

UBSS L04 BOOK ⁽¹⁶⁾

13
SEPTEMBER ~~1944~~ 1958

TO

FEBRUARY 21st 1960



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Ladders (13.9.59)

Notional 40'

Metal filled	40'
Plastic "	39'
Crimped	39 1/2'

Notional 20'

Metal filled	21'
Metal filled	26'
Plastic filled	24'
Crimped	20'
Wood & wire	24' (on its last legs)
Wood & wire	21'

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE INSTRUCTION & TRAINING OF NOVICES TO CAVING.

by

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SECTION 1: PRELIMINARY INFORMATION:

A formal lecture, illustrated, or an informal talk, followed by questions and discussion. This should include

- 1.1 a general description of cave hazards and some explanation of the objects of caving;
- 1.2 methods and techniques used by exploring parties;
- 1.3 responsibility of leader to members and acceptance of discipline of leader by the party; size of party; dangers of more than 2 novices in any party;
- 1.4 caving code, team-work, keeping in constant contact, watching and helping others, remaining at allotted post;
- 1.5 leaders responsibility to check the weaknesses and fears of members, individuals duty to report weakness or fears or any deterioration of condition to the leader;
1. 6 the use of ropes and ladders with particular emphasis on lifelining, tying a bowline and belaying;
- 1.7 clothing, headgear, footwear, lamps, emergency lighting, whistle, food and first-aid;
- 1.8 how the local C.R.O. is called

SECTION 2: PRACTICE BEFORE A CAVING EXPEDITION IS UNDERTAKEN OR IN CONJUNCTION WITH A VISIT TO AN EASY CAVE. THE DURATION UNDERGROUND - 1 TO 2 HOURS.

- 2.1 Demonstration and practice with ropes and rope-ladders out of doors or on an easy, dry pitch of 15 to 20 ft. with good visibility.
- 2.2 Practice tying a bowline.
- 2.3 Practice making and obeying whistle signals.
- 2.4 belaying and joining ladders, laddering and deladdering a pitch.
- 2.5 Coiling, folding, handling ladders, ropes etc.. Washing and drying them, inspecting for wear, damage or rot.
- 2.6 Care and maintenance of lamps of the kind being used.
- 2.7 Cave preservation; the disposal of waste; avoidance of pollution.
- 2.8 So far as is practical there should be a discussion or demonstration of special tackle used which the novice is likely to meet with in the

near future; i.e. winches, pulleys, traverse wires, scaling poles, rubber dinghies, telephones, Rawl bolts belays, digging equipment and methods.

- 2.9 Point out causes of cave accidents and suggest remedial action to be taken by those in the cave.

SECTION 3: 1ST. CAVING EXPEDITION OF MODERATE OR DIFFICULT STANDARD.

(Undertaken in good conditions. Duration underground - 3 to 4 hours.)

- 3.1 Examination of novice's clothing, headgear, boots, lighting & food.
- 3.2 During the expedition the novice must be kept near to the leader or other experienced caver, to supervise the novice and act as instructor.
- 3.3 The instructor to show the novice the easiest and safest method of overcoming difficulties and hazards and to ensure that contact is maintained with the rest of the party.
- 3.4 To explain technical terms as they arise and comment on the features of the cave as seen and the route being taken (if there is a choice), and the names of places in the cave.
- 3.5 Instructor to demonstrate the necessity to look back to see where one has come from in order to recognise the return route.
- 3.6 Encourage the novice's observations, check any rash ideas and make any necessary explanations.
- 3.7 Near deep water the leader should ensure that non-swimmers are safeguarded. Caving equipment hinders strong swimmers.

SECTION 4: LATER EXPEDITIONS.

- 4.1 The procedure to be the same as given in Section 3. The amount of deliberate demonstration being adjusted as necessary. Discussion is more important. Confidence to be encouraged and over-confidence to be deprecated.
- 4.2 The whole of the instructor's object is to teach proficiency in the sport. Some people are 'naturals', that is they are at once 'at home' both physically and mentally. Others become competent but not always confident in an unnatural environment. Leaders should remember this and watch for rashness in the first group and make allowances for the seeming timidity of the latter.
- 4.3 Leaders should point out to newcomers that it is necessary to make numerous expeditions into caves and potholes of many types before one becomes an 'expert'.

February, 1961.

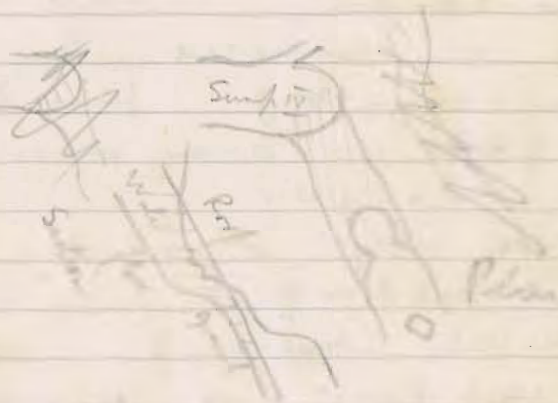
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SWILSON V

Sept 17th Sept.

Sullivan IV diving, PIT&W failed with the second
sheep party at 8 pm a OCL did starting with the
sheep in a divers out, being on the head of the pile
3 1/2 hrs. He brought his chisels along to a
The divers passed a 23' sump (air space after 15') and
found 'blocks' of Sullivan V. The sheep did
a bit of a shakedown at 10:30 to the
by 11:45

Two measurements of the sump found to be 12-14 ft long
but this is a low estimate with the water level
20 ft in five days.



After this there is a small water level
by West Paddy Fault right. That is a
Sullivan V also in the shaft but the
and water level (part of a sump)
are many ducks (or they called them
(something)) Sump V begins with a 23' sump
with only a little of air in the sump.

OCL

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FRIDAY 19th SEPT.

Away trip to Aggy Aggy — Borrowed —
Knives Forks Spoons Mugs Gnat-bowls Plates 3 of each
Blankets 5
Saucepan, Frying pan, Teapot, Tin opener, Bowl
Prims, Spoons Bag

WAD DQM CHD.

Returned 27/10/68 WD.

19th. GMB DQM WAD to Langatock. Stayed at Monmouth School Hut.

20th Hut, as arranged, Mr + Mrs Watkins + Mr + Mrs Aquires + descended Agen Allwed. 5 hour trip along Main Passage (Dry) Johnny Aquires Angus + others spent 8 hours in stream passage, + retreated in face of rising water.

21st GMB DQM WAD returned to Bristol via Black Mts. A very wet weekend.

NOTES ON AGEN ALLWED (Aggy Aggy)

Entrance is a tight Keyhole at far end of tramway (defined) on cliff south of Crickhowell. First part of cave tight phreatic passages (keep turning left on way in) picking up several small trickles eventually uniting in stream passage which ends in very unstable boulder choke. A narrow base + ∴ dangerous passage leads through this to Main Dry Passage near choke are very fine mud erosion features. Main Dry Passage is very dry, floored with 2 glacial layered mud, cracks in this are up to 1" deep + 3" wide. In places are superb gypsum crystals. Turning on right leads to stream passage which goes on and on and on. At the end of M.O.P another stream is picked up. This is vadose + recent + just onto the end of the old phreatic M.O.P.

WD.

27. 9. 58 O.C.H. Michael Yates and P.J.T to Snelsons
 Fault Chamber. Another ravel bolt put in 3 feet
 higher. Continuing working to the right because
 of loose rock to left. Next bolt should be on
 rather finer rock than before. The 40 foot ladder
 was used for the new work as well as for getting
 up to ledge.

The whole job was done in very good time, the
 whole trip, including exploration of a passage just beyond
 mid slump by N.Y. taking only 6 1/2 hrs.

We not a lot of weegies on the way out
 but our language was moderate. I am sure they
 loved us. They lost one of our bags.

P.J. Thomas

27th Sept 1958

G.D.W., W.A.D. D.R.P., D.C.M., cutting down brush trees
 from the area beyond the farm track in preparation for
~~re-erecting~~ resetting of generator and its pole. All the
 other B's too B... lazy to do any East passage
 digging
 D.C.M.

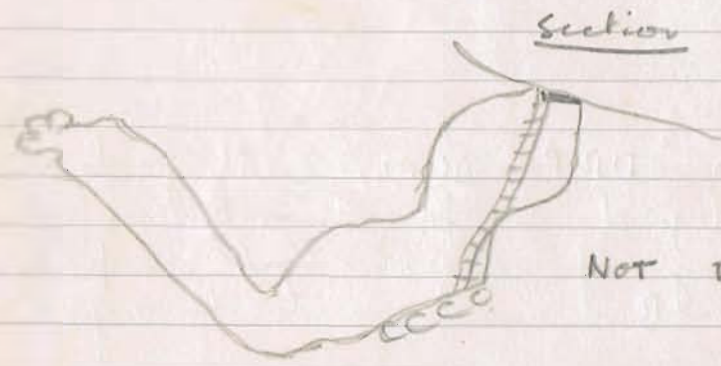
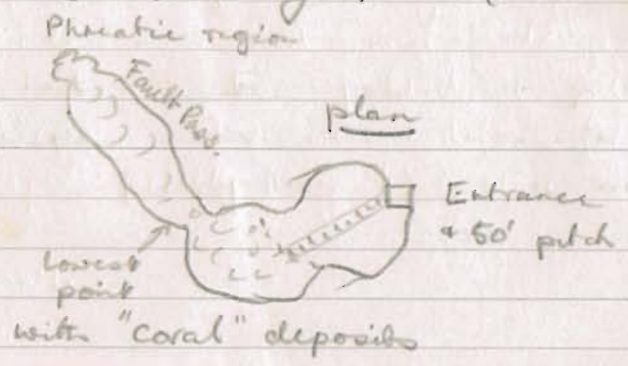
The floor of the tackle shed is accumulating a most interesting
 mass of deposits. The most latest addition to these are a varied
 assortment of objects from Brown Down, which have been scattered
 more or less higgledy piggledy over the floor instead of being sorted
 out and stacked neatly. In some places the newer deposits formed
 a sort of amalgam with the old, as in the tangle of digging tools and
 things. Added to this is a number of tackle bags falling from the
 roof, thus proving that the site was already in a state of decay when
 the trouble started. Other things, such as the lucky bag of cement,
 may be regarded as intrusive elements. I hope that when the

archaeologists eventually come to dig this site, that they will discover the original plan -

OK.

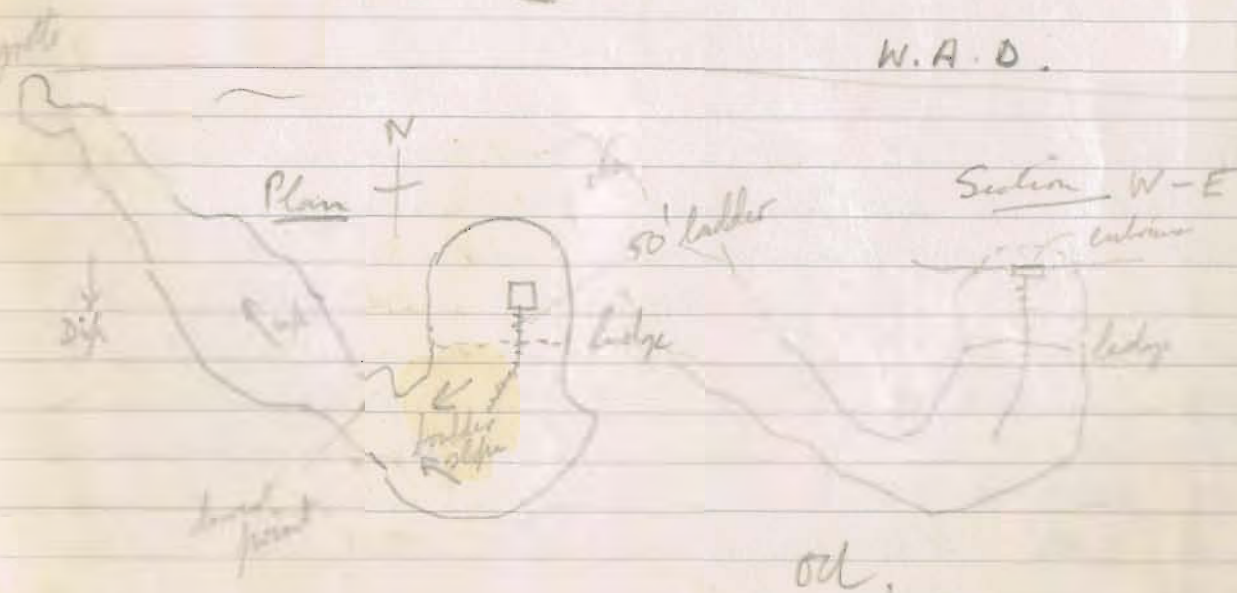
Sunday 28th.

O.C.L. P.J.T. WAD to Coral Cave, Compton
Bishop with Axbridge. (Entrance locked Key
with Axe.)



C.R.G. - 2
NOT DRAWN TO SCALE

W.A.D.



OK,

Monday 29th.

C.J. + B.B.P. arrived for start of year in late afternoon. Future in evening and a visit to E.H.T. to see his film + slides of Eric's.

B.B.P.

Tuesday 30th Sept.

BBP + BJ made but squirrel-proof. Tied traps to back of the hut, and installed the new traps, which was done before installation.

BJ

Wednesday 1st Oct.

GAS CYLINDER RAN OUT

+ was changed.

C.J. + B.B.P. residents to W.D. D.M. + D.P. out and all chopped grass and rounded heads of cattle.

B.B.P.

Thursday

C.J. + B.B.P. returned to point

October 4th. Mikhail Cadelberg, Nigel Wallace Bert Bullough - Done? BBPO + G.M.B. to goal church for an enjoyable fresher's trip.

G.M.B.

Oct 4th

D.P. BJ + about 5 freshers with G.D.W. Don Thompson + Don's friend to R.D.s. To the bottom some freshers climbed up the chimney. Met the Cathedral school party, two of whom were escorted out by Gary = Don. 1 fresher descended the pitch

BJ

Oct. 4th D.G.M., P.M.L., Colin Glass, Eric Verner "Dan" to Read's.
 Got lost in times! Vast stream down sweater. Entrance very wet.
 Couldn't have done it without a rope.

P.M.L.

WAD KE Margaret-, Ann-, Peter-, Richard- to
 Sulcot Sw. for fishes trip. Everyone reached the bottom.
 This was a mistake as most were large in the hips
 (especially) and had to be pushed & pulled through
 nearly all the squeezes. We were down for 4 hours - much
 too long & people (probably Margaret) were rather tired on
 emergence.

WD.

Oct 5th

The phenomenal rainfall of the last few days, which has caused
 extensive flooding in many parts of the West Country, prompted an
 excursion to G.B. to inspect the water level in the lower part of the
 cave. The party was led by the President and W.D., and included
 D.G.M., P.M.L., C.J., B.B.P., H.M.J. and the latter's guest Fred James. Fred was
 visiting Mendip to see the local caves and scenery, though the latter
 was well hidden by rain curtains.

The party drove to G.B. in heavy rain, and scrambled across the
 waterlogged field into a cave well lubricated by drops. The bottom of the
 cave, a foam splattered sump by now, was reached in about 17 minutes.
 E.K.T. was nearly crowned by a shower of boulders, when H.M.J. was
 trying a traverse near the ladder and found himself on a slope of
 mud and loose boulders. A careful retreat prevented an avalanche from
 starting. The party gathered by the overhead ropeway and was
 impressed by the foam caught on the wire and walls, and the
 large volume of water still passing by.

Water was flowing in inconvenient volume down the entrance passage,
 when we returned, and this was coming from the field, down the
 guffs and into the doorway. Even the President was astounded by the
 unusual wetness.

H.M.J.

P.M.L., B.B.P., D.G.M. tried to get out the wet way, but were forced back by the large amount of water coming down the chain at the devil's elbow. "Couldn't have done it even with an exposure suit". Retreated wet, and left the cave via the dry way (after dismissing the possibility of the ooze passage).

D.G.M.

Oct 8th Wednesday

D.G.M. + P.M.L. to hut. Rented Tilley lamp, began digging post hole for generator post. Also tested new resin 110 foot ladder.

P.M.L.

10th October Friday night.

Arrivals W.D. 7.00 pm

OT KB 10.00 pm

Wonders? who is this D.C.M.P.M.K. animal?

11th October

Freslers' Trip to G.B. - those present included D.G.M., P.M.L., K.E., W.A.D., G.W., P.I.M., D.P., O.C.L., A.S.B., + the following Freslers :- A.R., M.M., W.B., H.H., C.H. (female). R.S., I Richard Shuter, Rodney Bailey, John Harradingle, Bob Howe, Colin Glass, Bernard Chapman, David Lethbridge, John + Keith Board, Eric Gilbert + 2 others, making 26 in all. Disposed to set parts of the cave as usual. Water much lower than last week

D. P.

A very fine night was spent in the Pleuro; to quote "quite like old times". The Society returned to the hut and re-instated a few rounds of that cosy game of "Yo-yo". [There are no prizes offered for the solution of this puzzle; see log book for spring term 1957, about Mark].

P.S. Remark by Oliver to President "Is this other basket yours?"

P.M.L. to D.G.M. "We have gone too far....."

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Wednesday
Tuesday 15th October

DGM and BJD to the hut where they felled some trees, enlarged, and trimmed the aid to happiness in the hut
BJD

Sunday 12th. P.S.T., H.E., JAN. & B.B.P. to Swildas on a sight seeing trip. Muddy sump full, 6 hours.
B.B.P.

Saturday 18th October '68

G.W, B.B.P, WAD, PML, JAN, C.J.E. O.C.L. DGM + BJD took assorted freshers around Eastwater. The party totalled 18 souls. DGM PML, The Blatchford-type - fresher + David X laddered (eventually) the two verticals. GW, B.B.P, C.J.E, A.R. BJD + Richard laddered the Dolphin routes. O.C.L, with many freshers followed down the two verticals, and W.A.D's party went up Baker's Chimney, and down the traverse + left.

The parties met generally at the 2nd Bold step, also down were 4 M.C.G.'s.

The freshers found the 14 pots quite interesting (in their way) there were about 11 people coming up at one time and the air became fog-like. The parties came out generally without mishap, save that the 2nd Vertical was very hard to detach, due to the vast profusion of granny knots on the belay. It was a good trip
BJD

* with Jan, Michael, Nigel & of course John Hall

An interesting physiological experiment was carried out during Saturday night (i.e. 4.00 am - 9.30 am) when it was proved that a moderately normal human being could exist for 5.5 hours in the Bond sleeping bag. Only the timely arrival of the early morning tea saved the victim (the Blatchford-type-fresher, E.G) from a ghastly death.
W.A.D.

Tuesday Oct. 21 1958 Bernard Chapman + EKT took party of 11 from Boyanston school down G.B. as guests.

N.B. On arrival at hut found 3 windows + both parts of door of caravan open. EKT

Wednesday 22nd. P.M.L. D.S.M. doing a few odd jobs around the hut viz: hole digging, caravan cardboard lining of etc. D.S.M.

Saturday 25th October

Eric Gilbert

G.D.W., DRP, EKT, P.J.T., G.M.B., Colin Glass, The Slasher, Richard, Ann and two other freshers + G.J. to Lamber. All members except for G.M.B. and EKT descended the pitel (and reascended). Also down the cave were two M.W.R.C. types who were apparently camping down there. Several members absailed down the pitel. The Blatford type fresher apparently thought that G.D.W. was a Nig-nog. (I think; it's probably true but what is a nig nog?) It was a good trip

A point of information -

A Nig-Nog is a pregnant fairy (With hobnailed boots I believe)

Sunday 26 Oct. Party of 5 filling in at Priddy Circle 2 hrs. work ~~done~~ done, indeed quite a lot was done. EKT

Tuesday 28 Oct. Five blankets + 1 quilt/duvet cover + various pitches oddments added to hut supply. M.I.C.T.E. please note. Carpet for caravan.

Wednesday 29th October

BQMPMLCJJWADCLD

to Old Rectory

Compton Martin to order to investigate a shaft in the back garden. ~~To~~ the accompaniment of the clicking of still- + cine-cameras the shaft was descended. The depth was 24 ft & the diameter 7 ft except for the top casing which was 3 ft. The shaft ~~was~~ is in ^{solid} Dolomitic conglomerate, the top 10 ft may be in clay. At the bottom of the shaft are pick marks, shot holes, toads, bottles, tin cans, mud and a shortage of oxygen.

After tea cakes and biscuits the Visitors Book was signed. Thanks to Mr. Grant for his hospitality

WD.

Sayings of the day:- Dait head on the tauds!

:- Keep grandfather away from the hole!

Saturday 1st November

CJE

OCL, PML, CJJ, GMB, ~~AT~~ BLMC, EDGE, CKAG, DP, RAS

JAN + Nigel + David to Suildon to christen a batch of new mumps. Cave full of Weegies and equipment. Foul smell of half burnt porcupine at B smers Loop which followed us out, born by the gentle winds. The mump claims one more etc acetylene lamp and one helmet. Surprising failure to strike wet matches on wet rock opened an early return through mump one as there was a shortage of electric lamps. However, party led by OCL, successfully achieved mump two. They couldn't have done it without an exposure net. One between fire?

Failure of several lamps belonging to Weegies caused an undignified and disorganised exit. Suspect Weegies of bringing out a body. It nearly broke the lifeline on the 40 ft. A lousy trip but enjoyed by all.

The secretary claims it was a good trip. We therefore suspect that he did not enjoy it.

2 Ram-bellical!

B2M.C.

Very nice trip except for @ emerging at 10 pm., after "they" had about 2 @ getting

back to the hut to find the hearth littered with the earlier members, who had only been interested in their own evening meals. 911
Are these moans and complaints necessary? ^{oh}

Saturday 1st November.

E.K.T., W.D. D.G.M. spent the afternoon forming the kitchen - once the fact that there are no right angles whatsoever in the hut had been fully appreciated the job proved easy.
D.G.M.

Sunday 2 November.

Arising ~~late~~ late, after a night of rain drumming on the roof it was felt by certain members that a little un-strenuous carrying was called for. Consequently G.W. & B.R.C. after preparing the morning meal staggered to Rod's. The pitch was climbed by both. B.R.C. had an uneventful trip down & up, but lost his light whilst lifting G.W. G.W. was darned by his "aim" into and lost his lights coming back up. An amusing little tip? B.R.C.

