

Sat 7 Aug

Surveying 20/11 + Gavin's Dig

Gavin, William

The 4 Hungarians went off down Xibu, leaving LB & Ne at Camp. Fortunately, Gavin appeared at 11am, so we set off in the direction of 20/11 in the mist.

Started by surveying from the bolt in 8/11 to the circle O on 20/11, then surveyed down 20/11 to its junction with 8/11 on the large boulder. Gavin & I agree that there is room for improvement on the rigging of 20/11, not to mention the large unnecessary corbide arrow at the junction with 8/11. Left the rattle bag in very big chamber to fill with corbide fettle on the way out + continued to Gavin's Dig.

The Dig for a couple of hours. I must say, Gavin is a much better digger than I am. The end is now in sun in, & draughting, but the roof & floor are both sloping down with ca 5" airspace. Looks a good bet, but will probably take at least a couple of trips. Cleared the last of fettle on the way out & got back to camp in the even thicker clay at 8pm - within 5 minutes of expected time. Good trip.

William

7/08/93 Xibu

Kutze - Moke (Andi - Piro)

We started together so and went to the entrance of Xithans bit. From here Andi and Piro went back, Kutze and Moke went to push.

We went through the long tight meander, and arrived to the place where Kutze was 2 days before.

Moke marked a bolt before the tube which leads on the vent pit. After it Kutze marked another one in the pit, and we descended to the bottom. There unfortunately after a short climb down we reached a scump, without any chance of by-pass. Maybe possible to climb up into the inlet, follow the

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 Xihu - Killias bil adlerjion
 (Iron mine)

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 by R4

Swamp

water up, but the wall very loose. With a lot of bolts is possible but not the best choice.

After it we climbed up to the top of the pites and went further horizontal in the meander and reached a chamber which is an old cascade. The way further on the opposite side and 4-5m higher as the bottom. Here we could hear the sound of water. If somebody climb up (not impossible) can arrive to the inlet which goes to the sump. Maybe there leads through an old passage to the other side of sump.

After it we decided not to go back, but on the way unfortunately Mike accidentally dropped a loose stone into a deep hole on the bottom of meander which was unusable for the normal way.

After it we had to see it. ~~the~~ The access of top of the pit isn't easy. There are several ways but none of them is wide. Anyway the pit is big, around 20m deep. From the bottom leads further on another short (6-8c) drop. After it the way become tighter and tighter and the end is too tight. No draught.

We arrived to the surface around 11 p.m. 8/10/15

at about 10 p.m. long sharp hole, (probably summit)
 they ed at 2000m quartz etc to north etc. just long valley
 final passage etc. heard

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Richard + Gavin

'The Wiggly One'

After an earlier couple of trips into area 9, as ever other things got in the way and so it had been left to the last week of caring to return to 'The Wiggly One' - a huge shakehole the east of La Huayada.

When seen on our previous trips it seemed to have a 'blank hole' at one side of the snowphy.

On our return the snow had certainly reduced. I rigged down the southern part of the shake hole. Landing on the snow I threw rocks down a promising hole & there was no boom! However on rigging down it, it became obvious that it was merely a hole which tapered gradually to sub-human size and ended at what looked like a snow floor.

The other side of the shake hole was checked out and again nothing found.

Despite not finding anything, area 9 remains one of the great unexplored areas in this section of the Picas. Hopefully a phased week long camp up there next year ~~might~~ will reveal lots more.

Richard

8/8/93

William + Gavin

8/11 Dry Sump

Continued digging, and made good progress thanks to the spoil tray. The bottom of the sump seems to be just beyond the digging limit.

