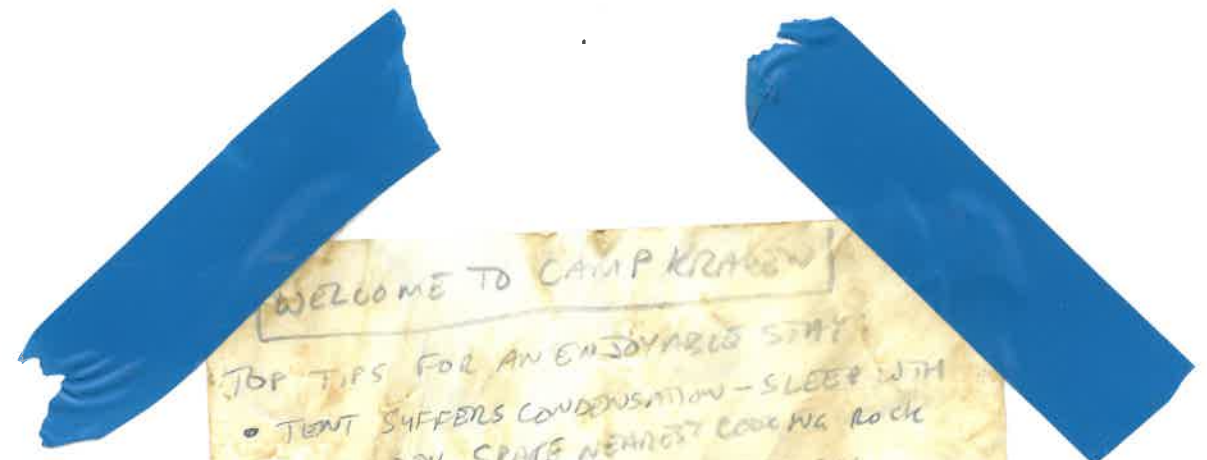


LOGBOOK - 2018

& 2019, see later

To log entries online go to ~ /expweb/years/2018
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WELCOME TO CAMP KRAGG

TOP TIPS FOR AN ENJOYABLE STAY:

- TENT SUFFERS CONDENSATION - SLEEP WITH DOOR OPEN. SPACE NEAREST COOKING ROCK APPEARS WARMEST, DRY OUT FIRE BY WEARING THEM OVER YOU IN THE MORNING.
- IF STOVE IS SLUGGISH, INVERTING THE GAS CYLINDER ONCE LIT HELPS.
- DESIGNATED GENT'S PISSOIR IS THE WATER HOLE (DRIPPY LINES! YOU HAVE A 10 FOOT COCK). ALTERNATIVE DRY PLACE FOR LADIES OPPOSITE CRAPPING STOOL.
- WHEN USING THE CRAPPING STOOL, MAKE SURE IT IS STABLE AND YOUR BLADDER IS EMPTY. USE THE BIG BAGS WITH HANDLES (OR SMALL BAGS FOR DOUBLE BAGGING).
- PUT PLENTY OF WATER IN THE CAMP MEALS

SEWERAGE IS ALL
A 10 FOOT OF
BAGS

→
logbook of: JPS

2018-07-10

~~X~~

CROSSLEY, DICKON

BALKONHOLE - 1ST RIG

Rigged entrance pitch as far as second deviation but found deviation that had been removed along with ^{hanger} bolt. Dickon spent 10+ minutes swinging to find bolt but it could not be found. Returned to surface.

T/u: 4 Hrs.

2018-07-10

~~X~~

JON, ANTHONY

TUNNOCKS - 1st Rig

Rigged Tunnocks to start of Caramel Catharsis (or thereabouts). In the words of Anthony: "Nothing to report, just tell everyone how great it was."

T/u 5hrs.

saved to ~/expweb/years/2018/log

Subject: Prospecting log book entry
From: Rebecca Lawson <beckalawson@gmail.com>
To: Mark Shinwell <mshinwell@gmail.com>, Tom Crossley <tcac2@cam.ac.uk>
Date: 2018-07-13 10:56

Here are my notes from our day beyond Fisch Gesicht.

Once we have a logbook and a printer at base camp we're collectively responsible for printing this out and stapling it into the logbook :-)

Mark, I could do with some hand-holding about where to put the photos before they are all forgotten, ta.

11 July 2018

Becka Lawson, Mark Shinwell, Tom Crossley
Prospecting past Fisch Gesicht, beyond the ski pole line

After the first spit had been set we realised that we'd forgotten the bolts, doh, so the tags for these caves have been hammered into cracks and only cucc-2018-ms01 has a hole drilled.

cucc-2018-ms01

Becka's phone GPS 33+ 410730 5274320 Alt 1698m Accuracy 4m
Description: Rubble slope with snow plug down to a jammed boulder. Wriggle down next to it to a 45 degree ramp down. This levels off to a tight squeeze down to a small chamber. Around 30m long with no draft.
Sketch: see notes and photo on Becka's phone at 09:30 on 13/7/18
Notes: tag hammered into crack near to placed spit
Photo: Becka's phone at 14:00

cucc-2018-ms02 Blitz Baum Schacht (Lightening Tree Shaft)

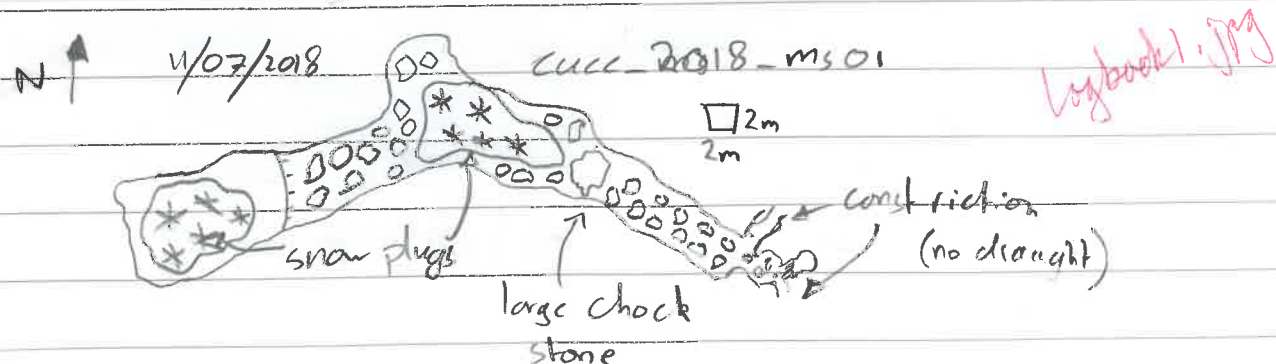
Becka's phone GPS 33+ 410635 5283186 Alt 1724m Accuracy 4m (see also Mark's GPS)
Description: Around 30m NNE (say 020) from distinctive, large, dead tree struck by lightning. A 30m+ shaft, rocks rattle for several seconds. Hole ~5m long x 1m wide.
Notes: tag hammered into crack on flat area on long side
Photo: Becka's phone and Mark's phone at 14:56

cucc-2018-ms03 Zufall Hoehle (Coincidence Cave)

Becka's phone GPS 33+ 410376 5283124 Alt 1714m Accuracy 3m (see also Mark's GPS)
Description: Squeeze through boulders then drop down c2 and along a tall, narrow rift for ~10m to head of ~7m pitch. Weak draft out. This was re-found by Dickon and Jon later the same day and they said there was also a phreatic tube visible from the pitch head.
Notes: tag hammered into above entrance boulders
Photo: Becka's phone and Mark's phone at 16:10

cucc-2018-ms04

Marks's phone GPS 00409613 5282951 Alt 1680m Accuracy 3m
Description: 10m+ shaft, approx 2m long x 0.5m wide, in a line of similar shafts
Notes: tag hammered into crack
Photo: Mark's phone at 17:00



2018-07-12 CROSSLEY, CHRIS DENSHAM
TUNNOCKSCHACHT - STRING THEORY - PROCRASTINATION RIGGING

In via usual route to head of string theory (already rigged) and found three ropes (~35m, ~45m, ~60m). Used ~35m and ~45m to rig string theory (Crossley rigging) then found ~90m rope at top of procrastination. Used ~20m rope to rig traverse then ~90m rope to rig pitch (Densham rigging).

Left tub of flapjack, snickers, and curries with billy bag at base of procrastination. Also left ~90m 9mm rope for Kraken with slings, snapgates, hangers and mailons.

Returned to top camp ~5 minutes before callout. Blame my (CROSSLEY'S) slow rigging. Brought ~60m rope out.

T/u: 10 hours.

At bottom of procrastination:

- 1 x 2-3 man billy
1 tub flapjack + snickers (small daren drum)
4 curries
10m x 9mm (Kraken rope)
~45 hangers + mailons
~3 slings + ~5m x cord

2018-07-13

SURFACE REEF

FOR FUTILITY - PHILIP SARGENT (solo)

Cycled/walked to N. end of Altausseer lake to try to look at Weisssee Wand area of likely location of hole from the other side of the valley (Trisschwand side). Failed to get far enough: only 1km away but 500m too low & surrounded by 600m cliffs.

IN (FUTURE) go to this area via SOUTHERN SIDE of the lake as N. side has a long section where bicycles are forbidden. MAPS DON'T SHOW THIS.

The N. end of the lake has 2 restaurants and there is road access via the S. side; and then the track towards Appelhaus is driveable path (and certainly mountain bikeable) far quite a way.

Return trip planned early in the morning one day.

On return, looked for site of 1982 base camp. Probably at the MASLHEIR LANDING STATION for the tourist boat. Photos taken.

Whole trip (inc. a glass of MOST) 1130-1730 4 hours.

2018-07-12 Walk from Top Camp to Gschwandt Alm

Becka + Anthony Task ~7 hours from T.C. to Bergkobernabergpark via Gschwandt Alm + S side of Rosen

After prospecting yesterday & finding a well marked (spray painted from various vintages in yellow, blue & pink) trail I persuaded Anthony to try to work out where it went. We went via Bush. Got to adding to cairns & reflectors then interspersed the trail. He followed it uphill, right to high on the shoulder of the Kleines Willkogel (N) then down to the Gschwandt Alm (S), latter part not so distinct, mostly small cairns & bits of path on cut banks.

2018-07-12

PROSPECTING TRIP - Jon, Dickon

Prospected along side of Kleine Willkogel along South edge heading West. Little but choked shafts for most of the day, but promising end of the day with two good leads. Conveniently, another team claimed to have discovered one of the better finds 2 hours before we found it. This is heavily disputed and questionable.

CUCC 2018 DM01 + Jon's phone DD 47.69781N 13.81647E ^{GEOD?!} 4m climb to cobble floor. Crawl under arch leads to 2m deep hiding rift. Choked.

CUCC 2018 DM02 - Jon's phone DD 47.69756N 13.81331E 8m climb in narrow shaft. 8m climb in wide rift to snow plug. Squeeze past snow plug horizontally 10m leading to small chamber w ice formations. Small window with cobble floor leading to undescended 10m pitch. Rocks rattle at bottom.

CUCC2018 DM03 + Jon's phone DD 47.69813N 13.80967E Large open shaft leads to snow plug, undescended. 30m? Continuation unknown.

CUCC2018 DM04 - Jon's phone DD 47.69714N 13.80618E Large undescended open shaft. 25m? Continuation unknown, potential passage on.

CUCC2018 DM05 + Jon's phone DD 47.69665N 13.80597E Large open shaft. 10m. Small rift at bottom leads on another inspected 10m drop. Almost certainly chokes.

CUCC2018 DM06 - *THIS CAVE IS A DUPLICATE OF CUCC2018 MS03, which was apparently explored by Becka 2 hrs earlier (or so she says)* Jon's phone DD 47.69514N 13.80591E Climb down boulder tickle 5m leads to 2m climb. Rift continues to 4m pitch into chamber, unpushed. Small passage in roof above pitch ledge to left continues 30m through narrow crawl to 4-way intersection. Unexplored further.

CUCC2018 DM07 - Jon's phone DD 47.69429N 13.80534E Large open shaft. In, down over snow plug 30m. 2 consecutive pitches. First 5m, 2nd unknown. ^{R THIS IS "HOME COMING"}

2018-07-13 PUSHING DM07/Homecoming Hole - Jon, Dickon

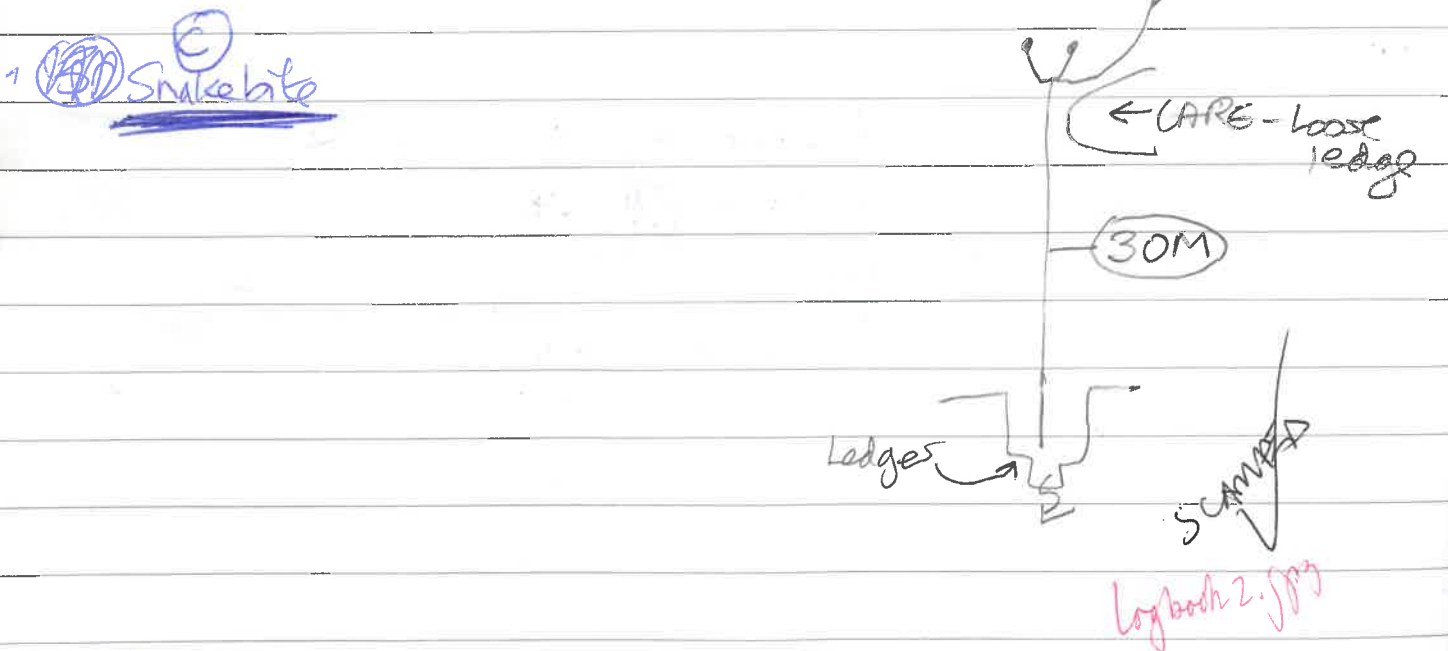
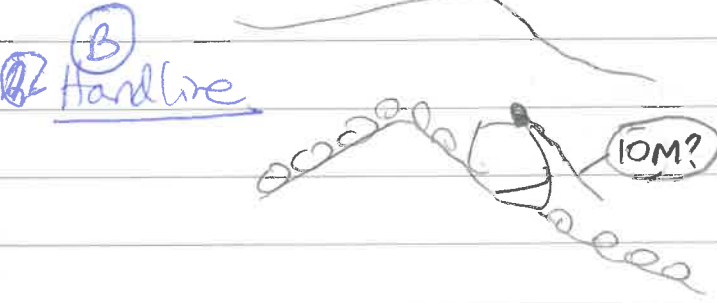
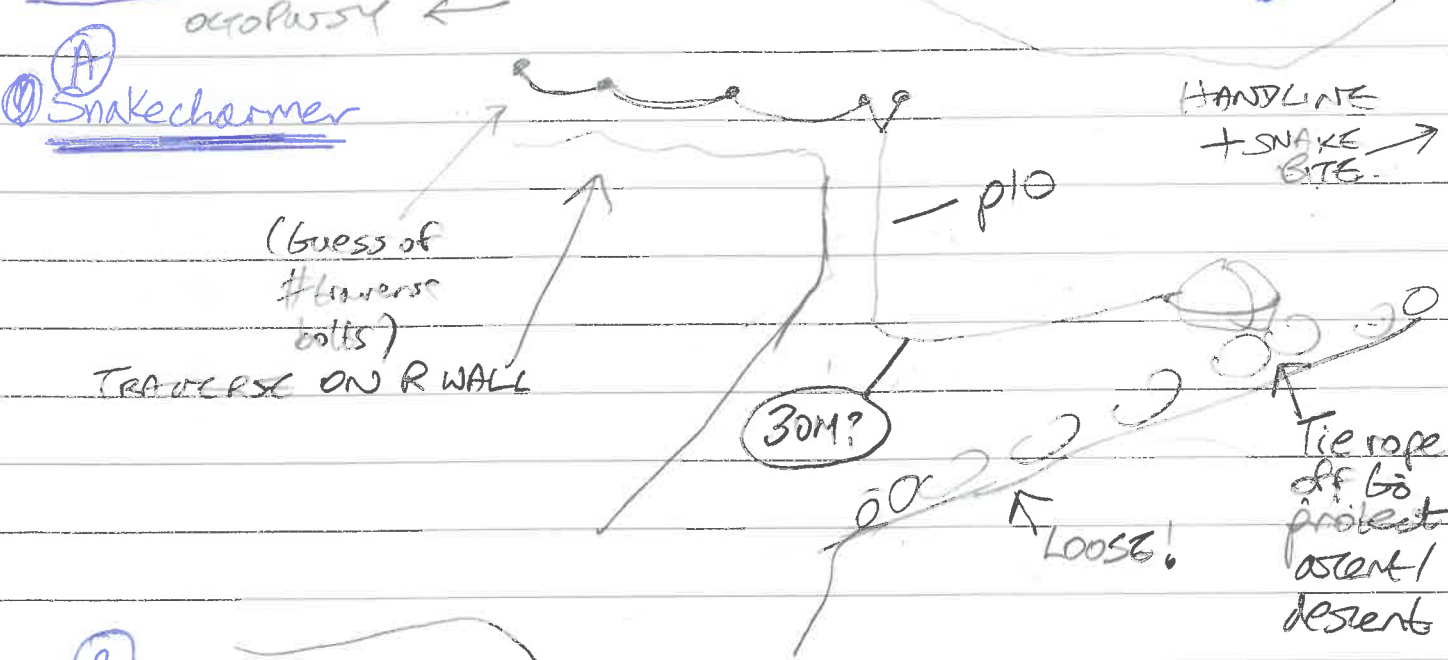
Headed off to drop DM07 followed by DM06. Started with DM07 as the closer of the two. First pitch/handline 5m down from surface to large hole in ground. Into hole in wall, 1m down and 2m traverse over a drop of 3m leads to top of snow plug that can be followed down 8m to passage. Crawl for 10m leads to first pitch, 5m, closely followed by longer pitch (10m?) into a rather large chamber. The way leading back against the direction of progress quickly chokes. Way on leads to large boulder. A hole on the left side yields a safe continuation (the rope also leads this way) on to the next pitch of another 10m into yet another chamber. From here, an impressive pitch was observed (8m diameter) which a 27m rope was insufficient to descend. Probably 40m deep. Strong draft, predicted by the majority of CUCC to be larger than Tunnocks [citation needed].

Surveyed out of cave, tag left on small shelf right under surface level. Lack of pencils led to ditching of DM06, though this is an interesting cave. DM06 still unexplored.

