

UBSS LOG BOOK <sup>(R)</sup>

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MAY 20th 1961

TO

MAY 26th 1962

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Members will notify the M. i/c T.E. before removing any Tackle from the Tackle-shed.

All food and edible refuse <sup>+ DGM</sup> will be placed in sealed containers or disposed of by fire before the tent is closed.

will they?

Commands & Instructions to be expressed  
"are to" ..... "is to be" etc.

Gesture

LOG BOOK. 1961 et seq.

20 May E.K.T., N.J.W., A.V.M., D.G.H., B.R.C. & Shirley, Margaret  
<sup>AS.U.S.S.</sup> Jones, Juliet, D.H.H. To G.B. work on the bottom - clearing  
The dig to ease work - and Bertie's pot - steady vertical  
progress. Very little water in the cave.

20 May. ~~to~~ J.H.C., W.A.D., B.P.P. to Polberry to  
spend an industrious afternoon. Unlike the G.B. party,  
our labours were worthwhile. The north part of the beam II,  
starting at the eastern entrance was surveyed using  
conventional means.

21<sup>st</sup> May, D.H.H., Margaret I, D.S., W.D., on an intrepid  
expedition to Rods - including the pot. The latter  
3 members descended the pot on the ladder, D.H.H.  
however wanted to abseil & as the ladder got in  
his way he carefully removed it before going down,  
thus finishing up with 4 members at the bottom  
& one line going up the pitch.


21<sup>st</sup> May E.K.T., D.M., M.M., D.H.H., W.D. to Charterhouse.

Rubble wall fall in N. part of E3 cleared. Start  
made in E3 to expose similar material. Top of wall  
found in N. part of E3. See special log.


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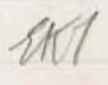

W.A.D., M.J.W., A.V.M., J.S., T.J.H., Margaret I., D.H.H.,  
To Lamb Leer. A satisfactory trip.

22 May J. Crickmay + E.K.T. to  
Charterhouse, clearing more of E3. 



24 May 1961

D.G.M. + E.K.T. at hut. making up  
new shutters. 


25 May 1961

 collected tools for Charterhouse dig. 

26/5/1961

 came up to do some carpentry. 

23/5/61

R.A.C. called to the hut to rescue four  
weary travellers wh. were unable to proceed in a  
homeward direction. 

23/5/61 A.V.M. and N.J.W. to East Trin and Gontchmark

East Trin. The trip at base was at E.K.T.'s suggestion to find  
if anybody was digging at the bottom. A little work has  
been done as the tunnel was slightly longer than a year ago  
and a heap of flint debris had been dug out and placed just  
inside the 3rd chamber. A stream has been done since the last  
work was done as the bottom contained a number of washed stones.

It is a typical Weegee worm hole type dig. An attempt has also been made to seal the left hand wall near the bottom of the second chamber. Two lengths of green timber held about 4ft apart at the top by a 3rd piece lashed on with division body string and branches lapped off at about 6" to make steps were up against the wall in this position. More clay has also fallen from the work just below the entrance at the top of the 2nd chamber.

Continued A pleasant tourist trip round most of the well known features.

N.J.W.

3/6/61 D.M. + E.K.T. to Charthouse to dig. Followed about  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour later by B.L.M.C + J.B. Continued removal of industrial spoil <sup>(E.B.)</sup> and E.K.T. recorded work on a chart. Cows rather curious but were deterred by D.M. at close quarters.

Some work on rebuilding hut later.

4/6/61 Afternoon trip made by E.K.T., D.M., B.L.M.C + J.B. to G.B. E.K.T. + B.C. attempted photography in ladder dig. Flash gun wouldn't work - no photographs taken. Joined D.M. + J.B. digging at bottom. Removed great deal of loose clay + 2 large boulders. B.C. noted strong intermittent draughts in bottom chamber. ?!

Some further work to hut in evening.

J.B.

Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> June, 1961

O.C., E.V.G., Stan & D.S. to Read's Cavern, where we got mixed and lost in the tangle rubble at the far end, finding the connections between the 13 hole & the 18 hole.

E.K.T., D.J. & W.A.D. to G.B., where E.K.T. helpfully took 5 views in many photographs in the ladder dig extension in black outfit. The party then went to the bottom and dug 15 buckets full.

Sunday 11/6/61. SHUTER'S NURSE  
 PAB + H.E.S. ← to Coalbrook (9.A.M!) the "other drainage" proved as unquarrelable as always and the way was lost generally. Great masses of gosses entering cave at about 11 am. Many weegies at entrance. A very effective post-exam linker up. PAB.

Sunday 11 June.

D.H.H. took 3 pupils + 1 master from Wells Cathedral School to G.B. to the bottom (lowest) and out via ~~sub~~ O-x-bow, look, white way and wet way. Satisfactory and appreciated.

Sunday 11th June.

D.S. + 2 non caving members of the University (2nd year engineer Malcom, & 1st year Zoologist Veronica). A very similar & in fact almost identical trip to D.H.H.'s, except for the fact that the wet way was omitted. An exceedingly enjoyable trip both for guide & guided.

Sat. June 17 1961

Party to G.B. mainly digging at bottom.  
30 buckets + several boulders removed. Some  
boulders "dropped" deliberately into floor of dig.  
Some loose stuff towards roof in a downstream  
direction removed.

Sat/Sun O.C.L., D.H.H., + G.N. as support -  
working - party for Swildon's VI trip.  
Swildon's VI goes SE for 240' and ends in a deep pool (uncomfortably deep)  
It is possible to come out of Swildon's in one's sleep.

Sun. June 18 Party to Charterhouse site. See  
detailed log

Sunday June 17 - Sunday June 18<sup>th</sup>

Throughout week work on hut. All main  
reconstruction completed. Hut front moved forward  
3' without too many miscalculations being found  
Main working party D.H.H., F.N. E.K.T.

T.J.H. R.A.S. D.S. and mead  
assisted by various others from time to time off

A modicum of charming inaccuracy has been faithfully  
reproduced.

I did not see me  
there.

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Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June:

G.H. AR. Lowe part of hut compound sprayed with selective weed-killer to kill off selective weeds.

Wednesday June 14<sup>th</sup>

E.V.G. + Geographers, Goatchurch. [U.B.G.D.]  
14/6/61

D.S.

Wednesday June 14<sup>th</sup>

J. Arthur + Jane to Rods. <sup>Jane</sup> ~~John~~ unfortunately lost lamp down the pitch, but <sup>John</sup> climbed down to recover same. A worthy feat, considering it was John's second cave trip & his companions first. D.S.

Thurs 15 June

T.S.H., F.N., D.S., D.H.H. to August Hole. A good trip to the bottom. Above the streamway the cave was pleasantly dry. A satisfactory trip.

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June

F.N. & D.S. to Sidest & Goatchurch. Descended to the final chimney in Sidest whereupon Frank climbed out without the direct aid of the rope, D.S. on the other hand found it absolutely necessary to use same. Then a quick trip to the bottom of Goat church - & back.

D.S.



July 1st 61

Party of 3 (E.K.T., P.G.M. & D.J.) to G.B. Bottom to view the situation re the dig. Some demolition carried out by suicide squad, then regarding large boulders which had already fallen, some chemical persuasion was decided upon at a future date. Cave rather full causing some delay coming out, otherwise a quick short trip. P.J.

O.C. took a party of 10 boys & 3 staff from Queen's School Tamerton down G.B. For some it was their second caving trip. Did the round trip in 3 1/2 hours. O.C.

It would be to the members' advantage to note that the area of wood and metal surface of the hut, to be adequately painted is about 350 sq yds or roughly 1/2 ACRE. **SO DON'T BATTISE THE PAINT WORK!**



Sun. July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1961

D.J. took party from Harrow (3) down G.B.

T.H. & E.K.T. working on hut. Put up some of lining & painted most of it. Commenced re-organisation of tool shed.

Tues 4 July

D.H.H. arrived for Ireland, as usual fantastically early. D.S. also turned up.

Tues 4 July

One John Ratchette (Weddy) turned up in the evening with a gang of vets and took them down Rod's Pot.

Afterwards one of the party chose to empty three carbide lamps on the floor of the Tackle-shed!

~~John~~

Sat 8th July.

D.M. arrived to find both kitchen windows open and gate to compound open. Interior of hut untidy. Color gas left on. Also acute lack of food. Child open.

D.S.M. to look at hole found in field on farm of Mr Higgins (- Horse Farm N.G.R. 489 669 near Bachelwell.) Turned out to be about 20' deep choked by boulders at bottom. The top had been sealed by several boulders some large - presumably at an earlier date, to prevent loss of livestock, tractors, etc. Hole uncovered when digging trench for laying water pipe. Presumably ~~was~~ an old mine shaft. Not very exciting

D.M.

Locked up hut.

Sprayed parts of compound, particularly encroaching  
brambles, ~~and~~ plantains and thistles with  
selective weedkiller. Previous batch had had  
marked effect, but some more required.  
Jan.

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July

W.E.B., C.J.J. & P.J. arrived from East @ 11.30 pm. - no-one in  
residence

Sat. 15<sup>th</sup> July

As above stagnated for day - no one else arriving - trip to  
August Hole reached discussion stage but no further. Two trips  
to Plum completed successfully without opposition. ~~of~~ of

G.J.J. brought a wringer for the Society, for the  
purpose of wringing out wet caring clothes. However, not  
knowing the Society's future building plans he made no attempt  
to install it, supposing that the members might derive many happy  
hours for this work. The machine is to be found in the child.

G.J.J.

The drinking water smells a trifle odd. G.J.J.

W.B.

D.S.

Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> July

D.S.M. Did some wallpapering (i.e. "wall carbboarding")  
and distemping.

Also borrowed from hut 1 large frying pan

and 1 large sawspan. He hopes this is O.K. To be returned end of August.

Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> A.M. and N.S.W. weegee type trip E ponds cover in an attempt to escape the great heat of the day.

Visited Gerald's for milk and admired his new Dutch barn.

It seems that the Inland party must have slept in and left in an even greater hurry than usual to judge by the efficiency of packing up. Also the note is highly suspicious in smell. (did not dare taste it)

N.S.W.

Found 6 Bristol Cigarettes in the Skippon and think those left them there very much. N.S.W.

Tues 28<sup>th</sup> July

E.V.T., T.J.H. + E.V. } returned from Eire. E.V.T. added many hooks + nails in toolshed for tackle. Automobile emptied + cleared by T.J.H. + E.V. }

D.S. arrived later, also from Eire to spend night at the hut.

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Wed. Thursday July 27/1961

Continued wall building for new child.  
D.G.M. assisted nobly on 26/7/61. MKJ

Saturday July 29 1961

T.J.H. + E.K.T. doing jobs at hut.

Electrical (T.J.H.) Masonry (E.K.T.)

jointly cleared out drinking water tank. ???

NOTE Use other water supply til next  
lot of rain.

2. Found Grand Child had been broken open  
between 6.0 pm Thurs. + 11.0 am Sat. MKJ

Sunday July 30 1961

A.M.A. + E.K.T. to Charterhouse site.

