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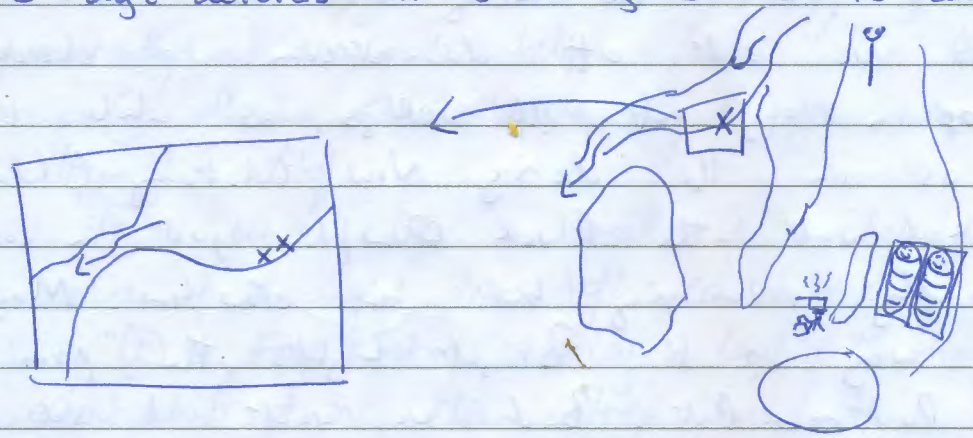


Gavin + J.C.'s Camp 2 → 86 August.

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Day 1 → ~~SUNDAY~~ MONDAY

Gentle stroll down the cave with a pack-bag each. In by 1:30, place 2 dye-detectors in stream by BIG LEDGE camp.

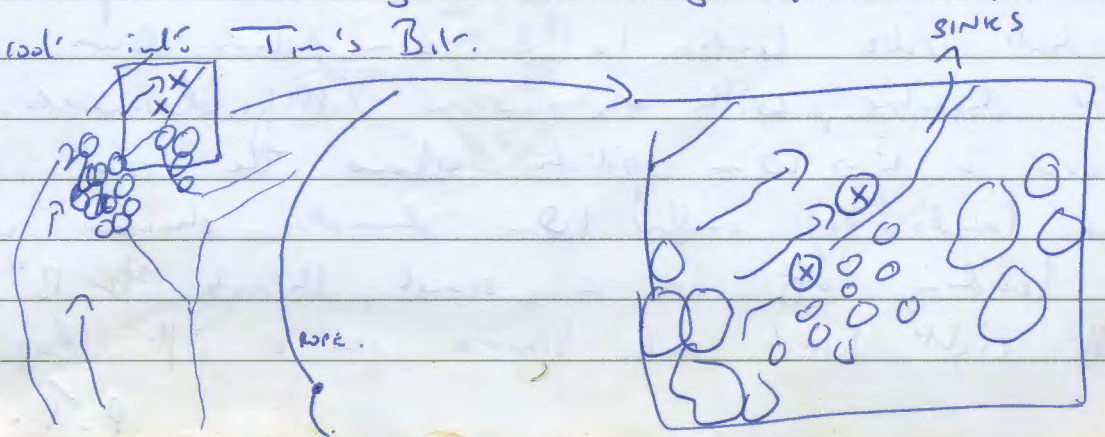


Met John + Chris in London Underground who seemed very happy with life. Met Flew + Harvey at camp who were also pleased with the state of the world.

Day 2 Monday (J.C. Bottom's the cave)

The plan was to hold ourselves at Egbert in the hope that it would give up before we did. Despite Dave's "soft northern woad" and Neil's and Rob's + Lew's appraisal it seemed worth a look. To guard against hypothermia we took brew-kit + survival bags and managed 5 hours of concerted effort before calling it a day. Made 2 → 3m of progress and were beyond the wet puddles, but the roof was getting low with only pebbles supporting hanging cloth. Retreated to get longer crow bar.

Placed 2 more dye-detectors near the sink into Egbert. They are in the streamway immediately after the first arch after the roof into Tim's Bit.





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Met Pete (Barely recovered from his chill & fibre attack) & How at camp who were up for it.

Day 3 <sup>TUES</sup> ~~Monday~~ MOUNT THE CROWBAR.

