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UNIVERSITY OF BRISTOL



LOG

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DOWLING'S BOOKSHOP BRISTOL

U.B.S.S. LOG BOOK MENDIP

OCTOBER 1st 1954 →

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~~Sergey Hudson~~
Sergey
No. 142

N. B.

- 1) This log book should be written up after each trip so that there is a record of it.
- 2) Before the last person leaves the hut please:
 - a) Put all perishable food away from the RATS
i.e. in Fridges or Free.
 - b) Put all waste material in the Rubbish Tip.
 - c) Replace Firwood
 - d) Lock all windows, shutters, groundhills,
TURN OFF GAS.
- 3) Parties leaving for caving trips must use a written message of
 - (1) The CAVE
 - (2) Names of Persons
 - (3) Expected time of Return
- 4) This book ~~is~~ must not be removed from the Hut.

3 Oct. '64

M.J.W. + R.L.L. to Roads Pat to practice
Prussicing and Abriding with artificial aids.

R.L.L.

3rd Oct 64 Stoke Lane

Dave Drew, P.J.T., M. Wooding, Chris Jones, DS. to the above
hole. MW & CJ had their first dip in the rump and
found it pleasant. C.J. afterwards took a 'family'
photograph of the above crew, Farmer Stocks, his wife & Son.
A Classical trip DS.

3rd Oct. 1964 Picken's Hole

Commenced clearing N. end of bank
in EE/EF. See special log. MJW

4th Oct 1964 Picken's Hole

Continued above work.

See special log. MJW

Oct. 6th, 8th

Working on Shower House. You
too may have a shower now. MJW

10th Oct. 1964 Swildons IV

M.J. Wooding, R. Lewis. Interesting trip. Much done.

MJW

8 Oct 1964

M.J.W. + F.I.H.

to Main Avon, Swildens Hut.
F.I.H.

10 Oct 1964.

MON, J.C.W., A.H.S. + P.L.G. (univ. lecturer!) went down G.B. on a tourist trip entering and leaving by the dry way. All impressed.

10 Oct 64. P.J.T., S.P.S.H., P.J.J. to Stoke Lane. hosts Farman Return in Stone.
Back tomorrow P.J.T.

10 Oct 1964

G.B.W. + M.H.P.G. to Rocks soft ladder down pitch. Somewhat primitive equipment.

10 Oct 1964

Freshers trips to Swildens^{CH}. O.C.L., F.H.N., A.C. D.S. took a variety of people on an upper Swildens fester. Some were to have gone to the rump, but on arriving at the head of the 40ft. we found a mob of bodies. 20 waiting to come up & half that number going down. So we turned tail & fled. D.S.

11 Oct 64 Only a fool would get lost in Stoke Lane. Mick Wooding, Patrick Thomas and Peter Johnson to ~~the~~ Stoke Lane. To changing room.

HGD

Sun. 12 Oct. RB LH FJWM XMG IKH
to Swildons Sump I and back in 4 hrs.

IKH

Sunday 11th Oct. 1964 O.C. took a party of 7 members of
the Spelmas Club down C.B.

O.C.

Saturday 17th Oct. 1964 Picked up a flint in the field
towards Gerald's house & gave it to Trably.

Checked the local MRO notices:

- Read's Avon - needed refixing (bullet holes)
- Dromaknoll's - needed refixing
- Red, PA - OK.
- Gratchwood - missing
- Sidest - OK.
- East Train Book - OK.

O.C.

Saturday 17th Oct. 1964 Swildons

M.J.W., R. Lewis to Cowsh Aven, Great Aven, Maines
Aven to top, 2 new squeezes, 1 new aven, 50' level crawl and 1 large promising
pot with continuation. 11 hours. A pleasant trip, though long.

A tin containing food and dressings, and a stove with
several solid fuel refills has been placed in Swildons IV streamway
just downstream of the Aven, for use in emergency.

M.J.W.

Sat. 17th Oct. F.K.H. M.G. D.S. D.D. + 3 persons
to GB. Digging in Ladder Dig extension.
Dig progressing fast downward solid roof
cemented loose boulder & mud floor + stalagmite.
Shows considerable promise. *Ull*

Sat. 17th Oct. T.J.H. A.H.C. H.D.D. + 3 persons.
To Eastward. Down via Baker's chimney & twin-vertical.
Through 9-pore to bottom & back, eventually, via
Alleghya squeeze & The Traverse. About 5 1/2 hrs.

H.D.D.

Sat. Sun. Oct. 17, 18

Picken's Hole. See special log *Ull*

Sun 18

Goatchurch DKS accompanied by
enthusiastic fresher P.H. Both being
min scale, we explored holes which
people of normal size would have
considered were for rats. 2 1/2 hours
prostrated us.

DKS.

please leave margin *Ull*

-MGN, JCN. + AN.O. searched the same hole
 little hole as the last pair. period
 JCN.

18 Oct 64. Dave Dow, Patrick Thomas
 to Stoke New. Sump II, Bone Chamber
 Throm - River, Princess Grotto, Cascade Grotto.

PJT

24 Oct '64

J. Wiles, Roger Pitt, Sandy Bjornson, G'church
 + Sidwot. RP

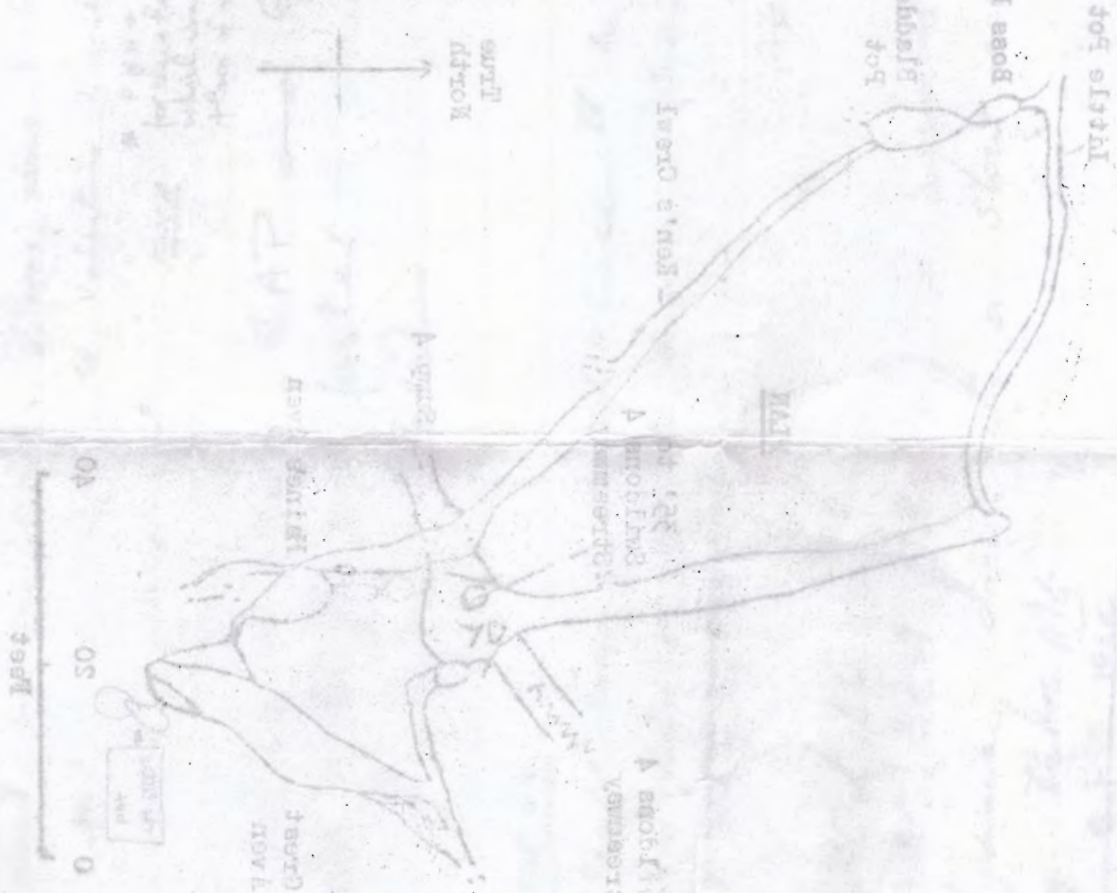
24 Oct '64

DKS + party primarily of Freshers to
 Goatchurch. Minor calamities on coal-
 skate. 2 women got stuck in squeeze
 along drainage. Derobing and hysteria
 were in vain. 2 1/2 hours

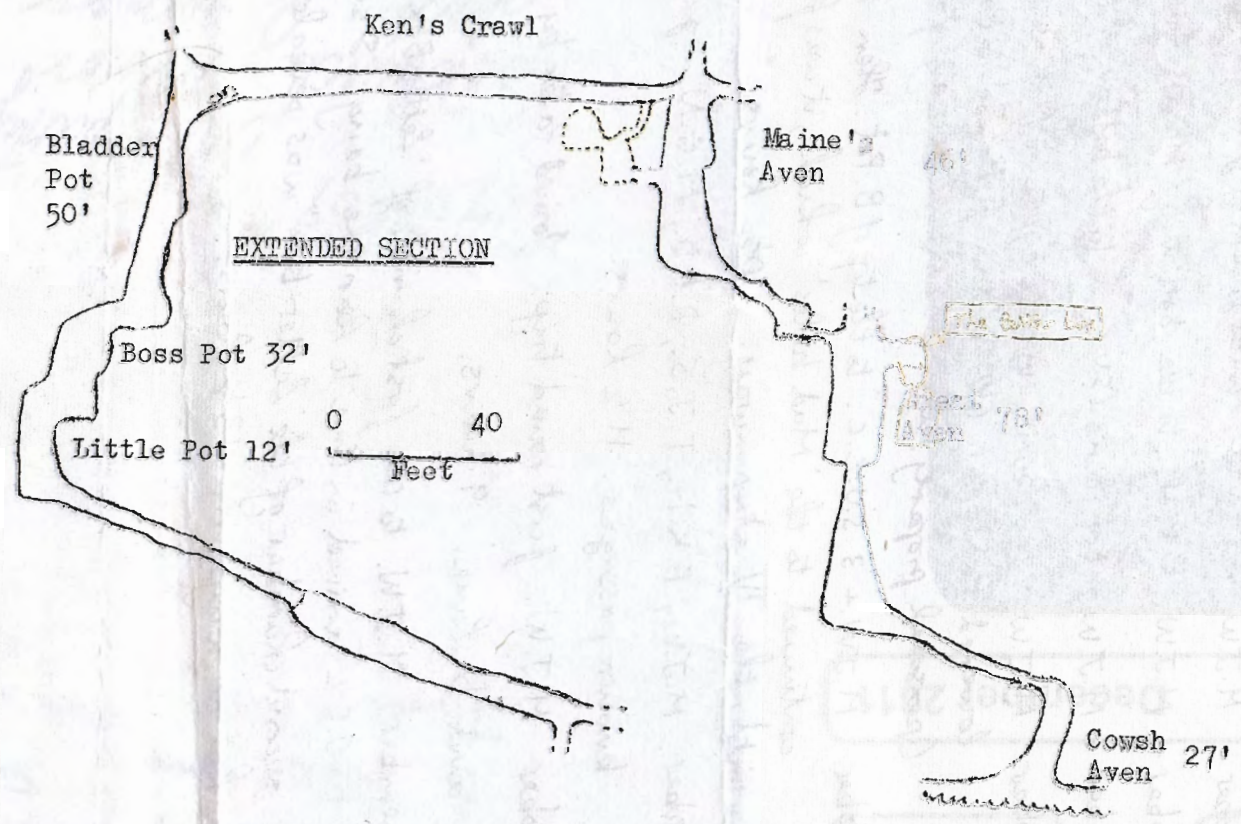
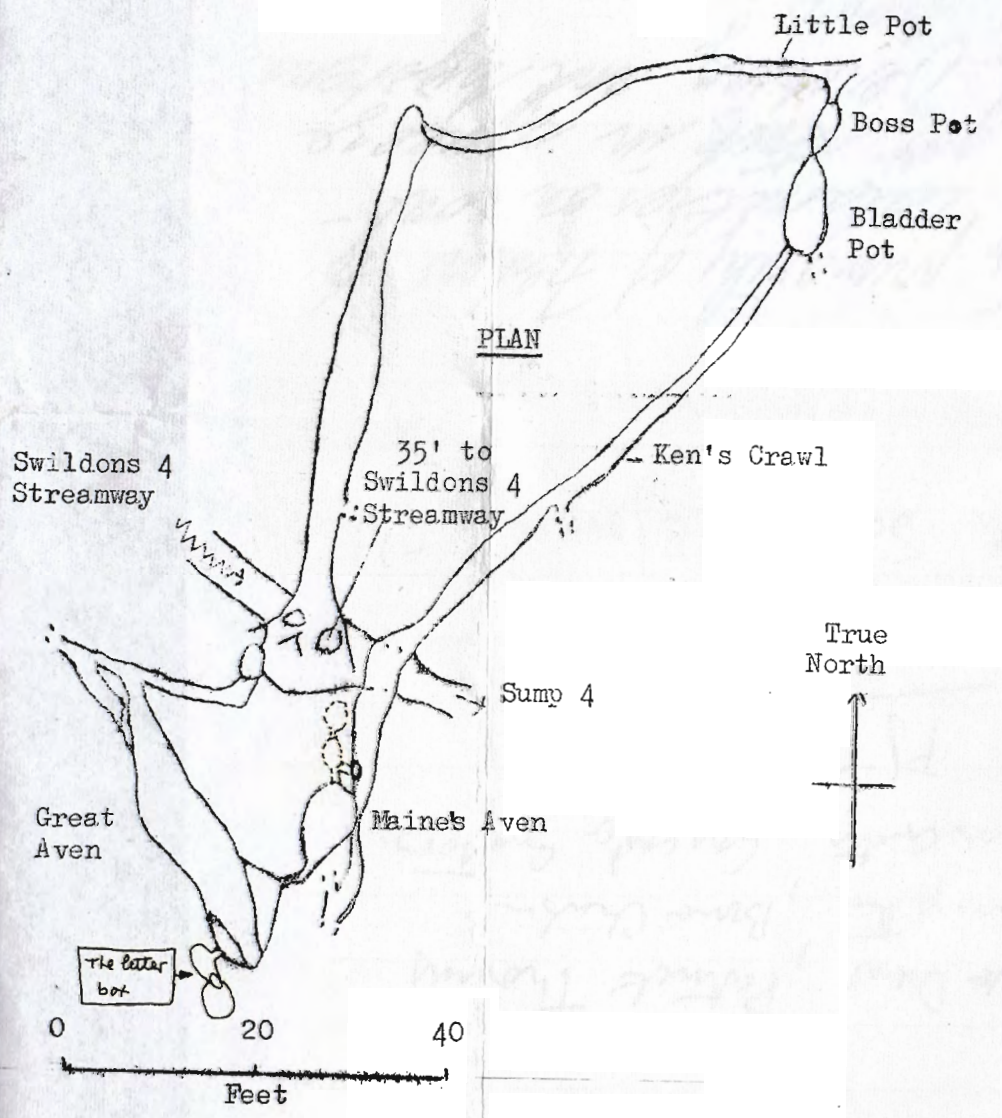
DKS

AVEN SERIES IN SWILDON'S IV

- 6A Sun 4th October M.J.W. + 3 S.V.C.C. to the bottom of Great Aven. 6 hours.
- Wed 7th October M.J.W., F.K.H. to the bottom of Maim's Aven. 10½ hours.
- Sat 10th October M.J.W. + Bob Lewis (S.V.C.C.) to the bottom of Maim's Aven. 5½ hours.
- Sat 17th October M.J.W. + Bob Lewis via the bypass to Maim's (M.J.W.) and via a lowered ladder, to the bottom of Bladder Pot. A ladder (personal property) was sliced in two by falling rocks. 11 hours.
- Sun 18th October M.J.W. + 3 S.V.C.C. to the top of B. Pot. Then M.J.W. and Bob Lewis continued to the 'Mud holes' which, it was found later, connected with the IV streamway. 10½ hours.
- Wed 21st October M.J.W., F.K.H., I.J.S., D.P.D., M.G.N. grade 3 survey of known passages. 11½ hours.
- Sat 25th October M.J.W. first round trip. Joined later by Paul Allen, Bob Craig and B. Lane. 9 hours.
- Sat 1st November M.J.W. to the first chamber of "Letter-Box" with explosive. O.C.L. arrived in time to hear the bang. 2 second echo. The second chamber of the "Letter-Box" was revealed and entered, but has no ways on. 13½ hours.



P.S. The description in "Mendips Caves No. 7" is incorrect.



NEW DISCOVERIES IN SWILDONS IV

C.R.G. Grade 3
Mendip Caver No. 7.

24 Oct 64. D.S., T.J.H., C.H.A., E.J.C., P. MET
 MHP4. to bank 200. A small grotto, Turners Grotto
 discovered by the MWRc, was ~~stud~~ looked into. It
 is about 30' above St. Valentines Landing. No one
 had to be pulled out. F.K.H.

* F.K.H. + T.S.H. to be congratulated
 for their hairy climb to the grotto
 which was probably 90' from
 floor of main chamber.