Continued excavation of Sq. E/3. See special log. MKJ

Wed  
Mon Tues July 31<sup>st</sup> + Aug 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>

E.K.T. continued building of new child. MKJ

20.7.61

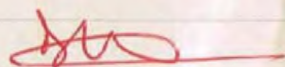
Explored Suidan's II with Howard Kenney + Derek Ford. Two objects; one to examine a high level dike at the Vicarage Bend for possible connection with Double Trouble (we are now working on this), and two, to show Derek "Abandon Hope." This he says is an old and important inlet passage to the Upper Mud Series. OJ Lloyd

Friday 4 Aug.

P.A.T., D.I.S.

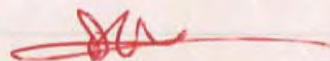
T.R.S., D.H.H.

entertained by O.C.L. on his 50th Birthday. A total of about 25 assorted Mendip covers of some elegance. Sherry on Paddy Green and cake, candle-lit in the old house (Suddens). A very pleasant occasion



Mon 7 Aug.

D.I.S., D.J., D.H.H. to G.B. which was very dry. 9 or so water samples were collected (with difficulty). The stream disappeared just below Ladder Dig. D.H.H. returned via the Coze, and was most impressed: the others out by the Mud Passage.



Friday 11th Aug.

B.R.C. & wife out to get underground if possible - found Crick in residence and that rebuilding the child. Those days no covering - but much rain - spent one night at the Pub (a Please) and returned to Bath - better luck next time.

S.R.C.

Sat 5th Aug. to Tues. 8th August

Excavation parties each day to Picken's Hole, Compton Bishop on weekdays. Members including E.R.T. (in charge!!) Crick, T.R.S. A.M.A. D.J., W.A.D., P.A.T., D.N. ~~etc.~~ had 2 distinguished themselves on Day 1 by not finding boozers for lunch. Arrived panting at New Inn, Cross, at 13.50 hrs. - Excellent boozers,

landlady most discerning, observed one could always tell reel gentlemen whatever their clothes (She meant J.J. & A.M.A.). Dig goes well, lots of Hyæna, Rhinoceros (very rich you know) at 2' down, - level appears <sup>↑</sup> equivalent to 75' down at Brea, so there is something covered. No badgers (The reason for his mirth is said to be obscure) but lots of baby mice, poor dear little vermin. *Plume; Queen Adelaide, Welloway A.M.A. (D.S.R.R.)*

Thurs. 10<sup>th</sup> Aug.

The ~~man~~ President was today received back into the fold, so now we can all drink these again. (The black sheep appear to have flown) *H.D.R. (Hon. Drinking Member)*

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> Aug

D.S. + Les May to Rods on a gently <sup>what can he mean?</sup> moving trip to the bottom & back, with occasional offshoots into all the side passages we could find. The vertical was not descended.

*D.S.*

Saturday + Sunday 12-13<sup>th</sup> Aug.

Parties to Pickens' Hole to continue excavations resulting in the demolition of sundry wasps, the finding of a multitude of bone fragments & the consumption of cider by the drinking members present. (A.M.A. ably assisted by P.J. Other members present - Cich, WAD + young helpful, T.J.H. ~~ET~~ The director also graced the dig with his comatose presence. *P.J.*

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Aug

L.M.D.S. to Goatchurch. The drainpipe was reached after one or two + mistakes concerning the route. Most of the cave was visited, except - ing the maze & grotto *D.S.*

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Aug.

P.f. P.S. + L.M. drinking in evening - return via Rock to observe meteorite shower. P.f.

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Aug.

P.f. P.S. + L.M. to G.B. for tourist trip round usual parts of the cave - bottom, ladder dig + Bertie's Pot included. A pleasant jog round in 3½ hours. P.f.

F.H.V. + party of 3 scouts took 5 hours to do Red's Pot including laddering the pitch. Is this a record? P.f.

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> August.

Great day at the hut - slept on till 11.00 am. Some work done around hut + child. P.S. out fossilizing on Dolebury, Les to Cheddar + back. F.H.V. + party to G.B. for normal tourist trip c 4½ hours.

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> Aug.

P.f. P.S. + L.M. to Bristol. F.H.V. + party departed by bicycle for Piddly to do Swildons. Former members + C.B.H. + T.J.H. returned to hut in the evening. P.f.

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> Aug.

N.B. One 20' ladder has broken wire near end. One 40' ladder has a slipped rung. Both ladders have been put at the back of the tool shed. P.f.



Thursday 17th Aug

L.M. & D.S. to Plead's, on a raunter down to 'Z' Alley. ('Bugs' were seen at various points, one community proved, that they were the 'genuine Article' - by being transparent? Planned.

D.S.

Friday 18th Aug

Party (D.S., C.B.H., E.V.G. etc) departed for Forkstone. E.V.G. Painted & repainted front of hut. D.S. + Les cut building about child. Planned. E.V.G.

Sat 19th Aug

Les, D.S. + E.V.G. Cleaned out washing-water supply. The crust was some feet thick and at least half was alive. (We are now praying for rain)

In afternoon to J.B. where Les tried to take photographs but was defeated by his flash-gun. D.S. + E.V.G. dug at the bottom. Advanced about 6 feet through sand. There appear to be cobble-size rocks ahead among the boulders. E.V.G.

Sun 20<sup>th</sup> August

The shutter for the child was built - screws for the job - and hung. The hut was thoroughly cleaned. D.C.C. arrived with Derek Ford + told us that mechanical failures had kept him from Yorkshire.

E.v.f.

Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Aug A new early warning system has been constructed on the path to the I.B. The system is that, flag flying indicates occupation.

Members are requested to use the signaling code correctly, especially during rush hours, in order to avoid confusion & embarrassment.

D.S.

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Aug

In the morning E.K.T., L.M. & D.S. completed the door of the new child, & fitted frame. In the afternoon the child was completed, except for a coat of paint on the door & shutter.

Also during the afternoon L.M. & D.S. went on a photographic trip to G.B.

D.S.

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Aug

"The rats are back."

Last night, loud rat noises were heard, as though the hut were being demolished by some obnoxious animals.

A search in the morning revealed that the noises of last night must have emanated beneath the hut floor, since no signs of gnawing were seen. It was then decided to block all visible rat holes with paper, wood concrete & rubble. - This was duly done.

In the afternoon E.K.T, E.V.G., L.M., D.S. & Mike Ticken. went to Sigim Ticken's hole. The usual numbers of teeth (Pugena, deer, horse & elephant <sup>& bones</sup> were found. - It would seem that the badger is still at home.

'Ad Plumen'

Thursday 24th Aug

E.V.G. returned home.

E.K.T, L.M., & D.S. completed the lean to at the rear of the child, after one or two mishaps involving its rear collapse.

In the evening a general clear up of the hut & surroundings was begun. A ceremonial fire was built ~~to~~ to burn ~~prize~~ <sup>prize</sup> KRUI, the chief sacrifices being Bond's festering sleeping bag, & a pair of Eric's unmentionables.

D.S.

Friday 25th Aug

L.M. & D.S. Departed 9 a.m.

Sat 26th Aug '61

D.S.M. returned 1 large saucepan and 1 frying pan borrowed on 22nd July. Thanks.

Investigated causes of non functioning of wind generating system. Mended blown field fuse on control

panel. Reconnected batteries correctly, with cleaned terminals. ~~Reconnected~~ Reconnected leads from generator into control panel after checking polarity by climbing pole and examining generator and following wires back. There is nothing to indicate at the hut end, which wire is which, from the generator. It ought to be O.K. now, but it will be necessary to await arrival of some wind to make sure. Both batteries are utterly and absolutely flat.

D.G.M.

26 Aug

- J/A in residence, effecting <sup>preliminary</sup> repairs to the hut track, to facilitate the easier passage of members' cars (his own at any rate).  
 So trip to Queen Adelaide

27 Aug

- J/A continued to repair hut track and was joined by Gerald Hibbert with a mechanical loader. The drains were cleaned out and only a little more material is required for repairs. \* traffic should satisfactorily keep down the filling put up today.  
 12th Museum (Wednesday).

\* motorists are asked to ~~proceed~~ go carefully on their brakes until the surface cements.

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August Went to Swildon's II with Howard Kenney, Christopher Hankes and Trevor Shaw to do some banging in Vicarage Passage. Unfortunately there was utter silence. The banging was faulty, and even after repair we got no joy.

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August Returned to Swildon's II with Howard Kenney, new banging wire and new battery. Still no explosion. But with ~~the~~ new bang wire, new battery, new det. & new bang stick, we sent the whole lot off very nicely. Cleared away debris. Exploded another charge & went home (6 1/2 hours). The shake is rather dangerous, as one has to pull the rocks down onto one's head to get them out.

Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> August Surface work with Derek Ford in Elbor West Valley.

Sat. 26<sup>th</sup> Aug Upper Swildon's with some Winsex tools, afterwards Winsex Club Supper at Hillgrove.

Sun. 27<sup>th</sup> Aug Pine Tree Pot with Derek Ford & Noel Cleve. A collector's price. You need a 10' ladder for the entrance & a 35' ladder for the main pitch (and bolt belay available).  
OJ Lloyd

WHAT HAS THIS GOT TO DO WITH THE U.S.S. YEE YEE

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September Swildon's Scavenging OJ., Derek Ford, Bob Pyke, Noel Cleve between them cleared up all the streamway from the 40' pit to the snuff, + Trout's Temple & Barnes' Loop. Strictly speaking there is no stream above the party & the drain pipe is dry.  
IBID! -> They were posted on the club notice board OJ Lloyd 4.22.85

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept.

K.T., O.C.L., D.G.T., A.M.A., N.J.W.,  
A.V.M., T.J.A. to 'Picken's Hole' where they were  
joined by P.A.T. Some housework was put  
in and some progress in level 3 was  
made. Lunch was taken at the New Line,  
Cross. ? Plum, Rain,  
N.B. On Saturday members found day too hot for any work whatever. A.A.

Sat 9 Sept BBP., M.A.R., T.J.H., P.A.T. and N.J.W. to Sandford  
Levy after much discussion on the basis that we ought  
to do something but did not feel like anything either energetic  
or Archiological. The mine seemed a suitable compromise so  
we had a Weezeepied stroll around the passage and  
noted the fate of "Jill who slept here" at the end  
of the right hand side passage. Apparently we walked  
to the top of the hill and sat talking in a clearing at the  
top before going on my back through the jungle to the  
main road where we had left Barry's car.

10<sup>th</sup> Sept

N.J.W.

N.J.W., BBP., T.J.A. took down the generator  
which had broken down. Much effort was  
expended and their lives frequently risked.  
The job took about 5 hours. The above  
named were indebted to M.A.R. who  
cooked and washed up their lunch and

provided cigarette

TJH

10<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1961

4 to Picken's Hole. Continued clearing layer (3) + drawing of section. See detailed log. EMM

11/9/61

Noted that two of windows in Women's quarters had not been closed closed them

Chastehours site. continued excavation. Probable iron smelting site partially exposed See detailed log. EMM

16.9.61. ocl. attended the new practice down foot church, arranged by the Axbridge boys. ocl.

16.9.61.

A four-power conference was held down G.B, those present T.J.H, D.G.H., P.A.T., A.M.A Present appearance of bottom dig very depressing from point of view arrival at Cheddar. One Lloyd, appeared in p.m, then disappeared in company with some intrepid cavers whom we don't know. A disturbed evening.

