

UBSS L04 BOOK ^(B)

MAY 27th 1962

TO

NOVEMBER 3rd 1963

LOG
BOOK

9/13

U. B. S. S.

Log Book



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N.B.

- 1) This log book should be written up after each trip and all work done should be recorded. Equipment must be cleaned before it is put away.
- 2) Before the last person leaves the hut:-
 - a) put ALL food away so that the rats can't get it.
 - b) put all waste material in the rubbish pit.
 - c) leave some wood for the fire.
 - d) shut and bolt the hut, and turn ^{the lights and} the gas off.
 - e) " " " " women's matters.
- 3) Parties visiting caves must leave a note stating destination, time of departure and return and Number of persons on the trip.

Surely

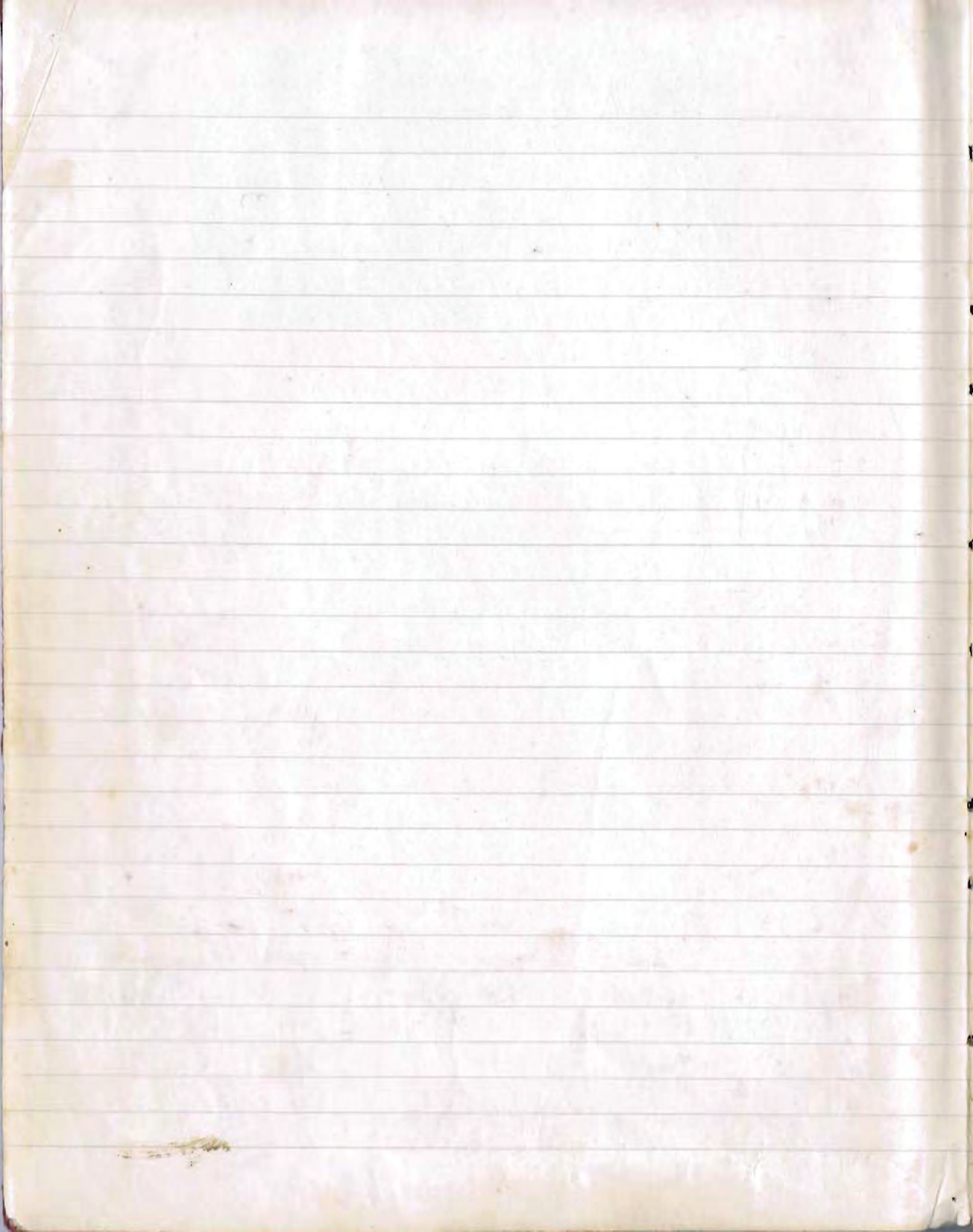
T. J. H. P.

[Hon. Sec.]

21.5.62.

* This should not be borrowed (especially for trips away from Mendips) without the Member's permission.


≠ Members will not "throw up" at the Hut. ~~For the spirit stove~~



Sunday 27th May 1962.

P.M.L., B.B.P., E.V.G., C.J.J., M.W., T.J.H. to Haver
Farm where 40 buckets removed until
leaving stopped play. The members lunch
was ^{kindly} provided by W.E.B. and C.H.
TJM

Sunday - 27/5/62.

C.J.E. & T.E. to Cowdill
for pleasant lunch.  (4 1/2 pints)

C.J.E. borrowed:

- 1 x 20' ladder
- 1 x 6' entree
- 1 x 60' lifeline

for dives purpose about COTA. Will
return in \approx 10 days.

Sat. June 2nd 1962

B.R.C. + S.M.T. to G.B. - Prof
flashes charges on two loose boulders
at end of fired same S.M.T.

Sat. June 2nd, 1962.

David H.H.s, Jim Evans, Ian Shaw & others stayed to
St. Michael's Swallow. Tourist trip of 3 1/2 hours without

gone suits (like the Old Time Heroes). Didn't
get really lost once.

Borrowed tackle for Society's trip to
Derbyshire at Whitson: ladders 40ft x 2, 20ft x 2,
all with shackles.

All returned 12.6.62

out.

02 Lloyd

Sunday June 3rd

I.S., D.W.H., C.S. to G.B. on tourist trip.
Had a look at bang and found that the rocks
had been shattered and a lot of the float
loosened. Nothing seems to have come from
the roof.

Sat. 9 June

E.K.T., P.A.T., I.S., ~~and~~ C.S., D.H.H. to
G.B. The last 2 persons did a bang at the bottom (including
some which had not gone off last week) and started
altering the position of the ladder on the 40'. The
remainder a pleasure trip via wet-way and ooze

Yob

Sunday 10th June

I.S., M.W., D.S. to August Hole. At the
end of the terminal rib in August, it would
seem that people (M.G.G.P.) have done some
blasting, for we managed to regain the August

Hole stream after some 150ft of bastonial squeezing. The way on is a very tight looking squeeze sloping a few degrees downwards through which can be heard a "waterfall" like noise. I think that this squeeze could be forced.

It is, I think, significant that we encountered a party of M.C.G. on their way into the cave, complete with banger!

DS

Monday, June 11th 1962

H to Picken's hole. Exposed rock surface in sq. F.F. Partly cleared. E.F. to brown sandy layer, (3), ~~W~~ No finds

Thursday evening, June 14th 1962

Off. B.B.P., Mike Walsh & Bob Branch to the Plunge, then to Grotto, then to supper! ~~off.~~

Sat Jun 16th

To Manor Farm

Sunday Jun 17th

Manor Farm: 30 buckets removed and contents of debris commenced

Monday Jun 19th

Manor Farm: 40 buckets removed and masonry foundations laid.

TH

Monday 18 June

To Roadchurch.
Then out again.

Robina Gyle-Thompson + J.A.W.
~~To~~ Through the drain-pipe
A strenuous but dry trip.

[Signature]

Monday 18 June

P.C.; J.A.; D.P.; E.H.N. to Swildons → Trals Temple.
Streamway very dry. Fun and games in the "Wet" Way
Followed by work @ Mann Farm. *J.H.W.*

Saturday June 16. I. Shaw, I. J. Standing, Off Welby,
D. C. Pearce + M. J. Watson to Agen Alwood
up the Jubay Passage then off to Coal Cellar where
there are some very fine straws and also some
deliciously glutinous mud. Returning we had a trip
down the main streamway as far as the deeper
parts and also went along the Main Gallery
a very fine trip to a very fine cave.
M.W.

Thursday 21 June

E.H.N. + 4 Kinder led to Stoke Lane, Stocker,
a very uneventful (?: successful?), but slow
trip. *J.H.W.*

Thursday 21 June

Civilization struck at last
The President and members lined off HAGGIS

~~HA~~

Saturday 23 June

P.C; D.P; F.H.N to G.B AFTER working at
Manor Farm. Quick Trip
F.H.N.

Sunday 24 June

Manor Farm: 2 paper towers and
other preparatory work done, prior to lowering the
papers.

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Saturday June 16th - Thursday June 28th 1962
(Union Week June 17th + 23rd)

Working parties at Manor Farm varying in number
from 3-10. The effort was directed to making
a silt, but not water, proof concrete lined shaft
to this dig so that work will not be nullified
by the shaft refilling each winter
& also because the farmer (Mr. Jeffries) found the
everdeepening & widening hole a bit of a menace
to his children & cattle. Mr. Jeffries has been

very co-operative all through the years when the Society has been working on the swallow.

The programme was to clean out shaft & make a concrete foundation to take a series of 3 ft lengths of 2'6" int. diam. concrete pipes.

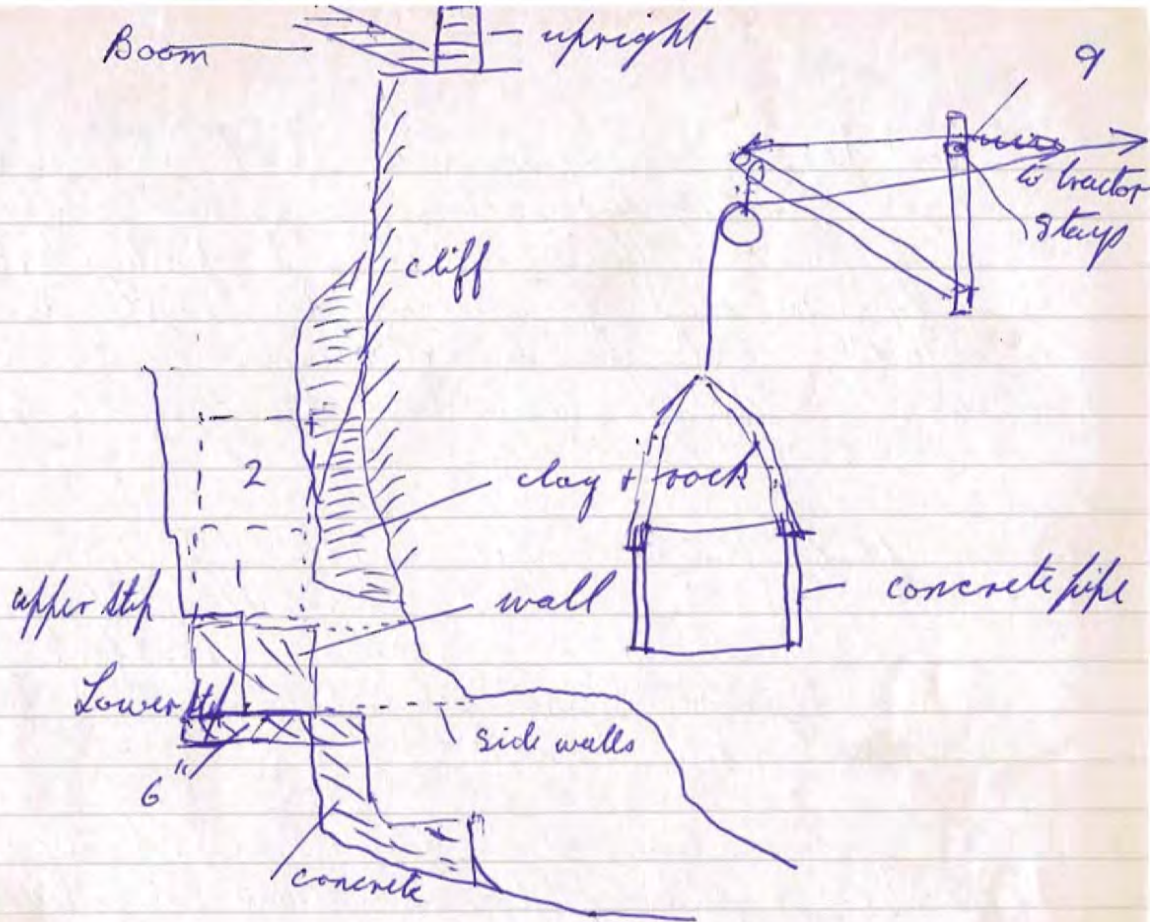
Numerous hitches occurred & the difficulty of the undertaking had been underestimated (SKW takes the blame).

The work involved the construction of the concrete bridge, at the bottom of the shaft inside the cave, as a roof over a gap ~~in it~~. The underside of the bridge became the roof of the cave passage.

The next stage was to build up the foundations at the bottom of the shaft from "rocks." The base consisted of extremely compact rock & clay (yellow) mixture. On this a wall of concrete & concrete blocks was built up to a height of about 3 ft. At this stage it was necessary to take out the lower step of the shaft & a little later the upper step. Nothing fell in (mirabile dictu). A 6"-8" platform of concrete was then built.

On the following day a wall of 3" thick concrete blocks was built to a height of 3' to take the concrete pipes.

Three pipes were winched down to the top of the shaft, lifting holes having been ~~had~~ hand drilled through them.



On Sunday June 24th the boom was rigged - tractor borrowed as power plant & wire rope run as in crude diagram above.

The first two pipes were then successfully lowered into place. Not without considerable difficulty as shaft was not straight. Cliff side of shaft had eventually to be cut back.

The next stage was to re-inforce ϕ rim of lowest pipe at base & to build up side walls under cliff & to roof over so that no earth could get the down side of pipe on cliff side. This was completed on Mon. & Tues. June 25 & 26th

Thursday June 28th was the next

great day. A party of 4 was able to do the work. Again using a tractor four more pipes were raised & then lowered into position bringing the top of the shaft up to nearly level with the cliff top. A ~~temporary~~ steel man hole cover was then temporarily laid in place on the top & the party went home.

The shaft is now 18' of pipe.
3' of walling to platform

& work can now proceed on digging out entrance passage.

This has been a very fine effort by members & should pay handsome dividends in the end.

(Free beer for all the workers!?)
HBT

Saturday, 30th June.
HBM, TJA went to Balch's Hole in Fairy Cove Quarry, where they were guided down by the latter's cousin. This cave is exceedingly fine, the formations, helictes etc are fabulous. This cave has a resemblance to 51-60 Lane and may well be part of the same system. A very well worth while trip of 2 hrs.

HBT

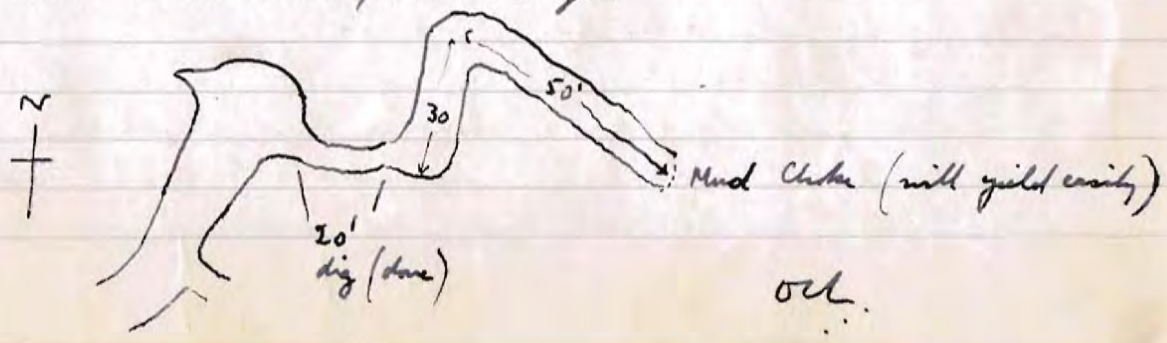
- The remarkable features of this core are -
1. The large development of chambers etc very close to the surface with no sign of depressions etc @ the surface.
 2. The distinction of "generations" of stalagmites throughout the core (at least 2, possibly 3)

G.H.H.

