

LOGBOOK

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Season: summer

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Juan Corrin, January 2015

SUMMER 2014

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14/7/14 James + Juan to site 3951 - a large depression east of Solórzano partly investigated at Easter.



Hole @ deepest point turned out to be a slope down into a 5m long collapse chamber with no draught. This is now 3951. To the northwest, a small hole - draughting - was opened up, site 4044. A couple of hours was spent trying to destroy a rock in the floor. More work needed, or perhaps just an "up-your-endoscope" to see round the corner where rocks roll away.

Other black holes seen @ Easter are nothing.

Site 3951 now @	30T 0453615	4803676	↑185	} <u>Guessed</u>
Site 4044 @	30T 0453625	4803686	↑190	

Still loads of holes to investigate in the area.

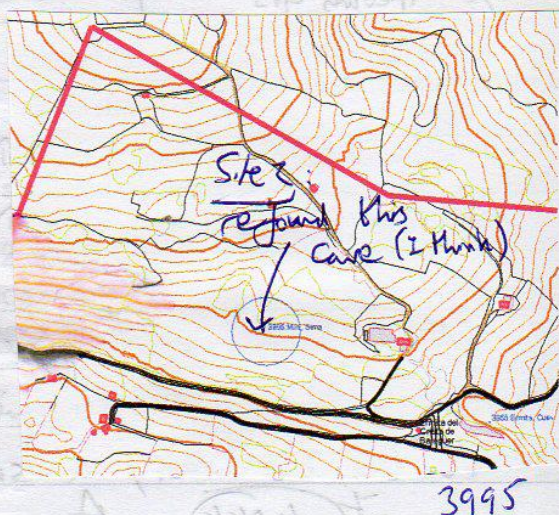
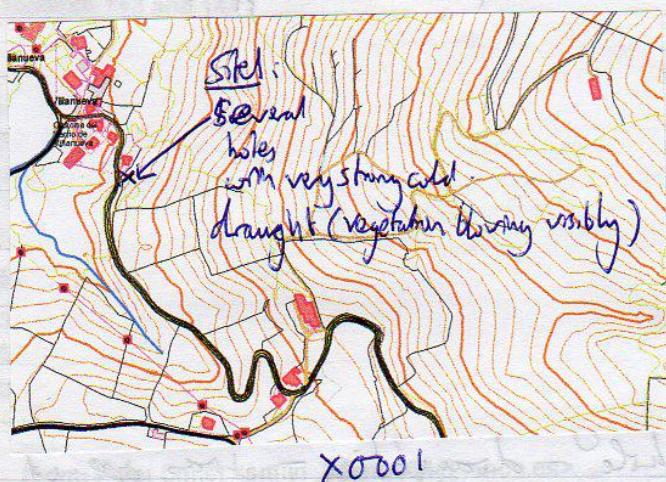
15/7/14 Juan back to 4044 with an up-your-endoscope. This worked well (GoPro + light) and recorded stones dropping down @ the end. Probably worthwhile pursuing.

16/7/14: James, Jenny, Elie. Drive back from Santander via Villanueva.

SR1: Just on the hill outside Villanueva we noticed an area set back from the road. This had a diggable hole with a very strong cold draught that was blowing the vegetation. Is a ~~camp~~ definite winner - goes, but also outside the permit area. Further up the road there is a small hole in the rock ~~with~~ that also is blowing strongly. X0001

We then went for a drive to site 2481, which we think was

but wasn't - it's 4069
 site 3995 (Sima Mini). We had no gear so didn't descend.
 It was a large black hole at the edge of a shale hole
 that drops down into a slope to a large chamber beneath.
~~It was not deep~~ There could be a way on at the bottom,
 but if it's 3995 then there isn't.



17th July 2014. Site 4043, Torca Cañaos. Ali, James & Juan.

The previous trip (15/5/2014) had explored the *Galería de Yeso* and surveyed the main line only, not investigating any side passages. Ali rigged the entrance pitch for SRT: tree, Y hang and deviation. Objective was to complete the survey of the *Galería de Yeso* and explore side passages.

- Went to the end of the Yeso passage where Ali attacked the squeeze through at station 0 only to find that others had been there before and the route closed down in two directions in sand and stal. Total length about 10m, not surveyed.
- Just back from the end is a slope down which turns down to the right to meet the stream. At this and other places where a route exists between "middle level" and the stream, the stream is met in a roomy chamber with the passage continuing low with water ponded by cobbles both upstream and downstream. Neoprene may be required to push on in the stream. The route down was surveyed. **Batch 14-02: Surveyed length 29.4m**
- A few metres further on in the main passage, James entered a small tube rising on the left, which became too small at a carbide "STOP". He spent 30 minutes hammering out the squeeze before pushing through to a small continuation where it became too small at a possible draught. This was surveyed. **Batch 14-03: Surveyed length 32.9m**
- Ali dug out a flat out crawl to a slight enlargement and a tight climb down to the stream. **Batch 14-04: Surveyed length 30.7m.**
- Juan investigated passages off station 14-01.10 near the stal floor arrow. The rift to the east is entered at the heart graffiti and continues after 30m. A short climb to the west at station 14-01.10 enters a veranda in the aven and another walking passage which enters a larger decorated route which also continues. These all need exploring and surveying.

6 hour trip. Entrance pitch derigged.

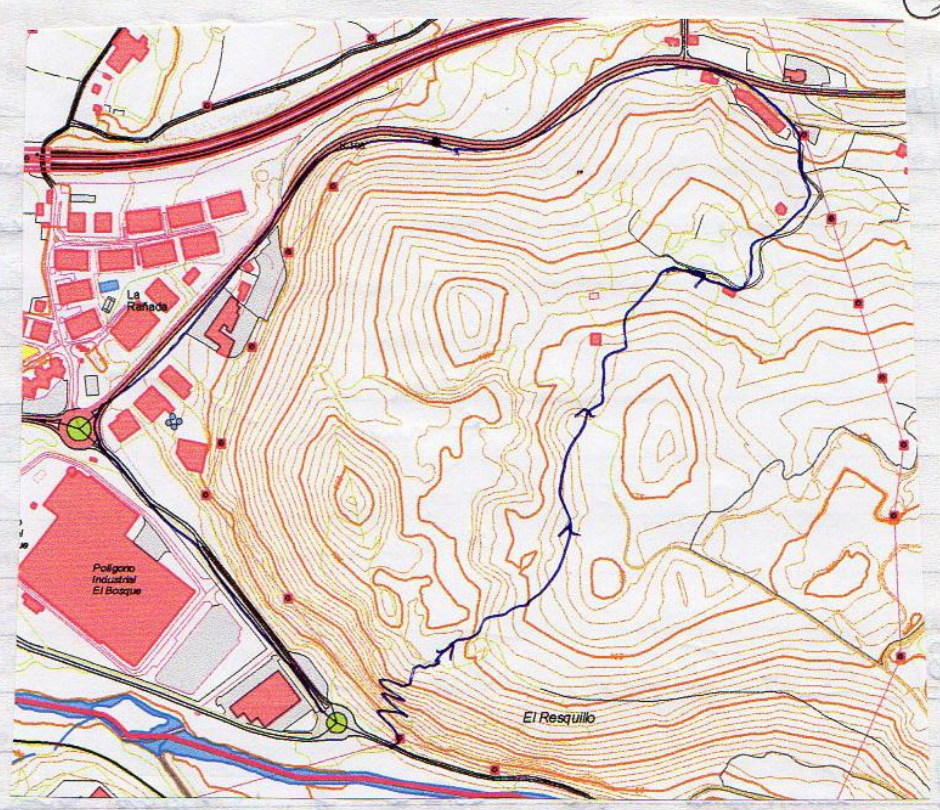
Then drove back via Villaneuva to GPS out-of-area hole which James had spotted previously.

Hedge yer Bets Dig **X0001**: 30T 447783 4804189 (out of area at Villaneuva). This hole is just off the road behind a hedge and has a good draught. A few metres further up the road is a draughting hole in the road-side scar.

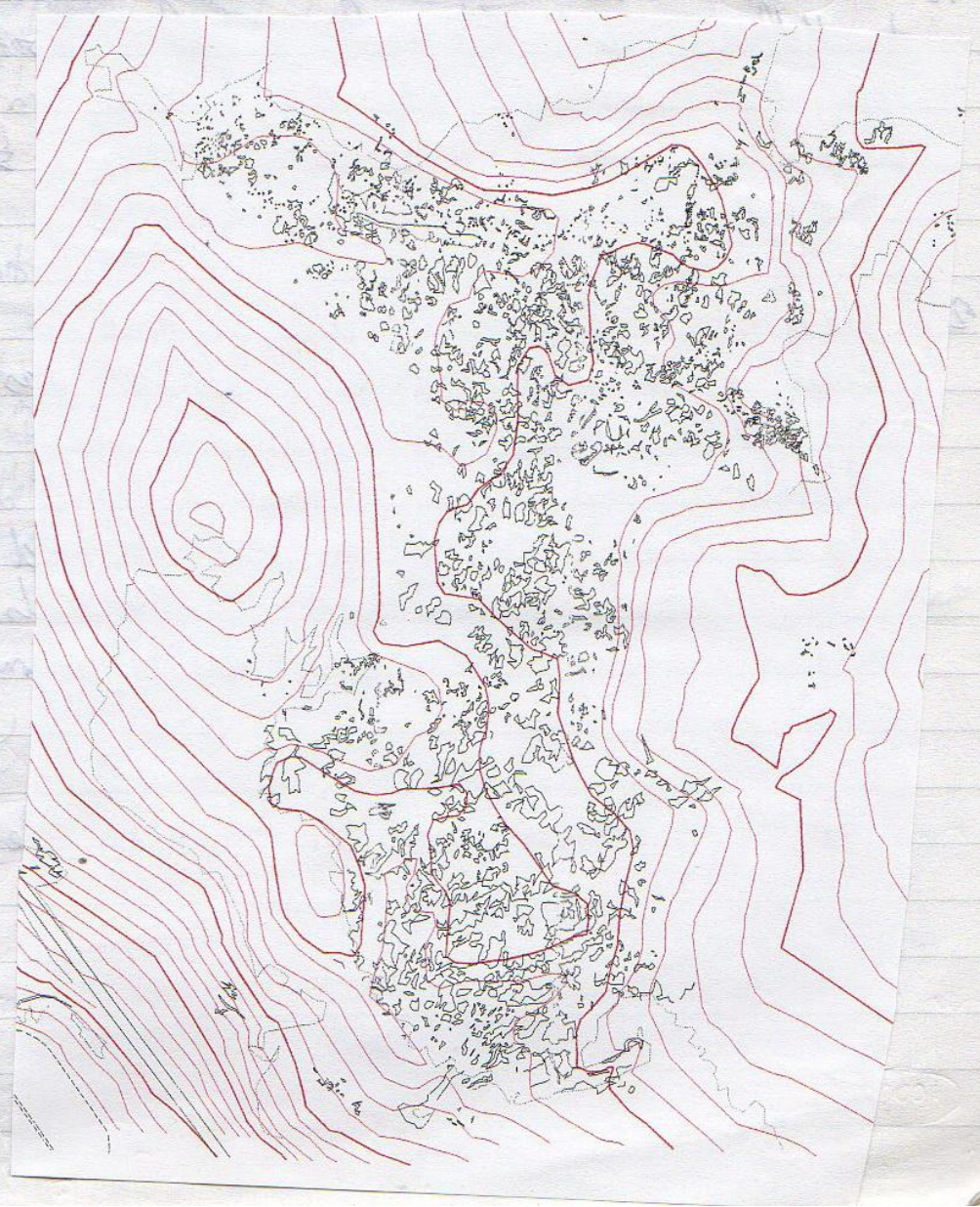
Then drove on to Garzon and GPS'd the probable location for **Sima Mini, site 3995**: 30T 450246 4803177. This is on the side of a small vegetated depression and is a 2m slither down to where a 3m pitch drops down under the entrance. Reality doesn't quite match the old survey - that has the 3m pitch almost at the surface.

18th July Ali & Juan Aim to investigate the western side of Monte Vizmaya where there are iron stone mines - limestone pinnacles. Started off with near vertical climb up from the eastern end of El Bosque industrial estate following goat tracks. The ground levelled out somewhat until we reached the almost impenetrable workings. One rift was investigated and a short foray made into the pinnacles. After a short walk down an obvious track we returned uphill, heading north and skirting the east side of the workings. One other rift was entered but nothing of speleological interest was found. Kept heading north then down to a track which lead through enclosures with goats and sheep with barking dogs. We finally hit the main N634 road at Alto del Bosque, walked down to Solares and turned left back to the estate and the car.

Sources



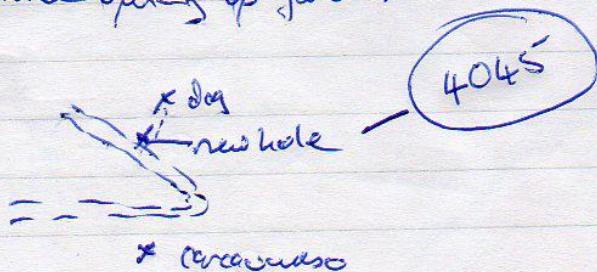
Iron-ore workings
visible on
aerial photos
Google Earth.



18/7/14 - Al (74056)

opened up entrance of dry dig above carcass.

found hole in side of track just below dig, can see into small chamber but needs extreme opening up further.

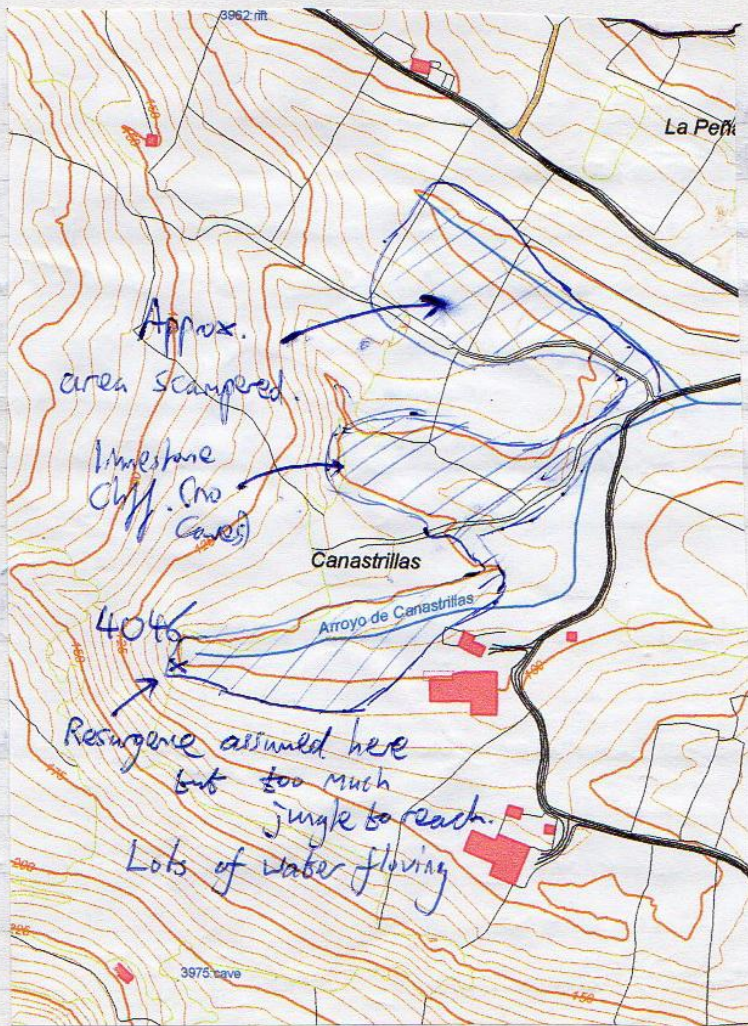


18/7/14 - James, Jerry, Elke.

