

Gustutera
1996

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Base camp log



Jason James Pitman (WOT DABNEY)	
Ollie	Get up and slash Hitler
Alex	Hard but stupid - Harding
Michael	Happy happy joy joy - Playford
Anita	The Way Forward (!) - Millic
John	Surface Controller - Pybus
Pauline	D'yer wants be in my gang? - Rigby
Nobby	Mumford
Andy	Crash the van - King
Tim	Gulferon
Martin	Laverty
Lenik	Symo
Jo	'He tried to eat my shorts' Whistler
Martin	'caving is The Principle' Smith
Geoff	'Gooseberry?' Newton
Bill	'Rex the Ferocious' Naylor
God	Mumford
Andy	Scott
Nick	'Small Spanish Boys' Burcham
Paul	'Melons for ecstasy' Mann
Bob	Kinnistan
Tim	Barton
Fumpa	

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And brief cameos by:

Fred Wickham

Jim Sheppard

5.7.96

Some things work out, some things don't.

We had to leave without the Green Card.

We would have missed the ferry but it was delayed.

We had to leave Nobby behind (no passport)

We bought a road atlas and ~~beam~~ headlight converters on the ferry, and we were making good time ... but...

the brake pads wore through and we had to stop and get them replaced.

That's what is happening now. The others are in the town (Le Mans) and I am about to go to sleep so that when the van gets fixed later this afternoon I will be awake enough to drive. It is pouring with rain - good weather for driving for the hot engine - and the roof leaks. A stream of water just came gushing down from the interior light fitting.

Pauline

7/7/96 Los Lagos

"The Rain in Spain falls mainly on Los Lagos - Camp site of the many lakes"

Camp was set up yesterday, after arriving here at about 1 pm. We spent the evening sorting out shatt-basking info; criticising Alex's cooking; playing cards in the bar; or walking around Evina.

(3)

We are now huddled in 'Big Jane's' replacement waiting for the rain to ease off, and the thunder to stop.

Jpmp

The rain didn't ease off but we wandered up to top camp anyway. Soon after we left the Arico path it began snowing, which made it slippery. Alex couldn't maintain his trajectory around the hill near camp, so overshoot, then fell over, lost his sense of direction completely and wandered past the snow pole for a second time without realising. It was so cold we put up a tent very quickly, threw our stuff in it and legged it. This has to be the worst weather the Picos has ever thrown at us.

It is still raining, but Oley thinks it will be sunny tomorrow. Funny, that was yesterday's forecast too.

Alex is still warming up in his sleeping bag. Thank you for not losing your way until within sight of the snow pole (I know my way from there!)

P.

Stuff gone to top camp

in

with Pauline:

- gas canister
- stove
- trauma kit
- radios
- wooden pegs.
- 2 biting hammers
- metal pegs.

Alex:

- 2 small tents
- Tent spores
- water filtering gauze.

Michael: Top camp tent

Andy:

- Radio antenna
- Med kit - Black Tool Box
- " - Underground
- rigging bits

Anita:

- food (2 loaves bread, few pieces sausages, margarine, jam, fruit)
- 25m rope
- 15m rope

John:

- ladder
- underground rescue kit (daren drum)
- ropes (40m; longer than 40m)
- pegs (metal), hammer

Monday,
8 July 96

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Second carry

Arita: reel of tape (25mm), raincoat, sunglasses
2 surveying tapes
tamper
1 packet sea salt
2 bolting kits (w/o hammers)

John: zip lock bags
sugar
sterile 1st aid kit
emergency kit (underground)
2 tackle bags
10m rope
ladder.

You can buy: from the expedition
(if you need them / if)

flat pack batteries	£2.25
thin rope	£1.00 per m.
wide rope	£1.50 per m
10mm ^{dynamic} rope kg	£1.50 per m
11 mm dynamic rope	£1.80 per m.

expedition T-shirt (size L) £7.50

Please write it in the kitty book

- Oly: New Stretcher
- How Old Hangers & Nails (x lots)
- Water purification stuff
- Aluminium Taps
- 20m Rope

8/7

Woke up to glorious sunshine. Not that this was a surprise, of course, since I had confidently predicted it the day before. The day descended slightly on the way up to top camp, making for a pleasant walk. Most of the stuff was moved to top camp, although there is still some plastic sheeting and a bottle of Vodka to be moved. The radio was tested and seems to work perfectly. It was used to good effect to order pancakes for the evening meal.