24 Oct '64 — T.H.D., R.A.P. and G.B.W. to
 Roods — 30ft and faster — unevenfull
g.R.E.D.

24 Oct 64.

A.B., F.R.L., C.H. & F.H.N. Grotto trip to Suiden IV. Bothi dependable
 found dependable but better for warming the hands than giving
 light. Steady dry → 40'.

F.H.N.

24 Oct 64.

AMC, CCH, B&S, MG to Suidens IV.
 Streamway dry but a slow & eventful
 trip. 7 1/2 hrs MG

24 Oct 1964

M.E.T., F.R.

24 + 25/10/64 Putting down polythene slating
 & covering over in earth at Packer's Hole.

M.H.

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24th. M.J.W. to Cowsh Series - Round Trip. M.J.W.

27th Oct. D.D, F.K.H., I.J.S, M.J.W., M.G.N. Swildons - Surrey
of Cowsh Series as far as Mud Holes. An 11 1/2 hr. trip.
M.J.W.

31st Oct Swildons

About 13 people visiting various parts of Swildons.
D.D, M.G, P.J.T D.S. to Sump 6. & then there + M.T, M.W.
+ 5 white rose completed the round trip. M.J.W. visited cowsh
& O.C.L. joined him later. About 8 hours and very
enjoyable.

D.S.

31 Oct. 1964

Party visited Read's cavern.

Nov 17. 1964

Visited hut. Both kitchen windows left
open. M.G.

Nov 6. 1964

Visited hut. Back window to kitchen broken
bar forced + entry thus gained. Hut levy tin
robbed (about 2/- only this time). It is not
known if anything else has gone. M.G.

August Hole

7/11/64

M.S., J.C.W., M.G., J.G., S.C., P.H., P.J.J. descended about 3:30pm out at 7:30pm. Good trip except for fester of 10' overhang on way out due to guests of A.C.K.

Downstream visited to end out via Xmas Squeeze. MS

AS. M.G. blown up in the tunnel but was reassembled and continued undaunted.

The leader members of this party apologise for the way the ladder was left after the trip
Eastwater 7/11/64

M.H.P.G. E.J.C. M.K. J.W. R.P.

Descended about 2:30 came out about 7:00. Took equipment for two verticals, approx 30 people down (including 13 man party from Wessex) went down primary path. - spares bay blow up - got out (nothing but a messy boulder rubble to see) and 2nd Rift BL, where M.K., J.W. + R.P. climbed into roof-fill at top unstable. N.H.P.G.

G.B.

7th November

F.K.H., G.W., C.H., J.N., H.D.D. + G.N.G. to G.B.

G.N.G. took J.N. and H.D.D. on tourist trip round cave returning to the Ladder dig to assist in digging operations already started by the other members of the party. About 30 boulders removed and boulder smashed. Bags needed next time to loam things up. FKH

7/11/64 Visited Rowbenau Cavern to inspect Cotham school dig which bears little if any resemblance to an archaeological excavation.

P.P. E.K.T.

7/11/64

O.C.L. + C.R.O. Sec, D.S., C.J.E., B.B.P. & C.R.O. to Swildons C.J.E. & B.B.P. to Fount Clabbe & return via a road trip. Very pleasant and dry.

C.J.E.

7/11/64 C.H., P.J.J., F.K.H. to hand here with new descendour. Much fun was had on the main pitch.

F.K.H.

11/11/64. M.H.P.G. + Colin Wright visited but with view to doing Rods. We found that ① the blower for the fire was jammed + hatchet missing so we couldn't get a fire going. ② A member who shall remain nameless had defaced the hut mantel piece by displaying communist propaganda - namely a portrait of Lenin. This crime was made even more sordid by the juxtaposition of Remembrance Day poppy. THIS IS NOT THE DECOROUS BEHAVIOUR EXPECTED OF MEMBERS. MICK BALISTER SLEET ON THE MANTLEPIECE hence "GANDHI"

Rods pot was bottomed in an hour + ~~Colin~~ Colin enjoyed his first trip.
M.H.P.G.

14/11/64 The blower for the fire has been permanently withdrawn by the donor. He is tired of repairing apparatus deliberately.

ruined by members through stupidity.
E.H. Ratman
President

14.11.64 D.P.D. M.J.W. + G.W.U.C.C. - Swamp 6 Swildons 14 hours.

14.11.64 Trip partway down Sidedot Swallet by P.J.J
(fresher) alone. uneventful, though enjoyable.
- P.J.J.

P.J.T. M.G. M.G.N. & D.S. to Swildons

We went down with 'stuff' intending to 'assist' with 'operations' in 6 but Savage (who must I'm afraid be a right nit) decided to reach 4 by an easy route, ie through ramp 1, double trouble like-pencil etc. However rain during the previous 36-48 hours had filled up the troubles which of course are not star balable from the wrong side. An attempt at diving the 1st trouble (the 2nd is easy) proved abortive, so we cached our load within a short distance of the troubles & departed. The place was abominably crowded below on & above the 40ft. v4.2hr

DS

14.11.64.

R.H.S., G.P.S.H., R.H.B., G.B.W. to G.B.

Started as a rather jesterous and photographic trip to ladder dig, Ox-bows and R.H.S., R.H.B., and G.B.W. through the wet way. The latter made

It a worthwhile trip for the 3 who did it.
R.H.B. enjoyed his last trip.

G.B.W

Sat 16th

Oct 155 + Wessex block carried out of Wiltgrove
surveyed half of Cuckoo cleaves starting at the bottom.
155

Sat 14th

MET. G.M. P.H. Swildons to Paradise
and back! Remained and back. A fine trip.

Sat 14th

M.J.W., D.P.D. + 4 N.O.C.C. members to Swildons 6. A large amount of kit was carried down and back. Sump 4 was very crowded including a party of C.S.S. who didn't know lead was required. The high level series above 6 was investigated by one member, and also a roof passage in 5. Due to the non-appearance of an alleged support party the trip collapsed and the participants returned to the surface with minimal illumination after nearly 14 hrs.

Sat 14 H.O.D., Stephen, F.K.H. to Sump III and IV.

An interesting "round" trip. Out 1:15 AM.

F.K.H. 11/14

Nov Mon 15 1964

Presidential (solo) trip down G.B. to inspect Ladder Dig Extension. The dig at the end had been carried much further

than he had thought. Excellent. Suggest
1 more digging party followed by a deep
set change should produce good results.
It looks as if roof slope is flattening out.

G.B. continued. Though both streams
were running in cave the drips in "Drift
Chamber" had not started up (down!) in spite
of rain of past few days.

Sun 15th

I.T.S., D.J.W. took 10 ounce types
round G.B. The Rail bolt holding the
top section of the East Passage Ladder
has now corroded to uselessness.
THIS LADDER MUST BE REGARDED AS UNSAFE

18/11/64

M.H.P.B., J.R.W., A.P.B., to Swildons I. Very wet, but now water going over 40'.
We found a funny place with a pretty red wire, but couldn't think what it was. Much
gunniss both in rift above 40', double pits & Sump I. The left hand 40' rail-
bolt is loose and lifts out. The Hunter was full of the army. M.H.P.B.

Mon. 21/11/64

No lights - battery flat. Cause appears to have been
light left switched on in Women's Quarters.

20/11/64 M.J.W. D.P.D. to sump I. Slope done - flooded

Sat 21st

JRW, KM, PHR, APB, novices' trip down Rod's Pot, and
Reeds. A very enjoyable 2hr trip.

Sat 21st Nov D.S. M.G.V. PJT and FKH down to
Smileys VI ~~for~~ ~~sp~~ to take photos and move some
skins there. A very fine 8 hr. trip.

Sat 21st D.P.D., M.J.W. + N.V.C.C. - August-Longwood, everything, nice trip.

Sat 21st

C.H., S.A.W., P.J.I., C.H.A., G.B.W.
to Eastwater on a so-called "nice little
trip". Upper series only - one set of
head apparatus to Helelluja hole, but
retrieved for a small fee by a certain
honourable member. Down to terminal
traverse and back - some through S-bend
bypass. For some a very festive trip
- enjoyed by others.

G.B.W.

Sat 21st

H.P.D., PH, M.G. to G.B. to do some
digging. Several buckets + rocks shifted -
fair amount of water in dig. Out
via side passages

Sun. 22nd D.P.D., M.J.W. + N.V.C.C. G.B. tourist trip.

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Sun. 22nd.

As an alternative to being in Stoko Lane M9, M9N, FKH, HDD, PJJ went to have a look at manor farm. All descended first vertical but were somewhat put off by the thunderous roar emerging from within. However, Neoprene M9N descended and found ~~some~~ the shoes (FKH's handiwork) by some fluke to be still intact. Undeterred by reports of from the surface of his string vest having been eaten by cows, M9N proceeded to dig out a very small hole down which the water was pouring. After many small boulders had been moved a small (2x1+1') chamber was discovered. The water sank in a very small hole on the far side. At this stage digging was discontinued.

M.G.U.

Sat 28th

C.J.E. D.S. M.S. M.J.W. B. Swardon
for road trip. Some water this time which made a pleasant change although it seems to attract people - the 20' was very crowded. 3½ hrs underground - a slow trip for some but a damn sight less fat' for at least one!

off.

28.11.64. M.H.P.G. + P.Y.H. to G.B. MHPG

5.12.64 M.G. + P.J.J. + H.D.D. + P.H. + F.J.W.M., R.K.H.
to Black Hole. Due to lack of expensive suits
etc. a hut was built this side of the Black
Hole pitch. The trip back from here was quite
interesting, with quite a large volume of water. A
fine trip. Out 7.30. 1-10/11

5th December 1964 D.P.D., D.S., M.J.W. to Swildons.

Swildons IV via swamps 2 and 3. M.J.W. found the
2" airspace in swamp 2, D.S. found Bob's Bell, and P.P.D.
surpassed himself by diving back from IV to II without
breathing from his kit. A thick nylon rope has been
laid through the swamps beside the thin concrete line.
Considerable trouble was experienced with O-ring seals.
The party was met by O.C.L. and Ken Higgs (S.V.C.C.) and
escorted out of the cave. 6½ hour trip. Enjoyable.

5.12.64 I.J.S., D.K.W., Charles? G.B.W. to Lamb Leer

Down fine trip. I.J.S. wasted a good
hour picking his nose and whistling at the
top of the 70' while the others went on
to the Cave of the Falling Waters - Here
Charles enjoyed himself clambering up to a
non-existent passage pointed out by one

of the party! Down fine trip despite
the marital woes - G.B.W.

6.12.64 A small band of hoses closed out
the water supply catchment area and closed the
draws from the back of the hut.

N.B. The water supply is disconnected at
the filter. R.K.H.

12th Dec! 64 - H.D.D, H.D, L.S.V.S, G.B.W
to GOATCROUCH - 1st trip for H.D -
L.S.V.S - enjoyed? - very festive
(as usual) - down to the bottom (with
minor diversions ~~as~~) and out.
G.B.W.

13.12.64

C.A.W + Dave Meness & Mike Turk (guests) to Rod's & Goatcrouch
Rod's was unseasonably wet & Goatcrouch had a stream!
Very unnatural, leisurely, pleasant 3hr trip. Goatcrouch full
of amorous weejies. C.A.W.

13.12.64

Mgn. Atcs & A.E.W. had a tourist trip of G.B
The water was quite high & out out Possibilities of doing anything
but the day was in & out. However ^{an} enjoyable experience
was not by all.

Mgn

13th Dec 1964.

F4N Ex AB. C.H. to GB. tourist trip
out by Wet way water level very
high Davis Elbow just passable.

Inspected ladder dig extension: Digging
face full of water 18" deep. Carbide mark
on left wall to mark water level.
water small stream entering the pool
from bedding plane on the left -

CA

13th Dec. 1964.

H.D.D. MG to GB primarily on a tourist trip.
Down to bottom & visited ladder dig & noted
pool of water at face. Out via side passages,
& also Bertie's Pit, ~~Ruby~~ Ruby Alley, East and West
Extensions (to their gutter ends) & squeeze out at
the end of Ooze. which was found to be
flooded. 6½ hr trip. MG.

19th Dec 1965 H.D.D., D.P.D., C.H. to Stone Lane

- to dump II & chambers. Good trip but water
bloody cold. 4 hours. D.P.D.

29th Dec 64

M.S. and G.N.G. arrived at hut and found it in a ~~terrible~~ revolting mess, dishes not washed, pans not cleaned, tea pot unemptied, very little firewood, food left out for Mr. Rat (which he had taken advantage of), beds and blankets in complete disorder, floor unswept, rubbish unburnt. in fact ATHOROUGH!
GOOD FESTER,
 disgusted M.S.

P.S. Why should we clean it up?

30th Dec. 1964.

After ONE and a half DAYS of continuous "de-crutting", the hut is now in some sort of order.
 LET IT REMAIN SO!
 G.N.G.

31st Dec 1964 / 1st Jan 1965.

GNER, M.S. FHN, D.S. MWT, FKH, M.J.W. D.P.H. G.B.H.
 J.S.S + brother. E.B.G. R.R.L. H.P.D. C.A. T.S.H. D.K.S. M.G.
 O.C.L. G.B.W. M.H. B.A.C. E.K.T.

Usual festivities were observed.

We were visited by Gerald and son.
 A Goatchurch trip was made
 by some members. Fireworks etc.

In the opinion of some experienced
 members the festivities were more
 debauched than in previous years.

M.H.P.'s arrived in the morning of the New Year

2nd Jan.

Having been severely reprimanded
 by certain members for failing to
 make her bed yesterday, D.K.S.'
 conscience pricked her & she returned
 this evening to make it, & spent a
 night with only the company of the
 rats
 D.K.S.

9th Jan. 65.

T.J.H. J.P.C. and two others visited August. Inwood, for the purpose of a quote still. Nothing appears to have changed; quite dry to J.P.C.

16/1/65

R.O.I. did some repair work on roof of hut & other odd jobs.

It is being to find that

- (1) All three society screwdrivers are not to be found.
- (2) That someone has taken top of shower bath tap off its hook & has ~~not~~ returned it. A new tap will cost about 15/-

Visited Swildons. ~~Longwood~~ & Manor farm.

Swildons water level not dangerous.

Manor farm water flowing very fast no pool. JKS. M&N CH.

9/1/65

OK.

UBSS equalled squeeze record for evening at 16.1.65 Wexox party in Walls. 175 doing $6\frac{1}{4}$ "

H.D.D. and G.B.W. visited G.B. The ladder-dig working face was flooded to a depth of about three feet (3ft) with a pool about 10ft x 4ft extending up the passage. Water was coming in through the bedding plane

on the left nearest the roof at the rate of 8 galls/hr (estimated). One big bang might get us through!

Left dig went up the Ox-bow, to the very bottom of Bertie's Pot, down East extension (H.D. to the very end!) out via White Way and up the Wet way - about 1ft of airspace in Devils Elbow despite numerous members predictions of 3 in! (4 1/2 hrs)

GBW

Addition to the above:- Walked back over Blackdown to find kit deserted (all at "Nume"?) and numerous unwashed dishes etc.. As no one returned this had to be done by me in the morning

GBW

16.1.65 MHPG, CAW, CHJ to Eastwater. BR very wet & lot of water in 380' Way.

23 Jan '65 - Swildon's :-

M.G. + D.C.L. to ^{Sumps} Sump 6 via 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 (free) and back. 4 1/2 hrs. **MG.**

23.1.65. MHPG, CAW to GB. Gorge + Pain Chamber + West extension from which some fossils were vandalised.

MHPG + CAW walked 5 miles from G.B to Eastwater Fm. in about 1 1/2 hrs, where we met FKH (who had worked his car) + GBW. Decided we were too shagged to join the 4 already underground, so

returned to Hunters to recuperate.

23-1-65 JRW, CJH, CIA, PJJ.

Did Twin Verticals, and carried on to bottom, in 9 hrs.
Out 1.30am.

JRW,

23.1.65. MAFG remained at Hunters till 11.00 pm, but CAW, FKH, OBW returned to Barrington early. I walked to East water Fm. Somebody had diverted stream into actual entrance by means of a dam, making entrance bonds rubble impassable to a party with carbide. I checked at Weeser & ESCC Huts at Fm., but they knew nothing of it, so with the help of Phil Davies & two other Weeser, the dam was removed & stream resumed its normal course. I returned to the barn at the Fm. & waited apprehensively for the now late Eastwater Party. At 1.00 am T.J.H., F.K.H., & C.H. arrived to check & on finding Party still not out, they returned to fetch tackle, kit, etc from Barrington for possible rescue. Everyone in fact left Eastwater safely by 2.00 am.

23.1.65 J.B.W. + F.K.H. to G.B. ladder dig, with 10 oz bang. Expected to find large pool of water in the end, but this had drained away. In the end a hole 24" ~~to~~ deep was made in the mud and a charge detonated. The resulting bang was very muffled, suggesting either that it was very well tamped, or that it had not all detonated.

FKH

24 Wed 27.1.65. MHPG + JRW + Kerin? to Eastwater. Round trip inc
2nd lift. Chambers, top 1st V.A., + Boulder Chambers. Kerin enjoyed only
his 2nd trip. Found side-site vein in Boulder Chambers. Round trip
took only 1 hr. 50 mins. A little water in B.R.
29-1-65
MHPG.

