

Sun 14/8/05

Hauchhöhle Photo Trip. Dave, Andrew

Went in. Took some photos from bottom of Pie Series to top of Monster Murch. Went out. Observed that it was raining. Cursed loudly.

T/U 3 1/2 hrs

Mon 15/8/05

Hauchhöhle Derg Dave

I foolishly deserved that it would take one person less than twice as long as two people to derg Hauch. Found myself derging it solo. Doh!

Pie Series: OK with use of Taron + Foot Jamer rig.

Upper Plonzeatle stuff: extremely tedious! 3 return trips ~~like~~ than Taddesack Blues, much fun all round.

T/U 6 1/2 hrs.

Mon 05/08/15

2006 gaffer derg Andrew

Down to the relay above the eye hole patch. 180m of rope does not fit, even in a big T-bag. Major roundabout with 3 bags, lots of bits and rope hanging out, was I glad to see Phil, who help get them out.

T/U

2006

15/7/06 Dave travels out, absence-of-courtesy of Ryanair.

Up at 3.30am ~~at 7.00am~~ (ouch), night bus + coach to Stansted, flight to Salzburg, train to Bad Aussee, total travel time about 11 hrs. (3 1/2 getting to airport + waiting for flight; 2 flight; 1h waiting at Salzburg; rest trains + buses.)

Went quite smoothly modulo getting on the wrong train at Salzburg + ending up on an express that didn't stop at Attnang-Puchheim + having to get out at Linz + pay €8 for a train back again.

T/U: N/A

16/7/06

Carrying lots of stuff

Dave, Mark, Aaron, Tom

Walked up the hill to find lots of snow lying around - snow in 204a, snow at the front of the bridge, all over the shop. Tediously shovelled snow for ages to clear a way into Traungold. Found a very pretty ice stal; less pretty was the vast quantity of ice freezing half the gear down.

On the way down, went slightly further downhill from usual route past 195, and found a new hole: not yet tagged but in the fulness of time it will be 2006-01. GPS: ~~36283~~ 36283 E

83223 N  
1773 alt.

18/7/06

More carrying lots of stuff

Dave Aaron Mark + Tom

Walked up again, with uber-heavy rucksacks this time, wasn't too bad as we went in stages, stopping at 157 to take a photo of it + one of nearby Bogenhöhle.

Slightly further up, just before the slabs, are two holes that are well-known but not documented:

- 2006-02, no obvious markings: long rattle on dropping rocks.

Photo taken. GPS: 36086 82919 1707.

- 2006-03, marked "CUCC 1987 +". GPS 36081 82911 1706.

Photoed.

Tue 18<sup>th</sup> July

Carry to 76

Ollie + Jenny

Arrived at base camp early in the morning after driving out. It was really hot, so spent morning sorting stuff out and walked up in the evening. Failed to follow the 76 path several times and so took ages to get there. The stuff stuck in the bin seemed fine - had obviously been frozen in for most of the year, but was free (mostly) of ice now. The camping spot had way less snow than last year, so loads of tent space. The 76a entrance was full of snow (like last year) + will need clearing, but 76 is draughtily hot, therefore hopefully not blocked lower down. Walked back much more quickly but it still got dark too soon (especially for Ollie who uses wearing prescription sunglasses).

148 was noted to be completely full of snow - if it wasn't for the paint, you wouldn't know there was a cave there...

19/7/06

Carrying + First Push of Expo!

Dave + Aaron + Tom

Walked up the hill with another tediously heavy load. Arriving at the binny, Mark opted to do some surface work + the rest of us went to rig 204E.

While waiting at the base of 204E for Tom + Aaron, I had a ferret in the QMs in the chamber there.

QM 01-12C is too tight; higher-level rift has sound of water but would require capping.

01-13C is also too tight, although it required on Aaron to tell this - I couldn't get round the first bend, but he did the 2<sup>nd</sup> and got to a point where no normal person could go on.

Also at the base of the pitch is a low passage not noted on the survey, on the left from the point you land. This goes by a short crawl to a right-hand bend. A short gallery leads to a climb down into a winding rift which goes on underneath Boulder Coaster; the limit of it is a boulder choke at high level, or a dodgy QMC climb down (probably needing ghostly bolting). T/u 44

20/7/06

Random Pitch Series in Great Oak

Dave/Mark/Aaron/Tom

Plan was to go to Choc Salty Balls and bolt pitches there. En route we stopped at Great Oak Chamber. Mark descended to the bottom (on a very dodgy rig) + announced it didn't go so 00-32C is dead. Mark decided to take a look at 00-29D ~~which~~ which is not a dig,

a rift going down a perfectly civilized ~~pitch~~ pitch, a short sequence of cascades + a second rather bigger pitch. At the bottom is an awkward S-bend leading to a tight pitch led. I bashed in a ~~1/4~~ bolt for half of a Y-hang while the others surveyed down. T/U 8 1/2 hrs

Thu 20<sup>th</sup> July

76 carry

Jenny + Oly

Decided to drive up the night before + sleep in the car at the Berg rest area in order to get an early start before it got too hot. Met some very friendly German cavers in the carpark → their area is a 5-6hr walk away past Apfelhaus. Swooped emails addresses + websites.

Walked up to bivouac and set bits of things up: water tarp, other tarp, tent etc. Took photos of 97 and 148 cas they didn't have photos yet. Wanted to go back to walk back. Got distracted by a "new" cave → marked by a cairn, but no evidence of exploration (the cairn may just be marking the pitch). This will be 2006-70 it is a crawling/stagnant horizontal entrance that drafts out. After ~10m there is a restricted pitch head that appears to open out into a ~5m pitch. Currently un-descended, but seems to land on a snowy/rocky slope. Having been distracted by this cave, we got back to the car too late to do another carry back up, so slept in the car again. CPS for 2006-70:

Fri 21<sup>st</sup> July

Final carry + 76 casing

Jenny + Oly

Carry up the final bag in the morning. Took our time because our bags were heavy and Oly was suffering with a cold or hayfever. By the time we got to the bivouac

Oly wasn't feeling well + needed to patch his overcoat, so I went down 70 to rig the first 30m rope. Initially more snow than before - pretty ice round the walls in the entrance passage. Had to clear snow on the way to find the 2nd bolt + worried that things would become very tedious... Large snow slope at head of Draft Bitch (which is nice cos it holds the loose rocks in place), but below this considerably less snow. The top snow plug was only ~1/4 there and the second not at all. So the rigging spirals round the side somewhat unnecessarily this year! Came back out when rope ran out.

T/U (Jenny) 1hr 30

Also surveyed the bio cave 2004-01

T/U <sup>30m</sup> 1/2 hr

21/7/06

More Pitches in Great Oak +  
Cave Tree

Mark / Aaron / Tom /  
Dave

Decided to split into two parties. Tom + I went to the pitch series off Great Oak <sup>(Qm 0024 D)</sup> now christened "Riverdance", while Mark + Aaron went to Cave Tree Chamber to bolt down the pitch there + see if it goes anywhere.

In Riverdance, one more bolt gave a Y-hang down a 9m pitch, then another Y-hang led to a 6m pitch. Here there is yet another pitch with 1 1/4 bolts in it at present.

After getting this far we opted to go back up to the ~~last~~ survey marker + survey back down, as I couldn't work out how to survey awkward pitches upwards. Five legs got us to the pushing front, but when I got to a dry point + started to sketch I realized there were some rather weird

legs. Cursed loudly. While pushing out & we waked out between us that the first two compass readings had been read from the wrong scale + were effectively reversed. After checking Mark was still alive I went back down to make a proper sketch + Tom headed out. Got to surface to find it was raining slightly - yay! water to drink!

