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3rd January Giants Cave, Derbyshire

Martin Bishop, John Kelly, John Compton, George Cooper

Friday's PU in Buxton with the Eldon left RS and MB in a fragile state; breakfast at the Lovers Leap. Intended a round trip; the sick and needy abandoned the plan for a shortish, cold trip; water freezing, none with wet suits. Dodgy, icy drive into Buxton, went for a Chinese, stopped at the Eagle; cracking evening.

18th – 19th Jan Agen Allwedd, RESCUE

Stuart MacManus & a cast of thousands

Call out for an injured man in Southern Stream; on arrival the tented area below the Chelsea resembled a festival field; caver's numbered in the hundreds. Informed not needed immediately, return to Mendip and await further instruction.

31st January Scoska Cave, Yorkshire

Martin Bishop, John Compton

Bitter cold: snow; JC wanted to check its digging potential. A place of low wet crawls leading eventually to a canal; the only potential seems by diving; visibility appears shite.

1st February Dowkabottom Cave, Yorkshire

Martin Bishop, John Compton

Another of JC's projects; the stream disappears into choke, spent a freezing four hours digging compacted debris. Stacking spoil along the stream bed; attempting create a much smoother, less turbulent stream bed.

7th February

Lost Dave Woods

February undated (7th) St Cuthberts

Ken James, John Dukes

Helped JD carry digging kit and materials to the sump; evening Stomp a fine affair.

14th February Hunters Hole

Ken James, Martin Bishop,

SRT trip; tried yet another chest arrangement, it isn't at all comfortable.

15th February Wookey Hole

Martin Bishop

MB wanted to pursue another climb in 20. Following MB through to twenty encountered one of the two tackle bags he was carrying rolling back down the slope toward the slot; picked up same, waited three minutes, followed. MB climbed twenty feet before fitting the first bolt, changed. In etriers, and shorter reach, needed to fit extra bolts. Changed about again, MB got to +35ft; left in rope. Need sharpen and re-temper both star drills.

27th February MRO meeting in the Hunters

Proposed to MRO Wardens a new form of sump rescue kit; being significantly more compact, reducing effort of fitting to casualty and far simpler in complexity. Assembled Wardens indicated the subject had been previously discussed, as many took an interest examining the floor; ever honourable, Jim Hanwell explained, at a previous Wardens

meeting it was thought such a seismic development needed come from the CDG, (OCL). As MRO did not consider itself able to assess its true potential; requiring an assessment from active divers. Later, in the bar, JH related two wardens stated it will never replace the present sump rescue gear; though many who knew the existing kit limits did. JH said some wardens fear to openly offend OCL. Suggested MRO issue them a pair of balls.

11th March Eastwater Cavern
Ken James

An evening trip: a break from the political bullshit, surrounding the proposed sump rescue equipment. A six-hour trip, taking Dolphin Pot and Pitch, truly cracking places.

14th March Dirtlow Rake, Hazard and Odin Mines, Derbyshire
Nigel Burns

A weekend wandering around some of Derbyshire's finest lead mines; the crushing circle at Odin Mine a particularly superb lead mining feature: a quiet night in the Stags.

15th March Magpie Mine, Derbyshire
Nigel Burns

A cracking afternoon, examined the adit portal and collapse, head frame and buildings

7th April Lionel's Hole
John Widley, John Dukes

Evening trip supporting JD at a potential dig: it appears a long-term project.

14th April Swildons Hole
John Widley, John Dukes

Evening trip to Shatter Pot; supporting another project of JD's; climb the far side, after an hour JD returned, leaving the rope in situ for his next attempt.

20th April All Slade Mine and area Gower peninsula
Jim Smart, Nigel Burns

Further examination of the mine; little else found beyond the immediate area.

24th April CDG Somerset Meeting, University Union, Bristol

Following research with Ken James, Pete Eckford, proposed replacement of the existing sump rescue kit for a positive pressure mask, removing many existing issues and dealing with a casualty's potential inability to hold a demand valve in an injured mouth. The brief description was listened to; OCL then demanded the team supply one so he and others could examine it over several weeks, and offer an opinion. It was repeated that the Bandmask available for examination was a working unit belonging to Nick Felder, a North Sea diver who also owned Andark Diving, Southampton. So, not practicable as a protracted a loan. Yet, NF was prepared travel to Bristol at his own expense to present a demonstration. As a favour to the CDG, but this demonstration needed be on a weekday evening, ideally not a Friday as that was when his fortnightly shift changed on the rigs, when he flew home. His alternate weekends spent running his Dive Shop, Southampton; evenings were therefore limited. OCL appeared ignore this explanation and the generous support by someone with extensive practical and technical experience, actually using one regularly within the North Sea diving industry. Without further comment OCL directed a new trainee to investigate the availability of one: left in disgust. Though not unexpected, disappointed not one diver offered comment: is such their fear of O.C.L's vindictiveness?