Mr. ApSimon wagers Dr Troutman (Enrico Korblimey) that the <sup>level</sup> sum of twenty (20) shillings that he will not find palaeolithic implements or human occupation at PICKEN'S Hole within the space of 3yrs from this date, winnings to Societys purposes Sped AM ApSimon; Witnessed P. Orange Paris road.

17.9.61

Party of 4 to Picken's Hole, joined later by O.C.L., - ~~no~~ satisfactory progress made with the dig. D.G.M. & T.J.H. completed reinstallation of wind generator, - only wind is now lacking. A.M.A.

20/9/61 A.M.A. D.G.M. to Picken's Hole. Continued removing compact stoney layer. - containing lots of teeth etc.\* Layer below - (smaller angular stones not compact and containing no bones and teeth at all.) started excavation. \* including mammoth tooth.  
Down.

23/9. <sup>E.</sup> W.J.B., C.J.J., H.H., E.V.G., D.H.H. To Rod's Pot. A charming excursion to the bottom. Another party were descending the other ~~pitch~~ pitch, so ~~the~~ we left, except for D.H. who satisfied party-trick urges and absented down.

Down.

24/9. B.B.P., O.C.L. went to ~~Fault Chamber~~ Saldens To (a) check C.V.E.'s findings at the top of Fault Chamber.  
(b) Put in a new rope  
(c) Investigated Derek Ford's hole in the floor of Fault Chamber.

Lack of numbers prevented (a) and (b) from being done, owing to an excess of tackle needed.



General disinclination and ~~the~~ tiredness caused (c) to be shelved, so we had a very pleasant dry trip as far as Strat's Temple, investigating much upper series above the streamway.

DGH, TJH, PAT, AMA to Picken's Hole, where much useful work was done. We have now exposed a layer of frost weathered breccia which rests on a red clay layer which appears to be an ancient weathering soil, presumably of Interglacial or Intertadial age. - If so this will be the 1st such discovery on Mendip & one of very few from any cave site in England.

This seems to have been the only useful work done by members during the week end, although judging from remaining food stocks members appetites are not diminished by the fact that they do no work.

AMA.

THIS IS NOT A WEEKEND HOLIDAY CAMP

25.11.

Wednesday 27/11.

DGH, TJH, AMA, TJH to Picken's Hole where some useful work was done. Unfortunately rain put a premature end to proceedings. Work was done on layers 2, 4 and 5 (3 - sandy, 4 - breccia, 5 - red clay). Pothos Taylor and son turned up to see the site and remove some soil for close examination with a fine sieve.

30<sup>th</sup> Sept.

D.H.H., T.J.H., D.G.M. to Swildons Foun. A Bumbling  
pleasure trip. The cave was full of weegee  
types from Walthamston but surprisingly we  
were not much held up. The party found  
Swildons Foun between the Sumps and D.G.T.  
collected several bunnies. The trip took  
4½ hrs. Swildons was still dry (nothing  
on the 40')



1 October.

P.A.F., D.G.M., T.J.H., D.H.H. spent the day  
"cleaning" the hut most thoroughly, including  
soaking the floor. All kitbags are now in  
the chute, and ~~the~~ those belonging to members  
who do not use the hut will remain there.

Other items included purification of the ~~flute~~  
AMA, D.S., Margaret & Jim Saunders (O.M.s) to Pickens Hole.  
Much rained on & depressed. Cutting had been disturbed  
by dog/man removing contents of a badger bed-room - about 10 cwt.  
Few finds but beg. the stratigraphy is beginning to make  
sense.

A.M.A.

Also 1 October

1000 Bower T.J.H., D.G.H. and D.H.H. reconstructed the  
 Lateral amenities in single form. Incredibly  
 solid and soundly-constructed. Nobody need ever  
 fear ~~E.K.T.~~ falling down again. Should E.K.T.  
 officially open it in public?

4<sup>th</sup> October

E.K.T. & A.H.A. to Pichen's Hole - 2 hrs work T.J.H. &  
 D.G.H. removed, dismantled, reassembled & replaced generator.

A.H.A.

7 Oct D.G.H., J.H.W., D.H.H. Took 4 fishes (one  
 American, one German) to Rods. A very fine  
 international trip to the bottom and then out,  
 lunch held up by an unexpected party below  
 the Main Chamber.

7.10.61 O.C. took David Hobbs, Richard Joyce and Martin Foster down Goatchurch,  
 just behind David Savage and his party. Seeing that on the return  
 he was taking his party up the narrow rift between the Water Chamber  
 and the Boulder Chamber (which we had come down) we decided  
 to go one better and take the double right-angle bend route.  
 This was satisfactorily accomplished.

7/10/61

D.S. + 3 to Goatchurch  
 A very easy route to the bottom. Return via the narrow rift

& the coal chute. 3 very capable covers.  
DS

7/16/61

FIN, T/A, + 4 fisher to Subst. Party progressed at a hurried rate to the chamber beyond the tie press where a female fisher declined to continue. The rest went on to the 30' top and FIN + 3 descended while T/A took the other fisher out, returning to watch the rest ascending the top. This was eventually accomplished. The trip took about 2 hrs, and was highly enjoyable.

DS

JHW, DSM + 2 fisher to Gootcham  
A rapid in-out trip.  
DS

7/16/61

E.V.C., D.R.A., B.A.P. + 3 fisher to R.C.

DS

3/10/61.

J.S., R.S., E.V.G. P.M.L., B.B.P. + P.J. to G.B. for an exhausting trip to the bottom for a brief survey of the situation and thence back to the surface. P.J.

8/10/61 Party of 7 to Picker's Hole, cleaned remainder of layer (4). Took away 3 sacks of mixed material from (4) for washing.

Dug out 2 sacks of layer (5) for washing.

This material cannot be sorted in situ. It has to be taken away for washing. M.H.

14 Oct

J.H.W., T.J.H. + D.H.H. Took five fishers (Kathy, Diana, Heather, David (another) and John) down G.B. to the bottom, where 10 buckets were shifted for the President, then out via the ox-bow, loop + wet-way.

M.H.

B.B.P., P.M.L. Took 5 fishers (Ray, David - yet another, Bernd + 2) to G.B. To the bottom removed 10 buckets of spoil, out via ox-bow, loop + dry way.

P.M.L.

D.C.M. gave himself a vote of thanks for doing all the washing up.

D.H.H. gave himself a vote of thanks for doing all the drying up!

The costs ~~of the~~ were given  
a 2 vote of thanks. Proposed D.S.M.  
Seconded. D.H.H.

14/10/61

D.G.M + D.S. + 6 freshers to G.B. The gorge was descended  
(partly by way of the gallery) & ladder sig visited. Then 10 buckets of  
"STUFF" [see D.H.H.] were removed for trial from the Bottom. Oxbow,  
loop etc. & out by the Ooze. - The Ooze proved quite tight for  
many of the freshers, & the water was a little deeper than usually.  
usual. - a very pleasant Wet trip D.S.

15/10/61

Party of 3 to Picken's Hole. Dug  
out & took away 5 sackfuls from layer (5)  
for washing. Did laid out preliminary  
grid on site. J.H.H.

15/10/61

D.H.H., P.H.L., B.B.P., 12 freshers to Rhin's rift.  
Owing to the Diggins tools being forgotten, little  
deposits were removed. A charge is needed.  
B.B.P.

19/10/61

D.G.M. & E.K.T. took party of eight  
from Boyanston school round G.B.  
Did a bang on flat boulder on floor  
at bottom. J.H.H.

21 October

P.M.L., T.S.H., D.S., F.N., Took 9 freshers to Lamb Beer.  
The cave was occupied by N.W.R.C. digging, which  
slowed us down somewhat. However, a reasonable  
trip.

*[Signature]*

22 Oct.

M.A.R., P.M.L., D.H.H., S.P.P. to Abino Rift, 2" rawbolt put in at top  
of entrance rift for raising Nellie. Corroged iron laid from entrance to  
working face.

*[Signature]*

Sunday Oct 22 ~ 1961

T.S.H., D.G.M., P.A.T. & F.K.T. to Pickem's  
Hole. Dug 4 sacks of layer (5) to take  
back to Bristol.

Visited Rorty's dig at Cheddar.  
An enormous excavation with many periods  
from 9<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> century.

Visited Cheddar. W after rising dry  
& only few trickle of water from gravel in  
floor of stream bed. *[Signature]*

Sunday Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup> 1961

O.U. took about 20 members of the Oxford University Caving Club down  
A.B. cave.

Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>

Large party of student members went down Suiddam's Hk, many for the first time. o.c.

28 Oct

Amplification of above. E.V.G., D.H.H. Took Quyneth Green, Bernd Naumann, Roy?, and David? To Suiddam. Intending to go to Sump I, the queues of UBSS and RN above the 40 were so discouraging that we did an Upper Suiddam — wet way, Kenney's dig, long dry way, short dry way, Kenney's dig and wet way. Conditions: normal-wet.

~~etc~~

29<sup>th</sup> Oct 1961 Sunday

D.G.M. + E.K.T. to Pridley Circle 164. Drilled series of holes to test for bank + ditch. see detailed log. 9/61

29<sup>th</sup> Oct. 1961 Sunday

D.G.M. + E.K.T. borrowed a tractor + finished filling in of T5. Work completed in semi-darkness + bitter cold!!!

29 Oct Sun

RAL, BBP, E.V.G. + PML to Suiddam. A most enjoyable skylarking weegee trip to Sump I.



The stalactites in Trate Temple rebounded to the strains of 'Land of Hope & Glory'.  
P.M.H.

D.C.P.; J.F.R.; D.M.M.T. 'Mike' 'Graham'  
Swildons Photography up to Blue pencil. 3 photos.

D.S.; H.E.S.; F.H.N. To Sloth Lane Slocher,  
N. Fine Tourist Trip. It is definitely an advantage to carry dry clothes. 17 Nov.  
P.S. Don't trust D.S. with the sports bag.

4 Nov E.V.G., Roy?, D.H.(obbs), I.J.S., B.N., Rej, Miles Heywood(?), D.H.H. To Longwood. A rather slow Trip. Very little water.  
~~John~~

5 Nov E.V.G., H.M.S., I.S., D.H.H. To Rhino Ridge to carry out a bang. It sounded successful.  
~~John~~

5 Nov. 1961  
Gene Jenkins, T.J.H. & P.H. to Picker's Hole. Five bags of lizards brought back. Local Cave located on slopes of Waverling Downs after long search in pouring rain.

P.H.

11/11/61

Salon goes changed to Reserve

J.H.

2 C.R.G. beds, D.S., T.H. to F.B. / a pleasure trip of 2 1/2 hrs. Paul visited the bottom, ladder leg and the oxbox and the lower part of the web way. The C.R.G. persons, wishing to cave afterwards, did not want to use their kit so we retreated and came out by the mud crawl.



#12 Nov <sup>E</sup>J.S., D.C.P., & J.F.R. + brother, B.N., D.H.H. to Swindons with two C.R.G. delegates - Mr. & Mrs. Pickering. The cave was very crowded - Total time to bump I + out 3 1/4 + 4 1/4 hrs - two parties.

~~J.H.~~

N.B. There were 36 blankets present at the time of rebuilding. There are now less than 30 apparently. What do the members deduce from this?