D.P.S.H. + Vets + Climbers to Swildons I. In this weather,
how grateful we are for warm caves to shelter in
Unsuccessful trip - out 1.15 am. - 4 1/2 hrs.

D. P. S. H. H. H.

30.1.65. Practice Rescue.

The first party, reasonably behind schedule, descended
the entrance shaft of August-honeywood some time between 12.30
and 1 p.m. with all the kit. Longwood main chamber was
reached in about 3 hrs and preparations were made for hauling
the body G.S.H. up the vertical part of the chamber. At this
time the party consisted of G.S.H. (the 13-stone body), M.G.N.
M.G. F.K.H., T.J.H., H.D.A., M.A.T., M.H.P.G., C.M.A. George
was duly tied up in the carrying sheet at the bottom, and
the hauling rope attached. 40ft of ladder were dropped down
& separate lifelines for the body & M.G.N. were arranged.
The hauling party consisted of 5 persons. Slowly George rose
& after some difficulty with tangled ropes and belayers at the
top, he was hauled over the edge and landed on a comfortable
slab of rock. After sorting out the ropes etc. George was hauled
out and dragged to the right vertical rift. During this
phase it was found that too many people tended to get
knee behind the body. This was difficult to avoid due to people
being needed to guide & restrain the body, these tenders to get
left behind as the body passed over. Difficulty was found
getting George up the rift due to his 13 stone and tight fit in

the rift. However two pushins at the bottom helped relieve the efforts of the two pullins at the top. (No more than 2 could get in a position to pull). ~~How~~ Eventually he was raised sufficient for the rest of the party to pull and here more rapid progress was made through the waste chamber and to the foot of the 10ft drops.

Here we met Oliver's party consisting of ~~the~~ O.C.L., G.B.W., M.W., C.A.W., P.J.J., I.J.S. and the relief body D.H.S. While the first party brewed up some coffee, O.C.L. gave timber to the 2nd party in how to tie up a carrying sheet. This done, the 10ft drops were attached after all but M.G.N. and F.T.H. of the first party had left with George. Three went to the top for hauling, while I followed the body up the ladder clipped on with a waistline (an absolute essential!). The body was somehow manoeuvred over the drop, but the method left much to be desired. At the top, two more squeezed past the body. Slow progress was made to the first bend, but by this time two of the men were left behind as cushions and the three left on the useful side were insufficient to keep the body out of the canyon passage. After $1\frac{1}{2}$ hrs the body was lowered back to the edge of 10ft drop & reinforcements brought past. With two bodies filling the gap between the bedding plane & the by-pass, the body was quickly hauled up the by-pass, while the rest of the party came round via the canyon passage. 3 went through the S-bend while M.G.N. lay in it. O.C.L. disassembled the body into the head with a hauling party of 3 through the bend and girders

in it, the body was through the bend in some 20 seconds. After this the body was hauled up the entrance shaft with comparative ease. Trip took $8\frac{1}{2}$ hrs.

Points to remember: it was found that both bodies were suffering from a certain amount of exposure, even though the body was unmined and only underground for some 4 hrs. This illustrates the necessity of speed in rescue.

It was also found that it was worth double checking to ensure that the lifeline, ropes, ladders etc were all free from each other before hauling up a pit, as the difficulties encountered and detangling ropes half way up a pit are rather large. Finally, sufficient bodies must be kept in front of the body.

Many thanks to the bodies and all the parties for their help.

M.G.N.

31.1.64. Old & DS to
Ludwell Sump. A good
training sump for air diving
apparatus. D.C.C.'s first sump
on air. Quite terrifying!

6.2.64 MGN, MW, MG to Swicklons helping
 to carry kit for the divers OS & MSW.
 After a fast trip to Symp II the divers
 went on down the stream using
 air, while the sherpas freedived to
 Swicklons III, visiting Great & St Johns.
 Bell. The party then returned in great
 haste to the surface, the whole trip
 taking $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours. MG.

6.2.64⁵ M.S.G.N.G. 'Gerry' 'Charles' to G.B.
 ladder dig extension. A quantity of digging
 was done though a good digging party
 is needed to clear away the face, then
 a bang in the roof to break stal. floor.
 Out via oribous, ledge and wet way.

7.2.64⁵ PJ, MW, T J H to Gro Hle.
 We penetrated below the 50' pitch to a large
 boulder rubble at the bottom of which we
 found a small chamber full of geological
 specimens. Trying to get out of this chamber
 through a tight squeeze on a 20' ladder T J H's
 weight moved the belay point, a rock which

breathed to break the squeeze. We managed to get at however and explored most of the rest of the cave. However apart from the 50' we used no batteries. @ first trip of 3 hrs.

JJ

Sat 6th Feb

CH. PJS ~~MAT~~ SAM Sue Mary Jennifer to Swildons Sump I for some to Barnes loop. 2 carbide lamps. [MAT, Jennifer, Pat, PJJ

to Sump I; MAT + Jennifer dived. Slight difficulty in finding way back in upper Swildons - PJJ].

Sun 7th

CH MC HDD GBW + 10 gog for good trip to Swildons for some upper some to Barnes loop. 1 carbide lamp recovered.

CH

Wed. 10th Feb 1965

TSH, CAW MGN visited August
Laguard to find the 120ft of
polypropylene rope used after the
rescue. After failure to find it in the
cave. An extensive search of the beam
revealed the rope and tackle bag.
MGN

Wed. 6th Feb. 1965.

MK. CH to Swildons 3hrs
to Sump II and back with
a look in at the Black Hole
Mandibulous place swildons
without the millions.
Good trip

CH

1st. Feb. 13 1965

W.B.

Health Fires The forestry people have
provided 4 standard pattern fire beaters
which are stored in the lean to behind
the hut. MK

13-2-65 PJJ HDD EKH did a closed loop, Grade I, survey in Gortchukh. It was afterwards found that the proximity of the iron posts to the compass threw the bearings ~~out~~ anything up to 120° out.

EKH

14-2-65 C.H. H.D.D. + 10 Geeg Soc. to G.B. inspected terminal & ladder dig, orkney & white way, some out by wet way - low water level. 3rd trip.

H.D.D.

14-2-65, St. Bubbhert's Smellat

P.J.J., CMA, OCL - tourists' trip - 3 hrs.

27-2-65 EVG, HDD, EKH to Manor Farm. PJJ

to a period of partial drought the cave was exceptionally dry, with no ~~one~~ drips even. The string had not shifted appreciably since being placed in position last summer. At the bottom of the dig, about 6' below the bottom of the lower frame, and on the 1205 mark material has been washed away, i.e. down the cave, leaving a chamber some 4' in x 18" deep x 2' across. EKH inserted his foot into this hole up to waist deep, when a partial collapse occurred, which could have had serious consequences. Luckily he was able to get his foot out without much difficulty. The next job to be done is to bolt the lower and upper sections of the frame

together, and then to find the LMS to the supposedly bad rock side. The present situation is very hopeful.

F. K. H.

27. 2. 65, Bat Hole, Shelter Passage, Swildons.

SAM, CMA, PJJ, MH and OCL: To Swildons Hole to Foster, course and dig in Bat Hole, and removed 19 bucketsful, out out again - $6\frac{1}{2}$ hours. There was 6" of water at digging face.

PJJ

27th February Eastwater

PHN, OCL, D.I. JH to Eastwater

We descended to the bottom of the cave making good progress after an initial hold-up due to some bbs on a Primrose Pit Key. An attempt was made to examine the beechen siver but without success since, after ascending (with fantastic effort) the Must Excelsior, we found no way on. Having come down the 13 pts we reascended via the Huddy Tabor and, after taking a look at the bottom of the Mphum Pit, we made our way out. When penetrating from the top of the 18th vertical to the Primrose Pit JH took a difficult (.) route and had to be unstruck by the Mass. Trip took $5\frac{1}{2}$ hrs. afterwards members were entertained to a striptease in the farm, while they were changing.

JH

6.3.65. RAs, wife + visitor to C.B. tourist.

6.3.65 46 dig

DKS, PJJ, MG dug for about $2\frac{1}{2}$ hours, and were joined later by JJPC and his friend (on first caving experienced, and quite impressed by it). about a one foot advance was made with a tendency to keep the dig in the direction it had been going instead of veering off to the left about 3 feet previously. The bank, about 1 foot forward in front of, and to the right, of the pool, was removed. The information that the dig was going upwards proved to be false. much loose rock was removed from the ceiling and there seems good evidence of loose rock straight ahead. The pool of water was much smaller than last time being only about $1\frac{1}{2}$ " deep. In and out by dry route - a good dig, nevertheless!

PJJ

13-14. 3.65 HDD (PJJ)* CM MG + FRK to Falls Pavilion

in Black Hole Series, Smilley Hole,

" And when we go Black Hiding

You know how far we got!"

A popular myth, now exploded. A very fine
 3 hr trip. A ladder is not necessary for us
 on the Black Hole T series if people are familiar
 with it.

FRK

13-14-65 3.65 Swildons I

PJJ went with the above party to Sump I, M4 doing miracles in trying to find PJJ's carbide in upper die-pot (eventually found by PJJ). PJJ returned alone towards the entrance. Everything went well till ~~at~~ 40' which was attempted, when his only lamp went out. He waited rather a long time (circa 3½ - 4 hrs) for the Black-Holers to return, but eventually left with two WCC members.

COMMENT: a carbide and a candle are NOT sufficient for a solo Swildons I trip!

PJJ

20/3/65

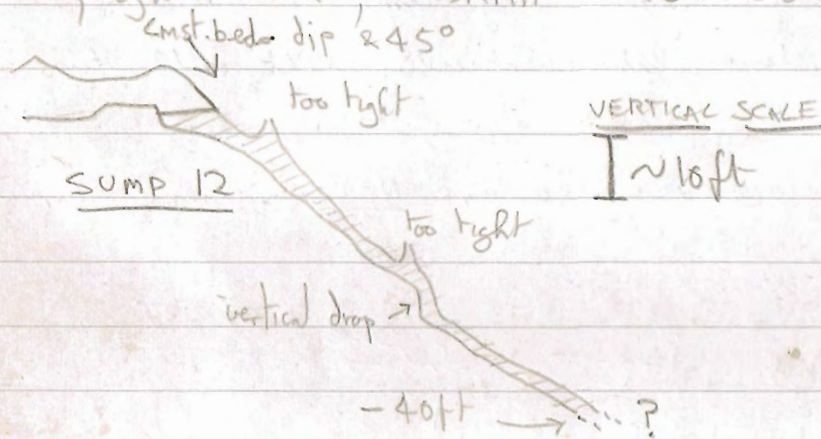
MGN & V.J.E.D. (an underwater club friend) went on a photographic trip to Swildons 3, where two photos were taken. MGN.

20/3/65 H.P.D. T.J.H. F.K.H. to Lorton and Coral caves. A tough trip. F.K.H.

20/3/65 SWILDONS DIVE

M.J.W. D.P.J. D.B. did a further downstream push in Swildons, eventually reaching sump 12. (Sump 11 was reached a fortnight previously). Sump 12 was found to dip at an angle of 45° & was penetrated to a total depth of 40ft where lack of air sufficient air reserves caused a retreat. The cave was then surveyed to C.R.G. grade 2x from sump 12, back to the upstream side of sump 7. Total surveyed length of passage (including sumps) from 7 to 12 is 700ft

and the drop over this stretch about 30ft vertically.
 As far as sump 12, Swildons has now passed the
 500 ft depth mark & if one includes the 40ft
 descent into sump 12 then it is the deepest cave in
 the country - Swildons 540ft ($\pm 10'$) Giant $\sim 520'$,
 Pen-y-ghent $\sim 520'$ Maskhill $\sim 520'$ etc.



DS

* 14.3.65. OCH + MG to Swildons Hole to take tackle
 for the dyes, down to Sump VI. A quick trip
 down the streamway - Sump III is not getting
 any shorter! The series above Sump VI was
 explored to the 15' pit. Coming out CH & GAW
 were met at Sump II; Out ~~at~~ at 4pm taking
 $3\frac{3}{4}$ hrs in all - a fine try MB.

20.3.65

CH, MG to Swildons VI via Trats Temple & Blue
 Perquit, water level in V was high with some
 interesting quakes en route. Back via Trouble
 which didn't need bailing. 5 hrs exploring a

45 min wait at 40' MG

How rude

21st Feb EKT + 8 to Gough (private parts), Gough Old, Long Hole and S.B.W. to Great Doves. Kenkes examined all parts of Gough, which was fairly dry and then penetrated to the end of Gough Old. We could not get up into Long Hole by the connection so came out and up the cliff. We looked at the chambers of Long Hole and 1st H4 and then did some abseiling. We could not persuade S.B.W. from going down Great Doves before we returned to Bullington.

1/4

Sat 20th.

JCC, ISS descended 9.00 pm. Swtdors. to Camp II, picked up divers' tackle. Met Divers on way who had penetrated to Sw. 1. 12. Pulled out all tackle out by 12.40. v. enjoyable.

[Please leave a margin - for binding etc. JCC] ISS.

Wed. March 27

G.S.A. + JCC cement washed shower bath enclosure inside + out.

JCC did some reconstruction inside toilet shed.
JCC

Sunday, Mar. 28 1965

W.H. started on Gorsey Bigbury dig.
Explored part of concourse - west side - between
ends of banks. See special log.
W.H.

Monday March 29th

W.H. & A.N. G.B.W. To Suddons
to explore the new Shatter Passage
Extension! Big anticlinal. Rather
long depressing trip in fact a
classic in the "old style". The
new extension appears to end in
a fast formed crystal pool which
we refrained from crawling through
as no one had done so before
and the way on appeared to
be unpromising. Didn't appear to
be any stal worth note - only
small crystal pools with formations

W.H.

30 March

W.H. & A.N. to Buntingford. Much useful work done.

Tues. Wed. Mar 30th 31st 1965

W.H. at Gorsey Bigbury. Cleared more
of entrance W. side & found what is probably a
large stone hole at end of bank inner side W.H.

Sat. Mar 3rd.

MHPG KMU (Imp. Coll. C.C.) + CWJ (Hull Univ. CE) to Swildons. In 12
midnight. Out 5.00 am. Most enjoyable trip. Much fooling around & did not
reach any of objectives of trip! Went as far as Blue Pencil, then turned back as
MHPG + ^{CWJ} ~~and~~ due at work 8.00 am.

MHPG.

Sat 3rd

IJS + DJS to Garrey Biggers to aid
Vice Pres. continue dig.

Sun 4 April 1965

JH to Garrey Biggers. Completed excavation
of "hole" which is quite certainly a post hole
17 in. deep + 6-8 wide at base.

Returfed further areas. See special log.
JH

Sun 4th April.

C.H. + J.H. to Swildons Sunday 2. in order that
JH might test his equipment. Trip of 4 1/2 hrs —
we had to wait 1 1/2 hrs to descend the 40' and
1/2 hr to ascend it. A good trip.

JH

4th Sunday April OEL JS FKH to Haldby Arms, Bath
to start excavation of the Haldby Entrance to the
Foss stone mine. 2 cu. yds spoil removed before
soporific effects of alcohol allowed enthusiasm to ~~fade~~
diminish. FKH

5th April AJC AMN CH FKH to swidley for a trip
down to Sump I. FKH

Tuesday 6th April

Don Thomson & D. Savage on an evening trip to August Hole.
We met Malcom & his party in Longwood & then proceeded
to the bottom of August. The upstream series in August
were visited on the way out, for the first time for either
of us. We were very impressed with the size of the passage
& chambers in this part of the cave. Down at 7pm.
out 10.20 p.m. an Excellent trip. DS

Wed 7 April HDD GPSH* FKH to Maws Farm to
repair the water channel and examine shoring.

* Unable to descend due to "forgetting" kit. FKH

Tues 6th April

MHPG & Nain Ussian (I.C.C.) & Bill Jennings (H.V.C.C.) to Flansor Farm
to look at Dig. We were most impressed by the shoring, thought dig looks promising

Fri 9 HDD FKH to Maws Farm. Tie bars found to
shoring and two struts put in. Only drips from roof. FKH

Then went on to August Longwood. Did all of Longwood. Nain abashed off pitch
into Longwood chambers most impressively. Met DS & D.P.P.T coming out &
followed them to bottom of August. Enjoyed August & way v. much. Down 4½ hrs.

Saturday, 10th April, 1965.

E.K.T., Ock. & Olivia Lind dug at Gorsey Bigbury for about 3 hours. No finds. M.

Sat 10th April

M.H.P.G + K.M.H. on a "two-man" trip to Eastwater. Did From Verticals and obtained cave in 3 1/4 hrs. *Critics of my previous Eastwater trip place note: We were in and out of the cave, only two of us to carry tackle, in 3 1/4 hours, without it.* The activities of moles near the stream had diverted some of the water down the entrance. Efforts to stop this flow were unsuccessful.

Sat 10th April.

Having done Eastwater the above then went to Swildons. A wait on the 40' while one Brian Roach of S.V.C.C. was hauled up with a gramin mule. He still seemed quite cheerful, though. Went to Shatter Pot, meeting D.S. Wick Hart there, who had pulled the extension to ~1000' ^{to} ~~that~~ day. Had a quick look in Shatter Passage & came out rather tired but uneventfully. 4 1/2 hrs down cave.