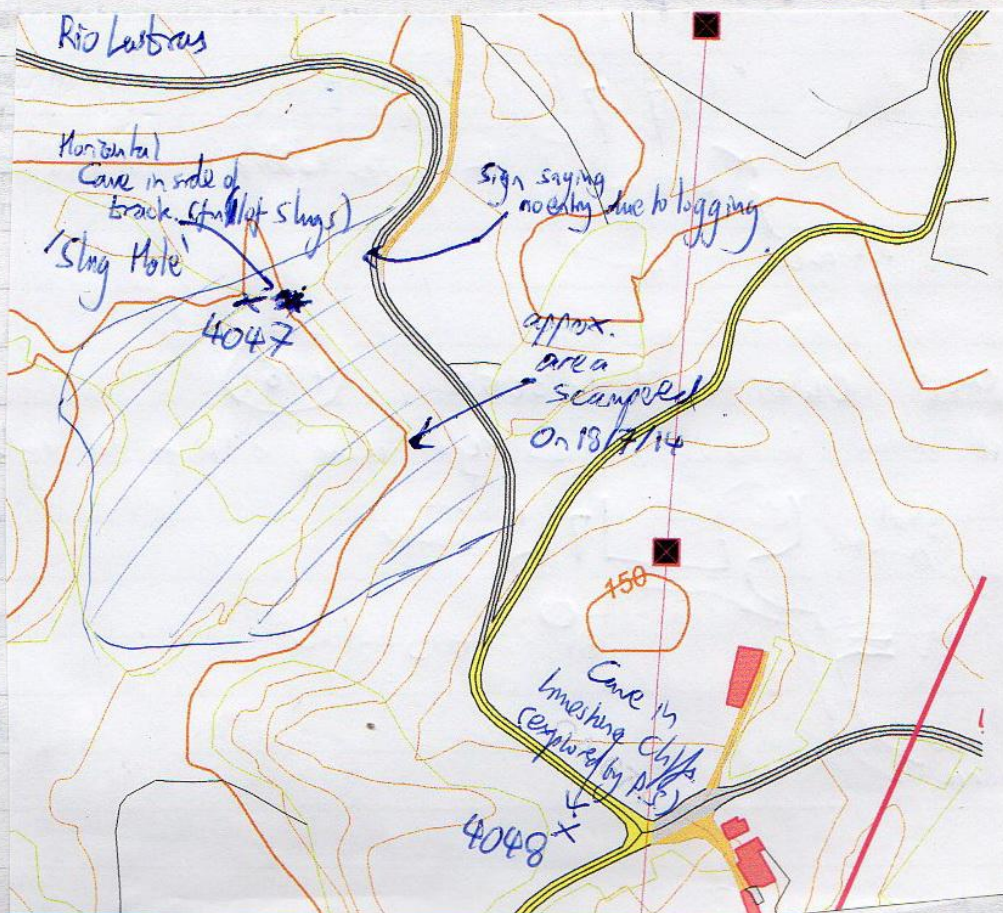
1. Investigated the source of 'Arroyo de Caracabras' in La Melguera near Sobrad. Lots of water flowing out of presumed resurgence, but it's hidden in deep jungle. Needs a good jungle bushing session to reach and investigate. (4046)

2. Went to Rolducras and found a cave in the side of a logging track. It was a horizontal bubble in bedrock and full of large slugs. No obvious draught and may need a 5 minutes of drygging to remove the sp. each pushed into it during the construction of the track. Afterwards we noticed a sign saying 'no entry due to logging' (or something similar according to Jerry). (4047) 'Shug Mob'

4048 is cave in cones (checked out by Peter?)

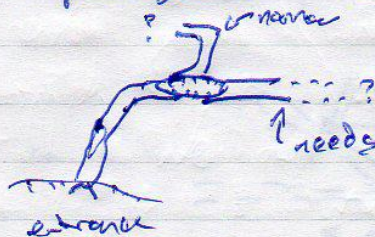


4047 @ 0455292 4803127
 4048 @ 0455419 4802925
 4046 @ 0451096 4802456



19.7.14 ALI, James C. Rio Lastras area.

SHARK CAVE entrance is crawl over top of mtn + d fill. Crawl partly dug out to pit, way on at bottom round tight corner not pushed, beyond this main passage continues - needs lump hammer to pass steel obstructions



(4047)

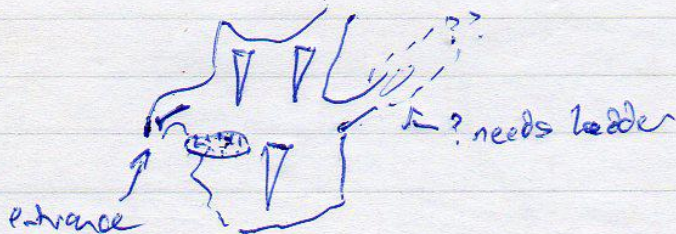
~~CPS 0455283 4803116~~
amended to 0455303 4803138

BAT CAVE small entrance not explored. CPS 0455264 4803121 (4049)

PYLON CAVE ~~CPS 0455200 4803034~~ near new electricity pylon (erected since Easter) (4050)

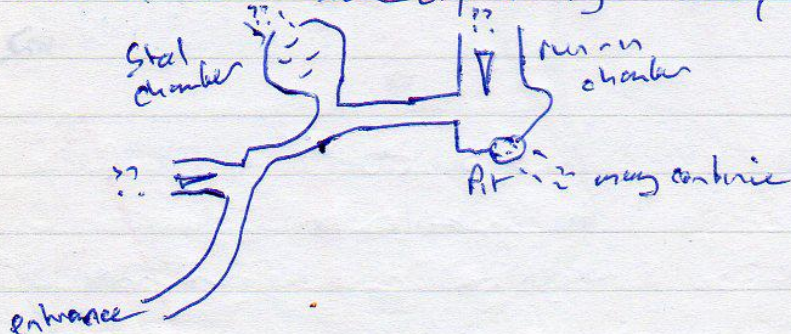
2m drop at foot of low cliff, exposed by climb down on left into low chamber - skylight in roof also

Way on at opposite side of chamber, drop possibly needing ladder with roof tube over top.



SNAIL CAVE ~~0455199 4803098~~ (4051)

small entrance in same cliff as Pylon cave, c 10 m to right.



We could not conclusively locate the source of the drought
though. There is no where obvious to start digging

Finally, we ~~passed~~ had a quick drive in the car to
a nearby farm where we found a hole on some
rocks dropping into a walking size passage, about $3m \times 1.5m$
wide. We did not explore it, but later
discovered that it was 85m outside the area! ~~Other~~
No

Survey of (4060) & (4061) started on surface for at
GPS 455224, 4803089

Newark outside of area ^{about near to} at GPS 455554, 4803422



22nd July Juan, Phil + Ali to Big Mat Calf H₁₆ 3916.

Spent about 3 hours removing small collapse debris and opened up a draughting hole in the floor. There must be a connection in a few days time!

23rd July. Risco Via Fierro - caving with much steel at top over cable bridge - needs investigation, could be a cave??

(81) Caravaca - calf in entrance series now reduced to bones.
 1/2 hr digging 4016 - seems to have reached wall at back but still cool draught.

24 July Cans. C. Full Parker 4041 looked at bottom of entrance shaft which is now 7m deep to floor of debris + sand. ~~the~~ entrance is on a rift to the north after 5m burrows block the way on with a cold draught everywhere. Half way to this choke a passage goes back almost south to the west of another block the top of this block was elevated and is 4m deep to another floor. Here a passage way to the south is blocked by burrows. Subject draught. Cans. C.

24 July Phil P + Peter S. - 4043 Canaas
 Part of a 5 man team Juan, James + Ali went to the lower passages + stream passage. PP + PS looked + surveyed the higher passages near the ent pitch towards Volcano chamber + the Devil's Traverse. There are two traverses in different chambers (near each other) both need rope protection but easy to rig. The team surveyed 30m of higher passages + chambers with connection between between the traverses + the ent pitch.

RADON at base of ent pitch was 460 Bq/m³ day eqn.

25 July 14 cans. C. Full Parker 4041 looked at bottom of 4m cans but ~~could~~ not too tight. Back at base of entrance pitch burrow centre with draught appeared. Needs more work Cans. C.

24.7.14 4043 - Juan, James Carlisle, Ali.

Galeria de Yeso - ground oxbow.

Then from area where stream is crossed, climbed down to stream both upstream & downstream routes. Downstream followed to deeper water section which is not far from entrance patch, an area connects to passages PS & PP were in.

Upstream followed to cross rift which leads back to Galeria de Yeso.

Stream beyond this point is canal followed c 20 m to point where water was neck deep, cont. beyond with a fair drape.

Then to 2 climbs in Western loop tackled by James which didn't go.

Batches surveyed:

14-10	Yeso oxbow	19.8m	Ali, James + Juan.
14-11	" "	20.7m	"
14-12	Downstream	125.6m	"
14-13	Upstream	165.2m	"
14-14	Yellow Mac	20.2m	"
14-15	Chamber off Mabe 301 m		Phil + Pete.

652.5m surveyed.

Length of survey +
is now 1907m

25.7.14 Carcavoso - connection between Western & Eastern Series.

Ali, Paul DDD. In by rifts & traverse from stream way left ladder on climb up. Completed link left by Torben at Easter.

Then tourist trip to Red Column Chamber, but the way we came in is uncertain if possible and possible after thunder storm last night.

\$ 26/7/14 3105 Buckle census C

Downwards exploration of Buckle census in Eastern chamber. NEEDS CAREFUL DESCENT TO GET FURTHER DOWN

27/7/14 3105 Parker/Cam

Placed 2 holes to ease climbs in and out of big rift beyond entrance chamber. Examined area beyond further and would climb - more

26/1/14 4045 located 7.2m 250° - 33 from ^{5th} 4016.5 (entrance)
Entrance opened up, but not explored, can see approx. 3m 020° - 40°
- Al;

Then went ^{to} ~~meeting~~ for Tre's things with P. Qod & P. Fritchell - area now v. overgrown.

27/7/14: James C, Al N, By Steve, Nigel D. ReCuerra 4043

Went to push the upstream limit of the main streamway reached on our previous trip. This started off as a creek deep canal leading to a ditch under the right hand wall of the passage. This led back to dry land and the continuation of the stream. Off to the left here was a ~~also~~ 30m high over which must be very close to the surface. This looks like a promising lead.

The stream is draughty immediately following the duck, but further upstream the draught is less noticeable. After about 180m the stream again narrowed

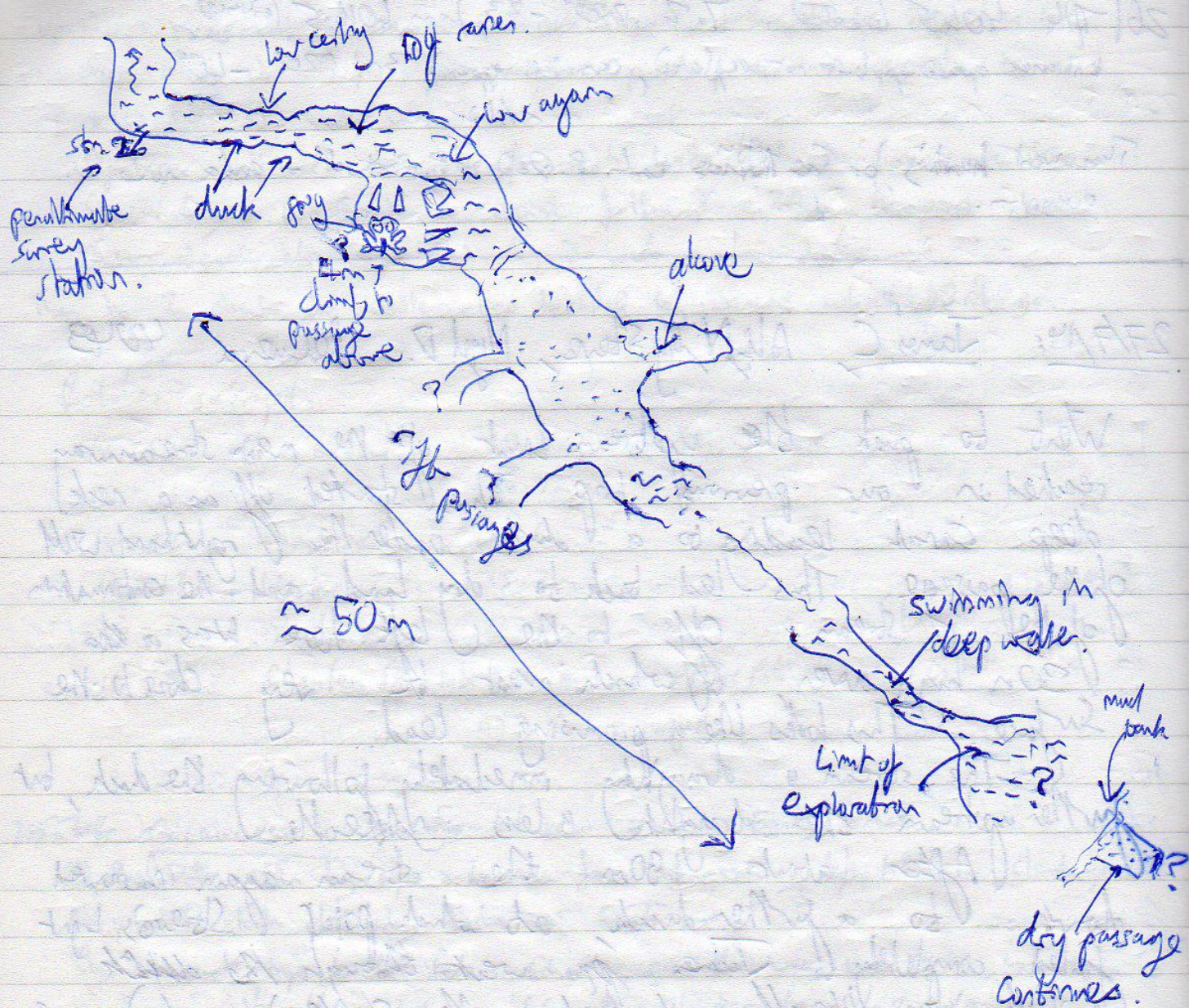
After about 180m the stream again narrowed down to a further ditch, at which point Storey's light faded completely. James & I went through the ditch (which was liberally adorned with spiders' webs) and on the other side the bog again rose. ~~There~~ There are a few birds in this section:

1. Another eury 4m climb with a frog at the bottom.
 2. A couple of ops off to the right.
 3. A swim over to around bank in deep water, ~~see~~ where a continuing passage can be seen.
- Batch 4043-14-16 L=225-8m

Batch 4043-14-16

$$L = 225.8 \mu$$

This bit of the passage is unsurveyed, but from memory it looks like:



27 July 2014 Phil P + Pedro 4043 Cañacos

Trip to survey upper level off from Volcano Chamber. Put ~~cage~~ on the traverse, had problem with chisel, but managed to get enough bolts in to place Blue water traverse line in - easy crawl traverse, just start a bit narrow; hence traverse line to be extra safe. Surveyed all accessible passage SE arm ends in stuff chute with gap over top can see some 2m+, would need quite a bit of work.

Back from here at left turn a passage continues straight on, to a down word hole some 3" dia, can see into a big passage - probably the one we are yet to enter as we need to rig the Devil's Traverse on the middle level. Orange string was left hanging down at hole so anybody in big passage can see if some hole - photo in file. Half way along passage is an oven with water coming in and old steel work at base - seems to be an entrance now covered over - daylight could not be seen.

Batch 14-17 L = 141.3

Cave recovery: 2274.4m

26/7/14 0565 Tres Ninos - Ali Neill, Footleg, Paul Dold

Looking for an easy day out Footleg suggested a visit to this short but significant development above Carramezo. Ali was out for a surface walk and dig and joined us for the walk up to the entrance. Footleg was filming on a GoPro 3D camera rig. A lovely sunny day but punishingly hot and humid. Too much climbing up and down the steep slope due to not knowing what height up the hill to search. GPS was erratic which did not help. Footleg eventually found the entrance when the GPS stabilised. It was next to a small tree below an undercut limestone ledge which you could walk along in the undercut. No sign of Ali or Dold. Footleg feeling dizzy and dehydrated and all the food and water in the bag with Dold. Located Ali by shouting but no sign of Dold. Another half hour searching in the heat found Dold also suffering from heat, resting under a tree. Abandoned plans to go underground and retreated back to the trees below to rest before returning to camp.

27/7/14 0025 Risco - Footley + Paul Dold

At Easter Cave Feret (Tom Thompson) collected a spider in the Risco streamway between the entrance pitch and junction where the Pinto Gallery stream joins the Risco stream. Study back at the Natural History Museum indicated this may be a species new to science. So we set off to try and find another specimen so this could be confirmed.

Another very hot day, but short walk to entrance. Footley filmed the trip on the 3D GoPro cameras. We had been told the spider was found on a web in a small alcove above sediment banks in the streamway. Within 5 minutes we found one sat on a web. Not your typical web but more like a net of filaments in a random weave making a fine mesh. This spider escaped capture, but we soon found and caught a second one. We found another two within a few minutes around 50m upstream, so we caught a second specimen for study as there appeared to be a good population. Our main objective achieved and filmed in 3D in under an hour. The spiders were found in alcoves as described by Feret, in the main stream passage where the Galleria de Bote goes off above.

We then went on to film the trip up into Arco Gallery and Arco 2. Dold fell down a hole spectacularly on camera but was luckily unharmed. We belted a new traverse to reach the upstream end of Arco 2 and Footley did the climb up into Disneyland while Dold stayed below to spot in case he slipped and rattled back down. Cameras were out of card space by the end of the traverse, so a quick look around and then out. Plan to return with recharged camera and light batteries to film it properly.

