

UBSS LOG BOOK ⁽⁷⁾

OCTOBER 17TH 1953

TO

OCTOBER 18TH 1955

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T I M B E R .

The Society is given permission to cut birchwood, and birchwood only, for use directly by the Society, in the wood to the North of the Society's Hut.

The trees must be cut close to the ground and the brushwood properly collected and taken back to camp to be burned.

Ash and other trees must not be cut, and proper care must be taken to avoid damage to other trees when felling birch.

The increasing scarcity of timber has made birch a valuable wood for various purposes. Hence ~~the~~ reasonable economy in the use of firewood should be exercised. The smaller and mishapen trees should be ~~used~~ selected for felling.

The Society shall confine its activities to the area east of the ruined wall which divides the land in a roughly North-South direction to the West of the Hut and to the East of the New Plantation.

The Society shall not interfere with the rights of the tenants of the land nor permit the privileges granted to be abused.

HUT LEVY:

The hut levy must be paid by each person using the hut or its facilities. The levy is 6d. per day and 6d. per night or parts thereof; the maximum per visit being 5/-.

The hut levy goes to ~~pay~~ pay for :- gas, and its installation, paraffin, candles, lamp glasses, cooking utensils etc. etc.

The Hut Fund does not pay for milk or any other form of food or drink. Food must be brought to the hut on each and every visit to maintain an ~~adequate~~ adequate stock of food.

D.A.S. Robertson

(Hon. Sec.)

14.10.53



University of Bristol Speleological Society

THE UNIVERSITY

BURRINGTON FIELD HEAD-QUARTERS CAMP RULES.

1. Parties visiting caves shall leave a note in a prominent position in the hut stating the cave visited, number in the party, time of departure and expected time of return and date. On return, the note should be erased or crossed out to signify safe return of the party.
2. The log book must be written up after each trip by the senior member of the party. All work must be recorded and the recorder must sign his name. This is important as the camp log is the basic reference for the work of the Society.
3. After each camp, the fire must be properly extinguished ~~the~~ the wood-bunkers refilled and the hut swept.
4. Food must be stored in the proper receptacles only.
5. Waste materials must be removed from the hut to the appropriate pit. Empty tins should be thrown on the fire to burn waste food and before being thrown onto the pit should be flattened.
6. Blankets must be aired after use if the weather is not inclement; and should be folded and neatly piled up before returning to Bristol.
7. The hut must be properly bolted and shuttered. The last person to leave will be held responsible in the event of loss or damage due to the neglect of these precautions.
8. Members who invite guests to the hut are responsible for their conduct and must not leave other people to look after them.
9. This log book must be preserved. Its pages shall not be removed, destroyed or defaced.

D.A.S. Robertson

(Hon. Sec.) 14.10.53

U.V.P.

K.T. Prof. E.K. Tratman, possibly President?

R. (=DASR) Struan Robertson. (? Dorset Wiltshire Somerset Wiltshire) How Se

led ? Bob Jenkin Wiltshire

D.P. Dave Preston

C.I. Chris Mason (Flash Mason)

OCL Oliver Asellus Caraticus Lloyd

HMG Harding Jenkins

DTD Daniel Desmond Terence Donovan (The Bearded Wonder)

A.P. Miss Anne Powell (HMS says 'Not Exactly') Anne of Annie to you

A.J.N. (A.J.N. X.T.S.) Tony Stuckdale (See entry before last)

CB - Charley Bristow recte 'Colin'

AR Andree Rosenfeld

RM Rosemary Mines Very Nice too!

SW Sheila Watts - see 21.3.54.

BKTW Beelzebub K. Texas Wattleburger (? Not English)

D.S. (=DHS) Dave Stead

JS (=JES) John Squires - an alias obviously.

CDO Clifford Ollier, The ladies say he struck oil at Doolin?

AMA Me - I wrote this under pressure.

CAW Colin Angus Watkins (Another wanderer from Celtica)

JHS Mystery.

PB Peter Bird - the Battman.

PRA Paul Acker - no connection with the above!

BAC The only cover unable to enter Longwood (alias the thin Van)

DJF David Finn

GWG Gains (Closed something or other in A.D. 11 Mad)

RB Rita Higgs' Burton. (Hack saws come into his GF song)

TCP Terence Piercey

M.B. Mick Balista of Ballista - frequent here, something unique about him!

TZ - really - Thomas Zealens

For Further Reading See end of Volume

Saturday Oct. 17th.

About 10 freshers were taken round Goatchurch by P. Pake, R.B. ~~Briggs~~ & E.K. Troutman (??).

R. Buxton, T.C. Percy, G. Fuller & C. Bowler went down Swildon's with "maypole" to examine holes between 20' pitch & double slots; but the ladder broke on the 40' pitch & it became necessary for C.B. to go out & obtain assistance for the other three waiting @ the bottom. G.F. fell attempting to climb broken ladder but no injuries sustained. E.K.T., P.A. & C.B. eventually returned w new ladder and once again all was well.

R.B. DAB. G.F. & T.C.P. stayed overnight.

Sunday Oct 18th.

Ladders checked & yesterday's ladder & another 40' steel ladder destroyed as unfit.

Rodney Pearce & friend went down G.B. Porthos digging @ F10. T.5.

G.F.

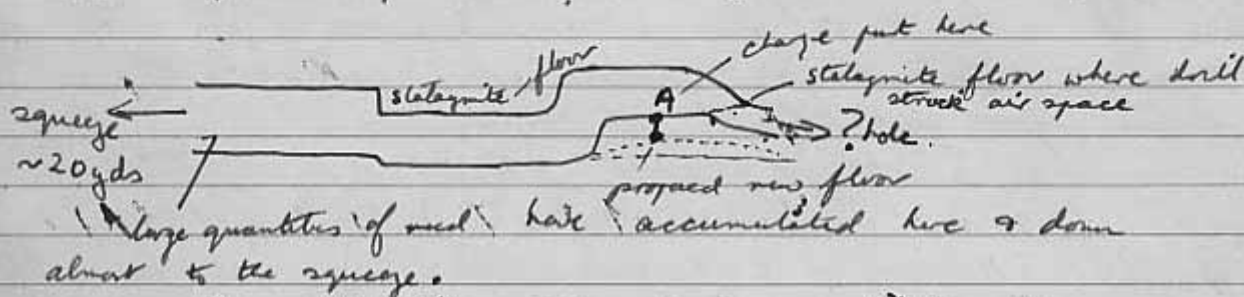
Tues Oct. 20th

Party of 12 boys & 1 master down Read's cavern. One half of party lost themselves down 'Z' alley & had to be found. All safely out - party spent 3-4 hrs in cave.

Sat Oct 25th

E.K.T., J. Gillman & P.R.A. + 13 new & prospective cavers went down G.B. E.K.T. & P.R.A. did a "blast" in the East Passage, while sniffing the slot hole the

drill went thro' into air below the ~~previous~~ stalagmite layer - the 'chase' was then put at point A to remove the 'stuff', if much further work is done it is necessary to ~~remove~~ remove the large mass of loose mud accumulated during the last 2 years down into the main gorge - to do this the entrance squeeze must be opened up.



On return from G.B. meal was had & some notes gathered at the Plume. D.H. Roberts

HANDLED

Party of 3, Oliver Lloyd, John Squires on Steam to Stoke Lane. Met Cobber & Ben from Werners to join the party. Oliver took samples of water from St. Demostrian's Well before & after cavern had been in the cave to test for use in case the water Board puts a gate on the entrance. Water level low despite rain today & yesterday. Full trip to Bone Chamber & Throne Room. Bail 11:30 in good mood

D.H.S. Robertson.

Party of 4 - Isabelle, Rita, Geoff, Lawrence to Swildons. Enjoyable trip. Maypole left down there still.

D.A.S. Roberts

25/10/53

GAS SUPPLY.

Someone has changed the gas cylinders
WITHOUT MAKING NOTE

IN LOG. If no entry is made a stage will be reached when there will be two empty cylinders & no gas at the hut.

AN ENTRY MUST BE MADE IN THE LOG, IN BOLD LETTERS, WHEN THE CYLINDER IS CHANGED.

WET ROPES & TACKLE ^{ALL} ^{PLA} **MUST** BE DRIED IMMEDIATELY AFTER RETURNING FROM THE CAVE - ROPES ROT VERY QUICKLY & THE AVERAGE LIFE-LINE COSTS ABOUT **£8 !!** ^{PLA} NB. 200' of 1 1/2" size cost £2.00.

Bill & Terence Pacey down geological to take stereophotographs of fossiliferous chamber. Out 1 pm.
The missing bond is for the U.S.S.R.

Sunday Oct 26th.

G. Fuller, R Buxton and 2 friends down
G.B. R.

Tues. Oct. 28th 1953

Found tool shed door
wide open. Had not been bolted
on 26/10/53. ~~MM~~ 7/11/53 ~~Four~~ ^{One} shovels
seems to have gone missing. MM (A.O.W.L.?)

Saturday 31st Oct 1953

R. Buxton, Terence & G.F. in East passage
G.B. Debris from last blast cleared. Six inch
gap space between two layers of stalagmite
2 sticks placed in side of passage to increase
working space. Air foul.

E.K.T., P. Bird & A.O.B. + 5 freshers to Rhino
Rift. A/p. 80 buckets of ~~st~~ mainly
small stone from dump in flow to
entrance slope left 7.45 P.M.

G.F.C. & Jean showed up at last & these
& Plumbe. P.B., R.B., G.F., Terence & A.O.B. stayed night
A. D. ~~Smith~~ 31/10/53.

Sunday 1st Nov '53.

E.K.T., TCP, GF, PA and RB blew up
2 obstructing boulders in Rhino Rift.

DD. brought up caravan, which was

placed on the chosen site in the
beech wood behind the hut.

Mike Gummer paid brief visit in
evening.

B. 1st Nov '53.

Wednesday 29th Oct.

E.K.T., P.R.A., S.R. To two
mine shafts at Green Ore with Luke Dovenick's
his tackle. 1st shaft nearly 100 ft. 2nd shaft
deeper but only penetrated for 60 ft. Filled in
the next day.

Saturday 27th Nov.

Party 7 - David William, Sylvia,
Rosemary, Sheila, Andrew, Barbara & S.R. To Rod's Pit
& short visit to Read's main chamber & grotto.

Party 5 - E.K.T., Garrell, Peter
Nicomar, John Squires, Michael Bonminter to Rhinoceros Rift
25 bucket-jobs removed.

D.A. & Robertson.

Sunday 8th November. This day! John Squires, Dick Thompson,
Tony Parry & Geoff Parris to Eastwater, to explore upper
passages. Nearly got lost down the Primrose Path, but
found the way, now! O.C.L.

Sun. 8 Nov.

Levelled up caravan on blocks. Filled in
hole under tool shed door. *MS*

Sat: Nov 14th.

Party of 6, G.F., TCP, R.B., Tony, Mike & Peter to Houghton. (Tony new fresher). Enjoyable trip.

In evening, OCL, TCP, GF, RB & Tony to Reads Cavern. Meander round boulder rubble. Bat No: 629. U.B.S found just inside entrance.

RB.

Sunday Nov 15th.

Party of 5, P.A., GF, TCP, RB and Tony went to G.B. on a photographing trip.

RB.

Party of 5 to Sun Hole. Dug 70 buckets of earth & stone 15-16" ft Pleistocene. No finds. Many boulders in floor. Very loose against undercut in left west side, where considerable shattering of rock perhaps result frost action. Very dry against west wall.

RB

Sat. 21st I.A.C. very nobly cleared out the fossils colony - A.D.B. repaired outside of same & P.L.A. dug dug the new tin hole with explosive assistance.

GAS CYLINDER CHANGED

Party of 3 (H. M. Jenkins, R. J. Thompson, M. C. Miller) to Rhino Rift. Dug face below upper passage for c. 1 ft, when loose boulders were reached. Proceeding then on right of floor, along a stalagmite wall, a space was found extending down and under the

upper passage. It appeared to be about ~~was~~ a foot across at the widest and extending at least a yard. ~~a set into the~~ A number of loose clean rocks were picked out.

The following articles were left in the rift:-

- 1 small spade; 1 medium spade; 1 sledge & cable.

G.B. Guest Day. About 33 guests including ^{FR} non-legal P.C. with Wiser. Secretary, President and a large party of U.B.S.S. also down. E.K.T. drilled hole in floor of entrance to East Passage; charge set off which made a good shower & bang.

D.A.S. Roberts.

Dec. 22/11/53

Cleared more of new tin hole.

Cleared a lot of junk out of tool shed & made it a bit tidier. It is feared that the state of tidiness will not last ~~long~~

Booths & party on T5 barrow.

22.11.53.

Chris Lloyd, Ian Tomes, Ralph McWhirter, Dennis Hodge, Tony & Rita went for to go down August Hole. In spite of a dry fortnight there was a lot of water going down the ice rift and when we came to look at the 30' pit we found it impossibly wet, so we did horizontal instead. Water samples taken.

The grotto off the passage from the roof of the front chamber is beautiful, clean and unspoilt. This is known as Hensler's passage.

G.F. & T.C.P. dropped in about 8. Nothing doing. Gas cylinder had not been turned off outside.

G.F.

23/11/53. When passing hut noticed tool
shed door had been left open again.
See entry 28/10/53 M.H.

29/11/53

R.C. Bendall. collect covering clothes &
helmet. I think I've taken the right
lamp.

28/11/53. Party of ten down Lamb Leer.
8 went down to Main Chamber & Cave of
Falling Waters - several photographs taken.

29/11/53 3/Party to Sun Hole.

Dug about 50 buckets & started on next
2 ft layer in C/3.

Stalagmite fragments in many places
from walls, & roof & perhaps an old floor in
E/3, 4, 14 ft Pleistocene. Mat floor over?
a boulder in face at bottom in E/4 close
to E/F line. Boulders in floor. M.H.

Spine

29.11.53. Olive Lloyd, Jeff Fuller, Tom Sykes to Swildan's Hole.

Had stalagmite brought out from Damascus for safety, as it
had been damaged. Maypole also brought out. Asellus
caevatus & A. syriacus very plentiful in Asellus pod (the former
commoner). A. caevatus also plentiful in Barnes' Loop.
Met party A Womers (Keith Chambers doing Swamp II!) and used
their tackle. O.L.

29.11.53.

R.B. 4 Rovers and Andie down G.B. Successful trip. Out wet way.

Buxton.

5-12-53.

Party of 8 + EKT to Rhino Ribs. Upwards of 30 sledge loads of rock removed, also some of the deposit left near entrance on 21/11/53. Maximum advance forwards was about 3 ft, revealing another large boulder. Beyond this, bottom right, is a small hole (few ins. dia.), through which a pronounced air current issues.

Left in ribs were:-

1 sledge, 1 medium, 1 small sledge.
+ cable

FR

Also G.F.; R.B.; TCP clearing E. Passage entrance in G.B.

6.12.53. OCL. ~~Truman~~ introduced Truman P. & Rita 6 to

Sidlet Swallet, & showed them how to get through the first of the two last squeezes. They then showed me another line to get through the second. The men found difficulty in getting their shoulders through: Rita has hips.

Afternoon the Secretary led a party down St John Lane Swallet, so that OCL could do extended water tests.

Trip enjoyed by most of party altho' alot of ag & organic matter going down. Trip took 3 hours & OCL stayed for 2 more hours @ St Dunstan's Well collecting hourly samples.

P.S. 9th Dec. 4 of party with after effects ranging from sickness to ill feeling. All recovered.

G.F.

St John Lane Swallet

10
Sun. Dec. 6 1953

2 to Sun Hole.
50 buckets of earth & stone from
16⁺ ft of Pleistocene. 10E/4, 3.

Finds - nil ~~MS~~

Peter Bird + 1 down Reads Cavern. Ringed
2 Greater and 6 Lesser Horseshoe Bats. Found
2 ringed Lessers. This is much less
than normal for this time of the year.
Left Hut 17.10 hrs. P.B.

Sat Dec 12th 1953

P. Yorke, O.C.L., E.K.T. clearing up
around hut. A.V.B. working on coravan.
Small party to Rhin - two traps set in 11th but
~~Sat. Dec 13th~~ no result so were left.
Party

Sun Dec. 13th.

Another demolition party to Rhin - this time
traps were successful after last evening's conference
with explosives expert Dr B. Crook. A little more
work on coravan, & calor gas stove & oven brought
down to hut.

G.B.

Thurs. Dec. 17

P.T. + E.K.T. doing odd jobs on hut
while waiting for load of quarry waste
for track. ~~MS~~

Sat. Dec. 19 1953

Replaced 1 galv. sheet in roof, 9' length.
Sundog other odd jobs.
Roots & party digging on T5. ~~###~~

Oliver Lloyd, Jack Broadley (Wessex); Don Thomson in camp.
The rest of that back tree is now removed.

Sun. Dec. 20 1953

Started in on repairs to guttering at
back of hut. Satisfactory progress made
by night fall. ~~###~~

Did a short trip into G.B. Jack Broadley (Wessex
guest) Oliver Lloyd, Donald Thomson. Went down Easy way to
bottom & up the Osborn Grotto. Pause for photographs (long pause).
Had another look at the mud bank in the grotto. There is a change
in roof level here (lower down stream) & the edge here is
notched quite deeply as though by a small stream. I don't know
what it adds up to, but I feel sure it's worth digging.
O.C.L. & J.B. went out through Devil's Elbow & met D.T. finishing off a
photo near the 1st Grotto. Returned & cooked large meal.

O.C.L. found five specimens of Asellus cavatius in the White Way
stream. This is believed to be the first time they have been
reported from G.B. It is hoped that they will provide powder
& shot for the zoological war now being waged between G — &
the rest!

Sat-Sun. Dec. 27-28.

J.A.P. J.L. B.V.T. present.
 Reads desecrated Sundry.
 Parthos and Co. digging on sundry afternoon.
 all away by 8.15 p.m. Sun.

J.H. Hill

Thurs. Dec. 31

F.F. & E.K.T. cutting firewood in
 afternoon after visiting scene of ? ancient
 murder (1 skeleton of cripple) at Lower Langford.

Evening New Years party. Ten including
 1 guest of Rodney Pearce
 Members present. T.S., F.F., J. Parker, R. Pearce,
 B.A.C., M.H., G.E.C., O.C.L., E.K.T.

Menu Cocktails

~~Roast~~ Goose (stuffed) - who by?

Potatoes

Sprouts

Cumberland Sauce

+ excellent
 Burgundy

Nov 1907 St George's 1907

Xmas pudding & Brandy

sweets

Continued serious drinking
 Party departed in sections; even sections
 a little dog disoriented.

Jan. 1st 1954

13.

