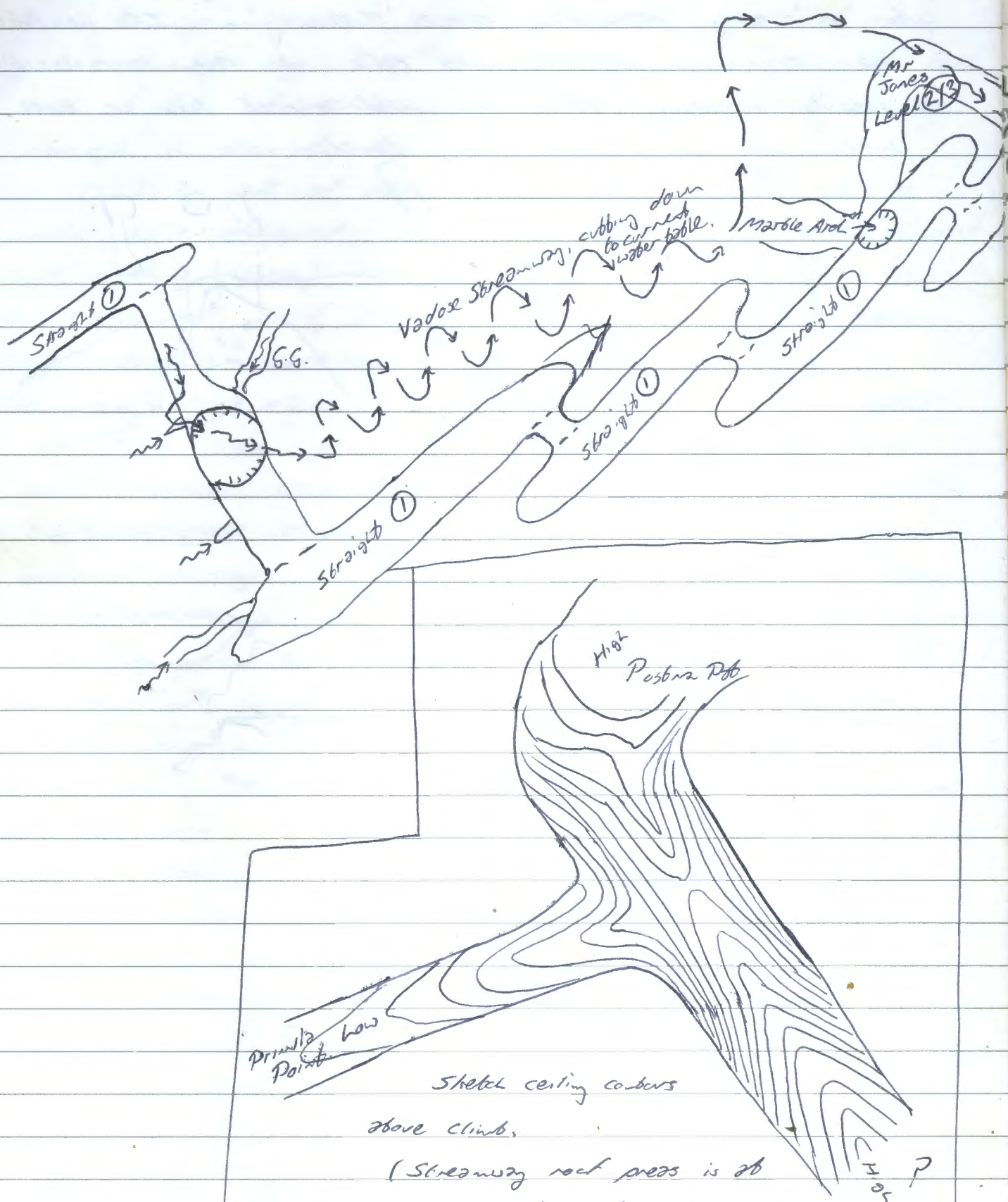


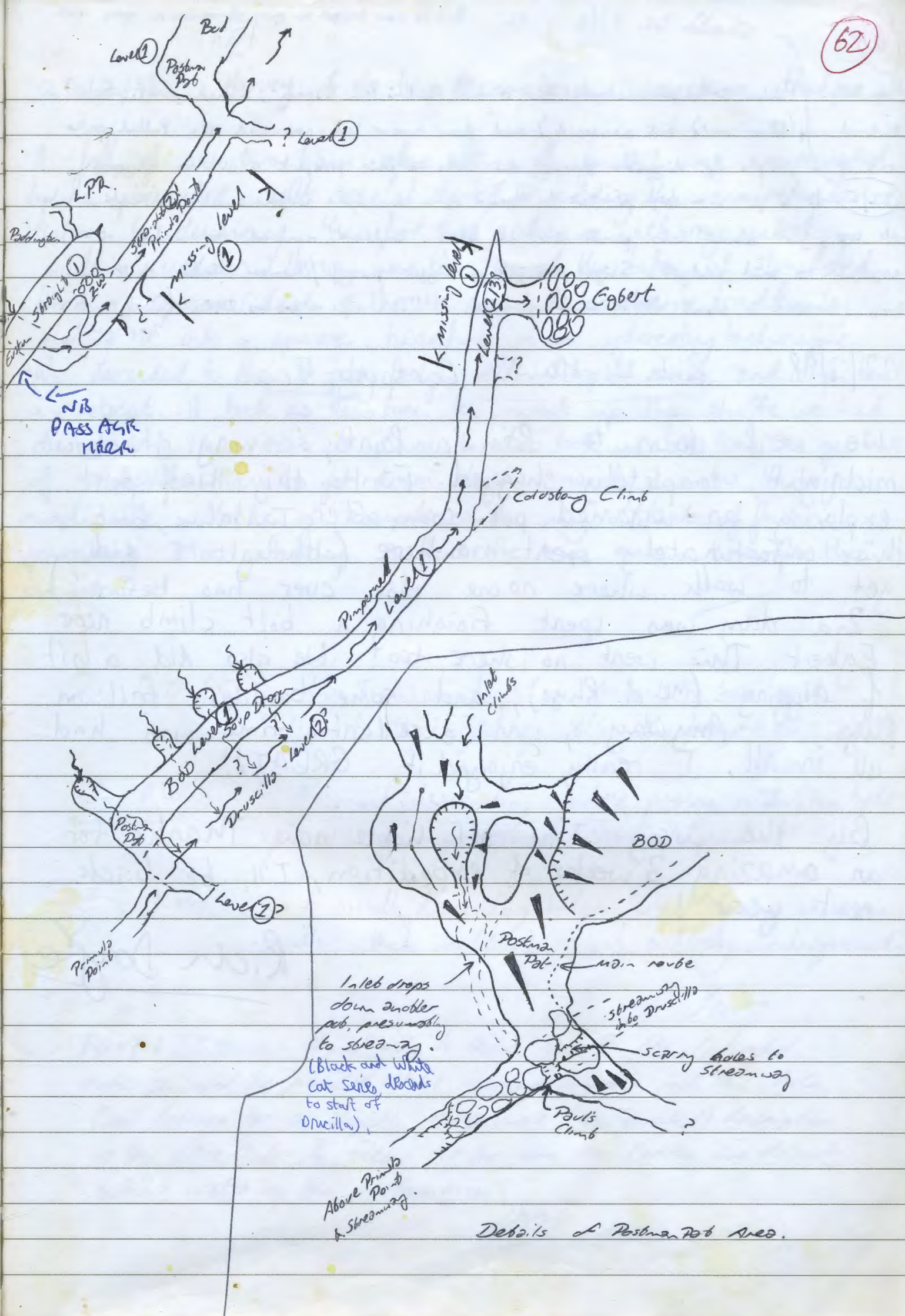
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2/7 30 far :- (Schematic)



Sketch ceiling contours above climb,

(Streamway rock mass is at much lower level than that above climb & in Postna Pot), suggesting secondary significance.



Inlet drops down another ab. presumably to streamway. (Black and white cat series descends to start of Drucilla)

Above Primo Point a streamway.

Details of Postman Pot Area.



Should be 73/5 SL. But is now tagged in grey aluminium a grey rock

once  
72/5

26 July. Mark & Luke wandered over to the Martini Pool (spring is marked on 1:25000 National map (blue cover) but unnamed) and then more or less contained it. Pulled rocks out of a couple of diggable places, one looks a fair prospect & will be tagged 72/5. It is a 2m high rift at the base of a shale hole with small pneumatic tubes at top, just about this person size at base. Boulders remained to make rift accessible to said midgets. Slight draught & bigger passage/chamber visible about 2m in. Location is about 50-100m S of 27/5. UTM ref ~ 434G 890W (Just inside DL's Trapezium).

## 22/7/98 - Rich & Huw's Camping Trip.

We went down to Primula Point, arriving at about midnight, completely shagged. First day was spent exploring an unnamed pot soon after Tantalus, but this unfortunately went nowhere (although I did get to walk where no one else ever has before!).

2nd day was spent finishing a bolt climb near Egbert. This went nowhere too! We also did a bit of digging (me & Rhys), and some boulders fell on Rhys. Anyway, an excellent time was had all in all, I really enjoyed it. GREAT!!

By the way, I'm off home now. Thanks for an amazing 3 weeks of expedition, I'll be back next year!

Rich Doyle



26/7/98 Harvey & Jo have ~~to~~ competence/incompetence attacks in 2/7.

