

PLEASE WRITE IN THE LOG BOOK  
YOU HAVE GONE TO DO,  
ALAN + INTENT.

Otherwise people who come up  
what's going on. The log books should be  
of day-to-day information.

Steve

we need some <sup>well more</sup> salt + pepper he  
+ ladders

13th July

F20 - Martin, Fred, Dan

Still with no short wires we  
F20 to rig the pendule. We took  
so that Dan + Fred could rig in, which  
to the scrooping to recover the  
left there. This one I rejoined the  
The top of the "pendule" is rigged  
rather than a tape and a short wire  
being this as they pass through?

Once again the first ladder pitch is  
for the ladder so could a ladder (short) be  
the end of this. We then went on  
rawhide. There is a - bourse line down to the  
pitch head which is rigged as a long wire. We  
stopped at the bottom of rawhide since the next  
pitch needs a ladder or I!

# Gear Down There

F20

- 11 anchors + wedges
- length
- 1
- 7
- 2x30m (limit rigging) + 110m (at eye level)
- protectors 1 or 2
- rough for 1 more trip. (no dick protector)

lock up Fred.

down pendule pitch until I got  
 I thought the pendule was  
 going across to a narrow sloping  
 the opposite side of the shaft.  
 at the climb round the shaft.  
 I must have been younger and  
 thought to myself, as I  
 the horrendous traverse  
 to tie on the tackle bag  
 a bear pendulum with to a  
 let out enough slack for  
 use. I climbed gingerly across,  
 but I was in the wrong place  
 to climb up, but realised how  
 make it to the right place

swing back and tried going down.  
 I climbed across to an unfamiliar ledge  
 which had an old hole tin on it.  
 must be below the right ledge. I thought  
 at the ledge but the next day

the next pitch. "Oh Sod it!" we can go from here. "Rope free!" The trouble was that the rope from the bag still tied onto a head above me was snagged, and there wasn't really enough rope to rig the penance. I changed my mind and saw Ben back up the rope. I pushed up, freed the rope and went up some more still looking for the proper way on. "There must have been a rockfall or something". I cycled down and decided to go down as low as I could. Suddenly I saw a familiar way across. I climbed easily round, and found I was on the right ledge. I had also been told that ledge - before, the one with the can on, but had approached it from a different angle.

What needs to be done.

- i) Ring the long wire on fish hill at main level with a short wire.
- ii) Replace rope at top of penance pitch with a wire
- iii) lengthen penance or penance pitch with rope from the bottom

10115.  
14/7/86.

Martin has got the scissors

Nice sunny day as we all set about mending our seats. It has to be done quickly as Martin, on being asked to lead the glue, started the

[ 10/24 Dan has now got the scissors ]

due to the length of the campsite, whereupon it exploded, showering glue all over Dan's shirt and hat, and denting the lid so that it will not commit fit. Hence there is 1/2 can of glue to use up if it does not.

[ 10/27 Martin has the scissors again ]

14/9/86

John T. + Steve to ridge to Big Couch

West have taken ~ 6 ropes, lots of hangars, marillas, + some short/medium wires. Also a 40m climbing rope for Fred to have fun with.

Since there are no ladders here, we will have to take the ladders off at advance + transport them in. They will have to be replaced later.

Steve BRING UP SOME LADDERS!

We are thus to be a shut simple trip just to get the gear to Big Couch; minimal re-rigging will be done (ie. Fred F. will probably have a rope portalo on it).

*[Signature]*

14/7/80

3.00pm

Mel about to follow Steve & John into  
 Ridge & re-rig the <sup>st</sup> ladder pitches. Absolutely  
 Knackered after taking a shr (lots of  
 sight-seeing up & down valleys) ~~trip~~ trip from  
 Base to top camp. Need more ladders as I've  
 only brought up the two needed for ridge.  
 Taking some wires & mauls in as well as  
 2 ladders but nothing else.

Mel

Rigged pitches but ladders on  
 need 30' & so both ladders  
 too short. Checkable, but show  
 it some time.

Mel

15/7/80

Ridge Trip (yesterday) Steve & John T.

Fairly efficient descent to Barry Middle. The  
 Selay as rigged looks OK to me, and you need  
 have more long than short wires, & leave it.  
 No real parts rigging F-Flintstone esp. The  
 last sit is still a bit of an obstruction,  
 but I can see how it might be better  
 rigged. (Sit on the big boulder facing out.  
 Look up to you right. There is a big 'jug' -  
 about 3' long hole. The rope could be attached  
 to this & bolted lower down).  
 Annoyingly, lashing the end of the 120m rope

down Dino failed to hit the bottom.  
We had little option but to tie the remaining rope (15m) to the end; and get involved in the act of the knot changeover. Sorely galling when it is only 6' from the floor!

A quick carbide fiddle & chocolate break ensued, and then we put the other two ladders down. Sorry no ropes in these - I thought there were more short ropes down the cave but they get eaten/buried/vanished by Nest & Dave somehow. The last ladder was not descended.

