

MENDIP CAVE NOTES

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ABSTRACT

A new survey of Pierre's Pot and a revised survey of Manor Farm Swallet are presented.

PIERRE'S POT

NGR ST 4763 5837
Altitude 130 m AOD
Length 465 m
Depth 33 m

Pierre's Pot was first entered in 1983 by P. D. and A.A.D. Moody and the majority of the cave was explored by them in the course of the following years. The upstream sumps were passed by J. Cordingley in two dives in 1988.

This survey is the result of the combined work of a number of people. The initial work was carried out by the Moodys and, in the upstream passages, by J. Cordingley. The Society is grateful for permission to use their data. Further work was carried out by S.B. Cottle assisted by other members of the Society, notably C.D. Owen and A. Atkinson. The final drawing was made by the author. All survey teams used Suunto instruments read to $\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ and fibron tapes read to the nearest cm. The survey (Figure 1) is considered to be to B.C.R.A. grade 5d.

MANOR FARM SWALLET

NGR ST 4979 5563
Altitude 232.7 m AOD
Length 1060 m
Depth 155.8 m

Manor Farm Swallet was first explored in 1973 and an account and survey were published in these *Proceedings* in 1974 (Smart and Stanton). That publication is now out of print so this opportunity has been taken to republish the survey.

This new edition (Figure 2) has been revised to include a number of finds made in the cave since 1974. These include Fleet Street, which was explored and surveyed by members of the Society (Atkinson and Smart, 1985); Sarum Inlet, explored and surveyed by members of the Salisbury Caving Group (Websell, 1975) and Florence's Bathtub, dug into by members of the B.E.C.

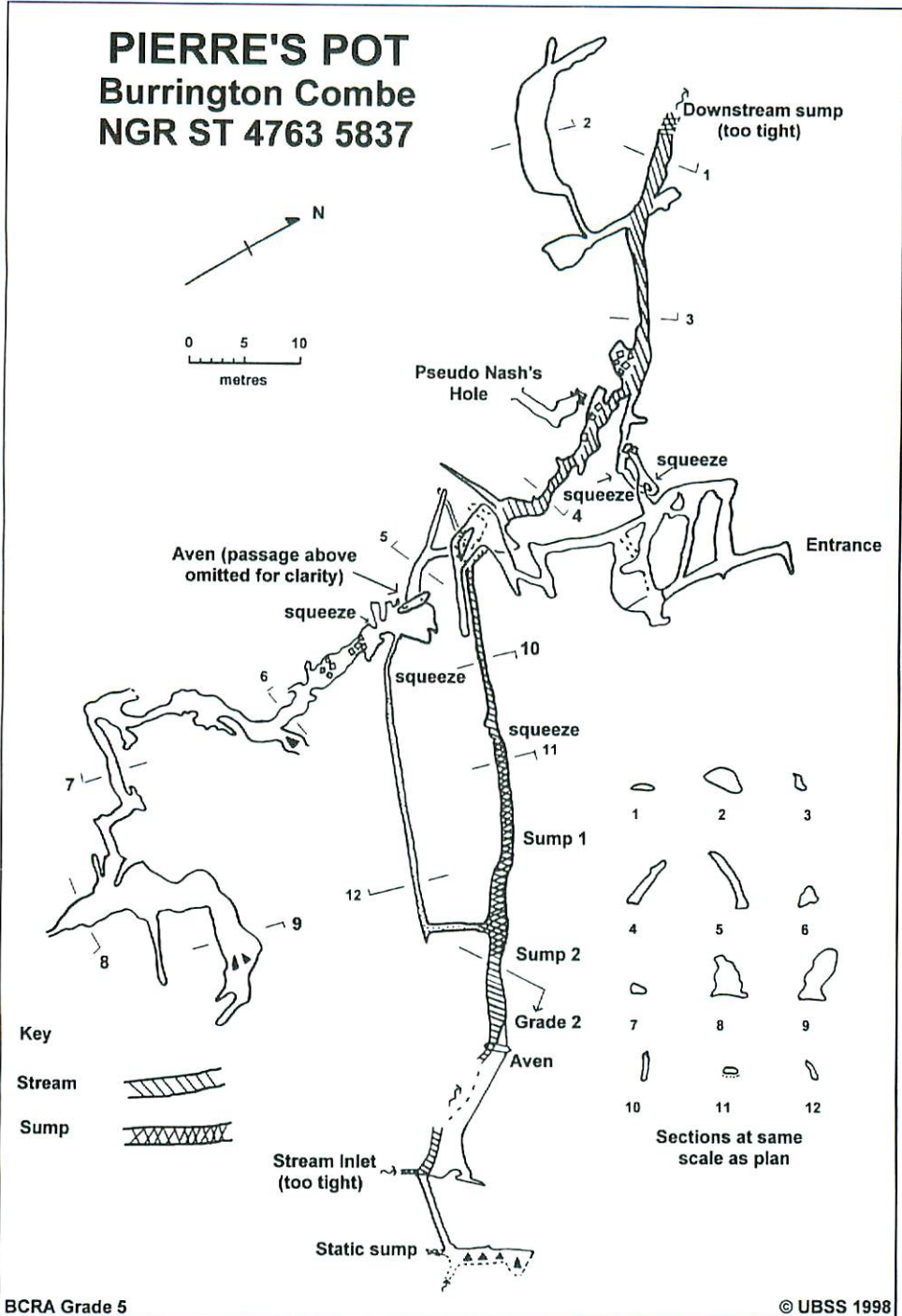


Figure 1. Plan survey of Pierre's Pot

Permanent survey stations were established at three points in the cave by the original survey team in 1973/4. These are shown on the plan by solid triangles. Their co-ordinates and descriptions are as follows:

<i>Eastings</i>	<i>Northings</i>	<i>Altitude</i>	<i>Description</i>
793.75	617.39	213.12	Hammered cross in roof, 1 m above floor.
777.89	499.53	147.46	nail in crack in east wall, 0.5 m above upstream end of false floor.
814.73	292.80	086.69	Drill hole on west wall, 0.5 m above floor.

The Society is grateful to the Wessex Cave Club for permission to use the survey of Sarum Inlet.

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CHARTERHOUSE ON MENDIP ST 4979 5563

Surveyed : Main cave Grade 5 by W.I. Stanton; Riffs and Ruckle extension Grade 4 by B.E.C.; Sarum Inlet Grade 4 by S.C.G.; Fleet Street Grade 5 by U.B.S.S.
Co-ordinates are National Grid © U.B.S.S. 1998.

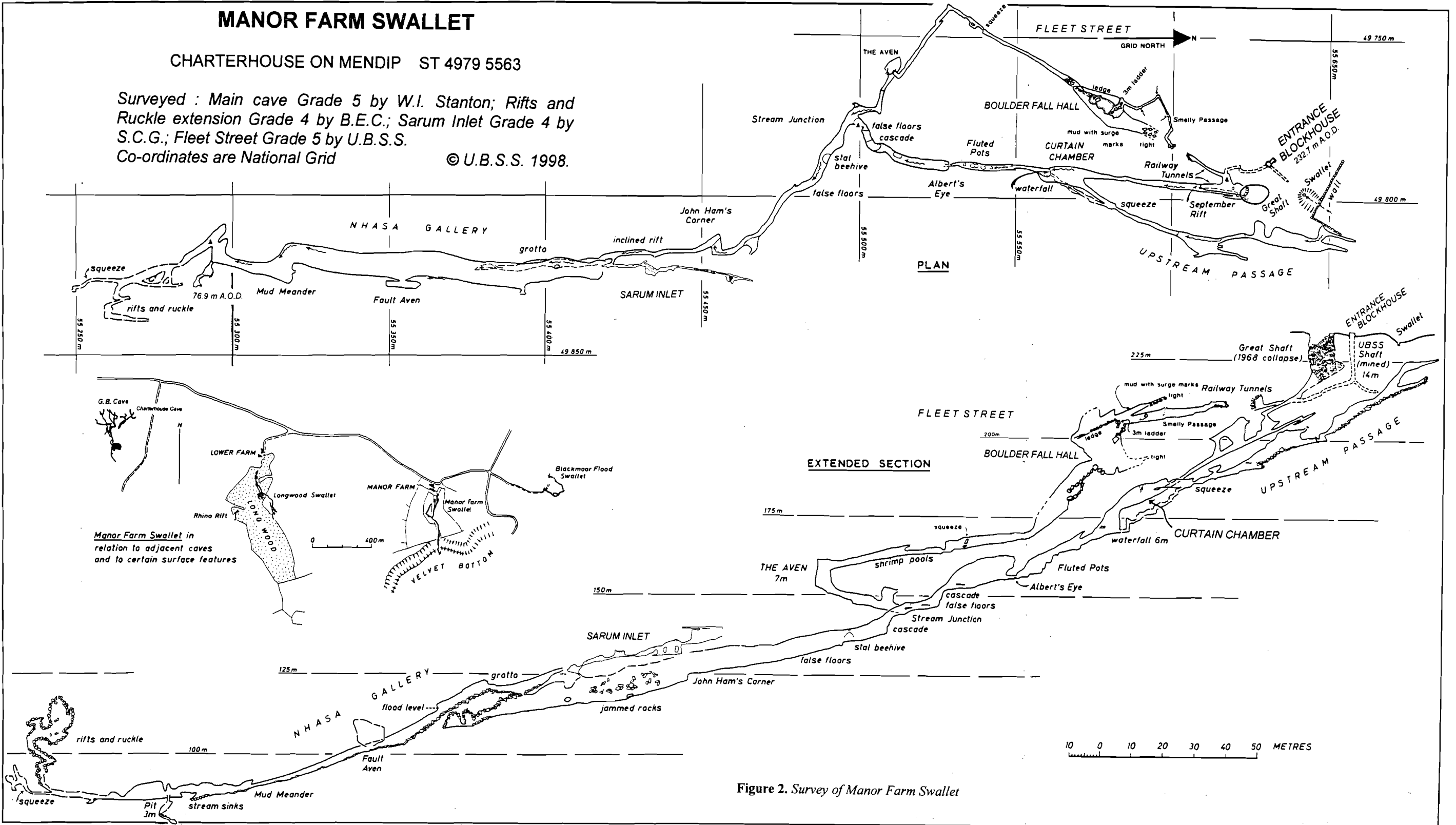


Figure 2. Survey of Manor Farm Swallet