Remarks of the day!

Wendy:- "And what is more Gony has not given me back the garments he removed." B.R.C.

" " I like that. You picked me up & dumped me on you." B.R.C.

W.D. BBP took Helen, Wendy, C.B. Smith to Heads Cas. spent a couple of hours wandering around the boulders in the Z. Alley area.

W.D.

Saturday 8th Nov.

C.T.E, A.R., RAS, JAL, D.H.J, G.C.B. a very enjoyable trip with some work done in East Passage. A visit was made by one member on a zoological study of caves - she also insisted on coming out the west way. To the disgust of certain other members of the party! Back 8.45.

C.J.C

The party left for the Plume at 9.25 and certain members RAN all the way there!

left

Resumed for Swildon's VI (Diving).

Wise! This space!

Kitchen party (O.C., D.R.P. & P.S.T.) took food and refreshments to Swildon's VI in support of the diving party. We reached our base at 6 pm. just before the divers had started going through Sump IV. There were 7 of them led by Chris Wells, all except Wells & P. Davis were free-diving it and nearly drowning in the process. Stream was high, so Duck Food could not complete survey, but discovered some mud stalactites in "Buxton's Horror." Len Davies explored 2 of the 3 side passages: no go. Note enough Mayfly for the 3rd. Wells divided Sump V into Swildon's VI. Sump V is 80' long, lots of room. Swildon's VI is big. Didn't go to end. Sump V could be shortened to 20' by digging away a gravel bank at the far end. Wells thinks if this were done it might be free-divable! Diving party returned to IV at 10.45 to 11.15 pm. and we gave them tea, bread & cheese and chocolate. They were very appreciative. They were too tired to take out their luggage, so left it for the next day. We packed up for home at 12.15 pm. and had the misfortune to meet some Southport types: Awfully Decent Chaps, but very incompetent, so stupid that they didn't realize it. They slowed us down by an hour and eventually managed to explode Wells' breathing apparatus. We left them in Balch's gutter. Total time in Swildon's 12 hours 40 minutes. All dead tired.

Saturday.

P.M.L., D.G.M., C.T.J., W.D., G.M.B., P.R. Blatchford Colin Eric to PRIMROSE POT. The first four ALL reached the bottom with a neat piece of rapid shuttling G.M.B. & Co. did steking work hauling and in the kitchen.

Descended case 3.45 pm
 8.20 pm all 4 members had reached the bottom + 2 were on their way back up.
 9.50 pm C.T.J. entered squeeze on way back (first one out)
 11.00 pm P.M.L. entered squeeze (3rd out)
 1.40 am All members out - exhausted

Time of trip ~~was~~ just about 10 hours
 The whole trip went off very smoothly.

W.D.

P.M.T. :- The bottom was very nice, just like the grand canyon. (said afterwards)

The language in the squeeze was remarkably mild. All usual none of the members are going down again.

P.S. This was WAD's last mining trip before he went to serve Her Majesty 899.

W.A.D.

Sunday, 9th Nov.

After a very late breakfast most members made for the Plume while others chopped wood and went up and down the beech tree "en rappel".

Afternoon - EKT with 4 convicts to Pridley where 1 Row very hard work was done.

eg.

Tues. 11th Nov.

4th m. visited hut. found toolshed door open. It had not been bolted.

Sat. 15th

C.T.E. P.R.; P.S.T., G.W., Richard, Nigel, David, John Mott etc. to August Hole - 30' Rift impassable so longwood instead. We met THEM (MCG) in longwood & Patrick showed a gross lack of tact when talking to them. Out for the Plume.

G.W.

Sat 16th

BC, E.V.G., S.W., B.M.C. to G.B. for digging. A few feet gained in clearing pass at bottom of cave. Rift to right of gorge (last before bottom) explored. Airon gained to small grotto. Water inlet via a whaled metal and outlet via side-ramp. Stream temporarily diverted in hope of draining ramp.

B.M.C.

Sunday, Nov. 16 1958.

No. 1. Party of 6 men + 2 women to Priddy lands

At about 12 noon party started to move a large stone from bank cutting 3 back to top of bank. Stone in a hollow + measured about 4' cube. At first efforts to move stone were not very effective but after refreshment (Guinness for strength - Garry) of the C.O.C. back of stone jacked up + then rapid progress made. The move was completed by 3.15 pm. Vertical height moved 4' - horizontal distance 10 ft. G.M.

Sunday Nov. 16. 58.

Removed fr. hut, 40' ladder, 20' ladder, 2 ladders, 2 bags for rest next week

Wed. 19th Nov.

The hut is in a disgraceful condition, whoever was back out on Sunday night must have been ashamed of themselves.

I.M.P.

P.M.L. - D.G.H.

→ Battery almost completely discharged - so unless the hydrometer indicates more than "dead battery" lights should not be used next (this) weekend

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Caravan also in shocking condition. Who's been using it? or what it has been used for?

Well you should know that.

P.M.L.

Jenny

Sat 22 Party of 20 including some visitors to G.B. Two digging parties. One at the bottom and one in East passage. Steam reworked out of bottom dip. About 50-60 buckets out of bottom dip. Unable to blast owing to deterioration of gelignite. Half a dozen sticks of gelignite burnt. Battery still Dead 7 lat. One yado left at bottom dip in G.B.

Unfortunate incident when the Secretary and his party were inadvertently locked in. ~~Not~~ Released after 1/4 hour wait.

B.L.M.C.F.

They were: - CJE, AR, CH, JRL, GW, Peter, CJS, BC, EUg, PHL, ~~AB~~ Slasher, GMB, R.AS. Nigel, DP + 4, EKT, + David.

Sat 22. BBP, C.G. and P.J.T. to Guildons to tackle ring for MKO practice in TV. Mud sump leaked and knobby dog put a greasy chimney.

P.J.T.

Sat 22 changed gas cylinder
9.11.13

Sunday: "If the male members care to get invited they are welcome"
P.M.L.

Sunday 23. BBP and P.J.T. to detackle Guildons. Job completed.

P.J.T.

Sat 30th Nov 58

Battery completely flat DO NOT USE ELECTRIC LIGHTS.
 MICTE ^{did not} forgot to bring gas mantles.

B.B.P. and O.C. to Cheddar, where we spent a busy afternoon visiting three dry caves: Great Dove's Cave (by kind permission), Reservoir Hole & White Spout Cave. The Manager of Cheddar Caves Ltd. has been having a lot of trouble with "vandals", who break every type of lock he puts on Gt. Dove's, soon after it is locked. One can scarcely be surprised. Anyway, it was nice to see that hole again. Barry established the fact that it is formed in an antitropical fold of bedding; good bedding can be seen in one place in the steep part. Near the bottom is a obvious thrust fault, and the cave passage follows subsiding faults through small & smaller holes. Right at the bottom the signs of digging are not recent. It is warm but fresh, which suggests air communication with Gough's Nose.

Reservoir Hole & White Spout are Collector's Pieces in the good sense. The former horizontal, ^{practically} the latter an enormous white vertical rift with moon milk. 2 1/2 hours caving walking.

O.C.

P.F.C., D.H.S., D.E., Squiggle (R.O.S.) & D.P. digging at the bottom of G.B. while others haspoted themselves elsewhere: 70 buckets removed, mostly from the floor around two boulders; one was completely removed, the other (larger) one is about 5' x 3' x 4' & will need to be changed, although the first few inches ^{have} ~~was~~ evenly split off. Work was started on the digging of a hole into the lower rock underneath.

D.P.

Sat 29th Nov.

P.M.L. D.G.M., C.J.F. C.S.S. went to Swildon's IV.

also in Swildon's IV were a mixed party of Wares, B.E.C. WSG, and Red Rose pot hole club (4 souls), and three Oxbridge people the former we met in the bedroom chamber, the latter in Swildon's IV. The telephone cable from the practice room was still intact and a powerful aid to navigation in Paradise Regard but tended to get in the way on the greasy chimney and at the Blasted Boss.

David lost his ~~yard~~ ^{yard} in IV and to all our surprise (s?) found it again. We took 5 1/2 hrs. It was a good trip.

Saying of the trip. P.M.L. in blue pencil passage "It stuck on this censored."

699 P.S. Not Party of B.E.C who informed us that Cuthbert's is closed by a big boulder in the entrance (except to the very slim)

Sat. 29th

PST & G.W. spent the afternoon stocking the wood benches, whereby depriving themselves of a whole days carving.

Eric & Wendy, supervised by ELP, re surfaced the tabletop. Sunday. Various jobs done - water catchment, hub roof & gutters cleared. More wood chopped. G.W.

Woodcutters please take note: Several objects to having to remove trees and brushwood from the track before he can take his car along it. D.M.

Sun. Nov. 30th 1958. Party of 3 to Gough's Old Cave.

Found some orange red undisturbed under the trampled layer in M/14, 15. M/M

Sun. Nov. 30/52

D.P. + 4 Q.M.C. (London) beds down G.B. for a pleasure trip - nothing exciting, but enjoyable. Lots of M.V.R.C. types down there.

D.P.

W.B. Left in bottom dig me: 2 spades, 1 mattock, 2 buckets, one brace & bit (WC), 1 bump hammer, 1 studrill in partially finished hole.

6/12/58. Saturday

D.P. EVA. O.C. BLMC. + R. + () to G.B. lower dig.

After one bang which had little effect we waited for smoke to clear then dug 30 buckets. Finished with record bang.

home

All tools except 3 buckets removed to the.

7/DECEMBER. Sunday.

Patrick Thomas - Tony Morrison to Swildons.

Dived trip to Swildons Sump II and out again.

Taking up W.S.G. tackle and replacing with U.B.S.S. and vice versa on way out. Total time 1 hour 20 mins

About 15 weejees were noticed on the trip, but they were very helpful and did not get in the way.

P.S. We were sitting in the Hunters within 2 hours of starting down the cave.

A.J.M.

We met Anne a charming young W.S.G. girl, with a grade A body and a personality to match. She asked us to adjust her brassiere.

P.J.T.

7th December Sunday.

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P.M. E.G. D.G.M. to Cuthberts after having arranged for a guide to meet us at 12.00 P.M. (midday). When we got there we waited until 12.40 when we were told that even if the guide did turn up he was attending a committee meeting at 2.30 P.M. so would not be able to take us on our conducted ^{trip} to Cuthberts. Consequently we left without seeing Cuthberts.
D.G.M.

10th December Received a letter apologising for lack of guide - he apparently turned up 5 mins after we left and would have been able to take us down the cave.

Apparently a boulder has fallen above the entrance niche and only small people can get down the cave.
(See entry of 29/11/58 G.J.G.)
D.G.M.

4 keen members arrived at 12 am to find the hut lotted and lamed. After a ^{short} tour of Rocks, Reads, Drumbar's Hole & the Bath, P.M.L. & D.G.M. let them in. At 4.30 pm 5 freshers (R.S., A.R., C.H., H.H., E.V.G.) entered Sidecot. and after numerous difficulties had been overcome, I reached the bottom of the 30ft chimney. Reached the surface at 8.30 pm after a very enjoyable trip.
R.S.A.R.E.G.

Thyle Denis, Brian Hackman, John Turner, Ivor Amett, Dick Hodgen, Denis Truscott ^{+D.P.} to Swildon: pleasant trip to first snmp. Water conditions low to average.
4 1/2 hrs.

That silly drinking, Ivor Amett, didn't let Wilko Hill know that he was going to 2.P. He left & got no late pass. In consequence, M.C.C. got called out at midnight to search for him.
13th December

C.J. & G.W. (P.F.E.) felled and logged upwards of 6 trees and stocked up the benches. With others enjoying themselves in S. Wales & Swildon's upper we feel exceedingly virtuous.

13th December, Barry, Oliver, Nigel, Wanda & Helen to Upper Swildon's. We explored all the unmined passages and enjoyed ourselves prodigiously.
O.C.

Has anyone seen my saving helmet? It is white with black/red checkered. It so could it please be available for the New Year as I will be needing it then.

G. Wills.

14. Dec.

O.C.H., P.J.T., B.B.P. to Fast Chamber. Kenny kindly carried in our fusty tackle while we used Len Dawes? Blasted Bon made wider, but stinking pool now a foot deep, with prospect of sumping unless something done about it. Water running back from B.B. ladder broke (one wire near the top) while O.C.H. was climbing without life-line - he seemed unperturbed and had a pleasant snooze while Patrick and I were working. One more sawbolt. Trip took 6½ hrs.

B.B.P.

14th December

G.W and B.J. again attacked the trees and managed to fell upwards of two. Work then ceased in the wood and we devoted ourselves to clearing up the hut. At about 3:10 pm we were informed by Gerald that there was an alert for August Hole (of all places), and the figure of Wills was seen to disappear down the hut-track in a flurry of - er dust? and feathers. But the rescue never came ~~there~~ thanks heavens.

12th - 14th December. Away trip to Agri. Allowed.

Those present were: W.B. E.G. C.S. B.C. KE. AR. P.M.L. J.G.W. met by Angus and Sheila Watkins and a friend of theirs Roger Kilbuck(?). Party split up in the cave, some going along the main dry chamber and the rest to the turkey series. The turkey, which gives its name to series, was found dead in the stream. "Christmas is coming - -"

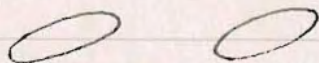
Five tour of the Welsh hills on Sunday and sun and snow. Stayed at Mammoth school seat.

D.A.M.

P.S. Caravan key lost.

Saturday, 20th December, 1958

Bernard and Chino cut wood until the bunkers (all empty) were filled, before going sailing.



Exploration of boulder rubble in Pead's Cavern carried out: no conclusion reached. I always seem to go a different way. The only part I really know is the part we surveyed in the summer.

Found one greater horseshoe bat with wing number 6556 and something illegible (? LOND 200) - 2 hour trip; very warm, very pleasant.

D.A.M.

Sunday 21st Dec. 1958

D.C.L., B.C. & E.K.T. to Gough's Old Cave.

Trimmed up sides of trench in M, N/14, 15 + removed nest, at least we hope so, of the Goughocene layer. Rock exposed in N. face. Nest partly to start at Rock Face + deepen 1' over whole floor of trench.

Tuesday 30th Dec '58.

Molly in phone, after much woe and grief, to E.K.T.:

- ① "If you are not careful, you will have to buy me yet another pair of stockings".
- ② "He's been leading me astray again".

D.A.M.

Caravan lock removed, because key seems to be permanently lost.

31st Dec '58 Caravan key found
Battery fully charged.

31st ^{Dec} - 2nd Jan. Electric lights used considerably, but strong winds have kept the battery fully charged. over

THE NEW YEAR PARTY

This was the 29th in the societies History. Those present were (in order of appearance) Patk, DGM, DN, MM, EVG, ~~699~~, BBP, PRB, R Squires, P.G., C.G. ~~and~~ O.C. + Struan Robertson, Bone Stead + Johnny Squires, Trat, Molly, Bertie.

The party opened at the Plume of Feathers with a little mild drinking. The members then moved up to the hut where Oliver + Struan were doing staling work on the dinner, Pamela and David took over later. The turkey arrived from Gerald's at about 9.15 and was rapidly dispatched. About this time the first casualty of the evening, one Barry Perratt was assisted into bed by A Crook, whom we suspect, was after Barry's share of the alcoholic liquors available. However, be that as it may, Barry played no active part in the party thereafter.

The members then devoted themselves to some serious drinking, until 12 o'clock, when the President and Oliver ~~and~~ assisted by a somewhat unsteady John Squires, set off several fireworks, but were defeated by a large one. Eventually the crowd became exasperated with their failure, and the cry "We want arson" was heard. The maestro eventually stepped forward, and soon the firework was ignited, after ceremonial scaring of two old black crows, and Duldang hane. The members returned to their drinking until about 3.30, when they went off to their various beds. About 3 dozen members were sick in the course of the evening.

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The President said that he wanted the bones and scraps for his "soup pot". The members feel sure that said "soup pot" can be rivalled only by the Bondian Sleeping Bag after seeing some of the ~~remains~~ remnants of the meal.

S/S.P.

Jan 1st. The members rose at the early hour of 11:00 am. after being given various pills by our lone pharmacist Peter Jones. With mournful looks the members passed the day (though 1 tree was chopped ~~down~~ and moved some considerable distance in the afternoon) while E.K.T. planted trees and eat vast quantities just to show what he could do. In the evening members journeyed down to the plane it spent a pleasant evening there, though DGM wandered off ~~without any~~ before anyone else (we suspect he prefers the gin in the hut to beer in the plane). All members were half pickled (Don Newton being at least three quarters ^{LYING NGUNO. PERRATT!} of the way there) and a very pleasant evening was passed at the hut.

B.B.P.

Jan 2nd.

D.N., C.G., M.A. ~~and the~~ DGM, PML, went home leaving B.B.P., C.J., P.R.B., E.V.G. to hold the fort and stop ~~the~~ "reg" of plane fame" from starving. We rose about mid-day and spent 1/4 of an hour outside the plane waiting for opening time after walking ~~to~~ Bladon for supplies of food. A pleasant and non-energetic day.

B.B.P.

Margaret	3 votes	} we shall prove who later. <u>watch this space.</u>
Rita	1 vote	
Pam	0 vote.	

Wittes
4 votes

3rd January 1959.

OCL, BBP, EVG, G.D.W. cutting wood before caving and also lit a fine bonfire and disposed of the large pile of twigs which had lain outside for so long.

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Later to Epatchurch where we had lots of fun exploring all sorts of odd corners. Out in time for an excellent chicken dinner before visiting the Plane

23575-458. PTE. Garry, with

PS with the aid of Cyril, we purged the ~~to~~ child weather in the day.

4th January 1959

E.K.T., A. Apsimon, B.B.P., E.V.G. inspected Manor Favour, finding at least 10' of water. Steps were taken to reduce inflow. Then proceeded to Rhino Lift where E.K.T., B.B.P. + E.V.G. went down in order to examine the dig with a view to renewed activity.

E.V.G.

Gas Cyl. Changed.

S.P.

10th Jan 59

Gas cyl changed, recharged and recharged. Gas pressure low because of low temperature (cold). 2cm.

Cylinders warmed up in hut.

Sat 10th Jan 59.

J.N., A.R., R.S., D.S.M., to G.B. to cut chain at the ho'drop in garage and attach it to the ratchet instead of having it tied round a rock. This has resulted in the saving of about 9' of chain which was brought out for use elsewhere. When we went into the cave we found the ratchet cover at the bottom of the blockhouse had not been replaced in position by the party

Previously in the cave

D.G.M.

Battery about 1/2 charged so lights can be used in moderation.

Sat. 10th Jan.

G.W., O.C.H., E.V.G., B.B.P., to primrose pot to insert a bar (suitably cemented) at the ~~D~~ end of the squeeze. 3 hrs. 25 mins. G.W. dropped O.C.H.'s clangers to the bottom of the pot.

B.B.P.

The O.C.H. sharpens knife has claimed it's most serious patient yet. Is he after ~~the~~ customer's? - he very nearly had one. B.B.P.

Sun 11th Jan.

Five to Rhino Rift for blasting ops. at bottom - P.M.L., D.G.M., R.H.S., F.K.T., E.V.G., F.K.T. placed two sticks and detonator up cave of boulder. Detonation blew hole about 3'x3'x1'6 (vertical) and boulder completely shattered. Communication with the surface party was not kept due to their negligence.

E.V.G.

Saturday 17th January 1959

7 to Swildons in afternoon to help (in or) out with cave diving expedition. Cave in flood, water rising, 40' ft impossible (from above). Waited until water flooded entrance gating, then left. Altered M.E.D. Waited until it appeared that more caves were trying to get out, even under those conditions, then went to help with life-lining (6.30 pm.) - Much trouble. About 30 very tired & wet cavers, some exhausted. One fatality due to shock & asphyxia. All out by about 11 pm. Cave home shaggy & miserable.

Oct.

~~scribble~~

Sat 17th Jan.

D.A., C.G., Graham, M.M., A.R., Cynthia, David, Mike, W.B., to G.B. Cave very wet, though stream not flowing down the entrance. Dig at bottom full of water, with filthy scum on. Pleasee trip only, to show Graham cave.

Sunday 18th Jan

Some lads came in to the hut at about 6.00 PM asking if we had seen Peter Bird who was apparently about 6 hrs overdue in Reals. It turned out that he had got rather absorbed in boat rigging and had forgotten to come out. He was quite OK. D.G.M.

Saturday 24th January

Gybil, Richard, David, Barry, Anne, Patrick Bernard and Garry to Eastwater to view the entrance to the Hold Series - much too loose for Y to tackle so we came out, Bernard, Patrick & W climbing the crack up the Dolphin Pitch. This is a fine chimney but PJT tells us a very large rock flake is loose and needs shifting. He's going back there to do it some time. A very nice 4 hr trip - dry and leisurely in the main. afterwards to the Hunters for a pint.

* Sat ~~30th~~ Jan. 31st Jan. G.W.

B.B.P., D.^P, G.W., C.A.W. and PJT to Eastwater to shift boulder on Dolphin pitch. This is about fifteen feet up the crack on the right hand side. It's a flake and has a fulcrum at the top as well as the bottom with a easy four inches of play. There is however 4" space behind it and it can't be brought down by the short crowbar, which is the only one we took, we are going down next week with a long bar which should move it. G.W. and BBP detacked the double verticles after the otta party.

P.J.T.

* BBP and C.J.E. collected a vast amount of wood to recover from some bad trees in the Langford

Sat 31st Jan 1959

Sheila Watkins (née Watts) Colin Glass, + GJ to an arduous and difficult cave situated not so far from the field Headquarters of the UBSS.

This awesome cavern was GOATCHURCH, the hell Hole of Mendip. We entered at 3.30, and saw not the light of day until 5.00. During our 1 1/2 hrs of toiling in the bowels of mendip, we encountered Sunday weegies, who smoked cigarettes in an entirely anti-social fashion. We reached the utmost depths of the hole and emerged more dead than alive to walk back to the hut.

We feel most righteous when we think of the members doing tourist trips of semi show caves like Swildons and Eastwater! Given by my hand at the UBSS field H/Q, this 1st day of February in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty nine

GJ

Sunday 1st Feb '59

Panela Trotman (née Lewis) Eric and D.S.M. to Lamb Leer but unfortunately the key had no effect on the lock. We ended up doing two strenuous caves - East Tuni and Avelin. Returned weary to the hut after a good day's caving

G.W. to P.W.B. "There's no reason why you should get hurt if you cooperate." D.S.M.

