

1. No novices are allowed to descend St. Cuthbert's.
2. Each member of the party should have adequate lighting
3. Spent carbide must be brought out of the cave.
4. Formations must be treated with the greatest respect - even though it may take time to pass them and slow up the party.
5. Do not touch any formation.
6. Take care ~~not~~ not to approach formations that have been taped off - normally these are very delicate and a slight brushing with ones clothing will destroy them.
7. St. Cuthbert's is the only cave on Mendip still in its pristine condition.

~~See Card Below~~
~~Document 2~~

8 Nov '69. St Catharines:- Denetwiss, John Riley, Dave Turner, Bob Cross, Roy Stewart,
Bob Craig, Alan Bullock & Tim Hudson.

Intended trip to Maypole high level passage but water levels
came had risen so much due to overnight rain that too much time
was wasted waiting for the sump to drain out. After several minutes
the sump was judged passable and work continued on the trench
in the new passage - Cuttsack 2. When the dam was full, Bob,
Dave T + Bullock stayed on the downstream side to observe the
stream flowing through 2. The pothole was apparently quite
impressive with a Swords sized stream flowing down it.

5 HRS.

Judson.

9 Nov '69. St Catharines:- Dug to passage beyond the Sump.

S. Ginder, John Attwood, Roy & Joan Bennett Bucket 9 lb.
Tim Hudson Roy Bennett Bert Byrds Steve Tuck
Colin Phiddle Joan Bennett Sally Merrett John Attwood
Bob Lewis Rosinakay & Janet from SMC.

11/11 Sump & Possibly 2.

J. G. Riley ✓

St Times ✓

M. Webster ✓

G. Large ✓

Mike ✓

B. Woodhouse ✓

R. D. Craig ✓

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R. D. Craig + M. Palmer entered Cuttsack 2, etc.

- Practice Rescue from 2 as Mike failed to return
before the dam overflowed.

Although not mentioned above both R. D. Craig and M. Palmer
returned from St Catharines II.

Whatever is worth doing we will do it to excess

Off

I HOPE THIS NOBODY'S IDEA OF A JOKE

came had risen so much due to overnight rain that too much time was wasted waiting for the Sump to drain out. After several minutes the sump was judged passable and work continued on the trench in the new passage - Cathcart's 2. When the dam was full, Bob, Dave T + Bruce stayed on the downstream side to observe the stream flowing through 2. The pothole was apparently quite impressive with a suddenly rapid stream flowing down it.

5 HRS.

Dane Town.

9 Nov 69. St Cathcart's: - I took to passage beyond the Sump.
S. Under, John Attwood, Roy & Joan Bennett Bucket Girls
Tim Hobson Roy BENNET Bert Byrds STEVE TUCK
COLIN PHIDDLE JOAN BENNET Sally MERRETT JOHN ATTWOOD
BOB LINTS Rosinathy & JANET from SWAG.

11/11 Sump & Possibly 2.

J. G. Palmer ✓

St. Times ✓

M. Webster ✓

H. Large ✓

Mike ✓

B. Wadsworth ✓

L.D. Craig ✓

R.D. Craig + M. Palmer entered Cathcart's 2

- Practice Rescue from 2 as Mike failed to return before the dam overflowed.

Although not mentioned above both L. D. Craig and M. Palmer returned from St Cathcart's II.

Whatever is worth doing we will do it to excess

Off

I HOPE THIS MORNING'S IDEA OF A JOKE RISKS

15/11/69 Arcti

J. Riley

Tim Large

Removed Arcti ladder, bottom section, + took template from arcti - order to make angle iron support for new ladder section.

NB An electron ladder must now be used to descend
Arcti pitch

Second time to take fibre glass pipes as far as the top of the wire rife.

12-11-69. Sump.

Danielson, Mike Thompson, Fred Davies + Tim Reynolds - Failed to make air space in Sump. Water levels in cave well above normal winter levels.

Danielson.

13/11/69 Sump.

R. D. Craig, G. Witten-Jones Burke

14/11/69 J. Hill + 6 Cardiff University cave club - Tourist trip 4 hrs.

J. Hill

Tues 18th Nov. 69 Atherton II Rigging

R. D. Craig ✓ J. G. Riley ✓

M. Webster ✓ Tim Large ✓

R. Taylor ✓

S. Bonivell ✓

A. Blance ✓

Sat 22/11/69 Cuthberts II SEWAFUA.

R. D. Craig ✓
J. G. Kilby ✓
~~Cuthberts~~ ✓
Mike ✓
A Woodward ✓

R. Bennett.

D. Grinn

T. Hodgson.

P. Romford. ✓

Mapped to hole above 8 ft. pt on left side, side closes down immediately. Also mapped on right hand side of passage below 8 ft. pt above mud formation. Left hand side follows n.t. right hand side may go but very muddy & more mapping required. Dug in passage off left beyond Sump I.

22/11/69

R. Bennett, D. Grinn & T. Hodgson. St. Cuthberts 2. 4 km.

Looked at various holes. 1. Small hole on W. side by Sump 1 - closed down after 10 ft. Holes about 1/2 way between Chg 1 and 10 ft pt - all found not to go. Holes near Chg 2 - nothing promising. Sump 1 level found to be rising on way out.

R. Bennett.

29.11.69. St C. Kangy, Danetown, John Riley, Tim Reynolds, Derek Tringham, I. Sussex University, Zet, Tim Hodgson, Dick Wicks. Intended to visit Cuthberts' 2 but water level full and sump impassable. Various people made their way out by several routes. Kangy, Wig, Reynolds, Tringham, ~~Hodgson~~ Sussex came via Water Shuts. 4 wks.

Danetown.

6. 12. 69. Tourist Trip.

Andy.

D. Smith

John

B. Smither.

Tourist Trip named Cut cut
time 3 hours.

26. 11. 69 Cuttack II

J. G. Rile
R. D. Craig
M. Thompson
Fred Davis
Joni Howell

Brian Power + 2
T. E. Large + 1

Had a look at Sump I. This appears to have been washed out since it was looked at earlier & may be durable with distance like & better.

Sump I completely drained.

J. Rile

5. 12. 69. Cerebus Rife

D. J. Irwin

D. Searle

J. Rile

Dick Wicks

"Dave S." barged" squeeze over "stal" flow above chamber at the end of the rife. The pressure wave succeeded in extinguishing a carbide light in Cerebus Hall.

Dick Wicks & Wig investigated holes in Rabbit Warren Gateran

J. Rile

6. 12. 69.

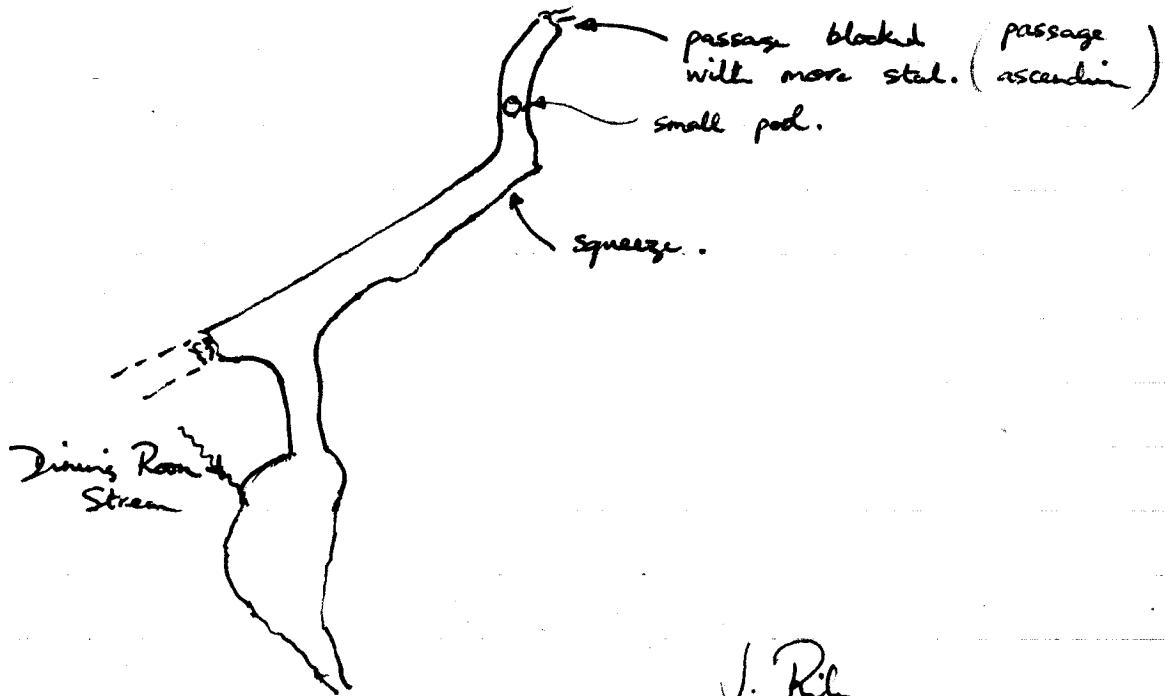
J. Rile

Dick Wicks

R.W. Cross

+ 6 from Snowy Scouts Association.

Had a look at damage caused by "barg" above Cribbs Rift. Penetrated squeeze but after a further 2 body lengths, the passage is once more blocked by stal. Not really worth more effort.



J. Kilan

CUTMBERT'S I

9/12/69.

M. MILLS

T. HARGÉ

M. WEBSTER

Dam building in sump passage. Pipe and second half of dam put in. Water gone low. Sump ~~was~~ went down in 30 mins when Sour Dam put in. Only 5 minutes Colthbert's 2 Tim before dam overflowed!

9th Nov.

Look in 2 with Bob Lewis & Tim Hoagdon. Pipe

15th Nov.

Tourist trip Leader Pipe

13/12/69 Cuthbert's II.

J. Riles, Bob Craig and Dave Yerolle.

Fast sump initially impassable but after river Gour Hall Dam, Dave went through to find back flow dam washed away & rapid water running back into sump. This dam was repaired after which the sump remained passable even when the Gour Hall dam over flowed. Dave had a long trip to Sump II while we continued work on sump I i.e. digging the soakaway & opening the sump.

Dave had an interesting swim across the 25' deep lake behind Gour ride !!

J. Riles.

16/12/69 Cuthbert's Sump and Photographing in boulder chamber.

M. Webster ✓

M. Woodward ✓

Don Mac. ✓

Dave (united) ✓ - demolished dam - this was followed by walk out.
R.D. Craig -

21st Dec '69 Sat Sump Passage.

R. D. Craig

A.R. Chapman

P.J. Rose

Very wet for Cuthberts.

Gour Hall dam backed up to front grill, running well.

23rd December.

Sump.
G. Large D. Yeandle
J. Rilin R. Bennett
R. D. Craig
D. Irwin
D. Turner.

Continuation of work on sump passage dam.

No airspace broken by puller in Govt Hall dam.

30 December

R. Craig S. Tuck
D. Yeandle
R. Bennett
G. E. Large
Kangy King
Mike Calvert

Continued work on sump passage dam. Sump drain and able to get through. Dam on downstream side had been washed away and trench was badly silted.

3 Jan 1970

R. Craig
R. Wickens
T. Large

Work on sump passage - sump impassable not draining away. Went in via Coral Series.

3 Jan 1970.

D. Irwin Work commenced at end of Govt Rift Dig. Chisel and
D. Turner Chisel worked very well.

2/1/70. Sump.

John Riley, Bob Craig, Tim Large, Martin Webster,
Dick Tye (+2)

Continuation of work on sump passage dam.

3" of air space in sump. Tin dug back away. —
Now appears to be 5" wide & descending quite steeply.

3/1/70 Sump.

Work on dam continues. Bennet "Banging"
in Govt Rift. Sump I not clear of water.

Bob Craig, Tim Large, Roy Bennet, M. Webster
Martin Mills, John Riley.

Money stolen from Shepton hat and
John's car broken into!

18.1.70. Sump + tourist visits

Denton.

a Clark.

~~Nelson~~

Dr. Underhill?

W. Gibbons.

~~D. A. Hall~~

T. Hodges.

J. Brooks.

R.W. Smardon.

B. Delaney

Mattie Willoughby

E.C. Hall

3.2.70. Coral Series.

John Rich

Tim Large.

Bontid and Coral Series the road central part
of cave - Haven, Balcony Tunnel, Tugger, St. John etc.
- and so sign off on S. Tug's leader trip.

NB Entrance Reh still in very unstable condition & requires
GREAT CARE.

7.2.70 T. Hodges R. Brooks G. Gordon W. Clark
Tourist trip to sump + back.

8.2.70. St. Catharines. Survey of L.N.E. side passagess

Denton, T. Hodges. - Clark.

Survey of side passage nearly complete. detailing carried out
on Helium Passage, Octopus Chamber and various points along
passage to Sid. 5 hrs

Denton

8.2.70 Tourist trip - SWETC Caving Club
J.W. Nelson Trip into September Series
John H. White by request. Slow trip but
 entertaining.
G.W. Taylor Leader Michael A. Palmer.
R.G. Bennett P.S. ladder on Mud Hall requires
M. Bennett decent belay.

11.2.70. Cord Series - Sump - Bypass.
John Reim - Pete Jackson - Bob Ditch
Out 10:00 p.m.
Twick deep along Ham passage, Rabbit Hole
Sump,

10.2.70 Sump Dig
Craig, Webster, Large, Michele Bennett etc.
Final sump dam pipe put in. Air space
in sump about 3".

11.2.70 Sump II
B. Woodward, M. Webster, C. Priddle, Tim Large
J. Parker and others. Object to dive sump 2. Diving
gear was taken down. Took 2 hr to get an
airspace in sump I. Sump II, very constricted with
mud. Parker dived for 30 ft down steeply descending
passage to a constriction where he managed to
get one leg through and could wave it
about in a passage beyond. Visibility zero.
Trip took 6 hrs??