J.H.

18th Nov 61.

D.G.M. + 4 to Pine tree pit. Found it after an hour's search, but were not able to unlock padlocks with keys provided. The locks were probably rusted up internally.

So 4 to Reads for short trip and D.G.M. + EKT to G.B. to do a little clearing up at the bottom and also some brumbling.

In evening, a social call was paid by W.A.D. later on also by T.J.H. and F.M. D.G.M.

19th Nov 61.

EKT, D.G.M. to Picketts Hole - tidying up debris from tree fall and removed 2 sackfuls of layer 5. It looks more like an archaeological dig now, again, now.

D.G.M.

25. 11. 61. 12 to Eastwater 5 down the pitches. Good trip. Old. The other 7 gallant members ventured down from core path lead by E.V.G.

Sat 25/11/61

W.D. C.M. J.S. P.B. C.J. W.B. L.G.B.

David x photography

W.D.

Sunday 25 (26?)  
 W.S. C.M. to Pickens Hole brought  
 back 7 bags of clay for President  
 looked at Scraggs Hole. Sort of  
 archaeological excavations in progress. Section  
 in indeterminate rubble. Small heaps  
 of bones on top sheep (or goat) modern  
 rabbit etc. nothing looks v. ancient

25/11/61

R.B., JES + others overhauled the headgear  
 damage system. Soak away now contains no  
 stones at all & is covered by metal slats. This  
 can be found to the left of the marker  
stake, which has now been put in, ~~being~~  
 the very banner by the light of the 3rd full  
 moon in April on a leap year. J.F. Payne

26 Nov

~~27 Nov~~

D.S., D.H.H. To Rhine Rift To inspect the result  
 of bang. Moderately successful & digging now  
 needed.

Thence to G.B., joining C.J.E., W.E.B., Male,  
 E.K.T., Dr. Read. The last two took photos: The  
 other 3 banged at the bottom & called at Bert's  
 pit where we had a pleasant afternoon's dig,  
 shifting all of 16 buckets.

J.F. Payne

2 Dec. D.H.H., B.N., D.H., A.B., D.S. to SWILDONS IV  
 Very good time was made to 4 & back because there was little waiting @ the 40' etc. Blue pencil was somewhat wet, & certainly wetter than it has been for some time. Evidence of a 2'-3' rise in the stream level was evident, this was caused by 36 hours of non stop rain & drizzle from Wednesday night to Friday ~~th~~ Evening. The stream passage was only a little above average winter normal. altogether a VERY pleasant & satisfying trip  
 D.S.

O.C. & M.R.F.R. joined Phil Davies & Howard Kenney to go to Swildon's II and continue work on Vicarage Passage. After one bang and a good deal of gardening, during the course of which O.C. found himself on the wrong side of an obstruction, a further 400 ft. or so of new cave was entered, <sup>ending in a 20 ft. ladder pitch.</sup> Direction dubious; no compass. Snowy must wait until another time. A very fine 8 hour trip.  
 O.C.

P.A.T., H.S., I.S. T.H. + 16 Restand Training Wages to S.B. A chaotic trip due to lack of guides. Person ratted the bottom, the oxbow, white way and a few came out the wet way.  
 T.H.

~~2~~ 9 Dec. D.H.H. took 3 of the Long Ashton Research Station Recreation Club to G.B. A satisfactory and pleasant excursion - 5 photos were taken quickly and without wasting time. The bottom was a crystal clear dump. There is a filamentous saprophyte in ladder

Diq. Medium wet conditions. Lesser horseshoe bat seen at long end of Ant Gallery. ~~Ho~~

Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> December, 1961

SCL, B.A.C. & A.F.R. did their annual inspection J.M.O. kit. Box in tackle shed is O.K. In medicine boxes in tent the following are needed: Ottonwood, glucose & desferrioxime. The latter can be got from B.A.C. SCL

10 December

D.G.M., D.H.H. to G.B. D.G.M. collected 15 assorted water-samples. D.H.H. went (a) to collect the filamentous saprophyte, which disintegrated before it could be got out, and (b) to see if the bat (above) was ringed. It was no longer there.

Cave much wetter than yesterday. There had been water down the entrance during the night. The bottom was a larger sump than yesterday (about >6 in. higher) with water flowing in from the litter side. ~~Ho~~

10 Dec 1961

B.B.P., F.K.T. & A.M. Other took party of Somerset Yeomanry round upper Swiddens but avoided the Lavatory Basin & climb up waterfall in wet way. ~~Ho~~

Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> 1961

MM did some more work on H.W. system. Still not quite satisfactory. MM

Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> 1961 Thurs

There has been no entry made in this log. by student party here on Mon. & Tues. MM

Dec 16<sup>th</sup> etc.

RES, DGM, T/A to San Pedro H<sup>1</sup> to investigate the unim. shaft from the surface; several were noted and an interesting one was had.



H.S. DGM to Sidest (both for first time) to do squeeze etc.

Dec 17

Dec. 17 1961 Sunday 5 to Picken's Hole

Dug out remainder of layer (5). For details see special log. MM Layer contained little bone as rock face approached. MM

38.

Four





Thursday Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> 1961

Rod's Pot

Phone call evening 20 Dec. by party from Bristol Grammar School reports minor roof fall just inside entrance with possibly more to come. Nothing visibly wrong at entrance through ~~off~~ (see 20.12.61)

Sat. Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1961

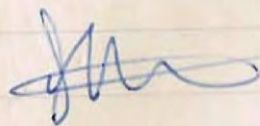
Completed lining of hut ~~off~~

Sun. Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> 1961

Did some internal painting. Not possible to make a cup of tea. Taps frozen. Even with fire temp. remained below freezing point after 2 hrs. ~~off~~

Friday 29 Dec

Arrived ~~to~~ with usual ridiculous keenness for the New Year. Realising that the hut track would be quite impassable, I abseiled up the Rock of Ages. Hut cold and frozen.



Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> Dec

Arrived for new year party: J.E.S. R.S. F.H.V., W.E.B., C.J.J. T.H.H.  
The interested members found much difficulty in getting their vehicles up the hut track. E.K.T., T.H.H., T.H.H. cut much wood. Planned in the evening

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> Dec

D.S. D.A.M. to G.B. to do some bombing. Weather conditions made it impossible to get car up hut track or Buntington Centre so had to walk over to G.B. - it was raining.

Sat. 20<sup>th</sup> Dec. J. & Jimmy Squire went down Pool's Pot for a couple of hours' exercise. Entrance probably not really dangerous. <sup>at floor level</sup> No <sup>roof</sup> meant fall run, only some loose rock. O.K. (on 21.12.61)

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 1961

The members went for walks and cut more wood. There arrived during the afternoon E.V.G. and H.L. Both deserve commendation for their gallant efforts. Also arrived: W.D. + Catherine. The members proceeded to the Plum and passed a pleasant time until it was decided to return to the hut. O.C.L. and J.S. had arrived and E.K.T. announced that Molly and Bertie were snowbound and for the first time would miss the New Year's party.

Some lack of vegetable was noticed and deplored yet the bird was admirably cooked

and was undoubtedly excellent as was the Xmas pudding. The members ate, drank and were merry, then just drank and were drunk. Gerald and Mary Hibbert arrived just prior to midnight and the New Year was celebrated in with the usual outdoor ceremonies. Following indoors the members continued to drink, but they retired early (for a New Year Party) and without excessive difficulty or mess.

H. J. and J. S. arose at 5 am on the 1<sup>st</sup> the former to walk to Yaffon to catch a train back to work. The three members arose spasmodically & in varying conditions. After breakfast the members departed in cabs and cabs to various destinations.

F. V. S. and T. J. H., both in no condition to drive a mechanically propelled vehicle remained behind to pick the turkey etc.

2nd Jan 1912: The hut was cleaned and the members remaining departed.

N.B.: The "back of night after" referred to above was in fact some 3 hours before dinner started. There were plenty.

OK.

Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> 1962

E.K.T. and Oll. went to have a look at a rock shelter in Compton Coombe, found by Oll. in the Autumn. E.K.T. doesn't think the prospects are very good for an archaeological dig, but says that an hour's trenching in the summer should show.

Oll.

TJH EVS GMB EKT JGWS worked on hut: Distemper, cleaned out catchment filter and catchment - drain drinking water tank. Annual clean out of house from gullies behind hut.

JGWS

Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 1962

Oliver, Barry, Hilary & Pam to G.B. - Oliver & Hilary did a survey of Ladder Dig, because the figures for the original survey were not available. Barry & Pam examined the state of the water in the Loop Passage and Rhumba Alley. There was a fair sized stream coming down the gully and joining the main streamway just above the party. Generally speaking the cave was distinctly wet. There were signs outside the entrance of considerable flooding.

Oll.

13<sup>th</sup> Jan: APT, I.S., H.W., EVS off to Eastwater. Trip via two verticals to the bottom. Party had some difficulty in packing the pitch but an enjoyable trip was had. The cave was fairly wet especially

in the boulder rubble. The inadvisability of dropping tackle bags in the boulder rubble should be noted. EVS was obliged to recover two bags from the bottom of a tight chimney. In general a well organized trip of 4/5 hrs.

JH

Thurs. Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> 1962

RATS. Members are earnestly requested to put away ALL food in rat proof containers.

Altered H.W. system. It may work now.

JH

Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 1962

Old. Martin Reynolds, the Hon. Sec., Mike Watson & I saw the Sirodon's II with Howard Kenney, for further exploration & survey of Vicarage Passage. There were not enough goose suits to go round, so Mike & I after helping in with the tackle & having a look round V.P. went out on their own. The cave was very wet but not uncomfortably so.

Vicarage Passage is a system of comparable to the

Approach Passages & Black Hole series, ~~then~~ consisting of a large passage going sometimes with the bedding (up or down) & sometimes along the strike (level). It receives a number of small recent feeders from the North (up bed) which carve little vadose channels in its floor a few inches deep, but otherwise is entirely phreatic & very old. The floor is composed of largely of shattered stalagmite, which formerly lay on mud at a level 1-2' higher than now, but sluggish rejuvenation washed part of the mud away & partly covers the shattered stalagmite.

The 20' ladder pit at the end was "no go". Only mud & boulders at the bottom, but the way in was at a higher level, up the dip, unfortunately inaccessible but could be raftered from the bottom of the 20 ft pit.

The hole in the floor a short distance along the system was explored by the Hon. Sec. and found to communicate by a 20' rift or even with the shelf above the streamway, which we had made survey station ①. This was what Howard had expected.

Survey by CHK, DHK & OLL.

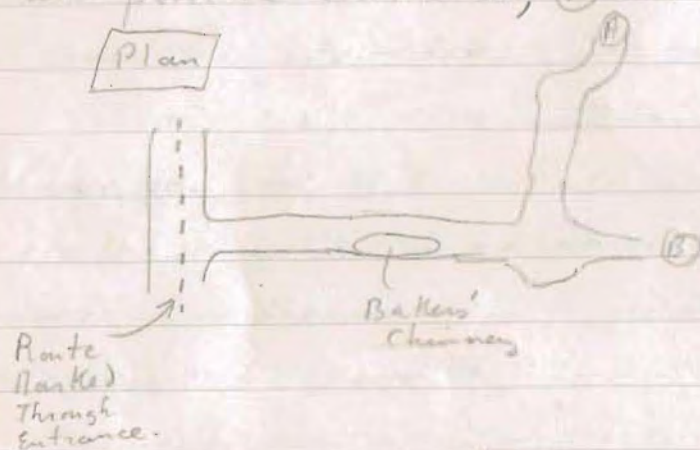
Some diggable corners. No joyful open passages.  
OLL.