28/7/14 Cam/Parker

Planned day off, however examined road side below Cruz Ozuna and found a possibility. Later returned and started pulling out rocks.

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29/7/14 Cam/Parker (Same site as road on 335m contour)

Planned coffee @ Bar German, then onwards to a new shaft. but made the mistake of stopping @ the road side possibility. More rock removal, capping etc allowed PP to get in and down 5m into 1.8 x 0.7m oval chamber. Overall depth 5.6m. At floor level possibility of further progress with capping along 2m of visible ^{low, narrow} passage. Seemed too drought outwards - needs a small keen volunteer! Name - Sima K-23.

Location:- ~~gps to be supplied later~~. (off side of road) from K23 summit. 301 0454199 4794353 EriAcc 335m?

28/7/14: Ali James Conos 4043: Surveyed

downstream section from pit. Lots and lots of leads downed. Surveyed all of Galere de Laboratoire. On the way out Ali asked 'Climb up into large passage above'. James climbed up, but last section would need pickaxe. Then surveyed Galere de ?? which led to layers over a 7m pit down to large passage below. Eventually this led to a traverse over a large passage 12ft below. We stopped surveying here but James went over the traverse and scrambled another 100m or so, to where lots of mosquitos were visible. We made to survey!!

29/7/14 Aguirre down stream cave to look at snail in boulder check on right at Chaltan kick. It's still there. No dice so the only dice in this snail was last summer.

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28/7/14 ³⁹⁰⁵ Steve + Suss dig @ low passage. Snake video on computer.

29/7/14 Lastrilla

(427)

SUSS hot

Jack D; Tom S; Jethro P; Helen F
SAM; or Chris P.

First SUSS trip of the exped. Phil gave us a lead down Lastrilla and we needed to calibrate the ~~Brew~~ SESS DISTO XZ (they big spenders!) so we headed up there. Didn't take too long to find the entrance and we went down. First two pitches rigged easily - ladder pitch done as abseil. Straight down the Big 37m Pitch we found an old sheep skeleton. In the chamber at the bottom we attempted to calibrate the disto to no avail. Tom & Jethro descended the 24m pitch and found it inaccessible. Chris ~~climbed~~ squeezed through the copped Flare and found the passage that led on from the bottom too tight. The descent was measured at 9.8m. // I think the continuation at the base of this pitch is with blasting (cops may be too heavy to make a difference) or else a draft and it seems to be breaking downwards & the only "serious" way on. The tight rift next to the 24m pitch was descended by Tom & Jethro whilst I went down the 24m pitch. The two rifts connect or I can't see Jethro. - Chris P.

30/7/14 4036 Camm/Parker

Navajada area found end of eastern trip, on top of a hill, so we sweated up to the fenced creel underground area. Chris ventured across fence and down to tree growing across end of very nice ^{area} shaft. Chris lifelined, Phil ventured down on ladders. Overall depth 16m, mud and some and large boulder floor, no draughts, no obvious dig point. Resident frog kept in place. Then we went for a look in the vicinity. A couple of shakelinks entered but none of our other need heavy weight crashing gear to enter.

SEVERED HILL SIDE TOWARDS NAVAJADA FROM 4036
NOTHING FOUND BUT ON GOING BACK TOWARDS 4036 FOUND
SMALL CAUSEWAY IN FIELD NO DRAUGHT ABOUT 2m DEEP
NOT TOO KNOWN. GB 6m AU 305 0443692 4800320 25m.
4063 ↑ 222m

30/7/14 Carcavuso Ali + Suss

"A" team - Ali, Chris, Sam, Jack - up muddy rift climb in area of rifts leading to Western Series from streamway. Leads to series of tubes & rifts with joint drift. Rug sandy gravel at west end continues. Pft down rift at rock end which possibly could be pushed. 92 m new passage. Then joined by "B" team & went to Haymarket in Western Series - end not reached??

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31/7/14 ~~0637~~ 2684 Chris P, Jack O, Sam C & Tom S (Suss)

Did some surface bashing down underground cherty & cover.

Found the large hole of 0637 & went to bottom. Sam went to less obvious hole at rear of larger hole & used trees for X hang.

~ 30m shaft w/ dirt in back corner of base. Rope too short. Realised already been looked at. ^{sketch of base descended but doesn't go.} Walked to 2684 beneath a level with a trough for camp.

Removed some rocks at entrance. I crawled beneath dinner plate sized horizontal for 4m. 2m climb down into pool of cow shit (lovely). Left 90° bend into tight rift. Riggged a 4m pitch as walls very crumbly for free climbing! small 1m climb up to large stal column & flowstone covered rift. Rift was quite tight but possible. Continued to 4m - 3m breakdown chamber with boulders but no way on. Small outward drift throughout but all leads looked at. ~ 40m of passage. Not surveyed.

31/7/14 4041 Camm/Parker

Returned to work choke @ end of entrance pitch passage. Drayle still strong, enterable space visible. Back tomorrow.

28/7/14 Risco (Day 2) - Footleg & Paul Dold

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Today's plan was to return to Disneyland to film & photograph this passage, and hopefully find the monocrystalline stalagmite. On the way in, we did a more exhaustive search for spiders to better understand where in the cave they are found and how big a population there is. We spotted them along the streamway from around the Galeria de Bote onwards upstream as far as the Arco Gallery entrance mud slope. We counted around 30 individuals, with at least 10 around the Tonto stream junction. All of them had horizontal webs in small alcoves.

We left the streamway at Arco Gallery and while looking for spiders along the first section Footleg spotted a large passage going off at a higher level back towards the downstream. As this was not on the survey we took a quick look and found it went some way with signs of very few footprints to where a ledge led to the edge of a canyon. It was possible to climb down a slot to reach a pristine cracked mud floor and we appeared to be in unvisited passage. A couple of climbs and a traverse over a pit led to some flowstone where the passage started to get pretty. We decided to go back to the start where we had left the bags and film the exploration as we went. Returning to the flowstone a squeeze down a slot through the formations led into a series of well decorated chambers with large broken columns and flowstone cascades coming through slots in the roof. The flowstone completely fills the gaps it has come down, so no way up into higher levels could be found. Eventually the entire passage ends at flowstone sealing the passage from floor to ceiling.

30/7/14

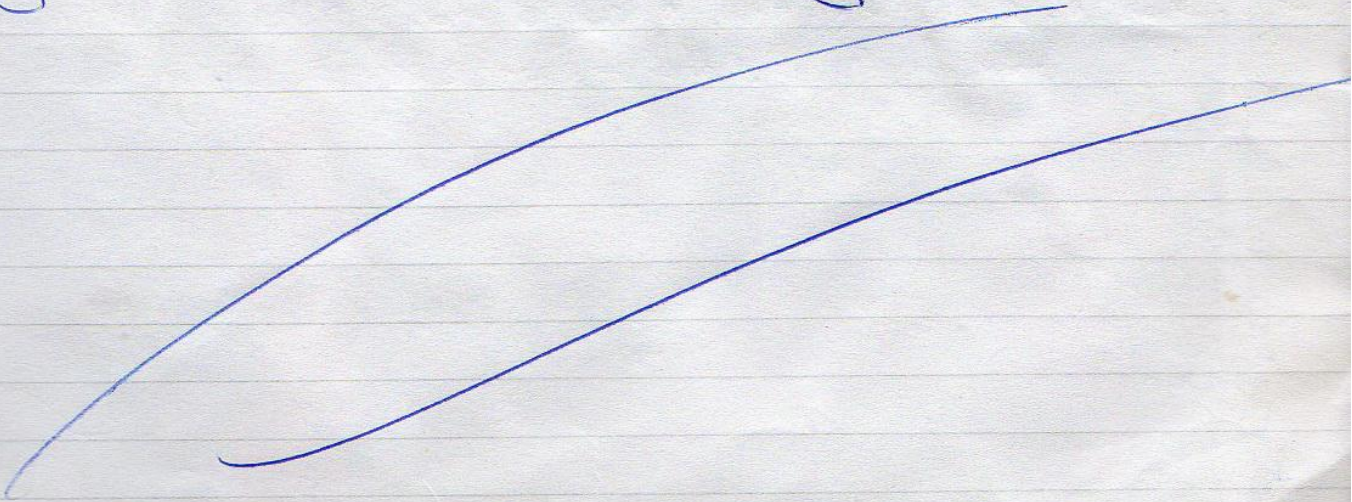
River (Day 3) - Footleg, Paul Dold, Pedro, Big Steve.

After a day off for illness, a return trip to show Pete & Steve the discovery, and survey the find. Paul took Pete & Steve to put some protection on a couple of exposed climbs and traverses, while Footleg recalibrated the DistoX. As none of them came back, Footleg started to survey on his own, using a water bottle as a target on each station.

This worked quite well and over an hour later Paul Dold returned to assist. Pete & Steve were off pushing for undiscovered ways on. Footleg & Paul completed the survey.

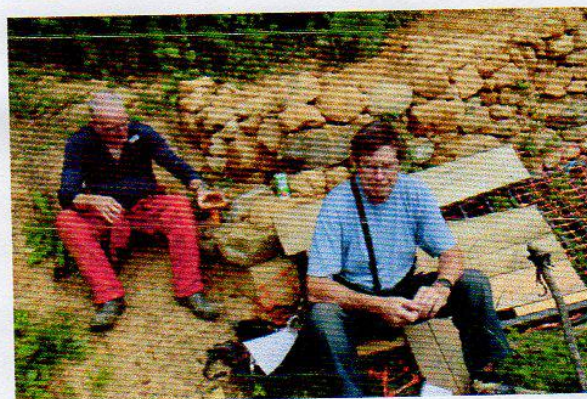
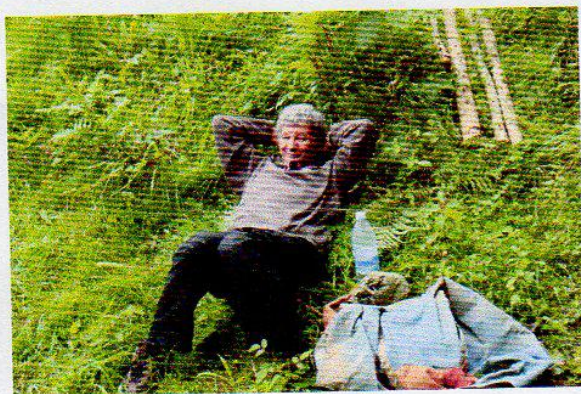
Along the way Pete & Steve returned having not found any way on. They headed out, but later we heard their voices again and Paul found a muddy climb down to where he could see them in the main streamway below. A twix wrapper was placed on a mud lump below so we could survey down to it on the way out. This enabled us to tie the survey in to a point just upstream of the Tonto stream junction.

On the way out a spider was spotted running across the calcite just inside the entrance which looked like the spiders found deeper into the cave. Footleg caught it and brought it out for Cave Ferret to study.



Frantic activity at BigMat Calf Hole when
Vaca team contacted the dig

31/7/14



1/8/14 404 / Camm / Parker
 Managed to pass boulder "choke" ^{after much capping of eye hole} into small port.
 Passage continuing onwards needs some digging.
 Down the 2 to 3 m port led into 3 m x 4 m
 mainly crawling height space. Two ways
 off, one choked in calcite with small hole
 which sanded 3 to 4 m deep. To other lead into
 an interesting area that requires more
 examination. NB. Rescue of one lead from bottom of entrance
 shaft.

31/7/14 Big Mat Calf Hole & Torca La Vaca - v/g team
 Paul Dold, Tom & Joel - surface Phil P, Juan, Sharol, Peter C, Pedro.
 Billy, Duggy.

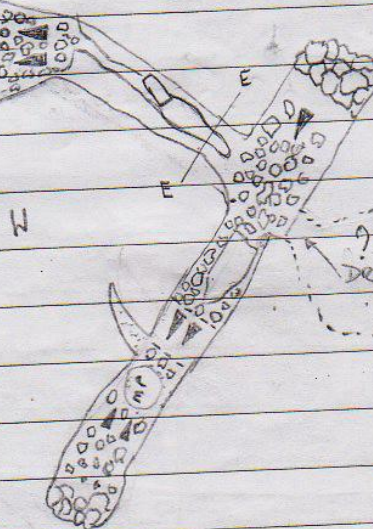
While the v/g team caved through Vaca, the surface team
 sat around in the sun - very hard work! At about 6.15
 contact with the v/g team was made using the mobile phone &
 the location point (Summer 2013) was confirmed & a depth
 measurement of 26 m established. Paul climbed up rift in Vaca
 and was able to make very contact using radios back to Juan down
 dig & those on surface. Also able to make (just) voice contact
 to Juan. Way on established by voice & smoke seems to
 be down & to the NW & SW. v/g team dug for some time & got
 out of Vaca by 1.20 pm & missed BAT!
 See sketches by Paul below & over page.



2889 TORCA LA VACA

WASDALE SCREES / LOW LEVEL

PITCH/CLIMB 5m



NEW PASSAGE SEEN
AUG 2014

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2889 TORCA LA VACA

WASDALE SCREES / HIGH LEVEL

20°

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SANDSTONE BOUNDER SLOPE
VOICE CONNECTION WITH JUAN

SMOKE LET OFF FROM HERE

HIGHER LEVEL CLIMBUP
VIATUBE

STALL BLOCKED
SURFACE KNOCKING BEST HEARD HERE

BLOCKED BY MUD
SANDSTONE 9
STALL

2889 TORCA LA VACA

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WASDALE SCREES / ELEVATION.

3m CLIMB UP

BLOCKED BY SANDSTONE & MUD

CLIMBED UP 2m BUT BLOCKED BY BIG BOULDERS

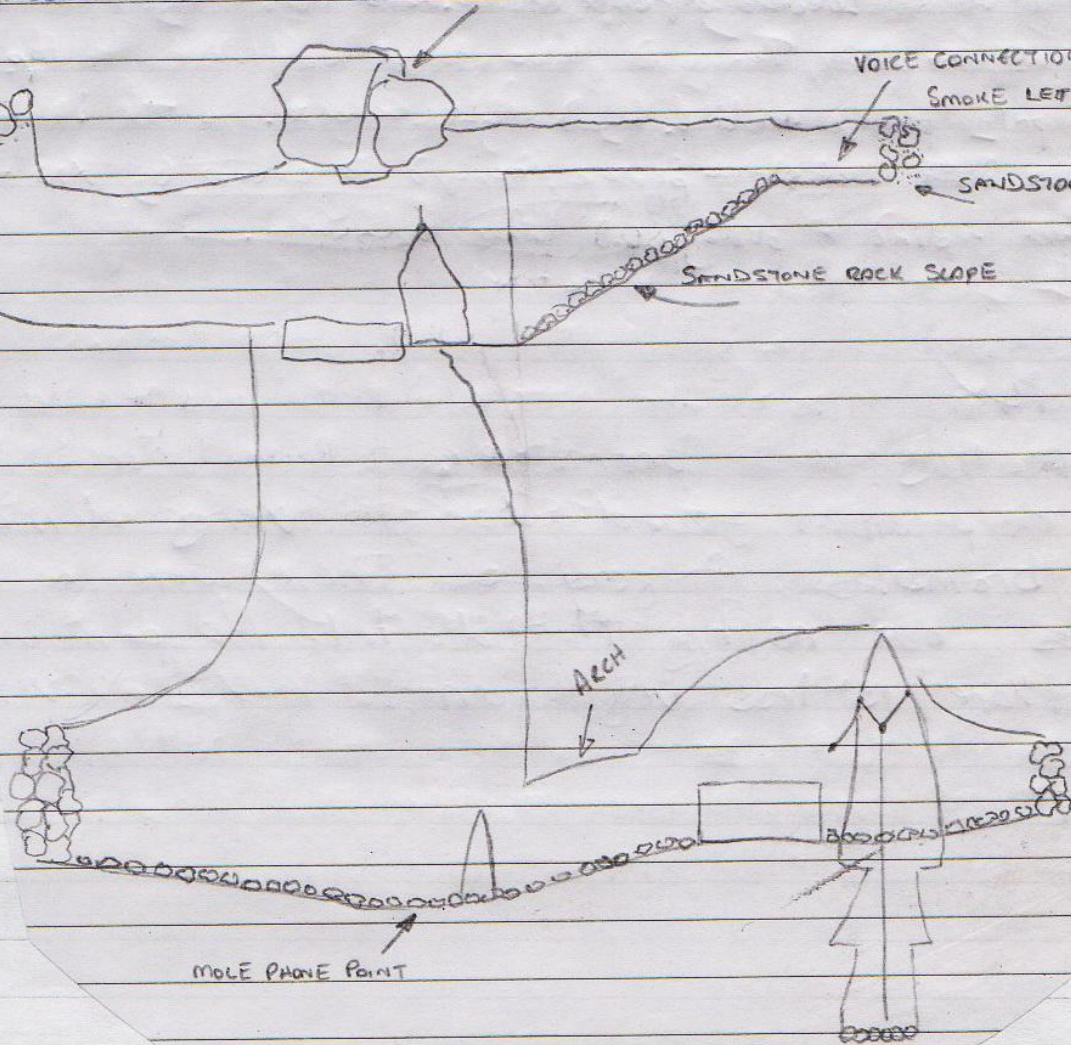
VOICE CONNECTION WITH JUAN
SMOKE LET OFF FROM HERE.