26th April Fisherstreet - Aran View, Doolin Townland

Ken James

Water levels at the base of the pot a little high. Reached Aran View inlet; a large stream issuing. Pressed on, passing two ducks, which were considered acceptable in the high-water situation. Memory couldn't quite recall their awkward shapes. Passing a long, tight flowstone duck, within a few yards, the stream passage became ten inches high and three feet wide. No room to turn, so backed up over fifty metres until able to do so. In such wet conditions decided to exit Fisherstreet rather than face the entrance section. In the bar bumped into Jim Smart and Bristol Poly Cavers, one, Steve Milner, had a survey, from which it was clear KJ and PC had followed a wrong inlet, to its bitter, impassable end. So much for high water, in low places: cracking party at the Poly's rented house.

27th April Poulanian, Craggycorrada East Townland

Ken James

Spoke to Myles Arkins about a rumour; the land surrounding Poulanian is up for sale by Jack Woods; he believes there's nothing in it. Swift trip to the chamber, spent a while digging in the streamway, just before the sump; flow too great to achieve much. The sump will go, one day. Had tea with Lala Shannon; a very fine lady.

28th April Poulmagollum, Caherbullog Townland

Ken James

A nice day; fancied a long trip; free climbed the entrance. In through Gunman's, down Branch Passage to the pitch; returned the same route passing upstream of the Muddy Links and on to the last junction toward E2. Back through the links to main pot; down main streamway to Poulelva, water level normal. About turned, headed to the entrance: a superb trip. Excellent night in McHugh's.

1st May Demonstration of the Kirby Morgan Bandmask Mk10 to the MRO

Jubilee Swimming Baths, Knowle, Bristol

MRO; Jim Hanwell, Fred Davies, Richard West, Dave Irwin and Brian Prewer

CDG; Jim Durston, Martin Bishop

Instructor, Nick Fielder, (Commercial North Sea diver)

Proposers; Pete Eckford, Ken James, Pat Cronin

The baths were hired for the entire evening at PC's expense. NF gave a thorough in-depth explanation of its regular operational usage to -100metres and merits if a diver lost consciousness; answering questions from those assembled. Brian Prewer, non-diver, was placed in the unit. After a few initial faltering steps BP swam around the pool in a relaxed fashion; each present took turns wearing the kit and, more importantly, experiencing the ease of fitting the kit to the next diver. JH outlined the ramifications. Further to the CDG meeting he had been contacted by OCL who refused to have anything to do with the proposed equipment so long as "Cronin" was involved. JH pointed out this was no better than blackmail, but the MRO, needed divers, many of whom were under his sway, to support and adopt the equipment. With this ultimatum immediately ceased involvement. Reiterating the few simple, but important adaptations highlighted and developed by the Team needed implementation before the unit could be considered safe for deployment. An important factor was that the casualty needed be transported face down. Further that selection of bottle sizes for efficient deployment for differing dive sites would be of four, seven and twelve litres. An example of foolishness being, to carry say a twelve litre to Swildons sump I, to bring a person through the two metres, was too great a weight, when a four litre would be an appropriate, lighter load. JH requested the Team forward their

recommendations and method of deploying/packing a casualty; he would then discuss these necessary adaptations and protocols with OCL.

6th May Nine Barrow

Andy Porter

Pleasant trip; surprisingly AP found the crawl tough going.

13th May Swildons

Andy Porter

Black Hole series; uneventful trip; the traverse far easier with correctly fitting boots

16th May Magpie Mine, Derbyshire

Nigel Burns, Jim Smart

Return trip to re-photograph the mining remains; JS delighted with the place. A superb evening starting in the Eagle: met up with Pegasus in the Stags.

17th May Mam Tor, Dirlow Rake, Odin Mine, Derbyshire

Nigel Burns, Jim Smart

Slow start with an overhung JS; superb weather, recorded more mining remains; NB taking many photographs; one day his photos will be a unique mining industry record.