Jon sprained ankle before cave entrance, the effects of which showed up shortly after arrival to top camp, and which subsided by the next day. Strange stuff which unfortunately led to me being unable to push further the next day. :-)

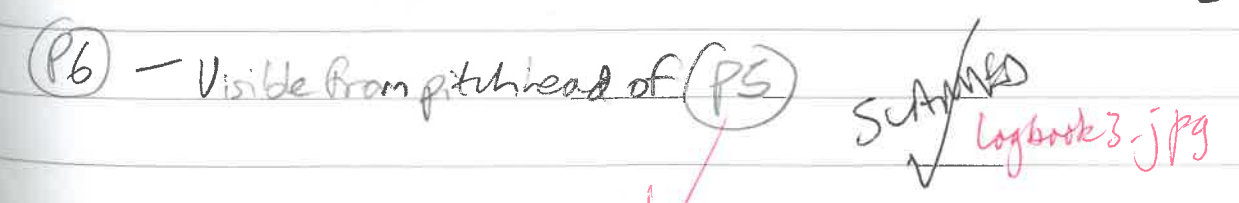
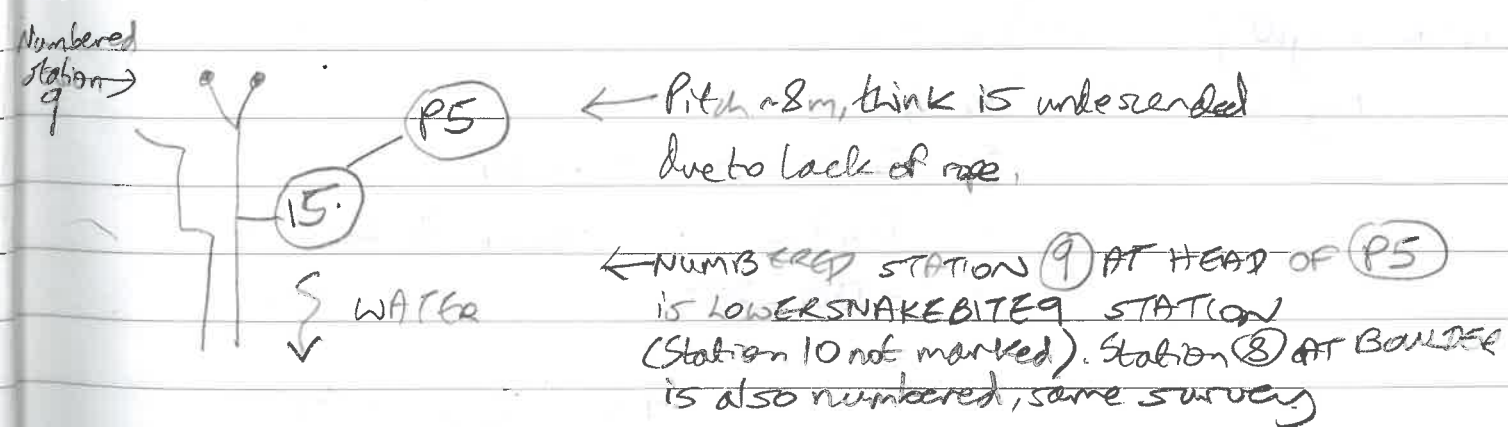
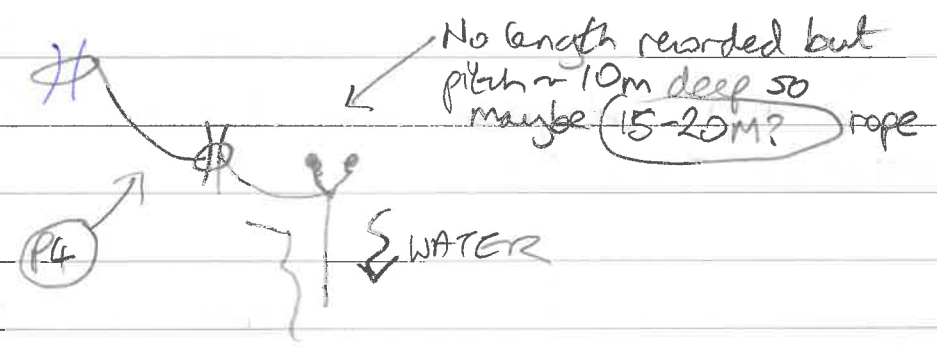
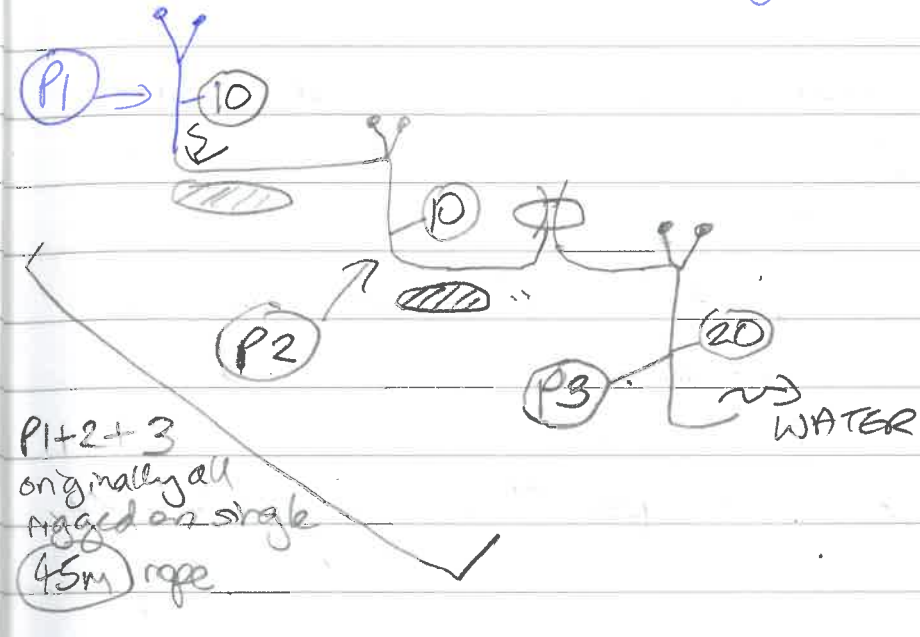
T/U: 3 hrs

14/7/18 RIGGING GUIDE - TUNNOK 258 - HYDRA
 SNAKE CHARMER → SNAKEBITE → LOWER SNAKEBITE
 Becka



Snakebite leads in large rift passage with waterfall entering from LHS. Water drains down to Lower Snakebite (this starts with an awkward free climb next to water, the more obvious passage on L of this is main Snakebite passage that connects to Song of the Earth as you fall DOWNSTREAM
 ← DRY

LOWER SNAKE BITE - Pitch series starts ~20M beyond
 Becka
 the awkward free climb below Snakebite following water down free climbs
 pitch



SAT 14 JULY 2018

ESTIMATED
CACC-PS01-2018
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P. SARGENT

SURFACE WALK TO 115 ENT. (SCHNEUZUG-HÖTZE)

Found the entrance - but it's ~60m away from where the GPS says it should be.

Attempted to get to location the GPS says it is but it's impenetrable pine/birch.

Stashed in 115 ent: 1 ^{2mm} ~~camping~~ tent, 2 karrimats, 1 litre water (a bit brown - filled in gent's loos at restaurant), small bag nuroli. I rigged a small water-collection poly sheet which may get 2-3 litres if we're lucky.

The walk along the Stogerweg (20) from the turn-off to the col & top camp is much more rugged than the part closer to the car park: many grumpy-stoppers.

Photos taken of turn-off point: "a barely discernable track" to cave. This "track" is much more overgrown than it was in 1982...

POSTSCRIPT

It wasn't the main 115 ent. I had found the upper (smaller) entrance.

My GPS is
N 47.66763
E 013.80945 } WGS84
elev 1547m } Garmin Venture Cx
[CACC-PS01-2018]

T/V 3 minutes

Friday 13th July 2018

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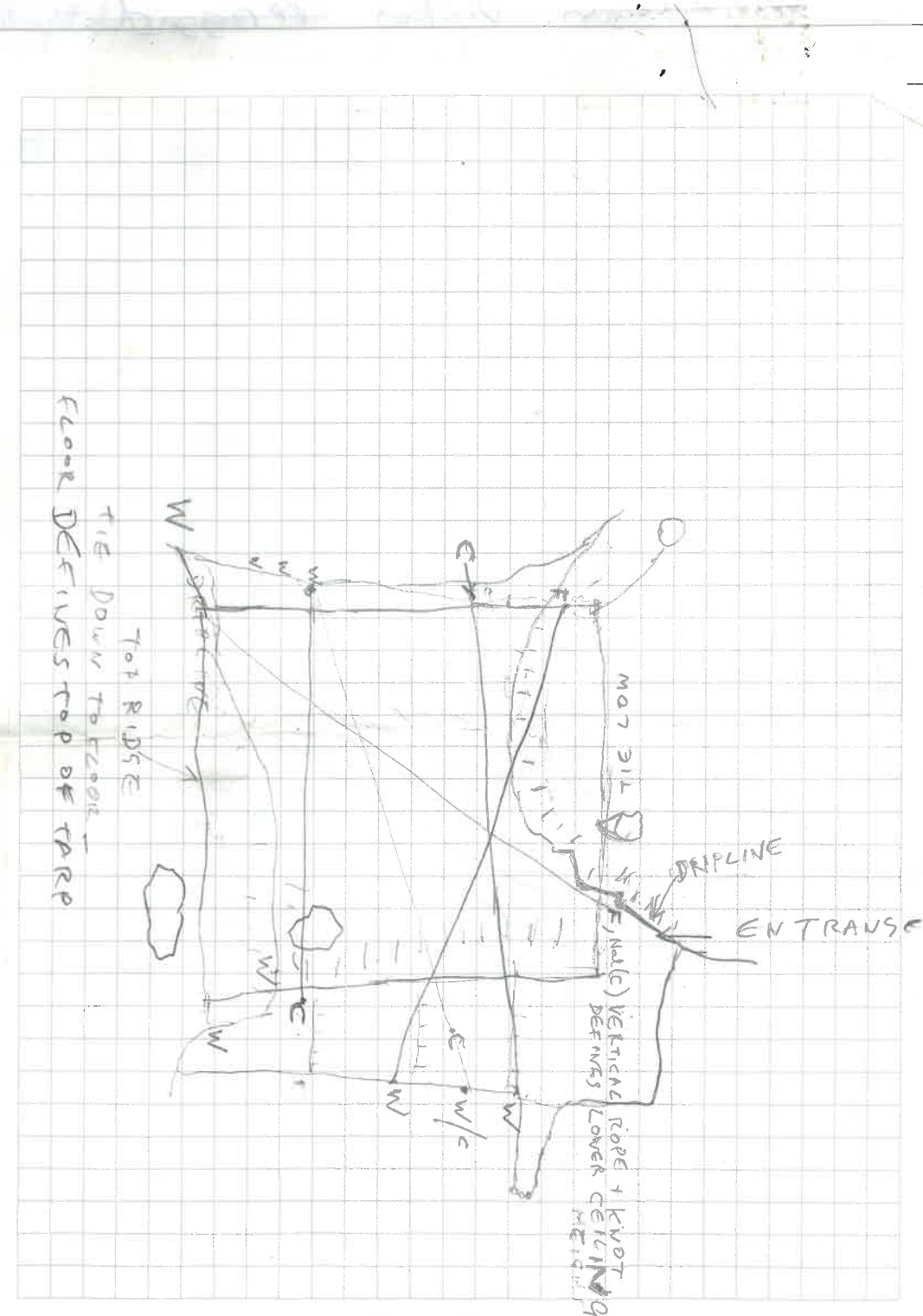
2nd Push in Heimkommen Höhle

Carried 2x 45m ropes and a 8m rope +30m over to Heimkommen. Dickon rerigged the pitch they ran out of rope on, now named Radgast^t. Pushed through a small meander to an up pitch (3m). From here it was navigating a large meander, dropping a pitch (5m) and traversing through some boulders. Another pitch (10m) began a climb up and traverse along to the top of Wallace (40m) which landed perfectly on a boulder above an estimated 50-100m drop, named Geramit. Out of rope, so we surveyed out.

TIME UNRECORDED ??

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2018 Steinbrecher Tarp Topo (CJD)
 13th July 2018



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 Logbook 4 jpy

2018-07-11 Prospecting / visiting known holes
 new Organizable
 Anthony, Chris, Frank, Todd

- Headed out on the covered path to Organizable to look at some holes found on a 2012 prospecting trip, and see what else we could find:
- 2012-dcl-06 ("big-D Hole") - apparently surveyed last year, but not in the dataset. Red survey station visible but unknown how far it has been explored
- 2012-dcl-08 ("Shark Tooth Cave", due to popcorn formations that look vaguely like shark's teeth). A cluster of 5m round phreatic tubes reported as carrying some downflow in 2012. Poked around in two holes on the left (which connect) and another at the end without finding any way on. Conclude survey completed.
- 2012-dcl-10 - re-found and tagged. ~~Report~~ Worth descending but not especially promising
- 2018-ad-01 - ~15m shaft just round corner from 2012-dcl-10 - photo'd and tagged; not especially promising
- 2012-dcl-02 - Tagged on our way home. Reported as downflowing faintly in 2012, but doesn't look promising

2018-07-15 Turntable rig
 Anthony & Becker

The ambitious plan was to rig the turntable as far as camp. This was never on after I misread the log entry from last year and believed the rope for Wilbur Turntable's was in the cave - it wasn't so we were a rope light. The number of the Beast rope went down the wrong hole when I threw it down the pitch and got stuck, necessitating much puffage to retrieve. The rope had also been cut and rebed necessitating a knot pass - this rope should be replaced by the 45m rope currently at the top of Spring Thru. In the end made it to top of before. Dumped camp stuff (3x pits + stove) and headed out. [Becker] using an EPK (European Reabin knot) with 8cm ends - who left this like this last year? T/u 11 hours

(Fish Face) Fischgesicht trips

9th July → Rigged to Blitzen boulevard (8hrs)
Mike, Michael & Lydia, re-rigged the cave entrance, to pendulum pitch & all the way to blitzen boulevard.

10th → Pushing to liquid luck (10hrs)
Pushed Past survey station 11c, found the free attic tube lead to a small chamber (Pissing Pot) then continued left to big pitch Bolted, Rigged, Michael nearly killed Lydia → called it liquid luck

13th → Pushing to Free attic flyz + Surrey liquid luck (11hrs)
Surveyed from 11c to 22 (a of benign bubble baby bypass + liquid luck + end of free attic flyz. Michael bolts LL, Lydia + Mike survey. Mike made a dry stone wall. Mike found Toto chamber

14th → Pushing to Urinal & getting rope/rigging * (7hrs)
Mike & Michael did more dry stone walling - More gardening. Followed the free attic opposite liquid luck ledge to find the Urinal → Bolted & rigged → ^(body size survey) get underneath * But possible free attic continuation. ^{Smelt pee + having pissed in B. Bolanard.}

15th → Pushed to Toto + surveyed Free attic flyz + Urinal (21hrs)
Tom joined Mike & Lydia. surveyed Free attic flyz & Urinal, found that urinal has high ceiling (B → T = 4.0m), possibly connects to happy butterfly ^{above}. Surveyed to chamber with boulder in the shape of Africa - called the chamber Toto

16th → Found Ulysses (11hrs)
Mike, Michael & Tom. Took photos, Mike & Michael go down to crystal crumble → found stegites → Pretty. Tom bolted coral corner → Pretty formations. Traversed round Toto saw a false floor to the continuation into continuation of free attic flyz called ~~free~~ ^{free} at pre-attic becomes meander right, (been bolted) & find large opening with left & right junction (Very false floor) called

odious odium, taking a right turn along the false floor leads to a vast floor now called Ulysses (after the Franz Ferdinand song Michael kept singing). Yet to be dropped due to its very unstable nature. Did some gardening but alot of work needs doing. Left turn at odium, leads to a "true" floor, leads to multiple bolder chokes & meanders in approx. Direction of Ulysses with short pitches not dropped. More photos on the way out. Michael gets ill, wees alot.

Log taken by Lydia - Clus Section.

- general notes:
- lots of pee
 - VERY LOOSE
 - Less ice than last year
 - Lot of key hole passage.

Stuff to do - (Dictated by Mike)

- Drop the pitch from entrance chamber to bypass ramp + climb & Ice plug pitch = more direct.
- Investigate meander at end of winch tube (clean)
- Possible alt. route opposite pendulum pitch. (clean)
- B. Bolanard rope needs changing (4.0m)
- leads in ~~Benign~~ Benign Bubble Baby Bypass need looking into
- Drop 15m at far end of B. Bolanard.
- Piss Pot re-surveyed
- Survey Bottom of liquid luck
- Survey after Toto
- Toto's trousers line
- KEEP PUSHING!!!

2018-07-16 Balkan - Cathedral Kazan →

Wild Honeycombs Shaft. → T/U 10 hours

The ~~Hangman's~~ Hangman's Belea, George, Luke

Spent over an hour trying to calibrate Top Camp's collection of Pitox's (my two, CHECC + USTAs) -

I was with 0.35 and ~~0.51~~ 0.51. Luke at 0.65 was way off and two Pitox's refused to pair with George's PTA,

you eventually underground + swiftly to Cathedral Kazan ~~was~~ (2 traverses x 2 ^{→ Natural High + ?} were in situ but short pitch ^(Name?) needed rigging), Luke then rigged Wild Honeycombs Shaft

~~at~~ Ash had -audaciously- rigged ^{this} off natural last year but it hadn't been surveyed leaving George + Rachel's Nature

Call's survey at the base floating, George + I followed Luke down surveying, with Luke concerned he'd taken the wrong

route but all was well. At the base there is a sort-of horizontal level which we rigged a short pitch down (7m?)

and then what George + Rachel had done as a 13m chimney down which Luke + I declared as a pitch. This led to a

ledge with a vast, pored boulder ^{next to it: The} ~~Hangman's~~ ^{Hangman's}

~~at~~ ^{the pits had} a massive echo + stone rattle. We drilled the pitch head spits but were out of hangers so headed out.

2018-07-17 Balkan → Wild Honeycombs → The Hangman's

Hangman's Daughter → Tunnels connection

Belea + George. T/U 11 hours

Luke was off-idea so George + I returned to the Hangman's I rigged down the pitch then we surveyed it to

a spurious ledge, from here the shaft continued (offset) but it

locked ~~at~~ damp + we were keener on the horizontal options - a window visible partway down ^{the} Hangman's pitch

and, from the base, a climb up on the left and a traverse to the right to a chossy climb. George went for the latter option

^{got up} + via some shonky bolts and dodgy naturals plus some ^{terrible} ~~bleat~~ stressful, boulder-balancing clambering.

^{This} ~~I~~ followed + we surveyed into what ^{entered what we've called Hangman's Daughter} initially looked really unpromising: narrow, catty, ~~thin~~ little passage. However,

it took a draft. We surveyed a loop round first (given George had scooped it) then got to the only proper lead,

a small pitchhead topped with nasty pored boulders. George had kicked quite a few down leaving a small hole ^{to} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~to~~

We only had one hanger + I dithered about whether ^{to} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~to~~ massive flake ~~was~~ as a backup but wed it in the end.

The ~15m pitch led to a small chamber. I climbed to the bottom where a BMC crappy hole led down + then - '!!!' []]

noticed a survey station. What the hell? I shouted to George who bombed down, forgetting to bring the Pitox so I

had to go up the hideous, rubbery pitch to Petri it. After some searching George found another station, 7m or so from the survey then tried to work out where the survey had come

from. Some shreds of oversuit on a tiny tube 3m above the floor of the chamber gave it away. The draft ~~had~~ through

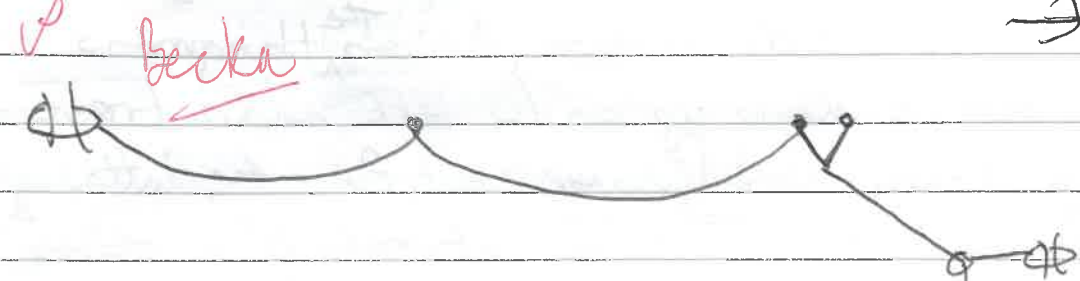
had cooled it in catty popcorn. We took our SRT kit + tried to crawl through but George didn't want to

commit to going headfirst (I told him I wouldn't be able to fish him out) + he couldn't get through. Beel

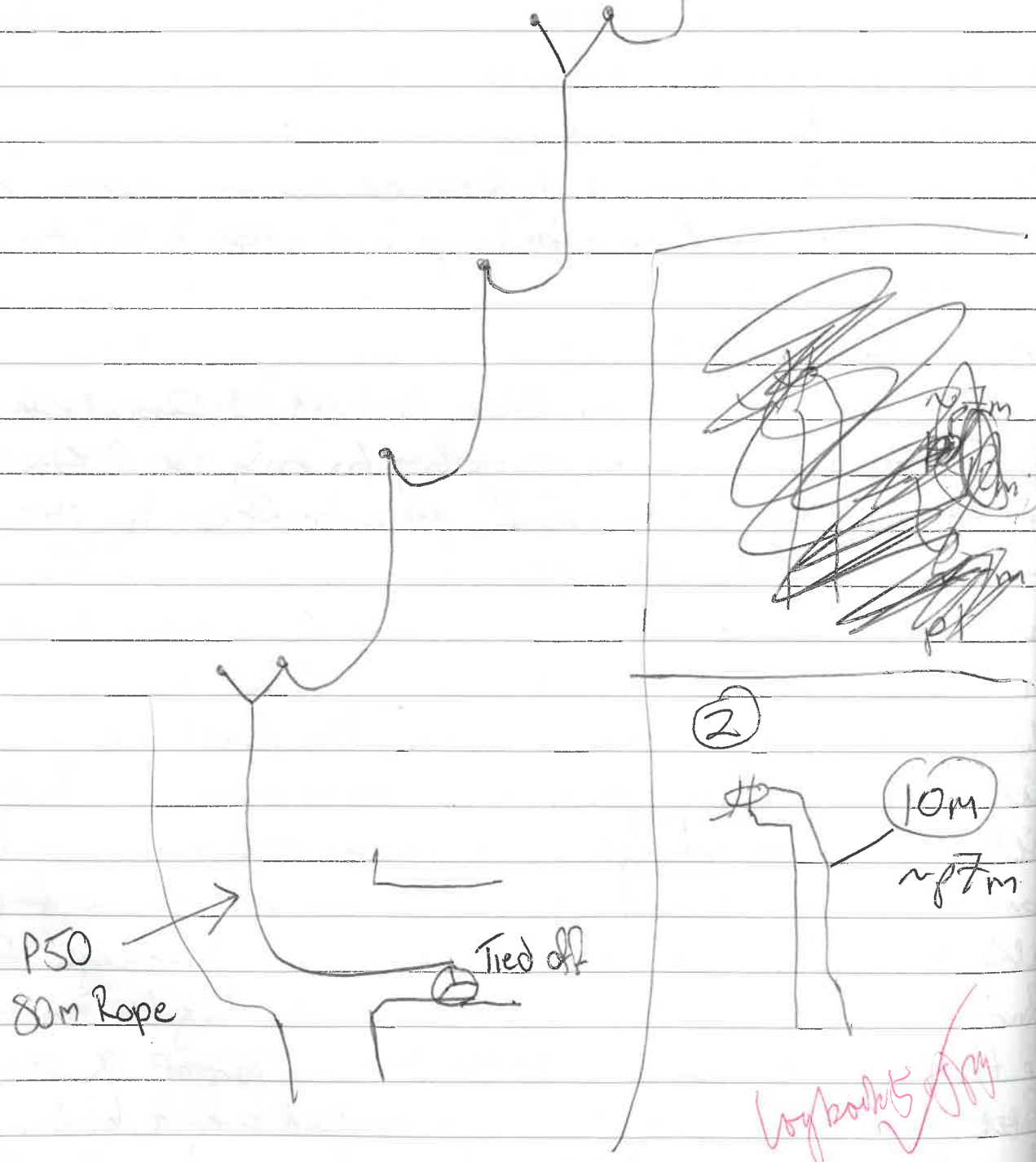
And so we gave up + headed out, finishing the survey of the traverse on the way out. At the top section of The Hangman's

Pitch I realised the rope had got hooked over a hideously sharp flake of rock + crystal. I waited at George + ^{down-prosided until} I could unweave the rope + he ^{could} ~~could~~ free it. ^{Brgh}

17/7/18 ^{BALKON}
 RIGGING GUIDE - HONEYCOMB START → DAUGHTER
 → PRANGMAN



①
 HONEYCOMB
 START.



PSO
 80m Rope

②
 10m
 ~p7m

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THE HANGMAN ③

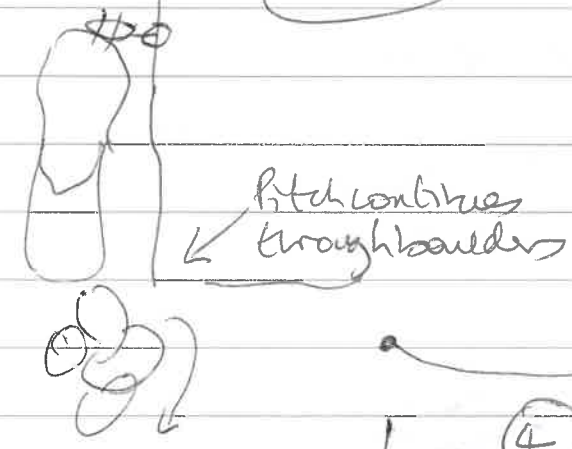


QMA
 Window
 at this level.