Saturday Jan 20<sup>th</sup> 1962.

Pam, Johnny, Joe, Mike (Joe's friend, who is Johnny's friend) and Barry to Testwater. It would be a good idea if those semi-invalided persons who are unable to go sawing

without taking stores of food with them, would take the trouble to remove the left-overs and cut from their meals, and not leave half-packets of soup to fester and emit a disgustingly foul odour at the top of the Primrose Squeeze.

It was noted that at the top of Baker's Chimney, if one turns right instead of left, then there are two possible routes on, (A) and (B).



Route (A) is said by O.C.L. to lead into the Upper Traverse. Route (B) is obstructed, but could easily be cleared by "banger." It is presumed to connect with route (A), but ~~not~~ today,

a fair amount of water could be heard at (B), but none was crossing the Upper Traverse.

It is suggested by Miss P. M. Lewis B.Sc., that the Primrose Path has never been sanforised, as it has certainly shrunk since last she was there. However, this explanation can not be the full one, as besides being narrower, the Primrose Path is certainly longer. What has O.C.L. been up to now?

We think that the washing line might well have been taken down Baker's Chimney instead of the other miserable little sniffle, where one has to push, squeeze and go Ahhh!, in order



to get up. However, in thank the persons concerned for the deposition of the line. Having now written more than O.C.L., I feel I can stop writing all this drivel, but first I should like to suggest that those who return to the hut after midnight, should make at least a modicum of effort not to waken up, and keep awake, the rest of the members.

Saturday

B. B. P.

Saturday January 20th 1962.

7. H. O. S. H. S. to Stoke Lane Blocket. Although we have had had exceptional rain the stream was moderately high, though not enough to overflow its normal entry. It was noted that water conditions showed considerable variation from several previous semi-floods observed viz: the water in the main stream of over foot, flowing but lower, likewise the stream along the fiddle spread & the water at the Havers water was considerably higher (than observed on other occasions) in Braemar Passage, except at the outlet of the ghyll. The only account to be considered worthy is that O.C.L. has somehow been able to effect the East refuge of East Ward of Goll.

Just short of the "barkstone", a "beast" had left its impression on recent flood mud, about 6-27" above the level of the water. The "beast" had a footprint of about 7/8 inch, a space of about 1-2" and 5 claws. It is unlikely that it was washed in as it is some considerable distance downstream from the entrance.



This sketch shows layout  
of footprints.

Another interesting biological phenomenon  
was the superabundance of freshwater shrimp,  
abnormally located in.

The snail itself was probably possible to  
die (the "dust" over a snail) but should have  
been impossible with any further rise. \*  
It was further noted that under these conditions  
a trip to the snail - and back, at times against  
a considerable current, was quite exhausting, and a  
full day of the work, even if a rise of water could be  
completely ruled out. As the quantity written  
is approaching that of O.C. & B.B. I  
was sure finally, except to point out that  
snails who have only been on short trips, cannot  
substantially increase their life span; to cover  
in respect and go straight to bed.

J.W.W.

20th Jan.

G.N.G., D. Patmore, ~~Robert~~ <sup>Tony</sup> D.S. to G.B. on a rightreeing  
trip. The stream outside was abnormally high, but the stream  
in the gorge, although making a considerable noise was not  
high enough to cover many boulders. As expected the bottoms

with water

dig was completely filled, perhaps 40-50 feet of passage being submerged.

The ladder sig, or low, whiteway etc were visited, & a brief visit was paid to the East extension. D.P. took several photographs including some in the ladder sig grotto and one from the gallery.

Because of the height of the stream it was decided to go into the wet way as far as the chain. This proved to be quite an experience, as waterfalls of considerable size were almost falling parts of the passage. A slight mishap befell miss G.N.G. as she climbed the first waterfall, missing her foothold she performed a very fine backwards swallow dive from a height of 10 feet landing in a pool of some depth. no injuries received except for a leg type bruise & some 2 sprains. The chain although it would have been climbable would not have been a very pleasant experience, apart from the wetness the force exerted by the water was undoubtedly very considerable. We came out by the mud passage.

DS.

Thurs. Jan. 25<sup>th</sup> 1962

Paraffin: 5 gallons supplied on 16/12/61

Less than 1 gallon remains = consumption of about 1 gallon per weekend!! Do members drink it?

DM

YES! Suggest the President supplies members with beer instead!

21 Jan 61.

H.S., FHN & A. Baker, asking to G.B.

Water was gently flowing in entrance water. The gorge was quite spectacular, but not easy on, boulders. Visited only my White Passage. Went up West Way & up chain, but Devils Elbow had only 1-2" of air space. Then returned <sup>to gorge, dry way</sup> down the wet way from the surface and as far as Devils Elbow. On return the flow into the entrance had almost stopped. A real cliff.

F.H.L.

27 Jan 62

BBP, PML, TSH, HS, EVS & FHN to Rhine Rift!

27. Jan. 1962.

Large number of people to Gratchevich. Did some  $CO_2$  saturations for Allan Rogers with new apparatus. Maximum reading 2.5% liquid drain pipe in <sup>crowd</sup> ~~crowd~~. Most readings 0.5%. Out door reading 0.2% (should be 0.03%). O. D. Lloyd

28<sup>th</sup> January 1962

Large number, G.H., T.H. to G.B. A building tonight temp. Water conditions: not very high. Ladders by water, and be white way and boulders safe. Yesterday taken.

Jan.

28 Sept. 62.

FHN & HS to Swildons → Mud bumps. Water not abnormal etc at entrance. Good wet trip.

7. Hel.

3rd Feb 1962.

JNT, DAH, H.J, I.S, AJB, R.A.A.B, B.J.C, T.H. - Longwood.  
A fine spring trip. The water level was fairly high, the showerbath being fairly efficient. The party inspected the main chamber where T.H. found a sock, and T.J.H. penetrated from the top of the far end of the right hand side (from the entrance to the chamber) into a well decorated grotto <sup>leading</sup> into a stream passage. He did not recognise it as part of known Longwood but there was not time for a full examination. Persons appeared to have been there before but not frequently. The stalagmites <sup>in the main chamber</sup> had been shattered to give access to this passage. The members were alerted on emerging by news of an accident in G.B.

T.H.

3rd. Feb. 1962

G.B. Rescue.

G.N.G, D.S, H.S, D.P, S.H, + 2 girl beginners to G.B. G.N.G & D.S went with the intention of taking black & white record photo of the ladder sig grotto, the other party under the leadership of D. Patmore were to have had a short sight seeing Trip. - entered cave at 3.30 pm approx.

The two parties went down the cave together and separated

at the bottom of the ladder dig ladder. A few minutes afterwards Susan HARROP fell about ten feet, whilst climbing from the gorge into the oxbow passage. Dave Patmore immediately came to notify those in the ladder dig of the accident. (time 4:20pm.)

The girl was lying in the same position as she had fallen, with her feet some inches above the level of her head. She was immediately moved, when it was seen that she was conscious but uncomfortable, to a position just below the ladder which was dry and relatively smooth. As far as could be seen the girls injuries were confined to deep scalp wounds, which although bleeding profusely at first, soon congealed.

As soon as the girl was made reasonably comfortable D.S. made ~~ed~~ great haste out of the cave to Lower Farm from where he phoned Penrose Cottage. (time ~ 5:10pm). D.S. then waited by the phone at the farm and was notified by Trat when the M.R.O. were on their way. The Longwood party (see previous log write up) were notified of the accident, who then returned to the V.B.S.S. headquarters at Burrington together with the party from G.B. @ the time of the accident in order to stand by in case their help was needed later. Fortunately their assistance was not required since the M.R.O. had managed to get the injured party out of the cave by 7:45 pm. and she was on her way to the B.R.I. by 8:0 pm.

D.S.

Sunday 4th Feb. 1967

D.S., G.N.G., J.S., M.A. 7/4 to G.B. The first two photographs in latter log and the others scavenged. The remaining rescue equipment

Sunday 4 Feb 1962

7 Hwt + HS + 7 Shudd (Sunt Guide) ~~bleed~~ to Swildons  
Trit to Tot's Temple. Nearly 7 hours! good Trit.  
At least!!! FHW.

~~Sunday~~ Saturday 3rd Feb. M.J.W. & D.J.W. to Swildons  
by bus, involving rising at 6 am which successfully carried out  
Excellent trip to Sump 2 & back. D.J.W. fell in one of  
double pots (<sup>glumes</sup> ~~holes~~ M.J.W.) Met 2nd Swildons party on way out. Time  
3 3/4 hrs. Successfully tumbled back to Bristol thus escapeing  
missing ~~with~~ exciting rescue. Sump very wet. M.J.W.

Sunday 10 February

E.K.T., D.G.M., A.F.R., Juliet, P.M.L., B.B.P., T.J.H.,  
E.V.G., D.H.H. To Lough's Cave as privileged fee entrants.  
A Black carpet was found to be ~~down~~ <sup>down</sup> for us, with  
a cordial welcome (to some) from Lord Bath. Thereafter  
riot and missilation ensued. Some gas-teating ~~was~~ is  
believed to have been ~~done~~, and some of the Private  
Paws were Poked.



O.C. I.S. & A.J.B. to Swildon's Hole where we were joined by Howard  
Kenney and went to Vicarys Passage. Unfortunately a fall of rock had taken  
place just above the break-through point, and O.C. couldn't get through. Howard  
could, and by the time he had rocked the second boulder a bit and chipped  
2" of rock off the other side, we were all able to squeeze through. We  
then set to digging in the direction of Double Trouble from the top of  
the mud slope (survey station 12), and made about ten feet. It is some

of the loamiest mud one could possibly have for digging: warm  
 clay, not too wet, not too dry, containing no boulders or  
 gravel. At the conclusion we were able to look along the  
 strike in a south-westerly direction for about 20 feet. There is  
 a strong draught, and it looks easy going. Time of trip  
 about 7 1/4 hours. Very satisfactory. O. Lloyd

11/2/62. O.C.P., J.F.R. Bertie's Pt. 2 x 5 buckets. Out after 3 hrs.

Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> February, 1962

O.C., the Curator, Brent, Hans, David Patmore & John  
 on a trip to Weston Mandip, where we did Loxton  
 (in the hole & up the chimney) and the Axbridge Ochre Hole.  
 Let it be recorded that in this case every member of  
 the party succeeded in getting through the squeeze, that  
 defeated the Hon. Sec. last year. O.C.

Saturday, 17 February

D.G.M., E.V.G., D.H.H. To  
 G.B. E.V.G. Surveyed Ladder Dig. D.G.M. Took  
 many water samples. The bottom is now dry  
 - there was a layer of fresh mud on the final  
 horizontal part of the dig. Members were most  
 sympathetic with a fog sitting, apparently happy,  
 at the bottom of Ladder Dig.  
 The Members then explored the East and West



extensions in the reverse order, and were much impressed, not to say deeply moved

~~John~~

Saturday 17th Feb.

