2. Got to the other side of the pitches before James' long legs got stopped by the Mutual Squeeze. The ~~hump~~ ~~hammer~~ ~~prodder~~ ~~on~~ was put to good use and it's ^{now} no longer a squeeze. Tony and Duke left at Ecstasy Chamber because Tony hurt a bad back. We dosed him up with Ibuprofen before he left. We then went to the Sump and attempted to reach Master Walts, but were stopped by a scary climb. We then ~~to~~ ~~searched~~ ~~around~~ ~~the~~ ~~sump~~ ~~area~~ and found a continuation of the downstream in let. This soon broke into larger passage which we surveyed for 170m before it

rapped out at a mud choke. We could hear water
flowing strongly about 30m 10m belows about halfway
along the new stuff ~~but we~~ The stream ~~was~~ is
still unpushed and needs a q beam to go back to push it!

Fox Hole 936 Explored by Dave Milner, John Clark, John Southworth, Phil Goodwin 13th and 14th August 2013.

A low phreatic maze with passages roughly between 0.3 and 1.5 metres high and soft soil floors providing a desirable residence for both badgers and foxes, (there is evidence of both). A full description would require more words than its importance warrants. Its significance lies in the strong draught which comes out of a narrow rift in the floor which appears to lead to a lower level.

2338 And a life of Caving.

Re visited from 2005 when Bob & I found it
and promised ourselves that we would plumb it
take photos and maybe, even go down it.

Sadly I have had to go back on my own.
it is bell shaped 6M deep with a fissure
or rift to the W and perhaps a way
on under an overhang to the E. There
is no draught. So physically and
symbolically I have tidied up the loose ends
to Bobby's life of caving.

I expected that this would be a very sad
event but not so. It made me reflect on
many years of underground friendship and
enjoyment. Bobby first took me caving in
Plymouth in 1966 54 years going underground
with him has been enormous fun and I
feel privileged and grateful. Our final journey
was to inspect a little dig at 30 U 0582186
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A little bit out of the area perhaps but it may be of interest to the derby shine,
So, many thanks ~~for~~ Bobby for a lifelong enjoyment of things speleo
Ted X

13.08.13 Dave Milner...John Southworth...Phil Goodwin. A day in Fox Cave (0936) exploring & surveying. Only one possible place for any further extension is down a tight 3m which draughts well.

14.08.13 Phil Goodwin...John Southworth A very hot day spent bush wacking in some large depressions in La Gatuna area. Visited cave 3496, helped detackle cave.

13 Aug 13 Chris Camm Phil Parker Back at 3901 more sand and rocks out. A rift in the left wall was dug out. The rift leads after about a metre and a half into a head and shoulders chamber full of hanging boulders. As this area seems to produce the majority of the draught we have opened up the rift to allow us to move these boulders out safely. Need to go back again.

14 Aug 13 Chris Camm Phil Parker Back to photograph and sketch 3917. On the way out daylight was noted entering the roof bedding on the West side of the cave. Rather than excavating the bedding in the cave, we moved a few rocks outside to give access to the bedding. At this point a steep slope goes down into a parallel passage running back into the hill. This Western entrance leads further back into the hill and deeper than the initial cave. Our attempt to tick off this cave now needs a ladder, so back again tomorrow.

Description of passages from Eastern entrance of 3917 Enter low earthy slot under sandstone roof. A bedding goes off left to the new Western entrance at roof level. (description to follow).

The Eastern cave is about 4m wide. From the entrance a 5m slope down leads to walking passage for a few metres. The slope was covered with small sandstone rocks. The main line of development is on 48 degs. The passage is hading under the West wall. The passage here is 1m wide and 3m high. Walls are covered with powdery (like icing sugar) formations. Forwards leads to either a crawl at floor level or a climb up to route just under the roof. The crawl at floor level can be followed via a squeeze, to a very short section of standing passage and an abrupt end to the cave. The high level route terminates at a hole back down into the lower level about 2m from the end of the passage. The end is a circular enlargement just under a metre diameter about 3m high with wet mud covered formations. Choked with calcite at roof level, mild draught through hole in calcite. Further progress unlikely at this point.

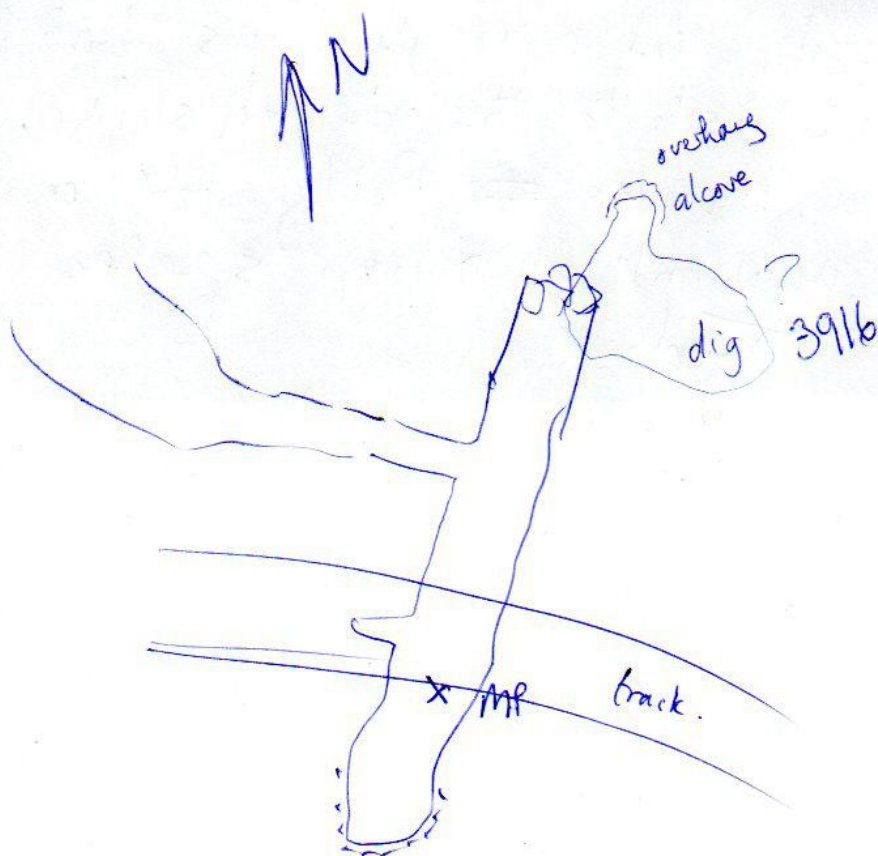
Site 3918 got a quick look, no plans to dig this out, Distored for 6m back into hillside.

