

(+) 10th April 1971. RM - FJD to Bush - another way on the Shit Spur - but this time on the wall in front of it.

11<sup>th</sup> April 1971. RM joined the usual SNC team at the first road up which was leveled a 150ft of new passage found. Further road led to the discovery of yet another 200ft of passage.

(++) 15<sup>th</sup> April 1971. RM - FJD took de N Hill road back to search a bit off another way.

28<sup>th</sup> April 1971. RM & Peter Rose went to look at a new hole which had appeared in Fairy Lee Quarry - it was in fact a blind shaft 40 - 50ft deep

(+) 2<sup>nd</sup> May 1971 RM, FJD, BW - now to search for the usual ways.

(++) 9<sup>th</sup> May 1971 RM - FJD to search.

22<sup>nd</sup> May 1971 with Batch to 1<sup>st</sup> and some in Swildon - whilst Batch waited at a entrance 9 joined the usual SNC team who were surveying the new passages.

(+) 6<sup>th</sup> June 1971 Tony Jarrett, RM - FJD to Bush - Shit Spur definitely no go - we will get radio location - look for an alternative way on.

13<sup>th</sup> June 1971 RM, FJD, BW - MM to Rhine Rift. At bottom of short pitch a passage has been found leading to a 30' - 20' pitch.

4<sup>th</sup> July 1971 RM & Bob Mayhew - Swildon Trolley + old approach passage to Black Hole 2 1/4 m.

18<sup>th</sup> July 1971 RM, FJD, MM lathered Estates out in approx 24 hrs via Dolphin using 1 - soft rope - Dolphin makes a good dip.

1<sup>st</sup> August 1971 RM & MM abraded 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Joints in Estates, left rope on 1<sup>st</sup> Joint - then dried Dolphin. Went to 1<sup>st</sup> Joint - retained rope, right dolphin, lower frame - Pumice bath - out.

7<sup>th</sup> August 1971 Went up to Samp II St. Catharines Smelting.

8<sup>th</sup> Augt 1971 Went up to Martin Haven & Ingwood / Argent.

14<sup>th</sup> August 1971 MM, BM & RM to Dissapoint Pass in Cuttler, sought four pitch dips to an open lead or squeeze - not behind the been cutted before.

15<sup>th</sup> August 1971 MM, RM & BW down Estates, abraded Dolphin & Jan free dried the Twin Vents RM lead the lower & pitch the top one.

21<sup>st</sup> August 1971 MM, BM, RO & Batal to Dissapoint Passes, Cuttler to find my a dips do Area, RO last dips a abt 25' above pitch not have dislodged bolt with hot pitch. Batal to inform to get HKO bin - BM - RM got pitch to ~~spud~~ small pitch below Polyjet above Alan will last riggit tickle. Abt 2-2½ hrs in this venue. 22/8/71 went to no pitch in Batal general plant he has a perfect dip but this does not seem too serious.

25<sup>th</sup> August 1971. RM, BM & ? to Disagoutout Passage, Crete.  
Aren died a day earlier.

26<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1971. CRETE - Gavronitsa

Riked West, Stavrygou-Robt, Martin Webb & Self. Walked to Gavronitsa peninsula  
and down trail to 2 caves and several rock shelter, one the base of a  
steep bank. The caves are large with decorative shelves but not extensive and are  
in the Akrotiri Peninsula between Chania & Sanda.

27<sup>th</sup> Sept. CRETE - Ondros

Riked RME to Ondros Cave - went down about 2pm & descended the 30' pitch &  
the 160' pitch. Martin went down the pitch & we went to the surface. 2 hrs.

28<sup>th</sup> Sept. CRETE - Ondros

Mrs, SWP & RME to top of the pitch - stuck full ill with toothache - can't  
get out. Martin & I walked the area, 3 hrs. Depth 900' length 10,000 ft approx.  
Very long approx 5-5½ hr.