M. Webster.

11.2.70 Sump II, was down again and 10' further
down, stuck in mud. When I got out, went back up now

21.2.70 Gow Rift Damn
Gange, Butch, Dick Wackers Pat Sutor.
Quick look at sump and an hours work
finishing off gow rift damn.

27.2.70 Upper hang Chambers area. Jim, J. Henry C. Clark, M. Hansen
St. Cuthbert's - RW Extension. 28.2.70
C. Clark. M. Hansen. Dan Brown
K.W. Gillies Bob Gross D. T. Lewis
Completed survey of RW EXT

Tony MEADON TERRY BARRE CHRIS HARVEY

Terry's first trip in the cave, we went to
Curtain chamber Everest, last run down channel
I went for a swim (Bloody Cold) then
to the Living Room and out, but we had
a bit of a titch in the entrance, I would
say who but someone got stuck
and of course say it was not me on terry
A good trip 3 hrs

3-3-70 SUMP DAM

Usual Team

New rubber seals put on pipes 3 hrs
underground.

M. Webster

7/3/70

SumP

Butch

R.D. Craig

John McNaull

Alan Jeffries

Roger Middle

Tim Large

J.T. E.H.

7/3/70. Sump - Tourist ship via Haven Passage out to Bay
John Rich
Pete Miller (2 cows)
Lynda Atwood (eggs)
Dilley Red ('11)
Oz Parsons.

Mike Trow

Jeff Pete Ham

8-3-70 Tourist to Sump.

LEADER S. Trow.

Petty RFDCC.

D. Gould.

J. A. Kemp

H. B. Davis

M. J. M.

A. G.

G. V. Elliott

8-3-70

Sump

~~Wittaker~~

K. D. Craig.

Tim Lang

15.3.70. Chas. Lloyd, Dick Marsh, Bob Cheshire, Tony Bennett,
Alison Smith & Mike Roberts. Tourist trip to sump.

14.3.70

Bob Craig 17. Webster.

Dam Building. Second half of top
section of sump dam completed.
3½ hr trip.

15.3.70 Pillar Chamber Extension - Surveying.
Danebris. C. Clark.

WILL ALL LEADER ENSURE THAT THEIR PARTIES
SIGN IN THIS BOOK!

22.3.70

Tourist. Time 2 hours.

R.D.Craig

T.Hayman

P.Burns

Andy MacCoy

D.Smith.

24.3.70

Sun.

John. Rehm

25.3.70

Surveying, under Mud Hill.

P.D.Terrner G. Wallace P. Henley

Surveyed remaining bedding planes running down from Nobby Border Series to the false bedding plane. Started detailing of false bedding plane. Fiddly trip - $5\frac{3}{4}$ hours for very little return.

25/3/70. Trip around Rabbit Warren via Head passage also
to Cogges Series & Lake Chamber.

John Kilner

Alan Denley

(Dad)

P. Ford

S. O.

P. Healy

27. 3. 70. Surveying. Fan Chamber → Long Chamber Extension.
Dave Kiln. G. Kiln Jnr.

28/3/70 Surveying

R. Stenn S. Kiln Jnr P. Henley. G. Wallace

29. 3. 70. Surveying - September

Dave Kiln. G. Kiln Jnr

4-4-70 Tourist

R. Craig. S. Summerhayes, T. Larger

2 . 4 . 70 Surveying

G. Kiln Jnr

PLEASE ENSURE THAT EACH MEMBER OF YOUR
PARTY SCANS THIS BOOK

12. April "

Cuthbert II via Cerebars Series
John Riley
Peter Lunn.

12.4.70

Tourist Trip to Sump II.
A. Philp.
J. Hodgson.

12 April Surveying

R. Stevenson

B. Britton.

13. 4. 70. Rabbit Warren, Boulder Chambers Area
John Riley. Travera Chambers - Railway
J. Hodgson Tunnel.

18.4.70. Tourist trip to II, in fact we only made the Park

Mickie (b) = ticket fees

R.P. Shackleton. Collected by W.G.

Richard Jones.

Mark Horwitz.

Robert Lewis

Tony Clarke.

Up 14.70 D. Yeandle, R. Bennett, R. Craig, P. Romford

Continued work in sump. ~~Hindlage~~

Just 900 feet from lake taken from boat

19.4.70 Tourist Cuttings 2.

Davetown + 5055.

Tim Large, 20t, Judy Clark

Treble fees 5/- collected by Davetown.

Davetown

21-4-70

Continued work at sump-digging, out took away.

R.Craig, R.Mansfield, D.Yeanelle, Tim Large

20.4.70

Gravit. St. cuttings II

Andy, Dave Clark

25.4.70 This day + 5 splavers (Marine last).

Kevin Smith, Colin Badger, Bob Taylor + (Dad
Math) to St. cuttings. ?? Perfect spot,
unless it is too wet. Not too wet, very good top.

25.4.70 Surveying passage near lake chamber.

D.Turner, C.Clark.

25.4.70

Digging at Sumps I. Bob Craig B.McKew

T.Large M.Webster A.Darther M.Mills

Dig at sumpaway continuing well although
getting a little gratty. Time taken this.

24.4.70

~~st~~ 1000

~~R.Craig, P.Burgess~~

26 4.70. Maypole Series

John Kirby, Steve Tuck, Peter Ham and Andy?

Bug hunting along top of Series, collected 2 species, but had to make early exit due to fading lights.

28-4-70 ~ R.Craig, M.Webster, R.Bennett, R.Manfield, G.Large
Continued work in Sump.

2-5-70 D.Lorain, T.Noddyson, P.Ham forced later by
R.Bennett, M.Norman. Surveying in Cutts kept
II. Sump is filling up soak away blocked.
Will need backfill probably in a few days time.

3.5.70 It appears that soak-away is working again.

1.5.70 ~ R.Craig, P.Romford, G.Large.

Went down to '2', climbed rift on right, becomes
tight after 30'. Needs thin rods to probe it.

3.5.70 G.Large M.Mills

Maypoling over below 10' foot in '2'. A few closer down
at 50', no prospects.

8-5-70 R.Craig, M.Mills & Tim Large

Went to sump - which we found
flooded.

9-5-70 R.Craig, M.Mills, R.Mahew & Tim Large

Dried sump and put a permanent
syphon in on far side of sump. Also dug in side
passage just beyond sump.

5-5-70 R.Craig, R.Manfield, P.Rose, R.Bennett, M.Webster

Maypoling upstream of 10' foot. Noticed a hole going
downwards

10-5-70 R. Craig, J. Riley, R. Bennett, M. Huon.
Continued the maypoles operation just above
the 10' pot. Belayed ladder on ledge 30' above streamway.
From here we pulled the maypole up to the ledge and pushed
it across to another ledge nearer to the hole. From this
we hung another ladder to the streamway. Roy went up but
was unable to get off the ladder due to a constriction.
Left everything in position for another attempt later.

12-5-70 R. Craig, M. Webster, R. Bennett, P. Rose
R. Manfield.

Continued digging side passage in '2'. Also Roy and
Martin went down to maypoles site. Roy climbed across to
the hole only to find that it was just a hollow in the
roof and was just a continuation of the passage at
a high level. At this point the passage is about 60'-70'
high.

16-5-70 M. Webster, T. Thomas, P. Thomas.

Went down to '2' via Railway Tunnel, Rabbit Warren
detected maypoles site above 10' pot.

17-5-70 → Hodson Phil Townsend, Dave Bonshill, Mike Collier,
Tourist, Railway Tunnel, September, Catgut, Sump, Cer. buns,
Streamway etc.

19-5-70 R. Craig, R. Manfield, P. Rose, R. Bennett
Continued side passage dig, broke into section where
roof rises with 4'-5' air space above the infill

23-5-70

R. Craig, M. Mills, R. McIaw,

Continued dig. Began into rift with ave about 20' high
passage continues under stal still heavily silted. Way on can
be seen. Needs more work to force entry. Tim Large.

24/5/70. R. Stenner P. Voke C. Clark

L6

Surveying - mainly from L. Mud Hall Pitch to Traverse
Chamber. Cave fairly dry. got quite a bit of detailing done.

Roger

24-5-70

R. Craig R. McIaw T. Large.

Continued dig. From point reached yesterday
began ~~to~~ surveying a small passage at roof level.
At 65' from streamway we broke into a large passage
6' wide 10' high. The passage led upwards following
a bedding plane, with a rift at the top. Some very nice
stal formations flows, curtains etc. At the end of this
section is a squeeze over a stal flow - quite tight before
we modified it. This leads into a small chamber with
some very fine stal bosses at columns curtains. All stal is
inactive, being very brittle - crumbling when touched. From
here the way on can be seen but has not been entered.
~~with the~~ Also appears that the Goult Fault crosses this
chamber. Length of passage estimated at 200' rising about
100' above the level of the 2' streamway. Tim Large

25-5-70

R. Craig, M. Mills, P. Bowler, T. Large + 4 Eldon P.C.

Went down to new passage to survey and photo-
graph grotto at ~~the~~ present limit of passage after this
we crossed the chamber and went through a hole on
the right-hand side into a well decorated passage for
20' before we came to a left hand corner with
the passage sloping downwards over rotten stal flow
and mud. At the bottom of this is a rift

about 20' deep and 2-4' wide which cuts across the passage at right-angles. This is the present limit - was not descended as it needs some tackle. Tim Large

29 May To tourist F.N.C.C to Cuttberts II and general look round - Leader Mike Palmer Party - W. Gantam. J. Thickey
W. Edwards
C.H. Kenney

26 May R. Craig, J. Riley, R. Bennett, D. Turner, P. Rose, N. Cheshire
R. Mansfield, T. Large, R. McHaw.

dabbled rift, found to be 25' dep - it is in fact climbable with care. downstream ended in a choke after about 20'. upstream the passage ran steeply for 30' to a low sandy passage that closed down to a choke after about 40'. Two side passages were noticed, but both closed down after short distances. Tim Large

2 June R. Craig, R. Bennett, D. Turner, T. Large
Looked at some possible holes in roof of passage just upstream of sump 2. Nothing found. Tim Large

6 June D. Wickens, T. Large
Down to 2'

5 June

R. Biddle, A. Jeffreys & myself to view II and Whitsons Passage extension. Underground 3 hours or so.

Mike

7. June 70. Canyon Series. Long Chambre / Coral Series
Cuthbert's II.

Dawkins.

Deckard.

Dodd Thomas.

C. Clark.

9 June. R. Craig, R. Bennett, J. Riley, T. Large.

Proved connection from new passage to sump passage by pouring water through it. Decided to abandon digging at bottom of new passage and return to digging 'soak-away'. 2 hrs.

16th June.

T. Large, R. Craig, R. Bennett, J. Riley, C. Clark,
D. Turner

Adjustments made to sump in Sump 1. Some measurements taken of new passage, 10' 6" at 10' 6" pt in sump roof to support pipe, design continued at end of Govt R.R.

2 1/2 hours.

21st June.

Dick Wickes, Tim Large, John Bacon &
Martin Bishoff. ~~— 10' 6" from Sump 2~~
~~Bottom~~ Sump 2 and out via Bypass
and Disappointment Passage.

3 1/2 hours

23 June

R. Craig, D. Turner, C. Clarke, J. Bacon, J. Riley, R. Bennett
T. Large.

Digging at 'soak-away' in sump and may go ~~just~~
below 10' pt.

27th June ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓

Yuri Hodgson, Dick Wickens + Exeter University
Railway Tunnel, Strike damage Upper Tiverton Chamber;
Cat got out via bypass.
ETO 6 pm

28th June ✓

Dick Wickens ✓

Colin Dostey ✓

John Bidley ✓

Mrs Dave Hawksbee ✓

'Bunk'

Nicky Able ✓

(and?)

ETO 6 PM

~~Strike damage, Upper Tiverton, September~~
~~(lower section)~~ Pleasant trips to
top of Gower Rift.

30th June

✓ and Sump

Bob Craig

Ray Bennett ✓ A party consisting of old and
new Risleyites, bodybagged + cavers (had) Va. Yorkshire.

Tudor Jones descended Little C. cave, and succeeded in getting
John Bacon.

Colin Clark ✓ deciding what the small tube to the

left of Sump 2 was not worth 'banging'

Dave Turner Some attention was paid to the end
of Gower rift and a bolt was placed

in the sump to support the pipes. 2 hour trip
close to the water surface for exposure on exit.

John Risley

4th July

Dick Wickens ✓

Han Thomas ✓

Martin Hanian.

Marble Hall Lane - etc 8pm

5th July

2-3 hr.

Bat Craig } Worked on pipe supports in Gang 1.

Tim Large.

Dave Turner } Dug at end of your Rift

Colin Clark }

Ray Bennett } Messed about in Gang 2 and changed top off

→ Phil Kingston } connection from II to Gang passage.

Pete Rose }

Nick Chipchase } Photographed in II

R.B.

11th July

Dick Wickens ✓

Tim Large ✓

Pete Littlewood & Mrs ✓

R. Brown

Dig in Cuttibet's Sump Two via pulpit. E.T.O. 7pm

N.B. Please do not drain Gour Hall Dam.

12th July

Dick Wickens -

Jock Orr / CRAIGIE BOY
Dave ? ✓

Bob Maxwell ✓

Colin Dooley ✓

John Bacon ✓

Digging at Sump Two

* PLEASE DO NOT DRAIN
AND DAVE SMITH / GOUR RIFT DAM

E.T.O. 7PM.

12th July PETE & Joyce Franklin, Martin Hernandez

Nice snow amble around

Pete & Martin "scratched" around in September Ruckle

3 HOURS

12th July. Jocks ORR went to Cuthberts
Sump D.

14 July. Orange, P. Kingston, A. Meadow, D. Turner, C. Clarke
H. Large.

"Working" at Sump 2 - did not drain as quickly as
over weekend, unable to do much work.

25th July. Tim Hodges, Maggie, Liz Day to
Boulders Chambers via Old Route.

2 hrs.