25th May Sump Rescue Kit proposal acceptance

Informed by Jim Hanwell that the OCL had rung him announcing adoption of the new sump rescue equipment; reminding JH that neither "*Cronin, nor his Henchmen*" can ever be involved with the equipment in the future. Reminded JH that a band mask did require important modifications prior to its safe deployment and position of the casualty of equal importance; JH had emphasized this to Lloyd, enquiring if OCL had received the list of adaptations needed prior to its deployment. JH was robustly informed OCL and his men knew exactly what they were doing and did not need guidance from the ill-bred.

27th May Swildons

Ken James, John Widley

JW wanted a thorough trip around the upper series: nice, but a bit whiffy.

28th May Sump Rescue Kit

Received a phone call from Steve Wynne-Roberts; he had been contacted by MRO/CDG to purchase and adapt a Kirby Morgan Bandmask Mk10 for use as sump rescue gear and would he also maintain the equipment. He explained he was not in a position to make such adaptations as it violated his business insurance. Explaining if the Team that put it together carried out the adaptations it would come under Search and Rescue research. Warily explained the sorry tale, of promising Jim Hanwell to stay out of it, with regard to the situation demanded by OCL. But happy to re-engage if asked; SWR described how, from his own experience OCL was vindictive to those who did not bow to his authority and how it was unlikely the original team would ever be involved. Bought two four litre bottles off SWR; surplus to a contract; each in excellent condition; nice.

May (undated 30th?) Letter from OCL

Received a letter from Lloyd, in which he directed cessation of all and any involvement with the rescue equipment. Failure to do so would incur his displeasure. Wrote "Fuck Off, you Sad Evil Cunt" across it, resealed envelope, wrote, return to sender. Awaiting developments; it's like being back at school. Twat.

May, undated (31st?) Sally's Rift, Bathford

Ken James, John Widley

Following afternoon pints in Broadley's Gentleman's bar, Bath, enjoyed a pleasant three-hour trip around this curious place. Apparently, a Gull Cave, as it's formed by sections of the bedrock fracturing and moving apart.

Evening:

Informed by Jim Hanwell of an M.R.O meeting at the Hunters to discuss adoption of the Kirby Morgan Bandmask Mk10 sump rescue kit

2nd June Cheddar Risings

Martin Bishop, Ken James

Low flow conditions: took turns dragging out boulders; a slow process; weighted self with a lot of lead, thus much easier to dig; poor visibility.

3rd June Nine barrows

John Widley, Andy Porter,

JW fancied returning to complete the trip; pleasant enough gravel.

6th June Hurnell Moss, Yorkshire

Martin Bishop, Mike Duck, John Compton

MB wanted to photograph the place so ask JC to arrange; the 30m free hang, fancied the best vantage point for photos, with several decent flashes. SRT went well, new chest set up more comfortable: Listening to too many offering the best SRT layout. A cracking night in the Hill Inn.

7th June Sunset Hole, Yorkshire

Martin Bishop, John Compton, John Kelly

Nice trip; suggested by JC, free climbed the pitches to the final forty metre into the chamber; enough water flowing to make a very wet exit.

9th June GB Great Chamber

Ken James, Andy Porter, Martin Bishop

In and out via Devil's Elbow, MB attempting take photos with his Konica.

14th June Tynings Barrow Swallet

Nigel Burns, Ken James, John Widley

The steepness of the place is a surprise; pleasant trip.

24th June Swildons Hole

Ken James, John Widley

After pints in the Crown, West Harptree, completed the Round Trip; JW having issues through the duck above Valentines.

30th June Totty Pot

Ken James, John Widley

Visited to assess potential; its location promises big cave beneath.

11th July Swildons Hole RESCUE

Andy Porter

Changing for Eastwater, Mike York informed of a callout down Swildons: arrived on the Green and "stood to", whilst accurate info assembled. After twenty minutes directed to

take down equipment; at the pots met the vanguard heading out who informed the team the casualty was in good form and moving quickly, after checking in with underground controller returned the equipment to surface.