SANDSTONE BOULDERS & MUD.

SANDSTONE ROCK SLOPE

ARCH

MOLE PHONE POINT



1/8/14 Rocaviva - Nigel Allen, Iwan, Pindi, Sam, Ali.

GFS + surface survey down to properly locate entrance.

Bit round entrance corrected or surveyed.

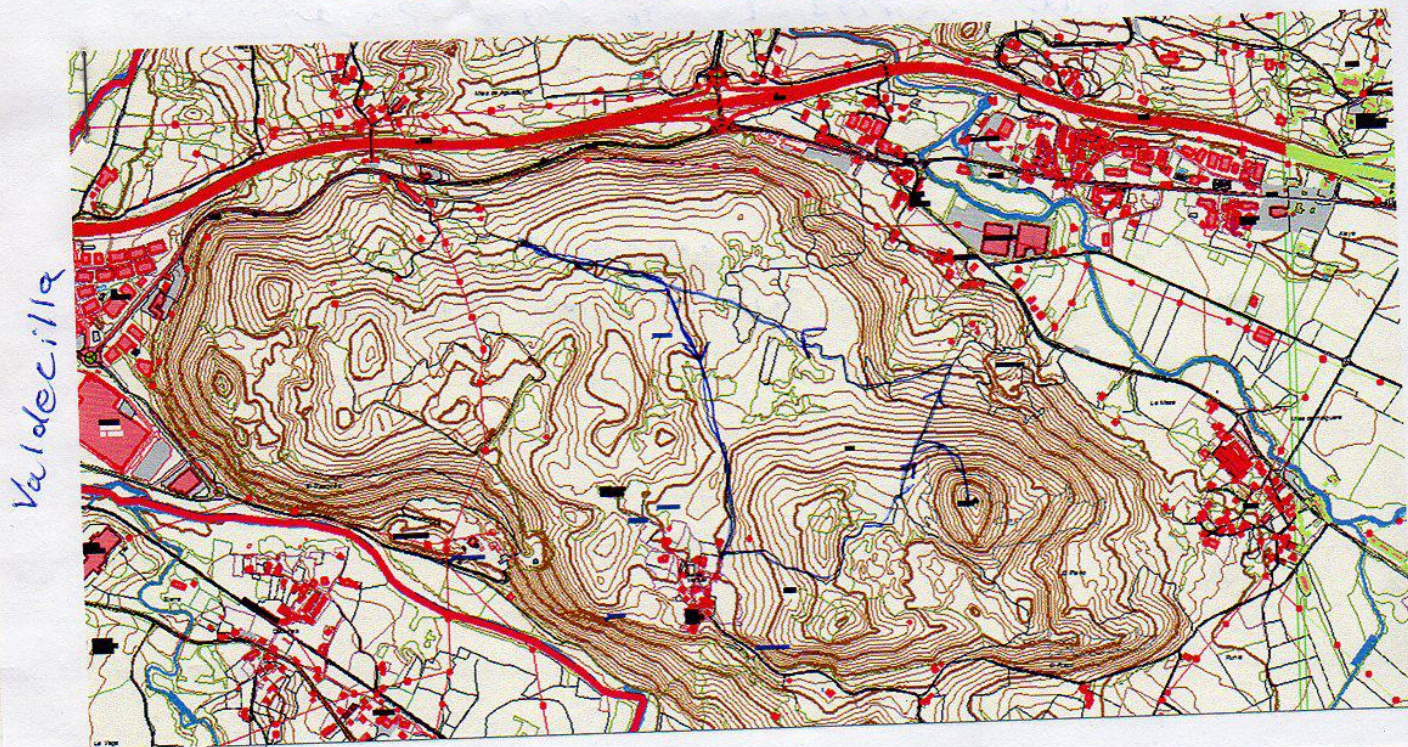
Then did climb in Laboratory Passage looked at before by AN + JC
- easy climb onto block, then used flakes to set rope/ladder to top (+4m).

175m pretty passage + bits big tight squeeze.

Then went down to stream passage, surveyed to or below by AN + ND
the others explored or photographed further downstream.

2/18/14 ✓

Prospecting new permit area - Rachael, Tom S, Tom G, Helen.
Nothing of potential found due to very dense vegetation
gullies brambles. A few ~~are~~ There were a few
sinkholes but nothing that drifted. No point in returning
until there is less vegetation, but makes a very nice
walk.



2/8/14 Adam S, Tom D, Lloyd C - Mestaje 0071

First trip back to this cave this year. Rigged entrance to find Spanish caves had marked out path through the glaustone. Followed this path to eventually get into the new Stagg. Went south in the main trunk passage to the bridge under the high aven. Under this we found a drop last year. Rigged and bolted, but 31m rope did not reach bottom. Pitch was small flake to start with, opening to ~5-7m long ledge, around 20m deep. 31m holes drilled ready for bolts + longer rope. Then I visited the far reaches of exploration from last year to meet up with other group. Looked down a hole but not fully descended. Bolting gear + drill left down.

02/08/14 Bill Smith, Jez Wang, Mike Topson, Rod Dwyer.

We rigged Mestaje, the entrance, short pitch. We then moved down to the end of exploration from last year. We tried to move a boulder, unsuccessfully, to access the lower areas we could see. We moved round a few meters earlier in the passage and opened up a hole covered in rocks/boulders and mud. The other group joined us and Lloyd got half way down the pitch, the bottom can be seen but bolting needs to be done. It takes a long time to get in and out.

M. the

2/8/14 Photo trip into Risco - new series.

Paul Dold, Nigel Ditcher + Tom Howard + Footleg + ?

2/8/14 Ermita del Cristo Colague - Steve & Susie, Si & Di, Ali.

Repaired Pot - missed. - L 21m deep Tm. (3955)

(4069) ~~2005~~ entered, ramp to left in entrance chamber enters 100m of well decorated roomy passage ending at stal choke. All very close to surface, so may be worth looking on surface beyond the position of the choke for other entrances. Needs photographing. - long? 100m approx 9m. Slip ~~cont~~ 3955 located by Susie & Di ... (4083)? STOP SWAP STOP?

2/8/14 4041 Camm/Parker ✓

Upper level surveyed Distx/PDA. Work continued on the "pavement" rock of the eye hole beyond the boulder choke to Camm size. So Chris was able to survey into and down pot. Return tomorrow for further extension.

3/8/14 4041 Camm/Parker ✓

Survey continued into the "interesting" area, a largeish steeply sloping flared chamber, with lots of rock pendants, formations and bones including a near complete small sheep skeleton. Chris surveyed around the chamber while Phil took photos. Two possible ways on at the low side of the chamber were investigated and appeared to drain. Phil went back to the upper level for drainage testing equipment and a joss stick was lit up. One way on was particularly strong ending at a point where the drainage came downward from a mini-choke. This should dig.

3/8/14 4043 Si, Big Steve & Di ✓

Continued the survey down the leech infested ~~duck~~ duck! 114m surveyed, mostly in streamway. Lots of beetles, cobwebs & little white bugs. Big Steve aggravated a cave scorpion to the extent that it attacked him - we have video evidence. We dist'd the aven (after the 1st duck) = 35m. It would be worthwhile checking how close this is to the surface.

3.8.14 4043 Ali (lad) David Tom Adam.

Surveyed downstream from south end of cave, connected to chamber containing Trench gloves. Beyond this on right is a rift which leads to 2 m climb up into draughting sandy bedding full of stal. This was entered on way out as far as steel grill which will need breaching to progress, but from survey seems to be close to known passage.

Streamway continues to sandy chamber or blocks, stream beyond is a low deck which may or may not be too low to pass.

Adam went upstream from way to stream through low deck, climb up into continuation of main fossil passage ending at pitch down to pool (undercaved) (this bit not surveyed - no survey gear). + Climb up on second large boulder 115 m surveyed. in passage once streamway gets too low (Adam).

4.8.14 Carcavoso - Ali, Tom Lamb, Sun (Lessa), Jack Reiser

Surveyed further bit of link from eastern & western series (12 m + 95 m + 29 m)

Then into western series at first main junction investigated stream from Haymarket. Climb down boulders led to passage going off downing pushed through deck to eventual deep water + low deck. This passage surveyed 118 m.

4/8/14 Suerico (Site 0050) DCC (Tom, Joe, Charlotte, Lauren, Fredie)

AFTER BATTLING/BEAVING MUCHOS XACAS WE ARRIVED AT 0050 SET TO RIG & DIG. WE WERE INTRIGUED BY AN UNDESCENDED DITCH WHICH TURNED OUT TO DROP -12m ONTO CALCIED FLOOR WITH A TIGHT SLOPE DOWN TO A TIGHT TRIANGULAR RFT PASSAGE (-62°). THIS TIGHT PASSAGE IS BLOCKED AT BASE BY A FEW CALCITE FRACKS NEEDING A LITTLE HAMMER AND RATHER A FLEXIBLE TEAM MEMBER. THIS THEN IS POTENTIALLY FACILITATE TOWARD THE MAIN DROP. WE DIDN'T DROP THE MAIN HOLE DUE TO TIME BUT NOW HAVE A

BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE CAVE. FOR FUTURE, THE
ENTRANCE REQUIRES A 35m ROPE FOR THE 'MOSSY' SLOPE
THEN TO START A 30m? ROPE FOR THE DROP OFF. A
FURTHER 22m ROPE WOULD BE NEEDED TO DROP THE
UNDESCENDED PITCH. Y' HANG ON FAR SIDE OF BIG
CENTRAL BOULDER.

Alt 244m 30T 450 345, 480 3187 13936 4083 Si, Big Steve + Di
4/8/14 Ermita del Cristo de Balaguer 4083 Si, Big Steve + Di
Returned to drop the pitch we found beyond the entrance
shaft - used a ladder to descend the shaft belayed to tree.
We parked in the Ermita car park and shortly after
Big Steve had dropped his pants and stood naked,
ready to don his caving gear, a car pulled up
next to him which had 2 ladies in - they
moved the car to another space as soon as
Big Steve put his caving pants on! Shortly after
a truck load of workers drove passed shouting
"Guapas". We later discovered this is one of the
local dogging sites!

Back to the cave... Stop Swap Shop 405m surveyed?

Mostly vertical - 27m in depth. At the bottom of
the entrance shaft a squeeze through a slot leads to
the pitch with deviation down to chamber with
flown stone walls and goat bones at the bottom.

A further pitch over a boulder climb down a rift
leads to the bottom - fallen blocks - a fist sized
hole reveals spaces below. Possible dig but very loose.

4/8/14 4041 Cam / Parker ✓

Digging and capping gear shifted from upper passage into
drafting passage at base of main chamber. Chris surveyed
from chamber along passage, into small decorated chamber

and on to base of choke, meanwhile Phil attempted to force continuation passage ~~back~~ at the head of the small pot - shovel or bar required. Remitted at the choke. Chris prodded, ducked falling boulders, capped, ducked falling boulders, prodded, Phil set up and passed capping gear as needed and attempted filming of "pretties" in the ^{chamber} roof. Eventually hole upwards formed to allowed standing up and looking into onward enticing passage. Immediately there was a short side passage on right with pig/bear remains and sheep skull.

Onwards @ walking height or better, lots of calcite up above, small (cat?) cracks on floor, to climb up ~~over~~ ^{onto} large boulder. Chris cleared some debris and continued onwards for a few more metres to the far end - steep gully with lots of loose rocks diagonally forward on left. Draught still well evident - apparently coming down the gully. Clearing the just-ready-to-fall rocks at half height would be an extremely dodgy operation. Bar dropping, noted in an alcove near the bottom of the gully.

Chris surveyed this new section whilst Phil moved gear back to base of small pot. Cave vacated along with all gear. On the way Phil tried the continuation passage again but failed to pass an awkward sticking out rock edge - no draught in this passage. U.B. @ Small passage out of the decorated chamber pushed into low, small, chamber with no way on.

e. (1) The gently draughting "way on" at the leftish bottom side of main chamber leads into a small chamber with a sloe down the far wall. This was dug to allow kneeling on floor a metre down. ~~and~~ Feeling around with feet it seemed there was a very low way off - gentle draught from this area but a lot of work required to see what is happening at this point.

101
5.8.14 Uzenka - Tiler Way ✓
Al, Tom Gamble, Sam Corless, Chris Playfoot

Passed the lake of Green lineiners (point previous survey ended)
which is best passed quickly too avoid getting "stuck in the mud".
Beyond is pleasant barely walking streamway with chamber at the end.
Summit 310m (all necessary)

3.8.14 Mike Topson Bill Smith ✓

we Bolted a traverse in 4043 and surveyed along to
a short (3m) pitch which dropped back into known passage,
we also surveyed along to some leads for later exploration
Mike

04/08/14 Tom Davison, Jeremy Wong, David Dunlop, Mike Topson ✓

We went back to ~~area~~ survey the leads in the high level series in
4043 found the previous day. After ascending the short pitch from
the main passage we investigated the crawls after the previously surveyed
passage. Jez and myself then surveyed the passage up to a flat out
crawl whilst Mike and David explored further leads, which ended up
dropping back into the same passage. They then took over the surveying
and we headed out to get ice cream and beer!

Tom

5/8/14. Tom Davison, Jeremy Wong, David Dunlop, Mike Baldy
Tapsom, Carl Smith.

We went to look at the formations & re-survey part of
#15. After going into the entrance we found a pitch so
Tom & David went back to the car to get SRT kits.
We ascended the pitch, traversed round a pit of death, then
crawled round to a large chamber with some formations.
There were then several tight passages filled with helictites.
The passage then got very tight & we turned back so only
Jeremy could fit through. We then went & completed
the survey from the entrance to the pitch. We then
exited, David & Mike investigated a draughty gash on
the surface then flushed some passing cars getting changed
by the car.

5/8/14 Aquanaz Si 3 Di (071³~~8~~)
~~Water level~~ II

A lovely swim to the Sump and back.
Thick wetsuits, fins and a buoyant tackle bag were
a benefit. Water levels appeared ~~to be~~ low.
The Flow ~~near~~ the Sump pool (from an inexperienced eye!)
seems slightly less than where the dry development
starts around halfway through.
We had a look around the 2009/10 extensions.
In the chamber with 2 avens, the one at the top of the
slope looked like a better climbing prospect.
At the entrance the ~~stump~~ pool near the car park
was milky, this was flowing from Invisible cave.

4/8/14 Wlod Cawthorne, Bill Smith, Adam Sharpley
Mestizo.

9.5 hour trip in new stuff continuing from
2013.

Firstly went ~~the~~ up the "pretty pink climb" to the
"lunch spot", going across the "rimmer" traverse
to the "3 columns chamber" taking the rift going
west (maybe) [opposite the 3 columns] to the
end. ~~then~~ Climbed down a pitch that ended
with a rift with a distant ramble.

(Survey: 0071 14-08-01) (27m)

-14-01

Then descended another pitch closer to the
3cs that linked up with what we just found.
Went back to the lunch spot to the "bridge"
& abseiled down a ~25m pitch to a boulder
floor. ^(+ pitch)
The way on is in down the other side
of a dividing wall which could

be reached with a deviation on the pitch.
Need to explore this further. (Surv: 0071 ~~14-08-02~~
-14-02)

115m

About 100m found.

Lag C.

5/8/14 Lagd Can Home, Bill Smith, Addan
Shropes.

Rio Cera Surface Area.

Went for a surface binble looking at the
obvious depressions in the new area, close to Rio
Cera, near the swimming ~~pool~~ pool full of shot.
Three holes found.

1- 30T 443609 4805316 (4073) 55[↑]_m

~~Filled up hole~~ Hole in middle of depression full
of old tyres.

2- 30T 443623 480 5268 4075 51m↑

At end of the drainage route two holes in the rock face. The larger is here to left & quickly opens up into a chamber with decent formations. The passage follows a stream way which probably flows in winter. Will survey and explore more another day.

Smaller hole is steeply height for ~8m than the cavity. Will explore again later.

3- 30T 443752 480 129 4074 60m↑

Large (5x3m) entrance into nice steepy sandstone passage for ~40m. Looks like it closes up. Will survey a different day.

Henry LC

4070

222m ↑ ✓

(35)

08/08 Riolastras area. J. Clarke, C. Smith, P. Ryder + H. Long.

1) 4m deep choked shaft right next to the track.

GPS 0454742.4802600.

There is another 5m shaft not far away into the jungle - not GPS'd.