[Space for Mark + Aaron's writing ↓]

T/U Dave 9h  
Tom 9h

21/7/06

Gösser Streamway

Mark/Aaron

Mark started bolting & rigging the pitch out of Cave Tree Chamber (QM 00-39B) on 20/7/06, ~~alone~~ <sup>(Mark + I)</sup> alone. We returned in force the next day, finding several pitches, a streamway and a particularly nice chamber. Yorkshire-style meander. ~~With Aaron~~ Headed back after many hours leaving the next pitch for another time. Area dubbed Gösser Streamway for its smooth character & tipsy trajectory. Surveyed back to Cave Tree but failed to locate point in chamber so linked survey to point at end of passage into Cave Tree from Great Oak.

Sat 22nd July

76: Plugged Shaft / Strange ways

Tomy + Oly

After a record length change we finally got underground, with the plan for Oly to rig on down Plugged Shaft, with me following with the drill incase we wanted to add anything. Got as far as the rock-bridge-rebelay, and Oly remembered the leads below this; firstly QM 04-09C (on the snow slope, which was incidentally lets snowier this year, and Oly sput a while kicking snow-tracks down). Anyway, QM 04-09C trivially doesn't go, and QM 04-08C doesn't actually exist. Next, rather than swinging across to the deviation and the ledge, Oly went down to the rock bridge below. We briefly visited here in 2004, and as it is easier to visit on the rigging or descending trips, we hadn't yet returned. Oly descended the side pitch whilst I drilled a spot for a new deviation highrup. Oly's pitch led to QM 04-06C and QM 04-07C which turned out to connect at a short pitch down to a snow slope which I rigged + descended. "Upstream" at the bottom leads after a few metres to vertical ox-bow leading back to the canyon above. "Downstream" lead to a junction, right ox-bow led back to the pitch, left quickly led out to pop out in a big pitch, which pretty much has to be Plugged Shaft. <sup>tips probably QM 04-15B</sup> We must have been looking down at Yesterday's Temines, which has way less snow this year. Didn't have survey kit, so came out (leaving it rigged for future survey trip) and went down the hill.

T/U Oly + Tomy 4 1/4 hrs

P.S. The new section of cave is called Strange ways cos the way everything connected back was confusing. On the survey trip, we will consider its merits as the main route in (as opposed to Plugged Shaft).

Sunday 23rd July

Dave and Sandeep

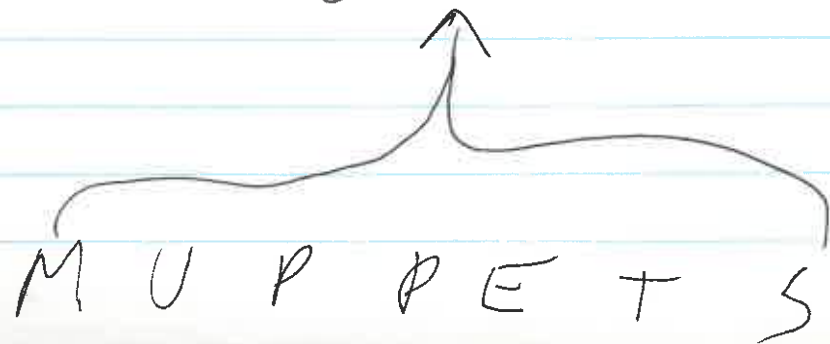
Failed Attempt on Bivi

Decided to go up to walk even though the weather ~~the~~ looked exciting but we wanted to try anyway. We got as far as the col. It had started raining about 20 mins in but we kept going for another half hour till we realised it just wasn't going to get better. Just after we turned around it really started to piss it down.

Once we got back to the car park we realised that the car wasn't at the car park to pick us up so we went into the restaurant to wait and for a drink. Eventually they shut and by now we were wondering where the cavalry was.

We ended up resorting to hitchhiking down the hill with a rather unconvincing german couple. Many thanks whoever you are.

It turned out we had the number wrong for base camp and that's why no-one came to pick us up.



Luv  
TILK PHANTOM ARSOLE

Monday 24th July

Dave + Deep

Stuff in Near End

Much staring at the survey over the last year had left me convinced that the right place to look for the connection from the Near End to the Corridor was Kidney Bean.

So me and Deep got up ridiculously early (for Trip) + got the 9.25 bus up the hill, rig

[Mao break]

ging down 20km + wandering thru the Near End. Snow plug was lower than I've ever seen - below which is odd as the surface snow plugs are actually higher than usual.

Kidney Bean turns out to be shite. The route to it involves an upward crawl over loose boulders, a contortious crawl on body-size tubes, and finally a fun downwards lead that ends in a muddy puddle.

So Deep + I decided we'd tick off the QMS in ascending order of promisingness. Deep climbed down into a scabrous hole in the snow [CO-71C] and announced it didn't go. I crawled up [CO-71E] until I was sure it connected to CO-69A. Finally we checked out CO-69A, which went - crawling for a

while, squeeze under or over the a dirty be-deans dummy.  
I shifted boulders until I could pile my load in, at  
which point one about the size of two beer blocks decided  
to roll over on my shoulder. Ouch.

Meanwhile Deep was looking around a bit + found  
a chimney which landed just the other side of the  
boulder pile, in a chamber with a waterfall. I was a  
bit confused, but Deep pointed out that there was a  
tube leading up with a really strong draught. This  
emerged in by trunk passage, and not far beyond I  
located a boot print. A large ~~open~~ column established  
that this was indeed the colonnade.

Returned to Kidney Bean to fetch survey gear.  
Transpired that neither of us could actually read them,  
so we fished off out instead.

T/U 6 1/2 hrs.

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Friday 28th July

(Duke) Pete, Charles  
John.

After surveying a random sidepassage off  
Tree umphent as a surveying lesson under  
the tutorage of Duke <sup>(climbing up leads 16-22</sup>  
in c.) we moved onto looking at Sucker.  
Pete was in a ferreting mood and the  
following was concluded: ferreting is not that  
much fun. Also 01-26C goes 6.5m straight  
ahead to a dig 01-28X and 01-27X are  
one and the same - 28X was chanted and  
joins at a higher level. 01-31C and  
30C ~~are~~ are bloody tight, and unlikely to  
proceed far beyond visible range without stopping  
to undress. Pete also crawled down  
01-51C and the way is semi-blocked  
by a small rock bridge (ie it is  
probably miraculously possible to get past ~~it~~ but you  
want find me doing it!).

FRIDAY 28th JULY

OOPS!

24, 25 & 26 July: Tunnocks Trips

Three days efforts in the face of loose boulders and inconvenient walls. requiring relay after relay after relay landed us at the bottom of the very impressive Tunnocks Schact. On the 25<sup>th</sup>, we reached "The Col" a spot between two large, steep boulder/snow slopes where one can cower in relative safety from falling rocks. Looking down the second slope, I could just barely make out a dark area in the distance where the moraine slab meets the end of the second snow slope, pronouncing it either a continuation or a "dirty patch of snow."

On the 26<sup>th</sup>, we put in the final pit, descended to the end of the rope, walked down the remaining few meters and my "dirty patch of snow" resolved itself into a beautiful pool of ice with a 2-3m ice column and a horizontal passage. This became a mammoth trip, with Tom getting 10 pages of survey (~160m), the discovery of Three Fried Mice chamber, Bauernkroppen passage, and an as of yet unnamed phreatic tube. A good deal of photography was also accomplished. Speculation: tube probably connects to Hilde's beer cellar.

Our return, though triumphant, not mixed reception; Dave seemed slightly miffed by the proximity of our 2344 appearance to our 2400 callout.

Death and Glory 24/25<sup>th</sup> July '06

There were high hopes of a connection between the near end and the ~~then~~ colanade, they were a mere 10m apart and there were several QM's that could go.