July undated (14th?) Pálvölgyi Cave, Baradla-Domica Cave, Hungary

John Compton, Martin Bishop

JC's idea of ten days of fun was a superb idea; always fancied exploring a thermal cave. Thomas Kunisch, his contact, directed him to a local caver. Though short, Pálvölgyi is a curious place, seemingly the thermal waters rise and fall without regard to rainfall; it's a place that seems should be much longer; bigger. Baradla-Domica was also on JC's list, he had spoken to a local lad who arranged permits. Picked these up from the Police Station and the Mayor's office. From conversation with Ivicka, our contact, the idea was to assist scale an unclimbed aven formed. With Petri, (Hungarian) and Costos, (Croatian), the team began the climb, from which a good-sized cascade fell. Four days of wet, awkward climbing failed to reach the aven; the project left to Petri and Costos. MB made thirty-two metres; the stream appearing at least another fifteen metres above. Cracking.

August (undated 11th?) Maghera Caves, Donegal

Pauline M Cronin

On the north side of huge metamorphic mountains, facing onto a wide flat beach; several sea caves in the southern cliffs. After entering the first cave, PMC called out, the sea was fast approaching; exited to find the sea swiftly flowing into the bay.

22nd August GB

John Widley, Andy Porter

Trip request by JW; to the top of the pitch before heading out.

24th August GB

John Widley, Andy Porter

Another trip for JW; this time into the superb White Way, an underrated place.

26th August Nettle Hole – Goatchurch

John Widley, Andy Porter

After fifteen minutes hacking through the undergrowth choking the entrance, JW went off the idea. Driving down the Combe, JW fancied Goatchurch; visited the upper series.

30th August Giant's Hole, Bristol

Pauline M Cronin

Passing by, offered the opportunity to visit this re-opened (show) cave: the steep wooden stair descent adds to the visitor's lofty experience above the Gorge; the balcony above the river, an enormous asset. Chatted with the new operator, who invited a private view of the refurbished Camera Obscura; a superb, unexpected delight.

2nd September Compton Martin Ochre Mine

Ken James, John Widley

Photo trip; a fine example of Ochre mining; well preserved, being almost forgotten.

12th September Sandstone Caves Nottingham - BCRA conference

Eldon, Orpheus, Buxton Speleo's, Pegasus and others

A wonderful, huge, pub crawl taking in the Navigation, Heart and Hand, the Trip, etc. several of the bars are caves cut into the sandstone. Somewhere amongst the weekend of drinking and superb bars was a Caving Conference, of which is little memory.

14th September Totty Pot

Solo

09:30. Travelled to Warren farm enquiring owner of land; told speak to Harry Bennett, the Longleat estate representative based at Cheddar; a pleasant, approachable man.

14:30. Rang HB who said that there was no issue digging and to go ahead, the land is leased but the tenant has no issue either. However, there was a need to maintain regular contact, informing of progress; in addition, he'd like it fenced off. Related that bone fragments were noticed among the floor debris; HB commented they are likely modern; actually, believe them to be much older. Assured HB a record would be maintained of their locations, with all finds bagged and tagged, delivered to Bristol Museum.

16th September Twin Titties

Ken James

Evening trip to see the recent extensions; decorations very nice.

23rd September Totty Pot

Ken James, John Widley

Had a closer inspection of the rift; vertical prospects interesting. Rang Harry Bennett informing erection of fence this weekend. HB informed he had been contacted, by the C.S.C.C. (TL), stating under no circumstances should PC and friends be allowed to dig.

26th September Hunters Lodge

Found and cornered Tim Large, asking why he instructed Harry Bennett to refuse permission for Totty Pot? An uncomfortable TL could not, not say. Of all the issues in his life PC solved and supported, this is the treatment. Perhaps the start of OCL's vendetta?

3rd October Ogof Blean Crawnon

Nigel Burns, Andy Porter

Not enjoyed by AP, at all; perhaps the place being a low and awful streamway? Met Bob Lewis at the SVCC hut; later in the Quarryman's, Martyn Farr appeared, a fine PU.

4th October Chartist Cave, Trefil

Nigel Burns, Andy Porter

A superb walk to this fascinating cave with much social history attached; back in Bristol Pauline produces tickets for Donovan at the Hippodrome; in two hours, superb!

7th October Swildons Hole - Singing River Mine

Ken James,

Abandoned trip, lamp pox at the Double Pots. Sorted dodgy wire connection and headed to Singing River. A superb mine with fine examples of tooling and flooded stopes.

October (undated 15th?) St Dunstan's Well, Lycopodium Hole, Park Corner, Pitten Street

Ken James

Evening trip to assess potential dig sites and observe flow rate after the heavy rain.

21st October Coral Cave – Denny’s Hole

Ken James, Martin Bishop

Coral ladder pitch is vastly underrated, it is a superb climb; Denny’s is well worth a dig.