Site 3920 dug under overhang at East side of this feature to a point where more work is required to get in. Distored back into hillside 8m.

15th August 2013 Another stint @ dig 3916. Terry Phil Pete and Juan excavating. Shoring was required to give safer progress through a chossy wall into a draughting space.

16th August 2013 Same people back to 3916. Acropops bought + cut to size to stabilise the base. Dug and undermined wall to the northeast to unbalance the base. More work required - was a good draught.

16th Aug 2013 Juan + Pete to Medio Ambiente @ Llanales to report the Signal Crayfish found in Cueva Molino. The warden will report to his superiors in Santander. He suggested that they would not be a danger to the species in Jivero and that the Signal Crayfish could have been introduced deliberately.



15th + 16th August 2013.

39085 Big Steve, Susie, Simon + Di

Digging the tube 15th - making good + easy progress as sandy soil.

16th Progress became difficult - soil compact and needing chiselling to break up. Reached a limestone corner that required capping. Upon removal of the boulder it felt as if Simon's finger... now black! Meanwhile... Susie took a stroll down sink and discovered a draughting slot. An hour of tickling and we were into a small sitting space - Dig enough to swing a lobster! ... we went to the beach instead of continuing... and ate the lobster! ☺

(3914)

16 Aug 2013 Tony Rooke, Djuke Veldhuis, James Carlisle, Jenny Corrin (75)

Surface bashing + shaft checking on el Naso. We set off with two ladders, a piece of rope and a couple of helmets and - in particular - James' map reading skills only to find.....

- 3889 - Prev undescended, went down to find 4m choked shaft.
- Tried to find 2375 / 3138 which we were unable to find !!
0614 / 0615
- Found a new dig in side of shake hole → coord:
30T451126
4797055 Alt - 499m (3843)
- Re-descended 967 → nothing added to prev. descrip. Remains tight rift w/ possible shaft continuing down below BUT needs gear.
- 1599 - under a boulder = 4m shaft choked with sand + boulders.
- 2785 - crawl into tight rift into floor which may be about 2m.
- 2125 - climb down to low crawl which chokes.

Updated Pictures of all of these on computer

RE-RIGGED FRESNERO 2

REF. TRIP 12/08/13

PITCH 1: CASCADE STREAMWAY
KNOWN PASSAGE

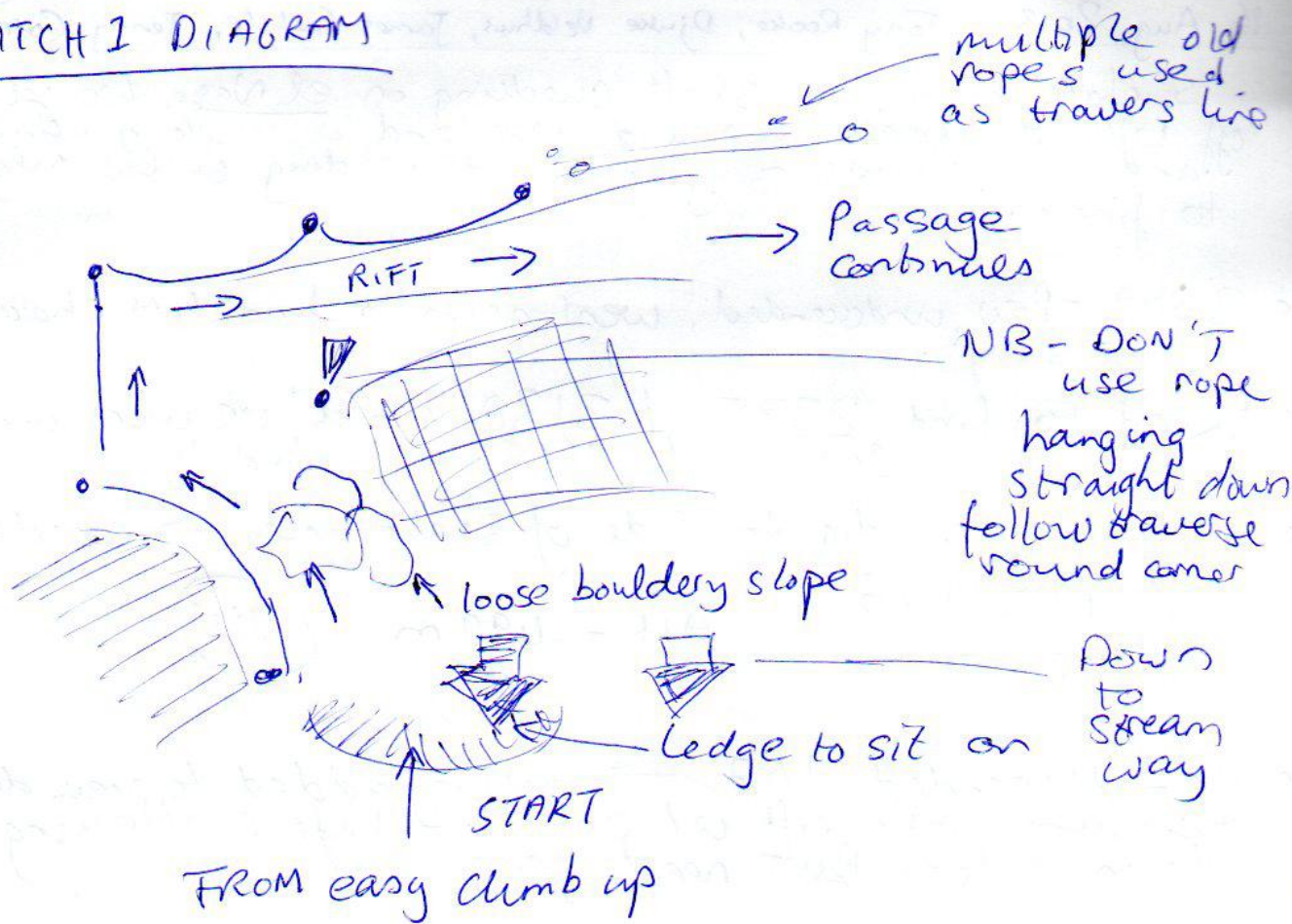
See few pgs back for Description.