7.40V & AS to Arclines Hole (all!).

7.40V.

Sunday 18th Feb

6.47, 6.59, 7.17, 7.44, 8.5, 7.14 to Peckem Hole  
Much cut removed from Cur. 26. Evidence  
of human disturbance found

Sunday, 18th February, 1962

O.C. and 12 members of the Oxford Univ. C.C. on a cave rescue practice in Red's Pot. It took 5 hours to get the car to the cave & back & get the subject up from the bottom of the 45' pot. Tricky bits are: getting the subject over the lip of the pot and through the tight rift near the entrance. We haven't quite a lot about how to move the subject, and were successful (with his help) in getting him all the way out in the carrying sheet.

Tralty's tent has been returned, with many thanks, and is behind the front door of the hut.

O.C.

Monday, Feb. 19th 1962

Visited hut. Found Women's quarters with all four windows & door open. This is a record which should not be repeated.

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Feb

Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> February, 1962

To Piddly, where I met up with Noel Cleave & Steve Wynne. Roberts.  
We went down Swildan's to sample I with lights and came out  
from there without. Time of return trip about 1 hr. 50 minutes.  
It was unexpectedly easy. The tricky bits were coming out of the  
upper end of Barnes' loop & climbing the 15' waterfall in the Wet  
Way. We met people with lights 4 times, and on each  
occasion waited for them to go away before proceeding. Information  
as to where we were was freely exchanged and all disagreements  
speedily arrived at. A marvellous trip! D.G.M.

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb.

P.A.T. T.J.H. A.F.R. J.M.C. D.G.M. to Sidest to sample the  
air. All CO<sub>2</sub> values about 0.5% but O<sub>2</sub> equipment  
would not go through "tie-pieces" so only a few  
values were obtained. All normal. P.S.: One CO<sub>2</sub> value  
of 1.1% CO<sub>2</sub> in small aven off main chamber was  
obtained. D.G.M. took CO<sub>2</sub> machine to bottom of squeeze (0.6%).  
D.G.M.

We therefore declare Sidest a safe cave.

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb

JES. I.S. D.S. to Double Trouble on a rightreeing trip. The Mud  
Lump contained some 9" of water, being of normal late winter dimensions.  
The first Trouble was effectivly drained by siphoning, the method  
used being that of coiling the tube placing it all in the water, & sucking its  
free end whilst in this position. The free end was then transferred with a finger in

its end to the Normal Draining area above Blue Pencil. The second Trouble needed no taking, having some 3" to 4" of airspace.

On the way back the first Trouble was practically dry having been completely the siphon having done its job while we were away. Total length of trip - 4 1/2 hours.

D.S.

Monday 25th Feb

P.N.S., D.S., G.V.S., I.S., T.H. work on hut. G.N.S. and I.S. attached orange wire to the tackle and the rest made a new sawing bench.

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Sat 24th Feb

G.T.F., W.B.S., P.R.B. (Joan), P.M.Z., G.N.S. to Lamb Leap with some London Carving Club. Pleasant trip.

There is a large hole in the fabric of the hut behind the lounge box, and in the rat's means of access to the hut. One of these tunnels is at least a foot long.

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Wednesday Feb. 28 1962

D.G.M., F.E.K.T. to Goatchured Cave to investigate air currents under cold weather conditions. Ordinarily under cold external conditions cold air flows in down the Tradesmen's Entrance & out through Main Entrance. Today was no exception. Cold-dry-cold easterly wind.

Candle flame used to indicate direction of air flow  
 Warm air in considerable volume was coming  
 out main entrance & birds were in cave almost to  
 limit of twilight zone. Several pools in floor  
 from drips.

Warm air flowing up Giant's Stairway. (beyond end  
 of railings)  
 Down current of colder air flowing down  
 Traverse from T.E. & turning off down passage marked  
 "Bloody Tight". At roof level in this part of Traverse  
 warm air flowing towards Giant's Stairway.

Dining Chamber. Cold air from T.E. pouring down to  
 depth of 2 ft. above floor flows past entrance to  
 Coal chute & goes on down (1) Traverse (2) Route  
 to lower part of cave. Connections to Maze, e.g. The  
 Forks etc, seemed only to have still air. From the  
 Coal chute was an upcurrent of warm air.

Bottom of Coal chute - up current.

" " " " passages leading down - cold  
 air going down.

Terrace Cold air at floor level going down to  
 passages connecting with bottom of Coal chute.

Cold air pouring out of lower end bottom  
 part of "Bloody Tight". Slight upcurrent  
 at roof level.

Both up passages connecting through  
 floor of 1<sup>st</sup> Boulder Chamber to 2<sup>nd</sup> Boulder

Chamber or Water Chamber had powerful up currents of warm air - i.e. cave temp. air.

Presumptively there are still other connections between two chambers which let colder air down.

There was only a small stream outside - a mere trickle.

It would seem that the air flow system in Gostchurock is of considerable complexity - it might be worth further study under varying climatic conditions.

The most surprising discovery was that the "gully" which shuts off the floor of the Traverse (below in Dining Chamber) below T.E. is apparently sufficient to duct air past coal chute & this becomes a very marked up route

What happens to this circulation when temperatures are high externally?

D.C.M. & BKT then to Reed's cavern for air sampling. Samples taken at E. end of Main Chamber; W. end of M.C. & at entrance to Boulder Chamber

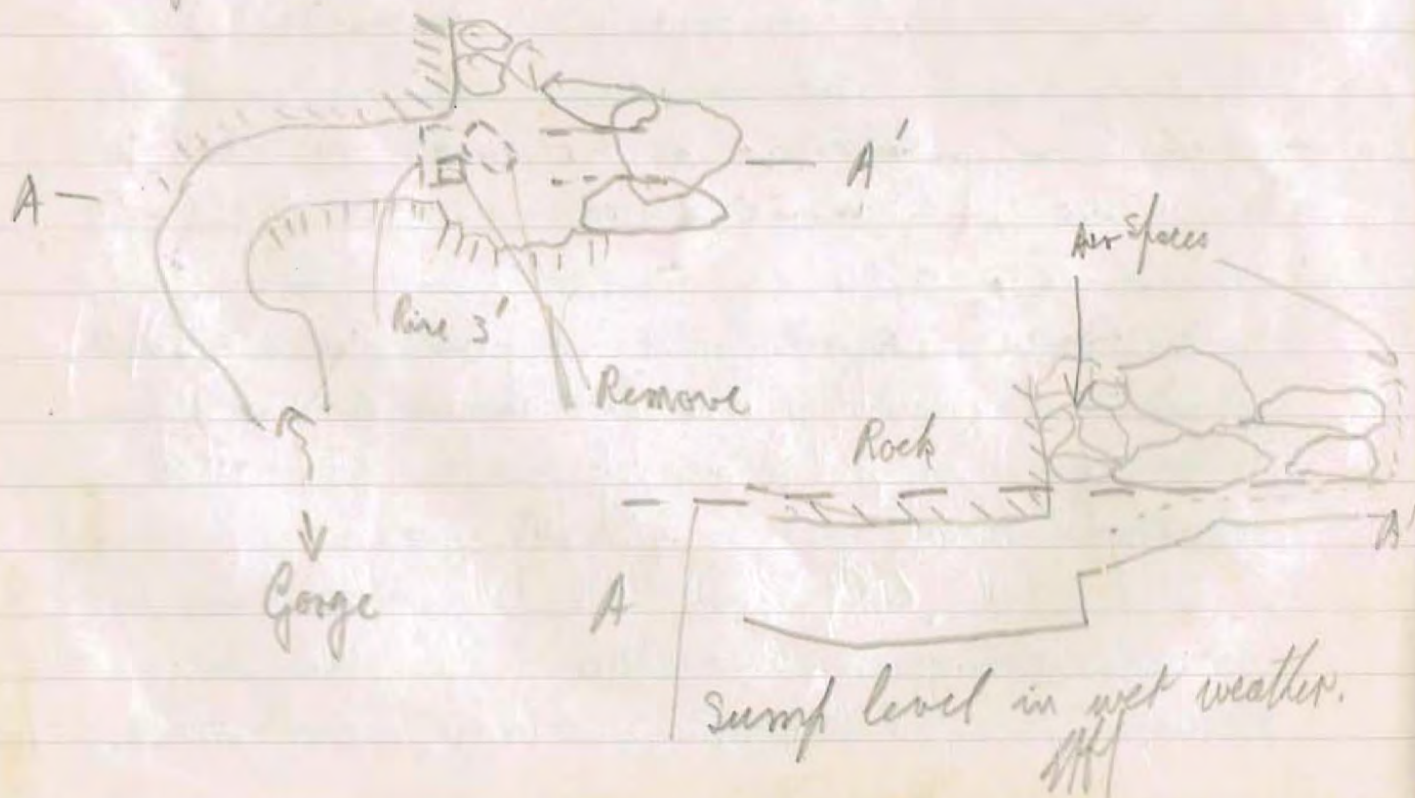
Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

BKT, RNL, BBT, JH, DS, DHH, DHH, JH to GB. The members dug at the bottom. BBT, DHH worked at the end removing 30 buckets and the just removed sand

and rocks from lowest point, carting them further back up the passage. A satisfactory trip.

T.H.

The prospect of going fwd. in present direction does not seem good. To dig down under the very large boulders at end would take one down to the sump level. Digging round to left where there are numerous spaces between boulders & one solid rock wall seems the best line of attack. But before doing this the two boulders, which have recently moved, shd. be broken up & taken out first. They could roll down & block entrance.



Sunday Mar 4

O.C.L. + H.M.J. took a Derbyshire party round G.B. JM

Saturday 10th March '62.

DJP, "Roger" (6 year vet) DGM to S.B. to  
bumble. Unfortunately the drips were rather  
inactive so we had to wait rather a long  
time to collect a large enough sample.  
The surface stream was sinking before it  
reached the ~~cave~~ cave and there was  
no stream in the wet way. Very dry for  
the time of year.

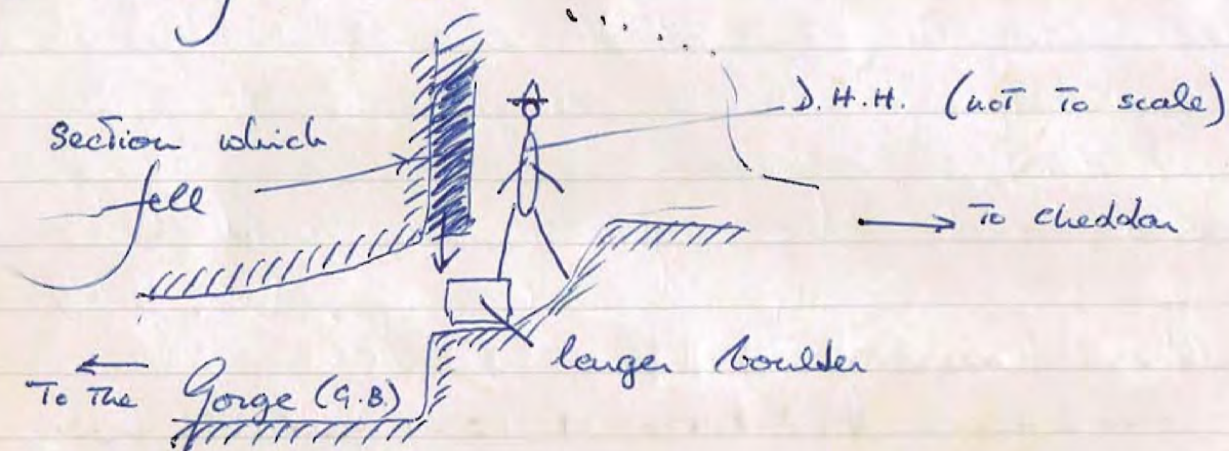
DGM

A new low Bower signal has been constructed.  
The cross bar provided will be painted white.  
Members are advised to make use of it; it should  
prove more durable than other signals.