21 July. Dave Turner, Ned Christopher,
Loker, & Sump II 2 hrs.

28th July. Dave Turner. $1\frac{3}{4}$ hrs. "playfully"
at "fingers"

29th July. Tony Meadow, John Mill
of Eddie Wellman, Dave Beardshall.
In September Series, Cut at 4 hr trip.

Old Riddle's

1/2 mile

WINTER 1940-1941
FIRST HALF 1940-41

JULY 1940-41
THE WINTER

2nd August September Series 9th Cat-gutted.

John Riley
R.K. Gibbons

M. J. Ham.

Leisure
J.M. Dunn

Mary & Dick's first trip in Cuthbert - Very good trip to September Chamber. Total: 2½ hours.

9th August

Sump II

John Riley
Mike Haselton
John Hodgson
Jon Mabbett.

To sump 2 by way of Speleo Rhol lower Mud Hill & Bypass passage. Out by Ordian Route.

G. J. Haep
Rich. Walling

9th Aug. Sump 2 - tourist trip

Tim Large. Jo C. Paff Gordon Eggington (MNRC)

9th August.

To Sump via Lower Traverse of Chambers out through Cuthbert and down curtain chamber N.J. PETTY. Mary Ham JOHN BACON Richard Gibbons

15 August.

J. Bacon, Mary Ham, R. Sully, G. Phippen, T. Large Trip around Coral Series, Long Chamber, Rabbit Warren to sump 2. 6 hrs.
T. Large

16 AUG. Tim Large, Mac, ~~Mac~~, Pandy, Colin Dooley,

John Dooley, & J. Bacon.

SUMP TWO, VIA STREAMWAY. BACK THROUGH ~~one~~
BOULDER CHAMBER ECT. 3½ HRS.

PANDY CHANGED TROUSERS WITH MAC IN
STREAMWAY.

17th August. John Bacon, Pete Ham, Chris Cox, Jack Orr,
Leader Derek Ford. Mud Hall to Streamway
& hand ladder pitch of Pulpit.

20th August Run Scully & G. Phippen went
to Rod's Pot.

IN ST. CUTHBERTS???

21 Aug 70 Roger Wing assisted in photography
of various parts of Cutbank.
Leader M. Palmer.

24 August 70. Pete & Mary Ham, J. Bacon, R. Scully, G. Phippen, C. Harvey, H. Large
Down Pulpit and to Fransse Chamber.

Mary Ham tried to climb the entrance NOT FREE
but I am afraid to say she was a miserable
failure but it was a very good effort.

WELL Done Maryxxx and also she got a
hat red around the gills when I gills going down
the water chute just because of have a small
mf in my wet suit AROUND THE CRUTCH
HA HA and all my worldly wealth was
displayed for all to see

B&C
P.S.H. 5/70

29/8/70 Tim Large, R. G. McHew, D. K. Turner, J. C. Large
Steve Carson, John C. Large, Howard Rich, Phil Harris

Digging at Sump 2 - drained sump and digging floor just 20' into sump where there is a stal. barrier. Tim Large

30/8/70

Mitchell Johnson, Robert P. Bennett, Jim Large

Tourist trip down via Polpot, Bypass Passage, Leaky Passage, Upper Traverse Chamber, Haven Passage, Railway Tunnel, Strike Passage, Boulder Chamber, Curtain Chamber, Everest Passage, Fingers Traverse, Railway Tunnel, Rabbit Warren, First Stal Bank, Streamway, Stal Pitch, Sewer Passage, Plantation Junction, Struggle Passage, Dining Room, Cerberus Hall to Lake Chamber, Rat Run, Everest Passage, Streamway to Bypass Passage, Water Chute, Lower Mud Hall, Wire Rift & out. About 3½ hrs.

1-9-70. R. Bennett, R. McHew, D. Turner, John C. Large

To Sump 2 - failed to drain sump sufficiently to get the hang in. Needs more permanent draining etc. Tim Large

21/9/70. KLAGGY

John Rich, Gail Crabbie, Tim Large, Howard Rich and John Hodgson.
Boulder Chamber Area.

6-9-70 Maggie, Mary Ann, J. Bacon, R. Scally - letter - M. Harris
Down to September Series. Tim Large

8.9.70.

Ray Bennett, John Rich, Dave Turner, John Bacon.

To Sump I - Ray, Dave - Steaming - banded Sump I bypass, from top end in new Cutbank II adits
Mike, Palmer, Phil Kingdon, later joined by John 2
photographed in High Chamber, Rabbit Warren, Lady I

9.9.70. Bowley Chamber.

Mike Palmer & John Riley

3 hrs photographing, Quarry Corner, Mud Hill,
Entrance + 100m

Saw back bottoms of entrance pipes.

John

15/9 Sun I 2 hrs.

Dave Turner, Noel Christopher, Colin Clark,
Gordon Phillips & Margaret.

Sumpt in impossible due to pipe connection
broken on this side of the sump, Requires
another clamp to be taken down to repair it

Dave Turner

22/9/70. Sump I

John Riley, Colin Clark, John Bacon.

Trip to repair broken pipe connection in Sump I
Sump Rotted. Rubber to be replaced and pipe to be tied with
wire. Cut by stream passage - lower Mud Hill.
2 hrs.

John Riley

26/9/70

Colin Proffitt & John Riley. Had a look at the chamber
behind Hidden Chamber. John could not get through squeeze so
we went up Rabbit Warren and dug.

Colin

26/9/70 J Bacon, Maggie, Zolt, J Bailey, G Watson, H Ackroyd. Ylarge.

Down to sump via Pulpit - baited sump - managed to get
a small air space - pipes badly damaged on far side and only supported
by rope - tether from roof - sump has also silted on upstream side
Mud bank on downstream side has been washed away. In high water
the sump will back fill on downstream side. Much work needed
make the area safe once more. Restarted the syphon which
was badly clogged 5 hrs. Ylarge

27/9/70 Tourist trip. 6 from Swallowtail Inn led by Dean + R. Bennett.
Pulpit and Main Stream to Long L. (Supposed). Out via R.W. to
Boulder chamber, then Long chamber, return in ~~the~~ through Hall
then out via White Rift etc.

D H Bennett

29. 9. 70. Everest Dam.

John Riley, Roy Bennett, Colin Clark, Martin Webster,
Dave Yeandle + Noel Christopher.

Bang placed in Everest dam in order to assist in
its removal. Roy, Colin, Noel + Martin commenced digging
out first choke for downstream end.

John + Dave rather dubious of the value of the
exercise made rapid exit for the pub.

John Riley

4/10/70. St Cuthberts tour.

Cont in digging of Rev. which was started 26/9/70.
The dig is about 2' from railway tunnel in the
floor of the passage.

D. Yeandle, Colin Piddle, Jim Att. Al Bozeat.

Another trip.

Pope.

6/10/70 St Cuthberts tourist trip. Tony Leader
P. Yeandle, J. Bozeat, Colin Att. Eddie Pope.
Terry Nixon. Eddie's wife.

11/10/70 St Cuthberts tourist trip. S. Clark P. Franklin
+ 3 from Bath University. Colin led the trip.
To my we did houses A and B from THE CUTHBERTS LEAD
APPLICATION form. On the way out we met Brian Woodward
who informed us that there was a rescue. Corral took

THE 3 BATH LABS OUT AND PETE AND BRIAN TOOK
HOLE AND CARRYING SHEET DOWN THE CAVE. WE MET
BOB GRAHAM FISHER AND THE INJURED TOM GAGE, HE WAS
ABLE TO MOVE FAIRLY WELL WITH SOME ASSISTANCE AND
WAS OUT OF THE CAVE AT 4.07 pm. A FULL REPORT
OF THE INCIDENT WILL FOLLOW. *

13/10/70 Manton Webster, Colin Clark, Dave Turner, Roy
Bennett, Graham Phippen - Rest of present dam
demolished. M.W. dried sump 1. with hit and
tailed furiously until the rot could come through.
Pipe seals and support renovated. Dam on 2nd side,
built up and pipe sealed in. Syphon left running
with easy gear low. Needs checking at weekend.

Aug 3

18-10-70. Cerberus Denis - lake Chamber - lake very low. Also went to sump 2.
Sump 1 now dry, but syphon is not working. KHS.

Maggie, J. Abbott, A. Boatman, P. Stottard, H. Dage.

18-10-70 Colin Middle Tom Gage Graham
Phippen to September be built
nucle down to cone chamber. Stream
course from cone ends in tight horizon but
passage. Tom entered 30' to be pulled
out with the rope held round his leg.
Cave be enlarged sufficiently to be
mies lighted further. Then on to September
series & Strand returned back of houses
chambers. Good trip. 742 ft. 30s.
Graham

17-10-70 Departed 0200 hours in white 3 speed geo. box van to cross valley (nearest village Tan Ddu) North Wales. Arrived 1000 hrs (reg foggy) pitched in and climbed 1,000 up North slope of valley to investigate spur was report of big hole above slate slopes. Found 50' of blocked passage in pose doubtful connected with slate industry we think. Saw killed Ogil like figure to whom we waved but my partner insisted it was some bloke in a kill. Steve jumped down the slopes again and drove back to Hunders (210 miles) to us. we at 2200 hours

Guess who?

Q. IS THIS CUTHBERTS? ↑
A. No!

WHAT'S THIS RUBBISH
DOING IN THE CUTHBERTS
LOG Book? HAS THE
CLIMBING SECTION GONE
MAD?? *

* No! It's got nothing to do with the climbing section.
* Report of St Cuthberts rescue callout 11/10/70.

Just after midday a party comprising of Colin Piddle Dick Wickens (leaders) Colin Dooley, Graham Phipps and Tom Gage went down St C with the intention of looking at Pyrolusite series. Once there C.P. GP and co climbed up in the terminal rift. A few small stones were accidentally loosed onto those remaining below and then GP shouted 'There's a bigger one coming down' which it did.

At the same time T.G. was just taking off his helmet to attend to his carbide lamp. The stone (about the size of 2 NiFe cells) hit him on the back right hand side of his head. It is not certain whether it hit his helmet or not from about 25'.

After lots of yelling we saw a large cut in Tom's head and D.W. + C.D. went surfacewards to get help. Five minutes later a groggy Tom started down from Pyrolite aided by CP + GP. Once down to the streamway Tom began to recover fast and was soon crawling unaided. Half way up Boulder chamber we met the first of the rescuers Brian Woodward Martin Mills and Pete Franklin. ~~CP~~ CP then went to the surface to call off the rescue as Tom was still recovering fast. Alan Butcher, Bob Lewis and Jim Abbott were passed on the way out by ledge pitchers. The rescuers were stood down except for a doctor. Tom then came out the cave under his own steam, help being given by Tock on the entrance rift.

Times of events.

Est time of accident 2.40

" " TG starting out of cave 2.50

Time of alarm 3.00 (on surface).

3.10 caves going to help.

3.35 CP stood down the standbys

4.07 T.G out of cave.

4.25 All out of cave.

It should be noted Tom took about 1hr 20 minutes to get out and one criticism of his was that sometimes there were too many people helping him, thus being a hindrance, he thinks it is much better for 2 to help only, ie. one behind one in front.

The lessons that can be learned are

- 1) Never take your helmet off underground
- 2) " stand underneath people climbing

Colin Pridde

Many thanks to those who turned out to help.

20-10-70

Cuthbert's II

R. Bennett M. Webster

Digging out channel just beyond Sump I ~~dams~~, Please do not help to fill it up again by kicking the banks down. Some unwanted goat was partially brought out of the cave. One poly bag full is now residing near entrance to Dining-Room & another at top of Boiler chamber. Please bring them out if feeling energetic, in fact any rubbish brought out will help!

M.W.

P.S. Not all contents of poly bags are U/S - please sort.

24-10-70

Tourist trip with 7 from West Midlands Exploration Group down via Mud Hall to streamway & duck back up Everett looking at pretties on way.

4 hrs Jim Large

24/10/70. Sump II via Bypass out via Steel Pitch,
Cerebus Series $2\frac{3}{4}$ hours.

John Riley Alan Thomas, Dick Wickers, Roy Bennett
Bob Craig, Ian Woodward, Roy Haskett.

Last long in Cuthberts.

John Riley

24-10-70

Dick Wickers, Zof & Jenny, & Pete Stobart.
Cone Chamber Sump & Septentrion Chamber
 $3\frac{1}{2}$ hrs Dick Wicks

27-10-70

Bob McEwan, Roy Bennett, M. Webster, G. Phippen, D. Turner J. Large

Continued work on trench just beyond sump, banged 2 obstructions in stream bed. Looked at some holes in roof off from rift on right of passage

Jim Large

25th Oct. C. Priddle T. Crage & G. Phipps.

Took some chamber and dug for 2 hours silted stream passage at bottom got through wet squeeze! (ear and eye ball in water) after which small rift meets crawl at oblique angle chipping sharply into Sump. Bump is blanketed with clay mud and goes down body len + and about body size at a slight angle and appears to level out little at about the extent one can push one feet. Needs driving equipment. 2 Shovels! 1 Plowman 4-5 hours.

27th Oct. R. Bennett D. Turner M. Webster T. Crage
G. Phipps B. McEwan.

2 1/2 hrs digging trench on side of sump I

DFT

3-11-70. R. Bennett, P. Kingston, M. Webster, D. Turner G. Large.
R. McEwan.

Sump flooded - pipes have come adrift in sump, also seal is partially broken on first joint after dam. Not able to do anything constructive. Cave very wet 1 1/2 hrs. G. Large

14-11-70 J. Abbot, Y. Pardoe, Yik, Frank. G. Large.

Enjoyable trip around Rabbit Warren etc. and down to the sump - plenty of water about. Out via Everett 4 hrs. G. Large

15-11-70 K.Gregory, Caroline Hodder, C.Goff, R.Cottle & Large.
down to the sump via Everest, out via Railway Tunnel. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ hrs.

15/11/70 Dick Wickens, Jim Abbot, Martin Bishop.

To Cone Chamber. Found wet squeeze now
sumped with strong stream flowing into it.
Went on to September Chamber & Victoria passage.