On the way back up, I went back down. Fixed F as far as the rusty rod on the first bit & put an anchor in. It is level with the knot on the rope protection. Putting an anchor in while swinging on a rope at an overhang is bloody tiring, and a real pain in the bum. Still it went in smoothly - comfortably, despite driving the hole deep, the anchor sticks out ~1mm. Still, this hardly renders it unusable as a much-needed relay. A hanger & bolt will be needed, as the one I brought up (curry!) from the base of the cave lost its bit on the way.

On the way out, John found the system was much more efficient at descending than ascending. Our emergence time kept getting extended from 7-30 to 8 to 9 to --- 11pm! (Unbelievable at 12 noon). Epic pros with the Axolothl. On reaching the 20m above Neck's Cave, I told John it was set a mere 20m. He said "Good, yeah, yeah, goop." to the last pitch then? "No such luck."

We were greeted by Mel, here on the way down.

Gen - at head of last ladder pitch:

60m climbing rope  
25' ladder.

1 btz of maillans, hangers, short / types.

3 knots.

3 lay wires, on med. wire.

- at head of Fred the Fleasone

Putty knot, Shute wire, 1 layer with 100 Selt!  
(inc. anchors & wedges).

Next team

Pass the end of the 120m rope ~~up~~ forward - it is unnecessary as a brackets line through the first part of the night, Fred the Fleasone at all & can then be rigged all one the one rope down as per usual. Reach. Make use of the anchor I put in to avoid the rock.

Needed:

- Short ropes for the two ladder pitches
- Longer ladders for pitches 1 + 2.
- A loony to do Fred's Tolly.

*Steve*

(18)  
I will not repeat on paper the full strength  
of my remarks on Friday that have alone. But  
is this a carrying expedition or what?

We have two amazing caves, that have  
so far occupied a week to get in, not  
even to the limit. Yesterday there were enough  
people up here for one trip, and on evening  
we find no-one here prepared to go carrying  
it. Instead, everyone, save the three up  
here, has swanned off to Cangas for the  
day. THIS IS COMPLETELY RIDICULOUS.

Why the hell aren't there enough people  
up here, out of the huge ~~number~~ numbers on  
the expedition, to sustain a continuous carrying  
effort. Why aren't people bringing up the  
appropriate gear?

I am really pissed off. If we want these  
caves to go deep, we've got to raise the  
enthusiasm to put the hours in, like you act  
together QUCC !!

Steve

(U. Cal. Std.).

Mostly windy night. Sleeping in Dave's tent,  
with good flapping noises from outside. I doze  
off, and find something round under my feet, "penicillin"  
I think, & doze off again. I wake up  
 $\frac{1}{2}$  hour later to find the round thing was a  
tent pole - and that the tent had collapsed  
all apart from the bit above my head.  
Escaped to Peter's tent. Dave's has now



been completely brought down, pinned down by  
wattles and rocks as the wind continues  
to whistle across camp.

15/7/86 (continued) 12 noon. Steve, John, Rel.

no-one has turned up yet.

As we have no ladders (needed for F20) and  
as Mel's hit to up by ridge, we have  
taken the 100m radar up to 2/6, with  
the idea of lobbing it down & having a  
look-see.

We've left Dave's tent down as

a) he can rig it better than us.

b) The wind is still quite strong

same day - to just 6.

STILL NOBODY. What the hell is going on?

Now two days down F20, 2 are down ridge  
gone missing. I bloody hope some people can  
up tonight I'm going down.

2/6

Even being at the end of a 100m  
rope, looked at the small bit of sky above,  
the black depths below thanked god for  
the knot in the end of your rope & started  
back out? I said: I thought it was  
supposed to be only 80m deep!

However, I did rig it from the easiest  
hang, right at the top. (I thought this

(20)

was how it was done last year. )  
One the way up, ( noticed a net,  
about 60m up --- tway tway. ( pranged  
to the god of ropes & of caves as I  
got close & saw the rope looking furry  
at the end. "Come on, come on, the last Ten  
to go going to be the one that kills me, is it?"  
I went to the funny bit & bashed off a large  
glob of spider web.

That new Mantus is fast! 5 bars,  
& my glove went through a the rope!

Then we did see shaft ending, or rather  
Neil & John did while I searched.

The 100m rope is in the shaft  
at for the "OUCC" 80 2/6" mark.  
I have say if say, a 30m rope were  
rigged to the 'bridge', the 100m would then  
reach the bottom. Might need a couple of  
anchors using long tapes or wires.

largest straight ascent - possible live done!

Unnamed - just below 2/6. Over ridge part  
Ridge cave. Someone should take out some  
paint & write OUCC F40(?) etc. Went down  
15m shaft only to find lower entrance  
with snow plug - this entrance was found by  
John when looking for 2/6. Found a tight  
crawl which led to a small pitch as proven