Thursday evening, 28th June 500. , Malcom Penny, John Wright & Hugh McKay (the last two medics) went down Red's Pt for fun. The last two climbed down the pitch, and then we went to the bottom, and so on.

This was followed by a pleasant dinner party with wine and songs.
500.

Saturday, 30th June 1962 500. , Malcom Penny & Richard Joy went to Swildon's Hole and joined Howard Kenney & 5 M.V.R.C. types for a working party in Vicarage Passage. Richard had a shot at the Scump and decided it wasn't for him, so he went out with one of the M.V.R.C. chaps. The rest of us got down to work at both ends of Vicarage Passage. At the north end not very much work got done, as one of the others had no good suit and so had to leave early. But four of us working at the "Trouble Connection" made a break through, after digging some 5 feet, and got into a further 80 ft. of new Swildon's. About 50' of this goes along the strike in the direction of Double Trouble, which doesn't have much further to go.



Sat. 30th June.

J.E.S. RS. CAW to St. Catherine's. Round trip of about 4 hrs, in via the new route to the bottom, out via Ewerst & Pillar chambers. RS.

Sunday 1st July

JES, CAW, FAN, T/H to Mansel Farm.

Job rigged for bucket crawling grid cemented in position and top two pipe joints were pointed. Mince filling with cement at bottom of pipes. Work was interrupted by a swarm of bees which threatened to attack members.



Saturday 7th July, 1962

N.S.W. came, so that he and O.C.L. helped to take a mob of schoolboys away, which B.R.C. had brought with him. Goat church, Rob's and Read's were done. T.J.H. came and mended the log burner.

Sunday 8th July, 1962

N.S.W. & O.C.L. joined B.R.C. on a G.B. trip with his boys. I called at the M.C.G. H.Q. first, to get some mugs. They returned me the G.B. key for truthy and gave me 6/- tackle fees. I noticed two things in G.B. ① at the entrance end of the Western Extension there is a way above the boulder slope, which could be reached with a 20 ft. Manjula. ② Two buckets & two digging tools have been left at the bottom of Butler's Pit.

I think it would be a good thing if Shower was digging these would return them to the tackle shed, otherwise they are as good as lost and we will go short.

od.

Friday July 20th.

Borrowed pick + two shovels

ATA + PAT.

Returned 20/8/62 HTAp.

Amaze fire

Tuesday 31st July:

EKT., MTH, PHN, T/H returned from Cile, unloaded and cleaned downobile.

AM

Saturday, 4th August, 1962

A real red-letter day, since the parties made the Trouble Connection in Swildon's Hole and we've all been through Sump I an odd number of times!

O.C.L., Howard Kenney + 2 others went for the mud shoke illustrated on page 11, and it yielded in 20 minutes. Before we had even started work, Phil Davies and his 3 others, who had gone through Double Trouble were talking to us through 30 ft. of no-man's land. Then we helped them with their shoke, which is rather a nasty one, and it gave way in 1 1/2 hours at 7.22 pm. precisely.

This is the longest round trip on Mendip. It is recommended to do it by way of the Troubles, through Vicarage Passage and out by the Sump 9 streamway.

In this way all the difficult parts come first and are made much easier by the fact that they all go downhill. Besides this, the troubles usually need trailing. The connection (named the "Birth day Squeeze") is not as well as muddy & will probably become a horrid duck in time.

O.C.L.'s birth day cake was eaten afterwards, on Pribby Green. This piece of Switzer's exploration ~~has~~ has involved 10 working trips, ^{spread over one year.} and members of this Society have been engaged on every one of them, along with members of other clubs.

O.C.L.

Sat 4th Aug. E.V.G. J.H.W., J.H.C. T.H.H. C.A.V. S.A.B.W. B.J.A.W. ^{D.G.M.}
 A.V.M. and N.J.W. to Manor Farm. When the lid was eventually removed it was discovered by lowering D.G.M. down the shaft that the air was exceedingly foul so the remainder of the afternoon was spent clearing it by dividing the shaft in 2 by sheets of galvanized iron and laying a basket of burning straw which provided a suitable air current to blow at the excess CO₂ and filled the shaft with rock pond smoke. The only other exc of the afternoon was that E.V.G. tripped over some stones in the region of the boom and fell through the nettles into the depression landing to everybody's amusement on his feet.

N.J.W.

Phil Davis returned ^{the} one rope belonging, missing from the Easter Knif to Yorkshire.

O.C.L.

Sun 5th Aug. E.V.G., N.J.W., J.A.W. to Manor Farm to sort out the ventilation problem. The air was found to be acrid but breathable from day before. A 20' chimney was removed from the farm, and a paraffin lamp at the bottom created a fine draft. The chimney needs to be removed when not in use as a condition of loan. We were not impressed by the conditions at the workplace, and retired to the Kent racing at the end of the road.

Sat. H.E. & R.A.S. to G.B. Door hinge broken

Sunday Aug. 5th 1962

to the Preken's Hole, clearing part of Rgs. FF & EF. J.M.

Mon 6th Aug H.E.S. R.A.S. A.V.M. N.J.W. to Eastwater for exercise along the Primrose Path. The main disadvantage of the new route is that on reaching the entrance to the Primrose Path one feels as though one has already been through it. The new route is more aptly described in words of 4 letters. All the same an enjoyable trip which cured members of the effects of hay fevered most of the rest of the week.

N.J.W.

6th August

J.A.W. + S.V.G. to S.B. Despite storms stream dry. S.V.G.

Monday 6 Aug 1962

Several members spent some time in reorganising kitchen for new gas arrangement. RWF

Tues. Aug. 7 1962

RWF continued with new arrangement for gas in kitchen. Completed. RWF

Thurs. Aug 9 1962

Removed broken hinge (bottom) of O.B. outer door; i.e. chiselled it off. Fitted temporary hinge. RWF

Sat. Aug. 11, 1962

Replaced temporary hinge O.B. outer door by heavy gauge one. Found that old hinge had had an unusual arrangement of bolt holes so could only fix by two bolts on door. This to be replaced as soon as an adapted hinge becomes available. The job will take about 1 hr. RWF

Wind Generator in spite of high speed of rotation the charging is intermittent. ? loose connection or faulty brush.

contacts on generator M.I.C.T.E. to note.
 JH

1 saythe added to T & E
 JH

Sunday Aug. 12th 1962

T.J.H., E.V.G. & EKT. took down generator for repairs.

D.C.L. & EKT. then went to G.B. & put on new lower hinge to outer door. Both hinges should be oiled generously.

D.C.L. did some wood cutting & EKT various chores. JH

Thursday Aug. 16 1962

At the urgent request of the management of Gough's caves EKT accompanied by D.C.L. visited the much publicized M.C.G. discovery of Cooper's Hole.

There is a dug tunnel about 12' long running from bottom left, (looking in) corner below-concrete wall - it runs for about 12 ft. At the end one stands up in a typical X-joint development (c.f. Gough's cave) &

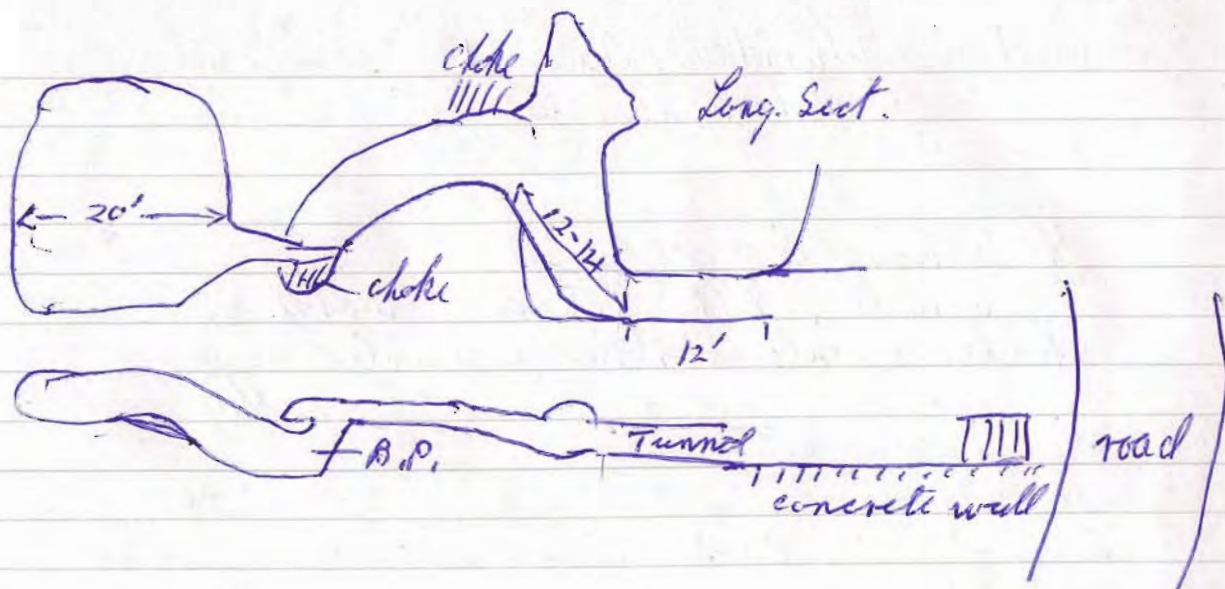
then climb up about 12-14 ft, a very steep muddy slope which was once (?) calcite covered.

At this level there is a bedding plane development to left of X-joint. After about 6 ft a steep muddy descent of about 10 ft. Close to the bottom of this a low crawl goes off (only O.C.L. could get through) left + swings immediately round right. After 10 ft mud slope down of ~~10~~ 5 ft + then short drop + 6 ft, into muddy pool + final chamber about 20 ft long, 10 ft broad + 20 ft high. Rock all round.

Skeleton of a fox at one side + skeleton of a bat with remains of body tissues showing as a black deposit round. The chamber obviously floored but not completely. Mud looks quite recently disturbed by flooding. Fox + bat may have come in via ~~an~~ a very small aven but could be ancient.

Precious little to make a fuss about.

All stals. mud covered. A dirty muddy little hole.



Saturday Aug. 18th

Spent most of day at Cheddar as Deputy P.R.O. on behalf of Management V. M.C.G. - Very boring but drinks & lunch on house. $\frac{1}{2}$ mand from inner chamber is Arctic fox with decid. dentition.

On return, 4.0 pm, did some oddments of work in kitchen. ~~MM~~

Sunday Aug 19th Spent most of day at Picken's Hole - no funds.
More work on kitchen. ~~MM~~

Tuesday & Thursday Aug 24th & 24th 25th
 Work on kitchen *MM*

the Saturday Aug. 26th 25th

G.M.B. & *MM* finished work on
 kitchen - only Formica wanted now
MM

OL & Bob Branch went to Pridley, where we were
 joined by a couple of Wrenex birds and did a nice
 gentle tourist trip of Swildon's Hole down to
 the camp. Time about 3 1/2 hours.

OL

Sunday Aug. 26th 1962

G.M.B. & *MM* cement rendered washing
 place in hut - it rained hard most
 of the day.

Tackle

It would seem that during the past
 week rope ladders have been borrowed
 by some one - there is no entry in
 log - *MM*

Monday August 27th 1962

O.L., J.E., Bill Hill, Allan Lloyd (all medics) were joined by 5 Wissex tools in a strenuous trip round Goatchurch, lasting nearly 3 hours. All the really nice squeezys were explored, and the views exposed about them varied considerably. Back to the hut for an evening meal.

O.L.

Sat Sept 1st J.E.S., Trevor (friend of J.E.S.) A.V.W. and N.J.W. to Lamb Leer for tourist-type trip. The place is as foul as usual and appears to be partially dug in all directions. A pleasant trip. N.J.W.

Sunday Sept 2nd

Party of 6 to Pickens Hole.
for details see special log.
Cleared S. $\frac{1}{2}$ Sq. FF. to layer (4) + nearly to layer (5). Sq. EF continued removal layer (2) M.H.

Sunday Sept 2nd

R.H.S., D.P.S.H. - 3 others to G.B. - Tourist trip - 3 hour trip.

P.L.

Monday Sept 3rd 1962

Spent some time on hut renovations - miscellaneous M.H.

Tuesday Sept 4th 1962

Painting interior of hut. The plasterer's

could not be found. It was put back in
its proper place on section Sept. 2 by
G.K.F. Aug 26

Members are reminded for Nth time
that all tools used shld. be returned
to their proper place. It will now be
necessary to buy a new one out of
the hut levy. *G.K.F.*

Thurs. Sept 6th

3 members to Pichen's Hole: dug, improved Hole. A.M.A.

Sat 8th

2 to Pichen's. Tidied up sections in E.F. & prepared working drawings

Sat. Sept 8th 1962 5 Party to bottom of G.B. Looked at
boulder rubble. This will have to be brought down
in stages by "banging". Too dangerous to work
from below with a bar *G.K.F.*

Sunday 9th Sept., 1962

O.C., J.E., John Wright, Hugh Mackay, Bill Hill, R.J. &
F.H.N. to August Hole, where we went to the end and did the
round trip, returning by the longwood route in 3 1/2 hours. It
was not a dry day, that is until the main streamway was reached.
F.H.N., picking himself grossly out numbered by me picked a
good piece of one-upmanship with a fossil, which he dug out
of the rock, but found it was something different from what he
expected. *O.C.*

Sunday. 9th Sept. 1962

3 to Pickens Hole, continued clearing
EF - nearly reached layer ③ R.H.J.

Wed. Sept. 12th 1962. R.H.J., I.J.S., & Bob Russell to caver in Compton Bishop
area. Finished with East Twin Swallet.
R.H.J.

Thursday, Sept. 13, 1962

1 to Pickens Hole. Cleared to layer ③
in S $\frac{1}{3}$ of sq EF.

Saturday Sept. 15th 1962

D.G.M., D.C.L. & R.H.J. to G.B. Put in
& exploded charge at base of boulders at
end.

Later joined by Frank & his sister.
R.H.J.

Re Page 5. August Hole, Bastorial terminal squeeze. Kay Dixon circa 1948
reported in the selfsame rift (head down) a waterfall noise like an
express train. Members did have a try - fto force squeeze, failure? due to
hangovers. A.A.

Sunday - 16th

R.H.J., O.C.L. & AMA & P.A.A. to Pickens Hole, dug. Visited by
Bob Savage & Tina Dobson-Hinton. AMA.

Monday Aug Sept. 17 1962

Tourist trip down G.B. to a
mixed bag from Hull Uni. & elsewhere.
The bag on Sept. 15th has brought down
about 5th cut of material. Very satisfactory
result. Next thing is to move this
stuff out of the way R.H.J.

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Tues 18th Sept. A.V.W. and N.J.W. called at hut while
on weepee trip to Mentip - found strong smell of gas due
to both cylinders having been left on also Groundchild
was unlocked.

Fri - Sun. 21-23rd Sept. ^{N.J.W.} U.B.S.S. trip to Buckfastleigh. F.K.T., D.C.L., T.J.H.
D.P.S.H., R.S., J.P. & R. & J. Squire, N.T. & A.W., M.R., H.M.S.

Sun. 23rd Sept.