11/4/65 Gorsey Bigbury

continued excavation. see specific log

Sat 17th April N.S.W. A.V.W. and Brian Mills to Subject and East Tim for a gentle wander round. On account of the wind etc walking to the caves was as hard work as going down. N.S.W.

← It is now April you great birds

Sat March 17th

AEH, DS to G.B. on a tourist - banging trip. 6oz of bang were detonated against the roof at the uttermost part of the dig.

DS,

Sun April 18 N.J.W. A.V.W. D.J.W. (aged 9 mths) Tucker (dog) and Brian Mills + J.A.W. S.H.W. DS and AEH to Sandford Levey for a gentle wander round. Apparently Brian & Marian Mills did Z Alley in Peats and brought out about $\frac{1}{2}$ doz weepers whom they found back with only 1 glimmering tooth between them.

N.J.W.

Mon. Apr. 19 1965

Brian Mills, J.W. + J.A.W. + E.M. tourist trip to Ladder Dig in G.B. No through way yet. The next item is just plain digging. There is storage space, a little, on both sides passage a few feet short of face. A trolley line back to main dump would help. E.M.

Fri. Apr. 18 + Sun 19th E.M. + C.J. Cuckney continued with Gorseby Bighary. 2nd foot hole found. See detailed log. E.M.

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Mon April 19th. Back to Gorsey Bigbury to prepare for soil samples from original turf level. Then on to Pickens Hole where the pathway to the top of the ridge was closed to traffic by brambles etc, which I cut from below the spoil heap. Cleared the ground in prep for survey. JAE

Tues April 20th Trato back to Gorsey Bigbury, took earth samples & completely returned the whole site. JAE

Wed April 21st Trato back to Pickens. Surveyed a section along the west face of the 1964 dig, projecting same Northwards to the quarry face. Cut two B.M.s. in preparation for ~~the~~ an August survey.

Drew section JAE. Surveyed the new B.M.s temporarily

Thurs 22 + Fri 23 FA.

Sat 24th. Cleared spoil ~~and~~, removed plastic sheets and reexposed 1964 face, did a little scratching about. JAE

NB. The upper way to the dig is now closed. Entrance can only be obtained by following the path to the quarry (below the cave) and continuing along the wall until you reach a large sheet of corrugated iron, you are then immediately below the dig. JAE

24.4.65. P.J.J. + H.D.D. ROD'S POT - ROUND TRIP !!!

The two magnificent and intrepid cavers, P.J.J. and H.D.D. spent about 30 minutes down Rod's Pot, and got as far as the first 50' drop*. Due to lack of insects, they retreated. H.D.D. did the round trip, twice - P.J.J. did it,

* H.D.D. 1/2 way down 50 ft.

not once, not twice, but three times!!! Then to Twinbrook

PJJ

P.S. & H.D.D. [24.4.65]

East Twin Brook Swallet.

Having braved the stairs of the exceedingly large
number of passages in the course we made our
way to the entrance (an ~ 10' deep & awkward)
The chamber was surprisingly large. H.D.D. climbed
up a wayfall (~ 15') which was leaning against the left wall
but after about another 10' of exposed overhang
she retired, but not having discovered whether or not
a passage led off at the top. The trip took ~ $\frac{3}{4}$ hr.

H.D.D.

AVELINE'S HOLE PJJ 24.4.65

Slowed a party of tourists down - about 10 minutes to
get from entrance to end! - Is this a record?

PJJ

C.H. M.G. F.K.H. To Swildons III. M.G. and
I.B.H. CH I.B.H. F.K.H. I.B.H. had. Could have
had a little more with advantage. M.G. and F.K.H.
proceeded to II. M.G. went back and F.K.H.
stayed for Bhu Pond and returned via Pandin
4 $\frac{1}{2}$ hrs. F.K.H.

Sunday Apr 25 1965

The President regrets to have to record the antisocial behaviour of members in recent weeks:

- (1) Party stayed at hut before Easter + left leaving almost every food utensil dirty + the kitchen in a frightful mess. Food left out.
- (2) Easter weekend. Deficit on Hut Levy of at least 10/-
- (3) This weekend, 24/4/65 - 25/4/65. All washing up left undone by main party leaving c. 0300 hrs on 25/4/65
- (4) Hut levy stalled 1/9 = deficit of about 5/-
- (5) No money in carbide tin. Some was used.
- (6) Tools + spars bag left lying around in hut + not put away.

By all means enjoy yourselves but not at the expense of others or the community as a whole. Behave like reasonable persons and not inconsiderate selfish ones

W. Ratman

25.4.65. O.C. D.P.D., D.S. & M.J.W. to Suddon's
 D.S. & M.J.W. went in from camp VI on air to
 capture Suddon XII. O.C. went back with one
 bottle. D.P.D. came as far as II. Muddy camp
 looks "interesting". O.C.

We note that yesterday's party left their
 tackle down the cave.

Sat. 1st May.

E.K.T., I.S. D.J.S. to Pichens Hill.
 rained off. I.S.

Sun. 2nd May

E.K.T., I.S.S., D.J.S. to Pichens Hill -
 joined by D.M.M.T. Good work done. Many
 finds - so many that E.K.T. called a halt &
 we all went home at 4.30 pm. E.K.T.

9th May 1965

Would the member who left the lid off the cartridge down
 please put 2 or 3 shillings into the box, as I'm sure
 this much cartridge must have been wasted?

O.C.

Tackle from 25.4.65 has all been recovered.

May 14th 1965

The Shower Bath. This was completed on Wed. May 12. Today someone has very kindly pulled off the hose connection & run all the water to waste.

There was evidence that a picnic party had used the hut compound.

In future water will have to be turned off at the main stopcock near Women's Hut.
MJA

Someone also has tried to break into the Grandchild in the last few days. MJA

May 13th (Tuesday)

O.C.L., M.K.H., D.S.I., F.H. & upstream Series of August H.H. In a very pleasant 2½ hrs evening trip we visited the wet and dry galleries which are extremely interesting (in places strongly reminiscent of P.S.), we descended via the wet chimney and ascended via Birthday Squeeze.

May 16th L.K.T. & F.H. doing repairs to water pipes feeding shower. These were damaged by yabos.

May 14. All 3 gas cylinders empty.

May 14-15 M.S. & G.W.G. at hut. They cooked on Primus stoves ~~off~~

May 22nd

1. Since May 15th some person or persons have been to the hut, taken carbide but not paid for it. Wasted carbide by leaving lid off bin. How selfish & stupid can you be.

2. Why no entry in log? ~~MLL~~

May 22nd 1965

~~did~~ some odd jobs around hut. Started fixing up new door.

Visited Picken's Hole. No disturbance. Rained hard. so came away. ~~MLL~~

May 23 1965 Sun

T.S.H. & M.L. day's work at Picken's Hole ~~MLL~~

May 26 1965 Wednesday

Once again someone or several persons have been to the hut, helped themselves to carbide & paid nothing.

No entry in the log.

This is just plain thieving.

from other members + guest stop
 M

P. to 1st. June '65. PU + RF. Spacious trip
 to Drunkards + Roads. Robot was surprised
 to see Roads went down so far. plan to
 export further. M

Above entry is anti-dated. Shld. be 29/5/65 M

May 30-31 Gout & Crick fixing new door with
 some non construction advice from the President.

June 1 Thief proofing door and painting
 outside.

June 2 Traut & Crick to East Mendip to visit
 Sunday's Earth works: Small Down, Tedbury- &
 Newbury Hill Camps + 10th. and various
 Barrows. (some of them?). NB. There is an acute
 shortage of establishments for liquid refreshment
 in the villages of East Mendip: you have been
 warned M.

June 3-4 F.A.

June 5th 3 members of BGSCC turned up at
 1030. Names Pete Bentley, Dave New, Rich. Jeffries

Thurs. June 4th

DS, FKH 155 DJS to Bulcombe Hole

This was descended & surveyed. Entrance pitch manageable on 60' ladder. Why do people wrap 10' ladders round 20' ladders so that it looks ~~like~~ like a 30 foot ladder. When we used one of these & let it unroll down the hole we ended up with 20' ladder less than we needed. I.J.S.

5th May 1965

M.J.W., T.P.D., D.S., T.J.H. to Mike Lane where D.S. & T.P.D. had intended to penetrate to 810m. Unfortunately, due to defective equipment, no diving was done and after vegetating at Sump 2, during which time T.J.H. went to see the Thorne Room etc, the party returned to the surface. Members were nearly inundated by an unexplained rush of water so they approached the entrance

T.J.H.

6th May

N.J.W., A.W., D.S., T.J.H. to Maurice Lane to size up the situation. It was decided to use the rocks now loose at the bottom to build retaining walls. Rain did stop further progress but we shall return next week

T.J.H.

June 6th

EKT, IJS, JJS to Pickens Hole
 - rained off to an early lunch. Then visited
 Coxon Quarry Cave, Banwell caves, Hutton cave
 (Entrances only) - also Celtic way at Hutton. IJS

June 7th

Large of chull + blanket census: 44 blankets
 in all.

June 7 1965

IJS, JJS, + EKT to Pickens Hole
 see special log EKT

Tuesday June 8th

M.S. + brother arrived at hut to
 find it moderately tidy for a change
 whitewashed new door and surrounding
 area.

Wed

M.S. + I.S. down A-B by dry
 way to bottom then 1/2 hr scratching
 in the ladder dig out via
 obvious Hall, extensions and
 west way. M.S.

What we want is a good digging party
 down the ladder dig followed by bangs

12.6.65 G.M.K. + H.D.D. to Longwood. Club
 easy-going trip to bottom of main chamber
 + back. H.D.D.

12.6.65.

MS, GNG, TSM, MF to Manor Farm, work
 was concentrated on lowering the floor
 at the bottom + building a retaining
 wall to prevent debris falling into the
 bottom. However before it is possible
 to go deeper, further shoring is
 necessary to prevent slumping at the
 bottom. E.R., FRH + FHN also attended
 in an advisory capacity. MS

12/6/65, 13/6/65 M to Pickers Hole see
 special log. M who is this nit.

13/6/65 M.G.N. party did a cave - no entry

For the first time in 10 years no Union
 Week party here - remarkable - no
 work at Manor Farm apparently this week.

If the farmer at Manor Farm hands
 the dig to another club this will be
 a disgrace to the society. He may well

do so, if we do not make a reasonable effort
to work the site. *MJ*

16 June 1965 H.D.D. and M.J.W. to Longwood. August Hole upstream and
downstream were visited. A very pleasant trip. *M.J.W.*

18 June 1965 K.M.R.P., R.A.B. and S.L. to S. Swales. A good
trip. *K.M.R.P.*

15/6/65 M.G.N. and party did G.B. No entry *MJ 19/6/65*

20/6/65 F.K.H. & *MJ* to Picken's Hole.
see special log *MJ*

19/6/65 F.K.H. *MJ* ferried over 3 water tanks
from Barwell, cost £9-0-0 *MJ*

c23 June 65 M.G. F.K.H. with O.C.L. + 2 to G.B. F.K.H. carefully
examined the East Passage ladder, and after repositioning
the chain and refixing a roudbolt, pronounced it to
be safe. *F.K.H.*

26.6.65 A.C.S. + H.D.D. to G.B. on a quick tourist
trip. *H.D.D.*

26 June D.S. MS *JH* to Manor Farm where much
silt shifted and wall building entered *JH*

26 June E.K.T., K+C.I. to Picken's Hole. Admirable vandalism
Ch.

27.6.65. A.G.S + H.D.D. spent 4 solid hours
clearing up the mess at the lake. H.D.D.

1 BLACK HOLE SONG, MEMBERS, FOR THE USE OF
Tune: Tit Willow from The Mikado.

Three Spelaeos by the black hole sat,

Singing b-r-r, Oh b-r Oh b-r

"We've climbed right across and we cannot get back.

Oh b-r Oh b-r O b-r.

"Our lights they are low and our spirits are lower

As we sit and we stare at this hole in the floor

And the others will call us a Beechan! like shower.

Sing b-r Oh b-r Oh b-r.

We tried to get back thro' the Pridely Green Stream

Sing b-r etc

And when we came out we found Shirdans was clean

Oh b-r etc

For while we in that 'orrible place had been lurking,

Obiv'd 9 his slaves in the cave had been working,

Saying we all the really hard work had been shirking

Singing bugger, Oh bugger! Oh bugger.

Composed during preparation of hole for rowlbolt above post 1956.
Probably insulted the cave god who attempted to kill 3 by exposure the following week

27.6.65, MG, BL MC, (7)H to Manor Farm
Shoring and muck removal

7/24

26/27.6.65

K.I., C.I. to Trest for Cullinan 3 discussion. Fine armchair
speleology.

Sunday, 2nd July, 1965

Tratny, assisted by ocl. M.H.P.G. & I.J.S. and Alan
Ashwell, took a party of Czechoslovakian speleologists
down G.2. Cavern. They were: Miroslav Polunin
& Oldrich Skotky, { Hanka Rudolfa Adolf Absolon
Frantisek Skrivaneck, Justina Stevackova,

Dr. Skotky & Adolf went with ocl., ISS & AWA, and were
held enough to face the Devils Elbow on the way out.
The rest went with Tratny, took a lot of photographs &
came out the easy way. 3 hour trip & a fine one.

ocl. log

Saturday 3 July 65

Les Vincent + F.K.H. repaired

wind generator

Sunday + MG + ocl to Sunday I v. dry

FKH

9/7/65. Fri

MR + GNC to Mt.

10. July

go to Manor Farm where they removed the corugated iron slates and dis-bulled a large boulder prior to hanging it.

N.B. TAKE GRANITE NEXT TIME.

JH

10.4.65. K.J.D. + C.J.P. to Langwood - August, upstream & downstream, worse than last time.

K.J.D.

11/7/75 ?

Had levy contributions for 10/7/65 - 11/7/65 precisely NIL.

JH

17/7 2 to Manor Farm (MURPHY, JH) but heavy rain has left us 3 or 4'. We did not hang since boulder was covered & place was v. wet. Some more shoring is essential.

JH

17/7

4 to Gibraltar Spring 1 (MGN, G.B.W. R.W., C.G.) uneventful trip lasting 4 hours.

MGN

18/7 MTHG, JH to Manor Farm. Much muck
(2'8") + shoring + a bang. We departed leaving
sounds of heavy falls.

JH

23/7/65. T JH, MTHG to Manor Farm. Big stream
going down - too wet to dig as dig under 2' of water.
Probably another 2' of muck carried in again. The 'heavy
falls' of last week don't seem to have done any damage.
MORAL: Bring a neoprene if it rains in the week!

(3 sticks of festering jelly detonated behind. MTHG
but JH)

3/8/65 Returned all kit, except 1 tape,
to Ireland. N.B. Kit has not
been cleared + put into order + both all
tapes + compasses need attention.

AUGUST CAMP. - PICKENS HOLE EXCVN.

Friday 6th August. P.A.A. & A.M.A. in camp. that in
unusually clean & pleasant condition, if a bit de-personalised by
the Arch-puritan.

CHANGED GAS CYLINDER - "RESERVE" ALSO empty

ATA

7 August

1) S. 7ft to Manor Farm. Dig devastated by recent flooding which had covered pipe completely. Pipes are undermined & part of the pipe are breaking away. This shaft & the dig in its present form will have to be abandoned. We had hit some 7' at the bottom.

7. 8. 65.

First impressions are not always correct. Investigation reveals the following state of affairs at the hut :-

Heating

Fireplace choked to a depth of approx 2ft with ash and 0 (to) old cans. (Could it be that members can no longer cook?)

Paraffin can empty.

Wood stack non-existent. Fire not normally lit in summer.

Lighting

? Wind generator or ? battery non-functional. This may be unavoidable but even if all were working there only appears to be one light bulb.

Only one (broken) gas mantle could be found

& so gas lighting is not usable. - Mantles replaced by people lighting matches & from them

The tiley lamp which was put into good working order last August has disappeared - presumably broken. In any case (see above) there is ~~not~~ paraffin & almost certainly no meths.

A surprising no. of plates, goat bowls etc seem to have disappeared. Broken or 'borrowed'? In either case they should be replaced by member responsible. Easy to say - but no doubt you can offer a suggestion for enforcing their replacement.

Is it possible there are a lot of idle, skiving members around waste even to collect firewood, buy gas mantles etc etc? Nothing difficult. P.A.A.

9. 8. 65. Party of 6 at Pickers' Hole including Susan Kachel & Carl Saalbach from U.S.A who are spending 3 weeks on the site. New cuttings started back lower down the slope in order to try & find the limit of depth of the deposit. Access via vicarage track a great improvement.

NOT MHPG P.A.A.

11th August. A person also said by some to be **Man Sec**, accompanied by a female & 2 jobs, came out, prop. & are believed to have descended into a cavern. As they made no entry in the log, we may never know the full truth. P.A.A.

14-15th, Crick in camp. MHPG honoured us with a visit, but kept his hand in his pocket. DID not pay any hut levy. **CRETINS**

Those members, MHPG ^{included} who blew up the concrete slab used for tape standardisation & put in by JHC some years ago. These members can only be classed as ignorant SLOBS.

Appreciation of the true state of affairs. A) quite a large area in the vicinity of safety. B) someone had failed to reveal the purpose of the slabs. C) their replacement has been offered.

