

2, Rector Lane,
BYFLEET, Surrey
25th. June 68

Dear Ray,

I'm sorry to have been unable to contact you on last Saturday evening. I had reckoned on seeing ^{you} at the Hutes and had journeyed thence in someone else's sedan (chair).

As a result of someone breaking, yet again, through the most recent cementsation at Longwood we were able to conclude our investigation of Fountain Passage. After a low crawl upwards for several yards the passage opens to about 5-6 feet x 3-4 feet wide. A left branch carries in a stream, is cut in cleanwashed rock with very sharp fossil protrusions and soon becomes too small to follow. Going forwards (up dip Big. 15°) excavating through stal. flooring led into another 35-40 feet of passage starting as a crawl and enlarging to some 12 feet high x 3-4 feet wide and terminated by a stal. bank of formidable size. The floor of this passage contains the best calcite crystals I've seen on Mendip. They occur in small dried-out wintone pools and are individually up to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch long. A close up lens would be essential for a photograph.

Spent Sunday re-sealing Longwood entrance. Formal application is being made for that down-valley dig of ours. Will I never be free of them?

Felicitation, tiny cottars. Tony K.

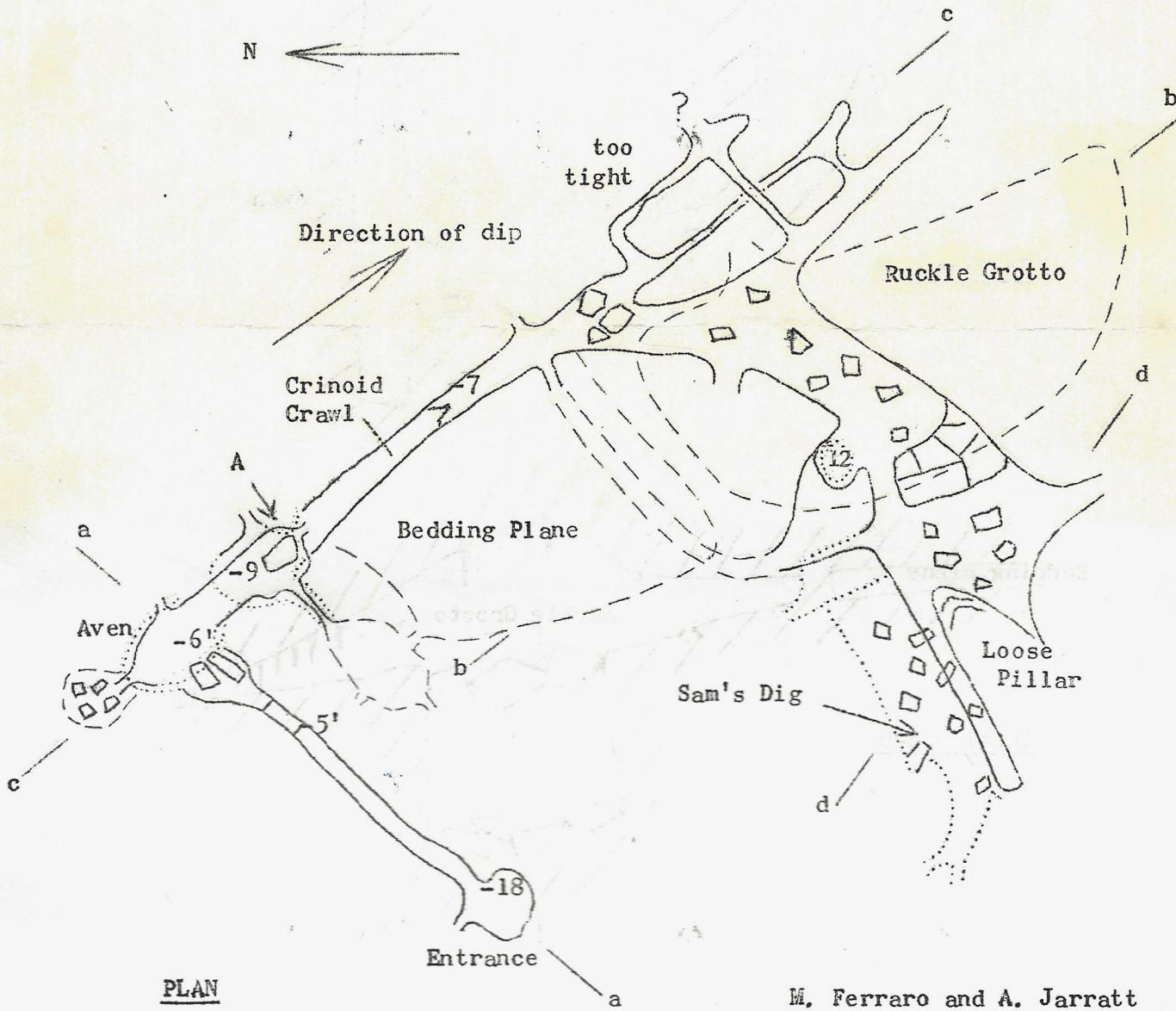
FOOT AND CRUTCH SWALLET

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C.R.G. Grade 3

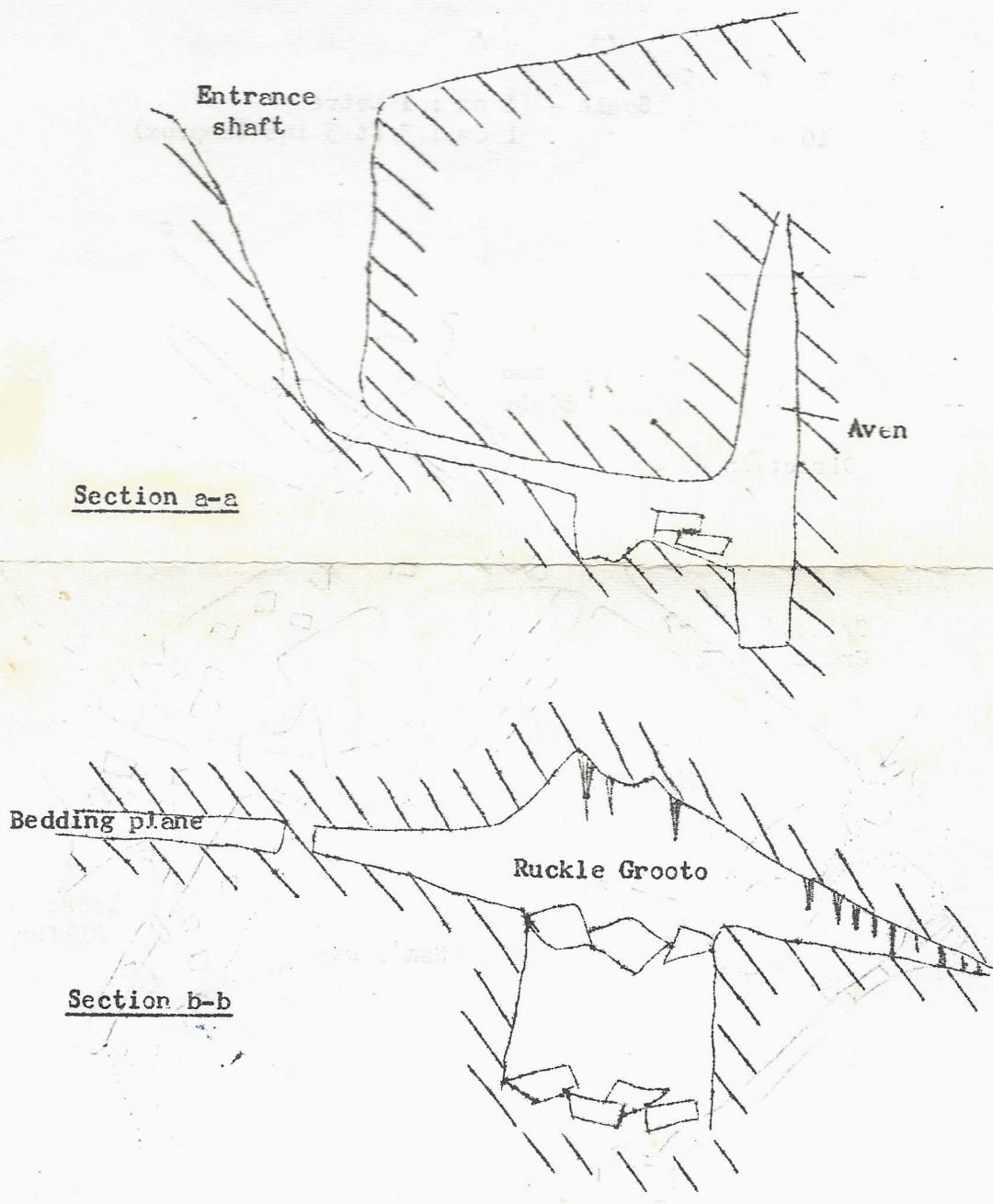
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Scale - 1 cm : 1 Metre
1 cm : 3 ft 3 ins (approx)