203 ↑ ✓

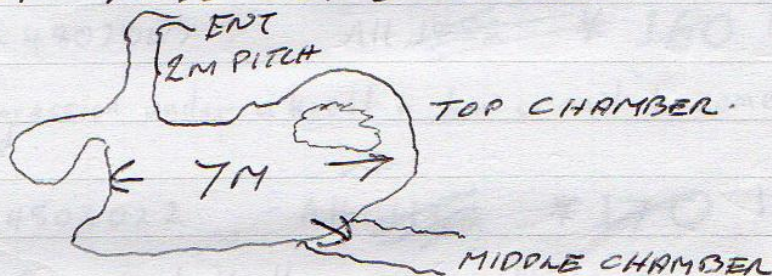
4071 2) Open entrance at bottom of steep slope under an overhanging rock face drops 6m to top of a vertical drop beyond a tight bit.

GPS 0454884.4802754.

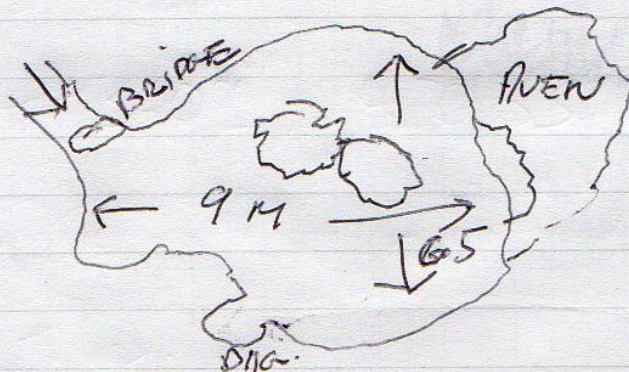
4-5-08.

RIOLASTRAS 4071 JC-CS. ✓

SOME WORK NEEDED TO OPEN UP THROUGH BOULDERS
PRODUCED 1M DROP ONTO LEAVE THEN 2M DROP ONTO
SLOPING DROP INTO TOP CHAMBER.

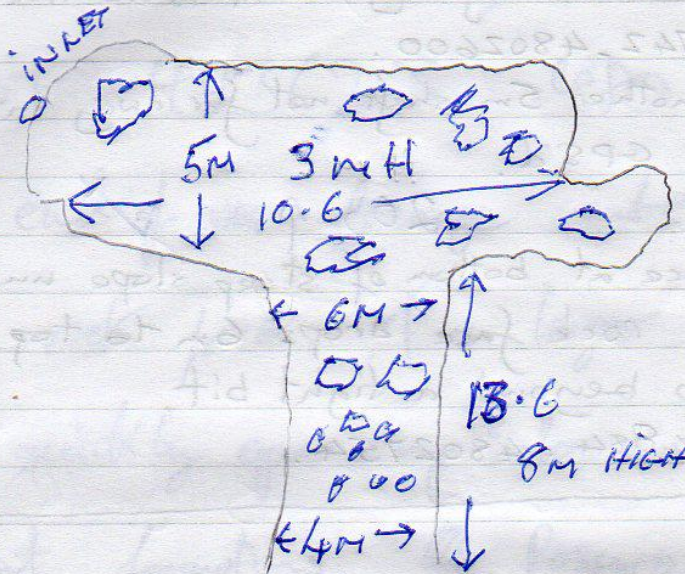


CONTINUE CLIMB DOWN INTO MIDDLE CHAMBER FREE
CLIMBING.



DUG AND SNAPPED DOWN ON SOLID WALL INTO SMALL
CHAMBER TO TOP OF 6M PITCH LEADING TO STEEP
SLOPE OF 13.6M INTO ~~CHAMBER~~ ^{CHAMBER} 10.6-5M-3M HIGH
ALL CONSIST OF BIG BOULDERS AND BREAKDOWN →

BOTTOM CHAMBER 4071



|| PITCH TO MIDDLE LEVEL

POSSIBLE DIG THROUGH FLOOR BUT EXTREME CAUTION
NEEDED.

4th August

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

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Cave 3978 Further investigation confirms dig would be a major undertaking. Draught still good.

New Cave 4050 GPS failed, waiting sigpac location.
Grey 150mm pipe runs into a large depression. Descend through boulders by the pipe with a possible continuation beyond. Very good draught.

4051 0450033 4802551 Alt. ~~164m~~ 197m

Steep depression near a farm and next to a large depression. Small hole in bottom draughts. No easy digging option.

4052 ~~At bottom of 4051~~ 0449999 4802558 ~~190m~~
draughting hole blocks of 1.5m. 187

4053 0450594 4802014 Alt 192m.

A gated rift at the side of a shallow depression descends gently for 3m to a possible shaft blocked by large boulders. A small side passage to the right blocks after 4m.

4054 0450636 4802047 Alt ~~185m~~ * 160? 189

In a small depression under a knoll a 6m crawl becomes too tight at a bend.

4055 0450629 4802022 Alt ~~116m~~ * 170 187

Near the top of a small knoll a narrow climbable shaft is blocked with soil at a depth of 5m.

* At least 1 altitude is wrong, since 4054 is below 4055!

5th August

4056

25m up slope south west from 2566.
A climb down into a passage chokes after 3m.
No gps.

2566

New description:

Descend 4m to a stand-up chamber.
Climb over boulders for 4m to surface run-ins all round.
At the base of the climb a descent of ~~4m~~ 2m ends at a tight right hand bend. Total length 10m.

4057

0447873

4799002

Alt 228m.

A rift parallel to and above a new road through a eucalyptus plantation has three points of entry described here from west to east.

1. A 3m climb down into a cross rift. All rifts ^{become too tight} ~~choke~~ in less than 2m. Hole in the Floor is choked but has a draught.
2. 3m descent into the rift; ~~choke~~ completely choked at both ends.
3. Tight rift chokes after 4m.

6th August

J.S. P.G. A.L. D.M.

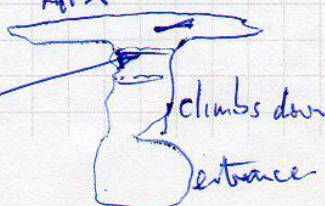
3703 revisit to this dig. Entrance has slumped in. Will need a team to clear it by hauling stuff out.

3494 The low flat out crawl at the lowest level was pushed but becomes too low because of shingle banks. A very small person might get through. Steady draught.

6th August - After 2 previous days digging. Juan, Pete Smith, Pete O'Neill, Pete Claves + Bill Borth remove 3 large blocks over top of 2m deep rift. Digging @ base allowed P.O. to lie flat out and look into holes @ base of rift. Choked all round but draught issues from here.

Excavated above rift - now requires more shoring to allow safer ~~digging~~ ^{digging}

dig here?
after shoring?



3rd August Chris Playfoot, Sam Corless, Tom Sankle, Tom (DCC)

Alises surface bashing.

0638 - descended ~ 12m pitch to small chamber. No way on.

Descended 3 other previously unmarked shafts of around 6-10m depth.

No drop in any. GPS accuracy ~ 20m due to tree cover.

4079. 307 0447964 4793753 646 ↑

4080. 307 0448024 4793728 662 ↑

3. 307 0447868 4793646

Same! corrected GPS position found 6/8/14.

4072 Find cave of the day was more promising.

4. GPS - 307 ~~0452360 4793728~~ 447868 4793646

Entrance at base of small valley and appears to be a stream link (dry).
Crawl back up valley beneath boulders, short climb down to small chamber.
Further climb down over boulders to VERY tight pitch head. Rugged to
jammed block but got stuck as too tight. Pitch estimated at ~ 10m and
opens out after constriction. Unable to descend.

Picture of entrance on computer.

5/8/14 Camm/Parker

Day off, survey and photos sorted.

6/8/14 Camm/Parker

Original plan to visit 3917 aborted because of heat. Instead
we had to look (one of a reg) at new stone road running from
near Washing Machine (3420) parking spot ^{burn} to above 13578
(cold stone). Nothing found along road but Chris spotted
hole in adjacent field, which we were unable to reach.
After Chris went and crashed into shaft hole that
survey showed was above end of 4041 but no joy. Two
other adjacent shaft holes inspected but no prospects.

4042/4043 ✓

2nd August. - Rio Cueva - Chris Playford, Sam Carless, Jack Reinson

went downstream to find the entrance of the archaeological site.

Popped out after only about an hour (Carless) into large depression full of trees. Refugees located (small & tortoise) and found gated archaeological site. Surveged into new entrance and through to our original entrance with disto X. Tied in with Alis survey on a previous trip. Explored some pretty high level passage already known. ~~had~~
~ 350m passage surveged.

1st & 4th August - Azpilcueta - 0337 ✓
- Chris Playford, Tom Smith, Helen Fairclough, Tethos Pryce,
(+ Rachel on 4th)

Aimed to reach Costa bunny chamber to look for new leads.
1st was a rigging trip. All pitches rigged. No need for hangers & spits as all resin belted. Some free hanging traverses to pitchheads but nice hang on all pitches. Rope lengths used previously were okay 100m may be better as an 80m & a 60m for last 3 pitches as had ~~about~~ a knot pass halfway down. Reached start of Ruba-dubdub but traverse line was gone & time was pushing on for headed cult.
Left rigged.

4th - whipped down entrance series in about 30 mins & continued to Rub a dubdubs. Rigged the traverse after swinging across the pool. Left this rope in so people don't need to swing get to drenched. Got confused at end of Badtime Series & ended up in a very pretty but bare section w/ only a few footprints. Eventually found our way to the lakes but with 5 people & getting hot we opted to turn round. Frustrating as leads are apparently just the other side. Great trip though. Fantastic entrance series & streamway! All rigged.

7/8/14

Si, Di, Tom, Purdey, Lauren + Joel.

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0107

Uzeeka - Giant Panda Entrance

A great trip in Uzeeka again. The entrance still dodgy? But the squeezes after the pitches are much more comfortable (following Si's capping session at Easter).

We left Tom, Purdey et al to continue to the astrodome for a photo session whilst Si + I went up sloppy inlet to climb the 50m aven. A very impressive aven. I belayed from the ledge out of the drippy area. Si climbed approx 30m. The top looks really good which is around 10-15m away. To avoid a really late return to the surface we decided to continue another day.

6/8/14

Helen, Tom S, Jethro, Tom G, Rachel

More surface bagging on Alisa^{Trillos}, capped in 4064, right in place now ^{maybe} ~~almost~~ passable by small person or with small amount more removed, this is however in quite an awkward position. Also, safety mat from capping kit fell down right.

Decended shaft 2630, doesn't go ~~and~~ and base is sloping and covered in mulch. Didn't find the 'shafts to west' mentioned in description.

Returned to cave 4067, attempted to widen pitch head with hammer and chisel, but unsuccessfully. Explosives would be risky due to loose boulders above. Also, to right of pitch head, continuation of boulder choke allows access halfway down the pitch at a wider point. However this is blocked by a boulder.

✓
We also found a short shaft in a shake hole.
Required an amusingly large Y-hang into approx 8m pitch, reaches small chamber but doesn't go.

(4076) GPS 30T 448215 4793560 ↑ 738

Two other holes were spotted but not descended
GPS:

(4077) 30T 447939 4793506 763 ↑

4078 30T 448171 4793556 743 ↑

7/8/14 Cann/Parker 3917 ✓

Tight squeeze into "final passage" removed to allow access for Chris. Capping commenced to open up enticingly draughting but narrow passage onwards from "final passage". This may be a long term project - a 1m drill bit and some dust would be half help!!

7/8/14 - Mostajo 0071, Adam S. Tom D. Jez V. ✓

Went in with various options. Tom did not want to do second sandy crawl so left at this point. Me and Jez continued into old upper level sections and had a look in left hand wall for any pitches that might lead up with new stuff below. Found one climb down ~1.5m to a draughting hole, and one pitch leading to a second that will need rope.

- Adam.

8/8/14 3917 Cann/Parker ✓

Continued capping, good outward draught changed to inward around 4pm. Not more capping to do before we find out what is going on.

8/8/14 Agua 0059 - Adam Sharples, Lloyd Cartborne, David Dunlop,
Tom Davison, Bill Smith

Tourist trip to the end to see prehistoric wall. No problems.
Saw a few crayfish and were done within 3 hours. After
this we went onto a dig.

7/8/14 La Secada area.

Lloyd Cartborne, David Dunlop, Boldy McSwallow
Bill Smith, Adam Sharples (x 1/2)

Looked at 3 draughting digs below point.

1015, ~~1014~~ 1016, & 1017. Re-GPS'ed them & dug

at what might be 1017.

1015 - 30T 451312 4797524 218_m↑

Removed several boulders, but looks dangerous
to climb into as the roof is made of
loose rock.

1016 - 30T 451310 4797531 221_m↑

Small hole that we have started to dig
out. Needs more work to be person-sized.

Voice connection was made with 1017.

✓ 1017 - 307 451290 4797538 723m ↑

Capped a large rock at the entrance
& dug out 2m into the floor.

looks promising ElydC

8/8/14 1017 ElydC, LouD, Adams, Jerry, Pills
✓ Dug out a lot more, can see ~~it~~ to
the end of the pitch we are digging out.

The hole is almost slim person sized but
needs to be made more safe before descending.

ElydC

8/8/2014. Torca. La Vaca ⁽²⁸⁸⁹⁾ + big MAT ⁽³⁹¹⁶⁾ ~~Call hole~~
Pete Hall, Simon + Diane, Mike Topson
Wardale

Went to ~~Scarf~~ screens to carry out socke
tests, sound tests to estimate ~~big~~ how far
it is from the bottom of BigMat call
hole (3916).

Some trouble finding the way from the camp
to Ed's Birthday Passage - we wasted about
an hour on a side excursion to Frizzington
series.

Finally got to the Wastale scree at 5pm and established radio and tapping contact with the diggers.

Simon climbed the molephone base aven and ~~wait~~ we waited joss sticks about. No sound of tapping up there.

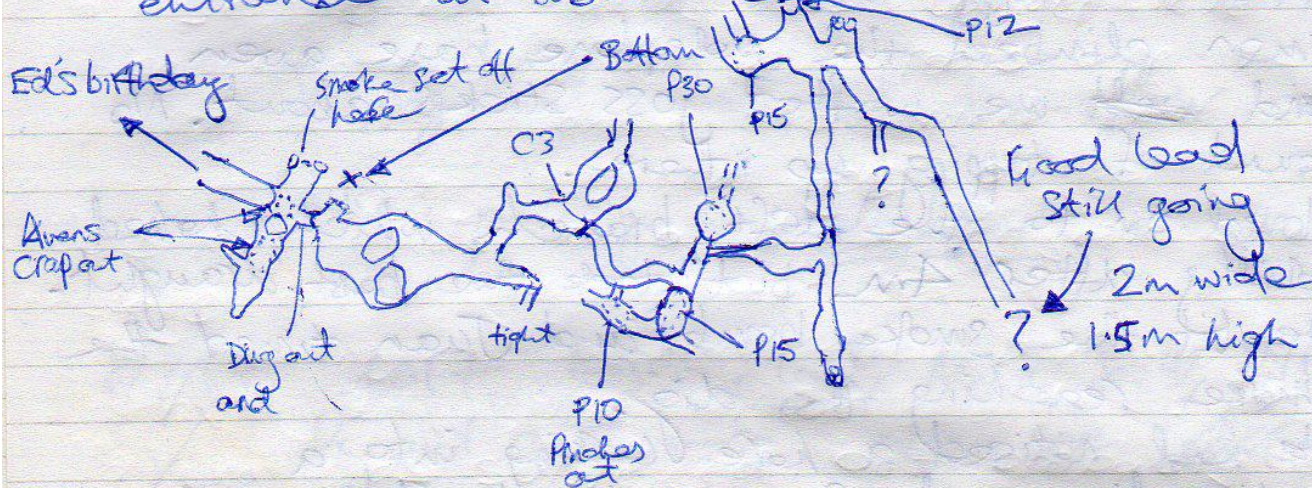
Moved on to the left branch which choked solidly after 4m but took the best draught. We lit the smoke bomb and Juan timed the smoke reaching the dig.

We had noticed a hole looking into a continuation and Simon set about it with enthusiasm. I manage to persuade him to climb the aven over the T-Junction ~~and~~ while I pulled out the last cobble and slipped through. The aven was another no-hoper but the dig went straight into a chamber. On the far side an outward-draughting crawl went to a short climb into a maze of crawls.

Traversing forward reached a ~~meandering~~ meandering crawl with stal obstacles which reached a north-south passage with several potholes. A further crawl past a stal blockage reached another North-South passage with more pitches of 10-30m - clean washed. Right choked after 30m left (North continued ~~to~~ a past traverses over holes to a ~~junction~~ junction. Left

(West) (~~North~~) and straight on (North) led to 10m clean-washed pitches, both with traverses over the top. Right led to a walking/stopping passage heading south-east followed for about 30m - still going - best lead of the day

Back at Wardale we shot some video, had lunch at 8pm and set off out reaching the entrance in about 2 1/2 hours without incident.