Fri. H.O. Day. Might have been worse.
Lovely + sunny. T.S. + E.K.T. walked to
Cheddar + back.
T.S. stayed night at hut.

Sat. Repair jobs round hut. Concrete step
put at tool shed door.
Tried 500 c.p. burner in Tilley.

Important Note With new type of 3 air
inlet burners it is necessary to remove
1 panel of glass from front of flood lamps for
to give correct air supply. Otherwise flame
burns outside mantle + light is very poor.

500 c.p. Burner lead is for No. 0L 51, 53 etc.
" " Vaporiser is No. 301

EH

Sunday 3rd Jan

E.K.T. + Secretary to G.B. for Guest Day.
No guests but ~~went~~ took 500 c.p. burner Tilley down
to George. Much better light produced. Also paid a
visit to Rhino Rift to inspect good works
D.H.S. Robertson

D.M.M.T. and party to G.B. in morning to dig mud chutes at lower
end of upper ex-lens grotto (Thomson's); about 2 yards of stiff mud dug. There
will probably be another 6 to 8 yards of this before the intake rift is reached
along which the rocks turn sharp left to join the main chamber.

Feb. and D.S.T. to G.B. in afternoon. 9 more Knelli taken
from White Way stream.

The new Tilley lamp is very effective.

Saturday 13th January. Oct. in camp. Woodhouse staff.

13th JANUARY 1954
GAS CYLINDER CHANGED. (OLD ONE COMPLETELY EMPTY)
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Jan. 14 1954.

ROPES.

It has been found that heavy condensation on the inside of the roof of the tool shed at the door end has been sufficient thoroughly to soak ropes hung from the roof beam.

The back part of the shed remains dry.

1. For the time being all ropes should be hung at the back of the tool shed from the temporary support provided.
2. The "porthole" from the hut to the tool shed shld. be kept closed as much as possible to prevent warm moisture laden air escaping into tool shed. & there being cooled & consequent condensation.

These are temporary measures. M.H.

Jan. 17 1954

Party five to Sun Hole in afternoon.
50 buckets dug 17 ft Pleistocene c/4-5
finds nil - lots of boulders. *MMJ*

Party of four to Goatchurch in morning (R.B.,
G.F., T.S., T.C.P.) - uneventful trip enjoyed by all!
MMJ

O.C. & P.D. to Swick's Hk. This was an official Wrenx Scavenging
Trip, but like all the best trips was a Spelaeo-Wrenx one. The party
numbered rather more than 12, and included also members of M.N.R.C. and
the B.E.C. Four cleaned the main 3 ways in Upper Swick, and B
went down the verticals. The main streamway has been cleaned entirely,
with the exception of the short stretch (over boulders) between the last pit hole
& the "Bridley Green Stream". The passage from Trout's Tangle to Balch's
Beautiful Grotto was cleaned for the first time. There was far less
work to do this time than last year, when the job was begun, which
is very encouraging.
O.C.

This is a log book for noting trips & not personal
opinions ^{on} various caving societies - ~~and~~
~~was~~ ~~the~~ ~~purpose~~ ~~of~~ ~~it~~ ~~is~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~used~~ ~~as~~ ~~a~~ ~~note~~ ~~book~~
but but - temper!

Jan. 23 1954 Noon.

Found hut door & toolshed door open.
No note as to anyone about. *MMJ* Axe left out.

Jan 23rd

Large party out - some to Eastwater - some to Longwood - 2 to Milliers Quarry - successful blow - odd hits need removing ready for entrance gate - All above trips like all the really good ones were speleo-sans-wessex trips
SARKY !! P.P. Ockler

Jan 23rd

G.F.; T.S.; D.G.; M.M.; Peter?; A.R.; to Eastwater. Wandered around in ever decreasing circles finally disappearing up Baker's chimney (Bat No. 39 P.F. in 380 ft way)
R.B., C.W., H.J. to Longwood, very wet indeed, otherwise enjoyable.

Jan 24th

G.F., C.W., R.B. to Milliers Quarry, men digging, R.B. fossiling. Entrance enlarged, also enlargement completed by 2 bangs later. Way clear for further digging.

Posthas & party of 5 on T.S.

T.E.P. and F.K. & T.S. to Sun Dale - about the equiv. of 80 buckets removed - still as barren as ever.

Jan 30th

Frigid duck shooting party in at 0900 hrs to cook eggs for breakfast - left at 1100 hrs to look for more duck
P.P. Ockler

30th January 1954

Old. v. A.S. by an grade 5 (?) survey of Gatchurch.

30th Jan. 1954

Party of 6 to J.B. Another bang in the entrance squeeze to East Passage - also a little digging.

Sunday 31st Jan.

G.F., T.S., A.S., AB, E.K., T.C.P. & Milliers - clearing passage to protect workers at the end - not much more work done

Saturday 5th Feb 1954

Party of six to Milliers'. 30 buckets of rubble removed + 1 iron box, no sign of face seen.

Three women walked to Cheddar. R.B., A.R. & G.D.B. looking at Trats' crack. No water at end of dig but 2 or 3 cwt of loose stones which have obviously been thrown in. Two ice stalagmites just inside entrance & 3 very fine specimens on floor about 20 ft in.

R.B. Very proud of new boots

G.D.B. writing

Sun. Feb. 7

Party of 3 looking at Gatchurch entrance gallery with view to Moss arch. dig. Not much hope, odd jobs & but.

EMJ

Thurs. Feb. 11 1954

Visited hut. Found freeze up had cracked washing water pipe inside hut. Ran off balance of water. RM

Saturday 12th February Oll. & Hamlet Batten closed top traverse in Grot church, (13 stations); then went & had a look at the rest of the cave.

Party of seven to Hillier's. Explored main passage, also an extension, which terminated in a chimney, blocked by a boulder which defied the attempts of the secretary to dislodge. Some very fine and numerous mud stalagmites occurred in this section. Party was down about 3 hrs.

H. W. Pulford

Sunday 14th February (St. Valentine's) Oll. and Tony S. with 4 medics did a full Sutherland's I. Met a lone skipton Mullet cave & took him with us. A lot of water about. Oll. climbed the 20' pit without the ladder. Some new outside mess about, since last month, mainly near camp.

Sat. 13th.

G.F. & T.C.P. to G.B. just before midnight. Camped at far end of white-way and in morning after a hearty meal tried to survey E. Passage. Campass up. Met guests & came out with them. Total time underground 17 hours! All efforts in getting kit down were considered worthwhile and very much enjoyed.

SUN. 14th FEB.

G.B. Guest Day. 28 visitors with EKT & RB as guides. 2 1/2 hours trip.

Thurs. 18 Feb 1954

Visited hut. Found 1 tent & poles & 3 ground sheets left out since Sunday! Fat & sugar left out for mice - low kind. EKT

Saturday 20th February 1954

14 in party to Svalden's Hde for full trip; divided into 2 of 7, 1st party to lay tackle, 2nd to follow on & take it up. Cave very wet, but not inconveniently so. 1st party reached camp & returned to visit Toot's Temple. Contact lost between nos. 4 & 5, so that the last three went bashing home. 1st & would have caught them up, but one lost a boot which got stuck in the streamway just below the double pots. Met rest of party at 40' pit in low state of morale. I recommend that David Gillman does not offer to descend this vertical again. I also recommend that cars take great trouble to keep contact with those behind them & never lose it. Rest of trip uneventful. 2nd party of 7 enjoyed themselves in upper det levels, leaving us to take out all the tackle ourselves. However, they got a meal ready for us! O.C. Gough

Sat. 20 Feb.

New Gas Cylinder Put on.

Sunday 21st February Spelaeo-Herpet Scavenging party to Upper Easterns consisting of David Wicks, Peter & me. One sackful of rubbish removed from upper levels. In particular the mangled remains of the suspension tests,

in 1913

which were stated by the British Spelaeological Research Society, were removed, as they were no longer in a condition to be useful. The loosening of rocks and boulders near the Dolphin resulted in making it dangerous, so will future parties keep a look out for this. J. Lloyd.

Sun 21st.

Party of 7 (including Hon Treasurer) to Sun Hole - about 30-35 buckets of earth removed. Also looked at old loughs and saw behind cottage further down with a view to a new archaeological dig. J.L.

Saturday 27th February 1954.

Repeat of Greatchurch Survey (upper corridors, 12 stations). Last time (13.2.51) misclosure of 1/30. With Arnold B. J. Lloyd

Sat. ~~28th~~ ^{29th} Feb.

Party of 8 down Eastwater. Upper levels only, brought out Wesssex life line, from Dolphin's 207. Enjoyable trip of about 2 1/2 hrs.

Sunday ~~28th~~ ^{29th} February

Five to dig at sun hole - Removed about 70 buckets - from levels of lower passage - Came on to snow, so hurried retreat - Back by 3 p.m.

A.R.

Wed. March 3rd.

EKT, T.C.P. & G.F. photographing in Auelines:
Stay at hut for tea - also present AS & RB.

Saturday March 6th

O.C.L. to Gough's Caves: fishing. Aedulus cavaticus found in pools
of Fairy Grotto & Aladdin's Cave in abundance: none in Fouts.

Sunday March 7th

Party of 5 to Rhino - 3 in working party for
about 2 hours.

Sat. Mar. 13 1954

Timber for firewood

No more topping till autumn as spring
sap is rising & topped trees bleed.

Trees that require total felling should
be selected.

Saturday 13th March

Party of seven to G.B. We used the large
light in the main chamber to see the formations
and came out via the Ooze - very wet and cold
but enjoyable trip of about 4 hrs.

In the evening - "reflections" at Mendips
Lodge.

A. Rosenfeld

Mon. Mar. 15 1954

found, tool shed door with
open. It had never been bolted.
see also entry 23/1/54. - of HOW TREASURER.

It is the duty of the last person to
leave the hut, to see that the hut
door & toolshed door are properly
locked.

SAT 20th.

Party of 3 to Swildans - car trouble so
joined a party of 17 in Rank here, enjoyable
trip taking a little over 3 hours in
which 15 descended the vertical
(and ascended it again).

Sat. 21st

Party of 10 to 'That's crack' about 80
buckets of "gooey" mud, remained!

Sun 21st Party of 10 to Rod's Pot - 4 went through
to end, other 6 descended vertical. S. Watts fell while
climbing the ladder, & sustained a fractured leg.
M.R.O. warden was immediately notified & Dr Cook
summoned from Zimbury. The leg was put in
splints & every possible assistance given to Miss Watts
on the way out - she displayed outstanding
courage and patience. The surface was reached after
4½ hours & Sheila was made comfortable in the
hut before being taken to the B.R.1 by ambulance.

G.V.

N.B. A lifeline must be used on any vertical descent greater than 30 feet....

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Wed. 24th March.

J.C.P. & G.F. brief visit to commence clearing up hut — a 20' & 35' ladder taken, also the new unused 25' & 2 small shackles & 1 carabiner.

Party of 8 out to continue clearing hut & tackle. B.

Thurs. 25/3/54.

Visited hut to collect sundry personal gear, lamps etc.

Ga's had not been turned off
N.B. The reducing valve will let some gas through all the time & to leave cylinder turned on is wasteful.

Collected contents Hut Levy Tin. 8/11

Sat. 27.3.54

P. Steer Bird out 11.45; bat-ringing in Read's cavern (with non-member); 2 Greater 27 Lesser Horseshoes found; marvelled at decrepitude of various parts of the cave — one boulder, about 6 ft. X 4 ft. X 4 ft., in a much-frequented part of the Boulder Maze, is settling and may cause a major fall there at any time. P.P.

Sat. 27/3/54

J. Innie & D. Stead down Rock pot 7.45 - 11.15 P.M. Down & up Vertical & Arven. & down to bottom. P.P.

24 Sat 27/3/54 CALOR GAS CHANGED
PB

Sun. 28.3.54 4 did Aveline's, Fox's,
E. Twin, Postchurch. A few
Bats found in Fox's & Avel., one in E. Twin. PB
left hut 6.15. SWS

Sunday 2nd April. Borrowed 1 fire axe OLLoyd

Sat. 3rd Apr.
Porthos & party on T.5.
E.K.T. layering hedge SWS

Sun. 4th Apr
SWS layering hedge. SWS

Sat. Apr. 10th
Porthos & party on T5

Sun. Apr. 11th
Tidying hut. Cleaned out bath ready
for "hoi-polloi" at Easter. SWS

NB Bertie says we must go home. Bah!

11.

Wed. Apr 14th
Helped to put out broken fire in
combe. Entertained firemen to cup of tea. SWS

Thu Apr 15th Clerk arrived 6 PM

Friday Ap 16th Brick Levelled at and above
 Reads assisted by the President.
 Sat 17th F.A.
 Sun 18th F.A.
 Mon 19th F.A. Desmond & G. Bent C.B. Guest Day
 Tue 20 Brick back to London etc.

Sat. 17th Checking surface details part Som. XVIII
 Sun 18th " " " " " " XVIII
 Mon. 19th C.B. Guest day. " " " " " " XVIII
 shut in. 3 nearly got
 SHY

Sat 22nd. Party of 11 to August hole - party much
 was large so after a short look sound came
 out again. ~~cut~~
 Catchment repaired and Posthos digging
 an T.S.

SUN. 25th. O.C. & friend with T.C.P. to Sweldons
 I & II. Attempted a little digging to lower
 duck II. Very enjoyable trip lasting about 4 1/2
 hours. Y.P.

SAT 1st MAY. S.R., D.S., J.S., + T.C.P. to Monkton Coombe
 looking for supposed caves in Basalt. Found several
 active swallet and three small caves, the
 largest of which was about 200 feet. Also explored
 a huge underground system which could not
 be fully explored in the time we had at
 our disposal - actually a stone mine.
 Y.P.

Sunday 2nd May

A party of 5 went to G.B. - left a bottle of paraffin for the Tilley lamps and put a new vaporiser in one of them - J.F. & M.B. fixed a chain to go down to the bottom of the ~~the~~ cave, but this was too short - we did a bump in East Passage - Met R.B. & J.S. on our way out -

Looked for Reed's Grotto and found a small hole, but we did not go far in it

Sun. 2nd May.

6 to Cheddar - E.K., T.S., C.W. wandering around Old Gaughie and Lang Dale while A.B. and T.P. sorted minute rodent remains from a bucketful of earth - soul destroying work!

Tues. May 5 1954

Visited hut. Found 1 electric lamp property of D. Linn was still gaily burning on low power bulb. ~~!!!~~

Wed. May 6 1954

S.R. and Kay Rees (Social Science) to G.B. Chain long enough for direct route to ladder on 40ft. piter. There was a lot of rubble at the entrance to the East Passage and it should be wide enough to get a bucket through side-way. S.R.

Fri. May 7 1954

Collected some lamps from hut for conditioning. ~~!!!~~

Will motor cyclists & car drivers please close the gate to the hut field after them. ~~W.H.~~

Sat 8th

3 to Rhino & 6 to Tynmigs. Tynmigs party then visited G.B.

~~Sun~~ Sun 3 to Brean down. Drew about 50' of linear section!

SUN. 9th Large party to Brean. Continued drawing section and excavation. Considerable number of finds.

Wed. May 11

Inspected East Twin Valley after Joe Motley to report.

S.R.

Sat 15th May

GAS CYLINDER CHANGED

O.C.C. Harding, Colin & Jim to Eastwater. Went to the bottom by way of 1st & 2nd verticals. The length of ladder recommended in Britain Underground is excessive (30' & 40'). 20' is enough on the 1st vertical for getting onto the traverse, but 30' is nice for climbing back. 50' life line is needed. For the 2nd vertical 25' of ladder is enough to get onto the traverse. A long life line is nice, but 40' is quite enough. The tether should go over the big boulder at the top. A hour 35 minutes. O.C.C. Harding

Sat 15 May

Mike Ballister, Andrew R, David S + John S. to Stake bore in at 3.30 out 8.30. Did a full trip excepting traverse. M.B. left hat + long tea for through the wrap on returning. Water about 2" lower than last Sunday. M.B.

Sunday 16th May

Have party near to Stonehouse and Archbury, Extremely cold but most enjoyable day, and most interesting. No stones were dislodged ^{OR REMOVED} - surprising in the event of a visit by Speleos.

Ant.

Saturday 22nd May (Founder's Day)

Party of 12 to Swildon's: some to work, others to play. Two sticks of golly let off in stalagmite above to Priebly Green Stream: very successful: debris cleared down to 2' back to rock. Ready for rock drilling. President & Dr Crook to top of 40' to drill for putting two chocks (new chocks). First the president dropped the hammer into wet way and so had to take that course then after a considerable amount of work by both they discovered that the drill was too large and the new chocks up! The president was rather annoyed!! P.

Wed. 26th/5/44

Two to Old Boughs. Clearing up rubbish. Removed concrete stalagmite formation on left. Romano-British & Woodworth pottery origin? Left 1 pile. Tools now at cave are:

- 1 small shovel
- 1 Bucket
- 1 Standard Pick

Next party will need a brush & 2nd bucket.

D.A.S.R.

28.5.54 Peter Bird out 20.00 hrs.

Peter York out a little later.

29.5.54 P.B. looked at a cave (name

this seems to be U.B.S.C. 1919 dig site

not known) near the Road of Burying the Coombe, on the left. It is small (say 50' all told). Two boys, who had found bones (?? Peristrene) there, acted as guides. A few more bones found, but the place seems uninteresting. Found a ringed G.H. Bat in Foxes' Hole - most unexpected at this season. P.B.

29th May. Party of 4 including Mr. S. Kirkup & G.B. had quite good time looking round and came out wet way.

Party of five to Rhino - advanced another 6 inches or so and prepared for another bang.

E.K. and Dr. Cook to Sweldans dug successfully fitted 'Rawbolts' at top of '40'. Opened old lower route for water at downstream end of "Over and Under" stalagmite barrier in Water lift.

Sun. 30th. Party of four, A.R., Mr. Kirkup, J.S. & I. to Stake Lane - enjoyable trip taking about four hours. E.K.T. and S.W. provided transport and company transport and inspected the area closely.

Party of 4 went to Green Down. Success last day apart from the fact that the land crew became waterlogged, and we were unable to move on better mounts, however, we eventually made it.

A. Powell.

Mon. 31 May 1954

Cleaned out ~~the~~ bath. 

Wed. 2nd June 1954.

R.B., S.R. & I. led. Journey to Foxes Hole for preliminary dig. Took sheet iron for moving mud. Floor of boulders with earth filling, needs a blow at far end to loosen cemented pebbles. Pockets in swamp noted. Bar found in floor.

Then on to Rods Pot.