17th August

DKS + acquaintance down Coatchurch.
Large acquaintance stuck in Drainpipe.
Interesting. DKS

22nd Aug Arrival of two assistants G.M. Gleane & J.S. MacPowall ex Monkton House School together with Gollinoway! which remained erected over one bunk throughout camp. Curious!

26th August
GAS CYLINDER CHANGED. N.B. One cylinder is now in use. The 'reserve' is FULL.

Tilly lamp reconnected from depths of tool shed & has a new mantle. There is one spare mantle in the tool shed & no meths or present in the hut. Meths must be used for priming otherwise lamp gets sooted up but provided properly treated this is the best source of light (& cheaper than gas)
One spare gas mantle only.

P.A.A.

27th August.

Puhens Hole excavations completed today. We got through the cemented breccia - which proved to be fallen cave roof - with the aid of explosives. Unfortunately there was only a thin layer of clay underneath, then rock. This seems to indicate the end of Puhens as a large scale dig, tho some scratching can still be done in the hope (E.H.T.) of getting into whatever remains of the cave.

Finds were few this year. Crick did a lot of surveying for us, Pat did catering for members & guests, including 2 very reasonable Americans. Enough is enough.
We also surveyed the Foxes Hole. A.M.A.

28th Aug.

C.J.S. W.S. P.M.P. B.B.P and Brumas for afternoon visit.

August Bank Holiday

J.N., M.N., J.H.R., T.J.H. at Hut. Work at Pickens on Sunday, also cleaning & washing water tanks. Generator switchboard overhauled and tested. The descriptions on the board are now well and void. The 2-battery switch, the field fuse, and other associated wiring have been removed.

Aug 29th & Three relatives of Cricks. arrived P.M. for a carrying trip, ~~to~~ down to Sidcot only. Crick⁺ away 4 PM Aug Bank Hol.

29/8/65. Party to Pickens's Hole. Digging part of bank in E.E. layer (5) (4V) ~~///~~

30/8/65 You left the toolshed door open.

A.M.A.

3 Sept 1965.

C. J. E. and mate called in
to night after failure of arrangements for a
penthouse suite and couple of birds for last
night of a weeks touring in Wales.
C. J. E.

4 Sept.

W.S., D.J.S., J.H. to new site of log boxes. Did dig
furiously to a depth of about 4' 6". We were at the
first to dig an log box at this site. D.J.S. provided
refreshment at intervals.

O.C.C. did so woodworking.

J.H.

5th Sept. Log Boxer casts continued - depth now 6'.
Removal of old one (for recovery of material commenced)

J.H.

11 Sept. F.K.H. helped by D.P.D. installed
one set of datum pegs in Avon Gorge,
as part of erosion measurement experiment. It
was found to be possible to replace the
instrument to within one half of one
ten-thousandth of an inch (.00005"). This
was better than hoped for.

F.K.H.

19th Sept

J.G., Elizabeth Tanswell T.H. to finish
by bowler pit; depth nearly 8'. We are against
bed rock on one side + in a gravel bed. If
we dig deeper, the sides may collapse. The
pit ought to give 10 years minimum use.
Now to build the superstructure.

J.H.

19th Sept

J.H. disturbed by wash basin
J.G., L. ? to L.H.

25 Sept G.B.W. and B.J.R. to G.B. on
quiet festival - a bit wet. B.J.R.
enjoyed his first trip underground

J.H.

M.S. + G.N.G. for a Sunday festival.

Oct '65

9th Sept Freshers Weekend:-

M.G.N., P.A.S., A.R., G.C.G., and G.B.W. to
Lamb Lees. Extremely pleasant tourist
trip - the Cave of the Falling Waters
will be remembered by G.C.G. and
the horrible holes at the back of

Volunteers Leading by A.R. -! Apart from these - uneventful. Could do with a new lock at entrance

J.W.

Saturday, 9th October, 1965

O.U. D.P.S.H., Christ plus Gilman & Peter ^{Kaye} to Upper Swildon's. Since we spent 2 hours going down the North Way, up through the squeeze over the landing pane, down the ~~short way~~ & upper route to water passage & up the short dry way. O.U.

Sunday, 10th October 1965

Mended woodcutting machine (x x) O.U.

Since 10th Oct 1965. D.O.S. I.J.S. H.D.D. + Dennis to G.B. W.D.

Sunday 10th Oct 1965

L.N., R.M.T., ~~W.R.R.~~ C.P.B. ST ACE and G.B.W. to GOAT CHURCH - Coal Shute was well accepted on the whole - most enjoyed the Drainpipe etc. (2hrs). Then to Rod's Pot. All down the pot and 4 back up the Aven. Did not go to bottom. Enjoyable Afternoon for all

J.W.

Saturday 16 Oct 1965

M.G.N., D.M.P., R.M.T., S.T. went on a short trip to upper Swildons in via one of the dry ways & one via the wet way. The party looked & was sporting minus the downpipe. Uneventful trip.
M.G.N.

O.C.L. Tony Enfield, Patrick Broadhead, Peter Kaye, Christopher Gilmore, Chris Asplin, Deborah Simms, Helen Marshall, Graham Gilbert to St. Cathbert's Swallet. The second sealed leader did not materialize, and so by special permission of the BCC Caving Secretary, O.C.L. took the entire party down. Progress was slow. We took 40 minutes to get down the entrance pitch. However, after looking at Curtain Chamber, we did a little round trip via Traverse Passage, Railway Tunnel, Haven Passage, Upper Traverse Chamber & round to Kanchenjunga again. Progress was slow. We took 40 minutes to climb the entrance pitch. Total time 3 hrs 40 minutes. A good trip.
O.C.L.

Sat 16 Oct 1965

C.J.L. & M.H.P.G. to LONGWOOD. AUGUST. Quick, wet, round trip 2 hrs. Some gobbos looked in. MHPG

Sun 17th Oct 1965

M.S. & G.N.G. to G.B. quick trip.

Sun 17th. NHPG, WJF, RLC, NSG(q) to GB on foot. Sandra enjoyed her first trip. NHPG.

CJL. Sun 17th. TRIP TO GB. WITH CHILDREN FROM PORTWAY SCHOOL. THEY ENJOYED IT, AND WISH TO GO AGAIN.

CJL. SUN 17TH RODS - READS, "LIKE PADDINGTON STATION"!!!

Sat 23rd. D.J., M. Jr. A to Gatchin - a very gentle rabbit & a good rest had by both.

Sat 23rd. CH, DS, NIS, CA, QR. Led by CJL. Desanded pat in Rods due to members not feeling too good after this, moved on to reads. Went down into Boulder Maze and \geq alley. Noted several ringed pitman Bats!! Good Trip.

SAT 23rd Oct

D.K.S., C.H., Pat! and G.S.W to Eastwater Upper Series. Having reached Halleluja Hole Pat decided he was too tired to continue, so he and C.H. retreated. D.K.S. and G.S.W. went on to have a Squeeze

Contest along previously unknown routes!
 A large round-trip was completed ending
 at the traverse. No-one was more
 surprised at the outcome of the exploits
 than the two explorers. Good 2 1/2 hrs
 fest!

JED.

22nd Oct.

P.A.S. A.R.M. M.H.P.G. H.D.D. et al → Longwood - August Road trip. cont.
 H.D.D.

C.S.L. Sun 23rd Oct.

Fester around Burrington small etc.
 had a scratch in D... bit
 gratty - =

Sat. 22nd Oct.

M.G.N. C.S.G. & P.K. went on a trip to Swildans 4.
 The ferry was passed without trouble & proceeded to
 down the cave, where we met a party returning from an
 abortive 4 attempt, swearing that the mud slump was
 impassable. Undaunted our party proceeded & found
 that there was, in fact 4" air space - quite sufficient.
 Swildans 4 was then reached and the party returned,
 a little weary. 6 hrs trip. pgn

Sun 24th. N.H.P.G. + Jim + Ray to Dundry Stone
 Pines.

Mon 25th. N.H.P.G., P.H., NOTT, J.M.H.E., J.A.B. to G.B.
 Found lots of Galena. Pleased to find that in

Bulls - what do
you do downwards ?!

immaculate condition!

No Thanks due
to him
←

M.H.P.G.

30.10.65 M.H.P.G., P.W.K., S.P.W., R.H.T., CHII to G.B. Cave full of Westex also
let off fireworks and caused a fug. Fright all the day, too. M.H.P.G.

30.10.65. M.G.N., S.T., C.P.L. & A.R.M. set off for Stole II. After
some grotting around in Stole I the way was found & a tour of
Stole II done. The party met up with O.C.L., C.M.A. & G.B.W. in
the bore chamber and some explored the Gobbos after a
heavy climb. The water had been diverted down the
cave & this made the cave very sporting.

31.10.65 W.J.F., R.M.I. Ray & 3 others to Longwood August. M.G.N.
Down August to bottom, back via Longwood. 3 1/4 hrs. R.C.

6.11.65. M.G.N., C.J.C., P.W.K., S.T., C.H₂, ~~D.H.F.~~ ^{J.A.B.}, J.R.W. paid a
visit to August Longwood. Entered via August Hole
down swing pitch to the end of August Steamway. The
upper part of the Steamway was visited before leaving via
Longwood. All were impressed, as it was 1st time for all.
M.G.N.

6.11.65 M.H.P.G. G.C.G. N.O.T.T. P.H.R. + M.E.T(♀) to Eastwater.
Didn't do Twin Vats as insufficient tackle in Hut. First
time down cave for last 4. Did Rift Chamber, Primrose
Path, Boulder Chamber & Baker's Chimney. N.O.T.T. succeeded
in getting stuck in the Traverse! Certain members didn't
appreciate the leader's fine cigar!

M.H.P.G.

6.11.65. M.A.S., C.J.P. H.D.D. to Langwood - August. Dawn August, streamway
does investigated Langwood streamway. Not very wet.
H.D.D.

6.11.65. P.A.S. & G.P.W. to BLACK HOLE via Mayday
Series - Enough said. (L.H.M.)

G.P.W.

6.11.65. 11.00 AM. Fireworks were enjoyed by six
generations of cunts. Effigies (not G. Faulkes) were
burnt. F.K.R.

17.11.65 C.J.H. & R.C.H. Pud's Pet & Grotcher C. returned
7.30 p.m.

~ 11.11.65. H.D.D. + 2 + G.M.K. to G.B. Two grotches much enjoyed it. K.T.D.

20.11.65 D.S., M.G.N., P.A.S.

Figure of Eight Round Trip - Swildons - 6 Round Trip
followed by Short round trip (Double Trouble) - 8 hrs.

20.11.65. It is disgusting that members, whether they
have done a figure of eight trip and
are half dead or not, should leave
their washing up undone when returning
late to the hut. THIS WILL ENCOURAGE NOT
ONLY RATS BUT FURY FROM E.K.T. AND THE
CATERING MANAGERESS!

O.K.S.

Heat Heat G.P.W. (Hot warden)

20.11.65 G.B. 7 for a semi tourist trip.
 T.H., CH, C.J.L., logs, Gordon (? Groll), Dieter, Eric, J.H.W.
 J.H.W.

21/11/65 G.B. 3 sub Sub/LC + self for tourist trip
 G.P.S.H.

21.11.65 D.S., P.A.S., P.W.K., C.J.G., CH₂, G.S.G., & G.B.W.
 to Eastwater - TRIMOSE POT - Good trip,
 enjoyed by all even P.W.K. who did a
 v. gd. job at top of squeeze which he
 couldn't get through! A hauling party
 of three four to bring out kit would speed
 up what took at 7 hrs. Some members
 were heard to swear about carbides!
 (Well?!)
 J.H.W.

keys in
 distinguished
 company!

C.S.G., A.R.H., CH₂, E.W., S.M.G., P.W.K. &
 Rods + Road's. Good trip doing 50' even in Rods
 and going on to Boulder chamber. Found a rump! Obvious
 needs the C.S.G. to open up Rod's 2. Had a good time
 in Boulder in Road's. Never lost once! Scryptics
 please note!

A/12/65 C.J.L., G.D., V.P., J.H. when I can go down
 roads and not meet some stupid
 U.B.S.S. NIT! who has been lost for days
 I shall rejoice!!! also Rods four but

- 5/12/65 gratty trip.
C.J.L. — G.D.S., C.H.L., J.H., V.P., G.B. very wet, most surprised good trip!!
Where the Hell is Green!!!? *@*
- 8/12/65 C.J.L. + A.T.C. MEMBERS TO G.B. GIVE MY LOVE TO MALCOLM, CHRIS.
- 12/12/65. C.J.G., P.W.K., A.R.M., R.B., CH₂
Eastwater Twin Verticals. A splendid fester. There was some difficulty concerning the 2nd vert. when C.J.G. did not know whether it was the 2nd vert. or not. He's still not very sure. A fast trip out. All went very smoothly. CH₂ wanted to do Baker's Chimney for a third time. Good Trip!
Three cheers for Green!
- 13/11/65 Suddons, Black Hole, O.C.L., A.R.M., C.A., P.W.K.
We took over 1hr. to reach bottom of 40' pit, owing to the popularity of this cave & the time taken by some 'caves' to ascend the pit. Since I was dived without any hitches, apart from the dropping of a ladder which was recovered by O.C.L. Black hole was passed without any losses, and the boulder choke at the end of Fools Paradise proved a suitable place to turn back. Return trip was chilly for those without neoprenes.
Green for President!

Sunday 12th December 1965 -

Chris Lloyd, Chris Aspin, Chris Gilmore, Peter Kaye
& Tim Pullan to Loxton Cave, followed by the
Axbridge Ochre Mole. Term "Celeritas ad Plummum".

Sat 11 Sun 12th Dec

I.T.S. DJS GBW ~~SP~~ Sweep catchment,
roof gutters. Removed Wind generator - broken
prop. Installed new batteries, log book shelf
I.T.S.

Here ends the notable year 1965

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1966

1st Day of January in this New Year 6.55 A.M.

Having not yet gone to bed!

FHN has just returned from a notable
trip to Goatchurch ably accompanied
by DJS, I.T.S. and G.B.W. He now sits
in front of the fire drying off - still
entertaining the assembled, now
awakened, company!

FHN says - "there was a notable
improvidency on the part of males - next

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time of members are to bring their own
bit of! - *John*

" A fine time was had by all.
I will write little pieces there ^u _{11.5}
wonder more next.

Signed

(applications to U.B.G.S.) *FH/VA*

Members Present:

E.K.T., M.H., B.A.C., O.C.L., T.J.H., I.S.S., D.J.S.,
F.K.H., D.S., M.S., G.N.G., G.P.S.H., D.K.S., F.H.N.,
C.H., G.B.W., T.A.S., C.J.G., P.M.C., H.H.J. J.N., A.N.
J.J.P.C. etc.

Notable Absences:

M.H.P.G. (Hon Sex) - Probably didn't know it was "on"!
M.G.N. (Hon Sex) - Best man at mate's wedding!!
H.D.D. - We bought some cider specially for her.
P.W.K. - It's definitely worth hitting down for
Pete.

all GA DKS DS POSSIBLE also to Gatchenok.
but earlier - —

In Future of members who light cigarettes
etc from the Gas Mantles + break
them will buy new ones
G.B. [H.W.]

11/1/66 R.L.C., WJF + latter to G.B.
R.L.C. toddler, having wet suits, savoured the
Toys of Devil's Elbow in samoflood conditions. Following
meeting in Gorge we toddled to the end where the wet
suited gentlemen dived into G.B. II!!!; visit ladder
Dig + loop on way back 2hr.

11/1/66 DN TSH PMC to Sidott + Goathead
Did not descend past Hell in Sidott
General fester to Coaker chamber of Goathead 1 1/2 hr.
11/1/66 KKB at Hut. but first took walk over
Blackdown + so home. cold!

January 15th 1966 - G.B.

PJJ took Mental Hospital party to G.B. In and out by dry way - to bottom of gorge, and ladder dig - 2 hours - food time had by all.

P.J.J.

Mike Jarret, Mike Statham and Jwyneth Green come down to Mendip for the weekend.

PJJ owes the Hut Levy 2/- . NOW PAID

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OS. 17th to ^{29th Jan} Swildons to do the short round trip. Only 2 Men below the 40' which was spouting. Trip took 3½ hrs + 700 gallons removed from 1st tunnel using cut doubles.

29th January

FHN, IJS, CHZ, EW to GB latter dig where good progress was made.

Finally we banged a load of solid calcite on (R) face of dig, also one stick in roof.
I.J.S.

5th February

CPL TAVB ASW AFW SMK Longwood Swallet and then Upper Supton's

* January 22nd 1966 - UB again

PJJ + 1 from Dental Hospital. Oslow, Boop, Rhumba valley.

Good time - 3½ down

P.J.J.

February 5th 1966 - UB yet again

Took rough copy of enlarged survey (Bickney et al, 1949-50) and tried to map out detail in mud Route + Devil's Galloway Route - rather disappointing ∵ paper got soaked. Also had a look at White Wg + Rhumba valley.

I found the ~~road~~ way from ↓ quite clearly white near art gallery

P.J.J.

Feb. 5th 1966

MGN, T.A. & CSG went to dig at Pivote chamber in Shutter zone, Swabbers. After moving a few boulders, the party returned to meet CH & party at shutter pit. CSG decided to go with them so T.A. & MGN returned. The party was quite sporting.

