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Caring and
Climbing

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1955

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1960

1952.

January

Jan 3 Went out to
Stoke with Mr. Brown
and continued digging
the shaft and hauled
up 71 bucket loads
from formation shown

Jan 10 Went out to Stoke
and hauled 12 loads from
South Passage. While in
the pit heard of new
cave in Cox's Quarry
and went to explore
it; found out that new
cave was under Cox's
Quarry I.

January

Jan 17th Went out to Shore
haunted 16 Loads from
the South Passage and
cleared it of mud so
that rail Laying can
commence. Went down
new cave in the afternoon
found that one end ends
in a stump and we need
a rope to carry on at
the other.

Jan 24th Went out to
Shore by myself went
to new cave not one there
Mr Browne did not
come because his mother
was ill.

Jan 31st Did not go saving
owing to bad weather.

February

Jan 7th Did not go
saving because of
bad weather.

Jan 14th Went out to
Shore with Mr
Browne started
to shore up the
shaft and did not
succeed got some
timber from Trecequero
quarry

Jan 15th Went to new
cave with Mr Browne
and Alfie and crossed
the second rift.

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Jan 21st Went out to Stoke and shored up one side of shaft. Found that quarry had blown up entrance to Miller's Hole.

Jan 28th. Went out to Stoke. Only Mr Browne and myself went. Went down Gilson's quarry to get some wood to shore up sides of shaft. did part off one side.

March.

Jan 7th Went out to Stoke with Mr Browne. Shored up the other side of shaft and also fixed up cable for overhead railway.

Jan 14th. Did not go out to Stoke because Mr Browne was ill with flu.

~~Feb 24 1954~~
March 1954.

Jan 21st Went cavine at Stoke. Had box running on overhead railway found that a winch was needed to pull it up. Went on and saw Hunting Lodge Swallet.

Jan 28th Went out to Stoke. Fixed up a winch and had the overhead railway working. 31 Buckets up the shaft.

Jan 4th April 1954.

Went out to Stoke parked 31 one buckets up the shaft. Found that Miller's Hole was open and also went to Blakes Wood Swallets.

Jan 11th

Went out to Stoke with

6 April 1964

Max Browne had some
photos taken and hauled 64
buckets up the shaft
and found some boulders which
have to be blasted.

Jun 18 Went on digging the
shaft hauled up three boulders
and 60 buckets.

Jun 19 Went on following
the rock floor down into
the Correlation Chamber and
hauled up 72 buckets and
two boulders. The slope
fixed itself to slope up the other
side.

Jul 2 Went out to Lake
and hauled 42 buckets up
the shaft from the Correlation
Chamber and hauled

7 April 1964

had 3 photos taken down
Hilliers Hole by Alfie
Jun 25th Went out with Mr.
Browne and Mr. Spencer
hauled 72 buckets up the
shaft and finished showing
it up.

Jun 2nd May
Cleared up the
road in the South Pass
and tyred 2 trucks and
put new cleave on overhead
rail way.

Jun 9th Hauled 78 buckets
up the shaft and smashed up
all the boulders in the Correlation
Chamber.

Jun 16th Hauled 14 trucks
from the South Pass.

May 1954

and had 84 buckets
up the shaft uncover
calcite floor

Jan 23rd Hauled 10 buckets
up the shaft and
planned a railway for
Coronation Chamber.

Jan 30th Hauled 46 buckets
up the shaft and
fixed up cable railway
in the Coronation Chamber.

June
Jun 6th Went out to
Stoke and cut half
of the 1st drain pipe
in the upstream passage.
Mon 7th Went out to Stoke
again and hauled
80 buckets up the shaft.

May 1954

701 buckets

June

Jun 13th Went out to Stoke
and hauled 50 buckets
up the shaft. Alf took
some photo of the Annex.
Jun 27th Hauled 46 buckets
up the shaft and went
into the First Chamber
in the upstream passage
and did some digging.

Jan

July

Jul 3rd Went out to the
cave with Mr Browne.
Alf and I Coase took
some photo of the Annex.
Jul 4th Went out to Stoke
again and to fix a cable
in the Coronation Chamber
and got some mud back.
Jun 11th Went out to Stoke

July 1954

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for half a day. Fixed the
cable in the Correlation Chamber
and got some mud back
to the bottom of the shaft.

Jun 18 Hauled 70 buckets up
from the Correlation
Chamber and fixed up the
cable in the E.C. and dug
through from the E.C. into
Stripes Room.

Jun 25th Went out to Slope
and fixed up the corners on
the Cable railway and also
got some mud back to the bottom
of the shaft. Alfie did some digging
in the up stream passage.

Jun 1st Did not go caving

Jun 8th Hauled 66 bucket. up the
shaft. Some one had opened

August 1954

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another entrance into
Slope Lane Cavern.

Jun 16th Went out to Slope
with Mr. Browne and
fixed up the cable in the
E.C. and hauled 66 buckets
up from the Alfie's
room.

Jun 22nd Hauled the mud
up the shaft fixed up
winch and got some
mud bucket loads of mud
from Alfie's room to the
bottom of the shaft.

Jun 28th Fixed up winch
in Alfie's Room and got 30
buckets to the bottom of the shaft
went to the end of the Upstream
Passage and went down Cox's Cavern

September 1954

Jan 5th Went out to Globe and hauled 44 buckets up the shaft and fixed new runner.

Jan 12th Cut down the bank in the South Passage and dug down to the rock floor in the entrance to the 3rd Passage.

Jan 13th Got 28 buckets from Alfie's room to the bottom of the shaft and help to survey Tommie's Hole also went down the Grease Cave.

Jan 26th Fixed up new runner in L.C. Got 30 buckets back to the bottom of the shaft and started digging in the Terminal Chamber.

Jan 3rd ^{October 1954} Hauled 15 trucks from

October 1954.

South Passage and got 15 buckets up from hole in Terminal Chamber and found the connection with Alfie's Room.

Jan 16th Got through from the Mining Chamber into Alfie's Room and hauled 20 buckets up the shaft.

Jan 17th Dug out some of the Point. Also dug down to the rock floor in the South Passage. Dug through from the Forge Rift into Trans Passage.

Jan 24th Hauled 15 trucks from the South Passage and dug out some more of the forge rift.

Jan 31st Dug out some more of the Forge Rift and found a bucket which would have to be fixed and also broke a hammer.

November 1954.

Jan 7th Blasted boulder in forge
Drift and finished digging out
with went down Hillier's Hole.

Jan 16th Hauled 70 buckets
up shaft and cleared bottom
of shaft and Corotation Chamber.

Jan. 21st Dug out passage
which connected forge with
Sink Passage.

Jan 23rd Hauled 15 loads from forge.
sink was running and flooded
new passage.

December 1954

Jan. 5th Found another passage
which connected forge with sink
passage with a boulder which
will have to be blasted away
some more of the South Passage.

Jan 12th River was running in cave

December 1954.

and we dug out some more
of the South Passage down
to the rock floor.

Jan. 19th Layed railway line in
Corotation Chamber.

Jan 26th Hauled 15 trucks
from South Passage Took
new cavers down Hillier's Hole
one of them met with an accident
and we had to get him out.

D. Jones
P. Hunt.

The end for Year 1954.

Caving 1955.

January.

Jan 2nd Hauled 13 Loads from South Passage and took purple round cave. F. Millington, D. Burnett.

Jan 4th Hauled 17 Loads from South Passage. Went part of the way down Witherbrooke also went to see Max Unwin work down at Blakes Wood went down Cox. after a.s.

Jan 16th Went out to Stoke on my bike. Stream was running in row and found arch spring rising in bed of Gilders Quarry. Did not cave owing to bad weather.

Jan 23rd Did not go caving because Mr Brown was ill. saw cavers at Hilliers Hole and they were digging for new chambers.

January 1955.

Jan 30th Hauled 5 trucks from Forge and cleared it. also cleared rails. L.H.B.

February 1955.

Jan 6th Hauled 5 trucks from forge. Had boulder in sink passage blasted and did some more blasting in new growth in Hilliers. N. Wilton & H. Sheppard.

Jan 13th Did not go caving owing to bad weather. Blasting in Hilliers was successful and opened new passage more blasting to be done. D.D.

Jan 20. Carried on with digging from forge into sink passage hauled out 1 tub. Took new excavers ground cave. A.M. Eversley & G. Bridges.

Jan 27. Went to Stoke for half a day. finished clearing passage from forge into sink found stone stand which will have to be broken up. L.H.B.

March 1955.

Jan 6th Moved boulder in new sink passage and dug out some more of passage. Went down Hillers after. D. Benrose had found new chamber and also new stream passage with waterfall. Jan 3.

Jan 12th Continued digging down sink passage but could not continue found rift leading off which could be followed.

Jan 20th Continued digging new passage 2mb.

Jan 27th Continued digging same got mud back in sacks as one at Hillers. 2mb.

April 1955.

Jan 3rd. Continued digging new passage came to what looks like the end per D. Benrose at Hillers and they found another passage.

April 1955.

Jan 10th Did not do any mining.

Jan 17th Went out to Brownes Hole. Dug out some more of new passage and found that it split into two. Also built up wall on one side of cave. Also went to new cave found by S.C.C. at Handsdown Farm, Maryland.

Jan 24th Dug out some more of new passage and hauled 15 trucks from forge. Also went down Gatchurch, Fox's Hole, and looked at Fads Hole, Lickot Gullet and Twin Brooke Gullet at Burrington.

May 1955.

Jan 1st Continued digging new passage and broke through into Main passage. {J. Candy} {D. Benrose A. Collier} {S.C.C.}

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May 1955.

Jun 8th Dug out just in floor
of new passage which we think
is the main sink but part of
it is too small to follow.
repaired small truck.

Jun 15th Continued digging out
just in new passage and reached
rock floor in it. Also looked
at old Leys at Gurney Glade
and Embourgh Pond (VERY WET) Im.B
& 10 Loads from South Passage.

Jun 22nd Hauled 11 trucks from
South Passage and did some digging
in Hilliers.

Jun 29 Hauled 15 trucks from South
Passage and dug some more of it
went and looked at cave at gliding
station at Charterhouse and the
Hassdown farm (A. Lath) (L. Brown)

June 1955

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Jun 5th Went out to Goke
by myself and did some
more digging in the
iron works wall.

Jun 12th Hauled 5 Loads from
Drainage pump we dug on
Tottenham Cooper. Im.B

Jun 19 Hauled 4 trucks from
South Passage and also
found sink away which was
clear and took water, very good, Im.B

Jun 26th Hauled 15 trucks from
South Passage and started
digging hole in field. Im.B.

July 3rd 1955.

Jun 3rd Hauled 9 Loads from
South Passage. Dug out
some more of sink away in
new passage. Im.B.

July 1955.

Jun 10th Hauled 4 loads from South Passage. Lat.

Jun 17th Hauled 12 loads from Link Passages. Took party of Scouts round cave and down Fairy Cave. Lat.

Jun 31st Hauled 20 trucks from South Passage and did some digging in second drain pipe in upstream series. K.E.J.C.

August 1955.

Jun 7th no saving because of holiday, etc.

Jun 14th Hauled 18 trucks from South Passage and dug some more of passage down to rock floor and did some digg in upstr.