FOOT AND CRUTCH SWALET

Sketch cross-sections - Grade I



Journal of the Geol. Soc. of
Great Britain

2, Rectory Lane,
BYFLEET, Surrey
6th. August 1968

Dear Ray,

Many thanks for your lobbying about C.C.C. Yes, I imagine Tony Oldham would do the job of Secretary very well and any proposal on this line would get my support. I have recently spoken to Brian Mee about M.C.G. contact with C.C.C. and he simply echoes my own and other people's experience - nothing heard.

Perhaps news has filtered through to you about our latest find in Velvet Bottom - yes, another cave. Entrance is located upstream from where that ancient bridge has been exposed; between the streambed and the track. Cave is 250-300 ft. long and reaches about 40 ft. depth. No name has been ascribed as yet because we're running out of designations which refer to "Blackmoor Swallet." The cave is entirely natural save for the actual entrance which was stone-surrounded and previously brecciated over. Fair size passage is reported and there is much good formation. Cave ends in a really gruesome shiny mud choke. This good prospect is being actively dug and I may come to Mendip instead of South Wales this weekend and stay for the week.

We seem to have enough digs to last us a caving lifetime now:-

4 in Velvet Bottom, 1 in Longwood/August, 1 in Longwood Valley, Knapp Hill, Bone Hds, and Cooper's Hole. Maybe we could set up an M.C.G. "Hire a Dig" agency. If one of these doesn't play ball I'll eat my new caving boots. Thinks:
I'd better not get my new caving boots too dirty!