Needs
 more
 bolting

③ 35M

~p40
 55M

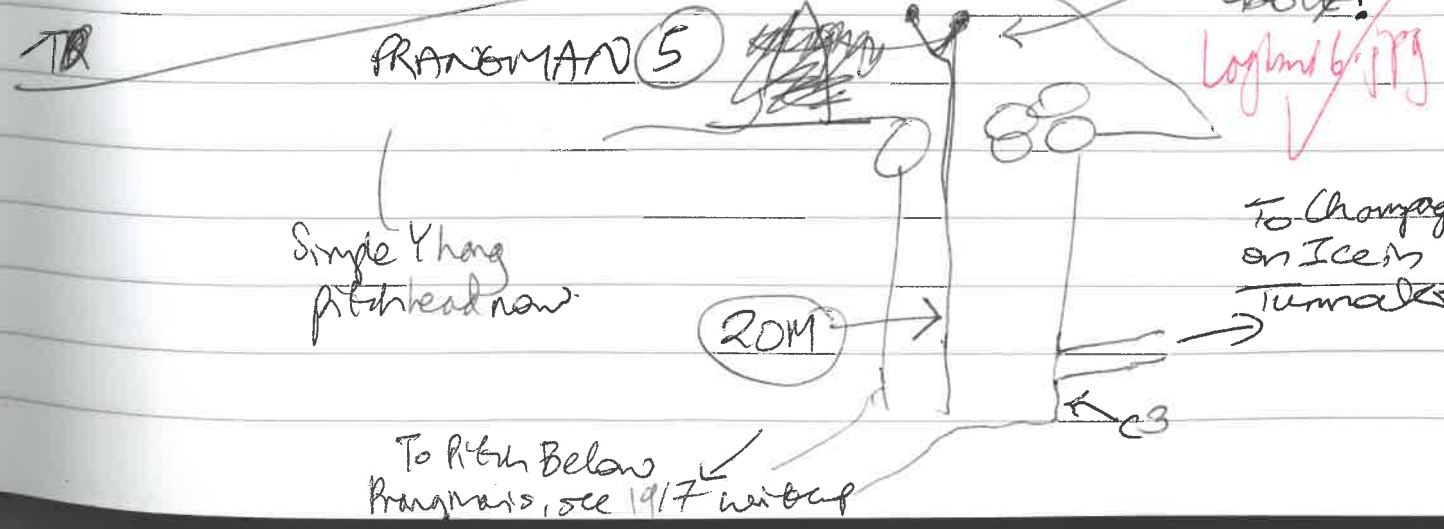


Could climb
 up from here
 to QMA along
 main wall.

Traverse
 to Hangman's
 Daughter

④
 HANGMAN'S TRAVERSE

REDRAWN LATER, see 20/7/18



PRANGMAN ⑤

Simple Yhang
 pitchhead now

20M

To Chompage
 on Ice in
 Tunnels

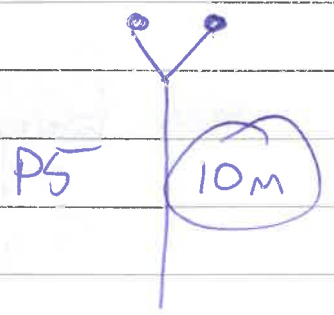
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 Prangman, see 19/7 with cap

✓ ~~NEED TO ADD HEADLINE!~~

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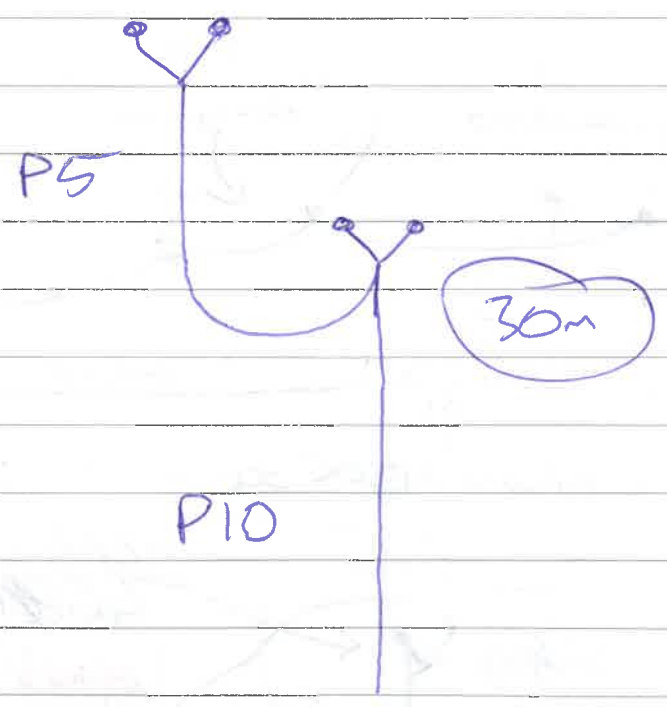
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Entrance



Generally done as a handline climb

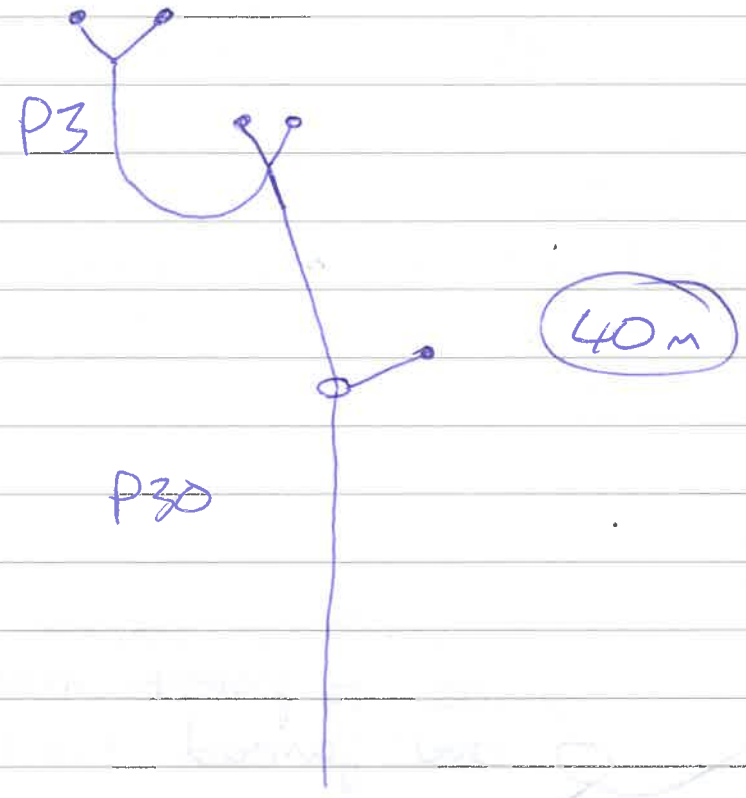
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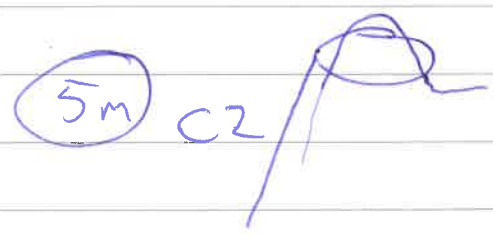
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Radagast

✓ ~~TYPE~~



Handline Climb below Radagast

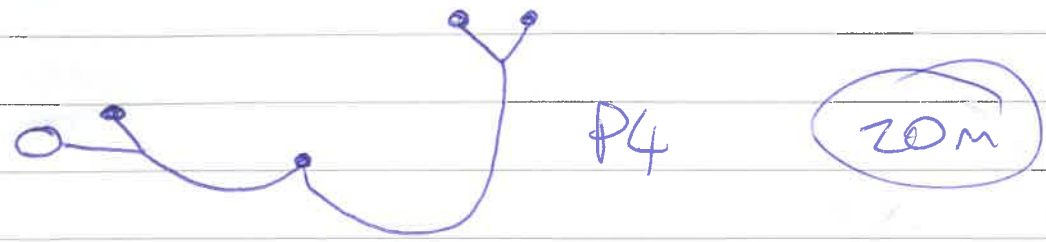


Poor natural belay (Additional rigging points may be advisable)

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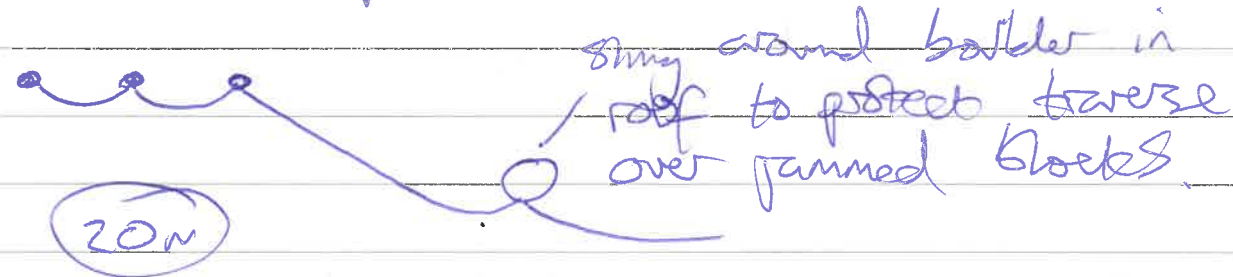
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Traverse over hole and up pitch in meander

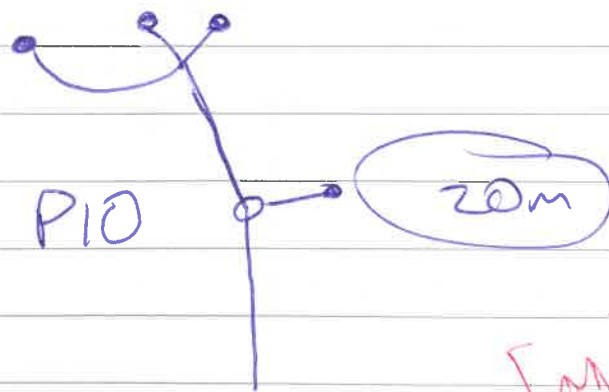


Probably best left rigged for next year to save hassle of re-rigging.

1st Meander pitch



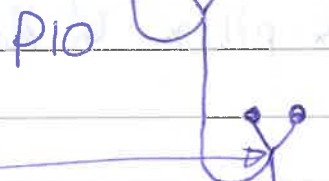
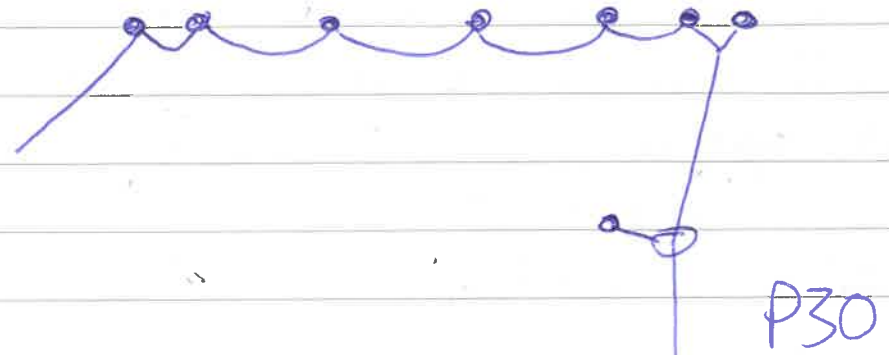
2nd Meander pitch



~~Long haul to P10~~

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Wallace and Gornit



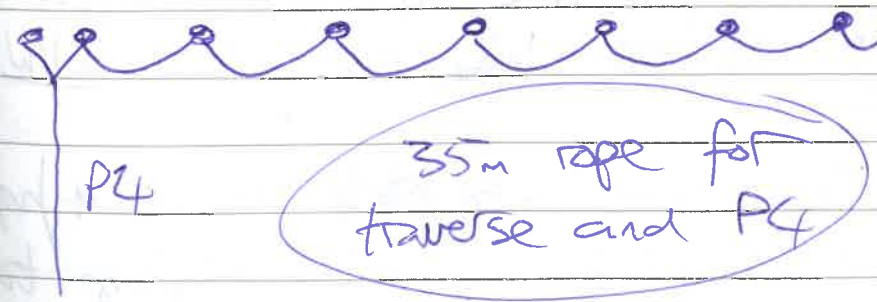
80m rope to here

~~Long haul to P10~~


P40

50m rope for P40

Traverse into The Second Coming



2018-07-18 Weds

TYPED VP 

PHILIP SARGENT

Solo walking & carrying in area of 115 entrances.

11:00-18:00 up the hill.

Found p115x the main "train tunnel" hole. Did 200+ averaging readings on p115x. Wind lock & cave 88 on Stages Way.

Carried all safety gear from the entrance I found 4 days ago to p115x & stashed inside:

3 l of Water in 3 2l bottles

2 Karimats

1 small bag mess tin


1 2m tent (inc. poles, pegs etc).

I also rigged a 2m² poly sheet to collect water in a bucket.

It took 2 trips & lots of bundle bashing to carry the stuff as I only had a tiny ~~sack~~ day sack.

Route to p115x the old log books has been ~~destroyed~~ ^{one rock with flowers} destroyed by 35y of pine growth.

The new route is:

Go along Stages Way past Windlock (32) and further past the next cave (88) in LHS of path. Go up ^{from} there along slope way and ~~down~~ leave path descending limestone karren to right. Proceed right back along foot of Karren Slope and push aside 3-4 bundles of bracke to reach a "path". Follow along this until you can descend steeply to the left (a few more branches of bracke) to steep ^{rocky} ~~scramble~~ ~~scramble~~ bank. Maybe your way down cave down this and you should be able to see a truncated pine tree on the other side of a small gully.  See photo. When seen from the other

side this pine tree has bracke in the steep slope of a pine "L". Descend and traverse road to the right & climb up to get


to this pine tree across the gully. Now follow "path" down and to the right - more bracke branches to fend off and descend down and to the right across 2 areas of ~~stone~~ soil/grass loose stone to eventually reach a pine tree with a big bend in it at ground level and a small cave in the bend. Continue down the right - through bracke and a little climb until you can see a large twisted dead tree root across a gully. Descend and get to this via lush grass and flowers on steep sloped loose soil.

At the twisted ~~dead~~ dead tree root there is a obvious route leading on to the right. At this point you are only 15m from the cave but you can't see it as it faces S. and you are opposite from the N. 10m or so you pass a large ant hill ^{then} you've reached the cave.

You may see a water collector poly sheet a lot ~~farther~~ earlier, but use this route to get to it. I did it 3x today - and lots of other routes which were worse. P/S



Oh Yes. On first visit to COLC-PS01-2018 I went in ~~into~~ ~~at~~ ~~glad~~ climbing down a 30" stage tunnel. Roof is still rock and floor is blocks of rocks. I counted 1m steps coming out and it's >14m long. ~~No~~ ~~stairs~~ ~~to~~ ~~continue~~ deeper but I was in T shirt & shorts. Slight cold outdoors dry.

 Philip S. T/U 10m

2018-07-18

Homecoming - Hobnob Hallway

Nadia, Tom, Todd

- Surveyed Hobnob Hallway until mid-level slope went over false floor very unstable needs a travers line. Was crumbling as we walked on it
- Under false floor is a trickle of water leading to a wet pitch QMC.
- Found side passage at the bottom of a mud slope on the left. Key hole passage that connects into Dickens passage, currently unnamed.
- Heard flood pulse, while surveying, ~~when~~ when we went out all ropes were dry, except the very bottom of ~~the~~ Radagast pitch. No issue with pitches being impassible ~~except~~ except maybe Radagast.

TV 7.5h

~~TO DO~~
~~TYPE IN~~

19/7 Ballkonhoehle → Honeycomb → Hangman's
Becha, George, Philip 7h 11.5h

After a crack of 11:30 start we had a steady descent to the bottom of Hangman's then added a 2nd bolt to give a nice, non-bulby Y-hang down Hangman's to the connection we'd found to "Pecking light" in mid-level tunnels on mibe + George's last trip. We explored + surveyed the 2 leads there. The hole in the floor joined the pitch down which I rigged to some huge spiky boulders + an uninspiring mud floor we descended + George pulled through on the Y-hanger at the top

11.422
10.660

of the climb at the end of Hangman's Traverse. George looked at the tube at top of the mud slope half way along Hangman's Traverse + asked for a drill so he could put a rope on it but I'd already snaffled the drill to bolt up the mud + boulder slope further along Hangman's Traverse ("Snail trail") so he had to downclimb. I made slow progress (hence the name) + finally gave up + asked George to do the final climb over a wedged boulder only for him to find an easy thutck up on the right side. From here we were in narrow, deep rift. I rigged a traverse + start pitch to a horizontal rift. Philip headed out while George + I surveyed horizontally into the draft until the passage narrowed to pipe sized. The next day we dropped ^{Shail trail} ~~the~~ pitch ^{here,} ~~from~~ the far side of the Snail Trail Traverse. The whole area is cold + drafty but it won't clear where the man or cone from. George pulled out Luke's hills from the RHS Bral Y-hanger Honeycomb Rth - it only seemed to have set on one side.

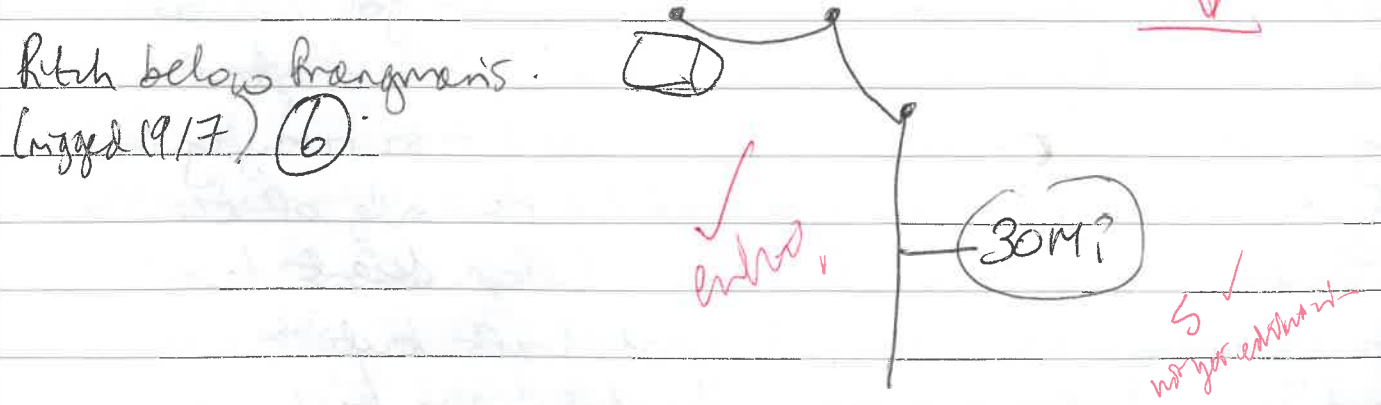
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20/7 Ballkonhoehle → Hangman's → Hangrymant
Snail trail George + Becha 11.5 TV

A swift Harris using with minimal gear got us to yesterday's going Brant. The first 3 hours were spent dragging 2 pitches (the Snail trail pitches) + surveying in drafty, outward rift. They started the far side of the Snail Trail Traverse. We ran out of rope so left a decent lead continuing across + down with a good draft but it would be hard going, climbing + rigging up + down in tall, narrow

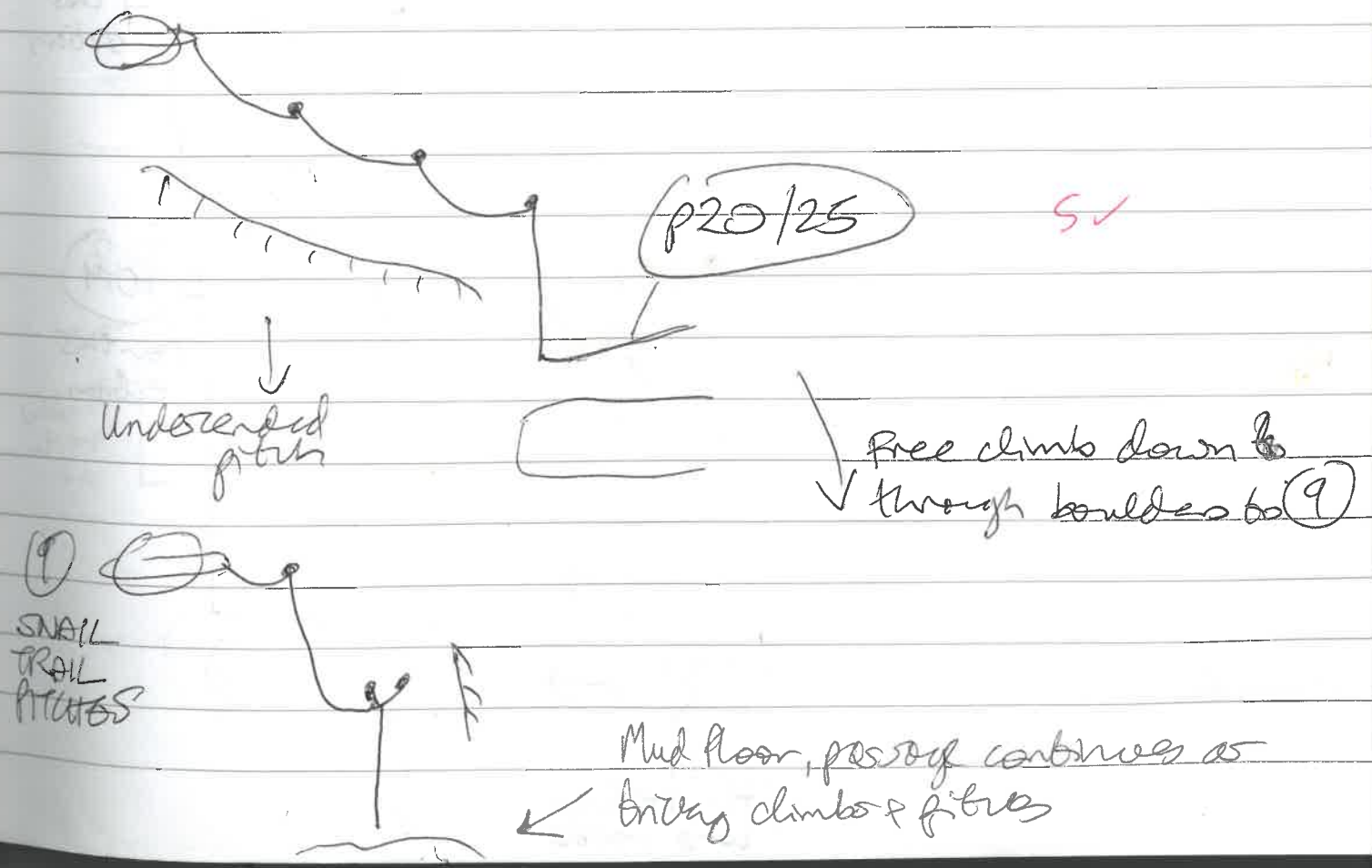
NB. We then derigged all of Snail trail & went to the tube above the mud slope on the main Hangman's Traverse. George scaled up the steep, mud slope to the tube & put in a bolt for me for a handreap then abandoned me with 2 bags + a loose rope to warm my way along a little tube until it opened out. We surveyed then dropped a 4m pitch, traversed over a clean washed 2p15m + dropped to next, deeper hole. At the top level down the pitch ~~was~~ were amazing large beds of ginger crystals (see George's photos) at all crazy angles. The pitch turned into a boggy so it was lucky that I'd brought all 3 ropes along. Finding a ^{clean} hang amongst the sharp spikes, deep walls + shut rocks proved too much of a challenge for George & I. We surveyed down whilst George was rigging until we hit a big ledge where we'd run out of rope. There were huge boulders so we had been washing them down (though one monster he indeed headed the wrong way when I pushed it + I thought I was going to crush him) + I got nearly 50m down box shot further down so we're still well off the bottom. Tied in the survey on the way out. Took 90min from bottom of Hangman's to get out.