8/8/14

Nigel, Liz, Pete + Bill walked up to 489. Spotted new hole by track - exactly outside our area. For the record, location is 30T 455181 4796644. Man size hole drops into what appears to be chamber about 4 m deep.

33912

KNOWN

7-8-14 3721 LENSIES CAVE



Nigel + Liz. Pete dews, Billy + Pete O'Neill

Took hillie capping gear into end choke on upper level marked on survey. can see way on in choke, (little or no drought) however just short of getting through into open continuation between wall & boulders. Caps were not very effective on left wall, a chain with snappers may be more effective.

P.O. 14

Big met salt hole

4, 5, 6 8-8-14

Paul, John, Pete Smith, Pete O'Seill, Phil, Juan, Caroline, Betty, Pete deves,
little Julie, Penny, Nigel & Liz etc etc.

↳ digging trip to install more scaffold & dig
on the 8^m team again under ground, smoke connection, sound of
hammering on both sides but no vocal connections. Now appear the

Paving dig is going to connect
with the boulder phase on NE and
10m below deepest point.

7th August

3215 - Duck Pond Dig. DM. AL. J.S. P.G.

Good draughting day so followed draught. Small Finds made
but source of main draught still eludes us.

8th August DM. AL. J.S. P.G.

3812 - Yoyo cave: continued capping down side of blocked
shaft bottom and opened hole. Pitch seen below was measured with rope
and stone at 17m.

08/08/2014 Tom Gamble

Rachael Rix

Cueva de Carcavarezo 0081

trip to western series to follow up leads seen on previous
survey trip with Ali, Sacha, Sam, Tom G. of stream way
below boulders by junction 3.

Round passage to the side of the last survey station.

Passage goes for about 10-20m before becoming
wet. The water was knee high in most places.

The watery section continues for 100m zig-zagging
backwards and forwards, eventually coming drying up and
coming to a small rift in the floor. A large streamway
(main streamway)

is visible over ~~the~~ a ledge about 2-3m down.
Following Going down the rift leads to the stream
Across Downstream leads to a boulder choke that
can be climbed to the point roots are visible in
the rock, and there is a small ^{muddy} phreatic tube
about part way up that goes on for a long way.
Up Stream leads to a small keyhole shaped
passage and a tight short ~~one~~ squeeze over some
rocks leading to a small chamber where the water
is flowing in through the ~~hole~~ boulders. Not
Nothing was surveyed but probably a few
hundred metres of ~~passage~~ passage ground.

9/8/14 Ivan + Penny quick walk on C1 (Wern). Photo of 1889. This site needs
exploring. Ladder/handline required.

09/08/14 Lloyd Ginthorne, Adam Sharpley, Carol Smith
4074 & 4075 (Double Day) @ Hornsby Area

Surveyed 4074 & 4075.

4074 is a sandstone cave, 65m ~~long~~ surveyed, no
continuation.

4075 is two holes in rock face, 80m⁸ surveyed,
stream way closes down, very tight and very slight draught.

Home to bats, snails, spiders and daddy long-legs

9/8/14 1017 Dig. ✓

Legal Carlhorne, Buldy McSmall balls,
David Dunlop, Bill Smith, Jez Wby, Alden Staples,
~~John~~ Ian Davison + 2 tokens etc.

Dig into the hole more. It now looks like the top
of a rift. It's draft has gotten stronger the
more it has opened up. We have cuffed away the rock
so there is enough space to work in.

Now we need to clear the rocks making it too
tight to pass through. Also need a rope to
help climbing out.

Legal

10/8/14 Jon + Penny to Licoana. Surface survey bottom entrance, gated
entrance and re-emergence back up to point out of the wood.

Bolch 4042-14-01. Photos

It would appear that the bottom entrance has been surveyed well and
is only a few metres "out".

10/8/14

Dr. S.; Bill S., Big Steve.

BILL SHERINGTON - FRODO OFF THE PLANE, FULL OF ENTHUSIASM, AND
BRANDISHING THE SECRET ELDAM HITLIST WAS KEEN FOR ACTION.
SELECTING ONE ~~AT~~ AT RANDOM, IT TURNED OUT TO BE IN THE HAPPY
VALLEY ABOVE IAN CROWLEY'S HOUSE (1559).

WE VISITED 0090 MANTEQUILLA FIRST, LOOKING AT OLD SKULLS
AND BULLITS. MOVING ON TO THE ~~ELDAM~~ EL DAM TIT BIT (1559),
WHICH TURNED OUT TO BE A BLIND FOX BURROW.

MOVING UP THE HILL WE STUMBLED ACROSS 0097 - VERD CAVACHO
GPS'D AT 30T 452839 4796601 NOTHING OF SPGLIOLOGICAL
INTEREST HERE.

DI HAD PREVIOUSLY SPOTTED 1561 LACLAND "A WALK IN ENTANGLED
LEADS TO 10m DIAMETER WITH 2x 5m PASSAGES LEADING OFF". A SOURCE TURNING
STOPS LEAD TOWARDS ~~THE~~ SHORT GRASS AND ANOTHER SOURCE INTO A
TANGLED BLUE GRASS POOL. THIS QUICKLY WENT OUT OF DEPTH
AND AS TRUCKS ENTER THE WATER PASSING A BRIDGE ON THE LEFT HAND SIDE
EMERGED OVER MORE DEEP WATER. THE PASSAGE COULD BE SEEN FOR
ANOTHER 3m GAVE RAIN A L HAND BOUND.

9/8/2014 . Alf. L.^m; Phil. G.ⁿ; Dave M.^r; John S.^{ll} ✓

Encarrmada - cleared area . Cane 4058 . For connection
Loc 045 06269 ^{W. 100y} 0479 2701 . ELⁿ 148m
Body size hole in depression, blocked by rock. Stick
waggle into space. No noticeable draught. (AF)

Encarrmada . Cane 4059

~~Loc~~ Loc 044 7712 - 480 1656 . ELⁿ 126

Cane under shelf . Wide undercut with small, less than
body-size passages on a bedding plane . No detectable draught.
(AF)

Encarnada ✓

Locⁿ 044 7790

— 480 1521

Cave 4058

Elev 128m

In depression, small passage under loose boulder; dig^g slight draft out. (John Sth)

North Alisas ✓

Locⁿ 044 7998 — 479 5820

Cave 4081

Elev 368m (378m)

Formed choked shaft — about 4m deep. No way on no detectable draft

10/08/14 ✓

3215 Duck Pond.

John S, Phil G & Dave M.

FURTHER ATTEMPTS TO FOLLOW TRAUGHT, WITH LITTLE SUCCESS. NO MORE

TRIPS PLANNED.

11/08/14 ~~EVERY~~ DAY VISITED CHEESE CAVE 4015. SAME AS EVER.
 ADDED.

SIDE

11/08/14 — ALF L, PHIL G, JOHN S & DAVE M. ✓

LOOKING AT DEPRESSIONS IN WOODLAND AT RIOLASTRAS. NOTHING OF NOTE FOUND.

17/08/14 Nostalgia. ✓

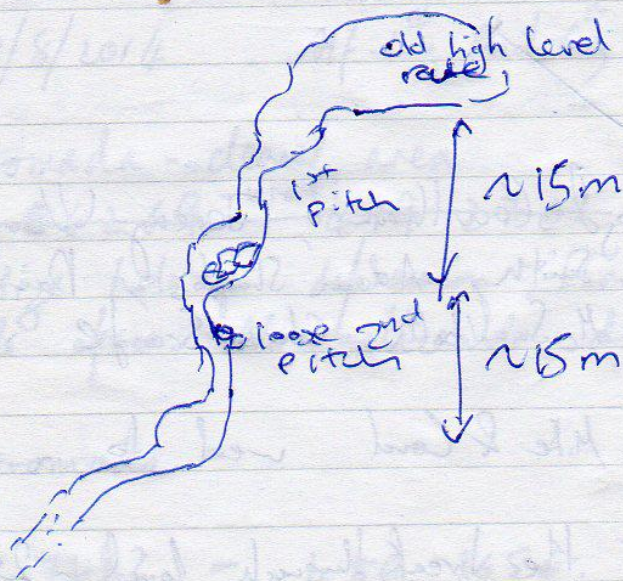
Lloyd Cowthorne, Jeremy Wong, Bill Smith,
Cord Smith, Adam Sharples, David Dunlop
Baldy McShalliballs, Chris Scalfie

Hazel, Bill, David, Chris, Mike & Cord went to a blocked passage to the left of the breakthrough found in 2012.

We blew up some rock but the passage was full of mud ☹️.

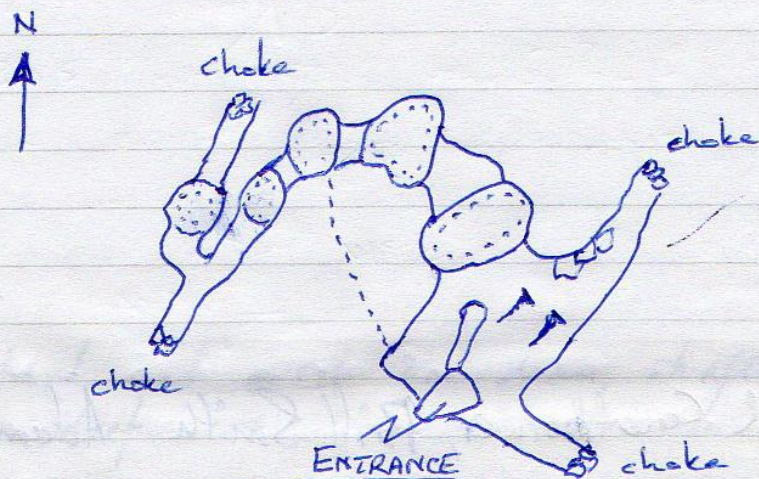
Jeze and Adan pushed a promising lead on the left wall going in shortly after the two traverses before the big bouldery chamber at the end of the high level.

The route dropped down a short pitch for about 10m to a small chamber. This then dropped down further. The head of this second pitch was tight with many loose boulders and rocks. After doing extensive gardening we dropped through but there was still lots of hanging death with rocks held in only by mud and sand. This pitch dropped for about 15 metres into a small chamber. The way on was to the left along a sandy floor passage which headed north for about 30 metres. The way on continued in a northerly direction but required a handline for further exploration and seems to be heading towards the extensions found in 2013.



3923. SC, HL, CS, PR. ✓
6, 7, 8-08 HORNEDO

EXCAVATED HOLE UNDER SANDSTONE SLAB FOUND IN 2013. LADDER DOWN 3M TO CHAMBER WITH WAY ON LEADING TO DEEP FLUTED LIMESTONE PILLARS. A NUMBER OF THESE LEAD TO VARIOUS CHAMBERS AND MORE PITS. FAR END LEAD TO PASSAGE THAT CLOSES DOWN. PITS MAY LEAD TO LOWER LEVEL BUT NEEDS WORK



Sketch - survey
to come later. H.L.
~~Didn't happen~~
JSC 13/10/14

4091 ~~4901~~ GPS 0455174. 4802900 131° ✓
10°+11° Ang. Riolastras J.C., C.S., P.R. + H.L.

Small entrance under rock outcrop leads to flat-out crawl emerging in a larger cross passage. To right chokes straight away whilst to left goes about 15 metres to where it splits - both ways are too tight but left, lower route is where the draught was coming from.

H.L. has the GPS for entrance and the survey notes.

11/8/14 Phil, Pete, Joan, Dan (Black Rose), Bill S, and Simon C digging @ ✓
3916. Dig down following draught on R and some digging following wall on left.

TRIP REPORT		Date	11/8/2014	Cave/No	1541 - 151
GPS	SIMON CORNHILL	WHO	DI ARTHURS	BIG STEVE	
Description					
SWEATY WALK UP HILLSIDE WITH SLIGHTLY HUNGRY LADY DI, ENTERED LOW PASSAGE ON RIGHT HAND SIDE OF ENTRANCE CHAMBER SURVEILLING IN. GOT TO STAL BLOCKAGE, REMOVED AND ENTERED FLOODED, OUT OF DEPTH, PASSAGE. BIG STEVE SWAM ACROSS TO LOW DUCK AVOIDING CLIMB UP + OVER INTO OUT OF DEPTH WATER AGAIN, END OF CAVE IS SUMP AREA. MAYBE WORTH A VISIT WITH BOYLE. VERY PRETTY LOVELY STAL + STAL CURTAIN. ALL IN CRYSTAL CLEAR WATER					
Entrance Photo		Yes/No (PREVIOUSLY)			
WHAA A GRAND DAY OUT					

12/8/14 Log L Cawthorne, Bill Smith, Adam Sharpley.
0071 - Mostajo.

Went down past shunt pitch to "tipitch".
Went down & tried to go over the ~~"Peters bridge"~~ but our rope was too short. Needs 25m rope. dividing wall

The floor below looks very promising & hopefully will take us out of the boulder clutter.

The wall beyond the dividing wall is covered in fossils. Some of which protrude from the rock & look like helictites.

We then took lots of photos of large passage.

Ledge C

12/08/14

3901 - JOHN S & DAVE M.

MORE DIGGING, ~~WITH~~ FOLLOWING DRAUGHT.

12/08/14 3812 - YOYO - PHIL G & ANF L.

The large boulders and wall were repeatedly capped (chrs) to allow access to a broken pitch. Phil G descended 5m to a sloping ledge. Reblay 4m to a ledge. Reblay 8m to floor of a rift. One way (back to ent of 6-7) not looked at. In the N^W direction 20m of passage led to R bend and on the 3m diam. shaft estimated to be ~~at~~ 70m. deep.

NOTE. Walls + ledges on main upper pitch ^{on other side of traverse} has loosely cemented stones + boulders.

12/8/14 0071 Mostajo

Chris Scaife, Dan Jackson, Mike Topson, Jez Wong, David Dunlop Returned to Mostajo to survey the section beyond a climb down through a hole in the floor just after the 3rd traverse.

Chris Scaife & Bill Smith had explored this section on 11/8/14 and found over 200m of passage, plus 3 pitches.

Today we surveyed 220m in this Tenebrous Passage, and descended 2 of the pitches - one led nowhere and the other led down to a streamway, which we followed for roughly 150m to a blockage. The 3rd pitch, currently undescended, appears to land in a fairly large chamber with a possible continuation.

12/8/14 0107 UZUEKA - SLOPPY INLET - CLIMBING TIXU AVEU

Dr. Sr. Bill SHERRINGTON

A STEADY TRIP INTO VIA GIANT POND. WE SPENT A BIT OF TIME IN DIVERGENCE CHAMBER LOWERING THE WATER LEVEL OF THE START TO SLOPPY INLET BY AROUND 5cm, THIS DOESN'T SEEM MUCH BUT IT DID MAKE A DIFFERENCE (ONLY IF ONE TAKES THEIR TACKLE BAG OFF OF THEIR BACK THOUGH!).

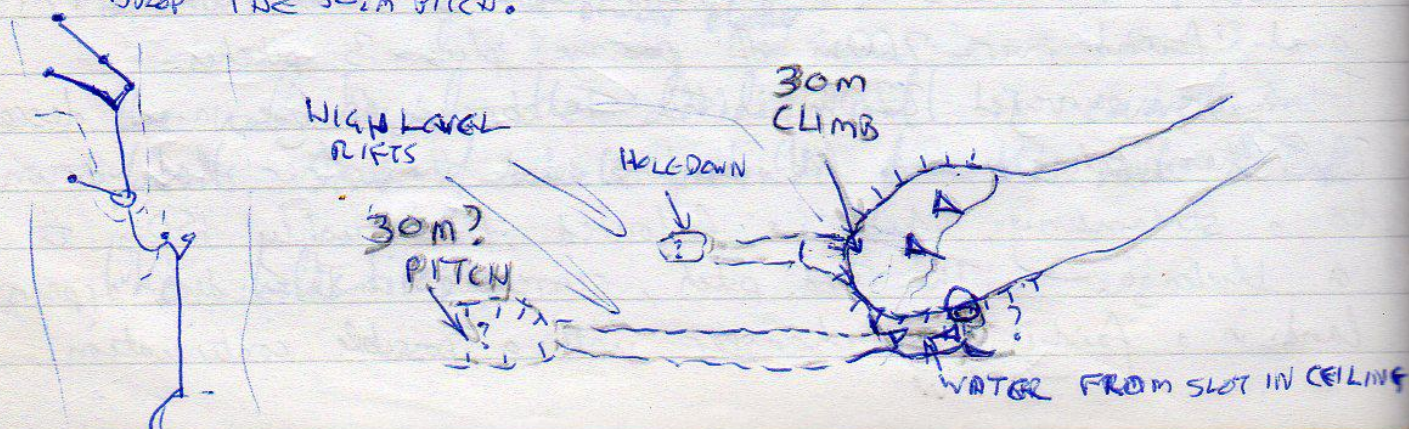
SIMON COMPLETED THE ^{BOLT} CLIMB UP TO THE LEVEL WHERE WATER COMES FROM THE HIGH UP FLUTINGS. AT THE BACK OF THE LEDGE WHERE WE LANDED A SMALL MUDDY RIFT PASSAGE WENT FOR A FEW METERS BEFORE ENCOUNTERING A TIGHT PITCH DOWN.

