

2022

27/07/22 Balcony Höle Luke, Hannah  
@ 09:00 - 15:00

walked over with Chris, Hannah, + Alice  
Rigged Handline with nice rope (replaced with tat/cotton).  
Rigged the entrance, Hannah arrived just as I  
finished we went off to see if Natural Highs (Need  
more than 2m)  
to see if it was rigged, it wasn't, back to the  
entrance to get the rope then rigged Natural Highs,  
2nd traverse and 10m down pitch, all in the need  
of fettling @ went to <sup>the</sup> Honeycomb for an explore  
and then back to the entrance to find Alice  
and Chris, arrived just as Alice was descending  
Hannah led everyone back to Honeycomb, we all  
~~put~~ helped put a bolt in then left Alice  
and Chris to rig honeycomb. Me and Hannah  
left with minor fettling to the rigging on the  
way out. I headed down the hill to sort rope  
for fish face. 6 hrs

27/7/22 Balconhöhle Alice + Chris

It was great to be equipped with laminated surveys  
and a system expert in the form of Luke to show  
us the way forward, as I hadn't been <sup>further</sup> in the cave  
since first rigging Natural Highs & Leads 3 years ago  
Luke demonstrated impressive recall by pointed out  
a tiny pocket in the wall on the far side of Honeycomb

as a necessary deviation thread, then he & Hannah  
left me & Alice to it. One of the pitchhead  
Hittes was rusty & sticking out a few mm so I put  
in a new thread & descended to Lutes thread.  
Having stuffed string down the hole I climbed  
down a metre to look up & see it was indeed a long  
thread with my string stuffed in the top. Looking  
below I couldn't help but notice the floor  
c. 2m below. Hmm. I derigged the string &  
popped down a neighbour's pit, to also encounter  
the floor at c. -6m. Back up at the pitch  
head there was an obvious traverse level with a  
pit beyond where rocks fell c. 50m. ~~to~~ Could  
this be the actual Honeycomb? I could only  
spot 1 bolt a yard above my reach and didn't fancy  
waltzing across without a better grasp of the situation  
so we headed out to mutter about our written &  
verbal instructions about what must be "Fanny by  
Gaslight" traverse

28/7/22 Ballinacorney Harry, Hannah, Mealy, Antlebury

After Chris's experiences failing to find Honeycomb's pitch, we  
were quite keen to find out where it actually was. Two sightings of  
the survey showed an ~~identical~~ identical depiction of the pitch  
head, except that one was labelled "p6", the other "p52" and  
"This bit looks completely wrong." Some phone calls to Lutes and  
Nat eventually yielded a picture of the pitch head that  
confirmed that the traverse that Chris had spotted lead to

The pitch head. I faced with confidence, we headed in where I started the rig while the others sat in the bottom playing cards. Rigging proceeded mostly without incident, apart from the p7 beyond Honeycombs ~~was~~ raining boulders with disconcerting regularity. Out to rig the Hungarians however and re-glued the rope in the climb up to the start of Mongol Rally. All the ropes ~~above~~ were exactly the right length to the water. Headed out without incident. T/u 9 hours.

29/07/22 Balcony Höle - Harry & Hannah  
10:00 - 21:00

Rigged Mongol rally - ropes for which were taken down on previous trip and left at bottom of Hungarians. I rigged first half and then we swapped on big ledge, and Harry rigged second half. Harry ~~left~~ <sup>rigged a</sup> knot pass just over half way down - suggestions have been made afterwards for this to be re-rigged. Got to surface before heavy rain set in.

29/07/22 Fish face rigging trip  
11:00 - 03:00 and 17:45 - 23:00 8hr

Luke, Wassil, Kieran, Joel  
After a late carry <sup>up the pitch</sup> in the dark with all the rope needed for the first 9 pitches of (Kieran, Jonty and Joel). It was a slightly slow morning organising ropes, walk down to fish face was straight forward reflecting on the way. (Matt complete). The 1 rigged in first 2 pitches. ~~But~~ The ice plug we used walk across was completely melted.

So the way on was 5m off the ground tried swinging and climbing but couldn't do it. Mi can had a shot but rope rub was too much despite finding a nice natural to set up off it was not possible so headed out to get a drill from top camp. Some noodles and walk later we were back underground. Mi can and Joel adjusting the first pitch due to an extra bolt being missed. Me and Wassl rigged ~~the~~ up to the 4th pitch. Then out of the cave and back to top camp before midnight.

17/22 Hitti plenty rigging Balcony Hold 12-20 8hr  
Lucy, Martin, Frank, Paul Fox

Lucy & Martin rigged Hitti plenty and did a little exploration. Returned to meet Paul & Frank. Went to misidentified pushing front. Redescribed some pitches & traverses. Frank explored a tight key hole passage & did a rough survey. Lucy & Paul set out first whilst Frank & Martin found the proper next pitch. Martin got soaked on entrance pitch by a short 10 minute thunderstorm.

31/7/22 Balcony - pushing in Northern P. stop Harry, Hannah, Chris D, Matthew.

A fairly efficient shot sent us heading underground by 10:00. Straightforward navigation to the swing off Mangel Pully. A combination of the survey and a passage description on Harry's phone enabled navigation through Northern P. stop. We overshot the 6m pitch.

~10m rope, 4 hours, but duration, thread division

When we found it, we decided some bolts were in order, so cut some  
the drill to install a proper rig. Shortly after we got to the  
house round a wet pit and 5m-up-pit which was universally  
declared to be horrible. More wandering through the maze led  
to the pushing front in the far northwest - three phreatic tubes  
Harry and Anthony took the left hand one <sup>marked</sup> while Chris and Hannah  
went right. As expected, all the tubes connected in a mass of  
rock pillars ~~that~~ that later inspired the name "Erechtheion". Progress  
continued in well-proportioned passage through the complexity did  
not abate. Found a couple of-pit leads, and eventually called  
it a day at a continuing phreatic passage at the top of a loose  
climb. Headed out with a few route finding mishaps. The youth  
ripped out at lightning pace while the veterans were somewhat  
more sedate.

T/U: 14 hrs (Harry, Hannah) / 16 hrs (Anthony, Chris)

2/8/22 Balcony - pushing in Northern Pitstop  
- Hannah, Harry, Rob & Becca - 11:00 - 23:30 (T/U 12 hrs)

Rob and Becca had an early start to get up the hill in good  
time for our trip. Continued on from previous pushing trip and  
first went to promising borehole where pushing previously stopped.  
~~Rob~~ Harry & Becca took the borehole which sadly ~~so~~ crapped out  
in about 20m. Rob and I took the passage off from previously  
explored rift which ~~so~~ quickly connected in to crapped out borehole.  
So far not a promising trip, the main achievement being installation  
of 2 hand lines in Erechtheion, one of which was swiftly removed  
when a bypass was found. Backtracking into Medusa's maze we  
followed some more A leads, again splitting into two surveying  
teams. Harry and Becca followed a lead which got too tight  
so came to help out Rob and I with a loop in our area. The

passage was very cheery, with lots of muddy sliding ~~around~~. We finished the day with a rift which <sup>would</sup> require a rope to get down, a muddy upwards sloping passage and a potential path through a boulder chock - so there's still lots of potential in that area. There's also a large pitch at the end of Erechtheion which is very drafty. We had a stop for noodles at Northern powerhouse before heading out. Becka and I lead the way whilst Harry and Rob went back to Erechtheion for a forgotten drill. A relatively swift exit was had with no incidents.

3/8/22 Fish Face Rebolting Rob & Alice

Headed into fish face with the Tapers & Becka's survey team not far ahead. Route well reflected by Luke and quick progress made to the climbs at the Bubbly Bypass (Bx4) that needed to be bolted. Alice commenced rigging but after 1.5 holes battery 23 stopped working - expectedly & smelled of electrical fire - deduced short circuit. Battery 6 provided us holes so we decided to head down to the Kubla Khan level to inspect the leads there & possibly catch a battery off the Tapers. Flew down to TK that which is pretty big, past Mr Naughty where Luke had left a note instructing us to add some rigging. ~~There's~~ On arrival at the Nicholas Cage traverse through some excellent bombing passage we acquired the necessary gear & it was decided that I would add 2 extra rebolts to TK that then rig Mr Naughty before Alice finished bolting the climbs. Added the necessary rebolts, first was suboptimal as one of the bolts causes some rub (left bolt of Y hang). Then continued up, rigged Mr Naughty with the the others but on my heels then cracked on to find

Alice continues her rebolting. This eventually done <sup>after</sup> more  
battery issues (no. 20 big ticks) we were out & back at camp  
by around 11.

