

Sunday about the 1st June
Orres Close

Nobby & Chris

Down to survey more mining squads. A fine day for it. Slow work, but eventually managed to survey the 9-10 legs to the traverse & big rift at bottom. Nobby's first felt, then traversed over to more rock & a big shaft dropping in. Didn't feel like trying to slope across another traverse to more passage beyond, so made excuses & headed out. Just as well - Nobby's light packed in so he had to rumble around using spare tools in hand so obviously got lost. 2nd pitch & dock & entrance shaft condemned - as practised by me + James a month or so ago for the same reason. Shaved out for 11 pm callout. Back Oxford 2am: 1.67 metres passage surveyed per hour away. Hard going.

CJD

12/6/96 - Stay & Drag

SGR: "Andy, where do you get your ear-rings?"

"YOU CAN HANDLE IT, YOU'RE AN ENGINEER!"

**Critics query
CJD in girl, 15**

Some people never learn . . .

CJD

End of km Yorks trip - the caravan in Ingleton

Present are: Ian, Alex, Nobby, Fleur, Alison,
Rich, Michael, TC, Gavin, Mrs Sharon, Tom,
Nicola, Andy, Tom, Graham, Nick (Chelsea SS)
and Pete (Teddy Hall)

16/6/96

I (Sharon) ~~was~~ walked up Ingleborough. I enjoyed the walk, but my feet and ankles now hate me vehemently. There is an interesting sheep who hides behind walls where you can't see it (en route to Quaking) and when all is deathly quiet and you walk past, the sheep goes "Hello" very loudly. Made me jump. A very good imitation of English for a sheep, but it needs a little work on its consonants. The 'h' and 'l' came out a little like 'n's. View from Ingleborough nice, although hazy. I can't believe I walked all the way up there from the caravan, given how unfit I am !!!

Sharon

16/6/96

Us & Gavin went down Massdale. This is a cave with a very strong aura of "Don't fuck with me". We went through Marathon to the Sand Caverns & back. I've always wanted to go to Far Marathon for the romance of the name. It's a strange strange place with a slippery red sandstone floor, weird extrusions of lumpy black stuff through joints in the walls and a bit of old rescue debris & personal gear. What a place to die. Out, respectfully.

16/6/96 - Pool Sink

- Ian, Alison, Rich, Alex, Fleur,

After a sweaty walk up from Bull Post farm we reached the entrance. At least we thought we did, after all it was by a pool. But it wasn't. That was wretched rabbit. A bit further up stream we did find the entrance.

A bit of good 'Z' band crawling led to the first pitch. As far as the third pitch we were hot on the heels of 3 cavers during the trip on SRT. By the 4th pitch it was just us. Here Alex managed to get us all wet by stepping then suddenly releasing the water. Cheers.

Next came the search for green and smelly passage which was neither. The main drain was very low, but we still marched up it for a while until about the climb up to Top Sink before returning.

Fleur

17/6/96

BAR POT.

PRESENT: Nobby, Alex, Ian,
Andy, Flew, Rich, Alison, ~~JC~~,
Michael, Graham

After a long hike up from Clapham Car park we were all gasping for water and extremely hot. After rehydrating from the nearby stream running into main chamber, the party split - Nobby, Alex, Flew, Rich, Andy, Graham ~~and~~ continued on, Alison, ~~JC~~ ^{Michael} went down the flood entrance. A short pitch just in the entrance was made tricky by a narrow top; Flew: "I'm never coming here again!" Some scrambling proceeded, Graham spotted a bat; next, the "Big Pitch" - quite aptly named - ~~no~~ ^{no} ~~problem!~~ All down - no problem! we continued on, came to a huge ~~hole~~ ^{hole}, next to where the darts came down. Crawling passed, and into main chamber - Impressive to say the least. ~~JC~~ and Ian, took the hard way out; but chucked out after the water came over their waders, when we were sinking we came back.

Rich

Nobby: It's very dark if there isn't any light.

Rich: It's not on land, Britain.

18/6/96 - Heron Pot and Swinista Pull Throughs

Two pull Throughs - one depending on the other - a good idea? ~~Well~~ ^{Well} it all went surprisingly to plan.

Nobby, Rich, Alison and I were to pull through Heron pot then go to valley entrance to put a ladder on the last pitch for Alex, Michael and Andy (in Swinista). The trouble came at the first pitch. Rich, Alison and I laddered down then Nobby

denigged the ladder and abseiled down. But left the ~~to~~ knot in the rope. Just a good job we had a spare.

Everything then ran smoothly as we came out the lower entrance getting very wet at the last moment.

Rich and Alison went to retrieve the first rope, while Nobby and I rigged valley entrance.

