

29.1.78. White Woman's Hole.

After several visits Ray & myself discovered we were looking on the wrong side of Asham Wood ravine for the cave. Stay on the same side of the stream as Tom Tivey's Hole and with your back towards Tom Tivey's walk along rough track at the top of ravine for about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile the cave is in a small cliff with a ~~few~~ tree just in front of it.

26.2.78 Nancy Camel's Hole.

Ray & myself found this cave with ease, situated in small cliff just N. of Shepton Mallet Sewage works, and approx one field E of small bending lane which leads to Ham Farm in small wood, there appears to be farm effluent flowing into the cave from fields above.

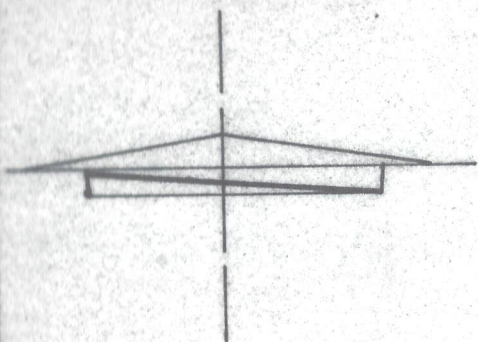
4.3.78 Ray & self to look at the re-opened dig in Binegar Bottom. Good progress has been made and a sizeable passage leads off.

19.3.78 Gower Peninsula, South Wales,

The weather today lived up to British Standards by being cold & wet with a strong wind blowing off the sea (Force 8) Ray & myself started at Port Eynon Point cave and then made our way west along the beach and cliff path to Culver Hide most interesting entrance which is partly walled up, onto long Hole and Paviland cave but we did not reach it as the tide by this time was high we returned to the car at this point.

12th March 1978. Site marked on map visited by Kay and Ray Mansfield, Martin Mills and Simon Davies at the request of Tony Harris of Priddy Hill Farm. Shaft top dug open and cleaned up and descended to a depth of 25ft by Simon. Water in bottom found to be 10-12ft deep. From the pipework and steel beams in the shaft it is thought that this is an old well which has long since been abandoned.

PRIDDY HILL FARM



CHARTERHOUSE

DRAFT.

WIND JUMP 9 1/2

CHEDDAR

LOT 2.
23 ACRES

LOT 1.
8 ACRES

LOT 8
26 ACRES.

LOT 5
16 ACRES

LOT 3
30 ACRES

LOT 4
6 ACRES

LOT 6
22 ACRES

LOT 7
19 ACRES

LOT 9
50 ACRES

LOT 14
25 ACRES

LOT 11
21 ACRES

LOT 10
40 ACRES

LOT 15
44 ACRES

LOT 13
16 ACRES

LOT 12
30 ACRES

CHEWTON MENDIP

PRIDDY

Lay.
but we knew
what you
kind where.
Terry.

28th May 1978. Ray, self and Roger Tucker to Box Stone Mine, Wils. 6 hours underground visiting from Hill Series into Fossils, Cathedral, Calfways etc etc and out via back door. Very enjoyable and interesting.

30th May 1978. With Roy Walton and his 10 year old son around the Upper Series and to the 20ft Pit in Scildon's Hole.

4th June 1978. Ray + self to River Aron, Porthly. Then over fields to the old abandoned Fawcett's Folly dig and other depots. Followed Fawcett's trip to top of Ebor Hill then back over to Wignone Summit, looking at Ebor Hill Staff on the way.

16th June 1978. Ray + self to Tove Valley on way back from Tony Aldham's. First to South Wales Caving Club hut then on up the hill to Ogof Ffynnon Ddu top entrance. On to Port Aben and then back down mountain to look at bottom entrance and OFD resurgence. Then to Penllyn and up the Nant-y-ffynnon valley to Ogof Rhyd Sych. Then up to the reservoir at Ponticill.

2nd July 1978. Ray + self with Geoff and Sally Roberts to Trofil - to visit the quarries and valley below. Also located Chertist Cove.

27th July 1978 Ray + self to GHOG FACH, GHOG FAWR, WEMYSS and FRONGOCH MINES, Mid Wales. Cardiganshire.

28th July 1978 Ray + self to OGOF-Y-CL Cave

6th August 1978.

May & self visited Welsh's Green Sallet,
Milton, Nr. Wells.