1st November GB

Ken James, Pauline Cronin

Ladder dig; uneventful trip, other than PMC showing her supreme fitness, leaving two “tough” cavers trailing far behind; only caught PMC when she missed the way out.

7th November St Cuthberts Swallet

Colin Dooley, Stuart MacManus, Al Steans, John Addison

September Series; AS without boots, using his shoes demonstrated his amazing skating skills around the cave: hilarious.

8th November Stoke Lane

Andy Porter, Ken James

Carried in replacement lead and bang wire to II for Pete Eckford’s forthcoming midweek trip; once again searched for a bypass.

14th November

Lost Keith Potter

21st November Loxton Cave

Ken James

Tourist trip; in top entrance, through the deads and out the bottom: nice remains. In the Hunters asked by Brian Prewer if OK with naming the new rescue kit for Keith Potter? Replied, none at all, but best check with Mrs. O.C.L. the new owner.

November undated (28th?) Black Shiver

Martin Bishop, Andy Porter, Geoff Pickering, John Compton

As two of the team failed to appear, decided to go no further than the big pitch; GP had access to enough rope. A huge choice of bolts to choose from; on close inspection, found some destroyed by hammer blows. JC explained bolts wars, (tantrums), are increasing; cavers arguing over the perfect placement of bolts. A superb trip, thanks to JC; while AP, MB and PC ascended the main pitch, JC and GP descended the next pitch. Young AP was getting cold so sent him to the surface; a chill wait for the others: AP did well. A fine trip with good pals: a belting night in the Heifer: Jim Eyre in good form. Ian Parsons and John Kelly were delayed colliding with a delivery van outside Clapham; no injuries.

20th December Cullaun I

Solo

Reached entry to Gaffer’s Gulch; a curious development at the start of this passage; a thin, raised rib of rock separating stream and passage: bitter cold.

21st December Toomullin Mine, Toomullin Townland, Doolin

Petie Tierney

A superb walk around the surface remains, guided by PT: his father and uncles worked here during “The Emergency”, (WWII); the land later parcelled up, now owned by

multiple people. PT also related that treasure had once been unearthed nearby; likely buried by the priest officiating at the small, ancient ruined church. Winter storms often flooding the open cast workings. PT related a steam shovel was brought in to assist this work, causing great celebration; reducing the need to work knee deep in cold water. PT is a lovely, shy man; amazed, yet delighted his story is of immense value and interest. A form of timber trestle ran along and above the river carrying a narrow-gauge system from an upper working. PT believes the small diesel locomotive was brought from Cork. Met Tommy, PT's brother; so very similar in humour and character.

22nd December Toomullin Mine, Toomullin Townland, Doolin
Solo

Borrowed a shovel off Petie Tierney, began digging over the top of the collapse into No. 1 (main) adit; the collapse is much thicker than first imagined. Gave up after four hours; the upper shale face is very unstable; will check locations of the other entrances.

23rd December Toomullin Mine, Toomullin Townland, Doolin
Petie Tierney

Picked up one hundred feet of ladder from Martin Droney's; travelled to the shaft on PT's tractor. Secured ladder to tractor hitch. The shaft is close boarded, some ten feet square. Landed on a pile of domestic rubbish at seventy feet: the shaft well choked.

31st December Stoke Lane Slocker - Hunters
Ken James

Last trip of the year, to Stoke II; greeted Queen Victoria. A grim exit, an overpowering stench of diesel all the way out; the taste disappeared after a few pints. A fine session was in full swing when John Widley interrupted the fun, impersonating a heart attack. Rang for an Ambulance, cheerfully waving to JW as he was carted away into the darkness; JW had suffered chronic indigestion. Happy New Year!

Eckford, James and Cronin had reviewed the existing sump rescue equipment, and found it wanting in ease of deployment, history of regular maintenance and limited operational scope. Scrutiny found it couldn't address some issues facing an injured diver beyond longer and deeper sumps. The team looked at the range of injuries involving being conscious, unconscious; incapacitated: unable to hold a valve in an injured mouth. Its scope was extended to a non-diver in a flooded cave, where time was a factor and the sumped passage more confined than one would like. Among these concerns the use of stretchers was examined, and up to a point excluded; the primary focus remained on two divers extracting an unconscious individual through a flooded passage.