2 $\frac{1}{4}$ hrs.

15-11-70 ~~in~~ ¹ in Hodgeson + Sussex University tourist trip
to the duck, out via water chute + lower mud hall
4-hrs

21-11-70 Tim Large & Maggie. Ambled around Coral Series and down to
Census Series and Dining Room Dig. Tim Large

1-11-70 ^{H. Webster, R. Bennett, D. T. Clark} D.T. dug 1st choke and made hole just too small to get
through back cavity enlarged; H.W. chiselled through squeeze & with pegs and fixed pipe into
dam then bolted. Others fixed clamps on failed pipe joint then R.B. + T
cave through and imposed dam until got syphon going and went out.
Tidy up to 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ hrs. (missed Ruth). R.N.B.

1st Party

Dick Wickens

R.D. Clark

Roy Bennett

Martin Haacins

Pete Stobart

plus Victoria, Tom Gage

Colin Dooly

Down at 12.00 & straight to bottom of
Stal pitch. Victoria put in carrying sheet
& up to ~~bottom~~ choke in ^{ONE HR} ~~bottom~~; No
difficulties experienced except that ideally
more than 3 people are needed to pull
up stal pitch. Therefore with 1 person at bottom,
one on ladder & one lifelining a party
of 7 is all necessary.

2ND PARTY.

R. CRAIG. S. SUMMERHAYES. G. PHIPPEN D. TURNER.

M. MILLS. R. GANDER. T. LARGE.

The victim was put back into the carrying sheet on the upstream side of the Choke in Traverse Chamber at about 3pm. The carry up the streamway was fairly straight forward, although people could have been better placed to support the victim. The water chute was tackled around to the left and went very smoothly. On Gour Pitch 3 people are needed to haul and one at the top to pull the victim across.

On Pulpit both parties combined 4 being needed to haul. 2 people at top to lifeline the ladder climber and victim + 2 people to manoeuvre the victim off the top of the pitch and into the passage. On this stage we were slightly undermanned. Victim at top of Pulpit by 4pm.

Choke now passable - but not for a victim.

~~Slade~~

12.12.70

Dick Wickers, Colin Dooley, Pete Stobart, Fish & wife, + 2.

Entrance very wet even with dam in. Down to sump & out via Lake Chamber and Staffords boulder problem.

13.12.70

Andy + 5 Strand Caving Club. Tourist to sump and Lake via Dennis route.

15.12.70 D.TURNER M.WEBSTER R.BENNET Quick trip to sump I Found it sumped. Then to see various side passages.

19.12.70

Tourist trip to Sump out via choke.
BEAST - M B Slade ~~Ken Davis~~, W. Coop.
Out in 2hrs. Choke somewhat muddy!!

17th.

19.1.71. Chris Hoyt, Marianne Last and Dave Waddington
to the September Series on a sightseeing trip. Very
nice to see everything still in mint-condition.
Route finding interesting, as usual. SC

17th

19.1.71 Dick Wickens, Colin Dooley & Mike
Wardle.

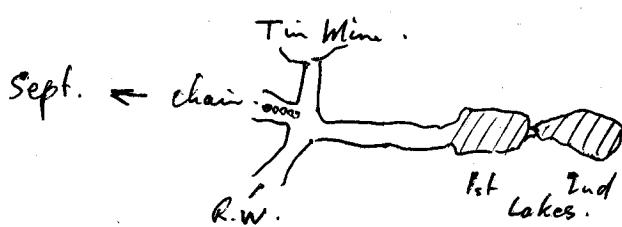
To Rabbit Warren Extension & back. 3Hrs.

17th. Colin Priddle, John Beery, Graham-Wilton-Jones.

Absorbed down Pulpit Pitch; through the Traverse Chamber
choke and then into Rabbit Warren Ext'n.

At the end of the passage opposite the short chain drop

in R.W. Extra a pool was waded through and a further
~~new post chamber~~ got into via an almost underwater squeeze. Then
an unclimbed chimney in the roof was got into and after
20' above the lake a horizontal passage was got into.
After 15' this terminated in a hole above the 1st lake.
A fine dry crystal pool was in this short passage.



Then we looked at Tin Mine then went towards
September. not far from the chain we found an
ascending rift under the right hand wall, this led
into a horizontalish tight rift passage approximately
parallel to the main R.W. Extra passage. About 40' from
the rift a passage came in on the right from which
the noise of a stream came. It sounded the same
size as the Tin Mine stream. A little work should
enable one to get into the open passage beyond. We
then went up to Continuation Chamber and explored

that fully. The stream there is only a fraction
of the Tin Mine stream. We looked at Octopus
chamber then went out picking up the rope
from the top of Pulpit. Tim of trip about. 5 hours.
Colin Piddle.

FOR THE ONINITIATED THE POOL "WADED" THROUGH ABOVE
IS SOAP FLAKE POOL — WITH LUCK IF PEOPLE DONT
'WADE' IN IT TOO OFTEN THE SOAP FLAKES WILL
RE APPEAR

DJ Times

19/1/71

D. Turner M. Webster

Charcoal detectors placed in Main Stream
— near (in) Drinking Fountain - one upstream of Disappointment
Pot? Passage - One in Dis. Pot Passage - One in Magpde
Passage. Please Do Not Disturb. Quick look at
various side passages and passages in Magpde Series.
The Patent "Stenner" compound was introduced into
sink 20 yds upstream of top dam.

2½ hr. trip.

M.D.

26-1-71 Due Times & Park Webster

Removed charcoal detector & took
connecting piping & jubilee clips down to sub-
Wals level & high & yet to II & fur
ther. They are to connect to stone length of
fibreglass tubing on to the downstream end of the
pipes. None insulator for pipe connection put in
the back of stone.

Choke now blocked again — could be
reopened with about ½ hours digging.

2 hours DJT

Aven described above SOAP FLAKE POOL has been climbed
- about 10 years ago - read PART A Cullens Report
→ - squeeze not of in a sump

that fully. The stream there is only a fraction
of the true mine stream. We looked at Octopus
chamber then went out picking up the ~~the~~ rope
from the top of Pulpit. Time of trip about 5 hours.
Colin Piddle.

FOR THE ONINITIATED THE POOL WADED THROUGH ABOVE
THIS - SOAP FLAKE POOL — WITH LUCK IF PEOPLE DONT
'WADE' IN IT TOO OFTEN THE SOAP FLAKES WILL
RE APPEAR

DJ Times

19/1/71

D.Turner M. Webster

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various side passages and passages in Magpde Series
The Patent "Stenner" compound was ~~g~~ introduced into
sink 20 yds upstream of top dam.

2½ hr. trip.

MD.

26-1-71 Dina Times, Ruth Webster

Removed charcoal detector & took
connecting piping & judice chips down to sink
Wals level & high to get to II & fire
bar. They are to connect to stone length of
flexible glass tubing on to the downstream end of the
pipes. More inner tubes for pipe connector put in

29-1-71 Tourist trip by Friday Night Caving Club.
Water level in Entrance very high, both dams were used and the trip was restricted to 2 hours.
Party of 10 led by M. Palmer & B. Bent.

HOW ~~D.P~~ TURNER EVER BECAME A LEADER
I WILL ONLY HAZARD A GUESS. ON THE 23rd
OF JANUARY TIM LARGE AND I WENT TO
ST C ENTRANCE TO GO DOWN. IT WAS RAINING
HEAVILY AND TO OUR AMAZEMENT WE FOUND
BOTH DAMS IN AND OVER-FLOWING. HOW HIGHLY
IRRISPOSIBLE.

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dt

af.

23rd Jan 1971. Rabbit Warren Extension.

Tim Large, Colin Riddle.

After releasing the dams we went down, it was of course fine & wet - to be recommended. We abseiled Pulpit Pitch and went down to the choke - that was completely sumped and presumably impossible - it was to us anyway. It's a good job bypass Passage is there - in a few minutes we were on the other side of the choke.

In R.W. Extra we went up the rift just after the chain, followed the passage till the side passage that needed enlargening. An hours work with hammer and chisel and we were in, but it got too light after 10'. In the roof of the rift passage a connection was found with another rift, the through trip could have been made but wasn't. There is still a chance for cave in this area - a hole in the floor with

a draught coming from it. But it needs more
~~heat~~ than work with a hammer and chisel. The
R.W. Extension was then explored from the chain to
the R.W. and a dig was started at the top
of the side passage by the crystal gours which
are taped off (not very well). About 5' of
progress was made, digging will be resumed at
a later date, - its bound to go! - no comment
on how far though.

The entrance left was superbly wet, similar
to cave diving only being able to breathe without
bottles. It cleaned us up very well.

Length of trip was about 6 hours.

COMMENT - Dig bound to connect with STRAND. Colin Piddle
& self above Square looked by Wrig & Dickdean 2 yrs ago - may possibly get into Missing
soft of passage between Timmies & Continuation. Wrig
TUES 2nd FEB 1971

Ray Bennett, Dave Tins & Martin Webster 4 MRS

Another epic with the sun pit. Attempted
to mind puppies - was as precarious as ever.

You have been warned.

DPT

Sat 6th Feb 1971

L.D.Lraig ~~MKA~~ S. Sunnholness.
Rate here.

~~Hinned~~
~~TR Street~~

6-2-71 T.LARGE, C.DOOLEY, P STOBART, G.HOWELL.

Down old Route, up Maypole to pulley pitch - quite wet. Then
down to the duck via Everest, back up via Railway Tunnel etc.
Pete also tested his telephones from Dining Room to Belfry - worked very
well

8 hrs. Large
~~Tim Large~~

2-2-71. Uniloyd & 4 spelers to September Series.

Od.

16-2-71 Roy Bennett, Dave Turner, Martin Webster & Huon.

3 hrs Trip to Sump. The Sump found to be clear & the southaway working again. Pipes moved over to give more room in the sump & the floor dug out.

1½ lbs of explosives was used on the roof of the sump.

DFT

28-2-71, 1st Cutters - Wrist tip MCG.

Loads BEPwell

C.R. Hunter

W.L. Hyson

Staley

Jim Redden

B.W. Dean

Down to Sump and out via By-pass passage and Water Shute. 3 lbs.

beneath

23-2-71

Roy Bennett, Dave Turner, Colin Clark, M. Webster.
Sump full again. Bailed for 2 hrs. got a
3" air space. No-one seemed very keen on
going through. Just as well because pipe at
far end broke away again and water rose
at a frightening speed. MISSED THE P.D.B.
AGAIN!!

M. Webster

2-3-71

Roy Bennett, Colin Clark, M. Webster.
Sump still high. Much time spent taking
the Bennett Blasting device down the cage. It
APPEARED to work quite well. Time will tell!!

M. Webster

7/3/71 Cuthester Town

Bob Craig, F Murphy, Pete Davis, Tina Wells, A. Mincham, R. Jeffers,
+ Good + wife, Trevor Woodward.

9/3/71

R. Bennett C. Clark M. Webster.

Playing about with pipe once more
No progress made. Have practically given up
trying to enlarge sump.

M. Webster.

16/3/71

R. Bennett, D. Turner H. Fricker, G. McBrown
A. Peterson, S. Stanwix. 3 hrs at Sump.

Continued work on roof using second
dustbin lid.

D. Turner

20/3/71

Dick Wicketts, Colin Dooley, Debbie Creweell
Down to rear passage & out via Stal pitch 1½ hrs

Dick Wicketts

20.3.71

Tim Large, Jim Abbot, Chris Howell, Dave Elliot + 4 Bath University
kids to ~~Sept~~ September Series + Maypole Series 3½ hrs.

21.3.71.

Dick Wicketts, Colin Dooley ~~and~~ Andrew Hill,
Ron Land, John Dale + John Kyle

To September, down cat gut to sump
(still sumped). Out via Stal pitch
and Bypass. 3 hrs

Dick Wicketts

23-3-71 Dave Tins, Roy Bennett, Pete Han, M. Friths, G. McBroo,
Les. Hockings. 2½ hrs & Sump + May Pole series.
DFT

10.4.71

Dick Wickens, Pauline Crosswell, Colin Sage,
Paul Christie Andrew Hill, Paul Everett
Jung Eype & Reg (Howard?)

September, Craggut, Sump, Stal Pich
4 Oct.

4½ hours

RW

13-4-71. Jim Large & Maggie Thomas.

Down Pulpit to the choke. Dug this out once more, but needs more work to make it permanent. Out via Wine Rift etc. 4½ hrs.

20-4-71. Dave Tins, Roy Bennett & Colin Clark.

More PIRE. Take down to Sump
now almost passable. 3 hrs. DFT.

1-5-71 Jim Large, Ken Gregory, Spen Neels, Alan Chivers, Bob Willoughby
Steve Summerscales.

Down Wine Rift to etc to ~~the~~ Maypole Series, then onto Sump 2.
4 hrs. Jim Large

7-5-71 Longest trip by Friday Nite Caving Club.

Jerry Wilby: R-R. Henney

Ferry Pearson. Ron Stark

Leaders. M. Palmer

Robert Buckley. C.H. Kennedy

b. Prewe

A. Trickey

Ronald Davis

E. Coed

J. Christian

round trip via Cascade Strike Passage, Dining room, Cellars.
Watershute. Out for beer.

8th May. P. Kingston + 3 Croydon Caving Club.

Rabbit Warren exterior, caught to jump out via curtain and cascade chambers through choke and [redacted] 3 hours.

9th May. 3 Twice + 6 SWETC

LJ Brown.

RP Walker

John Elliott.

John Speel

Trevor Frankham

[redacted] chamber - after finding it
[redacted] with Helen, Bolton of Cawdale and
[redacted] many false starts going no way forward - not by [redacted]
these places again!, S.T.,

12th May. D Turner, R. Bennett, R. Craig, P. Kingston,
Co. Clarke & S. Summerhayes

Excavated ground bank at far side of
sink I removed, sink is now
a permanent duck of 4" in average
water conditions, without use of pumps
etc. 2½ hr. trip

D Turner

Set 1st May '71

R.D. Craig, R. Haskett, S. Summerhayes

Lake chamber etc.