Dask

Friday Sat 5th June,

Brean D.T.D., A.P.; 9 AM A arrived c. 1200, failed to persuade President that stratigraphy was more important than mere finds. Proceeded to Brean via Bledon pub* where victualled & visited bone exposure and small cave - useful contacts made. Found a little Iron Age pottery + Palaeo bone at Brean

at 1445 EKI + 6 to Old Soughs, - c. 60 buckets sorted found Romano-British + ??? Iron Age B. In late evening after protracted meal to Plum for refreshment

P.S. Spelaeology.

- visited Bathcombe & Chelmscombe quarries
- former, cave 30' (40 divers feet) '100' up face of quarry!
- visited - stalactites, many broken, mud floor, formed at bottom of terrace floor, Chelmscombe - cave at Cheddar end of quarry, 30' above floor, entrance 5' x 4' - going into large chamber w 30' drop
- needs tackle - only opened 3 days previous

(* Anchor Inn)



A.M.H.

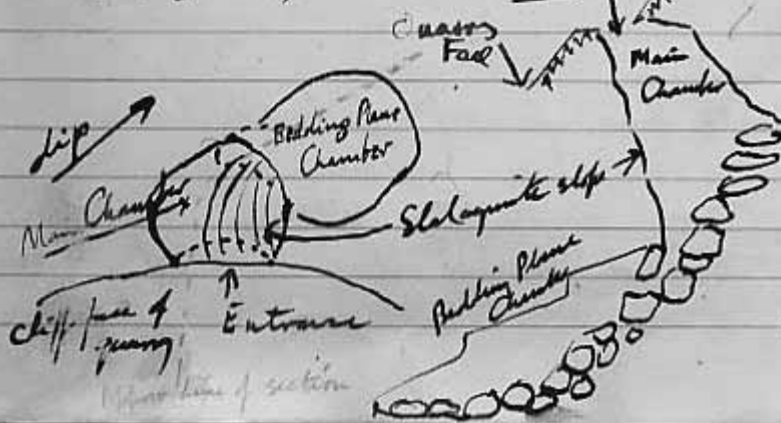
Whit Sunday 6th June.

Trathy and a party of 8 to Chelmscombe Quarry Cave.

Plan (grade I)

Section Entrance

The main chamber is about 30' deep and 20' wide each way. At the bottom is a hole in the boulder floor leading to the Bedding Plane Chamber. At the bottom of this there is old mud over the boulders.



P.T.O.

The Bedding Plane Chamber is about 30' wide & 40' long, and from 4' to 8' high. It contains many very pure white stalactites & contains, rather small. There are calcite filled drip holes in the mud at the bottom. At its upper end is a low nose slope from shattered rock from the main chamber. The Main Chamber has good reddish formations & some fairly large contains, but there is a great deal of shattering due to quarry blasting. O'Leary

Mon. June 7 1954

Party to Old Gough's Cave. Dug about 100 buckets. Whole deposit is disturbed across cave to depth at least 2 ft. Some Romano British pottery, lemonade bottles & the like. H.H.

Party of 3 to Suddons Hls. Did every passage in the upper series (except Harold's dig), and that's saying some! Took 3 3/4 hours. Impacted block beyond 2nd stalaquite barrier in water rift; don't really think it is worth doing anything to it. The water goes over the upper lip, as it was moved. (see note 29.5.54) O'Leary

Mon. June 7 1954

West door found had not been closed.

Tues. June 8 1954

found x-cut saw left out H.H.

Wed. June 9th 1954

Party of 4 to ~~the~~ Gough's Old Cave.
Dug 75 buckets - all disturbed. Considerable
quantities of Romano-British pottery.

Note for details of digging at ~~the~~
Gough's Old Cave see special log.
H.M.J.

Saturday 12th June.

Midnight trip of 4 of us to Red's Cavern.

Sunday 13th June.

- D.T.D; A.N.A; S.C. Boon; A. Paell to Brean Down in afternoon,
- drew portion of section exposed last week, - & found
some Bronze Age pottery from a hearth - above the
beaker sand - quite good shards. - Main part of upper
levels is now drawn - work on on Pleistocene levels
should start next Sunday.
H.M.J.

13th June.

G.B. Guest day. Following a CRA meeting at
Axbridge yesterday, a number of caves were visited
today by speleos from many parts of the country. About
30 visitors went down G.B. and used the three Tilley lamps
to help them take photographs of the main chamber. The last
party up reported seeing four lights on the "bridge", and
it was suspected that four uninvited guests were present. EKT
and H.M.J. returned to the locked cave in the late afternoon and
went down as far as the "bridge", but found no-one.

H.M.J.

Monday 14th June:-

Union week outing from the University, 12 new people coming out. The president, T.C. Piny & Mr Ballister preceeded the party down G.B & lit the Tilleys. The foreigners followed under the ~~capable~~ capable guidance of G. Fuller, R. Burston, Gillham, Rosenfeld (Diggie) & C. Watkins.

A good trip was had by all, the hardy ones coming out the wet way, & another small party attempting the Cong but returning at the sight of a 1" air space above the ag. Miss Baker stood up too soon in one place & sustained a bloody coccomb. At the hut, tea & bread butter & jam was served by Catharine Howarth & Watts.

After mob dispersal, 2 women were dropped in the bath & a general migration to liquid sustenance followed.

G.F.

Wednesday 16th June 1954

20 for 20 Boobys (♂ & ♀) & dinner at Star Hotel, with moderate meal followed by a few drinks. No speeches, ~~nothing~~ ~~was~~ No individuals disgraced themselves except the President who continued to sing in the bar after being twice silenced by the land lord. As far as is known all returned safely to their own or other people's beds. S.S., B.W.G.

Harshing, mich me, Valerie, Kathy
Lizzie & Sheila stayed at hut
overnight.

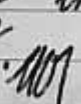
Note it is respectfully suggested
that any future slimness have
not hold at the Star.

A. D. Bridgman

Fri. June 18

Borrowed for Devonshire
Caving trip. Returned 20/8/54

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|----|---|---|
| 1 | ground sheet | ✓ |
| 2 | sleeping bags | ✓ |
| 10 | grey blankets | ✓ |
| 3 | saucers | ✓ |
| 5 | knives, teaspoons, forks, table spoons. | ✓ |
| 3 | mugs | ✓ |
| 4 | plates | ✓ |
| 1 | Kettle (large) | ✓ |
| 1 | towel (large) | ✓ |
| 3 | saucers (see above) | ✓ |
| 1 | 40' rope | ✓ |
| 1 | 25' ladder + spider. | ✓ |

N.B. Please see that gas is turned off when
leaving hut. 

20 June 54

DTD, AOA, AEP + Paul Ashbee out at 12. Lock jammed so removed window at back to enter. Window temporarily covered with board. To Bream.

22nd June

S.R. out in afternoon to do the blow at Fox's Hole. No President, no Keys, no blow.
S. Robertson

Fri June 18th

Party to visit Devonshire caves. Consisted of Dr B.A. Crook, Prof. W. Stratton, Miss M. Hall Messrs. G.G. Fuller, Keith Evans, Frank Frost.

camp site fixed thro' courtesy of Mr. Reed, Devon Caving Club, at Black Rock Guest House (Mrs Fox) Breakfast. site very pleasant alongside R. Dart. Water available.

Sat. June 19th Visited Mr. Pixie's Hole, Chudleigh. (N.B. Account in "Britain Underground" is misleading).

Cave consists of two nearly horizontal galleries connecting with each other + with separate entrances. There are some minor offshoots. An ascending passage near 2nd entrance,

the smaller one, leads to the 3rd entrance. A ladder + a belay, both about 30 ft are needed to descend this from surface. Otherwise no tackle required.

Several other holes nearby. None seem to go far.

Cave is phreatic in formation entirely. Some damaged formations still quite good.

2. Bridensleigh Cave. Take grass grown track on left just after crossing railway from direction of Ashburton. Car can be parked near farm on right just before reaching ~~the~~ track.

Large entry chamber E. ? unexplored opening bottom left, looking in. Entrance to right with short crawl leading to partly dug out passage. Thence to series of passages + quite large chambers. All entirely phreatic. At far end descend to lake where several beds of limestone seem to have been metamorphosed into marble.

In lake an eel seen 12-18 ins long. First seen in shallow proximal end. It swam rapidly away to deeper water. Local cavers do not seem to know anything about this. It may have been "planted" but equally may be naturally occurring. Several ~~points~~ interesting points arise from its presence. It should not be captured but left alone. It is hoped that

Others will observe it.

Sun. June 20

Reed's Cave, Buckfastleigh.

N. B. This is only closed cave in area. Entry by arrangement with Devon Cave Club. Persons going to cave must be accompanied by a committee member of the Devon Club.

Explored parts of this large cave which consists of a large chamber with many offshoots. Several levels in there. Main chamber & most of side passages entirely formed under phreatic conditions. Only in one passage was any current marking, (scallop), observed.

Bakers Pit Cave Baker is not a proper name. It is derived from the work dyke, in this case baking limestone for lime.

There is a large main chamber with many ramifications. At least one of these connects to Reed's Cavern. Some quite good formations.

The quarry in wh. this cave opens is to be used as a refuse dump & cave may be

lost. If so it will be possible to reach it by opening the connection to Reed's cavern.

Later returned home. RMM

26/6/54.

Taken for Irish trip. From tool shed

		<u>Returned 12/6/54</u>
1	Compass - hand bearing	✓
1	66 ft tape	
3	Wrenches	✓
21	30 ft rope	✓
1	20 ft rope	✓
1	80 ft life line	✓
1	40 ft ladder	✓
1	25 ft " "	✓
1	25 ft " " new	✓
1	25 ft " " new	✓
2	Karabiners	✓
4	shackles	2
1	U.S. Army pattern entrenching tool.	✓

27/6/54 To Gough's old cave. dug 50 buckets. All disturbed. RMM

Surface level at commencement of our excavations marked by black arrows. Point of arrow at original floor level. Continuous black line, with O.L. in black above, at back of cave marks approx. original level of cave filling before it was disturbed A.C. Gough. RMM

27/6/54 Porthos & party working on T. 5.
 At previous weekend a buried pit had yielded
 a large piece of barrel or bucket type iron
 It had been put in as a piece & did not represent
 a complete vessel. MHT

- D.T.D, Annie P, & A.M. Aout in a.m. to Bean where
 dug a large hole & drew section - in between showers
 - also found a few nondescript pieces of pottery.
 Departed circa 1300 hrs. J. M. P. Smith
 27. 6. 54.

Elec. Generator to Bristol for overhaul.

2/7/54 Visited hut to fill up with coals
 for Irish trip. Took about 12 lbs in tins.
 MHT

3/7/54 Porthos & party on T. 5.
 Desmond & party Brian Down.
 Refills to water shutting at back
 of hut. MHT

10.7.54 Borrowed long drill & small hammer for use on
 P.G. stream - Ockford - returned 15.7.54.

13-7-54 Tower Beltridge & ~~W. R.~~^{S.R.} to Fox's hole.
 Removed fair amount of shattered rock from
 blow. Floor still full of rocks with a little
 earth infilling. Put 2 more sticks in same
 crack but further along. Couldn't find the
 large ~~hammer~~ till I looked here! P.A.B.
 drill

15th 7-54. St. Swithins Day. Fine gentle rain in evening. O.C.L., S.R. & T.B. to Eastwater. Down cave 6.45 p.m. Down to Dolphin Pot without trouble. The ladder reached through to the 1st Bald Step. ~~The~~ S.R. took direct route to Harris' passage; O.C.L. & T.B. their 2nd Bald Step. S.R. ~~suggests~~ recommends the normal route. Down to bottom of cave & up the 14 pots. Unsuccessful journey back. Out 11 p.m.

D.A.S.P.

16-7-54

GAS CYLINDER CHANGED.

24th July '54.

Micky Balister, Terry Percy & Geoff Fuller stayed overnight after return from Eire - no gear returned since still in back of presidential vehicle in Lixnawona surrounded by spewed out gear teeth.

G.F.

24/7/54 Crick arrived 6 PM.

- 25.7.54 Trent, Crick & o.c. to Gough's Cave (dd). 100 buckets moved. Much of brown undisturbed earth exposed in centre of cave (about 30 buckets) and a new trench dug across cave near entrance. All disturbed earth o.c. found on upper roman coin here. Tom Zeally. turned up PM. + wife.
- 26-7-54 Heavy Rain all day, Tom to Bristol, Crick to Weston. nothing done.
- 27-7-54 Trent & Tom, Crick to Broom Down to investigate existent & non-existent Banks, Tumuli etc & to investigate survey possibilities.
- 28-7-54 Tom & June to Rhino Rift, taken scratching. Two toads observed in entrance ♂ & ♀
Crick to Gough's old, passed a Kings coll Brod into assisting in the removal of 20 buckets of s.-T one small bone found? Amulet. — *Burke*
- 29.7.54 Peter Bird arrived @ Hut 20.00 hrs. Left @ 21.15 hrs. P.B.
- 30/7/54 3 in party delivered borrowed car back to Timbury. Friends arrived for R.M. — no beer could be had.
- 31/7/54 3 in party ^{EXT. Crick, etc.} 60 buckets dug in disturbed material at Gough's Old Cave. More of undisturbed level exposed. There appear to be two layers. (see detailed log)
- 1/8/54 2 ^{off-site} surveying at Broom. 3 to G.B.

E1

for Guest Day trip. 23 assorted beds admitted & let out again. Brought out small lamp for reconditioning. More paraffin & wicks needed. New pump connection needed. More mantles ~~fit~~ New chain fitted

in boulder chamber. This needs a shackle - its only "knotted" at present; Old rope removed from the position ~~of~~
 2-8-54 Trip Tom & June & Erick to Goughs Old
 Cave, removed 30 buckets, of ~~which~~ disturbed and partly undisturbed floor, in the undisturbed found one Bears Tusk, and one Antler point. All the other finds of high scientific value having been labelled by the Prof. Pres. were or are to be dumped. Filly lamp (hanging type) thrown to floor by scoters (ie EKT) 14 glass & mantle broken.

3-8-54 Broke Camp 12 Noon Tom & June to Ammanter
 Creek to Landa

7-8/8/54.

Stayed overnight pending Presidents return, to collect luggage.

12/8/54. Returned gear taken for trick trip to Toolshed.

Added to kit: 3 wire Y ties
 1 40' sisal tie rope } gift of
 1 60' cotton life line } ~~fit~~

Found 3 birds sheltering from rain in chids.
 No harm done.

16.8.54. Ap up, visit to Dolabury, Tratley pottery, up left c 16.5 hrs.
D.J.F.

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19/8/54. Arrived at hut with young bottles. Pottared
around. D.J.F.

20/8/54.

Did Goatchurch. This brings back memories.
On reading back entries in log I find G.F. still as
modest as ever.

D.J.F.

21/8/54.

D.J.F., E.K.T. & G.F. Fin to Gough's Old Cave. 50 buckets
day. D.J.F.

22/8/54.

D.J. & G. Fin bore camp at 12 p.m.

D.J.F.

Dug & sorted 20 buckets Gough's Old
Cave. Exposed brown earth + stone layer
over area N, O, 10, 11. 1st earth appearing
& partly mixed with this layer towards entrance.
D.J.F.

25/8/54

Me + Pres. Sorting out + burning
old clothes - painting caravan

26/8/54

Painting caravan. Repairs roof hut.
Started tarring outside of hut. D.J.F.

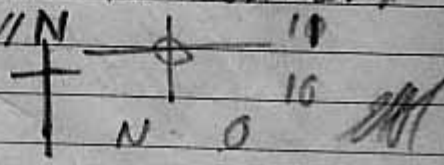
27/8/54

Top coat paint on roof + ends of
caravan. D.J.F.

28/8/54 Did some more tarring on hut

Started experimental felling of a tree with neolithic polished stone axe. Progress not very rapid. Off

29/8/54 Dug & sorted 20 buckets of Gough's Old Cave. A second hearth is beginning to show under brown earth & stones in Ag. N, O, 10, 11



This 2nd hearth is probably from Age B date

30/8/54 Hon. Sec. & Pres. putting on false roof to caravan. Tarring hut. Off

31/8/54

Priming coat on sides of caravan. Off

1/9/54, 2/9/54 completed painting outside of caravan & tarring front of hut. Off

3/9/54 Gough's Old Cave dug & sorted 8 buckets 2nd hearth. Mainly N/O. Hearth lies above a broken breccia floor (& below in 11 Ag area. some rubble). Contains many rodent remains. Prob. Pleistocene.

Next party continue to trace hearth. Keep above breccia layer. Off

4/9/54 248. David, Stead, & party & friends spent night at hut. ~~SMH~~

5/9/54 Sunday. Gough's Old Cave dug & sorted 21 buckets. Brown earth & shales layer + 2nd floor. Even later, though compact contains occasional recent finds in same level as many rodent bones wh. appear to be Pleistocene. (See special log for details) ~~SMH~~

9/9/54 Painting interior caravan, Tarring outside of hut.

Borrowed for Devon trip.

1 60 ft life line
1 40 ft rope

6 plates 5 knives
6 bowls 5 forks
5 spoons 5 tea spoons

Large Kettle 3 saucepans
" teapot 2 mugs ~~SMH~~

All returned.
11/9/54

TELEPHONE

A telephone line has been run through wood. Please take care not to bring it down when felling trees for firewood.
E.K.T

9.9.54.

Party of 5 (XX creator, O.S.L., David Pengelly, Rudolph, Arthur Rice) to Sidcot Swallet, Paradise Series. Pools lorry with Collembe, S.R. + David down final squeeze; Arthur half way there but couldn't make it. D.P. + A.R. found that gravity assists in passing a vertical squeeze one way. Trip 3 1/2 hrs. Returned to hut for a swim before bed.

D.H.S.R.

10/9/54 Party of five (Keith Evans, Mick Ballister, B.A. creek, Molly Hall + E.K.T. ratman) to Devon. Pitched camp, meal + to the local. River Dart in spate, some apprehension by non swimmers as to possibility of camp site being covered.

11/9/54 To Pridemleigh Cave for experimental photography by E.K.T. Took following "marble" rod, near lake, "marble" wall near lake, lake with

Nick wondering where seal was. Two of roof to show phreatic action.

General line of cave is approximately N-S, that is following face of valley.

Faint indications of scalloping noted in entrance passage. With flow of water would seem to have been from cave upwards + along to present mouth.

Temperature of water could not be taken as thermometer was broken.

In main chamber, if it can be called such there is a shaft connecting a higher with lower level. It looks something like a dome pit but if water came up from tube, which seems likely, water made shaft by going upwards.

Back to lunch at 5.0 pm, so had tea. Evening meal at Black Rock Guest House. After to bed.