1st Feb.

S.A.B.W, C.A.W, & two Langford nets, Mike Vanni go with to G.B. Thorough tourist trip. Out via Wet Way, which was much appreciated Zho.

Davis

CAW

Sunday Feb. 1st 1959

Gough's Old Cave. Digging in #115. Some undisturbed dark red, non plastic laminated earth on top of rock on very large boulders. Possibly edge of pit dug by Gough found. See special log. *RS*

31/1/59

O.C.L. E.V.G. R.A.S. B.L.M.C. + David + Michael to Swildons ~~to~~ to help remove diving tackle from Swildons IV. On arrival we found that we were the only sherpas at Main Base. Investigation at Shepton Mallet Club but elicited the information that one of their number had fled! (The river). Went right to Swildons III and brought out two heavy bags of ~~lead~~ imitation lead copies of kitchen equipment. No diving kit brought out as it was assembled ready for us.

1 foot of air space in mud ramp. Michael suffered three immersions at the double pots but recovered after a good dose of chocolate. A good trip of 6½ hours. We would appreciate a little company on the next sherpa trip.

B.L.M.C.

Saturday 31st Jan.

J.E.S., D.H.S., R.S. + Jo Smith to Eastwater. Down 1st + 2nd verticals, 14 pds, muddy orzons + out via the Dolphin route. Used ladders laid by other party on Dolphin Pitch. Successful trip. *RS.*

Sunday.

J.E.S., D.H.S., R.S. + Jo Smith to G.B. Photography in hall. On via wet way. *RS.*

Tues. Feb. 3-

Visited hut to collect old G.B. ladder.
Found tool shed not locked.

Sat 7 Feb. 1959.

AR, EVG, OCL, PJT. to Eastwater to
examine 'Dolphin' flake with a view to moving it.

Inspection The rock above the flake was connected
to the structure of the chamber. A large number
of boulders.

Palpation The flake is loose as mentioned before.

Perussion (With a hammer - the crowbar as a cad
luste wood (not a note of its own.) The
wedges provided of rock above is dull, if
not hollow.

Auscultation W.A.D.

Diagnosis Loose.

Treatment Conservative.

On the way out AR and EVG found their own
way out of the boulder rubble. O.C.L. and
PJT went some of the way down the 380' way
up a filthy gully to Kantak cairn, down Baker's
Chimney along the upper traverse back to 380' way,
and so out. Great fun.

P.S.T.
Enquiry at the Hunter's Arms after the trip elicited the information that the
big Shepherds trip was already under way. Thank goodness we didn't know
out.

Sun 8th Feb 59

EKT, CG, PML, CJJ, WAD, G.W., M.M., AR,
 DGM to Gaughin's Private Parts. Photographs by name
 taken by G.W. and EKT of ladder pitches and things.
 Also some squeezemanship.
 Jcut.

Sat. 7th Feb 59.

EKT, G.W., CJJ, CKG — 'Bringing' & digging
 party to East passage, G.B.; G.W. was suffering from
 the effects of an unknown ailment.
 CKG.

Sat.

Quote: G.W. to C.J.E. "Come on, Jim all packed"

Sat. 14th February, 1959 Last week's optimism soon gave way to pessimism, when
 we heard that 5 heavy packs had been left at the head of Blue Point Passage and an
 unknown number of ammo. tins in Trout's Temple. Some of the latter were
 removed by Norman Parks last Sunday, and he carefully concealed the remaining
 two. Today, a party of M.V.C.C. types, 2 or 3 strong (headed by Eric Strong
 & Ron Teagle) went down about noon to get out what they could. They managed
 an incredible amount: all five packs from the head of B.P.P. We went down
 (Brian Ullingridge, Cyril Johnson, Richard & odd.) in the afternoon & met them
 at the head of the 40' pit. We borrowed their tackle (by previous
 arrangement with Mike Holland) and went down to Trout's Temple, where
 we found the hidden ammo. tins, and came out with them. Total
 time of trip about 2 1/2 hours; very satisfactory. All the diving
 dirt has now been removed from Swildon's Hole! *o.c. Long*

NBC, BBP, G.W., C.J.E., EVG, EKT, Dave and Mike to
 East Passage, with Nellie and 40 ft of
 railway. Railway laid without Retch and
 trial run carried out. An obstacle in the
 shape of a large projection was encountered
 and EKT returned to the Pit for some

Banges. When the Banger arrived the projection had been removed with a canno and cloth - to the delight of those who had to make two trips.

Sunday 15th Feb 1950

CJE and EDW to Rods for a pleasure and 'observation' trip. Among other things an interesting luminescence was observed on the bottom of the patch. This can only be seen with all lights out and after some 5 minutes in the dark when the eyes become accustomed to the back of the eyes.

At the time of writing (15:01 GMT) the Borat-Johnston sea party was still in full swing having been somewhat disturbed by our presence.

Sunday

C.S.J. B.B.P. H.H. C.H. C.N. W.B.H. to Rods for ladder practice for females. I would like to suggest a few things

- A) Members clean tackle after use
- B) Members do not leave their tackle in a cave for ~~the~~ other parties to bring out
- C) Members do not climb up a ladder, when a complete novice is climbing down, without at least telling the lifelines.
- D) Members do not "show off" their superior(?) caving skill and get into difficulties expecting others to help them

Messrs B & J seem a little put out about last week ends trip to Rod's Pot - could it be a case of better grubes. After all we got there first. The blatant macaroon in the above entry will be overlooked - this time.

Sat 2nd Feb.

Working and Tourist trips to G.B.

1) EAST PASSAGE

GDW, B.C., N, DN low last 8 ft of track and ballasted the rest of the track. Nellie fairly stable but some good work with a file could be done at the end of the final stringer. L.H. Side of wall stripped and roof blasted to extend railway right up to working face. Question. Did the last stick of banger go off?

2) G.B. BOTTOM.

DP, OCL, etc joined by EVC to G.B. Bottom for digging session some 30-40 buckets removed.

3) TOURIST TRIP.

AR, AM, CH trip of about 5 hours around G.B. which included the Ox Bow, Namba alley and Bertie's Pit, stayed to watch blasting of E. Passage, returned with banging party.

Sunday 21st Feb.

3 to Gough's Old cave. Digging at back in disturbed material. Large boulders & dirt spears under. All

Sunday 22 Feb.

AR & E.V.G., officially supported by D.N, H.H, & Ann Mills, to Roads Cave (Keltic Cavern) to see what we could see. Having lost our support party at an exceedingly early stage, we braved the boulders ruckle alone. Each passage was carefully explored & eventually we entered Zed Alley which will be fully explored at a later date.

Sunday, 22nd Feb.

M.M., Ann Mills and D.N. reluctantly to Read's BEFORE BREAKFAST, to support the party described in the last account, we descended gently to the main chamber, extinguished lights, and waited for the following pair to pass and/or lose themselves. We then departed for breakfast as silently as possible.

D.N.

Feb. 23rd

Does G.W. think that merely because he enters a cave first he has the right to leave his tackle for later parties to bring out, and use other's tackle without ~~the~~ notifying them first. The danger of this. S.P.

This correspondence must now cease Edt.

GDW, C.J.E., W.B., C.G. to East Passage and G.B. bottom underground by 10.0 am! W.B. and C.G. made a rough survey of the bottom and removed a projection near the bottom to make way for the railway. C.J.E. and G.D.W. banged some more roof from the top of the passage, filed some of the fish plates and clipped away stalaglite flow from entrance. Entrance was then blasted and should be O.K. now.

epk

Saturday 28th February, 1959 PRESIDENTIAL & VICE-PRESIDENTIAL BIRTHDAY PARTY

READ'S CAVERN. A party of fourteen spelers accompanied the President and carried with them into the cave 120 candles (60 for Tratty and 60 for Bertie), which they lit and a large birthday cake made by Molly, which they ate, in the Main Chamber. The candles made the cave look like Fairyland or Christmas Eve.

The President gave us a short address after we had lit the candles, about primitives living in that cave. After a short wait for the photographers to do their stuff the

cake was cut by the President & eaten by all except Bertie, who had flu and wouldn't come.

The President then went round the cave counting the candles & blowing them out one by one. He lost count soon after a hundred, because the spelaeos would insist on singing "I've been to Red's Laver, Molly; Oh Molly be quick, for I want to be sick, etc."

The Main Party then left the cave, but Garry, Olive & Richard explored the alley right down as far as the pool squeeze at the bottom. Richard found his way out of the Lobster Pot third shot. He said it wasn't fair for Olive to sit with his back to the way out.

O.L.

28th Feb.

1959

The writer, together with Peter McLaren and two guests, Bill Sergeant and Fred James, visited Pen Park Hole. Some of the party were rather apprehensive, for it was Bill's first venture into the Underworld, and H.M.J. had taken due note of the President's warnings about this awesome cave. The only difficult part was getting into the cave, for the lock on the gate of the compound was very obstreperous, and over the cave shaft there was a platform of stout planks. Only desperation measures prised a couple of planks from their bed of nails.

As I had found on my previous visit during the excavations, the mud in the entrance shaft was just awful, but once out of sight of daylight it was no muddier than any other cave! The crystalline walls and roof were greatly admired. H.M.J. and F.J. descended the ladder, which was still in sound condition. We agreed that it was well worth the trip. The ascent gave some difficulty; the lifeline persistently caught on a ledge when being thrown, and the top bit of the ladder was all too ready to swing the climber upside down.

Even if the cave qualifies as a "collector's piece," we agreed that it would be well worth a re-visit.

H.M.J.

28th Feb

After a trip to Leads, ably written up by my learned friend Dr. Lloyd, the members continued the celebrations in The Plume. Much beer was disposed of, and the members were in fine voice. The evening was concluded with singing of The Old Black Cross.

At closing time the members wended their unsteady way back to the hut and eventually went to bed to awake (in some cases) with splitting headaches.

■ x: x Barry spent the night in the band sleeping bag, and an act of great bravery, and he is to be recommended for receipt of a George medal.

B. J. J.

C.W.E. A.R. C.G. W.B. C.H. to East Passage where a further 6 ft of railway were laid at the top and 3 at the entrance. With the exception of one flat plate and a little ballast the East Passage Railway (Traction Trolley Co. Ltd) is now finished!

E.K.T., B.A.C., M.M. and D.N. to Gough's Old for some napping at the back. E.K.T. was nearly lost under the avalanche of boulders which followed some energetic sledge-hauling by himself and by B.A.C.

D.N.

Sunday 29th Feb.

W.B., G.W. spent the day painting the inside of H.C. - job not quite finished.

at about 7pm P.G.H., M.L., B.J.C., D.S. & the two above had just finished supper when at a time was noticed a Bushington Camp.

we went over & halted - but it out when and returned to the Block to see the view. a glow was seen below Goratchurch Valley, and on investigation this proved to be another fire we started to put this out but it had a real grip and the firemen arrived to deal with out. Then Bernard & Garry returned to that a little later Phil - Dorr came tearing in & said they had seen people lighting fires in the canyon. This proved to be army personnel on a scheme to try to light a primus. This worked for them & made them good night.

E.W.

Sat. March 7th Returned life-line borrowed last Sunday
Peter Bid.

Friday 6th March

C.J.E., G.D.W. arrived at 6:30 pm with E.N.T. installed the recharged battery and then departed for an excellent meal at the President's. Battery was only $\frac{1}{2}$ charged and one of fuses was 'mad' Pot. Connections tightened up and should be OK now. Some more painting was done and we relaxed at 1:0 am.

Sat 7th March

C.J.E. and G.D.W. rose at 7:15 am (???) and were joined by B.C. at about 10:30. E.N.T. drove the party over to G.B. at about 11:45 Initial development work was then started on the prototype railway several modifications are being drawn up for the second prototype which are eventually to become retrospective. Some of 'Nellies' were removed before we were

joined by the others.

A further 10 Nellies were removed and a large plate which had been revealed was blasted. A new bang line (100 yards) was used when all was complete G.D.W. gave the usual 1-2-3 and connected up - not a sound! "Dearie Me" quoth he! "We shall have to try again" After several the wire at the foot of the ladder and connecting up again our efforts were crowned with quite a fair bang. Both parties then moved out surfacing at about 6.30 pm. L.E.

E.K.T., G.S.T., G.M.B., I'm White, The Skulker (M.E.), D.J., Nigel, D.P. arrived in G.B. at various times. G.S.T., G.M.B. assisted (?) at E. Passage, while the rest dug at the bottom. After taking out about 26 buckets, continued to lower the floor in the L.H. corner. Took out 30 buckets, then to E.P. to watch the explosive effects of a professional expert. D.P.

Sat. 7th March.

R.A.S.; P.J.P.; O.C.H.; B.B.P. to
Faulk Chamber. Just not our day.

B.B.P.

Wed. 11th March.

G.W.; C.G.; E.V.G.; B.B.P. rose at

an hour in the morning whose existence I have always doubted and met at the bus station at 6.15 am. We caught the 6.25 am to Frons and after wandering round said town for some time, Ada Birtwhistle directed us to Flo's Cafe [2nd alley on the left and sixth door on the right] where we breakfasted. We then caught a bus to Stoke St Michael and changed

and walked to the cave entrance in rain.

The aforementioned members then went to the duct which G.W. and P.P. entered. G.W. then tried to dive the sump, but as he could not find any air on the other side the members retreated and ~~spent the rest of the night~~ spent a pleasant 12 hours in the Knackerball Arms. Staggering from this place of refuge at 2.30 we caught a bus to Oakhill where P.P. was forced to use a public telephone. Kissed. Three to Bristol and the nearest P.C.

P.P.

Sunday 7th Feb.

CJ, P.M.L., D.G.M. to East passage digging. 11 Nelly loads removed. Nelly seemed to have a will of her own but otherwise no trouble D.G.M.

Sat 14 March

Nigel took 12 College of Tech cars on tourist trip round G.B.

Sat, 14th March

Hordes and herds of cavers down G.B! As well as Nigel's College of Technology visitors (mentioned above), we were frequented by the company of 5th Newton Park training College ladies who showed a surprisingly high standard of caving. They were shown the cave by D.P., ~~E.V.G.~~, E.V.G., and others, while M.M., R.A.S., G.D.W. and D.W. had a look at East Passage and prepared to bang* (for the amusement of the Newton Park ladies). The cave was full also of Abbridge cavers, but, on the whole, the organisation was superb, and nobody seemed to get in anybody's way. The trip was followed by moderate boozing at the Pléne!

* THE PRESIDENT WISHES IT TO BE KNOWN THAT ^{D.W.} DETONATORS AND EXPLOSIVE SHOULD NOT BE LEFT IN THE HUT.

Sunday, 15th March.

M.M., D.V.,

O.C.L., E.K.T., C.J. + Wendy (not W. Beale), E.V.G. to Wootton to watch Cave Diving Group practise. The practice lasted from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. when we returned to the hut by various routes.

D.V.

Bar found ~~at~~ at 31/4854. number, 533 SPS. ~~Lower than~~
Chap concerned says he will drop. line to London Zoo!
[nonmember] - m.B.

Friday 20th

W.S.B. CKG CSE AR CM, EVG, to the phone
where a team of study peddlers + crankers made
the ancient music machine work, and the phone was filled
with the sounds - (at varying speeds and volumes) of
the Merry Widow selection.

Saturday 21st

Quotation - Margaret Maltouse to Donald Newton
Bsc. "let us start a little bit earlier so that we can try
double declutching."

C.J.E., AR, EG. to East Passage where results of Sat 14th
Bang were elaborated up with a BT of Ramme and
chisel work. 3 Nellies were removed and one
of each placed in L.H. wall Down 10.15 am out 2.35 pm

Saturday — 40th anniversary dinner
 Held at 7th Cliff Hotel, Cheddar.

A great dinner was held this day at 7th hotel as mentioned. At this were seen sundry or divers ex-members long forgotten & others remembered but their actions better forgotten.

Fine show none sober. Better write up
 will await Sobriety & daylight

(C.A.W.)

(CONT.)

About 65 members & guests arrived. Guests included Prof Zeuner, C. H. Kenny, R. Bagshawe (OEC), H. W. W. Ashworth (^{Harbridge} ~~Harbridge~~), L. W. E. Devenish (Wenex?). President & sundry vice-presidents ~~are~~ all correct.


The bar providing draught Guinness, Flowers &eg Bottles & draught Worthington, the evening opened well. The dinner (menu attached) then vanished rapidly & the top table appeared determined to work right through the wine list (6 pages). This was done with considerable success but Howard Kenney, ~~was~~ undeterred, produced a quite excellent speech in which he pointed out certain contrasts between MNRC & UBSS with startling honesty & amazing tact.

Sunday 22nd. Pete Pelaven, Harding Telford & Tony Pearson, + 2 friends to Switlow
 - Photography. Cave full & slight wanderment
 at happenings in Black Hole Region, so H. J.
 & A. J. M. dived deep to investigate. All found
 to be well - thank goodness.

A. J. M.

Sunday 22nd


A very lazy day was had by all mainly to allow some leads (particularly Mr. Watkins) to subside. The new generator pole was drilled and post cemented in by C.J.E., W.B., A.R., B.C. and B.C. M.B. (Mich Ballisto) respectively. Some wood was chopped and sawn by various people. At one time an all female team were engaged in sawing up. (Is this a record?)

In the evening C.J.E., D.N., B.C., J.H.C. (Crick) W.B. and A.R. retired to the Plume where many rounds of 5 → 10 holes were played. J.H.C. emerging champion. 

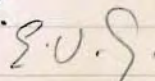
22nd.

W.B., E.K.T., C.J.E., C.H.G. to Gough's Old (can't keep away from Chelias) where at least 3 tons of spoil were moved in about two hours. A large boulder in the floor was partially demolished, a part of a flat wooden lid (well-cover?) was discovered. E.K.T. assures us that such digging is good for removing a hang-over. He should know!

W.B.

BEWARE - Seen by W.B. on Sunday 22nd March inside the Hut - one big, very exceeding big, rat (Yea, it exceeded 15 culbits!) Remedy - C.J.E. will spend the vacation designing a rat trap using radar and three sticks of gelignite 100% death rate certain! 

Wednesday 25 March.

7 pm - S.V.S. arrived to find hut locked. Retired to E.V.T.'s for key and thence to Plume. Noted Rat Trap - but from noise heard it should be in the roof. S.V.S. 

Thursday 26 March.

E.V.G. and J.H.C. flattened ground and placed gas cylinders in parallel with connecting device. Stones broken and placed to form path in front of toothed door, and gave encouragement to water to run clear of the front of the hut.

E.H.T., E.V.G. & J.H.C. - cleaned and tidied hut.

E.
K.
I.

PLEASE NOTE.

BEDS SHOULD be CLEARED and BLANKETS STACKED before members depart. THE FLOOR should be BRUSHED.

Toothed partially cleared and some material declared redundant.

To Knowle Hill to cache equipment and make plane-table survey of area of dig. E.H.T. located his Roman road which ties in with proved sections.

E.V.G.

Friday 27 March. GOOD FRIDAY.

(Angus) (Shields) (Audin)

E.H.T., J.H.C., A.W., S.W., A.R., A.A.P.S., F.V.G. to Knowle Hill for Sceter Dig. Five sondages dug on A. line. Charcoal, Flints and Romano-British (?) pottery were found at different levels, but so far NOT enough has been found to identify the site. The local Hotelery was NOT investigated, except by A.A.P.S. and J.H.C.

E.V.G.

NB GAS CYLINDERS.

A yoke has been placed connecting two cylinders. Only ONE CYLINDER will be used under normal conditions. When the CYLINDER being used runs low the second one can be turned on. As there is a non-return valve for each cylinder, either one can be changed without allowing the loss of gas.

29/3/59 Operation Right-up.

Last Friday G.W. + B.L.M.C. went to G.B. with no particular object in view and by Sunday evening were to be found 35 ft up the left hand side of gage in G.B. opposite art gallery. The initial 15 ft was climbed on Friday and one piton established at this height. On Saturday our position was consolidated and three Roubolts were inserted at intervals of 2'6". Four further Roubolts holes were drilled at similar intervals and both inserted in cyclic fashion on Sunday.

The average time for insertion of Roubolts is one in twenty minutes. Anyone requiring our services apply to Woodpeckers Inc. Members wishing to place bets on the East Passage race are requested to contact the secretary. Circular town of G.B. can be swung in vertical and horizontal planes.

B.L.M.C.

P.S. We couldn't have done it without a Filley Lamp.

B.L.M.C.

Saturday 28 March

G.M.B. watched the loads go up the wall for an hour or so

G.M.B.

Sunday 29 March

E.K.T., E.V.G. A.R. (Andre) Mr & Mrs Walkers G.M.B.

Roger Tudway BMLC, G.W., and two visitors from
Stoke on Trent to G.B. BMLC & G.W. were
up the wall some went to East Passage ~~but~~
the rest wandered around & G.W. took the
visitors out the wet way, & did no work
but took some photographs

G.M. B

Easter Monday 14-30 hrs. W.D. (thinly disguised as a weevil)
looked in. & out again.

Easter Monday, 1959 O.D. looked in soon after 3 pm. & did some
woodmanship for a couple of hours. Pete McLaure looked in.

Saturday 5th April, 1959.

We, the undersigned, being of sound mind and sober spirit,
deplore the insertion into the log of non-speleological quotations, and
request that, in future, such quotations be not recorded.

Donald Newton
Garry D Witts
Bernard Chapman
~~Oliver Lloyd~~
~~W. Truman~~
M. Matthews

Sat. 5th April 1959.

BMLC & G.W. still trying to go right up the
wall encouraged by RT, DN & ElP. We inserted one bolt
2'6" above our last and Bernard traversed across
from the ladder and fixed a couple of pits.
We achieved 10' laterally from the ladder and
ran out of pits. Next time we should prove
that this passage is mythical with the help of a
few pegs. Anyway we hope the photos are successful.

G.D. Witts, B.M. Chapman

SUNDAY, 6TH APRIL

The hut and child have been purged of loose, unattached and festering caving clothes. Clothes which were considered as possibly of some further use have been retained but it was found necessary to remove to the rubbish dump opposite the gate four wheelbarrow loads of gear which no self-respecting caves would consider wearing, and indignant members who find that all their clothes have disappeared should examine carefully the above-mentioned rubbish dump.