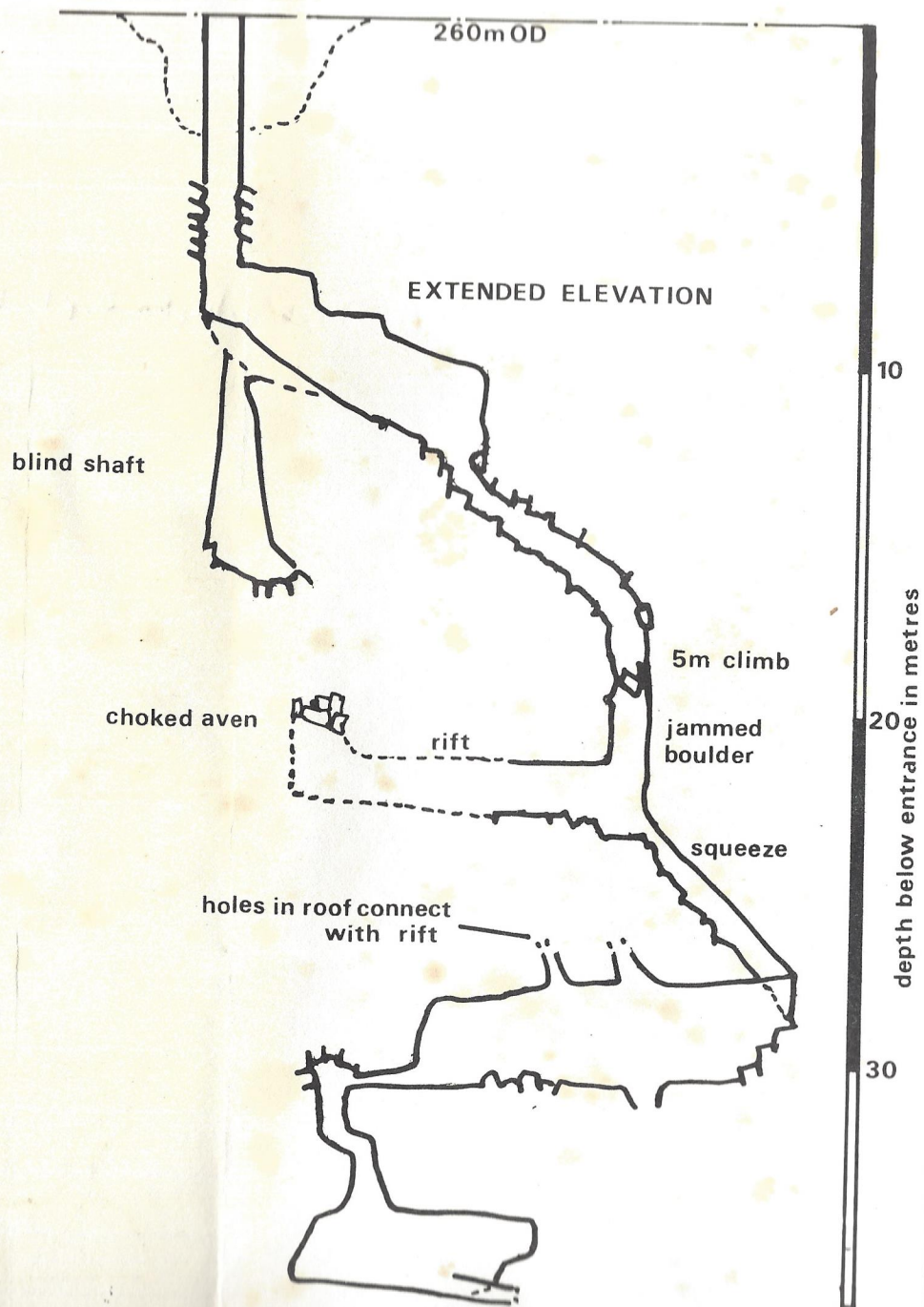
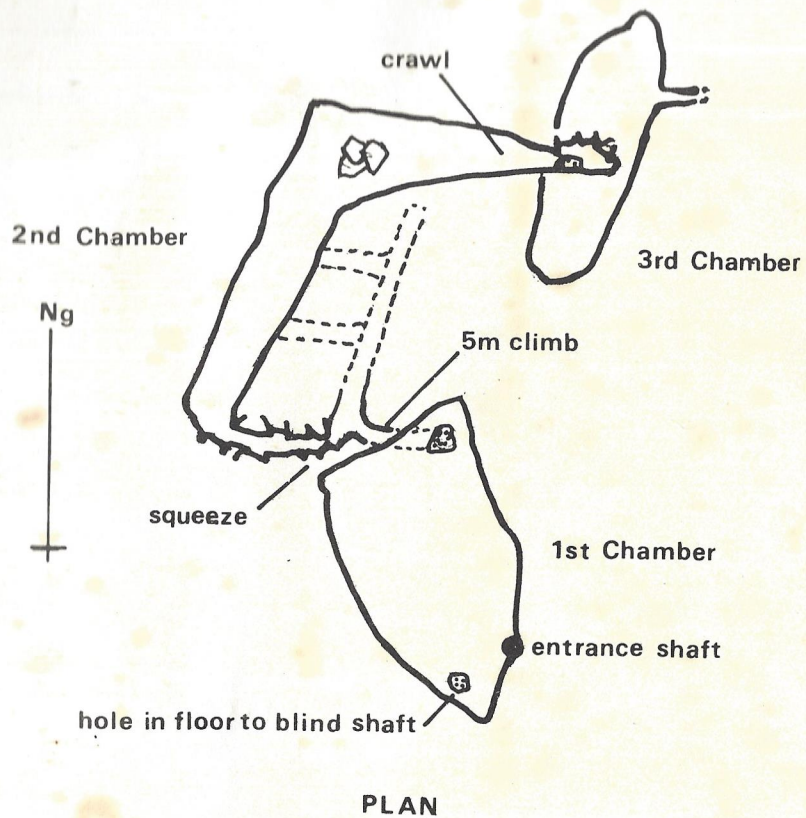
28th Aug 1978. May & self to Little Coppell Farm, Dinder
to look at dig in the field adjacent to the road which
crossed into 200 years old drainage culvert. Then onto railway
trench and down to Hedbury Sallet which is being dug
by ^{Speleological} ~~Cave~~ ^{Geological} ~~Cave~~ ^{Society}. Society.