I.S.S. guests Swildans II

Monday 24 Sept.

(went to Dentham Wood)

9.45 AM to OS to Nee Sivallet, - a small dig at
the bottom of a depression. Shows limestone erosion
features though the rocks especially "Khaetia Solat."
including a small passage with a "Khaetia" character
later to alpine hole (no Hunter ledge) a dig,
with short shaft & small chamber.
then to Hunter's Hole. Note (1) the ladder for the
1st Pit (1 ledge Pit) needs belaying from the
surface as there are no belays at the bottom
of the entrance shaft (2) The limestone passage
got down really used a rope (stated to be
optional) especially if you do not know it the
climb.

all 3 about show evidence from their
morphology that collapse must be the
primary cause of development of these depressions

Tuesday 25 Sept.

(2 Fds SE of Priddy Hill Farm)

9.45 AM to OS to Hollowfield Sivallet. A very

(spouting / narrow) chimney leading down to a
 riftlike small chamber with odd passages off that
 are blocked after short distances. Some passages are
 narrow. In the lower part there are a number of potentially
 dangerous boulders, and the lowest passage in particular.
 (A snail & a frog were found at the bottom - are snails a
 common occurrence in caves?). Again an indication that
 collapse was the primary cause of the depression in which
 this swallet is situated. In view of the improving
 look of the depression above this swallet, it may
 well pay to dig some of the other depressions
 in this field, especially the large one East of the
 prominent Rhododendron patch.
 (This swallet is located in "Solomon's Delicacies"
 "type area" shown in this paper!)

Wed 26 Sept.

Medien depression
 744 & DS to Nine Barrows Swallet. ~~Swallet~~
 take a small stream. Dry, but dig has
 collapsed after 10' down. Kettles can be dropped
 down further. Not very inspiring 744

29/9/62

G. N. G. & D.S. paid ^{one} of those rare visits to
 Read's Grotto, and found the place decidedly wet
 with quite a reasonably large trickle in the 'stream'
 passage. Later Manor farm was searched &
 water was seen up to the level of the fourth concrete
 block below the bottom pipe - a little mud
 accompanied. The CO₂ conc. is still considerable
 at the bottom as was indicated by headache
 received afterwards DS

Saturday 29 Sept '62.

FHW to Vee Scavallet & Devils
Punchbowl. Rock succession as follows:-

- Rhaetic? To Jurassic?

Red Marl.

? Limestone

Red Marl

The "Rhaetic" passage off Vee Scavallet
is cut in what apparently is Red Marl.
There is a "chimney" leading to the top of the
chamber which is also cut in Red Marl.
The chamber (approx 10' diameter) is cut
in Rhaetic (?) Sandstone. (Probably with CaCO₃
cement. Not a very creditable find (Total length
20')

FHW.

Saturday 29th Sept. 1962.

D.P.S.H. & D.C.L. made a visit to some of the lesser caves in
Cheddar Gorge. Starting with Grop's Old Cave, where we changed,
we ascended the chain way to Long Hole, then by the traverse
(special permission!) to Great Dan's Hole, looked for Soldier's Hole
but didn't find it, down to the road where we did Cooper's
Hole Extension & finished up with Pink Evans' Hole. The latter
~~was~~ was being occupied for the night by R.A.F. troops. About
half a dozen M.C.G. troops were clearing out muck from
Cooper's Hole. We had a drink with them afterwards at the
Cave Man & swapped yarns with them & Gerald Robertson.
G.R. says that the Poles are beginning to think that Cooper's Hole
Extensions might not have been so wonderful after all. Apparently

the first he heard of them was the newspaper reports!
O.C.

Sat. 29th Sept. J.W.N. 2/64 set up the generator only to find it didn't work. It was again dismantled and taken to pieces but members refused to be defeated.
Sunday. The hut, which a job had been cleaned in previous for fresher weekend.

Saturday, 6th October, 1962

A mob of about 40 cavers including an unknown number of freshers visited G.B. cave. It is believed that none were left inside.
O.C.

Sat 6th Oct. In view of the fact that the above trip has been somewhat inadequately recorded it has been decided to elaborate. A.J.B. Keith, Michael (freshers) A.V.W. and N.J.W. composed one of the parties on the above trip. In by Muddy way and down the gorge to the bottom then back through Oxbow and loop to the entrance to the muddy way where the party split up only to Keith taking a change of horses. He and A.V.W. out by Muddy way - the remainder of the party did a very enjoyable wet way which proved mostly abrupt for a hold at the chain to pump up a few stragglers of the previous party. Michael did the whole trip using a candle with considerable skill and success.

N.J.W.

Sat 6 Oct.

In fact organised parties (7) consisting of 14 old members and 22 freshers went to G.B. FHW + DSW + freshers Morris, Mike & (?) John. Party went in via the Wet Way! down the core via the loop and Orban to the ladder dig, back up the gorge & out the short way. During this circular tour most other parties (incl. D.S.P.) were met doing this route in the reverse order. FHW

Gwyneth & D.S. took Julien (Jules), Mike, 'Seb' (Sebastian) & Paul to G.B. A straight through trip to the bottom, followed by the ladder dig, Orban, loop and a walk along the gallery. A very pleasant trip showing promise of 4 competent newcomers to the Society

D.S.

7-9-67

Neddie has borrowed a 50 ft? rope
for Sidcot Swallet

J.A. Ratcliff

Sunday. 7. Sept. 67.

FHW & S.S. to ~~SS~~ Hunter Entrance Shaft - noted shaft is in solid (but joints etc highly slicked by solution)

Later to Garter & Whitson Holes - proud to satisfaction of FHW these are not originated by collapse into "chambers below".

FHW

Sun 7th Oct. G.M.B., Charlie and N.J.W. to Manor Farm. Water up to 3 breeze blocks below ledge at bottom of shaft. Removed tilly lamp which was imbedded in mud on the ledge and removed mud from here & bucketfuls. Then bailed by bucket and removed 15 bucketfuls water which lowered the level about 3". This is rather a hopeless state of affairs so only was abandoned until water drops or a suitable pump can be rigged.

N.J.W.

Sun. 7th Oct. 1962

Three to Picken's Hole. Spent 3 hrs digging in E.F. in layer (3) Hyalena, horse & deer teeth found. J.P.

Sat 12th Oct 1962.

GB: T.P.H. + 2 freshers and a second year person did a tourist trip to usual places and via usual route. An eminently safe factory trip. No trouble was experienced, practically speaking.

Sat. 13th Oct. 1962

Longwood-August; J.P., S.S. 4? freshers. Down August to top of rising pitch, through Christmas passage and into Longwood, down to the end of the stream passage, and then back to the surface via Longwood. A good trip.

Sat 13th Oct 1962

7 NOV: D.P.H.; J.P.; R.T.; K.H.; M.G.; P.E.; S.C.; + 2 medics. D.P.H. led a party of 4 to the head of the 40', then the medics disaffected & left 7 Nov's party found this party etc -

Sat. 13th Oct. 1962.

M.J.P., R.H.J., J.G.S., M.F.R., + Jim Thorne down Longwood-August. Did lower streamway in August, back up some pitch & out thro' Longwood. — R.H.J.

Anyway 8 bodies went in & 8 came out. Good but
wet trip to Surf I & took temples with a small holdup
by a BEE Sunday School Outing.

7/11/62

Sunday 14th October 1962

OLL G.V.G. D.P. to the "Swan" by
way of Dole bay. There we gathered
two baskets full of *Clitocybe nebularis*,
Oct.

Sunday 14th Oct. 1962

5 to Picken's Hole. Continued with
layer (3) in Sq. E.F.

Started to put up fence. ~~fff~~

P.S. Did not lock up Grandchild as
no key available for unlocking on another
occasion. ~~fff~~

Wed. 17th Oct.

I.S. I.S. D.J.W. M.W. To Coral Cave.

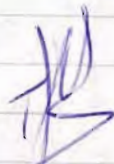
Angle iron unnecessary for belay - local belays suffice.
Sat 20 Oct. i.s.s.

Key, ~~has now been~~ to Grandchild has
now been found on the floor.
G.M.B.

Sat 20 Oct.

G.M.B. D.P. T.P. + 10 to Lamb Leer where
an enjoyable 4 hr trip took place. All

except GRAB penetrated to the end of the cave and a party of 3 explored the St. Valentines dig which ought to reach the Cave of Falling Waters, ^{and} in fact ends in a rift chamber ^{presumably} forming part of the same rift (as the C. J. F. W.) No trouble was experienced on the ladder incidentally the drop from the scaffolding to the floor of the main chamber under it is about 74" (not 65')



Sat. 20 Oct. 1962 Some one had left top dripping on basin. 500 gallons water gone to waste ~~1961~~

Sat. 20th Oct.

F.M.N., R.H.J. (+4). (P.J.E., K.D.R.P., M.N. 1, 2?)
 went down Swildons with intent to find Blue Pencil Passage. Once found, the party felt fit enough to do a Swildons 4 trip. We had a look at Sump 4, the deep pool before Sump 3, and then returned. A very enjoyable 5½ hour trip, slightly lengthened through trying to bail an imaginary mud sump with a small Wellington boot.
 R.H.J.

U.L. represented Society at Wexsex dinner.

U.L.

Sunday 2nd October, 1962.

Trathy, Tim Hill & Jeff Bond went to Peter's Hill.

37 members of the Oxford University Caving Club came as the Society's guests and were taken down G.B. Cave by O.C., R.S., Mike S. and Dick ~~for~~ Brown. The cave was unusually full of bats, as 19 members of the B.C.C. were also down there. The fig was terrific.

500.

Tuesday Oct. 23rd 1962

WOT did first stage of improving air circulation in drying shed! Put ^{fresh} ~~steel~~ top on basin - hope its drip proof now ~~WOT~~

Wed. Oct. 24th 1962

WOT completed air circulation ducts in drying shed. They would be more efficient if it was possible to do away with leaf guard. ~~WOT~~

Sat 27th Oct 62

D.G.M. replaced wind generator. After general overhaul including balancing propeller blade. It now seems to work O.K. and we suggest it is not disturbed unless absolutely necessary.

DGM

Saturday 127th Oct. 1962

Party of 6 to Swildon's IV (O.C., T.S.H., Michael Gerritt, Sebastian, Nigel & Anne). Photography performed of people coming down chain into Swildon's IV and also of the bridged pits in the streamway. Time taken 6 hours, out too late for beer, oh dear! O.C. POOR WORK.

Saturday 27th Oct 1962.

R.H.J., I.J.S. effected a surface survey of the calamine mines at Shipham, prior to opening up the main mine shaft.
R.H.J.

Saturday 27th Oct

E.K.T. B.B.P. C.J.E C.P.S.K.
2 Vernon. to GB on getting working 1/4p loose mud, stones and boulders cleared from the end and GRADE II 1/4? survey made. Air space about 6' by 3' triangular section ahead and two sticks were placed under intervening rubble to assist access.

C.J.E

Sat. 27. 10. 62

W.E.J., P.M.L., a feller called Chris, & G.J. to the August hole. Down August to upstream gallery, then back on a connection to Kingwood. 3 hrs

G.J.

Sat 27/10. M.W., P.S. John Roberts, Meddy, Freshers, George, Somers Hall, Mike Statham, ^{P.S. England} D. ~~Statham~~, a friend of Meddy, David Mason, and David Shaw - guests from W.R.P.C. to Swildons II. In 2 parties of 5 up to Sump I. Slight confusion in Swildons I with the Swildons IV party about marking tackle. off Sump I negotiated by the Shore party & with remarkable speed. Outward trip done very quickly with no hold-ups whatsoever at the Saddles. A very fine trip which everyone enjoyed. M.W.

Sat 27 Oct 1982

E & S Stake Lane.

P.H.N.; P.S.; P.H.N.; P.S.P.; J.S.P.; E, T.B.; K.M.R.P.

Trip E Stake Lane II. Small numbers & returns - party 7 to 8. No armping - satisfied and safe.

P.H.N.

Sunday 28th Oct

7 members + 17 Kudu Club to G.B. 4 separate parties visited the usual parts of the cave with everyone coming out via the wet way, except two people. One party did attempt the Ooze but P.H.N. decided against putting his party to the torture of the first squeeze.

D.S.

Wednesday 31 Oct.

M. A.W. + 3 geographers. - with to Rock's Part & Reads ~~geographical~~ limits - getting trip as well for microclimate measurements.

M.W.

Saturday, 3rd November, 1962

O.C. to strike same to help the divers, who had planned to crack open the second sump. When he got there, he found that the expedition had been called off, because too much water was going down the cave. We therefore congregated at the Skipton Hut and arranged for John Cornwall (P.E.C.) to take us (O.C., Noel Clave & Steve Wynne - Roberts) down St. Cathar's. We visited some brand new parts of the cave in a filthy dangerous boulder rubble above the Upper Curtain Chamber. The party unfortunately got separated, while O.C. was being put through some squeezeman'ship, N.C. & S.W.R. going on to discover something new & J.C. & O.C. waiting a bit & then going out. J.C. returned for the rest of the party: all out by 8.30 pm. Good trip on the whole.

Meanwhile the divers went to various parts to amuse themselves, and unfortunately Jack Wadham got lost in the Minnies Pool. It is said to have taken 40 minutes to fish him out, and he was in poor condition when taken to Wells Hospital. My guess is touch & go, because fresh water is lethal stuff in the lungs.

O.C.
 E.N.T. E.V.G. C.R.B. M.G. J.W. T.H. &
 G.B. with intention of digging at the
 bottom. This was a sump so us trying
 water effected. Members there for
 proceeded slowly out and relieved. The
 water level was fairly high.

Bill lost his light at the beginning of Mud Passage
 & came out without one - quite fun. Bill

P. J. E., M. Post, M. Norton, D. W. & M. Garrett went to explore Roads Cavern, exploring Zalley & continuation of main chamber. We then went to Rods Pot, and explored to the bottom of the cave, but did not explore the avars. Finally, we went to Drunkards Hole to the bottom.

P. J. E.

Sat. 3rd Nov.

F. K. H., G. P. S. H., & D. S. Scaun Longwood with original intent to photograph August. Arriving at the Water Pit in August D. S. Scaun Scaun & nearly got Scaun. Then party did Scaun into Longwood Main chamber taking photographs.

A great number of difficulties were encountered on the way out, descriptions of which will be given on application.

Note: The amount of water from the cave was incredible for the amount of rain that has fallen during the last week D. S.

Sat 3 Nov.

~~2 Nov~~ → ~~6 Nov~~ Rods & Goutchard.

2 Nov.

Nov. 4th 2 Nov to Picken's Hole. dug some more of Layer 3B in EF. Horse & Rhino teeth found. Rain stopped work.

10 Nov '62

P.M. Comy, R. Harmsworth, J. P. Clokie down Lamb's Lair. Aims to investigate mining activities, existence of metalliferous ore, adits etc in upper part of cave. Examined passage behind ladder, carefully. No galena^{etc.} or such found. Some hematite agglomerations collected for further examination, perhaps containing other minerals. R.H. & P.C. climbed into roof for 30' finding little except usual calcite crystal growth. Returned to base of ladder noting of fungal growth on clay (bat droppings) all because of some dipterous insect. Proceeded to "beehive", then to top of cavern, to scaffolding. Returned to "beehive" and examined passage to the left as we ascends. This is not very interesting with no flow calcite structure, and with large quantities of mol. Returned to the surface, emerging @ about 7:00 pm.

J.P.C.

10th Nov. 16 to St Cathartes in 2 parties, where all managed to get down the cave. All members had a reasonable time. About 3 1/2 hours. 8 is too many for a party, however.

11th Nov

EXT, G.R.B. to Mickens T.H.
 1) S. P.C., D.M. T.H. dismantled field cable from generator to hut.