D.N. GW

Apr. 6 1959

In 5 weeks 4 gallons of paraffin have been used. Of this $1\frac{1}{4}$ gallons have been used in G.P. The rest has been used to light the fire $\approx 3\frac{3}{4}$ of a gallon per weekend. This is grossly excessive. Paraffin costs $2\frac{1}{2}$ per gallon

W. H. M. A.

Dudley Newton G.W.H.S. Oct 1958
P.M. Chapman

April 6/59

With the assistance of D.N. GW, RT, EKT, OCL and two visitors the wind generator was successfully erected on its new site. Height of propeller above ground now approx 28 ft. Battery charging slowly on one run of cable, more cable laying to be done later.

B. H. M. C.

April 11-12/59

OCL, D.N., B.L.M.C. involved in miscellaneous surface work. Wood cutting and finishing generator wiring were chief activities. One more rat was caught. Generator is now functioning correctly and

in charging well. A stage regulator may need some slight adjustment.

B.Z.M.C.

15th April

WFD took

the afternoon off

^{the Army} to show

3 meters

Geatchurch

W.D.

Sat. 18th April, 1959

Garry, Nigel, Chris, WFD, George, Michael & David to G.B.

George got Hister's going over Blackdown. Garry & Nigel worked at the "Right Up", while
Oll. David & Michael went and had a look at the dig at the bottom. This is much
to wet at the moment. Then Oll. joined Garry & Nigel at the work, while
David & Michael arranged to go out by the Wet Way. We were to meet
one another at the Entrance. After another 1/2 hour Garry finished &
fitted his ravelbolt & we packed up & went out the Dry Way. On reaching
the Entrance there was no sign of the other two. Nigel & George went
home by bike, WFD waited at the Entrance, while Garry & Chris
went to hunt for ^{the missing two} them. We had visions of two wet, shivering
cavers with no lights stuck in the Devil's Elbow. However, we
went right down the Wet Way (wrong way!) & up the Dry Way again
without finding them. The rods were out before us. They had
gone through the Devil's Elbow, but their way & gone back
again to the gorge & out the Dry Way. Drinks on them.

OH.

Further notes on "Right Up".

A ravel bolt has been fitted ~~for~~ in the
alcove which we traversed into two weeks ago. As the
drilling position was awkward to say the least I only
managed 3" before fitting the bolt. It really needs
another 1/2" to consolidate the position for the final
assault

E.D.W.

Sat 18th April 1959.

Fault Chamber (DGM, P.M.L. B.B.P.)
Used large ravel bolt. It would appear that this is
more satisfactory than small size.

B.B.P.

Sunday 19th

10:15 pm. C.J.E and B.C. arrived with car and gear used by Devon party. Car unloaded and returned to Trak.

Full story of caves discovered and descended by Devon party will be written up later. Suffice it to say that two $\frac{2}{3}$ new caves were discovered and entered for the first time.

C.J.E. found a packet of cigarettes with one left in and gives them to late owner of same.

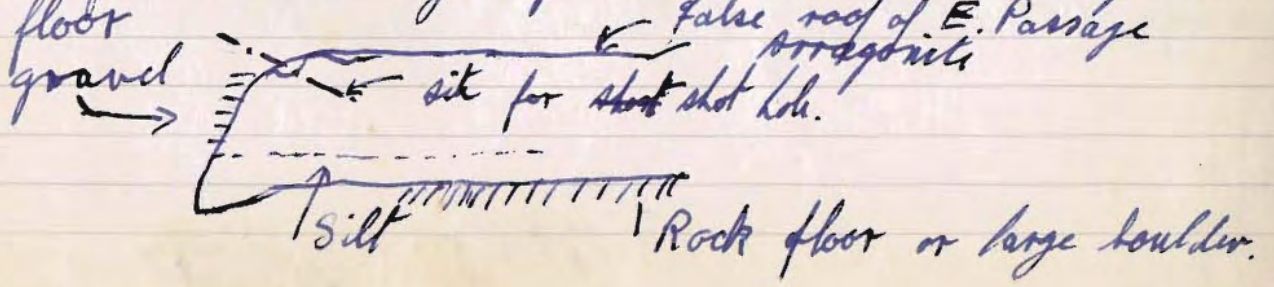
Saturday 25th - April.

Party of 4 made some progress up side of Gorge in G.B. 1 Rawlbolt placed

Party of 2 did some digging in E passage. Face consists of gravelly material under arragonite floor to depth of 18" with fine wet silt below. While digging the noise of the tapping of the drill of party working up side of Gorge cld. be heard distinctly & appeared to come from slightly above & on left side of passage & cld. only be heard in last 6 feet. Also audible was the scrouching of the drill being turned after each set of blows.

[see also next page]

- Next visit.
1. Place 1 more Rawlbolt in side of Gorge.
 2. Drill hole & place & fire shot in present excavated roof of E. passage. (Excavated roof is under layer of breccia under arragonite floor)



Saturday, 25th April, 1959

Kit, Bernard, Jerry + friend (Wally) to G.B., for operation "Right-up". They did about 5 hours work with four pitons + a sand bolt, and one was now near enough to the high hole to see that most of it is too narrow to enter. It apparently communicates with East Passage, for the sounds of hammering were very clearly heard by Terry + Nigel working there: even the sound of the drill as it was turned in the hole. Michael + David tried the Wet Way again, and found out where they went wrong last time. As they were nice and wet, Oliver took them through the squeeze into the Ooze passage, and having ascertained that the second ooze was passable introduced them to it. They completed this circuit + returned to the gorge by the Mud Passage. J.L.

~~By~~ ~~Members~~ Members are welcome to use my new axe, which is in the tackle shed, provided they use it for pulling only. It is in no circumstances to be used for chopping wood, splitting logs, or for members to warm themselves up on a cold morning. J.L.

Wed. Apr. 22 1959.

Sun. Apr. 20 1959.

Parties to Gough's Old Cave. The wooden structure partly exposed at previous visit turned out to be the round top of an ancient table. There was no space under.

Continued with breaking up of boulders + removal of loose material. For details see special log. (M17 - Gough's Old Cave). J.L.

Sat. 2nd May.

DN, PPS BBP, GW to Swildens to Varigin 'PG Stream'. We put 3 sticks in the hole already drilled and moved about 4 buckets of debris. Then we drilled about 7" of a new shot-hole and hacked up to come home. We were delayed on the way, in by Wessess, TBE & WSG who were coming and going. But we managed to be in the Plume 9.15pm.

E. Witts.

Sunday 3rd May.

G.W., B.R.C., D.W., K.E., BLAC. To Lamb Leer to take 5 C.R.G. Guests down. The trip went quite well, but was wet and very muddy. All the sights were seen ^{while} the guides absailed all over the place. K.E. explored a cess pit and became thoroughly identified with it. An M.N.R.C. group was assisted in removing a ladder from the North wall, halfway up which they have a dig. A pleasant trip but for Eaters disgusting smell!!
From Rance forth Lamb Leer will be known B.R.C.
as the Ivy Bowe MEII etc.

Sunday 3rd May P.M.L. BB.P. D.G.M. to G.B. to take about 150 people from the CRC meeting. Some out the dry way and some out the wet way.

Sunday 3rd May D.S.M.
E.V.G. & PPS to East Passage removed much material from face. An arm hole reveals an area of very wet mud, at which von Trut picked up his ears.

E. Passage G.B. N.B. The face was a dry sandy choke the previous week! ~~MM~~

Thursday 7 May

One more small rat caught bringing this year's total to three.

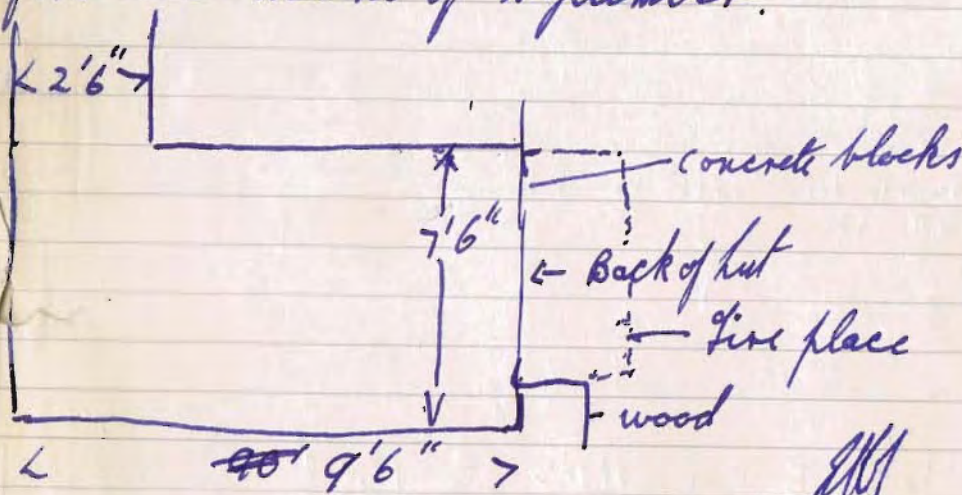
ASMC

Saturday May 9 1959

Hut Extension = New Child.

Area to be excavated has been marked out at back. Depth to dig about 2'6" - 3' against back of chimney + run off slight slope away from hut + then down passage approach. This work must be completed by Aug. 15th or there will be no New Child.

Period for doing actual construction is the first two weeks of September.



- N.B. (1). Please divide spoil into two parts, like Gaul, & keep stones separate from earth. Some of 'stone' will be required in the building.
- (2) Put spoil clear of site away from hut.

The hut may now be considered to be pregnant.

N.B. For "classical scholars"

omnes Gallie in tres partes dividentur" by courtesy of J. Lucas!

Saturday, May 9th

Tratty, Bertie, Brian, Shirley, Don and Garry to GB. Operation ~~went~~ Right Up went right up and proved the passage at the top is filled to the roof with stalagmite all we have to do now is traverse 20' to the left and prove that passage is blocked also! Tratty had a bang, which did not function at first, in East Passage. I pulled out nylon line, 2 bolts & sundry pitons scattered over the wall of the Gorge.

G.W.

Sunday May 10th

W.D. & G.M.D. to GB to investigate the effects of yesterday's bang & to adjust helix. The washers on the outside of helix wheels were transferred to the inside. The bang results: - there is now a circular hole about 1 ft diameter & 4 inches deep in the roof. It passes through muddy/sandy/oragonitic material & stops against a solid oragonite roof. Beyond the spoil heap due to the above bang is a small pool of water & a slight drip. Bang fumes were still present.

W.D.

Sunday May 10th

Only G.W., R.A.S., & E.V.G. to Stake Lane for combined pleasure and removal of tackle trip. We called at Mill first, and learnt that Phil Davis had found '8 feet of sump, with the way on too narrow for a solo climb. So we went on to collect his B.A. & O₂ cylinders. It was a good trip, done with expensive suits. Eric got too hot, but his boiler suit was too tight, anyway. Garry said it made the sumping like a Sunday School Picnic. Some of us went round the town, some by the streamway & met in the Home Room. Thence we collected the luggage, which some found tedious.

G.W. recd.

leave this side

at 16/5/59

DN & G.M.B. went down G.B. with G.W. BLMC
 O.C.L. Drilled shot hole thro' remaining aragonite
 in roof of east passage, this was found to be
 4" thick and fired 1 stick of jelly, a nice bang
 1st time

G.M. Bond

Langwood.

B.R.C. & friend P. Hennens down Langwood. A very pleasant climb
 marked only by two sets of ~~some~~ "pottolers" The first, going out
 when we went in, had a nice 400ft of nylon for Langwood.
 The second party, ^{Liverpool University} coming in when we went out had a 15' ladder
 and only 100ft of nylon. The latter was used on the 10 foot pitch
 we wandered where they would place their 15ft ladder while
 in the cave. They also had 4lbs of carbide B.R. Collingridge

August Hole.

K.B., G.I. down August water was plentiful & cold and ----
 ---- wet. The second party (see above) told us that they
 had taken 17 members down Simpson's Pot 120 AND what is
 MORE, had even got 7 thro' the slit. They seemed to
 reckon that this was quite an achievement but did not
 explain what slit was alluded to or why it took 14 hours!?!?

X C. Ineson
 his mark.

Sat 16th May.

Going 'Right Up' G.B. again were Oliver, Bernard
 and Garry. We succeeded in moving the ladder across
 the face from the top, ~~left~~ right corner to within 6 or 7 feet
 of the "passage" on the ^{left} right hand side by some
 interesting acrobatic engineering. This passage
will go tomorrow. Another 3 bolts and we can
 climb the rest.

G.W.

16.5.59. - 17.5.59 (Just)

This being a record of the Society's activities it was considered fit to place on record some or most of the happenings of this evening.

At 12.00 pm. or a.m. as you wish - anyway midnight A. Casualties.

- 1) Eric - drunk
- 2) Donald - semi navvied with a spine double due to stopping suddenly.
- 3) Bond - drunk Oh my god not again, got a fag?
- 4) Cobbersmate - drunk - put to bed with a Morris 8 dynamo.

B. Escapists - Wills, Bernard in hammocks, one each, Bernard when last seen was on top of Wills. - Cyril on stretcher in the compound. c. - Semi normal, - Barry (belligerent), K.B.C.I.,

Self-B.R.C. O.C.L., Crick.W.D. After a good booze, a fight (almost) and a great deal of amicable peace making we retired from the Plume by various refarious routes. at 10.30 pm.

By 12.30 the last of our number (K.B.C.I.) had arrived and apart from a little organ playing combined with washing up the members slowly drifted to pits B.R.C

Sun 17 May.

Today G.W. and B.L.M.C with the aid of E.V.G. got Right Up. One Paulbolt and four pitons facilitated the final climb up a muddy stalactite slope. After 14 ft of stalactite chimney the passage turns sharp left and after a further 10 ft is blocked by a small boulder. A chamber can be seen beyond. Tomorrow's operation is to remove boulder. Access to passage is at present by a 50 ft ladder pitch.

B.L.M.C.

Sun 17 May

Bertie came to hut approx 9.30 with report of rock falls in entrance / wet way of Envidons. K.B., C.I. went with Bertie to investigate. No change was found in Wet way, Kenny's Dig, or Dry Way.

The rock fall must have been from a little ~~trickle~~ ^{hollow} into a hollow which can now be seen on the left as one goes over the slab into the first chamber. There is some more to come, but it looks as though it can do no harm.

23.5.59 T.H.

Monday 18th May

G.M.B., W.A.D. and D.N. went (via the Plume) to examine Langford rising in view of the President's suspicions this morning that it had become green. It was found to be noticeably green.

D.N.

Monday 18 May

G.W., O.C.L., E.V.G., E.K.T., B.L.M.C. to G.B. Boulder removed and squeeze forced into a stalactite grotto.

See a second squeeze led down to a pitch above the main chamber opposite entrance passage. After chipping away stalactite this squeeze was also forced. G.W. drove a Rawlbolt and G.W., E.V.G. and B.L.M.C. abailed 30 ft from it. Sallows completed except for removal of some ironmongery. Whitman Folly seems to be adapted name.

E.K.T. reports that G.B. bottom remains drained despite dips. Color gas cylinder changed yesterday.

B.L.M.C.

Saturday + Sunday May 16 + 17 1959

Break Down. Parties digging trial holes round site of Roman Temple to determine if any other buildings present. Each hole 4' square & sunk either to bed rock or to 2nd Neolithic level. Holes were C13, D14, 15, 16, E13, G14, L13, + one other H.11. The two further down hill were not dug as no evidence of another building ^{was} found in the pits dug. M1

Tuesday 19th May 1959

Langford. Rising if anything greener than on Monday. Hope B.W.W. don't see it. M1

Saturday 23rd.

SILT, EVG, DN, GW to ~~GB~~ GB. We recovered sundry pits and fowl-balls from the wall of the gorge leading to Whitson Folly and had a large bang (4 sticks) in the dig at the bottom. Lock of inner door removed for cleaning.

G. Wills.

O.C.L. & Priddy to take 12 little Red Maits round upper Sealdons, assisted by 2 Wesser boys (Mike Yates & David Cunnor). A very pleasant trip. 3 parties. Ours took under 2 hours, but the others were under 3 1/2 hours, because they kept losing their way. Comments by little girls when they came to a particular stalagmite were high pitched, unintelligible & accompanied by much giggling. When I asked what it was about, they said, "Oh nothing!" That's what they thought.

O.C.L.

Sunday 24th May

O.C.L. and D.N., following the latter's acute state of nerves at being disturbed, while meditating in the iron bower, by a horse-borne female, commenced the important operation of bunging up the hole in the hedge.

D.N.

Same day. C.W. & G.M.B. dug in foundations of new chuld. Geoff noted righteous indignation in each sledge hammer blow of Don's some 3 hours after his being disturbed.

G.W.

Sat. 30th May. D.A.S.R. & Ann Martin, Pt. Mc. & another Ann, Trully, D.N., O.C.L. & Nigel to GB. Trully & Don did some work at the bottom. Othier & Nigel did the ooze passage. Return by west way.

O.C.L.

Sat. 30 May 1959

G.B. Bottom dig.

The galignite charge had done a great deal. Amongst other things it had blocked the get away from for the water & the pool was six inches deeper.

Bailed out pool & dug out about 50 buckets of gravel, stone & water mixture which stacked up passage on it. Looking up stream. On right is 18" - 24" wide channel in rock on it. (downstream) & perhaps rock on left with a large flat surface at angle of dip extending across face.

Choke material very loose & wet. Towards end of digging time odd pop-ploak noises were heard at irregular intervals. The noises appeared to come from ahead & left. where a piece of drift wood was found wedged in roof. The choke

Tools left are

- 1 small digging pick
- 1 " shovel
- 1 + 1/2' long steel bar
- 2 buckets + 1 unusable.

JH

Sun. May 31 1959

Priddy Circles No 1. Filling in 1958 excavations. Laid out next area for excavation & deturfed part of it. JH

Sat. May 30 1959

2 at work on clearing out site for clothes shed. Much good work done. JH

Friday

B&E arrived at Rub to start the Union week work.

Saturday. 6TH.

Saturday morning CJE, GMB, NW and DN (a very little) under the eagle eye of EKT dug out a vast amount of earth from new chid

afternoon - CJE, EKT, GMB, DN, MM and EKT to GB.

CJE and GMB to East Passage where a very noisy but probably ineffective bang was set off (3 sticks)

The next party down will have a good trip with a vast amount of spoil to be moved.

The other went to the bottom

Sunday 7TH June.

GMB, D.G.M. (Hon. Secy), E.T.B., E.V.S. to Swildon
A rapid passage inwards was followed by C.T.B. and G.M.B. diving the stump. They both came back! The return to the surface was slow due to a vast congestion around the 40 fath (mainly Wessac body)
A pleasant 3hr trip

UNION WEEK 1959.

E.V.S. and D.G.M.

Why should the police think that the young boy should be in the hut Mr. Eaton?
Especially at this late hour!!

Monday 8TH June.

The day started at 1.0 am when member's beauty sleep was rudely interrupted by the entry of three large constabulars. A routine interrogation followed concerning the whereabouts of a young boy aged 13 years who was last seen at 2.0 pm the following day.

A rainy later in the day to the sound of heavy rain D.G.M. and C.J.E. at the request of E.K.T. and the local police checked Roads, Drum Roads, Roads, Baths and all local swallets. We then discussed the

situation and wandered over the ground between the rock and the rut track while two police dogs went up on Blackdown.

After getting soaking wet wandering through wet bracken the search was called off at 11.30 when "the little basket" to quote the Blagdon policeman turned up some in Bristol.

Members then repaired to the hut and gave tea to several very wet policemen (who we hope will remember this act of kindness). While supping tea the Blagdon Policeman turned to one of his mates and said "This is the place where you find all the keep left signs" and then turned and enquired whether we had any at the moment. This received various, and all evasive, replies, the only notices we had at the present time being Irish, or Military - so he was told.

The E.E.P. was at one time in very great danger as a line search by no less than 15 stalwart policemen was about to start at 12.0 noon.

In the afternoon the 10y Bover was de-flied C.I.E. and E.V.C. being liberally splashed with corrosive fluid in the process. This caused them to retreat to the bath where they washed and lay down to dry in the sun. Five minutes later a female passed on horse back! most unfortunate. Later some two hours slave labour was put in at Priddy under the auspices of E.K.T.

In conclusion it has been decided that as this log book is so thick all 'wont' ups will have to be tried as long in order to fill it before it falls apart

E.P.

P.S. It is unfortunate, in some ways, that after leaving the hut to pursue their enquiries in the caravan the police should find it occupied by Eric "exchanging pleasantries" After a few well aimed remarks about the state of affairs the police left. Pleasurers are broadminded anyway.

P.P.S. I claim this is a record for length. DGM (Secretary)

I claim that never have ^{he means so many,} ~~so~~ many "terminological inaccuracies" deliberately been ~~perpetrated~~ ^{perpetrated} within so short a space and time. E.V.S.

Tuesday 9th June

E.V.S. & RAS to Pods after Stonehenge trip, for ladder & lifeline practice. Both formed the opinion that this is not the ideal place for such manoeuvres. Despite the fact that most of the time was spent sitting under drips trying to refill ~~the~~ carbides with water a very enjoyable trip lasting some 2 1/2 hours.

RAS.

Stone Range Trip - let the secretary speak first:-

Here begins the Sixth lesson
 "Having hired a coach for 35 people, a grand total of 15 persons turned up, of whom 12 were members of the Society. There was some discussion as to the cost to each person; it was decided not to charge extra for an excessive amount of snogging, although as E.K.T. pointed out, this would be quite legitimate. We went to Stonehenge, the "Catherine wheel" in Shrewton, West Kennet long barrow, Silbury and Avebury, in that order. Two pints of beer were won by K.E. and ~~the~~ R.A.S. from E.K.T. for running up and down Silbury in 4 mins."

Here ends the first lesson

DGM (Hon Sec)

A letter arrived from Pte. Witts apologising, for his absence over the weekend, but he is doing 7 days C.B. so we mustn't be too hard on him. The only point is where did he learn language so bad that he blocked an Army Adjutant ???!

Wednesday 10th June.

(in search of fun?)

DGM and EVG sallied forth into the naughty city at some ungodly hour in the morning leaving R.A.S. and C.I.E. in sole command. Throughout the morning and afternoon, until the arrival of SKT, work proceeded at customary spelaeo pace - dead slow. - clearing up the hut, chipping wood repairing equipment, etc.