Lat. 20th Did some more digg

August 1955

in upstream passage with Affie & Second Drain pipe.

Jun 21st Hauled out 10 trucks and cleared up passage. Also did some digging in field.

Jun 28th Did some more digging in field found Horoc

Shall and pottery Affie did some digging in U.S. Sec. Drain.

September 1955.

Lat. 3rd Fixed up shoring in first chamber and shipped away squeeze in entrance.

Jun 4th Hauled out 6 tubs and dug out the remainder of first drain pipe. Hauled out to sacks.

Jun 10th continued digging in Second drain pipe. Mr. Brown got through.

September 1955

squeeze. Got mud back from second drain pipe to curtain chamber.

Sun 18 Continued digging second drain pipe and got 14 tubs back to curtain chamber. Also hauled 4 tracks from South passage. Went to Winsor Hill Quarry and looked at cave entrance.

Sun 25th. Fixed slides from Curtain Chamber to the top of Forge and a bucket railway down to railway track.

October 1955

Sun 2nd Did some digging in upstream passage and went as far as pump in the line

October 1955

Sun 9th Got mud back from upstream passage and moved pile of mud from curtain chamber to forge hole at new cave blasted out in Treasures Quarry.

Sun 16 Went out to Lake and continued digging in stream passage and cleared First Chamber of mud.

Sun 23rd Filled first chamber full of mud and finished digging out ~~the~~ ^{second} drain pipe. Also went ^{down} boxes and down Witherbrooke
Sun 30th Continued digging.

October 1955.

in upstream passage
and went and looked at
the new upstream finds.
got as far as the Gravel
slope. Hauled out 3 trucks.

November 1955.

Nov 6th Hauled 41 tubs from
first chamber and cleared it.

Hauled 3 tubs from South passage.

Nov 13th Hauled 21 tubs from
South Passage and upstream
full of water.

Nov 20th Dig out sink passage
cleared certain chamber and cleared
out South Passage and entrance
to Alfie's Room. Water in upstream
gone down to about 18 inches.
went through and found another sink
passage. 3 tubs.

November 1955.

Jan 27th Continued with
the digging in sink passage.
found deep rift in floor. 6
tubs hauled from South Passage.
Water in up stream is now
gone. Cave in Treasures

Quarry was found to be
to unsafe for further exploring.

Jan 28th December 1955.

Jan 4th Helped to fix up cable
railway out side cave. started digging
in Parack.

Jan 11th

Jan 18th

Jan 25th

} Did not go mining.

1956.

Jun 22nd Went out to Browner
Motel cleared railway line,
hauling out twelve trucks loaded
mound cave went down upstream
passage another 80 feet of drain pipe
was found.

May 1956

Jun 6th Hauled 15 tons from
South Passage took people
along upstream passage
and mound cave, and went
down slope.

Jun 13th No saving.

Jun 20th No saving.

Jun 27th Did survey. Dug third
drain pipe. Found 200 feet smothered
through white floor in Passage.

June

Jun 2nd Dug third drain pipe

1956

got mud back to first drain
pipe.

Jun 9th Dug out Third
Drain Pipe. Did some
digging in Passage Found
260 ft from Gravel Slope.

Jun 16th Dug Third Drain Pipe
showed people mound cave. Saw
stream rising in upstream passage.

Jun 23rd Dug Third Drain pipe
Hauled out 10 trucks cleared
up South Passage.

July 1st Did a full Hilliers
with D. Percey.

July 1956

Jul 6th Hauled 13 tons from South
Passage. Got mud back from first
chamber to curtain Chamber
found another 300 ft of upstream passage.

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July 1956

Blasted in Parade.

Jun. 15.th Blast was not successful in parade cleared up second drainpipe. Went down Stoke and lost our way. August.

Jun. 17.th Hauled up 22 tubs from South Passage pulled up some railway track. Went and looked at Abells dig.

Jun. 24.th Completed digging of 3rd drainpipe as far as third Chamber. Went down Stoke as far as the Pump.

September 1956

Jun. 2nd Dug out third chamber and hauled 7 tubs from South Passage.

Jun. 4th Found 1st drainpipe full of water cleared

September 1956 31

certain chamber of mud cleared up Forge.

Jun. 16.th No Cavins

Jun. 23. Hauled 8 tubs from South Passage.

Lat 29.th Entered a horse in Frome Carnival and First Prize. and Jennings Cup.

Jun. 30.th No Cavins.

October 1956

Jun. 7.th Hauled 5 tubs from South Passage and started tipping in hole in field. Also did some digging in Link Passage.

Jun. 14.th Hauled out 7 tubs and continued digging Link Passage. Showed people round cave and did a Cox's Trip.

Jun. 21.st Went to Piddly

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October 1956

and looked at cave entrances
 Sun 28th Went to Browne's
 Hole hauled out 7 tubs from
 South Passage. Pulled in
 some more of railway track.
 Dug out floor of the Annex

~~Sun~~ November 1956

Sun 4th No Caving.

Sun 11th No Caving.

Sun 18th Hauled 12 tubs
 from South Passage.

Found one bone. Showed
 partly worn cave. all water
 gone from Weststream Passage.

Sun 25th No Caving.

~~Sun~~ December 1956

Sun 2nd No Caving.

Sun 9th Cleared third dump
 dug out Fred's Rift Passage.

December 1956

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Sun 9th Mashed up boulder in
 Bridge Passage. Hauled out
 three tubs. Looked at Rift
 in Whaltee Bottom Quarry.

Sun 16th Did not go caving

Sun 23rd No caving.

Sun 30th

Sat 29th Went and looked
 at Asham Cave. Fetched
 tools from Browne's Hole
 found stream running.

Sun 30th Went to Elm Cave
 cleared out wall of rock.
 Uncovered rock which will
 need blasting.

Mon 31st Started to explore
 storm water sewer. Entrance
 at Spring Grove. Exploration
 held up after 4 hundred feet

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December. 1956.

by Gas Leak.

The End for
1956.Caving 1957
For JanuaryJanuary 6th Sun.

No Caving.

Sun: 13th. No Caving.Sun 20th. No Caving.Sun 27th. No Caving.

February.

Feb. 8th. Went to Badger's Hole
at Woolley. Visited to
excavate wall of
Romano British Village

February.

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Farmhouse. Went to Piddly
afterwards.Sun 3rd. No Caving.Sun 10th. No Caving.Sun 17th. No Caving.Sun 24th. No Caving.

March.

Sat 2nd. Visited Roman Settlement
at Carnethon. Arrived to
uncover courtyard.Sun 3rd. No Caving.Sun 10th. Went to Fairy Bave &did a full trip. Found
digging had been started
at end. Also went toBlakeswood Swallows found
that one has been dug
and has locked iron
clod. Went to Brownes

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(1809)

March.

Sun 10th Hole found water in
Upstream Passage and
everything was flooded.
Cleared outside rails of
mud and tipped two
tubs.

Sun 17th No Caving.

Sat 23 Went to Fridley but did
not do any caving.

Sat 24 no caving.

Sat 30 Went to Badger Hole.

Sun 31 Did not do any caving.

April.

April Sun 7th No Caving.

Sun 14th Went round Stoke on
my bike. Did not do any
caving. Looked at big mud
rift in Gibsons quarry with
water holes in bottom.

April 1957.

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Sun 21st

Went to Bowdrie Hole.
hauled 20 tubs from "South
Passage." Sorted much of bones
showed M. N. R. & people
around the cave and did
"Upstream Passage."

Sun 28th Did not do any
caving.

Sun. May 1957.

Sun 5th Went caving with
Mr. Browne. Fixed up
sorting table at Stoke, and
repaired railway track.
Hauled out 6 tubs.

Sun 12th No Caving.

Sun 19th No Caving.

Sun 26th No Caving.

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June.

Sun. 2nd

Sun. 9th

Sun. 16th

Sun. 23rd

Sun. 30th

No digging.

July.

Sun. 7th. Took photos of Simon's hole,

~~Sun. 14th.~~ Fairy house, & Killian's hole.

Sun. 14th

No digging.

Sun. 21st

Sun. 28th

No digging for the rest of Year 1957

No digging for year 1958
owing to working away

Cooving 1959

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January

January 2nd. Went to Ashan Wood and assisted M. N. R. E. in a dig at a rock shelter. {Holl. Laddens Dens. and pottery have been found.

January 11th. Went to Ashan Wood again and dug at rock shelter. No bones or pottery were found. Shifted soil heap. Digging at Howell being carried out.

January 18th. Went digging at Ashan Wood rock shelter found lots of very small bones.

January 25th. No cooving owing to not having any leave.

February 1959

Feb. 1st. Went and looked at coovers in the Stok area, began digging in Nitty brook. & the Wood digging at Ashan.

Feb. 8th. Continued digging at

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c. sham.

July 1954.

July 26th Went and worked
digging in Brown's Hole Chamber
out ~~the~~ tubs. Dug out or sorted
tubs.

August 1954

Aug 1st. Went to dig at
Cooper's Hole chamber with
M. E. G. progressed approx 20

Aug 2nd. Continued with excavation
at Brown's Hole. Hauled, dug
and sorted 20 Tubs of mat. Found
about three cones.

Aug 3rd Continued digging with
M. E. G. at Cooper's Hole Chamber.
Also helped to explore new
cave found at chamber. [Barnum]
Very unsafe and dangerous through

August 1954

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box rocks.

Jan 9th No caving owing to army
Duty.

Jan 14 Did not go caving owing
to army duty.

Jan 28th Did not go caving
owing to being on army duty.

Feb 24th Went up to A. B. G. hut
and did some clearing up around the
cottage.

Feb 28th Went out Brown's
hole. Hauled out 14 tubs and
which were sorted. Sorted up rock
in Bridge Chamber. Not much
progress.

September 1954.

Jan 6th Went out Brown's
hole on my own. Hauled out
23 tubs which included boulders

~~August 1959~~

September 1959.

etc which were excavated last week.
Continued digging hole in floor and found teeth and fragments of bone etc.

Sept 13th. Went over to Droun's Hole for a couple of hours on my own. dug, tumbled and sorted four tubs of mud from hole in floor, found one tooth and small fragment of jaw.

Sept 19th. Went over to Droun's Hole and continued digging hole in floor. Shovel out and sorted three tubs of mud. Found two bones.

Also got a rod ready for use up.

Sept 20th Went over to Droun's Hole and smashed up large rock in hole. Shovel out 11 tubs of mud and rock no bones.

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were found. Only shoring up left to be done in the hole.

Sept 25. Went over to Droun's Hole and cleared out hole also dug out eight in floor and found a closed passage leading off it. Shovel 13 tubs and found three small bones. Small cave in Droun's quarry very unsafe.

No more saving from Sept 1959 until March 12 to 14 60 owing to being posted abroad.

1960

March 12th Home on leave so left to N. Y. but at 8:15 to London.

Loaded at two old mine shafts.
March 13th Went over to St. John's and cleared up the entrance of

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March 1960

March 13th

Brown's hole and hauled out
 a tubs of rubble, nothing found.
 Cave very dry for time of year.
 Looked at the Brown's Gully dig
 in Hunting Lodge Gulch.