3rd Sept 1978. May, Dave Gwyn, Roger Tucker, Janet
Woodward, Christie?, Terry Pratt & I and self
Surveying in Clift Works area of Box River withshire
and then out via Cathedral, Picture Gallery and
Lower Hill Series.

10th Sept 1978. May, Dave Gwyn, Roger Tucker & self
surveying several old passages in Brown Folly Mine
near Bath to complete Dave's survey.

22nd Oct 1978. May, self & Roger Tucker surveying clift
works in Box River.

29th Oct 1978. Greg Smith of HCB, of SWCC,
Roger Tucker & self. Tourist trip in St. Cuthbert's Sallet.



ROCKET DROP (Cheddar Cross Roads, Compton Martin)
 ngr ST55/5305.5522 BCRA grade 5c

surveyed by BEC & WCC drawn by DJ Irwin, april '78

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 scale in metres

26th Nov 1978. Day, Roger Tucker a self to Box. Finished survey of Clift Area and started on the Central Complex around the Admiralty and Wind Tunnel areas.

23rd Dec 1978. Day, Roger Tucker a self to Box again. Main route surveyed from Admiralty to Shift and then delta rectangle and alternative delta rectangle.

13th Jan 1979. Day, Roger Tucker a self surveying cross passages around delta-rectangle area, Box.

Top Flat left,
23 Spittal Street,
Edinburgh EH3 9DZ.
16th Jan.

* No reply necessary.

Dear Ray,

Greetings from the far (frozen) North with this interruption to your annual typing marathon.

Apart from the couple of enclosures the principle purpose is that following our visit at Xmas I encountered other persons (notably Mike Palmer) with views on the Cuthbert's insurance question and thought you might be interested to know of these. * Incidentally Pete Hiscock passing thro' last w/e confirmed that leaders have become very rare birds - tho' he says Butch is thinking of taking up the Leadership/insurance challenge (again), and our latest leader Phil Dunk apparently is not prepared to take out the required insurance. Mike Wheldon has taken the same line as us that they can stuff their leadership.

Mike Palmer has also taken a similar line, but was planning to write a mammoth epistle setting out his views in a forceful ~~manly~~ manner, but has since decided that silence is probably more effective. He understands that only about 6 leaders have forwarded insurance policies for ratification - including Och, Graham Price & Tony Meadow - the latter apparently with a couple of others have also sent in very strongly worded letters

of protest. Mike also agrees that he doesn't see how the matter can go any further, since it was agreed at the last leader's meeting that the question would be looked into and reported upon at the next leader's meeting and Martin Grass' (Caring Sec.) letter of 30th November seems to be jumping the gun.

It will be interesting to see what happens, but meanwhile as Mike points out silence is probably of the greatest effect. He considers the whole leadership system will collapse if they go thro' with insisting ^{leaders} on insurance - especially if they are inundated with requests for trips!

Hoping to be down briefly at the end of the month, anything for me can be left in pigeon hole in hut. Incidentally since I do not now see many publications if there's anything you consider that I might be particularly interested in I would much appreciate it if you would scribble a quick note on a piece of paper.

Kind regards to Kay and yourself,

W. J. C.

Ps. Will 'phone you at work prior to 17th Feb to check whether White Scar trip is still on. Have informed Goon, he is very interested as he hasn't done it.