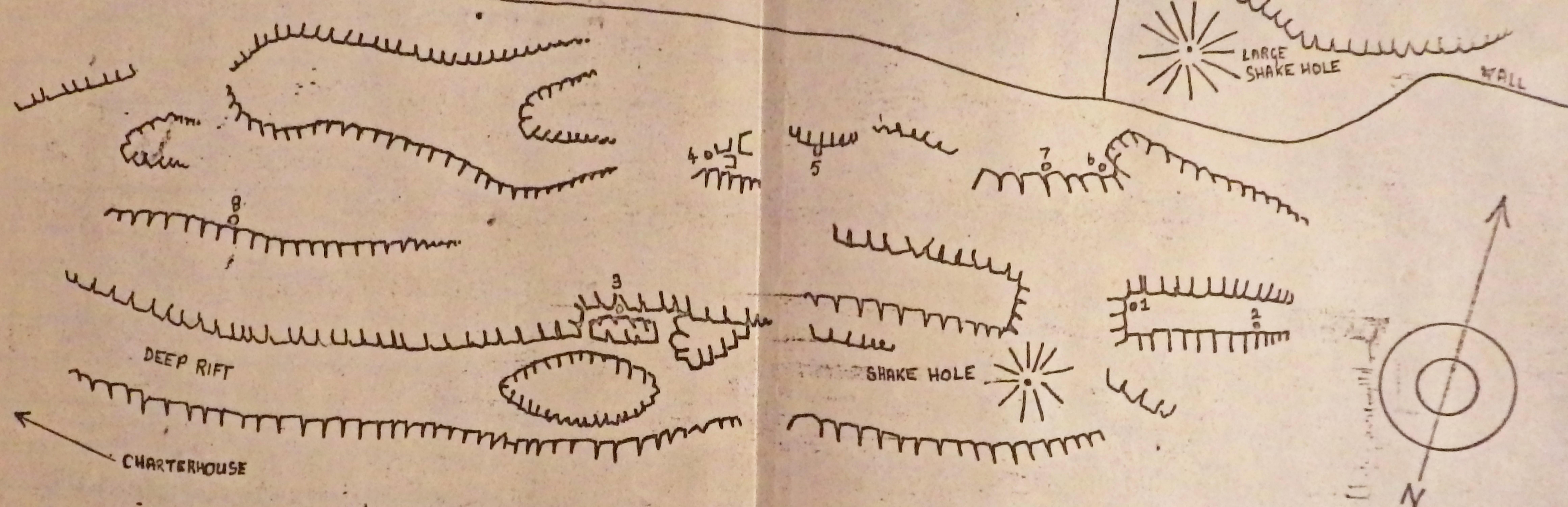
Thanks also for the "Mendip Caver". Very interesting stuff on the flooding. Let's hope there will emerge some really good new caves from all these grotty new sites.

Regards to Kay and a mause for the Kat.

Tony K.

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BLEAK
HOUSE (RUINS)
& COPSE.



MINES IN THE CHARTERHOUSE AREA. (1968).

SURVEYED BY: B. BURGESS & C. PRIEST.

KEY:

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|-----------------|---------------------|
| 1) RIFT MINE | 5) BOULDER MINE |
| 2) CALCITE MINE | 6) MINI-MINE |
| 3) CASTLE MINE | 7) TWIN-FORK MINES. |
| 4) SMALL MINE | 8) BOMB MINE |

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"Alwyn Cottage"
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5th.

Dear Ray,

I am enclosing a report which you may like to pass on to Tony Oldham for the M.C.

I think that the new name is much better — hope you do (Sorry to put you to the trouble of altering Registry sheets, HEP HEH)

I am hoping to be down this hole on Sat. if you would like to have a look at it. The entrance squeeze is strictly our size !!

Have you compiled a Registry Sheet for the Green Ore mine shaft yet, if not I'll do one for you. Jim Smart is trying to find out exactly what it is for the benefit of Tratman or somebody.

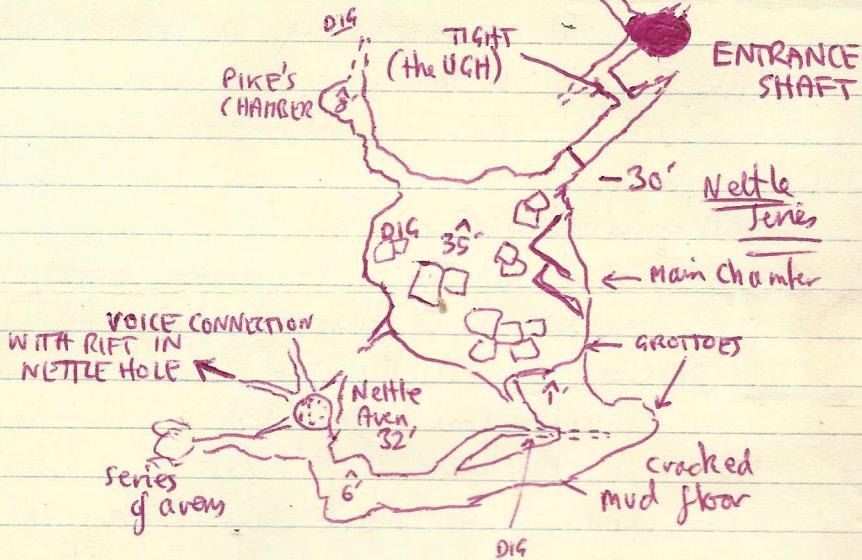
See you on Sat. ?
cheers.