Sun. 12th left drove over to Torquay + visited Kent's Cavern. It is well lighted, guide quite good, colouring is very fine in many places. It is an entirely phreatic cave + no current action could be detected. All other features bespeak phreatic action.

In afternoon to Baker's Pit Cave to take some more photographs. 3 of formations taken. Cave is a fine example of phreatic

51.
mode of formation. No definite current markings
noted though looked for in main part of
gave.
Later broke camp + returned to Bristol. ~~MT~~

Mon. Sept. 13. A little more decorating in
caravan + hut kitchen. ~~MT~~

Thurs 16th Sept

Borrowed
1 4ft. ladder
1 lifeline
1 tie
1 wire connector.

Return 23/9/04

D. S. Roberts

Saturday 18th Sept.

Visit to Rod's Pat and later to G.B. with Prof. Trueman.

f. Nash. H. Nash. S. Potter. T. Pope. + O.C.L.

g. Nash

Trip to G.B. with above + E.K.T. O.C.L. + P.R.A.
worked in East passage + worked quite a
lot of muck from the squeeze. P.R.A. spent
weekend at hut.

P.R.A.

Sun. 19th Sept

P.R.A. + E.K.T. to Gough's old cave.
Dug 60 buckets in area near + far at gate
down to 2nd Hearth. ~~MT~~

Thurs 21st Sept

Borrowed 1 sleeping bag
1 Blanket Return 2/10/04

Sat. Sept. 25 1954 (1)

Gough's Old Cave Dug & sorted 10 buckets
of brown earth & stones & 2nd hearth.

N/10, 11 mainly 11.

Modern pottery in 2nd hearth.

Bone needle in loose material of 2nd hearth
against E wall.

Unauthorized persons have been in
cave & pulled down part of spoil heap
barring entrance to show cave & have
purloined 1 pick. ffff

D = Taylor & Party on T5.

Sun. Sept. 26 1954

Mr L. Eaton & J. Thorpe went to digger
burrows having been advised not to attempt
lower burrows with only two people.

Digging at Gough's Old Cave 20 buckets
dug & sorted. Exposed & cleared 2nd hearth
over mat of N/10. It is sloping off quite steeply
to East side & tending to rise centrally towards
gate. Depth at E. wall 3'6" - 3'9" in
10. Modern pottery trampled into surface.

Friday 1st October 1954.

G. F. C. out for the evening; back after breakfast.

Sat. 2nd Oct

G.B. Guest Day. FICJ. + SR to cope with about 50 beds. Think everyone is out.

BNCN

Sun. 3rd Oct

Digging at Gough's Old Cave
Exposed tufa layers under 2nd hearth
over by N/10 right up to E wall.

Located considerable active swallet
believed to be unknown. For investigation
at first opportunity WJ

Monday 4th Oct.

M. Balister & G. Fuller stayed overnight.

Tuesday 5th Oct.

G. Fuller stayed overnight - gas ran out while
cooking breakfast so.

GAS CYLINDER CHANGED.

Saturday 9th October :-

Large party of Friends & others to
Goatchurch O.C.B., Rita, Sheila, Annie, Harding, Thompson,
David Proben, Charlie Bristow, Louise Ohio, Janet,
Henry, Arthur, Mike, Ann Spittle, Helen Flight, Geoff Kolla.
They 2 1/2 hours enjoyed by all - Oliver unfair to Friends.

Stuan N.

9/10/54

DHS, CAW, JES to Rhina rift, progressed
3 ft bearing left of main axis. Brake
through stibnite floor which now
is sloping about 40° off.

10/10/54.

Party of 14 to Cross Swallet, Descended
first shaft about 25' from surface +
6' diameter. In the south corner the
stream disappears + many boulders were
removed giving access to a vertical
shaft with water-worn sides about
1'6" at its widest, beneath the
boulders which comprise the floor
of the main shaft. This second shaft is
about 5' deep + has a loose gravel
floor. off. Please Note! The rope left
in Hut to dry has been used for
bucket-hauling & is old P.Bird.

10.10.54 Oct. + Charlie Winter to Suddens, joined by Will Darden,
Olive With, Howard Kenney + Bob Lander of Millers. Blue two hobs in
P.G. stream. Still - Wt. work to do. Oct.

12/10/54 Opened hut door 1130 hrs + recoiled from
appalling smell of rotting animal protein.
After suitable interval effected entrance +
located source - an over ripe p.c. which
was disposed of.
Found caravan doors + one window open.
Replaced lock on door + closed up. off

16/10/54. 6 to Gough's Old Cave & Long Hole.
 Started survey of Long Hole.
 Exposed a little more of stal. floor in
 N/9. A few bone fragments etc

16/10/54: -

G. Fuller, M. Balister, S. Watts, H. Jenkins, Jean (with the
 ginger hair - education dept) down G.B.; dig in East
 Passage until candle refused to burn then came out -

16.10.54. Oct. & Rita down Suildon's. Drilled 1 hole (7 1/2")
 horizontally in a shale seam under a step & another (5") just
 short of it. To be banded in a week.

17.10.54. Jeff., Mike & Diane to Arbridge Olden Hole. Wanted:
 1 bat photograph. Some lots of bat shit but no bats. From
 thence to White Spot Cave, which though gated by the N.N.R.C.
 has been broken open - No bats. Thence to Reservoir hole,
 a horrid little crumb about 150' long (also gated but broken
 open). Found one bat (lower horseshoe, no label). Went
 to get Jeff's camera. All set up & ready for flash,
 when bat flew off!

Party of 6 to Gough's Old Cave & Long Hole

Dug & ported 20 buckets brown earth & stones layer
 + 2nd hearth exposing stal floor in N/9
 across to W. wall.
 Survey continued in Long Hole etc

Stoke Lane 17/10/54

4 friends and myself (D. Stead) went down at 8 a.m. Sunday after spending a comfortable night in the barn. We left a few markers on the way down. There was plenty of water entering the cave. We found the way quite well. Got lost in the corkscrew, went down the tributary passage. Found the sump, went through; dislocated my arm. We spent the next few hours taking photos & looking for the Bone Chamber. Came back through the sump, everyone came through well. Difficult due to high water.

D.H. Stead

19/10/54

Party of EKT, CDO and 8 visitors from Bryanston School visited G.B. cave.

Returned wet way. Down at 12-45. Out at 4-45.

Chiff Olley

23.10.54.

D.T.D., A.M.A., A. Small, out to Bean Down about noon, found a very fine "cordoned" shard, in situ in Layer (6b) - Bronze Age + quite a bit of unstratified. Met emissary of Forest Aircraft Co. looking for line on crashed Javelin, unable to aid. Returned by 5.30 p.m.

W.A.

23/10/54.

Party of W. Dowden, C. Bristow, H. Jones, David, Mrs. Hiller descended G.B. on viewing trip 2.30 - 6.00 pm. Down last way & Gorge. On bow White way creased came out thro' third passage. Looked at E. Passage & Gorge passage
William. A. Dowden.

23/10/54

Party of 6, A.R., R.M., D.S., G.F., S.W., J.S. to Bradford Quarry & Peony Mine. Saw most of the quarry which was infested by B.E.C. characters all very large. All except G.F. went down the mine which was about 25' to the extreme bottom, did not find connection with the quarry, or any cone peonies, but found plenty of Mud.
J.S.

24/10/54.

Party of 3, C. Bristow, W. Ohio, H. Thomas to Long Hole, Cheddar. Finished the surveying. Then took several photographs of inscriptions & upper chamber of the cave. Also explored visited the downward passage from the entrance.

C. M. B.

Party of 1 to Gough's Old Cave. Tracing 2nd hearth in O/9/10. In O/10 about 6" of brown earth & stones separates it from 1st hearth. Towards W. wall several hundred

potsherds found. Very wet against W. wall

Portion of 2nd Hearth where it goes under
stalagmite as well as on top in O/P
remains to be dug. MF

Gough's Cave. Rising

Heavy rain thro' night
commencing about ~~to~~ 2200 hrs on
23/10/54.

By 1100 hrs on 24/10/54 rising
immediately below Gough's show cave
at Cheddar was distinctly muddy. By
1600 hrs degree of muddiness had
increased considerably. MF

Sunday 24th. Oct. 54.

Where did he get this? Answer.

Party of Dave Stead, Johnny (Becky) K. Texas Wattleburger,
Squires, Angus Watkins, Andree Rosenfeld, William
Dowden & Rosie down Eastwater in a double trip, one
party down 1st & 2nd verticals & the other down Dolphins.
Met @ bottom of 2nd vertical & also met party of
Wessie (3); & proceeded down mud slide & up the
14 pds & then back up verticals - the party coming
up the 1st & 2nd verts arriving back after 5 hours &
the other party after 6½ hours (they had fun climbing
miscellaneous chimneys). Torrential rain & hail on journey
back to Burrington.

GF

Oct. 30th 1954 Party surveying in Gough's
Cave.

Party to Gough's Old Cave. Finished
electric lighting. Dug & sorted 12 buckets
O/10, 11 Brown earth + Stones Layer
Few pot sherds found. ~~W~~

Oct 30th 1954

Party of six. C.M.B. HT, P.S. H.F. & two friends
went down Rada's Pot. Descended 50' pitch.

After went to East Twin Swallet & descended
Stream v. active (!!) & we went to the end of the
second chamber & found a stump. Came out
with the stream all the way. C.M.B.

Oct 30th 1954

Party of 3, Jim (Medic) Mick + David P. down
Lignwood to top of 40' pitch, v. wet in general + large vols.
water down 40' pitch, could not make it with rope only.
Looked at August Hole (!)

DPR

Oct 30th 54.

Richard Thompson a botanist, JS + DHS to Eastwater
to fix piton in the Puripose pot on first ledge.
Unfortunately they proved to be too large when they
were in the squeeze & suffered when trying to
get out. Returned after 7 hrs.

DHS

all trips

Oct. 31 1954

O.C.L. + E.K. to meet P. Davis of Sheffield re diving at Cheddar. Day's Hole + The Well in Gough's show cave present good possibilities.

Party of 3 to Gough's Old Cave. dug + sorted about 10 buckets from 2nd hearth in O, P/11. Pottery + bones found. ~~1887~~

Party of 4 to Long Hole Cheddar to start dig there. dug Spoil heap 19 found nothing in it. Removed 14 buckets + also built dry stone wall to retain spoil in the cave. C.M.B.

Nov. 2nd

Odd jobs at hut. Put up temporary clothes rack. Everything very damp. ~~1887~~

Nov 6th

Clothes rack unanimously disapproved + sawn up for fire wood. D. Stead, G. Miller, A. Watkin, Rita Buxton, Charlie Bristow, Cath Hawthorn down Eastwater — Dave Hurke now he can manage the Primrose Pot squeeze, Angus has his doubts. Raining like fury. Porthos on T.S. + A.T. Stockdale + Watts. Rosefeldt out later.

G.F.

Sunday 7th Nov. '54

Lazy day by G.F., SW, AR, + D Stead. First dug 3rd portion of 2nd hearth in O/10. little bit of clearing for lean-to @ back of hut. ~~1887~~

2 hrs work by 4 strong men in Old Goughs, could produce an effective draught screen

13/11/54 - 14/11/54

G.F.

Final attempt at Pinnacore Pat, Eastwater.

First party down at 4.30. G.F, DHS, AR, RM, MB + Pat, WD, CAW, DP + JS. Second party down 9.30 + omnined when DS, WD, CAW + JS were at 30' ledge. WD + DS descended whole pitch + others life-lined.

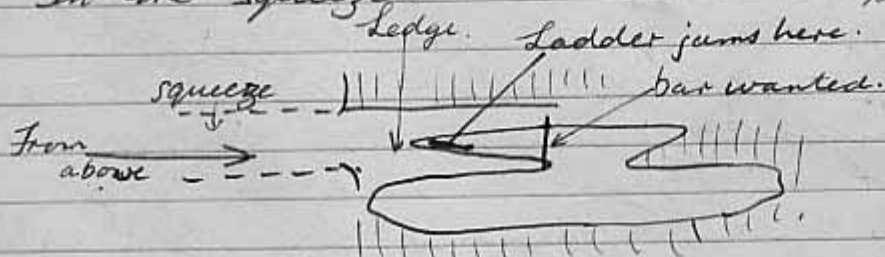
Below for ladders from 30' round a "bridge" of rock above the actual drop. 30' ladder to 1st ledge lies in a tapering rift + climbless, have to climb down wider part before getting on ladder. Lifeline necessary for ~~repeating~~ reversing this operation when getting up off the ladder into the squeeze. Blade shaped rock 4" high 10" long + 1/2" thick removed from centre bottom (was section) + 1/4 of the distance from the bottom of the squeeze.

Relief party of OCL, RB, SR + CB pulled the above 4 rock through the squeeze + took the worst of the tackle out. [Best system is to remove ropes slathing at 30' ledge, climb up with these, pass them through the squeeze first + then follow them. Slaths, thick rope for pulling through squeeze etc. were passed through on the centre of the 30' life line.]

Went out about 5.00 A.M.

G.F.

Going down squeeze. Quite easy providing one wedges
 right arm on right hand shelf. Projection removed.
 Iron bar needed to keep ladder from wedging
 in crack at top of 30' pitch. Cold wet conditions
 on 30' ledge - Primus & soup etc useful here (waterproofs^{and}.)
 Litter through squeeze for 30' ladder. Rest of
 ladder 60' + 90' belayed with thick rope to
 thread belay boulders just leading down from
 30' ledge. Ladders thrown down, tend to collect on
 60' ledge. Bit of squeeze down. 60 ft. pitch.
 90' ladder collected from ledge & thrown down 40'
 pitch, clear hang for ladder to bottom. Passages
 investigated. One large passage leading off from
 left side of rift (North) possible to reach by
 traversing on ladder. V.D & D.H.S. went down,
 returned, sending up bottom sections of ladder
 separately from 60' ledge, otherwise they tend to
 jam in squeeze. Ladder passed through squeeze
 in continuously, not in bundles. Better to remove
 outer clothes going back. Keel hatch for pushing
 in the squeeze. J.H.S.



Plan of end of squeeze, looking down
 You have 18" headroom on ledge. (Ch.)

13/11/54. P.S. The President drank 5 pints in the last 20 mins. before closing time. This was probably bad for his constitution.

14/11/54. E.K.T., D.T.D., H. Julian, G. Bristow, R. Burton, S. Wutt to Old Gough's. D.T.D. made notes on stratification etc. in the show cave.

Old cave party removed boulders previously placed just inside entrance to protect stalagmite floor. Stal. floor was exposed and top 6" removed + raked near entrance. A few rodent bones, no other finds.

20/11/54 Tidied up child once more.
Put up boot rack. Carpenter's mate Catherine handed nails deftly off.

26/11/54

L.H. to L.S. to Rod's Pt. Down a hill.
Went to baton CAMP

Saturday 26th Nov. '54.

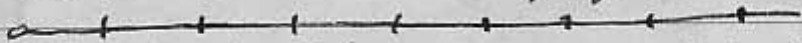
G.F., Henry, Helen, & a couple of educationists to Sweldon's sump I. Trip uneventful, thoroughly enjoyed no hitches; carbide dropped by some filthy so & so's in Bernes' loop was cleared away by the blood method of hovel, scrubbing brush & canvas bucket.

G.F.

Saturday 20th November 1954

The Glaucons made their first trip to St. Cathbert's Mines, Swallist, opened up by the B.E.C. last year. Stinson R., David Studd, Henry Syms, Willie D. & D.C.M. were taken round by Chris F. of the B.E.C. The trip lasted 10 hours.

The cave is about the ~~size~~ ^{extent} of Eastwater, as regards length & depth, but then as ~~are~~ ^{are} so many more passages, ~~amounting to~~ ^{amounting to} about 2000 feet. Most by these are high rifts, dipping with the bedding, and so many verticals have to be climbed with tackle. A very useful line is called a "knobby dog", and looks like this:



The cross pieces of metal or wire give a good hand hold for awkward pitches. The cave is very muddy. The entrance pitch of about 25 feet is a very narrow rift, worse than Longwood, and is very wet. The other pitches are easy. Many of the rifts are partly blocked by enormous boulders, and here the mud is drier, and some beautiful formations, mostly calcareous, may be seen. There is a phreatic maze near the bottom, like the Black Hole series in Swildons, called the Rabbit Warren. There are two mounds to the main streamway, the first can be by-passed, the second is final (at present). All the pitches except the first are kept laddered by the B.E.C. who charge a tackle fee for visitors of 1/-.

Exploration has been the main activity of the B.E.C. in this cave; surveying has hardly been started. While they are to be congratulated on their fortitude in pursuing these tasks, the arduous nature of the cave as a whole makes it rather a collector's piece for others.

O. Lloyd

Sunday 21 Nov. D.T.D., O.C.L., D.H.S., J.E.S. to Gough's Old
 have by 2 P.M. Cleared surface of
 "stalagmite floor" to left of area previously worked
 and removed "stalagmite" to a depth of about 5".
 Many stones in it. Near left-hand wall a hearth
 of clay & charcoal but no pottery or implements. Layer
 top of "stalagmite". Floor slopes down to left &
 material is loose near wall.
 Rodent remains only found.

9 Covers descended G.B. E.K.T. assisted by J.F.
 cleared some mud in E. passage.

Mon. 22 Nov 1954

Visited hut to collect milk bottles.
 Found 4 helmets
 1 acetylene lamp
 Sundry clothes
 beside car park. M

Sat. Nov. 27 1954

Visited various risings after heavy
 rain Friday.

1. Rickford Coming out in great volume
 up to roof slab. Very muddy. Grey
2. Squire's Well. Running in

considerable volume. About $\frac{1}{2}$ diam 2' pipe
Grey muddy but not so much as Richford

3. Rising opposite Combe Lodge Gates
spouting out about one foot - water
clear - not muddy

W. Twin. Swallet below side of
swallet had full up. Surplus water
had been diverted to Peter Bird's
dig.

F. Twin - Great volume.

Drunkhards Hole. Entrance taking
quite a large stream.

Did some odd jobs about hut. Trying
to stop rain blowing into roof of tool
shed!

Sat. 4th December 1952 G.B. Sunday.

13 guests in chair Dai Hunt for G.B. yesterday.
Also working party working in ~~the~~ choke at bottom
of cave. This dig is encouraging and needs some
barge. Stream diverted down a crack to the
right, this crack does not appear to have any
possibilities. Everyone is ~~in~~ out, we hope!

R.B.