MGN

Feb 5th 1966

M.S. G.N.G. D. Standing - To G.B. to dig in ladder dig. Previous bung not ~~fully~~ exploded due to some ~~incompetence~~ ~~not~~ not known, luckily we were able to defonate the charge and retire

M.S.

Feb 5th.

HOD, PWR, CH to Swidons for roundtrip.
 Completed in 8 hrs. Met Pirate chamber party
 at Shaker and GBE joined the party for rest
 of trip. Troubles were high. Streamway high and
 some difficulties were experience on soft part.
 SWETCCC member ahead fell 20ft down soft
 and was shaken. Some trouble involved in
 hauling him up (in competent lifelining cause
 of this fall) One of our party had some difficulty
 but does overcome. Fourty is very much
 more difficult now ~~than~~ when water is
 high - Enjoyable but shattering trip.
 CH

2nd Jan

OC, L, PAS, CJG, CH to Swidons' 6 Ma
 rump 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 + back. Superb Trip. 3 hrs.

CJG

Feb 6th

GRT, ISS, DJS, TKA, GNG, MS, CH, GRW
 - that with - Cleared vast amount of earth
 from behind kitchen. Also installed anti-
 frost devices - water pipes - Good
 days work

GRW.

February 12th 1966 - GB Dig

PJJ + CH₂ to father dig. There was a lake of water 5 feet long and 1 foot deep nearby and steady trickle of water from roof, filling a bucket up in less than 10 minutes.

afterwards we had some time and energy left and had a look at Road's prospects - not very inspiring -

discovered July 29th 1923

PJJ

the entrance to Lyning's farm tunnel is still blocked.

discovered August 6th 1923

PJJ

13th Feb 66

Rescue Practice in GB Cave Chantehouse -
upon Mendip. Members: JJS, ARM,
MBN, KRS, FHW, MG, CH, DKS. (body)! Phil Jarvis
acted as medical warden consultant.

Dep't for GB 11:00 (10:0 announced time)
arrived top of ladder dig ladder at 12:00 noon.
Tied up body in sheet. 15 mins.

lowered down pitched carried body
up gorge manhauled up 40ft with
difficulties. Stopped near bridge for resting
10 mins. out by 2:10 pm. Total time
2 hrs. 10 mins. Via dry way.

Three members of ~~the~~ four members
who signed up for participating in
practice failed to turn up. None

opened Very satisfactory explanations
 This makes organization difficult and
 when this involves arrangements with non-
 members it does not reflect well on the Society
 Most members also showed up Very late
 Phil Davies managed to be on time

Resume reports: very simple and easy
 we could have done with one or two more
 men for smoother operation. — CH.

"BODY'S REPORT"

"Manned" is the operative word. DKS. ?
 — a female present might be an advantage!

GB should not present any serious
 difficulties for rescue.

CH

Feb 5 (Buckata) OCL CH₂

last water visited - signs replaced, line relaid. CH₂

Feb 12 Swildons OCL CH₂

Fester around just as pleasant mornings introduction to
 Swildons for CH₂. 40 ft very wet. CH₂

~~19/2/66~~ 19/2/66 Swildons

Went to Swildons 1 - accompanying CG & Park. to Sump one
went on to sump 2 - without mishap. Interesting and sporting
trip while the water rose.

Outcamps with a snow while walking back.

19/2/66

P.W.R. & C.S.G., visited Swildons 3, accompanied to Swildons 2 by A.R.M.
& P.O.M. On return to Swildons 2 (after a 'round trip' in Swildons 3
by C.S.G.) we failed to find Approach passage to Black Hole, and had
to resort to using the usual approach. When we came to junction with Masday
series, it looked so inviting we decided to explore it instead of B.H.
On return we accompanied Wences party from Sump 1, as we had a bit of light trouble.
Great confusion on 40'. (7 hrs.) Walked back to Hut (2 hrs.).

P.S. - if anyone finds a suitable lamp in Masday series, please return to
P.W.R.

20th Feb 66

Rescue practice - originally intended
for 40' but because of lack of keys
had to be in Road. P.O. Personnel.
P.W.R. C.S.G. C.H. D.K.S. H.D.D. (body) P.C.H. C.H.
from bottom of - Pitch to start of fight
with entrance Series; We were again
short of man power for hauling the
body had a rough ride in one or two

places and would have been easier handled
by more men. The people who fail
to train up for rescue practice make
things very difficult -

off

Is it not absurd that a fowl should
take precedence over the body?
Should not a rescue, if it is going to
be done at all, be taken to its
logical conclusion? Signed deprived
member.

22nd Feb 66

M.S. + Dave Jackson (St Paul's College)
descended Rod's Pot, Read's
Cavern and Goatchurch. All
went well except P.J. fell 15'
after his first 30 seconds of
caring and bruised his back. He
continued however and overcame
his ineptness.

M.S.

February 26th 1966 — 4B Dig

Scatter round 4B. Looked at ladder dig to investigate the effects of the bang 2 weeks ago. Dig done for about one hour, but by myself, and then retined.

The cave was quite wet after a week of fairly heavy rain. Both lower sand dig and bottom dig sumped near entrance.

P.J.J.

By myself in hut overnight — what has happened to other members? are they all out — return by now? NO JUST P.J.J

HATERS. ITS THE SMELL YOU KNOW.

P.J.J.

Feb 26/27

Cement work at back of hut.

Feb 27 R.H. + H.M.J. at Picken's Hole

See special log. R.H.

March 5th C.J.G. + Dick Wink to Rado + Rado. (Had a look at Drunkards). Lost for considerable time in Boulders of Rado en route for stream way. Pleasant change from Swildons. Dick enjoyed his first trip.

C.J.G.

Might I also add that the "rescue" did achieve its end as far as I was concerned + I learnt a great deal about rescue techniques, I don't see that getting the body to the surface is the ultimate aim of a practice

C.J.G.

PJJ, TJH, PJC came Friday evening.

March 5th - 4B SWETC(CC)

PJJ escorted five members of South-West Essex Technical College
having blue (including one lady*) down 4B. In wet way, out dry,
cooled at Gorge. explored every known passage, in about 5 1/2 hours. very
fine trip

P.J.J.

March 5th

PJC TJH to Swildons for PJC to test new neoprene.
The 40' was impossible from usual position so we
decided to try Suicide leap. The water ^{fall} was
extremely heavy for the bottom part of the ladder.
Having then no ladder for the 20', we could
proceed no further + withdrew.

↓

March 5th Using a three hole template three 1/2" holes
were drilled near the top of Rock of Ages. The spacing
was measured as 7", 7", 6.75". Progress?

F.K.H.

WE March 5-6 - ³/₄ members of SWETC stayed at hut. They seem quite
a nice bunch.

* Party included Miss Judith Barker, a very fine specimen of virginity -
- but alas! How long for? TILL YOU GET AT HER, JOHNSON

P.J.J.

WE March 12th - 13th 1966

PJT arrived Friday night. Some VOB's (Very Odd Bods) were camping near Red's Post.

On Saturday morning had a quick footchuck on a conscience - satisfying trip. On emerging I was amused by the antics of a party of jobs + Weegies about to go down.

pgg

March 12th

MGN, T.A, PAS & SJL to Navert Farm to continue laying pipes - almost finished now as there is only a 4' gap separating the two ends - needs as large as the rip in T.A's jeans.

mgn.

In evening, all adjourned to Bliff Hotel at Bledar, for annual dinner, but it nearly was derailed in disaster. MGN drove van for the quickly down the track, and overturned on to its left side at 90° end at bottom. Miller driver not passengers (T.A, PAS, + MGN's 2 friends) were safe; a few minor dents in van. Everyone concerned was probably VERY lucky to escape without injury. Van put on its wheels again (with an help of M4, CJE and PJT) and proceeded to Bledar.

13/3/66 sidcor Swallet Dinner?

~~Reds~~ PA MRO Rescue callout 3.00am
Ex - epfricate! bod. from Joral chamber.
TJS,

13/5/66 New dry lower now completed.

19/3/66 R.W. Tudway with A.J.C. Tudway and J.H. Barrett descended Swildons for a beginners trip, but found the 40' a little excessive. We returned forthwith.

25th

G.B.W. + Party of Scouts from Brighton down Rods - To final chamber + the pot + oven. "A good time was had by all"

J.G.W.

19th March

Discovery of North West Aven, Swildons

P.W.K., C.J.C., P.A.S. to North West Passage. A small ledge above the 23ft pitch on the left hand wall was traversed and entry gained to a small chamber. This led to a 20' aven followed almost immediately by a 30' aven with a small ledge at the top. A further 20' of aven led to a small ~~be~~ impenetrable bedding place. Retreat was effected by abseiling of a doubtfully safe piton and the rope was left in place for the following weekend.

25th March

P.W.K., P.A.S. - Further visit to North West Aven, to remove tackle and do survey 7km.

13-3-66

Sandford Levy

MH, CH, DKS + PJJ set off to find the old lead mines
 well said to be open at Shipham, but were disappointed and met
 on Sandford By. Initial. Faced with terror at the GOLF,
 well as to get deep

PJJ

26/3/66

Goatchurch Cavern

B.L.M.C. and RB (visitor) to Goatchurch
 for practice session. Show drainage back
 B.L.M.C.

26/3/66

Hut Offensive

Many valuable articles were thrown
 out in this campaign, including
 survey data.

TJH, PMC, MS, GNG all out attack
 on the multitude of fester in the
 Hut. Many old bottles, cans & other
 useless articles were disposed of.
 A grand purge was also carried
 out on the kitchen, but when
 we returned from the Plum
 we found dirty pans, crockery &
 cutlery lying about. This is
 not good enough, I have inspectors
 who thought for the effort report
 in by others.

GNG

26/3/66

MGN, PWT, PAP & SCL to Manor Farm for a big digging offensive. Was started at 1 pm and finished when dark at 27.30. Altogether some 130 buckets. A depth of about 54' has now been reached, some 2-3 ft below the previous deepest reached. The pipe was finished ^{also} off. MGN

2nd April 66

G.B. - E.K.T & D.S. to ladder dig, to examine for prospects. Things seem moderately bright & a bang in the roof is planned for the near future. DS

3rd April 66

MGN, IJS, DS to Manor Farm. - pool in bottom - difficult to dig. Hut maintained also.

9/4/66

EKT, IJS, NW, Brian to G.B. - inspect bang of Tuesday last (EKT & DS) little effect. Removed 50 buckets. IJS

10/4/66 E.K.T. Brian Mills and N.S.W. to G.B. Ladder Dig. Removed 45 buckets. The passage is now being deepened

to provide adequate working space. It is essential that this is continued to the end before further progress is attempted. A 2 ft vertical working face should be maintained until the end is reached.

N.J.W.

9/4/66 JSS accompanied W. Stanton, H. Kenney to Read's Cavern, surveyed. Z alley stream in waterfall chamber was noticed to double + in volume, velocity in the course of 2-3 seconds.

JSS.

10-4-66 JHC examined reference marks at Wootkey and found them inadequate for the job.

11-4-66 JHC + EKT to Pickens, levelled to cross on Roof (? latent or reference point B). Hut abandoned B.P.M. ally washed up & in good order. JHC.

17/4/66 B.L.M.C. & DRB (guest) to G.B. Much water, due to thaw of recent snow but all water getting away through cave bottom. (Full to 15 ft beyond staker). Ladder dig full of water to level of rill of latent left hand turn. Removed a couple of cuts of rock from bed of pool and from face straight

ahead. Fill is now extremely loose and dig looks very promising.

B.L.M.C.

It is interesting to note that pool does NOT fill up beyond a certain level. Where does water go? M

17/4/66, 18/4/66

quarters. Repairing damage done by F.H.W. on 1/1/66

fitting wire reinforced glass to windows.

Sawed through bolt for gas heater put door. This can now be opened but cannot be locked.

Hut warden shld. buy new lock. M

April 23rd 1966 - P.G. only person at hut

April 25 1966. Did 3 hrs work on water supply, roof leaks & coated wall behind hut with waterproof layer.

April 24 1966. Completed water works.

Visited Read's outside. V. large stream.

E. Swallow full up & overflowing down prehistoric entrance way! M & blackbird has its nest in the "Cave to" at back of hut M

23/4/66

G.B. Cave.

Party of 6 digging in ladder dig.
Pool larger than usual, v. wet work.
Also started lowering access route from
Helicite chamber to make spoil easier
bringing back spoil from face.

In all 60 buckets \pm 10 from face
and 30 buckets from access. route
EMJ

27/4/66

Put down weed killer at appropriate places
Fine sunny day.

Approached by group of yobs calling
themselves "Carecenter Caring Club", could
they change at hut? Answer No. This
is not a public changing place.

Poor dears - fancy having to change
in open in the sun!!!

30/4/66

Visited G.B. ladder dig. Some water
- pool but most had run away.

Party also dug at Manor Farm. Good
progress made. EMJ

30/4/66

MEN, ISS + 14 Gradyers Cl. G.B.
also + EIG CIG TA PAS Manor Farm 140 buckets

15/66. 6 to Picken's Hole. Cleaned up face
 & photographed. Started digging in
 DE/06, 26. Various teeth found.
 JH

30. 4. 66

DKS, CH & J.G.T. [quest] Eastwater Round Trip.
 2 1/2 hours, could have been 1 1/2 if
 lights and their owners had been more
 efficient. DKS

7/5/68

EKT, BLMC & quest to G.B. following
 a bang in ladder leg by prior party. Within
 20 min smoke was back to 1st deck under
 argonite roof. 1/2 hour later smoke was
 billowing out of ladder leg and filling
 bottom of main gorge.

B.L.M.C.

8/5/66 M.G. & JH to Ladder Dig, G.B.
 Mudd water everywhere. No fumes at all in
 whole passage. End quite clear. Considerable
 masses of stal. roof down. Can look up 5 ft
 above stal. between boulders into blackness.
 Steady air current up through. Pool a mushy
 hollow. Looks good. JH

12 May

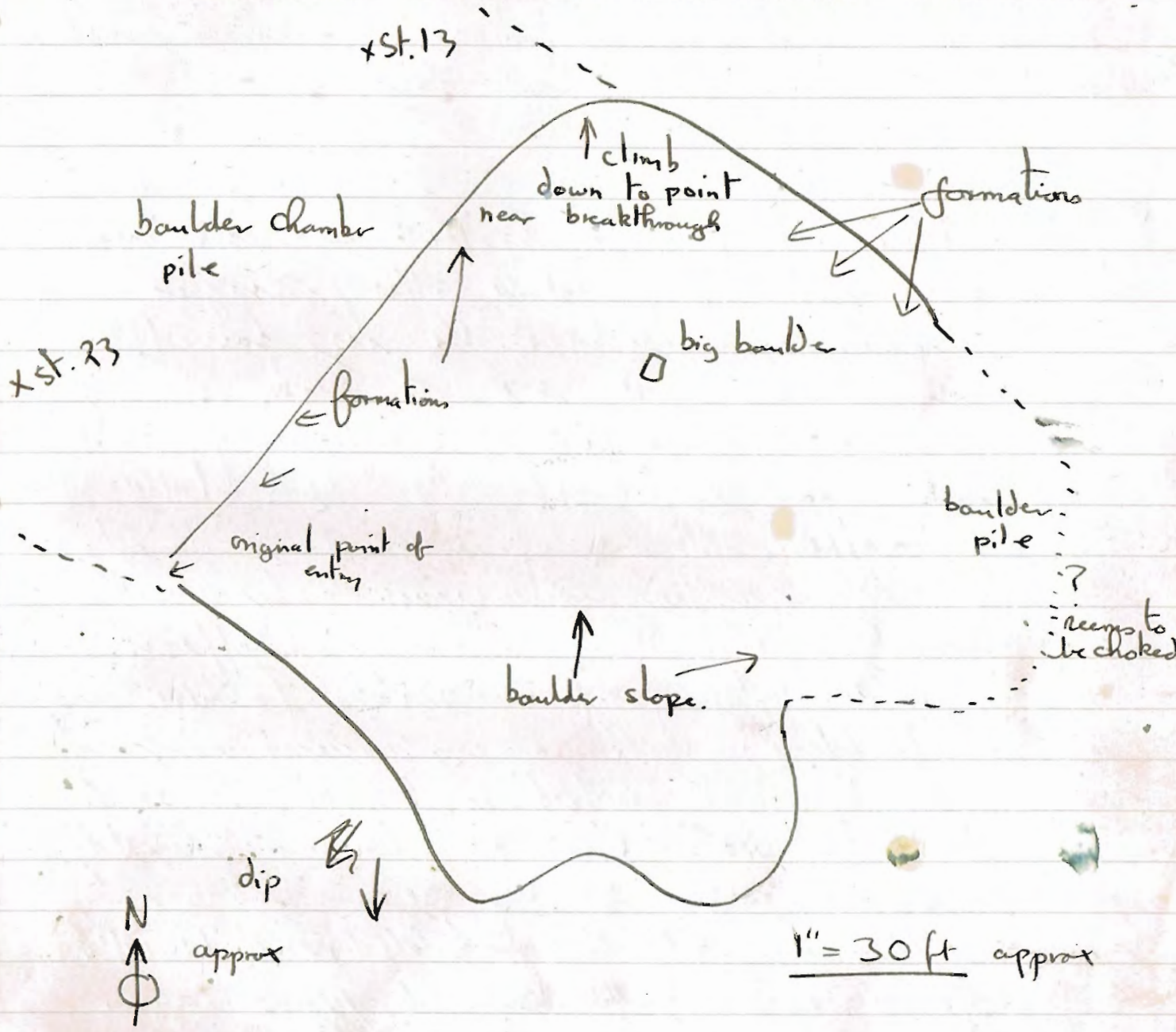
MGN PAS. GBW CH IJS DS
to New Ladder Dig Extensions (also written
up in Speleo Rooms. Log books)
DS PAS GBW MGN climbed circa
100' up boulders to find a chamber.
Also descended between 20-40' in Region
of breakthrough. The choke is very
large, we can confidently say it
was the right decision to abandon bottom
dig. Survey, photos, etc.
N. bats found IJS.
↓ dead. skulls collected.