April
 May
 June
 July

No Cowing
 owing to being aboy

August 1960

August 26th Visited Brown's Hole,
 cleared outside area and hauled out
 4 tubs of mud which were sorted,
 found a few fragments of bones.

Jan 20th Brown's Hole. No digging
 owing to flocking of G.R. birds.
 cleared mud bank and digging

September 1960 46
 August 1960

by area

September 1961

Jan. 4th Continued digging at
 Brown's Hole. Hauled out and sorted
 10 tubs, found a few fragments of
 bones. All water cleared away except
 for up stream section. Remains
 of cave dry for time of year.
 Jan 11 Continued with digging
 at B.H. Hauled 10 tubs from Tattered
 corner and found the same small
 bones.

Jan 17th Went to M.G. & J.
 at Cartershouse. Observed with
 Shoring Pine Tree Cave.

Jan 18th Hauled ten tubs from
 Tattered Corner and sorted some.
 1 bone found at upper part.
 Looked at small cave in Tattered Corner.

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Sun 25th Continued with work at D. H. Most closing up floor area in South Passage. No logs hauled out.

~~October 1960~~

Mon 26th Spent an evening at Alice Hall quarry. Did some digging in a small but promising rift.

Fri 30. Evening trip to Alice Hall quarry continued digging in out rift in quarry. Hill looks promising.

October 1960

Oct 2nd Owing to wet weather not much work done at Dromas Hole. No logs hauled out. Closed up South Passage and started pulling up mud ready for hauling out. Found bones and a tooth in dig.

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October 1960 48

Oct. Fri 7th Paid an evening visit to Dromas Hole and found it fairly with water reaching the turn table.

Oct 9th Owing to flood conditions at Dromas Hole no work could be done so I paid a visit to Alice Hall. With them I visited dig area near Gate Lane area.

Oct 15th Visited M.C.E. at Charleston. Helped them to close up entrance to Pinetree Cove.

Oct 16th Spent a Sunday digging at Dromas Hole. With Allen Conley we hauled and sorted 18 tubs of mud from Stock Corner. Also pulled up section of rails.

Oct 29th Spent a Saturday at Charleston. Helped to put shoring in place.

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October 1960.

at Pine Tree Pot, where attended at 8:30
Shant Meeting at the cottage

Oct 28th Carried on with dig
at Browne's Hole, with the aid of
St. Bouley and two visitors we
cleared mud from South Passage
which had covered floor area, in
which we found bones and teeth
16. tubs in all. Shovel 4 tubs
from main passage. 8 Shovel found
nothing found. Found at a very
promising hole in the face of

Oct 30th No Coiving.
November 1960.

Nov 3rd Went over to Pithe G.
at Leighton Marlin, to look at
smallest being dug by F.I.C.C. V.
met and fight. Don't promising
Nov. 5th visited M. G. G. cottage

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Nov 1960.

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at Chertedons and with them
went down Rock Pot and Rando
Cover at Darrington.

Nov 6th Shovel and sorted
tubs from main passage
at Browne's Hole also shovel
1 tub of mud from South
passage "displaced" in which I
found one tooth and bone fragments

Today found we started E.M.C.C.
Hunting Lodge Shallet. went down
six feet "approx" through all
type of debris.

Nov 13th Did not do any work at
B. Hole owing to lighting trouble.
At Meeting Lodge we erected a
tent and put up a notice, said
Left about a foot.

Nov 19th Spent an afternoon at

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Nov 1960.

M. & G. cottage no coving.

Nov 20th Owing to heavy rain.

no work done at Munting Lodge. Carried on with excavations in main entrance. At Munting Lodge passage of Brown's Hole. Hauled & sorted ten tubs left around the pit, also partly filled some excavated material in bucket hoist.

Found one bone.

Nov 26th Spent afternoon at D.H. sorted one tub from previous week. also hauled 3 tubs left from previous week.

Nov 27th Hauled and sorted 14 tubs also sorted 3 tubs from previous trip. Nothing found. No digging at Munting Lodge owing to weather conditions. Digging partly blocked.

Dec 1960.

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Dec 4th Went over to D.H. but no work done in field. The weather was very cold. At Munting Lodge started laying a stone path around the pit, also partly filled some excavated material in bucket hoist.

Dec 10th Spent afternoon at D.H. day and hauled ten tubs consisting of mainly gravel.

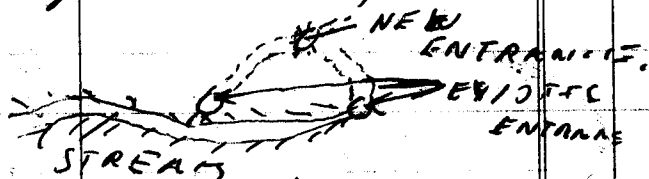
Dec 11th Sorted tubs which were hauled on the day before, nothing found. At 11 foot water subsided. At Munting Lodge a wallet was fixed up bucket hoist and laid a stone path around the pit. No digging done.

Dec 18th Went to Pitten Gt. mill.

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Dec. 1960.

with a. Conley sank shaft
for 10 ft through silt and found
way into stream passage. way
was blocked by rock. may be possible
to by pass. Stream in existing
passage can be found.



Dec 26th Spent half a day at Drown's
hole, carried on with excavation
on Stock Corner and hauled out
4 tubs. Nothing found.

Dec 27. Spent a day at Pitter's
Tunnel. After breaching upper
rock in existing shaft. entry
forced into a choked stream
passage. after further excavation
of silt ~~active~~ stream was found.

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Dec 31st Continued excavation
at Stock Corner. Drown's Hole.
Hauled and sorted 4 tubs also
sorted excavated material left
from previous week. Nothing found.

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Jan 1st Spent half a day and
Damon's hole, excavated and sorted
10 tubs from Stock Corner. nothing
found.

Oliver did some work on
Lodge Gullot.

Jan 9th Carried on with excavation
at Stock corner Damon's hole. This
and sorted 12 tubs found one
tub. Left two tubs for sorting

Work carried out on
Lodge Gullot.

Jan 12th Carried on with excavation
on Stock corner. D.H. Hauled and
sorted 6 tubs, - but sorted two
tubs from previous weeks. Found
one piece of jaw bone.

Jan 15th

Carried on with work at

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Hob. Digging out a rift on Stock
Corner. Hauled and sorted 8 tubs.
found one bone.

Continued with work at Hunting
Lodge Gullot. and went down a
further three feet. Total depth

30 ft Oliver did some
work with A. Cowley. at Pitton
Street Gullot. Forced our way
further along closed stream

Work carried out on Hunting passage and can now see an
open passage beyond.

Jan 21st Continued excavating
at Stock Corner. (D.H.) Dug and
hauled 8 tubs, sorted some, but
nothing found.

Jan 22nd Carried on with excavation
at Stock Corner. D.H. Dug hauled
and sorted 6 tubs. nothing found.

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Also did some digging at Hunt's Lodge. Spent half a day at Pt. H. with A. Conley and forced our way in to a choked stream passage possible to dig clear out.

Jan 29th No casing coming to heavy rain. Spent some time on field work. Found rising water is thought to come from Pt. H.

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Feb 4th Carried on with excavation on Stacks Corner. Hauled 6 tubs and found stream running and some water. Feb 5th Hauled 16 tubs from stream passage Browne's Hole nothing found. Stream still running and water up to Stacks Corner.

Feb 11th Hauled 14 tubs of material from Browne's Hole, nothing

found.

Feb 12th Hauled, dug and sorted 12 tubs from Browne's Hole, main passage. Nothing found. Hauled a party from Ghaheen bury mound cave except for upstream series which was blocked.

Feb 13th Continued excavation at Browne's Hole. Hauled and sorted 6 tubs of mud. Nothing found.

Feb 19th Continued Excavation at Browne's Hole. Broke up large rock from Stacks Corner. Dug, hauled and sorted 18 tubs and found two teeth, one small of bone? and numerous bone fragments. Work being done on Hunt's Lodge tonight.

Feb 21st Did an evening trip down Stacks as far as the swamp.

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quite a noticable amount of mud deposited after recent flooding.
Feb 25th. Owing to wet weather not much work done in Brown Mole. Spent some time clearing up South passage and after recent flooding. Noted mud like in face of Line ditch hill quarry not looked at it yet.

Feb 26th. Carried on digging in main passage at Brown Mole. Day and sorted 10 tubs. found two longish. Had a party from Guilford to look around cave. Also work be done on Hunting Lodge snailit.

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Mar. 5th. Carried on with excavation in main passage Brown Mole. Day and hauled 15 tubs found one piece of shell. Also rubbish shifted from Hunting

March 1961.

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Lodge snailit.

March 11th. Continued excavation in Main Passage Brown Mole. Day hauled 5 tubs, nothing found. Also hauled one tub from South passage which was a mud deposit from previous flooding.

March 12th. Excavated at Brown Mole Continued. Day hauled and sorted 13 tubs of mud from behind large fluke at Stocks corner. Nothing of value found. Work carried out at Hunting Lodge. Also party of East Devon Cove. Also looked around cave.

March 19. Continued excavation at Brown Mole. Excavated passage which connected Stocks corner with North passage. Hauled 8 tubs

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nothing found.
March 26 Hunted 6 tubs from ~~bottom~~
 small passage off Stock Corner.
 nothing found. Also hunted 2 tubs off
 mud which was cleared up off of the
 April.

April 2 no carrying owing to Easter
 holidays.

Did an evening digging trip
 to Pitkin. Yt. small continued over
 in stream passage.

April 8th paid a visit to M. & G.
 Cottage, no one there.

April 9th Dugan excavation in rain
 passage Brown Hole looked on
 sorted 2 tubs. Also dug out
 stream bed and entrance to Grotto
 Lane. Spent remainder of time
 digging with A. Cowley at

April 1961.

Pitkin Yt Grotto. Work being
 done to E. M. & G. of Huntin
 Lodge Grotto.

April 14th Evening trip to Pitkin
 Yt. Hunted up rock in the original
 stream passage, led to a burned effort
 following the large rock in most obvious
 signs of settlement.

April 15th trip to M. & G. cottage.
 heard about new dig in about 2

April 16th Spent a whole day
 at Brown Hole. Hunted 18 tubs
 and kept two as sorting table
 to be sorted. Excavation in rain
 passage have now reached the
 entrance to North Passage.

April 21st Spent a evening digging
 at Pitkin Yt Grotto. Hunted up
 up rock which on an evening visit

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had shown signs of moving. We
swept up further rocks and now
can see further in the stream
way.

April 22nd Spent a day with
R. M. G. and Gledhill and
assisted with excavation at
Coyne's Hole. Getting in shakily
to break into a system.

April 23rd Spent a whole day
on excavation at D. M. Tule. Left
two tubs left from previous
trip. Also sorted and sorted
16 tubs, finding 1 tooth and
a skull. Finished final excavation
in Deer Passage.

April 30th Continued excavation in
main passage Droun's Hole but
6 tubs. Also remain to be sorted.

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May 3rd Evening trip to Pit
of Guallet. Not very much progress
made.

May 4th Afternoon spent at Droun's
Hole sorted tubs left from previous
week.

May 7th Shuffled and sorted 9 tubs
from main passage Droun's Hole.
found 4 bones. Also did some
digging at Manting Lodge Guallet.