Sat. 2nd December 1954 A party of 13 went to Wooley Hole at 8 pm. and had the unique experience of being taken round by a former Guide in the person of Charlie Britton himself. His letter was roundly applauded, shared, hissed at and commented on. We then took the boat across the first chamber and visited Charon's Chamber. Guff Fuller insisted on swimming back, with a life line round his shoulders, and his example was followed by the President and two others. Most fun was had with the boat, while I searched unsuccessfully for Aselli in the grotto. I found, however a nest of cave pearls and a half penny, which was useful for tipping the guide. He then took us through the grotto past the Sentinel, through the Portcullis and a tight bedding plane into the Western Extension - We finished by exploring the Boulder chamber above the entrance corridor as far as the cliff face.

O.K. Lodge.

Now for the guides point of view. I took the party through the caves first on a normal tour and the party was very noisy and they did not believe me when I told them that the third chamber was the largest of its kind. Oliver* in addition to what he has endeavored attempted to climb the chimney between the 2nd & 3rd chambers - he got nowhere. Several greater Horseshoes were seen but no Noctules (These have been seen in the Caves).

* Actually it was Dai Hunt climbed it -

G. H. Britton.

Friday, 20th November,

A party of 8, G. Fuller, J. Squire, D. Stead, C.A. Watkins, M. Balister, R. Buxton in the car and S. Robertson on a A Rodenfold on the motorbike to South Wales Caving Club Cottage - Roads flooded - Evening in Gwyn Aens -

Saturday - Late start to O.F.D. - thro' flood passage - Saw Pluto's passage, Colman passage and chamber. Then to Raul series via Escape route, and Bolt traverse. While in cave, the ~~streamway~~ water in streamway rose by about 4 ft. - Out after about 5 hours - Finished day in Gwyn Aens.

Dai Hunt led the party.

Sunday - Trip to tunnel cave with several members of S.W.C. - From Rody Price's Hall to Christmas Grotto and Steeple Nolen - Went up via short squeeze to Crystal Pool and saw the chamber lit up with Haplesium ribbon -

Both trips were very enjoyable, and so were the evenings in the S.W.C. hut.

We arrived back in Bristol by 10.30 pm on Sunday night.

R.R.

Wed 1st Dec.

Cathy & Hon. Sec. to Old Gough's Sorted 6 bucket fuls from left hand side of face. Few pieces of pot found.

S.R.

Sunday 5th December.

The three more expedition members (Sheila, Cathy & Cheryl) accompanied the president to Gough's Old. They cleared off layer of tufa in centre and dug (HxN 10?) about 15 buckets.

Party of 6 to the Plumbe.

A.R.

Sat. 14th December.

Cathy, Rita & Steven cleared more of area behind hut for shed. S.R. down Bath Swallet - recent rain has made no difference to lake still very wet.

S.R.

Sat. 11th December.

Party of 3 to Rhino Rhipt; moved about 16 m ft. found 9 rocks, mostly put into grotto above. Still going straight on. No honey needed yet. One trenching spade which had been there many months got its handle broken & is being taken back to Spelaco Rooms for repair. Larger spade brought back to hut. There is now in the cave another trenching spade & a small pick. A bucket would help a lot.

or Lloyd

Wed. 15th December.

AR. RM & SW down Sidcot. Lost an electric lamp down small hole in bottom of first small chamber (it's still there if anyone would like to try to fetch it!) Found that rats had been eating fat in frying pans and butter left lying around after the weekend. The gas cylinder was not turned off.

SW.

Saturday 18th December, 1954

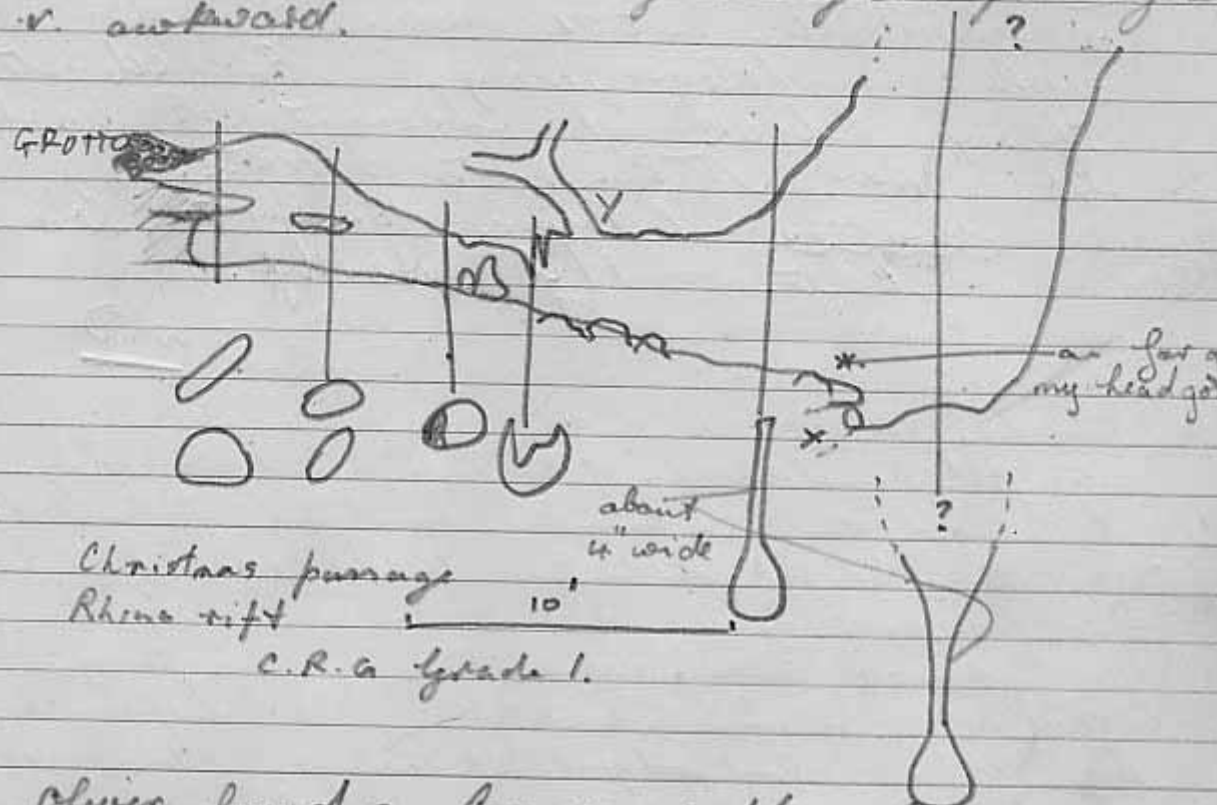
Oll. S. R. & Charlie B. to Rhinoceros Rift, by way of G. B.
Took the Chubb off the outer door & brought it back to hut, but
couldn't get the padlock off the inner door. The key turned freely
in the wrong direction, but stuck when turned to unlock it.
So we put one of the old padlocks on the outer door & went on.

Moved 27 buckets of mud & some larger stones in Rhinoceros,
and got about 2 feet further on. The grotto is now nearly full
of silt, which means more work for later parties. Left in
the cave 1 tramping tool, 1 small fire, one spade & a bucket.

Sunday 26th December, 1954

O. B. & Oll. to Rhinoceros Rift. On arriving followed
upward a passage in the roof & found
going onward in a line with the rest of the cave
& down a small passage. We both made
conductions but could not get into it. Spurred
on by its existence we enlarged the hole
but still found great difficulty. We then
found that the roof was very loose (by a
very obvious way!) & it seems we were at
the very far end of the grotto which had
been filled with silt - if only they had
followed this track! We decided to
cut a new way straight through the
stalagmite & this we did finding it
surprisingly easy. Every boulder removed
however from the far end of this passage
was quite a problem ~~!!!!!!!!~~ Charlie
then tried to get into the new passage
& succeeded in doing so - but as it says!

Loose boulders on the floor of the passage a
v. awkward.



Oliver found a camera cable release on the floor just short of the two boulders, he thinks it fell down from the grotto. We christened the passage Christmas passage. There is a fine vein in it. The floor for the first 5' is boulder then it is stalagmite. There is a v. small passage leading down at X & up at Y
CMB.

~~Monday~~ Tuesday 25th December 1960
176 hrs. woodman chip, o.c.l.

Tues 28th Also Mr. Hunter & W. Doosie
 v. C. M. B. took visitors down
 G.B. photographing. Opened the
 inner lock & brought it back
 It was taken to Frats.
 visitors B. Power, Man Hunter, "Robb"
 Wilton & Phil Hardy.
 W.D.

New Year's Eve, 1929-30

The 36th Annual Celebration of this Pagan Festival was held by
 the Speakers at their Hut on Pennington. Present were: The President,
 Bertie Cook, Mollie Hall, the Secretary, Paul Peke & Olive Lloyd,
 joined later by the Hillbreds.

Menu:- Chicken & Mushroom Soup Sherry
 Sardines in hot Jelly Liebmann's
 Roast ~~goose~~ goose, with trimmings Volney 1929
 Pommes frites, Potatoes. Nuts St. Georges
 Chestnut Pudding 1929
 Mince pie (a that saw so through
 the evening!)
 Raisins & almonds

At midnight the usual toasts were drunk outside, but
 it was very cold & we were glad to come in again. Besides,
 Treaty had forgotten to get a rabbit, so we gave him one, instead.
 ocl.

GAS CYLINDER CHANGED

(I think)

S.R.

Sat. Jan. 8th 1955.

Walked over to G.B. & put on A.R.D.C. padlock on outer door & our own on inner.

N.B. Outer padlock unlocks easily but needs strong pull to open.

Checked up on details of some of barometer on Blackdown. T171 a disturbed disc barometer appears to have a causeway entrance to S. Has been extensively disturbed & has several large O.R.S. stores? part of an original megalithic arrangement. ~~W~~

Wed. Jan 12, 1955

Geoff, Pita & Steman to Plims Rift. Offending boulder shattered & removed. Two large boulders carried out. Do not think present passage is worth digging - too narrow. Will have to dig down at old face.

S.R.

Sat. Jan 15th 1955

Party of five - Sheila, André, Harding, Nick & the Hon. Sec. to Siskot Swallet. A good trip to Paradise and an abortive attempt at Purgatory. Then on to East Twin where all party except Harding went to final chamber. Water cold.

S.R.

Party of 3 skiers out at hut. at lunch time "the snow is going and so are we."

Saturday 15th Jan.

G. Fuller, J.F. Squires, D. Stead, A. Watkins, R. Bywater down G.B. Drilled shot hole in boulder on left, right @ ^{the} end & successfully blew it up — now it wants clearing away.

G.F.

Sunday 16th Jan.

Mick & stream to Rhine Rift, later joined by Angus. Removed 6 small stones & decided it was time to go home. Walked back over the top.

Over to G.B. for next day, but blizzard blowing & with mutual agreement between the 2 guests & us, trip called off. On the way back, a sizable stream was observed coming out of the West Twin valley, this was traced & found to be rising at the swallet just below Sidcot — investigations were made in Sidcot & Goatchuck, but no abnormalities were encountered.

G.F.

Saturday 22nd Jan 55. Colin & Henry to Long Hole and to Great Oones, reached the end.

~~Jeff~~ Geoff, Finn, Dave, Johnnie, Dave Preston, Chris Ineson, F.K.T. down G.B. Tried to clear boulder but needs another "bang!" Ariel bucket way fixed at bottom to clear spoil; ladder in East passage measured (22ft).

G.F.

Saturday 22nd Jan.

Sheila, Rosemary, Cath & Andrie to Read's cavern
Went into the grotto, tried boulder neckless & 2 alley -
A.R.

Sat. 21st Jan. 1955

~~7 to G.B. Digging in E. Passage
& rigging rope way at far end.~~

Sun. 23rd Jan. 1955.

32 to Gough's Old Cave. Dug about 40
buckets on E. side near gate down to tufa layer
& 1st ft of part of this.
Finds a few scraps of bone ~~W.D.~~

Sunday 23rd January 1955

Party of 2 to China rift. Tried to make a reasonable working
face just west of the construction at the far end of the grotto. Removed
about 10 buckets full of mud & rock, most pit out of the cave. ~~W.D.~~

Also party of 5 to G.B. Ann Henry Joe. Peter
& W.D. sightseeing and photography. 1st trip
for Joe. & Peter. ~~W.D.~~

Wed. 26 Jan. 1955

Found gas had not been properly
turned off. Burner under oven still
alight since Sunday ~~W.D.~~

Wednesday 26th Jan. '55.

Andree, Sheila, Rosie, Geoff & a geography lecturer from Kings, London (to try out speleology). The boulder at the bottom was at last blown to bits using only 1 stick of geogrite. Down for about 4 hours. (The new star drill is quite fast.)

G.F.

Saturday 29th January.

Charlie B. & O.C. went to Working Hole to help the divers (John Burston & Bob Davis). It was a good thing they did, as the B.E.S. had undertaken to provide the support party, but owing to their Annual Dinner not as yet been turned up. Bob's byelaw was breaking, so he couldn't dive the 71st chamber, but the rest of the programme was carried out. O.C. Lloyd.

Sunday 30th Jan. 1955.

Party of 5 to Long Hole, F.K.T., R.B., G.F., C.B., A.J.M.
Removed 10 buckets of bat guano, & 20 of spoil heap 1. O.C.L.

Sunday 30th January.

Working party of 3 to Suiden's to P.G. Stream Dig, and a photographic & pleasure party of 5. Tommie, Dave & Chris working; made 15" of drill hole for longer (8" and 7"). On return we unblocked the obstruction at the litter box square in the wet way, just above the 15' waterfall. This obstruction has been there since early December 1954, when there was much flooding. O.C. Lloyd

Saturday 29th Jan. '55

A large party went down Lamb Lair - Geoff, Johnny, Dave S., Dave P., Chris, Tony, Don, Rosemary, Rita and Andree. All went down into the main chamber except Geoff who "pulled" up the lifeline. The chamber was lit with kerosene.

A.R.

Sunday 30th

The "photographic & pleasure" party Chris, Andree, Rosemary, David & I, the undersigned went into St Paul's. Noticed a puddle on the way covered a variety of rock and thinness. Must have been deposited since previous trip.

Also at expense of 4-5 strings looked at every interesting passage in Trout's Temple (Upper gallery). Under signed was given a severe wiggling for this on return. 16 pictures taken. Most of James was seen by the party.

Don Thomson.

Sat 6/2/55

Working party up Oline, David S. Rita, Job to follow then inadvertently drilled holes in P.G. Stinson. Oline turned back at the 40' line to the effect of a cold + drunk beer at the Hunter's Lodge while

the rest worked. In each of the two 8" holes two sticks of galvanized were used. The effect was to lower the stream bed by about 8" for about 3' below the step, successful. The debris was dug out but narrow holes were drilled as the water was high & we were all well soaked. J.B.

Wednesday 2nd Feb.

Geoff, Dave & Frat fixing generator on tree behind hut - went like fury in wind, but dead short somewhere in slip-ring base contacts. J.B.

Sat 6/2/55

Generator dismantled, short repaired, & wiring to cut-out & switchboard & ammeter completed. Unfortunately, a complete absence of wind made it impossible to test the set-up, altho' temporarily using a block of NIFE cells, a light was installed in the sleeping section of the hut. J.B.

Sat 6/3/55

Rosemary, Jane Cammact, Diana & Sheila to Sidcot. Wind to top of Hill & to stream which was very high. Enjoyable trip. J.W.

Sun. Feb. 7 1895

Visit to Long Hole did some digging.

Afternoon: Attempts on Goatchurch Record.

Party 1. M. Balfister Acetylene lamps.
G. Fuller

In - In Time 25 min 45 secs.
Main Entrance Goatchurch to end Tunnel &
out Main Ent. Goatchurch. 18 mins dead.

Party 2. ~~R.~~ A. Watkins Acetylene lamps
D.H. Stead

In - In ^{m.} 27.40 secs
In + out Goatchurch 22m 55. secs

These are official records.

Time keepers ~~W.H.~~

J.F.S.

W.H.

Stella, Rosemary & Andrew cleared up track
after race out via square (by water)
A.R.

D.D. & R. Iny, to Cheddar, started survey
of Long Hole at Gough's & collected two
samples of unidentified cave-earth.

12 Feb. '55

D+D and A. Powell to Gough's bladder. Continued survey of "Long Hole". About one more visit needed to finish survey.

A. Swain arrived in evening, on leave. Left for a better place.

Rosemary, Andrée, Rita^{Shiels}, Geoff, Johnny, Angus, Oliver, Dave and Mick to Hillier's cave. Went to end and back, visited extension and saw some very fine formation.

13.2.55

- m.B.

Rita, Colin & self to Upper Swilthons. Spent 2 1/2 hrs. most of which was spent gnawing about in the South Trench. G.B.

O.C.L., Janet, Panton & Ramsey on business trip to Swildon's.

The first long crack a hollow about 3' long, which will have to be flattened out before the step can conveniently be undercut.

The step is 2' high & should be 24". There is a very prominent fissure half of which is calcite, half of wood to the right of the step. That seems to be the most place to drill. Head of my hammer broke off. Bless 1 stick of gly in this fissure. O.C.L.

17.11.55

O.C.L. and H.M.J. had an enjoyable afternoon stroll in spring sunshine to Rhine Rift. Oliver did some digging in Christmas Passage (3 buckets) while Harding fiddled with some engineering contraption.

H.M.J.

17.11.55 Mick B. & Dave P to bottom of G.B. Remains of Boulder removed & some digging began leading to Boulder above. Another being shortly?

D.R.P.

14.2.55.

Sheila, Rosemary, Cathy and Mary (first caving trip) to Coatchurch, out via Squeeze. Then quick trip down Sidcot, R & M down halfway to Hill, S to Main chamber.

R.M.

17.2.55.

Due to kindness on the part of O.C.U. in lending transport, the following were able to explore the Sandford systems:- Annie, Annie Johnson, Chris, & the undersigned. Arrived around 4 pm. by ferry service braved Rex & went up to the top of the hill. The 70° pitch into the Pearly Mine & we descended the mud at the bottom. A game was played, to see who could shower the most gravel on those below. It was won by Annie. The entrance to the Pearl section was dug open after all had supper scenery. 2 photos were taken, of the pearls & the ragged edged formation above it. We then emerged, each miner provided by a monstrous frog, & went down to the Swy. Here we had a pleasant walk, & the first party went back to Berrington while Johnson & Chris risked their lives to prove the higher level passages looked like the Pearly mine. A most satisfying flash was had in the Swy passage.

D.M.S.I.

17.2.52. Geoff & Mary, with Rita to G.B. A really pleasant stroll along usual passages. Miss enjoyed her all.

R.S.

26th Feb. 1955.