Tony Jarrett.

P.S. Please excuse red ink.

P.T.O.

Poor UBLEY WARREN POT
(RG1) Do not put in M. Caver
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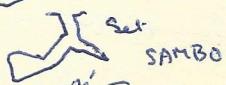


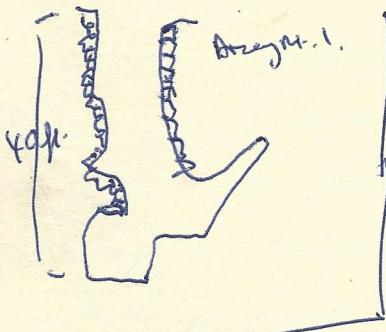
Friday May 10th 1946

Sidcat Log Vol. 3.

D. Lewis, A. Morgan, Johnathon Sykes & W. Stanton went to Daffodil Valley with the intention of exploring easy lead veins there. In so doing it was to renew an acquaintance made years ago in Pit 2 & Pit 1, when we spent many afternoons in the depths of the easily accessible ones. The names here quoted are those of those of my acquaintances who find them (mostly).

On entering the valley we went straight to Sambo (after me), but on seeing clouds of blue bottles making a hasty exit as quickly as possible we decided not to descend. ~~Sambo~~

We then descended Bossey Pit I. (after A. Wright)  A fall into successfully to the bottom a lead with about a rope 20' ~~20'~~



We had previously explored Holliball Mine (After A. Willis Johnson) so after running ropes from the top & descending with the aid of a rope. The sides were very loose & dangerous, so no one else came down, the section is not the same as Bossey Pit I.

We then went to Stanton Mine which had not been descended as there is a wide opening. Tiffy followed but the others stayed up to keep the rope on the out hill. At the bottom there is quite a small chamber with 2 passages off following a vein of calcite with a little galena. The down-works are lead up a down by 80' while the other are pitted out with a bat. A small hole in the side bed. no where.

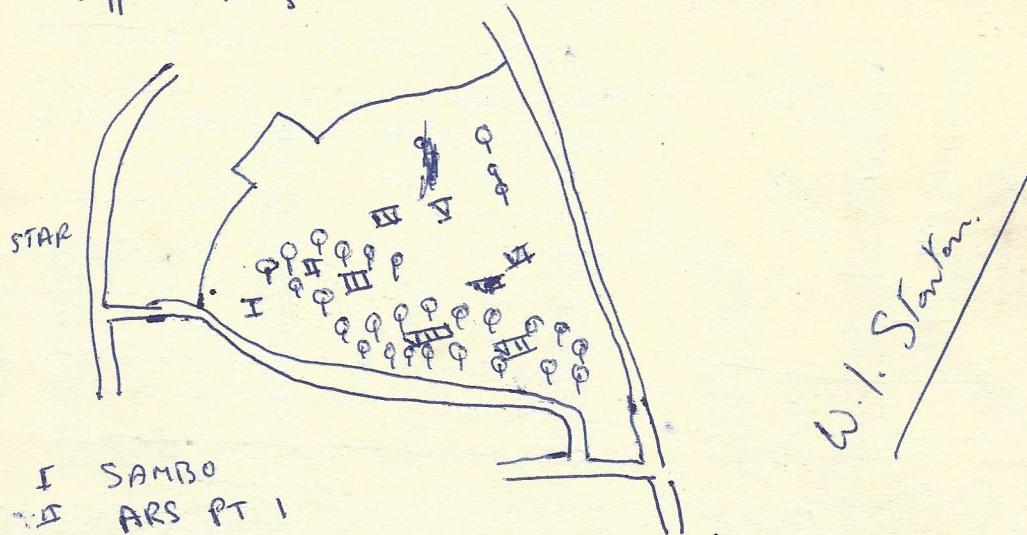
STATION MINE



Then we others went down. Bossey put it
 ↘ Section. while I lit a fire up above. They came
 up hurriedly because of masses of cave spiders and
 some very newspaper which I dropped down the
 entrance.

Finally we went to Tin Can Alley which I had been down before
 but had stopped at the 2nd drop. On the way we passed Gaping
 ghyll but decided it was too dangerous as the ribs were of
 earth. We found the rope above the 2nd drop after Mayan had
 broken my belay with a bucket he had kicked down the narrow
 passage a Taffy and went down. After 20' two 25' passages
 led out on either side of the drop stopped 10' down. We
 ascended & got back in time for tea.

Doffedil Nethy.



- I SAMBO
- II ARS PT I
- III Wallaby Hole
- IV Start on the
- V ARS PT II
- VII Gaping Ghyll
- VIII Tin Can Alley
- IX Chubel Thin



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15th March 1970.

Swildens IV.

Old man's tour trip with Fred Davis & Dave Currie to III chimney, present wall, climb side ways and walked out 3½ hrs.

22nd March 1970.