A jaff of over two hours before setting off for 2/7 was compounded by a protracted walk up. I started ~~a~~ holding the incompetence baton by descending the first two pitches ~~a~~ with my central maillon undone. Harvey was then passed the baton at stimulated emission squeeze (which is it). He decided to observe tradition by making it into a squeeze - headfirst is an interesting technique. We descended to the ~~a~~ spiky ledge with whoops & cries, and then beat a retreat. It took us less time to prussik up the shafts we had descended, than to ab. down. It also took us less time to get out of the rifts than to get down them, mainly due to Harvey's inexplicable attacks of competence & my attacks of fast prussiking. Most alarming. A fantastic trip, out in time for the sunset.

Jo

⊗ G0/5 : Location: about 15m around the base of the cliff to the right of 8/5. No draught on 25/7/98.

# Was : " A small descending vadose passage ends in a tight squeeze requiring someone small to push it."

→ Now : " A small descending badger hole requiring someone smaller than me (Car) to get entirely underground."

Car

Paul & I (Harvey) should like to thank Car for the splendid entertainment he provided whilst inserting himself into this hole, Paul Brenner for a 'slightly' inaccurate (exaggerated) description of this cave/hole, & Fleur for providing the Poncho we drank whilst watching the performance.

Harvey



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27/7/98. I'M OFF BACK TO PLYMOUTH. THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR AN ACE TIME - YOU'RE ALL DARLINGS! I WILL CERTAINLY COME AGAIN.



Martin & I went back to tag 72/5, which seems to be just inside John's 'trapezium'. En route, looked at 27/5, where the labelled site is a no hope, but the rift beside it has small drop, awkward to squeeze into under a bridge, which may go somewhere. Certainly, the rift it's in looks like an unroofed bit ~~of~~ <sup>of</sup> very old cave, with ~15cm scallops (to N?) & remnants of old stal.

72/5 remained tantalisingly inaccessible - tag above entrance blends with rock so is only visible if grass & heathery slope to W is descended, other 3 sides being steep rock, with vein to S which persists E-W as a grassy route.

Carried on E past 22/5 to a couple of SE @ sites due E of Gustafson, a 45m shaft E and a blocky chamber.

Then uphill in mist to find an unmarked shaft, maybe 20-25m to snow, in rift near one of the paths from Curicote level to Dulcinea, below steep grassy slope up to Dulcinea bowl. Bearings 275 Curicote; 250 La Verdelluengne; 273 La Rena; 311 Gustafson UTM of - 436E 883

We must now return, all too soon, to Wales leaving you our best wishes for further revealing the nature of Cornish Underground. I will be putting together a VRML model of the area (3D computer data on entrance locations + cave survey lines which can be viewed from any angle, have hypertexts inserted to descriptions etc). With luck, this will allow maps to be associated with the shaft bashing guides to make it clearer where things are in relation to each other and get away from perennial problems of mist not allowing bearings, bearing misread or misinformed, confusing descriptions (to left - is it going up or down?) ....



28/7/98 -

Whilst alone at Ario this afternoon a lone walker appeared from the clag. He said "Are you the Oxford cavers?" "Yes," I replied. The walker then said "I live in Newcastle and I am Ian Benson's housemate". "Oh yeah." I said, and that was that.  
Rhyp.

Shutbashing in area 9 - Keith & Fleur

26/9

On the way to 27/9, we rediscovered 26(a,b,c) the 'lost cave' that Bill & John were looking for when they found 27/9.

Bearings are (from just above 26/9 a) :

- Verd. 226°
- Curv. 176°
- Jult. 134°

Didn't go back down - remains to be explored.

32/9

Next find was an open shaft, about 1-2 m diameter, 2 second (?) drop. No tag found, so named 32/9. Undescended.

- Bearings: Curv. 154°
- Verd. 240°

31/9

The uninhabited dig in a shale hole (see earlier). After much fun lugging 2 wopping great boulders out of the way, <sup>& Fleur wanting them to be thrown on her hand</sup> a ladder was lobbed down the pitch & an unsuitably clad caver inserted into it.

Down 5-7 m to bouldery floor, possibly diggable. Rift leads off but too tight to enter.

Got different bearings to John's previous bearings.

Ours were: Jult. 126°, Curv. 170°  
And then on to 27/9 to do some proper caving...



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24/7/98 Ave = 2/7

Team = Lynn, Alison, Horrie, Boris, Tom (part time)

Objective = Attach Boris to comeds below

- Complete trip with no hang-ups about efficiency
- Visit the top of Perimists pot

Success criteria • Boris looked 'erie' with his green light stick swinging underneath / above unsuspecting caves

- Regular meet-ups for fudge & chats ensured maximum waiting at pitch bottoms etc.
- Perimists reached.

∴ A good trip!!

Horrie

Bill, on 27/9 :

"I mean its not going anywhere, of course, but its good practice for my rigging. We've just waiting for the next poxy little pitch to end in a boulder choke."