Sunday, 11th Nov. 1962

O.C. & M.W. to Surtain's Hole to join Robert Pyke and Nick Hart in a Shatter Passage Dig. David Pearce, Joe and

John Roberts also to Swildon's Hole to do some photography. The end of Shelter Passage from the 10' overhang is in a fault rift, which nobody seems to have appreciated. The dig at the end is perfectly foul & not really practicable. But just between the overhang & the dig to the left is an inlet passage in the fault which, after a 30ft. climb scrambling that in Fault Chamber, leads to a horizontal phreatic passage going E or SE. (i.e. away from the fault.) This is filled with deep, easily diggable mud and seems to me to be quite a promising way on. We are calling it the Fault-Aven Passage. 5 1/2 hrs, very enjoyable. Carbide did better than electricity!

O.K.

Saturday Nov. 17.

7 hrs, dig No. 5, T. Cross to Goatchurn - micromet measurements. 4 hrs.

Sat Nov 17th C.H. B.P. M.S.

3 members went down G.B. Established ~~found~~ connection between ladder dig and end sump dig by banging with hammer. m.s.

Sat Nov 17th. MW + guest to G.B. There are no digging tools in Bertie's Pot MW

Sat, Nov 17th.

R.H.S., D.P.S.H + 5 vets to Swildons I. All beginners, and except 1 climber; all very competent. Much pottering at 60' going in and out. Showers trip.

Et.

Sat Nov 17th. P.M.C., G.P.S.H., D.J.P., M.C.N. and N.J.W. to Pine Tree Pot a fairly recent discovery of the M.C.C. The cave consists of a drainage channel through 3 sections like Man-of-War leading into 15 ft crawl passage at the end of which is a 36 ft free jumping pitch with a vault at the top. The base of the pitch the cave opens out into a chamber of about 20 ft diam. At one side of this is a climbable drop of about 10 ft leading into the second stage of the cave - this can be bypassed by a muddy crawl to the right of it. The second stage of the cave consists of a series of chimney like vertical semi-collapse features at different levels through which one descends hoping that one will not bring about complete collapse of the so-called unstable vertical feature. One descends through this system off which branches a short passage leading to the Moonlight chamber in which there are some good stalagmite formations. At the bottom of the vertical feature one enters the third stage (unless one has been fortunate). This consists of (according to the literature 150 ft deep we did not reach the end) a crawl passage with a series of ~~short~~ ^{double} right angle bends. The passage is similar to Blue Peril only more horizontal with a rough stone floor and a small stream running in it. The right angle bends resemble to me a Blue Peril and the whole place is not unpleasant. A collection piece which would deter even the most hardend collector from making further addition to their collection. The rest of the cave provides an interesting excursion however long rather full with some potential to be engaged into the dark and the rain

N.J.W.

Saturday, 17th November, 1962

O.C., Mike Garratt, Julian Clokie, Paul Duck, John Whit Wright, Phil Davies, Nick Hart to Vicarage Passage in Swildon's Hds. John couldn't get through the squeeze, so we gave him some food and left him. O.C. & Paul Duck put a $\frac{1}{2}$ " sand bolt as below for the near side of Vicarage pt. It now needs an 8 ft. below a 20 ft. ladder. The others went to the Buttling Squeeze to dig a channel for the pool there, since the air space was only 2". It was a much bigger job than we expected, and the sand bolt party finished easily first, in spite of all the time we took trying to get John through that squeeze. However, a combined attack, mainly by Phil D & O.C. resulted in success. We have now made a satisfactory drainage channel guaranteed to give an airspace of 10" in the Buttling Squeeze. 7 hour trip, wet & tiring, but good.

O.C.

Saturday 17th November.

P. E. KH, KMPP & DS. to Swildons on a proposed mammoth trip which was to include Swildons 4, 3, double Trouble, Vicarage passage, the Black Hole & out by Sump 2. We entered the cave at 11.45 am. with the water at high winter normal & rising, and made excellent time to Sump 4, Sump 3 & to Double Trouble. Arriving at the first trouble we found quite a stream flowing from it from Blue Penial, and were somewhat dismayed at the extent of the sump. ~~At this~~ Nevertheless we began syphoning using both syphons and then waited. 3 hours later feeling a

little cold we tried to get through but this was impossible. We decided that it would take at least another hour to drain it sufficiently to make it passable and without exposure suits this would have been no joke. Therefore we separated, visiting Sump 1 on the way out. Total length of trip 8 hours.

DS

17th November.

EVG, I.S., S.C. TJA & Agnot with the intention of surveying the downstream section. It was anticipated that the water level would be too high to permit this so surveying equipment was not taken.

Actually, the B.W.W appeared to be taking all the entrance stream water so that surveying could have taken place, although the water in the main streamway was moderate. So with a rope we ascertained the position of the last survey point (Sta. 50) about 200' downstream from the Fault chambers. Members descent was delayed by the vast no. of ascending gummy cabs who took a great length of time to get up the entrance chambers.

DS

Monday Nov. 19 1962

Visited hut to collect 2 empty gas cylinders.

The consumption of gas has gone up out of all proportion to the number of members at the hut and, contrarywise the hut log contributions have well nigh ceased over the past 3 weeks! For example total available from weeknd Nov. 17/18th is of the order of 5/- and probably less.

|| N.B. 2 yds gas = £2-15-0. ||
|| No money. No gas. ||

It is suggested that more use should be made of the fire (= heat + all that sort of thing) for boiling kettles + vegetables etc.

Sat. 24 Nov. 1962

D.I.P., M.S., M.G.N., C.H., M.I., & G.M.B. to Eastwater did the upper parts and G.M.B. succeeded in losing most of his ~~clothes~~ clothes in the Primrose path a good time was had by all

G.M.B.

Sat- 24th November 1962.

E.K.T, G.P.S.H., P.C. & D. J. to G.B. Bottom dig for inspection. Fairly full stream flowing and bottom chamber was well flooded therefore no work done. Traps at entrance found open.
Round trip 1 1/2 hours.
P.F.

Saturday 24th November 1962

F.M.N., K.M.R.P., F.K.H. & P.J.E. to Black Hole and beyond to 1st Boulder Choke. We had about 30mms water at the 40ft, but we quickly made up line, and scarp 1 was passed quickly. We turned off the streamway past Duch 1 into the approach passage to the 10ft overhang. This caused only a small amount of trouble, but unfortunately just beyond this we went the wrong way into Mayday Series, and here we explored several passages including one which contained several of Keith's Chambers. When we realised that we were wrong, we returned and found the correct way which led us quickly to the top of the black hole, where we had a short break for food. After Frank had tried to get across with the ladder in the main hole and failed, he put the ladder down the chimney, and crossed over with little trouble. We then all crossed the hole, and went entered the steam passage by passing by the well. This steamway is very fine, which much white of low stone. We returned along this streamway after reaching the 1st Boulder Choke. The passage back across Black Hole was much easier, there being a Rom handhold in this direction. We made rapid progress to scarp 1, where while we were

wanting to dive it, Oliver's party came along, and so by rushing we beat them to the lift, & so did not have to take out tackle.

This was a very fine trip, and all ^{1st year} members of the party agreed that it was the finest trip they had attempted.

P. J. F.

Saturday, 24th ~~December~~ ^{November}, 1962

Occ. a D.S.P.H. joined Howard Kenney to survey Vicoyage Passage in Swiltham's Hole. Bob Craig & Dave Turner laddered Vicoyage Pt and went to the dig at the far end, which they found full of water. After hauling this out and digging - but they found a small hole with a strong draught coming towards them. The survey party did the Trouble links, and then had a look at the northern part of Vicoyage Passage, but left the survey of this for another time. Phil Davis & a couple of Wexsex boys went round by Double Trouble and with the help of an additional hauler they hauled the Troubles in about 1 1/2 hours. They went out before us. We met the Black Hole Party at Sump I and did the de-laddering for the whole party. 7 hour trip, quite a good one.

Saturday 24th November 1962

P. J. F.

D. J. W. G. S. H. & D. S. spent a most festive afternoon in the following manner. We arrived at the Entrance to Longwood, & found large numbers of 'Hoffman' caving types descending. After 10 minutes we got fed up of waiting (not being particularly lazy people) & did a quick Rhino Rift. Returning to Longwood we were able to gain entry, but then at the bottom of the

entrance rift we met 6 M.G.s. coming out - another $\frac{1}{2}$ hour wait.

Eventually we managed to move a little further down the cave & did a August - Longwood round trip.

D.S.

Sunday 25th

D.J.W., J.F.M., & F.D.Y. did Sidest to Main Chamber & Goatchurch. Both caves were highly populated, but we were not held up for any length of time.

J.F.M., a guest from Birmingham enjoyed his first attempt at caving.

F.D.Y.

Sunday 25th November

E.K.T., P.M.C., G.M.B., D.J. & one other to Pipers hole for short spell of excavations. Weather rather misty and only short clearing up session was done after lunch at the New Inn.

D.J.

Fri 30 Dec.

P.E. & R.S. + 3 arrived at the hut late at night & found it in a state of sordidness which even exceeded that recorded by Aprimon about 6-7 years ago & inspired his famed entry then. The floor was ankle deep in mud & dead leaves & mixed in with this were all manner of rotting slates, wet & dry, crumpled drawers & bed blankets, by main dampen & more smelly than usual. Some seed potatoes found amongst the decaying organic material & humus were even

found to have germinated & were growing quite well.

Sat. 1 Dec.

The aforementioned 5 spent the morning clearing up the mess already described, & spending a couple of hours reducing the hut to a state of at least superficial cleanliness. Cauldrons of water were boiled, the kitchen was cleared out & a large heap of week-old washing up dealt with. 3 pails of sullies left out over the week were found to have been rendered inedible by rats & distributed over the shelf, table & floor were also cleared up & burnt.

The hut levy could be increased to 5/- per night & members willing to clean up after themselves could then be paid 10/- an hour for this, thus solving the problem of the indolent & the impecunious simultaneously.

Sat. 1st Dec. 1962 -

522. D.S. , 3 splices and 9 embryos miners to G.B.

Some took longer than others.

Sat 1st Dec.

J.C. I.J.S. , MN , M.G. to Stoke June, arrived at camp to take to pass , made way out without trouble.

Sat 1 Dec.

Found some to V. Sheldon by hand.

Sat Dec 1st.

E.K.T. JES + Betty Jim Norman 3 Headlads to G.B. Our wet way. JES

Sat. Dec 1st 1962

WJ cleared up debris of last "bang" at bottom of G.B. cave leaving all clear for next "bang" WJ

Sunday Dec 2nd

J.E.S. to G.B. to do a "bang"

Saturday Dec 2nd 1962

Mr + Mrs Rat + family + families to be wish to thank the Members of the U.B.S.S. for the luxurious welcome to their winter quarters at the hut.

The food provided was sumptuous and in most generous quantities. Sandwiches, sliced bread, fat, flour, rice etc. etc. were excellent so much so that we did not happen have to use any potatoes.

Rattus Rattus

Sunday 3rd Dec

S.C. D.S. MGN, M.S. DJP. THT. Immense PT (Ecostrater) item was a

reconnaissance trip. M.S. D.S. through
squeeze without much difficulty and back fairly
easily. A successful trip of 3 1/2 hrs only.

JH

2nd Dec

E.K.T., J.J.S. to Pickens H.C.

Sat 2nd Dec.

D.P.S.H. N.G. P.M. C.A. to G.B. Extensive trip doing
Ladder Dig, Bertie's Pot, Rhumba Alley, Looked at West Extinction,
East Extinction, and finally out wet way. 5 hour trip, then
too long for E.K.T., then coming along and deepening
back at the hut,

JH

Saturday Dec. 8th 1962

N.W. + E.K.T. to bottom of G.B. in hopes
of doing a "bang" but when they got there
the pool was full & so came back with
nothing accomplished. JH

Sunday Dec. 9th 1962 E.K.T., Anne W, N.W.

↳ Read's cavern to photograph Main Chamber
& Creek's Passage. Bob's lens was
in full operation with the camera and
one flash gun - the new one again!!!

Sat. Jid DEC

Temple. I.S + 1 to Swildon's 10 Trout's
ID.

Sat. Dec. 14th 1962

♀ hut. It was noted that water supply pipe had been forced off connection to tap by frost action, & had not been replaced by last persons to use hut. Further the drain hole left to deal with this sort of thing was nicely plugged with mud & all the water had run over the floor.

Please use common sense & avoid this sort of thing happening!!!

Sat Dec 14th

BBT, CH THT to head above party penetrated to limit of descent from far end of main chamber. We could not find the streamway mentioned by EKT. BBT and CH also visited Goalchuck.

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Saturday, December 14th 1962

O.C.L. to Guilden's, where he was joined by Vic Hoot, David Turner and Eric Hensler, to do a follow up of the trip logged on November 11th. To Scatter Passage, and thence to the fault area passage, where we found the skeletons of two bats, and so we calling it the Bat Hole. About an hour's digging, rabbit-wise showed us that the passage was a real one and worth pursuing. It does take a draft after all, away from the digger. Eric did some proper digging, so as to make the thing possible. The mud is not yet in sight. 5 3/4 hour trip, out in time to go to the pub before closing time, just for a change. O.C.L.

Saturday Dec. 14 1962

visited Goulterrock, Int. Gallery + Traverse. to look at phases of water action. There is rather more vadose action than had been thought + there is even some small size surface scalloping to be seen on passage well leading up to Tradesmen's Entrance. The entrance has become a rubbish dump. *SHH*

Sunday Dec. 15th 1962

visited head of Burrington works to try to find evidence of Trias infilling, as recorded on 1" Geol Map. Not entirely successful. *SHH*

Sunday Dec 15 1962

O quarters. With the rest users
+ quarters.

Please clear away leaves at N (water tank) end
and also clean out gutter gully

Sat 29th Dec

June Hay (Hull geographer) + D.G.M. to
Coatchurch. ~~to~~ to look at fossils, bedding
planes etc. Pleasant wonderful trip.
Someone or something has recently
dislodged a large boulder in the floor of
the passage leading to the drainpipe.

D.G.M.


Monday 31st December

The Morning arrived today or yesterday for
the new year party: NJW, A V W F.K.H, PAA
ANA, DSW, D.S., JAW, D.J.T., D.P.T., J.P.C.
T.H. Weather prevented anyone attending
Members visited the shrine and then
a journey to the hut the turkey and etc etc
being obtained as usual from the Hibbards.
Members enjoyed an excellent meal excell-
ent drink and celebrated the New Year
which came in in a blizzard.


JAN 1st 1963

At one-o'clock in the morning J.A.W & DS ventured forth into the blinding blizzard to do goatland. Losing our bearings only slightly we eventually reached the cave entrance. Then a quick trip to the bottom & out via the tradesmen's entrance where we had to dig our way out through a snow drift covering the opening. Arrived back at the hut at 2.30 a.m. with the blizzard still raging DS.

Jan. 1st 1963

Visited hut. Quite tidy considering weather conditions. 

Jan. 5 1963

Visited hut & lighted fire to try to throw things out a bit. Not very successful. Still it was a nice fire. 

Jan 22 1963

The frost has done its worst unfortunately. The radiator in the grandchild has a 9 x 2 in hole in it. But as a stopgap measure escape fire can be used.

With members please look out for a ^{another} radiator which will be required or a gift of a small

prices. ~~RM~~

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Sunday Jan 13 1963

And still cold.

1. Bee Swallet. Warm air coming up both entrances. Rocks wet. Point of entry of cold air not located.
2. Red's Pot. Warm air coming up strongly. Rocks wet. Ice icicles formed on vegetation. Point of entry of cold air not found.
3. & 4. Drunkard's Hole + Bee Swallet did not seem to have any up or down current. Rocks dry.
5. Red's Cavern. Strong up draught at entrance. Many icicles over. Cold air probably going in at west end.