15<sup>th</sup> Sept. CRETE - Fallos Cave

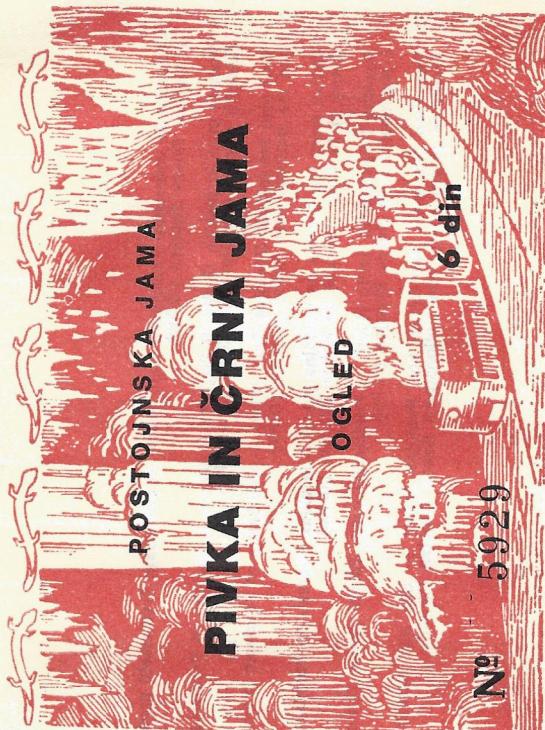
All the party visited the huge rock shelter at the junction of the Nidha  
plain and the foot of Psiloritis.

17<sup>th</sup> Sept. CRETE - One type gorge between Agia Triada & the main Agios Nikolaos -  
Sikia Road. A steep gorge cut into the limestone with large floodable patches.

23<sup>rd</sup> Sept., JUGOSLAVIA.

Rodeh et l'autre autance - Predjama - visité 2 autres casse : -

- i) Postojna - Cova Postojna - dans la grotte.
- ii) Škocjan - Škocjan.



Oblisite še znamenito Postojnsko jamo (4 km) — edinstveni Predjamski grad (9 km) ter Rakov Škocjan (12 km).

Visitate pure le famose Grotte di Postojna (4 km) — il Castello di Predjama (Lueghi) a 9 km e la Valle dei Gamberi a 12 km.

Visit also the famous Postojna Cave (4 km) — the Castle of Predjama (9 km) and the National park Rakov Škocjan (12 km).

Visitez aussi les Grottes de Postojna (4 km) — le vieux Château de Predjama (9 km) et le Parc National de Rakov Škocjan (12 km).

Poselite i Postojnsku špilju (4 km) — Predjamski grad, čuveni zamak (9 km) i Nacionalni park Rakov Škocjan (12 km).

Besuchen Sie auch die Grotte von Postojna (4 km) — das alte Schloss Predjama (9 km) sowie den Nationalpark Rakov Škocjan (12 km).



8<sup>th</sup> October 1971. with FJD road trip in Sudder 27th. gate still

9<sup>th</sup> October. have trip to Sump 2 in St. Catharines Smelting - met some guy in the way who tells me I took him on his first caving trip 7 years ago. Tom Balloing, Roy Bennett, Bob Rayner, Jim Clark, Butch & Pete - had a look at the very wet dig while Bennett was putting up bony.

10<sup>th</sup> October. with Welch to many Drilling Fountain Passage in Cuttlets & Entrance to it nothing like as tight or difficult - reported 200 ft or more upward in 27th as well as with Sante Cava a Climber.

16<sup>th</sup> October. with BW - MM to Cuttlets. 2 1/2 hrs.

17<sup>th</sup> Results after an hour on path to Sudder Hole

18<sup>th</sup> October with Butch to some ledges in Disappointment Passage, Cuttlets.  
A very dodgy wall left in place.

20<sup>th</sup> October. with Nilda to Cuttlets.

31<sup>st</sup> October with MM - BW to Paradise Regional & dugout to blind hole in rock near Breakfast Charles - No go.

1<sup>st</sup> Nov. MM, BW, Butch & self to Sudder Two - to look at inlet passage thought to be the far end of 1<sup>st</sup> and up stream.

2<sup>nd</sup> Nov. MM, BW - they round Cuttlets yet again.

4<sup>th</sup> Dec. MM - RM joint is standing in the Forest of Dean - had a 4-5 hr run round Old Man, New Town, & Old Boys from him.  
Very disorganized and very interesting - a good job I'm bound to pass.