29/7/98.

Good bye all, back to Britain for a week then off to the Verors. Thanks for letting me come on expedition again, its been great. Hope you find the way on. See you in Britain.  
Rhy.

PS. Contact me via my parents on 01939 ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ if you want Danyr-ogof or OFD trips etc.



Markin back again to find a ladder to check out an entrance found ostensibly on way home yesterday. It's down in the valley left of head of Sod 2, by a path (Sod 2 alternative?) and 20m SW of a draughting boulder collapse. It's a serious draft & the hole has a mossy slope down to a drop into - who knows? No markings apparent and interesting as it may lead back to the blank area between the Aris path & Aliseda ...

29/7/98 GSP Harvey & Fleur.

I fancied a project before my next camping trip and this seemed ideal. In the end we did not make it to the bottom of Tumbling Dice, but had an excellent trip - there's some nice cave down there. Things weren't too inefficient, but a little slow as I was rigging (!). The initial pendule gained an awkward rift with an entertaining climb and squeeze then a pitch where I completely failed to find the rebelay and a light fall, where everything went wrong at once. But some excellent ~~for~~ flintstone and moormilk formations as well as a little peppery grotto thingy. These little patches gave more entertaining rigging - giant rock bridge, was round 3 times. Then it was time to head out, the aim to return in the daylight.

Surprised to see Chris + John coming in about 9pm for their camping trip. Tried our best to confuse them about which rope to use at the Head of Flying Reblays ...

An excellent jaunt. Shame about the daylight. PAF

PS - If you want to push this there is a 120m rope and rigging gear for Tumbling Dice at the Bottom of the Blind PA series.



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29/7/98 27/9 ~~Garin + Keith~~ / ~~Garin + Mow~~ / ~~Mow~~ / Mow + Keith ✓

Trip originally planned for Garin + Keith. When I got up, Garin was hanging around already 15 mins passed his 9:00 am start time, with no sign of Keith. "The early caver gets the trip!" said Garin, so we started out at 9:45.

On reaching the cave I found that I'd left my SRT kit behind. "You'd better run back and get it," said Garin. "I'll stay in and re-rig the 2nd pit."

On reaching Airo, I collected my SRT kit and bumped into Keith.

"I'll be 15 mins behind you" said Keith.

"Doesn't someone have to guard camp?" I said.

I sprinted back up Gusterson to find Garin still on the surface and about to pack because of a non-working lamp. "I'll send Keith up, if he still wants to come," I said.

I started down the cave on my own, with one tackle bag, collecting another at the bottom of the first pit. I then re-rigged the second pit using the bolts Chris had put in yesterday. The one for the deviation must be all of a  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the way in.

I reached the head of pit no. 5 and started getting the gear ready. Keith caught me up. "Is Garin down the pit?" he asked. "He has gone back to camp." Keith rigged the 35m rope on the pit and abbed down. Yesterday Chris had bounced on the end of a 25m rope on this pit. Keith bounced on the end of the longer rope with his feet two feet off the floor. He untied the end knot and touched down.

We landed in a large rift with a small stream. "Upstream" led to a climb so we headed downstream. The 5th pit descends the centre one of three parallel shafts with the rift continuing beyond in either direction. We soon reached a pithead climb down which had a howling and very cold draft. A well decorated and awkward rift led to the top of pit no. 6, rigged on networks, 15-20 m. At the base, the stream flows into an impenetrable rift, that I had to rescue Keith's welly from. The rift is very tall and huff way up is a short crawl to a drafting squeeze / S bend - well hammered



but still not possible. At the very top of the rift is a very nice gully. Headed out looking at leads - nothing promising - and did slight rigging alterations in the last/bottom 2 pitches, placed a second bolt at the head of the 5th pitch. Good trip!

Down

27/9 - The missing write ups (the ones that aren't missing.)

18/7/98 → 25/7/98 : Bill & others push some through 3 entrance pitches to chole (above).

27/7/98 : Chris & Keith break through boulder ~~chole~~, leaving a rocky rock which gives the rift its name, "Rocky Horse Rift" into 5m of rift with a pitch through a small hole in the floor. Mud/calcite streamway above the hole gives the 4th pitch its name: "The Chocolate River" (w/20m) <sup>Flow or 2 spur</sup> working on the removing (smashing up rocks from the pitch head.

28/7/98 : Brian finishes along the pitchhead & is later joined by Chris & Keith. Chris rigs next pitch & dangles on a 25m rope about 10m from the bottom. \* see note about loose pitchhead on diagram overleaf

29/7/98 : (see above write up). ~~How~~ & Keith return with a longer rope <sup>(35m)</sup> - almost long enough for the pitch. Pitch lands in a big rift with small streamway at the bottom. Upstream leads to a climb into a phreatic that enters a too high rift. Small inlet near the start