On the arrival of BUG followed by SKT C.I.E. returned to his vocation - breaking stones and then assisted in the mixing of 3 barrow loads of concrete. Meanwhile R.A.S. and EVG. went caving!

Wednesday June 10th

EVG. and R.A.S. went to G.B. in order to increase the length of said cave by means of either East Passage or the bottom dig. 1½ hrs were spent in East Passage where we found that a uniform gauge of both rail and belly is essential. Despite the difficulties, a considerable amount of spoil was removed. The results of the East bang seem to be merely gravitational.

Having somewhat tired of the arduous labour of this area we retired to the delights of the bottom dig. These proved to be unreal hypothetical than actual. The area

proved to be in a state of unstable equilibrium. (Mr Skates says Metastable.) (Mr Sutton is of the opinion that the term is Neutral Equilibrium). An approach was made gently at the end of a long crowbar which caused a considerable amount of deformation. At the end of 80 minutes the area was vacated in favour of fresh air and daylight. The specimens were rather obstreperous.

2.0.9.

Thursday 11th June

Arising somewhat late at the hour of 10 a.m., CJF & CRG gave the other members a lesson in hard work by mixing five ^{gigantic} buckets of cement before breakfast. Hauling continued until lunch when a light meal was partaken of, following by a thorough cleaning of the living quarters and kitchen. Large bucketfuls of festering decomposing grease were removed from the surrounds of the cookers. Throughout the afternoon, bucket after bucket of superbly mixed cement was transported from the hut forecourt to the extension site and delicately laid down, pounded gently into shape and accurately levelled to provide adequate drainage. The grand total of 5×10^7 megatons of cement were dealt with. Professor Trautman's estimation

After shifting and coating 2.6×10^7 megatons of prefabricated concrete blocks we were denied the pleasure of a cool bath by the presence of undesirable bacterial and other assorted animal matter.

We must admit an excellent meal was prepared for us by members of the exciting Manes Farm Holiday Camp Party, when they condescended to return.

Amen. *CS*

Thurs. 11th June.

WIB, DEM, EVG, RAS to Mand Farm. After an intrepid excursion by the only brave member (WIB) into the wilderness of 10ft high nettles, to find the swallet hole, it was decided that the previous method of hauling buckets was antiquated and highly inefficient. The brains of the party then constructed a highly superior model, controlled by ropes knotted in a manner known only to the maker. ~~The~~ dig had silted up less than usual, & was very dry (by Manes Farm standards), though still retaining the characteristic odour of the area. 40 buckets were rapidly removed, before members had a short lunch break. Then, under steadily deteriorating weather conditions, a further 120 buckets were removed, making a grand total of 25×10^5 microtons of supra-bacterial, highly organic, thixotropic matter, and lowering the level of the dig by 6 feet.

Upon returning to the hut, we found the two so-called hard-working members indulging in the childish pursuit of throwing cold water over one another. They then absconded to the woods, & nearly ruined an excellent meal by keeping us waiting.

Errata - the above is not strictly correct! - water was not thrown. W.I.B.

Notes 1) ~~Persons~~ ^{Those} taking a pride in their personal freshness are advised to use strong deodorant in the vicinity of Manes Farm

2) This dig should not be abandoned as it is unique in being the only manure mine in the country.

Eau de Cologne perhaps?!

Friday 12th June.

CM, AR, EVG & RBS once more to our dear friend Rods for ladder & lifeline practice. People shot up and down the ladder & peeled off some ~~was~~ at high speed and a great variety of styles. Again lamp trouble with borrowed candles. After all it's the end of ~~E~~ only a short term so people should have plenty of cash on hand (?) to cough up the unmittal for a lamp! An enjoyable ~~E~~ trip of some 3 hours duration.

RBS

P.M.L. AR, RBS, Davis' friend & friend for a conducted tour round Coatchurch by a certain ~~B~~ (although near the exit he vaulted into the lead and stood significantly with helmet in hand the tight fitted soe as above listed refused to cough up!) A general tour of the beautiful depths of Coatchurch - the deepest joint being dry which rather put out those members of the party who were out of water & expecting to find some at the bottom which was just ooze & stinking. ~~E~~ The most ~~be~~ beautiful formation seen on the trip seemed to be constantly in front of ones face. The leader of the expedition, despite a ladies tactful warning before starting, went down with a tear in the seat of his trousers and during the course of the proceedings this enlarged more than somewhat - the resultant sight being somewhat embarrassing to the ladies!

RBS

Saturday 13th June

E.K.T., N.W., C.E.J., W.B. (Bell) and E.V.G. to G.B. to examine the instability of the boulder choke.

Saturday 13th June

D.G.H. P.M.L. & 'Chris' (non University type) to Roads. No idea where we got to.

"

~~P.M.L.~~
 1/2 ton concrete mixed and laid by G.G. E.K.T., G.M.B. Harding, E.K.H.

Saturday June 13.

W.B., A.R., C.A.M., R.A.S. and E.V.G. to Swildon. The object of the trip was to introduce the ladies to Mendel's premier cave. A possibility was held out of a certain amount of work being done in Paddy Green Stream, but this vanished with the sta-drill which disappeared into the 40 foot pot. Undaunted however, the party pressed on though a slipped ring caused certain anxious moments on the '40'. The descent from James' loop, proved a trifle more difficult but eventually the bottom was reached in $3\frac{1}{4}$ hrs. W.B. and R.A.S. dived the pump where the advisability of a lady keeping her hair dry was once again proved.

The outward journey was made at a far from leisurely pace and despite a dropped spares bag - the surface was reached in $1\frac{3}{4}$ hrs. Our thanks are due to Oliver and his Black Hole party who tackled and detacked the pitches.

E.V.G.

The above-mentioned "Black Hole Party" consisted of Kit Eaton, Nigel, Colin & Oliver. Wearing exposure suits we were very hot & slow to begin with, but in spite of that reached the 48' pit five minutes before Eric, having given them half an hour's start. All went well & the pump routine with 100' line for tops was carried out satisfactorily. The Black Hole was crossed with some trepidation but no real difficulty & we explored as far as the extreme boulder slope. We also explored the stream at the bottom of the Well in Well Chamber. The return all went smoothly, and we were very glad of our suits, not having felt too hot for a long time - not too old. Total time for trip about $5\frac{1}{2}$ hours, reaching the Victoria before closing time. This has been noted a good trip.

od.

Sunday 14th June, 1959

O.C. Harding Jenkins & Eric to Eastwater to inspect the
 rambolt on the 35' pitch on the Dolphin route. Frank Frost had
 told me three days ago that about a fortnight before that some
 (?) Clifton boys had been using it and it had come out, causing
 a fall but no serious injury. So I wanted to make sure
 that it was secure or else remove it. On the way in,
 Eric, having insulted the Cave God by wearing shorts & bare knees,
 was cursed by the said Cave God to tumble into the canyon,
 throats breaking a tooth, his mother left & getting a nasty
 gash behind his left knee. So we left him bleeding at
 the cross roads and passed on.

I found the rambolt at the head of the Dolphin Chimney was
 all right. When we reached the 35' pitch, I found that the
 rambolt there was all right, too. It was not very firm &
 intact & well sunk into the rock, but it showed absolutely no
 sign of having been recently shifted at all. So we left it
 alone, & I now disbelieve Frank's story.

On the way home, we found that Eric was still alive,
 breathing but no longer bleeding, & we all went out
 together Eric leading. He took a curious route through
 the Boulder Bungle.

O.C. Lloyd

Saturday 13th June 1959

P.M.L., Chris (a visitor) and
 D.G.M. to Read's as an introduction to caving for
 Chris. He was given an unsurpassable demonstration
 of how to get lost in boulder mazes.

"This is the second time of asking"

(ie, this has inadvertently been written up a
 second time)

D.G.M.

Monday 15 June

Recovery period from Union Week, the compound being strewn with invalids. To wit: 1. W.B. - sun-stroke
2. Colin - lobster-like 3. Self (Eric) - see Eastwater Sunday. The recovery period lasted until mid-day when, as there was no food available resort was made to the Mendif Gate Cafe. (Newer again).
Sewing continued until 4 p.m. when E.H.T. drove us to the Sevidling operations which were highly successful.

Monday 15 June

WEBCJJ, CKG to Sidcot, East Jinx & Avelines. Pleasant expedition
CKG.

Tuesday 16th June

WJB, E.H.T. & CKG. to Pridy circles. Four hours strenuous work executed. Nothing of note found
CKG.

Wednesday 17. June

Pme, CKG, WJB, ~~egg~~ cleared out and de-festered the hut upon the end of Union Week 1989.
→ Amer
egg

Union Week. 1989.

It has caused some concern to notice that certain members failed to fulfill their financial obligations to the hut fund.

Three conscientious Splashes.

Wed. 17th June

Away trip to walled city by WTB, PML, DGM, CRG, to hear Tom Lehrer. Unanimously decided that other members should have been present to appreciate the performance, & that the performer ought to be one of us.

Thurs 18th June

WTB & EKT to Priddy. 4 hrs hard work, but little of note accomplished. Pit believed to be a kangaroo trap - still not reached the bottom of it. Mure building done, but will have to be postponed until water situation improves.

Fri 19th June

WTB & EKT de-festered & squirrel-proofed the water tanks. Water situation is critical. All drinking water must be boiled, & washing water has had liberal quantities of chlorox added - you have been warned!

Saturday, 20th June.

OCL and Gw surveyed Whitsun Fally, clever paring. The squeeze in socks and boots only - magnificent.

Tratty, Nigel (9 year Regular - friend of mine) his and Wendy branged at the bottom and then Wendy took Nigel around the Trade Routes. (Oxbow).

E.D.W.

Sun. 21st June

EKT, WTB, MM, DN, GDW, OCL & Nigel to Priddy circle, several hours hard work - total results 2 post holes & a cross section of the pit, still bottomless.

Wed 24th June.

E.G. arrived for pre-Ireland week-end.

Thurs 26th

E.G. de-festered hut. Bath swallet stream cleared and Bath now $\frac{1}{2}$ full.

Fri 25th

Two lots of concrete mixed and two more layers of blocks added to New Chield.

North side not to be added to as glass blocks will be placed at this level.
E.g.

Saturday 27th June.

CJE & GW amused others and scared themselves trying to traverse from the upper end of Whitsan Folly to the passage? above the Mud Entrance Rift. The climb was over an exposed overhang and tricky to say the least. We got within 4' of the passage and ran out of pitons and footholds. There are 5 pegs, several crabs and one short climbing ladder attached to the wall for future use. The $\frac{7}{8}$ cut nylon was left hanging. Our nerves are slowly recovering.

E. Witts.

In the evening BBP, GW, CJE, EVC, N.J.W, DNMM, CKB, and MBRM wended their way to the Plumbe where proceedings started at the early hour of 7pm.

After an excellent evening and a rather large consumption the party weaved its way to the Presidents where a rendering of the East Passage song was given to the assembled guests. On being invited inside by OCL members first sat on the stairs and then took over the kitchen where free use was made of the Presidents coffee. After settling themselves, unobtrusively out of the back door and phoning our thanks for the coffee the party returned to the Hut on a sinusoidal path of amplitude approximately equal to the width of the track

E.

R.M., M.B. accompanied OCL on brief photographic trip to GB

R.M.

C.I. K.B. N.J.W. accompanied Trat to the bottom dig to look at the results of the last bang, but were persuaded to remove \approx 30 buckets of loose spoil. The bang seems to have been highly successful.

K.B.

Sunday 28th June. E.V.G. and N.J.W. went to Sildon's to recover stardrill dropped down the 'Forty' a fortnight previously. Entered by wet way as far as Kenny's dig then transferred to dry way and proceeded to the 'Forty'. We both searched the pot at the bottom without success - all we found was a tobacco tin which seemed quite hopeful until we opened it and found its contents to be a dead battery. We then left the cave by the wet way.

N.J.W. Wallace.

Sunday 28th June

C.I. E, D.N. M.H., E.K.T., C.C. I.B.F., to Juddy. This just was not the President's Day. As soon as we arrived he realised that he had forgotten the ranging poles, so D.N. returned to the hut to fetch saw poles. As soon as D.N. had left, the President remembered that his drawing board was still in the Donkile. These two incidents annoyed saw president, but it was not until the wind blew us to stop ladders into a cleaned out ~~off~~ ready

for photographing that E.K.T. started using naughty words. When later, the wind blew over the ladder again, breaking it in the process before any photographs had been taken, the hon. president really let up. However, a little work was done, and some excellent bread and cheese was consumed, washed down by beer. 188 cars in the ~~combe~~ ^{combe}. $\beta/\beta/\rho$.

Sunday

Paper changed, Green to Yellow.

Monday

C.S.E, F.V.G, $\beta/\beta/\rho$ rose early, and washed, shaved, breakfasted, generally bullied themselves up in clean clothes, and arrived at Penrose Cottage at 10.30. After an hours wait for the President, he emerged from upstairs, and though we would not admit it, we suspect that he did not get up until 11.15. While there, we had some coffee tasting horribly of gooseberries - we suspect E.K.T. We arrived in Bristol soon after 12 and spent the afternoon at various activities,

The most notable being Hit's claim to have had a bath. We returned to the hut at 7 o'clock ^{with A.R.} and devoured an excellent meal consisting

Oxtail Soup.

Roast chicken

Buttered new Potatoes

Peas

Bread & Cheese (Moustrap I'm afraid)

Coffee

Cream sponge cake.

And so to the plane.

BSP

Thursday July 7th

Members decided that Frankfurt was more suited to their liking. And so to Eire.

Saturday July 18th 1959

The members (Tatnobile variety) returned from Eire. They (C.K.G. B.B.P. B.R.C. B.G.G.) found G.M.B. + G.D.W. in residence, and gave the Presidents car its post Eireal bulling

BG

Sunday

Tool shed de-gattered and tidied up

August Hold Survey gear partly assembled - work starts Bank Holiday week end. S.W.

We wonder what bush-tips and bog blue we are doing right now.

Saturday 25th

Swildan's Hole, to a pleasant tourist trip to
Sump I with P. M. and Anne, BRC, GDW. The cave was
bone dry - no water passing through the drain pipe on
the 40' at all. We met a certain friend of Miss
Beales in the wet way and he accompanied us.
Water in Sump I appeared very low, but no one
seemed at all keen to find out how much it
had shortened the Sump, so we came home. Anne is
now a true daughter of Mendip.

E. Wilts.

Wed. 29th July.

W. 23598348 GNR JOWDEN W.A. in company with
23577595 L/BDC FROUD M and 23572430 GNR SMITH RP
descended - Gutchurch + Sidcot on an OFFICIAL
SPORTS PARADE. It is hoped now to form
a ^{regular} 22 loc Bly Rowing team RS MF + RPS. Both
enjoyed themselves.

W.D.

Thurs 30th July.

AR, AR stayed the night.

Sunday, 2nd August.

August Hole Surrey - OCL, WAD, CW surveyed
from bottom of 10' in longwood to the head
of the Swing Pitch - CRG Grade V in about
4 hrs. 23 stations completed. Cave bone dry.
E. Wilts.

Nigel & I went down Red's Pit. The 2 new Anne and
Patrick (from the Tech. Coll. Club). Patrick has found out
Star drill but on the 40' ft on 13.6.59.

Sunday Aug. 2nd 1959. Party to Priddy Circles
No. 1 or South. continued excavation of
west side of entrance.

~~Thursday~~ Monday Aug. 3rd 1959 Party again to Priddy
Circles - ditto.

Thursday Aug. 6th 1959 Party of two to Priddy
Circles. continued excavation of W. side of entrance.
(For details of above see special Log). MW

Saturday Aug. 8th

Ock & Gw continuing with the August Hole
Survey. From top of Swing Pitch to 20' from bottom of
Fault Chamber. It was decided that at least 6 hrs
surveying per trip is necessary if the survey is to
prove at all.

G. Wills.

Monday Aug. 10th

GMB, Gw helping Tratty find leaks in the
water supply for the farm - no leaks found.

p.m. Retried to put with Cullaun III survey
data in an attempt to sort it all out.

Tuesday Aug. 11th

GMB & Gw worked from 12 noon to
10 pm with only 1½ hrs for meals on the
C. 3. data. We reckon another 16 man hours
should see the computation finished.

Wed. August. 12th

E-MB & G.W. photographing in G.B. around the White way, loop and oxbow helictites. Crashed motor cycle on way home in combe. E-MB detained in Weston General. G.W. allowed to return to the Presidency in p.m.

E. Witts.

Saturday, 15th August, 1959

O.C. and Ian Woodman (neighbour) went down Rod's Pt. Boim, Bernard, Gary & Timothy at work on new child. Keith Evans turned up fresh from Malaya, wearing the ~~latest~~ latest military style working suit.

Wednesday 19th August

W.D. + Pete Smith + Jim Nicholson on "sports afternoon" Did East Twin + Gochurch Did intend to do Rods as well but felt too cracked.

N.B. The M.C.G. are now in the enviable process of digging at the end of the 2nd chamber of East Twin. The dig is complete with good buckets, candles & a neat wire emblem

MCG (x1)

This probably has deep ritual significance.

W.D.

Friday Aug. 21st

D.G.M., P.N.L., B.B.P. late at night arrived to start our mid-vacation weekend.

Saturday

Members in order of appearance. E.H.T., G.W., Bernard, O.C.L., C.T., C.G., B.R.C., A.Ap., with Ian Woodman (neighbour). All except A.Ap. and Bernard to G.B. - O.C.L., G.W., B.R.C., Ian, D.G.M., and A.P.P. down wet way and out ~~to the edge~~ ^{the edge}, while rest mended door and picked blackberries. An excellent meal followed by a merry evening in the plane with good singing - and two countries. [Ann.]

Sunday 23rd Aug

B.B.P., G.W., C.T., B.R.C., B.C., P.N.L., D.G.M. did nothing all day and thoroughly enjoyed it. D.G.M.

(B.C. & did some bath maintenance.)

Sunday 31st Aug.

~~Borrowed 1 Premium Stove~~
Return about 15th Sept.
P.I.M.

Saturday 29th Aug.

Garry, Lynn (visitor) Johnny + Rita to Eastwater. Successful but muddy visit to Beecher Series. R.S.

Sat. 29th Aug.

ocd. took a party of four chaps from Clifton College round Stokes Lane.

Sun. 30th Aug

Tubbing party in Minnie's Pool, to try out all the available M.R.O. breathing apparatus.

ocd.

Saturday, 5th September, 1959

WAD, E.K.T. did a bang at the bottom of G.B., while
O.C.L. took a party of 5 chaps from Belford School round
to see the sights. O.C.L.

Oliver :- "I'm sure my ancestors must
have been Neolithic"

He was equally sure that WAD & Eric's ancestors were more Bronze Age parvenues.

Touché!

sd.

Sunday 6th September

PRIDDY CIRCLES.

E.V.T., A.A.P., O.C.L., W.D. and E.V.G. to Priddy Circles.
Much filling in and releveling at the
Southern End. The clearing of the fill from
the ditch was continued and two
pieces of flint were found, one showing
secondary working. The line of the trial
trench was ~~continued~~ cleared in a
westerly direction. E.V.G.

R.A.S. and Margot Keeney (vicar)
arrived. Pleasant evening in the
Plum.

Monday 7th September

A day of great heat & little activity. E.V.G. pretended
to ease the birth of the grandchild while R.A.S. attempted to
learn a year's maths for the following day. A lot vouch
seen phenomena - no flame.

Tuesday 8th September

Mr Shute's departed at an excessively early hour

to present himself before the dreaded examiners. E.V.G and E.V.L succeeded beneath the blazing sun and, fortified by much tea, at last hung the door to the Grandfield to their satisfaction.

M.M (from exams) and D.W arrived and brought W.J with them. Soon after the members returned to the Phoenix.

N.B. The presence of "vast" numbers of rats in and near the hut was noted. We are also suffering from the attentions of some hundreds of viciously inclined wasps.

Wednesday 8th September.

A day of much sunstopping and excursions by D.W & M.M. E.V.G & R.A.S to C.B to introduce PK to the quills out of saving. After an abortive attempt to coerce a tilley into action sans meths a lengthy trip was made round the under of the deep. Much more than usual time was spent in viewing the sights — which PK could animate in a direction totally incomprehensible to others present. Down to the bottom but no west new chamber as the result of Saturday's lang. Through the calan where E.V.G managed to irretrievably join a piece of wire in a earlidge jet. D.W at sight making a three hour trip. After much visiting the Phoenix was reached at 10.25 precisely.

Thursday 9th September.

The heat was again excessive. D.W and M.M early to Bristol. After the heat of the day had abated and the damage of sunstroke somewhat lessened E.V.G, R.A.S, and PK set out across the mountains

to Chuddas. After much dispute over map-reading we sighted our destination. The area should be avoided at the present as it has been invaded by 'Les Diablos Blancs.' Having staked our things at an Oasis known as the Butcher's Arms we felt able to mend our weary way back through the falling dusk.

Friday.

The step of the Grandchild was completed and the majority of the gathering put in place.

Saying of the day: M.K.: "What's all this 'bang' business!" (to R.S.)

Saturday 12th Sept. 1959

Garry's tents were still wet, so the survey of August Hole was again held up. Garry, Eric, Richard & Trathy went on with the grandchild. Oll. went to Priddy Green to lend a hand with the new dig there. This dig, started by Jim Hamwall, Len Dawes, Ken Dore, Michael Thompson and the other "super cavers" was expected to go rapidly, but has not. At the moment it is rather like an elephant trap with mud walls which will not stand for long. Progress is slow, and further progress will depend on the diligence of the shoring. Oll.

Tackle borrowed for Gokulani trip: ~~metal~~ ladders 40' x 2, 20' x 4. 120' nylon line 3/4 wt. (in Petrick).

All returned
by 2.10.59

Sunday 13th.

Garry, Eric, Richard & Margot installing racking in the Grandchild. Nearly finished. one side all but minor modifications. We hope to finish this in two weeks time.

Sunday 13th

Two to Priddy circles. continued excavation of ditch on west side of entrance. Details of work + that of previous weeks in special log.

Returned tools to hut at 6.0 pm. Found everything open except shutters. Concluded someone was staying on. ~~SKA~~

You came to the wrong conclusion.