Swildens Swayne-Pale - Shatto connection.

With Fred Davis & Tony Knibbs - road cuts up well. Lateral Shatto Pitch then climb into Swayne Pale. Downhill to 40ft rift (abut) then about 100ft to pitch into Shatto. Below is wedged boulders which give free abut of 60ft leading near the bottom of the Shatto boulders. 3½ hrs

27th March 1970

August Hole.

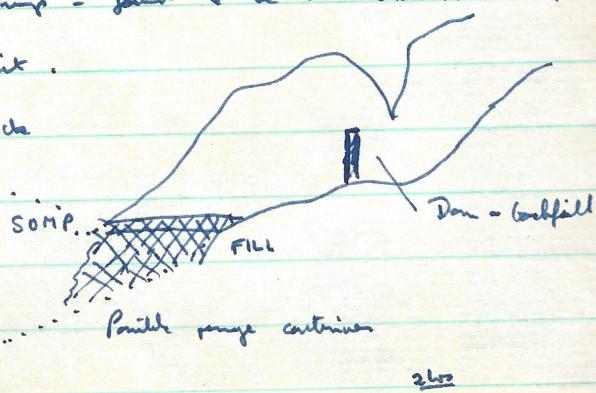
With Tony Knibbs went to embankment - removal being which had failed many times. Unsuccessful - no one else in care - 2hrs

28th March 1970

Sludge Pit.

Tony Knibbs - self strike & map - found to be well drained - attempted to dig again & successfully worked it.

The section is very ideal of how the core shall continue - a projected diagram shall do the trick & allow the fill to be dug away



29th March 1970

St. Cuthbert Scrublet

New British

With T. Miller, D. Gourin, Colin² Clark, Dick² Wilson, Bushell Tilley, Tim² Madgwick?

Searched September Series. Team 1st did passage from Illusion chamber to Cave chamber & amp. Team 2 from Illusion chamber to September chamber. Team 3 from September chamber to terminus of Victory Passage. On completion of all the list we looked at Victory Passage - all joined in to find September chamber itself. 2hr.

4th April 1970.

Swildens.

With FJD Bain, Phil Roughton to NW Stream Passage - 30' pitch - looked at rest of it except the extension beyond the long shaft. Back to Vieroyage a Phil's Ding - found yet another very wet grotto off - quick trip in & out. 4hr

7th April 1970.

Rosemarie Hole.

Condensed time by Willi Stutter to his amazing new(?) find. How the rest has not been spread & do not know. Very impressed by the whole issue - on to how long it will stay open cannot be said as caves management is a bit dicey. 2hr

12th April 1970

N. Hill.

With FJD & Dave? to end, brought out 3 poly bags of mud from the very end - moved boulders from the water to the surface 2hr

12th April 1970

Swindon

Tony Nutt, Fred Davis & myself to Black Hole via old approach passage, descended Black Hole & also crossed it & looked at well chamber & Foss Pavillion

21st April 1970

Cathedral

Bob Cooley, Tim Hayes, The Day to end of Cathedral II. Also dug for about 1 hr in the upper I roadway.

26th April 1970

Swindon

With FJD to II climbed into the Octopus having put in 2 pgs to get into the passage. Several places in the Octopus - high right look interesting. Took out pgs & put in fixed hand line to bolt.

28th April 1970.

Cathedral

Bob Cooley, Tim Hayes, Martin Welsh, Roy Bennett & dug in my I roadway. Now about 6 ft deep - needs a wall to stop grit falling back in.

3rd May 1970.

Cathedral

F. Davis, B. Cooley, P. Rose. via Polypit, lower Tunnels, Continuation, Rabbit Warren Fingers, Stairway, Rabbit Warren, Railway Tunnel, Stake Passage, Everett, Fingers, Railway Tunnel, Haven, Maypole Stream, Banks, Everett, Rabbit Warren then out

5th May 1970.

Cathedral.

On 28th April but in 1st LM passage in 2.
Dig progressed.

12th May.St. Cuthbert.

Further digging in at passage at Sop 1.

13th May.Rock Team

F.S. Dain, T. Miller & Self in an attempt to point

their pitch - not very successful.

14th MaySt. Cuthbert

Further progress in dig as above.

26th MaySt. Cuthbert

The dig went over the Whistler weekend
 to 200-300' of passage - including pitch 20' to a rift with some
 extensions - probably connects with Ding Room Dig?

28th June

Swildon. Cork Aren., Martin Pitts, Tony Miller, Fred Dain,

- (1) Brian Woodward a self drilled Cork in the pit of Great Aren also inspected Wright Aren (6ms).

29th June

Swildon Cork Aren. Martin Pitts, Fred Dain a self, drilled Cork,

- (2) Little Pit, Big Pit & Bladder Pit - all good spots. Abreilh down Raines Aren, Great Aren a Cork. (6ms). A bloody good trip.
 Further trip next week - see u ideas up our sleeves?

5th JulySwildon. Fred Dain & Bob Haynes to go to Cork but stopped at Blue

- (3) Pawtuck bring out 2 kids who had lost their way.

1st July. St. Cuthbert Putting in walls to take pier through the cut way
with rods carrying a thin lagging.

12th July. Swindon Coal Aven. Putting of usual SICE/DEC road lips
(4) to inspect dug at top of main Aven - hole to drift near top of
Bledder Pat. will bring next wks.