Legend had it that the long crow bar was in New Colony, so we set off downstream to check it out. No sign of it in any of the chigs, so while How & Pete followed us in the derig New Colony (Colony Bypass) we checked out the Flood Overflow just in case. Massive draft, really promising but no crow bar. Maybe it had made its way up to Bright Lights, the "promising" chigs side of Postman Pat. Back we went. I set off to camp for bolting kit + surveying instr. while Gavin set about the chigs, with co-ordinated whistle blowing just in case we were above the main-stream. No audible connection so some hope of new passage.

At the top, not only was there a crow bar but also 2 tackle bags of rope, bolting kit, 6 pits, a cuddly toy and the string section of an orchestra. It was getting late so rather than head back for the Chicks highest we cut our losses and dropped the pitch. This dropped via 3 rebelay + numerous divisions to an inlet with water falling into a pool (The sound that sounds like the Main Streamway). At the bottom of "Mount the Crow Bar" there was a pretty 8m diameter chamber. The stream was in about 10m up the pitch and from a narrow rift with a fairly easy traverse level about 5m above this which Gavin overwalked up for about 20m. From the base of a pitch a chute out a short while leads to a 2m chute down into a 5m diameter chamber, with an narrow rift downwards. This pops out over a 15-20m pitch where the rope ran out. The Thine lands <sup>on</sup> the other 10m diameter chamber with the stream leading off in a crawl, through the 12" deep under a left right hand and traverse over a 3ft deep pool.

P.T.O.



6 August 1998.

Tia, Jo, Len.

Valley of the Dry Bones. A

Another piece of water in Spain --

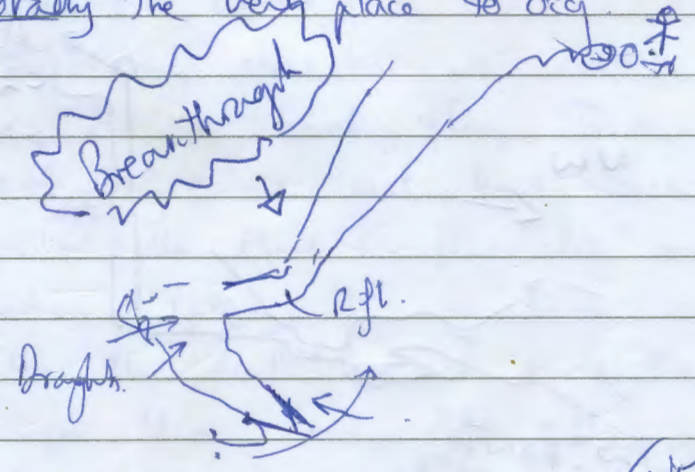
For those who don't know, the valley is full of cold draughting holes, presumably all connected below ~~is~~. The three best options are.

(1) obvious steep sloping dig of pore, to ~~5-10~~ 5-10 m from cliff.

(2) under cliff, ~~is~~ smaller of 2 holes with roaring noise of draught from rift could be dug.

(3) Far end of valley, last of the draughting holes. Start climb down, then steep head down slope into boulder dig.

(1) Tia, Len + Jo dig straight down and 2m later draught opened up to reveal small rift into chamber 3 draughts: one small ahead in rift (could be good to dig here 'cos its ~~at~~ the rift), one ahead and slightly left. Big draught coming from benders. Yuck. Other draught wafts up slope. Sere goes out through fur crawl, and runs to left to what might be another rift. This is Sere's tent to another hole on the surface. This "rift" is also just visible down slope on the left. This is probably the best place to dig.