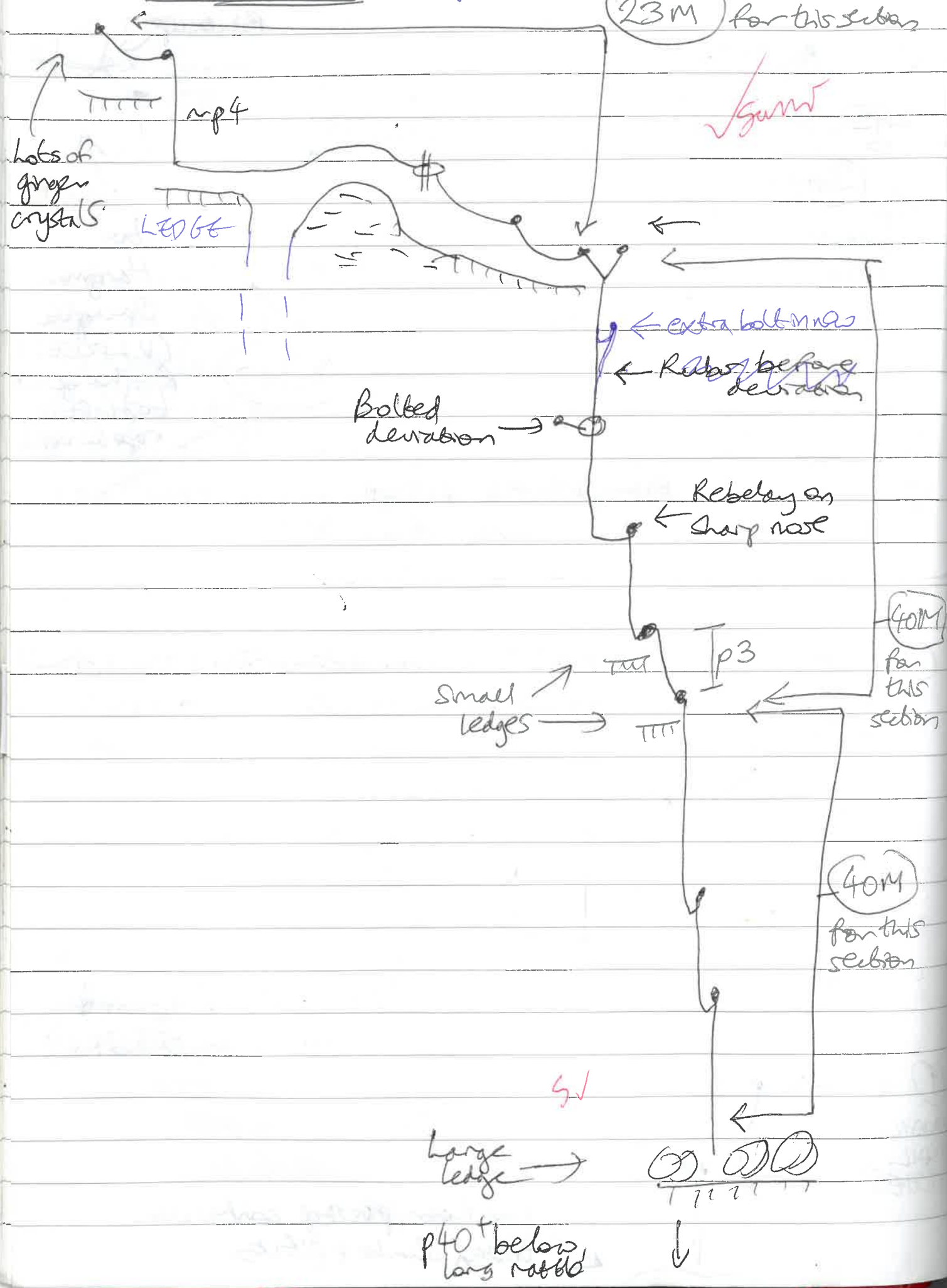
④ HANGMAN'S TRAVERSE (redrawn from 17/7/18)



⑧ SNAIL TRAIL TRAVERSE (20M after Snail Trail Climb)



(10) MONGOL RALLY
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ RIGG. - part 1 of 3

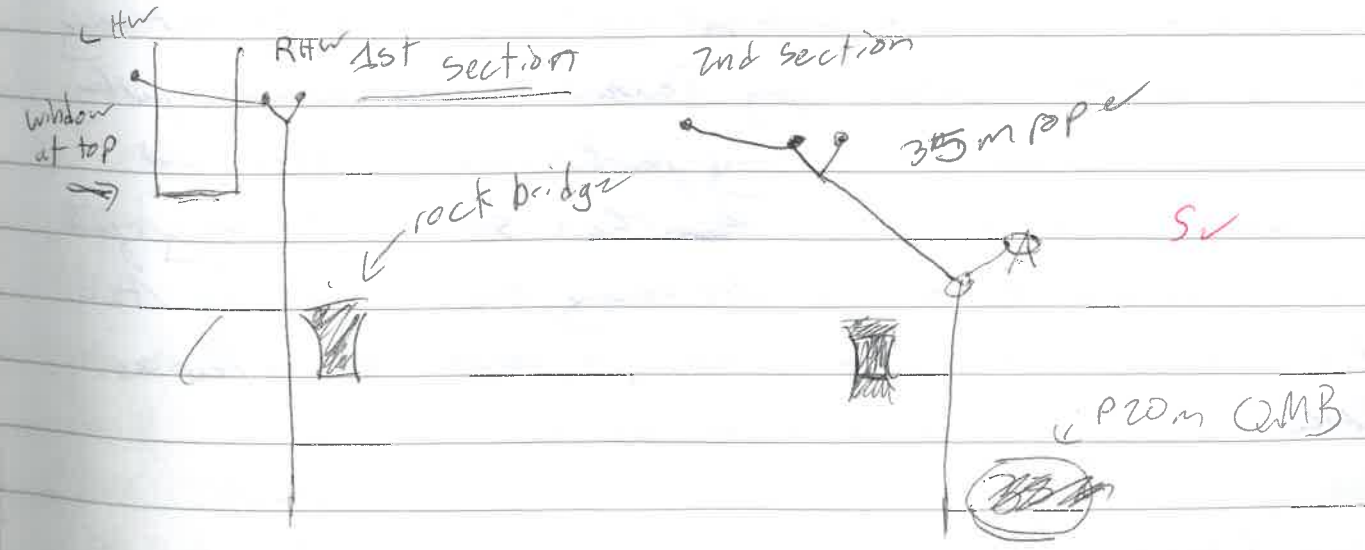


20/7 Homecoming - Snagged and shagged (shallow leads) Nabla + Adam A

easy topped into HC because of

- swung into shallow leads followed down past 5m pitch/climb, under crawl, turn left.
- dropped pitch Antong started bolting on previous trip.
- Went down left of rock bridge, (straight hang from top) found 2 rifts, followed first to an aven, followed second until tight, vertical connection to first rift.
- Went back up to rock bridge and dropped right side to deep lead. Added a deviation off a natural above the bridge. At the floor to the right was Pitch ~20m. Clean washed and dripping QMB, (QMI). de rigged and left.
- On third pitch of Home coming tied Rope from ~~third~~ pitch to connection between block and wall with sling. Not sure how effective it will be. Added deviation on ~~second~~ third pitch off top of big block with a sling.

Rigging ~~guide~~ guide snagged + shagged



Home coming 3rd pitch



Bad drawings

TU 6h

2018-07-18 Setting up Camp Kraken (Tunnels) Anthony and Luke

The plan was to get all the gear in to camp so that we could spend the night there. I rigged the top half of Number of the Beast with the rope left at Blueal Suspects whilst Luke battled his way in with two big bags. Luke then proceeded to rig Inferno while I haggled up the camping gear. We didn't have enough dry bags for all three pits, so one was left in a bin bag at the top of Inferno. After a bit of shuffling the rest of the gear made it to Upper Kraken. Luke rigged the Kraken pitch and I followed.

The tent was very damp but not mouldy. There was a bit of slime in the water collection Daren drums. Luke set about drying out the tent using most of our big roll. I started rigging Tentacle Traverse including putting a couple of extra bolts in on the slung part. Rigging Inferno and Kraken had required more hangers than stated in the rigging guide, mostly due to some of the rebeling bolts having been doubled up. As a result we were a little tight on hangers, and I got as far as the little drop before running out

By 19:30 we had completed all our jobs. Since it was nowhere near bedtime, we decided to cook up a curry and head out. Apart from horrible summer slip on the Kraken pitch, I exited without incident. Luke's footlocks snagged on the Kraken pitch, so he had to come back down to replace them with a slug.

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Tu 16 hours

2018-07-17

Shallow lead push
Nadia and Adam
Seng typed

Home coming

We set off from top cam, full of optimism for the day. Nadia's ankle was sore from the previous trip, so we wanted to take the shortest route to the cave to minimise strain on it. With this in mind we set off along the path which went via fish face. Arriving at fish face in good time we found another group that were about to go underground, after a chat, we set off for Home coming with our glasses remaining half full. Without a GPS we weren't entirely sure how to get there, but with moral high we were confident of dodging the way. I had already got lost going from FGH to HC, Surely it couldn't happen again.

Fast forward an hour or so we were standing on the side of a steep sloping wall of a Gully. Looking in two different directions (our tone starting to resemble the internal monologue of a child whose lost their mum in a sad) we

both said the same thing, 'I remember going this way'. After trialing the two options we discovered, with sinking moral, that we were both wrong.

My watch produced a nagging beep to signal mid-day; another pin prick in the already deflating balloon that was my confidence. Our plan of action started to fragment; a starving chicken lost on plane of fine brown gravel.

'It might be this way' I would say
'no, maybe it's this way'.

Feeling a bit spent we decided to stop to rest, over some flapjack crumbs we discussed our plan of action.

Setting off again, our plan A, B and C ready to go, we had at least come to terms with our situation.

Bags on we walked around the boulder that had provided shade for our break, a cairn, two, three, the familiar path to Homecoming.

With regards to the cave, we swung into the window at the top of gromit. bolted the pithen Antony had started the day prior.

It lead into two continuations; one horizontal, one vertically down. We chopped out the horizontal and left

the other labeled CS a QMB
~~with~~ REASON Beahy; its clean waste, and it looks like it will connect to cave already found below. 4 hrs? guess!

Notes on Cave Radio Systems Needs

The top camp (Steinbruch) set transmits perfectly with the antenna as arranged in both locations the camp Kraken set receives perfectly but has a defective microphone contactor, so cannot transmit.

A third (spare) set needs to be taken to Kraken to see if it will transmit and receive.

It needs to be connected to the external battery pack, at camp Kraken. The battery pack needs to be switched on to operate (button on battery itself).

The antenna wires need to be connected, and pressing the button on the handset should transmit. I don't know which transmit mode is best (A, B or C) - compare with the set.

PLEASE RETURN ALL 3 SETS TO CHRIS DENSHAM, OXFORD. ALSO PLEASE RETURN THE 3 ALPINEXES.



2018-07-19

Homecoming: Shallow Lead

Anthony, Luke, Frank

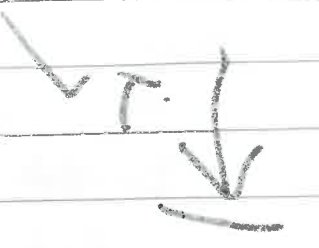
Having elected not to camp in Turnwater the night before, Luke and I had a bonus extra day's caving. I was not in the mood for crawling two epic after emerging at Lam; a trip to a shallow lead in Homecoming sounded just the job.

Laden with all our gear we set off following Frank who confidently asserted that he had followed a caved path back from the cave via Frischgenit the day before. It rapidly became apparent that these caves were a fragment of Frank's imagination, so the stretch beyond Frischgenit was navigated by GPS and involved out of Bounds thrashing.

The cave itself looks like the real deal, and we quickly found our way to the lead via a pleasant, small phreatic passage. Equipment-wise the trip was a mixture of ancient and modern: Frank and Luke went off surveying in full paperless mode with DistoX and PDA, whilst I got to hand hold a pitch. I even used a clown out of choice rather than necessity. By the time Luke and Frank had finished surveying, I had descended ~~with~~ to a ledge with a couple of ways on - later to become "Snuggled & Slugged" when revisited by Nathan and Adam.

Out nice and early, ~~Frank~~ I suckered Frank into walking back to Top Camp via the Bird Cave on the plank of the kleine Wirtelholz. At a mere 50^m longer in time than our route to the cave, this will go down as a less-than-successful short-cut.

T/U 3 1/2 hours.



2018-07-20

Frischgenit: Surveying near Ulysses

Anthony, Lyelin, Philip W.

An opportunity presented itself to visit the other "new" cave, and despite feeling a bit broken - I opted to give it a go. This proved to be a good decision: Frischgenit is one of the more pleasant caves I have been to in Austria. The rig is mostly excellent; higher bolts and tighter traverse lines prevail. I would have been inclined to stick in an extra bolt at the head of the Blitner Boulder pit to ~~protect~~ protect the step over the massive void, but that is a minor quibble.

Healed in to a running commentary from Lyelin about what everything was called that went in one ear and out the other. Eventually made it to Ulysses and left Mutchard hobbling his way across the void ~~with~~ ^{under} Luke's supervision. Our job was to clear some of the surveying boulders. It would be unfair to identify the perpetrator of this unfortunate ~~state~~ state of affairs, so he will henceforth be referred to only as ~~Bob~~ ^{Rick} Mutchard.

Having said that Frischgenit is a nice cave, the bit we actually got to survey falls some way short of this standard. There was a strong draught, but mostly emerging from the sort of boulder chutes you don't want your head to be anywhere near. After connecting the survey in, we elected to head out to give ourselves the option of bolting down the hill. This meant we didn't get to survey to the alleged archive stalactite seen in photos the previous day, which means that I remain convinced that it is actually an inflatable formation preserved from Blackport Pleasure Beach, or some suitable plastering workshop.

T/U shows.



2018-07-24 to 26

Tunnocks Camping Trip

Anthony, Lyzlin, Chris

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Lyzlin

Day 1

A leisurely start saw the interpret team heading in with rather more gear than had been anticipated. Dumped one of the new brew kits in the dry but below Precipitation, then ~~put~~ up a pit at the top of Inferno which necessitated some re-pitching. Arrived at ~~our~~ camp where Chris proceeded to set up the radio, plugging one end of the antenna in the water hole and the other end in a convenient mud bank at the dermohill end of Kraken chamber. Meanwhile, I completed the rig of Tetrade Travers and Ochagway.

Reunited, we headed on towards Beckoning Silence. Tearing up the parallel ramp from the bottom of Ochagway was ~~exciting~~ due to some over-enthusiastic dragging that had left it ropeless - we had a spare length of rope that was installed. Arriving at the climb up into Beckoning Silence, we found the same rig as had been put in two years ago when an equipment location error had rendered putting bolts in impossible. On this occasion we had a drill, three batteries, plenty of hanger ... and no drill bits, so the problem remained unresolved.

At this point Chris returned to camp to set up the radio for our prearranged call to top camp. Lyzlin rejected the remaining pitch to get us to the pushing front, which was the wrong side of a tedious muddy tube, but looked very promising - ~~dragging~~ strongly.

Arriving back at camp we discovered that Chris could hear top camp perfectly on the radio - so the antennae were a success. However, the handset that had been working perfectly during the surface test was now incapable of transmitting, so we achieved one-way communication only.

Day 2

Fortified by a breakfast of noodles and custard with Pledge cranks (highly recommended) we headed back to Beckoning Silence. This time we had distributed three drill bits between us, which proved to be a good move since Chris's drill bit was later found ~~at~~ in camp about 1.5m from its storage spot having failed to make it into his pocket in any meaningful sense.

Some extra bolts were put in on the up climb and also on the last drop before the pushing front. Then on into new territory, which proved to be substantially vertical. Everyone got a turn with the drill while the other covered from the howling drought in a botchy way.

Puzzling proved tricky due to slat rock, but eventually we found ourselves at the bottom of drops of 6, 17 and 12m sliding down a third drop with nothing more in the way of rope, hanger or enthusiasm. Surveyed out and headed back to camp arriving at ~23:00.

Ultimately, a little unrewarding in terms of passage in the rock, but we had definitely run out of gear. The lead is good (very good in fact - downclimbing cord out on a limb) and is all set up for the next team (bolts placed for the next descent). Pitch is to be called "Radio Silence" in keeping with the "silence" theme and our technological missteps.

Day 3

Passed out. The only incident of note occurred in camp before setting off. In the interests of documenting camp life, Chris was trying to compose a photograph comprising myself, the shooting star (complete with bag), a Davon drum prominently labelled "Poo" atop which was perched a toy roll bearing the visage of Donald Trump. In the process, Chris nearly performed a backward somersault into the ladies' pissine. Fortunately his un-helmeted head was unburned and the shot was duly obtained.

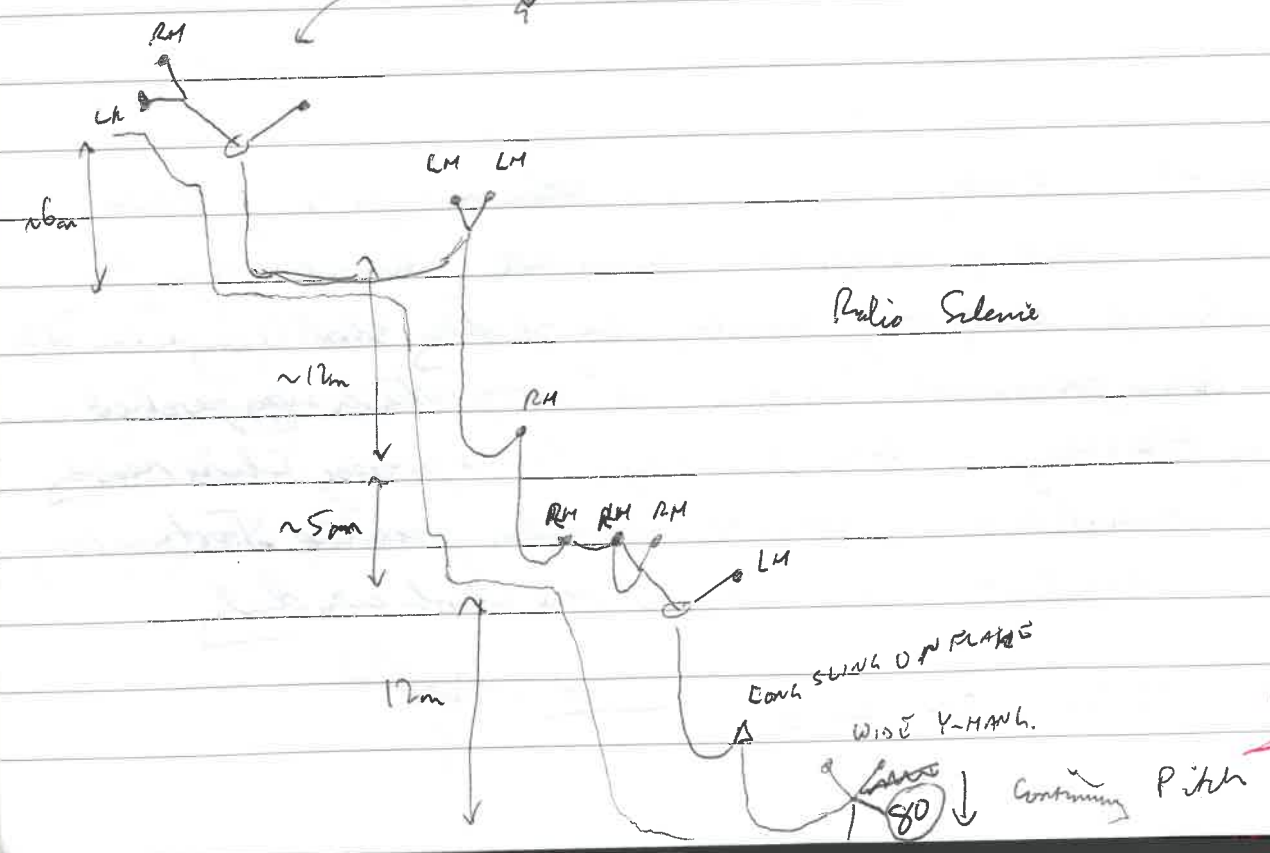
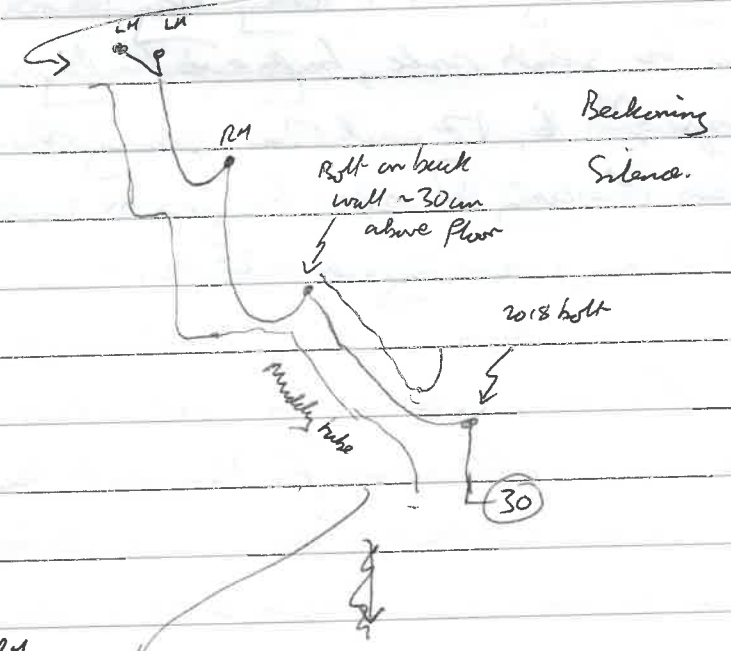
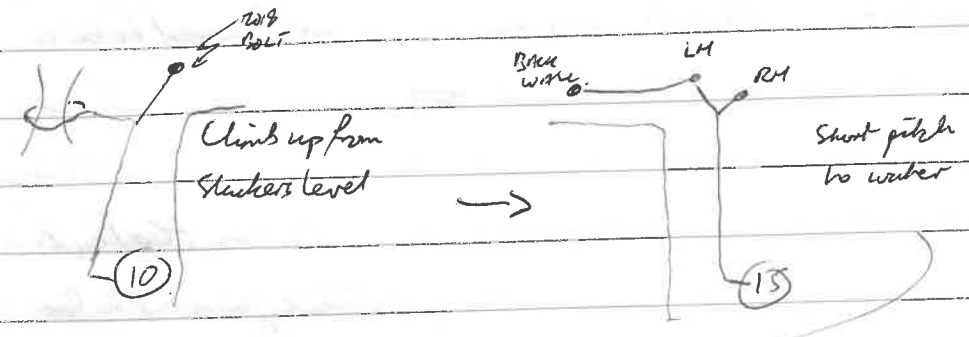
T/U 56 hours