Sunday Jan. 13 1963

K.H. & E.K.T. to Goatchurch testing air currents using candle flames as indicator.

1. Entrance Gallery. Warm air. Rocks moist.
2. Grant's Stairway. V. strong \uparrow warm
3. Back door V. strong \downarrow . Icicles & ice stalags where drifts as far as lower end of Dining

- Chamber. - Cold air flows past Coal Shute
4. Coal Shute strong \uparrow felt warm.
Some crosses cold \downarrow of Back Door and goes into Maze
 5. Maze generally felt warm but air still.
Some eddies but nothing very definite.
 6. Traverse. Cold from Back Door \downarrow .
 - (a) Divides at usual way down to Terrace & this passage took most of cold flow. \downarrow
Rocks on floor & bottom of walls felt very cold to the touch.
 - (b) Remainder goes on down Traverse to near foot of Giant's Stairway where turns off left to go down "Bloody Tight" passage. Some warm air comes up at roof level. Air current to Giant's Stairway detectable at roof level of Traverse.
 7. Terrace. Cold air divides twice.
 - (a) \downarrow branch to left on way to bottom of Coal Shute. Reaches boulders with alternate routes to Boulder Chamber & goes down. Roof level \uparrow currents towards Coal Shute.
 - (b) \downarrow next branch to left.
 - (c) \downarrow to Boulder Chamber reinforced by \downarrow from Bloody Tight but air is now obviously warmer

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8. Boulder Chamber. Cold air ↓ from Terrace direct & from other two routes 7(a) + 7(b). Currents much more feeble.
 9. Some flow from Boulder Chamber ↓ to water chamber, which was not visited

Coal chute Bottom is in a small chamber. Turned to left, (looking down) at bottom is an irregular recess. Just beyond and also left is an ascending passage which is soon blocked by fill introduced from above - looks like solidification material. There is obviously another entrance not too far away. *SKH*

11.1.63.

J.F.P.C., C.H., F.K.H. & P.F.E. went, because of the weather & the time, to do a quick Rads Pot trip. J.F.P.C. got stuck in the first bend, and it took us 15 minutes to free him. We then passed down the West passage and down into the main chamber. From here, we went into the lower part of the cave, and J.F.P.C. descended the final pot. He then could not get back up, and a slug had to be dropped to him to pull him back out. F.K.H. then did the same! We then started to return, with J.F.P.C.'s light out, and as ~~we~~ I passed on ahead, and descended the small one to the bottom. The other then caught up, and I had to ascend very quickly. We then came out without too much trouble.

P.F.E.

18.1.62.

Rod's Pot

A mock-rescue was organised as a practice, and G.N.G. volunteered to be the body. An advanced party of G.N.G., T.F.H., D.J.W., S.C. & D.S. went down and laddered the first aver, the rescue being from the bottom of the aver. After 15 minutes, the rescue party, comprising P.T.E., F.H.N., J.F.S., D.J.P., G.S.H., F.K.H., K.M.R.P. & C.H. set off with the rest of the tackle, including a 70ft cotton hauling rope, a pulley block, an additional Webline and a carrying sheet. When we arrived at the Laver, we found that G.N.G. was still descending the ladder. When she reached the bottom, I ~~was~~ descended the pitch, and was followed down by F.H.N. Now O.C.H. & A.F. Rogers entered the ^{trung} cave and both came down the pitch to supervise the ~~going~~ of G.N.G. in the carrying sheet. After these people had descended, the pulley was belayed to a rock over the top of the pitch and the hauling ~~with~~ rope was dropped down. We tied this on to the body, and with O.C.H. again on top of the pitch, ~~with~~ F.K.H. Weblining the body, and D.J.P., me the body was lifted off the ground. I was on the ladder to steady and ease the body, and we ascended about 25 of the 50ft, when a shout from the top informed me that the pulley belay rock had moved. G.N.G. and myself went down 10ft to a ledge, where I undid G.N.G. and we both descended to the bottom. From here, G.N.G., A.F.R. & myself climbed to the top, ~~and~~ packed up all the tackle. We retied the ~~subject~~ in the carrying sheet and proceeded to

take her to the chamber where the East & West ways meet. Here, we had a break for chocolate, and then made arrangements to take the body through a difficult rlt. I.F.S. lay in the floor, and myself & FHN eased the body over with I.F.S. as a smooth sliding surface. Having got her over this and into the last chamber, by tying a rope to the front of the body, we got the body out of the cave. To do this, I.F.S. lay on the entrance side of the S bend, and eased the body out as 2 of us pulled on the rope, & G.S.H. eased the body from the back. We managed to get the body out without any help from the subject, according to O.C.L. this is the first time that this has ever been done. Ever though the rescue on the pitch was not successful, we gained a lot of experience for any future emergency.

P.J.E.

As an account of a school physics expt., I'm sure this is very good, but what cave is it in?

- R

26.1.63.

many people descended G.B.

P.J.E., M.S., M.N. descended Bertie's Pot then

tried the ooze, P.J.E. could not make the squeeze and waited for M.S. and M.N. at first grotto. M.N.

P.J.E. tried rubber suits, found to be successful.

20.1.63.

F.K.H., K.M.R.P., S.C., G.P.S.H., went down G.B. B blasted rock in dig at bottom, went off O.K. though no one had blasted before. Then went up to ladder dig, went back to dig to see results, which were successful. Tried to do white way on way out with rest down G.B., but ended up ~~East - eastern way~~, K.M.R.P. leading! Had to walk back over B back down; about 1' of snow over it. [Remember Alley]

The swamp in the dig was dry & a lot of worms were seen. Also the dig floods as there was straw in the roof.

G.S.H.

20.1.63

A.J.P., M.N.; C.H.; J.P.C.; did eventually descend G.B. after much festering about at the hut. We went in by the mud passage and down to the bottom where we met above party. Visited ladder dig & D.J.P. took some photos. after ascending 40' pitch met above party again and combined party went via hall and loop to Shumba alley. We returned via white passage to gorge, and thence out.

D.J.P.

Sunday, 27/1/63

- D.S. + ~~JK~~ to Read's cavern. Photographing
 (1) Rt. Led Rock. (2) Crook's passage entrance.
 (3) Main Chamber. (4) Ice stalagmites just
 inside entrance.

Noted that air currents were strongly
 down entrance shaft not up as formerly
~~JK~~

2/2/63. S.C. G.P.S.H. K.H.R.P. D.J.P. T.J.H. D.S.
 D.J.W. I.S. M.G. M.S. down G.D. Corbide lamps
 solid (ice) after walk across Blackdown. Bottom dig
 surveyed and then ~~done~~ digging and then bang
 with satisfactory results.

F.K.H.

3/2/63

7.10.63 + 1 visit (A. Rowlands) to G.B. - tourist
 trip. Bang doesn't seem to have done a lot.

F.K.H.

9/2/63

L.X.T. H.J. G.M.B. D.J.W. J.P.C. I.S. J.H.
 to Goughs Cave. Checked 'where' the
 now ~~interior~~ parts of the cave were explored
 for signs of flood level, which had not
 been very high.

J.H.

Sat 16 Feb 63.

7. H. W. + 1 (Margaret Thomas)

6 hours 45. Trip - Inverted slope chambers and took 7 water samples. Spent long time opening doors of cave without blood!

~~7. H. W.~~

Feb 14th:

DOP, MS, MEN, GSM, TJK to Eastwater where members penetrated, eventually, some way into the Beecher series. On the way out GSM, crossing the upper traverse slid down and his wife fell severely jammed him up against a stalagmite flow. It was this before he was released and then only by burning his belt off him. Trip took 7 hrs in all.

~~Sun. Feb. 17th.~~

Sun. Feb. 16 1963

D.S. + E.K.T. to Read's cavern to photograph (1) Mt. Led Rock, (2) Entrance to Crook's Passage (3) Main chamber.

All done, we hope successfully.

Entrance is in dangerous state. Solifluction effects +.

Thence to - Archival - to photographs
* roof scalloping - H.W.

Sat 16th Feb 63

KMRP D.S. & EKH to Suddow. Down to Tarts
trough - thru' Double Trough (about 11m below) and to-
wards streamway. D.S. slipped down 30' rift and
was only pulled up with 10' line and sling. Returned
thru' swing over. The water was very cold due to
snow 6" deep on surface.

EKH

Sun 17-Feb-1963.

TJH; P.C.;FKH; D.J.P. J.P.C. to Sandford level for
geological reasons. In various rain running across the passage near
first galena, ochre etc. Hole to left of tunnel (going in) was
descended by J.P.C. to search for spp, commented on by Don Thompson.
There however proved of little interest.

Memoles showed a suspicious lack of enthusiasm
while hanging around waiting for spp. to be brought out.

J.P.C.

23rd Feb 63.

DP; M.S. C.H. Dave Morton descended G. B. M.S. Dave Morton
did the round trip! Tester! Tester! Tester! D.P. took photos
in ladder dig Tester!
M.S.

FKH, H.S., S.C., R.A.H., P.H.C., KMRP descended August down
to streamway via swingpitch. Out via Christmas crowd
and Longwood chamber. Trip a bit of a fester - too
democratic. Duration 3 3/4 hrs.

10 D.R.P.

Sat. 23rd Feb '63.

BOTTLE PARTY

Upon the kind invitation of Nigel Wallace & Ann, several
members T.J.H, IS, D.J.W, G.N.G, P.J.E, J.J.P.C, & D.S. did transpire

80
themselves to Nigel's abode near Cirencester for to partake
of a bottle party. Duly equipped with bottles, members
descended on Nigel in their newly acquired 'Pyrenean Dom-
-ovile'. An excellent punch containing not a small quantity
of gin was rapidly consumed together with the contents
of a ~35 pint barrel of Whitebread. The above mixture
together with a largish quantity of J.J took surprisingly
rapid effect on at least one member, who decided that
the strain outside was worth long & serious study. It
is not surprising therefore that in this member's interest
he was duly carried in trance like state to a somewhat
more calibrinous place of rest, where he remained in
paralytic reflection & contemplation for some considerable
time.

After a very pleasant evening & early morning, members
retired pit wise on Nigel's living room floor.

Few people were able to avail themselves of an
excellent greasy breakfast, but this member Sid &
after a very refreshing constitutional drank the
health of the President on the occasion of his 64th
Birthday - In beer & cherry out of a teacup.

Due to circumstances somewhat beyond his
control Tim decided that it would be better if he
did not drive the Somobile back to Bristol.

Thanks to Nigel & Anne for a most
excellent party

DS.

Saturday, 2nd March, 1963

JCL. Nigel & Anne & Sue went down Rod's Pit, right to the bottom. A short trip but a good one. The boulder over the vertical does not appear to have moved any more, but the bell-hole has been knocked out (see 18.1.62 log). JCL

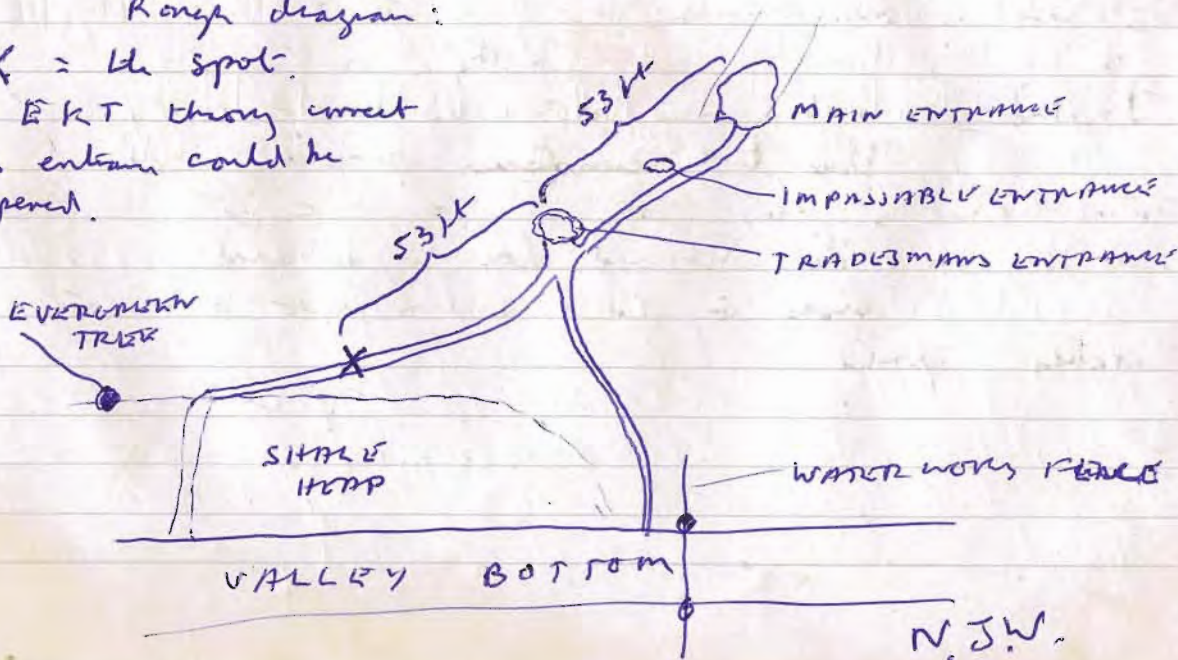
Sun 3rd March PC GNG. A.V.W. N.J.W. to Goutchurst to take some surface measurements on EKT's instanda to locate the position of the 3rd entrance and find out whether or not it lay beneath the shale heap. EKT theory is that the 3rd entrance is in line with the main and Tradesman's entrances and that the distances between main and Tradesman and Tradesman and 3rd entrances are the same.

On this basis it was found that from Main to Tradesman entrance is 53 ft. This line produced for a further 53 ft gave a point by an outcrop of rock on the path above the shale heap.

Rough diagram:

X = the spot.

If EKT theory correct this entrance could be opened.



Saturday
~~Sunday~~ March 2nd 1963 . Brown's Hole

J J P.C. P.C. & F.H.W. to Brown's Hole.
 Party went down Deer Passage to North entrance
 then down to the ^{Bridge of the} Sink Passage, Mammoth, the Pot,
 the Forge, the better chambers, the Puffball chamber &
 then to the Upstream series. The Upstream
 series the party negotiated 1st Drainage, 1st
 Chamber, 2nd Drainage, condemned cell, 3rd Drainage,
 3rd Chamber, Fred's Passage, 4th chamber, The Parade
 Chamber, and Helicite chambers. Party then
 had by the discovery just what mud is!
 Had fire and fight in Helicite chambers, then
 returned by way of Upstream Rift, Main Chamber,
 blocks corner, and Deer Passage. A very fine
 trip, enjoyed by all. J.J.P.C. later carried an
 admirable conversation with other members of the
 party while clothed only in lion cloth. How was
 a rival here?

F.H.W.
 Sunday March 3rd Sue Mills & DS to Dolebury.
~~Sunday~~ March 3rd 1963 DS.

Party of Oxford C.C. + lots of sundries (unheralded)
 arrived wanting to do G.B. Agreed to take
 party of proper D.C.C. down. Planned &
 found all Oxford had disappeared in fog.
 Waited about & they assumed they had
 gone to G.B. Went on. Waited, another
 1/2 hr but still no Oxford beds.

J.J.C. + KMT then went down having put up usual sign that party was down page. + left 2 anoraks inside doorway with bit of an return fan.

We saw party but nothing on board to say. We saw ^{on return found} inner door kicked! Fortunately had key with us. + got out.