T/W: 10 hours

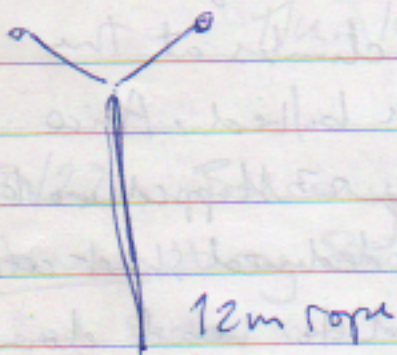
## Rigging Guides Fish Face - Updated

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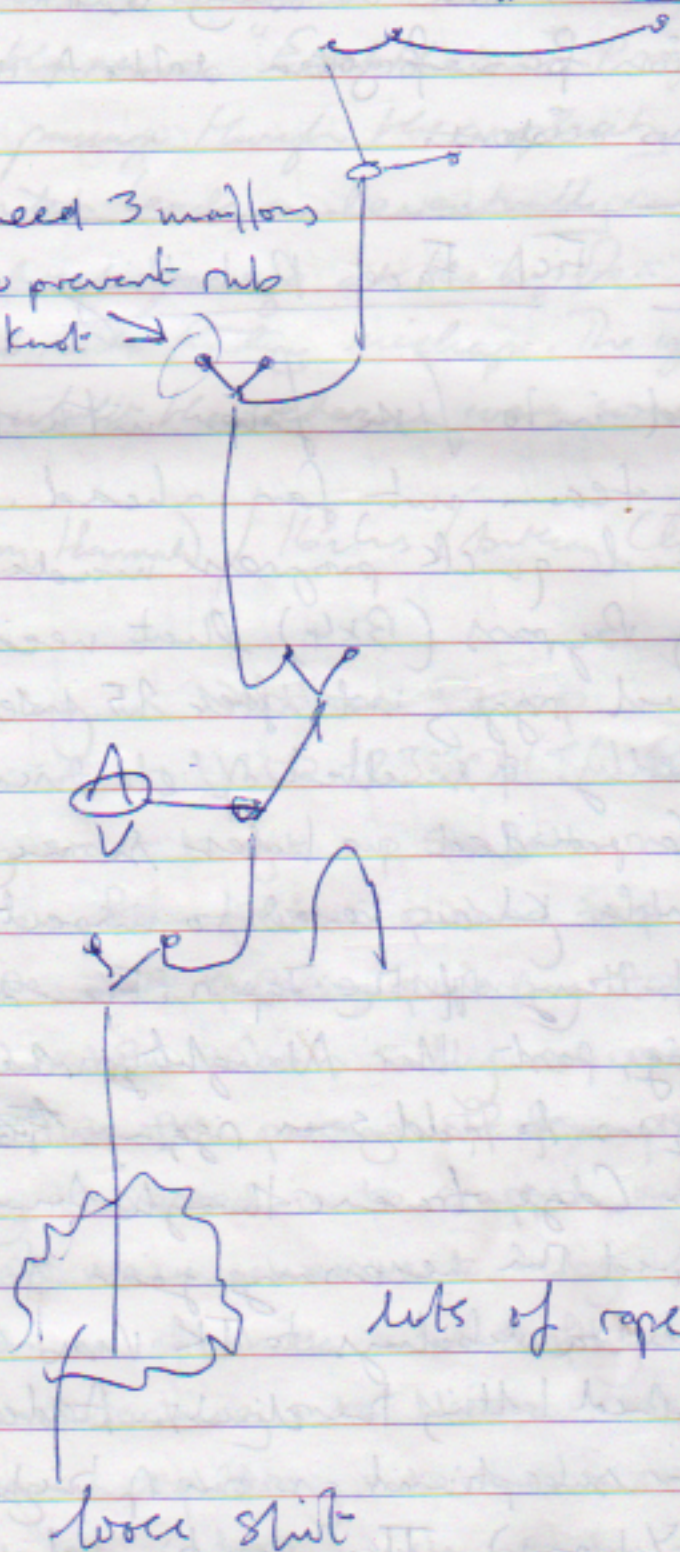
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need 3 muffs  
to prevent rub  
at knot →

Uhr Naughty



Bolt climbs



4/8/22 Fish Face Kubla Khan ~~Anders~~ Hannah, Becka, Amelia, Rob

Hannah got used to Fish Face yesterday and knowing the way to the leads it was decided that Becka & I should return to show some students of survey the way of data & drawing. I rebotted the one-bolt wonder 9th pitch ('rigged for convenience only') on the way down; had to nick some rope from the base of the previous pitch.

Arrived at pushing front, Amelia lacked sufficient clothing ~~for~~ for a tiny woman drawing in a breeze so Becka lent her an extremely unfashionable vest. Becka & Hannah set off down an A lead heading off East (?) while Amelia & I headed off towards a very sediment-filled passage into a very climbable area heading far away & drifting strongly down. The sediment had caused much porosity, with a lovely anastomosing half tube in the ceiling & many roof pendants. The clasts were occasionally very large (25cm diameter) indicating a high energy environment of deposition.

We proceeded to destroy history in the name of progress by surveying over the sediment banks to a QMC. We then headed back to the main passage to survey along a fault-guided passage (Strike 015, dip 65° E). This fun soon ended when we reached a pitch and had no rope with which to descend it. So we headed off to find the Tapers, but we found there either, as Jonty ~~was~~ was being sick all the rope into Keanu Breeze (which predictably turned into a pissy wet in hooper later on). So then headed ~~out~~ after crapping out a number of luteal leads just by looking at them.

T/u: 8 hrs -

Becka + Hannah surveyed a complex area flat connected back to known passage in 3 locations but via some sections of lowish walking paths. T/u: 9 hrs



30/7/2022 - Balcony Wassil + Alice 11:00 - 20:30

We headed into Balcony with the intention of re-rigging the pitch after honeycombs but first decided to descend to the bottom of Mongol Rally to have an explore. Having somewhat underestimated how long it would take to ascend from Mongol Rally, we found ourselves cutting it too fine with our callout to have time to complete the rigging. Therefore our re-rigging plans turned into an enjoyable tourist trip and we made it out in time to watch the sunset.

1/8/22 - Fishgesicht Luke, Mike, Jorty 11:00 - 21:00

Went in to Fishface to do some surveying at the bottom. Having not been told much about the cave beforehand I left my water bottle 'halfway', which it later became apparent was the bottom of the second pitch. Fortunately my blunder was overshadowed by Luke making an absolute mess of his surveying after numbering his compass diagram anti-clockwise. After ensuring Luke was appropriately shamed we continued our surveying, discovering Lices to Kill and making a loop closure, much to his chagrin.

TLs 10hrs

3/8/22 - Fishgesicht - Luke, Joel, Jorty 12:00 - ~~22~~ 22

Return to Fishface after a good rest. Joel and I rigged the Nicolas Cage traverse, which we took great pride in. Rob Watson stole our drill as we were deliberating how to finish the traverse. Alice turned up and decided the Nicolas Cage traverse was in fact the Nicolas Cage handline. After gaining access to the far side of the traverse and having been relieved of our drill we dutifully decided to continue on and survey what we strongly believed to be the best lead of the Expo. This led to the discovery of Keanu Breeze, so named while we were fighting for

our lives in the cold winds. After reaching the end of our lead at the top of a large pitch we decided to return the next day to bolt it. Getting out this time was a lot easier ~~this time~~ thanks to the aforementioned rest day.

4/18/22 - Fishgesicht - Luke, Joel, Harry, Jonty 1200-2200

Enthusiastically we set out to do justice to the Keanu Breeze pitch. With drill, hammer and spanner we made our way to the bottom of Fishface and layered up in preparation for the cold bolting job. As this was my first pitch bolting job Harry came to help me while Luke and Joel split off for some survey work. After finding a nice natural for the leading line the first Y-hang was easy to install. We had a good discussion about game plan during which Harry Kettle's love of deviations became apparent. I descended a short distance and found a nice ledge with a potential clean hang to the bottom. The obvious place to place the bolt happened to be in a very large boulder that looked like it didn't want to be part of the wall. Harry did not seem concerned about this until we swapped places and he got a look at it himself, at which point we agreed to bolt next to the boulder instead of into it. As we did not have a skghook this involved a sustained heel hook, during which I nearly lost a welly, as I drilled the first hole. After some time and some strange noises from the bothy I completed the rebelay. We then proceeded to descend the pitch and Luke soon appeared at the top shouting something about ~~have~~ us having left the survey kit behind. As he descended the pitch he made some faces and mulbered.

Something about 'nasty water'. Joel and I had faith however and postulated that we may even have discovered the Loser master cave. Being the rigorous caring team that we are, we took our measurements and, having got slightly wet, left hastily despite Harry reckoning he could push the wet passage. The Keanu Breeze pendulum to a nice looking phreatic passage remains to be attempted by a bold caver who still has the energy to go to the bottom of Fishface

3/8/22 Fishface - Kubla Khan - Andreas, Keiren, ~~Becca~~  
Tm 9 hours

Keiren ably guided us to the East QMs at the far south end of Kubla Khan then Andreas + he both did book in ideal passage for practicing surveying - sandy floored phreas. We surveyed steadily past a junction (left we surveyed until it ended, mud-filled, this is almost certainly the ~~the~~ other end of mudfilled passage on the R of Kubla Khan just before station S; right was surveyed by Becca + Hannah on 4/8/22). We continued then started climbing up + ended at a more complex area with a possibly free-climbable aren + two horizontal leads (surveyed by Rob + Amelia on 4/8/22). Saw out as 3 teams converged on the pitles and Rob was also re-nigger

4/8/22 Balkonhohe - Oakem, Antony & Alice 1/4 Blues

Antony guided us to Custard cavity in southern pitstop using Becca's description. The survey was being used as a "No Pissing" sign in Fishface. We rigged a pitch down on the ~~ave~~ <sup>+</sup>aven and off a natural and a hitty down on the left. Ascended the rope left in and began surveying. Alice started with sketching but soon retreated to the bothy. Antony took over. Oakem welded the disco with great skill and precision. Overall about 130m of cave were mapped. The tunnel continued down in a straight line before taking an obvious right turn (with a B/C lead on the left up a 3m climb).

2/8/22 - Fish Face Ahead off Elizabethline Th 10hrs  
10:30 - 20:30 "Double daylight" Mike + Luke

Mike rigged a ~~horizontal~~ Y-hang for the slope on crumbly slide, lots of excitement about how much wind there is. Mike then rigged a traverse line up into the window on the right, large free ~~area~~ tube. Started surveying along 2x3m passage but after 1cm became a rift went high but became too difficult to continue with out a traverse line but promising free ~~area~~ visible some further along. Went back down in to <sup>the</sup> rift followed the bottom. Dropped a ~~hole~~ <sup>little</sup> hole in the floor and found a pool dead ended. back up and over hole in the floor and found a nice pitch Mike bolted a Y-hang but then we were out of bolts and rope pitch continued so would have to be back. Out of the cave for a busy Sun Set.

**Saturday 30 July 2022**

Fettling the new section of the water collection and installing ropes on top of the tarp to stop it blowing up and being damaged against the roof of the stone bridge.

**Sunday 31 July 2022**

Frank Tully Martin Green, Paul

Martin rigged 'hilti a plenty' whilst I fettled the bivi, then turned up a bit late. Headed down the 'sponge chamber' sandy slope and missed the low crawl to 'let's be appalling', slid down the low slide onto the pitchhead which we started to rig. Whilst bored I climbed 2m above the pitchhead, gaining access into a tiny tube, 'sponge chamber2 tiny tube'. Phreatic tube trending down, wide enough at the top but slightly narrower below, basically it is quite strenuous, pushed for a few metres beyond the end of the survey. The tube continues much the same but it is not draughting much. Headed out because we got cold, found the passage to 'let's be appalling'.

**Monday 1 August 2022**

Frank Tully, Mylie Oliver, <sup>Lucy?</sup> Emily Mabbett Oakem Kyne

Basically a clusterfuck. I forgot my spanner and lent my survey gear (which contains my spare spanner), everyone else did not realise they needed a spanner - we need to update the expo recommended kit list...