The team knew many North Sea divers, of whom they enquired what gear was available that would come close to fulfilling the requirements to sustain an injured cave diver. Within two weeks they were apprised of a variety of equipment; some too bulky, too complicated, too difficult to maintain and inappropriate to a cave environment. One unit stood out; like many it worked with positive pressure, the Kirby Morgan Bandmask MK 10. A thick neoprene hood enclosed the head entirely, secured in place with a robust rear zip, over which the "Spider", a strong, plastic multi strapped cover fully enclosed the rear of the head, secured to metal posts around the faceplate circumference, whilst the rigid frame and large glass front enclosed the face; the seal of silicone, unlike many normal masks. Air supplied delivered via an Oral -Nasal cone. An accessible, manual bypass valve provides air in the event of main valve failure, but more often used to demist the face plate. An off the peg KMB Mk10 immediately addressed many of the problems imagined. It strongly suggested an unconscious person could be recovered and, if secured to a back board, the low profile could be negotiated through a confined flooded passage, by two divers positioned front and back; a streamline dive train.

Further enquiries in the North Sea Diving Industry resulted with Eckford being offered a demonstration of a KMB Mk10, by Nick Fielder, owner of Andark Diving, Southampton. A Commercial North Sea Diver, he offered his services free of charge as it was for rescue purposes; a common enough event in the industry. He explained he could only bring along his own KMB Mk10 for the demonstration and that his two-week North Sea shift rotation meant the demonstration could be any week day evening he was off, but not a Friday. Fridays were when he travelled, or when he worked in his dive shop. Under no circumstances would he let his personal Bandmask out of his sight.

Delighted at such an offer of support KJ and PC attended a Somerset Section meeting to present the generous offer. Seemingly already apprised, Lloyd dismissed the offer of a week night demonstration as inconvenient, as CDG members trained on a Friday. And that such a commercial unit was most likely far too expensive to purchase; ignoring the suggestion MRO - CDG could share the severely discounted price, from the North Sea industry. OCL asked Ray Stead, an inexperienced trainee, to investigate an alternate source of a Bandmask. In the face of such opposition, KJ and PC left. Deciding to ignore OCL, PC arranging a demonstration for the Secretary and Wardens of MRO and any CDG member with guts to attend. The MRO were represented by Jim Hanwell, Fred Davies, Richard West, Dave Irwin and Brian Prewer. CDG members were Martin Bishop, CDG National secretary and Jim Durston. Instructor Nick Fielder. Developers Eckford, James and Cronin: the open invites posted to CDG members were ignored or declined. After introductions a thorough explanation and demonstration of the Bandmask's parts, workings and functions was presented by NF. Non-diver Brian Prewer was invited to don it; within minutes of submerging BP was at ease swimming around the pool. All present tried on the Bandmask, with each man expected to fit the equipment to the next diver to

experience the ease of it's fitting and removal to and from another. All agreed it a unique experience, solving many of the shortcomings of existing sump rescue equipment.

During the demonstration JH spoke of how he had been contacted by OCL asking why MRO were attending the demonstration. Stating they were not qualified to assess the kit appropriately. JH replied, within the Teams proposals a non-diver, likely stuck the wrong side of Swildons sump one would want something quick and simple to get him to safety, on that suggestion alone it was worth a look. JH pointed out that both MRO and CDG Somerset members had received invites and as rescue was MRO's remit, it had a moral obligation to review new ideas. JH described how OCL repeated his refusal to have anything to do with the proposed equipment so long as "Cronin and his Henchmen" were involved. At this PC volunteered cease involvement to allow swift adoption of the kit. JH apologized for the position PC was in, that he fervently hoped Somerset CDG had the knowledge and skill to carry out the adaptations to the Bandmask prior to deployment. Kindly adding, he would not forget the contribution to MRO, at the personal cost.

Some three weeks later PC received a telephone call from Steve Wynn-Roberts, ex CDG, who owned a Commercial Dive Company based in St. Phillip's Marsh, Bristol. SWR related he had been contacted by OCL, instructing him immediately purchase a KMB Mk10, adapt it for cave diving use and undertake its regular maintenance. SWR stated, he, as a business, was legally unable to alter a commercial unit. Suggesting whilst he was happy to purchase a unit, the development team would need adapt it, as it came under rescue and recovery research and therefore outside commercial liabilities. Asking OCL to explain the adaptations the call was abruptly terminated. Unhappy about these demands SWR asked PC to bring him up to speed; sent SWR the list and drawings given to JH.