12<sup>th</sup> October 1971. 11 miles - R.R. to Cutbank - via Headwall to Myrtle - High Charles  
through Cat-gut & Rabbit-wren Extension - looked at Cutwater Charles, cat-gut  
Charles - the Tie Mine - over via Dallas Charles, Headwall, W.M. left the 2 hrs.

13<sup>th</sup> October 1971. 11 miles, Dallas, Bed going - self 3 hr walking in Cutbank.

14<sup>th</sup> January 1972. 11 miles - S.E. to Cutbank - today Dallas Series

at Sunny 11 miles, Dallas, Bed higher - self & Sections - NW Stem Passage  
2 days earlier from back on 11 miles - one wet - different day.  
would be dry - also steam - fairly easy digging - about 4-5 ft.

14<sup>th</sup> Jan. 11 miles, Tug Hill - self & today Dallas series, down Coalmine Rift  
- into Coal Shale, and during about a monthy fine Coal Spruce  
into Fracture Rift. (St. Cutbank's).

15<sup>th</sup> Jan. Hwy, 11 miles, Self, Toured a my other journal Chiribobos &  
show all for a visit to Singing River Mine at Stephen. 35'  
steps into a network of mud passageways - tunnels in a large  
quartz deposit in floor - about 100 ft long.

16<sup>th</sup> Jan. with D. Grinn & D. Turner to St. Cutbank. Through Coal &  
into long Charles Extension, looked at Canyon Series outcrop -  
then down into long Charles - then up into upper long  
Charles before going out through the usual route

24th Feby. To Coast Area. Spent with M. Mills, B. Woodward, B. Hedges  
to get in contact for radio location.

25th Feby. M.W., B.W. & self to Coast with radio location gear which  
did not work. Two faults found in circuit late in afternoon  
at Brion Pines. I hope we might try again later.

13th Feby. With D. Gravis to know Red Hill area - St. Cuthbert, several  
new passages (to me)

26th Feby. with student clubs - P.E. (Bath University) to add Approach  
Pitney & Black Hole, Swallows.

26th Feby. with Pete & new Green Party to modify last helping hand  
pups to the wall. Swallow Hole.

27th Feby. with tourist party - M. Mills to Cuthbert & did a combination  
of routes A - B for leaders certificate.

4th March MAJORCA. Saturday visited Cueva del Drach, Cuevas del Hams,  
Cueva de Ante and another non-draw cave close by.

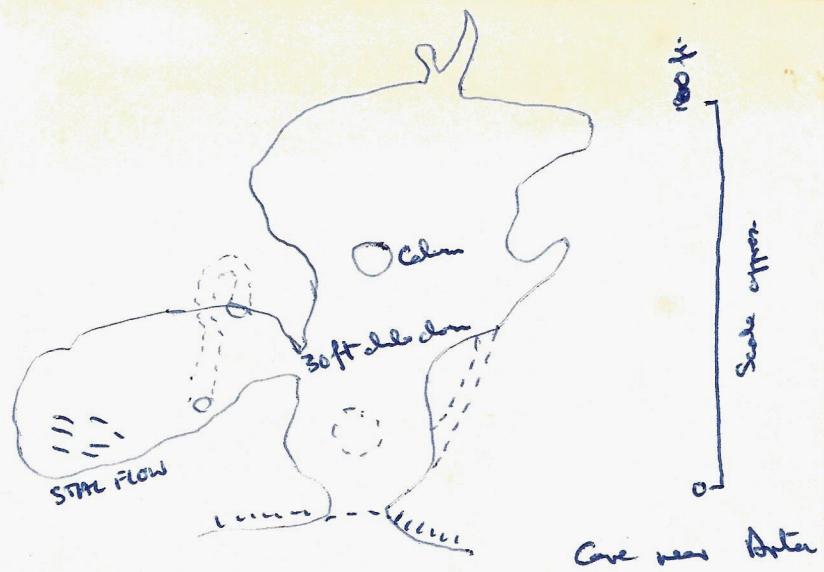
5th March Caves de Campanet - a long drive along the limestone mountain  
range which runs along the N coast of the Island. Visited another non-draw  
cave near the start of hinch.