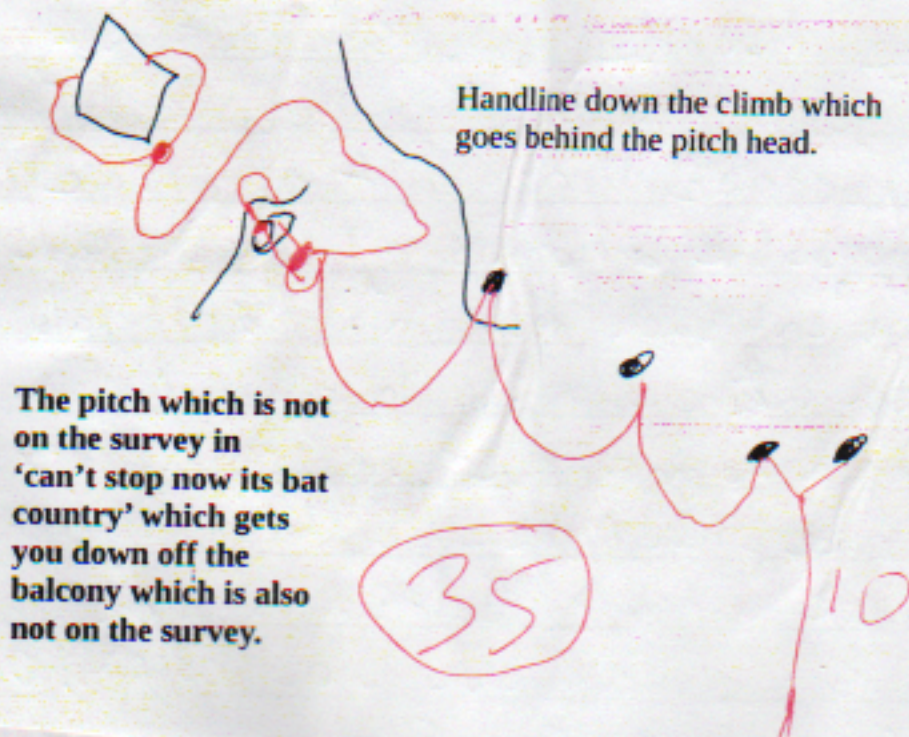
Killed off some qm's in the area, some of which were passages which were not closed on the mini survey and not actual qm's.

The two QmB's above the pitch which links 'Let's be appalling' to 'Can't stop now its bat country', were mud filled tubes and did not draught, interestingly there is a potential QM'c above the pitch which will require climbing up 4m but I'm not happy doing it.

Mylie and Emily had a dig in the West tube...

Tuesday 2 Aug 22

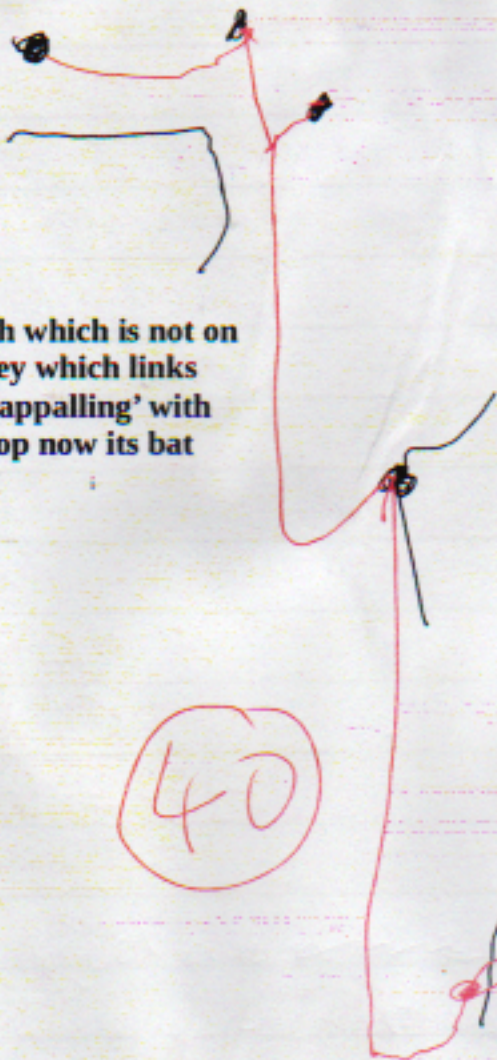
Continued down to below the 'can't stop now its bat country' pitch which is not on the survey.



Tuesday 2 August 2022

Frank Tully Paul Fox, Aaron Clair

Rigged down the pitch which links 'Let's be appalling' to 'Can't stop now its bat country'.



The pitch which is not on the survey which links 'let's be appalling' with 'can't stop now its bat country'

Surveyed the passage up dip from the bottom of the pitch, howling draught coming towards us, the passage ends in a clean washed chamber, possible continuation of the passage in the North East. There is a QMA lead from 'Let's be appalling' above. I need to confirm that all the draught is coming down the shaft, or that the continuation of the lower passage is where the draught is coming from. Needs looking at.

Followed the lower passage down dip to where the survey ended, ducked under the left wall and found a continuation of the passage. Surveyed this. This ends in a pitch into a small chamber with rifts exiting below, and a continuation of the passage across the pitch this appears to go into a larger space. Down appears to be 15m from the floor. Across is 5m or so. Need a drill and a rope.

**Wednesday 3 August 2022**

Frank Tully, Aaron Clair, Paul Walko

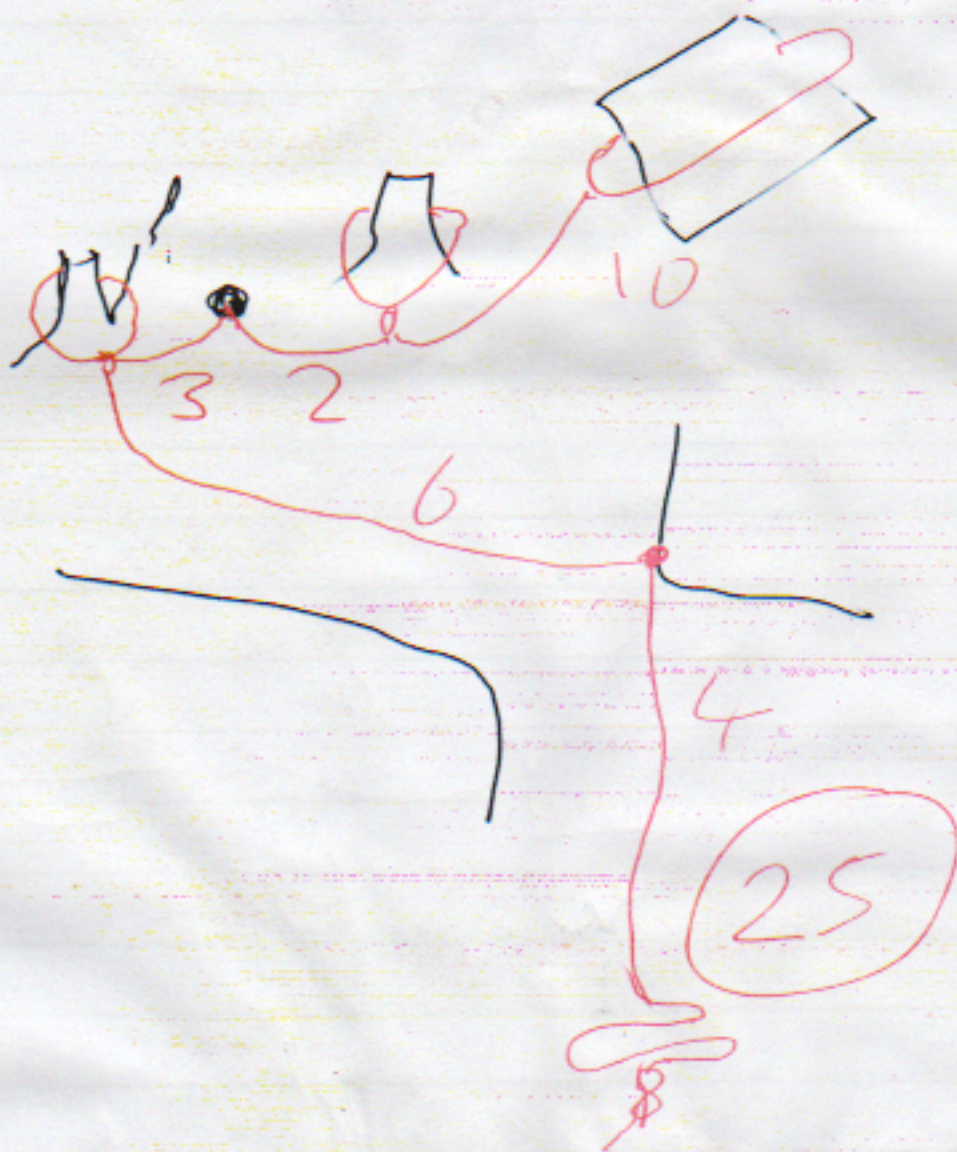
Trip to Balkonhohle – HiltiAPlenty – Unnamed area above start of Sloppy Seconds pitches

Followed the unnamed area down the canyon to a undescended small pitch.

Dropped the pitch with a pushing rig and found it comes out more or less above the top of 'sloppy seconds'.

Surveyed from the unnamed passage above 'sloppy seconds' to the previous unnamed canyon, so we should have a loop now.

Re-rigged the pitch for a trade route, attach line to large boulder; natural down to bolt and another natural over spike. Follow slope down to hang into the lower passage, landing on ledge half way down mud slope. I'm not sure if we can abseil all the way the slope without the rope rubbing.



Brought drill and kit further up the cave, basically to rig the traverse across the lower 'Sussex by the sea'.

**Thursday 4 August 2022**

Frank Tully

Feeling a bit knackered at top camp

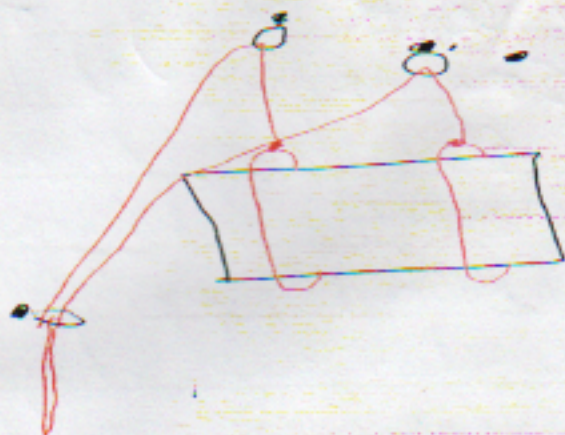
A beautiful still morning drinking coffee whilst watching the sun rise over the plateau, basically I'm knackered.