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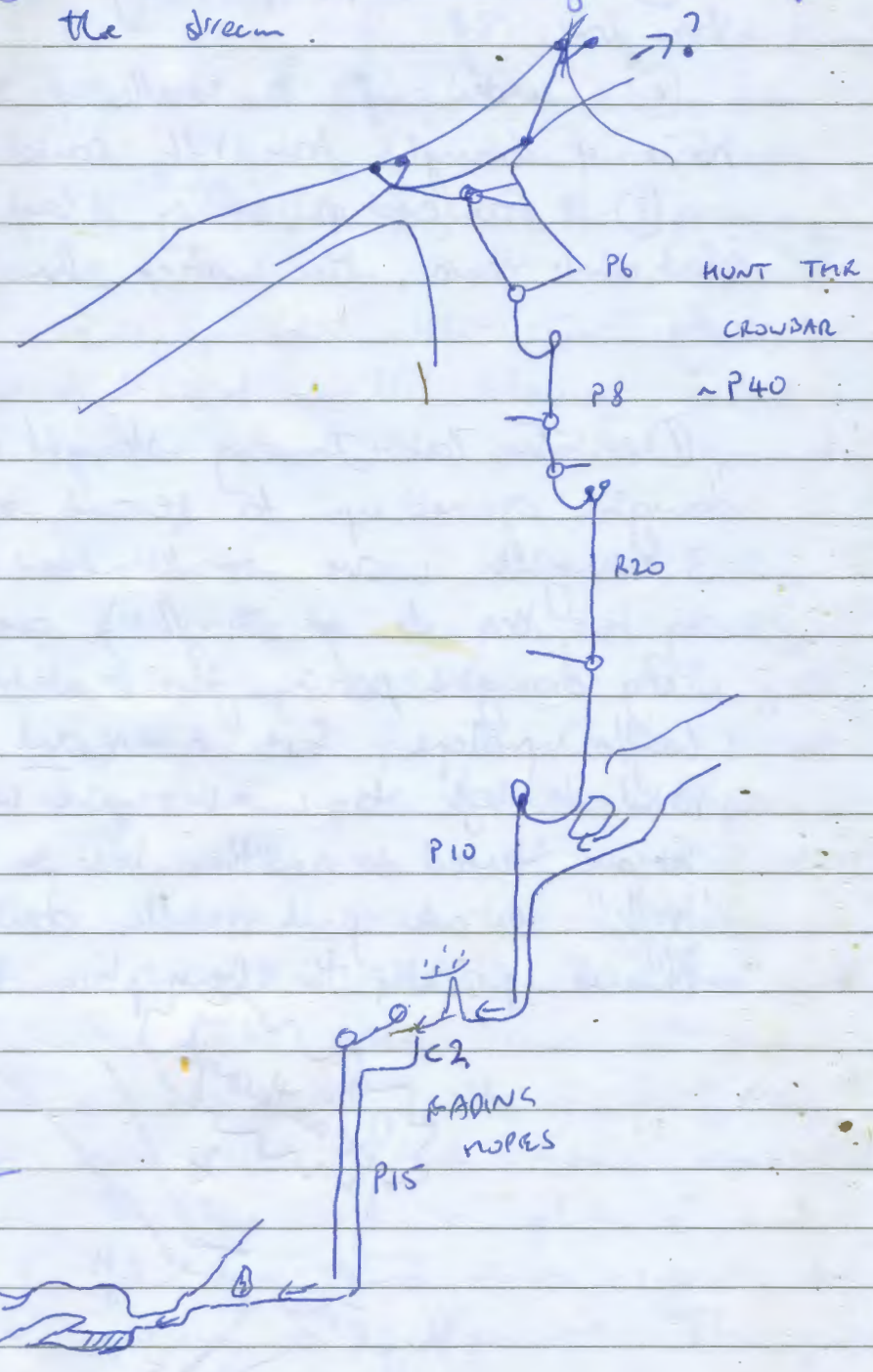
The passage then opens out to walking / traversing for 15 → 20m before a short descent to the level of the next (Unclimbed) pitch of 15 → 20m. We'd run out of rope + time, so failed to survey + derigged. The stream, however, is almost certainly an inlet which will meet the main stream at Druseille or Branda Point. Rough compass bearings showed it passed directly underneath the ascending mud-slope process back NW towards the stream.