Top camp cooking tent wasn't put up due to the large amount of water still in the ground. A quick top-camp feast was followed by a pleasant walk down and a meal which may be favourably compared to my *caulil bolonnaise*. The competition for expedition masterchef is hotting up.

Oli

11th July 1996

Tim had a fant trip to Lages after being out at Ulares. Good to be back. Can't wait to get away from Lages though...

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SALIDAS DE ARRIONDAS A LAS	11,25-12,45
SALIDAS DE CANGAS	12,30*-14,00
REGRESOS DE RIBADESELLA :	
· A CANGAS	15,00*-18,00-19,30
· A INFIESTO Y ARRIONDAS	15,00-18,00-19,30

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SALIDAS DE PONCEBOS	10,45-19,30*-19,30(1)
SALIDAS DE ARENAS	11,00-19,45

OVIEDO-ARENAS-OVIEDO

SALIDAS DE OVIEDO	8,00-9,30-13,00*-16,00*-18,00
SALIDAS DE ARENAS	7,25*-8,35-16,00*-17,50-19,45

RUTA DEL CARES

SALIDA DE OVIEDO	8,00
SALIDA DE LLANES	8,30
SALIDA DE RIBADESELLA	9,10
SALIDA DE CANGAS	9,45
REGRESO DE PONCEBOS A LAS	19,30

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12/7/96

"Around the world in 80 days" (give or take a few)

It had never even occurred to me until John wandered into the yard late on Thursday afternoon and happened to mention it to Anita. It didn't even worry me too much on the drive down to Newhaven - there were other things to worry about, such as whether we would catch the ferry, what had happened to Tote and Lyle's delivery, and Alex's music collection.

After all, aren't these the days of no barriers in Europe? You would think they would be glad to let us out of the country, anyway. Apparently not...

'Can I see your passport, please?' said the nice man at the barrier. Some people don't watch the news, obviously.

'Mumble, mumble'

Several embarrassing moments later...

Nice man: (incredulously) 'Are you really going to leave him here?'

Pauline: (nodding eagerly) 'Yeah'

Exit van rouge stage right.

Thus I was marooned in Newhaven with a sleeping bag, 49,000 pesetas and 65 pence, without a passport, anywhere to sleep (10pm) and any idea what to do.

I ring Steve, looking for inspiration. Sharon answers and says he's down the Berger. Chris as well. Don't have Tim's number. Arse. (by now I'm down to 45 pence)

Then I remember Fleur lives in Brighton, just down the road from Laveridge - something Villas, somewhere in Brighton?
'OK' (come on, come on, I really need this...)

PAUSE

'The no. you require is ...' (YEAH!!!)
(expedition sponsorship sec dances around phone box like nutter)

Me
Directory Eng.

(Phone rings)

Me
Flew's mum

Can you help me I've no passport and stuck in Newhaven and I've only got 35 pence and the van's gone to France rattle rattle etc.
'Flew's not in, sorry. Who are you? Shall I phone you back?'

The upshot of all this is that I'm generously offered somewhere to stay and to send my passport, although I still have to find somewhere to stay Thursday night.

As I wander down the main street I pass the time of day with a bloke on his way to the pub.

'You come off the ferry, then?'

I tell him about the passport fiasco.

'Do you want to come back to my place?'

I make my excuses and spend the night on the quay.

Next day I ~~am~~ shopping in Brighton before arriving at Loversidge in time for tea. Flew bins up and laughs uncontrollably at me before going camping for the weekend. Flew's mum and dad are going out, so I spend a thoroughly enjoyable evening with them and their friends playing Trivial Pursuit and having beer and crisps poured down my neck. I've never been looked after better all my life.

Next morning my passport has arrived, so between breakfast and lunch we hold a council of war around the table, ~~with~~ a huge pile of ferry timetables and the 'phone.

When I've finally decided on the Plymouth - Santander sailing on Monday morning, Flew's mum and dad (Maagie and John) make me up what amounts to a complete ^{continental} hitch-hikers survival kit:

A map of southern England, a map of France and N. Spain, lots of card to write hitching destinations on, a black marker, a list of youth hostels, the pile of ferry timetables,