## Cuevas del Drach

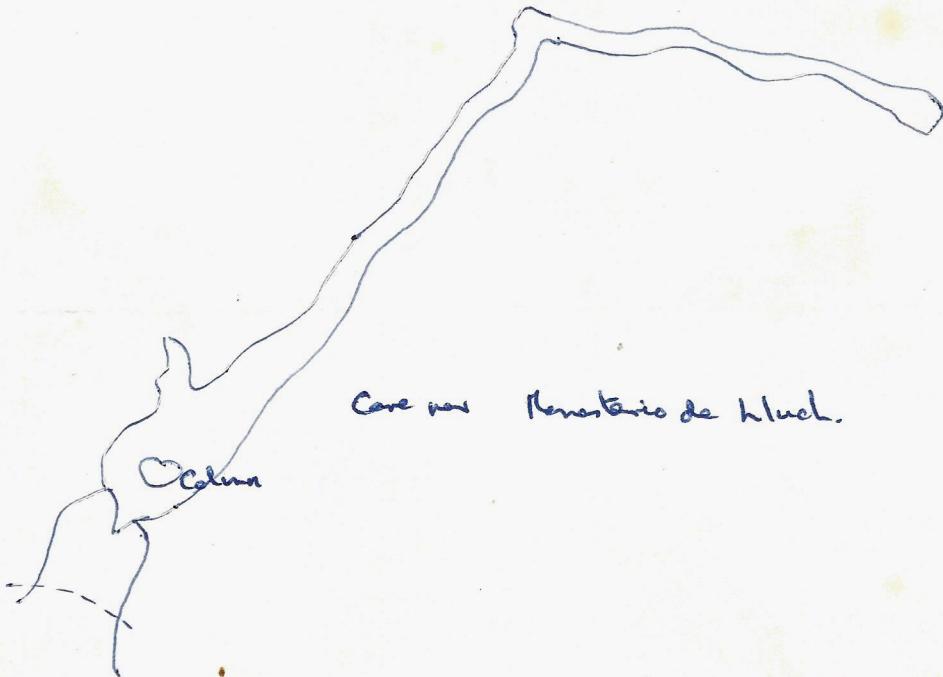
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# Visita Ordinaria

I believe that Martin Mills is  
writing articles - down  
map of the 2 non-draw caves



Cave near Astur



As seen by MT Bills.

March 18th 1972. St. Cuthberts - Septic Series (specify Double Puddle and  
and Gutgut - rabbit woven with willow - Birch.

March 19th 1972. Down Puddly green soil to look at the bottom - not a  
a ride Bubble chairs - possible dig to connect with Creek.

Then down Swildon to the Double Puddles to wash off.

March 25th Milke, Birch + self to Fault chairs, Swildon + then at about Tonkin

March 26 MM, BW + self to look a side passage in East Twin Snail, Birrington and

April 4th. NRC call out to Swildon - party overdee as top to 4. 10pm  
Tom Tepson - Bob Coon found them waiting at the bottom of the Tint  
as their bubbles had been pulled up.

April 5th. BW, Bob Nelson + RT to High Chairs, Cuthberts - to a side just back  
the passage with the cave parts in. Another passage, also with parts. Then to long  
chairs a extension. 3 hrs.

April 15th Bob Coon + Tony? (12 yrs old), RT to Swildon Sump 2.

April 16th with Boyd Pitts + 4 members of cavers to Cuthberts - Pitpit to Sump 2  
and then Stompy Passage, Dining Room. Not fun - Bubble chairs + the usual  
way out.

Apr 22/23rd Since last working weekend.

Apr 30th with NRC + FTD to Swildon Sump 1. Fred training trip

May 7th MM + RT to Pitpit Pitch in Cuthberts - quite a day out not  
quite finished - 2 hr 50 mins.

May 9th with BW + PSS to Swildon Sump 1. Another Fred Training trip.

May/June 1972. Full in caring activities due to work on the Steyton Ballet Caring Club  
but at Priddy.

June 11<sup>th</sup>. FJD, BW, Men? - visit to Cork Arms - not feeling fit so went to foot of  
Cork cliff & down onto the via Parodine.

June 24<sup>th</sup> Rn a Party of 3 Gwydir Caring Club - St. Cubbent's Sunbed - Coal Series - Steyng  
& out via Sutor Passage etc.

25<sup>th</sup> with FJD, BW & Men? to Cork - very in the weather now the outcome is the  
final chapter - this seems to be the way the water comes from the Stink.