Monday Sept. 14 1959

Visited hut. No one there 11.0 am. + everything as it was at 6.0 pm Sunday.

i.e. Tools shed wide open	} We left it for your Priddy tools:
Hut door " "	
Kitchen windows open	} - Guilty but sorry, for your tea - no means of closing etc. etc.
No tools put away.	
Gas not turned off	
Caravan wide open	

Will those responsible for this please give their reasons for failing to close up the hut etc. on leaving. ~~SKA~~

We plead not guilty

Wed. Sept. 16 1959

Filled up guttering at back of hut. Some is only fixed temporarily. It is hoped that when we do have some rain the water will flow into the tanks. ~~///~~

Sunday Sept 20th

BAC. E.M.H. Kmc Inspector grand child
- doubtful of ventilating in adequate otherwise passed
BAC

Sat. 26th.

GW out for afternoon. A little more progress made with the Grandchild.

Wed 30th

DR & M.M. arrived at 7 pm and E.V.G. & RAB are bus later for start of year (looking back to first page of log)
Plume about 9.15.

Thursday 1/90/59.

After a late start MM & DR to the woods, E.V.G. & RAB to minister into the grandchild - lunch, and ditto - ditto (though approx 12½ blackberries were produced as evidence of ~~last~~ had afternoons work, these delectable fruits later forming part of a currag! Plume - ~~at~~ 8.45 departure for hut but on passing thro the back streets of Berrington members were privileged to see the president form approx 9/10 out of ~~own~~ upper, presidential, window. All thought of booze was driven from mind by the dulcet tones of said gentlemen informing us that there was a flap and the president in evening clothes too prove it. An anxious papa led by devious means informed that that his daughter 28 and son 13 were three hours overdue down & catchers. Contrary to Trats. instructions said

parent was playing round the entrance but informed us that Andrew from Mendip Cade cafe had located them in the basin and when we met them at the level of the coal chute — there only light was Andrews cycle lamp so he did very well to get them so far in so short a time. The only trouble was that they were without illumination, being left one lamp and leaving a log of candles together with two gleaming white crash helmets in the entrance. They were quite unconcerned and reached the surface very quickly, we so down to M.C.C. for coffee and where President received large contributions — it was later noted with interest that Trout bought a little bottle of gin (at 10.29 in the Plum — the few inmates being treated to the sight of members assorted, and in one or two cases indecent, carving gear.)

Saturday, 3rd October, 1959

Garry, Oliver, Eric & Richard to August hole, to continue the survey. 6 hour trip with 3 1/2 hours work. Stations 29 to 50 plotted. This includes the two grottos which lie to the South of the Fault Chamber, each very prettily decorated at its upper end. Station 50 is thought to be about half way to the squeeze with a pit hole the other side of it.

Fantastic collection of tackle on the Spring Pitch: full weight nylon rope, 2" sized rope & rope wood riving ladder: to which we added our own 1 1/2" sized rope. We found a party of 4 B.E.C. types down there actually carving. The ladder belonged to a boy from the Grammar School at Weston Super Mare, who have their own carving club, called the "Old Westonsian's Speleological Society." David Rye is one of its leading members, I was told.

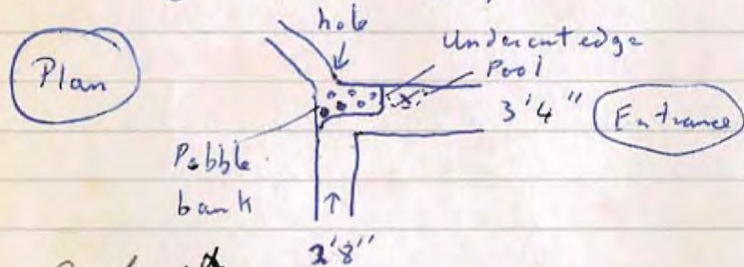
Finally, on the way out we met two unattached cavers, and back by the time we reached the 10' overhang, we realized that they had used our rope. We reluctantly removed the said rope on our way out, and found that the two cavers managed to climb out without undue difficulty.

OK.

Tuesday 6th Oct.

E.V.G., A.R., R.A.S., M.E. *BSP*

availed themselves of the very low water situation to investigate Rickford rising. The entrance passage which can be seen in normal conditions, turns 90° left after five feet and can then be followed for a further ten feet. The end is a choke, the bottom foot being large pebbles and the top 1'8" being fine silt which can be seen on the roof throughout. The whole of this accessible part is MAN MADE. The water can be seen coming through the choke at the end. Where the passage turns left is a hole ^{1'8" high, 1' wide} in the right hand corner, but a pebble bank ^{with a little silt} is deposited against this, and it is thus very unlikely that a tributary ever enters here. There was certainly none here today. This pebble bank is terminated on the entrance side ^{by stopping} suddenly and being undercut. ^{against a deeper pool [1, 2]} Here the silt content is higher. This undercut could be caused by water bubbling up through the floor at this point, but nobody was certain that any was coming up here today.



BSP

Sunday 4th

Sat 3rd

cont'd O.C.L. N.T.W. R.A.S. did evening trip to Goshchurch by candlelight. We entered by the main entrance and went along the passage to enter the Maze by the Undermans entrance and went through a pleasant little squeeze passage at O.C.L.'s suggestion. O.C.L. and N.T.W. enjoyed this part and wondered it rather sporting. R.A.S. who got stuck held a different view! We then went via the boulder chamber to the stream.

chamber where we went along the Drainpipe and back then had a look at the Goolie Crinoids down Cumberland Gap and at one or two of the other side passages. We then left the Water chamber by the passage to the right as you face the stream. This part is squeeze and opinions held were as before! (Also getting stuck).

We then progressed to the Coal cellar and, up the coal chute and hence out by the Tradesman's entrance. O.C.L. and N.J.W. agreed that this was a pleasant and sporting trip. R.A.S. was a little doubtful.

N.J.W.

Saturday 10th

Freshers Trips

1. N.J.W. and C.J.J. took Helen, John and David down Rood's. We went right down across David's ledge to the chamber then down the passage in the floor to the dead end at the bottom of the chimney. We returned via a couple of squeeze passages to the surface. In the chamber we met 3 of my friends from the College of Tech who kindly smoked my last togs. The trip was enjoyed by all and passed without undue difficulty.

N.J.W.

2. O.C.L., John Mill, Michael Eltherton, Tony Thompson & David Houston descended Goatchurch Cañon. The route followed was very much the same as that recorded for Sat. & ~~Sat.~~ Sunday 4th Oct., but Michael was particularly keen on real squeezes, so we found him one. On the way we explored the 2nd route from the Boulder Chamber to the Streamway below. I found it too tight, but Michael slipped through, saying "What squeeze". So we took him to the narrow passage between the Gosta Gouder & the Drainpipe, and that he really did find rather tight. "What shape is it?" said I. "No shape that I've ever seen before," said he, ^{applying that it certainly wasn't his shape.} As an encore, we spent down Sidest, looked at Bird's Folly & climbed the Rocks of Ages.

O.C.L.

~~RAS + Brian Wignall + David Flynn~~

Saturday 10th October.

CSE, QW, AR, MB, RB (née Mines) to RB to arrange things for next week end. Tolley was reserved and a ladder was left hanging from Whitsun Folly. 1 piton removed - all too easily.

QWitts.

RAS, Brian Wignall + David Flynn to Sidcot
— trip went very smoothly except for RAS's usual difficulties in Hell + Purgatory — the two freshers slipping down to the bottom with the greatest of ease + up again with only a little more trouble. An enjoyable time
RWB

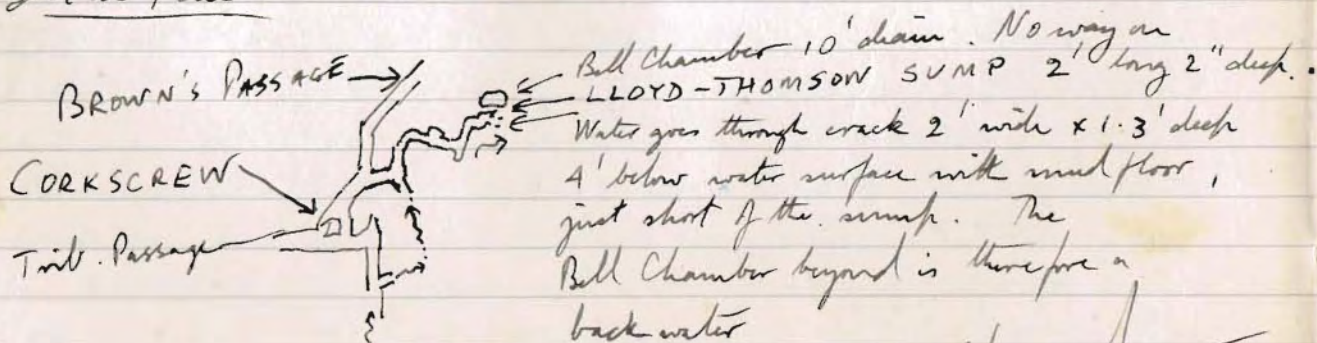
Sunday 11th Oct.

R.B., W.B., D.G.M., E.K.T., Anne, + P.M.L. to Piddy where one stone was lifted + another returned to its original position with the use of car-jacks. A suitable lunch break was taken at the Castle of Caerphilly.

V.T.L.

Sunday 11th October 1959

"Re-discovery" of the Lloyd-Thomson Sump in Stoke Lane. Oct. Phil Davies + Denis Warburton on a 3 hour trip explored many impassable waterways in Stoke Lane I.
Sketch Plan



Phil Lloyd

E.V.G., M.B., G.J.E. to Swildons very pleasant trip to Mud Sump, came very full of people with large traffic jams above and below 40' which also had two ladders down which got in the way.

RF

Saturday October 17th 1959

Wessers Dinner

E.V.S., B.E.P. and D.G.M. accepted an invitation by the Wessers for their dinner at the Cliff Hotel, Chesham. The meal was quite acceptable but unfortunately our supply of bread and wine bottle corks ran out half way through the main course so we were not able to participate in missile launching as actively as we would have wished. The speeches were a bit shamboled, but a few good ~~fits~~ jokes transpired. We left, sober, when the party games started.

D.G. Mead.

On their way home Oct. invited the Secretary of the B.E.C. into the Speleothat for a few minutes. He remarked afterwards that he didn't think the Belfry was yet quite as worked as that.

Oct.

Sat Oct 17th 59

B.G.G. + D. James took three freshers on a high speed trip to G.B. Cave, down to the bottom then up the Oxbow, down the 'white way', and out the wet way

B.G.G.

M.J.W took 4 freshers Mike, Helen, John and Tony on a tourist trip round G.B. straight down to the bottom then via the Oxbow, Hall, Loop, and Right chamber to the white way. From there up the gorge and out the wet way. At the entrance to the wet way we found 3 M.C.G. type freshers who were conducting themselves round the cave and

hoping to get out by the Ooze. I decided that since they didn't even know where it was they would be safer tagged on to our party. We emerged without further event the protesters having been duly impressed.

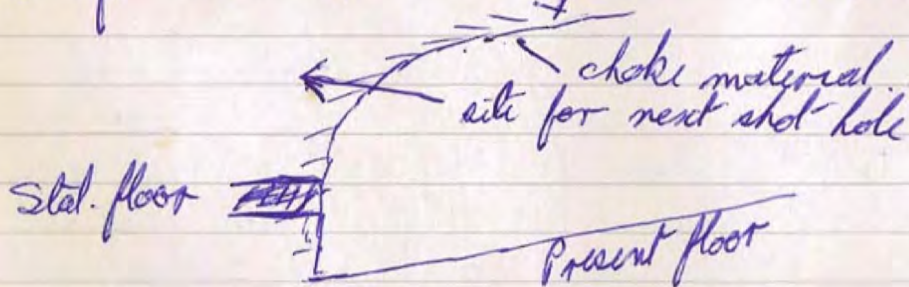
N.J.W.

Sat. Oct. 17th.

CSE, SN, AL, G.W. to E.B. We succeeded in entering a new passage which is the upper part of the Mud Entrance rift. Unfortunately it was choked after c. 50'. 120' of ladder, lifelines and lots of pegs & crabs left for next weeks photography.
G.W.

Sat. Oct. 17 - 1959

Digging at bottom - removing loose material from last bang. Removed about 20 buckets. There is a stalagmite floor about 4" thick in face & choke material above & below. The top of the face is now well below the roof. The next job is to blow into roof. On left of face near bottom are stalagmited boulders & some air space. Above & to left there are more spaces & mud & silt.



N.B. Beware of roof fall when drilling shot holes

Sat Oct. 17th.

C.H., A.H., Helga, David, Brian², Peter & P.M.L. on round trip of G.B.
Rather slow but interesting trip.

P.M.L.

Sat Oct 17th.

Brian, Christine H., Alan, Helen, Christine T., John, HE & RAS
to G.B. — a slow tour; down the Loop & colour
up the gorge & out the wet way after an inadvertent
dietsin. No incidents & a pleasant trip

Sunday Oct 18th

O.C.H., E.V.G., C.J.J., C.J.E., S.S.P.
to S.I. Cuthbert's, guided by Norman Petty (an
excellent fellow). All thoroughly enjoyed the trip. 5 hours.
We went to September Series (found 4 weeks ago).

Thursday Oct 22nd

D.G.M. and E.V.G. took a party of 9 from
Bragston School down Swildons to show them the
lights. We reached the area of the entrance
to Tralmar's Temple before the time factor
caused us to turn back. The journey out was
conducted in two parties. D.G.M. took his
out of the wet way, while E.V.G.'s party covered
most of Upper Swildons before going out the
dry way. A most enjoyable trip.

E.V.G.

Saturday Oct 24

N.J.U. and M.E. took C.A.M., A.M., P.C., Tony, Mike and John? down
Longwood. At the entrance we were somewhat delayed by 4 Sidcot
School people who were coming out. After this and some lamp
trouble we went down the cave and had a pleasant day trip
with no undue difficulties the only unfortunate thing being that we
got out at 8.30 which by the time we got back to the hut was
too late for planning.

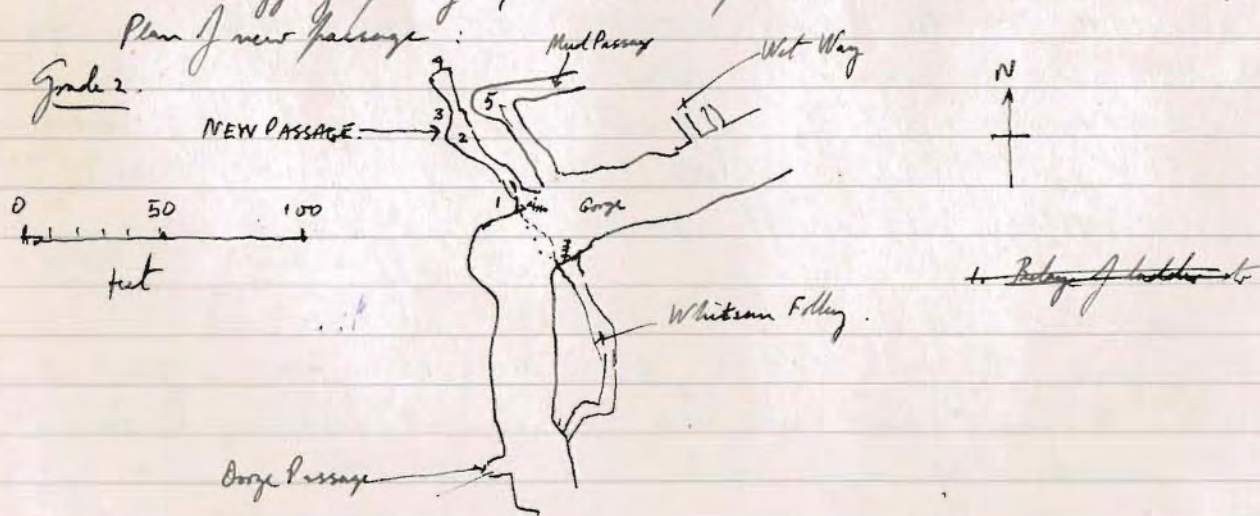
N.J.U.

Saturday, 20th October, 1959

Tratny, Garry, Cyril, Oliver, Richard, Wurdy, and a whole shower of them, including 8 diggers, went down G.B. On arrival, Oliver found that the M.C.G. party, who had the keys for the week-end, were already down, so he and Steve & Jeff went down rapidly, to stop them from letting off any magnesium, flash-powder or tobacco smoke. He found them just in time, & then showed them round the loops & tributaries down to the bottom, as they were not familiar with the cave.

In the meantime Tratny, the diggers, & photographers and our own special TRAPEZE ARTIST (Garry) arrived & got to action stations. Oll. inspected the dig & found the roof after the last 4 ft. b. awful, so set them to removing the spoil heap. On returning to the upper gorge he found the trapeze set in the right hand hole, went up & joined him and inspected the odd 60 feet or so of new passage. He considered that the terminal block might well be forced into what seemed a strong enough passage beyond, & backed his opinion by sacrificing his waistband and karabiner, so as to have a line up there. Garry then disassembled most of the ironmongery in the roof, sacrificing one short ladder, & reached the left hand wall safely. Plan

The M.C.G. boys who were watching were filled with admiration. Photography proceeded according to plan. Oll. then went down to collect the digging party, & we all left the cave at about 6.45 pm.



The Mud Passage starts at the top of the ladder pitch (1) and runs in the upper part of a steeply (60°) inclined partly closed rift, which forms ~~the~~ in its lower part the end of the Mud Passage. There is a heavy drip (now dry) down the ladder slope, which has rotted a lot of the stalagmite. Near the top is a fallen stalagmite that has been half embedded in the stalagmite which has since been eroded in this way, suggesting that there have been at least two periods of stalagmite formation with periods of erosion between ~~and~~ after.

At (2) there is a smooth stalagmite floor to a small, fairly well decorated chamber, and at (3) a squeeze leading up to another small chamber. The choker at (4) is composed of cemented boccia and could probably be crossed or ~~be~~ bypassed fairly easily. This would give access to a passage beyond, which seems to me at least a foot high. As this is leading straight for the upper grotto but on a lower level, has passed the ^{water} level at (5) in the mud passage, it might well be worth following.

O. Lloyd

Saturday 24/10/59.

B.R.C., B.B.P. and seven freshers to August Hole. This number was too large, and made the trip rather tedious. Owing to meeting four capable Sidcot lads in the "W", and plane time running out we went to see the Upstream Galleries only. A couple played up on the swing pitch, but apart from this the trip went reasonably smoothly. $4\frac{1}{2}$ hours. B.B.P.

Langwood See previous to the Lloydian epistle

see said.

N.J.W.

Sunday 25/10/59.

OCL, EVA & RAS to Manor Farm after a brief visit to G.B. to look for a tackle bag left on the previous day. As it was not to be seen on the surface, RAS returned to the scene of operations & finally found some in a place where no one could possibly miss it - right in the entrance to the dry way. At Manor Farm after clearing away the nettles 40 buckets were extracted and a bank built up to send the water ~~to the~~ straight into the hole. The gnatcatcher was called off when the boom broke down. This requires ~~the~~ the wire stays renewing completely, RAS.

[Monday + Tuesday + Wednesday Oct. 20th, 21st, 22nd
Working on installation of boiler in hut
fireplace & radiator in Grandchild. About 22 hrs
work.

After trying out it was found that though heating was good through ventilation was insufficient. There is a ~~piece~~ piece of sealed plastic tubing in base of radiator as an air cushion if circuit freezes. pitto about 20' in drinking water pipe supply. [OK]

Thursday Oct. 29

Replacing roof on grandchild with full length galv. iron sheets. Mounted door & put "holed" brick in wall at roof level & widened all ventilation slots. Probably further ventilation still needed. [OK]

Saturday, 31st October, 1959

Alvin Lloyd, Gerry Witts, Kit Eaton & Barry Perratt to Fault Chamber in Swildon's Hole. Work on this site has been slow for the past year, while Gerry, Kit & Bernard crept up the walls of G.B., hammering in bolts at the rate of ~~two~~ two an hour. Even when parties had visited Fault Chamber the rate of sandbolt fixation was only one in two hours. Flushed with success, Gerry & Kit approached what was to them a new problem with confidence: the graving in being accomplished in 1 hr. 20 min (= 1/2 hr. under bogey). When they saw the situation at the top of the chert, however, gingerly tapping rocks & generally getting a hollow sound, they appreciated more fully the fact that there is no place under Mandip quite as dangerous as this one. Work on the old lines was therefore resumed and the speed was found to be the same as before. However, we managed to get about 3 hours work done & actually fitted two sandbolts: a record, only made possible by extra speed of movement in the cave on a six hour trip. We emerged tired & dehydrated just before closing time: too late!

O. Lloyd

Saturday 31/10/59.

Helen-Judith, John, Nick, Stan, AR & RAS to Swildon's, dry way, Barnes loop to Sump 1 where all ~~but~~ ^{but} ~~1~~ through sump & along to sump 2, (who said it wasn't worth seeing?). A 4 1/2 hour trip including about 40 minutes spent waiting at the 40ft despite the lack of meegies.

A very fine trip

RRE

Saturday 31/10/59

G. W. Bell, H. Haley, Anne^M, David Jones, Colin Glass went down to Sump I and all but two went through. The interesting discovery that the other side of the Sump is free from the foul smoke of Sump D.

(GWB)

Saturday 31st Oct. David (?), Michael (?) + D.G. in to Reads and Rod's - no transport available to Swildons.

D.C.M.

Sat. 31 Oct N.J.W. and J.A.V. took Barry, Doug, Combs, John. to Swildons. No one really wanted to go through the snow so none did. (Serious)
N.J.W.

Wed. 4th November. W.A.D. + Pete Smith did photography in Reds. The photos (if they come out) are required by the our C.O. for "clearing" purposes.

W.D.

SAT. 7th Nov.

E.M.T. and C.F.E. to G.B. Bottom to

'hang'. 4 sticks placed in face at bottom.

Set in flying bang which should we hope,

- remove all the loose stuff in the roof and loosen up above generally. Back to Put for 2.10 pm.

Sat 7th Nov Eastwater - Freshers Trip

N.J.W. and ME took Doug John John Jeff down Eastwater via the Twin Verticals. (The only route now open). Our party started off 2nd and at the bottom of the boulder cascade we found Cyril's party sitting at the top of the 380ft way looking for the way on (Johnson you are a steamer). After a long wait in the rift-chamber having been joined by Eric's shower and some counts we eventually proceeded down the venting and on down the muddy Oxbow - back up the pots into the water chamber. Here there was much confusion and a vast delay owing to overpopulation of the cave. We eventually got out of the cave much after closing time to find that Eric had dropped one of the bottles of Brom we had bought in the road outside the Hunter's. Gilted them and also a steamer. All in all we felt rather knocked.