C. Haworth, Green, ^{CRONEY} David Emerson (1st trip down cave) down Gatchurch. First two through ~~squeeze~~ Drainpipe.

26th February 1955. (Saturday)

Party of 6 to Longwood Swallet (Nick, David P., Chris I., Keith Watson, Keith Rowley & etc.). Entrance shaft relatively dry with insulating drip at bottom, as before (no noise). A great deal of water going down August Hole. It would appear that the volume is too great for this rift & that the rest of it travels about 30 feet further down to appear in an enormous and very inconvenient shower bath in the Great Rift, just before the "letter box." This cascade had been there for at least 2 months. (see log entry 30.10.54). I have never seen it there before & I think it must be quite new as it falls onto a stalagmite floor, which would not show any signs of erosion. It is this stream that makes such a cascade into the Main Chamber. The climb down into this chamber, however, is still easy but dangerous & is not without one kelp to the right-hand wall. We used a life line. Very useful for things, too. The walk home over Blackdown solidified our clothing! O.D. Lloyd

I found 3 specimens of Asellus curvatus in a muddy pool just below the letter box. I think this is the first time they have been reported from Longwood Swallet. etc.

Telegraph Pole raised.

27th February (Sunday)

Party to Cheddar. Finished survey of the 'Glorious Hole'. Search in Great Caves for a surreptitious dig. Signs of digging were found

but this is not recent. A few large boulders were broken and removed from Gough's Old.

Party of 2 to Gough which was snowed. Cable fixed from wind generator to the Hut.
D.W.

17th February (Sunday).

Dave P, & C.I. to Gough. Went through to the extension and tried going on in passage to left. Starts quite high, opens to small chamber and another passage blocked by an impassable boulder.

B. Jenson

2 March (Wednesday)

Mike Boucher, Alan Turner, & C.I. to Gough. First trip for first two. Found but in Boulder chamber.

B. Jenson

2nd March (Wed).

Party of 4 to Gough's Old Cave. Dug about 20 brackets from E. side. One bone point or lance + some pottery. Deposit contains some recent material. L. Haworth.

Fri. March 4

Hut Levy

Since beginning of this term weekend parties have been large but hut levy contributions represent barely 1/3 of that due. From 29/1/55 - 4/3/55 £3-6-6 has been spent. Balance in hand in tin about 6 1/2^d + 10 cts. There is not enough to buy the paraffin needed. £3-6-6 includes £2-8-0 for gas supplies. In this period £1-0-0 was received as a gift.

March 6 1955

Will members please remember not to leave Sec. equipment out in the den + particularly expensive items such as ropes + ladders. W.H.

March 5th - 6th '55

M. Balister, G. Fuller, R. Beaton + A. Rowland down G.B. @ ~ 11 pm of the 5th. Camp site chosen at the upper sand dig. Fairly comfortable night, followed by dig in E. Passage (still making a working face) + photographic expedition. At lunch time, we were joined by D. Stead, C. Bristow, + Blondie, who dug at bottom of cave. Also down were Don Thompson (messing about in his grotto), Keith Evans + a friend. 8 Probridge covers turned up + fees were collected. Camping party were out at 4 pm of the 6th, + by some oversight (not signing in + out at entrance) the 3 diggers were locked in. Fortunately, the Hon. Treasurer was at the hut, + out of the kindness of his own heart he went to the Plum via G.B. + let the unfortunates out. (The Sec. appreciates the great loss of drinking time incurred by this detour).

Bottom of G.B. looks encouraging, but plenty of hard stogging is required lowering the floor level.

G.F.

Saturday. March. 12th. 1955.

G. Fuller and C. Bristow went to visit the Gorge of Ebbot, Wooky Hole and environs. We walked up Ebbot and postulated theories about its formation and looked for caves and discerned their origin. Found the whole region rather confusing however. We then visited Wooky Hole & observed the 'First & Second' levels and again after much discussion were rather confused. We then crossed the River Aze and entered the flyena den. We left and endeavoured to find the Badger Hole. We found it and examined the apparatus installed. It was fascinating, it comprised a miniature railway, overhead cableway complete with self-emptying device. The whole system was very ingenious but we could not find one B. B. I. Then we returned to the inn of that locality.

C. P. Bristow

Oll, Mike, David P., & David Miles (his 1st con) to Souldan's. Did the upper series fairly thoroughly, including the climb from the water chamber into the roof of the Wet Way & through the squeeze. Took 2 1/2 hours. O.C. Lloyd

Sunday. March 13th. 1955.

D. Stead & C. Burton to G.B. to dig at the bottom. Removed large slab & dug ahead, slightly to the right. Found supporting poles & tin cans when we joined another passage. Lamp mantle required.

C. M. Burton -

List of Tools in G.B. (bottom dig)

1. 1 spade.
2. 1 ice-axe
3. 1 bucket.
4. 1 S hook
5. Pulley (with hook)
4. Overhead cable.
6. 2. Crowbars.
7. 1. Black tilley lamp.
8. Lots of big boulders.
9. A small hole.

Sunday. March 13th 55.

D. Preston & C. Ineson down Pearly Mine, J.F. Squie ~ ✓
R. Burton into Sandford Lely. No correction proved.

RR.

Saturday March 19th

Cathy plus party of three out, made intrepid descent of the unfathomed abyss of Goatditch, pressing on into the inky blackness etc etc. Shuler & Andree descended Reads apparently in its usual mobile condition, - later joined by Ap for route to East Twist.

Portus Taylor digging on T.5 with party, 1 quite good flint scraper found in flanks of barrow. After dinner Shuler & Andree down bath hole whilst water slowly died of thirst ~~and~~ Lesser Horseshoe (I THINK) No 718 in main Chamber Reads. Just opposite entrance. S.D.

Saturday March 19th 1955

Oliver Lloyd, David Stead & Mike Cozer to Suildon's, to join a party of 4 Cambridge boys led by Oliver Wells. Sandwiched between the two parties were a number of Sildon school boys, who found themselves, as it were, between the upper & the nether millstones. By the time we reached the 40' pot one of the Cambridge boys had fallen off the ladder, so there was some delay getting him up again & sending him home. After this our party went on ahead, laddered the 20' pot (Werner tackle) and started work at the P.A. stream dig. The hammer handle broke again (new handle, first time in use!) & the drill jammed, but we got it out again & managed to push in 2 strokes of banger. This was remarkably effective. By the time we had started a new hole the 3 Cambridge boys joined us, all merrily from visiting St Paul's & thinking about "Paradise Regained." ~~On the~~ We didn't finish that hole as it was getting late. On the way home Mike distinguished himself by falling off the ladder, too, but Oliver Wells had him just on the line. Home by 4.45 pm. O.Z. Lloyd.

Sun. Mar. 20 1955

Carbide A new supply has been put in tool shed.

A substantial loss was sustained on last lot. Price of new lot

9^d per lb. or 2^d per fill. ~~100~~

Sat. & Sun. Mar. 19 - 20 1955

Digging at Gough's Old cave.
Some pottery & a spindle whorl found. ~~100~~

DERBYSHIRE TRIP

Friday 18th March :-

Geoff, Johnny, Mick, Charlie, Angus, Rita and the Secretary to Derbyshire in the Presidential Sea Palace. Left Bristol about 4 p.m. in fine sunshine. Stopped for beer & chips at Worcester. Beer only at Wolverhampton. Started to snow at Leek, heavy at Buxton. The party experienced a little difficulty in finding the right farm to camp in - first the party went to the wrong farm, then into an old quarry where there was some delay in extricating the automobile from the mud. Finally to Hodgkinson's farm where tea & supper were served by farmer's daughter. Farmer's wife out dealing with lambs. Tents pitched in the snow looking quite arctic. A variable night was had by most.

Saturday 20 March:

Fine sunshine with Dales looking virginal in all their snow. Breakfast was cooked more or less successfully in the small tent. Party off to Caethlon by opening time. Could not get into Peak because custodian was out. Went down Bagshawe guided by somewhat cretinous son of owners brother. All went down Gley Hole. Johnny, Mick & Hansie attempted up stream sump but desisted after the water came up to the neck. We were not allowed into pretty part. Entrance fee 2/-.

Showering's cider recommended.

On return to camp, car boiled dry after melting pipes coming up the Winnats. No damage. Push meal followed by special expedition to the Traveller Rest. Civilised country - they close at 10.30 p.m. Locals not (perhaps too) musical.

Another variable night was had by some.

Sunday 21st March:

Snow mostly gone. Camp packed by midday. Johnny knocked nail off his thumb looking for geology specimens - there is a moral in that somewhere. Met Mike Jones of B.S.A. who offered to take party down Peak - no go because Duchy of Lancaster decided to inspect. Instead, to Treak Cliff Mine - quite pretty. Party collected Blue John. Home from Treak with stop for lunch/supper part took on top of some blasted hill. A little jilly. Back in Bristol

10:30 p.m. after a slight contretemps with a good gentleman and his wife at Worcester over the accidental acquisition of a cider flagon.

Dormobile cleaned out on Wednesday - no damage except no number plate, no mud-flaps and engine red-hot.

D.A.S. Robertson.

Sat. 26th March

E.K.T., O.K.L. & S.P. to East Twin. Treaty's diversion passage no longer visible. Have started dig opposite rope drop. Next job jelly for big boulder. Also dig ~~near~~ at end of second chamber in view.

D.A.S.P.

Sunday 27th March.

O.C.L. to Working Hole for the rehearsal of the Cave Diving Television Broadcast: a tedious business, marred by the malvolent machinations of the WITCH. She saw to it that the time-table was so messed up that we were unable to go on, as planned, to Cheddar afterwards to make the first ever attempt at the re-emergence there. Moreover two of the divers developed faults in their equipment. But she behaved even more viciously to Ted Mason, who with a rather pedantic exactitude had provided me of the genuine find skulls for the show. This skull was to be "planted" in the river bed, where originally discovered, and "found" there by the divers. Planted it was, but when Bob Davies went to find it again, ~~it~~ about a hour later, it had disintegrated.

Many thanks to Treaty for going to Cheddar with a "stop" notice.

Monday 28th March.

At Working Hole again all day for rehearsals. I called at Cheddar first of all to apologise to Robertson, and arranged a provisional date for a future visit.

This time we all spat on the WITCH vigorously, to counter his spells, and this time we were successful. The rehearsals were not unduly tedious and the broadcast (7.45 - 8.15 pm.) went without a hitch. The only misfortune was that Jack Thompson developed migraine and was unable to dive with the others. He acted as a stand-by diver. At the end of the programme the divers went on and discovered a high-level passage between chambers 7 & 8 that is said to be much easier than that used hitherto. As far as I could see from the monitoring during a rehearsal the BBC were making a very good job of it; certainly it is a wonderful advertisement for the Wing Co.

OC Lloyd

Tuesday 29th March, 1955.

Some woodmanship in the morning, having full benches. I have ^{felled} about half the wood needed for shoring up the entrance to Cuckoo Caves; it is behind the hut. I would be grateful if members did not mistake it for firewood.

Society's premises thoroughly aired.

Went & looked at Reed's Cavern. A recent fall of rock has partly blocked the entrance. I think it could all be pushed down the shaft with a crowbar to clear. More to come down.

OC Lloyd

Wed. 30 Mar. 1955

E.K.T., S.R. + Cled. Jenkins
to Batcombe Quarry to investigate reported
cave on quarry face. Foreman gave a conducted tour
along ledge above cave opening about 200 ft. up.
Not too frightening when on the ledge; looks
impressive when viewed from below. Friendly gangers
also suggested lower cave in bed of red limestone
which showed numerous signs of incipient cave
formation. Cled & S.R. dealt with caves whilst
E.K.T. grubbed for reptile bones. Lower cave 20 ft. ending
in mud fill & double passage. Interesting stalagmite
bosses formed in mud. Upper cave 15 ft. long - blocked by
calcedified boulder but passage beyond closes down as far as
could be ascertained. Roof badly cracked. Will be finished
off then on Friday. 1st time the one described 5th June 1954?

Sun & no wind made ledges very pleasant with
South aspect. To be recommended for sunbathing.

S.R.

Thurs. 31 Mar. 1955

Dried all blankets & mattresses.
Continued reconditioning of tool shed. Much more
rotten wood than suspected. All bottom ^{frame} pieces
& bases of uprights rotten. Can be replaced
in stages. ~~AKH~~

Good Friday, 8th April, 1955

O.C. in camp. Joined by David Pengelly & his brother Paul, and later by the President. We all went down Swildon's to see the rights. Had the cave all to ourselves; very satisfactory. Treaty found that a choked passage underneath his Temple was by no means in accordance with his collection of it: abandoned. Visited Swamp I; looked at it; something about its head which resembled a quinn's, nothing else. Treaty lost his lamp down the entrance waterfall on the way out. Any body finding it may be rewarded.

D. Lloyd

Changed Gas cylinder

Saturday, 9th April, 1955

John Light & Jimmy Pitts cleared out the entrance to Reed's Cavern & brought down the loose stuff from the rock on top. The President now considers it to be in a relatively safe condition; nothing more than a ton more rock is likely to fall in the next month.

Easter Sunday, 10th April, 1955

O.C. in camp. Was rudely wakened at 6.20 am. by Bertie Cook, who told him that an accident had occurred in Longwood. Somebody had fallen 50' off the traverse & hurt himself. Bertie did not fancy his chances of getting down (or up) the entrance pitch and O.C. was going to have to masquerade as a DOCTOR in his place. So I went there with Treaty at about 7 am. and found the M.P. there in force: Luke Derrin & Harold Kinnay. David Willis was down with a mixed party of Werrax & B.E.C. getting the lad out. He was reported to have broken both ankles and his head. I went down with Harold & two others & found that the party

had already reached the latter base below the heavy drift in the Great Rift. We waited for them to get above this waterfall before doing anything more. Then we sent the water & tender members of the rescue party home & took their place. We put warm clothes on the victim & I had a look at his injuries. He had not broken anything. He had a painful bruise on the dorsum of his right foot and a large bruise on his left shin with a haematoma. Also a bad bruise above the left temple with slight laceration. The right foot had already been efficiently bandaged & so had his head, so I did everything up again, saw that he did as much work for himself as possible, so as to keep warm, & we went on. David Willis had already done very good work getting him so far and he continued doing so to the end. He deserves great praise for all this. He was by far the best man for the job & he did it admirably. The party was out by about 10 am.

The victim's name was ~~Michael~~ Michael Callaghan, of the so-called Mandip Cave Group of London, a club which has not so far distinguished itself either for tact, good manners or good cavecraft. They had one of the most fragile "election" ladders on the 10' drop I have ever seen. One rung had already broken and another one broke under David Willis' weight as he was climbing it in front of me. However they had the good grace to ask Howard Kermoy afterwards about escapances.

Bertie assisted by Farmer Young dressed the wounds in one of the stables & then took the lad to Paulton for a day. He did well & was sent back to London the next day.

About mid-day, after being joined by ~~the latter~~ ~~Paul~~ Keith Evans, Malcolm Lewis & Jack Stamper, we & the President went & had a nice trip round G.B., exploring Rummaba Alley and the roof of the ice-bar. We also meditated on the beauty of the Madonna.

O'Leary

Easter Monday, 11th April, 1955.

O'Leary, Charlie Britton, Derek Thorpe & Les Eaton to Svalbard, joined by Alan Finelmann of Wessers. The cave was fairly crowded but not uncomfortable, so. By arrangement with the B.E.C. we took up their tackle & put down our own on descending the cave. We finished an 8" hole at the foot of the step in the P.G. Stream & blew two sticks. The step is now the required 2' high, but has too big a puddle at its foot for comfort. On our return we found that Norman Tuck had tied out a member of his party (a mere child) who couldn't climb the 40' pit. However I went up & took over the life line from him and got things going again all right. Down 6 1/2 hours.

O'Leary

Friday 15th April 1955.

Friday 15th April

C.H.B. & 2 visitors to Rhino rift. to dug in Christmas passage down & moved large boulder out of it. There was a small air-space leading downwards. It & to the right. It does not appear to open up or close.
C.H.B.

Sunday 17th April

5. to Swildon's, (1 bang / 2 strikes) in P.G.S. DR
J.D.

Day in Tratt's temple - advanced 2ft. junior member needed new pair of pants. (see above). K.D. Puan's.

BREAN DOWN ARCHAEOLOGICAL CAMP.

Monday 11th April.

Sheila White & Harding presumably out.

Tuesday 12th

Ditto waited for appearance of D. of E. - got weary & went off with Tratty to look at burrows, including a number of his favourite rabbit warrens (Early English) Ap out at teatime, roundly abused for tardiness by all & sundry. A quiet evening.

Wednesday.

D.T.D. arrived 10 a.m.!! conveyed H.J. SW & A.M.A. to Brean. H.J. horse - combat (sprained ankle) at the very start. Dug a section ^(A.M.A. troubled by intrusion of plug in his head) in ^{the} ^{unexcavated} site "D" finding a horse breccia (horse etc) between layers of sand. Party retrieved by Tratty, ~~again~~ again a quiet evening!!

Thursday

Harding retired home via Weston Beach to recuperate, F.K.T., SW. A.M.A.

to Breen Down, where completed section begun the previous day.

In evening S.W. & A.H.A. routed out Tratty & went to Plume of Feather for beer etc.

Friday, 15th

Some party via Weston to Breen, on arrival found Philip Ralty & family awaiting us. Began preliminary clearing of Beaker Sand, Ralty & party excavated two skeletons from the post-iron age levels. The skeletons are all ~~extended~~ extended, with heads to the west, at the moment erosion is ~~is the~~ revealing the head ends of a row of graves & skulls are popping out like rabbits.

Since the skeletons are oriented they are probably Christian & so the RECTOR of Breen has no knowledge (70 yrs in the parish, man & boy & his father before him) of any burial ground in the sand cliff, they are probably earlier than the 12th-13th centuries from which the earliest foundation of the present Breen Church is likely to belong.

Possibly the graves are Christian Saxon ~ 650 - 1100 A.D.

One of the skeletons is of an immature individual, this is rather against the cemetery being that of a religious house. S.W. & E.K.T. did levelling.

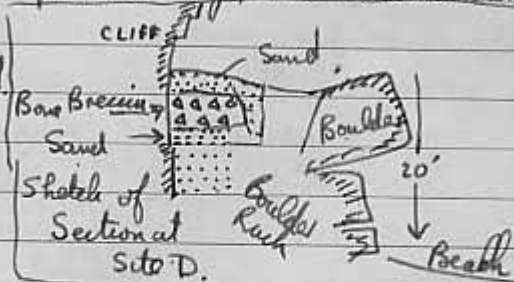
Finally S.W. & A.H.A. drew the section dug the previous day, whilst the President repaired gracefully on a convenient rock

Had interview with above mentioned Rector

In evening E.K.T. drove party (numbers vague)

to Plume. Numerous cavers arrived &

some departed.