May 13th Continued excavation in
main passage D. M. Tule and
sorted 9 tubs nothing found.

May 28th Completed excavation
in Deer Passage Droun's Hole.
Also completed digging out rift
in floor of main passage Tule.
Sorted 14 tubs nothing found.
Small rift in Treasures Quarry.

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June 3rd. Gave a talk concerning
to a party of the A. B. C. at
Charlottesville. G. L. L. also did
some digging in Velvet Dettens.

June 4th. Did some digging in
Coopers hole with A. B. C.

June 5th. Did an evening field
trip to Make lower.

June 6th. Took A. Conley down
"Witky Brooke" for his first
trip. Carried out some excavations
at bottom of main shaft.

June 9th. Paid a visit to a hole
which had fallen in at Howell.

We descended down a vertical
shaft to approx. 90 feet further
down. Stopped by rock which had
fallen in. Natural rock shaft but
not very promising.

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June 11th. Paid a visit to G. L. L.
Bassett. Durrington Conley did
two trips to take down buggies.

In the evening spent an evening
digging excavated material from
Hunting Lodge "G". G. L. L.

June 13th. Did an evening trip to
Witky Brooke. G. L. L. with A. B. C.
Witky Brooke. There we noticed a
well filled passage, after some excavation
it was possible for A. Conley to see
into a promising shaft.

June 16th. After another evening trip
to Witky Brooke, A. Conley passed the
point previously reached, and after
breaking up a few rocks had
dropped into a stream passage.

June 17th. Spent a day at M. B. C.
Cottage. Charltonhouse did some digging.

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in Blackmore Tunnel.

June 19th Did a full Brown Hole and noticed some fine formations the floor of creek in end built of the rocks. Also did a further Willy with M. E. G. Blasting necessary to make further progress.

June 23rd Ed. Cowley and myself paid an evening trip to Donahoe Tunnel. After digging debris out from entrance we forced our way in for approx 12' going very tight.

June 24th Spent some time digging in main passage Brown Hole. Also cut and sorted 4 tubs. nothing found.

June 25th Did some more digging in "Blackmore Tunnel" with M. E. G. sub. bottom of shaft approx 4' from one large bank of Galena. "End of

June 1961.

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June 30th Spent an evening digging out "Quarry Corner" in Willy brook. Ed. Cowley and myself dug as far as the claim.

July 1961.

July 2nd Spent a day at Brown Hole digging with M. E. G. Water was noticed for the first time seeping in to the passage being excavated.

July 9th Excavation carried out with the assistance of E. Foyle in main passage. Hauled and sorted 6 tubs nothing important found.

July 16th Did a full Contender Trip with Ed. Cowley & E. Foyle. new route marked with tape through boulders maze forming the collapse of Boulder Chamber.

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July 1961.

July 22nd Spent a day digging at Drouner Hole. Day Loubel and sorted 7 cups from main passage with the shovel. Took away cover around D. Hole in the after noon. J. A. Smith.

July 25th Young's trip to White Brook. Loubel, spent some time digging in an overgrown corner.

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July 29th A day spent clearing up west side area of Drouner Hole cutting down grass and ferns etc.

July 30th Day and Loubel 13 tubs from main passage. D. Hole found a number of large bones left in place for further excavation. J. A. Smith.

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August 5th Continued excavating near Drouner Hole Loubel & Turner

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uncovered more of bones.

August 6th Excavated near entrance to the Stone Lane Gully, taking full stream.

August 7th Continued with excavations in Drouner at Stone Lane entrance.

August 13. 20th No Yarn.

August 26th Cleared up Drouner hole area.

August 27th Day and Loubel club dig at Blackmore Gully.

September 1961.

Sept 2nd Toured cave entrance and mine shafts in the Charleston area.

Sept 3rd Did a full day's digging on the "Drouner" Drouner Hole deepened entrance and washed out boulder floor.

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Sept. 7th Going trip to dance. dug more boulders from floor and an air space under left hand wall.

Sept. 10th Spent a weekend at Blackmore M.C.G. cottage. dug and closed tunnel entrance to Blackmore Swallet. Made a minor breakthrough over a boulder choke. very short full dig.

Sept. 17th Spent a day digging at Dorrer Hole excavated more of shelter ready for photography, also dug more out of dance floor. Shovel and sorted one tub.

Sept. 24th Continued excavation with the M.C.G. at Blackmore Swallet. progressed approx 10". Definite signs of old mine working. - pit holes.

September 1961.

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old timber, clay pipe. Excavation held up after large roof fall after breaking into old shaft.

October 1961.

Oct 1st Spent a morning excavating at Leyton Durrer. { E. of 86 } dug. progress strong and choke for approx 10ft. struck a passage which in now into the dip. - Promising.

Old dug in dance D. H. continued pulling out boulder floor. This space to be seen under large boulders.

Oct. 17th Excavated some trial holes in wood above annex. found two very interesting spots for future excavating.

Oct 24th Spent a Sunday digging at Blackmore Swallet. Tunnel now abandoned and long shaft down from

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surface by approx nine feet.

Oct 9th Evening trip to Drown's Hole
a Bowley did trip to beyond Front
Rift in upstream passage, very large
but still continuing. 50 feet extension

Oct 14th Excavation trip to Drown's
Hole. Next undertaking on caliche
floor at end of Parade. Good progress
made large rift can be seen in
eastern hole made through. First
dig since 1956.

Oct 15th Trip down Lamb's Lane
with M.N.R.C. after looking up
cave helped with excavations off
at Valentina Landings.

Oct 18th Evening trip to Drown's Hole
with St. Bowley, more work done on
caliche floor. Hole enlarged and rift
can be seen.

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Oct 22nd. More work done on
Parade for J. Abbott, St. Bowley and
myself. After lunch looking at Bowley
followed by myself and J. Abbott
entered rift. which we used to
dig 1 1/2 and dropped 6 feet in
new filled passage. Work
carried out on floor of Annex.

Oct. 24th. St. Bowley and myself
spent evening trip to Drown's Hole,
and carried on excavating Annex
floor.

Oct 28th Spent after noon clearing
spoils from entrance to Annex.

Oct 29. St. Bowley and myself
spent more time Excavations
Annex. Effort rewarded with
breaking in to an extension with
fibre formation and rest of

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some pearls. Reverted entrance
to a unit photographing.

November 1961.

Nov 4th Allen and I spent an
evening at the cottage for the E.G.

Nov 5th M.C.E. spent a day at

Stake Lane. Gurvey (Grade 5)
made of Will brook and near
grotto at Drovers Nth., where
photographs taken.

Nov. 11th Spent the afternoon at
the cottage, in the evening travelled
to Bristol for the E.R.G. meeting.

Nov 12th Spent a day clearing shaft
at Drovers Gullet after finding
had partly collapsed.

Nov 14th Spent a day digging
Hunting Lodge Gullet. hauled up 80
permission obtained to dig Vicar's Gullet.

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26th Nov. Work started on Vicar's
Gullet. Fence repaired and digging
commenced. De Ranset found and
excavated down through black sledge
until in front, rock forming walls
of a "rift" small, hole found under
one wall.

Nov 28th Evening trip to Vicar's
Gullet. continued excavation in
rock shaft. Mud thrown up by
hand. It is now necessary to fix up
a pulley system to remove spoil.

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Dec 2nd Afternoon work on Vicar's
Gullet, complete the removal of
mud thrown out of rock shaft
during previous evening dig.

Dec 10th Morning digging at
Vicar's Gullet. resulted in removal

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deeping the shaft. Remains of
timbers is still being found.

Dec 12th Evening trip to Vincent
found a considerable ball of clay from
side of shaft, revealing much pottery
on all sides. After excavating collapsed
returned the main shaft was deepened
excavating one side of shaft.

Dec 17th Half a day spent at Vincent
smaller excavated in the erection of
tripod for lifting buckets out and some
temporary string put in place. All
material removed from top of shaft.

Dec 19th Evening trip by three of us
to Vincent. Main shaft deepened
but nothing found.

Dec 24th A cottage in field
shown to us by Mr. Stork several
in entry gained by us to the

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new cover, Christmas cover. Explored
carried out by us resulted in getting
into approx 70 ft? deep. one passage
not yet exposed. On this trip one
piece of pottery and many bones were
found. Work was also carried out
for a short time on Vincent. In.

Dec 24th Evening trip to Christmas
Cave where more bones were found.
also found was an extension of
"of" Stork's Chamber; and a promising
hole found and the bottom of
Lowley's Creep.

Dec 31st Digging on Vincent.
Excavated in the shaft being sunk
a 1 ft. Dig pulled in early because
of bad weather.

End for 1961

D. Mitchell.

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Jan 6th. Spent day digging shaft
at Vincent's Swallet nothing new
found at Christmas Cave.

Jan 14th. Photographs taken in
Christmas Cave, and of Entrance to
Arrow Down's Hole, and thinking
arrangement made with Mr. Miller
for M. C. G., to dig Hunting
Digging at Vincent's Jan 15th

buting out water resulted in finding
the end of the blocked shaft and
the top of Mossy's Rift. The
Rift being choked with mud,
and at present not at all promising.

Jan 21st. Sunday spent laying rails
at Cooper's Hole. Checkers, approx
20' placed and fixed in position, and
went.

Jan 23. Evening trip to Lake Lan

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Canaan, where an attempt was
made to get to the Terminal
Rift. This was final abandoned
because of flooding. We then took
a look at the roof series above
the below.

January 28th. A trip to the Terminal
Rift (5th Lane) was again attempted
and this time succeeded. Off
the Rift we got into a maze
of boulders which strongly
suggested away through to Christmas
Cave.

February 1962.

Feb. 4th. A trip to the cottage with
in looking at a sketch which fell in
on Warren Farm. Digging carried
out for a short spell by Allen and
myself and it looked very promising.

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Feb. 4.th cont After returning to Glade Lane area, a survey was made of Glade Hole by Malcolm, work carried out by myself and a digging party on Hunting Lodge Gullies.

Feb. 11.th Much work done in the Glade Lane. Digging carried out on Hunting Lodge Gullies. Fresh dig in active hole on Harry Form. With valuable coral from E. Foyle. The shelter was examined from Brown's Hole.

Feb. 13.th Evening trip to Vicent's Shelter proved very interesting as it showed the rift previously uncovered, a large enough for further excavation.

Feb. 18.th Further excavation at Vicent's resulted in deepening of rift to approx. 10 feet, it is still getting wider, and looks very promising.

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Feb. 20.th Evening trip to Vicent's Shelter proved very interesting. After hauling out 4 buckets of water, digging progressed in the rift. During the evening we sunk approx 3ft and the rift continued to widen. Gullies and air space can now be observed.

Feb. 23.th After found air space previously found at Vicent's In. proved to be nothing of importance, continued digging down rift for half a day, forward dig stopped by a rock with nothing of importance found.

March. 1962.

March 4.th Spent a day at the Cottage where much work was done at dig on Harry Form. Dig down approx 15 feet and encountered a lot of small loose stones, very

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promising.

March 6th Evening dig at Vincent's shaft. After finding dig dry, work proceeded, but water was too much. Shaft looks very interesting, although not yet found.