Then only one more problem.....

Flew

18/6/96 - Heron Pt (again) - Rich, Alison

Having pulled through Heron Pt once but leaving ^{one of the} ~~the~~ ropes behind on the 1st pitch Rich + I went back in to retrieve the rope while Flew + Nobby went to rig a ladder in valley entrance. We retrieved the rope with no problems, which had had the knot left in the end. On the way back out we missed the turning ^{out} and ended up causing further ~~trouble~~ ^{trouble}. We eventually found the exit, having spent about 3 times as long ~~of~~ coming out than going in.

Alison

17/6/96 - the rest of the ~~of~~ trip

Technically it was a Bar / Flood exchange but only Ian and I actually exchanged... After going in Bar with no problems (1) (see above) we went beyond Main Chamber, down Old East Passage, as far as the start of the traverse in Mud Hall, where a general lack of cowstays prevented further progress.

I went for a quick snap around the Sand Caverns whilst waiting for Ian / JC to stop bugging around on silly traverses, and finally went out of Flood with Alison + JC. A fine route and one certainly to be recommended in preference to Bar. A desperate attempt to get out on SPT before the ladder team got out of Bar narrowly failed, and I think I

annoyed TC by singing
What will it be for tea tonight?
We hope its chips
its chips etc

all the way up the last three pitches. He said
'It was a really good trip except for the company
on the way out.' How very rude.
J.C. says F.O.A.D.

19/6/96 Ben Dow / Providence ooo

failed due to lack of enthusiasm so

Marble Steps Alex, Fleur, Alison, Rich, Andy
A nice long ladder trip going in down the 'wee way' which
was completely dry. Fairly slow going down to Main Chamber
and along to Sink POC. At this point Michael and Nobby
arrived having abandoned Large POC since it was too small.
We stole enough rigging gear to carry on to the bottom
and sent them back out again. The traverse above the Interstines
was enjoyed by all, then on to the bottom of the last pitch,
couldn't be bothered to crawl to the sump so back out.
Just before the entrance Nobby turned up and volunteered to
carry out the tackle. ~~with~~ Final entertainment was provided
watching people attempting the entrance climb with varying lack of
grace.

Alison : 'I had Tim holding me down ...'

Rich : 'It's pretty late in the week, is Thursday,
isn't it?'

19th - Nobby wants to be artistic with broccoli and leeks.

Nobby and Rich then proceed to hit their knees with them.

Pete: "I didn't realize they broke so easily"

Nobby: "If you have a floppy leg and you do it, it should work."

Rich: "Can you do ~~it~~ it with my leg?"

Nobby: "Give me a mug of wine and a leek and I'll make your leg more ----- I might have to fondle your ~~leg~~ knees at it."

With a cry of "Look + Destroy" Nobby, Fleur, Rich and Pete went into battle.

19/6/96 Nobby & Michael.

After failing on Large Pot, so large that I couldn't fit through the entrance squeeze, and a short pop into Marble Step to see how the others were going Nobby & I retired to the car to think seriously about going to the pub. Nobby cried pot and so we had no choice but to try our 3rd care for the day (Simpson's Pot). 3rd time lucky, maybe but I was sure the Narva was against us when Nobby absailed into the wrong pit and had to press up. But then we had a sing along, "Bye Bye Miss America Pie" etc... and with morale restored we went on to have an excellent trip. 6 pitches, lots of twisting, turning passage and interesting navigation and an excellent 40m final pitch which I descended to the sounds of Nobby singing hymns. Once out we raced back to Marble Steps believing the others to be waiting for us, they weren't but got there eventually.

Now to ~~save~~ sum up our trip, well as I said to Nobby as I absailed the 40m pitch "Hey Nobby, this is better than sex, and almost as good as a good cup". Need I say more.

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18/6 Michael, Alex, Andy
Swarto pull through.

But of a slow start as we were wary of pulling through the wrong cave. So Alex popped back to check the guide book while Michael 'searched for other entrances' in the grass. After that an excellent trip just the right amount of pitches and tramping through streamway with a pretty efficient team. Thanks to Nobby for eventually deciding to drop the ladder down, oh how we laughed as we stared at the swamp and the rather scrappy rope which seemed to be the only way out.

20/8/96 - 4.00 am

Ingleton Viaduct Pot - ~~Swarto pull through~~
- The Through Trip.

After a pleasant walk up through the village the entrance is located near the community centre, although not currently listed in any guides.

Two short climbs leads to an easy walking unrocked section. The first pitch is shortly on the left. The obvious hang falls into the main streamway below, but continuing a short distance allows descent into dry caves.

This fine daylight pitch soon bells out to be free hanging with spectacular views of caravan like formations.