### Top camp suspended solar panel storage

Assisted Martin Green to install solar panel suspension in Traungold.

It is assumed that the solar panel got damaged because it was stored on top of the gear pile and point loaded when the blown in snow consolidated as it melted. There is a ledge on the left but it is known that this gets an ice flow which pushes stuff off it some years, so this is out.

It is intended that the installed ropes are used to suspend the solar panels from the dry roof high enough that they are not buried in snow. Or if powder snow is blown around them it drops away when it consolidated.



1. Basically pack up solar panels in their plywood case,
2. Attach to ends of rope,
3. Haul up into ceiling such the panels remain level and secure.
4. Tie off the ropes on the bolt, on the left wall. (the attached Mallion is a knackered one so try not to remove it).

### The dropped battery

The battery has been wrapped in polythene bags and the bags have been partially holed on the sharp limestone, basically lots of the acid has leaked out and some of it is contaminating the polythene bags. Moving the battery causes the acid to splash.

The battery has been moved from the centre of the chamber to against the wall.

It is very important that the battery is not carried off the plateau in this state.

It will be very difficult to seal the acid inside any wrapping, leaving a high likely hood that the acid will leak onto someone. Battery acid is very strong sulphuric acid and will cause serious injury if it gets onto skin, and is not immediately washed off with lots of water.

If battery acid gets into your eyes it will cause damage before it can be washed out.

The battery itself is too heavy to be handled safely or easily, especially over the plateau.

Be careful,

I am recommending the battery is carried off the plateau in the same way it was delivered, by constructing a two man carrying frame. It will be necessary to empty and flush the leaking cells before this is started. The current contaminated polythene will need to be double wrapped in thick polythene and transported off the plateau with the battery.

Neutralising the acid, (happy to be corrected here if there are any chemists.) The sulphuric acid reacts with limestone to form calcium sulphate, or gypsum and carbon dioxide. There is some lead sulphate which will contaminate the residue. Basically there is not that much acid and we need to make it safe before transport.



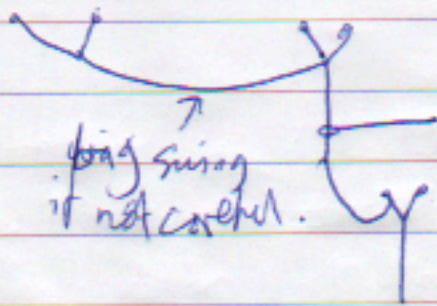
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13:00ish - 24:00ish

Happy Butterfly cave (GSH) - Mike Kieron Lucy

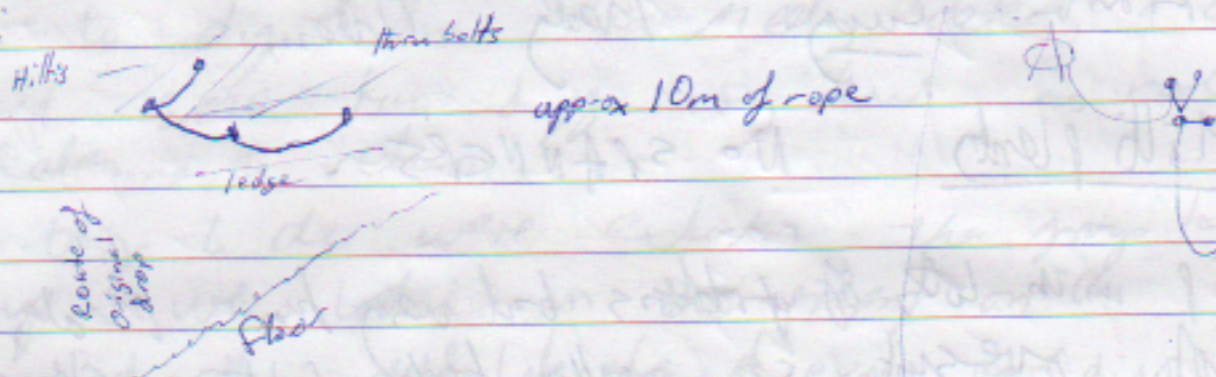
Set off late after midday due to fall with 200m of new white shiny rope walked to entrance. Some snow, skull from a few years back still there. Mike had de-rigged GSH in 2019(?). Keiran & Mike started to rig down 1<sup>st</sup> pitch, Mike later returned to this and changed it to a traverse instead. Keiran taught Lucy to rig on the second pitch which she did. The third pitch had ~~too~~ was a bit confusing with too many bolts for what was needed. Lucy too short to rig

3<sup>rd</sup> pitch  
new



Continued on, sweets above 30m pitch, we did not descend this but instead traversed into a crawl on the left hand side. Exploring this, wind from the crawl did NOT have an audio connection with the previous passage (Kieron return to pitch 3 to find out). This is therefore a phreatic passage.

1<sup>st</sup> pit has been replaced by a traverse using the first 2 Hilti bolts of the original bolting, with 2 new thru bolts along the left wall:



connected to the window poking into the 30ay to the left of the crawl.

Looking down the hole in the floor ~~Mike~~ thought it might be a round drift drifts & shape of hole, Mike rigged a pitch as

descended, up to 100m of rope into big cylindrical chamber. Rope did not reach floor by 2m. Big blocks & snow Lucy & Kiara been freezing, Mike explored & found ~~2~~ a survey point marked 2.6. Is this fish fall?

Trip air = to connect to pit too.

Freezing up - fun. Lucy swampy body comes off pitch

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Exited cave after midnight.

Walked back under pretty stars.

No survey equipment taken. need to save big pitch

31st / 7/22

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12:00, 17000

Frank Lung Mealy Oaken

Milli plenty No SPANNERS

Trip with lots of problems but very fun. Mealy forgot overcoat so walked back to toy camp. Lung & Oaken went a lot from Frank mealy. Descend down entrance pits & then Oaken & Lung went & discovered down Milli plenty had waited near bottom. Unfortunately by miscommunication Frank had not appreciated that this was the plan. Thinking Lung & Oaken had gone for water he & mealy spent ~40 min waiting above the pits. Eventually group regrouped at bottom Milli plenty went through crowd pulling ropes to top of next pit that had been taken down on Lung Frank Martin & Paul's previous trip. Arriving at the start of the pits however they sat and discovered that no one had happened to bring a spax. Mealy considered this they realized they would be able to rig further. Oaken & Frank set up for rigging while Lung & Mealy had an explore. They went down some small cracks in the vicinity & found a passage that entered into much filled passage. After about 5m

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(was previously made as O/B) though class was not. They decided this was a good place to dig due to mealy debris a 'draft' and had some fun digging by hand, as rocks do a demand to return.

One thing to do were exhausts, the group headed on up we looked in one fissure on the way back that would later be a expt as 'digg' Matilda! Trip aim failed but ropes moved deeper in (by 50m)

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12:00 - 20:00

Martin Mealey Lucy  
Milti Plenty

Lucy and 4 mealy descended followed by Martin down Milti Plenty, with idea to rig traverse based on previous trip of Fran Lucy and 4. Ochon. This was proposed rigged by Bekah but ~~there~~ no rigging guide supplied. They managed to rig across the 1st piton & while rigging they heard to their surprise, the sound of Frank beneath them who had gone with Paul & Aaron to rig as described in Fran's description of this day. We however ran out rope so abandoned this task, returned & spent the rest of the trip investigating small leads. Returning to the pass, visited by Lucy & Mealey & Fran on the 31<sup>st</sup>. This was the much anticipated P1 G that had been longed for at top camp. Lucy & Mealey where drilled into spars. How &

A most important shovel was set to work. My  
'work' this meant lying horizontal in the  
narrow passage a sign "DON'T COME  
a digging Matilda was me" for quite a  
time. After Martin had endured this with great patience  
he brought Mealy & Lucy to survey  
up the passage digging Matilda. Mealy did loose  
pointing Lucy did took. Many swear  
this were cold. They set off to explore  
leads in the Martin loop. Lucy was cold &  
tired I wasn't as enthusiastic as Mealy to go  
down small holes. They explore most small holes  
on the loop, saw the pretty cracked mud,  
licked the wall in the chaly passage, took photos  
~~in a narrow~~ Mealy follows a narrow lead for  
20 - 30m where she found it to "creek" before  
discovered a freshwater body described as a "pond"  
otherwise considered a puddle. There is a picture  
to allow the viewer to make their own decision.

On the way up Martin adjusts me to sign  
a denials on Milk Platy to make the more use  
friends

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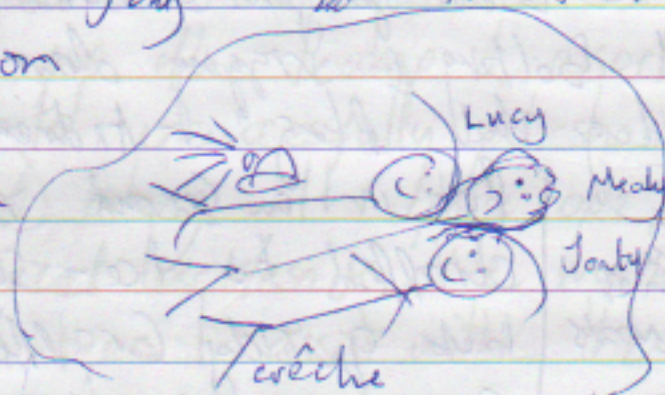
→ visual storyteller  
→ scribe

Anthony    Jonty    Lucy    Meedy    6 hrs  
Balcom    → Natural Highs

- Lucy had a awful time descending the long rope on her stop
- Down to Natural Highs
- Rerigged natural highs from both ends
- Meedy    Lucy    &    Jonty    sat - in both for long time.

Put hands on muddy slope (this took a while because of group in discussion on

to what was a good natural)



The ~~trip~~ having a great time in the botchy = 2k22

5/8/22

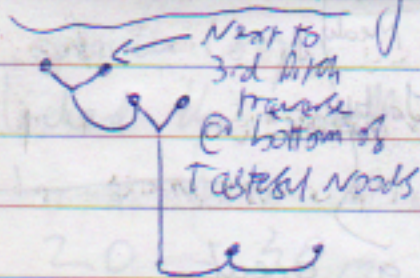
12:30 → 19:00

Hug the plug & Tasteful Woods

Fish gesicht ~~lead~~ - Surveying & Plumbing  
Shallow leads (no deeper than top of  
3rd pitch) - Joel, Andreas, Kieran

We went underground planning to survey the new  
ice plug which me and wassil dropped last  
Monday, survey Tasteful Woods and then  
explore the lead going N @ bottom entrance pitch.

