

7th Dec 96

One of the multifarious teams from OUCC at Draenen =

Chris + Dave

Harry vaguely assembled into 3 groups at Pwell & Dave & I trogged down to Luck of the Draw. Taped the lovely passage for a bit, behind Team 1: Gavin, Steve, Moby. Dave got bored of taping, so went off to push a side passage, ~~the~~ "The Whinger" while I carried on taping. After this Dave felt guilty so let me lead into the next 3 side passages. The final one, leading S. from Lightkull Chamber was the best, we left it ongoing & drafty after 100m or so of wiggly. It was 10 pm. Stopped for some soup & Xmas pudding at out of the Blue, then got out to a cold start right at 2. Ace trip, all 16 1/2 hrs of it, though Dave didn't fancy returning soon.

The giant sugar cubes in Luck of the Draw are beautiful, as are all the chandeliers,

Chris

8th Dec 96 - early morning

Dave - 'I was woken by the sound of my sleeping bag being unzipped and something hard being shoved into my mouth'

On expeditions ...

James : 'I prefer small expeditions, myself'

Andy : 'Small and hard as opposed to small and floppy?'

James : 'Not small and hard because that would exclude the freshers ...'
Andy : 'What - freshers are big or freshers are floppy?'

James' plans for New Year
at Bull Pot Farm - - -

Weasels in Pingu's and Prime Pudding Places
Race down the Main Drain.

Xmas party 53 Cronham St. 13/12/98

On the potential of mistletoe on
SRT trips.

Nobby: You wait at the reeling until
the person of your choice ^{spring up}, you know,
"I've got a bit of a problem with
my croll... know what I mean". And
then just ... pucker up a bit...

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Another Draven team Steve, Gavin, Nobby

Having screwed up for the last two weekends through various combinations
of bad planning and alcohol, I was determined to get some
action in this weekend. We zoomed in to the breakthrough
in exactly 2 hrs, and went to look at the far end of
'Lack of the Draw', found by Gavin and Charles Bailey last
weekend. 1 km of passage, including some beautiful
pockets (L₂S+D and the lightbulb junction) saw us
in virgin passage with a good draft. I carried
a rope for some distance until it became apparent that
we were unlikely to intersect any big passage that we
might need to climb down into. Jas L₂D is clearly
a long wide passage - it got gradually smaller as
we went south. Sections of crawling over a mud floor
interspersed with ledge sections which get your hopes up for
a bit until it gets small again. We surveyed 29
legs for just over 600m. And it appears that this
passage is heading inexorably for the hillside in
Blairgowrie. Gavin goes back next weekend to find out...
Out in 12 1/2 hours in time for a pot in L+F,
a share of Jan's food and a surprisingly comfortable
night in the notorious caravan, despite the cold.
Watch this space. NTM



Chelsea are after our survey data again ...
 1) Tim tries to stop them getting through the door, then
 2) Looks for pineapples behind the blackboard

W.S.W.O.D.
 (See p 163)

President's Inure Sept. '96

Enough of this exploration nonsense ...
 Lets have some proper caving ...

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Draenen → (Dollmoos)

James + WSA.

Rock + Roll

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NEW YEAR 1997 - BULL POT FARM

Present are : (in order of arrival)

Ken, Will, Steve Johnson, Mark Rowe (Scarborough PC and friends of Will's), Nobby, Jo, Lew, Keith, Olly, Rob, James, Fleur, Alison, Paul, Maddy, Noel, Steve Roberts, Tim, Pauline, Graham Naylor, Richard Gregson, Dave L., Harvey, Fair, Sarah, Sam Lieberman (C.U.C.C.)

Lew explains his solo trip down low pot yet again :

'... it was dark, and foggy, and I just stepped in'

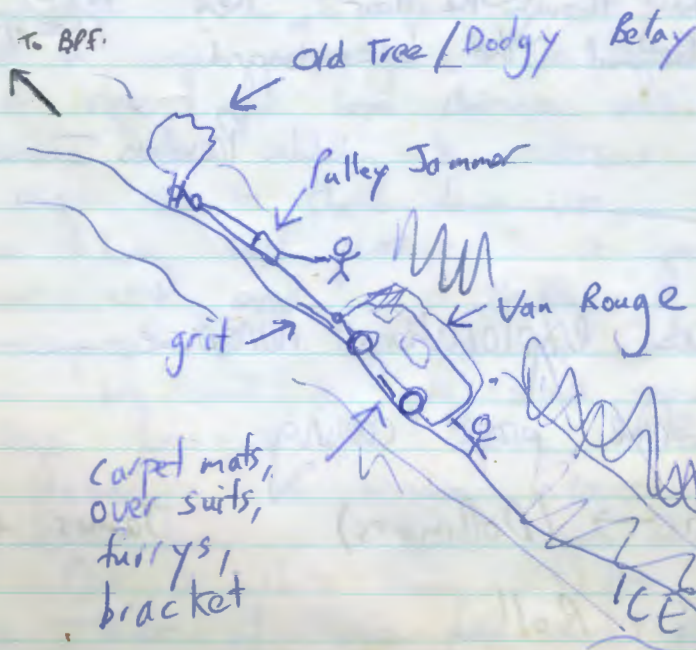
'What, so, you just - kept going?'