On Monday (24<sup>th</sup>) we got to the pushing front via 204a and checked out (co-70) B and (co-71) C grade leads both of which didn't go. We backed up a bit and tried out a 'A' lead. It went! Crawling flat out on mud and loose stones wasn't pleasant but we were making progress. Dave was the first there finding a dodgy looking boulder choke he slowly started to pull out rocks, it was almost wide ~~enough~~ enough but not quite, then, one of them the size of a basketball fell on his shoulder. Things weren't going well but he seemed OK after about 15 mins. (it was bigger than that - 7.2L)

I tried the small rift above the dodgy looking boulders, a few metres in there was a steep chimney into a chamber bypassing the hanging death. We were now in <sup>the chamber about</sup> the size of a small classroom. Dave was puzzled there wasn't meant to be water ~~this high up~~ here in 204. ~~We decided that the previous survey was shit.~~ We ~~thought~~ thought we were still in new territory, we named it ~~Water~~ unimaginably, Waterfall Chamber.

We tested out all the leads that we could find but no connection. We had almost given up and were on our way out when I spied a small 7/8m crawl sloping upwards. ~~then headed~~

PTO

Dave went up first and I followed. Half way up I ~~had~~ heard screams of excitement, we had found the colonnade and the connection!!

We had to return through Death and Glory (Note: Death is the boulder ~~choke~~ choke/hanging death and glory is the chimney into waterfall chamber) to retrieve our survey instrument which we had left in Kidney Bear. But disaster struck once again, it was here, after we had ~~found~~ the connection we found out that neither of us could read the compass or clin.

(T/U 4 1/2 hrs)

We returned the next day with a different set of instruments to survey the passage in a slightly quicker/less exciting trip

(T/U 2 1/2 hrs)

## Deep

25/7

Surface Wander

Dave + Sandeep

After emerging from the Death or Glory survey we still had some light left, so we opted for a surface re-tagging walk.

Armed with the marking board, a camera, the pile of pre-made tags or spacers, we set out from the bridge towards 2003-X14.

Did or eat photo + a sketch survey.

Then we stopped up the Hints; view from the top is amazing

Looked at 2003-X15; looks obviously climbed. Stupidly didn't

get an altitude fix, but got a photo.

Descended towards 214. This had a tag '2000-03' as expected so replaced it with a proper tag + took a photo. Cave is a fairly sally bit of tube going ~ 20m, starting size, to a second skylight cave (probably too tight to be passable)

Then we went in search of 222, 3-6 walked to where the GPS said 223 should be, but no evidence of a tag; same happened at 222 so we gave up + walked back home. Oddly enough the original survey claims unambiguously that the survey points at those caves are tag bolts, so either I was being useless or my GPS was fixed by the steep hillside.

(T/U maybe 5 minutes or 214)

26/7

Bolting in Rivedance

Dave + Sandeep

Tedious long cold trip. Hard bolting is very slow and all the rock in Rivedance is slate. Got to top of 9<sup>th</sup> pitel - looks bigger than the previous one but that's not saying a lot.

T/U 9h

27/7

Surveying in Rivedance

Dave + Sandeep

Surveying went impressively smoothly modulo the usual crap instrument



problems, took 3h to get to pushing front. I wanted to do more  
bathing, but I wasn't hyper keen. Deep was less keen still  
so we decided to turn round.

At 2<sup>nd</sup> pitch met Mark's team doing photos - I posed on  
the pitch. Came out rather well I think. We were informed  
that thunder was audible in Cave Tree, so rather than go out  
we went to Choc Salty Balls for a look at the dig 01-35D.

Sunday, crawled in first + after rearranging some boulders we squeezed  
out into a little chamber. I climbed up into the ceiling where  
the draught whistles out of a boulderous chimney. I moved more  
rocks + got into a horrendously loose chamber - floor is a critical  
angle boulder slope. Draught comes down from the top but I'm  
not going up there, it looks bloody lethal.

Went back out for survey gear + survived in, amid much ranting  
at the extreme crappiness of the pencil I was using. Couldn't  
find a good point to link to so the link is a bit of a bridge.

T/U 9h.

28/7

Surveying QMs in Treeumphant

Dave, Pete,

Charlotta, John

Team novice had managed to arrive at the bivy at exactly the same  
time team old-lag were planning to leave it, so I stayed up

a few more hours to show them how to push new cave

We attached QM 00-21C, a tube on the off-hand wall of  
Treeumphant. Charlotta climbed in + determined that it went, at  
which point I realised I'd forgotten the survey notebooks.

Got back quite late to find that P+J+C had found a  
parallel horizontal gallery linking together 00-21, 00-22, and 00-17,  
which were duly surveyed. 00-19C doesn't go, and 00-16 and 00-18  
join up to another parallel gallery on the other side. All  
now thoroughly ticked off + not going anywhere. Unfortunately  
we linked the survey to the wrong point (my fault - caps)

At this point I buggered off to drink Gosee down the  
hill + left the others to check out Sucker.

(See Pete's writeup)

T/U 4½ hrs (Dave)

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> July

76: Strangeways

Jenny + Oilly

Drove up the night before again to sleep in the car at The Bog restaurant. Worked  
less well than last time cos there ~~was~~ was a group of people  
collecting bugs or moths or something using really bright lights. Oilly  
needed to wait for the Bog restaurant to open to go to the loo, so I set off to  
carry my bag to the bivi, then returned to meet Ol at the col. Collected the  
150m of rope we left there a week ago and went to the bivi.

Caught up on sleep for a few hours in the tent, then went caving. Took  
survey kit to survey Strangeways. Started at the lower end and progressively

made our way back out. Due to the small + wiggly nature of the passage + the ox-bows we got cold before we had surveyed it all, despite dragging less than Plugged Shaft it was still distinctly cold. Came out to find the bio had become moth city, lots worse than last year.

T/U: 3 1/2 hrs

Thu 27<sup>th</sup> July 06 Surface shaft (near 76) Jenny + Oly

Planned to continue down 76, initially Oly wasn't keen, but I can shortly after I had infected him with sufficient keen-ness I felt rather ill and was sick. Decided that whilst being sick on the surface wasn't much fun, it was a damn sight better than being ill underground. So we changed plans.

Headed towards 2004-08 to tag it, en-route I realised we had something required a depth the drill battery I've don't have a had battery (cut) it returned to the bio to retrieve it and return to find an Oly who had located an entrance that ~~may~~ sound to fit the description of 177. Sadly after descending it, it didn't match the survey, so it is 2006-71. Oly placed a bolt to descend on ~~and~~ we used this for the tag. Apparently it draughted out, was quite tight, but did continue. Oly ascended and we photoed, GPS-ed, tagged and Oly surveyed.

Moved on to 2004-08, Oly descended while I took photos, ~~it~~ it is basically a large chamber with most of its roof missing. Oly abseiled in the large-~~at~~ entrance, used his hiking pole to walk around the snow plug, and drilled out on of the other two smaller entrances (both ~5m shafts). Despite being full of promise the

cave barely went further than you could see. Oly surveyed and we tagged, photoed + GPS-ed.

Moved on to tag and photo 2004-07 (which was surveyed in 2004). also surface surveyed 99 → 2004-01, to close a loop and improve loop closures in 99.

T/U Oly:

Fri 28<sup>th</sup> July 06

76: Strange ways

Jenny + Oly

Went to strange ways with the aim of finishing the top half of the survey, descending and digging down Plugged Shaft. Got to top of 1<sup>st</sup> pitch head in Strange ways and decided that making some rods might well improve it enough to make it the trade route for this year. Surveyed from where we ended before up through the top of Strange ways to the rubble slope below the plugged shaft rock bridge.