March 11th Morning dig at Vincent's shaft. Several of red in main shaft possibly uncovered long rocks which will need laboring. Nothing found.

March 13th Evening dig at Vincent's shaft. Some time spent digging rift off main shaft. One large rock broken up in bottom of main shaft.

March 25th After a short visit to the cottage we looked at new chimney at Dhal near Guallet. After laboring entry gained in to a boulder choke, not very promising. Also visited Guallet

March 1962.

bury and other mine shafts in the area.

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April 3rd Evening trip to Vincent's shaft. Found it full of water. Time spent looking at active shaft at Mills. Second level taken at Rift in Lime Hill Mill Quarry. Mills. April 15th A visit to Dyer's farm, where we found of previous shaft could be seen owing to new collapse.

A new shaft dug and after a days digging by passed previous shaft by about 2 feet. Nothing found. Shoring placed in position for further dig.

April 17th Sunday dig in new rift at Dyer's farm. Very interesting place. Still much promise. Found Mr. Robinson's mine rift.

April 1962.

April 24th Evening trip to Vincent's
which proved to be full of water. A
hook was then taken at Glade Hole.
Where a small quarry cone was blown
in Trepanner's Quarry. Much Gt. H.
was to be seen, mostly broken.

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May 1st Evening trip to Glade
Hole where A. Buckley and two others
went as far as the pump.

May 2nd Trip to Shrike to carry
out field work. Vincent's was
found to still contain water.

May 3rd Evening dig at Shrike. Low
Guellet's where mud chabir was removed.
A small rift was found high up
in wall of main pit. A stone jar
churn it fell to a depth far greater
than the main pit.

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May 13th Digging done at Canyon Hole.
Much work had been done since our
previous visit. but still nothing further
interesting. Roof above dig very crumbly.

May 15th Evening trip to Shrike Ledge
Guellet's, digging done on small rift.
personally found to small to be followed.

Digging carried on in bottom of rift.

May 19th After a period of unexciting
work on this afternoon started on the
main passage excavation Dranes Hole.

Pails through cutting cleared of debris
and entrance to cave cleaned up. Ropes
to take carried out. Not any
digging started. 5 tubs hauled out.

May 20th Digging continued of main
passage Dranes Hole. Layers below
were removed, but not further down
found. 5 tubs of mud hauled out.

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and one large rock.

May 22nd Evening digging trip to Hunting Lodge. In where a considerable amount of debris removed, nothing found.

May 26th A trip to Browns Hole to propagate crows around no digging done.

May 27th Day trip to Brown Hole, much spoil removed from upper rift, and air space to be seen in front, nothing found.

May 28th to June 1. No evening trip, owing to evening spent building a tube for Brown Hole.

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June 2nd Digging trip to Brown Hole, main passage, nothing found. 1 tube

June 3rd Digging to Brown Hole, main passage 6 tubes hauled and sorted.

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nothing found.

June 5th Evening trip to Ancient Gravel where time was spent clipping out water. Finally, two buckets of rocks were lifted out.

June 9th Afternoon trip to Browns Hole where rock was carried out on main passage.

5 tubes hauled and sorted, nothing found. Large number of small rocks now being excavated in spoil.

June 10th Trip to Ancient Gravel where much spoil was removed from shaft, large rock in bottoming of shaft, no striking before any further excavation can take place.

June 11th Carried out further excavation in main passage Browns Hole. Day, hauled and sorted 6 tubes, nothing of importance found.

June 12 to June 15. No Evening

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caving traps owing to tub building for
Coopers Hole

June 16th Trip to Brown's Hole
where six tops of storn and mud were
hauled and sorted from main passage, rather
of importance found.

June 17th A. trip to the cottage,
where a bit of a Ubbly Pit was
made, a very interesting cave with great
promise. Many bones were observed within
two brown skulls and one complete skull.

June 19th Evening trip to Elm Cove,
after reopening entrance to water chamber
it was found all water had disappeared.
After a good look around a dig was
started which allowed an entry into a
further chamber. A further way in can be
seen through loose rocks.

June 25th Brown's Hole digging trip

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where two tubs were hauled and sorted
from main passage. Small mud chack-
nift to be seen in stony now
quarry face. Nothing found.

June 23rd Day and hauled 1 tub
from main passage, sorted but nothing
found.

July 1962.

July 1st Day spent at Hole, morning
spent doing odd jobs, looked at stony,
cleared out of Hole Lane water entrance,
some work needed on this. After noon
spent working at D. H. 4 tubs
hauled and sorted nothing found. Excavated
stake of final section of main passage
inside iron D.

July 7th Trip to Brown's Hole where
3 tubs were dug hauled and sorted, nothing
found.

July 1862.

July 8th Trip to Cottage where a day was spent digging and clearing new shaft at Deadwood Tunnel. Warren Parson dig was found to have fallen in.

July 10th Evening trip to Sheds Hole where digging carried out in Sheds Hole nothing found.

July 11th members of M.C.G. collected tub from France and line from D. H. for Coopers.

July 15. Continued digging main passage Brown's Hole, hoisted 3 tubs, nothing found.

July 17th Evening work carried out on French's Tunnel.

July 22nd Afternoon trip to Cottage, and then to Coopers Hole where digging was carried out at end of main track. It looked very promising as a dig.

July 24th Evening trip to Wilby's bench

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where Mr. Parson went further in stream passage than before attempted. Still possible for further progress. Later in the evening a Fair Bow trip was undertaken. No further digging has been done by anyone since my last trip.

July 28th Trip to Brown's Hole where 2 tubs of spoil were dug hauled and sorted from main passage also one tub of rocks, nothing found.

July 29th Brown's Hole, where 2 tubs of material was dug hauled and sorted nothing found.

July 31st Evening trip to Browns Quarry where we hoisted 2 tubs in quarry for, quite promising. Also went to Winsor M.H., but could not find quarry already visited before.

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August 4th Hotel Dummer. The entrance outside area was cleared up, all brush, grass etc. cut down.

August 5th Trip to Dunes. The digging was continued in main passage. 2 tubs hauled and sorted nothing found. Evening trip to Cooper. The entrance after some digging a building phase would be seen leading off. On the arrival of Malcolm blasting was carried out.

August 6th Day's digging in Dunes. The entrance section started which brought dig brought iron down. 1 tub hauled and sorted, nothing found. Evening trip to Cooper where it was found entry had been gained into a new section of cave. Plan rocks could be seen on a mud bank, also skeleton of small animal

August 1962.

no visible way on from this room can be seen.

August 11th Trip to Cooper hole where digging carried out in original rift. but nothing further found. No digging done in new chamber but many photos taken.

August 12th Afternoon trip to Cooper but not digging carried out. Good death visible the cave during the morning.

August 26th Digging carried out in first chamber Cooper. Trench cut through mud floor and underlying gravel revealed.

August September 1962

Sept 1st evening trip to Cottage for A.G.S.

Sept 2nd Digging started at Cooper. Hill & Waller now hells. After a little work a hole was uncovered which led to

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a narrow rift in bed rock. A stream can be heard running below the rift.

Sept. 9th More digging at Rapp Hill. A small shaft has been sunk through loose rock to a point where stream can be seen.

Sept 10th Bonin Trip to Rapp Hill where digging carried out. Entry to stream passage still too tight.

Sept 16th A day spent at Rapp Hill. We were a fence was erected and more digging carried out. Original way to stream found to be too tight. Good way through boulders started.

Sept. 18 Digging commenced at Harting Lodge after a party of Royal soldiers had done some digging and broke through into a natural rock shaft. The bottom of this shaft is below the level

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of the rubbish and excavation is bringing up core earth with small broken "stal."

Sept. 20th Brighter day spent digging on Harting Lodge. Much core earth seen from bottom of new shaft. Small cave can be now seen leading back under main shaft. Small shaft can be felt.

Sept. 25 Half a day's digging on Dream Hole two tubes made and posted but nothing found.

Sept 30th Trip to cottage but no one there so carried on to Rapp Hill. Inallet when a stream started with flood water an entering dig. no sign of flooding. After, we did some digging in main shaft at Harting Lodge. Small rift found in wall with some nice straws.

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Oct 2nd Evening trip to Hunting
where time spent in making bottom of
main shaft safer. While doing this
a rock safe pot was found in the well
with small Goose stone in the floor.

Oct 4th Work done at Krupp hill
Swallet by us and the club large
rock removed which we had promised
uncovered. Night down to stream to
tight to follow.

Oct 9th Evening trip to Hunting
Lodge Swallet, where time was spent
in making entrance to new pot
safer. After this a Condy carried
out excavation at the bottom which
let him into a tight rift. which
went down approx 15'. There were
finds were to be known as 'Gravel
Pot' and 'Condy folly'.

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Oct 20th Trip to Hake Gorge area where
I did a tour of the quarries etc. no
new finds to be seen.

Oct 25th Evening trip to Hunting
Lodge Swallet. Digging carried out
to the bottom of 'Fusell's Pot'.
Nothing found, although not appear to be
getting wider.

Oct 28th A day spent at Hunting
Lodge Swallet. With help from
the club much work was done,
many buckets hauled up the shaft
and part of the spoil heap on the
surface removed to the tip.

Oct 30th Evening trip to Hunting
Lodge where digging carried out in
main shaft, and buckets hauled up.
Digging stopped early owing to wind
giving trouble. With tea to drink.

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and be removed for repair.

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Nov 6th Evening trip to Shuting Lodge but no digging carried out. Wind blowing & back to frame for repair.

~~Nov 11th~~ Nov 11th Sunday trip to Swinton. The place on upper Swinton was undertaken. many cars were down the one at club cottage.

Nov 16th Evening trip to District where we attended C.C.C. meeting.

Nov 18. Afternoon trip to Club B. but found no one there.

Nov 25 Trip to Morris quarry where a small cave had been found. Permission was given by the manager for us to undertake some digging but nothing further found. Which for Shuting Lodge now repaired and another supplied.

December 1962.

December 2nd Trip down Long Lane to District M.P.C.C. with dig at bottom of ladder pit in main chamber. Promising dig.

December 9th Evening trip to Long Lane. Wind as far as reach platform and set of some magnesian.

Dec 16 Trip to Shuting Lodge and where Allen Paul and myself explored. Wind and brief platform across bridge and no digging under taking.

Dec 20 Took a further look in Area 2. Quarry but small cave previously met was blown away.

Dec 22 Proposed dig opposite Dons hole had to be cancelled owing to bad weather.

End for 1962.

D. Abbott.

January 1963.

Jan. Feb. no saving owing to bad weather.

March 1963.

March 2nd Trip to Stoke Lane and for field survey work, nothing new to be seen.

March 3rd New dig started opposite Drums. Ld. After digging down approx 15 ft bed rock was struck, after digging along the face of rock nothing new found, so dig called off.

March 10th Trip for half a day to Bognor. Stoke where we stayed up the railway track. No digging due to very wet conditions.

March 16th Trip to the cottage for the St. G. sp.

March 14th Further trip to Bognor. Stoke where due to flood-like rain

March 1963.

digging was done. After returning to cottage we were turned out to assist in connection at Longwood Stays Ld.

March 24th Proposed trip to Stoke Lane Locket cancelled and evening spent at cottage. No digging or saving done.