All out

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Rabbit Warren exterior, caught to jump out via
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3 hours.

9th May S. T. Tice + 6 SJETC

L. J. Babow.

P. Walker

J. E. Gidett.

G. D. Spencer

Trevor Fawkes

J. F. L. Godfrey

Visited September chamber - after finding it back to the stream via Haven, Bottom of Cascade and sandy passage being no next finger - must try off these places again!! ST.

17th May D. Tunes, L. Bennett, R. Craig, P. Kingston

C. Clarke & S. Summerhayes

The gravel bank cut off side of
Sump I removed a sump and
a permanent block off the - average
water condition is with a pump at the
rate. 2 hrs. trip.

PT

Sat 18th May '71

R. D. Craig, R. Haskell, S. Summerhayes

Lake chamber etc.

All out

15 MAY 1971

Timed walk from Lyndale & Locky.

KJ - pros.

JCB team.

etc.

Rewalk

4 hrs to Sump. Down new route
out etc. Had look at Sump 2.

DPT.

15 TH MAY 1971

R. BENNETT + 7 FROG PORTSMOUTH

POLYTECHNIC CAVING CLUB. ~ 5 HR.

EXHIBITIONS 2 2 MAYPOLE SERIES.

R. Bennett.

18 TH MAY

R.D.CRAIK, R.H.BENNETT, D.TURNER, C.CLARKE. - SUMP 1.

Part of stream beyond sump widened and bypassed. Sump now has 8" or 9" airspace. Easiest route through - follow right hand wall all the way, feet first on your back. No further immediate work on the sump is contemplated as it should be O.K. under almost any stream level. - It is not necessary to shut off stream. - 20 hr.

31st May 1971.

C. Middle Bill Cooper

Assisted pulpit - bypass R.W. Sump, to end of cave. Stalactites, Cavers & Lake. Fingers Traverse Railway Tunnel. Haven. out via Mud Hall. 3½ hours off.

29th May '71

Crane, Steve Summerhayes & Milne.

Digging in II just beyond Sump 1 following gurgling noises from the floor, dug hole 4 ft deep which seems to connect with Sump soakaway judging by noises. Underground 5½ hrs.

30th May '71

Crane took 15 Elders into the cave incl. II

5th June '71.

Milde, Chris Wood, Nick Illingworth & Dave Wilkinson.

To Upper Mud Hall, Water Chute, Bypass Passage, Century Passage, High Chamber, Catgut, Rabbit Warren lead down to Sump II. Out via Struggle Passage, Rabbit Warren Extension, Dining Room, Cerberus Series, Fingers Traverse, Railway Tunnel, Strike Passage, Curtain Chamber and out via Pillar Chamber Underground 3 hours.

5 June 71.

Tim Large, Ken Gregory, Maggie Thomas.

To Maypole Series, Catgut, R.W.E. ~~and~~ Dining Room Cerebus Series and out 3½ hrs.
Tim Large

8th June 71

Davetown, Dave Turner - Rabbit Warren Extension - photographing for Cutbert's Report - removed Chain in Chain Chamber - a name that's being removed from the Survey!

WIP

12 June Tim Large, Chris Howell, Ken Gregory - trip to remove items of fixed tackle that were agreed ~~by~~ by the committee. Have removed following tackle:-

1, Ledge Pitch Ladders (which are stacked at bottom of pitch for the trial period).

2, Chain in Wire Rift.

3, Water Shute Chain

4, 4-Rung Ladder out of Pillar Chamber

5, Downstream Chain on Great Gour.

All Chains have now been removed

4 hrs.

Tim Large

The Ladder across Wet Pitch in Wile Rift is there as a safety measure not as a fixed aid. The use as such should be discouraged. The main route being to traverse this section at a higher level.

Tim Large

The Mud Hall Ladder has now been fixed to the haulbolt.

8th June. Dave Turner - Photography PWE. Shows 'Wig'
12th June '71 Wig

Pete Rose and Orange to Smg II to start collecting boulders for St. Cuthbert's II Dom Complex.

12th June '71

Butch & myself to survey Disappointment Passage while Bri Woodward took some photos in Pillar, Boulder & Curtain Chambers.

Mike

15th June. R. Bennett, Bob Craig, Phil Kingman 'Wig', Colin Clarke
Bill Cooper. - Dredging in Wile for Mineral Pool. Wig

22nd June R. Bennett, Bill Cooper, Bob Craig, Colin Clarke
Daren to Smg. Smg Silted - partially cleared
& general cleaning of area of rubbish - 2 hrs.

Dave Turner + 'Wig' - Photography & Surveying
The Mine - considerable stream in chamber.

25 June - 'Wig' + Colin Clarke - completed
Survey of last 100m Extension above 2nd
Coral Bank. 2½ hours. 'Wig'

26th June Wig, Orange, Pete Roder, Bob M &
some one who answers to an unrepeatable word to lay
a channel before Sung I to stop silting. Done.

Out via various routes, choke is tight!!!
5 hrs Bob M

(P.S. Wig, you late.)

27th June

Journal trip to Gour Hall.

N.J. PETTY.

Timothy Carr ((ARR))

R.F.P. Van Langford. (VANDERPLANK.)

28th June. Sung I 2 R. Bennett, R. Craig & Cooper, J. Rees, D. Turner, M.
3rd July 1971 Lethal M. + 1 fish net. Came by net. Fly at
'Wig' & Martin Barran. Completed Survey in the
Upper Traverse & High Chambers area. Sections taken through
the chambers to produce the Great Traverse sections.

22 HRS. 'Wig'

4th July

First trip to Sung II via
pathless tree 3 1/2 hrs.

Andy.

5th July ..

Wig, R. Bennett, Bill Cooper, Orange, Pete Rose.
Sung I 2 - started work on foundations & dam using
'Rapid Hardening' cement. (Cement Fonder). 2 hrs.

R.N. Bennett

20 July, 'Wig', Mark Hanan and Colin Clark
— Surveying. We completed 3 more tunnels
in - Boulder Chamber to Cur Van and Upper
Cur Van to Boulder Chamber and then
ties Upper Cur Van Chamber to the Long
Chamber tunnel. All this was fully
detailed. This took about 2 hours.
Then moved over and surveyed STRIKE
PASSAGE and its lower side passage.
At this half the survey will
be complete for the Chub chamber. $4\frac{1}{2}$ hours.
'Wig'

13 July 1971. 'Wig' + Mark Hanan - check survey of the line
into Long Chamber. An error of about 8-10 ft in northings &
a similar error in the eastings made this trip necessary.

2 hrs. 'Wig'

Meanwhile, Bill Cooper & Roy Bennett - 3 hr trip building up 2nd
layer of 'rapidariv' (Eiment Fonder) for the foundation curtain of the
dam at Sump 2. Roy Bennett.

17th July 1971. C. Clark, M. Hanan, T. Popham
Went to survey lake chamber extensions. Found connection
to lake chamber. Surveying not started because of duration
of trip. 3 hr. Colin Clark.

17-7-71. Fin Large ~ 2 W.S.G. To Cuthbert's 2 where
hole in floor just after sump was dug to depth of 5'
where a small rift went off. Still will not take
any sizeable flow. 6 hrs. Fin Large

17th. July 1971 'Wig and Pettine' — detail collecting
in the west section of rocky boulder passage.
Intended to cover all of the passage but lamp failure
shortened trip somewhat.

St. Catharines - Sump II dam, Surveying
Catharines 2 and in Lake Chamber.

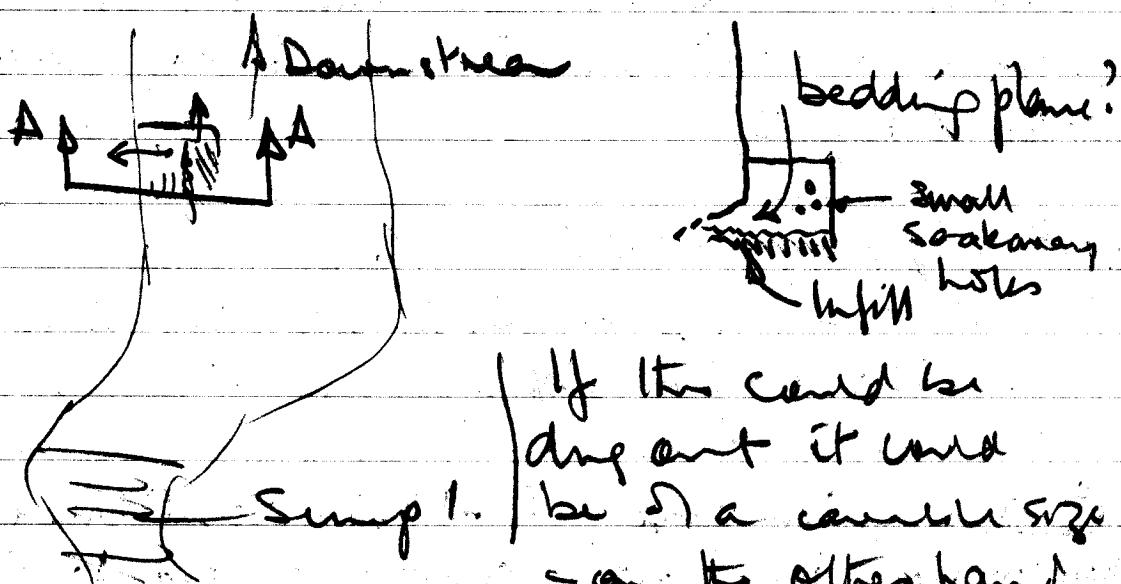
Ron Bennett, Phil King, Very, Steve Tuck, Bill Cooper &
I WEC working on Sump I dam.

Wig took details of Catharines II for survey dam
to present end point of survey line at the 8' pot.

Mark Hansen and I WEC conducted survey in
Lake Catharines - the area (normally submerged)
has been found to connect with an elevation
panage off Lake Chamber.

'Lip'

P.S. The soakaway just downstream of Sump I
appears to be a choked bedding plane. The main
flow of water, small though it is, goes under the
west wall of the panage and was dug out to
a depth of over 3 ft by Wig.



If the could be
dug out it could
be of a considerable size
on the other hand
it might open up sufficiently to take the
whole of the Catharines stream thus making
the work on Sump II much easier.

'Wig'

23 July.

St. Cuthbert's Dig, Monk's Haven, shaft Cooper. Bill went down to Cuthbert's II and checked how much water was being lost & it was noted at the soakaway. ~~There~~ Little change in the stream quantity could be noticed. The dam in Gow Rill was released, ~~to~~ ~~make~~ it being left in by the Tuesday night team so that the water would not wash away the wet cement. Meantime Wig & Mark's carried in the surveying gear and two pieces of galvanised sheet ~~for~~ the sheets were to be used for shutting off the Sump II dam. The team set up at the Dining Room and to while away the time Cavership was surveyed. The entrance to the ~~the~~ Chamber at the top of the rift was found to be sited by the Dining Room staircase.

Digging commenced at the Cuthbert's II stream soakaway and was lowered to a depth of 3 ft. The undercutting on the left was not a bedding plane but a 3" cutback in the wall. The water appears to be soaking away through two very small holes but this could be part of a very large rock pendant as no rock floor could be found except a rock flake dividing the dip. Party entered the Cam 20.30 hrs and back at the bottom 02.30.

'Wig'

24 July.

Wig & Mark in Haven - took another pair of shuttering sheets to enhance to lowest passage. Surveyed Chamber's passage and Upper long Chamber. Miserable trip

$5\frac{1}{2}$ hours.

'Wig'

25 July.

Fin Large + 6 Derbyshire Caving Club - to Sump 2 Cavers Series, Railway Tunnel Pulpit. $5\frac{1}{2}$ hrs.

Fin Large

27. July, Dave Ironi & Dave Turner - continued surveying
in Long Chamber Series. Line & detail survey from
Boulder Chamber to Upper Long Chamber via Quarry
Passage & tied in side passage points. $3\frac{1}{2}$ Hours.

28/7/71 Roy Bennett, Morton Hassan, Bill Cooper, Peter Eckford.

- Sunny & cleared off walls by chipping, placed & buttressing
round formations and poured some cement up to top of fissile.
- Please do not use clamps for a week or so. 4 & hrs.

'Wig'

29-7-71 Tim Large & Tony Meadow.

Enjoyable stroll around Mud Hall - Rocky Boulder -
Long Chamber - Coral Series - Far Chamber. Looked 6 hrs.
at various sites that require taping off to protect
the formations.

Roy Bennett

Tim Large

31-7-71. MAYPOLE SERIES - FIXED TACKLE

A visit to Maypole Series was made by
B.E.Prest & S.Tuck the main purpose of which was
to examine the fixed tackle as instructed by the last
Cuthberts leaders meeting.

The general condition of ALL the tackle in
Maypole Series is poor and in our opinion should
be treated with great respect.

All the chains Short Chain Pitch, Long Chain Pitch
and the chain holding the Maypole Pitch fixed ladder
are showing severe signs of corrosion and should
not be trusted. The chain holding the ring and
C-links on Pulley Pitch are also heavily corroded.

The fixed ladder on Maypole pitch appears to be
in a reasonable condition.

We recommend that all the ~~the~~ chains be replaced

and the fixed ladder removed and replaced by a pulley system as on Pulley pitch.

B. Brewel, S. Jack

3rd AUG. R.H.B., D.I., D.YEAROLE, M.HAGAN,

P.ECKFORD - 7 x 1gal containers cement to sump 2 dam. 4½ mixed up & used. 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ hr.

4 Aug.

Wif, Ron Bennett, Monty Hagan, Dave Yearole & Pete Eckford. Continued working at Sump II — ~~for 4½ Hours~~ — 3rd week that the Tuesday evening! Leon missed the pub!! — this is a decided improvement! Wif.