Sat 14th May GB

E.K.T. E.V.G. PAS. CTG. O.C.L. DS to Ladder Dig Series. E.K.T.
visited, O.C.L. laid tapes, E.V.G. PAS CTG DS dug & surveyed.
After a bit of digging at end of bat passage and in floor of boulder chamber
PAS & DS surveyed up boulder pile into chamber found on Wednesday. Then
predicting more passage they went up another 20ft through boulders & P.A.S.
emerged into yet another chamber of enormous dimensions (see opp. page).
After much exploring found another way back into boulder chambers
near original breakthrough point. Boulders on Eastern side of Great
Chamber explored for 40-80ft but tended to close down. DS & P.A.S.
then surveyed the new chamber - It is bigger than Main Chamber
large in plan but not higher, being 40ft at max. Many large
& beautiful formations.

The 'Great Chamber'

Provisional sketch based on accurate measurements



C.S.G + O.C.L entered new passage in roof at end.
 100 ft of finely decorated passage with gourd foots
 ending in two descending rifts which C.S.G thinks

will be passable after a bang - this passage not surveyed but projects beyond previous end. Eof + (14) dug in lowest terminal passage but were not convinced that this is the best way on. Eof.

15/5/66

The foregoing is excellent and exciting reading. There must be other passages coming in to produce the size found.

Near the downstream end a number of phreatic features are visible. They should be carefully photographed. All are up in roof so do not preclude further extensions. Schematically lowest passage at downstream end appears to be developed from a vertical feature (c.f. (14)) with a continuing original roof passage which is, I think, the one to be tackled rather than the lower muddy one.

There is still the postulated east (Read's Grotto) series to be found. MM

15/5/66

3 to Picken's Hole. See special log. MM

Sunday 16/5/66

MCW, STL, RC, ST. went to Manor Farm. 5 hrs spent digging - 120 buckets from just below entrance to relieve strain on corrugated iron showing 246 buckets from bottom. The previous depth record must have been passed, as there are many rocks in the fill, this being the first time that rocks have had to be dug out this year.

MCW

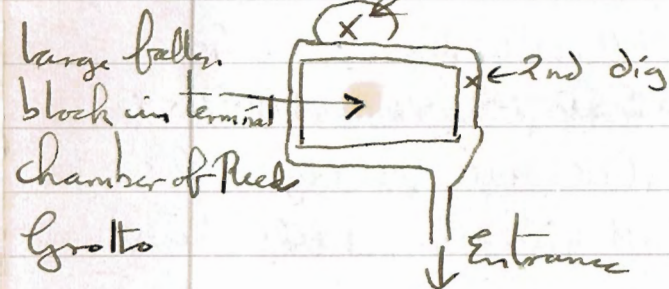
Dillon, FMN, CH, ERL, DS. to G.B. Norfolk.

Photographic & gauging trip. Slight modification of route up - to large upper chamber found (- go up as soon as possible after leaving ~~last~~ breakthrough pt - i.e. in site of large round stone like boulders) - route is stable & cemented. This seems to be very near route desc. above by P.A.S. ~~7/6/66~~

Saturday May 21st

M. G.N., DS. to Manor Farm & Reed's Grotto. Just a poke in the former, & then a concerted effort to find some rat of way on in the latter. A small hole amongst loose boulders was found at the end of the terminal chamber, and after using a sledge-hammer enough boulders were shifted to permit entry into a small chamber floored with small easily removable boulders. There seems a strong possibility of a way on here but digging would be hazardous because of very unstable boulders. Another place was attacked with the sledge-hammer

and several large boulders shifted to reveal the
 beginnings of a way on beneath a wall of the
 terminal chamber. Further work needed, possibly lang.
 small boulder chamber



DS,

21.5.66. FKH + 2 to GR. FKH
 Also installed wind gannets
 unit, we hope satisfactory.

21/5/66. KJ + D.M.M.T. to Picken's Hole.
 See special log. KJ

Wed 25/5/66

NGN 955L went to G.B. to investigate possibility of
 digging at Bottom ^{of floor} of Bat passage. There is no
 easy way on, but digging may get through the chide
 in the floor. About an hour was spent digging
 which was just moving boulders. The sledge was
 left down there. Unfortunately the white flow formation at
 the end of Bat passage (the one looking like cows'
 chadders) has been badly decorated as a result.

of P.A.S.'s bang last week, and is correct in mind.
 Recommended that next party take down some
 sponges, bottles of water, as there is none to be
 found nearby with which to clean it. MGN.

WRITTEN
 24-5-66

Saturday 28th June — SCIENCE FICTION ??

MGN, S.T., PHBP, PAS went on a general digging
 tow of Read's Grotto and O.B. Boulder were removed
 by a little chemical persuasion and one can see
 into a rift for some 10 ft. The rift is large enough to take
 someone & seems to be away from the boulder rubble. Another
 charge will be needed before this rift can be entered, and
 this had better wait until a) we get more gels and b)
 negotiating we started with C.C.C. and B.W.D.

Party then went on to O.B. armed with Spongy bottles
 and spent some hours washing the mud from the
 formations deposited by P.A.S.'s bang last weekend.

Work was confined to the dig at the in the floor of bat
 passage and many tons of boulder removed. Depth of
 ~ 10-15 ft. reached, but hole still goes down.

Total trip of ~ 7 hrs.

P.S. Squeeze tonight after 8 ft of Read's Grotto
 was widened & investigated, but all passages leading
 for this are choked. MGN

28-5-66

29-5-66

MHC, MS, NJW, TJA to G.B. to view the new extension. We examined Bat Passage and the Great Chamber and were most impressed. The trip took $4\frac{1}{2}$ hrs. NJW + MS visited Reeds Grotto afterwards & were not amused.

TJA

MGN, MS, NJW, TJS To Manor Farm to dig. 60 Buckets only moved & a couple of boulders. Inspected MCG's dig at Blackmore Swallet to glean information as to possible mechanism.

MGN.

MGN and P.A.S. went to dig at bottom of C.B. in the upper level continuation of Bat passage, by Plaster gel. was used in the terminal rift but films were too great for immediate observation. Inlet passage after first squeeze in passage was followed for some 70 ft but great care being taken to avoid damage to formation. Passage was photostereoped. This passage has been explored to its full extent and until a full photographic record is taken none should go there. Also looked in at Reeds Grotto, bottom looks promising after a treatment similar to C.B.

MGN.

Wed. 8th June.

MGN, ISS, PWR & (2) dug at Manor Farm - just over 60 Buckets removed. Shoring is now urgently needed. MGN.

Thurs 9th June.

~~D. J. R. W.~~ PHR. JAB. APB. J. R. W.,
NOTT. Swildone. down to ~~the~~
Jump 3. Nice trip.

The UBSS are delighted to hear of your trip and would be grateful to know who you are.

June 10th MGN & RC went to Manor Farm to shore up the particularly unstable walls at the bottom. A reasonable job was done with the team (courtesy of Chen left). CSC arrived later and hauled up 16 buckets solo. MGN.

June 11th. SSL, MGN, RC, DS, & FKH got to MF around 11am. DS & RC started digging and after around 25 buckets, ISS & DSS arrived to help a top. RC was relieved by MGN while DS continued digging away at the walls at the base of the dig. The drought was reversed after around 75 buckets had been dug. In 100, MGN & ISS took over digging, and after 2 1/2 MGN

broke through the floor to the head of a steeply descending
boulder slope in a stream passage. The stone dropped
around 15-20 ft before falling out to a 30° sloped floor
heading directly down valley. After ~60 ft however the
roof meets the boulder floor and the way on is temporarily
blocked. A tight stream passage where the stream is now
flowing is also partially blocked, but digging should soon
surpass these transient obstacles, we hope! The 60 ft of
cave is ~~around~~ ^a left wide streamway, so the prospects for
the rest of the cave look very good.

FKH told the Farmer who immediately brought out a
bottle of good old British sherry and everyone had a
drink while the Farmer used up his cine film on us!

The stability of the section dug below the last section
of sherris (put in on June 10th) is approaching zero, and
a rather sophisticated system of sherris is obviously required
to raise the stability of this section to an acceptable limit.

Summary: Manor Farm now V.D.P., ~80-90 ft deep
& 60-70 ft long.

12/6/66

MGN et al.

MGN, CTG, FKH, R.L.C, ~~DS~~, S.T, to Manor
Farm to push the boulder choke and do some shoring
on the more unstable parts of entrance. No ~~water~~
immediate way through the choke could be found and
while a party of four moved ~~the~~ boulders, R.L.C & FKH
started shoring. Progress was slow. There is a high

level ~~at~~ passage in a rift above the main passage partially blocked by calcified boulders. A way on can be seen but the entrance is too tight, a small charge could cure this possibly giving a new entrance.

After a couple of hours the calm voice of F.K. H warned 'Gentlemen, would you mind coming up please' to which D.K. S replied 'Not b - ~~is~~ likely!'. A fall of boulders from the opening of the new section had the party up & out in less than 30 sec! (Green D.K.) The whole of this section is very unstable & large boulders are falling from the passage. Either concreting is required or the rift may provide a new entrance
C.T.G. et. al.

Mon 13/6/66

After a cloud burst had drenched Mendips, MGN, RLC, CH, CSD popped over to Manor Farm with the intention of blasting the upper passage in the cave. However, when the ~~the~~ hole had been partially blocked by a boulder and some rocks, so the water was diverted down the shaft and MGN, CSD etc. went off to C.B. Many an hour was spent trying to find a way through the boulders to the S.E. side, and in trying to descend from Great Chamber into the chole. After a few loops and abative descents into all the obvious openings and a few of the less obvious holes, we had a look at ~~the passage~~ and returned, taking 3 buckets, pick, spade &

walked out as a sort of handicap! Manor Farm ~~had~~ water had ~~not~~ loused a lot on the way back, so MGN & CSA went down again to have a look. The connection with the cave was still open although diminished in size. The stream doing a lot of comparative work with the water snails stuff away. However CSA's return from the bottom caused a rather major collapse of walls, including about huge boulders at the bottom of the shaft.

Manor Farm is now still in a very dangerous and unstable state and it is difficult to know what to do with it (no suggestions please!!). Alternative to new shaft is to widen existing shaft below the pipe so that no undercutting is necessary.

Looked up old plans with CSA ~~plans~~ ^{Bartlett} on the old Journal (bar cleared first)!

13/6/66

MGN

1 large mouse caught in "The Nipper" using cheese as bait. Bacon is not appreciated but cheese seems too tempting! Buried in true regal style

CSJ

Tuesday 14/6/66

MGN and PRC decided Manor Farm was blown up a 3-ton double that had slipped. Since yesterday, however much falling boulders had collapsed and the old shaft was beginning to fold up and collapse.

As an alternative to starting afresh from below the shaft and still to feed with the problem of supporting

Re pipe, we started a new shaft down the valley where we estimated it to be directly above the upper passage we could see into from the cave. Foner gave his approval.

Wed. 15/6/66.

Ken, CG, RCG & CH₂ continued work on the new shaft. A swinging boom was erected in conjunction with the winch & wire rope. Bedrock has already been reached (-5ft) and the stick of gels will now have to take over from the pick & shovel. CG spent a few hours digging out the rift just below the pipe in the rock wall, only found his efforts rewarded with solid rock on all sides. Fence post holes were also dug.

Ken.

Thurs. 16/6/66.

Same 4 as above waited in vain for the help Kent was promised on the Speleo netboard (ISS, DS, ~~DPD~~ & DPD) and went off to M.Fm. Started the day off with an 8oz charge and cracked the jammer's windows! With another 4oz & 2oz charge about 18" was dug out. EKT came along and helped in the afternoon.

It is rather a coincidence that when the smell of 'breadthorng' was around last weekend, ~~some~~ a number of people indicated their ~~desire~~ intention of coming out

during the week. However, now that the word has got around that a new shaft is being dug, these people are notably absent - no doubt we'll see them when we're down 45 ft.

Fri 17/6/66.

Used up a further 10 oz of bang and got down only 6" - 1". Progress is slow against solid rock and stop drilling a hole take over an hour. However MGN, CH₂ & CSC carried on, still waiting in vain for some measure of support from others.

MGN

Additional Note

CSC is remarkable for many things however members are particularly concerned at his attachment for the "Ivy Boxer". He has meditated on the "throne of contemplation" 3 or 4 times per day for the last week. CH₂ MGN

I Deny This CJG

Sat 18/6/66

Whilst MGN, CH₂ & D.S. dug at Manor Farm, CJG did a hut painting, solo marathon before running out of paint. PJJ arrived and gave much needed advice on colour schemes and painting technique, and left soon after complaining about the mess in the hut. A further tin of gloss enamel and another 1lb of water paint still require

CJG

Sun 19/6/66 MGN, CH₂, CTG to
 Swildon's VI to investigate inlet passage
 (See Spades Room log for May '66) The boulder
 blocking passage was blasted out to give a low
 passage which closed on after 20'. A way on
 can be seen but a considerable amount of
 work is required. The passage runs parallel to
 the streamway towards VI. 5 hrs.

CTG

~~Sat 18/6/66~~

Sat 18/6/66

MGN, CH₂ & D.S. later on, dug about another 15" of the new
 shaft. It is now 9' 6" at lowest point.

Look before you poke your mitts into dark crannies around
 the hut - D.S. didn't and was caught in ~~the~~ the new
 rat-trap. No lasting damage but considerable vocal discharge D.S.

Sunday 19/6/66

I.J.S. and D.S. to G.B. to complete the survey of the
 terminal roof passage at the end of Bat Passage. Found to be
 170 ft long from entry point. Explored several several small holes and
 discovered about 50 ft passage including a rift ~ 15 ft deep. I.J.S.
 squeezed through hole at end of rift off-bottom end of Bat Passage
 - as D.K.S. did a few weeks ago & saw that way continues
 beyond impassable opening. Poked around in several other
 places too

D.S.

? Read's Grotto or Read's Lavern

Sunday 19/6/66

I.J.S. Dr. to Reads. Let off one stick P.A. at end of New Ext. DS.

Wednesday 22/6/66

Visited hut. Rewashed top on bearing

Wednesday 22/6/66

MGN & DS to Reads again. no great progress, so on to Manor Farm. Two inefficient chaps let off and depth now 16'. Started to put ⁱⁿ some concrete foundations for breeze blocks when they arrive, MGN

Thurs 23/6/66

Arrived at hut today with intention of digging, painting etc. only to find it deserted. Where is everyone? P.W.R.

Friday 24/6/66

MGN came out to join PWR and went over to M. Farm to erect a fence round the dig. Concrete fence posts of the Farmers were carried down to the dig and cemented in the appropriate holes. A little digging was done - to widen the shaft to take breeze blocks. The blocks have now arrived. MGN

Fri 24/6/66

Heard but found last night - have baked 'The Wipper' with ORNISH BLUE CHEESE. P.W.R.

Sunday June 26th 1966

Picken's Hole. See special log. The entrance when cave ^{was} used by hyenas was at least 4' wide and 2' 6" high. Teeth & bones found. P.W.R.

Sun June 26th

O.S., M.G., P.W.R. to Manor Farm to move breeze-blocks from farmer's drive. P.W.R.

Mon June 27th

M.J.H., R.T.P. & J.W. left for Guildon at 2:00 & returned 4:00 hrs. Tues, having visited Guildon & P.W.R.

Tues June 28th

E.H.T. & P.W.R. took sand (4 bags) & cement (1 bag) to Manor Farm. P.W.R.

Wed June 29th

E.H.T., I.J.S. & P.W.R. to Picken's Hole. No bones found. Interior of hole explored - very musty. P.W.R.

Wed 29/6 - Nipper claimed its 2nd victim (Ratus)
(Rattus, rattus)

Thurs 30/6 Color gas refill (1 cylinder)

Sat. 2/7/66 Picken's Hole. See special
log. ~~off~~

2/7/66. P.M.C. T.H. + 8 to Longwood. Mammal
animal - 1 of water descending through Longwood

3/7/66. P.M.C. T.H. + 8 to Upper Swallow.
Hordes of persons.