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Lyzlin

RIGGING IN BECKONING SILENCE / RADIO SILENCE AREA ✓

[All rope lengths estimated]

THUNDERSTORMS? Mammals? tip

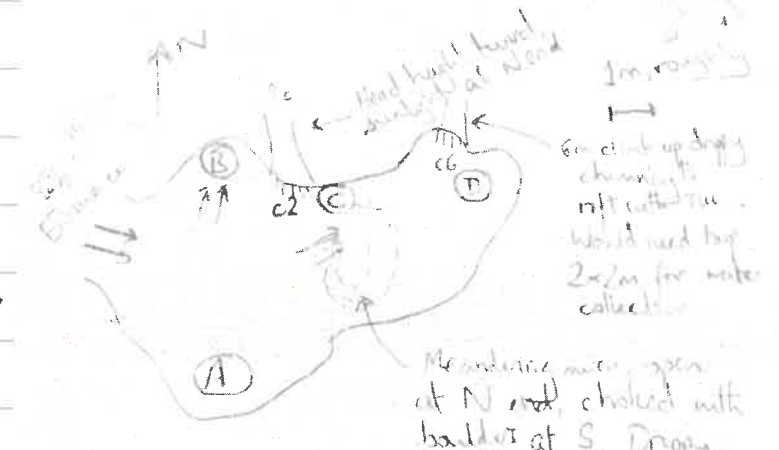


2018-07-24 Prospecting and checking out the new bivouac cave (Garlic Cave, 2018-ad-02) ✓

Philip Withnell + Typhon King

Typhon & I went for a walk to find and assess the new bivouac cave which Anthony found earlier this Exp. We walked via Fisch-Gesicht (FGH) and Homecoming (HC) and spent some time cairning the path from FGH to HC. It needs reflectors to be added to the cairns soon. It takes ~30 mins to walk to FGH, then another ~30 to get to HC. From HC, walk northeast past the rope and through a break in the kumde. Follow this around to the left and aim for some slabs. Once on the slabs you should see green/white stripes of spraypaint which mark the hunters' path. Follow this north, up the hill, for about 30 mins until you reach a 1.5m high obvious boulder near a lone pine tree, and the plateau levels off a bit. Garlic Cave (GC) is in the large depression ~20m in front of you. A GPS tracklog is available containing our prospecting route for the day, in loser/gpx/2018. A waypoint marking 2018-ad-02 (GC) is now in essentials.gpx. 2018-ad-03 is a small hole in the side of the depression ~10m NW of GC which could potentially be used for storage. Photos of both have been uploaded to expfiles/photos/Philip Withnell

Sketch survey of GC (grade 2, total bullshit):



- Ⓐ Sleeping area? 4m high. Easily accommodates 2 with minimal digging required to flatten floor
- Ⓑ 1.5m high scotch hole. Storage? Or sleeping for 4 bright days of day
- Ⓒ Cooking area or communal area. 6m high. Could do with a terrace - half a days work. Space to bolt a stove to the wall
- Ⓓ Drip on end of the cave. Possible best for water collection? Lowest floor. Area to N probably too hard to tarp for sleeping but should be OK to tarp for water collection.

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47° 41.921' N
013° 48.478' E

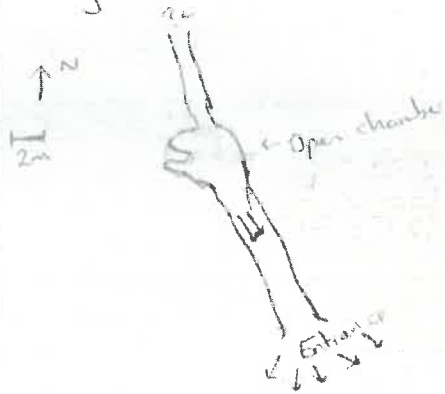
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CUSHED GARLIC CAVE

2018-07-24
Philip + Typhon
Prospecting
Grade 2 surveys

Small crawly tunnel 10m
NW of GARLIC CAVE,
10m up a 45° boulder ramp.
Entrance is 3m below top of the big depression.
Philip has some photos on his camera. Entrance is
waypointed as 'bin cave' in Philip's phone.

Cave is a steeping passage of 12m to a
small open chamber with boulder at its top.
A flat out crawl is visible for a further 6m
to sunlight.



Could be used for extra storage for GARLIC
CAVE?

Now numbered as 2018-ad-03 and in essentials gpx.

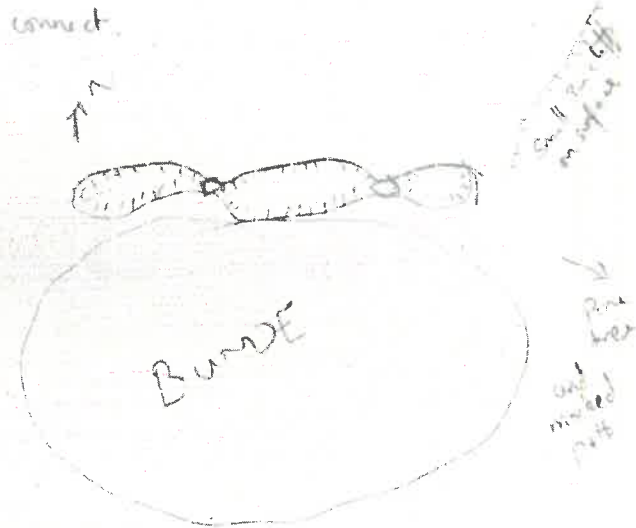
Not physically tagged yet.

LES TRES DENTS (2018 pw-01)

2018-07-24
Philip + Typhon
Prospecting
Grade 2 surveys

3 holes in a rift aligned
E-W, immediately NNW
of an obvious knobble of
bunde (20m x 20m round). There's a lone
pine 20m east of that.

Each hole ~20m deep, pebble bounces a
few times after hitting the bottom - may
be a hidden passage accessible from
the rubble pile. Significant snow block
in eastmost hole. All 3 holes have to
connect.



Only available as a waypoint in the
prospecting GPX file. Not physically tagged
or dropped yet.

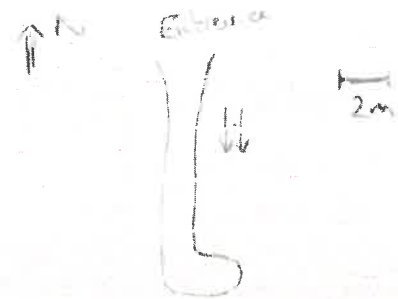
2018-pw-02

2018-07-24
Philip + Typhon
Prospecting
Grade 2 surveys

2x1m shaft with 3s drop
when rocks are bounced off
E wall. Shaft is at S end
of a 30x40m depression with cliff faces at
N side. Photos on Philip's camera. GPS
waypoint in Philip's phone.
Shaft is just N of a 10x5m knobble of
bunde.

2018-pw-03 LEFT MY COMPASS BY THE OTHER CAVE

10m horizontal rift drops with 90° L
bed 7m in, then dead end after a further
2.5m. Steep. Loose ceiling. Photos on
Philip's camera. GPS on Philip's phone.



Entrance in the E wall of a large depression
(which has 2018-Hi-02 at its south end).
Roughly 10m deep. 100m N-S, 10-30m
E-W.

← We came back on
2018-07-25 with
Frank Tully and dropped
this. See next page
for updated notes and
elevation. It crops out.
Cave left untagged.
Waypoint in prospecting
GPX file.

After discussion with
Elaine, the German name
of this cave is
Verließmannskompassbrüder-
anderenhöhle höhle.

Note: The duplicated
'höhle' is necessary.

Waypoint in prospecting
GPX file. Cave left
physically untagged.

Photos uploaded to
expfiles/photos/PhilipHittnell



2018-07-25 More prospecting and bivi cave fettling (Garlic Cave, 2018-ad-02)

TW

Philip Withnell + Typhon King + Frank Tully + Max Weiser

Another trip to the bivi cave (Garlic Cave, 2018-ad-02) to landscape it and install some mod-cons.

We put a cut up survival bag in a pond to collect water from drips. Should collect 10-15L, very slowly.

We then did some terracing to make 2 sleeping platforms for ~6 people. There is plenty of scope

for doing further terracing to add ~4+ more sleeping places. We installed a tarp over the terraces,

so it should be reasonably dry - but we haven't tested it in poor weather. The tarp is beneath a

skylight which might be quite drippy in wet weather.

We left a shovel there for future landscaping. The idea is that a group could spend a couple of

days sleeping there and intensively prospecting, before deciding whether to expand the bivi cave

accommodation. If so, the water collection system and supplies from Organohole could then be moved over.

Once that was done, we had a bit of time left to prospect. ~~Frank~~ Frank dropped 2018-pw-02 (see

previous page) and killed it off. Survey:

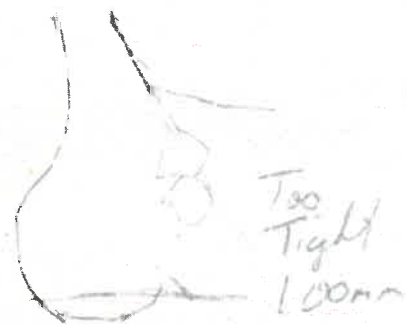
2018-pw-02

6m deep, 3m wide rift, no discernible draft.

Grade 2 survey
Elevation

1m

Cave left
untagged



2018-07-26 - 2018-07-28 Festering at base camp

Philip Withnell

Festered and needed at base camp. Made various improvements to an GPX system, added syntax highlighting for Surveys files, thought some more about @M lists, and cleaned up various hg issues for people down here. Before heading down on the 26th, I replaced the tag on Bad Forecast with

a permanent one (1623/277) and took a look at 2010#04's snow levels. Didn't drop it, but put some photos in expofiles/photos/PhilipWithnell/, for comparison by someone who knows that hole.

2018-07-28
13:00

LINSIGHT ONLY ONLINE - 200750514 MSW

At Basecamp: Network testing

TW

Tested Wooley's TP-Link 200 Mbps HomePlug device between potato hut & mains socket above washing machine in gent's toilet at the Gasthof. It works: the ~~green~~ 2nd green light lights up indicating communications ok.

Previously had tested between potato hut mains and socket in potato hut loft - also worked.

To Do: repeat test with a laptop at each end to test actual useable bandwidth.

~~Went down there for only~~ Philip's

T/U zero.

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2018-07-24

Homecoming

Hobnob Halling

TW

Max, Frank, Nadia

We walked to Homecoming through FishFace earning the route with Lydon, Don, B. Cairish, Phil and typhon filling in the gaps. Making it a fully earned route. Went down Hobnob Halling added a hand line over the false floor using a thread. Should be made into a traverse with a bolt on the other side of the false floor. We put a hand line on the ~~same~~ same slope using a thread at the top. We carried on down the rift to the first junction on a boulder. The left has not been explored yet. We went right past the water down a tight rift. It opened into a pitch 13m. We turned around there. On the way back Frank saw a lead behind the wet bit. Way out took longer than anticipated.

T/U 7h

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2018/07/25

JV Nadia, Luke, Ollg

2014-MS-14 "Driven East"

Due to a missing Spit Driver we went East to look for it. We found it quite quickly at 2018-MS-06. We carried down after to ~~then~~ 2014-MS-14 to dig out the blowing sandy dig. It was very easy and took 4 minutes of swimming through the sand to get through. The passage carried on for another ~70m where it choked up with rocks. We surveyed out. On the way back it seemed the draft was going down the ~~old~~ choss floor right below the ~~constriction~~ constriction. No noticeable draft after the constriction. We returned via the triangle big entrance that can be seen from miles away only to find we weren't the first ones there.

T/U 3h



2018/07/28

SURFACE

Max, Luke, Nadia, Ollg

We set off with Nadia and Ollg to practice surveying and exploring two not ~~some~~ explored bits in "Fish Gesicht" entrance. Luke and I were trying to do a bolt climb up a 6 meter pitch. The climb was free climb by Luke and rigged from the top by Luke due ~~unstable~~ collapsing foothold during bolting. The bolt climb crapped out after 20m. After that we had a look together with the others at a potential dig in fish Fish Gesicht which also crapped out after a few meters.

T/U 2h

2018-07-29

JV Philips.

Surface prospecting along "lookjute,svsc" route

Using Garmin eTrex Venture Cx GPS (WGS84)

Much bundle going directly down for 115 ent. Jair do that, go back along ~~path~~ route to Stages Way & go down gully at the tree with the snail camera on it (see 115 route 18th July 2018).

Generally failed to find ~~no~~ lookjute,svsc waypoints. Slightly odd with GPS mismatch - needs ~~no~~ reediting to resolve.

Found ent. (doesn't go) ~~obvious~~ above grassy slope. It is up a 2m climb in a cliff ~~exposed~~ This was looked at by Chas & Planc in 1983 & doesn't go [in sent copy of email for Chas here.] lookjute.23 is apparently in open air due east of cliff top.

Water collection system at 115 works well: decanted 3 1/2 l of rainwater into bottles. About 6l of water stored in 115, plus a kamikant and one dose of flapjack and another dose of muesli. Also large orange plastic bag. All other gear removed.

Walked back to Lora's hut where I managed to catch the sunset drinking around & got a lift back to Staudenur at ~2100. Lots of open big cliffs, no bundle, ~~grass~~ & camping areas.

Left All is ~12m due S of this entrance. All: N 47° 66629
E 013° 81128

+ 115 of ~~emits~~ ~~upwind~~

at 1407m

2018-07-30

JV Paul Fox

m.g. ext. enabled on morowid by Paul Fox on expo laptop.



24/7/18 Bedra, Adam, George, Oly
Balkan → Hangman's → Hangman +
Window in Hangman's → ~~Balkan~~
~~Hangman's~~ Myopia T/U 10 hrs

No free drills at Top Camp but Adam + I managed to scuffle the only hard bolting kit (there were two a week ago but...). We split at the head of Hangman's, Adam + I put in a hard bolt each +, courtesy of a fine natural deviation, managed to swing in to the big window visible from the re-belay down Hangman's. We then had >100m of 5m wide phreas drifting strongly in our face with lots of bat droppings. Towards the end it ramped up steeply then came to a large droopy pitch. A loose looking traverse on the right wall would lead to the obvious continuation of the phreas but we had no more rope so we headed to the top of Hangman's where we met the other. George had raised a 50m rope from the ledge we got to on the last trip but had reached a freehang of ~40m that he didn't have rope for (+ there was apparently a 5s free drag there too). Oly + he surveyed out, met us, then the 4 of us had a jolly to the snow slope beyond the look over. George walked up past Andrew's belay point to the base of an aven where he couldn't safely continue but there was said to be a strong draft so there's hope of an entrance not far

J4

above we should check the lead for bats

J4

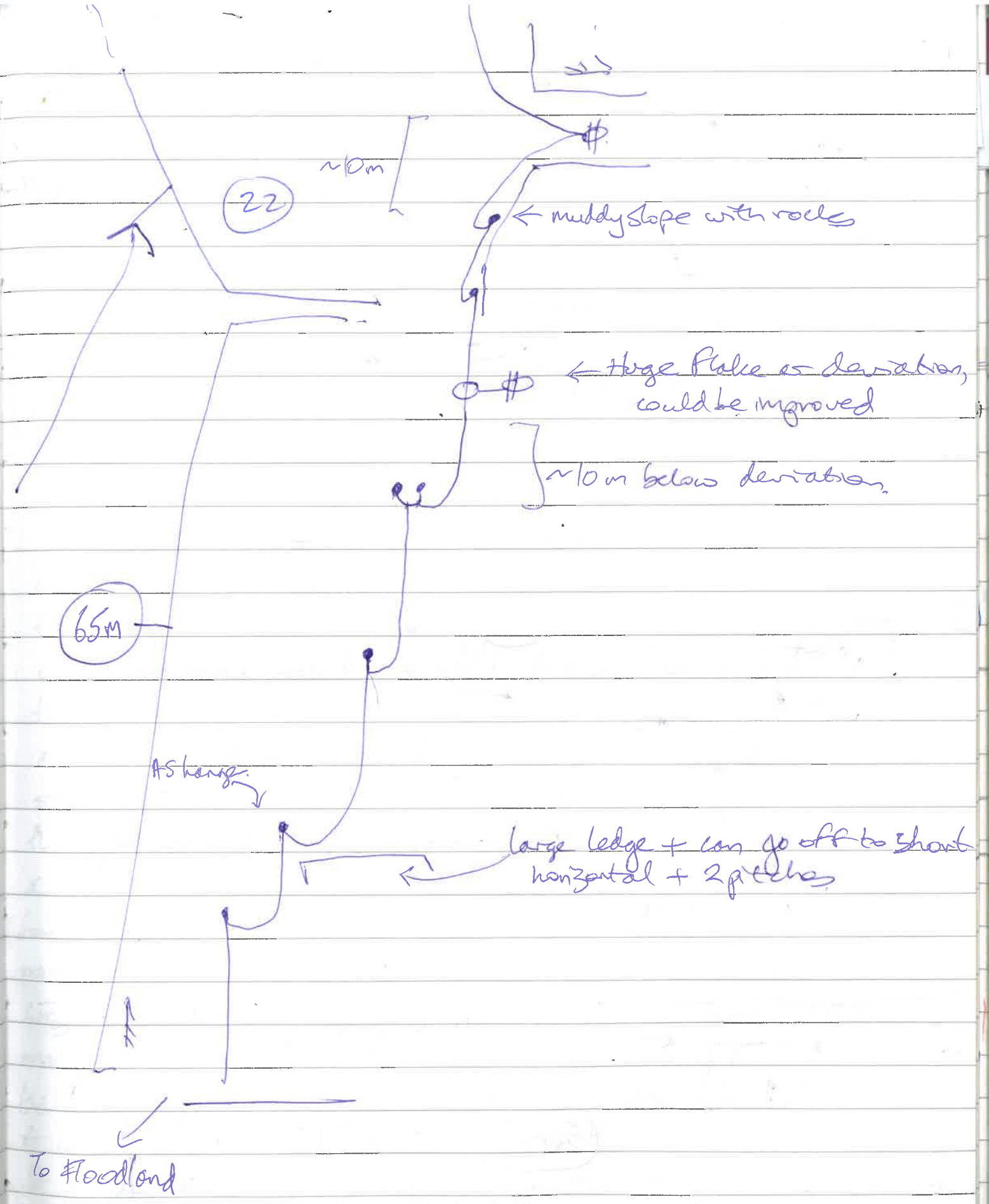
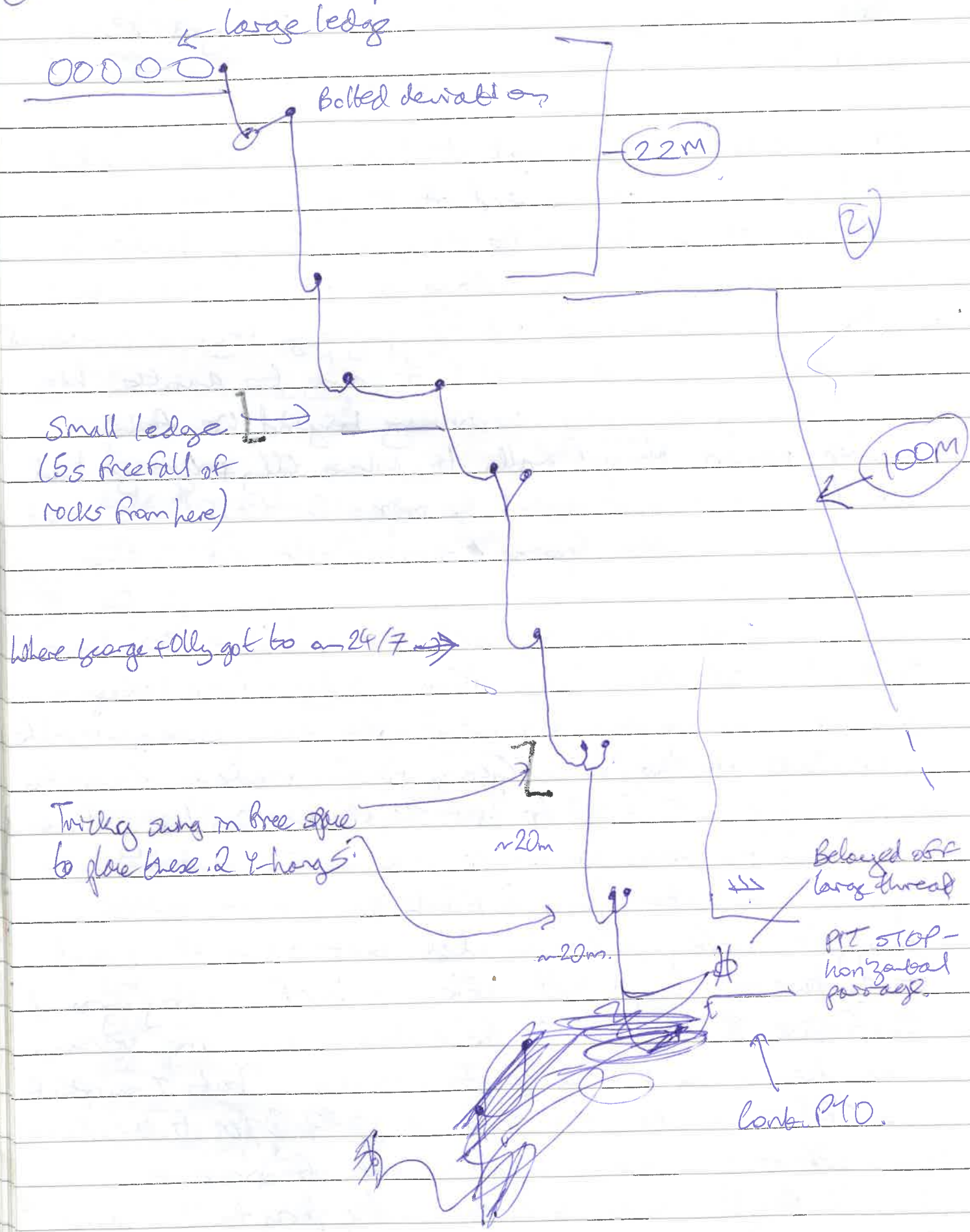
25/7/18 Bedra, George
Balkan → Hangman's → Myopia + Margol Rally
T/U 12 H

JTV

We got a fresh 200m + split it between us + headed to the traverse at the end of Myopia first as the drill was at the top of the Hangman. George bolted a rather elegant traverse along a ledge (extra bolt midway would be good) and the passage beyond continued long for all of ~30m until it came to another big pitch with, again, passage continuing beyond. We then headed down Margol Rally to where Oly + George had got to yesterday, switched the ropes so they were used more effectively then George swung around in free space for quite some time trying to swing enough to hook a wall - then repeated the exercise 30m lower. Finally he got to a large obvious ledge - the pit stop - where we could wander around + with other passages visible in the slack at this level. George finally made it down to a large ledge + I tried to bolt the final ~10m hang but I dropped the hills down the pitch so I went down + passed them up to George to finish the job. He was too busy to survey so we headed out from Floodland at the base of Margol Rally after a brief survey around 2h45 out. 13:5 min up the entrance for me versus 10 min then 8 min for George other times... but I suspect some SRT shortcuts were involved. A rainstorm started just as we were about to set off so we sheltered for 20 min then stomped in the dry to Top Camp + 5 min after arriving it deluged so we jammy missed being flooded in Balkan.