First finished bolting & rigging down to new ice plug  
named "Hug the plug" - Andreas drilling.



Put in a second Y hang then  
dropped to ice - squeezed around  
but quickly crapped out. Surveyed  
but not to link in - need to redo  
to close loop) then got out as v. odd.

Surveyed Tasteful Woods (spanning new trade  
route and 2nd pitch. Courtesy of me,  
Kieran and Mike. W/ deviations galore)  
From station 14 at top of Ice Tube, but age  
didn't bloody link into existing station.

Once done surveying, we went along the surveyed  
passage @ bottom of entrance pitch to drop  
the unsurveyed pitch. Passage doubles back  
underneath with some nasty slick floor  
but after another small pitch continues to  
glimpse a larger chamber with large

boulders - Needs another short pitch to get in  
but we were a bit done by this point  
will go back to survey & push into chamber  
to see where it sinks into - have  
left around 90m rope.

05/08/2022 Balkonhöle N. Pitstop <sup>Chris D.  
Hannah C.  
Nate D.</sup>  
After some last-minute plan changes, Chris was able to  
convince me that a Balkon camp trip would be a good  
idea, despite the fact I'd only just arrived on expo/upp  
the hill. We packed up the camp & assorted chattels  
(with Chris trying to unsuccessfully fat-shame Hannah & I  
into taking less food) along with ~~park~~ rope, drill & hangers  
into several oversized tacklebags. We managed to find  
some willing volunteers to assist with the ridiculous carry  
& we were off.

Steady progress was made down to Pitstop, with some  
minor route-finding issues in upper Balkon trying to avoid  
~~the~~ sandy-crawl. Whilst Hannah & I fussed, Chris had  
found an excellent, so we commenced ~~some~~ work. A while later  
a cosy camp, well stocked with a variety of delicious foody  
fluids & pits. After a full on day we got an early  
night.

After trying to hide from Chris (who got up ~ 0730)  
for a while, Hannah & I gave up & got up. After a  
leisurely start, & a 45 minutes/hour commute, we were  
at the pushing front, on ~50m drippy pitch that



Hannah rigged under Chris's tutelage avoiding going down the wet shaft to land ~~again~~ in a bouldery chamber (Tartarus). A lead off to the right has a cathedral echo & with various bottomless holes in the floor potentially leading to the same place.

Carrying on down the passage (with various leads on the right) <sup>intersects</sup> results in a passage ~~go~~ going up/down dip ( $\sim 30^\circ$ ), with a wet trench at the bottom. Needing to survey up the pitch we headed ~~out~~ <sup>back to camp</sup> after a long day. [Bed 3am]

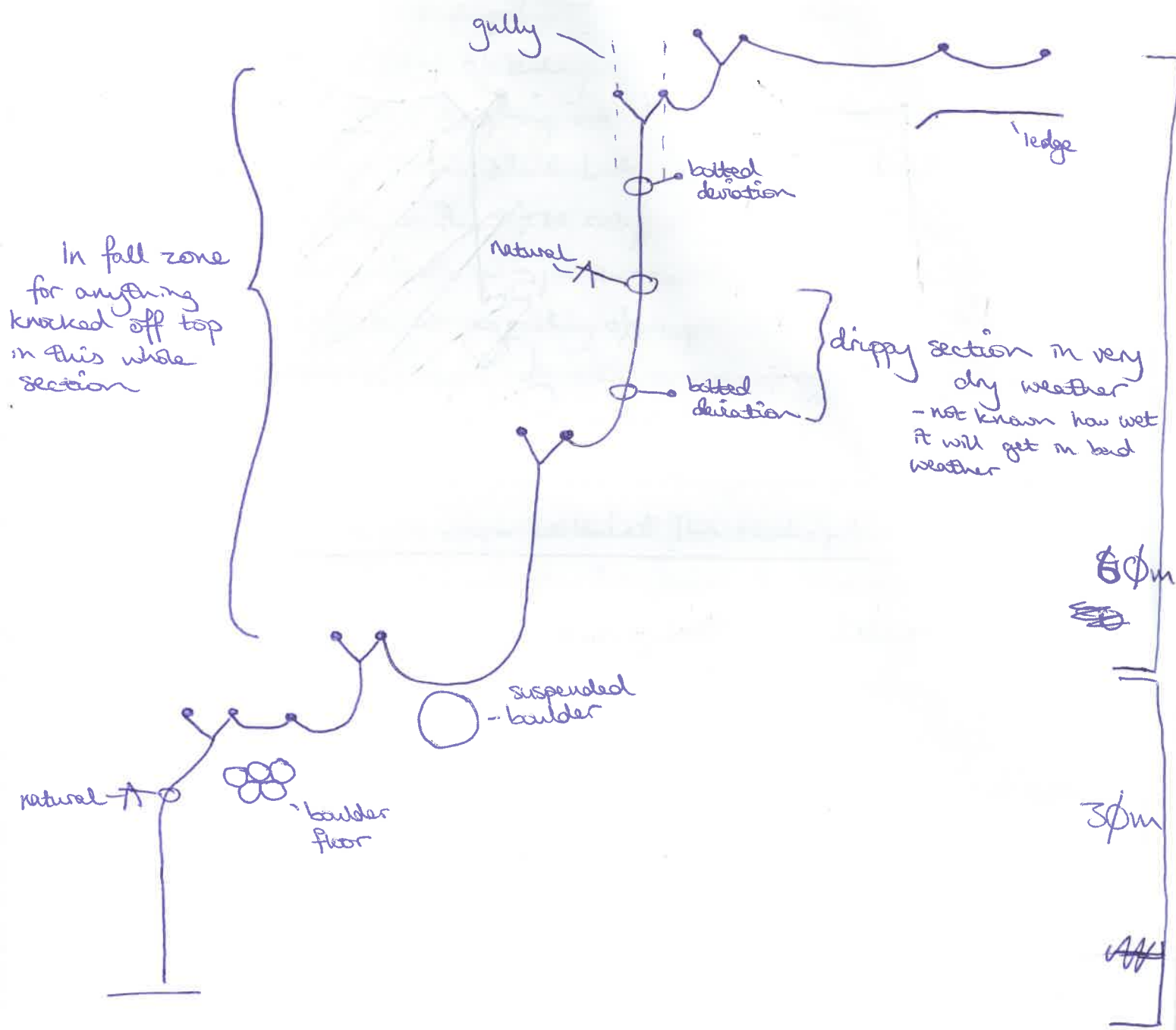
After a late start we headed out jettling various bits of rigging on the way out. [out 23:30]  
[bolted craggy pitch before Mongol Rally] TU / 59h

Kamp Fresh, Fish Face, 07-09/08/22 Rob, Luke, Mike, Jayc.

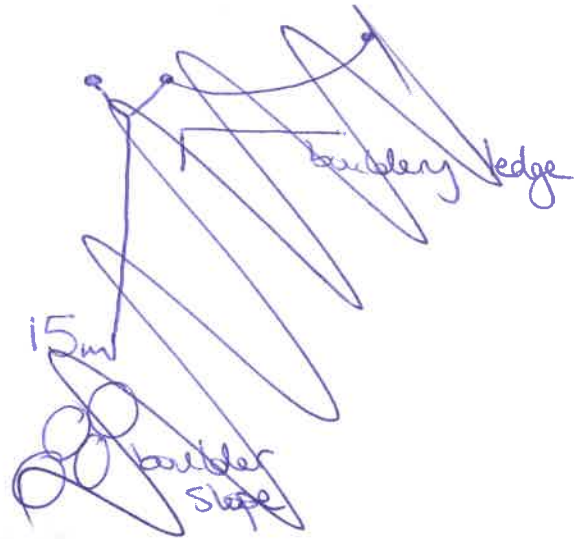
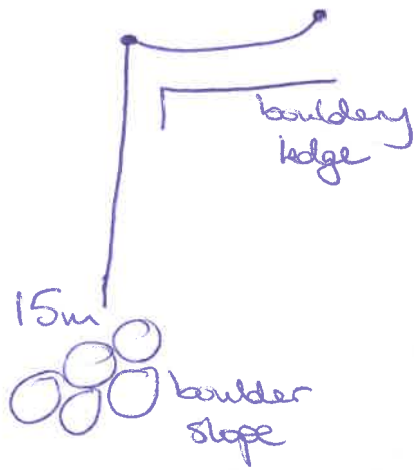
Awoke restless after terrible dream that I had spit all the coffee & had no time to make more before venturing underground. Up the hill in reasonable time, however just 15 minutes into the walk to Top Camp Mike managed to topple over & cut himself ~~badly~~ <sup>badly</sup> on his head. We were very poorly equipped to deal with this wound but cleaned it as best we could with hand sanitizer and then soldiered on to The Stone Bridge. Once we had begun packing in earnest Mike decided he was committed & rolled his Karrimat into a big red AV bag. Packed the nice thing 8.5m, Mike's drill, bunch of bangers etc. Down the came in reasonable time, discovered an excellent kitchen counter in the main passage toward Miracle Maze so began to decant & food