March 31st Trip to Bognor. Stoke. Excavation where work was undertaken on driving a passage into the dig chamber for the laying of rail way lines. Not very much progress made.

April 1963.

April 9th Evening trip to Windsor. Not quarry to pinpoint station to destroy even. From there we visited Bognor Ld. small rock water running down.

April 1963.

looks very promising, no digging done.
 April 21st Trip to Glade Lake area
 where I looked at small cave in
 Arroyo quarry, after I looked in
 the quarry cave at Trezona quarry
 much of it has been destroyed. We
 are going in the main entrance of Glade
 Lake small lot.

April 23rd Trip to Knapp hill and
 where an interesting evening was spent in
 Dick Black's water draining. Streams
 are flowing for some considerable distance.

April 28th More work spent digging
 on the hypso passage in Cooper's
 for amount of progress made.

~~May 1963.~~

April 30th Evening trip to Knapp hill
 where digging was carried out. One
 very large rock smashed and

April 1963.

stream could be clearly heard again.

May 1963.

May 4th Further trip to Glade
 Lake area, this time with Jack Downall
 who was looking for anything of
 archaeological value.

May 5th Trip to Knapp hill where
 much downward progress made.
 Many large rocks broken up and
 removed from hole. The stream which
 we could previously see is now running
 across the bottom of the hole and dripping
 again. A further stream can still
 be heard below us.

May 12th & Sunday spent clearing
 entrance of Brown's Pub. and forest
 digging of the year started. An area approx
 6 ft x 4 ft has subsided in floor of
 Arroyo quarry.

May 1963.

May 14th Trip to cottage was by
 was obtained to remove spoil heap
 at Hunting Lodge. This could not be
 undertaken because he could not
 obtain loan of a trailer. Day spent
 in Glade Lane over Sicamb. Ditch
 hole, Droume hole and a small one
 of digging undertaken in depression at
 days Quarry. This depression is over
 and deeper. Small hole reticulated in
 Treasure Quarry which we hope to
 investigate Tuesday evening.

May 21st Trip to Glade Lane to view
 a hole at Treasure Quarry. This hole
 was entered by us with much
 difficulty it proved to be very small
 and approx 25" long. The passage
 did not contain any formation except
 each scenario.

May 1963.

May 26th Trip to Glade Lane to
 remove spoil heap from Hunting Lodge
 once again this was not done owing
 to not being able to borrow a trailer.

We then continued on to St. John's
 cottage where with a party we spent
 a day at Boynton Hill. Digging
 was carried out on the big quarry
 and gravel progress made. Temporary
 rails were laid.

May 28th Evening to Hunting Lodge
 Point where two large trailers loaded
 of spoil shifted across to the
 tip.

June 1963.

June 1st Trip around the Mendips looking
 for camping site. Called at the cottage
 and found quite a number down for
 the weekend.

June 1963.

June 2nd Full day spent shifting spoil back out of quarry. The near cleared away and set back up. Further inspection of mine quarry although nothing of value found. Depression in quarry floor found to be deep as there was not inspected.

June 3rd All day trip to Droun where digging was carried out in the entrance, nothing found. A visit was paid to the end of the Shuntay Gulch valley to look at some soil and track. approx 60 ft from

June 4th Evening trip to Droun where Allen, Paul, and myself spent an interesting evening in Gratchbrook.

June 5th Afternoon trip to

June 1963.

of it. Allen with Paul to set off explosions.

June 6th A day spent digging on the large pass passage in Droun fair progress made. Difficult digging owing to a hard mixture of calc. and mud. When dig started which produced a number of bones which have saved.

June 16th Half day trip to the Lone area, where I visited Briggs quarry. Nothing further has been found, although depression in quarry floor appears to be still sinking.

June 18th Evening trip to the Lone area where soil track was mostly removed to Droun. approx 48 ft of track for Droun.

June 1963.

June 22nd Trip to Hyattsville
for explosion which was successful.

placed in the magazine at Adams quarry.

June 23rd Digging took place in
coopers hole where very good progress
made.

June 25th evening trip to
Adams Quarry where we looked at a
stone water cabinet which had been

uncovered, this was followed by a
trip to Hunting Lodge snail.

June 30th Trip to Duckman's Gravel
on request from Mij where Paul blew
the rocks, one in dig and one at entrance.

Further work carried out at "Coopers
Hole" where 34 tubs were removed.

July 1963.
July 2nd Evening trip to Coopers
for the purpose of blasting, the

July 1963.

shots fired one in bank inside
of entrance and one in the side
of main face, both successful.
Following this 15 tubs were
removed, a few small bones
were uncovered.

July 6th At the arrival of
Don Gault we all went across
to Knapp hill, although it was
pouring with rain a considerable amount
of blasting was carried out which
resulted in the removal of much
rock. The stream has still not been
reached.

July 4th Further visit to Knapp.
Still parallel where with the aid
of explosions we went down
through left of rock
We have now reached the stream

July 1963.

and it is not as large as we hoped
it still continuing down and
becoming larger.

A further set of soil was taken
was taken from Stake Line across
to Coopers by May.

July 2nd Coming trip to Stake Line and
where a visit was paid to Stake Line.

A further ten feet of core was found
after Paul had blown a rock which
had previously stopped progress. Also
an intriguing Early crop a number of
bones which I have kept was found. A
pottery and charcoal found by Al.

July 14th Today saw our exiles from
home for a weeks stay at the
cottage. On arrival and after the
unpacking of our gear we proceeded
to Coopers Lake, where most

July 1963.

good work was done. A further 9
feet of soil was placed in position
and 33 tubs were removed. While
digging bone fragments and a piece
of pottery was found.

July 15th A very successful day
at Coopers. where 46 tubs were
removed; easy digging on a
true level face. Small fragments
of splintered bone were found.

July 16th More good work carried
out in Coopers. where 50 tubs were
removed. Digging is through a
mixture of mud and stone and
slumping occurs on the main face.
July 17th A quiet day was spent
with a trip to Woody Lake and
other places of interest. After
noon was spent in Coopers.

July 1963

about 20 tubs were removed,
during this the tub became damaged
and is now in need of repair.

July 18th As usual the Cottage was
left and the Troop were met and
taken to Landford Long, where
an interesting couple of hours were spent
descending the rift at "crown road"
and coming out at the Long with
out lights.

July 19th Today being the last for
our friends we decided on a trip
to August's Longwood. After finding
the cave dry we descended August
Hole through Christmas Gorge in
to Long wood Chamber. After a hour
of toil, the ascent was made.

July 20th A quite day spent working
around.

July 1963.

July 21st Arriving early we packed
car hit ready for leaving the cottage,
after loading hit we proceeded
to Shedd's near Allen Gorge with
joined us, after carrying out repairs
repairs on Gorge's top, 30 tubs
of spoil dug and hauled out. Mayrins
still carrying on main floor.

July 23rd Evening trip to Gorge
came to blast rock in boulder
pile. A party of two descended
Gorge Lane. to ascertain what
in Gorge Cove. THIS BLAST
WAS CHEAPLY MADE in tribulation
passage. The rock in Gorge
cave was dealt with but left
rift in decay condition.

July 28th Full survey trip to
Gorge Lane area where I did

July 1963.

a tour of the quarry, nothing new to be seen at Towners quarry, or that of Lodge, Browns Hole. A look around along quarry revealed two small thin-walled tubes and one rift which I will be permitted to enter in the near future.

August 1963.

August 6th Evening trip to Browns Hole to carry out proposed blasting in downstream passage, this could not be carried out and to bring mouth to electric lag for Browns Hole.

August 10th Field survey trip to Browns Hole quarry to look at rift etc visited before, nothing further to be seen.

August 11th Half day trip to

August 1963.

Browns Hole where the existing track in the entrance was taken up for excavating, 10 tubs of spoil dug and hauled, nothing found, remainder of day spent clearing mud and silt from downstream passage at Browns Hole.

August 13th Evening trip to Browns Hole where shot holes were bored in floor of sink, passing two shots were fired.

August 14th Evening trip to Browns Hole where rock blown the previous night was cleared ready for further shots.

August 17th Trip to Browns Hole where two further shots were fired in downstream

August 1963.

passage, there were not so many as the previous ones.

August 18th A very successful day was spent at Chubb's where 15 tubs were removed, this resulted in cutting off the top of the mound in the main passage.

A water diving friend spent the day with us and found for us an underground stream.

This stream was found to come from "Bride Lane Hole" (directly below the garage and coach park, below Coppers hole and straight in to the bank it was then followed a straight line to great Owers Hole where it followed the direction of the cave.

It was then picked up in three places in "Gough's Hole cave".

August 1963.

August 25th Afternoon trip to Stoke Lane area, a quick trip around the quarry, small rift in stone quarry for further investigations.

August 27th Evening trip to Quarry where a quick look at the rift would let it could be possibly followed further. A future trip has been planned.

August 31st A trip to Stoke Lane area, where a further visit was paid to quarry, nothing new found.

September 1963.

September 1st A day spent above ground at Longwood & August recording with film.

September 7th Half day trip to Stoke Lane area where a further

September 1963

artist pointed to the quonias, nothing new to be seen.

September 8th. Visit paid to Drums Hole where grass on bank at the entrance of cave was cut down, and generally cleared up.

Sept 10th. Evening trip to Hunting Lodge where cable fixed to winch.

Sept. 12th. Evening trip to Hunting Lodge where work was carried out on winch, pulley system, and platform digging was also started again. 10 buckets.

Sept. 14th. Afternoon spent at Hunting Lodge where a cable winch was fixed up, quite successful on trial run. No digging carried out.

Sept 15th. Half day spent digging at Hunting Lodge, where a fair

September 1963.

amount of spoil removed. Cable rail quite satisfactory.

Remainder of day spent cutting grass at Drums Hole.

Sept 17th. Evening trip to Hunting Lodge where digging was carried out.

Sept 22nd. Trip to Hunting Lodge where digging was carried out. A considerable amount of spoil removed.

Sept 27th. A survey trip in the Globe Mine area undertaken. A small passage in Tremor's group to be looked at in the near future.

October 1963.

Oct 1st. Evening trip to Hunting Lodge where digging carried out, 60 buckets of spoil removed. The passage looked at in Tremor's group was destroyed.

October 1963

Oct. 6th Trip to the cottage where it was found that nothing was on so we returned to Stoke Lane area.

Oct. 15th Evening trip to Hunting Lodge where shipping was carried out.

Oct. 20 Half day trip to Stoke Lane area, where a tour of the quarry was undertaken.

Oct. 22nd Evening trip to Amery Quarry where at request of the mayor we carried out exploration of the rift first visited August 27th. It was very small approx 50^{ft} long, 15^{ft} high with water in the bottom.

Oct. 27th After visiting the Cottage a trip was undertaken to Eaton Water, where a picnic afternoon trip was undertaken.

October 1963

Oct. 29th Evening trip to Hunting Lodge where a rock which had stopped a small dig ~~which~~ was blasted. This dig was started by us a long time ago.

November 1963

Nov. 3rd A half day trip to Cooper's Hole, where work was restarted. 10 tubs were removed and 5 charges of Gelignite fired in a hard slatey rock at face of tunnel.