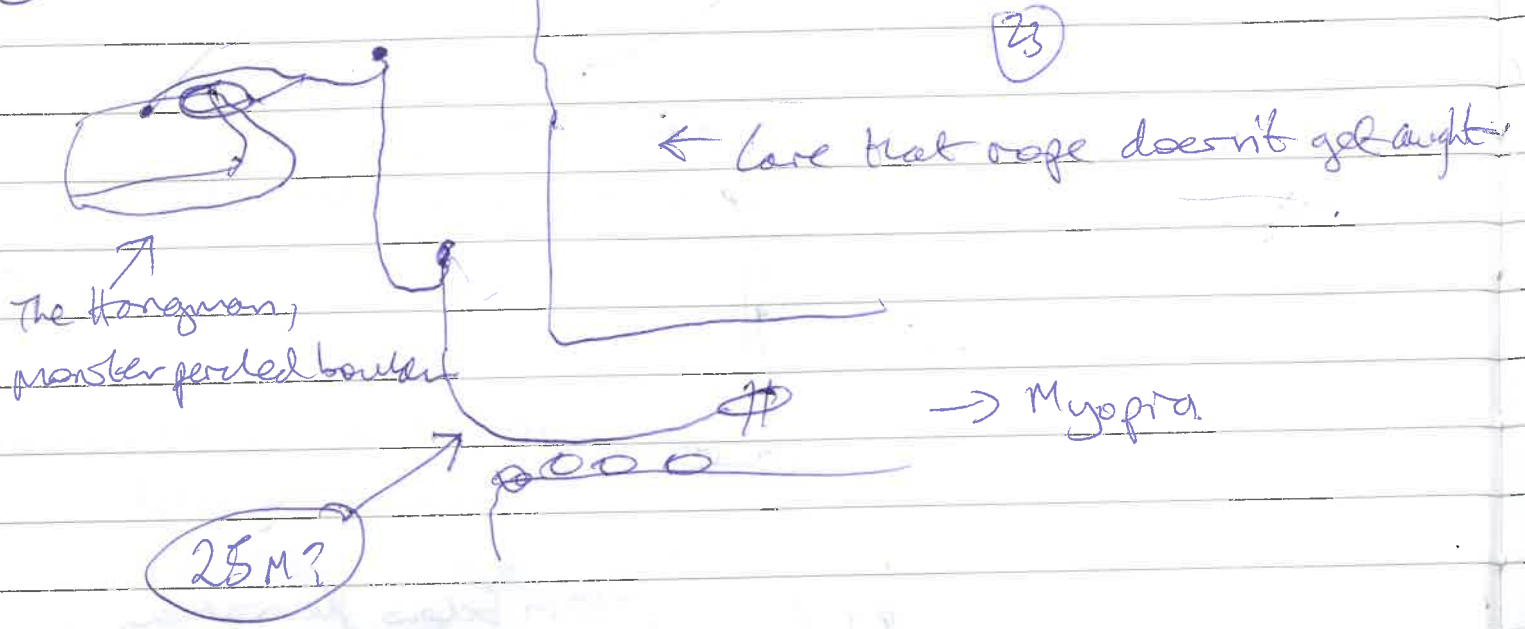
① MANGOKALLY part ② of 3

ITV

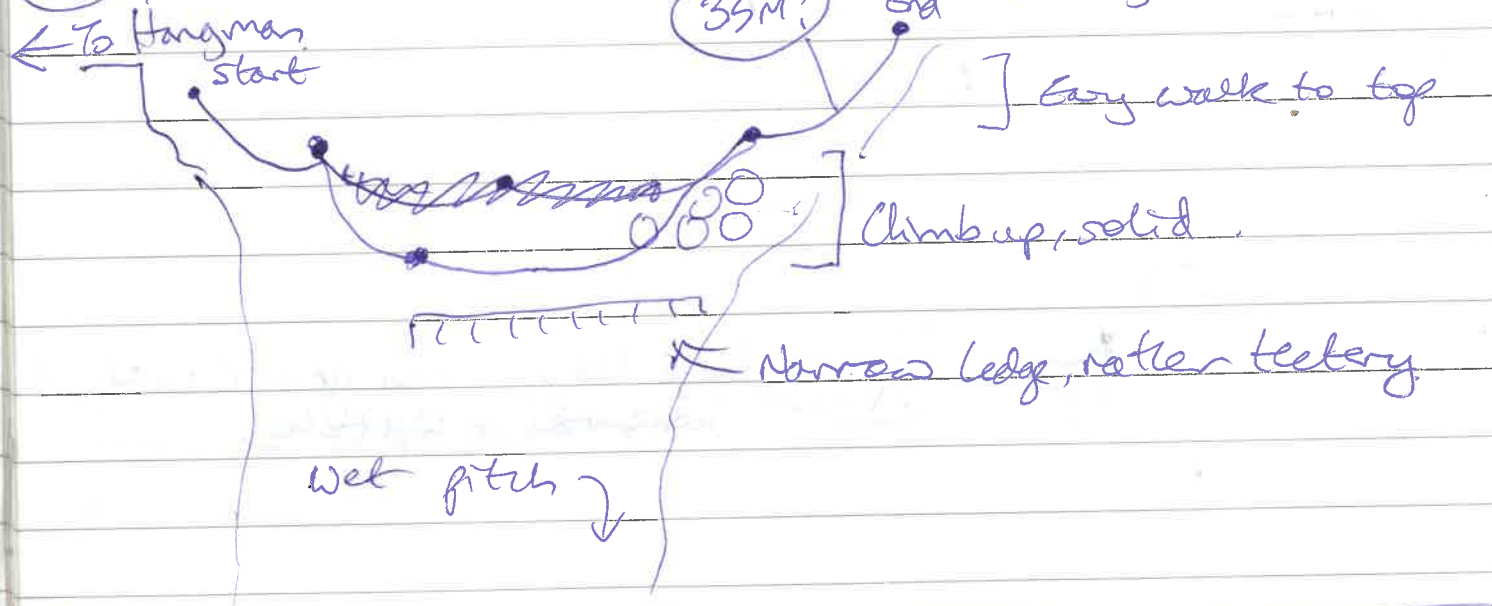


Total rope for Mangokally = 23 + 40 + 40 + 22 + 100 + 65 = 300m (290m) approx.

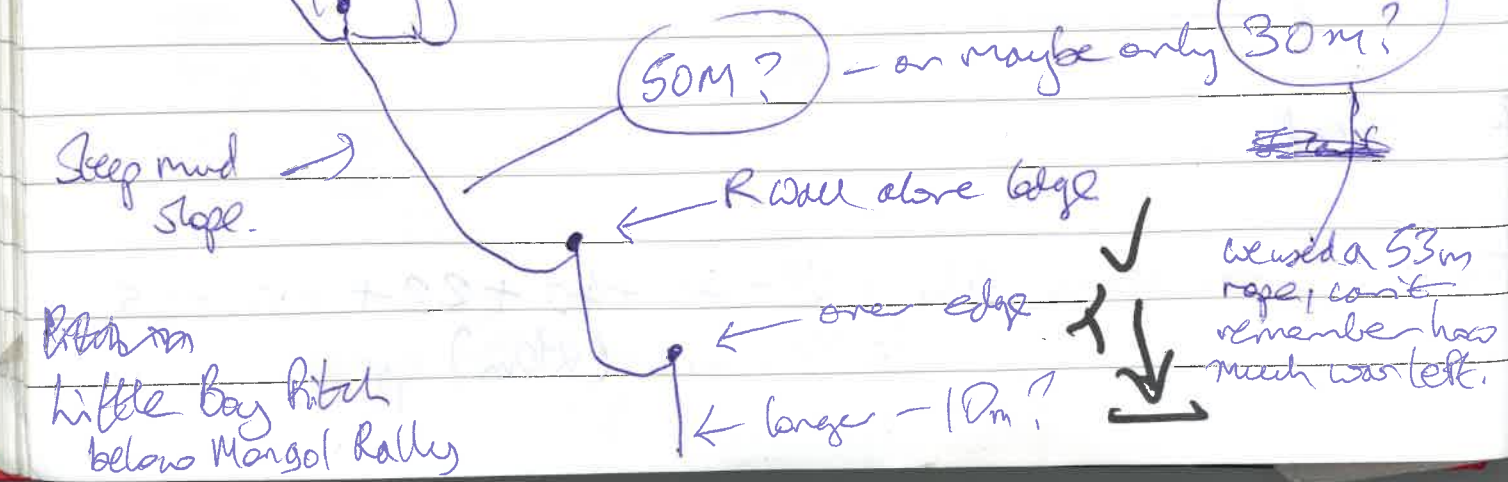
(12) Pitch to enter Myopia from top of Hangman's



(13) MYOPIA TRAVERSE



(14) Starts with v. wide y-hang/traverse like



27/7/18 Becha + George Grand Prix
Balkan → Hangman's → Floodland T↓ 714 15.5 h
+ Tunnodes connection to Antemusa!

My last chance of being underground for a few days so I was even heavier than usual. It took 1h20min to get to the bottom of Mongol Rally. ~~started survey~~ George rigged little Bay pitch which dropped us into a round chamber where we started the survey + we headed off into 20m wide phreas once we'd spotted the mousehole leading off. Implanwithly there were no more obstacles for hundreds of metres whilst George's brain froze trying to keep up with the boulder drawing + my splays. Eventually we got to a thin rift that blowed a gale where, after some fumbling, we found an easy climber down and... a survey ^{are numbered} cairn! We found two other old stations, so surveyed between them whilst George got moody because his cave had been absorbed. We headed back to little Bay pitch to tie in the survey but spotted a side lead just before the climber ran through some dark, long, straight legs there until we got to a wet pitch. We were oh, so close to a kilometre in the back/PIT so, ~~we~~ rather than wrapping up at 6pm when we made the connection at 8:30pm when we tied in the survey we tied up the area at the final ledge of Mongol Rally to make it 1000m (albeit with a dodgy, cheeky leg or two). On the way out we drank at the pool in Pit Stop as I was losing it with dehydration - it's dry, dry, dry in Floodland (of course). It took 2.5h out and we were on the surface at 01:30 to a full moon.



26/7/18 !! (MOC(F)OC) (J J I T Z H I J I T O P T 2 T O W)
Ally, Becka, George, Luke T/U 10.5H
Balkan → Mongol Rally

I found my second descent of Balkan to be easier than the first. Becka and Luke headed down ahead of George and I to Pit Stop to survey that area while George and I surveyed the rest of the Mongol Rally, starting at the ledge we had previously bolted and surveyed to.

We stopped at Pit Stop so I could eat Fitness bread and cheese while George said how terrible Fitness bread was. We then went and met ~~Becka and Luke~~ Luke and a cold Becka before heading down, agreeing to head back at 5 or 6 pm.

I continued marking stations for George to the bottom of the Mongol Rally. We then surveyed the bottom and George pointed out where Becka stopped him and called him out on their last trip. Beyond this point was a large area. The only way on we could find was ~~the~~ along a large phreatic, mud filled passage (still mostly walking). We found a bolt which surprised George who thought we'd kept the bolt level. We turned round when a sketchy mud slope/pitch which required a rope.

Met Luke and Becka at Pit Stop for the journey out.

01/AUG/2018 dep 0625 ~~ret~~ return 1305 ~~at 1305~~ Bikey Philip S.
Attempt to reach Futurity Series my trial feature for below

Cycled to N. end of Atkassee Lake (S. route). Took 1 hour for base camp.
Tried up very cycleable to a hut where it stops &

there is a steeply ascending rough path (supposed to Appelhaus) up to Trinselval side of the valley. I failed to bike ^{up} just. I decided to go directly up the lower side. Mistake. "Oh yes," I thought, "10-15 miles through these trees and I'll be into the clear grass/rock/screa area." I low later I was in a rock shelter, still in the trees, and I could now see that the track I ~~had~~ should have cycled up was much higher, and I had no safe way ~~on~~ ~~out~~ ~~of~~ the up this side of the valley.

The geology is very promising that - at least. But the big face is well-bedded with a couple of rept-looking faults. I was ~~not~~ had got to within 600 m horizontally of where I wanted to look for outcrops but ~~these~~ 600m too low.

Aborted cycle ride home & Bud Arsee for emergency ice-cream

Phy Nettles! Flies!! aargh!!

2/08/18 Wodey, Alex, Ryan, Manfred J T 4/10h

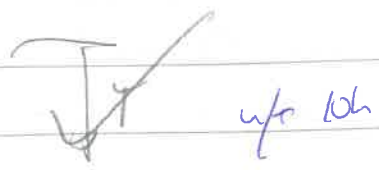
Testing Turnocis to Balkanite Connection. Part one

At that time, the journey across the pitch required a traverse. We had mistakenly rigged the pitch for a descent resulting in a ~~descent~~ ~~starting~~ ~~on~~ ~~return~~ ~~journey~~ with the hope of returning.

The initial stage of the trip was quickly and easily navigated by Wodey - having previously surveyed up to Starfish Junction and being well acquainted with the system. Beyond the junction we relied on a detailed survey, ~~and~~ some detailed notes, and ^{all of which} ~~Wodey had~~ ^{needed} ~~at~~ base camp. Our journey to Mouth of the periglacial was somewhat 'exploratory' as we attempted to find the correct passage ~~to~~ ^{at that time,} ~~the~~ ^{Unknown to us} the journey across the pitch required a traverse. We had mistakenly rigged the pitch for a descent resulting in a ~~descent~~ ~~starting~~ ~~on~~ ~~return~~ ~~journey~~ with the hope of returning.

3/08/15

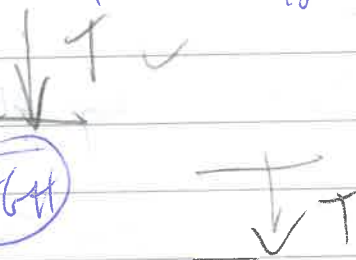
Woking, Kory, Kyun



Testing Tunnocks to Falkenhole Connection Part 2

TUNNOCKS

Having been ~~convinced~~ ^{convinced} by the pitch that required to be traversed rather than descended, we returned the next day. The journey into the system was far quicker as the route had now been rehearsed by the group. As the traverse was being rigged, a second re-surveying was ~~not~~ completed. After pushing forward it was found that we did not have enough rope to complete the pitch down into Kercock (even after derigging the traverse line). Unfortunately no one description for this route existed, as such, the amount of rope required was unknown. Future trips shall attempt to generate such notes for the interest of future trips. One again we ran out of time, and this time rope. However, the trip still produced additional survey results - with accompanying elevations (sections). On the return journey being rigged to the traverse line with 5 things hooked to one another (in the interest of speed), however it was debated if this was in fact quicker. A future trip would require more rope (greater than a 13m and 22m).



28/07/2018

Adelaide, Typhon

FGH



~~we went~~ At the bottom of Fish Gesicht Pied an 280m pitch that needed bolting, and the idea of it appealed to Typhon & I. ~~After~~ After looking for someone more experienced in vain, we decided that our ~~previous~~ previous bolting experiences (4 bolts between the two of us)* was enough. We headed to the cave under the disapproving stares of Nadia & Luke.

* as well as our surveying experience (I had seen M. Holiday do one survey)

We swiftly made our way to the bottom, where we struggled to find some good rock to set a 4-hand; Typhon ~~had~~ had to climb down a rift to find somewhere suitable, while I sang every single song I knew & tried to fight off the creeping cold. Typhon got too tired (and needed to pee) to bolt a re-belay, so the 80m rope had to be descended on a single 4-hand. I shot myself (not actually, ~~figure of speech~~ I hear it's a figure of speech in your language) a little while descending due to the ~~in~~ ^{thick} bounce of the rope, but Typhon's grin and general mentality of not giving a fuck reassured me greatly. ~~The~~ The enthusiasm of dropping my very first pitch lifted my spirit up. We wandered around the chamber & found 3 leads; ~~and~~ ^{in the wall} a 45° downwards tube which started with a 3m non free-climbable pitch and turned right out of sight, a hole behind a (what we thought was) non free-climbable pitch, ~~which led to another a 80m pitch~~ (but actually was), and a rift which led to another a 80m pitch. ~~We~~ We left the cave very ~~pleased~~ pleased with all those new leads. PS: we didn't survey because we forgot the notebooks up the pitch ~~ok bye~~.

01/08/2018

Adelaide, Michael Sargent

FGH

← chips oil

Cat Henry
Adm Henry
Paul Fox



We started the trip to Fish Gesicht with 3 other people (Cat, Cat's ^{husband} boyfriend, and Paul) but they decided to turn back before Liquid Luck because Paul was being slow. ~~although~~ Michael & I made it to the pushing front and bolted the small pitch at the front of the 45° slope (the hole in the wall was a dead end) (if you're confused, see previous report). We climbed down the slope, squeezed through boulders to the right and landed on a small, round passage leading off to the right, with sand

cornering the ground, I followed the passage to a bend and saw that it continued - and got bigger! I screamed with excitement; Michael was pretty fucking pleased with our discovery. ~~Since~~ Since we didn't have any surveying gear (I realised his disk wasn't calibrated ~~as~~ as we were getting changed) we decided to scoop the fuck out of it (or rather, I ran off ahead ^{screaming} while Michael was trying to convince me to leave some for the surveyors). The passage alternated between large fractures and large rifts, branching off several times. We covered maybe around 200m before ~~we~~ we decided to turn around; the passage continued. ~~Before~~ we had a little time before our turn-around time, so ^{Michael} started to bolt the huge pitch that is parallel to Rubble Rumble until we got bored and decided to go back to camp earlier, ~~giving~~ giving us enough time to brag about our findings to whoever was still awake.

02/08/2018 Adelaide, Typhon, Manfred

Followed the lead after Rubble Rumble, surveyed for 6 hours, 60+ survey legs total. Good trip.

03/08/2018 Phillip S. 'Look futile 3' X T

Walking below 115 entrance to try to find ~~the~~ an entrance to the Futility Series (again).

Up at 6 am with Luke & Rachel, hit dead back to Bankhouse & Wookay collected me for three.

On the mountain I finally got ~~to~~ to the right area where it was possible to explore & make progress: ~~not~~ several limestone cliffs & benches

- all below the waste level - with dappled shade of beeches & pine trees, lots of ~~partly~~ artfully arranged rocks & stork grass & wild flowers. Several game & hunters' tracks. Lots of rotten kaman clamoring.

After climbing up a little cliff - easy enough but something I didn't fancy reversing - I found myself in thick brush. After a bit I tried going ~~underneath~~ the brush & found myself looking at a tiny entrance which was giving a slight draft. It is about possible to get into it but it is only 15m ^{East} south of CUCC-PS01-2018. ~~Now~~ I saw it's CUCC-PS01-2018 for 6 mints to get 20m in (due west, descending 30% for horizontal) vadoze relief ~~plate~~ with lots of boulders. Needs surveying.

02/08/2018

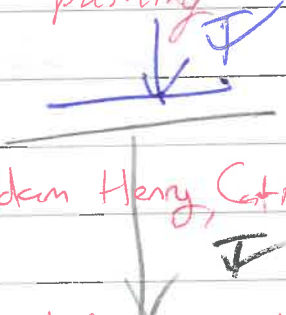
JON, HAYDON

Homecoming

A series of 4 trips bolting the Lizard King, which is a rift with a strong draft in Homecoming Hole (CUCC-2018-DM07). Reached by doing traverse 10m over floor of Grommit, and taking right/straight ahead (not left) at the first junction. A series of more or less exciting traverses lead to a phreatic maze with a large phreatic tube over a major rift around it. We bolted against the draft, using 50m rope for the first section, ~~and~~ ending on a small ledge (3m pitch). A further (more exciting) traverse along top of rift continues to the right until a sudden end after 15 min. A 40(?)m pitch (1 dev, 2 rebays) drops into a large, muddy rift. From a ledge, a 4-bolt traverse pushed the continuation

against the draft into a further (larger) rift that would require bolting. Further leads against in the opposite direction or further down the rift (BIG RIFT!). Alternatively the opposite direction of the phreatic tube from the Lizard King. Lots of bolting, we were very cold. Hayden says he was a 2 on a 1-10 scale where 1 is frozen solid. I was also very cold. In other words, an altogether excellent pushing front with a brilliant windchill effect.

TU 5hr??

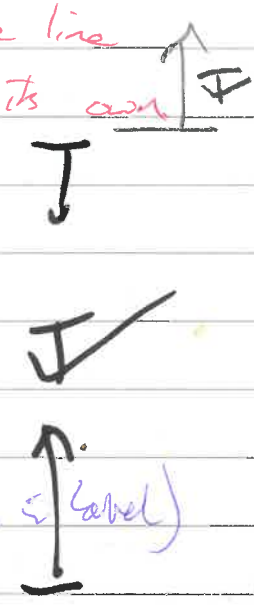


Thu 2nd August 2018 PEA Michael Sargent, Adam Henry, Cat Henry

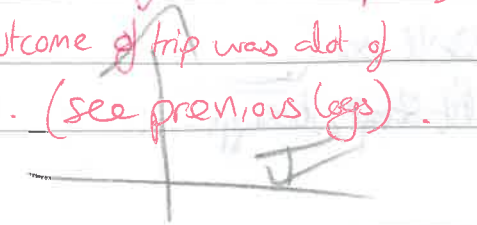
Set off for Fischgesichtshole, to survey the stuff scooped on the 1st (see Adelaide 01/08/2018). Surveyed down the 3m rope we put in, and took a right at the crossroads just at the bottom of the scree slope, (cross roads at point 5). Took the left turning we first came to (point 8) and followed nice vedose dry passage until it came into much larger phreas (point 22). Followed left past where a rift came into the floor of the phreas, which we called bird arrow rift, because of a peculiar rock marking. We left bird-arrow rift for Adelaide & co (02/08/2018), and continued down the phreas. The walking surface lowered down to the level of the water in the rift ^{where there was a pool}. Then climbed back out again. Traversed over the top of

a pitch that followed the rift with the water, and the phreas continued upward. Eventually, the large phreas continued up into the ceiling, and the low level route passes through some small boulder choke into a sandy tube. The high phreas would be accessible with a traverse line for a climb up that is too exposed on its own.