12<sup>th</sup> July 1972. BN, FJD, pilot? - off to East - Another injury.

23<sup>rd</sup> July 1972. FJD, the Rukela-Done? of SRCC to crash for  
radio location, did needless to say did not work. A  
little trouble when Done? pulled - fairly large boulders  
out himself. we later heard that he had a broken knee cap.

13<sup>th</sup> August F33 and solo to Cowh Barn - reward ladder leading gear put in by Spelaeo Behl.

16<sup>th</sup> August with Dave Gorden & Suidam 2 to look at the Shady Sump - R.M.S. of abseymen going towards Sump II.

26<sup>th</sup> August Derbyshire.

9 a.m. P8 with Bob Mayhew, Pete Hiscock and Nick Jordan.

11.30 a.m. Gantrie's Hole - the final 30' pitch can be free-climbed before no holds is needed - the entrance looks like a rubbish dump.

3 p.m. After a visit to a pub in Cottleton - a slow cave tour. Peck Cavern.

27<sup>th</sup> August

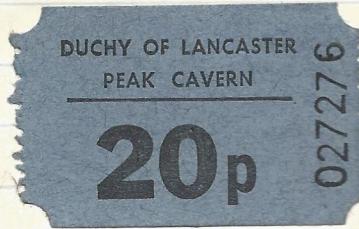
10 a.m. with Martin ? of Orpheus - a trip down Giant's Hole via Gob Wall, Eting House and Geology Pit to the Terminal sump, out via Giant's Windpise, a hole at the Oxlow Connection, and down to Cobwall. 24 hrs. A Speed trip.

3 p.m. to Cottleton and a visit to Treak Cliff Cavern. Not very impressed.

28<sup>th</sup> August

3 a.m. with Tony Jarrett down Kettles Mine via Main Shaft 210 ft on the DSA Technical Projects Unit and worked on the channelling marathon until 8.15 a.m. The rest of the Skipton cave down at approx. 6 a.m. and out about 11.30.

After a walk in the Orpheus hut, to Brontes and joined up Pet Caves of the Cottleton and back to Brontes for tea and to Skipton for Mayhew - Self. 37th day.



3rd Sept 1972. with a large party of sci/ete to Swildens - to the NW stem with  
a 12ft length of pipe for the dry in the downstream rooms and the other to Viceroy  
to inspect Fairy Passage.

10th Sept 1972. To S. Wales to do little North River Caves - too wet so did Bridge Caves,  
Pwll-y-Rhod, White Lady and Tom Train. Visited Porth-y-Ogof on the way back.

16th Sept. 1972 Promised a long walk FJ to down new cave in Fairy Caves  
Quarry - wrong day out so had a look around the quarry instead.

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24<sup>th</sup> Sept. FST, Due a hundred yards + self in car with Dave Brown, Dave Tamm,  
which a quick turn in another car to with North River line. My first trip  
down it after many test attempts - well worth the wait.

30th Sept. YORKSHIRE. With dogs Chapman/Dick pony to last fall, while the  
others went down Pippin Hill & walked down to Easgill & then on to  
Castleton Fall in the limestone side road. In the afternoon visited White Scar  
Cave - not impressed.

3rd Oct. A quick run up Ingleborough before driving home.

7<sup>th</sup> October. Swindlers Hole - rescue practice at Black Hole, and Step藤洞 for Greg.  
Pitchfork of women have changed. Not difficult.

8<sup>th</sup> Octo with FID and Dave Gordon to show Dave a bit of St. Catharines Scandit.

11<sup>th</sup> October. BC, SW, HAD a self + 2 days from rock climbing in the Glyders & Trifor, N. Wales. Also new leader problems in the evening.

15<sup>th</sup> October climbing on the slabs at Little Trifor = not difficult & not important.

22<sup>nd</sup> October. Martin Mills, Bob Craig, Rich Jordan, Ray Bennett, Martin Webster a self to Yorkshire - Don Flood Entrance, 70ft, 45ft, 140ft into Gaping Gill and then to Fox Country. Ten hour trip - 8 of them in the cave + 2 hours walking to a farm clapham.

5<sup>th</sup> Nov. with Neil Gordon down Cuthbert - Caught a rabbit Warren in detail.

6<sup>th</sup> Nov. same trip including the bus to Shattoe Cove.