I went out to get the drill while Oly loaded loads of rods on the way, both to make it safer and bigger. By careful aiming he was able to throw the rods down the pitch in such a way as to smash of the worst protrusions on the way through. Once I had returned with a drill we put a bolt in the boulder near the pitch head, and with the aid of a stop, a pulley, me prussiking on the rope and Oly rock climbing the red ice managed to relocate it along with a few other rods. Having made the pitch head considerably more passable, we proceeded to dig down to Yesterdays. Terminus in a suitable-for-look-of-use kind of a way, rather than a pushing-only way. Got to Yesterdays Terminus and returned, on the way out I added a bolt for the little climb in Strange ways and discovered why that placing bolts in the ceiling is crap. Attempted to add a bolt near the rock bridge but the drill was flooded after only 15 1/4 holes so so exited the cave.

T/U 9 hrs

Sat 29<sup>th</sup>

76 Strangeways / Plugged Shaft

Jenny + Olly

Returned to 76, and Ol rigged on down Plugged Shaft. Discovered the rope was too short to reach the bottom, so had to use the rope intended for Boulder Chamber. The new Strangeways used ~10m more rope than Plugged Shaft which is a shame. Rigged to Boulder Chamber, took some photos and surveyed out. Finally being in the Strangeways survey at both ends which made me happy. The new route in seems drippy but no worse even after lots of rain which is good.

TU 5 1/2 hrs

Sun 30<sup>th</sup>

Surface Shaft

Jenny + Olly

It finally stopped raining so we could dry all our gear on the slabs + do some useful surface jobs. I went over to 2006-71 to retrieve the Monkey parts for the drill battery. Then we tagged 2005-99 (cordless), and photod 2005-9 (Fluted). Packed stuff to go down the hill and walked on the old via-top camp path so that we could tag + survey 2004-03. I went in first and found that the cave doesn't stop where Olly thought it did in 2004. But we didn't have any carrying gear, even if the dirts provided enough light for the laser. I suggested the passage was small, but not impassable, and I could get a ~10m rod through it. Tagged the entrance + surveyed what we could - need to return with gear.

Next went to photo 186 (on the col side of the Uord), shortly before 186, and slightly off the path we found a steeping horizontal entrance that draughted out. This is marked with a red pinked "+" of unknown origin. GPS-ed + photod the entrance and I surveyed what I could with out a light (discovered that the dirts is enough to light the

compass enough to read it!). It seemed to continue some distance, though presumably is relatively trivial to have a "+", we will call this 2006-72 though it is not yet tagged as there was no drill battery left.

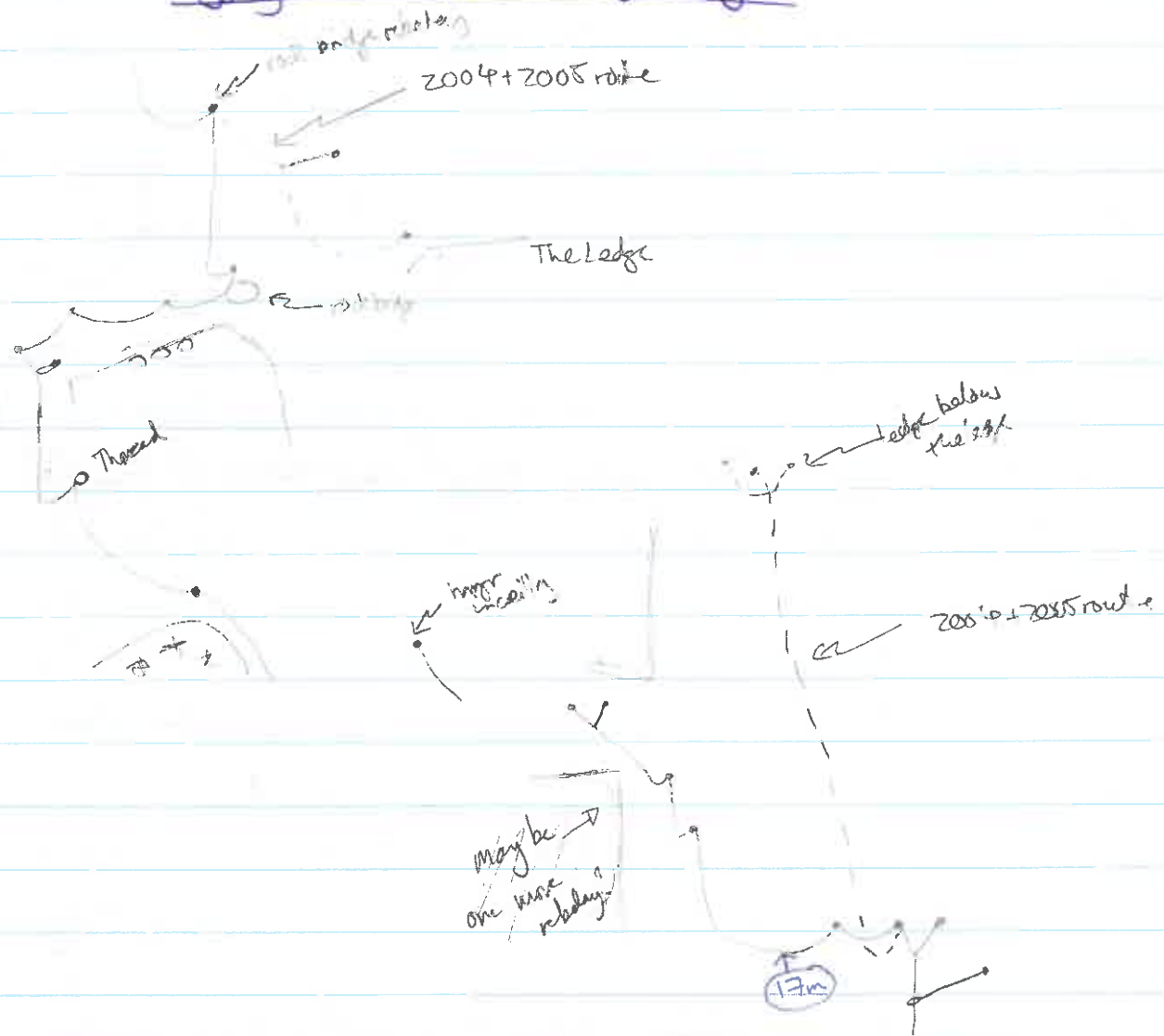
Continued the start way to 186 and photod the entrances. Then Olly suggested we might climb the Uord as we were "half way already". We were going to leave our bags at 186 and collect on the return, but then Olly took his so as to be able to carry his camera + GPS. Followed a path for a short while, then lots of scrambling up rocks and fighting through burs which was rather tedious. We got near what Olly thought was the summit, then Olly caught his foot on when a rock moved and hurt his toe. We decided it was worth carrying on to the summit in the hope of a better path down. Got to what we thought was the top but it wasn't at all. Lots of burs coming on into the dirts... about half way to the top we hid a path + things improved.

After signing the book + taking pics we decided to follow the path down, me hoping it would lead to vaguely near 186 so I could retrieve my bag...

The path was very good, and ~~went~~ went down the north ish side of the Uord, past ~~199~~ 199, 156 and 201 which we photod, then met the high level Old Top Camp to 161 path, which was surprisingly easy to follow given its banded use in recent years. Got to the col + got my bag back. ~~The 161 path~~ The 161 path and forking off to the Uord is way way better than going via 186, but Olly's foot hurt so I tried not to complain too much :)

TU 3/4 hr

Rigging Guide for Strange Ways (in 70)



← Jimmy told to lean? (But not ↑?)

23rd July → 25th ~~July~~ July Phil U, Matt B

I appeared to have had a birthday during exp. Cook! The rest of this page is therefore dedicated to alcohol a a o o - Mmmmm beer.

It's not my fault the light goes funny. Bollocks - this appears to be turning into a pissed rant exposition, or indeed expedition

Hauchhöhle

Phil, Matt

27.7.06

Having curiously left our shit at Höhle entrance, we only had to carry ~~some~~ some random shit in...