5 August.

Wif & M. Hagan. Surveying in Sentry passage area. — detailed Harem, and also detailed Sentry. Trip was cuttled when Wif began getting cold. Also surveyed U.T. Chamber to Fingers via side passage. Time. 1 hr.

7 August. '71

Milche & Bob McLean pegging up pot in Disappointment Passage with view to continuing survey. Ray Mansfield, Steve Summerhayes, 2 Bath Univ & 2 Northern types to Sump II on tourist trip.

Time 3½ hrs.

8 August. '71

Tim Large Oliver Lloyd.

Enjoyable trip down Old Route - Everest etc to Cow Hall. Out via Water Shute. Also had look at Grebas Series - Mud Ball passage - small aven along this passage with draught blowing up.

4 hrs.

10th AUG. R.H.B., R.C., D.YEAROLE, M.HAGAN,

sump II DAM. WORKED ON. 3 hr.

Tim Large

14th August. Hay Mansfield, Milch, Bob Mohow.

ASCENDED DOWN HALL AND WENT UP DISAPPOINTMENT PASSAGE TO CONTINUE SURVEY. 150' BEYOND FOR THERE IS A 40' AVEN WHICH REQUIRES Ropes AND PASS TIGHT PASSAGE STRAIGHT ON REQUIRES MARTIN HUAN

'Milch'

17. Aug. 1971.

Wig & Tony Corrigan. Continued work on Survey - completed Marble Hall out to nuckle connecting L.C.E and Coral Chamber. The lower passage below Marble Hall itself unsurveyed - this amounts to about 50ft. of passage. The surveyed length from Marble Hall to nuckle is about 180ft. The Marbles Pit length has to be added to this (approx 100ft.).

17th AUG. R.CRAIG, R.BENNETT, T.LARGE + 4. 5 Hours. 'Wig'

R.C. & R.H.B. WORKED ON DAM - T.LARGE + 4 ARRIVED LATER. 2^{1/2} hr.

R.Bennett

18. Aug. 1971

Wig; Tony Corrigan & Norman Petty. Completed Survey of the long chamber Extension area. Took a line for LCE to end of side passage in south end. Took bearings of small side passage at top. The top chamber above LCE was surveyed down to the boulder nuckle at the floor of LCE. Real barge was fixed onto the Survey but not surveyed to Grade 6. A reading along the passage direction was taken and the incline measured against the dip plane. There appears to be another fault other than the Cross-Lake Fault ~~that~~ which lines up with the Marble Hall area, LCE, Lake; Mud Ball Dig and Dining Room Dig. If this is so then the heavy collapse in the LCE area would be explained as all the rubble has fallen in from the fault sides of the chasm. The intersection of the two faults would be

in the Mud Bell chamber area. This is interesting as it puts the Cavers Series into the mid-light again for another push possibly in the floor of the passage between Mud Bell and Cavers Hall.

5 hrs. 'Wig'

20 Aug 71.

Norman Petty & 'Wig'. Continued Survey. Detailed Annex Chamber and southern end of Fracture Rift to Coral Pot. Then moved to Rocky Boulder Passage to Bubblette Pitch and looked at Surprise Passage but was found to be so short as not to warrant a full blooded survey. Notes were taken to Grade 3. The side passage off Bubblette Pitch that ends in a squeeze chamber under Gravy Passage was surveyed to CKG Grade 6. The run-off due to the thunderstorms on Wednesday evening made the entrance series rather damp - the stream in the Old Route was quite high - though this should not last too long.

$3\frac{3}{4}$ hrs.

'Wig'

P.S. There are some very fine mud formations in the chamber on the right-hand wall - take care not to destroy them.

21st Aug 71.

R. Craig } General tourist.
T. Hughes

M. Mills

Ray Mansfield

A. Butcher

R. Mehew

} Surveying Disappointment Passage.
+ exploring New Extension.

21 Aug 1971 Ben Bennett & Dave Lewis. Completed survey in Sintay Passage - Maypole; Entrance to Long Chambers (R.I.W.) Rift in lower part Upper Long Chamber & complex S) Passage over Quarry Corner. 3 HRS.

'Wig'

21/8/71 Mike, Ray Mansfield, Rob Mehew, Butch to carry on survey & exploration in Disappointment passage. Accident to Mike by boulder dropping whilst climbing the new aven. Suspected fracture to collar bone. Sent Butch out to call out M.R.O. & other 3 ~~were~~ started out. Easy rescue as Mike did a hell of a lot to help himself. T/U 4 hrs, taking 2 hrs to get out. Large turnout from surface did a lot to help on the hauling up Pulpit & Entrance lift. Robins

21/8/71 ~~Bob~~ Orange & J. Moore on a tourist trip to 2. Easy trip interrupted by rescue at entrance rift. Orange (p.p. Robins)

24. 8. 71 Dave Lewis, Dave Turner & Roger Skinner Diving in Mud Hall area.

3 hours

24/8/71 Sump 2. Don Buldy. T.L. & RHB looked at hole in roof of 2 streamway. - RHB, T.L., R.C., D.Y. + 3 ~~Wren~~ 'Wig'
+ 3 B.C. Some missed the path, but not R.C. 2-3½ hrs.

25/8/71

Pete and Joyce Franklin, Martin Howlands, Sue Gazzard and Tony Tucker

SHORT TRIP TO INTRODUCE SUE AND TONY TO CUTHBERTS DOWN AS FAR AS PLANTATION AND OUT ~~down~~ found LUMP HAMMER AND AMMO BOX AT QUARRY CORNER IF ANY ONE CLAIMS IT SEE ME. Peter

3½ HRS

27-8-71 Wig, Dave Owner & G Rhipper

Investigated short passage of September chamber. Remained in fine formation which Dave photographed. Potted round September chamber saw some high passage along bedding plane that might be worth mapping. 5 hours. J.P.

28 8-71 Wig Roy Bennett, Bob Craig & Dave Yeable Took down bailing drum & new bung for Sump II dam. Found that dam leaked at junction of rapid hardening cement and the ordinary cement. Tested Roy's idea of bailing back from Sump II to the dam. It seemed to work quite well. Wig left early. Total 4½ hrs. Ron banged the sides left just below Sump I, leaks in dam repaired — time 6hrs.

28/8/71 Bob Taylor, Alan Butcher, Steve Pugh - Wig knifed to Disrupt Passage - down, none of last will accident. Will Butcher did the very detailed down from the surface to the doorway, the rest had a go at the end down. This was drilled for approx 40' to a place where it was heavily tilted over and had got a little too tight - nearly a jam. Then escaped a bit via telgit 3 hrs. Ready.
→ NB. Trap leads N. mill in spirit.

4/9/71 Mike Palmer + 4 WCC Down to Sump II to look at the slime. Took various route out including Ledge Chamber which was low. No trouble experienced on Water Shute or Ledge Pitches with new tackling arrangement. 5½ hrs Michael/M Palmer.

4(4.)/1 Wig, Tony Corrigan - Re-potting - Started clay at e of Gom Rift - Brought pipe back from C. 2 to take Bank Grille Stream. 4 hrs.

Dave Pendle

29/8/71 P. Hudson, Tony Jarrett, + mate, Roy Bennett, - Bailed sump 2 using double Ciff - Dam backed rather haphazardly, got into his bell before final fell out.

September chamber saw some high passage along bedding plane that might be worth mapping.
5 hours. J.P.

28 8-71 'Wig' Roy Bennett, Bob Craig & Dave Yeable
Took down bailing drum & new bung for
Sump II dam. Found that dam leaked at
junction of rapid hardening cement and
the ordinary cement. Tested Roy's idea of
bailing back from Sump II to the dam.
It seemed to work quite well. 'Wig'
left early. Total 4½ hrs. Ron banged the side
lift just below sump I. leak in dam repaired — time 10hrs.

28/8/71 Bob Hayes, Alan Butler, Steve Pugh - by knifel to Disrupt
Pavage - over, none of lost all evident. Alton Butler did the
very detailed work from the surface to the chamber, the rest had to
go at the end over. This was about the upper 40' to a place
where it was heavily stilled over and got a little too tight
a meter or just. Then swayed out via fulgur 3 hrs. Early.

→ NB. Trip leads H. Hill in spirit.

4/9/71 Mike Palmer + 4 WCC Down to Sumps II to look
at the slime. Took various route out including
Ledge Chamber which was low. No trouble experienced
on Water Shute or Ledge Pitches with new tackling
arrangement. 5½ hrs Michael A. Palmer.

4(1)/71 Wig, Tony Corryan, Peter Hudson - Started day at e. J.
of Four Rift - brought pyle back from C.2 to take bank grille
stream. 4 hrs. Dave Pendle

29/8/71 P. Hudson, Tony Jarrett, + mate, Roy Bennett, J. - Bailed sump 2 using double
cuff - Dam leaked rather badly, got into this tell before final fell out.
4 hrs.

7/9/71 R.Craig, P.Kingston, D.Turner, C.Clark, R.Bennett.
Crane repaired sump 2 dam (with help from the others.). RMB, D.T., PAK,
locked at hinged rift at top end of II corner reached continues similarly
for 15'-20' to another level. 3 ft. RMB.

14th Sept 1971 Roy Bennett, Bob Craig, Tim
Large, Jesus Smith, Phil Kingston &
Rick McGeorge (W.C.C.). 2½ - 3 hours - Craig
worked on sump II dam.

RKB.

18. Sept

Roy Bennett, Graham Harper, Basil Sledge, Bill Cooper, Keith Glossop
'Wif', Roger Toms, Peter Hudson.

Party split into two and Roy went down to sump I; drained
and placed bang against stal blockage. At the same time
help and others built a small dam at the bottom of the
bank. Gutter area in preparation for the Govt lift dig.
5-6 hours 'Wif'.

21 Sept

Roy Bennett, Phil Kingston, Tim Large, Colin Clark
Took about 2 hours to bale sump II. Stal blockage
cleaned by previous bang. Another 2 lbs of bang used.
3-3½ hrs. Colin

25/Sept/71 Bob Craig, Dave Wilkinson, Mick Mignawath

Bob Craig

Working at sump II.

25/9/71

Martin Huson, Basil Sledge, Dave Slevin,
Bill Cooks.

Bailed sump 2 but this filled with water
from an unknown source, faster than

Rock Wallcome (W.C.C.). 2½ - 3 hours time
worked on Sump II dam.

R.H.B.

18. Sept

Ron Bennett, Graham Parker, Basil Slade, Bill Cooper, Keith Chesser
'Wif', Roger Toms, Peter Hudson.

Party split into two and Ron went down to sump II; drained
and placed bang against stal blockage. At the same time
Keith and others built a small dam at the bottom of the
bank. Gutter area in preparation for the Govt. Lett dig.

5-6 hours 'Wif'.

21 Sept

Ron Bennett, Phil Rington, Tim Large, Colin Clark
Took about 2 hours to bale sump II. Stal blockage
cleaned by previous bang. Another 2 lbs of bang used.
3-3½ hrs. Colin

25/Sept/71 Bob Maher, Dave Wilkinson, Mick Wigworth

Bob Craig

Working at sump II.

25/9/71

Martin Huon, Basil Slade, Dave Searin,
Bill Cooper.

Bailed sump 2 but this filled with water
from an unknown source, faster than
we could bail, so bang was used
to remove first arch to make working
conditions easier. Time 6 hrs

5th Oct. 71.

Roy Bennett, Bill Cooper,
Ting Duckon, Bob Craig, Jim Large
& Gr. Phippen.

Working hips to Sump II. Sawn rift-
dam ~ @ 6:30 two hours approx
balancing. Roy placed some more long ~~against~~
in small space above stat. Out by
10pm.

7th Oct 71

Tong Meader. Jack & Muff Usdell
Cut berms & even though lights we rather
poor I was able to note some
new Carbide dumped in Pillar chamber.
out (10-00 2½ hour trip)

9th October

Roy Bennett, Bob Craig, Bob McEwan, Pete Schmid, Colin Clark.

Baled sump II. Joined by Butch, Ray Mansfield, Graham Phippen
after sump was baled. Not much progress 4-5 hrs c. Clark.

10th October

Ray Mansfield & myself to survey Drinking Fountain Passage to the end,
out in less than 2½ hrs.

M. John

12th October 1971

R. Bennett, R. Craig, T. Large P. Kingston.

Further work at the sump. 3-4 hrs.

16th Oct 1971.

B. Price, Ken Dave, B. McEwan. Tomcat trip to
Sump 2. Exceptionally high water. Large stream entering
from Pyrobusite series. Out in 3½ hours.

Blk. St.

17.10.71. Ulrich had took down a tourist party of Royal Engineers. To Sump II.
3½ hrs. Back by streamway under slate.

18 Oct. Tourist to Sump I.

Dawson.

Roy Alvin.

Keith G. Childs.

19/10/71 Roy Bennett, Phil Kington, Jim Davison.

Bailed their stalactite sink no. Dining Room. Dug a bit. Removed
rock where water comes into under Centras Hall. 3 hrs.

Roy Small.

22.10.71 Friday Night Caving Club trip to September
Series to take some photo's - only just
got out for one pint. Leader Mike Palmer
Party R. Kenney, D. Thomson, A. Trickey + 3 others.

24.10.71 Tourist trip through Cat gut to Cow Hall
and out via Railway Tunnel and Cascades.
Party was Darnought Caving Club who were
quite average and keen to go again. Mike Palmer
(again).

24.10.71 Dawson, Pete Miller, Bill Cooper & Nigel Taylor.
Attached 2 polythene hose to pipe in base of Bank
Cettle pothole and commenced digging against L.H.
wall near end of Cow Rift. 4 HRS

24-10-71 Tim Large, Ken Gregory, Alan Chivers, Bob White to September
Chamber, Victory Passage, Caglit, R.W.E down to
end of Cow Rift. Started digging under the
Beetive. Bailed pool dug out liquid mud -
2 small inlet trickles coming in behind. 6 hrs.

26-10-71 Bob Craig, Roy Bennett, Tim Large. Digging below
Centras Hall. Work continues 3 hrs. V. Large

Holyrood

Keith G. Childs.