Nov. 10th Trip to Cottage where Allen's and Port descended Pine tree Pit work carried out on Quarry where 16 tubs removed, two large rocks uncovered which will need blasting.

Nov. 12th Evening trip to Hunting Lodge where 20 buckets of spoil

November 1963.

removed.

Nov. 15th Day mostly spent at16th the Cottage. A descent of17th Longwood was made, where

blasting in the Orons was carried out. Also blasting and digging in Coopers was done. 15 tubs of spoil removed. Road in entrance over building made.

Nov. 24th Half day dig at Coopers first set of track laid on ramp in the entrance and some of existing track changed, with the help of party from Cottage. 27. tubs were removed.Nov. 26th Evening trip to Stone Lane where we visited a promising dig on the Orons land. After half a hour digging 12 ft of

November 1963

material, with promise. Further digging to be undertaken.

November 28th Evening trip to Stone Lane where the annex was opened for photography. It was found that formation in Dromaeus had been badly damaged by quarry blasting. Also Stone Lane was higher, temporary shed to cover it.November 30th Turkey was the gift and dinner, so the cottage was visited afternoon with a visit to the "Star Hotel" Wyllo. where a good time was had.

December 1963.

Dec. 1st A very successful day spent at Coopers where 34 tubs of spoil was removed & shot fired by Paul

Dec 1463.

to bring up large rock in
gift.

Dec 3rd Evening Trip to Orono
dig at "Stoke Lane". During dig-
ging a very large rock was uncovered
which will have to be removed.
Much further still still being
removed in debris.

Dec 6th 7th 8th Long weekend at
College where fire place was rebuilt
also attention carried out to side

Sunday was spent in digging
at Cooper's. where good progress
made. 41 tubs pulled out and
at present the top of soil in
gift house with letter box.

Dec 10th Evening trip to Orono
dig at Stoke Lane. Good progress
made on large rock in entrance

Dec. 1463.

removal.

Dec. 15th Sunday trip to Stoke Lane
area. where a tour of the quarry was
made. nothing new to be found.

Dec. 17th Evening trip to Orono dig
"Brook's Hole" good progress made
and a rift in the floor uncovered.

Dec. 31st Further trip to Orono.
dig. after further digging
a further small passage was
blocked with large rocks.

6.1 for 1463. D. Mitchell
1964.

January 4th Field survey trip to
Stoke Lane area, nothing new to be
found.

January 5th Half day trip to
cottages, but no one there so

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January

continued on to Coopers. but no work done. Here.

January 10th Evening trip to Brocks Hole where digging carried out, good progress made.

Jan 11th After noon trip to Stoke Lane where field survey was undertaken, nothing new to report.

Jan 12th Trip to Cottingham, on finding out one there we returned to Stoke Lane to find Eric cut the bushes setting. No one there either.

Jan 14th Trip to Cottingham where we organised a digging party for Coopers Hole. At Coopers 14 tubs of spirit were removed and on D.V.E. showed at entrance of rift to allow tubs to pass freely.

Jan 26th Rainy day spent in digging

1964.

January

at Coopers. where 15 tubs of spirit were removed, the rift which we are following has proved to be closing in.

Jan. 31st A visit was paid to the "Dorset Group" cottage at Stoke Lane where we saw Eric

Cottingham. A trip was arranged for William the weekend. After some time was spent on a field survey trip in the Orange clay area.

Feb 1964.

Feb. 1st Very interesting day spent with a trip into William. For the first time passed through "siding" and into cover a bagful. Line my last trip into William's range. Specimens have been broken.

Feb. 15th Proposed trip to Stoke

1964

February.

One bullet cancelled on dipping away
out on "Duck Lake". Two shot fired
smoking up smoke in the distance.

Feb. 23rd Part day trip to Gluk
area. A survey made of the valley at
fields around the area of Osoyoos dip
nothing much to be seen. A new cave
found in Amey's quarry in new
working. May pay a further visit.

Feb. 25th Evening trip to Amey's
quarry for further investigation of Gluk
in face of Osoyoos, no work carried
out then as danger from loose rocks.

Reminders of time spent at Duck
Lake where one shot fired to smash
large boulder, this was carried out
successfully. Investigating of new cave
out and it was proposed to put shooting
in a place.

1964

~~February~~ March.

March 1st Today we visited the
Reimoser Pot in East near U. taking
the cottage first we obtained maps
and booklets. Arriving at East near
we descended and made our way to
the P.P. it being further than anticipated.
On arriving at the top of the pit
it was found to be too tight for
myself so the two others made
the descent. The total time spent
under ground being 8½ hours.

March 8th All day trip to Gluk. One shot
surge of quarries made small hole to be
seen in Thompsons Quarry rather near
at Amey's.

March 15th Day spent at cottage and
evening done. After rain visit to
Tolo land to view new clark H.A.
group decided to purchase.

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March 1964.

April 14th Following the aircraft
from our Cottage very little carrying
has been carried out until this
date owing to the fact that we
have been taking down bats digging
posts etc.

April 26th A day spent digging
in Express Hole, where three of
us removed 30 tubs of spoil.

April 28th Evening trip to
Pitcairn St Gullies where with
removed from stream entrance it
was hoped to carry out blasting
but this was found to be not possible.

May 1964.

May 12th Evening trip to Knap
Pit Gullies. On arriving it was
found that persons unknown had
partly filled up a shaft with

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rocks, or stut was made to
average them.

May 24th A trip taken to Chalk
when time spent in "Spider's Hole".

every little work carried out owing to
unstable rocks. Following this
work carried out in Cooper's Hole.

although no tabs of opal recovered
from digging done in Mud Gown.

May 31st A day's digging spent
with other members at Cooper's Hole
when 10 tabs recovered, during digging
operations a rock flake was uncovered in
the rift, (Lat 30th) saw a cliff peak
at Cooper's when 30 tabs were recovered.

June 1964.

June 18th Afternoon spent in the Hole
Lane area where nothing new to
report in the quarries. A further
collapse has occurred in Mr. Little's field.

June 1964.

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a stream can be seen running through
a passage approx 4th under surface
of field.

June 14th Work was undertaken at
Coopers Hole, where a further patch
of mud flake was uncovered. A bedding
joint is now developing in left hand
wall. It was decided to install at
this way an overhead rail. the top removed.

June 16th Evening trip to Sheds
cave where digging carried out in
Sheds cavern. Nothing found.

June 21st Afternoon spent looking in
Quarries at Hole Lane, small rift with
some nice 'stal' uncovered by blasting in
Treasures Quarry. Nothing new
at Amey's.

June 23rd Further investigation of rift
in Treasures Quarry. After digging
in loose rock mud stal uncovered but

June 1964.

nothing further discovered.

June 28th Planning permission has now been obtained for the construction of new slab hut and Charterhouse. Finding no further evidence a proposed trip to Wherry Mill Pot cancelled and some work carried out on side of said hut. Following this a visit paid to Exports where another box was found at work.

Tab Shaked out.

A visit was also paid to Eric Gallen's where a "Duke's Cove" trip was arranged for the near future.

June 30th. Further work was this evening carried out on the entrance to Shale Lane, but nothing further found.

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July 5th A start was made on clearing the stream entrance to Shale Lane. It was found that

July 1964.

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it would be necessary to divert the stream and so leave the entrance dry. By digging a new stream course to the Cove mouth this allowed us to work in the hole, which was found to be full of silt.

July 7th A evening trip was made to Shale to continue excavation on the "Shale Stream Ent", this was not possible however owing to heavy rain.

July 12. Part day spent in at Shale Lane where a new forced channel on the shale ent and did a hour of gacrisso. Nothing new at Treasures but a very promising gift found in Almer's quarry. Also made contact with persons occupying Brown Hill.

July 14th Evening trip to carry

6. July 1964.

cut work previously started on the Hole Lane entrance. Much silt removed but no break thing yet made.

July 14th Half a day's work carried out at Brown's Hole where grass cut at the entrance cut.

A rift has been uncovered in Army. Quarry.

July 26th Work carried out on grass cutting at Brown's Hole nothing further in Army. Quarry.

August 28th Evening trip to Hole Lane where time spent removing silt from stream entrance. Brack Water made and water here excepting more work to be done. August 1964.

August 9 Trip to Hole Lane where quarrying created nothing new to be found.

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August 16th A visit paid to site of new claf H.A. where Simon and Pete were camped. With them, work was started once again on Knapp Hill Tumbled. Mud rock and gravel removed.

August 23rd Today, a further visit paid to "Knapp Hill" where the removal of rock and soil removed. Further blasting was carried out by P. Dye.

August 30th At Long East the timber for the floor of H.A. arrived so this week end work commenced on the building of new H.A.
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September 6th Further work carried out on the H.A.

September 13. once again work carried out on new H.A.

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out work on the slope Life
entrances. Much still remains but
no back throwing yet made.

September 1964.

Sept 20th This weekend further
work on corridor out at the cottage.
The out side shell is making complete.

Sept 27th. One again, work corridor.
out on the cottage, no carving corridor
out.

October 1964.

Oct. 4th. Took corridor out on the
Cottage.

Oct 10th & 11th. This weekend saw many
club members down as it is E.G.M. oil
cleaning weekend.

On the Sunday next work corridor
out on the interior and exterior of
the cottage.

Oct 25th.

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1971 PREVIOUS TO THIS ENTRY
I HAD CORRECTED OUTWARD
ON THIS SITE D.M.

Jan 30th After noon trip to
Sandford Quarry with J. Smith
& friends. Called at H.A. &
E.M.C.C. but they were chipping
at River Rift which was showing
Great promise?

FEB 7th

Full day spent on Mendips with
J. Smith & Major & 2 boys. A
very interesting and full trip to
Sandford Quarry was made and
mine shafts in the area. Also a
visit was paid to River Rift
where J. Cornwall was found at work.
Amazing progress has been made
since my last visit and a chimney
enters the narrow woods.
Much still to be done. Paid
my subs at M.C.C. Cottage.

FEB 20. After paying a visit

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to Wensley H.Q. John Scott & Gary and myself continued to River Rift where half a days work carried out in cross rift, consisted abstract of water in rift. The first of the day by descending Pine Barrens Scullery, Gary first. Cave.

FEB 27 Left Penn at 8.30. and with the Turner H. & L. pick up J. & K. all on continue on to River Rift. Real channel from River Rift where bogging had been carried out. Lib in the day made water was removed from this rift.

MARCH 7th After picking up J. & K. we continued to River Rift where coming to a small rocky area and only cliff at end of cross rift. It was found the only way we could

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climb was downwards as rift ended in a rock wall. After crossing first of river rift J. Scott, G. Pick. and J. & K. carried G. & K. to the cave.

March 9th Evening trip to Bristol where at J. & K. we saw some interesting caving slides.

March 13. Full day spent at River Rift. Started by getting from Wells. Came for arranging in position due at R.R. The starting of the previous working successfully open passage and way on into well developed chamber. Day on the ground by pitch about to be approx. 200'??.

March 14th. Morning visit to Wensley H.Q. and River Rift. The plan to hold 1900 foot for R. R. and to transport material to cave.

no descent of pitel as yet.
 March 20.th During the paved
 week of Cornwall and team
 descend first pitel 125^{ft} feet
 also descend second pitel 50^{ft}
 and a third pitel of approx 100^{ft}
 Much loose rock around base of
 third pitel. Surveys progress
 larger big boulders in cleft.