Following a clamber up past the waterfall there is an un-roped section in a rift bit (easy climbing) onto a ledge where fixed up rope begins. Step

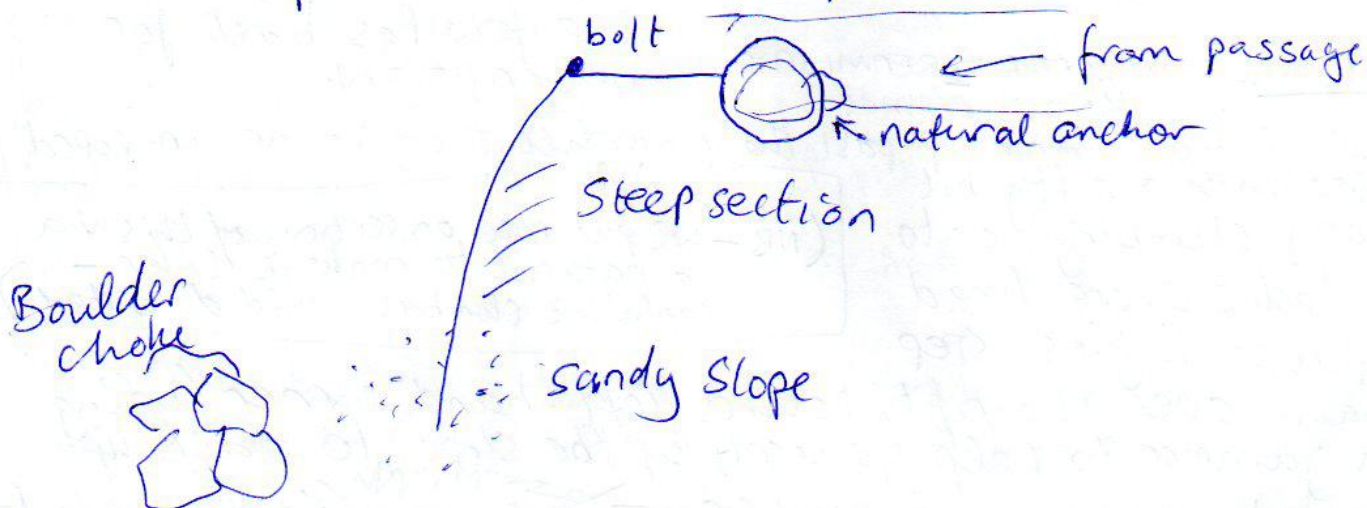
(NB - we put rope on sections of this via a natural to make it safer - confident climbers could do without)

back over the rift, round left-hand corner (using a jammer to help yourself up the slope) to reach up-pitch onto a traverse → CAUTION! Not people to go up 1 at a time as there is loose rock at top

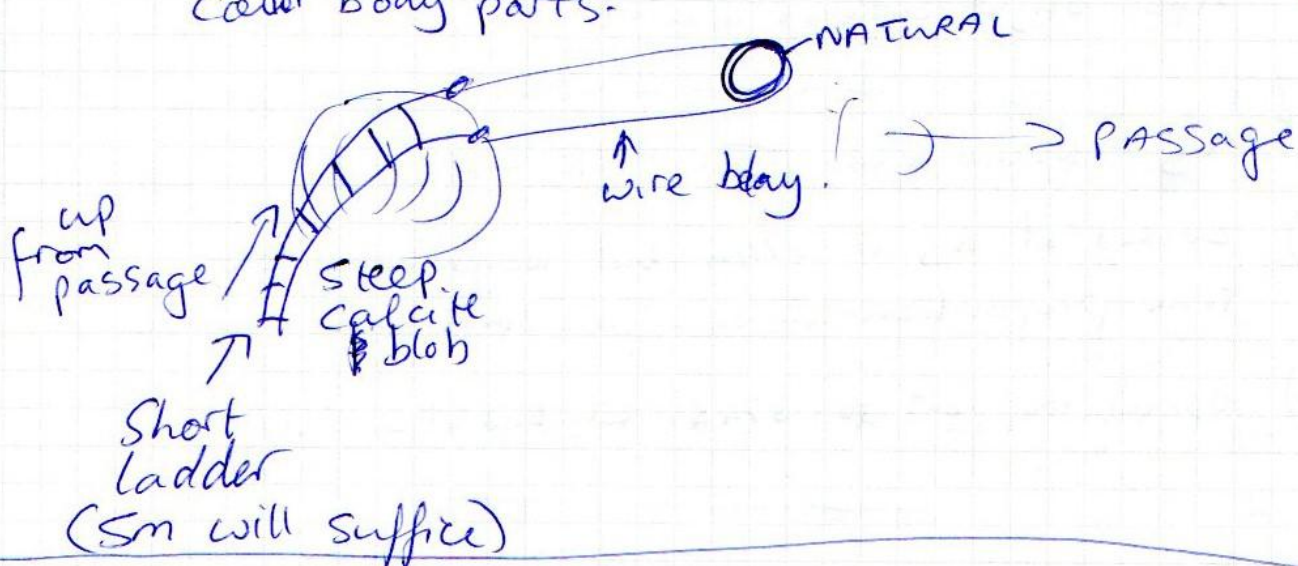
PITCH 1 DIAGRAM



PITCH 2: BIG CHAMBER — This is a big slope full of sand, some steep sections, leading to ~~boulder~~ PIT in floor. There is an in-situ twine rope but we strongly recommend taking a 12m (or so) rope to attach to the natural and single bolt at the top as it makes coming back up much easier + safer.