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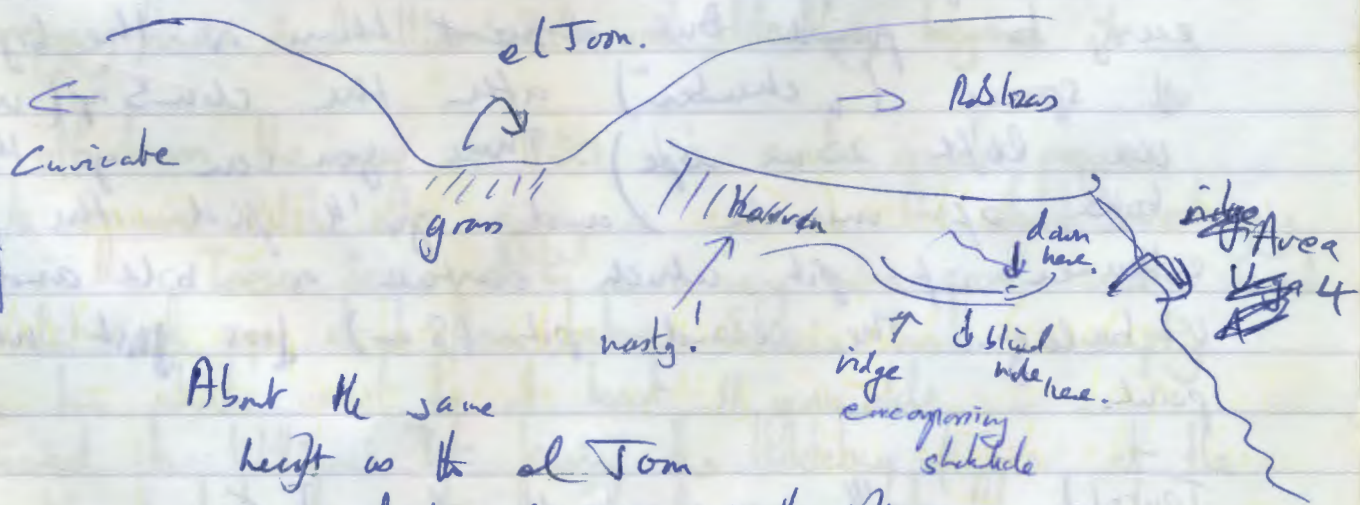
SAR down from top camp. I had
1 nice 3 1/2 hr walk, taking in most of upper
area 9, the Taltaya to Suel, 2/5, Taltaya,
+ 12/5. = 3/5. Nice, Nostalgic walk.
I found two caves.

1) In area ~~7~~ 7. a shaft, about 20-30m?
deep, to worth looking at.

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Directions: go to lowest part of ridge
between Taltaya + Cavicote. Walk on ridge
towards Cavicote until stopped by sheer rock
wall. Traverse / contour at this level about
30-50m further. I put a cairn near the
entrance of which is about 1m x 1m. A good
position for up area 2/5?

2) In area 9. Right at the back;



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About the same
height as the el Tom
pass, about 60-100m to the right.

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10/8/93 Instruction for the surfacing in
Williams bit.

First of all I and Kuba want to say sorry because
of we do not help for you, ~~we~~ but we
have just hunted here and a bit to see
hear. Tomorrow if you need we'll survey
a part of our finding.

The part after the light meade is deneged!
It need a 10m and a 20m long rope
and maybe to the first climb a little piece
of rope. (see the sketch!) The sump-end of
passages the first two pit is naturally "nigged"
the second pit need a rope protector.
The sump-pit has two bolt, ^{the first} before the
squeeze the second after in the right
side in the pit (not under the water!)

The 20 m pit for the meade screen is not
easy to find. But ~~there~~ there is the biggest
space ("chamber") after the climb up (where
we left 20m rope). There you can go the
both of meade and you'll find the
entrance of pit which contain a bolt and a
V-belay. The second pit (8m) has just naturally
point.

Tonight we'll come back for T.C.

See you - Kuba

10/8/93

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ↓ STEVE F

Audi

I have just found I am as old as
Sam's father. --- Oh dear.

Steve

(not the little boy)

10/8/93 Richard & William

1/5 Kitu

Surveying finds in William's Bit and detackling beyond it.

Set off down the cave at 11:30. We made quick progress down to Servino Pitch after rigging a rope on the short overhanging climb in the Teresa Series. Kitu is a very nice cave with varied casing. Retrieved rope et al from below Servino and an empty Surtire bin which must be at least 11 years old.

Returned to William's Bit leaving the tublebag of gear at the junction. We headed down to the mud sump and found two survey stations near the pitch head. Surveyed down to the sump. We then fully explored the tubes on the left of the passage in the hope of finding a sump bypass. Unfortunately none of them went but we did connect them to the first drop

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at the pitch which is traversed over.

Feeling rather pleased that we'd completed our objectives for the day we stumped to the draughting ^{ground} and headed upwards to check that a rope had been left on the first short climb up.

We then headed out with a couple of brief stops for carbide fixing/fitting and were out by 9:30 p.m. just in time to see the sun setting.

Richard

12/8/93

Climb up at ~3:30am. Look night for a piss + some water, and saw loads + loads of shooting stars - one every few seconds. The longest - later covered about a hand-span.

After a good trip down Xitu, a fitting end to a great expedition - going home tomorrow.

~~Steve~~

11/8/93 - Xitu William - Rob - Steve (G.R.)

William asked me to write up this trip so I will do so in my very best joined-up writing so that people can read it.

We went down the cave. William showed us the way. The entrance series

is like good bits of Yorkshire + Welsh caves joined together. We got the end of Williams' site + surveyed the Hungarians' site which is lower. The next bit

To a right-angled bend on a high traverse on glued-together pebble shite. Rob carried a tackle bag full of ropes which we did not use to rig down the pitch as time ran out. Also enthusiasm.