T-shirts around 2018-08-04 14:15
 2 x S
 3 x XL
 4 x L
 Lots x M. (see Mark, same family - no distinct)



Friday 3rd August - Fisch Gesicht, Mike Sargent, Adam Henry, Cat Henry
 Returning to Fisch Gesicht for the 3rd time, quickly descended to the pushing front. Began by surveying large chamber leading to pitch. Rock fall down to pitch timed @ 3.8 seconds. Then set off to see which routes Adelaide, Typhon and Manfred had surveyed the previous day. After following all their routes, we spotted a couple of ~100m linking passages had not been surveyed, so cleared up all that. Continued to "eldrid eye" chamber and knocked off a few leads (to ends), Similar story for "Coconut chamber", where 1 lead was surveyed back around to link to previous passage, 2 other "A" leads were also joined together 15m past beyond the chamber (Rift + small hole in wall) Continuation of this rift series Small passage/rift ends as water falls from roof Aven. Stereo Dright continues to come from small passage. Soon leads to rift which would require protection! Outcome of trip was alot of tidying up work, consolidated into a few good leads. (see previous logs).
 fine in 10:40 time out 20:40.



2/8/18 Beka + Nadia
 Balkan → Pit Stop (off Mongol Rally) T/M 10 hrs

Down to Pit Stop + started with the RH lead at the start
 Over the big boulder quickly led to a big pitch which we
 assumed was Mongol Rally though George disagreed so it
 would be worth trying to find out where it went next we
 went left at the water inlet then left at the T-junction +
 several some easy, long legs (Pit Stop 3) which ended in
 a dragging pitch which is a good lead. Third we went to the
 Next of Pit Stop (Pit Stop 4) it turned out you didn't need
 to rig it as a pitch, you could crawl down on the right. This
 led to a ~~dry~~ chamber with evers. The only lead was a pitch
 on the left, dragging but small + sound of water. Finally I
 put in 3 bolts for the traverse over the far side of Pit Stop
 which Nadia set off with.

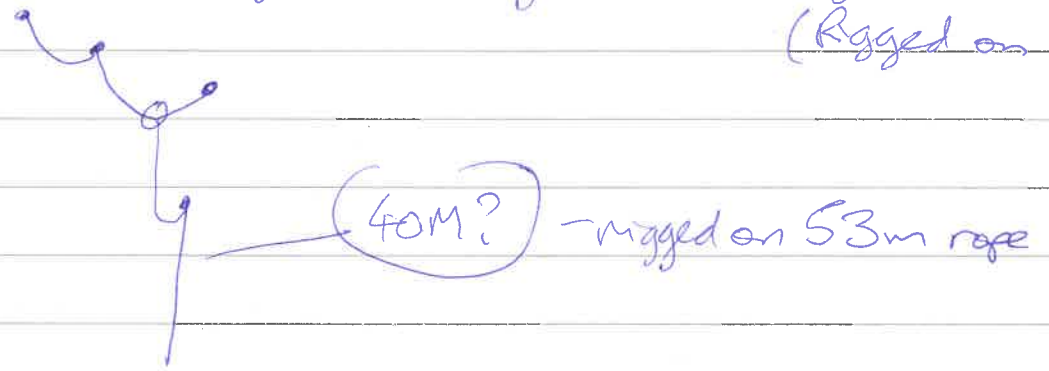
3/8/18 → 5/8/18 Beka, Adam + George
 Balkan → Grand Prix → Camp Kraken → Radio Silence
 + Sum of the Earth + Octopus Garden → denig
 Outgoing + Terrible Traverse + Camp to top of Kraken
 then denig out of tunnels to bottom of Numb

of the best
 T/A 55h (climbed 12:00-22:00 on 3rd, 11:00-23:45 on 4th,
 10:00-19:30 on 5th, setting off from top of Kraken ~15:00
 after ferrying camp up to the top of it in 5 parties)

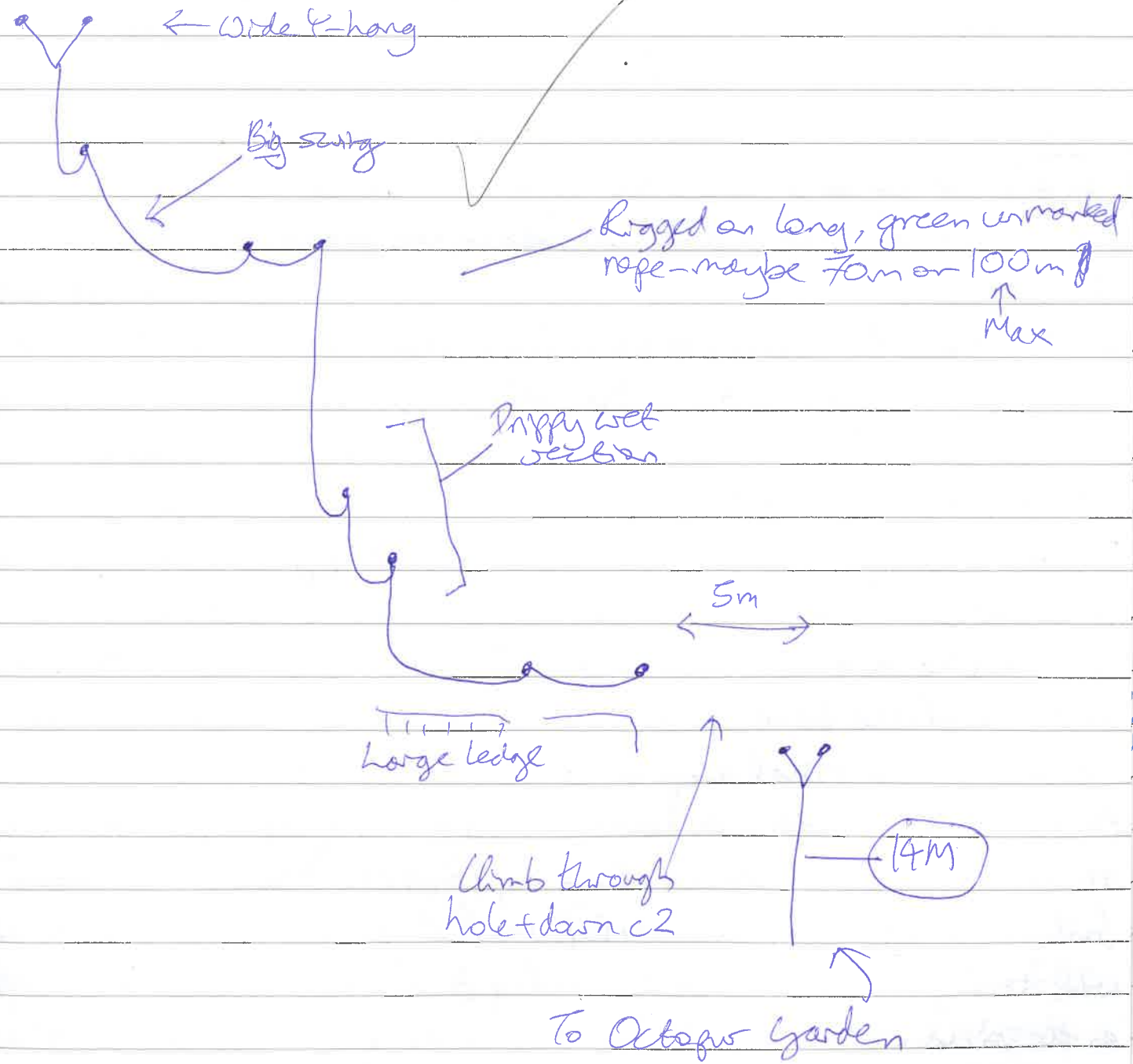
"This is not a 3-man denig" was George's plaintive assessment
 We'll see (Day 1) in Balkan. George finished off the traverse opposite
 Pit Stop, disappointing Luke who'd wanted to do it. We then

MONGOL RALLY PM 3.

(15) Suction Cup Pitch in Grand Prix, beyond Little Bay Pits
 (Rigged on 3/8/18)



(16) Sum of the Earth pitch below Radio Silence which is
 below Beckoning Silence in Sackers, rigged on 4/8/18



continued to tie bottom of Margot Rally + George put a couple more bolts in the floodland pitch that he, Jacob + Olly had started on the previous trip but it looked like a major job so he derigged and we went down Grand Prix past little bay to tie ~~to~~ a cheval ridge + dropped Suisun Cup pitch (rigging top on previous page). This led to a rather vertiginous steep area which we clambered up steeply until it ended in an over. We lost George for some stressful minutes - he'd dropped down a steep, muddy phreatic tube + struggled to return. We then pulled up + left the 53m rope + some hangers as our bag still seemed full + I thought we had a long way to go but in fact we were in ^{broken} camp in under an hour.

down Sum of the Earth

Day 2 We took our long rope + 14m rope to tie muddy, rocky end of Radio Silence where the previous (Anthony/Chris/Hydra) camping trip had got to + unenthusiastically started to rig (George) + to shiver (Becha + Adam). After some time (we cracked + got into the botchy) George shouted that he was past the worst of the drops (we're having a breeze, it'd probably be nasty in the rain) + we should come down. I was really in the mood to sack it off ^{it was} sharp, cold wet, vertical - but George perked up after spotting what looked like a floor down a c2 just after the ~~end~~ end of Sum of the Earth. We'd knistled the long rope so put the 14m on the final drop and - hurrah - it just reached the floor and we were in, big complex chamber. We set off surveying, trying to clear up a dirty Adam. There ~~was~~ ^{were} loads marked + rapped + streaked mud slopes and a proper stream with sandy then muddy banks leading to a small sump. Just before, on the mud bank, I spotted a tiny seedling - "here's a sprout!"

"What?": We all stared at it, basking it with light for the first time in its hopeless life then surveyed the upper sections + finally, down the boulder slope, we got into the upstream canyon. We followed this to a c2 then etc + I suggested it was time to head home but I was overruled by George nipping ^{the c2} up + raving about a beautiful pod. We followed + there was, indeed, a gorgeous green and blue pool, like a weird eye. We took photos then surveyed further until the passage narrowed to a tall rift, + I suggested a reluctant George lighted was ~~really~~ really time to go. ~~Finally~~ We then headed out with George derigging Sum of the Earth (big swing on the 2nd relay) then me derigging Radio Silence + Bukonyi Silence then back to camp with George getting the short straw of derigging Tentacle Traverse which was apparently a struggle ~~as~~ given ^{his} stature. Worryingly, no water had collected during the day but I worked out a system using a bin bag to collect + funnel drops in to the Daren drum, ^{that} which worked well. ^{as we only had 4 tacklebags}

Day 3 "Are we going to do this?" We ~~had~~ ^{started with} relays up broken - George first with a master rope bag + drill then me with another master rope bag + hangers then Adam with another master rope bag + a bag with the gear we needed to take out of camp (including a full to bursting shit drum - George was the last to dump + grumbled that he'd been set up as he ~~had~~ ^{had} to squish in the final bag). ~~At~~ At this point we realised we hadn't nearly enough tacklebags so long Marge made an appearance - the massive orange survival bag was filled with 3x sleeping bags 3x alpinexes, 2x thermal and 4x Karimats. George was skeptical + I was rocked with the giggles (he was nearly as tall as he was + considerably fatter) but in fact he set up broken with her, leaving me to regret letting him off taking a normal tackle sack ^{as well} that left me to bring up the rest of camp in 2 tacklebags.

+ out of Turnacks.

Daren drove some darts, dragging en route. At the top we sorted the pile of gear whilst Adam headed up. There was ^{modest sized} expedition's worth of gear ^{left} there - at least 400m rope, over 100 hangers, drill, handboring kit, slings, tent, sleeping + cooking gear, etc. Adam had the bag with our kit then I went + George dangled. I persuaded him we should take 3 back-sacks between us for the dangle. Mistake. I broke George. He ended up at the top of Widow Twankey's with a full back-sack + most of Big Ben's ^{pull of disgustingly muddy rope} + got, com, cross. By then I'd dumped my bag at the bottom of Procrastination, so I'd headed back down to fetch another bag but when I met Adam at the top of Murder of the Beast he said I needed to be nice to George so I took ^{Adam's e.g. + A went bag-free} his bag, ^{bag} then we shuffled forward + let George escape. Very burdened, we stopped out. I gave the bag to Adam ~~at~~ on the entrance pitch then was nearly humiliated as, on a flagpole high, he powered up + nearly caught me up. ~~When~~ George was sunbathing on the surface + ~~then~~ led us on a forced march back to camp which was described.



08.08.2018 Max, Wooker, Ryan
 ① We did a trip down Turnacks to do a resurvey and a connection to "Balcony". We resurvey a part in March of the penguin in Balcony and the pitch that dropped into the Frazer north. Also surveyed a new passage there that just loops around. ~~Attempts~~
 Trip duration 1.5h

② 3rd Attempt on the penguin Jellakida resurvey. Took with 50m of rope + 6 more hangers after not being enough gear last time. And a monkey collar so we had enough line. Got to the far end with all the still ~~gear~~ to remind that we only had 6 hangers due to taking others off last time! ~~Doh!~~ Another failure was not to work so Wook decided to go all the way back down March of the Penguins, Throat, Rhyth, High & Low Pleasure to check hangers with the usual Suspects + random viggis. Solo speed carry was similar from I he took 25 min there 20 min dangle, 20 min back. Max + Ryan got v. cold making. Max tipped when whilst Wook + Ryan redid penguin Jellakida. Pitch survey was a pain and it wasn't possible to see exactly carry this far away, so we made a run at top + bottom.

We did great job of viggis, when Wook couldn't bear. Down in Icecock we joined up survey I went for a look around. Ryan found a scrotty but not on survey I got explanation given, so look off SKT but to show Wook through I make a loop. So then we had to survey it. Ryan learned a bit about surveying. Decided we couldn't get to the lodge by a frozen North ~~without~~ without more gear so headed out. Max dangled. Then arranged MOTP from

Apr 22 back to choker above spiral crack. ~~Revised~~ Revisited existing points is very fine country. After a while we could not find the station I made up out on all the same looking for things we could find. Finally dragged out, including the protractor/delay bag, by 2m.

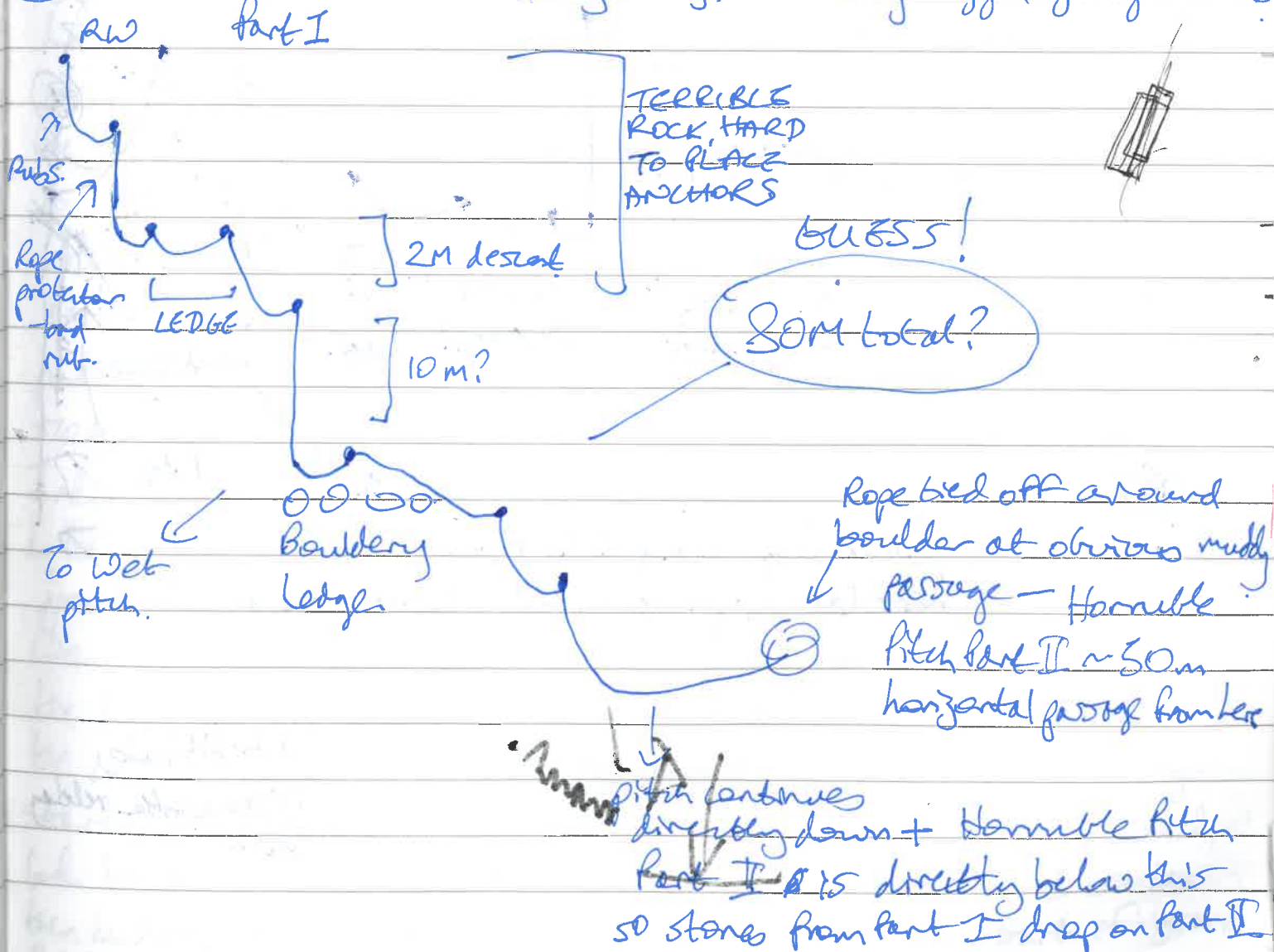
* Looked up saw slope in Fridge Walk. Max got up to where there was no more footprints ~ 10m up. Quite sketchy. There must be an external source.

2018-08-07 Fish Gesicht. ~~FWT~~ ^{FWT → HB Tug.} Wook, Adam, Ryan

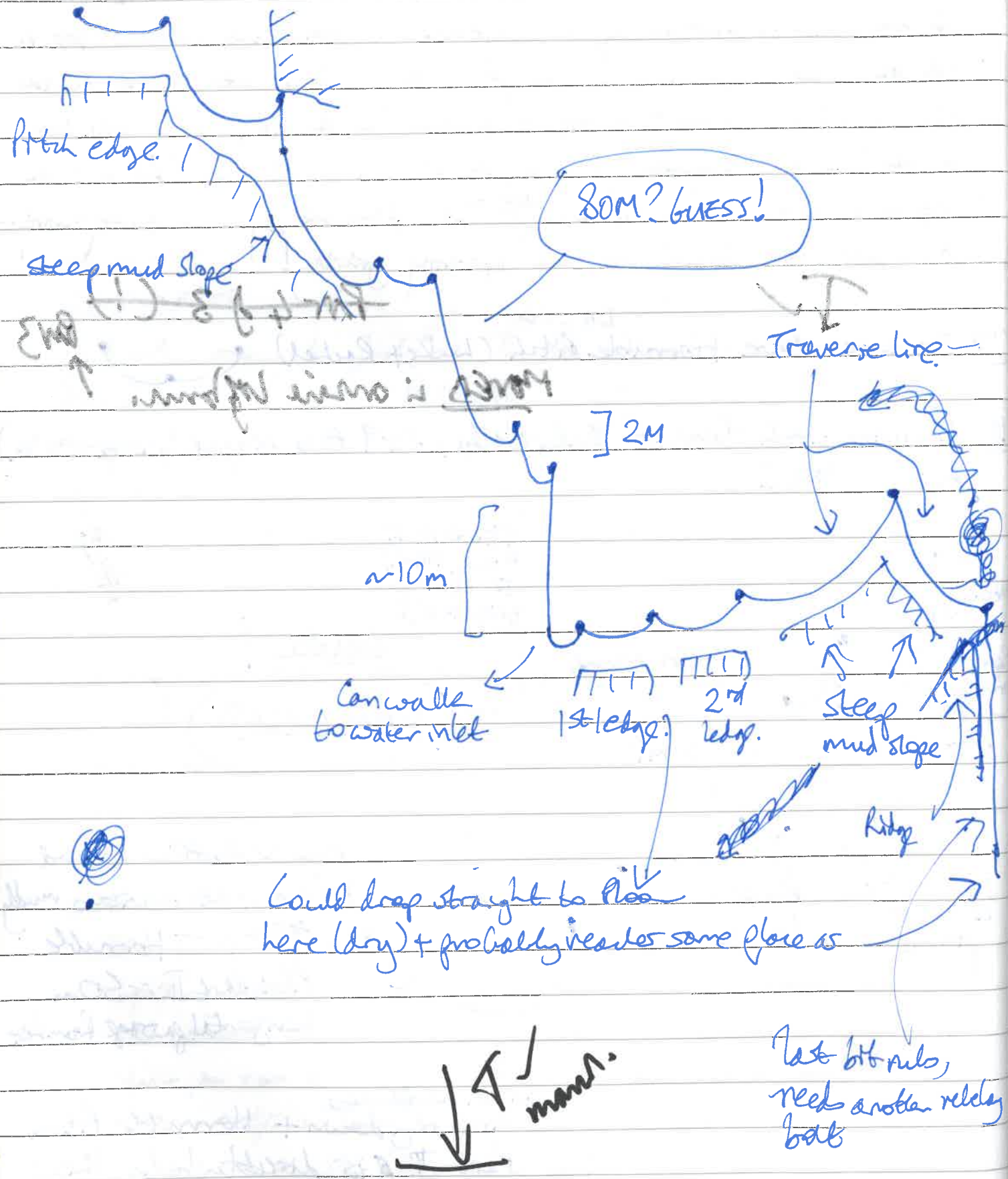
Went over to fishface to see if we could connect from it to Happy Butterfly. Looked in right direction but didn't find anything very interesting - a bit of light pressure looking back to know stuff. There was some hunting, some for potential leads, after some rambling we decided to push a 'fisherman's hole' on route to a rift choker ahead (there we had found too dead bats). The hole that we were interested in appeared to ~~be~~ have been previously dropped - a runner and bolt were inside, even if slightly rusted. We dropped the pitch ~~into~~ (10m?) into a large rift with a distinctive large square below wedged in the passage. Ryan pushed the lead to the left; a rift heading down which choked out, however when surveyed by Wook and Adam survey stations were found. Nevertheless they re-surveyed the passage. The second pitch was drilled and bolted to drop a new pitch, again around 20m down to a false floor in the rift. After descending Wook decided Ryan's gardening (the removal of loose and potentially dangerous rock) as per and proceeded, assisted by Adam, to kick down the loose rock - garden. Hence, the name of the passage, gardening street. At the bottom of the pit we found leads in both directions, however decided to push down the rift (following the surface). A traverse line was rigged

across a ropey section of false floor which dropped down onto a large pit. A rock test conducted by Adam measured the rockfall from top to side impact as 2:1s ~ 40m - A distance we could not reach with the rope we had. We used the left over rope to assist in rigging a 1/2" heavy and setting bolts, however, did not push the mystery pit. We left the pit as rigged. After Wook's input the survey data conducted throughout the trip & was under if the new passage connected (potentially) to the existing ~~step~~ system or pushed in a new direction. All in all the trip was a valuable learning experience ^{could be} for both Adam and Ryan in survey techniques rigging, ~~and~~ bolting, and most importantly gardening!