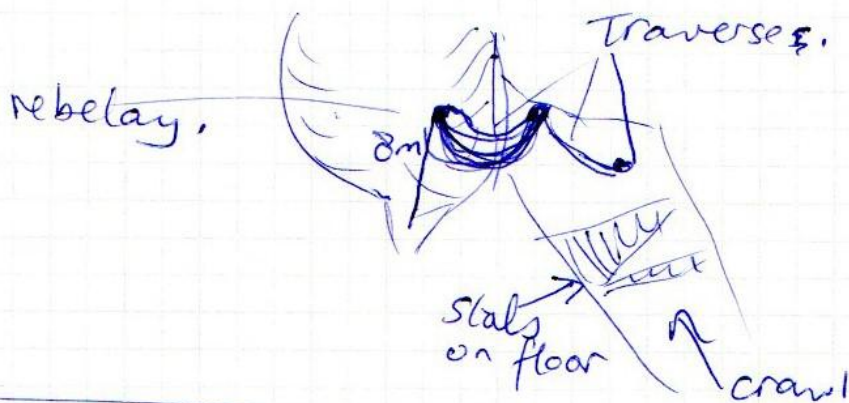
PITCH 3 : TONY'S STEP → due to the steep cascades of calcite in "TILE PASSAGE" we put in a long wire belay + short ladder to make this Scalable without the use of cover body parts.



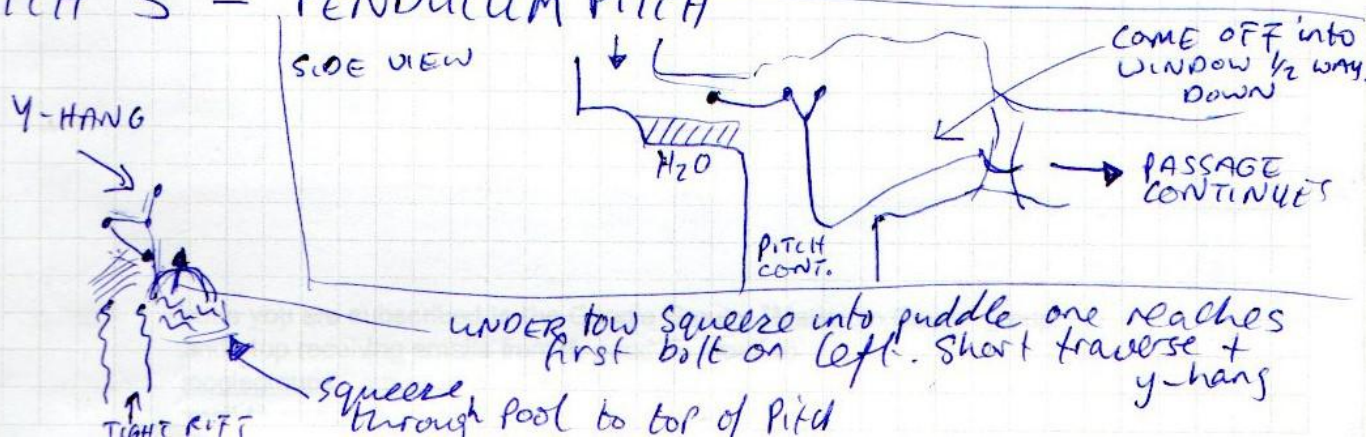
[TRAVERSE in-sites] Then PITCH 4:

"(NOT THE) STAL PITCH"

As the name implies this pitch follows a crawl through a passage which is intersected by 2 big fallen (horizontal) stals which lie across the floor.



PITCH 5 - PENDULUM PITCH



15th Aug - Hornedo area. J.C. + H.L.

(3923) 4m deep shaft (unexplored) under large sandstone slab. Slight outward draught.

16th Aug - Riano area. J.C., P.R. + H.L.

- a) Looked at dig at 3744 but would be a long term proposition to reach place that looks caveable
- b) Opened top out to 3745. Choked at 2.5 depth

Fox Hole 936

Fox Cave is situated in a small valley with several holes in its right bank. One of these caves was rediscovered in 2008 and called Fox Cave but it is unsure whether this was the original cave. A hole down valley but slightly higher was explored in 2013 and eventually linked to the 2008 cave. All entrances draught out very strongly at times.

The down valley entrance leads to a low phreatic maze with passages roughly between 0.3 and 1.5 metres high and soft soil floors providing a desirable residence for the more discerning badger or fox, (there is evidence of both). A full description would require more words than its importance warrants. Taking second left at the first chamber leads to Apricot chamber which has a draughting rift in the floor. An enlarged hole in the rift leads to a passage which gets too tight in one direction but widens and then ascends to a large chamber just inside the up-valley entrances. On the entrance side of the chamber a passage descends and eventually becomes too tight. It is almost certain that this leads to a small draughting entrance immediately below the down-valley entrance.

Total length, including most of the "wrinkles" 286metres. The source of the strong draught could not be found.

Explored by Dave Milner, John Clark, John Southworth, Phil Goodwin August 2013.

From: alasdaimeill <alasdaimeill@yahoo.co.uk>

To: matienzocaves <matienzocaves@googlegroups.com>

Subject: Carcawuezo

Date: Fri, 16 Aug 2013 9:40

Just noticed on the survey files that there appears to have been a route surveyed from the area of the top of the climbs leading into the Western Series, into the area of the big chamber up a climb in the entrance series (which perhaps could be known as "Big Chamber Somewhere near the Entrance".

Doesn't seem to be shown on the drawn surveys (that area is confusing on the existing survey)

Does anyone know about this passage, if a connection could be made it would avoid the streamway & risks from all but major floods.

Ali.

From: Steve Openshaw - Bentham Geoconsulting Ltd 01524 222122 <s.openshaw

To: matienzocaves <matienzocaves@googlegroups.com>

Subject: RE: Carcawuezo

Date: Fri, 16 Aug 2013 11:22

I seem to think myself and Pete Egan did some work around here? Pete????

17/08/13: 3908⁵, Big Steve, James Carlsk.

(79)

Progressed the dig a further body length to where it was possible to see through by a slight enlargement about 1m ahead in the passage. We fired off a couple of rounds of caps, but the caps got stuck - by the time we'd freed them we decided to call it a day.