'Well, no, I fell for quite a long time, and then I stopped.'

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A Great Oxford Pushing Trip

200m in
3 hours
(Over 1m a minute)



Port: James
Fleur
Starport: Rob
Olly
Alison

The man with his eyes on the road and his hands upon the wheel: Paul.
only one!

POTATOES - The new (biodegradable)
ECO-HANGERS.



SPT - Single Potato Technique

Olly triggers (cont.) - Hormones.

'Graham was in the hedge the whole time'

County pot 28/12/96

James, Keith, Lev, Alison, Rob

Managed to find our way to Easter Grotto
~~was~~ o.k. Slight hiccup at Poetic Justice -
 Lev wriggled up no probs proving to all
 his skeleton's recovered from his ^{human} expedition
 down cow pot. Keith & Alison spent about
 1/2 hour each trying to master the nose
 jamming technique but failed miserably - until
 Rob lent a shoulder. Easter Grotto was
 'pretty' ^{causing} worth the effort to get there (it's only
 my second trip). ~~Stopped~~ Stopped in Easter Grotto
 for some Xmas pud - 5 minutes spent trying to
 decide whether, in the absence of any other eating
 utensils, we could be forgiven for breaking of
 a stalegitte - ~~but~~ fortunately James came to the
 rescue with his knife in the end - we continued
 along Easter Grotto into a rather tight crawl
 ("Thank God I'm not a fat bastard" ~~was~~ echoed in
 my head") - Alison lead on her back &
 suddenly we heard from the front of the
 passage "Alison's been splatted!" Was that
 another technique ^{causing} term I'd not learnt yet -
 err, no - Alison had actually been splatted by
 heroically (or unknowingly) diving into a pool
 of mud. After this we managed to get
 rather lost & spent an hour going round in

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a circle - of course James hadn't got lost, ~~he~~
~~was merely as if~~ ~~as he said~~ "I'm ~~surely~~
just making it more fun for you by
not knowing where we are - it's no fun
when you know where you are!" Still, we
found a nice path to do a spot of mud
logging in. Alison eventually found the way
out & after a couple more wrong turnings
(or 6 in Keith's case) we got back to
a rather nice Sausage stew at the farm.
Pretty good fun for a second trip. ~~etc.~~

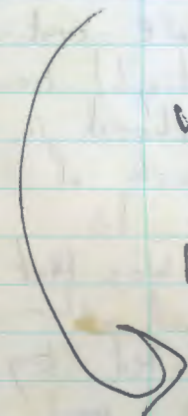
Keith.

Will on the ^{lower medium level} ~~possibility~~ of bestiality:

(Will)
(Andy)
(Rob)

Well, a small dog would be alright ferret
small → anything very small → ~~etc.~~
small ~~cat~~ → Small dog → sheep
pigs and goats → horse

(Paul - girls are ok if you've got two)



Will - Large is out of wellies
Kev - cows are ok if you've got a milk crane
horses are ok if you've got 2

Pool Sink for the aged.

Steve, Richard Coysen, Graham Naylor.

We went down pool sink to Gypsum Cavern
Graham Naylor & only got a slight look - Pretty pretty!

Steve

Dow - Prov

Pauline, Tim, Ker, OI.

Nice trip. After a history of callouts in this cave, we were expecting something epic - but nothing happened. Tim lead us through, with only one semi-hitchup, and were back on the probable route. Of course the only certainty is reaching the duck, then we knew we had done most of it right. Thanks Tim. Some of the traverses were slippery and I had a dangle from one arm on the last rope climb, but NOWHERE was there any chest deep wading. Can't say I was disappointed.

P.

Cow-lanes. Will, Mather, Reb.

Interesting traverse and 2nd pitch take-off in Cows led us to look for an alternative exit, fortunately provided by numerous lanes traps. Pattered around in main drain and upper level; found wolf's passage, Waterfall Chamber etc. Enjoyable trip. Will

Hanging Pot - To, Flea, Abby, Andy → Dead mammals society
We got to this 'superb daylight shaft' just as it was going completely dark. Andy rigged, To dinged, Flea practical SRT and I wallowed in I recall sheep + lots of rabbits at the bottom of the chance pitch. Fun dig at the bottom. Good weekend fun.