On examining door, outer, found that a means of entry had been contrived by sawing off end of bolt which will only just engage if bolt is pushed right home! Repairs necessary. ~~W~~

Mon. March

Tues. March 5th

W. did a temporary repair on C.B. door bolt. ~~W~~

Sat. 9 Mar 63

Cart B + Briter, FHN + Briter + S Briter of 1st Pole Sent Trip to C.B. a good fast, tourist trip. → George, Oge, Look etc. In + out via mudprange. Stream high + ~~W~~

Sat. 9 March 63. KMRP MS 15S DS FKH backed up by TJK and EH attempted Primrose Pat. Due to melting snow and rain there was much water in at the top of the dining room which increased quite rapidly. Not working to be in wet kilt for 2 hours, C.H. ~~W~~

returned to the entrance but the rest penetrated to the squeeze. It was decided not to proceed further so members returned to find the water level somewhat higher. Eventually the tackle was carried to the entrance where O.C. and his party were passed.

A most unfortunate and very wet trip.



Sat 2nd March

M.N., K.H., M.G., T.J.P.C., P.C., F.N., M.S. ~~P.T.~~ descended Stoke Lane led by F.N. Got as far as pebble court when F.N. T.J.P.C. P.C. returned due to high water. Other member wearing "Neoprene" continued and dived sump and visited Main Chamber, C.B. Chamber and Throne Room. Sump proved a little difficult on return due to lack of space but party did not go wrong on way out due to fine guiding by M.N. "Stinkies" proved to be a nuisance.

us

Saturday, 9th March, 1963

13 brave men went down Eastwater with a view to doing the Primrose Pot. The adventures of the first 7 of them have already been recorded above. The other six (Chris, Paul, Sinclair, Mike Garrett, Dave Patmore & Dick) formed the "relief" party, and met the soaking "seven" just inside the entrance, as they

were coming out. Having nothing better to do, we decided to enjoy ourselves, and did so. First we inspected the Danger spot. Then, great by daring, we skirted along the edge of it, dodging the waterfalls, & so down the 380 ft. way to the Upper Traverse Passage. Thence to Baker's Chimney (the vertical one) and down into the Canyon. Thence to the 1st vertical, the 1st & 2^d Rift Chambers, & had some food provided by Dave & Dick. There was a Lesser Horseshoe Bat hibernating in the 1st Rift Chamber. As soon as we got into the Lower Traverse Passage we were faced with a strong drought coming from the entrance, which had dried all the walls. We turned right out of the Primrose Path, up the Traverse Passage through the Hallelujah Hole, up over Baker's Chimney, round past Kentucky's Caion & down the squeeze into the 380 ft way. We got a little wet after that by taking the lowest spicing up into the Boulder Bunkle. 2 3/4 hour trip, very fine.

Sch.

Sunday 10th March

A most of members ventured to Manor Farm, to examine the state of the dig after the winter weather. From all external appearances the concrete piping and outside cement work is sound. The bottom of the dig could not be examined due to an excess of water, which reached the level of the top of the old shaft. A moderate quantity of silt has been brought into the shaft during the winter, but very little seems to have entered the gap between the piping & the old shaft wall. At the moment, the level of water is

The aqualat is being maintained by quite a reasonable sized stream (ie ~ 1000 galls / hour).
 DS.

Sunday March 10th

Visited Pickens Hole. Fair amount of fall from frost action.
 M

Sat. 9th March

P.C., GNS. Coured SB. Put in 2 thermocouples for FHN. Bottom dig oumped. Roving to great down main chamber.
 M.

Sat 16th March.

SC, 14RP + 2 WeeSeas down to the August streamway via long road main chamber, Christmas Crawl and Swing Pitch. Quite a lot of water. A good trip.
 M.

Tue - Mar - 22nd 1963

Visited hut. Someone had left basin top truckling. Fortunately rain has largely kept up water supply M

Saturday / Sunday, 23/24th March.

O.C. J. Clohin, Hugh McKay, Tony, & Keith H. went down Swildons at about 4.30 and emerged at about 2.30 am. Rather a slow trip, but we achieved our objectives, which were to continue digging in the Bat Hole, to photograph the bat skeletons (3 skulls) and to remove their remains for identification.

Somebody removed my 60 ft. life line from the 20 ft. pot & left their own 100' line at the bottom. If this was done by the White Rose Pot-hole Company, would they be so kind as to effect an exchange? They will find the 100' line in the tackle shed on the far peg.

Sat 23rd Mar.

T.M. + C.10. WRIC to G.B.
:P.

O.C. Lloyd

Wed. ~~Feb. 23~~ Mar. 23rd 1963

Replaced bolt on outer door of G.B. + put on protecting plate. Two on job - 3 hrs. each. Heav work drilling holes
M

Saturday, March 30th, 1963

Ian Standing & Peter, Francis and O.C. did a complete Upper Swildon's in 3 hours. Down the Upper Dug, up the South Tributary Passage, Ford, down the middle dug and up in the roof of the Wet Way. Plenty of water about.

O.C. Lloyd

30/3/63.

J.E.S. + 3 friends to Smillons. Seemingly trip to
camp + ant met heavy. Wet very quite wet.

J.S.

30/3/62

R.S. + 2 gins to A.B. Ant met very but ² failed
to scale the chains, no ant. mud passage.

~~J.S.~~

31/3/62
R.S.

1.5.5, 2 gents. to Reads, then ² pleasant trip round

2.4.63

OC1 + OC2 did some spring cleaning.

14-4-63

JHC + JP photographing in avelins etc.
examining a dry valley between Abbeley and Compton

15-4-63

Buckland collect to see T.H. re book — found
key on doorstep, left hanging with thinking

19/4/63

P.J.E. & M.G. to Upper Eastwater. After
heavy rain the stream was swollen and a trickle flowed
down the entrance. We got soaked at the bottom of the
boulder ruckle, but as we were wearing neoprene we
were not cold. We went as far as the 1st vertical, and
out via Primrose path, having a reasonable though
wet trip.

P.J.E.

Camp Soun G.B. Cave 16th-19th / 4/63
D. J.P., M.S., D.S.

The above three entered the cave at 5pm on Wednesday 16th April, assisted to the cave entrance, with a large quantity of gear by T.J.H.

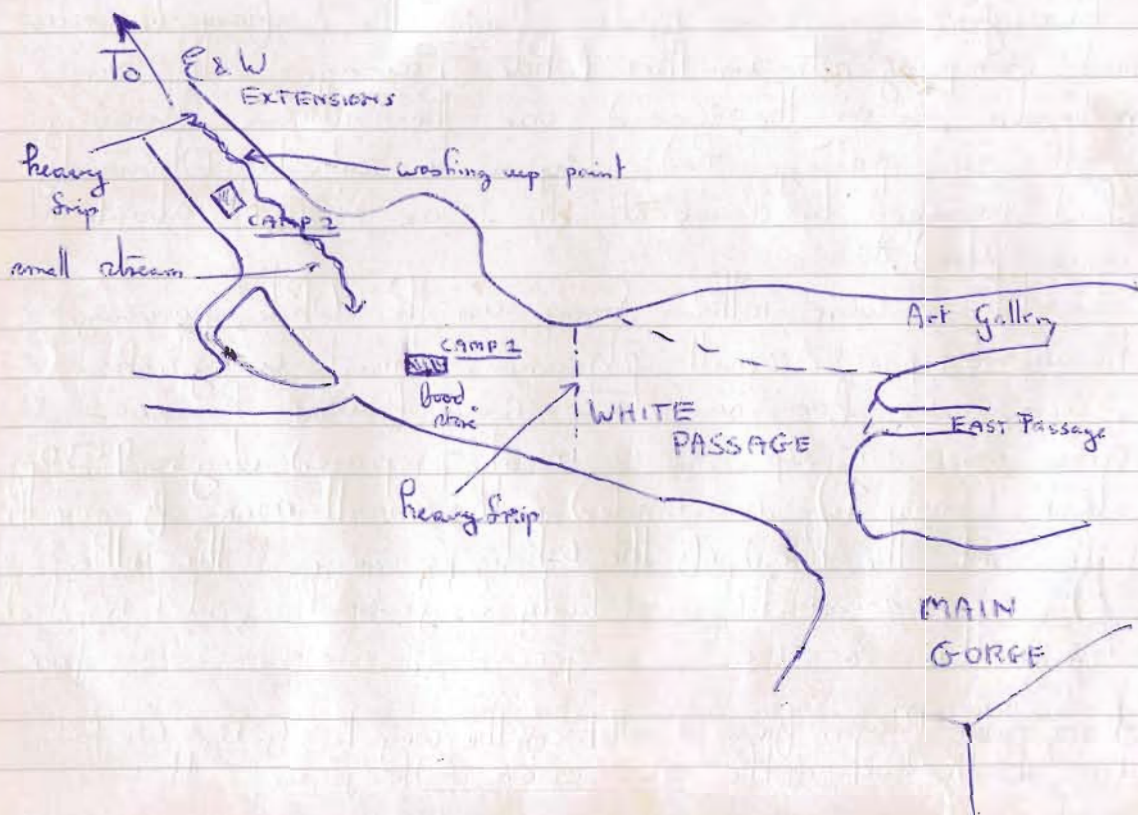
Day 1 Rain had been falling continuously for ~12 hrs, until about an hour before our descent, and partly due to this & the fact that Mendip was 'somewhat rogygy' anyway, the G.B. stream was about 20x normal. Furthermore a very appreciable quantity of water was flowing Soun the mud passage making the journey to the forge rather unpleasant. The muddy crawl, a little past the first grottoe, had begun to develop into a mud slide and quantities of 'material' had commenced to break away from its sides.

Two journeys were made from the surface to our proposed camping site in the White Passage with our paraphernalia, & on the second one the stream flowing Soun the mud passage had begun to subside. Obviously we had managed to arrive at the cave just about at maximum flood.*

Conditions were rather damp in the White passage, with heavy drips & small streams almost everywhere. Two camp sites for our tents were found however & the camp was set up & a meal prepared by 9:30pm. One tent (Camp 1) was erected on the small area of smooth flintstone at the head of the white passage & the other (Camp 2) on a small but relatively dry & horizontal mudbank just inside the E-W extension passage, ~40' away from Camp 1.

* Looking at Manor farm swallet on the way to G.B. we found the water at the level of the cover on top of the pipes. It was gushing at ~1" / 5 min, & had overflowed into the dry valley shortly before our arrival. This too, was shortly after max flood.

Unfortunately as we later discovered, Camp 1 was situated on rather a damp piece of rock, & made things just a little uncomfortable in the latter part of our stay, but this was no serious setback. Drips etc were far heavier than normal for this part of the cave but the tents were well away from most of these & kept very dry most of the time. Sleep on the first night came with a little difficulty due to the excessive "Srip, roar, splash & trickle" noises, but the two subsequent nights proved almost too comfortable. (Personally, I had better sleep than I normally so at the tent). (We used two sleeping bags apiece, & found these little too warm.)



Day 2 Thursday 17th

On arising at 7 a.m. M.S. found his outer sleeping bag a trifle damp, indeed it was 'somewhat mopping'. However his inner bag was perfectly dry. The reason for this dampening effect was entirely due to lack of a suitable bed in the way of a life or camp bed. D.J.P. & D.S. who had these latter comforts had no inconvenience at all.

After a very ~~etc~~ substantial breakfast, a minimal quantity of abanking was done, following by a visit to the bottom. The water level in the gorge had fallen to a small fraction of the previous day's amount, & the water filling the bottom sig was falling. (Froth on the walls indicated that the level of the water in the bottom sig on the previous day had reached a height of $3\frac{1}{2}$ ' in the length of passage just below the 'iron step')

The afternoon was spent looking for Galium in the gorge, & taking photographs - bed 10.30 pm

Day 3 Friday 18th

M.S. having to attend an 11 am lecture rose early - 6.30 am, & was helped as far as the 1st grapple by D.J.P. With great reluctance I rose while Dave was away (reluctance because I had spent a most comfortable night in pit), & cooked a most excellent breakfast. The morning was spent taking more photographs & visiting the bottom again (the water level had fallen another 2 feet, & lots of silt that had been brought down, now became visible.)

A visit to the ladder sig in the afternoon revealed that the pool in the final grapple that had

Disappeared when it was first shortly after it was first entered, had reappeared - probably due to excessive rains.

A rubbish burning session in the evening with paraffin resulted in filling a considerable portion of the cave with thick smog, which took a considerable time to disperse, - all right. It did however show up the directions of some of the air currents.

Day 4 Friday Saturday

Camp was struck at about 10 am, & two journeys to the surface were made with 'stuff'. We left the cave at approx 1:30 pm. & reached the hut at 3 pm.

Recommendations & advice to future campers from G.B.

1. 2 pints of paraffin would have sufficed us for our 3 days - 2 gallons proved quite excessive.
2. 2 sleeping bags are certainly advisable, if not essential.
3. A tent or camp bed is probably essential, if one wishes to remain dry for more than one night.

THE END

DS.

27/4/63

PJE, MGN, MG & MG to Black Hole. Went in via wet way, and met nobody in cave. Made quick progress to camp and this was quickly past. We reached the Black Hole, and we crossed this quickly. Passed up streamway and 1st boulder choke to Fools Paradise, and final choke. Returned and descended the Black Hole. Came out via wet way, the whole trip taking 6 hrs.

PJE.

Sat 26/4/63

DS. + four people from Manchester University Spel. Soc. did the round trip Soun Swifsons. (Double Trouble, vicarage passage connection with Swifsons II, & out via Dump 1). The Double Troubles required an excessive amount of baling, not made any easier by a marked lack of baling apparatus. A very pleasant trip.

DS

Sun. Apr 28th 1963

B 5 to Picken's Hole. Started trimming back faces of pit to get rid of foot weathered layer. ~~W + S~~ W + S faces fairly well completed. S. fault is collapsing.

DS

4/5/63

Party of 6, J.E.S. & 3 friends from Swinton + L + M. Walpin from S.W.C.C. to August hole. Bottoms + back, no trimming, met.

4/5/63

DS + H. Kemp + 2 Wenrex + 2 M.MRG to Vicarage passage to survey & dig. Vicarage passage was surveyed to its present termination, & the direction was noted as East, i.e. heading towards Black Hole. This ties in well with Stanton's ideas on the formation of upper series of Swifsons. DS discovered another 45' of passage in between the two side extensions on the N.E. side of the passage ~ 110' before the pit, & pushed one of these extensions another 15'. 9 1/2 hour trip.

DS

5/5/63

Returned to hut 1730 hrs. No one about.

Neither caving parties to G.B. + Swildon's Hole had left a note to say where they had gone and expected time of return.

|| This is bad caving practice + contrary to Society's rules. ||
 EKI

Picken's Hole finished tidying up S, W + E

faces of square EF + commenced lowering floor. For details see special log. EKI

4/5/63.

IS D.M. I.I. to G.B.
 Small potting. Out way way which
 was not as well as expected. IS

5/5/63

IS I.I. + L.M. GALPIN went
 to Swildon's to top of Blue pencil
 afterwards to Sump. I. Wet but fun,
 IS

Saturday 11th May, 1963

Oct. inspecting M.R.O. notices, etc.

Observations

Reed's lawn. Notice has been used for rifle practice.

Fixation O.K.

Donkard's Hole. Air rifle pellets only, have not penetrated. Relatively good condition.

Rod's pit. Only the stake needed fixing.

Bath's Swallet. Tent's both breaking due to bad cracks. Someone has been playing at waterworks. Entrance to Bath's Swallet now appears to be open & to have been washed clean.

Great wood. Notice safely wedged between spikes over old gate.

Sidest. notice completely lost. Tent seem lying on ledge just inside cave. Any information would be welcome.

East Tarnie Brook. Notice intact & in place.

The Hut. With no much food to choose from the mice have been remarkably reticent in only eating a stale white loaf on the table & shuffling all around it. Two large rummagers were left unwashed & full of festering @ porridge @ potato peelings. Members are urged to be cleaner. Oct.