19/10/71 Roy Bennett, Phil Kingston, Tim Darston.

Bailed pool & streams back no. Dining Room. Dug a bit. Removed arch where water comes into under Cenotaph Hall. 3 hrs.

Roy Bennett.

22.10.71 Friday Night Caving Club trip to September Series to take some photo's - only just got out for one pint. Leader Mike Palmer Party R. Kenney, D. Thomson, A. Trickey + 3 others.

24.10.71 Tourist trip through Cat gut to Cow Hall and out via Railway Tunnel and Cascades. Party was Dovedale Caving Club who were quite average and keen to go again. Mike Palmer (again).

24.10.71 Dave Low, Pete Miller, Bill Cooper & Nigel Taylor. Attacked st polythene hose to pipe in base of Beehive Cleft pool hole and commenced digging against L.H. now near end of Cow Rift. 4 HRS

24-10-71. Tim Large, Ken Gregory, Alan Chivers, Bob White to September Chamber, Victory Passage, Catgut, R.W.E down to end of Cow Rift. Started digging under the Beehive. Bailed pool dug out liquid mud - 2 small inlet trickles coming in behind. 6 hrs.

26-10-71. Bob Craig, Roy Bennett, Tim Large. Digging below Cenotaph Hall. Work continues 3 hrs. V. Large

30.10.71 P. Kingston + 2 others 2 hrs.
F. Cheshire

~~Done now~~

~~Very slow~~

Keith L. Childs.

01/10/71. Roy Bennett, Phil Kingston, Jim Davison.

Bailed pair & took back no. Dining Room. Dug a bit. Removed
rock where water comes into under Ceresus Hall. 3 hrs.

Ray Bennett

22.10.71 Friday Night Caving Club trip to September
Series to take some photo's - only just
got out for one pint. Leader Mike Palmer
Party R. Kennedy, D. Thomson, A. Trickey + 3 others

24.10.71 Tourist trip through Cat. gut to Cow Hall
and out via Railway Tunnel and Canyons.
Party was ~~Dundonwight~~ Caving Club who were
quite average and keen to go again. Mike Palmer
(again).

24.10.71 Dan Brown, Pete Miller, Bill Cooper & Nigel Taylor.
Attacked 20 palm trees here to open in lower Bank
Cave path and commenced digging against L.H.
wall near end of Cow Rift. 4 hrs.

24-10-71. Tim Large, Ken Gregory, Alan Chivers, Bob White to September
Chamber, Victory Passage, Catgut. R.W.E down to
end of Cow Rift. Started digging under the
Beehive. Bailed pool dug out liquid mud -
2 small inlet trickles coming in behind. 6 hrs.

26-10-71. Bob Craig, Roy Bennett, Tim Large. Digging below
Ceresus Hall. Work continues 3 hrs. *Upstage*

20.10.71 P. Kingston + S. Tourist 4 hrs.

P. Kingston

31-10-71. St C.

C. Piddler, M. Gondell, B. Tom

Had a look a Dining Room Dig, Lake Chamber
St Cuthbert's 2 and Whistler Passage out via Railway
Tunnel. Very enjoyable trip. 4 hrs.

SP.

5 November 1971

Dame Long Colin Clark - Thundhar to Corral Chambers
and down to Lake Chambers. On way out big caught
upfall on ~~the~~ ledge and dislodged a solid slab of
rock - had anyone been below he would have been
well buried live & - I don't think that this route is
good for tourist parties - either ladder stabilizer
used or the free ladder be used.

2-11-71 R. Bennett, R. Craig, D. Turner, C. Clarke, J. Weston,
T. Lange.

Continued work at sump 2. After sump had been
bailed sometime it back filled only just giving
us time to complete our work. Cour Hall dam
was overflowing by the time we got back to Cour
Rift. Dig looks very promising, but will require
a long sustained effort to make any progress 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ hrs

7-11-71 John Vanderplank (W.C.C.) T. Lange.

Photographic trip to Upper Traverse Chamber, High Ch.
and around Kanchenjunga. 3 hrs.

9-11-71

T. Lange, R. Craig, R. Bennett, C. Clarke. 2 hrs.
R. Craig, R. Bennett worked on your Rift Dam.
C. Clarke, T. Lange excavated passage from Main Stream to
Cerberus.

PLEASE BE CAREFUL CLIMBING OVER COUR /
RIFT. OH

R. Bennett

7-11-71

Bill Cooper, John Knott & 4 Surrey University tourist trip to Sump 2

14.11.71

Danebris, Bill Cooper, Bass Slade + 2 U.C. Wells.
On surface Plantation Stream was diverted into depression. Premium put into hole at Minnow's Den by boulders. In cave we found trace sack of charcoal in Main Stream at bottom of Guees & Parrot & in Plantation Stream at Plantation junction - actually the sack is placed in small inlet Parrot in false bed. floor.

Continued digging at end of Cow Pit - side parrot closer down to 6" die like so floor has been to be completely cleared.

5 hrs.

15/11/71

16.11.71 R. Bennett, C. Clarke, R. Craig P. Kingston.
Further work at sump and removal of wigs tracer sacks from cave. 3 hrs.

20/11/71 Bob Miller, R.D. Craig, ~~J. Abbott~~ ^{P. King. Jr.}
Bam building at Sump 2. Damp on ~~20/11/71~~ way out. ~~Abbott~~

21.11.71 Chris Lloyd took tourist party of 4 USSR types : Adrian Watkins, Andrei Selt, Peter Godfray, & Howell? Very quiet & rather sporting.

27.11.71. - Tourist party down to Duck and out - included B. Miller, K. Pearson, Doc Glanville & 2 others.

~~B. Miller~~

27-11-71 Tim Large & Jim Smart, 30t. + 9 from E.U.S.S and
Cotham.

Down via Upp. Traverse Chamber, Railway Tunnel R.W. to
Sump I. out via Bus and took at Centurion Shs.
Tim Large

4/12/71. Domboin, Pete Cousins, Pete Hudson, + 5
Indians ass't at end of Cow River tube
too slow descending came and merely turned it to
a tourist trip to Sump II. 4 hours.

7-12-71 Roy Bennett, Bob Craig Martin Webster, Colin Clark
Mick Jordan & Tim Large
Down to sump 2 work continues steadily 3½ hrs.

11-12-71

Tourist Party down to duck, out through
rat run lake chamber. water level in lake chamber
back to normal.

Time $\geq \frac{1}{2}$ hrs N. Petty C. Sandell + 3 Thamers
Carrying Blue.

C. Sandell.

11/12/71 J. Scamwell + 2 short trip to Rabbit Warren.

12-12-71 Domboin, Fred Davis, Paul Clements & Ned Taylor.
Took Radio beacon gear down to Cow Hair. Meanwhile
Peter, Colin Piddle & Rodney located point on surface.
Next thing to do is to produce a line survey from the
entrance to the surface point. 4 hours

14-12-71 Roy Bennett, Bob Craig, Mick Jordan, Tim Large
Continued work at sump 2 steady progress as usual.
3½ hrs.

21/12/71 Tues.

Roy Bennett, Nick Jordan, Bob Craig, Martin Webster,
Tim Large

Work on Sump T second dam and mapmaking below
10' pot. All out by 10-15pm except Roy and Tim - not
at 11-50 pm - well overdue. ~~S - off~~

1-1-72 R. Craig, A. Thompson, G. Veale, M. McCombe, S Kent,
M. Jordan. Tourist trip.

4-1-72 R. Craig, R. Bennett, M. Webster, M. Jordan, P. Rose +
Continued work on sump 2 - progress steady but
encouraging. The dams held for about 2½ hrs.
Tim Large

9-1-72 R. TUCKER & R. WILTSHIRE (CSS) R MAGEE (CSS)
J SHEEN (CSS) Ian + Penny Carter
Tourist trip to St I very ENJOYABLE 4½ hrs

11-1-72 R Bennett, R. Craig, M. Jordan, Tim Large
Continued work at Sumps 2.

15-1-72 Rescue Practice.

Ruth Upshall Jack Upshall Bob Gandy
Derrick Armer B.L. Pewt. Colin Clark Ian Calder, Penny Calder,
John Knopf Tony Tucker. ~~Nina Taylor~~ ~~CIRD House~~ R. Bennett
Tim Large O.C. Lloyd. R. Craig.

Carried from September Chamber to High Chamber
Victim - C. Howell. 4 hrs.

16-1-72 Long Chamb. Sump

Loris, Dave Turner & Ian Mansfield - general look around.

2 hrs 25'

18/1/72 St C. II. R. Bennett. + Jim Dawson packed rift
at top end of 2. M. Webster + T. Large dug out sump I,
R. Craig + N. Jordan - Worked on Sump 2 @ Long 2.
Time 2-2½ hrs. K.B.

22/1/72 St Cuthberts - Tourist trip L. S Tuck
Lugby Scouts. Also. M. Mayson, R. Howell, J. Lewis
P. Hayes. Fine 4 hours
High chamber, railway tunnel, Fidgett, Stalagmite & Jack
and iron Rustin Ch.

Listed BAT in area of Fidgett Traverse - First in Cuthberts?
No, but one of first (if not the first) recorded at the time. Roger

23/1/72 St. Cuthberts. Nottingham Univ. C.C.

Margaret Clarke.

John Smallwood, Henry Parked. David Curran.
P. Kinsley, TONY MEADEN.

25-1-72 Sam building at Sump 2 R. Craig, Village.
13/4 hrs

31. 1. 72. Measuring air CO_2 Main chamber, Rocky
Boulders. Bob Picknett, J. Barberday.

5 hour trip. all OK. interesting results.

Roger Stennies

6. 2. 72.

St Cuthberts.

N. J. PETTY + 4 Members Kingswood School. C.C.

Tourist trip. To duck.

8-2-72 Tim Large. Chris Howell + Jim Dawson
Digging at 100' a day passage 2½ hrs

Tim Large

12/2/72.

Cuthberts Tourist (High Chamber etc).

R. D. Craig ~~but he~~
C. S. Watson A. half

12/2/72

THIS IS NOT CUTHBERTS

P. Allen, M. Jay - Surditors. Looked at two holes in the roof of II. One will go with bang, other needs some protection before climbing is safe. Quick look at Garage and DT. climbed inlet that brings water to ~~the~~ North West Passage. Seems to close at 35 feet - ferret needed (easy climb). On the way out graded leaner through I and then he 'chickened' at II. Pa 'chickened' at III. No hood or mask so & have some excuse. 3½ hrs.
P.A.

16-2-72 R. Bennett, ~~H. Large~~ Large climbing in roof just below 10' pot. Traversed upstream to near 10' pot. R. Craig ~ photography in '2'

C. Howell of Durston ~ digging 100' a day passage
M. Webster, M. Gordon - looking at Long Chambers area

20/2/72. C. Bridolle + 6 MCC. Down to terminal choke and back via Railway Tunnel. 3 hrs. H.P.

22-2-72 R. Bennett ~ H. Large . Climbing above 10' pot again. Observed lumps of charcoal on mud on walls at roof level (40'-50' above stream bed). Hole did not go anywhere, observed 2 more holes 20' higher up rift - appear too tight. 3 hrs. H.P. in Large.

R. Craig, J. Durston, M. Gordon - dam building at sump 2

Y. Large
Jim Large

29-2-72 R. Bennett, J. Duxton, J. Turner, Y. Large & I.
Continued maypoling - inspected large ledge just ~~below~~
below 10' pot - nothing found. Move gear up to a site just
above 10' pot where a large recess can be seen on ~~left~~^{left}-hand
side of passage looking downstream. Climbed to ledge which
of sloping stal flow covered with mud needs a bolt or two
to secure top of maypole and give some protection to
climber. Work continues Yim Large 3hrs.

11/3/72.

September Series

R.V. Craig

R. Jordan

7-3-72 R. Bennett, J. Duxton, J. Turner & Y. Large
Continued climbing just upstream of 10' pot - got to large
muddy ledge - nothing found - from here we can traverse to
another above which cannot be fully seen from our present
position. This is almost above the 10' pot. 3hrs.

Strong smell of solvent (carbon tet) Yim Large
in Gau Hall area - coming from Pugnac.

? Feb St. Cuthbert

Dave Turner, Wig, Christ Howell, Keith Turner. Dressing
100' a day Passage. Wig.

? Feb Wig & Ray Mansfield - checking Mud Hall area to
find out whether the survey was complete. He didn't say
how above 500ft needs still to be done. Wig

24. 3. 72 Wig + 4 tourist down to Sing II

14-3-72 R. Bennett, J. Duxton Y. Large R. Craig
I am building a maypoling above 10' pot 3hrs.

Yim Large

28 March 1972. I Huston & Tim Large

Enjoyable stroll around Coral Series, Railway Tunnel
Fingers, Caves and out. 2½ hrs. Tim Large

26.4.72. Govt Rift Dig. Dave Turner, Lris, Doug, Shirley
Chris, etc. Continued digging along LH wall
at end of Govt Rift.

2.4.72 Govt Rift Dig. Iris, Dave Turner, Jim Dorkin, Doug, Shirley
Chris? Graham Wilton Jones + brother; Bob Cross & group -
Forestdale P.C.

3/4/72 Entrance found unlocked and entrance pitch laddered.

4/4/72 Tim Large, Roy Bennett. - Veined & each about 10' feet
in II after emplacing a bolt and gymnasticizing on end of ladder.
Failed to effect a lodgment upon it. Looks quite promising - only 10'!
against it going. Good situation for a dig. 3 HR.

Roy Bennett.

Set 8th April 1972. Rabbit Warren Extension etc.

R.D. Craig
J. Burn
S. D. —

G. Knops
A. Duxton
Sue Duxton
S. L. Duxton

11-4-72 - R. Bennett, R. Craig, J. Duxton, J. Knops, J. Murray + 1, Tim
Orange + Jim went into Whitsun Passage and found a new passage
which at moment is too small to enter - some digging
required looks promising. Roy + John Knops climbing above 10' pot
where Roy got into above and began digging only to find
that it is only a large phreatic pocket with no extensions.