BRIGHT LIGHTS CLIMBS

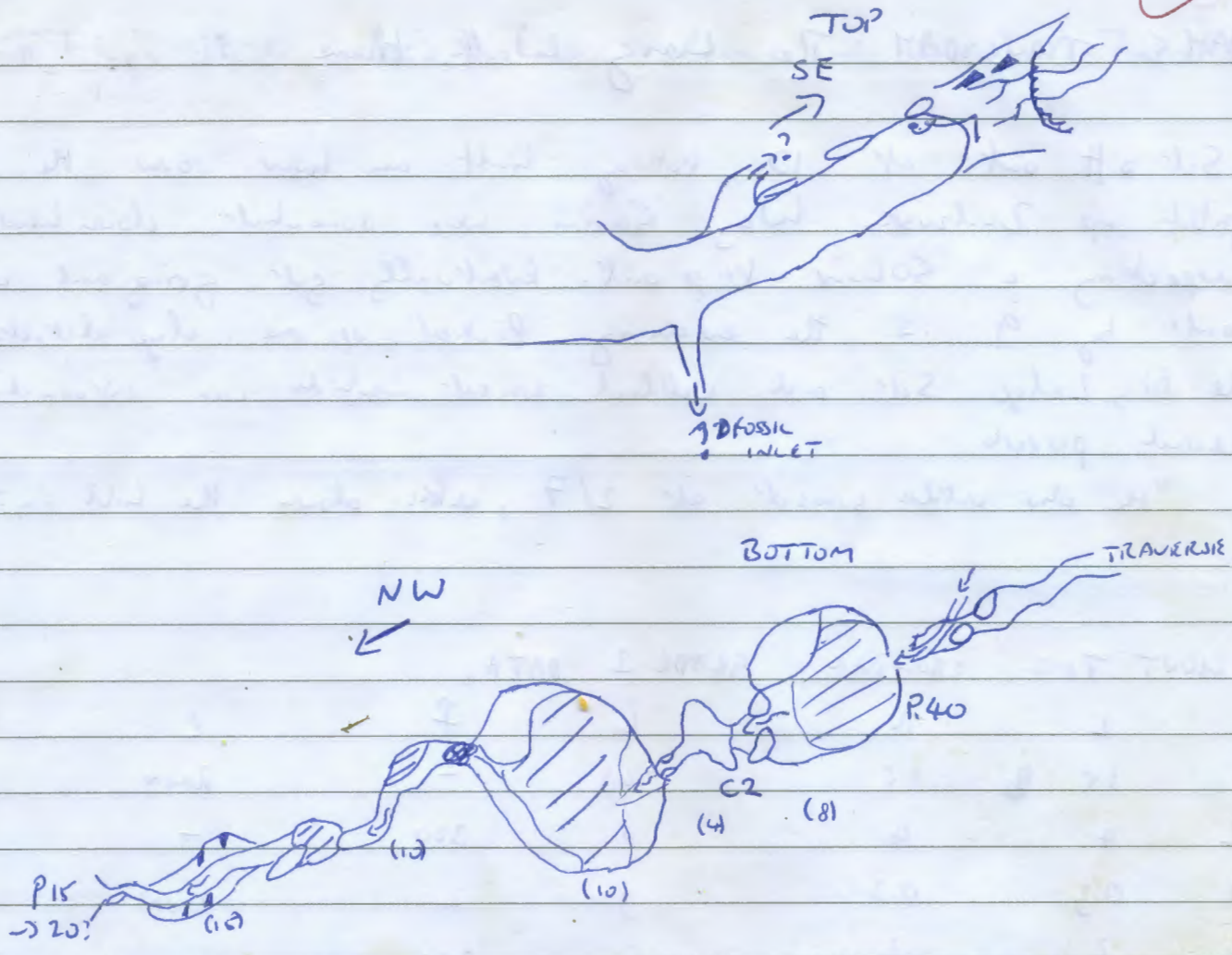
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P20? FAWT HEARTS







Back at camp Now + Pete had gone up to The Sloppy dig at the end of Tim's Ditch and was well been surprised not to find us there. They'd collapsed the roof of the dig, got intimidated and given it up for dead.

WORKS

Day 4 Tuesday: The Big Lead.

Armed with the long crow-bar, we set off for the dig in Tim's Ditch for a final fling. Did not look good. Little draft, hard digging, no roof, bad news. Pete + Now meanwhile had revisited the Flood Overflow dig and improved access to the end considerably. Taking it in turns we made about 1cm of progress with the draft intense and the sound of the dream getting stranger. Nice lead, Pete + Now will be putting another 2 days work into it and any other help would be a seriously good idea. Took the chartered Colostony eyes back to camp whilst Gavin + Now chartered Banni Linnis.

DAY 5 THURSDAY: The Long Walk Home

Set off out at 10, taking half an hour over the first pitch up Zaduska Way. Gavin was somewhat down hearted expecting a 50 hour trip out. Eventually got going and was out by 9 in the evening. Picked up one clay shales from the Big Ledge. Set and watched sunset which was astounding but heard proverb

"He who watches sunset at 2/7, walks down the hill in the dark"

	CROWBAR		GRADE 1 DATA		
	L	R	L	F	L
1	1.5	1.5	~40	-	DOWN
2	4	4	8	320	-
3	0.3	0.3	3	-	DOWN
4	2	2	5	310	-
5	0.2	0.2	15	-	DOWN
6	5	5	10	330	-
7	.5	.5	4	325	-
8	2	0	4	270	-
9	.5	.5	6	325	-10
10	0	2	7	335	-10
11	2	0	3	340	-45
12	.2	.2			
13	?	?	~15	-	DOWN