DI CAME UP TO THE LEDGE, WHILST BILL ACQUAINTED HIMSELF WITH HIS FIRST GROUP SHELTER 'ORANGE' IS HOW HE DESCRIBED THE EXPERIENCE.

SIMON ^{BOLT} TRAVERSED AROUND TO THE LEFT, TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE RIGHT HAND OF THE TWO FLUTINGS. THIS IS A SLOPING LEDGE WITH THE DOWN CONTINUING TO SLOPE UPWARDS ANOTHER 15?m WHERE THE WATER COMES OUT OF ONE IMPENETRABLE(?) SLOT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ~~CEILING~~ CEILING, THIS APPEARS TO BE IN SANDSTONE. ~~THE~~

THE LEDGE SLOPS UP TO ANOTHER NOT QUITE AS TIGHT MUDDY RIFT (IN THE SAME DIRECTION) WHICH WENT FOR AROUND 15-20m TO A PITCH DOWN, 3m ACROSS AND AT LEAST 30m (THE LARGE ROCK DISPATCHED DOWN IT STARTED) WHISTLING!

BACK AT THE LEDGE IN THE MAIN SHAFT - THERE IS A MASSIVE PILLAR SEPARATING THE RIGHT HAND & LEFT HAND FLUTINGS. A FURTHER TRIP IS PLANNED TO CONTINUE TRAVERSING THE 'TOP' OF THE SHAFT, IN HOPE OF FINDING THE UZUEKA UPPER LEVEL AND SEE IF THE ROPE IS LONG ENOUGH TO DROP THE 30?m PITCH.



13/8/14 FOTBOY GT 613

Di, Si, Big Steve, Bills

QUICK TRIP TO SHOW STEVE AN OLD BONE LOCATED ON A PREVIOUS VISIT. - IDENTIFIED AS COW -

WE ALSO WENT DOWN THE ~~FIRST~~ PITCH IN THE ~~FIRST~~ ^{SECOND} PASSAGE ON THE RIGHT TO CHECK THE DIGGING LEAD - NOT BRILLIANT.

13/8/14 SHANTY TOWN 2090

Big Steve, Bills, Simon C:

WE PLAYED JENGA AS FAR AS WE DARED WITH THIS

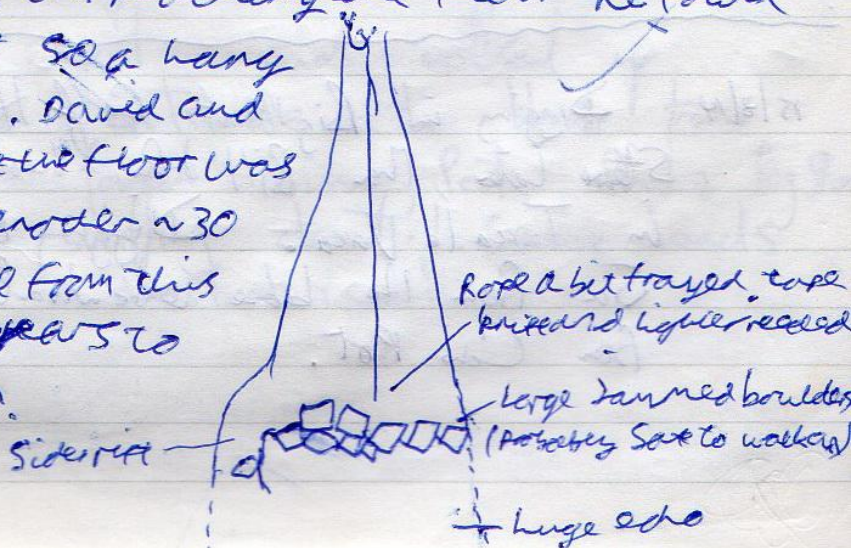
UN SUPPORTED RASCAL, THEN LEFT WITH THE FIRM DECISION NOT OF SCAFFOLDING IS REQUIRED (ANDY PRINGLE CAN HAVE IT BACK NOW!)

14/8/14 BILLS & SIMON C

WE HAD A POKE AROUND IN MOST OF THE SHAKESHOLES TO THE EAST OF THE ~~ROAD~~ ROAD WHERE WE PARK UP FOR BISQUIT CREEP HOLES. NOTHING MUCH OF INTEREST HERE.

14/8/14 Phil, Adam, David, Lloyd, Bill - Yoyo cave went to the top of the undescended shaft with

a 100 m rope. Adam placed several bolts at the top and one reelay ~ 8m down. On reaching the floor he found he had less than 10 m left so a hang of 70-80 m seems absurd right. David and Bill followed finding that the floor was just jammed boulders to another ~ 30-40 m drop. A large echo came from this next drop. A side rift appears to offer the safer way down.



15/8/14

Mostajo - 071 - JcZ W, Mike T, Adam S, David D ✓

A shortish trip to Mostajo to remove tackle taken in to the 2013 extensions. Also investigated the possible connection from the 2013 extension - found on the 11th where the survey shows is about 10m away. Did some gardening to remove loose rock and precarious boulders. After dropping down, ~~shards~~ route ended in muddy chamber past last survey point way or requires digging through a muddy hole continuing NE.

15/8/14

Bimble around Hoznago. Lloyd C, Ted C, Carl S. ✓

Spent a couple of hours sucking around the new area near Rocura. Found a tyre pt that could be dug out.

Labeled as ⁴⁰⁹⁰~~X0003~~ on the spread sheet.

30 + 443936 4805403. ↑ 73

Lloyd C

15/8/14 Digging in Big Mat Calf Hole, - Phil, Juan, Pete with Steve later, then Bill who had come out from the swamp in Torala Vaca. Digging out a mud filled tube. Six from the base eventually released Si + Di for Cavi Pot.

(Duplicating to report before!)

15/8/14 : There ain't but one way out! ✓

(59)

Bill & Si & di. → then ^{Phil} Juan, Pete & Grande Phil

Long day started at 4 am, by feeling unwell for bill; hours of hours wake with lurgy sweating and worrying. Hards awake by 10.00 vacate apartment 12 fettle gear on squashed dogging spot masquerading as a campsite by 2pm. The hards travel light!!!

Bill's health deteriorates and by the time at cow pot layby makes mistakes.

① Being with the Hards on a beastie.

② Wearing neoprene through a sweaty cave.

③ Being sober for 2 consecutive nights.

④ Eating a weird Spanish repetition sausage.

Bill gently shepherded to sump via kicking and sweating out lurgy: Thanks Si passes sump & jibs out at Parrell historic duck swims back through sump and on the off change of having an A prop: serenades the hards stark bollock naked with a blistering blues harmonica solo: Key of E! There ain't but one way out babe!

Enjoyed slow exit and walked up to B&M to extricate the Hards from The back door!!! found Juan, Pete, Phil & Big Ben sniffing about! Swore loads at Juan. Masterbase!

15/8/14

Torca La Vaca.

Di, Si 3 Bill ✓

Si and I were serenaded at Lake Bassenthwaite by Bill. ☺ After 4 days of heavy rain the duck was about 2" deeper than our previous trip in. - had to tilt the head.

We arrived at the connection point 5 mins before our due time. ... continued

NO - 4089

SC - CS - PR - HL - DM - AL ✓

DATE. (12-16-14) 455420, 4803153 ↑ 123

DUG OUT UNDER LEDGE IN SHAKEHOLE, CRAWL INTO LARGE CHAMBER, WENT ON UP TO RIGHT DOWN LOOSE CRAWL (COAL SHUTE) INTO STOOPING WALKING PASSAGE, END IN BOULDER CHOKER, DUG OUT INTO 3M CLIMB DOWN PITCH (DOUBLE SHUFFLE) LAND ON TOP 3M VERTICAL PITCH THEN DOWN 45°-55° TUBE (HELTER SHELTER) ADVISABLE 2 LADDERS. BOTTOMING OUT, INTO CHAMBER ON RIGHT, DOWN ANOTHER PITCH (3.7m) INTO SMALL CHAMBER THEN UP TO PITCH 15.6M INTO BRIND CHAMBER SMALL SOAKAWAY AT BOTTOM. J.C.

14/8/14 Mostajo 0071 - Chris Scaife, Carl Smith, Dan Jackson

We went back to complete the surveying of the Terebrous Passage in Mostajo. The ~~total~~ total length of cave explored from the climb down is approx 400m.

Terebrous Passage is found on the left wall of the main passage when the passage becomes straight again after the 3rd roped traverse. A loose climb down leads via several squeezes to NB-loose boulder after 1st squeeze.

a pitch (c 15m) that was descended by ~~Bill Smith~~ on 12/8/14, with no way on from the bottom. Following on above this pitch, after some more climbs and squeezes, a T-junction is reached. Left at this T-junction leads to a chamber, and either a climb in the chamber or a crawl to the right of the chamber leads to another crawl to a chamber with the vastly underrated Ice Sculpture formation. This can be avoided by traversing through a narrow rift on the right, leading to a pitch down into a large chamber - the Sweet Shop of Horrors. This is a muddy place filled with boulders. There are several possible leads here, but none looks inspiring.

Right from the T-junction, a few squeezes lead to a climb up into ~~Tenebris~~ ^{Imesis} Chamber. This chamber is 18m high x 17m long x 8m wide and has water dropping down into a hole in the floor, which is an 18m pitch down into Chthonic Streamway. The top section of the pitch is free-climbable to a ledge. Upstream in Chthonic Streamway is blocked after 8m. This blockage could be removed, but the passage beyond looks small. Downstream leads to a mud & boulder blockage that would probably take great effort to remove. The Streamway is 147m long.

→ 15/8/14 Torca La Vaca → Big Mat Calf Hore

Following a radio conversation with the surface team, Si climbed up the aven to the slope where Diddy had a voice connection on a previous trip. Simon could hear shouting here too so started to dig at the top of the boulder slope. I joined him ~~at~~ there and assisted in digging. It wasn't clear where to dig

as voices could be heard all around. Whilst Si was laid flat out in the 1st clay dig I was rolling the rubble down the slope then...



... I felt the earth move! Phil was hammering higher up in Big Mat. We tried ~~that~~ shouting from various places to see which was clearer to them and then they shouted from different locations - it was definitely clearer lower down the slope. Si shifted a couple of enormous boulders and carefully cleared the slope - aware that ~~th~~ we could start a landslide! Eventually we saw Pete's light shining through a small gap. Wahoo!!

Big Steve shouted "I'm not going 'til the Harads are out!"

An exciting day out - great team work commencing with the Dingle/Dordy camping trip and climbing the final aven and all the diggers involved in Big Mat Calf Hole!

15-08-14 - Chris Scarle + Daniel Jackson ✓

Prospecting at far end of Vega Valley.

No caves or holes on the map and it was soon apparent why - lots of brambles, gorse and nettles made progress across the terrain very difficult. May be more manageable in winter.

13-08-14 RIOLASTRAS AREA - JOHN S, PHIL G, ALF L & DAVE M. ✓

FAMILIARISATION VISIT TO THIS AREA.

14-08-14 RIOLASTRAS - JOHN S & ALF L & DAVE M. ✓

VISITED 4089 - DAVE M DIGGING/CAPPING WITH JOHN CLARKE ET AL

JOHN S & ALF - JUNGLE BASHING - LITTLE OF INTEREST.

15/08/14 - GARZON AREA - JOHN S, PHIL G, ALF L & DAVE M.
 PROSPECTING/JUNGLE BASHING - LITTLE OF INTEREST ✓

16/08/14 CIVIL WAR CAVE N° 3543 JOHN S & DAVE M.
 DIGGING/CAPPING LOW CRAWL - MORE WORK NEEDED ✓

17/08/14 RIOLASTRAS AREA - JOHN S, PHIL G, ALF L & DAVE M.
 HOLE N° X0002 - DUG END TO UNCOVER 4m PITCH TO CHOKED
 RIFT ✓

Cave Description - HOLE IN SMALL SCAR, DESCENDING TUBE INTO WALKING SIZE
 PASSAGE - DESCENT 4m - PASSAGE LENGTH 20m APPROX

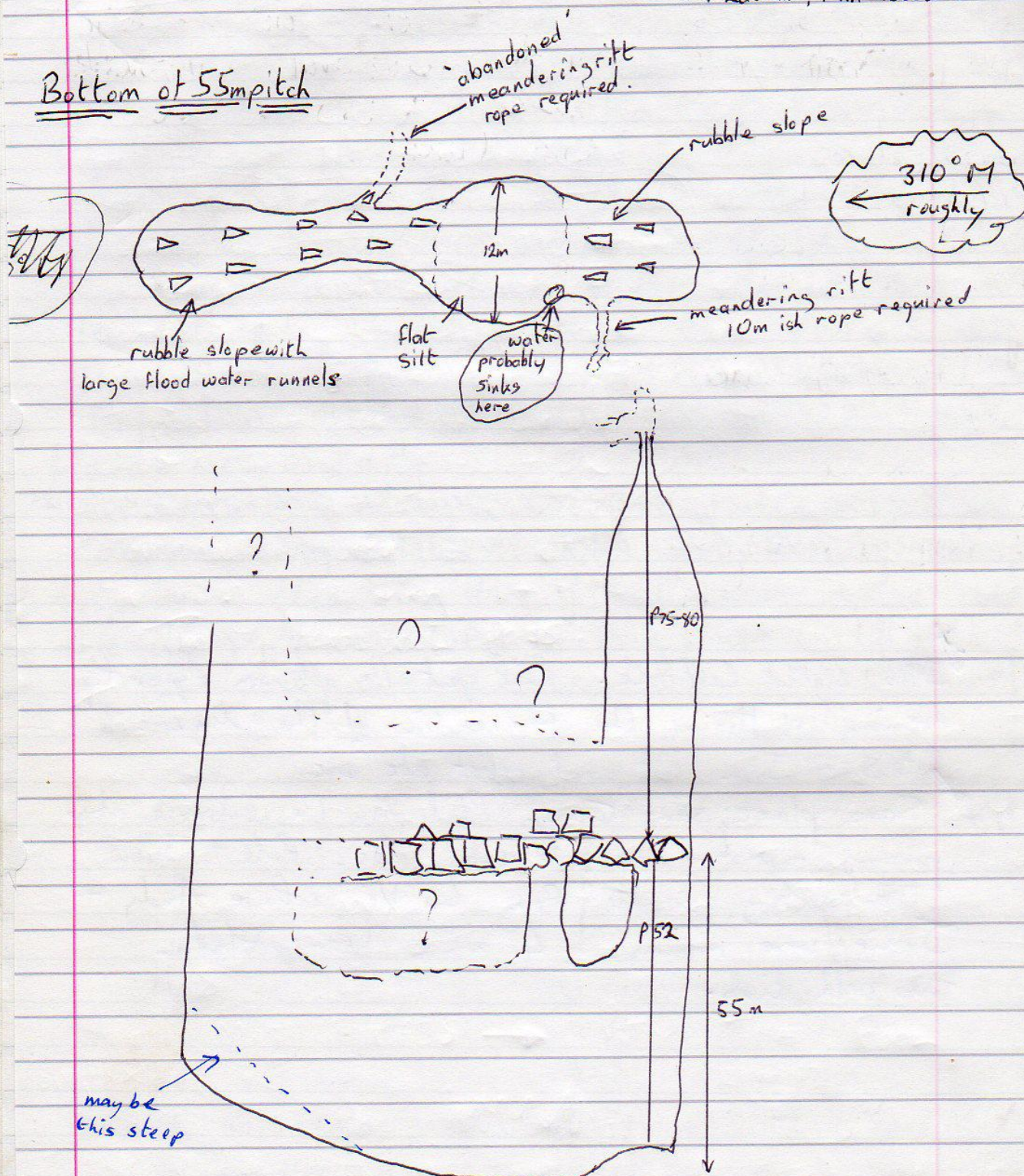
17/8/14 ✓ 3916 Big Mat Calf Hole. Phil spent the afternoon + early
 evening shuttering the top section of the dig while
 Pete S + Juan cut wood, rebar etc etc

18/8/14 ✓ Same place; same team. Phil down the entrance chop
 pouring + pushing concrete into holes. Pete + Juan
 transporting concrete from La Via where Andy +
 Julie were mixing. 4 mixes transported in
 tubs with lids.