Tim Large 2½ - 3 hrs.

14-4-72 - Tim Large + 3. General trug round
September Series - out via Sentry Passage Excess
and up streamway into Mud Hall etc.

2½ hrs.
Tim Large

18-4-72.

R. Craig, R. Bennett, M. Gordon J. Duxton Sue Duxton
Dismantled maypole at 10' pot and then went to look
at side passage noticed by Orange last week. This is in
the Whitsun Passage near bottom of inclined rift just
after muddy crawl section. Dug across bedding plane?
through mud and small boulders to where passage gets
slightly bigger and levels off, but is choked as far
as we can see - more work next week. 2½ hrs.

Tim took Sue on first trip in Cather's - as far as bottom of

J. Bennett
R. Craig
M. London
J. Duxton
J. Knops
J. Murray + 1, Jim
Crane
Sue Duxton by
S. L. Davis

11-4-72 - R. Bennett, R. Craig, J. Duxton, J. Knops, J. Murray + 1, Jim
Crane + Jim went into Whitsun Passage and found a new passage
which at moment is too small to enter - some digging
required - looks promising. Roy + John Knops climbing above 10' pot
where Roy got into alcove and began digging only to find
that it is only a large phreatic pocket with no extensions.

Jim Large 2½ - 3 hrs.

14-4-72 - Jim Large + 3. General trip round
September Series - out via Sentry Passage & pass
and up streamway into Mud Hall etc.

2 ½ hrs.

Jim Large

18-4-72.

R. Craig, R. Bennett, M. London J. Duxton Sue Duxton
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at side passage noticed by Crane last week. This is in
the Whitsun Passage near bottom of inclined rift just
after muddy crawl section. Dug across bedding plane?
through mud and small boulders to where passage gets
slightly bigger and levels off, but is choked as far
as we can see - more work next week. 2 ½ hrs.
Jim took Sue on first trip in Cutters - as far as bottom of
everest.

22-4-72 Tim Large & Ian Calder - to Pillar Chamber Extension and Rocky Boulder Series, wandered around lower Mud Hall area and followed Wine Rift stream for some way. Also looked at Disappointment Pot inlet. 2 hrs.

23-4-72 Tim Large, Dave Turner, Doug Stuckey, Chris Williams, Ian Calder

To Cour Rift digging at end - removed large boulders needs shoring to stop mud banks slumping into digging area. 2.5 hrs.

25-4-72 Tim Large, Roy Bennett, Jim Durston

Digging in Whiteman Passage. Site turned out to be just a phreatic bedding plane enlargement and not the entrance to a passage. Probed holes in floor at lower end of passage, dug amongst boulders - some sandstone, and mud, interspersed with thin stal coverings every so often. It could be something BUT it might not be around the next corner!! 2.5 hrs Tim Large

29/4/72

R. Craig, Nick Lordan, Sylvia, Charlie, + 4 from Aberystwyth University.

General tourist - in via Corral, out via Watershed

6.5.72 M. Palmer - Party of 5 SWETC on tourist trip to sump II via Catgut. A very good trip and apparently appreciated. There is a foot print on the spherulites & near the "fingers traverse" as if someone has gone up the passage behind. Michael Palmer

9.5.72 Tim Large & Jim Durston - Mapoled holes on upstream side of stal barrier in '2'. Hole at roof level in face of barrier does not go, others just above, are just phreatic pockets. 2.5 hrs.

Tim Large

10th May P. FRANKLIN N. JAGO & OATEN + 4
A very pleasant 2½ HRS TOURIST
TRIP TO HIGH CHAMBER THEN THRO' HAREM TO CASCADE
OUT VIA CURTAIN CHAMBER. Franklin

13/5/71 St Athelsts - Dam Building.

P. R. Craig

B. D. C.

A. Dunn.

Observations

16.5.72. R. Bennett, M. Gordon, J. Durston, Large

Digging in Whitsun Passage just beyond entrance
crawls in far corner. Dug amongst boulders + mud and
found small airspace above mud infill. Removed
obstruction from above hole - work still continuing. 3 hrs.

Y. Large
from J. Large

23.5.72

R. Bennett, J. Durston Large

Continued work on Whitsun Passage dig - magic hammer did
its work well - followed tiny bedding plane crevice still
not conclusive - more next week.

On way out noticed strong smell of sewage from heavy
drip in Mud Hall just before climb up into Pillar Chamber.
This is obviously from Wall's shit stream from the
farmyard. This will eventually end up in Lake Chamber
presumably? N. Jago 3 hrs.

27-5-72.

K. Gregory, A. Chivers Miss C. Hodder Large
down to Sump 2 via usual route out via Rabbit
Warren, Strike etc. 3½ hrs.

if Large

Frank
13/5/71 St Athelsts - Dam Building.

R.R. Craig
Dan
Adam.
Eskethorn'

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Jim Large

23.5.72

R. Bennett, J. Durston *J. Large*.

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presumably? *J. Large* 3 hrs.

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Warren, Strike etc. 3½ hrs.

J. Large

28-5-72 on range + 3 Oldon Pot hole + 2 Pergans.

Enjoyable stroll around Coral Series - Cerebus Series - to Sump 1 and '2' - return to Rabbit Warren - Fingers Railway Tunnel - Upper Traverse - September Series - back to Sentry P. Bypass - Main stream to Water Shute + ~~the~~ Mud Hall and out 5 hrs.

3-6-72

Mike, B. Woodward & + Reading University CC : Jim Gambley, Sheena Harding, Dave Stoddart, Steve Ellis, John Meader, Brenda Holmson.

30-5-72 R. Bennett, J. Denton, A. Meader + Keith Warman.

Working trip at sump 2 ^{in large} 2 hrs.

30-5-72 Meader + Keith Warman. - Pathwork II 2 hrs.

3/6/72

Mike Palmer, Graham Wilton-Jones, Bob Gross, Andrew Nichols (S.U.C.C.) Martin Baker, Malcolm Jarrett (S.U.C.C.)

Five trip to Mud Hall, up through High Chamber to Catgut Series, down Rabbit Warren Extension to Plantation Junction. Into Cuthbert's 2 after pass at water logged Wigdig. After a long pause while Bob threw water at the sheep and Mike struggled with his stuckie back round into certain chamber where $\frac{1}{4}$ hr was spent.

Fluorescing stalts with Andy's electronic flash. A look at the Railway Tunnel and Cascade Chamber then straight out, but half a hour waiting while Sheep struggled up the entrance aft.

After trip. 6 hrs

4-6-72 'Wig', Nigel Taylor, Chris Howse - Picking up later markers from CORAL SERIES, MAIN STREAM, KANCHETSUMA EC.

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Week break to Thrd, "Wig", Naylor met him in with lots of tiffles, had a general footer around the cave.

"Mr. Nigel"

28-5-72 ~~sign large~~ + 3 Eldon Pot hole + 2 Pegasus.

Enjoyable stroll around Coral Series - Cerebus Series - to sump 1 and '2' - return to Rabbit Warren - Fingers Railway Tunnel - Upper Traverse - September Series - back to Sentry P. Bypass - Main stream to Water Shute - ~~over~~ Mud Hall and out 5 hrs.

3-6-72

Micks, B. Woodward & + Reading University CC : Tim Grindley, Sheena Hodding, Dave Stobart, Steve Ellis, John Hammond, Brenda Hodgkinson.

30-5-72 R. Bennett, J. Denton, A Meaden + Keith Warman.

Working trip at sump 2 ~~sign large~~ : 2½ hrs.

30-5-72 Meaden + Keith Warman. - Cathberts II : 2 hrs.

3/6/72

Mike Palmer, Graham Walton-Jones, Bob Cross, Andrew Nichols (S.U.C.C.) Martin Baker, Malcolm Jarrett (S.U.C.C.)

Five trip to Mud Hall, up through High Chamber to Catgut Series, down Rabbit Warren Extension to Plantation Junction. Into Cathberts 2 after pass at water logged WigDig. Then a long pause while Bob threw water at the ~~Slepton~~ and Mike struggled with his stinkie Back rouel into Central chamber where $\frac{1}{4}$ hr was spent fluorescing stalts with Andy's electronic flash. A look at the Railway Tunnel and Cascade Chamber then straight out, bar half a hour waiting while Slepton struggled up the entrance rift.

After trip : 6 hrs

4.6.72 Chris Williams, Tony Parfrey, John Knopf
Graham Wilson Jones

To Lake Chamber to collect markers - then to
low rift dig. 2 hrs. bailing, 1½ hrs digging, with little
progress. 3½ hrs.

4.6.72 Meaden, Jackie Muff Upst., Keith
Warman + 2 Old World Caving Club members
Tow round Coral ed - 5 hrs.

6-6-72 R.Craig, R.Bennett, J.Durston, N.Taylor, H.Large
down to '2' clearing up rubbish (unwanted digging
gear etc) and dismantling pump which is now
at Plantation Junction. Also dug another hole
in streambed just down from sump 1. 4m large 2½.

(c) 13-6-72 R.Bennett, H.Large - to '2' and up side rift just
after sump 1 to do some more chipping at the walls
to make it passable. Can now get to the corner and see
about 10'-15' ahead still going but tight. 2½ hrs.
(Tim can that is!). Tim Large

18/6/72 Lawrence
Mike Star
Pete Smith

Ian Peaney. } Chelsea S.S. R.Bennett
Geoff Watts. } P.Miller
Bill Gay. } Old Route, Pillar Ch. Eversh
Curtain Ch, R.Women to Boston

of cave. Out via. Stal. Pitch, Fingers, Roaring Tunnel, Cascade Ch. Haven
Passage, Upper Tumse Ch to High Chamber, then Old Route. 6 hrs.

20-6-72 R.Bennett, J.Durston, M.Jordon, N.Taylor, H.Large
Enlarged side rift just beyond sump 1. Chipped out
bedding plane passage at roof level a little further
downstream - does not go. Also dug hole in floor - now about
5'-6' deep water sinking away very quickly but still only

taking a limited flow without packing up. Sorkaway hole
in Sump 1 is again working quite well. 4 hrs.

Tim Large

24-6-72

Andy + Dave Blow. Quick tour round to get
back into things. Stabilised lower Hedge Fadden
slightly 2½ hrs. Andy:

24-6-72 Jim Dunston, Tom Thompson Tim Large.

Down to ~~the~~ 'D' digging holes in floor just after sump 1.
Also checked side rift. Came out via Rabbit Warren, Railway
Tunnel, Fingers, Curtain, Coral Series out out. 5 hrs.

Tim Large

27-6-72 Jim Dunston Roy Bennett, Tim Large

Continued enlarging side rift just beyond sump 1.
Also dug hole in floor & still going! 3 hrs.

Tim Large

1-7-72 Tim Large Tony Waltham + Bill

Down via Pulpit to sump 2. Out via R.W. Everest
Curtain Chamber etc. 3 hrs.

2-7-72 Jim Large, Roy Bennett +

(Tim later. Late Foundation Paper Casting Plane +
Wax Models. Tony Tools.)

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Down to sump 2, up to High Chamber. 3 hrs.
Many thanks to Aldermaston for contributing
£1 to club funds.

Tim.

4-7-72 Tim Large Nig Taylor, Roy Bennett, Jim Dunston
Tim + Roy went up side rift and continued steady
progress. Tim + Nig continued digging hole in floor. 3½ hrs.

Tim Large

taking a limited flow without backing up. Soakaway hole
in Sump 1 is again working quite well. 4 hrs.

Jim Large

24.6.72

Andy + Dave Glazier. Quick tour round to get
back into things. Stabilised lower Hedge Fadden
slightly 2½ hrs Andy:

24-6-72 Jim Dunston, Tom Thompson Jim Large.

Dowm to ~~the~~ 'D' digging holes in floor just after sump 1.
Also checked side rifl. Came out via Rabbit Warren, Railway
Tunnel, Fingers, Curtain, Coral Series out out. 5 hrs.

Jim Large

27-6-72 Jim Dunston Roy Bennett, Jim Large

Continued enlarging side rifl just beyond sump 1.
Also dug hole in floor - still going! 3 hrs.

Jim Large

1-7-72 Jim Large Tony Waltham + Bill

Down via Pulpit to sump 2. Out via R.W. Everest
Curtain Chamber etc. 3 hrs.

2-7-72

St. Cuthbert, Jim Large

(Jim later late London Roger Frosting Mike Sherman
Dave Moseley, Tony Colac.

Aldermaston Caving Club

Jim Large

24-6-72

Andy + Dave Blow. Quick turn round to get back into things. Stabilised lower ledge ladder slightly 2½ hrs. Andy.

24-6-72 Jim Dunston, Tom Thompson *Jim Large*.

Down to ~~the~~ '2' digging holes in floor just after sump. Also checked side rift. Came out via Rabbit Warren, Railway Tunnel, Tigers, Curtain, Coral Series out out. 5 hrs.

Jim Large

27-6-72 Jim Dunston Roy Bennett, *Jim Large*

Continued enlarging side rift just beyond sump. Also dug hole in floor - still going! 3 hrs.

Jim Large

1-7-72 *Jim Large* Tony Waltham + Bill

Down via Pulpit to sump 2. Out via R.W. Everest Curtain Chamber etc. 3 hrs.

2-7-72 St. Cuthberts P. Miller +

{ *Jim Large*. Pete Townshend Roger Gossling Mike Chapman

{ Dave Moseley Tony Coles.

Aldermaston Caving Club

Down to sump 2, up to high chamber. Shrs.

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PM.

4-7-72 *Jim Large* Nig Taylor, Roy Bennett, Jim Dunston

Jim + Roy went up side rift and continued steady progress. *Jim + Nig* continued digging hole in floor. 3½ hrs.

Jim Large

8.7.72 Pete Franklin, Corin Sneed + 4 M.N.R.C.
Down to 2' by old route
back out through Carbons + Red run.
up 4f- take 1st in box trail 4 hours

1 PM