Random shit = ∞

Fuck it

- Let's try again.  
tomorrow

- Gösser is great!
- except when meta-translating German...

Sensible start

- Try again on the other page ~~when~~ when sober, as I seem to be in a push & pissed right now... - gute nacht

31-7-06 Derigging Riverdance Chantalle, John  
and checking QH's

After going down 204e we went to Treeumpf ant passage first to finish the survey of the other day. We had to survey two legs in Treeumpf passage to complete the survey.

We went further south Treeumpf passage to check out the leads 01-53c and 01-54c.

01-53c went up to a small chamber with looks like 2 passages. It was tight and muddy. John crawled in first, didn't fit through the right passage going north-ish. Chantalle crawled into the left passage. Had to take her helmet off because it was ~~that~~ tight. Could see around a corner the passage continued north-ish with a little chamber with a pile of mud. Didn't look like the ceiling was going up somewhere, so we got out. Couldn't be bothered to survey it. It was too tight anyway. (I think it was about 5 meters).

01-54c went down. Chantalle crawled down and went for a meter or 4 before the already tight crawl went even tighter because of a bridge of stone in the middle of the passage. The passage went on beyond there but nothing significant. Didn't survey this bit either. Didn't look like it was going somewhere.

After checking out these leads we went over to Riverdance to derig the pitches.

This all went well on the way back up we discovered why it is called riverdance. There was a lot more water and a pretty waterfall in the 2nd pitch. It was very tiring for John. There were lots of pitches. At this point it was already midnight and we decided to go back up.

We also checked the wall at the 2nd rebelay for loose boulders. John kicked down some boulders. It all looks alright now.

TU 8 hours

1-8-06 Surface walking Chantalle, John

Went looking for 2002-X18 to tag the cave. Followed Mark and Sandeep to 204G to continue from there. Walked along the mountain. Got soaking wet. Couldn't find the bloody cave. Walked back alongside the other side of the mountain. There was an open area with lots of holes and snow. Couldn't find any tags. The GPS had a listing called M3? in that neighbourhood. Marked it as JNB in Aaron's GPS. Walked further. Found a promising hole, marked it as JNB1. Big entrance shaft about 5-10m deep. Probably somewhere between the stone bridge and Turnockschacht. Will go back on Friday or Saturday. Will name it "Eine Höhle" when it's any good.

19/7/06 Being Slack → Mark

I went for a wander on the Nieder Augst side.  
I found an important cave which we've been  
pushing all esp. But I couldn't be used  
to document it properly because I'm a slack  
gid. FUCK OFF.  
t/u none.

Chantalle sez.

Reminder to myself:

DON'T go on holiday with 10 men  
ever again!

PS. except when you're pissed yourself again

19/7/06

Surface Stuff

Mark, Dave, Tom,  
Aaron

Went for a wander in the vicinity of the dig 01-35D  
in Choc Satty Balls. Directly above there is sod all.

A little further south, we found a winding canyon/hole  
ending in a boulder choke. Shifted boulders for a while but  
it didn't do much. On climbing out I suddenly noticed

that it had a tag! Turns out this is ~~2006~~-2002-05, which  
is presumably something to do with Duncan [This has since  
been surveyed by Matt + Phil + named "Rhumbob Cave"]

Slightly lower down is another tagged hole. 2007-06, which

is a fleckable shaft (with cave - Aaron fell off when his hand fell past  
company with the wall) At the bottom it degenerates to a cap  
too-tight chassy hole. I believe this is Matt + Phil's "Caved Hole".

After this we returned to the hony for soup + noodles and me, Tom +  
Aaron went to 206 (see writing) and Mark went prospecting to the  
north, finding 2006-06 (Tunnachschicht) (T/W note to  
yank it.)

22/7/06

More Surface Stuff

Dave, Mark, Tom,  
Aaron

Mark showed us all the way to his new hole 2006-06. Entrance  
is a very annoying loose chassy steep ramp. I knicked in a  
bolt at the entrance + bashed up to a boulder I abbed down  
to a point where it deepened + a relay was needed. From here  
it went to a snow slope + a tedious bit.



shot section where it doesn't hang right

I just chanced it - the nub was against snow anyway - but it  
wasn't great. Continued to the end of our SO-ish in rope, snow  
slope still continuing beyond. Aaron came down to the relay +  
we did a couple of legs of survey.

While I was bolting, Mark + the others had been surface -

wondering further north, + found a drilling pit 2006-05  
(I believe this has not yet been tagged.)

31/7/06

23hr. Monster Munch

T/U Dave 1h

Dave, Matt, Phil

Rigged down the lower half of Pie Series + carried a 71m rope to the top of Monster Munch. Phil + Matt set off to survey the continuing horizontal stuff over the top while I descended to the ridge I'd reached last year + continued bolting from there.

A rebelay at that ledge gained a bouldery platform at the top of the main shaft. Placed a horrendously awkward spit ahead of me on the right wall, which sort of gives a hang down the shaft.

The shaft proper is roughly round, clearly phreatic, and slightly sloping, about 8-10m across at a guess. Descended until I ran out of rope + turned around + came back up. About 10m below the last rebelay there is a window into what looks like a small chamber with a rift in the floor - maybe this might be a slightly less intimidating alternative rig?

On the way out we did some ferreting. The following information is recorded in the survey notes but I may as well put it here as well.

- OS-09C doesn't go.

- OS-06B "

- OS-04C links back to the beginning of Pie R<sup>2</sup> (but not at OS-02B which is not pushed)

- OS-04<sup>5</sup>C goes up a horrible mud slope + ends at a dig. (We did some survey legs up but I'm not sure if these got entered)

- OS-03A downgraded to a C horrendous tight bend over a 3m drop, not nice; (maybe OS-03C links to the other side of this?)

- O4-35B (at bend just at top of Flashgun A) becomes awkward - descending tight boulderous tube.

T/U Matt + Phil 6-1/2h

Dave 7h

1/8/06

Tunnocks

Dave, Pete, Tom

Tom + Pete showed us the way down their new stuff from the previous days in a big trunk passage we've called "Ribs with Knidel". Pete started bolting the next traverse while Tom + I surveyed.

I was rather impressed with the scale of the place. We were reeling off 10m + legs one after the other, and one of the legs up the passage was 28.86m.

After some while Pete came + found us reporting that the traverse was

pretty much done. I went across just to check it was possible & saw that the passage continued in fine gully beyond, with a nice pothole in the floor.

At this point Tom & I went back to surveying while Pete cooked soup on my Trangia. After drinking the soup we debated what to do next. I was keen on sending Pete back to camp to extend our callout & surveying on across the traverse but then realised I was out of survey note paper, so we surveyed up slope to the end & went out.

T/U  
Dave 7½  
Tom 6½  
Pete 6

2/8/06 Monte Munch Dave, Aaron

Woke up feeling desperately unenthusiastic after a very cold damp night. Aaron managed to persuade me underground & we got going. En route Aaron checked OL-20B which doesn't go anywhere.

Surveying Monte Munch was a pain in the arse as it is slightly too sloping to plumb. Got to the bottom using a 9km rope, in place of the 71 which we dragged as we went & carried down to use on the next pitch.

Surprise, surprise. at the bottom to get another pitch. Aaron placed a traverse bolt & a hang bolt & deviation off a ~~convenient~~ convenient rock spike & we got down to a big ledge where we could advance the next shaft, maybe 15 or 20m but a fine round clean phreatic pit. In the floor there looks to be a trench which presumably leads to the next pitch after that. Only 300m to go - Razor Dance!