N.J.W.

Sunday 8th Nov.

EKT, BBP, KE, AR, PML, D.S.M. to Paddy to photograph water filled ditch and fill in the dig. This job was almost completed due to the ceaseless labours of the participants.

D.S.M.

Sunday 8th Nov

!! G.M.B., R.A.S. & E.V.G. to Manor Farm, taking advantage of the prolonged dry weather. We were unfortunately the victims of structural failure of the hauling apparatus. As a result we spent most of our time in running repairs and removed only 60 buckets.

E.V.G.

Sunday Nov 1

D.S.M., P.M.L., D.T., W.B., C.S.T., H.H., CBH, CHG, R.A.S. and E.V.G. to Hillier cave by arrangement with the Cerberus who provided a guide (John). We did a straightforward trip through the dry series, the only delays being halts for photography. The trip lasted 3 hours and was enjoyed by all.

E.V.G.

Sat NOV 7th

D.C.H., C.G., C.T.E., B.P. to Eastwater to investigate the report that a rock fall had occurred in the Dolphin Trench (not Pit). This report is correct. Rock has fallen from above the entrance passage to the pit, and knocked away the ledge that we used to stand on in order to reach the east-belt. The gap to the wall-belt is now about 9' and is unreachably. A ladder can now be tethered to a large boulder just before

the pitch is reach. At the bottom of the pitch, Harris's Passage is now buried beneath about 15' of large boulders. A vast amount of effort would be needed to clear this and open up this route again to the bottom. I don't think it will ever be done.

CAUTION. If members wish to look out the bottom they should put the ladder as far over to the right (when standing on the ladder) as possible, in order to miss a dangerous flake of rock about 25' down.

Saturday 19th Nov.

A sad day for the Spelass, perhaps. Stream contracted an exogenous union, from which withdrawal will not now be possible. A climber who she is; a cover she may become; we can only hope. See log entry for Sat. 20th May.

C.I.G. John Davis, Stan Cooper, John Worley, Helen West, ~~Miss~~ D.R.A. Houston B.G. Bottom where something in the region of 40 brackets were removed.

This has made a tremendous difference to the bottom, it is now a reasonable cave dig and not a rabbit hole. The forward face is getting fairly solid and the next operation needed is a bang to loose it all up. The roof is now a bit safer than it has been for a number of years.

On give the choice the parties decided to come on the web way, taking a long time and thus curtailing my time at the phone. G.R.C.

Age.

Sunday 15th Nov.

On the way out at 11.00 AM to 2.15 PM, please trip in at 11.00 AM all out by 4.15. Night out at end of Chris Paul Passage, owing to requested belief that there was a forced ladder there. It was pleasant trip.

IMPORTANT

IN FUTURE, ALL
MEMBERS WILL NOTIFY

M.I.C.T.E

BEFORE TAKING

ANY TACHLE.

[Society Rules]

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Saturday 21st Nov.

ERT with BBP & G.W., deprived of a whole day's carving, due to lack of a lifeline spent a pleasant afternoon tending a large bonfire of brush wood in the woods.

G.W.

Saturday 21st Nov.

C.T.S., C.A.S., A.R., A.V.M., C.B.H., D.T., J.W., H.W., D.A.A., J.D.W. Mick?, W.E.B., P.J.H.Y., C.A.H., N.T.W., David?, S.C., Mike? & E.V.G. to Lamb Lee for no particular reason other than to climb down and up the pitch. Once we had obtained the key (!!!) the trip went very smoothly. Most people descended to the bottom of the Wales Chamber. The trip was well organised and only took 230 mins (3 hours 30 mins).

The length about the key was that E.V.G. forgot it causing me to have to drive an extra 13 miles. N.S.W.

Saturday Nov 14

N.T.W. and E.V.G. took a party of 8 Rover Scouts to Walman's beehive. A fine and little free trip. E.V.G.

Sunday Nov. 22nd 1959.

Party of 6 to Gough's Old Cave. Removed about 160 buckets. see special log.

Monday. Nov. 23 1959

1. Members are requested not to leave out in the rain communal property such as sleeping bags.

2. Members are requested to refrain from gallivanting about on roof: (a) it makes the roof leak. (b) it disrupts rainwater guttering system so that the woodwork of the hut is kept constantly wet. (c) if members feel they must get on the roof at night they please see that the guttering etc. dislodged is replaced when daylight restores sanity.

Saturday Nov. 21 1959.

Party of C.J.E. + RAS, H.U. + I to G.B. Put in charge in roof at bottom. The bang was followed by thudding noises at intervals. C.J.E.

Sunday Nov. 22 1959

H.J.S.

C.J.E. + A.N.O. to G.B. to take down party of Old Westonsians (aving) Club.

Found very much smoke in main part of cave + bucket way wire rope, which was intact after blasting on Saturday, broken. The Sandhurst (aving) Club had been down in the interval.

Long trip a-SRo (due to photography) visiting Baller Thompsons Crater, Run-a-way Valley, E.S.W. extension, Art Gallery.

Thursday Nov. 26 1959

Visited hut to see if still standing after gale switched over charging to large battery. Hut still standing! ditto caravan!!

Friday 27th

C.J.E. and RAS out on the 10 pm (pub club) Tramman Special to examine WYATTS CAVE. Entered about 11:30 pm and found narrow rift \approx 3 ft wide and estimated 100 feet long. Approx depth below surface 35 feet. Some 20 ft added to length explored by Ascebridge. off

Saturday 28th

C.J.E. & RAS. to Wyatts cave via the President. About an hour was spent making a rough survey and attempting to make some photos. Survey will enter when Tratty gives us the data. off

C.J.E., J.R., H.W. and D.H. to Swildon. a rather scholastic start was made with one or two mistakes to start with

We had to collect some ladders from Hillgrove and manage to get a puncture on the way. When we eventually arrived at Hillgrove we couldn't find any decent lifelines so John Watley came back while the rest of us walked from Hillgrove to Priddy.

At Main Barn we met two Westminster Types with nothing to do so they joined us and we eventually entered the cave at 6.45. An uneventful trip followed to Swildon II. One of the Westminster types caused a bit of concern being very tired when we eventually came out at 11.45. The fact that he looked very like John Wallington did not ease my feelings on the matter one little bit. off

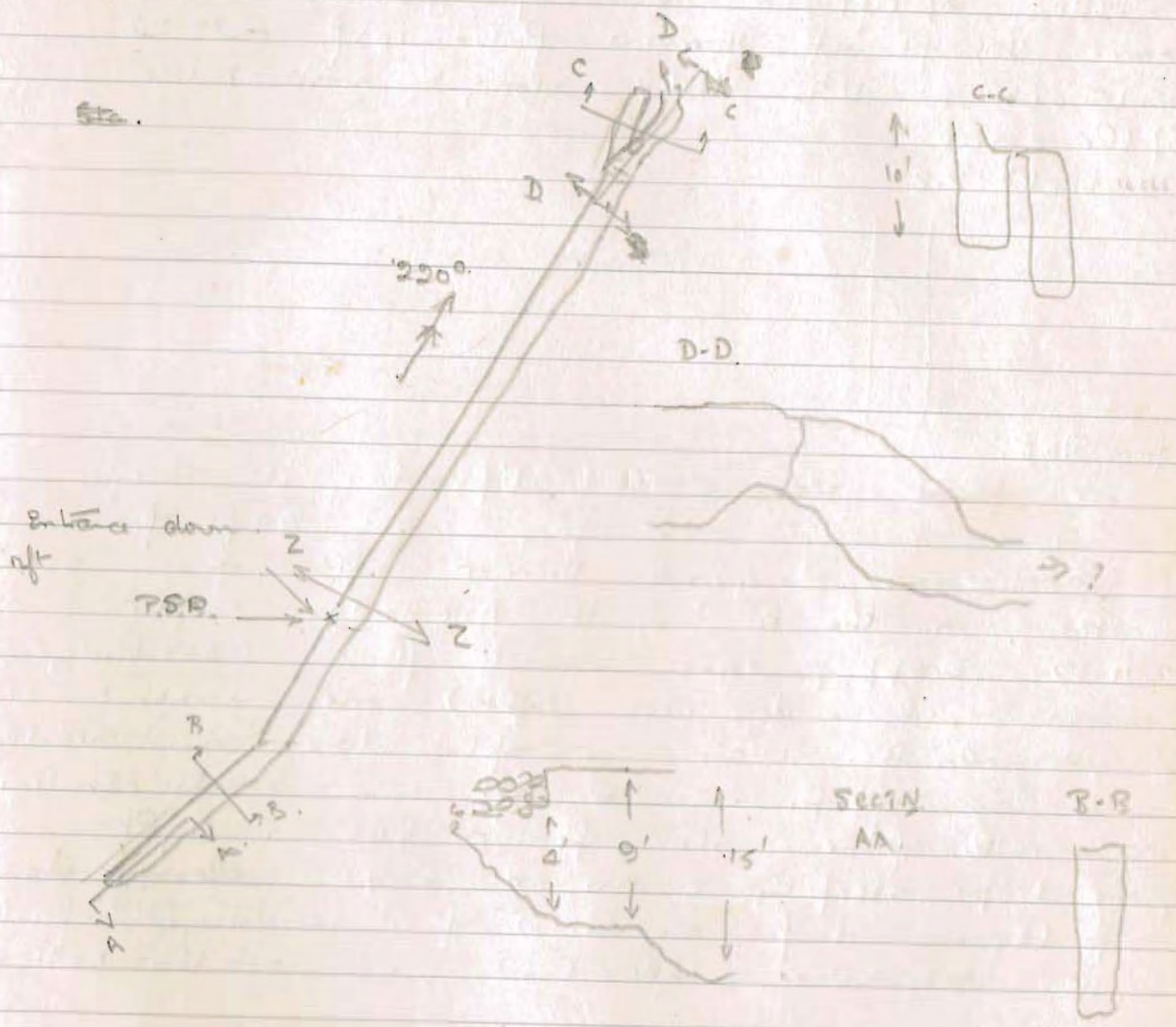
WYATTS CAVE

C.R.G. Grade 2.

By R.A. SHUTER
C.T. EATON.

Grade 4 to follow

DEPT. H. 59



The cave is a natural rift in the conglomerate at Wyatts Farm and was broken into on 26-11-59 while the foundations were being laid for a new barn. Entry was actually effected by a pneumatic drill that was being used to break up the surface rock which nearly resulted in the loss of the drill! The rift is ~~approximately~~ follows a line of 220 mag

for most of its length with a turn to 270° for a short sect' at the end as shown in the diagram.

The entrance is by climbing down some 30' to bottom of rift a line of jammed boulders some 20' ft up forms a false roof and the continues at this level along the rest of the length of the cave.

sectⁿ 2-2



Entrance place

280° from P.S.P.

The floor has several dips along its length and ~~finally~~ rises sharply some 20 ft from the end over a stagnant barrier the, from scratched marks, was the limit of the Axe bridge exploration on 22.11.59. Dropping down the floor (Axe bridge comment - close down to right) one comes to the final chamber which is split down the middle by a large flake. To the left is a small chamber with rather fine stal. flow on LHS. To right floor drops steeply at an angle of 60° closing down rapidly. A feet and a half first investigation failed to get beyond a left hand band at the bottom.

40° from P.S.P.

Roof some 20 ft up consists of jammed boulders (somewhat loose) and after some 25' ~~it crosses~~ the floor dips some 6' eventually finishing after 35' under a loose pile of boulders. see sectⁿ A.A

Some rather nice formations are about the only things worth going for.

J.P.

Saturday, 28th Nov.

The Societies Annual Trip to Primrose
Pat went off with a real swing this year.
Those involved were EVC, B/P, G/DW to bottom,
The Flasher to Ledge I and CST, NSW, DJ, RAS,
ably assisted as support. All out of the cave 7 hrs
after entering.

Very large boulder at bottom @ Witty.
of entrance boulder rubble mound. A chalk stone
came out from under it. S.V.S.

Saturday 28th Nov. 59.

P.M.L. Stan, Ann. D.G.M. to Rhine Rift to clear up
debris from the bang last winter. This consisted
of 11 nelly-fuls of broken stones and calcite. Rather
hard work for 4 people.

D.G. Read.

Sunday, 29th Nov. 1959

Party to Gough's Old Cave. Continued deepening in
N h/14, 15. West side beginning to get into
undisturbed. on East side large boulders & air spaces
beginning to appear under Goughian layer.
Next visit clear a little more at N end of trench
& then dig westerly. for details see special log.

Thursday Dec 3rd 1959 Visited hut. Sharpened
both X-cut saws. Drowned to young rats
found in trap. M

changed to small battery, large battery appears
fully charged. M

Sat. 5th Dec.

after thoughts on last weekends. } (Promised)
} Pot
} P.P. Strip

lead us to think that the iron bar we cemented on 10th Dec January this year is not a good idea at all. Therefore we intend to either replace the bar with a shorter one in a better place, or put a rambolt in on the far side of the squeeze.

E.D.W. AND B.B.P.

~~Sat. 5th Dec~~Sat. 5th Dec. 1959

Party of 12 to G.B. Examined dig at bottom. There is a steady series of trickles coming down from the roof but no water is collecting in floor. About 10 feet from end a large boulder has fallen from roof & there is more to come. The boulder must weigh at least a ton. It will be necessary to take away choke in roof up to rock.

Did a "bang" 1/2 oz, at far end of East Passage. A satisfactory noise was made but effectiveness of shot is not yet known.

Repaired damage to guttering etc. Time taken 2 hrs. See entry 23/11/59

Sat - Sun 5 & 6 Dec

E.V. G. & RAS + 4 Redland College trip to Aggie Aggs. taking full kit bag apiece to main chamber. Peruse the contents of said kit bags we decided that underground camping is to be avoided as far as possible. However an extremely enjoyable 21 hour trip down a cave in a very wet Wales

R.B.

Sat. 12th December.

CJE, NIW, ME (Slasher) GW, photographed by ERT tried to climb into the ladder clog. Pitons took us up 14 feet and then we fixed a bolt. The remnants of the old ladder snapped on testing. We should complete this climb next time.

G. Witts.

Eric led a party (Plaza Toro fashion) down August Hole, consisting of David Mead, David James, David Royal (too many "Davids!"), Stan Mills, Wendy Bell, Ann Mills, Cyril J. & Oliver. The water was at a high winter normal, i.e. very wet. It was very difficult getting back up the 30' pit in August on the return. Electric torches are recommended. We went downstream from the Fault Chamber to the terminal stream sink, but did not descend the terminal rift. Somebody has been digging (& giving up digging) the stream sink. They have got down about 2 1/2 ft., and the water now disappears through two horizontal parallel fox holes. Much water has been diverted down terminal rift. Conditions not suitable for surveying. It was a quick & satisfactory trip, taking a total of 3 1/2 hours. It must be recorded with great regret that the trident stalactite has been destroyed.

O.L. Lloyd

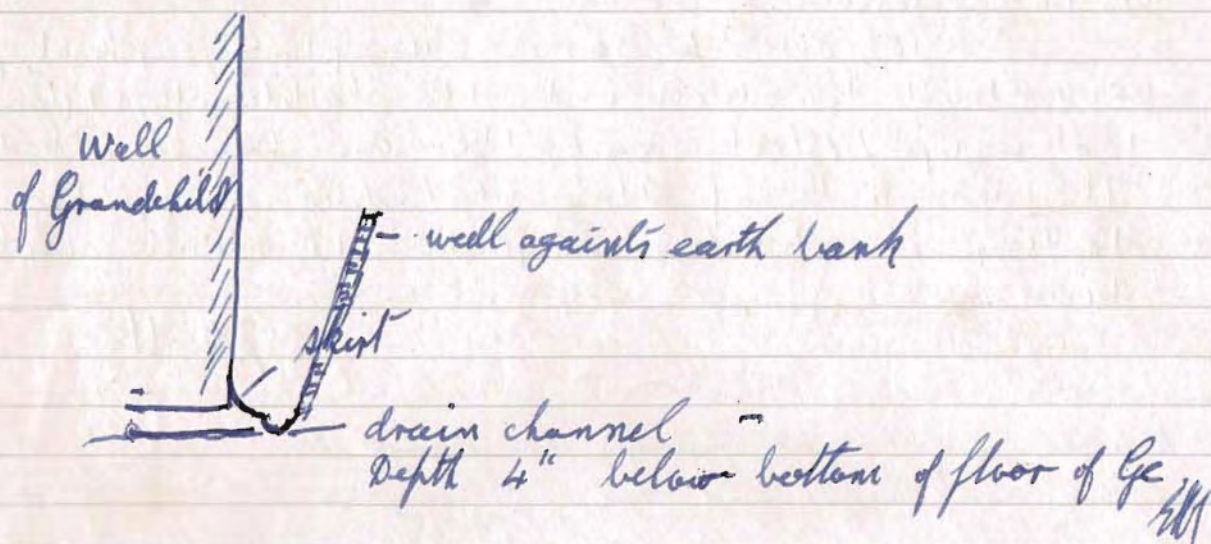
Friday 18th December

Borrowed for Grant's Hole, ladders 40' x 1, 20' x 2,
life line 100' x 1, tethers 10' x 2 - O.L. Lloyd
a 1" Y-sling, 2 b. ropes, 21 small shackles 31.12.59 All returned
O.L.

Sat. Sun. 19th + 20th Dec. 1959

Digging drainage trench round Grandchild. Did about 2/3
The remaining 1/3rd is a perfect so & so!
It is intended to run a concrete lined gutter &
retaining wall outside to drain off water that runs down

walls. Thus:



Friday 18th December, 1959

Expedition to Grain's Hole, Derbyshire, organized by Kit Eaton.

Foregatheration at Beaxton, mainly in a Wimpey Bar: John Mitt & I had travelled up together (snow on the mountains, very cold), Kit had come from home with all the gear and Mick & Rosemary joined us at the Bar.

From there we went to the "premises" of the Stockport Pot-holing Club, which had kindly been put at our disposal. These were situated in the back yard of a pub in Chapel-en-le-Frith, called "The Jolly Carter". Not to put too fine a point on it, they were a stable. The horse & manger had been removed and half the floor covered by three double-decker bunks. The other half contained ~~two~~ tables & three chairs, & a chest of drawers, leaving S.F.A. for you, me & the cat. But the doors! The upper half was intact and could be bolted, but the lower half was falling to pieces, and a northerly gale was just whistling in. We propped a spare table up against it at night, but it blew down.

Next morning (Sat. 19th Dec.) we were joined by our guide, a chap called Graham Wright. Very nice he was, too. We got to Grain's Hole about mid-day, but Peter, Johnny, David & friend did not show up. So we carried on, the 6 of us. We took 2 hrs. & 10 minutes to tail the Barkwash Sumpf, making an air space of 5". We were 3 1/2 hours on the other side of the sumpf

by which time the air space was 4" (Jack!).
 The main streamway beyond is like Fannarooka. Half a mile of narrow winding passage, with attractive waterfalls. The most "attractive" was Garland's Pot, a 25' drop with a Niagara flowing over it. Fortunately there was a fixed ladder there, as the force of the water was considerable. The cave has this great tourist amenity, that after a short distance one can climb up out of the streamway and go along a separate set of private passages, passed the "Poached Egg" passage, through the "Ghost Rift Chamber" (where we had lunch) to ~~a small~~ and so down by easy (or tricky) stages, until one rejoins the ~~the~~ main streamway again just ~~at~~ short of the second sump.

It was very wet, & by then some of us were rather tired, so we left the second sump alone & went back up the main streamway. Total length of trip 7 1/2 hours.

We returned on the Sunday, having been woken early by two other members of the S.P.H. Club who had come to mend the door. Good luck to them!

O.C. Lloyd

New Year Party 1959 → 1960

29/12/59

Cobkes arrived

30/12/59

A.R., B.B.P., P.R.B., N.S.W., W.E.B., C.F.S., H.H. arrived at various stages of the day. Visited the Plume in order to open the proceedings in a fitting manner. Our feasting friend was somewhat over-zealous in his celebrations.

31/12/59 → 1/1/60

Arrivals during the day — H.M., D.N., E.V.G., D.J., A.M., R.A.S., C.A.M., C.K.V.A.G., O.C.L., S(A)R.

At an early hour an advance party set out to reconnoitre the vicinity of the "Plume of Feathers" and were followed shortly by the remainder of the student members. The Kitchen was left in the capable hands of B.B.P. & O.C.L.

At first the proceedings struck an exceedingly morose note but aided by some fun and games of a competitive type the members warmed to their work. We were joined by the President, Bertie and Molly who decided at an early hour that we should return to the scene of feasting.

22 persons sat down to consume the turkey and trimmings, and such was the standard of the feast that persons "asked for more" not once but twice.

The party then settled down to the serious business of the evening - each man (+ woman) to his taste. There was no lack of scintillating conversation and of amusing incidents to pass away the last 50 minutes of the year. Doctor Floyd provided us with a little mechanical music, between guttural shouts at various innocent members.

Persons were well lubricated and in fine voice when (a little late) we celebrated the entry of 1960. Arson ignited the fireworks with consummate ease. Absent friends were toasted in the usual manner, after which we sang The 2 Crows and Auld Lang Syne and then returned to our glasses. Certain pleasant Northern customs were introduced to the Southerners at about this stage of the proceedings.

By now the company was thinning and those who were still standing were few and far between. They were however still able to sit & drink. Two more pleasant hours were spent before Dr. Floyd suggested a little caving. Accompanied by Barry, Dave and Dick he proceeded to Goat church at 2. ~~pm~~ a.m. effort. The four went underground clad only in trunks, boots & helmets and reemerged safely some time later. They were met in the entrance chamber by a party carrying alcohol for their revival.

This party then returned to the

hut at 4 ~~pm~~ a.m. From then on all recollections are a little hazy but it was at least 6 a.m. before we finally got to bed.

Unfortunately some members had to depart at an early hour, with the result that people had too little sleep and remained lethargic throughout the day.