1st April 1979. Dave Green a self surveying the initial 200+ ft of passage
in Menel's Hole, Barrington Centre for a new survey to appear in the
revised edition of the DEC occ. Pub Barrington Atlas.

Yorkshire. May - self

Sunday 30th^{Sept}. Visited Stamp Cross Cavern and then walked over to Kanga Gill North Shaft, South Entrance & Stockdale Shaft. Then to Greenhow Hill where there is a quarry with an underground working. PM To Trallors Gill to look at Kell Hole, Gill Heads Mine and Caves, Newswell Cave and Trallors Gill Cave.

Monday 1st Oct. Visited Attercliffe Cave and Victoria Cave at Settle.

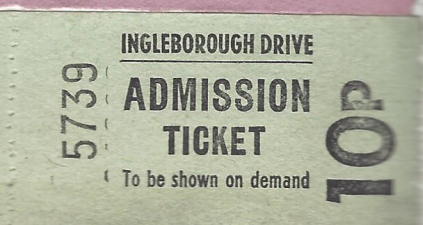
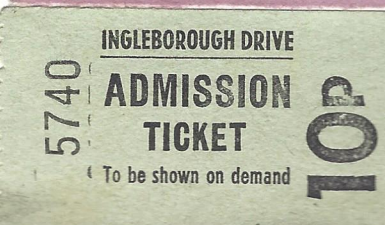
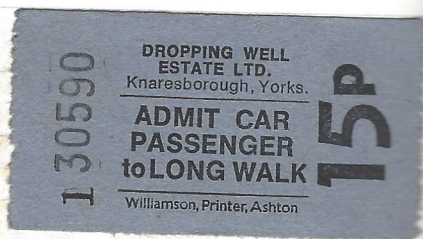
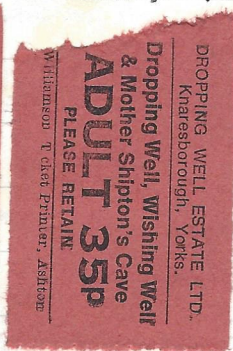
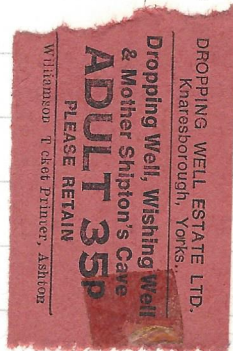
Wednesday 3rd. Mother Shipton's Cave and Dropping Well, Knaresborough.

Thursday 4th. Visit to Ingleborough Cave and then onto the Ribblesdale in the rain to look at Silver Pit, Ript Pit, Torrey Hole, Long Min and Juniper Gully.

Sunday 7th. Walked up to Rindale Cavern Entrance then across the moor to Longcliffe Pit.

Wednesday 10th. Gossington Head Mines in the rain. Then across Pang-Ghast to Horton.

Friday 12th. Up to Turlong Road and then drove through Knaresdale looking at Wild Head, Valley Entrance and Yonder Cave. PM to Shipton Museum.



Sunday 18th November 1979. Chris Batstone called at 4.30 pm to say that there had been an accident in Thrupe near Sealet. Down cave by 5 pm but straight out again to organize digging out the crowd at the bottom of Perseverance Pit. Down again to Atlas Pit and out to surface to organize tools, medical supplies and hot soup. Back to Atlas and helped dig the pit down a hard out. Arrived to double chambers - then to surface with supplies but by about 2 am. Home, with a bed by 3 a.m. Details in newspaper cuttings below:-

From "Gemsbok", Kuruman 5-11th OCTOBER 1979

A couple, Francis and Anne Thackeray (both studying for doctorate in Philosophy at Yale University, USA) are at present digging at "Wonderwerk caves on the farm "Wonderwerk", owned by Gerrit Nieuwoudt. The caves are reckoned to be older than half a million years.

The Thackerays are investigating especially the upper deposits — from late stone age. The deeper layers to be reclaimed by archaeologist from McGregor Museum in Kimberley, Mr. Peter Beaumont.

During the last $\frac{2}{10}$, they have unearthed cave paintings, ostrich egg beads, pendants grindstones, and bits of bone (probably remains of food of the last inhabitants of the cave).

Drawings are of animals and unknown figures. The diggings may contribute to information regarding climatic changes. There appear to be indications that there were both wetter and dryer periods than now experienced.

Thackerays to stay another month, then hope to move on in search of similar caves in Kuruman — Danielskuil — Postmasburg — Sishen areas. They are appealing to farm-owners who have unprobed caves or shelters on their property to contact them. (The reporter adds that it is illegal to dig or remove anything from any caves without a permit, obtainable from: National Monument Board, c/o McGregor Museum, P.O. Box 316, KIMBERLEY 8301

To contact Thackerays, phone Kimberley 28311.