13th July. Swindon Coal Aven. Bored hole at top of Bledder Pat.
(5) a series of weights with w.l. Standard.

26th July Swindon Coal Aven. Hole cleared & inspected by T. Raynsford, FSD
(6) a self - small chamber = over. cleared for about 15ft but too badly
choked by soil.

2nd Aug. Swindon. Coal Aven Rn, TK, FJD, A. Rels ~ 34
(7) Put 1st long in main Aven.

9th Aug. Swindon. Coal Aven Rn, FJD. 2nd long in Barn.
(8)

23rd Aug. Swindon Coal Aven. TK = B. Raynsford to Osborn,
(9) Rn = T. Long & weights Aven (long 50-60 ft. too tight).
FJD = B. Woodward to long in Barn.

30th Aug. Swindon Coal Aven, TK, Rn, FJD - Andy ^{R. G. Smith}
(10)

SQUIDINGS

6th September FJD = RM to Creek - put in long but neither of us
 (11) could open our bags.

13th Sept RM = FJD. They in Creek Area. S.M.
 (12)

20th Sept RM = FJD . They in Creek Area ..
 (13)

21st Sept R.M. = FJD. They in Creek Area ..
 (14)

27th Sept R.M. = F.J.D. Bob Pyle, TK, J. Vandervelde, BW - A. Mills
 (15) FJD = self buried in Rain - can see about to stand
 up passage.

4th Oct RM, FJD, BW passed squeeze into stand up passage
 (16) - can run into another large den.

11th October RM, FJD, BW, A. Mills, T. Jarrett. Passed squeeze into den a
 (17) started to top - way on bank different, other way on we at the bottom, where
 the water comes from a about $\frac{1}{3}$ rd way up which we will attack.

18th October FJD = BW placed jet being in hole $\frac{1}{3}$ rd way up den.
 (18)

25th October RM, BW, TK, Bob Hayes & H. Mills 2nd being ditto.
 (19)

3rd Oct - 1st Nov. Yorkshire.

HMT, FJD, RM, Gripone, The Rodentor, A. Green, Andy Steersworth, Tysen, WIS, Duke & Bent John on Sledger - wet, cat-jet
very wet - only descended by FJD. Sunday to G6 return - down to Threlklowne Caves.

8th Nov R.M., TK - T. Sennett. To Cork - long of last time not

(20) a.m. good as TJ placed very far apart at same length.

(21) p.m. FJD & AM^a to Cork & placed 2nd Honey.

22nd Nov 2 trips = 2 bags in one day.

1st Dec RM & FJD to Cork & placed another bag on the bridge blocking

(22) passage to west Area. Balls up on way out as some fat cat was
not able to climb 20' Pct. Story told by all concerned.

22nd Nov RM, FJD, DW, AM & Bob Cross to Cork for another honey - hole after being

(23) squeeze in Tackle Seven was nearly full to roof making long tight dark.

28th Nov FJD, TK & RM to Sledger 20' with Alan Rogers on suspended
distressed shallow. All out at 1.30 p.m. all over by 7 p.m.

29th Nov To see to rods put for rescue of suspended broken leg -

2nd Dec FJD, RM & SPK cleared debris & put bag in North Hill

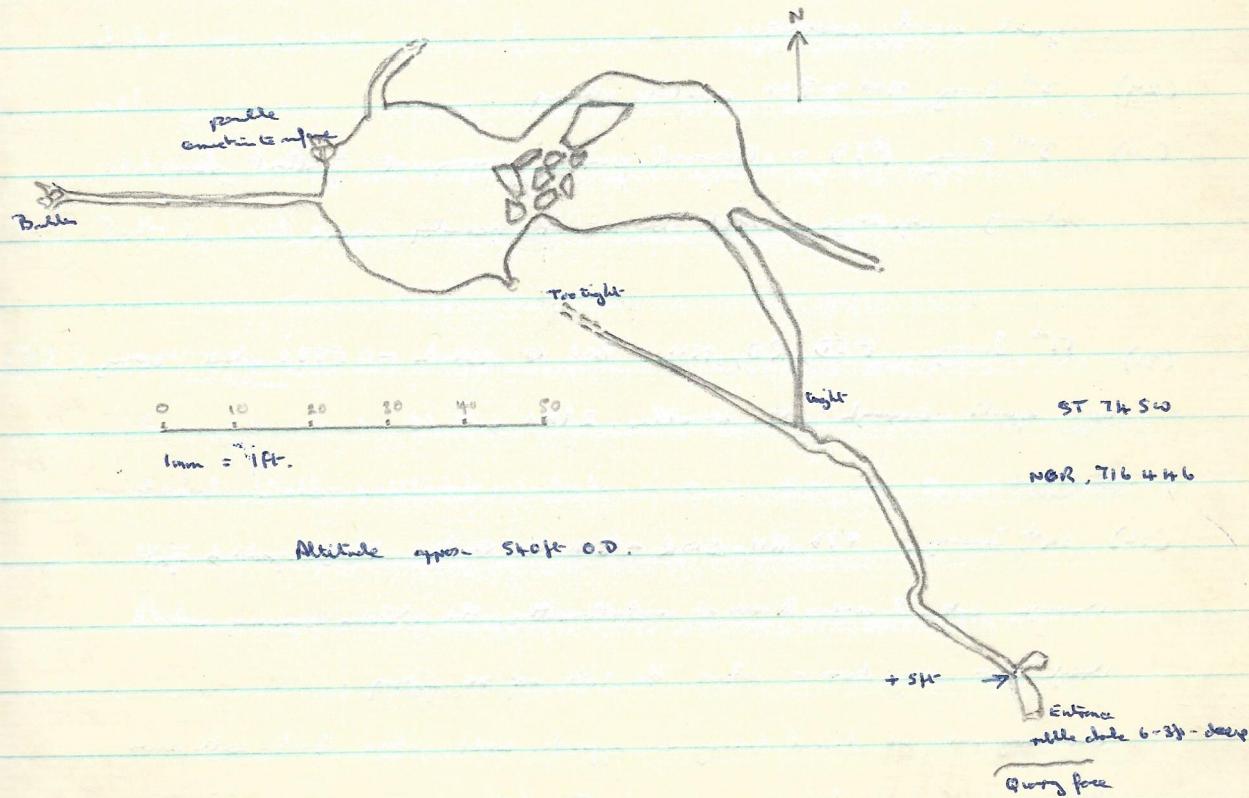
6th December. FJD, RM, BD & Martin visited a Coal Pit in the N. Hill - several debris