17/8/13 Trip to Panales. Phil, Julie (Little) and Juan. Mission to find out the price of a 6m length of double wall tubing to slip down the entrances to 3916 at Torca La Vaca and Giant Panda. Inspection of the likely tube in the Big Mat yard showed it to be 600mm ϕ and suitable for the job. This type of corrugated, double-walled tube appeared to be £300 on the Internet.

In the Big Mat office, the boss behind the counter printed out a quote for the 6m length as 240€, including 30% discount. Juan asked Julie to ask for a 'better' discount. Julie asked, "How much discount?" To which Juan replied, "100%".

After explaining that the hole(s) could be called "Entrada Big Mat" and publicity given on the web site, Julie asked for 100% discount and the boss said, "OK!"

We should return on Monday (after measuring up the entrances) to cut the 6m tube into shorter lengths.

Buy your DIY materials from

BIG MAT

17/8/13 Harry reported seeing both types of Conifer in Tiers 2.

Also new track (for logging?) coming down to middle entrance of 713 Aguanaez

Fresnedo 2: Rigging Guide

1. **8m handline** helpful (but not essential) for climb into Cascade Streamway. There is a good natural in the roof of the passage directly above the second half of the climb.
2. Climb up into Known Passage from Cascade Streamway: lower part of climb an easy free-climb; second part re-bolted as an SRT pitch and traverse in August 2013. Red 20m rope left *in situ* along with 3 hangers and maillons. Original (1990s) bolts and hangers used on the easier lower part of the pitch (original white rope also left on pitch, but this is not suitable for SRT due to rub over wall of choss near head of pitch).
3. **15m rope** and **1 hanger+maillon** needed for climb down into Big Chamber. Pitch is backed up from wedged boulder in floor of passage. Bolt for hanger was put in 2013 and is in the right-hand wall at around head height.
4. **Short ladder** and **long wire belay** needed for climb out of milled pothole in floor of Tile Passage. Belay is to natural a few metres back along the floor of the passage.
5. Traverse over 2m deep milled pothole in the floor of Tile Passage has *in situ* traverse line from original (1990s) exploration. The line and hangers seemed in good condition in August 2013.
6. **15m rope** and **3 hangers+maillons** needed for (Not the Stal) Pitch. 1990s bolts (on the right at floor level) found to be in bad nick in 2013. New bolts placed higher up on the right wall and a further bolt put in a few feet down for a re-belay.
7. **15m rope** and **2 hangers+maillons** needed for Pendulum Pitch. Original 1990s rope and 2 hangers also *in situ* - we used the original bolt at the pitch head to form a Y-hang with our new bolt. The bottom end of the rope can be tied off to a natural after swinging into the window halfway down.

At the end of the cave (just after the sump chamber is reached) there is a long sandy crawl leading to a large chamber with a pit that requires either a climb down and up the other side, or a traverse around the edge. The climbs are crumbly and loose and could possibly do with some protection, but are probably fine for competent climbers. The August 2013 team did not go beyond this chamber and so cannot comment on any remaining tackle needed.

15 Aug 13 Chris Camm Phil Parker 3917 Western Entrance with ladder. Hole on left at base of entrance slope examined, this is the deepest part of the known cave but would need digging to get to that point. Descent is a series of squeezes maybe going down 14 or 15m below roof level. Not pushed further.

Moving on in the entrance passage a T junction is reached with a run in from the left. Going up the right hand side of this run in slope, the Sandstone roof steps up where the bottom part of the sandstone bed has fallen off. Here a bedding runs off to the West to a point where daylight can be seen. On the surface this point is a couple of metres East of the East entrance to **site 3918**. It looks as though 3917 and 3918 could be connected by digging under the lowest part of the sandstone bed. There are now numerous rifts going back into the hill from the bedding, so its possible there may be others off this bedding. Yesterday 3918 Western entrance was distoed as going 6m back under the hill.

3917 West entrance, turning to the right at the T junction at the end of the entrance passage the run in slope can be followed down to a point that would need digging to get through. Above here a large crack/slot in the sandstone bed has allowed some impressive stals to form. You can climb up here and traverse forward to a pit about 4m deep to a debris slope. Forward across the pit seems to be blocked by the stal flows, but a way on at the base is being followed in the same direction as the sandstone slot. The pit was laddered off a couple of large columns, the walls are quite loose. At the base of the pit the way on needs digging.

16 Aug 13 Chris Camm Phil Parker Back to **Site 3917** to dig base of pit. A few hours were spent and a small amount of forward progress made until stal barred the way on. A larger bit of passage can be seen beyond. Capping tomorrow. This point draughts out and is a cold place to work. Site 3920 dug some more out but not quite in yet, there is a slope on into the hill though, so back tomorrow.

17.08.13 Dave Milner...Phil Goodwin...John Southworth.

Went looking for cave 3195, after 1 hour search for it gave up and returned to car. Started dig in blocked entrance crawl of Washing Machine hole 3420. Need a few more pair of extra hands to clear final blockage. Had a dig in cave above 3420 entrance, will require a lot more work. (3779)

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Subject
Date

Hi all
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390.

18/8/13 Joan + Phil measure the entrances of 3916 + Giant Panda for possible 81
tubing.
Dig 3916: the top will take 2m of tube.
Giant Panda: Best with blocks + cement. Tubing not necessary.
2691

19/8/13 Team to Raudes to cut the 6m tube into 3 pieces and bring them back to Matienzo on/in Joan's car.

Phil, Pete, Joan to site 3916 in the afternoon to continue digging. Later joined by Dave Milner, John Southworth, Phil Goodwin + Alf Latham. Now more shoring needed - 7.2m deep and a good draught coming out of the floor.

From: Terry Whitaker <t.whitaker1@btinternet.com>

To: matienzocaves <matienzocaves@googlegroups.com>

Subject: RE: Carcavuezo

Date: Sun, 18 Aug 2013 14:47

Hi all

The name "Big Chamber Somewhere near the Entrance" is rather apt but it's rather difficult to find.

I think I was there shortly after it was found, possibly with Steve and Jim Davis but we didn't do any survey I suspect its never been accurately surveyed.

We were looking for a way to the Western series which is probably only about 10-20m further North. As Ali says a way through here would be quick and safe way to either the Western Series or via the Third railway Siding to the Afternoon Stroll and Carcaveuso 2.