12<sup>th</sup> Nov. Tony Marshall, John Morrison (MCC) with Gordon - walk down Cuthberts. Pulpit, Big-Pass, Stannas, Tug Room, Cubbie, fat hen, lake Charles, Everett, Fingers, Railway Tunnel, Stacks Passage, Ballo Charles, Coal Springs a out via Ballo Charles, Red Hill & Wine Rift etc.

13<sup>th</sup> Nov. To Dally - stayed night with Boyd - Dally Paths.

14<sup>th</sup> " on to Cuthbert via crofters hut and walked down Butchill Dale to Butchill Head Cove where quite a view on flowers. Then over to have a look at Knotters Huts before going on to Cuthbert.

15<sup>th</sup> - Visited Speedwell mine, Blue John mine - Treach cliff cross in a raging blizzard after lunch walked on Bradwell road - wind was cold mine drifts and back up Cane Dale.

16<sup>th</sup> Left Cuthbert - on to Applebyrough, Yorks. First to Littlehead then Harbo and onto Askrank. Booked night at Garsdale and then to Clayton and walked up to Gaping gill in the snow.

17<sup>th</sup> From Askrank to home via penitentiary at 70m.p.h. on the motorway.

18<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm. Belfry - Cuthbert leaders meeting.

19<sup>th</sup> Posties were in Wine Rift - St. Cuthbert Street.

20<sup>th</sup> Nov. - BN + HJ = Self to Bally/Boulders - Coal Series St. Cuthbert. Very wet

21<sup>st</sup> Nov. HJ, Butch, George, Tim Gordon - Self to Nappie Series, Cuthbert in big water then to Sneyd 2. Very enjoyable trip.

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17<sup>th</sup> December 1972. with Nick Gordon to Derbyshire via night sleep at the Cuckoo Hut to the Chapel in Colsterworth Ham for a trip with Gary Kitchen & the BSA, TPU to Peak Cavern. Took the upper & lower streamway, Pickering Passage & the slot where Neil Sten was trapped and died in the 1950's. No Gull Spar visited and the day above it. About 6½ hr trip. Well worth seeing a trap to go again.

30th December 1972. with Tony Hulme to the Stanton/MCC day in upper Flood Swallet at Chatsworth. The upper Soco day a look good.

31<sup>st</sup> December 1972. F39, RTM, TK, Bob Raynes, HS a self - 3 hours run round in St. Cuthbert's Swallet.

7th January 1973. St. Cuthbert Swallet with Shipton.

13th January 1973. St. Cuthbert Swallet with University of Liverpool team - quite new road.

4th February 1973. with Tony Hills and Nick Taylor down St. Cuthbert to complete a ring up traps C,D, & E.

10th February 1973. with Martin White, Brian Woodward - 2 BtB down limestone pit with a very strong dc system & out via process of elimination through Carty Pit. 2/2tr.

11th February 1973. A walk well up the Pennine Way to Pen-y-faen long chasm and other sites on the track and back to Hathersage over the scars.

13th February 1973. with Dave and Richard Geddes to Swithland - Double Troubles a bit via Supt 1 and free-climbed to Forty.

20th Feb. 1973 flew to Tunisie with Ray, Martin Hills, Martin White, Nick Taylor, Bob Craven, Pete Smith, Nigel Taylor, Alan Batten.

21st Feb. To the Catacombs at Sousse. 200 millems each - supposed to be about 5 miles long. Slabs 15-20 mm and above 200 yrs above 2 visitors. In sandstone - not impressed.

22nd. to Zaghouan to the hill behind the Temple des Caures - limestone approx 2000 ft high is tiny to find Grotte du clavel - several caves found - all very small.

23rd to Maktar via La Ksour area which is a form of pseudokarst - karstic sandstone with all the top soil removed and gullies formed by wind erosion. The hills in the Maktar area are in excess of 3000 ft with more in patches. Quite a lot of limestone with cave formations although nothing of note seen.

24th. flew back to England.

St. Cuthberts.

10th March 1973. With Mike Sander & Brian Woodward via Pulpit to the SWCC dig at the start of the valley. Mike & Self out via Cobham, Giverny, Steameray, Rocky Dell & lower Head Hole. 3hrs.