# TARTARUS

- could be used to traverse to phreatic window  
Higher balcony

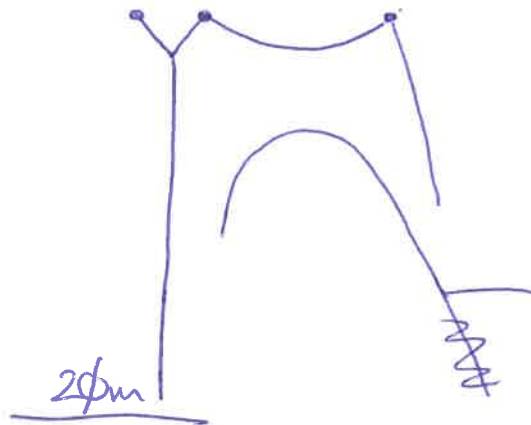


Short pitch below Tatarus



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Short pitch between Honeycombe & Hangman's - now bottled



there. Then went to have a look at the leads in Coconut Chamber while ~~waiting~~ waiting for the Tape to show up. Once he arrived it transpired that his entire supply of food for the camp was 3 cheddars & 3 curries, the first jape of many. After setting up the cane link & forking to ~~send~~ send/receive anything we had a curry then Mike & I headed off to survey Balkong's Arse while Luke & the Tape fiddled the Cane links. Got very muddy in the Arse only to break out at a junction, where we elected to look at the meander rather than the small take higher up. Left a canic rising off upstream then back to camp for noodler, Schapps & bed. Awoke around 8am for an enormous shit then off to survey Balkong's Nostri, just off the start of Elizabeth Line. That ended in a day, then we tied up the pneumatic tubes in the Arse while Luke & the Tape bolted at the end of Red Light. Quick noodle stop at camp then back to the front & down to the bottom of the pitch, heading east along a very big rift with phreatic development on the other side (big traverse needed from pitch head). Around 7m deep to ledge leading to a further 4s drop, very promising. Stripped the nice 8.5m out leaving metalwork in (so that the light rope could be used for pushing). Then inserted noodler <sup>into</sup> the Tape before commencing to kill Keann Breere by shuffling & snuffling across the big ~~jumped~~ jumped slakey block. This done (after having to place a rebelay ~~block~~ bolt above my head) I swung into a down stream meander & realised that the snagged in my eye was more persistent than I initially realised. Two more small pitches then the meander continued as an utter shredpiece & it was time to stop japing for the day. Surveyed ~~back~~ back to an unlabelled jape station then curries, candle washing & the last of the Schapps. Tried to sleep the eye off but it didn't happen. Coffee grinding was a less involved process as Luke & Mike decided they would <sup>to</sup> risk it given the volume of shit in the Tape Drum. A final visit to admire the top & penultimate

gripe to surface via core link. Then we headed out, abandoned the gripe to washup his candle. Left him the downy, which he proceeded to empty into the gripe, sandwich bags & all. T/M: 44 hours

Fiseng Gesicht 10/08/2022 Gwen, Erick, Tobias

The crèche had made the connection between Fiseng Gesicht and Happy Butterfly on the previous day, so the plan today was for a group to go into Fisface to do the through-trip and survey the connection, while another team followed to survey some unsurveyed passages in Fisface and along behind the other team once we knew they were through to Happy Butterfly. Arreha, Joel, Charlotte and Rachel were on the 'through-trip' team. Despite giving them a headstart we caught up with them at the entrance. Tobias and I nervously got dressed, not knowing what awaited us as it was our first ever effort. I was surprised by how cold the entrance was compared to the bearing temperatures outside. I was even more surprised when I bumped into the other team who had dropped their anchor on the first piler. After sewing the bag, Arreha realised the drum was not working, so Gerard and Joel left to get a new one.

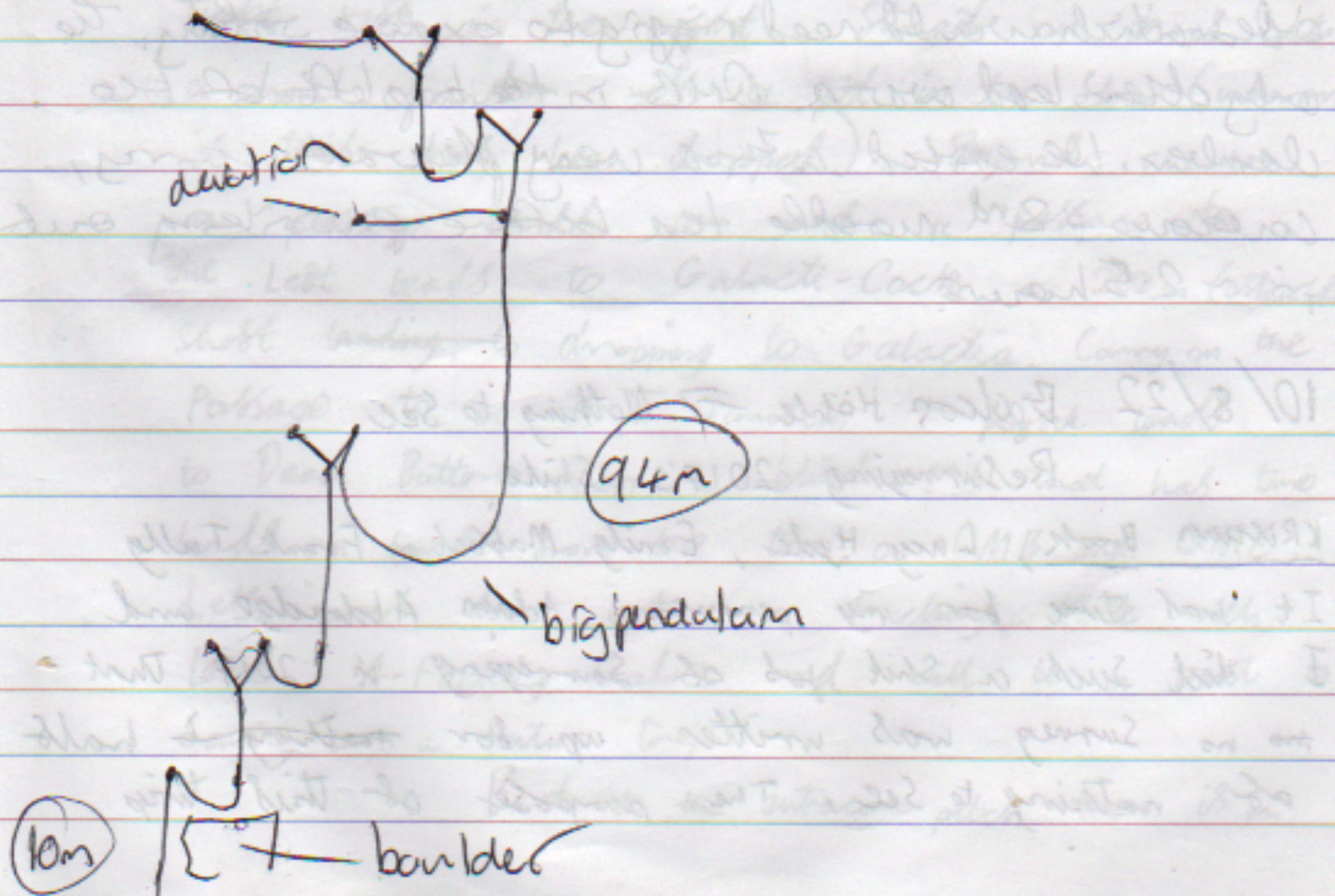
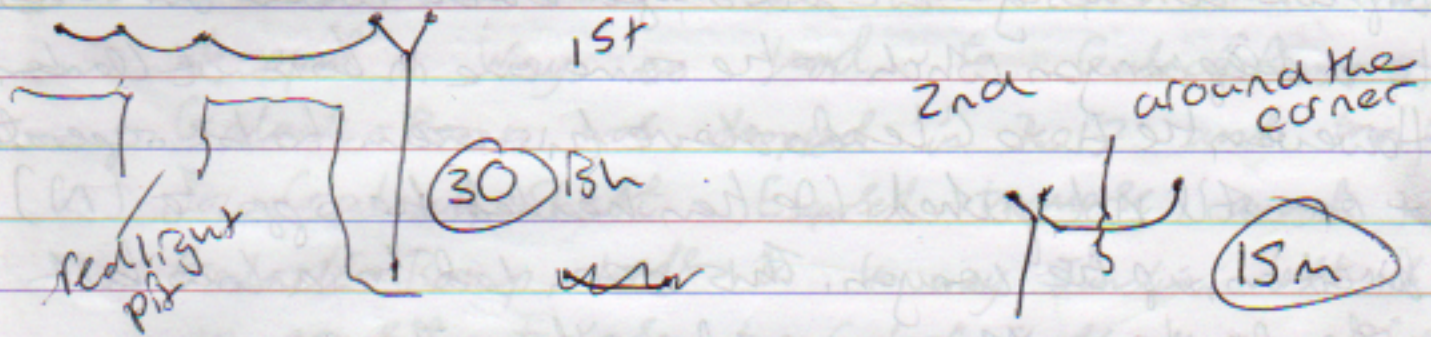
Our team continued with the original plan, so we dropped down to the piler above the SOM above the connection. We were surprised to see survey points here, meaning someone had done the job before but the data was missing. We completed the survey quickly and caught up with Rachel and Charlotte who were re-rigging the SOM piler above the connection.

Erick, Tobias and I then went up a couple of pilers to a passage Erick had explored on a previous trip. This passage ended quickly in a bewilderment so the survey didn't take as

long as expected. After completing the survey we went back down to the 50m pitch to see if we should be de-rigging in our way out. By this time Ted and Amelia had returned and were taking the traverse into Happy Butterfly. It sounded like they had quite a way to go, so we decided to leave without de-rigging in case they couldn't get down to Happy Butterfly.

TV: 5 hours

## Rigging guide for clapping pitch up (Fish face 290)



10/12/22 Fishface → Coconut Clamber

Surveying Coconut Shy

Bedea, Chris Holt, Nathan TWT 9.5H

Cand crew + Nathan headed to the bottom of Fishface & had a noodle lunch at the waterpool before clearing out the coconut clamber leads. We started to survey at old station 11 (of coconut clamber 3) then, 3 stations later, bed in to coconut clamber 3. 14 ... oh well, at least it confirmed our tie-in. The rest of the survey trip was confusing - we surveyed back under ourselves to a deep canyon which is the same one in coconut clamber. However, the two C leads above this seem to be separate & are still not pushed. We then headed the opposite (N) direction, up the canyon. This soon led to a low but wide dambe with many rock pillars. The canyon continued N but it is deep with slippery, muddy, sloped sides which would need rigging to explore safely. The only other lead was a OMB in the top left of the clamber. We exited with a very pleasant werry, conscious & 2nd noodle tea before pushing out in ~ 2.5 hours.