Saturday 2nd

G.W., M.W., D.S., B.P.P. to G.B. The lifeline

hanging from the west side of the gorge opposite Whitson Folly was removed, as it has stayed there a term, not been used, and the ladder cannot now be pulled up to the top. Unfortunately Oliver's sling and ^{carbo} ~~wood~~ were caused to be abandoned. Post, then to the climb into ladder dig. One more rawlbolt put in. G.D.W. attempted to climb from here but failed. It is interesting to note that the new type of welded rawlbolt held when he fell, also the $\frac{3}{4}$ single nylon line which had remained in G.B. for past term did not snap (He fell about 20'). The citier (how does one spell this word?) that was left some time ago up the wall was also removed. Unfortunately this is again "up the wall" with one life-line, and several rawlbolts pitons and crabs. All except the rawlbolts are recoverable.

B.P.P.

Tuesday 6th January 1960

H.H., C.K.G., E.V.S., D.S.M. on a quick trip to Sump I, Swildons. 8.30 p.m. to 10.45 p.m. Stayed the night at the hut.

D.S.M.

9th & 10th January 1960.

E.V.S., R.W. & D.S. two trips to Agaji Agaji - visited main passage & various stream passages - failed to find Turkey Series.

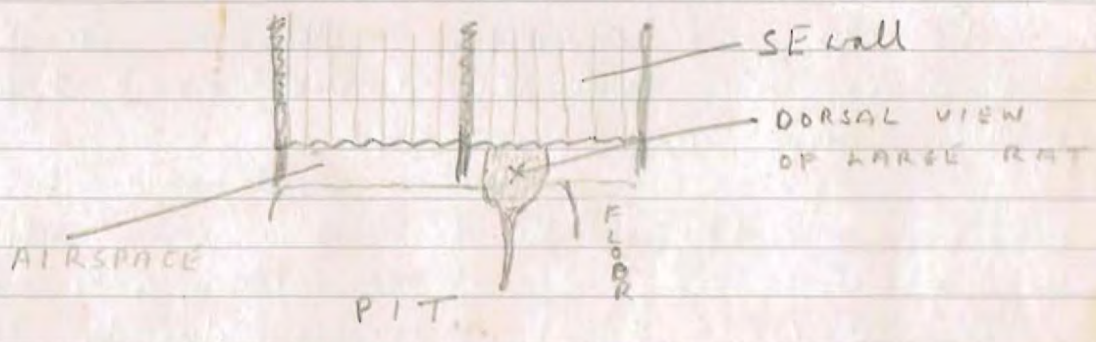
D.S.

Friday 9th

C.J.E. arrived at 11.30 to find (mural
to his relief) N.J.W. installed with a fire and a
very, very welcome bottle of brown. A very happy
party - but we have someone missing where is that
— — G.D.W.? who was supposed to meet me
at the bus station at 10.10. I have had a
pleasant walk through the wet mist thinking up various
modifications on a basic 'wheel' theme. Hungry up
Garry Sweet you S and C's.

Sat 10th

Observed in the Ivy Bower at 1.15 pm



In future use of this establishment must be restricted
to Homo sapiens since other species do not use the warning
sign and might therefore cause embarrassment to the more
sensitive members of the higher species who might surprise
(P.M.L. definition) them. Should this occur again I fear I
shall be forced to write to the Secretary about it.

Sat. 10th Jan.

J. Mac H.

- 5th 5th Heigl. Ho., Heigl. Ho. 2 Tin off to work we go 5th at
C.J.E., G.D.W., N.J.W., M.T.S. M.T.S. to G.S. to have a look
at Ladder Dig. A quick but less revealed one rather than
raw ball where G.D.W. descended last week. After
replacing some C.J.E. tried to free climb over overland
descending at rather a high rate of knots, a second

attempt also had a similar ~~effect~~ ^{result}. (NoG 2nd rawlbolt was not as badly bent an interesting fact as C.J.E. in 11 stone as opposed to GDW who in 8 stone). After a on-site G.D.W. resurveyed the position ~~and~~ and found a "crack" in which he inserted a pylon and attached .40' ladders, using the the ladder Dug was reached and "Peel Off Face" was quashed. C.J.E. ascended next with a top rope and as he stepped off pylon to free climb the rope as fell out completely with ladder. After second fog to involve scattered nerves $\frac{3}{8}$ the rawlbolt was put in top and descent made on tappel.

To quote G.D.W. "These men who think G.B. to be a Sunday afternoon treat can still find it an Adventure Frangit with Danger - if they try hard enough"

Evening spent at Pine and interesting calculation made as to the resulting effect to the 'Beech Tree' at least 1000 gals over last few years (Basic research due to Prof G.D. Wilts B.F.)

Thursday Jan 7 1960
 fixing up ~~shattering~~ ^{shattering} ~~scouring~~ for cementing
 round grandchild.

Sat. Jan 8 1960
 Cement rendering round base
 of grandchild.

Thursday Jan. 14 1960

Put gas cylinders inside Grandchild
& made temporary connections to hut. EKT

Saturday Jan 16th 1960.

CAM, MJS, AM, PAS, NJW EKT to GB for work in ladder dig
30 buckets + large boulders were removed from the bottom of the hole
through the aragonite floor. This hole has to be considerably deepened
before pushing on under the aragonite floor. EKT ~~was~~ ~~the~~ ~~time~~
pushing large boulders around with his little finger part the bottom dig
before going out on his own. Where the time went we dont know, but
the hut was reached at 9:30 and ~~was~~ PAS at least had worked up a
very considerable 'dint'

MPS,

At bottom of G.B. knocked out stone in
'V' of roof between 1st & 2nd small chambers
& removed some of best stuff beyond. on left, looking
down stream, large slab separated from wall was
pulled over at least half of it was. The remaining
half requires to be held in place by piece of
timber!

Next party to break up some of boulders &
stack as dry stone walls on st. of left of passage.

Sunday Jan. 17 1960. Gough's Old Cave. Diggins
in pit at back of outer chamber. Removed
120 buckets. As passage goes off & down northward
but old. not to fully excavated as opening was
too small & there was too much loose stuff chuffy

Sat 23/1/60.

J.W. Nick, Tony, J.H.W. ME. H.H. WEB. P.A.S. to a
a very wet hargwood. I.H.W. "just loved" the slower Latt others
were not so appreciative. After much rope mechanics
on the traverse everyone reached the bottom & followed the
streamway until it near rumped. A three hour trip plus a
groing sloping walk over Black Down. In retrospect most
people agreed that a good time was had by all

P.A.S. (1.20 am).

Sat. 23/1/60.

Party 6 to G.B.: photography of climb to
Ladder Dig + of helictites in passage. About 7 taken.
Visited bottom dig. Broke up + stacked part of fallen boulders.
At end the mud is being washed away leaving clean
stones. Turned full stream right down to bottom.
The end chamber filled up to a depth of about 1 foot
& then the water level remained stationary. The
water treatment should be continued. *WJF*

Sunday 24th January, 1960

A.P.R. P.A.S. and others, followed by a few ~~and~~ others then went to Swildon's,
with a view to doing TV, but taking dustwater tackle as well, in case
Swildon's was flooded. We inspected the entrance to start with,
and finding the water pouring into it from a great height (3 inches)
decided to leave all tackle in the car and to do a visit west
Upper Swildon's, just to see what it was like. The force of
the water was so great that the approach to the 15' drop was
deemed dangerous, so we went via the Kenney's dig to the Pretty Way.
Thence to the Water Chamber, roaring with water. In the Water
Rift, the lower passage in the over-and-under barrier was a snarl,
so most of us went through the upper and had a look at the
40'. It was worse than this time last year (see 17.1.59).
The bottom basin was ~~also~~ ^{impassable}, and had ~~from below~~
Thence home, where at the next we found that the
sewing iron had left all the washing up for us to

do, not to mention the churning & edging of the tent.

Later that evening M.R.O. was called out to help a party trapped in St. Cathbert's by the force of the water on the first ladder pitch.

overly

Sat. 30 Jan

J.A.W., G.M.W., G.J.H., and I proceeded to Wookney Hole, ostensibly to assist and encourage the C.D.G. We did not enter the cave until 5.0 p.m. owing to the presence of the Public. At that time we entered, and after a little pottering, we investigated the cave, including the upper system. When the main body of the C.D.G. arrived we were informed that, as we were not members and mostly were not over 21, we were not legally permitted to stay within the cave while the C.D.G. were in occupation. This being Counsel's opinion (at 25 qrs. a time) we had no choice but to leave Wookney Hole, having saved 2/6 entry and 10/- C.D.G. membership fee.

A disappointing excursion.

D.H. Thompson

Sat 30 Jan. In the Hut.

H.H. to G.W. "You're not wasting your time, Garry." Quote 11/45pm.

Sat 30 Jan.

OCL, SC, EVS & RAS to G.B. to C.B., ^{ladder dig.} agent from taking a short 20' for the pitch & leaving the long hammer behind the party went smoothly, especially for E.V.G. After the other 3 had dug their statutory 10 buckets it was discovered that in order to make the Plume that night a rapid retreat was necessary. Thus 31 buckets were painfully excavated. The stream running down to the bottom was running away ^{down} through a clean hole in large boulders at the far end of the dig though a lot was soaking through the floor before it reached aforesaid hole. There were

signs, according to O.C.L., that the small terminal chamber had been flooded to the roof. The Plume was made, — with 10 minutes to spare

MFS

Sat 30th Jan.

H.H., H.M., C.G. D.F. + David? to Sublet Swallet for a leisurely afternoon's caving. All awkward parts to bottom squeezes navigated without too much difficulty. At the bottom attempts were made to get through the squeeze, three of the party being successful but all finding some difficulty in getting back without a rope. C.G. & D.F. both thought better of it having got halfway in. The return journey was made without much difficulty and the party arrived back at the hut at 5.45 pm

P.f

Feb. 6 1960ImportantTo All Members

It has become apparent in the last three months that there is a tight fingered local resident who makes regular visits to the hut to see what he or she can find. The following left out have quickly disappeared.

About 6 washing up towels
 1 pr tin smith's grips
 1 spirit level
 1 Axe, felling, old.

It is therefore necessary to put all tools away at the end of your stay

Feb 6th

EKT GDW EVG em Slasher MB DJ attacked (again)
 her climb into Whits — Folly in order to recover it.

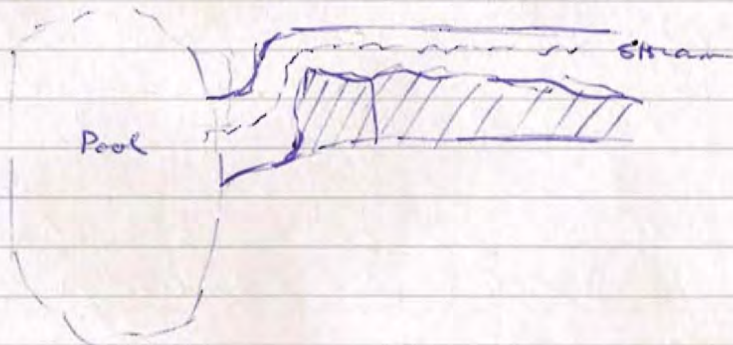
Ascended to 40' above ground. Holes had to be redrilled as they were too small. EKT WD followed by 4 others went to bottom. After moving Sunday boulders & mud entered v. small ? Sump chamber. Much water was flowing through it. The roof is clean solid rock. Boulder is very large & rather unstable.

SECTION.



WD.

PLAN

See Over
13/2/60

Sunday Feb 7 1960

D.J., S.C., G.M.B. To Reads and had a general wander round in the cave. Met the army (They came from Aldershot!) in the grotto at the far end looking for Z ally. so we showed them the way to the squeeze

G.M.B. and

Sunday 7th February 1960

The U.B.S.S. Cave Cinematograph Company visited G.B. on location - There were 2 actors: David Houston, David Royal, Ann Runt, John Worley, Nick; electricians: Eric Gilbert, Richard Shuter & Barry Bennett; photographer: Mark Howell, director (and how!) Tony Morrison; promoter: David Lloyd.

The spot for filming was the descent of the 40' drop in the gorge. We started work on the spot at 12 noon, and things went smoothly, if a little slowly. Tony

wanted about five different shots, but after we had done 2 there were only 15 seconds of film left (no. 2 was a good one, coming down the ladder). At this point the promoter started to tell lies about how late it was getting, because he wanted the job to be done, but the photographer & director wanted to get back to Bristol early - Unfortunately he was firmly, truthfully & tactlessly corrected by other members of the team, who also had watches - (11:20 pm.)

We then started to do shot three (this, & 4 & 5 were to have 5 seconds each), but owing to the trigger happening of the photographer, he gave it the whole of the remaining 15 seconds, so that was that - We packed up & got out of the cave by 2 pm.

The camera is fairly easy to pack & carry. The batteries go quite well in one haversack and are not unduly heavy. The 3 lights also travelled quite well - Total of 5 or 6 packs -

O.C. Lloyd

Saturday 6/2/60

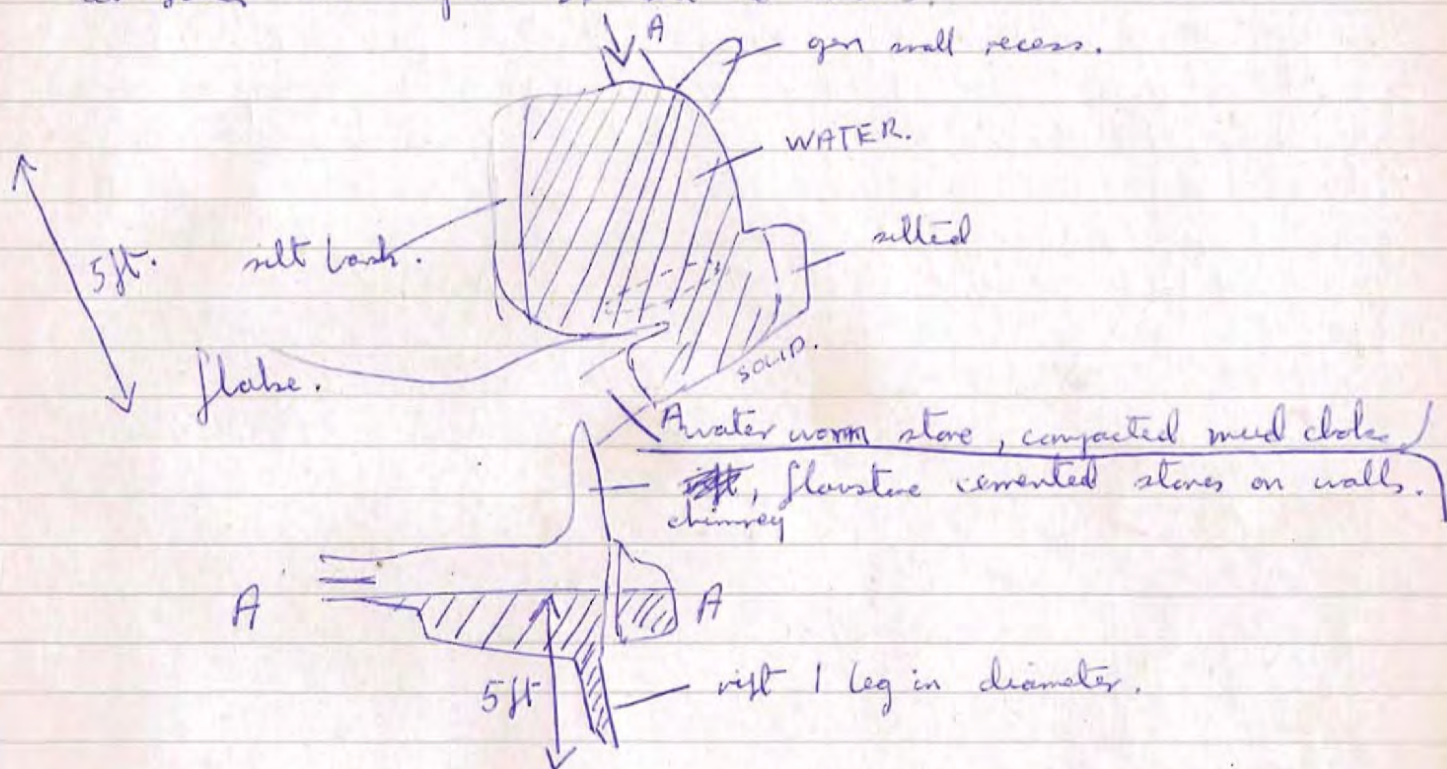
J.W., D.H., S.C. RAS. to find the exact position of the end of E- Passage. The result is that it finishes 10 feet South, 6 feet West and 45 feet above the bottom of the crane ladder - ie we are not yet over the gorge ~~but~~ and should pass over the top ~~of~~ of it - just!

MRS.

Saturday 13/2/60

SC, TT RAS to C.B. - after removing sundry boulders from the entrance to the terminal a goon suited MRS entered to find the way on to the waters which must surely lie beyond this obstruction. The pool is generally about 2 feet deep & there is no apparent exit for the water beyond the right indicated on the plan but here again no current could be felt. The floor ~~is~~ seems

to lev. large boulders and there is a layer of compact fine silt over everything and against ~~to~~ all the walls.



Facing downstream the left bed wall is fairly solid, the facing wall very solid, the dip is to the right & all the indications are that ~~that~~ this is the "future line" of the cave. Above the rift there is a stalactite with its bottom below the surface of the water.

The stream was diverted back down the two right hand passages, the party removed 3 rillifeds from E. passage & returned to the bottom hoping to find the pool drained — the water level had risen $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches — we left.

DRB

Saturday 13/2/60

[poor old Goliath hadn't a chance]

David, David and David (i.e. D.R.R., D.J. D.S.M.) to Eastwater. After an instructive hour exploring the boulder choke and 380' way, the trip was more or less uneventful. Stream more or less non-existent.

D.S.M.

Saturday 20th February, 1960

Double Fault Chamber (Swildon's) Expedition

First party (O.L., C.J.E., G.D.W. & R.A.S.) descended at 3:40 pm & made Fault Chamber by 5:00. We got the ladder up to the top sand bolt, which was just short of the 9" layer of stalagmite. The next, which we inserted was about 3 1/2' up & to the left in some stal. over rock (fairly firm). Gerry moved ladder into this & then climbed the gully for 10', where he put in 4 pitons & let himself down, leaving the life line up through the pitons. This job we left the second party was therefore to consolidate by putting a r. bolt up by the pitons. This they were not able to do.

The second party (P.J.T., B.B.P., C.H.A.G., E.V.G.) were delayed by Strick, who thought he could do maintenance & bring in major order "all in one day", got into trouble with the former & found himself tied & late for the latter. However, the party did a good job, for although they didn't manage to consolidate the 10' gained by Gerry, they put in a good firm 1/2" bolt 7' above our last one.

Fault Chamber is getting safer the higher we climb, not that that is saying much.

S. Lloyd

Sat. 20th Feb 1960.

J.W., S.C., D.R., N.S. & P.J. to G.B. to meet party of 3 from Swansea. P.J. & S.C. showed them round in the usual manner with the exception of the Wet Way as nobody had the inclination. The rest of the party stogged around in the Main Chamber after a visit to the bottom, to try out a Sublepe sextant Mark IX, (ex R.A.V.) for use in cave survey. - This report was fairly favourable.

The terminal pool at the bottom had gone down by 6-8" on the previous week.

P.J.

In future please get your facts right.

Sat. 20 Feb. 1960 Party of 5 round Read's Cavern
but 2 alky not descended. *JHW*

Sun 21 Feb 1960

From all who went to Fault Chamber, many thanks to
to the Cooks (C.G.H. & C.B.H.) for an excellent meal at an
unusually low cost.

Sunday 21st Feb.

J.A.W & J.H.W. intended to visit G.B. but were
foiled in the attempt by failure to obtain the keys.
Therefore they were reduced to a visit to Avelyn's
Hole & Sidcot Swallet including a long walk.
Then after a brief excursion to Read's & Read's Cavern
they returned to lunch.

Judith H. West.

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of the back cover]

LIST OF MEMBERS

INITIALS	NAME	COMMENT
E.K.T	Dr. E.K. Trotman.	"Enrico" The President
D.P.	Dave Preston.	Hon & Sec. BSc. *
G.M.B	Geoff Bond.	"Goat", "Mustapha Phrag" BSc. *
W.A.D	William A. Dowden.	Ward, BSc (failed) * GUMMA? Gunner
D.G.M	David Mead.	Noble, Bronto Floppa (Hon) * B.Sc.
R.J.G.S	Dr Savage.	"Bones" Flower Bob.
	Garry Writts.	"JENNY" BSc. *
	Chris Ineson.	Excrete BSc. Ex-Sec. *
	Kate Banfield.	"Helty Pegger" B.Sc. *
T.R.S.	Lt-Cdr Trevor Shaw.	"Immaculate Thawer"
	Dr Taylor.	"Portnos." } VICE PRESIDENTS
	Dr Cook.	"Bephie" }
	Wendy Beale.	RELEASE. P.R.O. TO ROYAL ARMY. and far too long. *
W.B. (W.I.B)	Wendy Beale.	"Pratt" "Fodge" D.M.I. * D.T.B.
B.B.P	Barry Perratt.	KING DEXIDV
K.E. (C.J.E)	KW Eaton.	BRA. MAN. Society Dung-heap (a-ssg) *
C.J	Cyril Johnson.	"The Memory Man" "BSc (hopeful)" *
P.M.L.	Pam Lewis.	"The Specter" "How Lot I" "Yo-Yo" "Curly" *
O.C.L	Oliver Cromwell Lloyd.	"Loincloth", "Steamer", "Ockle" *
D.N.	Don Newton.	Nodule BSc. "Windscreen Wiper?" *
CLD.		clud. The Meadery.
P.J.T	Patrick Thomas.	"Gunsman" (Adjuster of Barriers to the W.S.G.)
H.M.J	Harding Jenkins.	BSc (FIRST!) *
B.R.C.	Brian Collingridge	Excrete B.A. M.I.C.F.T.B *
K.R.B	Dick Blatchford.	The indescribably evil one. *
C.G. (C.K.O)	Colin Glass	"Pipper" *
B.Z.N.C.	Bernard Chapman	Semenetician CYBERNETICIAN *
D.A.S.R.	Stroman Robertson	"Arson" "The modern reincarnation of Prometheus" *
E.V.G.	Eric Gilbert	B.T.F.
R.A.S.	Richard Shooter S.R. Shooter	"The Incompetent One"
A.R.	Ann Rust	"Rusty"
C.M.	Cynthia Musslewhite	Tynia
M.M.	Margaret Malthouse.	
M.E.	Mike E-inton	The Slacker.
D.H.J.	Dave Timkinson	

* Committee member or Ex-c.m.