Saturday 16th

D.T.D. & Dr Savage arrived am. (no Annie!!), with E.K.T., S.W., A.H.A., Henry... & Christopher to Breen. Further repairs demolition works on Beaker Sand & Red loam. Produced a small heap of ~~the~~ BEAKER almost certainly from the Beaker Sand, this not found in situ. Preliminary examination of the lower (Pleistocene) Bone Bed & sandy breccia by geologists.

In evening S.W. A.H.A. D.T.D. to Plume (Dr S. departed) joined just before lunch.

(N.B. Page removed as working chronology out of phase with drawing chronology

Some.

Brean Camp. (16th)

by an erring member (H.B.) weary & footsore (winded from Blagdon.)
unfresh from a gruelling interrogation by Blagdon Constabulary (Pinched actually)
also wild tales of lawless London.

Sunday, 17th

Party of 5 - E.K.T. D.T.D. A.H.A. S.W. C.B. to Brean. Examined & drew
section in bottom left-hand corner (Pleistocene bone bed etc) with the
aid of the Societies May Pole*, this attracted quite a crowd who departed
when it became clear that no one was going to be killed. C.B. also devised
a Neo-Britalist bosun's chair, regrettably disclaimed by archaeologists.

The best most important discovery was that the Lower Breccia
= Bone Bed (Langs ①) (See previous sketch section appears to be
covered by a Weathering horizon = Old land surface (H.T. knew all about this
20 yrs ago!! A.H.A.)

In evening S.W. retrieved by understandably anxious parent; D.T.D. & A.H.A.
to Blagdon, - Seymour Arms where celebrated the new Weathering Horizon.

DRINKERS NOTE: This hostelry is much improved, the public bar clean, decently
furnished, not too crowded, a good range of liquor & snacks ☆ ☆.

H.T. and M.B. went digging in last Thur. Stream was diverted
down side passage (on left looking downstream.) Dig was
commenced in hole in the floor at the end of the 2nd chamber.
Great quantities of mud etc were removed and the passage
which used to take the stream could be seen going ahead
about 10'. After 5½ hrs digging the passage was enlarged
enough to enable entry to a small chamber. The way on
is choked with mud and flood marks can be seen about
10' feet up on the walls. An aven in the roof leads up to
a choke. On the wall of the aven the digging party were
surprised to see the initials 'BSS!!' This chamber is presumably
the so-called 3rd chamber which was entered years ago, but
the way in collapsed. - The present tunnel into the 3rd chamber

*C.B.'s idea - Good idea too.

has a mud and boulder roof and is liable to collapse any moment!!

Monday. 18th

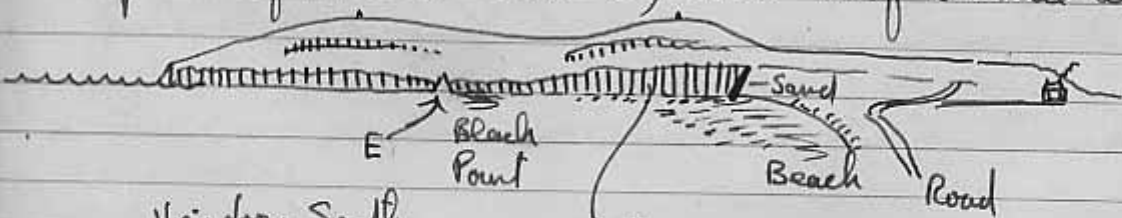
E.K.T. D.T.D. A.M.A. M.B. to Brean. began clearance of slipped material, preparatory to excavation of Bronze Age level. Later upper part of B.A. level excavated, - notable finds 2. ? LBA shards & a horn core, (sheep), (Went via Cheddar dropping CB there to dig at Long Hole, - apparently he had no luck. In Evening all to P.O.F.

Tuesday. 19th

E.K.T. D.T.D. A.M.A. M.B. to Brean, completed excavation of Bronze Age level, found much "Red Ware" in main level & 3 pieces of A'Beaker pot & a very good flint scraper in the base of the Bronze Age level. Back by way of Middle Hope, barrows & 50' Beach level seen. In evening to P.O.F.

Wednesday 20th

E.K.T. & M.B. to Bristol D.T.D. (walking again) & A.M.A. to Brean via East Point, finished 'drew section of Bronze Age level dug the previous day, then walked along shore finding an exposure of Breccia (Site E) about half a mile along,



View from South

This yielded 1 piece of bone (mineralized) & may be equivalent to Lower Bone Breccia of main section. Finally joined by Porthos Taylor & Mrs Taylor took photos & checked Section of Pleistocene portion (Sheet VI) D.T.D. departed in a huff. Remains members dined with President finally gravitated to the usual place.

Thursday. 21st April

E.K.T. & M.B. visited Middle Hope found unpeeped little round burrows & a ? "mote". M.B. departed after lunch. Ap shopping in Blaxden a.m., spent rest of day making find bags & entering details in note book.

A.T.S. & another by bike looking for M.B., - then walked over to Longwood. returned, took tea & departed. Ap down to traps for archaeological work, finally at smart trot to P.O.F. circa 22.20 hrs.

Friday 22nd April.

Hon President briefly visited camp in a.m. Ap away about 11.30 ^{o.m.}

AMA

Saturday 23rd April.

Mick, Geoff, Charlie, Angus, Sheila & Andrea to E. Twin. First had a look at 3rd chamber - no joy - it is tho' interesting to note a strong draught in the linking tunnel, which then disappears & cannot be traced in the 3rd chamber.

A roof passage between the 2nd & 1st chambers was examined - no joy again. The side aven in the 2nd chamber proved unworkable after rib-cracking experimentation.

A bash was then had at the strike passage opposite the entrance drop into 1st chamber - this was cleared quite considerably & is definitely worth continuing.

G.J.

Saturday 23rd April

The Secretary & Blair Hoyt went to Swildon's to join Blair Wells & a Women's Party for an exploratory trip in "Paradise Regained." This is a new set of passages in the St. Paul's Series, as long again as those already known & much larger, discovered in mid-March 1955 by forcing (blowing at) the muddy ramp in the Lower Fault

Passage. This is the Passage where the mud stalagmites in the Society's Museum come from. Several hours baling were then necessary to get a 6" air space, and some 200' of passage were then hauled.

This time only little baling was necessary. One can go through the muddy muck on one's back, head first, protected by a waterproof hood, and then pass the hats & luggage through afterwards. It is the filthiest hole I have ever been through. The mud is of a singularly adhesive character and gritty.

We wrought some 300' more passage, bringing the total to about 800', not counting laterals, of which there are many, & of which some that need climbing have yet to be explored. The general character of the series is quite unlike Suidan's & more like St. Gilbert's (high rifts, mud, boulders) but without any formations, & with hardly any water. You have to take water with you. The 250' or so past the muddy muck is a huge boulder pile at a cross rift, with a boulder patch of about 35' (all it 40', as it is in Suidan's). We dove in a sandbolt for a tether here & it was descended for the first time. Only disappointment at the bottom.

Strom & I returned a little in advance of the others, & are fairly of the opinion that Paradise was by no means regained until we were back through that muck: if there. Total time 9 hours ^{underground}. Returned at daybreak. Rest of party delayed, not seen at Paddy.

23/4/55

O. J. Lloyd

Rita, Dave S. & self to Longwood, stream very small but still sinks by the entrance. Went right to the bottom of August Hole & back in 3 hours. The waterfall was taking just enough water to wet our arms &

legs & the water tunnel was about the same, but complete soaking was inevitable later on in the same. A very smooth & pleasant trip. JLB.

24/5/55

AR, SW, MB + CDW to August Hole. The water was as low as on the previous day, and no-one was completely soaked till the second tunnel. Went as far as where the water finally sinks and then returned. Trip took 5½ hrs, came out soaked and happy. CDW.

GAS CYLINDER CHANGED TO ONE FROM CARAVAN; which is already almost exhausted

Trot & Geoff did 20 buckets @ Gough's Old clearing tufa?

With Evans & Malcolm Lewis to Goatchurch to view the dig ^{J.A.} in the D side of second boulder chamber - tight & goes \approx soft. Also did S. dent - F.S. 72 darn final squeeze. MLE.

30/4/55

Gough's Old Cave.

Repairing & extending sorting table. Cleaned up a little more of tufa layer N/10 against E. wall. Many rodent bones, some bird bones & part of maxilla of a very young pig.

1/5/55.

O.C.L., Keith Evans, Malcolm Lewis to Swildan's. O.C.L. bored another 6" hole in Riddy green stream passage. K.D. Evans and Malcolm progressed another foot in Tral's temple - part of roof fell in - no casualties.

40' ladder - the best - previously found to have mortal lesion to one wire; this is now replaced.

NEW GAS CYLINDER ATTACHED.

8/5/55

K.T.E.

ALL CYLINDERS DUD.

Changed to empty cylinders.

S.R.

1 cylinder nearly empty on top - now empty
1 " plenty in - waiting - now on

8/5/55

O.C.L. + Hon Sec. to Downward's Hole and Bath Swallow to investigate for a dig. Suggest for dig in Bath to connect with Chamber.

S.R.

E.K.T. + A. Ap. to Tynny - half filled in with drums. Found odd books going down draft with ladders etc. ? M.C.G. (18/2/52 age)

A. Northdale, R. Stephens, A. Punct visited G.B. and spent about three hours there. Made one way to the bottom & decided not to come out the wet way.

8/5/55 The women say "it's a jolly good caravan" when it was suggested that they might prefer the hut.

Itan. See.

8/5/55 Showed party from Reading round Sun Hole + Gough's old cave. Broke up large stores in Gough's old cave ready for removal. ~~W~~

Oct., David Proter, Chris Linn & Alan Rogers to Suidlen's to P.C. Stream, closely followed by Dan Th., Keith Evans & Malcolm Lewis to Trent's Temple. 2 good bangs in P.C.S. Moved step back about 8" or more. Oct. 1955.

Ray. Szepienski (Friend of Tom P.) + self to Suidlen's, as far as 2nd S Temple, & back.

Oct.,

14/5/55

Pres. President, Clid., Dave Bowden, Angus + Itan. See. Timing Trip of 9 minutes from entrance to 1st Grotto. Sounds heard in 1st Grotto from foot of Jacob's Ladder. Wet Way 15 1/2 minutes from divider of ways. 10 1/2 from Permeys dig position. Sounds heard 45 seconds from 1st Grotto - drowned from by water.

S.R.

14.5.55. Oct. David Steel, John, Cath, & Jane also went down Suidlen's, as far as the 40' pit. Here David achieved the rare distinction of climbing the 40' pit with no help from a ladder, but only with a life-line to save him. He did this by climbing the rift which runs from below the iron pipe

to within 8 feet of the bottom. He found this first 8' the most difficult, as pieces of soft rock kept proving treacherous as hand holds. After that it was more straightforward.

After this David, Oct. 2 James descended the ladder for photography. The first two climbed the rift to the left of the pit, where the stream goes, for about 20' (a nasty climb!), then through a hole leading back to the pit. An easy traverse gets one into a little overhang immediately opposite the 1.5 foot ledge of the ladder pitch. A beautiful view is here obtained, and one can see straight into Willis' hole on the left hand side at the same level. This hole is directly opposite the way the water flows out. I took one photograph from here with David as model (7.5 gram flash, F11, 15'). We returned the wet way. O. Lloyd.

14.6.55.

Johnny, Rita & G. down East Twin to finish survey. The female member was acting as technical (!) advisor. Johnny & I extended our climb up in the second chamber when fun was had on a very steep mud slope. Retrieving the rope was also a problem.

B. Jenson

15.6.55 (at 12.00 hrs).

Sheila, Andrea, Geoff Fuller, Mick, Angus & G. down Rado Canyon after an evening in the pub. Everbloody, apparently, tried to 'get lost' but a superfluity of arrows stopped this. Z. alley was a problem and nobody got through the squeeze. We then retired to Brunkard's where Mick dropped his lamp down a/cle. The first four then returned to Bristol.

B. Jenson

Mon. 16/5/55.

Visited hut. For 2 weekends in succession Soc. equipment has been left out and lid of carbide container left off.

Members are asked to see that Soc. equipment is put away before last person leaves + that lid is kept on carbide tin to reduce loss, please. W.M.

21. 6. 55.

8 to G.B. Sightseeing + photo
Saw interesting fungi in F.C. Passage
C.M.B.

21-22/5/55.

Cave Diving Group at Cheddar. Posts: Wessac.

(1) Skeleton pit. Down to 75 ft from water level.
Opening then closes.

(2) Rising No. 1. No opening.

(3) Sarge's Hole. Muddy - sudden descent about 30-40 ft.
on slippery mud slope. Water too muddy to see.
Visibility less than 2". This is still a possibility.

21. 6. 55.

Rita, Johnny, C.G. to Reads cavern. Down X alley to Poto past streamway. John went on down but as light were low came out. Fun was had by all in getting out of the Solitor Pot. with lights even worse. J. Gerson.

W. M. L.

Wednesday 1st June - 1957
- And he could be seen (from the boat) for about 100 yds.

EG: "4 light pipes present"
General view: "It's 2 'light pipes' in a pair on"
"A.G. beam! 4 light also present for each part"
S.R.

Broad-cast

Reunions at "Victoria" at 6 p.m. All working party turned up - E.K.T., S.R., Angus, Johnny, Cled, Dave Bouden, Chris, Robert Woolley. plus hangers-on Jeff, Dave Preston + Annie. Both parties went down at 7.10 p.m. and were both in position by 7.30 p.m. Broadcast at 7.45 p.m. Parties were more or less on time but both arrived a little too soon at old Gerotto. Fun & games removing cable; a knife expedited delivery. All out in time for a drinking & singing session at the Victoria before closing time.

S.R.

Thurs. 2nd June To Monmouth - taken to see series of potholes wh. form lines & ∴ probably follow main joints of limestone. Some are up to 40' deep. All appear to be solutional phenomena by trickling films of water. None take active

Streams of any size & none appear to have any openings at bottom. The limestone is thin & rests on O.R.S. & probably water goes into O.R.S. without any actual passages developing. Springs come out of O.R.S. not very far below & away from some of the series. The limestone is nearly horizontally bedded in area & so pot holes are in joints vertical to the bedding, the + shape in horizontal section of some of pots suggests that both strike & dip joints are involved though mainly dip - (? check a geol map). The limestone is covered by clay not very thick but very free of stones, it is alleged; the clay "slumps" into potholes. One such slump complete & some animal of major size had occurred a little while back. It was smellable 100-200' down wind. No descent was made here.

Went on to King Arthur's Cave & inspected quarry which is encroaching on cave & others nearby. If foss quarrying shld. be stopped. Steps to this end taken off.

- 4/6/55 Porthos + 3 filling in on T 5. off
 5/6/55 Mon Pres & up in camp in afternoon. odd jobs HRTA
 7/6/55 found lower half of door of caravan open again.

Will Women Members please remember to bolt lower half of door before

locking upper half. ~~4/11~~

11/6/55. Hut roof leaking badly several fresh places.

Please keep off the roof - its that delicate. ~~4/11~~

11.6.55 - 12.6.55. Midnight party to Rod's P.t. Johnny, David, Mick & Oliver; Mick's first visit, as he was put through it all. & descended the 50' vertical with help of life-line, only a good climb. Back by about 2 am. ~~4/11~~

13th June '55.

Union week trip down G.B.. 28 guests were taken round by an assortment of spelagos. Some came out the wet way and some in a more civilized manner. All were eventually dispatched and more serious matters were attended to.

On return to the hut the gentlemen took a bath and later Misses Watts, Rosenfeld and Minis were conducted thence and duly impressed - return to the hut for hot "cocoa" after this successful coup.

G.F.

14th June '55

A good digging session was had in G.B. and a successful bang was struck. A working face is being developed and prospects are good. 10 tools (two hammers, two shovels, three spikes, an entrenching tool, an ice axe and a pick head) were left at the dig. C.A.W. joined us in the evening and the ladies were coaxed into staying the night to make the hut more decorative and deaden the sound of falling rain. Cocoa was prepared in the Hanggvidar (?) style.

G.F.

Tuesday 21st June.

First day back from Yorkshire. JS, RB + CAW took a far too keen Regular, ^(on imitative cast!) (all bull and blanco) down Goatchurch, a very enjoyable trip, taking about a hour. Later all left for Bristol, 23236397 Pte Metcalfe, J, taking one tattered spelsa sock with him as proof of his exploits. CAW.

WESTMORLAND : LANCASTER.

Thursday 16th June.

E.K.T. Johnny. Geoff. Mick. Angus. Andrée. Rita to Westmorland in the dormobile. Camp established.
Friday.

E.K.T + Johnny to Settle, the rest of the party went on a hike scaling strata mountains. Later in the evening most of the party went a few yards into Bull Pt of the hitches, Johnny went to the bottom. At 2 o'clock in the morning Bertie's dormobile arrived bringing Shelia Dave as active caves. J

Saturday.

Big Main party + hon president down Lancaster hole. Tom Lealy, his wife June and Geoff Coates had previously joined the camp. Did all of the better known parts of the hole. Drinking at the whoop after 12.3.

Sunday.

series with Michael Astlingworth we went into near part of the Casegill system via Roly Gate entrance. Mike was our guide from the B.S.A., a very good

one on most Yorkshire caves except Caregill!
 We did not see Angus's Technicolor formations.

Mike is coming to Mendips in July, and it is
 worth anyone's while to show him around.

In evening Johnny Angus + Rita with Bull Pot
 of the "witches" to do all of it, including the
 Middle series which when compared to the rest of
 the cave, is very impressive.

The weather changed on Sunday before it was
 almost too pleasant to cave. The woman's tent
 was rather unstable, the tent pegs were often
 removed by mysterious bodies.

Monday 20th

General Packing up and departure for
 Bu'son.

Wednesday 22nd June. Rita + Johnny to Jeffries
 from at Montenbarre (Monon F-son) to
 start on new dig. Took over 1 Bucket, 1 old
 line, + 1 shovel. Bomard Pully left
 behind by ACES. JLB

Thursday

Continued dig at Monon F-son
 got about 3' down vertically + into solid
 rock in place which is water worn +
 has small stalactites on the roof. Found
 trace of a stalagmite floor.
 Max. Jeffries said that the
 ACES followed this floor for
 some way. JLB



STREAM, WHICH SINKS IN LOOSE BOULDERS

P.T.O.

² In Mr. Zeffris garden is a rotting queen which the ACES
found in the dig. J.B. (26 inst) 905

112. Sat. 25th June.

Johnny & Rita to Bristol.

Sorting out gear for Ireland.

Porthos & party in T5. Doing a bit more
excavation.