T/U 10h  
(far too much - Aaron is too keen)

2<sup>nd</sup> Aug 06 Surface Shift on way to 76 Jenny + Olly

Walked up to the coil, and looked for 36 -> was pretty easy to find from the website description. The Schachgrube seems to refer to multiple nearby entrances to the same thing. The red paint was faded but identifiable. Walked across ~20m and found B4 which had leg of the pit, a spot but no tag. Olly then found (slightly lower down the Kratzer Valley) an entrance with very old paint which we figure (from the paint & description) must be 75. We will attempt to tag & surface survey next time we go past. Looked for 86 ~SE of 82 + shift. Only really found 1 possible shaft, but sadly no trace of paint whatsoever.

3<sup>rd</sup> Aug 06 Rigging in 76 Jenny + Olly

Went down 76, hoping to rig to bottom of spent ledge and leave loose tackle for the next trip. Underground was pretty wet - I was very glad for the modern SR rig as opposed to ladders. Still got quite damp though,



especially going into Stomeways and lower parts of Plugged Shaft. Looks like it won't be impossible at least. Rigged a short haul line in Stomeways, then rigged the Plugged Shaft shaft to avoid knott passes and to use the rope in the most efficient way.

Lots of water going down Key Series (this is where the Plugged Shaft cable goes). Oily rigged on through Boulder Chamber & Follow <sup>Through Boulder Chamber</sup> Shaft while I went through my least favourite bit of cave. Three hrs to bring the 3 bags through. Lots of water noise EVERYWHERE! Got to the Top Room + loads of water. Oily rigged down the short pitch and got extremely wet, so wet + cold he told me not to follow, but carried the bag to Spout ledge to warm up. I wandered to the Time-Space shaft and noted that it appears possible to rig the QM-A03A pitch away from the water. Exiting the cave was even wetter and not especially pleasant, even in a meander suit.

4<sup>th</sup> Aug 06


Surface Shaft V

Jimmy Tolly

It had rained most of the night + was still raining. Therefore we suspected JB would not have got any drier. We were pretty keen, but didn't want to drown, so decided we might as well do surface stuff. Wandered around in the general direction of 99-05-02 and investigated some holes. The only one of any significance at all (to me - than a meter) will be 2006-73. This has two entrances, though the connection is mostly choked. The main entrance is down a very large snow plug into a chamber, on the top RH corner the other (small) entrance enters. There is a cool big ice curtain at the bottom, but also a rock wall not miles or half a tunnel passage. However, the way is a draughty tube descending on the left to be investigated with a rope in the future. Continued on and on (nearish to 2005-93). 99-05-02 finally!

It didn't look very promising, so I scrambled down to look and basically it is a short, wet, cold unpleasant cave that doesn't go. So I sealed it and it is now "kicked off" as we surface surveyed from it to 2005-93 <sup>and</sup> from 103 → 101a → 1998-101 → 2005-9 somethings → 108 → 2005-99. Surface surveying in the rain sucks, I got colder than I have been on this expo yet, and we had to retreat at half five to warm up with hot chocolate at the bio. 1998-101 is far (and on the same level as) 101a and is only marked with a "+" - we will have to tag it later...

Tim Ohrs

In the half way point in Follow Through Shaft I saw a scorpion type creature, it looked like this:  and it was dead. It seemed aware of (and unhappy with) my light if I got very close to it.

5<sup>th</sup> Aug 06

Surface Shaft

Jimmy Tolly

Woke up to get more rain, and our tact to Base Camp as the weather forecast got the response "lots of miz, followed by more miz", so we figured that the 1970's route was entirely to be do-able for a while. Going down the hill sound the best plan, with some surface surveying + tagging on the way. Firstly tagged 108, then 2005-98 and 2005-97, and tied them into the 2005-99 surface survey. Continued surface survey to 2006-71 and then 2005-08 and 2005-07 then 175 and 176. It was loads better than yesterday as it was less foggy and surface legs could on occasion be longer than 20m. I headed north from 176 to look for 98, failed, but in hindsight, the bearings suggest it is a reasonable distance further north than we looked. Continued the survey to 174 and then 200. Planned to re-tag 200, but that had already been done (Actually as it needed a non-15mm spanner). Because of the

worsening weather, and the line we wanted led by for as it was kind of getting dark. We had both thought that the clearly cairned path in 174 → 175 and so on. continued the other way in 200 → near the col. If it does, we failed to follow it, and ended up to far west in an ocean of Bunde, followed by more Bunde, and it was rainy and getting dark and Oly had a bad headache.

~~Continue~~ Decided not to go and by 10:1a and aimed north, using south. The mist cleared enough for us to see the col and the scree below the Braung Wall which helped a bit, though the Bunde made it hard to pick a direction to walk in. Mostly followed a fault line (gully and eventually hit the old Top-Camp to Puffball path which was (a) well cairned and (b) remembered by Oly. Got to old Topcamp as it got dark was was relieving.

From then on it was dark, rainy + foggy and we only had one (Oly, and Oly's headlamp to much to wear it (cos it was attached to his helmet). Thus it took us an hour a half to get back to the car, and was one of the more epic car → col walks I have done yet.

Struggled to find the way out of the car park as the visibility was so poor! Fortunately after ~ the 3<sup>rd</sup> hour pm we dropped out the fog and could drive at more than 50mph!

Surprised bus camp by arriving at ~ 11:30 pm when it had been dark + raining for hours.

T/U Ohrs :-

8/8/06

Hauchhöhle Deing

Dave, John, Pete

Dug out from the bottom of Monster Munch. John + Pete were having multiple lighting fuckups (including filling the whole of Three Cookies Chamber with fumes) + were getting cold so they left + I stayed to do the Pie Series stuff. Annoyingly it wouldn't quite fit in one sack so I carried a 50m coil out as well. Everything else was going fine until I dropped John's spanner down the ent pitch. Had to reing the deviation to go back + look by turning the bolt with my fingers. Couldn't find it so I undid the last two bolts with my stop.

T/U

8h Dave

7h John + Pete

9/8/06

Stuff in 204

Dave, Pete

First headed to Gösser Streamway. ~~Pete had some bolts~~ I started placing a bolt for the next pitch but my hand was playing up so Pete did most of the work. Unfortunately when I passed the spits + cones pots along the traverse line to him the string broke, so that was all the bolting we did. (Still had cones, but no spits). From our bolt one can descend ~ 15m to a very small ledge, from which the vast scale of the shaft around the corner is annoyingly clear. One for next year.

After dingging Gösser I suggested we amble over to Choc Salty Balls + do a linking survey to sort out the mis-linked Fingerbang survey.

Did this + headed to Croning Glory. There is lots there - a horizontal passage, draughting, intersecting ones at intervals. ~~was supposed to~~ I did a slightly bonkers climb up a slab into continuing passage. Turned around + surveyed out from 20m beyond here due to lack of time but there is lots of potential there.

T/U 9h

Final Tally of Surveys

Cave	Before	After	New
204	11.68km	12.104km	422m
234	879m	1002m	123m
Tunnels	-	506m	506m
2006-09	-	14m	14m
2006-08	-		

This place is called "Waste of Time"

9th Aug 2006

More Surface Stuff

Jenny + Oly

Walked up the hill and stopped at the cd. Walked down to B4 and surface surveyed across to 36 and 75 and the to 2005-89 (which we set the hill for ~~and tagged~~) walked down to Kratzer valley looking for the other B caves. Surprisingly few holes that go more than a few meters. Failed to find print on any that might have gone, then ~~thought about~~ we advised the time so set off ~~to~~ to the bioi to get there just before dark.

Also, on the way up we stopped on the toll road where the open parking area on the left by a small shed (presumably a building associated with a ski lift that no longer exists). Walked along a little path to a stream which we followed to its spring (near a sheep's hut). Apparently this is cave number ~~though no~~ painter by visible. Oly duly photo'd + GPS'd it.