10/8/22 Balcon Höhle → Nothing to See

Resurveying 2017's Shide

Kristian Brook, Lucy Hyde, Emily Mabbet, Frank Tully

It was time for my penance. Adam Aldridge and I did such a shit job of surveying in 2017 that no survey was written up for ~~nothing~~ & half of nothing to see. The purpose of this trip

was to show this series to someone more competent to ensure it is further explored. I'm heading to Bat country a T Junction is encountered shortly before the pitchhead for Bat country. Turn Right at this T Junction and a pit is encountered (left takes you to Bat Country). Traverse over the pit ~~and you~~ and ~~can~~ drop a small pitch. Way on is true right. True left is a view of a lower passage that connects to Bat Country, there is a hole in the floor that has potential to be dropped. Way on lead to Galacti Ramp. Galacti-Ramp was dropped in 2017 and ~~was~~ linked to Galacti-Shaft. Exposed traverse around Galacti-Ramp leads to 4 way Junction. Left is an exposed traverse to Galacti-Shaft More. Right is a passage with that soon ends with a too tight rise in the right. Straight on drops into a ~~small~~ chamber with a pit in the floor (unknown if this has been dropped). Beyond chamber a passage leads on and a passage to the left leads to Galacti-Cock a 200m (estimate) short ~~leading~~ to dropping to Galactia. Carry on the passage to a T Junction. ~~→~~ Right leads to Dead Battery Run a blind pit that has two leads ~~on~~ from the top, a QMB and QMC. Left goes down into a Faching Nest with lead A-Fucking-Galore and will be a treat to survey on a future trip.

Back to the entrance pitch there is a



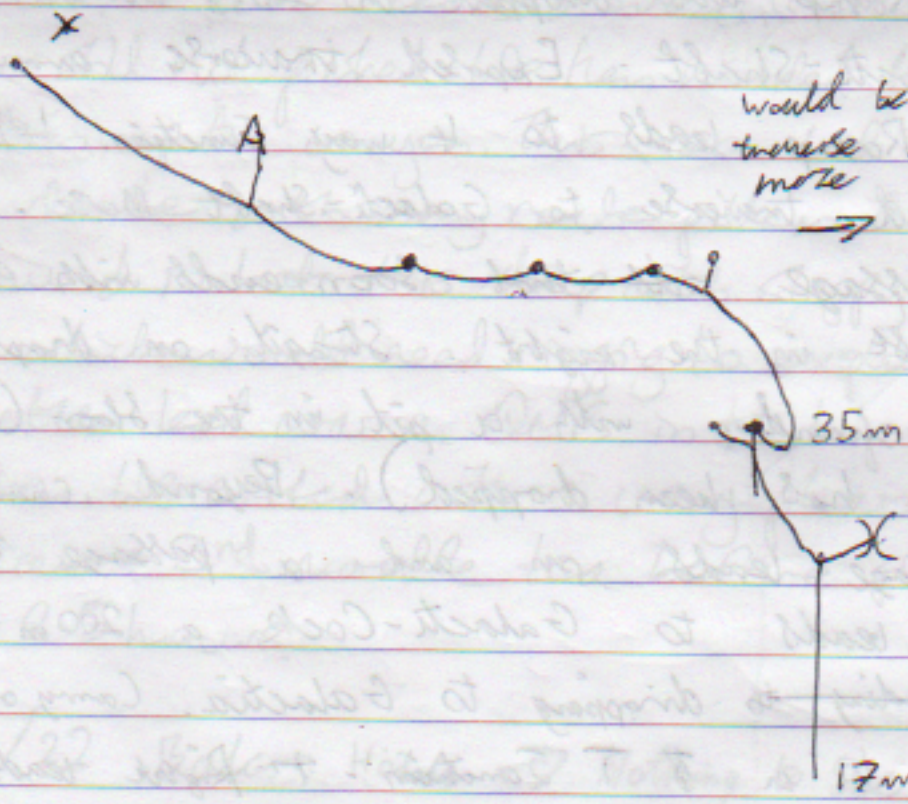
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in the left of the high band which leads to the Galactic-Shaft to make Series. I'm going have to survey that.

There a load of work still to do in this area so a revisit will be done. Notable events of the trips were that K Brooks rigging is amazing and Reblays are NOT TO TIGHT. If you weigh less than 7 stone <sup>(Lies, Lies, Lies!)</sup> you C rig, and the double stop method is optimal.

Entrance transect (Adams Stupid Smiley Face)

LD Maze survey ended on survey point 22 (Red NP)



would be advantageous to traverse further to Galactic-Shaft more  
→

10/8/22 Firchgshicht → Happy Butterfly

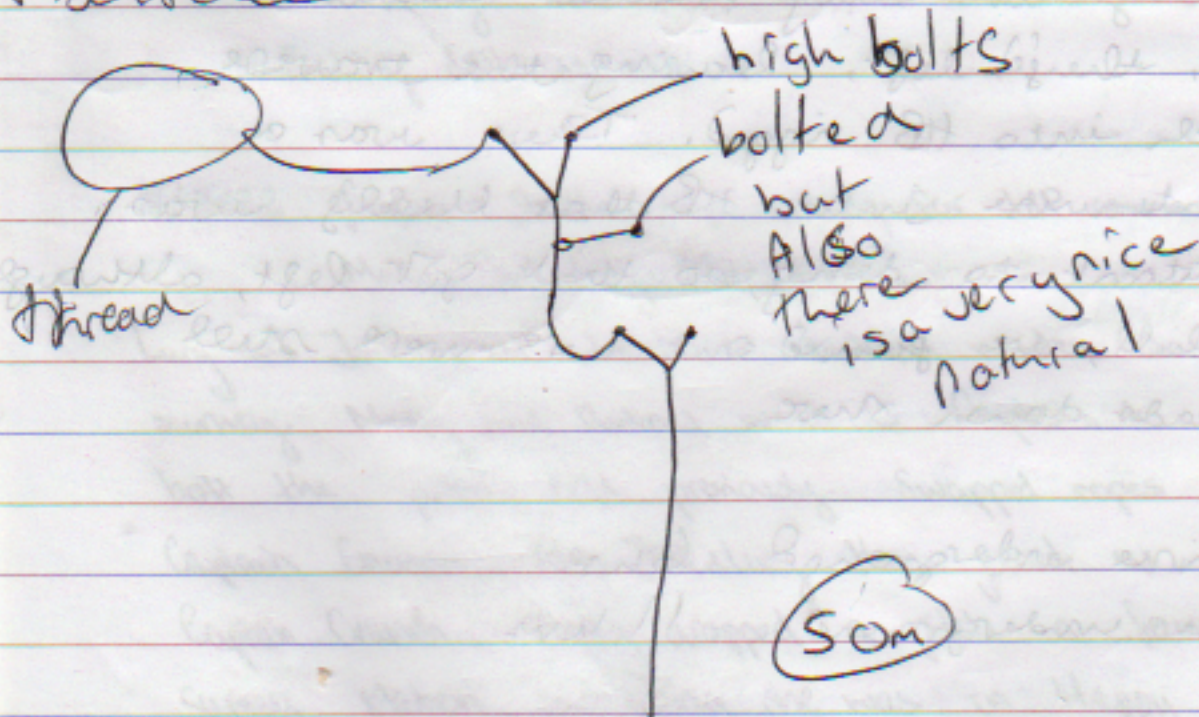
Connection via Crecheconnection - 11hr

RACHEL, CHARLOTTE, AMELIA, JOEL

2 Teams descended Firgface. Amelia led, immediately turning her back to the entrance pitch and into the traverse. She retrieved it, and I descended behind to her sad 'oh'. She asked, 'is it allowed to rope?' Thankfully, not the batteries, sadly was the whole drill. Some jaff, and discussed what to do. Mealy and Joel left the cave to amend for their mistakes.

Eric showed the remainder of our group (Charlotte and I who had never been

2<sup>90</sup> ~~near~~ Kean Breeze rigging guide  
Firface



to first sight before). We were baffled to see our route had been previously bolted on litters and surveyed, and wondered why we were back there. We swapped the rope on the pitch for a longer, thicker one. Charlotte dropped it as a free hang, noticing rebelay that we didn't have the bolting gear to utilize. Unable to get safely ~~up~~ <sup>off</sup> the rope, she ascended, we surveyed the top of the pitch area and waited for Mealy and Joel.

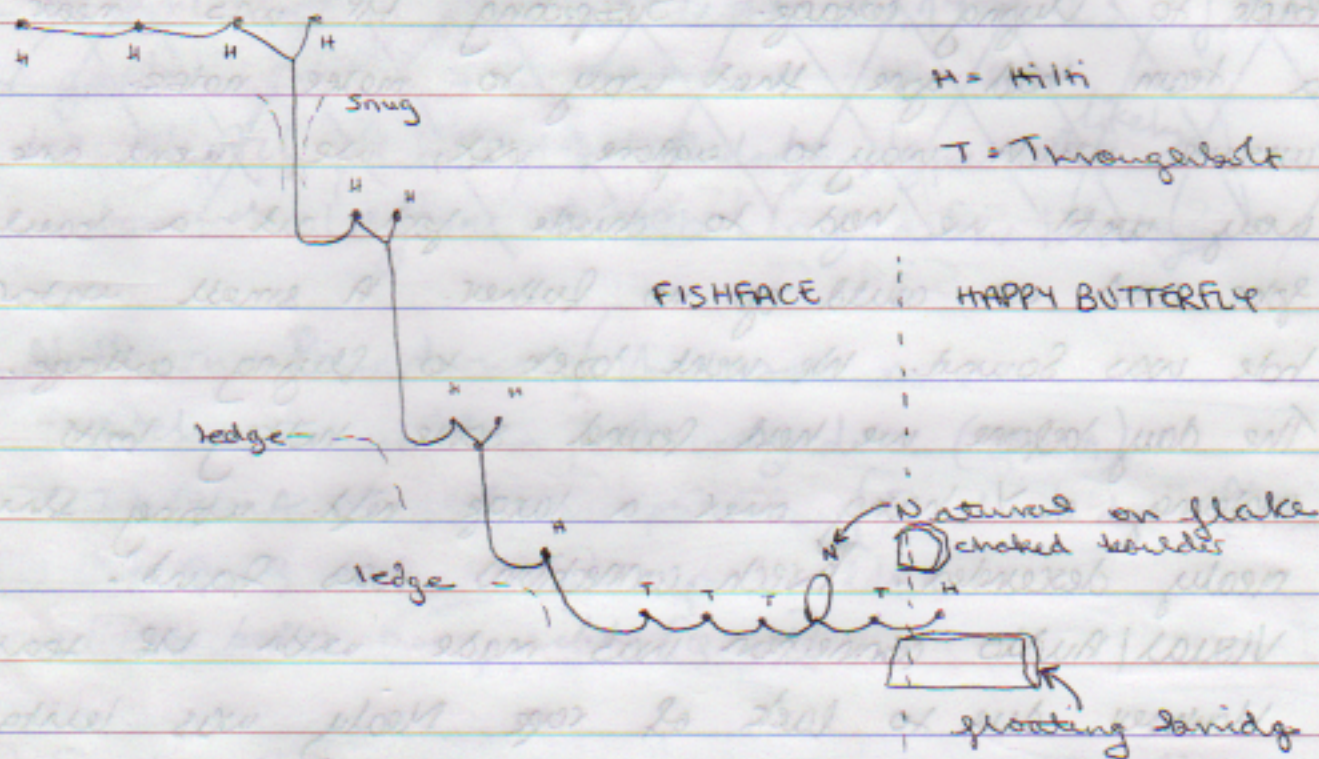
They reappeared, and Joel rigged the remainder of the pitch and rigged a traverse to a stone ledge.