18.08.13 Alf Latham...John Southworth...Dave Milner...Phil Goodwin

A trip to dig draughting slot in floor of final chamber of 3812 (Yo Yo cave). Will require more capping to gain access to what could be an open rift passage.

← BWOOD PARK ENTRANCES 19/8/13
3905: Si, R, By Stone, James 19/08/13: Continued the digging and capping to ~~what~~ gain another 1m or so of progress. Still more work needed. James went for a walk up to the ruined building at (448431, 4800246), which is only a few metres above the 10m pitch in the Fridge (near the Prison Barrs). The ruin has a sign on it saying "23 Barro de los Urros". The interior was full of brambles and would need a machete to enter. No obvious entrance was in the vicinity. On the way back James found a 3925 hole in the left hand side of a track, the through which it was possible to see through into a chamber. It would take about 10 minutes digging with a spade and crowbar to gain entry here and have a



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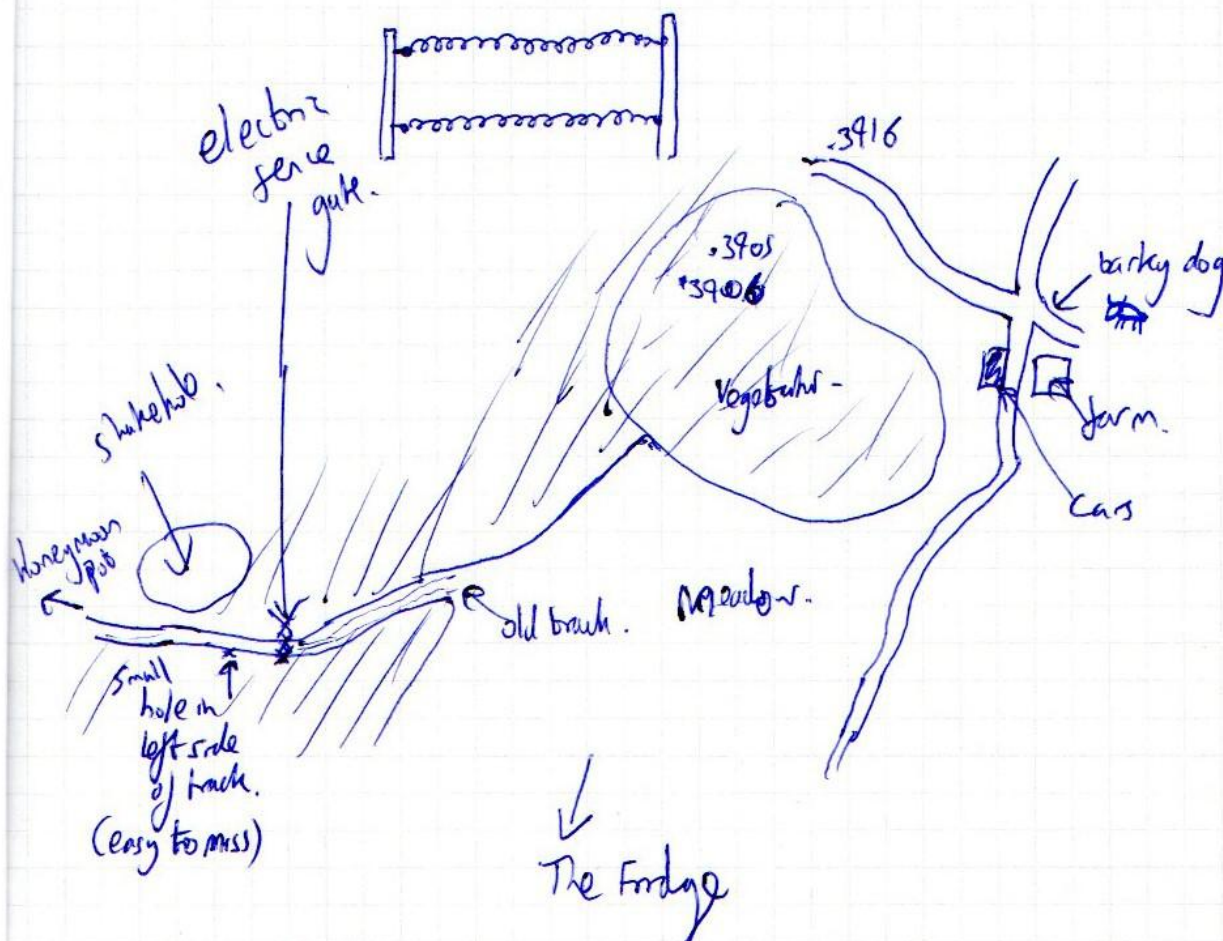
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look. The entrance is up near to (448550, 4800356), ⁸³ the low down on left bank of the track. It is rabbit hole sized at the surface, but looks to widen out quickly. It is just after an ~~excited~~ electric fence gate with two coils of wire across it.



17 Aug 13 Chris Camm Phil Parker 3920 dug the small top way and the larger lower way over and under the sandstone bed out. Just a short cave here approx 17m long and 2.3m deep. See sketch. There is a draughting hole in the floor but its tiny. Entrance walled up, as finished here. Returned to 3917 for a very short trip due to drill failure. Return planned.

18 Aug 13 Chris Camm Phil Parker Digging at 3901 in the rift to the left at the bottom of the entrance slope. A little progress made we now have the draught coming out of the floor at the end of this rift. More work needed but the good cold draught may mean its a good prospect. Rock here is really hard, bits were blunt or both.

19 Aug 13 Chris Camm Phil Parker Rain made for a late start. Alisas looking for lost GPS. While Phil wandered, I pulled a few rocks out of the base of the rock face about 4m down the road from 2989. Not really worth an entry on its own this maybe add to 2989 description?

2917
18/8/13 The Fridge James, Si, Di
Dropped the ladder pitch from higher level series. Further on another ladder required for up over slope. James went out with drill (dinner date) we continued. Found No Fraking way which led to a boulder choke.

17 AUG 13.

SITE 3912 SKETCH.

LENGTH 17m.

DEPTH 2.3m.

ALT 265m

EXPOSED AND SKETCHED
FULL PARCEL, CEMENT CANON
OK.