10th Aug 2006

76: Waste of Time

Jenny + Oly

Couldn't decide ~~whether~~ whether to look at Razor Ademe, the Time + Space pitch on the 1970's Route. Picked Time + Space as it was nearer. Oly bolted down as I fed out the 150m rope from the big bag. Surprisingly it only needed 2 bolts (as well as the pitch head it shares with the pendule/trause rope). The 150m rope was very fast - even with a breaky grab I didn't need to hold the handle in on my stop at all... Sadly after 31m the pitch got quite droopy and ended - a light dot dropped away in the floor but was a long way. It may be possible but from its position looks like it will hardly appear in a top light shot in key lines. So that lead was hided off in a very dull way. Surveying + doing got us back to the Tap Room where we set off to rig down sport ledge stuff. I got very cold (partly cos I had spent the time Oly bolted Waste of Time sitting shivering) and cos sport ledge is really ~~well~~ draughty. Also, but brain thought it was bedtime & it was nearly midnight. I got very cold + useless and made Oly fun round

Eventually pushing warmed me up a bit better, but I have never been that cold before and it was crap.

T/U: 1 1/4 hrs

11 Aug 2006

Surface Shaft on Plateau

Jenny + Olly

Weather wasn't great, and Olly woke up with a bad headache, so decided to do surface shaft again. Went over to Ice Certain ~~Cave~~ Cave (2006-73) and I went down to the lead. This is a snow narrow pitch on the left before the ice certain. I kicked a load of snow out the way and it was wide enough to abseil down. Got ~ in down and the way in was blocked by ice flow (may be possible a different gear) which appears from beyond. To get to where the ice comes from requires climbing up a 45° boulder slope for a few metres - I wasn't brave enough to step up onto it in case it all moved. A bolt may make this possible. Horizontal shaft appears to continue and then go round a corner.

Staff surveyed out + GPS-ed entrance.

Moved on to 2006-03, I went through the squeeze which was larger than it looked + got into a steep height passage. Followed this for a few metres till I saw bones. This freaked me out for a bit, but after some reassurance from Olly I continued. Passage continues ~ 2m further than the distal leg from the last visit and then ends sadly at a small chamber with solid rock walls. I carefully photoed the bones on Olly camera, we think it is probably from a Gemse but don't know.

Surface surveyed this to 210 which appears NOT to have been retaged, but we didn't have fixing stuff.

Returned to bioi, bag linking in 2005-94 and 2005-96 to the surface survey.

T/U (Jenny): 1hr

12<sup>th</sup> Aug 2006

More Surface Shaft

Jenny + Olly

It was raining + Olly had an upset tummy, so we decided to do more surface shaft just in case it had got more pleasant in the rain...

Walked over to the 176 area, took a further north route than normal which is not to be recommended. Walked on and found 111 and 112, red pit still clear, despite being older than me!

Continued on roughly north ~~to look for 110~~ to look for 110, didn't find it, but the area to the north of the plateau, before the red wild 100g + schönbürg looks really quite interesting to prospect on a future occasion, though it is a reasonable walk there.

Returned to 111 and headed towards ~~176~~ 176 passing 98 on the way (arriving very close to where we had loded before). Surface surveyed 176 → 98 → 111 → 112.

13-14 Aug 2006

76: Hall of the Greenelcay

Jenny + Olly

Got underground late (3:40pm!) due to moving the lead back out of the bioi cave cos it's wet there, and much effort at lighting Olly's new bolted stove.

Down to Spool Ledge where Olly rigged down to last gear end. Rigged the next little pitch on a wide Y-hang to a 1970's spit (in hindsight a new bolt further along will be significantly better). The water drops down lower in the rift, but the way in is up a metre to a traverse along ledges to a wedged in boulder which rocks back and forth if you stand on it...

Dropped down a few metres on a 1970's spit to a ledge. Olly put in a backup bolt and moved over the pitch. Used the 1970's hang bolt as a deviation to get to a ledge a few metres down (this isn't a in the red piece). Had a nice Y-hang here, and Olly abseiled down for ages.

Pitch wasn't as free hanging as we expected - it got a deviation on

a natural, and needs rigging better as currently you need to fend off with your feet near the bottom. Then a rebelay for a few & makes down to the Balcony. The Greene King pennant was still there, though a bit damaged with age. Oly put in a bolt and core abbed to the floor. Initially we were a bit overwhelmed by all the big boulders - some on the floor, some wedge above as rock bridges. The wagon is on the boulder pile, under a few rock bridges and back down the other side (over hanging Boulder Pit in) which now has 2 bolts and the rigging starts higher. Followed the passage down our crandale boulders and heard water levels rise significantly (apparently a half down on the surface). Decided it was probably an evening storm and so water levels would hopefully drop after a while. Figured the pitches might well be quite wet, so decided to survey lots at this level so the water <sup>could</sup> decrease, and postpone surveying the pitch. Continued down the passage to a four-way junction. Left appears to be the 1979 route -> the stream cuts down and disappears, but you can traverse on ledges above to reach a 17m pitch (which looks nice, but we didn't descend). Straight on must be the 1978 route and is initially dry muddy passage to a junction at a pitch (which again we didn't drop). Right is an inlet from above. Survey all this, which took a while, but 2 up to the hang butt from the balcony. Water levels still high-ish, but no where near as bad as I expected, and the worst bit was the Top Room. Oly heavily carried the drill up the bottom half + we the top half of the cave. Wish we had more water bottles with us - had left one in Strongiasays and one in Boulder Chamber, could have done with water lower down. Just made it out with 30 mins to spare before our 8am callout!

T/U: 15 1/2 hours

14 Aug 2006

Surface Stuff

Jerry + Oly

On the way down the hill we placed hillis on 2006-73 and 1998-X01,

then put tags on 101a, 75 and 36.

27/7/06 Hauchhoble

Matt, Phil

Trying again, this time more sober...

So - having curiously left our casing gear at hauchhoble, we only had to carry some rope to the entrance.

We rigged down the entrance pitch and Flashgun chamber.

Shortly afterwards, Matt said "You must be joking", and I knew we had reached the traverse. Much smearing later, we got to the top of pie series. Rigged down steep, and then came out, pausing only to sneeze in tackle sack blues.

TU 4 hrs

28/7/06 Surface Wanders

Matt, Phil

Went to 2002-05 (a tree climbable 3m pit, with about 6m of meandering canyon, stopped by ~~too~~ too many rocks). Photos taken, survey done, Tag ~~not~~ placed.

Went to 2002-06 (a 3-4m shaft about 10m from the above), survey done, photos taken, tag placed. Then back to birry for soup.

Next we went over the back of the birry in search of 2005-08.

Unfortunately the snow plug looks a bit high & the rift looked a bit awkward. 30m downslope of this is a set of 2 shakes ~ 5m deep, not freeclimbable, but have a 45° passage angling down from them. No noticeable draught, but the shakes are fairly large. Placed a bolt, intending to go down, but ~ big black cloud full of rain and thunder and lightning told us not too. And so we ran away. Core is tagged on daves GPS as p06-07. Tentative name: intrad spectrometer.

1/8/06 204 tourist trip Phil, Matt, Aaron

Went in e, wandered up to Core tree, then down to insignificant chamber via the "formations" in the Colonnade. Then to have a look at Gutter Tape, and throw rocks down it. Gipple. Up through magic roundabout to look at the bottom of d - quite full of snow this year.

Then up to Cresta Run & placed a permanent rope 24m on the way down to Cresta Run.

Then out via boulderoaster, which was nice.

TU 4 hrs

204 Bivi de-rig

Deep/Phil/Dave

Epic.