Sheila arrived in time for tea - just. J.B.

Sun. 26 June.

2 to Gough's Old Cave. Continued
digging in N/10 in calcareous layer.

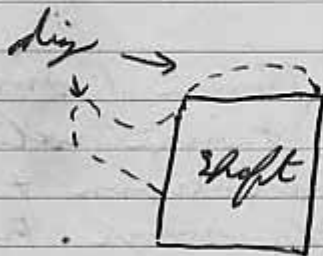
Finds Nil. No rodent bones even. J.B.

Thursday

Sheila, Mick (Uncle) & self to
Moran farm. Dry shaft about 3' deep.

Friday

Sheila, Dave, Mick C., & self on above.
grayered about 2' down + 2' to the left.



J.B.

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Saturday 2nd July 1958

Old. Keith Evans & Robert Wadley took seven little Red Maids from School round Upper Switton's. - Actually 6 girls and me Mistress. We took them down the Pottly Way at first. When negotiating the stalagmite known as the "Answer to the Maiden's Prayer" the Mistress was heart to remark, "Dear me, this is in the way!" We took two of them through the 1st Boulder Chamber squeeze into the little grotto, & then the whole party down to the Old Grotto, Water Chamber & Water Rift. Only 3 of them wanted to go through the keyhole & look down the 40' pit. On returning to the Water Chamber the 2 tired ones went home by the Middle Dry Way with Robert, while Keith & I took the rest up by the Wet Way. A party of British tyros kept getting in the way. They were much slower than the girls. Nobody quite fell down the waterfall, but Keith elected to take them through the grotto under the entrance & in the narrow passage above their Ann got stuck. So Judith, Anne & I retraced our footsteps & emerged by the more usual route. They all looked tired but not fagged out & appeared to have appreciated it. Total time about 3 1/2 hours. The hold ups mainly due to the British tyros.

O. Lloyd

Sun. 31st July.

Trot & D.H.S. down G.B. Found both locks closed but not locked.

Went straight down to the dig.

Managed to remove about 50 buckets of silt & rubble. Cleared out channel for stream. Digging down in steps keeping a clear face.

3 lengths of angle iron (about 5-6 feet long) needed and some poles or boards.

Iron bar (about 5 ft) needed for central wire bucketway.

Went out taking short crowbar & pick head. Both locks locked.

D.H.S.

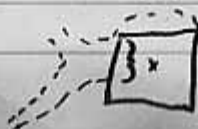
~~Saturday~~ Sunday.

Henry, Angus, Done & I to Moron from dig several feet to the left. No wagons vertically downwards.

Monday.

Mick & I, later joined by Done to Moron from. Removed side of shaft at bottom left. Dig to the left is now much more accessible & the depth of the removed debris ~~to~~ to the left was increased. W.S.

x = section of shaft removed



Tools etc. at noon from one, 2u pick, shovel, ⁽¹⁵⁾
trenching tool, rope, bucket, saw, iron
stake, small mattock, and screwdriver.
J.S.

N.B. Should go with more digging!?

Sat July 30th Brick & AMA out -

CHANGED CYLINDER

Sun July 31st AMA & Brick to Burledge, surveyed several
suitable holes - not virgins - see AMA. Trat to
Stanton Draw etc.

Mon Aug 1st mainly F.A. Cater to East of Camp. + Trat.
to investigate the dry nature of the rings. also
to a? Disk burrow? hence mon.? filled in bomb
crater and/or anything else.

Tuesday 2nd AMA & Brick to Brian Down digging sand
castles & making passes at crumpet. established
position of bracia on beach approx 100 feet out
from cliff face and commenced survey of same.

Wed 3rd With Trat to Gough's Old. Dug up 40
buckets of F.A. evidence of hostile visitors
to dig since last visit - two bulls fattened &
general disorder. Key deliberately stolen
from the car authorities by E.K.T.

Thurs 4th. Six hours extensive surveying at
Brean, many important facts established -
(see AMA) others disproved (see Crick)

Friday 5th. More fun & games at Brean. Completed
survey at the point at which it should have
started.

Sat 6th. FA + Treat²

Sun 7th Broke camp 9.30 AM.

Fri 12 S. Watts + E.K.T. preparing foundations
for new hut kitchen.
C.M.B. arrived + left his luggage

Sat. 13 D.A.S.R., S.W., E.K.T. started work on kitchen

Sun. 14 Same again with some assistance from
C.M.B. joined by J.S. + friend for a couple
of hours. S.W. left in evening.

Mon. 15 a.m. more Balbus acts by D.A.S.R. + E.K.T.
D.A.S.R. left at noon.

Tues.

Wed.

Fri.

Sat.

Sun

E.K.T. working on kitchen. Building completed
2.0 pm Sun. fitting up still to be done.

E.K.T.

Sat. D. Stead + a couple of friends arrived

and stayed night. Went to Swildon's Sun.
 E.M.H.

Tuesday 30 August D.A.S.R. & O.C.L. on
 buspassion's visit to Wickoo
 Caves. O.C.L. collected aselli.

N.B. This cave is gated. ^{or} D.A.S.R.

Henry Toms and brother arrived
 to stay till end of B.A. in Bristol.

Sheila and Andiee arrived too (before
 above) with guest (ARLETTE); down Goat Church
 to show Arlette what a "cave" looks
 like.

Saturday 3rd Sept. Trip down Eastwater

consisting of H & R. Toms, Robin Fearuley (guest)
 and Frank Farley (leader). Met seven
 members of MNRG down same cave.

Saturday 3rd Sept B.A. Section 4 excursion 1
 (active members) visited Arclines, T.5. and
 after tea at the Hut descended Reads
 Cavern, beautifully illuminated, and
 viewed the main chamber and grotto.

S.R., O.C.L. & K.E. stayed behind to
 visit ~~grotto~~ I-alley — the rest went
 to tea at the café. J.W.

Evening trip to Sidco's cave and East Town
 S.R., S.W., K.E. & Sheila Affleck and self.

A.R.

118 Members who bring guests to the Hut must obtain permission from the Hon. Sec. a week before the visit. Members must look after their guests and not leave them alone.

Sunday 4th September.

D.A.S. Robertson.

Sheila, Struan, Keith, Henry and self on a pleasure trip to Swildons. Found the cave very dry but one member still managed to be thoroughly soaked. Trip of about 4½ hrs.

A.R.

Wednesday 7th Wednesday ???!!

Three guests, Edward Lougham, William Roach and John Hallett were shown round G.B. by Sheila and self while the president took photographs with William R. Small telly taken out for reconditioning, also valves of the other two

Took at bottom of cave - 2 spades.

1 small pickaxe

1 crow bar

1 ^{large} sledge hammer

1 ordinary hammer.

A.R.

Sat - 10th September.

Little Solisbury archaeological MB arrived in evening + bug, etc (transport provided by willing? parents).

Sun - 11th Sept.

Little Solisbury dig continued - MB stayed right at hut.

Wed Gas cylinder changed - m3

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Little Solisbury dig all week. - AR, SW, MB at hut - J Fuller arrived Thursday stayed night - RM arrived Fri -

17.9.55, Sat. Little Solisbury dig, again.
Trathy, Woll, Charlie, Mick, Sheila, Rosemary, Andrew,
Susan & Andrie, also Trevor Shaw, a
Wessex type (R.N.), who came out last weekend
& during the week.

The S underlined to Burrington for the night.
After a visit to the flame the S doubly underlined
decided to do Goat Shrub. There remained a
Police notice from the end of the drain pipe & removed
it to a public thoroughfare. Back by 11.32 am.

18.9.55 Sun. to Little Solisbury, again. O.C.L.

Sheila ~~Woll~~ and Andrie Rosenfeld, stayed at
the hut for the night and Little Solisbury dig
Survey Ki ~~came~~ away. Full
list is with the ~~papers~~. We were joined by
Rosemary for the weekend - General
depart here Tuesday 20th Sept at 11.32 hrs
B.S.T.

Saturday 24th Sept.

Mick, O.C.L. and the Hon. Sec. to
August Hole for pleasure trip. Very dry; no water
till master cave reached. Good handline, not a life-line,
recommended for swing pit.

S.R.

Sat. 24th Sept. 1955 - August Hill, etc. - I did some fishing.

No running water until "tunnel" reached. Thereafter to master-cave, but especially on slope of Fault Chamber, the pools contained large numbers of ~~water~~ fresh-water shrimps (probably GAMMARUS) and some flat worms about 3 mm. long. I have found similar worms at the foot of Jack's Ladder in Swilcher's. Main streamway in master-cave also contains shrimps, but not so easy to find, also flood pools at the side. I only found one Asellus, and that was in a gurg pool 3' up on the right, about 100' below the foot of the fault chamber. It was a very large one. Took this & several shrimps.

S.R. Lloyd -

Sunday 25th Sept. :-

President, Hon. Sec, O.C.C., Mick, Keith & Gordon to look for 'McCaig's Pothole' near Charterhouse. No 'ole found. 2 small mines visited without incident.

S.R.

Mon 26 Sept

O.C.C. and E.K.T. on fitcher -

Tues 27 Sept

O.C.C. left Tues morning.

MB living at hut during week and attending a workshop training course in Bristol.

Sat. Oct. 1st 1955

L.H. plus 6 guests from Kings College
London down G.B.

Put up face protection barrier
on upstream side of terminal dig.

Reset bucket line. Dug about 10
buckets to fill in behind protection.

3, 6 ft spacing posts used. Two more
needed.



Sun. Oct. 2nd 1955

3 down G.B. dug for over 3 hrs
at end. Parked fwd. about 4'

Pool at end of right passage just above
dig dog. Whip reported open left 10' deep
& 9" wide here.

Practically no drips in cave, ~~at~~ including
absence of usual copious drips at
lower end of sand passage just short of

Gorge, opposite entrance to ^{Mud} sand passage, & at constriction of Gorge just below ascent to cone. Mud passage still remarkably wet & material at upper entrance still sliding in. Quite a big fall is imminent.

No surface stream but a small trickle in cave & also small trickle out of overhang. All water sinks in flat just up-stream from Upper Sand Dig.

Next party shd. reset bucket-line & end by "blowing" off restriction constricting block on left of entrance to terminal passage. MB

Tues. Oct. 4, 1955.

Started on foundation layer for support of tool shed.

Will members please see hut is shut up properly MB

Angus and MB stayed night.

Wed. Oct 5. 1955

Following ladders removed for Freshman Squash
still -

1	25 ft	metal ladder
1	20 ft	wood and wire ladder
1	20 ft	leather -

- MB.

Friday 7th Oct 1955

J.E.K.T. C.O. & P.R.A. patook
of luncheon in the establishment.

Oct. 18 There appear to have been
no entries in the log for all the
parties on the last two weekends.

Took party from Bryanston School
down O.B. Hut levy paid MB



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Rudery Continued

- JHC John Crickmay
- F.A. Very Little
- M. = MH Owl Moll.
- G.F. Geoff Fuller
- SW South West.
- BRI Receipts for Previous.
- ADB Arnold Bridge - Profession: Sewage Superintendent
- R.P.J. & TH Duch Shooters & all time Spelers. (Turdus)
- MM Mike Miller (another Rare Bird)
- PD Phil Davies
- # * * " Any New Cave found by EKT, - all are very species.
- H.O.D Hang Over Day.
- DMHT Don Thomson
- JKP J.K. Pitts Esq. (See 1947 log for his DREADFUL EXPERIENCE)
- J.L Dr J. Light
- FF Very loud? - no, Frank Frost.
- ~~RGEC~~ Geoff Coates
- JB
- PY Peter York, another bat hunter. *Sir, you err, its archaeology of Orquard Hole Series.*
- IAC Isabel Crewell
- Blondie HE, - get that straight first.
- J.C.B. Dicky Bird - old Engineer
- V.B. Valery Boardland - late of the woods

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01/6/55	3 mattresses	1	15	-	
	6 mugs (you, you, you, you, you & you @ 6)	3	-	-	
3/8/55	1 cyl gas	1	4	-	
	Washing 14 blankets @ 1/6	1	1	-	
14/8/55	" 16 "	1	4	-	
29/8/55	" 10 " @ 1/6 (40 blankets = total available & washed. ###)		15	-	
6/9/55	Pan scrubber	1	3		AR
20/9/55	1 lamp glass (pyrex)		7	6	
	2 cyls gas	2	8	-	
23/9/55	gas fittings	1	3		
1/10/55	Galvanizing, piping etc	2	-	9	
4/10/55	Patty		2	1	
8/10/55	4 galls paraffin		8	6	

DATE		RECEIPTS	f	s	d	INITIALS
15/5/55	Cash	B.M.J.		14	0	B.M.J.
11/6/55	Cash		1	18	-	MB
31/7/55	Cash		3	-	-	MB
14/8/55	"			9	-	MB
29/8/55	"			15	-	MB
1/9/55	Cash	6/-		1	3	A.R.
6/9/55	Cash			1	3	A.R.
20/9/55	"		3	-	-	MB
23/9/55	Cash			1	3 1/2	MB
30/9/55	"		1	-	-	MB
9/10/55	"		2	10	-	MB
3/11/54	Cash		2	2	0	B.M.J.
1/2/55	"			15	0	B.M.J.
8/2	"			2	6	

The monies received by the member i/c T and E. are accounted for by him in a separate record.

These records were examined 8/11/55 to ascertain the position of both President and himself with regard to the hut fund.

Shardling Jenkins.

DATE	PAYMENTS	£	s	d	INITIALS
20/5/54	New Cylinder gas	1	4	-	STJ
30/5/54	6 Blankets	1	-	-	STJ
14/6/54	4 lbs Candles.	=	6	0	STJ
31/7/54	Window glass		1	6	
	Paint for caravan Tenchull		2	14	57
	Selastik				
	Paint Brush				
19/8/54	6 mantles		6	-	
	New cylinder gas	1	4	-	STJ
26/8/54	4 gall Paraffin		8	6	
1/9/54	4 " tar		13	-	
7/10/54	New gas cylinder	1	4	-	STJ
3/10/54	1 gal. Melt		2	6	
	1 Talley Primer		2	6	
11/12/54	New Gas cylinder	1	4	-	STJ
11/1/55	" " "	1	4	-	STJ
	4 galls paraffin		8	8	
29/1/55	Selastik + 8 st. angles flat		4	6	STJ
5/2/55	New Gas Cylinder	1	4	-	
12/2/55	1/3 lost Muminium sheet		6	-	
	Bellows		5	-	
20/2/55	1 Tube Selastik		3	-	MB
4/3/55	New Gas cylinder	1	4	-	STJ
18/3/55	4 galls Paraffin		8	10	STJ
3/4/55	To Hut Replacement fund (Hon Treas. (Receipt No 70)	2	-	-	STJ
20/4/55	Gas Mantles (1 doz)		12	-	STJ
9/8/55	Gas - 2 cylinders	2	8	-	STJ

DATE	RECEIPTS	£	s	d	INITIAL
12.5.54	Cash	2	=	=	W.P./P.H.
21.5.54	"		10	6	W.P.
30/5/54	"	1	-	-	W.P.
"	"	1	-	-	W.P.
14/6/54	"	=	6	0	W.P.
31/7/54	"	2	-	-	W.P.
12/8/54	"	16	-	-	W.P.
12/8/54	Cash	15	11		W.P.
22/8/54	"	12	-		W.P.
31/8/54	"	10	-		W.P.
12/9/54	"	10	-		W.P.
25/9/54	"	10	-		W.P.
2/10/54	G.B. Court Day	2	14	0	W.P.
7/10/54	Cash	1	4	0	W.P.
2/10/54	"	1	1	-	W.P.
6/10/54	Cash for cartide	11	5	-	W.P.
11/12/54	Cash	1	11	-	W.P.
11/1/55	Cash	1	12	8	W.P.
29/1/55	"		4	6	W.P.
5/2/55	Cash	1	4	-	W.P.
12/2/55	"		11	-	W.P.
20/2/55	"		3	-	M.B.
4/3/55	"	1	4	-	W.P.
18/3/55	"		8	10	W.P.
3/4/55	"	2	-	-	W.P.
14/4/55	Cash		5	0	W.P.
20/4/55	"		12	-	W.P.
9/5/55	"	2	8	-	W.P.

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HUT LEVY

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SESSION 1953/1954

PAYMENTS

25.10.53	20% of last years income to hut replacement fund - to Treasurer	4	18	-	
26.10.53	new gas cylinder	1	4		
21.11.53	new gas cylinder	1	4		
14/1/54	" " " "	1	4		4/7
14/1/54	4 galls. paraffin		8	4	10/1
7/2/54	axe sharp		6	-	10/1
13/2/54	2 keys for caravan @ 1/6 each		3	-	10/1
21/2/54	Gas lighter		7	6	10/1
27/2/54	New Gas cylinder	1	4	-	10/1
5/3/54	Melts		2	8	10/1
7/3/54					
14/3/54	Mop			9	10/1
"	Tide		3	6	10/1
7/4/54	New Gas cylinder	1	4	-	10/1
		£ 12	7	9	
		3	10	9	
		1	4		
		4	14	9	
20/8/54	Pd. to P.R. Aike as excess of receipts over expend. to 20/4/54 14/- 10/1				
19.9.54	Paid to Hon Treasurer Balance of hut fund as at 7.4.54 on passing fund to new members etc. £6		14	-	

P.R. Aike

HUT LEVY

SESSION 1953/1954

RECEIPTS

		£	s	d	initials
	Brought forward from last sessions balance in last log book	5	8	6	(P/O)
10.10.53	Secretary's order last levy (from last Saturday)			6	(P/O)
18.10.53	Cash		16	6	(P/O)
25.10.53	Cash	1	0	7	(P/O)
25.10.53	"late night fine"			6	(P/O)
1.11.53	Cash		16		(P/O)
15.11.53	Cash	1	-	10	(P/O)
21.11.53	Cash		9	-	(P/O)
28.11.53	Cash		17	3	(P/O)
12.12.53	Cash		18	-	(P/O)
14/1/54	Cash	✓ 1	4	-	(P/O)
14/1/54	Cash		8	4	(P/O)
31/1/54	Cash	✓ 1	11	-	(P/O)
7/2/54	Cash		6	9	(P/O)
13/2/54	Cash	✓	3	-	R.B.
21/2/54	"		7	6	(P/O)
28/2/54	"		10	-	(P/O)
5/3/54	"		2	8	(P/O)
7/3/54	"		14	-	(P/O)
14/3/54	"		4	3	(P/O)
20.3.54	"		5	-	(P/O)
25/3/54	"		17	6	(P/O)
3/4/54	"		4	-	(P/O)
20/4/54	"		16	-	(P/O)
		£ 19	1	8	