Up and over, we were in Happy Butterfly, finding HB survey points to tie into. Erik's group were due to bring us, but due to us being 2 hours behind schedule, they'd left, leaving the traverse and pitch into HB rigged. There was a climbing traverse into HB that Mealy was a bit hesitant to do, so that got left, although down the hill, we found out there were still potential leads down there.

Expected time underground 6hrs  
Real time underground 11 hrs

A warm welcome to the creche.

# Creche Connection. Hpo.



## In Mealy's defense account:

- The donkey's side failed me, it was really sad.
- Breaking drills is sad.

8/8/22 fishface → shallow trip looking for HP connection.

Mealy, Joel, Lucy, ~~Chris~~, Andreas.

Lucy and Joel went to link fastfall routes to entrance survey. Mealy and Andreas went to Captain to couch to both the pitch left previously. Swapped ropes around in Captain Couch. Then Joel/Lucy then joined us to Survey Captain Couch. Mealy dropped a pitch a found a Survey station suspecting she was in Happy Butterfly one was pleased. Dropped another pitch 'flying collage' found more survey prints. Surveyed and left.

~Chris.

9/8/22 Fishface Happy Butterfly connection.  
Nealy, Joel, Eric.

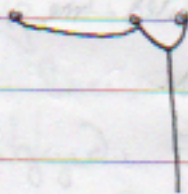
Back to Flying cottage. Suspecting MP was near  
a team had gone that way to make noise.  
assume which way to explore rift, we went one  
way until we had to chisel feet out a boulder  
piece and we could go no further. A small water  
hole was found. We went back to Flying cottage.

The day before we had found some nitkey bolts  
making a Y-hang over a large rift. using these  
nealy descended. Krich connections was found!

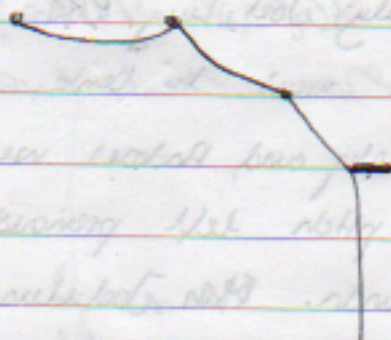
Visual/Audio connection was made with MP team.

However due to lack of rope Nealy was leiterating  
about 30m above/diagonal from Emily. We turned  
around with plans to bring more rope.

Captain Crunch #2:



Flying Cottage:



# QM / OBJECTIVES LIST WEEK 3 2022

→ DEDUCED FROM INCORRECT SURVEY

## ① CONNECT FISH FACE (1623/290) TO HAPPY BUTTERFLY (1623/291)

- QmC. Joke in floor at distance. 19' <sup>station</sup> S ~ 5m from
- garden in Sdkt. 6' in 290
- 291: pitch at bottom of bathedogen bypass <sup>likely</sup> connects to
- towards Ulysses at 290 along a SW bearing

## ② Northern Powerhouse / Medusas maze:

- pitch with window part way down (QMA)
- 2x QMA at alpha position. (5m climb down @ ramp)
- QmB dodgy climb up boulders
- Pitch below Group pitch [QMA]

## ③ Southern Pickup

- Continuation of ~~Access~~ <sup>Custard Cavalry</sup> + upward continuation @ top of access climb.
- 2x A-grade pitch leads from 2019.

## ① Connecting Happy Butterfly with Fishface (F.F) from Fish Face side:

- Pitches below Blitzer Boulevard instead of going up the <sup>climb</sup> left hand one is in the trench the other is along the meandering rift staying high
- From Entrance Chamber below 1<sup>st</sup> pitch, explore back under pitch towards NE. This area wasn't explored when first found due to drippy Fack Snow plugs which are no longer there might join in GSH4 survey.
- From top of Liquid Luck, appears to be a phatic continuation instead of dropping down the pitch. Bolt traverse.
- From Pendulum Pitch, (instead of swinging across base in to the meander towards Bkt B) swing North to passage going the other way. Might join rift piece in ~~the~~ GSH cont...

↳ cont...

From Happy Butterfly (GSH)

- Push bottom to connect in with Urinal in (F.F) going south
- 2014 area needs ~~re-sounding~~ <sup>drawing</sup> up. "Coulda shoulda woulda"  
and "Bath dogges by pass", ~~small~~
- Rope currently in place to bottom needs surveying in dry weather. Joins '206' station below boulders with rift appearing to continue down. Either pass boulders via thrutchy free climb to right or finish bolting drop above and to left of large boulder.

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## GLOSSARY OF EXPO TERMS.

JAPERS - any creature whose name begins with J

CRECHLING - member of the crèche

CRÊCHE - group of new expo goers who enjoy japing  
muttering & giggling.

JERRY CRECHLE - Red Bull Athlete & vlogger.

Plague pit - Potato hut is 2022.



to find my deviations worked. After leaving the new U-hang, I was surprised to see how deep the sharp bend my feet were. I had been so engrossed by holding that I hadn't really thought about the depth. Eventually, per Becker on a ledge, she suggested I bolt on U-hang here to avoid the U-hang not had bolted below the ledge in water. Before getting started, I had to do a long NAR's U-hang. This involved lying on my stomach on the ledge and posing my head over the hole vertically below the ledge to remove the U-hang. Once this was done I could bolt the new U-hang higher from the ledge itself. This was much easier than the other way, and being Becker right next to me gave me some confidence. Becker then went ahead of me to descend with the next ledge, where they had previously reached. Here she bolted a new monkey and U-hang. Unfortunately that was not enough rope to go further, so we <sup>simply</sup> surveyed two new legs on the way back up. As I reached the top of the rock I started to cut the rope down some corner for us. Dinyard and I ate our corners together while waiting for Becker to finish surveying. When she returned she announced she needed to do an monkey so Dinyard and I set off on the slow slog out. I think my alpine fitness had kicked in by now though as I found myself flying up the pitches with Dinyard on my heels. When reaching the entrance we started to wonder if Becker was OK as there was still no sign of her. Had she gone over a secret bottom entrance or got lost? 15-30 minutes later she emerged complaining that we had somehow evolved from slugs to butterflies. Great trip!

TU: 11 hours

Balkan rope wash

Becca, Alex, Johnno + Chris Holt

21/8/22

Tim Shaws

Walked up the hill in drag + up to Balkan. The water pool was perfect for rope washing using the small ashoburuf tube. Alex + I were about halfway through when Johnno (soddy without his wetsuit) + Chris joined up. We chained the rope + left it on a washing line then took the metalware out + I de-rigged the Embrane pitch, getting still dumber in the process. Foolishly I'd sent Alex + Chris off with just the metalware so Johnno + I ended up with another bag to stagger back with + we had to teeter around pulling up, repentary. Once we could see top camp on the way home I shouted "Can you help us carry?" Unhappily this was heard as "Help! Help! Help!" Alex + Kristian barked up + helped us back into camp.

Rishface - Rush Perseid Showers + Deng  
Bedra + Johnno

22/8/22  
Thu 14 hours

A fairly uneventful crag of noon start. 1h45 to  
the camp + picked up the packing gear then set off  
down the obviously well-sounding Perseid Showers.  
I got to where Hannah had turned back yesterday. It was  
spattery but OK. The ledge below with Gwei's relay on  
the far right took you far from the water which  
exited as a clean spout down the next section. I was  
worried this would get too wet but the night wall  
rig was OK + I got to the Chang hangers that I'd  
planned on my previous try with Gwei but hadn't  
had the rope to descend. I rigged them with the ~70m  
+ dropped cleanly ~30m to a large ledge. Fortunately  
the main water spout disappeared into a hole behind  
the ledge so it was quite dry. The drop to the right had  
crag rock + looked to connect to the drop to the left so  
I put a bolt in mid-ledge then 3 to traverse to better  
rock on the wall then descended ~15m to another  
subhorizontal ledge. I dangled my remaining rope down +  
sadly it didn't reach the Fontainebleau close (~20m  
down) boulder floor. Though this looked like it  
might only extend ~30m before reaching another drop  
(I tried to throw rocks down but it was too far +  
the water meant it was hard to hear). From my ledge  
water entered at either end + from further upstream.  
We started the survey, 4 legs on, had tied into mine +  
Gwei's survey + I dangled the 70m then propped up  
with the KT while Johnno dangled. We then spent  
~2 hours taking knots + metalware out of the Perseid  
showers rope + leaving it at camp then we propped out  
with the excess metalware, drill, etc. En route I dangled the  
4th pitch (so the rope could be cleared) + I pulled up the 3rd  
pitch + removed the metalware + left it coiled at the top.  
I dangled completely the 1st + 2nd pitch with Johnno  
emptying bags + forth taking bags off me. We set off from  
camp at 9pm + emerged at 2pm, shattered so we left 3 bags  
for Nat + Hannah in the morning + headed back for Ben Cummings.

Left at Rishface "camp" by top of Perseid Showers!

- ① ~100m blue + white striped 9mm
- ② ~100m white (with green + orange flecks) 8.5mm
- ③ ~70m white 9mm
- ④ 36m 2016 10mm

all used to rig to ~~camp~~  
to connect packing field with ④ should get you to boulder floor.  
9 buns + 10 beads + 4 rings + 21 maillets  
+ 2 AS hangers for rigging Perseid Showers.  
(need extra hanger as Johnno could not dangle  
one on traverse)  
① ② ③ need WASTING before use

~~Don't~~ green abundant +  
PTO for rest of start → at camp

- Also left - green at brot herf rope water  
- 4 man battery  
- big first aid kit  
- full Coleman fuel canister  
- note book + 2 pencils  
- 6 tealights  
- 2 lighters

Extra items needed to get to pushing front in  
Pensera Slower  
- 2 sleep sandbags  
- New target to replace one that  
couldn't be damaged