Deep

Surface Bivvy 7/8/06

Deep, Chantalle, Phil

On the walk-up to the bivvy, Deep & I wandered off-piste to try and find a flatter route to the bivvy, avoiding the cross-bowl just before the bivvy. And bigger me, we accidentally found a core. To get there, turn left in the open bit just before the cross-bowl, and its up a little gully. I decided to introduce Chantalle & Deep to the delights of surface surveying. We went over there, and I placed a tag bolt (2006-08), while Deep took photos, and then explored. The core is a 13m long 45° inclined passage to a small chamber, where light can be seen coming through a too-tight hole at floor level. Two surveys less later, we went home.

Surface surveying 8/8/06

Phil, Chantalle

Surface surveyed from 2004-18 to turnoffs.

Then surveyed to Chantalle's hole "Random Shaft" (2006-09). Placed tag & bolt. Descended parallel shaft off big natural for 12m. Blind shaft. Shame.

204e derig 9/8/06

Phil

Despatched to finish off stuff in 204. Went to crowning glory and placed a 12m permanent rope on the dig climb up at the end.

This could do with a bolt placing to eliminate a rub point and make it a proper SRT pitch. 98m rope collected.

Big Cross at conservation tape placed in oven under 2002-07. Rerigged most of entrance pitch, but left Y-hang at the top & coiled the rope over it. knots also left in to ease rigging next year.

16-17 Aug 2006

76: 1970's Route

Janny + Ollie

This was to be our final deep dip + we hoped to derig the majority of it, so managed an early (for us) start of 1pm. Got down to the bottom of the spirit ledges really efficiently + started off the missing section of survey for the previous trip. Managed to get from the pitch Y-hang at the top of Plot 1K to the very bottom in 2 legs which was nice -> The dirts helped a lot, though sadly there was too much water drops for it to get a fair height for the ams (though it must be lots...). Came on to the PF (1979 route) and dropped it. Riggig from a natural hold spit as we didn't have the drill at the bottom, the stream went the "wrong" way i.e. not what we expected, and must be a new inlet not the one the drops down before this pitch. Had a little lode upstream and it is soon a waste fall but codes straight forward to climb up. Went down stream (1970 route) through tedious sideways muddy rift which would (I

imagine) be crap with boulder. Got to Gents Pitch which we could again rig with a natural back up and a pitch lead (1970's spit but also needed a natural deviation -> this was lead with an inlet which is presumably the shear that got left higher up. Followed the big rift downwards, on ams came in on the left (presumably the 1978 route), continued horizontally, now on ledges above the stream, continued till we realised we had 100m to go, and the rift was widening. Surged back, which was better than I feared as the legs were a reasonable length. Back at the top of the PF. Ollie braced on our the pitch on ledges (above the inlet) and it continues - a lead for next year.

In all this stuff (and the 1970's route) the draught was into the cave not out as it is in the base of Plot 1K a woods which is kind of inhospitable + needs more snow than next year. Incidentally it was a very hot day and the draught was normal in the higher stuff on the way in and out, so seems unlikely to be a reversed draught day as they only seem to happen when very cold outside.

~~Went~~ Went out the cave derigging and carrying gear up to below Boulder Chamber when we got tired and went out the cave. Got out before it got light!

T/U: 15 3/4 hrs

17th Aug

76: Final derig

Janny + Ollie

Got woken up by hot sun after only 3 1/2 hrs sleep which was crap. Once I had woken up and shifted we went for the final derig. Lots of effort + determination got the cave derigged and all 6 bags out. Had just enough time to carry 1 load each to the col before dark, such that we could pack up the bivvy + do the cooking the following day.

T/U: 5 hrs

10/8/06

Sauerbrunn

Dave + Sanderp

Went down Tunnelschacht with these aims in mind: firstly, to link in John + Sanderp's survey; secondly, to dig; and thirdly, to waste enough time that my T/H would reach the magic figure of 100 hours.

All of these objectives were achieved, and more besides...

~~Firstly~~ I had a look round + rebound the pencil-marked points from me + Tom's survey, and we did a 60cm connecting leg.

At the end of John + Deep's new stuff was a cross slope to a smallish round pitch. I bashed in a bolt (while supported by a ludicrously small nut) + descended 9m to a sloping rock floor. ~~Shortly~~ A short ~~smallish~~ climb down led to a chamber with two ways on.

Left is a stooping - leight phrase which slopes down to a huge pitch (2.9 sec drop but also v. wide + long). Shortly before the pitch head is a crack on the left with bolt droppings, leading to another window onto the same pitch.

Back in the chamber, straight on leads past a blind pin in the floor to a section of passage with a sloping floor. There is a climber's hole in the floor (QMB) and beyond this the passage emerges part-way down a large sloping ramp pitch (?A to descend, ?B to climb up.)

At this point we were out of ropes + couldn't ~~survive~~ the enthusiasm for leaving the cave, + Sanderp had a ball

back, so we turned round. Scrambling the tight take from Sauerbrunn to the new pitch was a pain in the ass. Digging was very tedious; the higher to the top bolts in the strata were found in low-angle cracks + really shallow holes, and 67m of lower 100m rope is enough to fill a room, so I had to take all the knots out of the second rope + use it from the pitch lead - fortunately it didn't jam.

Managed to find it was incredibly dapply; just about managed to follow the course. We ~~must~~ \* make up some more reflector next year.

T/H 8 1/2 hrs.

11/8/06

2002-07

Dave + Sanderp

I thought it might be a good time to descend 2002-07 and see if the more slope was any lower than when Ben + Frank last looked at it, as it ends very near where still in 2004. Unfortunately it wasn't.

T/H Sanderp 1h

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14/8/06

Trying to find F1

Dave

I thought I'd kill time while Pat + Sanderp were working by looking for Fledermaus. Assuming I'd find the first pitch and just walk about 20m or so - not quite pitch but that indeed lots of Tachina swarms. On the way down I left the path higher up



(Just at the last really steep bit out to Dining Area) + underbush.  
Unfortunately there are no holes anywhere nearby close to the base camp  
part! Bummer.

(Also saw a hole that could well have been 25, but didn't  
check it out. Waddiator, come back, your exp. needs you...)

Wow. I never knew Darks was such a  
light weight - yep!

I have missed you, Corker. I ch like  
fish...

Oh shit. I am far too drunk.  
when people are drunk they say  
the truth!!  
I am supposed to be setting a good  
example here. I am expedition architect after  
all. Sarah W. asks what I am doing.

Besides, I am still capable of writing quite neatly. None the-  
less, I am writing at a reasonable speed. At least I actually  
have something to write. This is a content-free rant,  
but if you look back over the last 6 years, you  
will realise that there is a certain status that one must  
attain before one is entitled to make logbook entries that  
are thus inconsequential.

# EXPO 2007

10/7/07 Rigging Entrance to 204-E Nial, Edin, Kathryn, Ollie S, Richard.

Nial put some extra bolts<sup>(3)</sup> into the entrance pitch then showed us  
some of the high level horizontal stuff and the top of the main  
cliffed pitch.

Time underground 5 hours.

10/7/07 Snow greeted us on a snowy cold, misty, damp bio-  
morning. Most of us (except Aaron - who kept emphasising how <sup>great</sup> his  
sleeping bag was) had spent the night shivering away and  
Nial in his £30 argos sleeping bag was up at 6.30am  
preparing the stove and everyone slowly emerged. As was  
I, unfortunately discovered (after mustering all the courage  
in me and countermy instinct - crawling out of my sleeping  
bag) that I didn't have my furry Great! I had  
left it at basecamp in the tent where I'd used it as  
a pillow. So now Aaron and I spent a cold day taking  
turns rigging the tarps (intermittently taking turns to  
rewarm our fingers). I was sooooo annoyed not to be  
caving and having to spend my time in the cold bioy - Am  
glad to be back at basecamp in warm hut after having  
shower V. Djuke

12/07/07 It is raining AGAIN! We are about  
to walk up the hill - Djuke, NIAL, EDWIN, KATHRYN, OLLIE S.