Present: Nobby, Alex, Fleur, Alison, Rich, Pete.

This was my first rigging trip and bolts were absent. But thankfully these were natural hangs. Nobby, Alex and I descended, leaving Rich and Alison as the derigging party, who descended by an alternative route. Pete provided the essential

proceeds throwing experience as 3 sprockets attempted to free climb down.

Fleur

5.30 am - Exhausted by the previous trip the majority of the party now retired to bed, leaving Alex and I, who were too wide awake to go and do the Waterfall's walk. Having arrived back around 7.30 am we sat and waited for people to wake up, making our 3rd trip to Ingleton of the day at 8.30 am to buy food for breakfast.

CLUB BAR-B-QUE

+ John's 21st. (at Steve's House)

20/6/96

Present are: Tim, Pauline, John, Anita, Steve, Sandra, Chris D., Nobby, Fleur, Alison, Andy, Olly, Jim, Sara, Jenny, Jo, Luke, I was here too, but made little impression - Judd

The ^(A) Poodle returns (But it's not on John's head)

John "Ah a sneaky step."

"On balance of probabilities — it's probably Steve."

"John fibs ate my chicken..."

Olly "Pimms makes you go with 4 people on swings."

JP "What we need in high speed areas is chain saw proof rope"

JP again "I DID the Waterfalls walk with Ione Clamp"

60 HUUUUUGE

"Tim, We go now!"

15/06/'96 - Tim/James - 550m

Can't you spell!
It's hoooge!

in L+f.

Hard pints (thanks to
Lancashire Lads)

Long Piss.
Late Start.

fuddled into Intergalactic Overdraught.

BIG PASSAGE

"We go now!"

"It's big, very big, 14m wide!"

"I know." "Of course yes!"

Fantastic finds, the Chamberwell Carrots,
the washing machine.

Looks like it's closing down. Fuck, fuck,
Huuuge Chamber. Tim Sung, I was speechless.

Ran out of tape.

Surveyed. 30m legs.

Way on from stream. "Shit, it's big!"

"James, James, be quiet."

"fuck, fuck" Rumble, rumble.

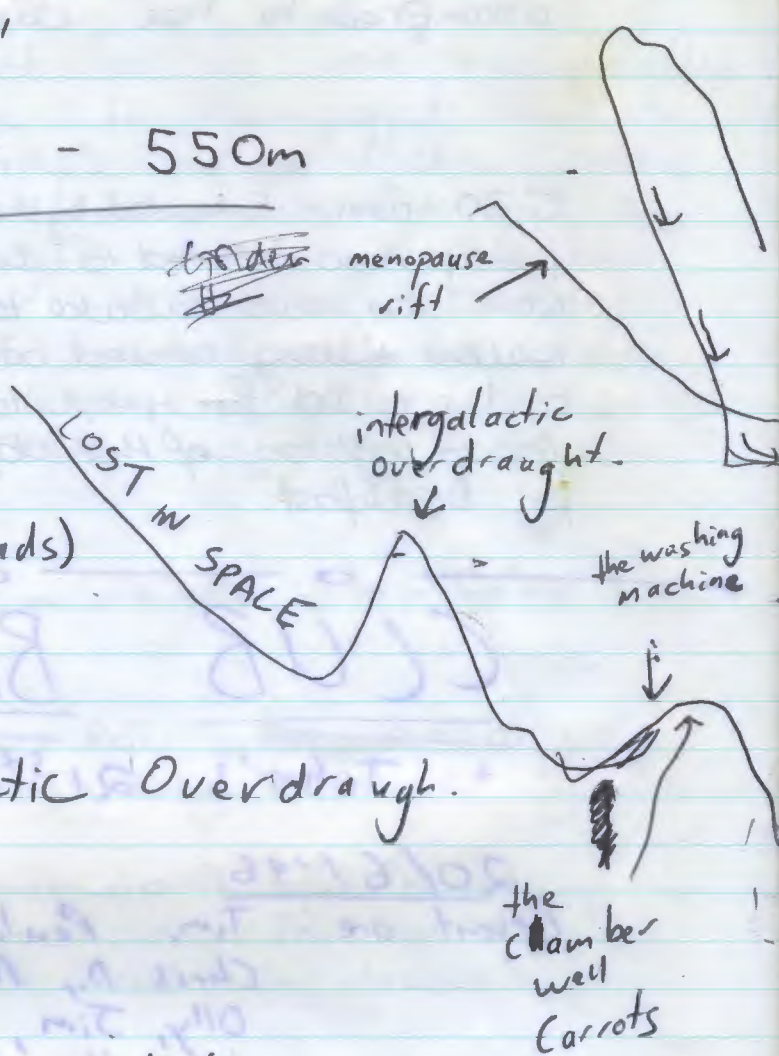
"A stream! Christ, there's a stream."