Sun. 3/7/66 (1) Picken's Hole. 1 very fine
mandible hyaena. see special log ~~off~~

Sat. July 9th

Did some reorganisation in tool
shed. P.J.J. left his washing up for me.
~~As contrast I've left mine to ~~off~~~~

He certainly did not. He returned in the evening and did all
of washing up on Sunday morning. *

July 9th = work from Aut → Blackdown → Tynning's →
Shipham → Brook's Peak → Winscombe → Winscomb Hill →
Wavering Down → Brook Village, and back, in only six hours.
(2.30 pm - 8.30.)

P J J

* May 9 suggest that Mr President verifies the accuracy of his statements before he makes such slanderous remarks?

1st July 10 1966

EBT to Picken's Hole. See special log.

Wed July 14 - Nipper claimed 3rd & 4th victims simultaneously!

Saturday, July 16th 1966 - GB

PJT down GB, on a quick trip, mainly for relaxation. Had a peep into new extension. On returning, met a very large party from the MNRC.

Pgg

PJT, on arriving at the hut, found the GB keys (both of the entrance blockhouse and new extension) just lying on a ledge! Who was the irresponsible member who left them there? Am taking them back to Bristol "for safe keeping", while other members are all in Ireland.

22/7/66 RLC & RSM (MUSS.) to Swildons III. First time through sump II for both, RSM. ~~first~~ through.

RLC

Wednesday afternoon - July 27th = Pgg + 7 friends down GB.

Pgg

6/8/65. Visited hut to do some chores outside
 Rained hard. Nothing done.

6/8/66. H.D.D. + C.T.P. to a fest~~ed~~ in Rod's
 in spite of the rain. Must congratulate those
 concerned for the renovation of the hut.
 Appreciated the bag paper in the kitchen.

PLEASE! MEMBERS MUST NOT DEFECCATE IN
 THE KITCHEN. H.D.D.

7/8/66. H.D.D. + C.T.P. to G.B. on a rather
 muddy tourist trip. Water quite high.
 A thoroughly enjoyable W/E in spite of
 two jobs* who arrived looking for 'Tim'
 (who never materialised) + with the intention
 of using the hut as a base from which
 to make forays to 'the Plume'. When
 asked to fix hut being had some
 difficulty in understanding what it was!
 H.D.D.

* ex-Wessex!

7/8/66. Visited Picken's + did some
 marking out + digging off

8/8/66. Party of 3 to Swildons, just below
 40 ft. Returned after 3hr trip 5 pm.

13/8/66 Reads Grotto

Had a look at effect of last bang (22/6/66) & after a bit of gardening let off 1 lb of plate gelatine in 2 charges. A bit wet.

~~2~~

21/8/66 Sunday Pickens Hole D.V. M.N. E.K.T.

Broke up slab in floor 6 ft inside cave arch & found that "Bear" layer continues under it. * = equivalent of layer (5) of Trial Trench.

Commenced widening entrance, to get more light, on left east. Smooth rock, ? smoothed by animals appearing. Layer above contains remainder - see special log. *W*

27-8-66 Trout & Crick to Pickens, 3 hours extracting two teeth.

27 8 66.

D.S. MGN & RHEP use of Manu Fern all day with intermittent visits from Trout & Crick & D. Houston. The 'Kango' tool drill proved a great help and drilled 4" x 10" hole in wood $\frac{1}{4}$ hr. All in all 5 bangs went off with an increase of 2-3-4 ft in depth.

MGN

28.8.66 Trent Creek RK & SS to Pickens deepening face at
inside cave mouth for possible drawing. No finds
here, but RK & SS found Bear teeth & Pelvis in old West face.
Creek purchased new Carver cylinder.

28.8.66. 4 bags of around 12oz each let off.
Depth now ~20 ft. NGN, DS, RHBP, N.W. & EHT
dug out lines.

3/9/66 } D.N., M.N., M1, Trial holes at Hyacina
4/9/66 } Den Wooky Hole. Both abortive.
See special log. M1

September 10th 1966 — Walk to Bleadon

PJT set out from Ault at 10.30 a.m. and walked to the top of
Bleadon Hill (near Weston Super Mare!), via Ault → Blackdown → Tynning's →
Shepham → Fry's Hill → Winscombe → Winscombe Hall → Wavering Down →
Brook's Peak → Willingham → Foxton → Bleadon → Bleadon Hill; back via
same route. Returned to Ault at 7.00. The whole walk took only 8½ hours!!

Pretty good going, Johnson!

It is amazing that even in this heavily populated part of the
world, one can walk close on 20 miles and hardly see a living soul.

One does not even have to say endure the obnoxious motor-car, except
when crossing the A38 at Winscombe.

It is a marvellous way of seeing the countryside, or as
one gentleman remarked —

Too tired to go to Plume in evening 199

Sept 10th 1966

E.K.T.

M.G.N. D.S. S.J.L., F.H.M. R.J.G. & P.L.G. to Manor Farm. Cleared away rubble from Fri night's bang (M.G.N. & ch) and had 4 more bangs fired ~ 7pm. We got down 4 1/2 ft but the passage is getting small - 105 buckets.

Sept 11th

M.G.N. D.S. E.K.T. R.L.C. M.Fern again. Widened out shaft and got down another 2 ft. Using a much bigger bucket we got ~ 60 out. Hole is now a 3" open rift extending across the valley and a continuous draught.

New fence and gate also put up and most of the spoil was spread as a path. Hole for runbolt was drilled as the climb is getting rather hairy. Depth 2 1/2 ft shallowest & 25 ft deep. M.G.N.

Sept 21st 3 to G.B. putting in gate for ladder dig series. E.K.T.

Sept 24 M.G.N. / E.K.T. Manor Farm Put off two charges in holes prepared. Cleared out 50 buckets (large size) + then put

charge into cracks at bottom south end.
 Main E-W crack is a tiny stream channel
 running down E across valley so cave lies
 that way (lt. looking down valley).
 Hard work for just two ~~WK~~

SAT. Oct

MCN, ETT, CH, DS, at Hauer Farm
 around Dimmitt. TA arrived later.
 A-bangs were let off and ~60 buckets
 removed

Sun

MCN, ETT & OEL dug during the morning
 and D.S. arrived about 3. Again A-bangs
 and ~60 buckets. Have entered a 3" square
 drainage channel going down valley in the floor
 + straight.

Depth 28' 3" MCN.

Mon. Tues. Oct 3rd 4th

fixing up fire blower.
 Moderately successful. Tidying up ~~up~~

Sat. 8/10/66 Some unauthorised person has been mucking about round hut. No serious damage.

Did some odd jobs. ~~W~~

John Doughty, Paul R. Sealey, Roger Morrell, Andrew, + C.J.G. to Eastwater to do Twin Verts. Party made fair progress to 1st Vert, lack of experience in tackling made 1st vertical rather slow. Party retired for obvious reasons at top of 2nd Vert. 4 hrs.

C.J.G.

Manor Farm 8th Oct

P.A.S., P.W.K., CH₂, D.S. removed effects of bang from previous w/c (~5 buckets) & placed charge of 8g in shot holes in up-valley wall removed further 5g buckets. floor now looks "complicated" but no opening in it. Depth ~29' 0", ready for next drilling session. D.S.

hamb hear 8/10/66.

Colin High, Frank Nicholson, Eric Wheeler, T. Atkin & took assorted new members of varying degree of ability down hamb hear. Slow but enjoyable, for all except Gripper High (Hai-tou Balon). 6½ hrs.

also felled tree and cleaned vile state of hut on Sunday.
New wind machine no good.

Sat. 15th.

MGN placed 12oz of bang in the 3rd hole that D.S. 'overlooked'. There is now some rubble to be removed before next drilling session.

Saturday Oct. 15th

D.S., P.A.S. to Ladder Dig Series. Transported digging equipment to end of Bat Passage and commenced dig at bottom in obvious passage. The floor level needs lowering and some sort of drainage channel must be dug. Conditions were very wet.

Fred Davies and Martin Mills visited the high level extension of Bat Passage and reported that the right on the RHS just before the end was completely full of water.

15.10.66 4b

Dr Don Simpson + friend (Dr), PJJ + 5 1st year down 4b. Cave very wet. In dry way. On coming out, attempted wet way, but found that a torrent of water was coming out of Devil's Bellow. PJJ inspected, thought it sumped - partly "up in stone" via dry way. about 3 hours.

PJJ

15-10-66

H.M.J., F.W., CH and R.H., after food preparation - short
 G.B. geology trip! Included the Loop, Oxbow and
 CH & R.H. included the WET WAY (cf: Previous entry) Not
 Sumped! ex.

August 21st 1966 (trip not recorded previously)
 D.S., P.A.S. + 2 from the Glas. Speleo. Soc. to Ladder
 Dig Series, S.B. After a photographic session in
 the Great Chamber, party went to Bat Passage to
 investigate the aven at the beginning on RHS. Laid
 polythene sheets over flow and P.A.S. put clean
 boots & clothes on and started to climb on S.W.
 side of aven. At a height of 15' traversed upward
 across the flow and reached the top of the aven,
 about 35' off the floor. Several small tubes led
 off, the largest being a tight ascending passage
 going in a S.W. direction. Visible for about 5'
 but too narrow at start to allow entry.
 Flow still in good condition after climb. P.A.S.

22 Oct. 1966. RH, S.M.J., DH and CH₂ Longwood August.

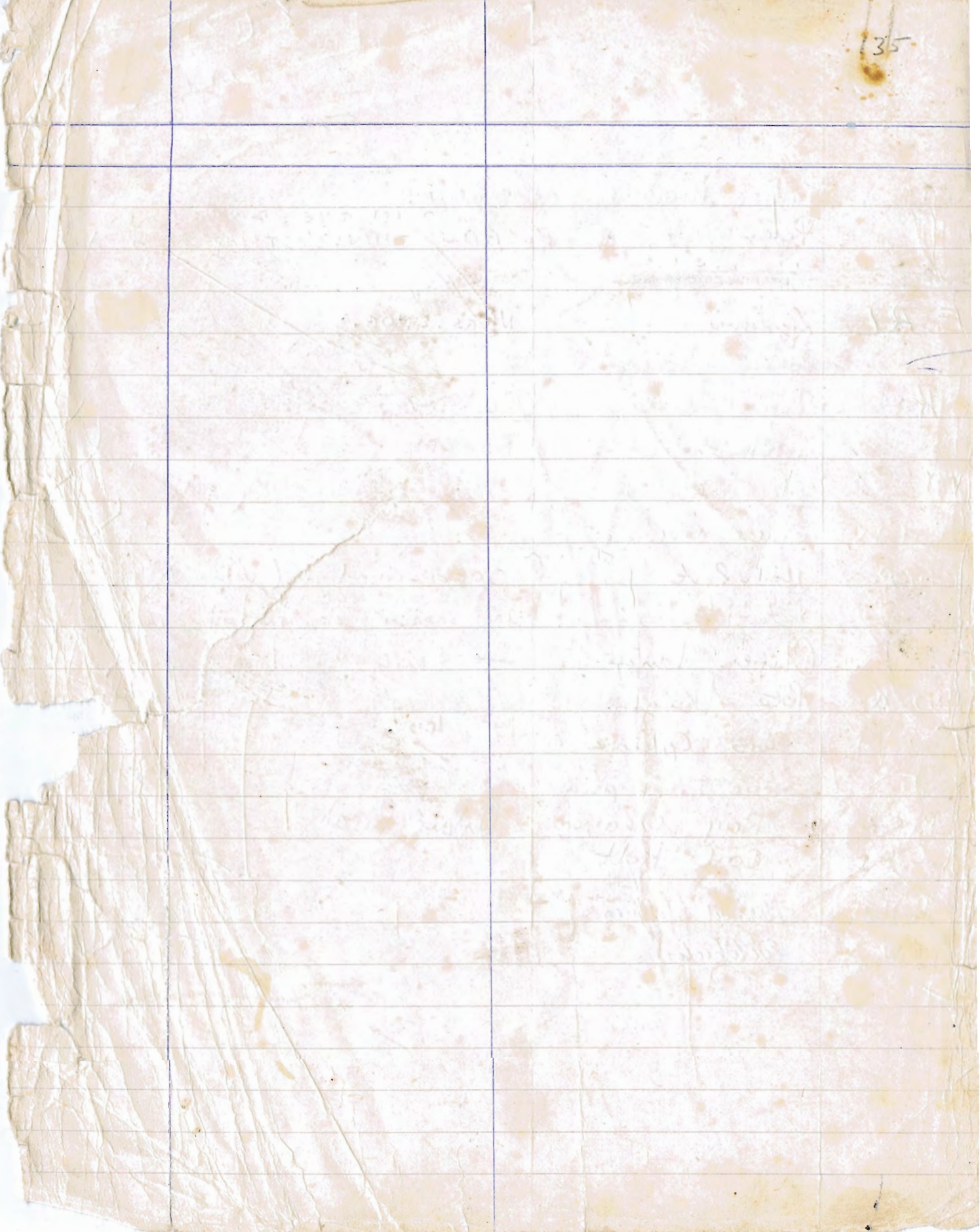
After a long wait for a Tames Valley crew to exit and other minor delays the above party got down at ~5 p.m. By divine providence the connection with August was made and the cave nearly bottomed (about 160' to go). Several of members were without wet suits and the cave was in a very wet condition so a quick return was made. Water was showering down the entrance pitch and a ~~river~~ stream down the rising pitch. Altogether quite a sporting trip. CH₂.

The gleam in the hut warden's eye when hut levy is being collected is something 'omble to behold.' CH₂.

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AGED AND DECREPIT MEMBERS

| | | |
|-----------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| T.J.H. | Tim Hill | one of Beechings Minions |
| FHN | Frank Nicholson | Wears a grass shirt now. x |
| PMC | Pat Conry | |
| M.W | Mike Watson. | A Northern 'Gentleman' Kitticules |
| C.J.E | Kit Eaton | |
| C.J. & J | Gyl Johnson | |
| W. J | Wendy Johnson | |
| B.B.P. | Barry Perratt | |
| P.P. | Pamela Perratt | |
| EUG | Eric Gilbert | A sort of Cornishman. |
| J.P.C. | John Clokie. | |
| N.J.W | Nigel Wallace | } U.B.SS. muckspreaders inc. |
| A.V.W | Anne Wallace | |
| J.H.C. | CRICKMAY. | |
| F.K.H. | Keith Hanna. | a softie from electrics |
| G.P.S.H | George Somers-Hall. | Admiral. |
| A.M.A | Arthur At-Surion | |
| P.A.A | Pax " " | |
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| Initials | Name | ? |
|-------------------|----------------------|---|
| P.J.T. | Patrick Thomas | student? |
| P.H. | Peter Hollingsworth | IN THE DARK! AND THINGS THAT GO BUMP |
| M.J.W. | Mike W... | |
| E.A.L. | Liz Lewis | NICKS ENOG. |
| C.A.W. | Colin Wright | |
| C.M.A. | Chris Asplin | BLOODY COHNE. |
| J.R.W. | John Wicks | BLOODY -- |
| R.F. | L. Ford. | |
| G.M.K. | Gill Keating | |
| K.M.P. | Rick Port | Occasional (very!) |
| P.A.S. | Pete Stading | IN SEARCH OF AN ARMCHAIR! |
| C.J.L. | Chris Lane | — Really? |
| P.W.K. | Pete Kaye | Old woman. |
| C.J.G. | Chris Gilmore | The hairy Warden. |
| S.T. | Steve Timmann | |
| R.C.A. | Ray Cleaver | Pythons River. |
| C.H.2 | Carl Holt | |
| H.M.J. | Margaret Jeffries | |
| E.W. | Eve Wheeler. | |

Comments.

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| EKT | Dr. Tratman | Varyaged, but not quite described |
| MH | Molly Hall | |
| BAC | Bertie Crook | |
| OCL | Oliver Lloyd | A PIMPLE ON THE ARSE OF PROGRESS? - BY NO MEANS. |
| IJS | Ian Standing | WIMPLE |
| FKH | Keith Hanna | CASANOVIA ROMEO |
| DS. | DSavage! | GO |
| M.G | Mike Statham | The Ton up boy. |
| GP.S.H | George Somershall | fatso - LUSCIOUS BLONDE TRAVIS FERRE |
| D.P.D | Dave Drew. | |
| DKS. | ? DEBORAH KOZIAH SIMMONS | |
| G.N.G.S. | Gwyneth ^{Statham} Green | NOT SO GREEN NOT NOW |
| MG. | Mike Garnett | Ban the Bomb. ☺ THE GREAT!!! |
| M.G.N. | Mike Norton | |
| MHP.G. | Malcolm Green | Noisy Bastard. ^{Are now thank God} BLOODY MEDIC. - HE'S SECRETARY AS WELL A SPONGER |
| D.S.W.(G) | Diane Witherly Standing | WITH UNDERSTANDING [JAN 2nd?] |
| E.M. | Colin High | SMELLS HIGH. |
| G.B.W | Geoff Wood | MICPHOT? |
| JCW | John Wood | |
| E.J.C. | John Collins | MAY HE TOO LIE IN STATE IN THE Bloody Commie KREMLIN TO BE SPERKED UPON. |
| M.T | Mary Tolleyfield | Tolly. |
| M.J.W | Mike Wooding | "Coush"it. RESIGNED |
| H.D.D. | Helen Donoghue | Whiner, ^{Not so much as} SWITONS NO HIGH P.W.K. |
| P.J.J | Peter Johnson | THE (ALMOST) GREAT!!! - but ghost |