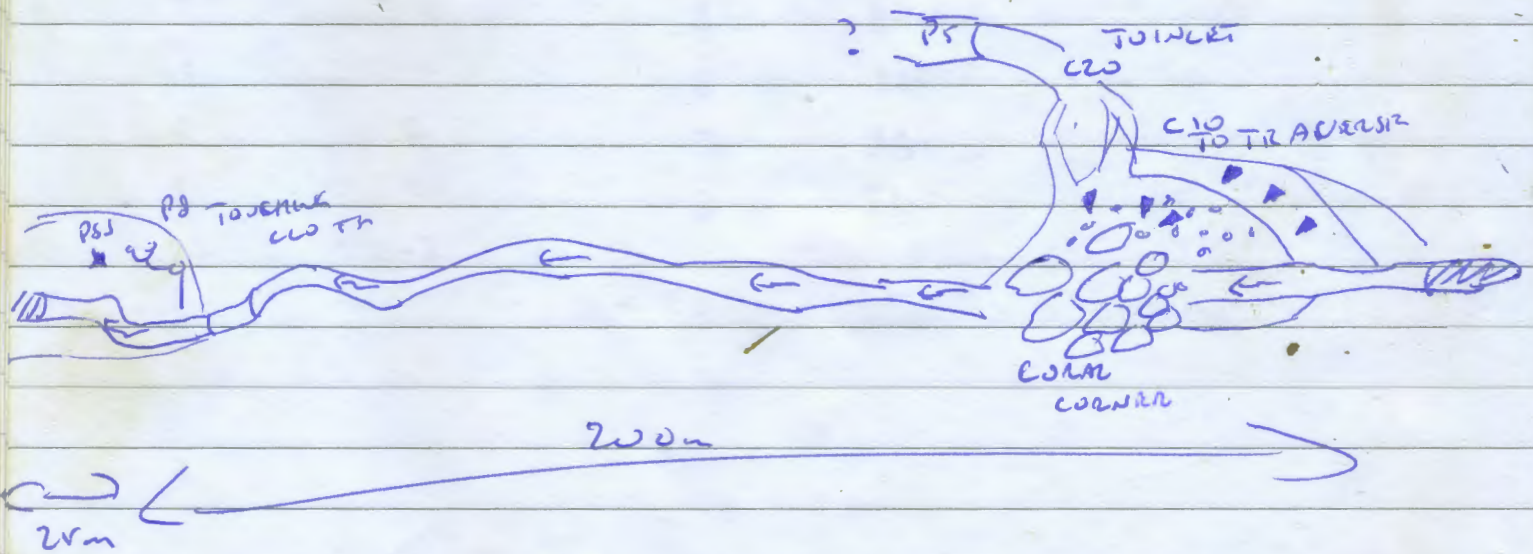
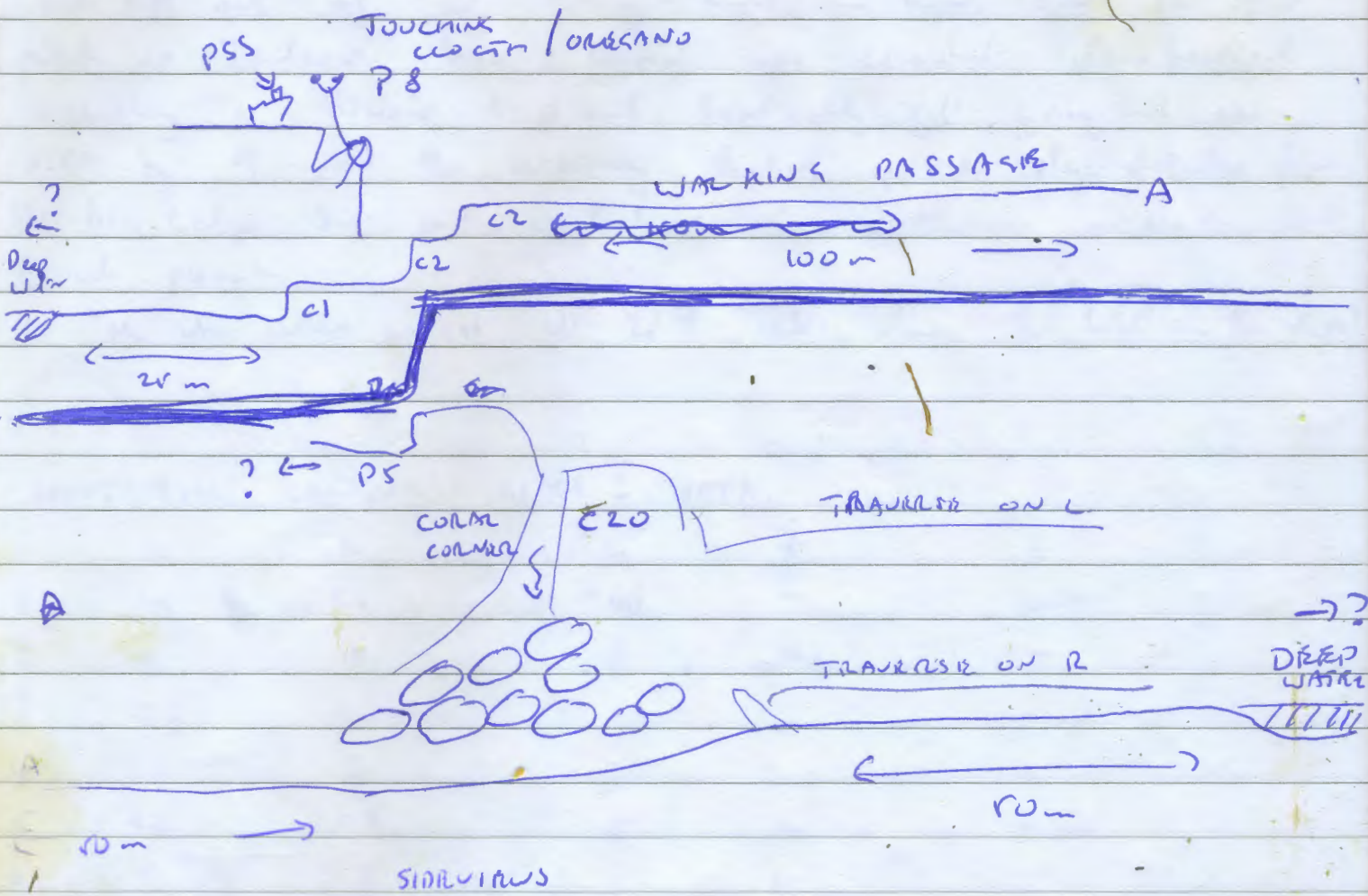
Things that Lew. has done in the past 7 weeks.