T/H

10 March 1962

G.M.B. : J.H.H. To G.B. for work at the bottom. The small loose boulder (see previous page) was moved down, and efforts were made to break the larger one with hammers. During this operation, a ~~large~~ part of the chamber collapsed (see illustration) and further work was deemed to be unsafe.



The Chamber is now in a parlous condition — what about a big bang to clarify matters?

16/3/62

G.M.G., C.W., A.R. & J.S. to G.B. on a right-seeing trip incorporating visits to the bottom, oxbow, white way, gallery & the chain in the wet way — an enjoyable trip

J.S.



Sunday, March 11 1962

Wind generator sounds as if the propeller shaft needs greasing - it is squeaking.

Sunday March 11th

B.B.P. + P.M.L. to Rods.

P.M.L.

DATE ?

Saint Patrick's Day, 1962

Two to Swildon's II. 240 more feet of Vicarage Passage discovered beyond Vicarage Pt. General trend westerly, up the bedding. Also 4' dug towards Double Trouble. Very promising vein beyond.

P.M.L.

P.M.L.

VICAR ?

17-3-62

G.M.B., I.S., T.J.H., D.P., F.H.N., P.G., B.B.P. + E.V.S. having intended to descend St. Anthbert's were prevented from so doing by the inability of the F.E.C. to provide more than one guide. Lack of money prevented us from visiting any of the 'locked' caves. We tried Curfew Caves but it is still blocked. So F.H.N. showed us Brown's Hole - a rabbit warren that's shrunk a bit. Looked at the latest caves in Fairy Cave Quarry but did not descend them.

E.V.S.

17 March

D.S., G.N.E., J.H.W., B.W., P.M.L., J.F.R. + brother, D.H.H.  
 did get down St. Catharine's. A fine trip, which appeared  
 to be round, via what we were told was The Gump

*[Signature]*

18 March

G.M.B., J.F.R. + brother, ~~D.H.H.~~ P.M.L., P.B.S. D.H.H.  
 To investigate a mine shaft near Hillgrove with Luke  
 Devenish. Depth 15 ft and no more.

So we helped to put out a fire instead

*[Signature]*

19 March

AKA, RVS, EXT, T.H. to Peckens. The whole  
 much breccia was removed with much effort.  
 PAT. arrived just before the frozen members  
 departed for the cut.

*[Signature]*

17/3. MW. DSW. IS. & 4 Bristol YMCA members to G.B.  
 Bottom, Osbow, White Way, West Extension & Wet Way. Good Trip.

20/3/63 Delivered 100 lb drum of carbide  
 found (a) but closed but not locked

(\*) Tanks empty at women's quarters.  
 Who left the top on? *[Signature]*

23.3.62

P.M.L. & B.B.P., nobly assisted by the foresters, Wells, Cheddar, and Blagden Fire Brigades, fought and conquered a vast Blackdown fire in 3 hours. An hour later it broke out again, this time being downed by the ~~fire~~ firemen, while E.M.T. B.B.P. & P.M.L. gave helpful comments. The hut fire-beaters were burned in the 'heat of the moment',

24.3.62

Hut assailed by four baby rats. Certain holes cemented in the hopes that they will get a headache. Warfarin is needed quickly, before they become adults as ♀ + ♂ = trouble.

29.3.62. Saturday. Fire on Blackdown from Cheddar Path to the Rowberry Farm. Has Harry got his dates wrong, or were there 2 fires? J.S.

30.3.62

EXT, D.H.H., Roger Hobbes, T.H. to manor. Task to move concrete pipes from roadside to just beside dig. Thanks are due to Gerald for the load of his mechanical loader.

1/4/62

R.S. + J.E.S. at hut, latter to St. Nuthents (Essex? series), former removed 120' full wt. nylon + 40' green lily for use in line at Eoston + deposited them at Presidency (also old 60' heavy rope taken)

Being a gentleman of some experience about such things, I never got my dates wrong. There were 3 fires in all.

1/4/62 Sunday  
 A.M. N.P.S. P.A.T. + E.K.T. to Packer's  
 Hole. See special log 5111

6th April 1962 Saturday

G.M.B. C.A.W. J.G.M. to Eastwater. Not  
 exactly a 100% organised trip - got lost at one  
 point and then hung the ladder incorrectly  
 on the 2nd Verticle, making it very difficult to  
 descend. After due consideration of all the  
 available evidence the decision was democratically  
 arrived at to terminate the exploration at  
 the 2nd Verticle. The return journey was uneventful.  
 Nevertheless a very enjoyable trip.

David M.  
*DM*

7 April 1962 Sunday

C.A.W. G.M.B. N.J.W. to Suddons I. In by short  
 dry way - out by wet way, Kennedy's dry at top of  
 short dry way way to Veepers' obstructed upper part of wet  
 way. The cave was in a moderately wet condition but  
 we had a very pleasant trip as we made an early start  
 (down the cave about 10 am) which enabled us to avoid  
 the main rough

7/4 Above followed by J.E.S. + 3 from Heallant's G.S.  
 Suddons (see overlap) who de-tackled the cave. 2nd long  
 dry way + cut-in wet (v. wet at upper end). *J.E.S.*

6<sup>th</sup> April. RS + 3 from headlands, Trevor Phillips Doc to G.B. Bottom, orbow, hoop + at the wet way. Fair trip. *Lophos. jama* left in entrance.  
RS.

Apr. 9<sup>th</sup> 1962

Wanted to get some things from ♀ hut.  
could not find key.

Borrowed for Ireland.

20 ft Nylon life line

2 Ammunition boxes

2 "Maver" bags ~~MM~~

Friday. 13<sup>th</sup> Apr. 1962.

C.J.E arrived ab 9.0 pm.

with two Antipodean. guests (♀) for short  
essentially surface stay.

Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> Apr. 1962.

C.J.E and guest to Enold  
to view city and visit old acquaintances.

At 21.00 hrs a red glow on the  
horizon heralded the advent of yet another  
large Blackdown fire.

C.J.E leaping into his fire engine M.B.I  
raced to the top of the Coombe. to assist  
in the elimination of the conflagration.

There being nobody about he seized a small  
Oak tree some 30' high and set about

the flames which by this time had reached enormous height, being fanned by a force 5-6 wind. Eventually after the arrival some 40 firemen from most of the surrounding brigades. (with ~~the~~ a little assistance of the above gentlemen) the fire was eventually vanquished at about 23.20 hrs.

It is suggested that the first fire beaters are replaced as oak trees are not 100% effective as beater spp.

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April, 1962

O.L. borrowed tackle for the Yorkshire Easter Trip as follows:

Ladder 40 x 3, 20 x 3, 12 x 1.

Life lines 120 x 1 (full wt.), 100 x 2 (3/4 wt.), 60 x 1

Belays 12 x 3, 15 x 2, 20 x 2, 45 x 2.

Bags large x 3.

All except ladder 40 x 1 } returned 28.4.62  
belay 15 x 1 }

That leaves enough tackle for Swiddon's or Eastwater.

O.L.

O.L., C.J.E., Olivia Lind, Suzanne & Michelle Tomkin on a guided tour of Ablandip, visiting Cheddar gorge, Gough's Cave, Pride Evans's Hole, Working Hole, & Elbow gorge, calling at the Hunter's lodge in between times, where we met up with some garrulous B.E.C. types at their usual practice of beer swilling.

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 1962.

C.J.E (timbering up for Yorks Live) escorted Mr. Charles Frean (who had letter of introduction from Hon Sec.) round G.R. 3 photos taken at top of ladder dig and one of main chamber.

C.J.E inspected G.R. bottom - the boulder rubble seems to be tightening up, it would possibly be better to come back and try the floor, following the water. A lot of mud and water has been washed in to the lowest chamber a 'large' bang has 'might' open things out - if it doesn't bring the lot down.  
CJE.

Tues 17<sup>th</sup> April 1962

C.J.E and quest north and south respectively.

Some tracks of horses etc in rut compound and leading up track passed the beech tree. Suggest one of the following remains :-

- a) large pit of Tiger trap style.
- b) A number of strands of barbed wire about 6' from ground.
- c) Jelly and trip wire to tumbler switch and battery.

CJE.

## CALOR GAS TO RESERVE ——— eye.

Weekend 15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> April 1962.

JHW, Elizabeth Stouton, DMT, TPT went from Bristol by various means to Buckfastleigh, Devon where they camped at the Black Rock Guest House. They were joined next day by GAB and his brother and H.J., DMT. The members removed Baker's pit and Reed's cover in the afternoon of the 14<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) and the more energetic (JHW, H.J., DMT and the Reed's guide) also inspected Penhamley Cave. A fine time was had by all.

On the Sunday the 4 from Bristol went for a walk on Dartmoor, and returned to Bristol on the 16<sup>th</sup> (Monday).

The weather was dement and all enjoyed themselves. The camping ground was however hard and bumpy and the local beer infinitely worse than George's!

20<sup>th</sup> April Fri E.V.G. arrived late to spend the night alone

Sat 21<sup>st</sup> April N.S.W., T.S.H., A.V.M., D.M.T.H.C. + Robin arrived in the course of the day, pitched in the hut and each got several news etc. not long out for many rooms. S.H.C. + Robin were camped in Velvet bottom but came over for tea



← time. A sober Plume in evening.

Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> April. A.V.M. + 2 sisters, ♀ friend + brother, J.H.C. + Robin and N.J.W. ← G.B. for downish trip, mostly way to bottom the bank via Oxbow and Loop. A pleasant trip.

N.J.W.

D.G.M. and E.V.G. with J.H. walked to and inspected Manor Farm, festooned and embanked exposing, especially flabby and spotty errors to the sun, weepers and unfortunate members.

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Members arrive late and festooned away the room after which E.V.G. departed. A.V.M. and N.J.W. to Swan at Roberson for lunch - discovered the only form of food they sell is strips - no pies or bread or cheese - the main members of this party, returned to but no longer thirsty but still hungry. food, saved one word and phoned. One room was made unattractive by fat middle aged weeper women who were attempting (with a notable lack of success) to sing the Pops. They did also emit noises from time to time which gave the impression for a distance that they had gone in for chicken farming.

N.J.W.

Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> April, 1962

O.U. Mike Watson, David Patmore, Patricia Corry, Dianne Wilthey went to Longwood and established the connection with August Hole. It consists of a 2 foot dig at the top of the far end of the main chamber in Longwood, which gives access to the grotto immediately above the Swing Pitch in August Hole.