We found it. I drank.

CHANDER, CHANDER.

We turned round. Out to car park.

Booze, Bivi. Was it a dream?



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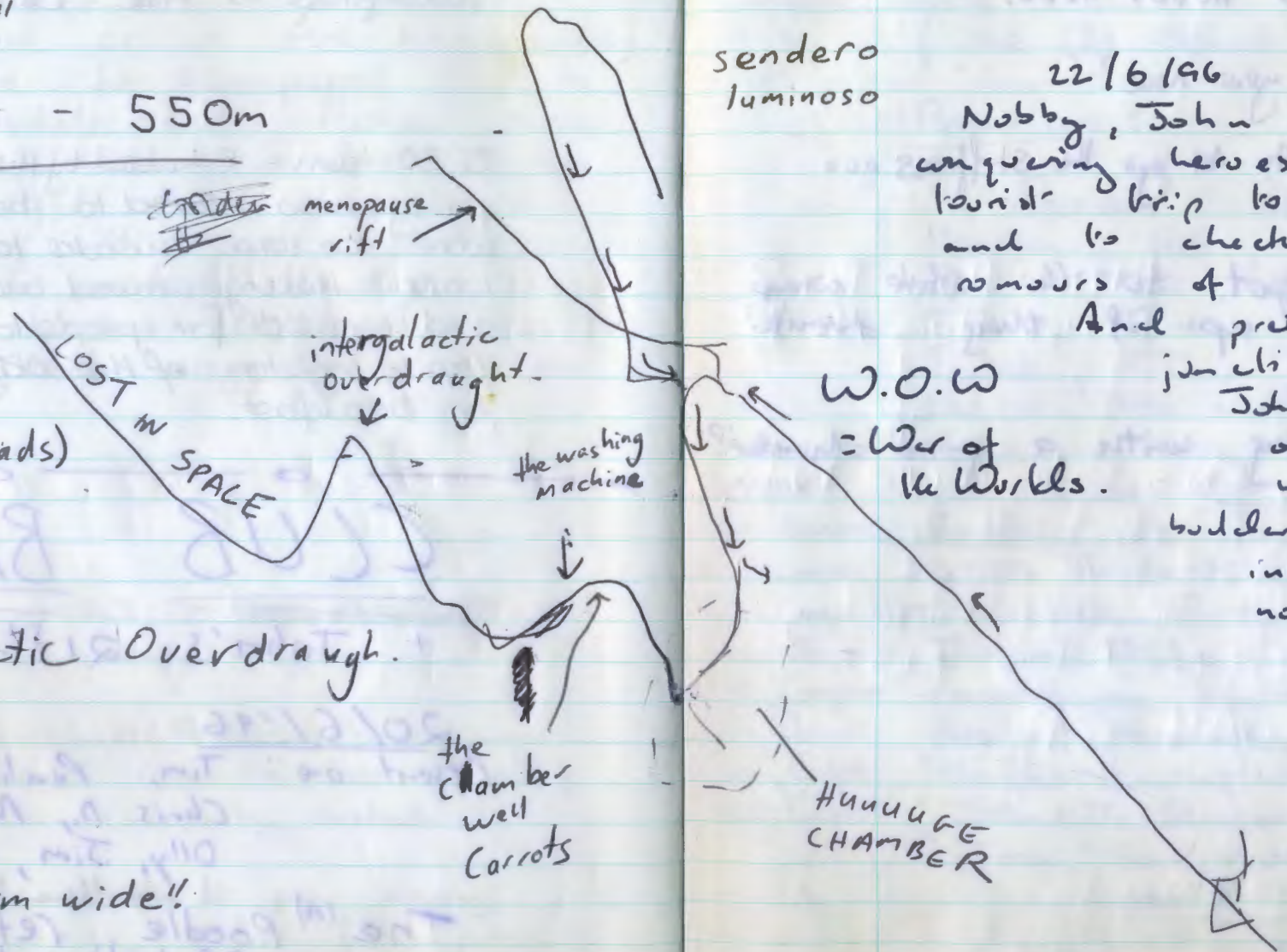
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19/06/96

Tim / Pauline

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22/6/96 O.V.C.C. Con

Nobby, John and me CS.C conquering heroes for a tourist trip to Tim, Pauline and to check if the rumours of hooovage p

W.O.W = War of the Worlds.

And pretty Park junction. To the John pushed a of the World way through r. boulder choke, to inlets. Tim, Paul north and tried in the choke Better luck Good Str

O.V.C.C. Conquer the World as

camping First after being down