50°
WAG.
2013.

VERTICALS MUCH TOO LOW FOR SUN +

TOO LOW
0.6m WIDE

DRILLING
HOLE 10 FEET
AT DEEPEST EVER
2.3m BELOW ROOF.

WIDEN
2m TO
RASH
1.5m TO
FILL.

STAIN-DEFENDING PROTECT

JOINT IN
SANDSTONE BED
IN ROCK ON
~ 450

Boulders
+ WETTER
INTERED
ABOVE

PROPOSED JAIL
OFF 2 YARDS

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m.

TRASH

20/8/13 Phil + Joan, John S, Alf, Phil G and Dave M digging at site 3916.
Scaffold first then digging. 2m long crawl opened up over rocks to
move boulders. Good drought. Now needs more scaffold.

From: Alasdair Neill <alasdairneill@yahoo.co.uk>

To: matienzocaves <matienzocaves@googlegroups.com>

Subject: Re: Carcavuezo

Date: Tue, 20 Aug 2013 9:32

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The survey files show lines which appear to be a survey round the edges of the chamber. We found the way up into it a few weeks ago, but only Alex went up & had a quick look around. It was noticeable that there appears to be more draught coming down the way up to it than coming up the slot leading down the normal route into the cave where you first hear the stream.

We also had a brief look at the passages carrying on past where these two routes carry on, these had not been surveyed before but where we stopped was within about 30m of the continuation into the choke from the start of the Afternoon Stroll.

Incidentally I'm not totally clear on what the Boy's Entrance is. Is it the router up to Afternoon Stroll following the line up through the choke?

19.08.13 Alf Latham...Dave Milner...John Southworth...Phil Goodwin.

Went to investigate the 8m & 3m undescended pitches in cave 3174 (Pooch Cave). The base of the 8m pitch has a possible rift off heading back towards the entrance, would need capping.

The 3m pitch was found to be choked. Spent a couple of hours digging at the expected new entrance to Vaca 3916 with Juan, Pedro & Phil P.

20/8/13 2917 Si + Di Cueva de los Urros (The Fridge)
Continued surveying beyond No Fraking Way.
dropped down into the boulder choke -
Used a ladder but climbable. Some
loose boulders, no significant draught
explored all body sized cavities. Started
digging in the floor where rocks were
dropping down for 4m² aprox. Digging/capping
required to continue.
Returned to higher level to continue surveying.
Passage ends above the 2nd pitch - slope up + down
21/8/13. 2917. Cueva de los Urros. Si + Di:
El Zorro, Los Gatos y el Frigo
Final day to survey the incomplete lower
sections discovered on first day into El Frigo.
A wonderful cave !!!

21.08.13 John Southworth...Dave Milner. The days plan was to do a smoke test at cave 3752 hoping this could be detected by a team down El Cubillon, but 3752 found to be draughting out strong the same as El Cubillon. Two digs found in same area. Narrow vertical slot in small rock face at river level, good draught.

SITE 3926 alt 308 0446320 4796023 pic d001

SITE 3927 On hillside on opposite side of valley from El Cubillon. 1m deep narrow choked shaft, good draught. alt 258 0446134 4796619 pic d002

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21.08.13 Phil Goodwin...Alf Latham El Cubillon:- Bolting at farthest south up mud staircase. Equipment failure led to premature finish. Rope left in place after 5m of height ready for return visit.

22/8/13 Juan, Phil, Pete, Terry to site 3916, latter joined by Andy + Julie. Digging at base and in the "correct" direction towards the telephone point in TCV. Draughting holes in floor uncovered and more scaffolding installed. Now 8.3m deep with a possible wall to follow towards a connection

20 Aug 13 Chris Camm Phil Parker Riano area look round before going back to 3917. Footlegs site 2470 was seen, note this is on the woodland side of the fence rather than in the field as shown on the current map. There was no draught noted. Lower down the hill we followed the sandstone bed outcrop from the gate Eastwards as far as Site 1425? Large walk in entrance down to choke. complete animal skeleton on the floor here, not sure of what though, Dog?

We also had a look to the West towards the end of the field beyond the recorded sites 0640 etc,

but the bed was not seen to outcrop here. It does outcrop again in the wood Eastwards towards 0640.

In 3917 10m was added to the length when Phil got past the stal blocking the end. The current end is now a smaller draughting hole. Still a good dig prospect as there is stacking space.

21 Aug 13 Chris Camm Solo trip cap and dig 3901. The rift was widened and floor dug a bit more. At the end the right hand wall cuts back and a good draught came out at floor level. As the rift widens higher up (and draughts) more material was dug out of the roof. During this work another draughting hole opened up on the right side in the fill. Needs more work.

22.08.13 Phil Goodwin...John Southworth...Dave Milner...Alf Latham.

Spent morning at cave 3566 and rift 5m above it. All possible leads close down. Afternoon digging ³²¹⁵~~3836~~ (Duck Pond). 1m progress in very low passage.

23/8/13 Phil, Juan + John D over to 3916 to cover it over. ~~£~~
Shoring installed across the top of the entrance and a cover made from Phil's old balcony rails + Juan's planks and off-cuts. Final touches ^{were} a tarpaulin covered with soil and an electric fence, the site of which seems to deter most cows.

23.08.13 John Southworth...Dave Milner...Phil Goodwin. Had a look in Torca El Mortiro (1975) wood and also the large wood to the south, nothing of importance found. In field near southern wood a recent run in at the base of a shakehole was found which has been covered over by the farmer, found to be 3m deep but well choked. Details: 30T 0447489 4796621 Alt 254 = **NEW SITE 3928**

24.08.13 Phil Goodwin...Dave Milner...John Southworth Returned to Duck Pond dig (3215) passage on bearing 250 degree, removed boulder in floor to gain a further 1.5m to an upward boulder run in. This dig now finished. Total length of this passage is now 8m.

0014 Cueva de Gonzalo (Cueva del Rebollo)

452849 4796312

The passage swings left at the dam, not right as the old survey (Cuadernos II) appears to show. The repaired dam keeps the water level higher than before.

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3929 Fuente de la Lisa

452750 4796303

Now a large round area in the field where most of the water from Risco resurges.