March 27. A further visit made
 to Rins Rift. where we found no
 further passage opened at bottom.
 Work has now been started on
 ascending through rock wall to
 reach a. High. Even above second
 pitel. After half a day at
 Rins we descended. Glades Pt.
 where we looked at soil passage.
 Below pitel also descend to better
 signs of much work in progress.

April 3rd. After first visiting
 Hersey H. Q. we proceeded with
 J. Cornwall to Rins Rift. where
 we had first pitel ready
 for Sunday's team to attack the
 bottom choke where they hope to
 bang through boulders. Remains
 spent looking at possible dig
 sites, Great Tynning's Tuffity.
 Roads, Grotto.

April 12th With J. Cornwall we
 visited "Willing Hill Quarry"
 where time spent looking for
 & examining bone beds, some interesting
 specimens found. The remainder of
 day spent at Rins Rift. After
 descended came to help remove
 boulders, etc., etc. Bang at
 bottom choke was found to not
 have been successful.

April 18th After first visiting Werser H. Q. we spent the day examining "Madison". First we visit a Werser clay at Thrane Tacket very interesting, but I feel they are digging in wrong place.

Our next place of interest was a field at Orion Or. It was a grassy field in the process of being wooded. The only thing of interest we found was a stone built mine shaft filled to a depth of 4, or 12 ft.

Remainder of day spent looking at Fairfax plant at Richmond & Washington collecting found some interesting fossils.

April 25th After much time wasted at Werser H. Q. we proceeded to Rino R. where a

party descended to bottom where Elgin found he could now descend. Choked rift after previous "bang". He could now look through a tight bedding plane in to a vast open space? Tackle removed from cave.

May 1st After once again wasting much time at Werser H. Q. and going into Bristol after bats we proceeded to Rino R. where we engaged the first and second pitch for a further banying session at the bottom.

May 2 On arriving at Werser H. Q. we found that the tackle had been removed from R. R. Once again we proceeded to rig the pitches in R. R. for a further banying session.

at bottom. Time spent looking at various holes in Longwood valley & Velest bottom. Tackel left in R.R.

May 16. After visiting W.H.Q. where we found tackel had been removed from R.R. during the week and also unable to raise a party for R.R., Gray and I proceeded to Dorrington Combe where we descend Goat church & Rock pit. Looked at many passages in Goat church I had not previously seen. Also look at clay on forestry land opposite Wadegrave Gravel pit.

May 23rd. With a party from W.C.C. a visit was paid to Split Rock quarry where we practiced abseiling. Following

this we carried out work on Left Hand passage in R.R. It was found the boulders were "flat" to gether and made bonying.

May 30th. Owing to not having any transport no work done on Monday. Instead I visited Vallis Quarry. I found that the entrance to Gherrie Cave had been filled in with quarry waste and large boulders, a bulldozer & or digger had been used.

June 6th. After first calling at Kesson H.Q. we carried out digging in Left Hand passage in R.R. where rocks bonyed previous weekend. More rocks uncovered for bonying.

Also we found a fissure that
break through at the bottom of
R.R. had been made the previous
week end. approx. 150 ft., possibly
a stream could be heard.
Following our digging in
R.R. we visited Split
Rock Quarry for observing
practice.

June 13th Visit to the Leno
area where I noticed a 20'
Natural shaft above amy. now quarry.
also I made contact with Eric
Cathorne regarding a future
trip into Shatter Cave.

June 20th With Green visited
Shake Leno area again and
descended shaft at top of amy.
now quarry. It was found
to come out in to quarry

face. Also found people had
started digging Shatter Lodge.
Twisted. Following this we
went on to W. max. H. G.
After collecting material we
proceeded to R.R. where J.
Conrad. Rock in Left hand
rift.

July 7th Evening trip to
Hare Lane Quarry with
Eric Cathorne (Border. Every Old
we leader. we descended
"Shatter Cave". The cave contains
some of the finest formation I
have ever seen.

July 25th Day spent digging
with J. Conrad in Left hand
passage. Ring Rift. Much found.
progress made but nothing found.
J. Conrad has decided that digging

in the top of Rino Rift is
now finished and other clubs are
to be omitted. A further visit
paid to dig about opposite
Wadegrave smelt. The Pit
? no more digging.

July 31st

after first visit to Norm H.C.
time spent looking for future dig
area covered was in the vicinity
of Wadegrave pond. Nothing of
interest found. Much talk of
dig at corner of road by Tynnis
Farm.

August 8th Grogins field trip
with Malcolm to Radford-
Chantry area, checking limestone
& shale boundary.

August.

August 15th A further trip

to Rino Rift where I 2nd
life lived on first pitch.

Greg & party visited
Rino both on head of second pitch.
August 22nd Grogins field
trip with Malcolm to Dangle
Farm area. I was partly
looking for "edits" supposed to
exist in wooded area; nothing
found.

August 29th Grogins field
trip to Muncy-Howell area.
where Malcolm and I had
at recently started quarry.
September 4th A visit was
made by Malcolm and I
to Beckington where we
had been asked by a Mr.
Morris to look at a tunnel
he had found in his grounds.

at "Old Church House." On arrival we found the tunnel had contained approx 3' of water, this Mr Morris had lowered by pumping, this water was found to be clean. The tunnel was cased with stone linings containing soft straw. It was approx. 100 ft long ending at the bottom of a well approx 18 ft high. After taking a compass bearing and measuring of the tunnel we plotted its course over ground and determined the top of the well.

September 12th Gwynid Hill Trip to Anghem Wood area with Malabar. Found small cave entry by myself approx.

15 years ago. No further work had been carried out. September 19th A visit made to Mendips 71 exhibit. at Bishop's Palace Wells. Followed by visit to Priory and Abbot's N. Q. September 25th "Gwyn" J. Cornwall, and myself visited the Farm of Dean. area where we had intended visiting a drift mine (coal). On our arrival it was found that the engine was not working so we could not descend. In the same area (PARK DOWN?) we visited some underground quarries where the penultimate sandstone had been mined. These had now been closed for

approx 5 years. Following the
quarries he proceeded to some
iron mines known as Old bench.
These mines are very extensive
supposed to extend approx 15 miles
of passage, also they contain
some very nice calcite formations
strata etc.

October 16th Evening of Messrs.
Dinner at Masonic Hall. Fare
attend. by approx 140.

October 17th Following the dinner
we had a quite day on Mr. Ship
I revisited some old cut Caswell
farm. seen some years before.

Second pocket has now
fallen in nearby. Following
this revisited cave in Chedoke.
George in Copper Lake. Copper
Lake was much as we left it

some years previous. It
was noticed that a hole has
fallen in, in the roof of
the top shaft. This could
be worth while looking at with
a. May pole?

October 18th Evening Trip.
with Mr. W. Edward as leader
to old. fracture mines at
Lindsay Stoke. The tour
through the mines was very
interesting as none of the
old equipment was still in situ,
old cranes, chains, hooks, saws,
files, oil lamps etc. In the
workings a well can be seen.
Still complete with windlass.
Many old wooden props can
still be seen in position. Part
of these workings were used

as underground store during
the last war.

Oct. 24th After first visit
Horse N. O. where we obtain scaffolding
tubes we proceeded to Copper Mine.

We erected a man pole in the
top rift and Gray and I pro-
ceeded up and looked at hole in roof.

It proved to be a false boulder.
floor in the top of the rift and
on inspection it proved to be
very unsafe. Approx 40 feet
of pole was needed to reach the
hole. Gray and I, proceeded
to blackbox area where we
descended Upper floor shaft.

On this occasion I was able
to erect a point further than
on my previous visit. Not
much sign of work carried

out by M. & G. This shaft
is very wet & muddy and
most things, tools and ligaments
are in existence.

Oct. 30th After contacting
Mr. Bill Cooper of the D.F.C.
we proceeded to the "Dox" stone
mines (freestone). These mines
are very extensive and parts
of them are used as stores
by the Admiralty. I
saw a large area of them
down construction work being
carried out in them for further
expansion by the Admiralty.

Parts of these mines are
very unsafe and have many
roof falls. In these workings
we did not see any machinery
on this occasion but I understand

machining is in evidence in
other parts. 2 wells were
seen. A survey of these
workings have been made by
the Bottom Group. Drifted.
November 13th. After first
visiting Messrs H. Q. we decided
to look at "Rock Pot" or
Piney Blight sculler. After obtaining
permission from farm, we headed at
entrance shaft of this dig. line
with no gold chains it was
still in good order, the farmer
told us it had not been dug
for about ten years. Following
this we looked to see if entrance
to Wiley hill pot was still
open and found it was, while
in the area we visited rock
hole containing cow hole, the

shothole is in the process of
being filled in.

Nov 27th. On our way to Mand. p.
we visited THURGE SWALLER
where coming to heavy rain
the sides of the sculler collapsed
and part of the surrounding
field. Following this we visited
Knapp hill sculler, where since
my last visit many changes
had taken place. The sculler
walls are worked out on the bottom
side of our previous dig, rock
can now be seen over head as
well as in the sides. The sculler
was taking much water.

On the way home a look
was taken at the Elm Corn
where work had been carried
out and the way in open again

Dec. 19th My first trip
of many years to Gault Woburn
where we intended curing in
the Harriman. chisling. Owing
to very heavy rain it was
not possible to go underground.
We spent one time walking
through the valley and mountains
side owing to flood conditions
many streams were sinking in
swallets? also in the area.
many shokobas are in evidence
at this time excepting for two
swallets nothing else has been
looked at.

Jan 9th 1972, after first visit by
Dorsey, H.Q. where G. Bennett was
not to be found, we made our way
over to see Dr. Brewer at
Harrington where he discussed

Drapp. hill Swallet. We came
to an agreement on stopping
at the site and hope to start
shelling. It was found that the
valley is still covered by
the Mendip. Theopit.

Follow this a descent was
made of Gader. Ethers, where
are inspected and being
carried out on the farm right.
Also, we visited Agnes first
Swallet at Chatterbury, much work
has been done by W. Shotton and
M. B. G.

Jan. 30th This weekend some
work started once again at
Drapp. hill Swallet. where
stream debris were removed.

Feb. 6th This weekend some
more work at Drapp. hill.

digging progressed down
through approx. 4' of
mud, and we have now found
the top of drift into which
stream sinks.

Feb. 15th Further work.
continued at Knapp Hill
Shallet, where we attached
the drift with hammer & chisel,
we enlarged the top of the
drift but found it needs more.

Feb. 20th Today a descent
of Cochov. Charles was
made to inspect digging
being carried out in drift
at the end. This week end
we have been informed that
the land on which Knapp
Hill lies, no longer belongs
to the hospital, Brain Procs.

is following this up for us.
March. 13th After visiting
B. Power, who was not home,
we looked at Knapp Hill.

Swallet, as then we walked up
the valley following the
streams, we found that
they are formed from small
rivers, also we looked at

Didelbecombe mine and
drift. Later in the day
we looked at Mitchell Road
Swallet were much work
has been done. by W. Hunter
team and M. C. G.?

March.