*[Faint, illegible handwriting follows, likely describing activities or a list of tasks.]*



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P Ass 42 → Sketch of Upstream Push by JC/Tony 20/7/97





8/8/98

GONE: I really am going now. Think I'm supposed to write some invariable cheery message - but I'm not. Except: Please may I have the purple, oval, alloy Paden knob back from off the yellow tackle rack at the top of Humbling due in GSP?

So long & best wishes to everyone,

Harvey

9-8-98

Rob & Lev (also the rebelkoh & the frog)

It's very hot today... very very hot.

Anyway, we went off down the valley entrance - its not nearly as bad as people make out <sup>①</sup> On the way we looked at some entrances. Some are worth revisiting! 55/5 is an impressive rift passage ending at a possible climb. Alternatively, a climb to the right gains an alternative entrance which may be ascended (needs a rope) into a promising higher level. Near 54/5 we found <sup>②</sup> 72/5 "cavea del shit and calcite" which is a 1m diameter phreatic that ends at an easy calcite dig but continues beyond. (30m E of 54/5. Hard to spot, easiest to see from inside cave!)

We used 53/5 as a base 'cause it is nice and cool and should ~~be~~ be revisited <sup>③</sup> Strong draft - the way in is likely to be upwards until more active parts of the cave are reached. After some exciting climbing we found nothing of interest but we ran out of water before obtaining all our objectives. Walking back we found 43/5 44/5 40/5 and discovered that if you make a good flake thing you can get a brilliant echo across the gorge.

Oh, and I was nearly killed by a large frog (not Lev but a different one...)

I need some water now... "I'm a rebel" (although in this heat I can't even spell the word.

Stroke that heat...

① The Valle Extramont starts getting

much steeper just after 53/5

② That makes 3 caves numbered

72/5

Rob

③ A lot of effort has gone into 53/5 without success, and it's dropping into Xitu anyway