18/13

0032 Cueva del Transformador 452812 4796266

Water level inside the cave, which resurges in wet conditions, was high in August 2013. This was the cave explored for 35m on 28 July 1974, when the water level was lower.

From: Peter Smith <smith_peter2004@yahoo.es>

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Subject: 671

Date: Sun, 25 Aug 2013 17:41

Attachments: 671.svx (572)

Hello

This afternoon I improvised a "survey" of cave 671. With compass and clino and estimating the lengths. I should have borrowed a disto but even so it's the bearings that are the most surprising as the cave practically goes back under itself.

Here's the survex file.

Cheers

25/08/2013 Duck Pond 3215.

JOHN SOUTHGATE, PHIL GOOSWIN &
DAVE MILNER.

FURTHER DAY DIGGING. ENTERED SMALL
CHAMBER, WITH MORE DIGGING NEEDED
TO MAKE PROGRESS.

WARNING

ENTRANCE SHAFT BECOMING UNSTABLE,

~~WITH~~ NEEDS SHORING

WHICH IS PLANNED FOR
NEXT EASTER.

28/8/13 Juan + Penny up into jungle on hillside 150m S of Fuente Ramera.
(2800). Recently cleared cliff face looked interesting but all there was in area
was a tiny 2m through trip (between boulders) and a couple of small animal
shelters. SITE 3930 approx. 30T 0452897 4797349

Email (with additions 27/8/2013

Hi Juan (and Phil),

Having thought about things it seems likely to me that the sump (site 3910) could be a window into a route taking water from Regato (0672) to Nacimiento de Campiazo (1106), probably picking up water from the eastern end of Coercion Cave (2739) on the way. Downhill from site 3910 are 2 very small resurgences, one coming out through consolidated fill and the other from a minute, immature passage. These may be some sort of overflows to the main system. They are certainly not, nor have not, been the main outlet from Regato and possibly the Slaves (2738) / Freedom Pot (2737) system. Also, there is the choked wet weather sink cave (site 2687) which, although near to Fuente de Virgen (0582), is too low in altitude to drain there and which is likely to be a part of this possible larger system.

I've mentioned site 3910 to Rup and he said if permission can be gained for a recce dive next Easter he would be interested in having a look.

In view of the possibility of 3910 being a part of a system, which could also include a number of other sites within the permit area (Huerta Rey 2519, Hole in the Bend (2415) and the small caves (2760, 2761, 2762, 2763, 2764, 2765) I found up the bank from Campiazo), and the fact that it is only 100 metres or less outside the area I think a strong case could be made for at least a recce dive.

I shall await developments!

Cheers,

Harry

22 Aug 13 Chris Camm Phil Parker Short day detackle 3917 dig at end is going to need some more work to progress further.

23 Aug 13 Chris Camm Phil Parker 3901 capped rift and dug at choke. Draught seems to be coming from bottom of choke, so may be better to dig down rift. Removing more of the choke looks like a major dig. Entrance walled up and left stock proof. Return planned.

24 Aug 13 Chris Camm Phil Parker Went for a look at the cold store site 3578, has a decent draught and an undercut under one of the rift walls. Progress might be made by capping. Trying to find out via Jaime, who farms the land to get permission to have a go at this. Day cut short by heavy rain.

25 Aug 13 Chris Camm Phil Parker 3012 area. More slurry here. Our intended destination 3011 was also completely blocked by a dead cow that has fallen in. Round to Aguanaz for gear washing and drying.

4/8/13 While taking a time-lapse sequence of the mist rising from the depression above the farm at the bottom of the TV mast track, found a small shaft about 10m west of the second concrete pole above an old track off.
SITE 3931
30T 0452854 4794912 ↑385. Seems about 3m deep
No light. Cased with a couple of boulders. One sandstone.

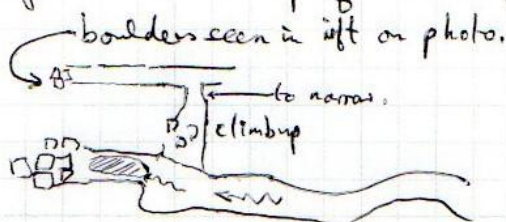
Late afternoon Renny + Jan walk out on Graso - Rosmarín - up from usual parking place. Above the cave at (1892)

Found a shaft 4m deep to a false floor then another pass. 4m drop on one side. Unexplored.
SITE 3932
30T 0450541 4797670 ↑

5/9/13 Juan + Pete into 3884 near Jivaro to check out digs. (89)

- ① Downstream @ base of 2nd pitch. Boulder choke @ water level will need a lot of work. Just back from here, on the right, a rift rises up. A crevasse held through a too tight section and angled over the boulder choke appeared to show continuing passage @ a higher level in a rift. Five or ten away there appears to be boulders in the rift. But this may be an easier place to dig.
- ② Pushed and dug through in the middle level at the top of the second pitch opposite the main route in. A small grotto can be seen ahead but digging required in grotto floor to allow sensible progress to a larger stal at the end and a possible rift.

Survived back to top of second pitch (length estimated)



Change GR 86. 453927 479463 WGS 84 stable edge
454029 479496 4794596

New GR for auto. is 0454037 4794613 1263

From: Phil Goodwin <philcygoodwin@gmail.com>

To: Juan Corrin <uzueka@aol.com>

Subject: civil war cave

Date: Mon, Sep 9, 2013 7:51 pm

Hi Juan.

I was looking at my svx file for this cave and noticed that I had not fixed the entrance. Then I remembered I should not have sent it to you as we wanted to 're-gps' it.

The problem is that the number is for the sink some distance away. Should it have a different number?

Here is some data that might help.

GPS - 0446562 4798420 Altitude 152

Bearing from entrance to sink 220 degrees 20 metres.

we are not sure about the accuracy of the altitude.

From sigpak we got 446566 479841

probably too much info !!

regards Phil Goodwin

Prob. keep
3543 as no. for cave
& mention sink.
@ from entrance.

Attached is a photo of a small cave just west of Renada bottom entrance it's about 6m long with a small chamber near the surface a low passage which rapidly chokes goes off from the chamber. John (Dickinson) has the GPS location.
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