Be it noted that the U.B.S.S. has for 3 years had all the data necessary to establish this ~~from~~ connection themselves, since those parts have all been surveyed, but unfortunately not put onto paper. 4 hour trip.

O.L.

Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>:

A.V.H., N.J.W., P.N.L., B.B.P., R.V.S., T.H. to Nans Farm where they removed about 60 containers of crut ( $\approx$  90 buckets). Trouble was experienced with the lifting gear which will have to be replaced.

Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup>

G.N.G. D.S. spent afternoon sleeping in hut compound, & looking members fodder.

Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

P.N.L., B.B.P., R.V.S., T.H. to Nans Farm where they removed a further 60 containers of crut. The use of two pulleys made lifting easier and in all some 8 feet were removed this weekend.

T.H.

Sunday Apr. 30<sup>th</sup>. M.W., D.J.W. + Liselotte Witzel to G.B.

Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> 1962

All kit borrowed for Irish Expedition returned except.

- 1 Ammunition tin sold to B. Chapman (3/6 but levy)
- 2 Tapes - kept for repair.

N.B. Compasses are with UKF. for overhaul ready for July Irish trip. UKF

Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> 1962.

OK. David Hobbs joined Howard Kenney + 2 Wessex types & Ron Teagle + 2 M.V.E.C. types and went to work in Vicarsage Passage in Swildon's. Work done included putting a sand-bolt and line for ladder on the far side of Vicarsage Pot, so as to free the maypole, starting up the dig at the far end of V.P. and continuing work on the Double Trouble Connection. This last we pushed for a good body length (Hobbs type) but there is still much digging to be done. 8 1/2 hour trip.

OK.

Sat. May 5<sup>th</sup>

BBP TJH GNS DS DPO PML to Manor Farm. 62 cullions of spoil removed.

PML.

Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup> 1962

3 to Pickens's Hole. Clearing next (W) square. Got down to layer ②-③ transition.

Bone shino, hyaena + horse all occur at this level. R.H.

May 12<sup>th</sup>

Gas cylinder changed.

May 12th

P.B., D.B., D.G.P. down Rod's. 2½ hour trip.  
D.G.P.

Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> May.

O.C.L., J.M., J.S., J.M. + D.P.S.H. down August Hole to bottom of streamway. Oxbow explored, where we found a small chamber, probably recently broken into, with ~~some~~ formations. Out through Longwood system.

Sat + Sun 11<sup>th</sup> + 12<sup>th</sup>

St.

E.H.T., P.N.L. B.T.P. to Devon. (C.A.G.)

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May

G.M.B., O.C.L., D.P.S.H., D.H.H. took 4 members of the University Dramatic Society to G.B. Usual round trip: dry: pleasant

Sat 12th May. A.W. I.S. DJW + Meddy to Swildon's TV. Fine trip considering no one had been there before. Rather slow. The cave was rather crowded & it took an hour to get the party back up the 40'. Reasonably uneventful also.

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May 1962  
Cleaned 2<sup>nd</sup> square to top of layer 3. AW

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May 1962.  
A.W., B.B.P., G.H.B., S.H.H., M.W. 7 1/4 to Manor Farm where 75 'bucket' of spid were removed. We are now 15' / 16' down  
1 1/2

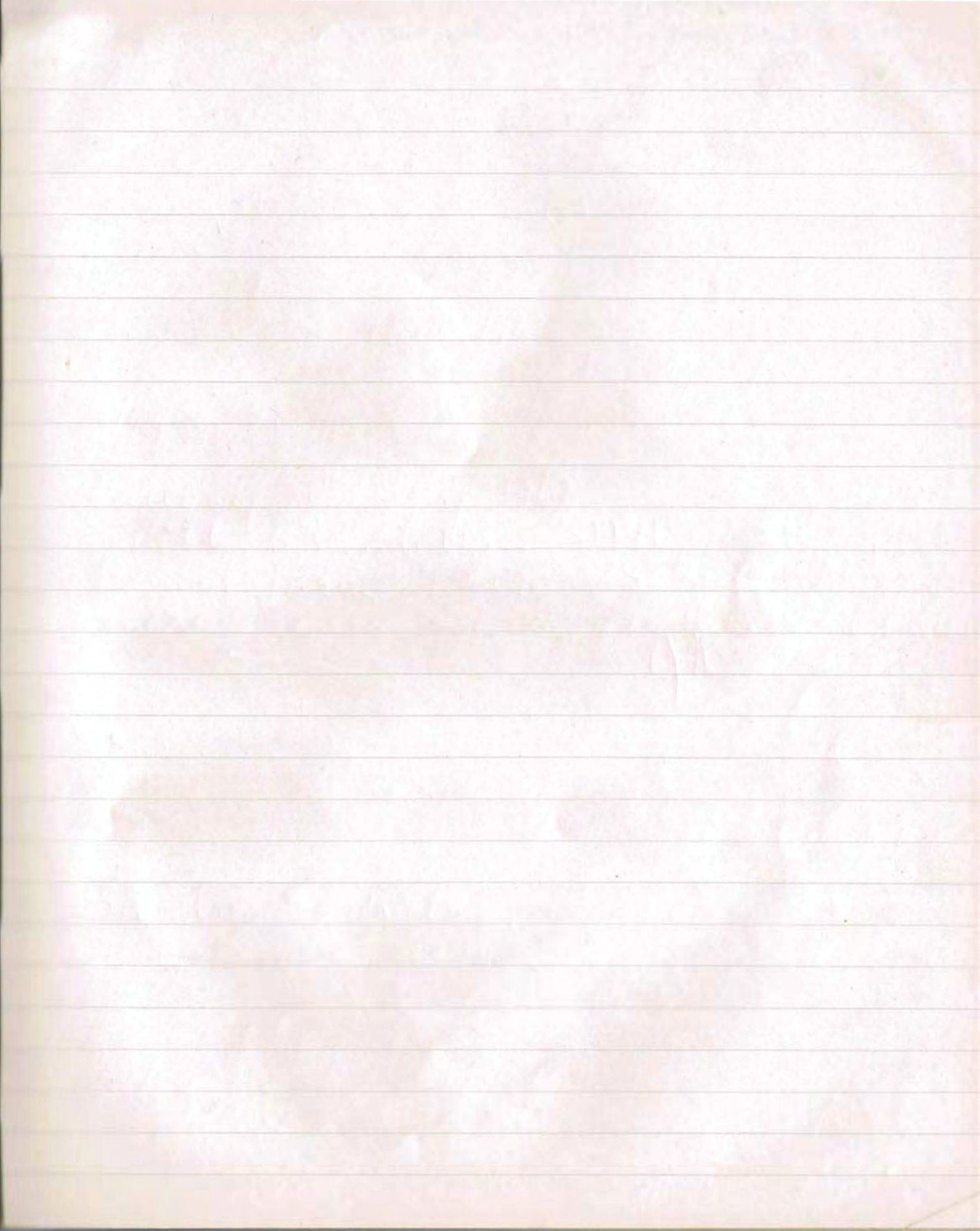
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May 1962.  
Housden is a nit.  
A.W. 1 1/2

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May.  
A.W., C.J.E. DIS DJW to G.B. for pH type bundle. Satisfactory. Were able to establish that Reynolds' number and pH were semi-non-dimensional. This greatly eases the effort of bundling. pH's mainly around 8, irrespective of CaCO<sub>3</sub> content

[All members please note that Reynolds No is not pH is not non-dimensional. This should clear up the confusion on the matter

D.J.W.

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[FHM + C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH = !X]

- F.H.N. Frank Nicholson G.S.M. (CYPRUS)
- W.E.B. Wendy Bell
- C.J.J. Cyril Johnson \*
- P.A.T. Pat Tangeye
- T.R.S. Trevor Shaw, Lt.-Col. R.N.
- D.I.S.F. David Ingle Smith
- A.H.A.H. Arthur Apsimon
- G.M.B. Geoff Board
- C.B.H. Christine Hale
- C.K.A.G. Colin Glass
- H.H.G. Helen Haley Glass
- C.A.W. Angus Watkins \*
- J.E.S. Johnny Squire
- R(L.M)S. Rita Squire \*
- B.N. Bernd Nannaman
- I.S. Ian Shaw
- M.W. Mike Watson
- D.C.P. David Pearce
- G.N.G. GWYNETH N. GREEN
- J.S. John Southworth
- H.S. Hilary Smith
- D.J.W. Diane Julia Withey
- D.P. David Patmore
- D.H. David Hobbs

The Scoutmaster

The Memory Man  
?

Dingle Bumble.

Renowned

Mustafa ..... ALIAS THE GOAT

MONSTER No.1

MONSTER No.2

The new CURATOR'S CURATOR. (E)  
also snores

MICIE } NORTHERN } Super  
FLAT CHECK CAP. } GENTLEMEN } and  
Askey } } serious

Tom

of U.S.A.

Frankó Donkey.

With.



List of Members  
 # = Ex. Pub. school? !x!

I doubt if I shall

E.K.T. }	Prof. Dr. M. Trautman * M.D.S., P.D., O.B.E., F.S.A., P.P.P.	#	Ex. Pub. school? !x!
M.H. }	Molly Hall *		Ask Trato.
D.H.H.	David Huston * G.S.M. (CYPRUS)	#	<del>Secret</del> (d) Bow-tie and cigarette holder. FORMER Secretary
J.H.C.	brickman		Star Memb. Crick.
N.J.W. }	Nigel Wallace * B.V.Sc (failed).	#	Nigolies Much spreader to the U.B.S.S.
A.V.M. }	Anne Mills B.Sc.		The Dreaded Annular.
D.G.M. }	David Mead * B.Sc.		Exsecte (8)
P.M.L. }	Pamela Lewis * B.Sc.		"hush-hips"
B.R.C. }	Brian Bollingridge * B.A.		Exsecte (E)
W.A.D. }	William Douden * B.Sc (failed)		Officeward Genl (Exc)
B.B.P. }	Barry Persatt * B.Sc.		De Quincey Plegit <del>nos</del>
D.S.	David Savage * G.N.G.'s faithful hound.		Micphot. <del>He always gets lost</del> <sup>SOMETIMES</sup>
D.N. }	Donald Newton * M. B.Sc.		Nodule
M.N. }	Margaret <del>Matthews</del> Newton		Psycho
T.J.H. }	Tim Hill *	#	Mictex - Nico BACON! Present Hon. Sec.
M.A.R. }	Ann Rust		Rusky
B.A.C.	Bertie Cook * M.B., Ch.B., V.P.		Bertie.
O.C.H.	Oliver Lloyd * M.D., B.Chin., M.A.		Banjo and Spares Bag.
D.J.	David James		SNORES - loudly & at great length
C.J.E.	Kit Eaton *		Texian King.
E.V.S.	Eric Gilbert * B.Sc (hopeful) <sup>successful</sup>	#	Ex-Ser (B) & <sup>the bat</sup> <del>co-pulvent</del> <sup>him</sup> <del>him</del> <sup>is</sup>
S.C.	Stan Cooper.		↑ Bhatford-type Bester.
B.L.M.C.	Bernard Chapman *		of women charing game.
R.A.S.	Richard Hunter		Precurator's Curator. (Ex.)
J.A.W.	John Wesley *	#	
J.H.W.	Judith Wood *		Quarter