Sat 11th May 1963

CH, RHH, Michael Schimmer (Hanover Studied on exchange with University).

CB came. Day way gorge chamber bottom dig Benthies pot Ox bow loop. Webway

A very interesting trip. Found pea seedlings growing at the top of white passage. Presumed night cave campers. - Michael Schindler was amazed at helictiles in ladder dig and thought it was well worth the trip.

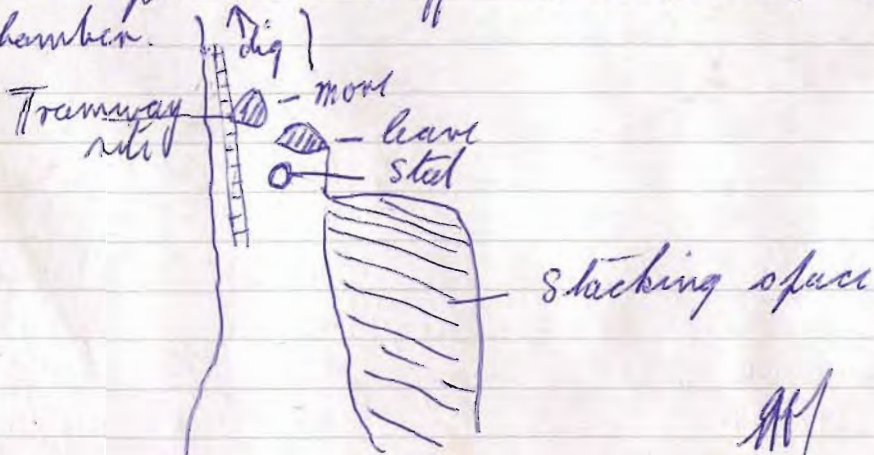
Evening was spoiled by being unable to get into grandchild to turn on gas. - hence no food. Big ~~few~~ other members out this week.
CH

May 18 1963

Visit to G.B. (T.J.H. + M.H.),

Bottom Dig not very promising

Ladder Dig This seems better but for a way on, just beyond Dog Leg stal is a boulder wh. can be moved to allow a tramway to be put in. Stuff can be stocked in chamber.



15th May Hand Farm was examined and is considered to be ready for reopening. It must be aired prior to work commencing.

Saturday May 18.

JPC + DHT To Sidcot, where encountered another party in cave. The latter proved invaluable in indicating correct route and procedure. JPC got to the bottom: DHT did not.

Afterwards a quick trip to Rods, which was satisfactory.

[Signature]

Sunday May 19th

Visited Ball'scombe Quarry, Cheddar. Examined various sites with special reference to faults seen in quarry face and set of beds showing differential solution.

Then went on to look at old adobe pits just above quarry. One small opening found leading to tiny chamber. No joy.

Sat. May 25th 1963

Found ♀ had not been looked up after last weekend. *[Signature]*

Sunday 19 May

C.M.B., J.H.H. Took five Imperial College gentlemen down C/B. The usual sort of trip, including the West Extension for some of them. Dry.

~~W~~

Sunday 19 May.

H.J.P., R.H.J., A.S.W. + I haven't, Settlement spent an entertaining $1\frac{3}{4}$ hrs down Reading Park.

R.H.J.

Saturday May 25

Following ex-student members spent night at hut after a re-union dinner at Hart's Bristol.

C.J.Q., B.B.P.Q., + Collier.

W

Sunday May 26 1965

Party of 7 to Pickens Hole, dug some of layer (3D) in sq. EF. Full of hyaena + rhino. found and 7 fragments of flint. see special log. W

Cleaned out the Society's tank. It needs repairing.

rd.

Saturday June 1

NJW, ~~A.V.W. & sister~~, DRR, FHN, DHH on a trip to excavate the maximum length out of G.B.

After visiting the bottom and ladder dig, and shifting some boulders in the latter place, out.

First via the ooze: This was discouragingly wet and some baling was done. DHH, after taking one look at the water became disillusioned, but found himself unable to get back onto the ladder, so was obliged to go back and through. NJW took off all but a few clothes out of necessity: DHH later took off a number because they were wet.

Then back in again by the wet way, which was not very wet. Finally, as a concession to members' shatteredness, out by the mud passage.

An interesting trip.

The cave was mostly very dry.

A.V.W. & sister Sue to G.B. in the ~~the~~ muddy way, white way, Bertie's Pot & out Sz. Hills

Sunday June 2nd 1963

8 to Pickens Hole. Did some more excavation of layer (3D) in sq. E.F. Iguanodon Rhinos & deer teeth found 1 piece of flint ~~off~~

Whituesday. 2nd June.

D.H.H., CAW & Chris Edwards (quest) to Rod's Pot to work up an appetite. DH did even hard way, absid & then climbed out the small ore, CAW & CE had a leisurely ladder climb. V. pleasant, 2 hrs trip.
CAW.

Same Day

N.S.W., CAW and D.H.H. did excellent work on the Ivy Bower. To wit: The removal of the rotten tree holding up the front and replacement by a stout new timber anchored by an elegant archway to the main structure. It should be noted that the far front upright is completely rotten and soft at and below ground level. Members can now, if they have very long arms, ~~use~~ use the front wall to haul themselves off the seat with less fear of an undignified end than heretofore.

[Signature]

Mon. June 3rd to Picken's Hole. continued with layer (3D) in EF. *[Signature]*

Thurs June 6th The state of the lights indicates that battery is not holding its charge. *[Signature]*

Friday 7th June.

Window in Kitchen (over cooker) broken prior to our arrival

The window catch was loose, presumably not having been securely closed the previous week, and it appeared that the high winds had caused the top window to flap and hence bottom window broken by swinging window catch ^{9d} K.I.

Sat. 8th June 1963

Put the bray from the Society's bath on the top shelf of the tackle chest, by the ladders. ^{old}

(This being the most effective location for retaining water in the bath N.S.W.)

Sat 8th June

~~At~~ Pete, Stuart, Tim (novices) and MN, MS. visited G.B. All novices thought entrance was tight! Wet W. Main Gorge, oxbow, hall, ladder dig, to bottom, back up Gorge and out through the oze! (The latter was to show them something a bit lighter than the entrance and also to cool them off after a fast trip. Novices proved to be perfectly competent.) M.S.

Sat 8th

G.S.H + 3 went down G.B. Bottom, Ladder Dig & AVE Galleries. Met party of Scouts who came out after us.

Sat. 8th

a.c.h., Rodney Hobbis, Ron Ferguson, K.I. and C.I. to Swildans. Wet way, Barnes loop, Muel sump, Double Trouble and Swildans II. Out thru sump, 4 1/2 hours.

[Signature]

Sunday 9th June.

Gas cylinder changed.

Sunday June 9th

NW, AVW, PKM, MG, HS, GSA, TJA
to Manor Farm.

The CO₂ menace was at first deemed to be small after no method had been found to dispel it and digging commenced on the first day. By the time that we had reached the lowest level, the air (?) was so bad that it was impossible to remove 5 buckets at a time and the diggers emerged grey faced with splitting headaches. Only with some British bulldog type grit and determination were 80 buckets removed.

It is intended to connect a compressor in the farm to the dig to provide fresh air at the working face.

TJA

Sun 9th.

C.I., K.I., R.F. to GB. Pleasant 3½ hour potter. Pretties in Ladder Dig much admired.

K.I.

If any member should find a gold man's wedding ring, with the initials **E** on it, I would be very grateful if they would return it to:- C. WESSON, 22 HEATHER GROVE, HOLLINGWOOD, VIA HYDE, CHESHIRE. Thanks.

Thanks to kindly Lane God, this has been found.

Monday, Tuesday, 10th, 11th June
Manor Farm.

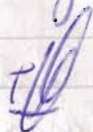
Steady progress continued throughout these two days. At the end, the bottom of the dig was 35' down. Compressed air was let down for ventilation and some 400 yds. of s.t. was removed in two days. The fill is now well packed mud, silt and boulders.



Wednesday 12th June
Manor Farm

Progress continued until the dig was 37 ft. deep. There are unfortunately a large no. of small boulders in the grit and clay fill.

PJE + 2 to Rds. 117 !!
enough said.



Thursday 13th June

Manor Farm, until rain stopped play. The boulders in the fill continue to get large.



Friday 14th June

Manor Farm: Removal of fill continued until the dig was 40' deep. There are now a

great deal of boulders, the removal of which presents difficulties. Some sledge-hammer work is inevitable and a new system of hauling the buckets out must be devised since the efficiency of that operation is abominably low. Operations were impeded by the presence of photographers particularly Mr. -a-a-.

T/H

Friday 14th June.

M.T.P., R.H.J., J.R.D. + 1 on a 3 hour trip down Swindon (I). Little water going down. Nothing unusual to report.

R.H.J.

Sat. 15 June

to Manor Farm where removal of dirt continued throughout the afternoon. A large number of fractured boulders impeded progress and shoring may be necessary in the near future.

T/H

Sunday 16th June.

Manor Farm. Work started on shoring the wall near entrance. Two sheets of galvanised iron were sprung in position and a dangerous looking

boulder propped up. It will be
necessarry to fill the space behind
these sheets with chng. M/G.

Sunday 16 June

Timber cut

[Signature]

Wednesday 19 June

D.P.S.H. took 5 Vets from Longford down
G.B. to show them on a cultural tour, to show
them the hidden glories of Mendip. One gets the
impression that they are game for more carving.

D.P.

Friday 21st June

DGP walked to G.B., looked at old mine
shaft on Guffy field; is covered by ~~wood~~ old branches but
can see hole about 2' square thro them. Walked back via road.
Put kitchen window in in the evening.

D.G.P.

22 June EKT, PHN, T.J.H. to Mendip Farm
where construction of Shoring contained. The
water was 12' deep in the bottom of the dig, and
shoring under water proved difficult.

[Signature]

Saturday 22nd June, 1963

D.H.H. & O.C. to Siddle's Hole, where we were joined by Rodney Hobbs and Peter Harris. 5 1/2 hour trip to the Bat Hole in Shatter Passage, where we did 2 1/2 hours of work and everything went right. 1 3/4 hours in 1 3/4 hours out. No completion on the patches - just the right amount of water, just the right speed (quite fast) and just the right company. OK

Sunday 23 June

Minor calm - splash! Water 8' up on yesterday. Tackle brought back to hut (except barrow and anything washed). Kid put on

Sunday 23rd June

Off to Cow Hole, now open but not safe. This is a collector's piece. Unstable rocks of 30 ft. leads to unstable ladder/pitch of 55 ft. to floor of Main Chamber. Bedding plane could be a few feet leads to well decorated cavern. 2nd floor of Main Chamber is grand overhang, down what you climb to the bottom of the cave. Occasionally you have solid rock on both sides.

Please let me know when the Society wants to go there, so that I can make sure of the date.

O.C. Lloyd

Tuesday June 24th Spent day at bit
on waterworks

Cleaned out washing water tanks.
Large tank rusting badly = life only a
few years more.

Disconnected basin top as requested
by members.

Completed new circulation (H.W.) to
toolshed but all connections only finger
tight.

Wld. some energetic + strong young
men disengagement radiator in toolshed
ground child + take it right out. Drop it
in refuse pit. Take all useful fittings
off it.

TO T.J.M. The wind generator is
making horrible noise. It seems?? to be perfect
electrically so I suggest that you look at it.
FHH

Sat 29 June

JJPe, Ben (a friend) & DGH
To Q.B. usual parts plus Rhumba Alley &
E & W Extensions. Good Trip

Sat 29 June Manian Mills & N.W. or Lough
loop round Upper Embayons. Met Phil Davies,
N.W.

Sun 30 June

J.P.C., Ben, G.N.G., D.P., Doo. To
 Manor farm. Moderate stream flowing in level
 with bottom of concrete blocks and on down
 the cave. Unfortunately there was not an enor-
 mous hole at the bottom, but a 5 ft deep pool.
 The bottom of this was prodded, with no noticeable
 effect, and ~~some~~ some loose wall-matter
 fell in. It is to be hoped that the water
 will enlarge the hole before the walls fall and
 seal it.

Afterwards to Cheddar, where ~~we~~
 we (except G.N.G. & D.P.) did Gough's & Cox's
 Caverns, bought strawberries, cheese, cream, etc.
 etc. etc. etc. etc. etc.

Saturday 27th July 1963

looked in shirt & swept. Strongly advise that ex-
 writers are shown it. H. J. J.

Wed. July 30th 1963

I heartily agree. The manner in which
 the hut is kept by the present generation(s)
 of students is disgraceful. I am tired of
 complaining & clearing up after students
 have used the hut. There are no reasons
 save thoughtlessness & inability of student
 members to overcome a modicum of tidiness
 & cleanliness why the hut should not be
 kept in a reasonable state.

The hut rules provide for that the hut to be kept in a reasonable state

The present day members have more room, a good water supply, gas etc & still they seem to want "clearers" to tidy up after them. *M. Tristram*

Aug 1st Hon. Sec. and Hon. Memb. spent morning delousing hut
any missing articles are - the child - Hon Sec to Bristol
Hon memb. "Browned off" & to Weston - still more "Browned off"
and onto the "Plum" *J.P.R.*

^{5th}
Between July 5th and July 30

Members went to Ireland: Members later returned. *M.H.*

3 August

J.A.W., N.J.W., *M.H.* Took a party of six of Sheffield Caving Club to G.B. usual sort of route (plus West Extension for half). Cave very dry. *M.H.*

Saturday 2nd August 1963.

O.C. to Sundon's Hole with Nick Hart & Rodney Hobbs, to S.E. Inlet Passage to collect bat bones for identification. *O.C.* rick his shoulder & couldn't climb the rift. It is a very difficult one, anyway, but the others did it & the bones were collected. Cave very dry, no hold-ops, 5 1/2 hours.

O.C.

Sunday Aug 4th 1963

A day of wet + gloom. Blackbirds hidden under cloud most of day.

Cleared up part of hut. Completed repairs to hot water/Radiator systems. M

Monday Aug 5th 1963

Packer's Hole. Did some clearing up + removed part of vault between EF + FF. M

Monday Aug 5th 63

D.H.A., N.J.W. + J.A.W. to Eastwater a sightseeing trip. Via twin verticles 13 yds and return mud passage. Bloody good job if the new cover does close the cave! J.A.W.

Fri 9th Aug

Found window over rock basin in Shippon had been broken presumably from outside as glass was inside. N.J.W.

A.V.W. + 2 Mills family + N.J.W. to Goulburn for gentle wander round to show the pop of carving to the Mills father. B. Mills + N.J.W. then did Sidcot taking every conceivable wrong turning both on way in + out.

N.J.W.

Saturday, 10th August, 1963

Och. & P.T. to Vicary Passage in Swildon's Hole,
to see the new bits discovered on 8.8.63. About 250'
aggregate. 100' in westerly direction with diggable
choker at the end. 5 1/2 hours. good trip. Had
both the High Priests with us (Derek Ford & Willie Stanton)
Och.

Sat + Sun. Aug 10th & 11th 1963

2 Working at Picken's Hole. Sq E F. Layer 4.
see special log. JH

Mon. Aug. 12th - 17th 1963

Did odd jobs about hut. including
replacement of window glass in ♀ quarters.
The Society entertained the Wenex, as to premises, and the
Wenex entertained the Society, as to party. Wood gathering &
a trip down Reed's Cavern, planning, followed by bonfire
in the courtyard and barbecue.
Och.