(1 large boulder) and set in quarry.

13th Decm. FJD, BW & RM at Quarry - last quarry (22/11/20) did not go off so called
a.m. Catt)

another 21ft or this time it went.

13th Decm. FJD, RM a party from Ship College, Sutton to Avery Quarry between
pm (Cattie's Quarry)
Reigate & Oxted. New one developed between caps with a thickness
to nearly 300ft. very tight bend with 2 large interconnecting chambers.
Many other holes in the quarry.



24th December. TK - RM to Cork - placed bags in end of squeeze
(25) (am)

(26) (pm) FJD, RW & BW to Cork - above bags very useful -
party got into new oven which was cracked at 30-40 ft of
passage ending in a squeeze which is tapered with corable
passage beyond.

(27) 27th December. FJD, RW & Steve Dymne - Kilkis to Cork - another
bag at last with foaming point - 11m + pt in

(28) 2nd January 1971. RM & SWR to Cork - another bag
giant and corable

(29) 3rd Jan. RW & BW another bag

(30) 3rd Jan FJD & Giant party bags at foaming point
dry squeeze - next oven is nearly open.

(31) 17th Jan. FJD, RW, RW & BW to Cork - FJD's last bag
not quite enough so another 2m + pt in

2nd 21st Jan.

(32) 2nd January. FJD, RW, SWR & BW to Cork - bags good & got
through into 2 new ovens - unfortunately the stream coming out
dry floor is deep - close the tell we're going.

On way out we placed bags in opposite wall where Cork water comes
from. Got involved in rescue of D. Soffe on way out we were cutting

30th January. FJD, RM, a party of Butler School to Lamb Head - an enjoyable tourist trip.

(37) 7th February. FJD & Bob? (warren) to Lamb Head - put 2nd buoy on lip of passage above water and obviously one from Philly Green Sink.

(38) 14th February FJD, RM & Tim? (warren) to Lamb Head to put 3rd buoy on above passage (The Shit Sump). Along with Butler Hills & Bob Mayhew put in fluorescein - approx 80 galls of water through Philly Green Sink which we waited below for results. After a long wait & being seen nothing we came out & missed bladders but. study every float told the story that fluorescein gets gobbled up by organic matter. Bob! will try next weekend with Rhodamine B.

(39) 21st February RM & Bob Mayhew to Lamb Head to put buoy on the Shit Sump & wait for a Rhodamine B trace. Still not proved - I checked Wally Willcock's article & find that the Copper Sulphate test took between 2-7 hrs & care though.

Rhodamine put in by May, Bob Cooney, Butler, Rich West, Jim West & B. Watkins.

28/2/71

- (36) FJD & Robin Walker - another bung at the Shit Sump in Cowsh Arens.

7/3/71

- (37) FJD & BW, TK & Cowsh to Bung in Shit Sump while RDA SWR went on through Tunnels & NW Stream - then on out via Sump 1.

- (38) 14/3/71 BW, FJD, RN & SWR to Cowsh to clear debris at Shit Sump - no place yet another bung.

9/3/71 NMF, JDR & RR to N. Hill. Placed bung to enlarge corner to get access to head of pitch.