- BARXON
~~Part 4 of 3 (!)~~ ^{Part 3}
 (17) Traverse above Horrible Pitch (Lucky + Rachel)
 MOVES is online ^{Wook}
 (18) Horrible pitch (end of Indy Rally, 8+9 Aug rigged (George + Becka))



① Horrible Pitch Part II - from Horrible Pitch Part I
 climb down large muddy passage, to corkscrewing around,
 to obvious pitch head.



Could drop straight to floor here (dry) + probably reaches same place as

8/9/10 Aug 2018 - Becha, George, Luke, Rachel.
 Camping Trip: Balkan → Top of Kraken, collect camp,
 move it to Little Bay → Push in Indy Pass (8th Aug)
 then push Horrible Pitch in Indy Pass (B+G) + push
 One Direction (L+R) (9th Aug) then exit with big bags
 (10th Aug).

T/M 49h (Landed 11:00 - 21:00 on 8th; Landed 11:00 - 20:00 L+R
 11:00 - 23:00 B+G on 9th; Landed 07:00 - 12:00 L+R, 08:00 -
 11:00 G, 08:00 - 12:00 B on 10th).

Day 1
 In with food + dumped it below Little Bay Pitch which we
 thought could make a good camp then to tie vast dump of
 stuff at the top of Kraken. L+G already shuffling gear by
 the time R+I arrived ^{(we took 2h to bottom Mongol Rally) (+ they took 2h to top of Kraken)} (I took 15 to descend Mongol Rally).
 Large Marge + 5 tubloads plus the drill bag + some dog trap
 were ferried across the traverse then we slogged them up
 the dinks to get them into Grand Prix. That broke the back of
 it. We took one load each ^(carrying by hodgepodge mules most all the way) to Little Bay + found a
 composite agent the wall looking out to the pitch. R+I
 made a level sleeping platform, digging out the mud +
 putting in a retaining wall of boulders whilst L+G
 sloped out water, finding a good source midway down
 Indy Rally. Needs a strap (ag a mug) but only ~10' to fill
 a Davendrum. ~~They~~ We laid the tent flat as a
 groundsheet ten mats. No draft + we weren't cold at night.
 We then all headed to the end of Indy Pass. Rachel bolted
 the drabbing browser but this immediately led to the head of
 the web pit so she + Luke surveyed then deneged it. George
 started to rig the pitch ^{Horrible Pitch}, grumbling lots about shit rock which
 led to some ugly, rubbing drops. We surveyed + headed back.
 then Luke + I pitched the rest of the camp far from the start of Grand
 Prix whilst George + Rachel surveyed 2 loops near camp.

Day 2

Luke + Rachel headed to leads in Grand Prix which led nowhere but then they hit paydirt in the OMC on the left in Indy Rally before the water source. This gave 50m crawling then a penetration. One way led in good-sized passage back to Grand Prix + the other way was drabbing + left going. George + I returned to Horrible Pitch + George quickly rigged down to a big ledge. ~~Heber~~ ~~George~~ This gave a short, cork screwing passage that led back to the continuation of Horrible Pitch, but we were diverted for some time by some smaller tunnels off the horizontal route that I found. This led to some interesting, drabby tubes + possible leads. ~~He~~ I then started to bolt part II of Horrible Pitch. I put in some lowy bolts, + then found the rope far too short so, with relief, handed the rigging back to George + I returned to camp to fetch another bag of rope. George got down to a double ledge by a bridge with water flowing in. Here he ambled up a steep mud slope (er, you do know how far above that last bolt you are?) + put in a bolt (er, you've got loads a Hill's, why not a y-hang?) + ambled back down the slope, over a sharp rock ridge + dropped inelegantly (is with rubs) to the floor. You could also go directly down from the double ledge to the floor. All of Horrible Pitch is dry despite lots of watery gullies nearby. We ran around at the bottom + George managed to ^{temporarily} strand himself up a dumb up a mud bank, ~~where~~ George was pretty much surveyed over by Aro but he scudded himself for one final slog down the bottom + then he 2 pitch sections. We left it rigged. We found the others fast asleep by the time we got back to camp.

Day 3

Rudely awoken at 06:00 when Luke + Rachel got up to head out (I can't complain, I'd spent an hour or two yesterday morning rustling bags + shining my light at them trying to get people going). They had packed the muddiest rope the night before + headed out at 07:00. By then George + I had given up on sleeping so we got up + packed more junk + headed out 08:15. George caught the others at the top of Margot Rally and was out in 3h - ~~3h~~ yeah, yeah... Luke + Rachel took 5h and I took 4h (I dithered a rope at the top of Hangon's as I ~~was~~ scared to be going at snail's pace + both my jammers + my belay slipped all the way up - poor technique according to Luke, sigh. End of my career for Expo 2018 - 22h underground for me!-) ~~Off~~ Off to Plankermira with UHO tomorrow to see how things look from the other hill...

Wednesday 15th of August

Balkonhole → Tunnocks

~~Jacob~~ George, Ollie + Jacob

As well as being my first caving trip of the expo, this was also the first Balkon Tunnocks through trip made. ~~As we made~~ ~~at~~ George ~~attempted~~ ~~to~~ changed the hang at the top of Mungol Rully. ~~In the end it was decided, a~~ ~~and~~ added a rebelay and fixed another. At the bottom of MR, Ollie began to bolt the right hand wall of Floodland He got so far down the pitch but then ~~decide~~ didn't bottom due to time constraints.

The connection between Balkon and Tunnocks is very impressive. large chamber after large chamber.

The Prasiik out was a laugh...! ~~It~~ It was an introduction and a belt to Asstrian caving. '0/10 would do again!

3rd of August

Pitstop Balkon

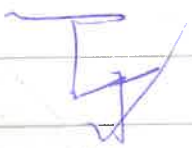
Luke, Max, + Jacob

Arrived at pitstop to find George who was in the group ~~before~~ ^{in front} to have finished ~~the~~ bolting the traverse around to the other side. ~~at~~ Passage was large walking passage with nice mud formations in floor. Passage ends at a pitch with a dodgy bridge. Half way ish between the traverse and pitch was a flatout crawl on right. Crawl was unpleasant and sharp (I forgot knee pads!!) and ~~ended~~ ~~was~~ sloped upwards. Passage (including crawl until became too tight) was surveyed. Pitch was ~~at~~ dropped.

We then head back to Pitstop and then attempt to bolt a rift but as the floor fell beneath and scared me and ~~we~~ we decided to call it a day.

Full scumal
J & M
Jim Here on!
P75 13/7/19

2018-08-13 Monday
 Hiltl had left down for carpool with
 Helmut Kalss



who lives in Altdorf
 (we drive past his house
 every time we go up to
 the plateau). He is
 a local & teaches at
 the agricultural college.

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He knew about the STIX system but not what we had
 done - so he gave me a lift to the potato field &
 I showed him the posters and oven.
 (He also has ~~teddy bears~~ & a hat with a feather in it.)

Phylis S.



13th August 2018
 fishing fish face beyond GARDOSING school, discovering PINEAPPLE PITCH.
 Alex, Jacob, Poo, Arnold
 no german covers from

The trip was to push fish face further following a low-level lead in GARDOSING
 school. An exchange was agreed with the german covers, whereby they
 would offer us a trip if we would offer them a trip (an agreement
~~was~~ arranged by Alex and Jacob during the bottom camp BBQ). The trip
 also allowed the germans to experience top camp, both of whom were incredibly
 impressed by the arrangement declaring "you english are mad!". The international
 cover group encountered a language barrier in the especially crumbly
 and loose passages of the fish face entrance pitch and traverse. While descending
 Alex heard one of the germans (Poo) shout "Stein!", somewhat confused he
 looked up to find the german ^{cover} was not offering him a beer, instead, a number
 of rocks had been kicked down. A system was then ~~try~~ proposed by the

germans to overcome the language barrier. The syllable part of words would
 indicate the core commands, therefore the language used would be rendered pointless.

The syllable system

Syllable	Syllables	English	German
1		ROCK	STEIN
2	..	ROCK FREE	SEIL FREE
3		UND - ER - STOOD	REX - STAN - DEN

It was also agreed during the trip that significant gear would be left between
 covers on pitch/traverse ~~series~~ series leading on from on another due to the dangers
 of very loose rock and the potential of injury. The GARDOSING school passage
 was passed beyond the unnamed and unknown pitch that offers a lead. Originally
 we believed that a steady 3km down would be best for a rebelay, however, on
 investigation this appeared to be a large boulder wedged in the rift. Further more,
 the placement of the boulder, nicknamed the 'cotton lid' appeared to be only secured
 by small boulders. The decision was made to drop the y-hung down through
 a squeaky pitch, although tight, the pitch is easily possible. The newly found
~~pitch~~ Pineapple Pitch (PPP) is 125m and ~~is~~ descends down
 further into the rift. Multiple passages can be seen coming off this pitch
 which may be worth future exploration. The pitch bottoms out in a small crumb
 ~ 10m. A similar interesting crumb is to the right, nicknamed the mud hole, here
 a variety of interesting geological features are found. Also at this point a
 small pool of water has formed. Directly in front of the pitch after a small
 step the rift can be seen to bottom out. However, at this point, we had run out
 of rope. An additional 20m/15m was ~~now~~ allowed us to reach the bottom.
 The rift appears to curve around the corner, offering a potential easy lead
 to those who are willing to push this further.

As we assume this may be the bottom as its the collection point for many of the smaller dropped rocks

NR: the piton was named Pineapple Patches due to the assumption of a pineapple by some rugged looking cavers at the bottom of the piton. The analogy of a pineapple ^{to impenetrable plus} is a tradition upheld by Alex Steadman and Nottingham University caving club in reference to The Pineapple Munro Society - a Society at Nottingham University which took pineapples as muntros in Scotland. The society was disbanded by the university and ~~merged~~ folded into other outdoor sport societies.

13/08/18 Schneevulkanhalle Tourist Trip

Jacob, Andt + Pi ✓

While drunk and making friends with some Germans, one of them, Andt, gave me a proposition. "You take me caving and I'll take you caving... In a ice cave... with a ~~fire~~ ^{snow} volcano." I agreed to do it. I liked this idea!

Despite the cave being less than 1km from Top Camp, due to losses ~~characteristic~~ "I'm going to try and kill you with every step you take" nature we had walk across the plateau towards Applehaus and then take that path. After passing features After negotiating some Kraverse, beaking some banda and safely

avoiding the ~~Open~~ Caver Grinding we arrive at some dead larch... and a ^{misty} cave entrance! This was to be our exit point. Pi headed up the hill to start rigging the hole top entrance while Andt gave me a quick lesson on how to walk in crampons.

When ~~the~~ Crampon School was over we too head to the top entrance. An ~~too~~ oblong entrance of 10m ish and 4m wide. Entrance pitch to the top of the snow volcano was probably 40/50m. When on top of volcano, daylight can still be seen. Pis quite impressive

When on top of volcano - the size of the chamber starts to become apparent. In the distant ice ~~for~~ stalls ~~come into~~ can be seen glistening through the mist. We continue the ~~disten~~ descent, this time down the side of the snow volcano for ~30m until we reach the piton.

Ice is hit. Rope Free.

Wow!

This chamber would be impressive

even without all the ice, ~~formation~~
We waded around for a bit and
I amazingly manage to remain standing!
I literally cannot stop ~~smiling~~ smiling.
Some of the ice pillars were
easily 15m high!

Eventually, I'm forced to live by
the call of nature. We exit through
what was once called The Elephants
Arse - cos there was a formation
that looked like a elephant ~~has~~
but has sadly since melted. If
~~you don't beta~~ I emerge
from the cave, in the days
breathe, breathe, appreciate life
and then have a piss!

13 / 08 / 2018 Neil, Nat ~~X~~ Tagging Surface Trip
& Lightning Storm
Descent

Went 100m NW of Top Camp to put a tag on
a possible cave (located previously on 8-9/08 by
Nat & Paul) numbered 2018-Ntu-01. We
practiced hand bolting to install the tag and
picked wild chives.

As water was needed at camp, snow was
collected for the bivy. While Ryan efficiently
poured 5 tackle sacks of snow into the rain
tarp, Nat & Alex & Ruairidh proceeded to practice
drilling a Z-rig to try to haul an overfilled
bag of snow vertically (see separate writeup).

While ~~after~~ taking 2 ropes each down the mountain,
we successfully crossed the plateau in ~~the~~
fabulous perfect weather, only to be hit by
a sudden bad storm at the col.

An hour of super heavy rain & lightning
was upon us. We were forced to emergency
shelter in our double-bivy bag near a rock.

Several very close massive lightning strikes
(with 0 seconds gap) reminded us **how** quickly
the weather can turn against you on the
mountain.

Lost 1/2 hr of time waiting for lightning
to subside, so final hour of walk down
was in darkness & driving rain & winds.

⚠ REMEMBER: CHECK THE WEATHER,
KIDS !!!

~~X~~ Eiskeller

Nat & Paul Surface
Prospecting + Wookay on
Day 2

We aimed to re-locate several caves that
had been recorded in 2004/5/6 and were within
300m of Top Camp. How hard can it be???

Well, 8 hours later, lost and dehydrated, we managed
to get back to Top Camp just 20 minutes before our
callout! Entering the coordinates into GPS and walking
in a direct heading was met repeatedly by either
thick bunda or sheer cliffs going up or down!

While we were lost we found several new caves,
which we duly recorded and surveyed.

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2018-08-15 Chris Holt, Radost, Luke, Max
"FGH Derig"

Derig was going to be a big job. Tonnes of rope still down several holes, and most people had already bugged off, and a fair few of those still around had bugged themselves in some fashion! So we had maybe 6 decent cavers to do maybe 20 bags worth of rope from 3 different entrances in two days. The real hard nuts had done most of Balkonhole on a camp/push/derig the day before, and half of that group were quite deservedly taking a day off. Ruairidh's broken arm had mysteriously 'Got better, honest' until we made him prove it by climbing into the Animal house, so he was out. Fishface/Fischgesicht was the next biggest project, with ~300m depth and vague rumours of a drill left at the bottom for the "unclimbable" leads.

I'd always known it was going to be a little bit cheeky turning up just for the end of Expo and still hoping to get a chance to push something, but as it turned out I wasn't even the most jammy of the lot! I'd had a couple of days to acclimatise to camp life and acquaint myself with the hypothermic delights of Alpine caving when Radost finally arrived (Actually, he had been there earlier, but was just showing his Dad around and wasn't caving), making two of us who hadn't pushed anything. So, the priorities for this trip were to be

- Derig a metric tonne of rope.
- Retrieve the drill
- Check whether the sod who left the drill hadn't left other vital equipment too
- Show me (Christopher) and Rad how to bolt, and do a little bit of surveying
- Maybe do a rigging guide to speed things up next year

Anyway, after the standard intrepid hike across the plateau, all looking super-cool if I don't say so myself, we change and Luke and Rad zip down while Max waited for me to get changed. Max and I had already been all the way to Ulysses earlier that week, so he assumed I remembered the way and shot ahead. I have a terrible memory for complex junctions and my light casts a very sharp throw-pattern, so I still got lost a couple of times and found them all taking a leisurely rest at that nice picnic spot, below the free-climb pitchy thing, where left goes to the way on and right to that disgusting traverse across Ulysses (which Max had derigged two days before and left 70m in a pile in case people wanted to bolt leads below).

There was a brief discussion of what we should expect, and we settled on the priorities listed above. Luke declared 4pm(?) to be our turnaround time. He wasn't keen on taking more rope deeper into the cave, but given Rad's and my keenness to push the two of us decided to pack it

... anyway once Luke and Max went ahead. It was only ten minutes later that the shout was relayed to us "Guys! There's more rope down here anyway! DEFINITELY don't bring that other rope!" I duly returned the bag to its original position and retrieved the survey gear, which I had of course forgotten to put back in the bag.

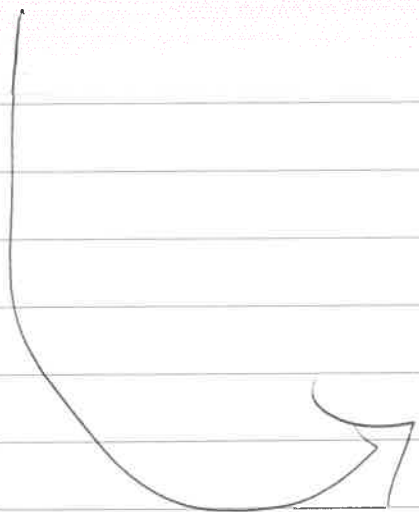
The lower shaft of Fischgesicht is a truly marvellous black hole - One of those can't-see-the-bottom, can't-see-the-top ones. In stark contrast to the rest of the cave above, it was extremely poorly rigged. Well, I suppose it could have been worse, but even on the way down I was thinking "Should I retie that knot? It really looks like it rubs. No, it's probably just me being a wuss and it's like that for a reason". This was looking at a lop-sided, 2-metre wide Y-hang that required a sort of acrobatic climb down to access. New rope, at least, though it was quite dry and required a lot of patience to avoid glazing. Plenty of time to look around the blackness and ponder the geological mysteries of metamorphosed Carboniferous sediments.

We needn't have brought in a drill battery, as together with the drill there were 3 high-capacity ones already there. Rad informed me that Luke and Max had gone up the slightly more obvious (right turn at both junctions) of the labyrinthine passages in this new horizontal level to check that the dead end really was one - apparently the small climb Max did crapped out very quickly. We met back at a junction, I picked up the survey gear from the previous junction, and we headed off (left at second junction) to check the other end of this slightly-larger passage. Everyone agreed that this was a cracking horizontal level. Very nice walking-sized!

The previous group (whose identity remains to me as nebulous and vague as their cave descriptions) had apparently concluded that "you'll need bolts and rope to push any of the leads". Total bollocks. We did find a quite sketchy looking climb overlooking the virgin passage floor, but there were two different crawling ways to bypass it! After this initial reccy we reconvened and distributed survey gear. I was to get to grips with the CHECC disto, entrusted to me by Luke that morning. Rad wanted to do the drawing. I had forgotten to pack any station-marking stuff, but luckily Luke had some nail varnish in his pocket. We reckoned we had an hour and a half to push, and with no bolting necessary, the excitement of potentially hundreds of metres of 3x3m phreatic tube became evident in everyone's voices.

So, on to the description itself. The phreatic tube trends uphill, with a vadose trench in the bottom taking the water gradually deeper and out of sight and earshot. Where the passage jumps up a dodgy climb, the safer way on is through one of two little holes down and to the left - the leftmost a low crawl, and slightly to the right of that a narrowish slot. After these, a small chamber with boulders on the floor

Crawl. We managed to shoot the lazer straight through a tiny window, avoiding the need to survey the crooked oxbow crawl round the right. Now in another small chamber, but open both forwards/left up a slope, and vertically/right into the big tube, where we were later able to survey the loop (seems to be a near-oxbow of the phreas, which was undercut to make this 3-way big junction with a fourth crawly way that we had just come through). We progressed forwards up the slope, and the 3x3m tube meanders around for m. The floor of the tube is covered with sandy mud that seems to have a darkened crust. Very easy to follow the path established by the first person. About halfway along Luke dropped his nail-varnish, so we resorted to scratching in the mud on the walls. There is a bit of a climb up before a steep slide down a sandy slope. Take care to avoid falling



in the hole at the bottom - it looks like a soft landing because of the pile of sand, but I've no idea how you would get out of that chamber - it looks a bit like the whole tube has a false floor in that area. Anyway, the tube continues, eventually changing in profile to more of a tall 2x5m ellipse. The noise of the stream can now be heard again - far below, but I suppose cascading more steeply and so making a louder sound. Eventually we reached a sloping-sided hole in the floor, obviously wet at the bottom, QMc, with the same old tube heading up to the right, QMa, and a bottomless traverse on the opposite side of the hole, QMb. All of these will require either bolting of a traverse across the hole or a spiderman-like grip and balls of steel. I would prefer the bolted traverse option.

We still had over half an hour to go, so we returned to one of the side passages we had noticed earlier. Climbing back up that steep sandy slope was interesting - everyone had a different method; running full pelt, desperate scrambling, chimping up the wall, etc. Rad was about to zoom off when I called him back - "You do know I won't be able to do anything from up here, don't you?" he observed. "Yes, but I don't want to die alone!". Cautiously attempting to disturb the sand as little as possible, I delicately levitated myself to a position of safety.

It was only a couple of legs into the side passage that it started going crazy. A-leads to the left, B and C-leads to the right, leads below - way too much to do any justice to in the time we had left. Clearly the polite thing to do was to leave it for some lucky bastard next year. There's enough down there for two simultaneous survey groups.

Derig - I was to go up the big pitch with one bag of rope, Radost to follow with the drill and batteries, then pass it to me to put in the top of the 70m bag at Ulysses. I was so mentally beasted from prusiking with a palpable twang on every bounce, at least until I passed the rub-point, and then He-Manning it past that rebelay, that I completely forgot about Rad's bag until I was about to go past Ulysses. I backtracked and hauled his bag up the little pitch for him, packed it in the top of the rope bag there, and with two heavy bags proceeded up the free-climb. I had a bit of a sense of humour failure at the top, and having overheard Max "so how many bags do you have, Rad?" "At the moment, precisely zero!" I foisted the heavier one back onto him, selfishly thinking that it would be better for the first person to travel light and quick. Even one bag on that traverse was troublesome, and so when at the top of the next pitch I heard Rad swearing his way through with two, I decided to redeem myself and took back one of them.

It was slow progress up the rest of the cave, barely keeping ahead of the deriggers (Luke and Max). At another free-climb I realised after >10 minutes of struggling that it was much easier to just throw the bags up and then chimp up after them. At the surface, I debugged and lay looking at the stars for a couple of minutes, before returning to the first pitch to take Rad's bag. He was decidedly less talkative than usual, and had the look of a man who needs a break - "it's just quite a heavy bag for a first trip" - I was inclined to agree. I saw another 3 meteors in the space of 20 seconds before going back to sketch a rudimentary diagram of the entrance traverses and take one bag from Max, and then back again for another. Realistically, it was the easiest bit of the bag carry, but it was hard thinking of Luke and Max doing all that work and not trying to help out.

The decision to leave all the tackle sacks at the entrance was endorsed unanimously. I poured myself a large Schnapps and followed everyone in double-curry dinner and falling asleep immediately.

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On way back for KH entrance, Chris & I detoured
to 115 to get 6 litres of water as we were very thirsty.
Also took out the muesli & flapjacks. Left ~ 4 litres of water +
orange polythene swim bag.

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