16th August Cave 3812 'Yoyo' cave

Alf Latham, Phil Goodwin

Bottom of 55m pitch



At bottom of 75-80m pitch there are two separate shafts accessible between the boulders. A drop of 55m leads to ^{an chamber} 12m at its widest and about 60m long. At the far end another shaft is seen descending. The shafts probably were once separate systems with separate ways on.

Thursday 14 H

30 T 0451907

4794326

Ted Cawthorne

3762?

4 m deep
+ rumble
rumble

4957

Hole 2m deep flake/
rock back
mft / scree to left of
floor
Rock dropped at bottom
of scree mumbled
off for 3 β -4 sec
under floor?

(Seen + numbered in 2013)

17th August 2014

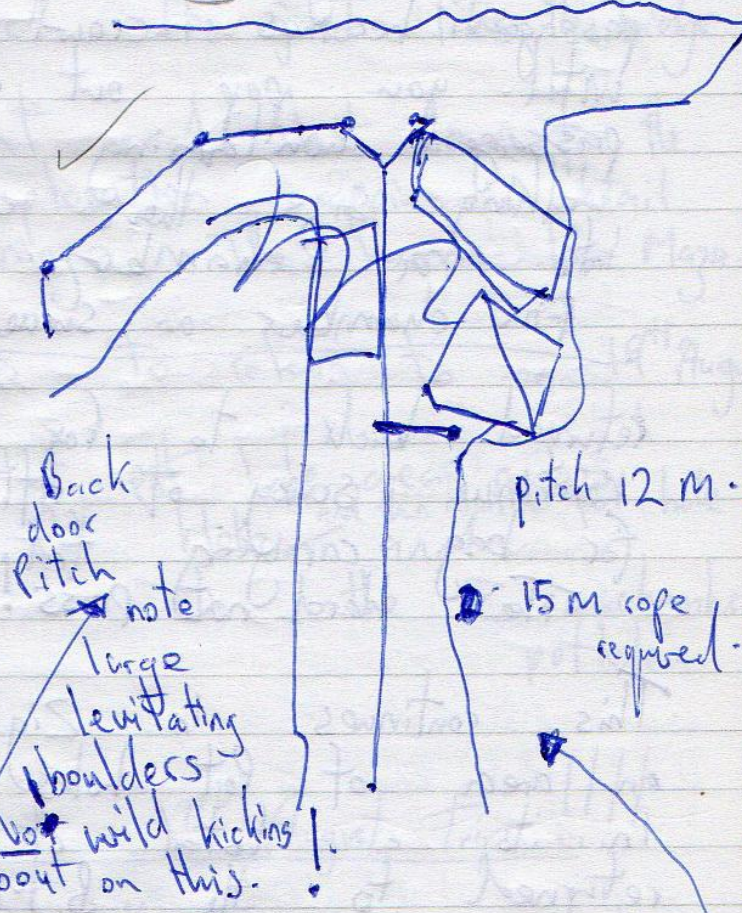
Si + Di + Bill S

Vaca Back door Investigation of Wasdale Screes

Descent from scaffold shaft of big M.C.H. break through
dig widened and left with self supporting boulders.
Just enough taken out for not thrashing through into
Vaca's back door.

Si bolted a traverse and drops pitch to the
Wasdale screes. Di calibrates and Bill sets
too on Pete Hall's holiday extension. ^{widening} a squeeze!!!
This is accessed by climbing over large boulder
at foot of pitch and turn right. away from
Vaca

← Situated at the edge
of the outcrops / pasture
line 100m or so from
the ridge



"Squeeze" down into large passage: The scene of
"the Hards" survey frenzy over the next 2-3 days.

Climb over large boulders and up cobble slope
passage becomes crawl then scramble over rifts
until you pop out ~~across~~ above a lower
passage containing Fox Skeleton: lower passage
walking size then cuts down to thrutching
into a chamber containing a pot^{hole} Zorro
Fox chamber on survey station.

returned back to Fox Skeleton and climb up to
continue survey of rift passage crawls. Thrutchy
for bag carrying fat folk.
The Hard not Pass!

This continues in Zig Zag thrutch fashion to
an area of pot holes and traverses: Surveyed
in to a total of 109 m of Hard going.
returned to the B.M.C.H. team still at
it on shoring and fettling duties!

18th August:

Hard Not PASS → PITY THE FOOL!
Complex Area of pot holes: ~~manholes~~ !!
Zone intersected by shafts.

Si rigged traverse line to access an area
spotted by Pete Hall on his holiday excursion
Hard not Pass crosses 3 pot holes and
breaks out into "a complex area
of more pot holes. Pity the fool"

Hards enjoyed survey frenzy taking an obvious walking and stopping passage skirting around various pot holes, Draught followed in this area

"Excitement Announced" It's just like the fridge

I broke at that point and shut down for the remaining hours of exploration mapping in detail an area of vertical maze. The hards love Maze.

Two interesting leads to return to on 19th August

A traverse at far end of pot hole area across pot hole to deepest pot hole and then another pot hole the Zorro chamber pot hole.
most southerly point of survey !!

These are the focus of 19th August Trip!!!!

19/8/14. Si, Bill, Di. Vaca Flad knot Pass.

Si descended the pit beyond Zorro chamber - no continuation of passage.

Bill went for a scamper down Edi birthday passage - draught reported here as good (no reportable draught at Flad knot pass.)

Si + I continued to the most southerly pit - descended + again, blind: no passage on. Si then traversed the pit - passage ends.

We completed the survey up the pitch (entrance) Lots of other pits to descend... maybe one will go!??
Baggage drop off point most promising?!

20th August Site 3916 Big Mat Calf Hile ✓

Plan start for some: Phil, Pete, Juan help Andy + Julie at La Via to mix concrete and put into bins for transport to Hornedo. One mix into one bin; 2 bins per vehicle; 2 vehicles — so 4 mixes at a time.

Bill, Si and Di arrived at 12 noon and ~~so~~ were soon part of the concrete forming, bucket team and wheelbarrow team. By about 6pm the top 2m of tube had been installed with concrete sealing in the lower section; Stone + earth then completely filled the space around the tube. Everyone had a trip down + up in the tube — a job well done.

22 August 4043 Canaas — Phil P + Pedro.

Aim to survey stop passage to Arch Ent. Pedro went through light section in Templeque, Phil did not fit! Pedro tried to follow Compomenta back to Stop as we had planned but it seems choke blocks way through. Dropped 1st pitch into Stop (bolt placed) not a good option as it takes you to wet section in our flow stream passage chert deep + half full of mud! Better to drop last hole, found Canaas at base of this pitch from old Spanish trip! Surgey Stop passage 79m + took photos. Checked out choke at end — No go.

0080 Sima Andrés: 452737 4796647: 220m

0137 C. Coreano: 452778 4796609: 253m

0097 Covacho de la Vera: 452833 4796589: 288m

Peter Smith

4065: Cueva de los Zorros I

452672 4803339 Alt. 89m Length 67m

The entrance of the cave is in a small limestone knoll, to the south of the houses in the north-east of Solórzano. On the right of the entrance a small passage slopes down to a choke. The main passage continues more or less walking height to a squeeze and a second section of passage with some stal and tree roots. This ends abruptly at a ramp up. At the top of the ramp, it might be possible to dig out a narrow passage along a rift heading east.

There is a Cueva de los Zorros II somewhere in the vicinity, but it has not been located. According to one account, the entrance might be in the "corridor" immediately to the south in the knoll.

4066: Shaft

451714 4794604 Alt. 443m Depth 10m

On the slope above Torca de los Cantones, in a shakehole with large boulders. A squeeze down between two boulders leads to a 4m vertical drop into a small chamber. The chamber slopes down to a 1m climb and choke.

Peter Smith

21st August 2014.

2889 Torca La Vaca via Big Mat Calf Hole

Bill Sherrington, Simon Cornhill, Di Arthurs, Neil McCallum

'The Whitehavens'

Bill was very keen to check out a tip off from Dave Gledhill about a 'definitely going roof passage' in The Whitehavens area of Vaca at the end of the 'A590 Vindication Highway'.

So using the new entrance a very efficient and enjoyable romp was had to Scafell Aven, at the bottom of this a discussion about whether to take the high level or the streamway was had. Bill knew the stream level route well enough so even though its a bit of a detour we went this way and it's a very pleasant splash about when your hot from stomping in from the new entrance and avoided the swim from the old entrance.

At the end of the A590 a small slot on the right hand side is the entrance to The Whitehavens and this is a bit thrutchy to begin but soon pops out into a big rift passage.

Di boosted Simon into the roof passage and a frantic scramble saw him established 4m above the floor of the rift and looking down another 4m into the 'new'.

A handline descent entered 4m of passage ending quickly at a dreadful muddy tube getting too tight. In Simon's words 'its just like trying to get down a toilet soil pipe'. A similar tube was spotted in the roof but not attempted looking equally uninviting. No draught, no prospects. A dud.

Neil and Bill started out whilst Si and Di carried on to 1st Terminal Boulder Choke prospecting for leads and familiarising themselves with the area. Neil and Bill waited at the top of Scafell for the other 2 to appear at the bottom and then headed out clearing the rubbish from the Dingle Camp en route.

22 August 2014

2889 Torca La Vaca - Frizzington Extensions

Di Arthurs, Simon Cornhill

After a road trip to drop Bill off at Bilbao airport, we decided to have an easy day.

Taking advantage of the new Bigmat Calf Hole entrance to Vaca, we went to checkout the mystery surrounding the location of the 'Frizzington Extensions' on the survey.

Having inadvertently gone some way into this area with Pete Hall and MUSC Mike on our first BMCH location trip, we had passed several mouldy and illegible survey stations written on what looks like normal paper (tut tut!), so we knew that the current surveyed limit extends much further South than it is placed on the main Vaca survey.

South from a high level chamber containing a cairn with a glove on it Dingle Stn:23? (where the route from Ed's Birthday Passage emerges) we started down the slope from another cairn with the first mouldy station note found. It looks like this could be station 44(?) from batch 2889_10_01 and passing scrawled on a rock '41 - 1/4/10' we surveyed into Frizzington. At another mouldy station note we went off the main passage and into new territory, discovering large areas of rodent (?) dropping in various states of decomposition. A quick dig and a few crawls emerged back into the main trampled passage.

Uzueka - Sloppy Inlet

23rd August 2014

Diane Arthurs, Simon Cornhill, Neil McCallum

'Professional Advice Extensions'

The 3 named above went to Sloppy Inlet via Giant Panda to continue where Si and Di had left off high up in Tixtu Aven at the end of S.I. Some re rigging of the pitch and the superb 'airy' traverse at the top was completed before Simon went to rig the previously discovered 'big pitch', whilst myself and Di began the survey. The first 30 or so meters is in a gently descending muddy streamway with crumbling mud walls and soon ends at a 28m pitch into a large chamber (Professional Advice) with hanging boulders as a roof and lots of holes through big boulders in the floor.

Turning right in this chamber a large passage is entered and a ledge on the left side leads past a circular pot and along into a dead end after 20m or so. In this dead end is the skeleton of some unidentified mammal big enough to be a wolf or wild boar but could be anything.

The 1m circular pothole gives a 15m pitch into a lower passage doubling back to below the first big chamber with a 3m free climb into this lower chamber, the roof of which is composed of the boulders we were stood on previously.

A short crawl at the far end of the lower chamber gives access to a further chamber and a large 3 to 4m diameter passage heading off to the right. After shouts of 'BONG' it proceeded to not bong and after 15m degenerated into a very narrow streamway. Simon forced this downstream for around 30m to a small aven and we decided to survey to this point. That done Simon carried on downstream to a similar aven, past this and into a wider (1m) taller (4m) rift passage with some boulder obstacles. I free climbed the first aven for 5m or so but it all closed down rapidly. We turned round at this point after a superb afternoons exploring leaving the end wide open for a future foray.

Once back at the top of Tixtu Aven, which is now an incredibly impressive pitch of around 50m, comparable with the best in Lancashire! We surveyed down the shaft to tie in with the existing station at the foot of the pitch. A steady plod out including some light fettling and some cursing at the stooping sections saw us back at the car just after 1 am, a trip of a little under 12 hours. Its now an involved, varied and fairly strenuous 3 plus hours to 'the end' as we left it.

24 August 2014

2889 Torca La Vaca - Frizzington

A very quick descent of Bigmat Calf Hole, to continue trying to make sense of Frizzington series. We surveyed starting from station 1.12 following the main route heading in a SE direction. Eventually finishing for the day in an ongoing untrampled area.

25 August 2014

2889 Torca La Vaca - 'Front Door'

Di Arthurs, Simon Cornhill

A swift trip to recover Bill Sherington's neo-fleece from the shores of Lake Bassenthwaite. The two ladders, ropes, hangers and maillons were removed from the pitches to the duck, along with the rope and one hanger on the pitch from the higher to the lower level although the traverse line was left in place.

25 August 2014

2889 Torca La Vaca - 'Back Door' (same day)

Di Arthurs, Simon Cornhill

Having spent the morning deciphering what had happened to the original Frizzington Series surveyor's data (which has been connected to the main survey in a very wrong location), we were now confident where it should be.

However the only existing fixed stations we had tied our survey into, turned out to all be from the previous 'floating' Frizzington survey trip (batch 2889_10_01). So we surveyed from our initial survey station 1.0 via glove junction to dingle station 31 (2889_09_14.31) at the base of the dodgy climb up. From this point going SE down the slope and traversing over the left-hand ledge a climb up and short crawl emerges by station 1.7 in the Frizzington series, a nice short cut!

Moving swiftly on to where we had left off the previous day (Station: 3.33) following the main 'obvious' way on with the draught in our faces. Progress was in a comfortably sized passage passing numerous cross rifts, most too small to enter, constantly clambering up and down various obstacles. An obvious side passage on the left quickly reconnected back to the main route (either side of the 'Old Man Of Coniston' Stn: 3.50).

NOTE: An exceedingly dodgy 1m high arch at Stn: 3.65 requires a careful low limbo to pass under it! Shortly after this moisture beads were seen on the passage walls, and shortly after that decaying rat(?) poo & the bones of a rat(?) were encountered.

The rift then narrows with the draught picking up. Eventually a squeeze was forced through a short tube on the left-hand side of the passage, over blocks to several holes looking down into a chamber. Tools required to gain access.

Pleased with our efforts for the day this was a fitting turn around point, exiting at midnight

26 August 2014

2889 Torca La Vaca - Frizzington Extensions

Di Arthurs, Simon Cornhill, Neil McCallum

With the tales of going new passage, Nez was once again tempted underground.

Entering via BMCH, we started off by surveying the loop round 'The Old Man Of Coniston' then moving on to the main event, the end of the previous day's exploration. While Di & Nez surveyed through the squeeze, Simon armed with a small crowbar enlarged a downwards slot enough to continue.

A 3x3m wide rift heads off up a 2m climb to an impressive 27m high aven, 'Careful What You Wish For'. Although the roof looks like sand stone, it seems like a passage can be seen near the top, the rock is sound and would make a good climbing project.

Through boulders under the aven, deep holes could be seen giving the impression of a false floor. Just back and on the right of the aven, a narrow rift was descended for 9m to jammed blocks where a hole down was distoed to 22m. It may be possible to dig out the jammed blocks and descend the 22m pitch, the rift looks like it would be tightish to start off with but opens out further down. Another good lead but would require some work.

A short distance on a 2m climb up enters an other area with deep rifts off to the sides. Unfortunately Nez's helmet escaped off of his head and disappeared down one of these. An impromptu inspection of said rift and it was safely recovered - lucky boy! It becomes too tight going down, whilst horizontally progress is in a necky 'Quaking' style pushed for some distance until sense prevailed.

The passage continues changing nature, stepping down over a puddle the floor is mud covered and gently ascending. A small blind chamber was climbed into, whilst underneath this a low muddy crawl has the draught coming out of it, this was left unpushed.

With a strict 9pm dinner date looming, a rapid exit was made. So much so, we had time for a quick pitstop in Bar Germán!

27 August 2014

2889 Torca La Vaca - Frizzington Extensions

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Di Arthurs, Simon Cornhill

A quick trip in via Big Mat Calf Hole, to the T-junction in Frizzington just past the Snow Dome (Stn: 3.29) to the left which we had inadvertently continued into on the way back on the two previous trips.

This Passage, crawling at first passing some interesting holes in the floor enters a small chamber (Far Of Track). At the northern end a climb up into a shattered section, the way on then splits.

Left and down, a rift passes several deep holes in the floor and roof ending in a climb down (undescended) which is very close to station 3.10.

To the right a crawling sized tube heads NNW passing an unsurveyed passage on the left through three enlargements, until a wriggle up and left enters a 'reasonable sized' chamber with a couple of footprints, which leads to a well trampled area close to Dingle station 31 (2889_09_14.31) at the base of the dodgy climb.

Surveying had to be abandoned at this point, due to a date with a large ferry!!

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