Sunday. Aug. 18th 1963

D.S. & JH Did some section drawing at Picken's
Hole. Sq East face of E F. JH

Visited Manor Farm. Internal waterfall runs away in
gravel choker. Too wet to work. Shoring in urgent, as

The horse wall is falling down all the time. It will be timber & corrugated iron work. If it is not done soon, a sort of bell shaped hollow will form, and this shape is difficult to shore.
O.H.

Saturday, August 24th, 1963

Oliver Lloyd & Patrick Thomas to Sullin's Hole, a pleasure trip with no object. Cave was crowded, but there was no hurry. Went to the swamp, which O.H. went through, just to make his wet suit wet, & then out fairly quickly. O.H. lost his wrist watch. As went to the cave got he considers this a bit steep.
O.H.

Sunday, Aug. 25th, 1963

Oliver & Patrick to Manor Farm. Rain causes unpleasant waterfall striking of cows in 3/4 hour. We took over some timber & iron and managed to wedge two pieces of the latter up against the vertical wall of mud & boulders in the lower part of the dig. This leaves undone the more subtle work of tying together the ends of Frank's bits of wedged timber and shoring up the corner you enter by. This can, I hope, wait till next year. I don't think it likely that we shall be able to do anything more to Manor Farm till then.
O.H.

Sat Aug 3¹⁹⁶³

ERT T.H. ISS D.J.W. D.H. Hat repairs, Painting.
The First Aid Supplies were sorted out as follows into Numbered boxes.

- BOX ① All the necessary for small, minor injuries including a limited suture pack. Marked as such.
- " ② A range of bandages and a comprehensive suture pack.
- " ③ (Smaller Aluminium tins) Forceps, lint.
- ④ An assortment of bandages
- ⑤ Plaster of Paris bandages.
- ⑥ Petroleum jelly gauze.

In addition are a number of bottles and a further cardboard box full of replacement bandages.

Sunday 1st September 1963

Normal air surveying tape. JUL Returned it 16.9.63.

Sat. & Sunday Aug. 31 - Sept 1st

Four members spent most of weekend, tidying up hut, painting, hiring & general repairs.

Wednesday, 4th September 1963

Old. G.P.S.-H., I.J.S., Martin Reynolds and Richard Haver to Swildon's Hole, where we did a gentle round of the upper series: in the long dry route, down to the pits & back the wet way. There was a lot of water about and the return by the wet way was distinctly spouting. R.H. was on his first canoeing trip. Old.

Saturday: 7 Sept

R.B. + friend + J.H.H. To Q.B.

See page opposite + following page

Wed. 11th Sept. similar trip to upper Eastwater. Old.

11/9/63

Saturday 14th September 63

Four old members returned to the scenes of their student days & found the hut in a disgusting condition. It was no luxury apartment in our time, but food was not left to mould in the safe and the carpets were beaten occasionally. We also filled the wood bunkers & tidied the hut before leaving.

We agree heartily with the remarks made by two even older members (see entries for July 27th & 30th '63). We tidied the hut & beat the carpets, but left the blankets so that the present members could make some effort to the common good.

f.j.j. PHR WEG. B.B.P

Saturday 14th Sept

The hut was left clean + tidy + waste food destroyed at weekend 31/8/63 - 1/9/63. The carpets were not beaten but all benches were left tidy. Hut was swept out.

SMJ

Sat 14th Sept

D.H.H. D.J.W., J.S.S. Visited East Tintin Saddle. Someone is now digging at the bottom of the 3rd Chamber !!! However they appear to be making good progress and things look promising.

Then to Coakchurch to the bottom. D.H.H. J.S.S. returned through drain pipe on their backs was not first.

Sat 14th Sept

T.H.C.J.S., W.E.J., B.R.P., P.M.P. + friend to C.B. Gently but exhausting trip.

P.M.P.

Sun. 15th Sept

Party of 5 to Prehens Hole.

See Special Log. SMJ

Mon. 16th Sept.

Up Black Down to test compass. Lovely sunshine but visibility hopeless.

SMJ

Try again.

Wednesday, 18th Sept. 1963

A mixed sort of party, including some of the Womers and the greater part of the sailing section of the B.E.C. went down a large cove, less than 100 miles from G.B. We tried to get through the ice passage from above downwards, but found that the 2nd ice was a snarf, and had to go all the way back. For information, the 1st ice drains into the second. ~~There~~ it never snarfs, but also the 2nd does. Thence to the Devil's Elbow, after which it was observed that Planning Time was running out, so we started hastily for the surface, some more hastily than this. The B.E.C. got there first.

O.C.

Back Entry for Sept. 14th 1963

Some member present during weekend Sept 7-8th, for which there is quite an inadequate entry in this log, removed the pump from the Tilley pressure lamp & did not replace it. This valuable piece of equipment is now useless.

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Pump found, replaced 4/10/63 I.T.S.

Sept. 21st 1963

5 to Manor Farm: did some more shoring.

97
M1 did odd jobs round hut.

Sept. 22nd Sunday, 1963

6 to Picketing Hole. Long part of
layer (3A) on bank EE/EF. See
special log. M1

Oct. 5 Sat

GMB, ISS, DSP, GN, N, A.W. visited Cox's
cave in heavy rain. Then a look at the entrance of
Coopers. This was some jet under water, gone more so
before we left!! Then to Swildons entrance to look at
the water which was high, still rising. Then returned.
At Swildons it was remarked that it was just the day
for an M.R.O. call out. everyone laughed of course. ISS.

DPSH, RHJ, MFR + Gary Hahn spent a couple
of wet hours swanning around in upper Swildons.

Water level at head of the 40' was something impressive.

Sat. Oct 5 '63

R.H.

D.J.W, GPSH, P.M.C, CH, & Jasher woman (Deb)
to Goatchurch. JS. Got the way more than once
- confused by intricate graffiti on cave walls



Sat. 5th Oct. 1962.

C.A. and M.C. and J.P. to Rods and Sidists. Suitable traps for Tinkers. once in lifetime only, one plan.

J.P.'s challenge to descend the first squeeze was not taken up.

Scumdown a Hole

M.A.O. Callout

A stand by for Longwood/August was given to Rox at about 5.30 pm. A call out ~~also~~ received by phone at 5.45 orders being to proceed to Longwood with picks & shovels. ~~But~~ GMB in his vehicle + DS, DSJ, ^{and GSH} left immediately closely followed by NJW + AWJ, DSP, GNG, ISS, in ~~the~~ NJW's mini. After raining solidly from 12.30 noon and stopping around 5.30 the Longwood valley stream was swollen ~~to~~ to a high level. Twelve individuals who had descended at 11am had not returned, hence the callout. ~~The stream was~~

E.K.T. was in charge at Longwood and members worked for about an hour and a half, effectively diverting the stream. E.K.T. ordered members back to eat and send 3 fully equipped men back later with a view to descent. Before these later set out a message was sent to the effect that the people were out of Longwood and the dam was over. Members retired forthwith to the plume.

E.H. & P.C. were also present at the call-out.

Members of the Wessex caving club went down and returned with the the cavers who fortunately were equipped with a prill's and did not sink from the water.

Saturday Oct. 12 1963

On arrival at hut found back window of kitchen broken & latched undone. Heat very low empty. Window in ♀ qtrs. not latched.

It would appear that entry has been forced to both huts during week, probably between Wed. 10.0 am & Sat. 12.0 noon as I visited hut 9.30 am Wed. & did not notice broken window but cannot be certain it was not so broken.

MM

M.G.N., M.S., M.H.P.G., D.P.S.H., G.S.H., M.G., F.H.H.
All went to Sleep I and back, a changing party was down Black Hole, so we were spared the kind of unwinding our ~~own~~ own ladders. M.G.N., M.S. & G.S.H. came up the before the party in which F.H.H. was a member (no time - or meant). Took 1hr 40 min.

mgn

Friday 18th

C.J.E. arrived about 8.30 to find E.V.G. finally installed as ~~left~~ the "fattest man on Mendip". Repaired to Plum with Tom and continued Black & Tan till closing time.

R.P.E.

Sat 19th

JPL + 3 others to feedst and lunch.
usual by Re of this.

JJPL

Saturday 19th

E.V.G., C.J.E. N.J.W., A.V.W. &
 Marion to Goatchurch for gentle
 potter in twilight zone. Despite
 attempt by N.J.W. C.J.E. got
 through all passages that confronted
 the party. C.J.E.'s first trip to
 Goatchurch comment - "a collector's
 piece"

C.J.E.

Saturday 19th

Estuater ???

M.S., M.H.P.A., D.J.P. + 4 others did upper Estuater trip.
 Down through Hallegah Hole to bottom of Promrose Path.
 Got via rift chambers and canyon. Good trip. Estuater was
 not locked up!

D.J.P. atman

Manor Lane ???

Pickers Hole ???

Party of 4!! Digging layer (30)
 in E.E./E.F. see special log

In the old days persons made use of
 the log book for recording trips !!!

W.C.

Sunday 20th.

C.J.E. + E.V.G. spent a pleasant hour in the Plum - returning via the Rock. Later joined O.C.H. in fungus collecting on Islebury. E.V.G.

Pickens Hole ~~2277~~

Party of 6, continued digging of layer (3C) in EE/EF. See special log. M

Again the log book used to be filled in regularly. — in the old days.

Monday 21st

C.J.E. and E.V.G. arose at the unlearned of Row 8 6.40 am and after breakfast departed on their way to work and home respectively.

RJE.

Tuesday, 22nd 1963

But in a deplorable state of untidiness, "blower" left in fire M
1 shutter not bolted

Saturday 26th October, 1963

David Hobbs led a party of 11 Spelars, including George, John, Patrick, Keith, Malcolm, Deborah, * & RON! * Keith, Sebastian & Mike Garrett to Stoke Lane Swallet. We took in the remaining six bags of ready mixed concrete and repaired & reinforced the dam at the entrance to the Pebbly Crawl. After that we all went through the ramp and went round and saw the sights. 4 1/2 hour trip. O.K.

Saturday 2nd Nov.

Tourist trip down G.B. M.C.N., D.A.S., S.S.P.C., A.S.C. and D.S. Went in dry way, illuminated main chamber, up to ladder dig and back to main chamber via oxbow & gallery. Jules & the two females went out dry way. M.G.H. and D.S. came out wet way. A fair size waterfall was coming from the Devil's Elbow so we got pretty wet. Agood trip. M.G.H.

Sat 2nd Nov.

M.S. I.T.S. D.J.W., D.J.P. to G.B. Ladder dig to commence digging at the end. All railway lines etc. were removed from East passage, transported to ladder dig. 2 picks, one crowbar, one lump hammer one chisel were installed for operations. Digging was commenced at the far end of Ladder dig. The floor being lowered about 6". Noticed that the "Serpent" had been smashed and while we were engaged in putting the railway round the bank column it was unfortunately jelled. we have however the pieces (4), intend to reconstruct it after digging has finished. 1.5.5


Sat 2nd Nov

C.H., DKS, M.G. fine foraging trip down Rods Pot (st-hand route - his) and Grotto (main entrance, bloody tight, Castrolation comes ^{down Right} & ^{down Left} lit Kotton. Back over Wiffin Kid).

Sat 2nd Nov

S.G. M.G. & D.P.S.H. to Swildons. Down to IV then B. Perch & then thro' Froubles to II & back out thro' swamp. Used Wedge gear by arrangement. Froubles were not very wet, rather surged.

Sun. Nov 3rd

to Pickens Hole. see special log


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Initials

Name

Remarks

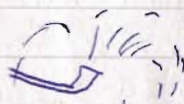
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R.H. Joy - Not
People

Anti-Clokey Inoculations await. on N.A.S.

Initials	Name
FD.Y.	F. David Young
J.P.C.	John Pike
S.C.	Sebastian Cole
G.V.H.	Haslam Haslam
J.R.D.	John Dozons
D.R.R.	David Royal
M.S.	Mike Statham
C.I.	Chris Ineson
K.L.	Kath Ineson
T.G.	Mike Gallet

Parasited Handbag
Lovely blue shorts
 Never does Nothing!
 Rules Secretary struck in entrance to
 Fantastic
 The man with the loin-ache!
 This is a bit of member, not friends.

Blue bottom
Monsieur Punctualment.
 The pale faced Pill Pusher — is
 Juliensis Hypochondrius
 our handbagius

THE SQIB 

Initial	Name	Remarks
W.A.D.	Capt. Bill Dowden (Bsc. failed)	Dossering old member; former officer & gent
B.R.C.	Brian Collingridge	E
P.J.G.	Peter Gavel	Cobber
H.M.J.	Harding Jenkins	1 st !
P.A.(T)APS	Pat Targye (now Apsimon)	} Band for the frozen blood when the nights are six months long.
A.M.A.P.S.	Arthur Apsimar	
M.N.	Margaret Newton	
D.N.	Don Newton	
J.E.	John Evans	GOOD WORK
J.H.C.	John Crackman	Crackie - Hon. Member
M.F.P.	Melvin Penny	
R.H.J.	Richard Joy	BLOODY, MEDICAL IGNORANCE
J.A.W.	John Worley	DENTIST accuracy ↑ 19 BLESS!
C.A.W.	Angus Watkins	
S.A.B.W.	Sheela Watkins	+ Brychan (male offspring) <small>NOT A MEMBER</small>
R.A.S.	Richard Shuter	
H.E.S.	Hilary Shuter nee Smith	
M.R.	Martin Reynolds	
I.S.S.	Standing	Humbert!
J.G.S.	James Simonds	Hi folks! (Econ. failed).
P.J.E.	Paul Jones England	"Hole in um face"
G.P.S.H.	George Sowers Hall	Burst out of a squeezer!!!
M.J.N.	Michael George Norton	"Flash Harry. Hairy Paul <small>WATCH</small> "
D.J.W.	Diana Wilbey	"Thou shalt not change... the men's quastess"
K.H.	Keith Hanna	He was an itching palm
K.M.R.P.	MIKE POST POST	Big BRYLCREAM BOY
D.J.	David James	

List of Members 1962/63

Initial	Name	Remarks
E.K.T.	Dr Tratman	Trat. must go
M.H.	Molly Hall	MOLLIE FOR PRESIDENT.
B.A.C.	Bessie Cook	SNOWPHOBIA
O.C.L.	Oliver Lloyd	Cromwell (Perce) OCLMQ
T.J.H.	Tim Hill	Hon. Sec. ^{if you shall not allow women to change - it must quodess}
D.S.	David Savage	How Green his Valley.
I.S.	Ian Shaw	M.I.C.T.E
M.T.W.	Mike Watson	Flat 'at } Northern
F.H.N.	Frank Nicholson	Flat 'at } Gentlemen.
D.H.M.	David Houston	F.H.N + C ₂ H ₅ -OH I prefer the word <u>FORMER</u> FORMER Secretary
G.N.G.	Gwyneth Green	See above, FORMER Secretary
D.R.M.	David Mead	SIN+++
B.B.P.	Bary Perrett (T.D)	DeQuincey the lustful boy.
P.M.K.	Pamela Kaye (T.D)	lush-hips. The Scarlet basket.
E.V.G.	Eric Gilbert	B Gilbertules Gliblets
D.P.S.H.	David Hobbs	Protege
D.P.	David Patmore	
P.C.	Pat Corrie	ONE OF THE SURVIVORS
C.J.E.	Kit Catur	Dexian Antipathetic
W.E.B.J.	Wendy Bell Johnson	
C.J.J.	Cyril Johnson	
CKAG.	Colin Glass	In ecstasy
H.G.	Helen Glass	The Nipper
N.J.W.	Nigel Wallace	Muck-spreader to USSR (by Appf.)
A.V.H.	Anne Hills Wallace	Muck-spreader's mate.
J.E.S.	Johnny Equire	
R.S.+1	Rita Equire + Joanna	
G.M.B.	Geoff Bard.	Budfrey alias <u>the Goat</u> .
J.P.	Johnny Pitts	