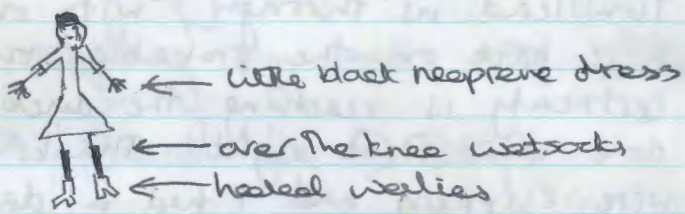
PIPIKIN POT

WILL, OL, KEV,

TIGHT TRIP, MY CHEST WAS NOT MADE FOR THIS CAVE GOING DOWNS OK. BUT COMING OUT I NEEDED A TUG. GOOD FUN. ONCE THROUGH PIPKIN INTO HALL OF THE TEN, WE WENT FOR A BIMBLE LOOKING FOR GOUR HALL. UNINSPIRING CRAWLING CONVINCED US TO TURN ROUND AND FIND THE MISTRAL. FOR FRESH AIR + CHOXY. THE RETURN TRIP BACK THROUGH PIPKIN WENT WITHOUT ANY TROUBLE EXCEPT 2 LIGHT FAILURES

KEV

LANCS - THE SPICE TRIP. Spicepeople: Nobby low, Fleur Pressure rigging for Nobby with 4 kids + dad for audience. Entrance pitch was great fun, Fall pot echoed to the sounds of "Say you'll be there", and so it began. Bumbling down to the sump we imagined "Speleo Spice":



- Other essentials: fake pink fur harness
- : feather bear chest harness
- : mailon chain earrings + accessories

Up stake pot on a dolly reed climb and one jammer on further rope. Back to Steamway as we "Wannabe" finding our prussik bags. After ascending Fall pot we looked for Steam that sumps to Bull pot of the Witches. Quite a bit muddy crawling but some very pretty. Shuff ho! Found a Steamway, but the wrong one! Great trip with lots of variety

Spice action: the prussik dance ...

We went to the Colonnades as well.

Ziga Zig - Ma!

Lance keim, Andy, Alison

2 Big drops, 1 nice steam, 1 dodgy welly, no teeny boppers
up yows.

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Marble Steps James, Pete Hall, Cal, Mark (C.P.F.)

Forgot Wet Suit Bottoms. Wore normal trouser and so was ~~not~~ recognized by Cal and Mark who we kidnaped and took digging down Marble Steps. We cleared the cave on way down. A well impressive dig... Sound of steam beyond apparently... but then I never saw it. Spent 2 hours lying in water (at the bottom of the Intestines). Then hauled rubble for 1 hour. Fast exit for pints in the Marton Arms. Back to B.P.F. for the usual. Christ I'm fxxred.
James

' Basically you can pack your own gherkin '

30/12/96 01:45 a.m. BallPot of the Pistiches

James + Knobby (Bringing you caving all through the night).
Forgot Caving Gear. Wore long johns. Ballpot is great and quite a challenge when pist and trying not to get dirty. Quite extensive too, fine climbs, nice streamway. Got out just after 3 a.m.
It was there, we did it.

James

On the Masongill rd, changing for large lift

Iain : ' Oh, there's a man with only a hat on '
' Oh, its Steve '

New Logbook Series

WEIRD SITUATIONS WITH OXFORD DONS. (W.S.W.O.D)

① Sitting on the front bonnet of a van driving up an iced over hill at 1 a.m. ~~with wheel~~ ^{at the wheel} on the way to Bull Pot. farm. an over the limit (just) OXFORD DON

② An Oxford Don standing on the fell in the snow. stark bollock naked and dancing to the Blues. (Soul Man). (Please continue ... there's great potential here)

"So who's coming on our trip?" said Iain.

"Us three, Nobby and Alison."

"Alison, is that the girl then?"

"It's just that I have difficulty convincing myself that it's best to take ~~my~~ clothes off."

fireworks? Just put Microwave Popcorn in the fire.

Kev's 14 inch one was a 'goodun' but he wasn't a happy bunny. What we need is BOH's over our heads.

W.S.W.O.D. (cont).

③ Oxford Don breaks bench in manic buttock clenching frenzy.

"It begins with an S and has 2 syllables."

You know those part time signals - I always think they have those because they can't afford to pay full time ones - Jo
Everytime I drive past the sign to the air museum I think of jars of air - Sam