We came out and I nearly fell down the trench in Customs blall. William nobly threw his body between me and certain doom.

Then we had no trouble with the rift & saw the dregs of the sunset from the cd.

All the tackle is now at the foot of the ropes in the entrance series (Two bags, not too heavy, & two ladders).

P.S. How about calling the Hungarian's rift Budapestential rift? Steve also found a little inlet to it - Home Agent's inlet.

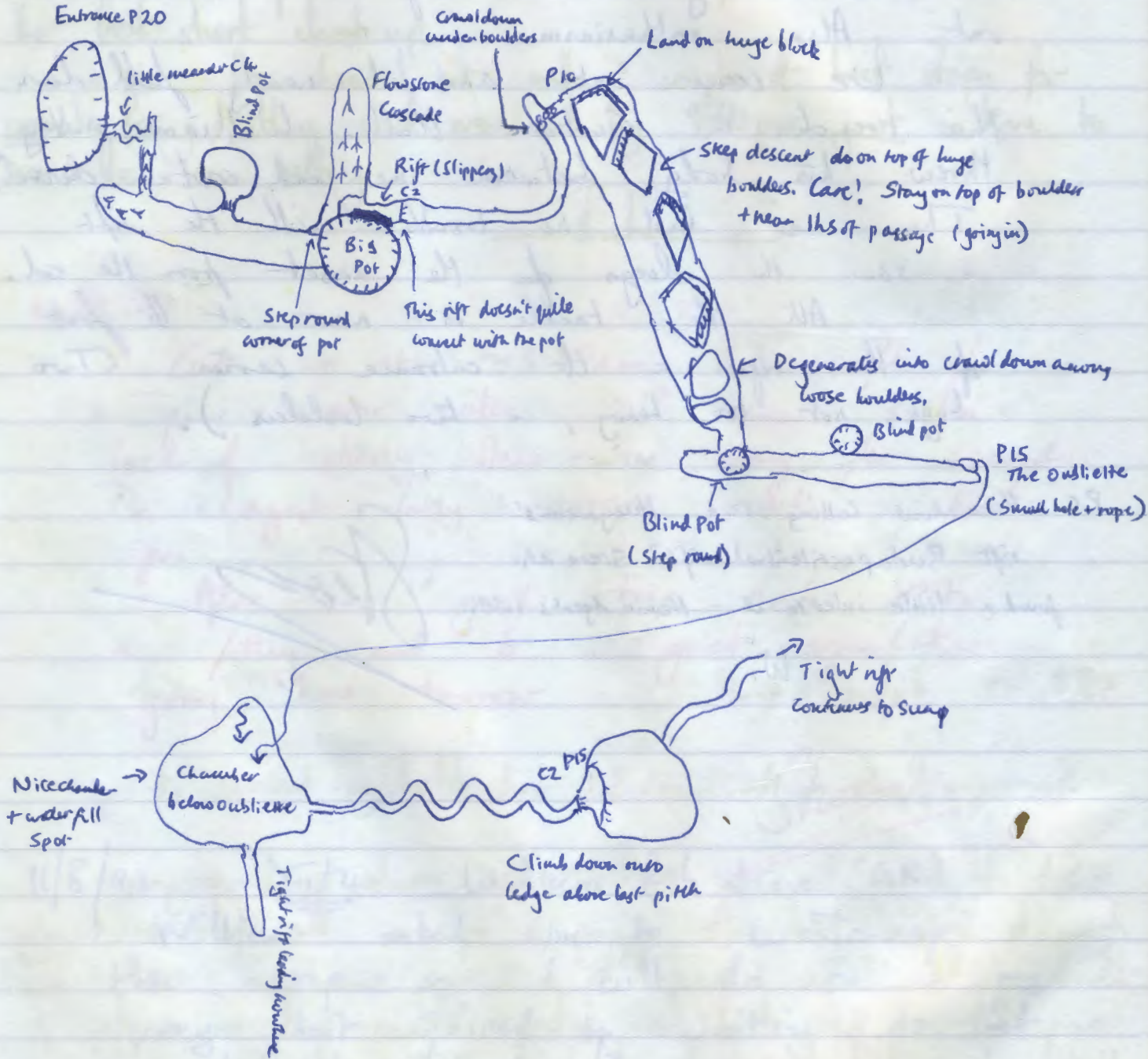
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* This is not actually true but added to maintain narrative interest.

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Optimists - a Grade I sketch

In response to popular demand, I have been asked to take up my pen again



The main route down is well-worn,

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