11<sup>th</sup> March. FSD, B. Woodward, Green Jeffries a self to Castle Aren, Swindon to see a look at the further over - not very hopeful and as Brinsford is cut to give off a solution early - nothing of note observed except that Green a self surface shattered.

25<sup>th</sup> March. with party from St. Albans Tech College & I. URSSS down St. Cuthberts. They saw quite a large slice of the cave. 5hrs.

1<sup>st</sup> April. G.B. Cave - SWCC trips down to Head Hole and then quick trip out. The cave has changed a lot since the 1968 floods.

1<sup>st</sup> April. Ogof Ffynnon Ddu. FSD, Bob Mayhew and left Cambria at 7.15am to go to Trinid where we picked up Roy Bennett a tax on to Cardiff. Here we were joined by Brian Woodward, Peter Hill, Mike Sander, Butch, Phil Collett, Guy and Bob Gray. Down to the SWCC entrance where we met Martin Webster. Also now the Cymru who do give down OFD. Around 11.45 entered OFD 1 and after a little trouble found our way into the OFD II Steameray, then up the Mynde into OFD 2 and out via Top Entrance after we were quite finding difficulties. Approx 2 1/2 hrs.

15<sup>th</sup> April. Self & Guy down Cuthberts - quite a long way about the cave for about 3 1/2 - 4 hrs.

21<sup>st</sup> April with Mike Illingworth a 6 foot bore down Cuthberts. 2 Red Rivers one cripples whilst a 3rd was a sportie. The other 3 were very bone blue. Certainly a trip to remember but never repeat.

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23<sup>rd</sup> April 1973. Sutton - Black Hole - Old Approach Route with Mike  
Gillingworth - good quick trip.

29<sup>th</sup> Apr 1973. with Ritchie down Keywood / August - only people in cave - did most  
of the system - no tools. Then walked down velvet Batten & then up to Warren Farm  
to help Jenny Russell put out a open fire. we then followed her to John Cornwell's  
cave & had a quick look at the lift, John & Co have entered.

4<sup>th</sup> May 1973. with FSD - prospecting at Split Rock Quarry.

9th May 1973. with PSS to Rhine Edge - Hatched - possible at 2 pitches, 100 ft - a 60 ft and then lowered down top of the 100 ft pitch to bottom of an area which looked about soft shaly.

12th May. with Butch & Tony Knolls down Carlos Cleaves.

13th May. with the Cypers & Charlie Watkins on the 16-54 close around in cutbacks including 5-2, high dashes and many other delights.

16th May. approx 400ft working at Split Rock Quarry.

18th May. Met Hilde in Nuthurst at about 7pm - got hopped up on Motorway and arrived at pullout well at 10.25pm.

19th May. went out to the cypers hut where all were debating what to do so went to Eddie and up into the Hindle Scout where we walked the Motorway and then off to unbroken ground to the Tailings Tunnel near Easte. Back to the Cypers hut and had a look at some dips just down the valley. After eating meal went to PS with Bell - 2 hours or so to top ramp and 1st ramp. Then to the pub at Cowdenbeath before back to the hut for butter and bed.

20th May. with Tony Pitts to Easte - down Chodwick Sop's drift, then soft shaly, then Cascade to 4 way junction - up to road end and  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile or so. On to Engine House and out via Clayton Adit. There are 2 shafts in floor (floored) 100ft and 900ft deep. Approx 3½ hr. Then on to Hemfield Valley - now Nan Tae Caves, Redhouse Smellet, Orson's Caves, Wetter Smellet and Thais Caves. Back to Nuthurst and arrived back on Meadow at 7.30 p.m.

26<sup>th</sup> May. Stayed at the Gorse Crag at Ambleside and after breakfast I  
hiked down and up to Simpson's Pot. FJD, Jim Kendall, Dave Cannon and  
self descended down Simpson's via the usual route but finally through  
Great Dovin rather than Slit Pot where we met Alan Hill, Glynn Ball  
and Brian Stoad who had descended down Swinsto. Not a very fast  
trip but we did it. About 6-6½ hrs underground. This was my first  
real caving trip - but it is not as difficult as I had always thought.

27<sup>th</sup> May. Walked on high & Colterion fells - Easgill Valley and looked at a  
number of the cave entrances before going back to Kendal. Home 7 p.m.