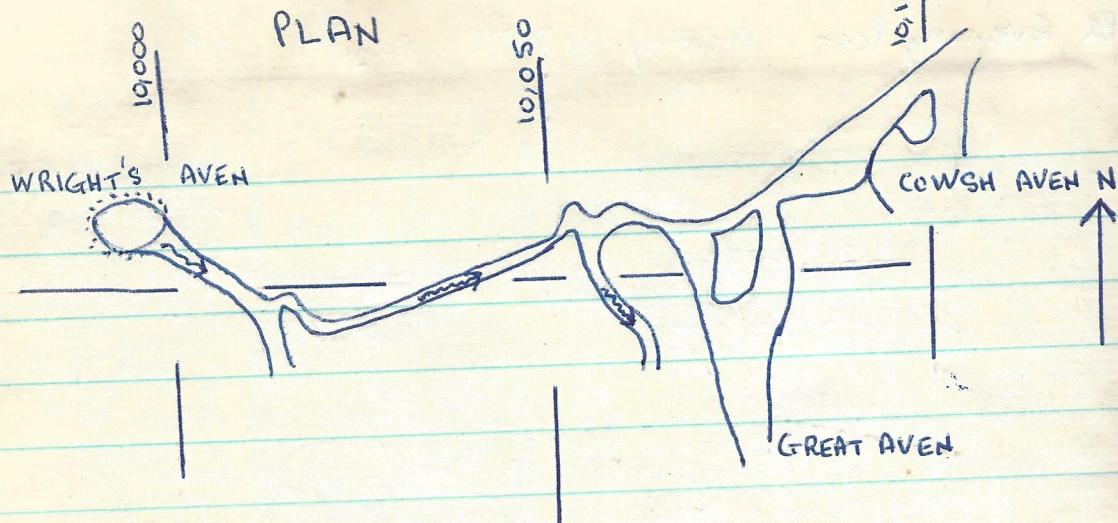
20/3/71 NMF, FJD, RR & J. Cornwall's team to Rhino Rift after a 30ft drop rot for iron bolan into. In three pitches of 100ft, 50ft & 50ft approx.

28/3/71 FJD, T. Reynolds, D. Carret, RR & I. Taylor - North Hill - put down pitch approx 35ft to small passage leading off.

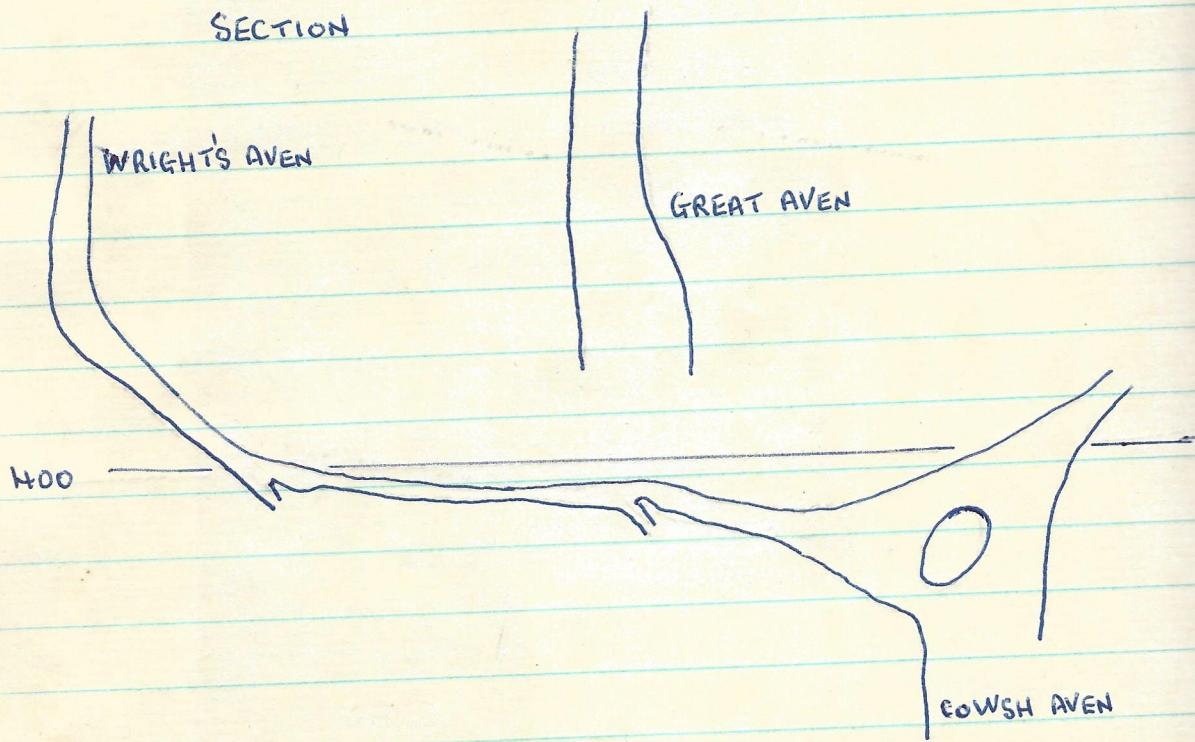
- (39) 28/3/71 A.M & RW to Cowsh. Another bung at Shit Sump.

- (40) 4/4/71 FJD & RR to Cowsh - As above.

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SECTION



MAG N



CLEAN
WATER
FALLING
DOWN
RIFT

+1

RIFT
CAN BE CLIMBED
FOR 10M

+4/3

+2

NARROW

SUM?
DIRTY WATER
ENTERS

+5

+7/6

COWSH AVEN EXTENSION

PLAN:

-6 -5 -4 -3 -2 -1 0 1 2 3

+9/8

+10

+11

KENS
CRAWL

MAINES
AVEN

22 20 18 16 14 12 10 8 6 4 2 0

-31

-34

-32

-30

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COWSH AVEN EXTENSION

SECTION



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SQUEEZE

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MAINES
AVEN

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METRES

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